

## Lecture 3: $\Sigma_1$ completeness

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The aim of this lecture is to isolate a class of  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  structures whose idea of programs agrees reasonably well with that of  $\mathbb{N}$ . It will be the ability to reason about programs which enables one to formulate a sentence that is neither provable nor refutable in the Incompleteness Theorems.

As we saw in Proposition 2.6, the standard model of arithmetic  $\mathbb{N}$  has a good idea of what programs output. For very good reasons, the same is not true of  $\mathbb{R}$ . The following is another  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  structure which has a reasonably good idea of what programs output.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\mathbb{N}^\infty = (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, 0, 1, +, \times, \text{exp}, <)$ , where

- $\infty \notin \mathbb{N}$ ;
- $0, 1$  are the usual  $0, 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- $+, \times, \text{exp}, <$  are the usual  $+, \times, \text{exp}, <$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ ;
- for all  $a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,

$$- \infty + a = a + \infty = a \times \infty = \infty;$$

$$- \infty \times a = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a = 0; \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

$$- 2^\infty = \infty;$$

$$- \text{if } a \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } a < \infty; \text{ and}$$

$$- \infty \not< a.$$

$\mathbb{N}^\infty$  is easily seen to satisfy various simple axioms for arithmetic. Let us set up some terminology to describe this.

**Definition.** • An  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  *sentence* is an  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  formula in which no variable appears free.

- An  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  *theory* is a set of  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  sentences.
- A *model* of an  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  theory  $T$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  structure  $M$  such that  $M \models \sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in T$ . In this case, we write  $M \models T$ .
- If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\underline{n}$  denotes the  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  term

$$0 + \underbrace{1 + 1 + \cdots + 1}_{n\text{-many } 1\text{'s}}.$$

These terms are called *numerals*.

Via these numerals, one can define a map  $n \mapsto \underline{n}^M$  whenever  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  structure. In the case when  $M = \mathbb{N}^\infty$ , this map is injective, preserves all arithmetic operations, and has image an initial segment of  $M$ . We extract these properties in the theory below.

**Definition** (Raphael Robinson). Let  $R(\text{exp})$  be the  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  theory consisting of the following families of sentences, where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .



Figure 3.1: The  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  structure  $\mathbb{N}^\infty$

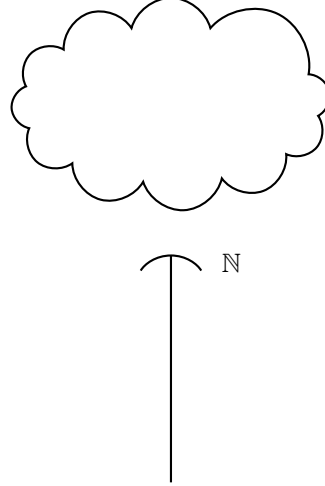


Figure 3.2: A general model of  $\mathbb{R}(\text{exp})$

- (R1)  $\underline{1} = 1$ .
- (R+)  $\underline{m} + \underline{n} = \underline{m + n}$ .
- (R $\times$ )  $\underline{m} \times \underline{n} = \underline{m \times n}$ .
- (Rexp)  $\text{exp}(\underline{n}) = \underline{\text{exp}(n)}$ .
- (R<)  $\underline{m} < \underline{n}$  whenever  $m < n$ .
- (R $\neq$ )  $\underline{m} \neq \underline{n}$  whenever  $m \neq n$ .
- (RInit)  $\forall x < \underline{n} (x = \underline{0} \vee x = \underline{1} \vee \dots \vee x = \underline{n-1})$ .
- (RComp)  $\forall x (x < \underline{n} \vee x = \underline{n} \vee \underline{n} < x)$ .

The empty disjunction is  $\perp$  by definition.

**Example 3.2.** Both  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{N}^\infty$  are models of  $\mathbb{R}(\text{exp})$ , but  $\mathbb{R}$  is not because of (RInit).

$\mathbb{R}(\text{exp})$  asserts that  $+$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\text{exp}$  are evaluated in the same way as in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence, since  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  terms are built up from  $+$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\text{exp}$ , they are also evaluated in the same way as in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $M \models \mathbb{R}(\text{exp})$ . For all  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  terms  $t(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  and all  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\left( \underline{t^{\mathbb{N}}}(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) \right)^M = t^M(\underline{n}_1^M, \underline{n}_2^M, \dots, \underline{n}_k^M).$$

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on the  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  term  $t$ .

**Consider the variable  $x_i$ .** By the definition of term evaluation,

$$\left( \underline{(x_i)^{\mathbb{N}}}(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) \right)^M = \underline{n}_i^M = (x_i)^M(\underline{n}_1^M, \underline{n}_2^M, \dots, \underline{n}_k^M).$$

**Consider the constant symbol 0.** By the definition of term evaluation,

$$\left( \underline{0^{\mathbb{N}}}(\underline{n}) \right)^M = \underline{0}^M = 0^M = 0^M(\underline{n}^M)$$

as  $\underline{0} = 0$ .

Consider the constant symbol 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
(\underline{1^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{n})})^M &= \underline{1}^M && \text{by the definition of term evaluation in } \mathbb{N}; \\
&= 1^M && \text{by (R1);} \\
&= 1^M(\underline{\bar{n}}^M) && \text{by the definition of term evaluation in } M.
\end{aligned}$$

Consider the  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  term  $t + s$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
((t + s)^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{n}))^M & \\
= (t^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{n}) + s^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{n}))^M &&& \text{by the definition of term evaluation in } \mathbb{N}; \\
= (t^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{n}))^M +^M (s^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{n}))^M &&& \text{by (R+);} \\
= t^M(\underline{\bar{n}}^M) +^M s^M(\underline{\bar{n}}^M) &&& \text{by the induction hypothesis;} \\
= (t + s)^M(\underline{\bar{n}}^M) &&& \text{by the definition of term evaluation in } M.
\end{aligned}$$

Terms of the form  $t \times s$  or  $\text{exp}(t)$  are dealt with in a similar way.  $\square$

By Lemma 3.3, it does not matter whether we evaluate a term in  $\mathbb{N}$  or in a model of  $\text{R}(\text{exp})$ , as long as the objects involved are in  $\mathbb{N}$ . The same is true of the order  $<$ , but a small argument is needed to establish a converse to  $(\text{R}<)$ .

**Observation 3.4.** Let  $M \models \text{R}(\text{exp})$ . If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $M \models \underline{m} < \underline{n}$ , then  $(\text{RInit})$  gives  $j < n$  such that  $M \models \underline{m} = \underline{j}$ , and thus  $m = j < n$  by  $(\text{R}\neq)$ .

It follows that there is copy of the standard model of arithmetic  $\mathbb{N}$  at the bottom of every model of  $\text{R}(\text{exp})$ . In other words, we may view every model of  $\text{R}(\text{exp})$  as an end extension of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Convention 3.5.** If  $M \models \text{R}(\text{exp})$ , then we identify  $\underline{n}^M$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose we are running a  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  program  $\theta$  in a model  $M \models \text{R}(\text{exp})$  on inputs  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ . The bounds for the **par-for** loops in  $\theta$  are all evaluations of  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  terms on natural numbers, and thus they must all be in  $\mathbb{N}$  by Lemma 3.3. It then follows from  $(\text{RInit})$  that the program  $\theta$  on input  $\bar{a}$  is run entirely in the copy of  $\mathbb{N}$  inside  $M$ ; the part of  $M$  outside  $\mathbb{N}$  is actually irrelevant. So the output of  $\theta$  in  $M$  is the same as that in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Now suppose we are running a  $\Sigma_1$  program with a **par-while** loop in the model  $M$ . If one instance of the **par-while** loop in  $\mathbb{N}$  returns **true**, then the **par-while** loop returns **true** in  $M$  because  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq M$ . The converse may not hold: there are **par-while** loops of which all **true** instances are in  $M \setminus \mathbb{N}$ .

The two paragraphs above explain why models of  $\text{R}(\text{exp})$  have some idea of what programs output. In view of Proposition 2.6, we can formulate these in terms of  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  and  $\Sigma_1$  formulas.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $M \models \text{R}(\text{exp})$ .

- (1) ( $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  absoluteness between  $M$  and  $\mathbb{N}$ .) For all  $\theta(\bar{x}) \in \Delta_0(\text{exp})$  and all  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathbb{N} \models \theta(\bar{a}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad M \models \theta(\bar{a}).$$

- (2) For all  $\theta(\bar{x}) \in \Sigma_1$  and all  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathbb{N} \models \theta(\bar{a}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad M \models \theta(\bar{a}).$$

*Proof.* We show (1) by induction on the  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  formula  $\theta$ .

**Consider  $\top$  and  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ .** The truth definition implies  $\mathbb{N} \models \top(\bar{a})$  and  $M \models \top(\bar{a})$ .

**Consider  $t = s$  and  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $t(\bar{x}), s(\bar{x})$  are  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  terms.**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{N} \models (t = s)(\bar{a}) \\
\Leftrightarrow & t^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{a}) = s^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{a}) && \text{by the truth definition;} \\
\Leftrightarrow & t^M(\bar{a}) = s^M(\bar{a}) && \text{by Lemma 3.3;} \\
\Leftrightarrow & M \models (t = s)(\bar{a}) && \text{by the truth definition.}
\end{aligned}$$

The case when the  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  formula is  $t < s$  is proved similarly.

**Consider  $\neg\theta$  and  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\theta(\bar{x})$  is a  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  formula.**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{N} \models \neg\theta(\bar{a}) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \mathbb{N} \not\models \theta(\bar{a}) && \text{by the truth definition;} \\
\Leftrightarrow & M \not\models \theta(\bar{a}) && \text{by the induction hypothesis;} \\
\Leftrightarrow & M \models \neg\theta(\bar{a}) && \text{by the truth definition.}
\end{aligned}$$

**Consider  $\theta \vee \eta$  and  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \in \mathbb{N}$  of appropriate lengths, where  $\theta(\bar{x}, \bar{z}), \eta(\bar{y}, \bar{z})$  are  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  formulas with  $\{\bar{x}\} \cap \{\bar{y}\} = \emptyset$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{N} \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}) \vee \eta(\bar{b}, \bar{c}) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \mathbb{N} \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}) \text{ or } \mathbb{N} \models \eta(\bar{b}, \bar{c}) && \text{by the truth definition;} \\
\Leftrightarrow & M \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}) \text{ or } M \models \eta(\bar{b}, \bar{c}) && \text{by the induction hypothesis;} \\
\Leftrightarrow & M \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}) \vee \eta(\bar{b}, \bar{c}) && \text{by the truth definition.}
\end{aligned}$$

**Consider  $\exists y < t \theta$  and  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $t(\bar{x})$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  term and  $\theta(\bar{x}, y)$  is a  $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$  formula.** Suppose  $\mathbb{N} \models \exists y < t(\bar{a}) \theta(\bar{a}, y)$ . Use the truth definition to find  $b <^{\mathbb{N}} t^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{a})$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathbb{N} \models \theta(\bar{a}, b)$ . Then  $M \models \theta(\bar{a}, b)$  by the induction hypothesis, and  $b <^M t^M(\bar{a})$  by (R<) and Lemma 3.3. Thus  $M \models \exists y < t(\bar{a}) \theta(\bar{a}, y)$  by the truth definition.

Conversely, suppose  $M \models \exists y < t(\bar{a}) \theta(\bar{a}, y)$ . Use the truth definition to find  $b <^M t^M(\bar{a})$  in  $M$  such that  $M \models \theta(\bar{a}, b)$ . Now  $t^M(\bar{a}) = t^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{a}) \in \mathbb{N}$  by Lemma 3.3, and so  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  by (RInit). Hence  $\mathbb{N} \models \theta(\bar{a}, b)$  by the induction hypothesis, and  $b <^{\mathbb{N}} t^{\mathbb{N}}(\bar{a})$  by Observation 3.4. Thus  $\mathbb{N} \models \exists y < t(\bar{a}) \theta(\bar{a}, y)$  by the truth definition.

This completes the induction for (1). For (2), suppose  $\mathbb{N} \models \exists \bar{y} \eta(\bar{a}, \bar{y})$ , where  $\eta \in \Delta_0(\text{exp})$ . Use the truth definition to find  $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{N} \models \eta(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$ . Then  $M \models \eta(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  by (1). Thus  $M \models \exists \bar{y} \eta(\bar{a}, \bar{y})$  by the truth definition.  $\square$

**Assignment 3.7.** Recall an  $\mathcal{L}_A(\text{exp})$  formula is said to be  $\Pi_1$  if it is of the form  $\forall \bar{y} \theta(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , where  $\theta \in \Delta_0(\text{exp})$  and  $\bar{y}$  is a possibly empty tuple of variables. Prove the existence of a model  $M \models \text{R}(\text{exp})$  and a sentence  $\sigma \in \Pi_1$  such that  $\mathbb{N} \models \sigma$  and  $M \not\models \sigma$ . [4 points]

Notice that Proposition 3.6(2) is not an equivalence. Hence models of  $\text{R}(\text{exp})$  may be wrong on which natural numbers are *not* elements of an r.e. set. Recursive sets are designed to overcome this problem, as we will see in the next lecture.