

Lecture notes

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Chapter 1

Finite-type arithmetic

Higher types and higher-type entities (functionals) constitute a natural, and constructive, way of extending the expressive power of arithmetic without increasing its proof-theoretic strength. They also provide the syntactic means to express the effective information contained in proofs of arithmetical statements.

As a foundation for our subsequent proof-theoretic considerations, we present a basic theory \mathbf{HA}^ω of intuitionistic finite-type arithmetic, together with an extensional variant $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$ and an intensional one $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$.

Based in part on Troelstra and van Dalen (1988).

1.1 Syntax

1.1.1 The language of finite-type arithmetic

The following types are present:

1. An atomic type \mathcal{N} (the type of natural numbers),
2. a type $\sigma \times \tau$ for any two types σ and τ (product types),
3. a type τ^σ for any two types σ and τ (function types).

Notation. $(\tau^\sigma)^\rho$ is simplified to $\tau^{\rho\sigma}$, and $\tau^{\bar{\sigma}}$ is governed by a similar convention; hence, τ^{σ^ρ} denotes the other alternative.

Terms, and their types, are generated by

0. There is an inexhaustible supply (infinite set) of variables of each type.
1. $\mathbf{0}$ is a term of type \mathcal{N} ; for any term t of type \mathcal{N} , $\mathbf{S}t$ is a term of type \mathcal{N} .
2. For any terms t of type τ , u of type $\tau^{\mathcal{N}\tau}$ and v of type \mathcal{N} , $\mathbf{R}tuv$ is a term of type τ .
3. For any terms t_l and t_r of types τ_l and τ_r , $\langle t_l, t_r \rangle$ is a term of type $\tau_l \times \tau_r$.
4. For any term t of type $\tau_l \times \tau_r$, $\mathbf{p}_s t$ is a term of type τ_s , for $s \in \{l, r\}$.
5. For any variable x of type σ and term t of type τ , $\lambda x t$ is a term of type τ^σ .

6. For any terms t of type τ^σ and u of type σ , tu is a term of type τ .

Notation. Lists of variables/terms are conveniently abbreviated \vec{x} , \vec{t} etc., with the aid of the following conventions (where $\vec{t} \equiv t_1, \dots, t_n$ and $\vec{u} \equiv u_1, \dots, u_m$):

$$\begin{aligned} t\vec{u} &\equiv tu_1 \cdots u_m \equiv (\cdots (tu_1) \cdots) u_m, \\ \vec{t}\vec{u} &\equiv t_1\vec{u}, \dots, t_n\vec{u}, \\ \lambda x_1, \dots, x_m t &\equiv \lambda x_1 \cdots \lambda x_m t, \\ \lambda \vec{x} \vec{t} &\equiv \lambda \vec{x} t_1, \dots, \lambda \vec{x} t_n. \end{aligned}$$

Prime (or atomic) formulae are equations $t = u$ between terms of the same type. *Formulae* are formed from prime formulae by means of $\&$, \rightarrow , \forall , and \exists . We will use the following abbreviations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1} &\equiv \mathbf{S0}, \\ \perp &\equiv \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{1}, \\ \neg\phi &\equiv \phi \rightarrow \perp, \\ t \neq u &\equiv \neg(t = u), \\ \phi \vee \psi &\equiv \exists z ((z = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \phi) \& (z \neq \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \psi)). \end{aligned}$$

1.1.2 Axioms and rules of inference

Besides the usual (natural deduction or other) axioms and rules of intuitionistic first-order logic for the logical constants present in the system, we have rules for *equality*

$$\frac{}{t = t} \qquad \frac{t = u \quad \phi(t)}{\phi(ut)},$$

β -conversion

$$\frac{}{Rtu\mathbf{0} = t} \qquad \frac{}{RtuSv = uvRtuv},$$

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{p}_i \langle t_l, t_r \rangle = t_i}, \quad i \in \{l, r\},$$

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x t)u = t[x := u]},$$

and *induction*

$$\frac{\phi(\mathbf{0}) \quad \forall x [\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}x)]}{\phi(v)}.$$

The above axioms and rules constitute \mathbf{HA}^ω . Occasionally, we will be interested in the following variants of this theory. *Extensional finite-type arithmetic*, $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$, is obtained from \mathbf{HA}^ω by the addition of the *extensionality rules*

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}_l t = \mathbf{p}_l u \quad \mathbf{p}_r t = \mathbf{p}_r u}{t = u}$$

for t, u of product type, and

$$\frac{\forall x (tx = ux)}{t = u}, \quad x \notin \text{FV}(t, u)$$

for t, u of function type. *Intensional finite-type arithmetic*, $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$, augments the language of \mathbf{HA}^ω with *equality functionals* \mathbf{E}_τ , one for each type τ , subject to

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{E}_\tau tu = \mathbf{0} \leftrightarrow t = u} \quad \frac{}{\mathbf{E}_\tau tu = \mathbf{1} \leftrightarrow t \neq u}.$$

Classical (or Peano) finite-type arithmetic \mathbf{PA}^ω is the extension of \mathbf{HA}^ω by the *principle of the excluded middle*

$$\frac{}{\neg\neg\phi \rightarrow \phi} \text{ (PEM)}.$$

1.2 Exercises

1. Show that equality at type \mathcal{N} is decidable, i.e., $x = y \vee x \neq y$.
2. Using your preferred logical formalism, show that if

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \phi,$$

then

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \phi[x := t].$$

3. Prove that extensionality is equivalent to the set of equations

$$(\eta) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{p}_l t, \mathbf{p}_r t \rangle &= t, & t \text{ of product type,} \\ \lambda x (tx) &= t, & t \text{ of function type, } x \notin \text{FV}(t). \end{aligned}$$

4. Extensional equality $t =_e u$ between terms t, u of the same type is inductively defined by

$$t =_e u \equiv \begin{cases} t = u & t, u \text{ of atomic type,} \\ \mathbf{p}_l t =_e \mathbf{p}_l u \ \& \ \mathbf{p}_r t =_e \mathbf{p}_r u & t, u \text{ of product type,} \\ \forall x (tx =_e ux) & t, u \text{ of function type.} \end{cases}$$

Show that extensionality is equivalent to the schema

$$t =_e u \leftrightarrow t = u,$$

and conclude that, in $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$, atomic formulae are equivalent to purely universal formulae involving equality at type \mathcal{N} only.

5. (Closure of \mathbf{HA}^ω under *mutual primitive recursion*.) Let $\vec{\tau} \equiv \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$ be a list of types, \vec{t} a list of terms of types $\vec{\tau}$ (i.e., each t_i has type τ_i) and \vec{u} a list of terms of types $\vec{\tau}^{\mathcal{N}\vec{\tau}}$ (i.e., each u_i has type $\tau_i^{\mathcal{N}\tau_1 \dots \tau_n}$). Construct terms $\vec{r} \equiv \vec{r}(z)$, z fresh, with the properties

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(\mathbf{0}) &= \vec{t}, \\ \vec{r}(\mathbf{S}v) &= \vec{u}v\vec{r}(v). \end{aligned}$$

Chapter 2

Modified realizability

The name *realizability* refers to any one of a family of translations that may be seen as formalizations of the BHK interpretation of the logical constants; for a more complete description of the BHK interpretation, the reader may consult Troelstra and van Dalen (1988).

Modified realizability is a variant of realizability introduced in Kreisel (1959) for the purpose of showing that Markov's principle is not derivable in intuitionistic logic. It could as well be called *typed realizability* because it uses functionals instead of numbers as realizing objects. This notion of realizability is well adapted to the study of typed theories; it will be our first, and simplest, example of term extraction.

2.1 Definition

To each formula ϕ in the language of finite-type arithmetic we associate its *modified realizability interpretation* ϕ^{mr} , which is a formula of the form

$$\exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$$

with the same free variables as ϕ , where $\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ (\vec{x} *modified realizes* ϕ , alternative notation: $\vec{x} \mathbf{mr} \phi$) is an \exists -free formula and \vec{x} a possibly empty list of variables. The associations $()_{\text{mr}}$ and $()^{\text{mr}}$ are defined by the following induction:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \phi \text{ atomic, } \phi^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \phi, \\ (\phi \ \& \ \psi)^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{x}, \vec{y} [\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \ \& \ \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})], \\ (\phi \rightarrow \psi)^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{Y} [\forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{Y}\vec{x}))], \\ (\forall z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{X} [\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X}z))], \\ (\exists z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists z, \vec{x} [\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})], \end{aligned}$$

where, in each case, the \exists -free kernel is delimited by brackets.

Remark on notation. Expressions like $\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ are unambiguous, since the interpretation commutes with substitution:

$$\phi[z := v]_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})[z := v].$$

Proposition 2.1. Let $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$.

1. $\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ is \exists -free, and if ϕ is \exists -free, then \vec{x} is empty and $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi$.
2. If ψ is \exists -free, then $(\exists \vec{y} \psi)^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{y} \psi$; in particular, $(\phi^{\text{mr}})^{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi^{\text{mr}}$.

Proof. Exercise. □

2.2 Soundness

In the following, we are going to employ the *modified realizability schema*

$$(MR) \quad \phi^{\text{mr}} \leftrightarrow \phi.$$

This is not among the axioms usually considered for arithmetic; we will shortly prove its equivalence to something more familiar (??).

Theorem 2.2 (soundness). Let \mathbf{H} be any one of \mathbf{HA}^ω , $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$, $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$, and let $\mathbf{H} - \exists$ be the \exists -free part of \mathbf{H} . If $\vdash_{\mathbf{H}+MR} \phi$, then $\vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$ for a suitable list \vec{t} of terms satisfying $\text{FV}(\vec{t}) \subseteq \text{FV}(\phi)$.

Proof. We are going to apply induction on the proofs of $\mathbf{H}+MR$, for the purpose of which we will need the (superficially) stronger statement

If $\Phi \vdash_{\mathbf{H}+MR} \phi$, then $\Phi_{\text{mr}} \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$, where all free variables of \vec{t} are among those free in ϕ and those free in Φ_{mr} .

where Φ is an arbitrary (finite) set of formulae and $\Phi_{\text{mr}} = \{\phi_{\text{mr}} \mid \phi \in \Phi\}$. Of the axioms and rules of $\mathbf{H} - \exists$, those that are \exists -free are *self-realizing* and don't need any further examination; this includes the “extras” of $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$ and $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$. For most of the others, a deduction will be furnished that may be combined with the induction hypotheses in an obvious way to yield the required conclusion. Exception: \exists -rules.

Natural deduction

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\frac{\phi \quad \psi}{\phi \& \psi} : & & \frac{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \quad \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \& \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}) \equiv (\phi \& \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}, \vec{u})} \\
\\
\frac{\phi \& \psi}{\phi} : & & \frac{(\phi \& \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \& \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})} \\
\\
\frac{[\phi] \quad \psi}{\phi \rightarrow \psi} : & & \frac{[\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})] \quad \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})} \\
& & \frac{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})) \leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\lambda \vec{x} \vec{u})} \\
\\
\frac{\phi \rightarrow \psi \quad \phi}{\psi} : & & \frac{(\phi \rightarrow \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \equiv \forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}\vec{x}))}{\frac{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}\vec{u}) \quad \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}\vec{u})}} \\
\\
\frac{\phi(z)}{\forall z \phi(z)} : & & \frac{\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})}{\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})) \leftrightarrow (\forall z \phi(z))_{\text{mr}}(\lambda z \vec{t})}
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{\forall z \phi(z)}{\phi(v)} : \quad (\forall z \phi(z))_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \equiv \frac{\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{tz}))}{\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{tv})}$$

$\frac{\phi(v)}{\exists z \phi(z)}$: Nothing to prove; the conclusion coincides with the induction hypothesis (this is because the interpretation of \exists is “trivial”, in the sense that it merely converts the existentially quantified variable into a realizing variable).

$\frac{[\phi(z)]}{\frac{\exists z \phi(z)}{\psi} \psi}$: By hypothesis, there are deductions $\Phi_{\text{mr}} \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$ and $\Phi_{\text{mr}}, \phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})$, whence $\Phi_{\text{mr}} \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}[\vec{x} := \vec{t}])$.

Equality

$$\frac{t = u \quad \phi(t)}{\phi(u)} : \quad \frac{t = u \quad \phi(t)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{v})}{\phi(u)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{v})}$$

(using the fact that modified realizability commutes with substitution).

Induction

$$\frac{\phi(\mathbf{0}) \quad \forall z (\phi(z) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z))}{\phi(v)} : \quad \frac{\phi(\mathbf{0})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \quad \frac{\forall z, \vec{x} (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{uz}\vec{x}))}{\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{w}(z)) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{uz}\vec{w}(z)))}}{\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{w}(v))}$$

where $\vec{w} \equiv \vec{w}(z)$ is a list of terms such that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{w}(\mathbf{0}) &= \vec{t}, \\ \vec{w}(\mathbf{S}z) &= \vec{uz}\vec{w}(z). \end{aligned}$$

One way to guarantee the existence of $\vec{w}(z)$ is by formulating the system with *mutual primitive recursion*. In the presence of product types, however, mutual primitive recursion is reducible to ordinary primitive recursion; e.g., $\vec{w}(z)$ may be constructed as follows: Assuming $\vec{t} \equiv t_1, \dots, t_n$ and $\vec{u} \equiv u_1, \dots, u_n$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t} &\equiv \langle \vec{t} \rangle \equiv \langle t_1, \dots, t_n \rangle, \\ \mathbf{u} &\equiv \lambda z, y \langle \vec{uz}(\vec{q}y) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where $\langle \rangle$ denotes an arbitrary representation of n -tuples (using pairing), with corresponding projections $\vec{q}y \equiv q_1y, \dots, q_ny$. Then, the terms

$$\vec{w}(z) \equiv \vec{q} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{t} \mathbf{u} z$$

have the required properties.

MR

Since $(\phi^{\text{mr}})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$, a simple calculation yields

$$(\phi^{\text{mr}} \leftrightarrow \phi)^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{X}, \vec{Y} [\forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X}\vec{x})) \ \& \ \forall \vec{y} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y}) \rightarrow \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{Y}\vec{y}))]$$

which has the trivial realizers $\lambda \vec{x} \vec{x}, \lambda \vec{y} \vec{y}$. \square

2.3 Axiomatization

Here, we are going to show that $\mathbf{HA}^\omega + \text{MR}$ may be axiomatized by familiar principles.

Theorem 2.3. *Over \mathbf{HA}^ω , the following schemata are equivalent:*

1. *MR:* $\phi^{\text{mr}} \leftrightarrow \phi$,
2. $\phi^{\text{mr}} \rightarrow \phi$,
3. $AC + IP_{\text{ef}}^\omega$, where

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{AC}) \quad & \forall \vec{x} \exists \vec{y} \phi(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \rightarrow \exists \vec{Y} \forall \vec{x} \phi(\vec{x}, \vec{Y}\vec{x}), \\ (\text{IP}_{\text{ef}}^\omega) \quad & (\phi \rightarrow \exists x \psi) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi \rightarrow \psi), \quad \phi \text{ } \exists\text{-free}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. 1. \rightarrow 2. Obvious.

2. \rightarrow 3. It suffices to show that each instance θ of one of AC and $\text{IP}_{\text{ef}}^\omega$ is modified realizable, $\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \theta^{\text{mr}}$. In each case, this holds trivially, and is left as an exercise.

3. \rightarrow 1. We proceed by structural induction, where $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ and $\psi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})$:

- (a) Atomic formulae are self-realizing.
- (b)

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi \ \& \ \psi)^{\text{mr}} & \equiv \exists \vec{x}, \vec{y} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \ \& \ \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ & \leftrightarrow (\exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \ \& \ (\exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ & \equiv \phi^{\text{mr}} \ \& \ \psi^{\text{mr}} \\ & \leftrightarrow \phi \ \& \ \psi. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi \rightarrow \psi)^{\text{mr}} & \equiv \exists \vec{Y} \forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{Y}\vec{x})) \\ & \leftrightarrow \forall \vec{x} \exists \vec{y} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ & \leftrightarrow \forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ & \leftrightarrow (\exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \rightarrow (\exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ & \equiv \phi^{\text{mr}} \rightarrow \psi^{\text{mr}} \\ & \leftrightarrow \phi \rightarrow \psi. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} & \equiv \exists \vec{X} \forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X}z)) \\ & \leftrightarrow \forall z \exists \vec{x} (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \\ & \equiv \forall z \phi(z)^{\text{mr}} \\ & \leftrightarrow \forall z \phi(z). \end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}
(\exists z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists z, \vec{x} (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \\
&\equiv \exists z (\phi(z)^{\text{mr}}) \\
&\leftrightarrow \exists z \phi(z).
\end{aligned}$$

□

2.4 Exercises

1. Prove the following:

- (a) $(\forall \vec{z} \phi(\vec{z}))^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{X} \forall \vec{z} (\phi(\vec{z})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X}\vec{z}))$.
- (b) $(\exists \vec{z} \phi(\vec{z}))^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{z}, \vec{x} (\phi(\vec{z})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}))$.

2. Show that modified realizability commutes with substitution,

$$\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})[z := v], \quad (\vec{x} \text{ not free in } v).$$

3. Prove whatever has been left as an exercise in the text.

4. Expand $(\neg\neg\phi \rightarrow \phi)^{\text{mr}}$ and show that it is provable in \mathbf{PA}^ω . Conclude that if $\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^\omega} \phi$, then $\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^\omega} \phi^{\text{mr}}$ (soundness for \mathbf{PA}^ω).

5. *Harrop* formulae are defined by the induction

- (a) atomic formulae are Harrop,
- (b) if ϕ and ψ are Harrop, then $\phi \& \psi$ is Harrop,
- (c) if ψ is Harrop, then $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ is Harrop (ϕ any formula),
- (d) if ϕ is Harrop, then $\forall x \phi$ is Harrop.

Prove that a formula ϕ is Harrop if and only if ϕ^{mr} is \exists -free, i.e., if in $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$, \vec{x} is the empty list.

6. Show that for any instance θ of schema

$$(\text{IP}_{\text{Harrop}}^\omega) \quad (\phi \rightarrow \exists x \psi) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi \rightarrow \psi), \quad \phi \text{ Harrop}$$

there are terms \vec{t} such that $\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \theta_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$.

Chapter 3

Functional interpretation

This chapter is loosely based on Diller and Nahm (1974).

3.1 Definition and elementary properties

3.1.1 Bounded universal quantification

Bounded universal quantification is generally a finitistic operation on formulae, in contrast to its usual definition,

$$(3.1) \quad \forall x < t \phi(x) \equiv \forall x (x < t \rightarrow \phi(x)),$$

which employs unrestricted quantification. For the purpose of making sense of bounded universal quantification in quantifier-free settings below, we will treat the bounded universal quantifier as a primitive logical constant, with introduction rules

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{}{\forall z < \mathbf{0} \phi(z)} \qquad \frac{\forall z < v \phi(z) \quad \phi(v)}{\forall z < \mathbf{S}v \phi(z)}$$

and elimination rule

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{\forall z < v \phi(z) \quad \psi(\mathbf{0}) \quad \frac{[\phi(z)] \quad [\psi(z)]}{\psi(\mathbf{S}z)}}{\psi(v)},$$

where, in the last rule, z may not occur in any open assumptions.

3.1.2 The interpretation

We let \mathbf{T} be the quantifier-free fragment of \mathbf{HA}^ω (with the induction rule adapted as appropriate), and we define \mathbf{T}_\wedge to be \mathbf{T} augmented with bounded universal quantifiers.

The *Diller-Nahm interpretation* ϕ^\wedge of a formula ϕ in the language of \mathbf{HA}^ω is a formula of the form

$$\exists \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} \phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$$

with the same free variables as ϕ , where $\phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ is a formula of \mathbf{T}_\wedge and \vec{x}, \vec{y} are possibly empty lists of variables. The associations $(\)^\wedge$ and $(\)_\wedge$ are inductively defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^\wedge &\equiv \phi \quad \text{for } \phi \text{ an atomic formula,} \\ (\phi \&\phi')^\wedge &\equiv \exists \vec{x} \vec{x}' \forall \vec{y} \vec{y}' [\phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \& \phi'_\wedge(\vec{x}', \vec{y}')], \\ (\phi \rightarrow \phi')^\wedge &\equiv \begin{cases} \exists Z \vec{X} \vec{Y} \forall \vec{x} \vec{y} [\forall z < Z \vec{x} \vec{y} \phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{Y} \vec{x} \vec{y} z) \rightarrow \phi'_\wedge(\vec{X} \vec{x}, \vec{y})], & \vec{Y} \text{ non-nil,} \\ \exists \vec{X} \forall \vec{x} \vec{y} [\phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, _) \rightarrow \phi'_\wedge(\vec{X} \vec{x}, \vec{y})], & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ (\forall z \phi(z))^\wedge &\equiv \exists \vec{X} \forall \vec{y} z [\phi(z)_\wedge(\vec{X} z, \vec{y})], \\ (\exists z \phi(z))^\wedge &\equiv \exists z \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} [\phi(z)_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{y})]. \end{aligned}$$

Optionally, one may add

$$(\forall z < v \phi(z))^\wedge \equiv \exists \vec{X} \forall \vec{y} [\forall z < v \phi(z)_\wedge(\vec{X} z, \vec{y})].$$

The last clause is logically equivalent to the one obtained by expanding the left hand side using (3.1) and then translating into \mathbf{T}_\wedge . Its sole purpose is to allow bounded universal quantification in \mathbf{HA}^ω as a primitive, which serves to render \mathbf{T}_\wedge a subsystem of \mathbf{HA}^ω . Similarly, the two branches in the definition of $(\phi \rightarrow \phi')^\wedge$ are equivalent in case \vec{Y} is the empty list, whence the first, more general one suffices for both cases, and we will silently assume this simpler definition. With this case distinction, however, the formulae of \mathbf{T}_\wedge are translated onto themselves:

Proposition 3.1. *Let $\phi^\wedge \equiv \exists \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} \phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$.*

1. $\phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ is q.f., and if ϕ is q.f., then \vec{x}, \vec{y} are empty and $\phi^\wedge \equiv \phi_\wedge \equiv \phi$.
2. If ψ is q.f., then $(\exists \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} \psi)^\wedge \equiv \exists \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} \psi$; in particular, $(\phi^\wedge)^\wedge \equiv \phi^\wedge$.

Proof. Exercise. □

3.2 Soundness & term extraction

Theorem 3.2 (soundness). *If $\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \phi$, then $\vdash_{\mathbf{T}_\wedge} \phi_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{y})$ for suitable terms \vec{t} in which \vec{y} do not occur.*

Proof. In the following, \vdash will denote provability in \mathbf{T}_\wedge . For the purpose of applying induction on \mathbf{HA}^ω -derivations, we will prove that if $\{\phi^i\}_{i \in I} \vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \phi$, then $\{\forall w < V \phi_\wedge^i(\vec{x}^i, \vec{U}^i w)\}_{i \in I} \vdash \phi_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{y})$ for suitable terms $(V^i)_{i \in I}, (\vec{U}^i)_{i \in I}, \vec{t}$, with \vec{y} not occurring in \vec{t} .

Some preparation: In reference to the previous paragraph, let \mathcal{A} be the collection of assumption sets $\{\forall w < V \phi_\wedge^i(\vec{x}^i, \vec{U}^i w)\}_{i \in I}$ for all possible choices of $(V^i)_{i \in I}, (\vec{U}^i)_{i \in I}$. \mathcal{A} is closed under \vec{y} -substitution, i.e., $\Gamma \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \Gamma[\vec{y} := \vec{u}] \in \mathcal{A}$. A slightly less trivial fact, which will be employed in the treatment of rules with several premises, is that assumptions may be merged, i.e., for $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ there is $\Gamma \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfying $\Gamma \vdash \Gamma_1$ and $\Gamma \vdash \Gamma_2$. This is done formulawise:

Lemma 3.3. *Given \vec{x} , there are terms $v(z_1, z_2), \vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, z_2)$ satisfying*

$$\forall w < v(z_1, z_2) \psi(\vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, z_2)w) \vdash \forall w < z_i \psi(\vec{y}_i w), \quad i = 1, 2$$

for any formula $\psi(\vec{x})$.

[Proof hint: Let $v(z_1, z_2) \equiv z_1 + z_2$. $\vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, z_2)$ may be defined as

$$\vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, z_2) \equiv \lambda w \text{ if } z_1 \dot{-} w = \mathbf{0} \text{ then } \vec{y}_2(w \dot{-} z_1) \text{ else } \vec{y}_1 w,$$

or, elementarily, by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, \mathbf{0}) &= \vec{y}_1, \\ \vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, \mathbf{S}z_2) &= \lambda w \text{ if } w = z_1 + z_2 \text{ then } \vec{y}_2 z_2 \text{ else } \vec{u}(\vec{y}_1, \vec{y}_2, z_1, z_2)w. \quad] \end{aligned}$$

To the induction. We will examine the more interesting cases, leaving the verification of the other ones as a (relatively trivial) exercise.

Case $\phi \equiv \phi^i$: Take $V^i \equiv \mathbf{1}$, $\vec{U}^i \equiv \vec{y}$ and $\vec{t} \equiv \vec{x}^i$.

Case $\frac{\phi \quad \phi'}{\phi \& \phi'}$: Use lemma 3.3.

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Case $\frac{\phi'}{\phi \rightarrow \phi'}$: The induction hypothesis provides us with terms V, \vec{U}, \vec{t} such that $\forall w < V \phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{U}w) \rightarrow \phi'_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{y})$, or, equivalently,

$$(\phi \rightarrow \phi')_\wedge(\lambda \vec{x} \lambda \vec{y} V, \lambda \vec{x} \vec{t}, \lambda \vec{x} \lambda \vec{y} \vec{U}; \vec{x}, \vec{y}).$$

Case $\frac{\phi \rightarrow \phi'}{\phi'}$: The induction hypotheses are

$$(3.4) \quad \forall w < V \vec{x} \vec{y}' \phi_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{U} \vec{x} \vec{y}' w) \rightarrow \phi'_\wedge(\vec{t} \vec{x}, \vec{y}')$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \phi_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{y}).$$

Substituting \vec{t} for \vec{x} in (3.4) and $\vec{U} \vec{t} \vec{y}' w$ for \vec{y} in (3.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall w < V \vec{t} \vec{y}' \phi_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{U} \vec{t} \vec{y}' w)) &\rightarrow \phi'_\wedge(\vec{t} \vec{t}, \vec{y}'), \\ \phi_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{U} \vec{t} \vec{y}' w). \end{aligned}$$

To complete the argument, we need the following

Lemma 3.4. *The bounded universal quantifier admits the introduction rule of the unbounded one:*

$$\frac{\phi(z)}{\forall z < v \phi(z)}.$$

[Proof hint: Induction on t .]

Using the above lemma, we eventually arrive at

$$\phi'_\wedge(\vec{t}\vec{t}, \vec{y}').$$

Case $\frac{\phi(\mathbf{0}) \quad \forall z (\phi(z) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z))}{\phi(v)}$: The induction hypotheses are

$$(3.6) \quad \Gamma^o \vdash \phi(\mathbf{0})_\wedge(\vec{t}^b, \vec{y})$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad \Gamma^s \vdash (\forall w < Vz\vec{x}\vec{y} \phi(z)_\wedge(\vec{x}, \vec{U}z\vec{x}\vec{y}w)) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z)_\wedge(\vec{t}^s z\vec{x}, \vec{y}).$$

It is advisable to develop a general intuition regarding the existence, and form, of the witnesses \vec{t} in

$$(3.8) \quad \phi(v)_\wedge(\vec{t}, \vec{y})$$

given (3.6) and (3.7), namely, $\vec{t} \equiv \vec{r}(v)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(\mathbf{0}) &= \vec{t}^b, \\ \vec{r}(\mathbf{S}z) &= \vec{t}^s z\vec{r}(z). \end{aligned}$$

The actual proof that these satisfy (3.8), while important to have, may be skipped at first reading.

By substituting $\vec{r}(z)$ for \vec{x} in (3.7) and replacing equals with equals we obtain

$$\Gamma^o \vdash \phi(\mathbf{0})_\wedge(\vec{r}(\mathbf{0}), \vec{y}),$$

$$\Gamma^s[\vec{x} := \vec{r}(z)] \vdash \forall w < Vz\vec{r}(z)\vec{y} \phi(z)_\wedge(\vec{r}(z), \vec{U}z\vec{r}(z)\vec{y}w) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z)_\wedge(\vec{r}(\mathbf{S}z), \vec{y}).$$

To simplify notation, let $\Gamma' \equiv \Gamma^s[\vec{x} := \vec{r}(z)]$, $\psi(z, \vec{y}) \equiv \phi(z)_\wedge(\vec{r}(z), \vec{y})$, $V' \equiv Vz\vec{r}(z)$ and $\vec{U}' \equiv \vec{U}z\vec{r}(z)$. Then,

$$(3.9) \quad \Gamma^o \vdash \psi(\mathbf{0}, \vec{y}),$$

$$(3.10) \quad \Gamma' \vdash \forall w < V'\vec{y} \psi(z, \vec{U}'\vec{y}w) \rightarrow \psi(\mathbf{S}z, \vec{y}).$$

Substituting $\vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, w')$ for \vec{y} in (3.10) and applying $\forall w' < d(z', \mathbf{S}z)$ to both sides (\vec{c}, d to be defined later), we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \forall w' < d(z', \mathbf{S}z) \Gamma'[\vec{y} := \vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, w')] \vdash \\ \forall w' < d(z', \mathbf{S}z) \forall w < V'\vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, w') \psi(z, \vec{U}'\vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, w')w) \\ \rightarrow \forall w' < d(z', \mathbf{S}z) \psi(\mathbf{S}z, \vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, w')) \end{aligned}$$

(operations on sets of formulae are understood pointwise). Consecutive bounded universal quantifiers may be condensed by means of

Lemma 3.5. *Let j, j_1, j_2 satisfy $\vdash j_i(j(x_1, x_2)) = x_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. Given terms t, t' there is a term b such that*

$$\forall w < b \phi(j_1 w, j_2 w) \vdash_{T_\wedge} \forall w < t \forall w' < t'(w) \phi(w, w').$$

[As concerns the applicability of the lemma, let us mention that there are well-known primitive recursive pairing functions, e.g. $\frac{1}{2}((x+y)^2 + 3x + y)$ or $2^x 3^y$. Proof hint: Define

$$\begin{aligned} a(\mathbf{0}) &= \mathbf{0}, \\ a(\mathbf{S}w') &= \max\{a(w'), \mathbf{S}j(t, w')\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} b(\mathbf{0}) &= \mathbf{0}, \\ b(\mathbf{S}w) &= \max\{b(w), a(t'(w))\}. \end{aligned}$$

The required term is $b(t)$.]

From the lemma we conclude that

$$(3.12) \quad \Gamma'' \vdash \forall w < b \, \psi(z, \vec{U}\vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, j_1 w) j_2 w) \rightarrow \forall w < d(z', \mathbf{S}z) \, \psi(\mathbf{S}z, \vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, w))$$

for some $\Gamma'' \in \mathcal{A}$ and some term b . By defining

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{c}(\mathbf{0}, z, w) &= \vec{y}, \\ \vec{c}(\mathbf{S}z', z, w) &= \vec{U}\vec{c}(z', \mathbf{S}z, j_1 w) j_2 w, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathbf{0}, z) &= \mathbf{1}, \\ d(\mathbf{S}z', z) &= b, \end{aligned}$$

(3.12) becomes

$$(3.13) \quad \Gamma'' \vdash \theta(\mathbf{S}z', z) \rightarrow \theta(z', \mathbf{S}z)$$

where

$$\theta(z', z) \equiv \forall w < d(z', z) \, \psi(z, \vec{c}(z', z, w)).$$

For $z' := v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z$, (3.13) implies

$$(3.14) \quad \Gamma''', \theta(\mathbf{S}(v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z), z) \vdash \theta(v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z, \mathbf{S}z)$$

Letting $\Delta \equiv \Gamma''' \cup \{v \dot{-} z = \mathbf{S}(v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z)\}$ and merging $\forall z < v \, \Gamma'''$ and Γ^o into one assumption set $\Gamma \in \mathcal{A}$, everything may be put together into one big deduction:

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma}{\forall z < v \, \Delta} \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma}{\psi(\mathbf{0}, \vec{y})}}{\theta(v \dot{-} \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})} \quad \frac{[\Gamma'''] \quad \frac{[v \dot{-} z = \mathbf{S}(v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z)] \quad [\theta(v \dot{-} z, z)]}{\theta(\mathbf{S}(v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z), z)}}{\theta(v \dot{-} \mathbf{S}z, \mathbf{S}z)}}{\theta(v \dot{-} v, v)} \quad (*) \quad \frac{}{\psi(v, \vec{y}) \equiv \phi(v)_{\wedge}(\vec{r}(v), \vec{y})} \quad (3.14)$$

where horizontal lines may conceal several steps. Rule $(*)$ is a generalization of (3.3) where multiple occurrences of the same bounded universal quantifier are eliminated at once; its validity is left to the reader (exercise 1). \square

3.3 Exercises

1. Prove the following generalization of elimination rule (3.3):

$$\frac{\forall z < v \Phi \quad \psi(\mathbf{0}) \quad \begin{array}{c} [\Phi] \quad [\psi(z)] \\ \psi(\mathbf{S}z) \end{array}}{\psi(v)}$$

where Φ is an arbitrary set of formulae and $\forall z < v \Phi = \{\forall z < v \phi \mid \phi \in \Phi\}$.

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