

Math Logic, Week#XI

Moon's Day

Review Questions (for me to ask & you to answer):

1. We showed that $Th(\mathfrak{N}_S)$ admits elimination of quantifiers.
¿What does it mean that a theory admits elimination of quantifiers?
2. **¿What is a Σ_1 formula?**
3. **¿What is a recursive function (as defined in this class)?**
4. **¿Prove that, if the graph of a function f is r.e., it is recursive!**
5. **¿What does the notation $\mu x_{k+1} R(x_1, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1})$ mean?**
6. **¿What was our theorem about the μ operator and recursive functions?**
7. **¿How did we code sequences of integers by integers?**
8. **¿Name some functions on those sequences that are recursive!**
9. **¿How did we encode formulas with integers?**
10. **¿Is the set of (Gödel numbers of) consequences of a finite set of axioms recursive?**
11. **¿What does it mean that a relation on \mathbb{N} is representable in \mathbb{A}_E ?**
12. **¿What do we know about the structure of models of \mathbb{A}_E ?**

More on Representability:

1. Analogue of Homomorphism Theorem:

Suppose $\mathfrak{A} \models \mathbb{A}_E$, \mathcal{St} is its standard part, and $s : V \rightarrow \mathcal{St}$:

- For any Δ_0 formula α ,

$$\mathfrak{A} \models \alpha[s] \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{St} \models \alpha[s].$$

- For any Σ_1 formula $\exists x\alpha$,

$$\text{if } \mathfrak{A} \models \exists x\alpha \text{ then } \mathcal{St} \models \exists x\alpha.$$

(Proof by induction on formulas; similar to homomorphism theorem)

2. **And we know that** (i) $\mathfrak{N}_E \cong \mathcal{St}$, and every element of \mathfrak{N}_E — and every element of \mathcal{St} — is named by a term $\underline{k} = S^k(0)$.

So we can think of any $\mathfrak{A} \models \mathbb{A}_E$ as having \mathfrak{N}_E as its standard part.

3. **Corollary:** Every Δ_0 -definable relation on \mathbb{N} is representable in \mathbb{A}_E — and representable by the same Δ_0 formula.

4. **What we'd like: that every recursive relation is representable.**

- **This is trickier:** Consider a Σ_1 definition of R —

$$\exists x\varphi(x, v_1, \dots, v_k).$$

- If $(v_1, \dots, v_k) \in R$, then there's a “witness” x in \mathcal{St} . ;OK!
- But we know almost nothing about what happens outside the standard part of \mathfrak{A} .
So, out there, there might be such a witness x outside \mathcal{St} — creating some “false” elements of R .

- ;**We need a way around that!**

5. **Thrm:** Every recursive relation $R \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$ is representable in \mathbb{A}_E .

Proof: If R is recursive, both it and its complement have Σ_1 definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} R(y_1, \dots, y_k) & \text{ iff } \mathfrak{N}_E \models \exists x \phi(x, y_1, \dots, y_k) \\ \overline{R(\vec{n})} & \text{ iff } \mathfrak{N}_E \models \exists x \psi(x, y_1, \dots, y_k) \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following:

(a) For each choice of y_1, \dots, y_k in \mathbb{N} , exactly one such x exists in \mathfrak{N}_E —

and thus in the standard part of any $\mathfrak{A} \models \mathbb{A}_E$.

(b) For all we know, there might be other values of x in the non-standard part of \mathfrak{A} that satisfies either (or even both) of those two formulas.

But, in \mathfrak{A} , it's $> \underline{k}$.

(c) So we need a formula to pick out the *least* such “witness” x :

$$\begin{aligned} R(\vec{n}) & \text{ iff } \exists x (\phi(x, \vec{n}) \\ & \quad \wedge \forall y_{\leq x} \neg \psi(y, \vec{n}) \\ & \quad) \end{aligned}$$

Homework Problem E:

1. Suppose R is a recursive set (unary relation) and that f_1, \dots, f_n are Σ_1 -definable functions. (The f_i 's may well have different numbers of argument places; say that f_i is k_i -ary.) The *closure* of R under the f_i 's is the smallest set S such that (1) $R \subseteq S$ and (2) for each f_i and each $x_1, \dots, x_{k_i} \in S$, $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{k_i}) \in S$. This set S can be constructed recursively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= R \\ S_{i+1} &= S_i \cup \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{k_i}) : x_1, \dots, x_{k_i} \in S_i\} \\ S &= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} S_i \end{aligned}$$

Prove that S is Σ_1 -definable (i.e., r.e.).

2. Suppose that, in addition, the functions f_1, \dots, f_n are *increasing*; that is, whenever $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_{k_i}) = y$, $y > x_1$, $y > x_2$, \dots , and $y > x_{k_i}$. Prove that the set S above is then recursive.

Incompleteness:

1. In this section we continue to assume that we are working in the language of \mathfrak{N}_E . Generalizations are possible.
2. **Fixed Point Theorem:** For any formula β in which only v_1 occurs free, there is a sentence σ such that

$$\mathbb{A}_E \models (\sigma \leftrightarrow \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0)).$$

Discussion, quoted from Enderton, page 227:

We can think of σ as indirectly saying, “ β is true of me.” Actually σ doesn’t say anything of course, it’s just a string of symbols. And even when translated into English according to the intended structure \mathfrak{N}_E , it then talks of numbers and their successors and products and so forth. It is only by virtue of our having associated numbers with expressions that we can think of σ as referring to a formula, in this case to σ itself.

Proof: [slightly expanded from Enderton]

Let $\theta(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ be a formula representing the function

$$sb(v_1, v_2) = \begin{cases} \#(\alpha(S^{v_2}0)) & \text{if } v_1 = \#(\alpha) \text{ for some } \alpha \\ & \text{with (at most) 1 free variable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Trick #1: Consider the formula

$$\forall v_3(\theta(v_1, v_1, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3)). \tag{1}$$

Note that we have set the first two argument positions of θ to the same variable. [So, essentially,] the Gödel-number v_1 of a formula is being substituted into that formula, a process called “self reference.” Enderton points out that “*This formula has only v_1 free. It defines in \mathfrak{N}_E a set to which $\#(\alpha)$ belongs iff $\#(\alpha(S^{\#(\alpha)}0))$ is in the set defined by β .*”

Let q be the Gödel-number of formula (1).

Reminders:

- $\theta(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ “says”

$$v_3 = \begin{cases} \#(\alpha(S^{v_2}0)) & \text{if } v_1 = \#(\alpha) \text{ for some } \alpha \\ & \text{with (at most) 1 free variable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
- q is the Gödel number of $\forall v_3(\theta(v_1, v_1, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3))$ (i.e., formula 1).

Trick #2: Replace v_1 in formula (1) with S^q0 ; the result is a

$$\sigma = \forall v_3(\theta(S^q0, S^q0, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3)). \quad (2)$$

Note: Replacing v_1 with q is more self reference. Sentence σ asserts (in \mathfrak{N}_E) that $\#(\sigma)$ is in the set defined by β .

Finally, for this σ we shall prove our original claim that

$$\mathbb{A}_E \models (\sigma \leftrightarrow \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0)). \quad (3)$$

Recall that, since q is in fact a natural number, in every model of \mathbb{A}_E there is a unique element x which satisfies $\theta(S^q(0), S^q(0), x)$ — the actual Gödel-number of the substituted formula. How do we create that formula? By definition of θ :

take the formula with Gödel-number q : $\forall v_3(\theta(v_1, v_2, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3))$
and substitute S^q0 for v_1 : $\forall v_3(\theta(S^q0, S^q0, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3))$

That formula is σ itself — the substitution operation described by the formula is just the operation we made in defining σ itself! So the Gödel-number of the resultant formula is $\#(\sigma)$. Thus the only element v_3 which can satisfy $\theta(S^q, S^q, 0)$ is $\#(\sigma)$ itself, or, more precisely,

$$\mathbb{A}_E \models \forall v_3(\theta(S^q0, S^q0, v_3) \leftrightarrow v_3 = S^{\#(\sigma)}0). \quad (4)$$

Reminders:

- σ is the formula $\forall v_3(\theta(S^q0, S^q0, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3))$.
- Assertion (3) was $\mathbb{A}_E \models (\sigma \leftrightarrow \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0))$.
- Assertion (4) was $\mathbb{A}_E \models \forall v_3(\theta(S^q0, S^q0, v_3) \leftrightarrow v_3 = S^{\#(\sigma)}0)$.

Now we prove assertion (3):

\Rightarrow : Trivially, from the statement of σ ,

$$\sigma \models \theta(S^q0, S^q0, S^{\#(\sigma)}0) \rightarrow \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0).$$

By statement 4, $\mathbb{A}_E \models \theta(S^q0, S^q0, S^{\#(\sigma)}0)$.

Thus $\mathbb{A}_E \cup \{\sigma\} \models \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0)$.

\Leftarrow : Statement (4) implies that

$$\beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0) \rightarrow [\forall v_3(\theta(S^q0, S^q0, v_3) \rightarrow \beta(v_3))].$$

The part in the square brackets is just σ .

3. Tarski's Theorem on the Undefinability of Truth: (for \mathfrak{N}_E):

The set $\#(Th(\mathfrak{N}_E))$ is not definable in \mathfrak{N}_E .

Proof: Suppose it were definable, say by some formula $\beta(x)$. By the fixed point theorem, *applied to* $\neg\beta$, there is a sentence σ such that

$$\mathfrak{N}_E \models (\sigma \leftrightarrow \neg\beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0)).$$

But then σ is true in \mathfrak{N}_E iff $\mathfrak{N}_E \models \neg\beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0)$, contradicting the assumption about β .

Historical Note: This is just a version of the liar's paradox. If β did in fact define the set of statements true in \mathfrak{N}_E , σ would "say" "I am false."

4. Corollary: $\#(Th(\mathfrak{N}_E))$ is not r.e.

Proof: Every r.e. set of (Gödel-numbers of) sentences is Σ_1 definable over \mathfrak{N}_E , and Tarski's theorem says that the $\#(Th(\mathfrak{N}_E))$ is not definable over \mathfrak{N}_E by *any* first order sentence.

5. Corollary: Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem [1931]:

If $A \subseteq Th(\mathfrak{N}_E)$ and A is recursive, then $Cn(A)$ is not complete.

Proof: Since $A \subseteq Th(\mathfrak{N}_E)$, if A were complete, $Cn(A) = Th(\mathfrak{N}_E)$. On the other hand, since A is recursive, $\#(Cn(A))$ is Σ_1 definable on \mathfrak{N}_E . This would say that $\#(Th(\mathfrak{N}_E))$ would be first order definable over \mathfrak{N}_E , contradiction Tarski's Theorem.

Corollary: $Th(\mathfrak{N}_E) \neq Cn(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{A}_E)$.

Historical Note: Tracing through the proofs of the fixed-point theorem and Tarski's undefinability theorem, we can mechanically construct a sentence which is true in \mathfrak{N}_E but not provable from $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{A}_E$ (given our underlying assumption that $\mathfrak{N}_E \models \mathbb{P}\mathbb{A}_E$).

6. Quotation from Enderton:

We can extract more information from the proof of Gödel's theorem. Suppose we have a particular recursive $A \subseteq Th\mathfrak{N}_E$ in mind. Then ... we can find a formula β which defines $\#Cn(A)$ in \mathfrak{N}_E . The sentence σ produced by the proof to Tarski's Theorem is (as we noted there) a true sentence *not* in $Cn(A)$.

This sentence asserts that $\#(\sigma)$ does not belong to the set defined by β , i.e., it indirectly says "I am not a theorem of A ." Thus $A \not\vdash \sigma$, and of course $A \not\vdash \neg\sigma$ as well. This way of viewing the proof is closer to Gödel's original proof, which did not involve a detour through Tarski's theorem. For that matter, Gödel's statement of the theorem did not involve $Th(\mathfrak{N}_E)$; we have taken some liberties in the labeling of theorems.

7. A lemma which says (roughly) that one can add one new axiom (and hence finitely many new axioms) to a recursive theory without losing the property of recursiveness:

Lemma:

If $Cn(\Sigma)$ is recursive then $Cn(\Sigma \cup \{\gamma\})$ is recursive for any sentence γ .

Proof: $\Sigma \cup \{\gamma\} \models \alpha$ iff $\Sigma \models \gamma \rightarrow \alpha$. Thus $\#(\alpha) \in Cn(\Sigma \cup \{\gamma\})$ iff $\#(\gamma \rightarrow \alpha) \in Cn(\Sigma)$. Since the function mapping each $\# \alpha$ to $\#(\gamma \rightarrow \alpha)$ is recursive (by Theorem concatenation).

8. Thrm: [Strong undecidability of $Cn(\mathbb{A}_E)$]

Let T be a theory such that $T \cup \mathbb{A}_E$ is consistent. Then $\#(T)$ is not recursive.

Proof: Suppose it were. Since $\#(T)$ is recursive, and \mathbb{A}_E is finite, $\#(Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E))$ is also recursive (by Lemma 7). So its complement, $\#(\overline{Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E)})$ is also recursive and thus is represented in $Cn(\mathbb{A}_E)$ by some formula β .

By the Fixed Point Theorem, there is a sentence σ such that

$$\mathbb{A}_E \vdash [\sigma \leftrightarrow \neg \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0)]. \quad (5)$$

Moreover, since β represents $\#(\overline{Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E)})$, we have that

$$\text{either } \mathbb{A}_E \vdash \neg \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{A}_E \vdash \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)}0).$$

From the above 2 lines we also derive that

$$\text{either } \mathbb{A}_E \vdash \sigma \text{ or } \mathbb{A}_E \vdash \neg \sigma.$$

Case 1: $\sigma \in Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E)$:

So $\#(\sigma) \in \#Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E)$ (trivially)
so $\mathbb{A}_E \vdash \beta(S^{\#(\sigma)})$ (by assumption about β)
so $\mathbb{A}_E \vdash \neg \sigma$
so $\neg \sigma \in Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E)$,
contradicting the assumption that T is consistent.

Case 2: $\sigma \notin Cn(T \cup \mathbb{A}_E)$:

We get the reverse contradiction. **¡Left to you!**

9. Church's Theorem

The set of logically valid sentences of first order logic with equality is not recursive.

(This holds true in any language which is rich enough — by our proof, any language at least as rich as the language of \mathfrak{N}_E : thus any language containing at least one constant symbol, at least 4 function symbols, of which 3 are at least binary (i.e., take at least two arguments), and one relation symbol which is at least binary.)