

# Exercise Sheet n°11

- Let  $\mathcal{L}_0$  be the first order language of arithmetic with non logical symbols  $0, 1, +, \cdot, <$ .
- Given a formula  $\varphi(x)$  with a free variable  $x$ , an  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$  and some  $e \in \mathcal{M}$ , we write  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[e]$  to say that  $\mathcal{M}$  models  $\varphi(x)$  when  $x$  is interpreted as  $e$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{N} = (\mathbb{N}, 0, 1, +, \cdot, <)$  be the standard model of arithmetic.
- We are only interested in distinguishing countable models of PA ‘up to isomorphism’. We can therefore restrict our attention to  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -structures  $\mathcal{M}$  whose domain is the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  and we can further take the interpretation of 0 and 1 to be standard too. So, without loss of generality, by *a model of PA* we henceforth mean a structure  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbb{N}, 0, 1, \oplus, \otimes, \ominus \rangle$  that satisfies the Peano axioms.

A model  $\mathcal{M}$  of PA is called non standard if it is not isomorphic to  $\mathcal{N}$ . We have already seen that there are continuum many ( $2^{\aleph_0}$ ) such models.

- For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we denote by  $\textcolor{blue}{n}$  its syntactic counterpart  $\overbrace{1+ \dots + 1}^{n \text{ times}}$ . In any model  $\mathcal{M}$  of PA these terms are interpreted as 0, 1,  $2^{\mathcal{M}} = 1 \oplus 1$ ,  $3^{\mathcal{M}} = 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1$ . These elements are called standard elements. Notice that  $\textcolor{blue}{n}^{\mathcal{M}} = n$  holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  only in the standard model.

Consider the following

**Definition.** A countable model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbb{N}, 0, 1, \oplus, \otimes, \ominus \rangle$  of PA is called recursive if both binary functions  $\oplus : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\otimes : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  are recursive and the binary relation  $\ominus \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2$  is recursive.

The aim of this exercise sheet is to show

*Tennenbaum’s Theorem.*

The standard model is the only recursive model of PA.

**Exercise 1:** We consider a recursive enumeration of all Turing machines which compute partial functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ . According to this enumeration, we call  $\mathcal{M}_k$  the  $k$ -th Turing machine. For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we let  $\varphi_k$  be the partial function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$  computed by  $\mathcal{M}_k$ .

Show the following

**Theorem 1.** There exist two nonempty recursively enumerable subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  that are recursively inseparable, i.e. such that

1.  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, and
2. there is no recursive set  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq X$  and  $X \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Exercise 2:**

Prove the following

**Theorem 2 (Overspill).** Let  $\varphi(x)$  be an arithmetic formula whose only free variable is  $x$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a non standard model of PA such that for all  $n$  we have  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[\textcolor{blue}{n}]$ . Then there is a non standard element  $e \in |\mathcal{M}|$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[e]$ .

**Exercise 3:**

Recall that a  $\Delta_0$  formula is a formula in which every quantification is bounded (these are the  $\Delta_0^0$ -rud from Exercise Sheet 6).

The  $n$ -th prime is denoted by  $\pi(n)$ , that is  $\pi(0) = 2$ ,  $\pi(1) = 3, \dots$ . We have seen that the function  $\pi : n \rightarrow \pi(n)$  is primitive recursive, so it can be represented in PA by a  $\Sigma_1^0$  formula  $P(x, y)$ .

We will abbreviate  $\exists y (P(\textcolor{blue}{k}, y) \wedge y \otimes \textcolor{blue}{l} = \textcolor{blue}{m})$  with  $\pi(\textcolor{blue}{k}) \otimes \textcolor{blue}{l} = \textcolor{blue}{m}$ , meaning that the  $k$ -th prime multiplied by  $l$  equals  $m$ .

We make the following definition

**Definition.** We say that a subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

1. is coded in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  if there exists a formula  $\varphi(x, y)$  and some  $a \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \mathcal{M} \models \varphi(\textcolor{blue}{n}, [a])\}$ ,

2. is canonically coded in a model  $\mathcal{M}$  if it is coded by the formula  $\psi(x, y) : \exists z \pi(x) \otimes z = y$ , i.e there exists  $a \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \mathcal{M} \models \exists z \pi(\textcolor{blue}{n}) \otimes z = [a]\}$ .

We need the following.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A(x, y)$  be a  $\Delta_0$  formula and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a non standard model of PA. Then for all elements  $b \in \mathcal{M}$  there exists an element  $a \in \mathcal{M}$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathcal{M} \models \exists k \otimes [b] A(k, \textcolor{blue}{n}) \leftrightarrow \exists z (\pi(\textcolor{blue}{n}) \otimes z = [a])$$

We prove this in several steps:

1. We assume *without proof* that the following simple arithmetical truth is provable in PA, for every  $\Delta_0$  formula  $A(x, y)$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\forall b \exists a \forall u < \textcolor{red}{n} (\exists k < b A(k, u) \leftrightarrow \exists z (\pi(u) \cdot z = a)).$$

2. Show that for some non standard element  $e$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  we have:

$$\mathcal{M} \models \forall b \exists a \forall u \otimes [e] (\exists k \otimes b A(k, u) \leftrightarrow \exists y (\pi(u) \otimes y = a)).$$

3. Conclude the proof of Theorem 3.

We recall the following basic fact

**Theorem 4.** The theory PA is  $\Delta_0$  complete, that is every  $\Delta_0$  formula which is true in the standard model is provable in PA.

We can now show that non standard elements can code non recursive sets.

**Theorem 5.** In any non standard model of PA, there is a non standard element which canonically codes a non recursive set.

Fix a non standard model  $\mathcal{M}$  of PA. Here is how to proceed.

**Exercise 4:** By Theorem 1, let  $A$  and  $B$  be recursively enumerable sets that are recursively inseparable.

1. There exist two  $\Delta_0$  formulas  $A(x, y)$  and  $B(x, y)$  such that

$$A = \{m \mid \exists n A(m, n)\} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \{m \mid \exists n B(m, n)\}.$$

2. Show that there is a non standard  $e \in \mathcal{M}$  such that

$$\mathcal{M} \models \forall x \otimes [e] \forall y \otimes [e] \forall z \otimes [e] \neg(A(x, y) \wedge B(x, z)).$$

Now consider the set

$$X = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \mathcal{M} \models \exists y \otimes [e] A(\textcolor{blue}{n}, y)\}.$$

3. Show that  $A \subseteq X$ .  
4. Show that  $B \cap X = \emptyset$ .  
5. Conclude the proof of Theorem 5.

We can now prove Tennenbaum's Theorem.

**Exercise 5:** Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathbb{N}, 0, 1, \oplus, \otimes, \otimes \rangle$  be a non standard model of PA. Let  $X$  be a non recursive set canonically coded by some (non standard) element  $a \in |\mathcal{M}| = \mathbb{N}$ .

1. Observe that  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies the following formulas

- $\forall x \forall y (y \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists! q \exists! r (r \otimes y \wedge x = (q \otimes y) \oplus r))$  (Euclidean division);
- for all  $n$ ,  $\forall x (\pi(\textcolor{blue}{n}) \otimes x = \underbrace{x \oplus \cdots \oplus x}_{\pi(\textcolor{blue}{n}) \text{ times}}$ ;
- for all  $n$ ,  $\forall x (x \otimes \pi(\textcolor{blue}{n}) \leftrightarrow x = 0 \vee x = 1 \vee \cdots \vee x = \underbrace{1 \oplus \cdots \oplus 1}_{\pi(\textcolor{blue}{n}) \text{ times}})$ .

2. Towards a contradiction suppose that  $\oplus : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is recursive and design a decision procedure for  $X$ .  
3. Conclude!