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Extended Example in First-Order Logic

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several structures over the domain \mathbb{N} (assume “ \approx ” is available)

structures over the domain of natural numbers	vocabulary/signature	
	predicate symbols	function symbols
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$\mathcal{N}_5 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbb{N}, 0, S, <, +, \cdot, \text{pr}, \uparrow)$ $x \uparrow y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x^y$	$\mathcal{P} = \{<, \text{pr}\}$	$\mathcal{F} = \{0, S, +, \cdot, \uparrow\}$
$\mathcal{N}_6 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dots$		

Question: Is a new predicate (function) definable from earlier ones?

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so perhaps $\varphi_+(x, y, z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\underbrace{S(\cdots S(x) \cdots)}_y \approx z \dots)$ Not quite!

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Hint. Use the following equivalence for all $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$

$(p = 0) \vee (p = m + n)$ iff

$$(m \cdot p + 1) \cdot (n \cdot p + 1) = p^2 \cdot (m \cdot n + 1) + 1$$

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YES $m = n \uparrow p$ iff $\varphi(m, n, p)$ is true, where $\varphi(x, y, z)$ is the WFF ... *(not very difficult: try it!)*

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