

# Turing-Completeness of $Th(\mathcal{N}, +, \times)$ / Peano Arithmetic

An interjection not found in the book

# Peano Arithmetic

- ▶ Axioms of natural arithmetic made by Giuseppe Peano
- ▶ The natural numbers with addition and multiplication
  - ▶ AKA  $Th(\mathcal{N}, +, \times)$
- ▶ Later used by Gödel, Church, and Turing to cause mathematical mayhem

# Implicit Functions and Iteration in Peano Arithmetic

- ▶ We are limited to two relations:  $+$  and  $\times$
- ▶ However, we can use these to construct more!
  - ▶ **Even recursive ones**
  - ▶ They just have to be *implicit*

**Ex:**

$$\forall a, b[(\text{Square}(a) = b) \leftrightarrow (b = a \cdot a)]$$

- ▶ Similar to “we say . . .” as a colloquialism
- ▶ “We say  $b$  is the square of  $a$  iff  $b = a \cdot a$ ”

# Preliminary Functions

- ▶ We can add and multiply, but we need a lot more!
- ▶ We can implicitly define subtraction, exponentiation, division, modulo
- ▶ As well as some special encoding functions  $Get_2$  and  $Set_2$
- ▶ These can get and set bits from an arbitrary-length binary integer

**Let**  $\phi_{preliminary}$  be the equation describing these functions.

## Preliminary Functions (Formally)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{\text{preliminary}} = & \forall a, b, c ([ (a - b = c) \leftrightarrow (a = c + b) ] \\ & \wedge [ \left( \frac{a}{b} = c \right) \leftrightarrow (a = bc) ] \\ & \wedge [ ( \text{Rem}(a, b) = c ) \leftrightarrow \exists d [ db + c = a ] ] \\ & \wedge [ (a^0 = 1) \wedge (b > 0 \rightarrow (a^b = a \cdot a^{b-1})) ] \\ & \wedge [ \text{Log}(b^a, b) = a ] \\ & \wedge \left[ \text{Get}_2(a, b) = \frac{\text{Rem}(a, 2^{b+1}) - \text{Rem}(a, 2^{b-1})}{2^b} \right] \\ & \wedge [ \text{Set}_2(a, b, c) = a + 2^b(c - \text{Get}_2(a, b)) ] )\end{aligned}$$

- We could bring this to prenex normal form, but it doesn't really matter

# Gödel Numberings of TMs

- ▶ We previously gave a configuration as  $w_l q_i w_r$  for some state  $q_i$  and tape content  $w_l w_r$
- ▶ This will be too clunky for Gödel numbering!
- ▶ Let  $n = |w_l|$ , let  $w$  be a binary integer encoding  $w_l w_r$

**Def:** A Gödel TM encoding. For configuration  $C = w_l q_i w_r$  where  $n = |w_l|$ , let  $w$  be a positive binary integer encoding of  $w_l w_r$ . Then, a Gödel encoding of  $C$  is given by  $2^i 3^n 5^w$ .

# Encoding the Transition Function

- ▶ We want to create some implicit function  $T$  which takes us from one configuration to the next
- ▶ For all state indices  $i, j$ , R/W head position  $n$ , string content encoding  $w$ , binary tape character  $z$ , and  $D \in \{-1, 1\}$ :
  - ▶ If  $\delta(q_i, \text{Get}_2(w, n)) = (q_j, z, D)$ , **then**
  - ▶  $T(2^i 3^n 5^w) = 2^j 3^{n+D} 5^{\text{Set}_2(w, n, z)}$
  - ▶  $T$  can be encoded in Peano arithmetic as a **large** piecewise function

**Let**  $\phi_T$  be the formula describing  $T$ .

# An Algorithm for $\phi_T$

Given TM  $T$ , the following algorithm creates  $\phi_T$ .

1. Let  $p$  be the logic string  $\forall a \exists i, n, w [[a = 2^i 3^n 5^w]$
2. For each  $q_i \in Q$ 
  - 2.1 For each  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ 
    - 2.1.1 Let  $\delta(q_i, \sigma) = (q_j, \gamma, D)$  (for  $q_j \in Q, \gamma \in \Sigma, D \in \{-1, 1\}$ , where  $D = -1$  represents leftward movement and  $D = 1$  rightward)
    - 2.1.2 Append to  $p$  the string
$$\wedge [ [ [i = \%_1] \wedge [Get(w, n) = \%_2] ] \rightarrow [ T(a) = 2^{\%_3} 3^{n+\%_4} 5^{Set_2(w, n, \%_5)} ] ]$$
Where  $\%_1$  is replaced by  $i$ ,  $\%_2$  by  $\sigma$ ,  $\%_3$  by  $j$ ,  $\%_4$  by  $D$ , and  $\%_5$  by  $\gamma$
3. Append the string “]” to  $p$
4. Return  $p$  as  $\phi_T$



# Encoding TM Simulation

- ▶ Here's where loops come in
- ▶ For every configuration  $C_t$ :

$$\dots \wedge \forall t [C_{t+1} = T(C_t)]$$

- ▶ We can then specify some initial configuration on the input string encoding in binary as  $w$ :  $C_0 = 2^0 3^0 5^w$

$Th(\mathcal{N}, +, \times)$  is **Turing complete!**

# The Acceptance Problem in Peano Arithmetic

- If we let the index of the accepting state  $q_A$  be  $A$ , we can ask “Does this TM  $T$  accept binary string  $w$ ?” as:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{T,w} = & \phi_{\text{preliminary}} \\ & \wedge \phi_T \\ & \wedge \forall t [C_{t+1} = T(C_t)] \\ & \wedge [C_0 = 2^0 3^0 5^w] \\ & \wedge \exists h, \mu, \omega [C_h = 2^A 3^\mu 5^\omega]\end{aligned}$$

$\phi_{P,0}$  vs  $\exists C[\phi_{P,0}]$

Next up: Whatever we were doing before

*Sing us a song you're the Peano man*

*Sing us a song tonight*

*Cuz we're all in the mood for arithmetic*

*And you've got us feelin alright*

*-Billy Joel*