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Introduction

In [2], [3], [4] I carried out an ordinal analysis of (classical) ID_1 , adapting Howard's [7] method for uncountably long terms to a system of infinitary logic with certain new $\Sigma_{\alpha\alpha}$ -rules. This work involved some special and rather complicated properties of the ordinal notation system $\bar{O}(\Omega)$, a fact which was frequently criticized by S. Feferman. Motivated by Feferman's criticism I developed a proof theoretical treatment of ID_1 by means of wellfounded abstract trees (or constructive ordinals) where no special facts about ordinal notation systems are needed. This approach which provides an easy characterization of the proof theoretic ordinal of ID_1 in terms of some simple tree operations is presented (for $\nu=1$) in part I of these notes. The main feature in our use of wellfounded trees is a relation $t \triangleleft \alpha$ (" α majorizes t ") between infinite derivations t and trees α which can be considered as a refined version of the traditional relation $|t| \leq \alpha$, where $|t|$ denotes the ordinary length of t .

In part II we give a new proof of the wellknown fact that the subrecursive hierarchy up to ϵ_0 exhausts all recursive functions definable in Gödel's system T of prim. rec. functionals of finite types. This is done by a careful reexamination of Tait's [9] normalization procedure and ordinal assignment replacing ordinal calculations by majorization arguments similar to those used in part I. The main step in our proof is the following lemma:

If $t[v^0]$ is a normal ¹⁾ term of type 0 with at most one free variable v^0 , and if $t[v^0]$ is majorized by the tree α , then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the value of $t[n]$ is less or equal than $F_\alpha(n)$; where $(F_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ is a version of the (fast growing) subrecursive hierarchy.

Part III contains an elementary proof of a version of Girard's [6] famous result connecting the slow and fast growing hierarchies of number theoretic functions. This proof was achieved independently from Aïchou and Wainer [10] in March 1980. It is very similar to P. Aczel's [1] treatment of the problem which had directly evolved from a study of [10].

¹⁾ A term is called normal if it contains no subterms of shape $(\lambda v) s$ or $(\lambda t_1 \dots) t_2 s$.

I. Ordinal analysis of $ID_1(\alpha)$

Formal language L :

x, y, z, \dots	(number variables)
$0, S$	(zero, successor)
R, R', \dots	(constants for prim. rec. predicates)
\rightarrow, \forall	(implication, universal quantifier)

Let P be a 1-place predicate symbol and $\alpha(P, x)$ a formula which is positive in P and has no free variables besides x .

The formal theory $ID_1(\alpha)$ is HA (in the language $L[P]$) together with the defining axioms for P :

$$(ID.1) \quad \forall x (\alpha(P, x) \rightarrow Px)$$

$$(ID.2) \quad \forall x (\alpha(F, x) \rightarrow F(x)) \rightarrow \forall x (Px \rightarrow F(x)) \quad , \text{ for each } F \in L[P].$$

Remark: If we choose $\alpha(P, x)$ such that every occurrence of P in $\alpha(P, x)$ is double negated, then $\neg\neg F \leftrightarrow F$ is provable in $ID_1(\alpha)$ for arbitrary $F \in L[P]$, and therefore $ID_1(\alpha)$ contains classical logic.

Abbreviation: A formula of the form $Ra_1 \dots a_n$ is called an arithmetic prime formula (apf).

Definition of the infinitary system ID_0^∞

We define ID_0^∞ to be the set of all natural deductions which are generated by the following axioms and inference rules:

$$(Ax1) \quad A \quad , \text{ if } A \text{ is a true apf.}$$

$$(Ax2) \quad A \rightarrow B \quad , \text{ if } A \text{ is a false apf.}$$

$$(ID-1) \quad \forall x (\alpha(P, x) \rightarrow Px) .$$

$$\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array} \\
 (\rightarrow I) \frac{A \rightarrow B}{A \rightarrow B} \quad (\rightarrow E) \frac{A \quad A \rightarrow B}{B} \quad (VI) \frac{\dots A(n) \dots (n \in \mathbb{N})}{\forall x A(x)} \quad (VE) \frac{\forall x A(x)}{A(n)}$$

We only consider deductions without free variables.

A deduction which has no free assumptions is called a closed deduction or proof.

Definition

$$P_n := \{ X \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty : X \text{ is a normal proof of } P_n \}$$

The Ω_1 -rule

According to the intuitionistic interpretation of implication a proof of $P_n \rightarrow C$ consists of a construction Π which transforms any proof X of P_n into a proof Π_X of C .

The Ω_1 -rule can be viewed as a formal version of this explanation:

$$(\Omega_1) \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi_X \\ \vdots \\ \dots C \dots (X \in P_n) \end{array}}{P_n \rightarrow C}$$

(that means, if for every $X \in P_n$ Π_X is a deduction of C ,

then $\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi_X \\ \vdots \\ \dots C \dots (X \in P_n) \end{array}}{P_n \rightarrow C}$ is a deduction of $P_n \rightarrow C$.)

Using this rule (Ω_1) a ^{closed} deduction of the induction axiom (I.D.2) is obtained as follows: For each deduction $X \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty$ let Π_X denote the result of substituting F for all occurrences of P in X . Then for every $X \in P_n$ Π_X is a deduction of $F(n)$ from the assumption $\forall x (A(F,x) \rightarrow F(x))$.

Abbreviations

$$\tau s_1 \dots s_k := (\dots ((\tau s_1) s_2) \dots s_k)$$

$$(\dots t_i \dots) := (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$(\dots t_x \dots) := (t_x)_{x \in \mathcal{P}m}$$

Definition of $rk(A)$

1. $rk(A) := 0$, if A is a prime formula
2. $rk(A \rightarrow B) := \max\{rk(A), rk(B)\} + 1$
3. $rk(\forall x A) := rk(A) + 1$

Definition of $rk(t)$

$rk(t) := rk(A)$, where A is the endformula of t

Definition of the degree $d(t)$

A term of shape $(\lambda v t) s$ or $(\dots t_i \dots) n$ or $(\dots t_x \dots) \tau_0 s$ is called a redex.

$$d(t) := \sup\{rk(\tau) + 1 : \tau s \text{ is a redex occurring in } t\}$$

If $d(t) = 0$, i.e. if t contains no redex, then t is called normal.

Reduction steps

$$(R1) (\lambda v t) s \triangleright t[\psi/s]$$

$$(R2) (\dots t_i \dots) n \triangleright t_n$$

$$(R3) (\dots t_x \dots) \tau_0 s \triangleright (\dots (t_x s) \dots) \tau_0$$

From these reductions steps we now define an operation $*$ on deductions which lowers the degree of a deduction by 1. To obtain τ^* we first have to introduce a more general operation $(\tau, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$ which is defined for arbitrary finite sequences (τ, s_1, \dots, s_k) ($k \geq 0$) such that $\tau s_1 \dots s_k$ is a term.

Then we set $\tau^* := (\tau)^*$, where $k=0$.

Definition of $(\tau, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$

$$(\tau, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* := \begin{cases} \tau s_1 \dots s_k & , \text{ if } \tau \text{ is a prime term} \\ \lambda v t^* & , \text{ if } \tau = \lambda v t \text{ and } k=0 \\ t^* [\nu/s_1] s_2 \dots s_k & , \text{ if } \tau = \lambda v t \text{ and } k>0 \\ (t_i^*)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} & , \text{ if } \tau = (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ and } k=0 \\ t_{s_1}^* s_2 \dots s_k & , \text{ if } \tau = (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ and } k>0 \\ (t_x^*)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_n} & , \text{ if } \tau = (t_x)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_n} \text{ and } k=0 \\ ((t_x, s_2, \dots, s_k)^*)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_n} s_1 & , \text{ if } \tau = (t_x)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_n} \text{ and } k>0 \\ (\tau, \tau^*, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* & , \text{ if } \tau = (\tau, \tau_0). \end{cases}$$

Proposition

If $\tau s_1 \dots s_k$ is a deduction of C with degree $\leq m+1$ and $d(s_1), \dots, d(s_k) \leq m$, then $(\tau, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$ is a deduction of C with degree $\leq m$, and every free assumption ^{of} $(\tau, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$ also occurs free in $\tau s_1 \dots s_k$.

Corollary

If τ is a proof of C with $d(\tau) = m < \omega$, then $\tau^{* \dots *}$ ^{m times} is a normal proof of C .

From now on we only consider the special case that P is the accessible part of a ^{binary} prim. rec. relation R , i.e.
 $\mathcal{A}(P, x) \equiv \forall y (Ryx \rightarrow Py)$.

The general case is treated afterwards (pp. 16 - 19)

Collapsing

We define an operation ' which transforms every normal proof $t \in \mathcal{YD}_1^\infty$ of P_n into a normal proof $t' \in \mathcal{YD}_0^\infty$ of the same formula by eliminating all applications of (\mathcal{I}_1) in t . Since t may be (constructively) uncountable but t' always is countable, this operation is called a collapsing function. The definition of t' proceeds by induction on the formation rules for t . Therefore t' has to be defined for all normal proofs t with an endformula P_n or $\mathcal{A}(P, n)$ or $R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m$:

Definition of t'

1. $(\mathcal{O}^A n s)' := \mathcal{O}^A n s'$ (where $A \equiv \forall x(\mathcal{A}(P, x) \rightarrow P_x)$)
2. $(t_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}' := (t'_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$
3. $(\lambda v^A t)' := \begin{cases} \lambda v^A t'[\frac{v^A}{\mathcal{O}^A}]', & \text{if } A \text{ is true} \\ \mathcal{O}^A \rightarrow B, & \text{if } A \text{ is false} \end{cases}$ (where $A \equiv R_{mn}$ and $B \equiv P_m$)
4. $((t_x)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_{n_0}} r_0)' := t'_{r_0}$ (we have $r_0' \in \mathcal{YD}_0^\infty$ and r_0' is a normal proof of the formula P_{n_0} , i.e. $r_0' \in \mathcal{P}_{n_0}$)

To make things clear we repeat this definition ^{now} writing deductions as formula trees:

1.
$$\left(\frac{\frac{\frac{\mathcal{I}}{\mathcal{A}(P, n)}}{P_n} \quad \frac{\forall x(\mathcal{A}(P, x) \rightarrow P_x)}{\mathcal{A}(P, n) \rightarrow P_n}}{P_n}}{P_n} \right)' := \frac{\frac{\frac{\mathcal{I}'}{\mathcal{A}(P, n)}}{P_n} \quad \frac{\forall x(\mathcal{A}(P, x) \rightarrow P_x)}{\mathcal{A}(P, n) \rightarrow P_n}}{P_n}}{P_n}$$
2.
$$\left(\frac{\frac{\frac{\mathcal{I}_m}{R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m} \dots (m \in \mathbb{N})}{\forall y(R_{yn} \rightarrow P_y)}}{P_n} \right)' := \frac{\frac{\frac{\mathcal{I}'_m}{R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m} \dots (m \in \mathbb{N})}{\forall y(R_{yn} \rightarrow P_y)}}{P_n}$$
3.
$$\left(\frac{\frac{\mathcal{I}}{P_m}}{R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m} \right)' := \begin{cases} \frac{\mathcal{I}'}{P_m} \\ R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m \end{cases}, \text{ if } R_{mn} \text{ is true}$$

$$R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m, \text{ if } R_{mn} \text{ is false}$$

$$4. \left(\frac{\frac{\frac{t_0}{P_{n_0}} \quad \dots \quad \frac{t_x}{P_{n_0} \rightarrow C} \quad \dots \quad (X \in P_{n_0})}{P_{n_0} \rightarrow C}}{C} \right)' := \frac{t_{x_0}}{C}$$

The operations $*$ and $'$ together with the canonical embedding¹⁾ of $\mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha)$ into \mathcal{YD}_1^∞ provide a reduction procedure which transforms any finite proof of P_n in $\mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha)$ into a normal proof of P_n in \mathcal{YD}_0^∞ . As we will see below this can be used to obtain an upper bound for $|\mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha)|$, the proof theoretic ordinal of $\mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha)$.

Definition of $|\mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha)|$

$$|\mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha)| := \sup \{ |n|_\alpha : \mathcal{YD}_1(\alpha) \vdash P_n \},$$

where $|n|_\alpha := \inf \{ \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_n : n \in \mathbb{P}^\alpha \}$ (for $n \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_n} \mathbb{P}^\alpha$)

and $\mathbb{P}^\alpha := \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : \mathbb{N} \models \alpha(\bigcup_{\xi < \alpha} \mathbb{P}^\xi, n) \}$.

Lemma 1

If $t \in \mathcal{YD}_0^\infty$ is a normal proof of a formula $A(P)$ in which P occurs only positive, then $A(\mathbb{P}^\alpha)$ is true for every ordinal $\alpha \geq |t|$, where $|t|$ denotes the length of t ,²⁾

Proof by induction on $|t|$.

¹⁾ As we showed on pp. 4,5 the axioms ($\mathcal{YD}.2$) are provable in \mathcal{YD}_1^∞ (using (\mathcal{D}_1)). The other embedding steps are trivial.

²⁾ Definition of $|t|$ for $t \in \mathcal{YD}_0^\infty$: $|vA| := |vA| := 0$, $|xvt| := |t| + 1$,
 $|(t_0 \dots t_n)| := \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (|t_i| + 1)$, $|t_0 \dots t_{k+1}| := \max\{|t_0|, \dots, |t_{k+1}|\} + 1$ if t_0 is not (\rightarrow s).

Abstract trees

Inductive definition of the tree classes \mathcal{O}_k

1. $0 \in \mathcal{O}_k$
2. $a \in \mathcal{O}_k \Rightarrow a+1 \in \mathcal{O}_k$
3. $l < k \wedge \forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_l (0 \neq a_\xi \in \mathcal{O}_k) \Rightarrow (a_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_l} \in \mathcal{O}_k$

We identify \mathcal{O}_0 and \mathbb{N} .

Definition of the length $|a|$ for $a \in \mathcal{O}_1$

$$|0| := 0, \quad |a+1| := |a|+1, \quad |(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}| := \sup\{|a_i|+1 : i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Definition of $a+b$ and 2^b for $a, b \in \mathcal{O}_k$

$$\begin{aligned} a+0 &:= a & 2^0 &:= 1 \\ a+(b+1) &:= (a+b)+1 & 2^{b+1} &:= 2^b + 2^b \\ a+(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_l} &:= (a+b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_l} & 2^{(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_l}} &:= (2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_l} \end{aligned}$$

Definition of $\dot{\omega}$, $\dot{\Omega}$ and $\dot{\varepsilon}_{\Omega+1}$:

$$\dot{\omega} := \dot{\Omega}_0, \quad \dot{\Omega} := \dot{\Omega}_1, \quad \dot{\varepsilon}_{\Omega+1} := (2^{i \cdot \dot{\Omega} + \dot{\omega}})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad \text{where } \dot{\Omega}_l := (1+\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_l}$$

In the following a, b, c always denote elements of \mathcal{O}_2 .

Definition of the collapsing function $\mathcal{D}: \mathcal{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_1$

1. $\mathcal{D}0 := \dot{\omega}$
2. $\mathcal{D}(a+1) := (\mathcal{D}a)+1$
3. $\mathcal{D}(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} := (\mathcal{D}a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
4. $\mathcal{D}(a_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} := \mathcal{D}a_{\mathcal{D}a_0}$

Remarks

(i) \mathcal{D} corresponds to the function $\lambda \alpha \varphi_\alpha(0)$, where $(\varphi_\alpha)_{\alpha < \varepsilon_{\Omega+1}}$ is the usual Bachmann hierarchy

(ii) $|\mathcal{D} \dot{\varepsilon}_{\Omega+1}| = \varphi_{\varepsilon_{\Omega+1}}(0)$ (=Howard ordinal)

In the rest of this part we will prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1

$$|\mathcal{D}_1(\alpha)| \leq |\mathcal{D} \dot{E}_{\Omega+1}|.$$

To prove this theorem we introduce a new relation \triangleleft between deductions $t \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ and trees $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_2$:

Inductive definition of $t \triangleleft \alpha$ (α majorizes t) for $t \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_2$

- ($\triangleleft 1$) $t \triangleleft \alpha$, if t is a prime term (numerals are also considered as prime terms)
- ($\triangleleft 2$) $t \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow \lambda vt \triangleleft \alpha + 1$
- ($\triangleleft 3$) $t_0 \triangleleft \alpha \wedge \dots \wedge t_n \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow t_0 \dots t_n \triangleleft \alpha + 1$
- ($\triangleleft 4$) $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} (t_i \triangleleft \alpha) \Rightarrow (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \triangleleft \alpha + 1$
- ($\triangleleft 5$) $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}_n \forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (X \triangleleft \xi \rightarrow t_X \triangleleft a_\xi) \wedge r_0 \triangleleft a_0 \Rightarrow (\dots t_X \dots) r_0 \triangleleft (a_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$
- ($\triangleleft 6$) $\exists i \in \mathbb{N} (t \triangleleft \alpha_i) \Rightarrow t \triangleleft (a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
- ($\triangleleft 7$) $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (t \triangleleft a_\xi) \Rightarrow t \triangleleft (a_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$

Remark In fact this is an iterated inductive definition of two relations $\triangleleft_0, \triangleleft_1$ (where $\triangleleft_1 = \triangleleft$ and $\triangleleft_0 = \triangleleft | \mathcal{D}_0^\infty \times \mathcal{O}_1$), and rule ($\triangleleft 5$) should be written more precisely as follows:

$$\forall X \in \mathcal{P}_n \forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (X \triangleleft_0 \xi \rightarrow t_X \triangleleft_1 a_\xi) \wedge r_0 \triangleleft_1 a_0 \Rightarrow (\dots t_X \dots) r_0 \triangleleft_1 (a_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}.$$

Proposition: $t \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty \wedge \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_1 \wedge t \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow |t| \leq |\alpha|.$

Lemma 2

- a) $t \triangleleft \alpha + 1 \wedge b \neq 0 \Rightarrow t \triangleleft \alpha + b$
- b) $t \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow t \triangleleft \alpha + b$
- c) $t \triangleleft b \Rightarrow t \triangleleft \alpha + b$

Proof of lemma 2:

a) Induction on b :

1. $b = b_0 + 1$: If $b_0 = 0$, then $a + b = a + 1$ and the assertion is trivial.
Otherwise by I.H. we have $t \triangleleft a + b_0$ and therefore $t \triangleleft a + b$ by ($\triangleleft 3$) for $n=0$.
2. $b = (b_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$: Then $b_0 \neq 0$ and therefore by I.H. $t \triangleleft a + b_0$.
Hence $t \triangleleft (a + b_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = a + b$ by ($\triangleleft 6$).
3. $b = (b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$: Then $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (b_\xi \neq 0)$ and therefore by I.H. $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1$
 $t \triangleleft a + b_\xi$. Hence $t \triangleleft (a + b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} = a + b$ by ($\triangleleft 7$).

b) For $b = 0$ the assertion is trivial. Suppose now $b \neq 0$. From $t \triangleleft a$ by ($\triangleleft 3$) we obtain $t \triangleleft a + 1$ and then $t \triangleleft a + b$ by a).

c) is proved by induction on b .

Lemma 3

$s \triangleleft a$ and $t \triangleleft b \Rightarrow t[\frac{v}{s}] \triangleleft a + b$.

Proof by induction on b using lemma 2.

Lemma 4

If $\tau s_1 \dots s_k$ ($k \geq 0$) is a deduction term with $\tau \triangleleft b$ and $s_i \triangleleft a$ ($1 \leq i \leq k$), then $(\tau s_1 \dots s_k)^* \triangleleft a + 2^b$.

Proof by induction on b : We write $()^*$ for $(\tau s_1 \dots s_k)^*$.

($\triangleleft 1$) τ prime term. Then $\tau \triangleleft a$, $s_1 \triangleleft a, \dots, s_k \triangleleft a$. Hence $()^* = \tau s_1 \dots s_k \triangleleft a + 1$ by ($\triangleleft 3$). From this we obtain $()^* \triangleleft a + 2^b$ by lemma 2a.

($\triangleleft 2$) $\tau = \lambda v t$ and $b = b_0 + 1$ with $t \triangleleft b_0$.

$k=0$: By I.H. we have $t^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}$. From this by ($\triangleleft 2$) and

lemma 2a we obtain $\lambda v t^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0} = a + 2^b$.

$k > 0$: By I.H. we have $t^* \triangleleft 2^{b_0}$. From this and $s_1 \triangleleft a$ by lemma 3

we obtain $t^*[\frac{v}{s_1}] \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}$. From $s_2 \triangleleft a, \dots, s_k \triangleleft a$ by lemma 2b)

we obtain $s_2 \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}, \dots, s_k \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}$. Hence

$(1)^* = t^* [\bigvee_{s_1}] s_2 \dots s_k \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0} = a + 2^b$ by lemma 2a, and ($\triangleleft 3$).

($\triangleleft 3$) $r = t_0 \dots t_n$ and $b = b_0 + 1$ with $t_0 \triangleleft b_0, \dots, t_n \triangleleft b_0$.

Then $(1)^* = (t_0, t_1^*, \dots, t_n^*, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$. By I.H. and lemma 2b) we have $\forall s \in \{t_1^*, \dots, t_n^*, s_1, \dots, s_k\} (s \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0})$. From this and I.H. (applied to t_0) we obtain $(1)^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0} = a + 2^b$.

($\triangleleft 4$) $r = (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $b = b_0 + 1$ with $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} (t_i \triangleleft b_0)$.

$k=0$: By I.H. we have $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} (t_i^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0})$. From this by ($\triangleleft 4$) and lemma 2a we obtain $(1)^* = (t_i^*)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0} = a + 2^b$.

$k > 0$: By I.H. we have $t_s^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}$. From $s_2 \triangleleft a, \dots, s_k \triangleleft a$ by lemma 2b) we obtain $s_2 \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}, \dots, s_k \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}$. Hence

$(1)^* = t_s^* s_2 \dots s_k \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0} = a + 2^b$ by lemma 2a, and ($\triangleleft 3$).

($\triangleleft 5$) $r = (\dots t_X \dots) r_0$ and $b = (b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ with $\forall X, \xi (X \triangleleft \xi \rightarrow t_X \triangleleft b_\xi) \wedge r_0 \triangleleft b_0$.

Then $(1)^* = ((\dots t_X \dots), r_0^*, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* = (\dots (t_X, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* \dots) r_0^*$.

By I.H. we have $\forall X, \xi (X \triangleleft \xi \rightarrow (t_X, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_\xi}) \wedge r_0^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_0}$.

Hence $(1)^* \triangleleft (a + 2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} = a + 2^b$ by ($\triangleleft 5$).

($\triangleleft 6$) $b = (b_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $r \triangleleft b_i$ for some $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then by I.H.

$(1)^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_i}$, from which $(1)^* \triangleleft (a + 2^{b_i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = a + 2^b$ follows by ($\triangleleft 6$).

($\triangleleft 7$) $b = (b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ and $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (r \triangleleft b_\xi)$. Then by I.H. $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1$

$(1)^* \triangleleft a + 2^{b_\xi}$, from which $(1)^* \triangleleft (a + 2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} = a + 2^b$ follows by ($\triangleleft 7$).

Lemma 5

If $t \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ is a normal proof of P_n or $\mathcal{A}(P, n)$ or $R_{mn} \rightarrow P_m$, then:

$$t \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow t' \triangleleft D\alpha.$$

Proof by induction on α .

1. $t = (\dots t_X \dots) r_0$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ with (1) $r_0 \triangleleft \alpha_0$ and

(2) $\forall X, \xi (X \triangleleft \xi \rightarrow t_X \triangleleft \alpha_\xi)$.

Then $t' = t'_{r_0}$. From (1) by I.H. follows $r_0' \triangleleft D\alpha_0$.

From $t'_0 \triangleleft Da_0$ and (2) follows $t_{\gamma_0} \triangleleft \alpha_{Dx_0}$, and from this by I.H. $t'_{\gamma_0} \triangleleft Da_{Da_0} = Da$.

2. $\alpha = (\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $t \triangleleft \alpha_i$ for some $i' \in \mathbb{N}$. Then by I.H. we have $t' \triangleleft Da_{\alpha_{i'}}$. Hence $t' \triangleleft (Da_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = Da$ by (46).

3. $\alpha = (\alpha_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ and $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (t \triangleleft \alpha_\xi)$. Then we have $t \triangleleft \alpha_{Dx_0}$ and therefore by I.H. $t' \triangleleft Da_{Da_0} = Da$.

4. In all other cases the assertion follows immediately from I.H.

Proof of theorem 1

(1) For each closed axiom C of $JD_1(\mathcal{O})$ there exists a normal proof $t \in JD_1^\infty$ with $t \triangleleft \Omega + \omega + 3$.

Proof:

1. $C \equiv \forall x (\alpha(F, x) \rightarrow F(x)) \rightarrow \forall x (Px \rightarrow F(x))$. Let $A := \forall x (\alpha(F, x) \rightarrow F(x))$.

For each $X \in JD_0^\infty$ let π_X denote the result of substituting F for all occurrences of P in X . Obviously $X \triangleleft \xi$ implies $\pi_X \triangleleft \xi$ and also $\pi_X \triangleleft 1 + \xi$ (by lemma 2a). We therefore have

$\forall X \in \mathcal{P}_n \forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (X \triangleleft \xi \rightarrow \pi_X \triangleleft 1 + \xi) \wedge v^{P_n} \triangleleft 1 + 0$. Hence

$t'_n := \lambda v^{P_n} (\pi_X)_{X \in \mathcal{P}_n} v^{P_n} \triangleleft \Omega + 1$ by (45) and (42). Using (44) and

(46) we obtain $(t'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \triangleleft \Omega + \omega$ and then $\lambda v^A (t'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \triangleleft \Omega + \omega + 3$ by (42) and lemma 2a). Obviously $\lambda v^A (t'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a normal proof of C .

2. $C \equiv F(0) \rightarrow \forall x (F(x) \rightarrow F(Sx)) \rightarrow \forall x F(x)$. Let $A := \forall x (F(x) \rightarrow F(Sx))$.

Let $t_0 := v^{F(0)}$ and $t_{n+1} := v^A_n t_n$. Then $t_n \vdash F(n)$

and therefore $t := \lambda v^{F(0)} \lambda v^A (t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a proof of C .

Obviously t is normal. By induction on n follows $t_n \triangleleft 1 + n$ and therefore $t_n \triangleleft \omega$ by (46). Using (44) and lemma 2c) we obtain $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \triangleleft \Omega + \omega + 1$. Hence $t \triangleleft \Omega + \omega + 3$ by (42).

3. For each other axiom of $ID_1(O1)$ there exists a normal proof t with $t \triangleleft l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{N}$. Using (46) and lemma 2 b) c), we obtain $t \triangleleft \tilde{\Omega} + \tilde{\omega} + 3$.

$$(2) ID_1(O1) \vdash P_n \Rightarrow |m|_\alpha < |D\dot{E}_{\Omega+1}|$$

Proof.

Let q be a proof of P_n in $ID_1(O1)$. By (1) q can be transformed into a proof $t \in ID_1^\infty$ of P_n with $m := d(t) < \omega$ and $t \triangleleft \tilde{\Omega} + \tilde{\omega} + k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$.

Let $\alpha := \tilde{\Omega} + \tilde{\omega} + \tilde{\omega}$.

By (46) follows $t \triangleleft \alpha$. Using lemmas 4, 5 we now obtain a normal proof $\hat{t} := t \frac{k \dots k}{m} \in ID_0^\infty$ of P_n with $\hat{t} \triangleleft D2^{\tilde{\omega} \cdot 2^\alpha}_m$. From $\hat{t} \triangleleft D2^{\tilde{\omega} \cdot 2^\alpha}$ it follows that $|\hat{t}| \leq |D2^{\tilde{\omega} \cdot 2^\alpha}|$. Since $D\dot{E}_{\Omega+1} = (D2^{\tilde{\omega} \cdot 2^\alpha}_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$, we have $|D2^{\tilde{\omega} \cdot 2^\alpha}| < |D\dot{E}_{\Omega+1}|$. Since $\hat{t} \in ID_0^\infty$ is a normal proof of P_n , we have $n \in |P(\hat{t})|$, i.e. $|m|_\alpha \leq |\hat{t}|$ (cf. lemma 1). Hence $|m|_\alpha < |D\dot{E}_{\Omega+1}|$.

Treatment of $JD_1(\alpha)$ for arbitrary positive α

Notations

Γ, Δ, \dots denote finite sets of formulas.

Δ_t denotes the set of all free assumptions of the deduction t .

Expressions $\Gamma \supset C$ are called sequents.

t is called a deduction of $\Gamma \supset C$ iff $\Delta_t \subseteq \Gamma$ and C is the endformula of t .

A formula of $\mathcal{L}[P]$ is called positive (negative) if it is an element of the set Pos (Neg):

Inductive definition of Pos and Neg:

1. All atomic formulas of $\mathcal{L}[P]$ are in Pos.

All atomic formulas of \mathcal{L} are in Neg.

2. $A \in \text{Pos (Neg)} \Rightarrow \forall x A \in \text{Pos (Neg)}$

3. $A \in \text{Neg (Pos)} \text{ and } B \in \text{Pos (Neg)} \Rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \in \text{Pos (Neg)}$.

From now on $\alpha(P, x)$ (or α) denotes an arbitrary (fixed) positive formula containing at most x free.

Under this general assumption the definition of the collapsing function', as given on pg. 8, does not work in any case:

Consider $\alpha(P, x) \equiv \forall y (A(P, x, y) \rightarrow B(P, x, y)) \rightarrow C(P, x)$, and assume that

$$t = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left[\forall y (A(P, n, y) \rightarrow B(P, n, y)) \right] \\ \frac{C(P, n)}{\alpha(P, n)} \quad \frac{\forall x (\alpha(P, x) \rightarrow P_x)}{\alpha(P, n) \rightarrow P_n} \\ \hline P_n \end{array} \right.$$

is a normal proof of P_n in JD_1^∞ . Then to define t' by induction on the formation rules for t one also has

to define t'_0 , where t_0 is a deduction with the free assumption $\forall y(A(P, u, y) \rightarrow B(P, u, y))$.

Speaking more generally we have to define t' for all normal deductions $t \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ with positive endformula and $\Delta_t \subseteq \text{Neg}_0$. Consider now a deduction

$$t = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ t_0 \\ \vdots \\ P_{n_0} \end{array} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ t_x \\ \vdots \\ \dots C \dots (x \in \mathcal{P}_{n_0}) \\ P_{n_0} \rightarrow C \end{array}}{C} \end{array} \right. \quad (*)$$

where $\Delta_{t_0} \neq \emptyset$.

Applying our collapsing function $'$ to t_0 we obtain a normal deduction $t'_0 \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty$ of P_{n_0} . But since t'_0 may contain free assumptions, it is not necessarily an element of \mathcal{P}_{n_0} , and therefore we cannot define $t' := t'_{t'_0}$, as we did in the special case on pg. 8.

To overcome this difficulty we modify the Ω_1 -rule by ~~extending~~ enlarging the index set \mathcal{P}_{n_0} such that for every normal deduction $t_0 \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ of P_{n_0} with $\Delta_{t_0} \subseteq \text{Neg}$ the collapsed deduction t'_0 is an element of \mathcal{P}_{n_0} and thus there exists a subdeduction $t'_{t'_0}$ of $(t_x)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_{n_0}^{t'_0}}$ which can be used to define t' in the above example (*).

Definition of \mathcal{P}_n

$\mathcal{P}_n := \{ X \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty : X \text{ is a normal deduction of } P_n, \text{ and } \Delta_X \subseteq \text{Neg} \}$.

Ω_1 -rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\Delta_X] \\ \vdots \\ t_X \\ \vdots \\ \dots C \dots (X \in \mathcal{P}_n) \end{array}}{\mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow C}$$

where a free assumption A of t_X is discharged by the application of (Ω_1) if, and only if, A is an element of Δ_X .

Using sequents the Ω_1 -rule can be formulated as follows:

(Ω_1) If for every $X \in \mathcal{P}_n$ t_X is a deduction of $\Delta_X \cup \Gamma \supset C$, then $(t_X)_{X \in \mathcal{P}_n}$ is a deduction of $\Gamma \supset (\mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow C)$.

On the basis of this refined version of the Ω_1 -rule we can now define the collapsing function ' for all normal deductions $t \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ of sequents $\Gamma \supset C$ where $C \in \text{Pos}$ and $\Gamma \in \text{Neg}$:

1. $(\tau s_1 \dots s_k)' := \tau s_1' \dots s_k'$, if τ is a prime term
2. $(\lambda v t)' := \lambda v t'$
3. $(\dots t_i \dots)' := (\dots t_i' \dots)$
4. $((t_X)_{X \in \mathcal{P}_n} \tau_0)' := t_{\tau_0}'$

Lemma 6

If $t \in \mathcal{D}_1^\infty$ is a normal deduction of $\Gamma \supset C$ with $C \in \text{Pos}$ and $\Gamma \in \text{Neg}$, then t' is a normal deduction of $\Gamma \supset C$ in \mathcal{D}_0^∞ , and moreover we have

$\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_2 (t \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow t' \triangleleft \mathcal{D}\alpha)$ as in the special case.

The refined version of the Ω_1 -rule is still strong enough for deriving the induction axioms ($\mathcal{D}.2$):

For each deduction $X \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty$ let Π_X denote the result of substituting F for all occurrences of P in X which (in some suitable sense) are linked to the endformula of X .

Now the following proposition holds:

If $X \in \mathcal{D}_0^\infty$ is a normal deduction of $\Delta_X \supset P_n$, where $\Delta_X \in \text{Neg}$, then

Π_X is a normal deduction of $\Delta_X \cup \{ \forall x (\alpha(F, x) \rightarrow F(x)) \} \supset F(n)$.

Hence $t_n := (\Pi_X)_{X \in \mathcal{D}_n}$ is a deduction of $\{ \forall x (\alpha(F, x) \rightarrow F(x)) \} \supset (P_n \rightarrow F(n))$,

and therefore $\lambda v^A (t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a proof of $\underbrace{\forall x (\alpha(F, x) \rightarrow F(x))}_{\equiv: A} \rightarrow \forall x (P_x \rightarrow F(x))$.

All definitions and proofs concerning the relation \triangleleft between (deduction) terms and trees are not affected by the above modification of (Ω_1) .

II. Ordinal analysis of Gödel's T

Definition of a fast-growing hierarchy $(F_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}}$

1. $F_0(n) := n+1$
2. $F_{\alpha+1}(n) := F_{\alpha}(n)+1$
3. $F_{(\alpha)_k}(n) := F_{\alpha_k}(n)$, where $k := F_{\alpha_0}(n)$

We give a direct proof of the following theorem.

Theorem 2

If $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is definable in Gödel's system T of prim. rec. functionals of finite types, then there are $m, l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (f(n) \leq F_{\alpha}(n)) \text{ , where } \alpha := 2 \cdot \overset{\omega+l}{i} \cdot m$$

Infinite terms (TAIT [9])

Types

0 is a type, and if σ, τ are types then also $(\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$ is a type.

Formation rules for infinite terms

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|-------|---|---------------|
| (Tm1) | $v_0^{\sigma}, v_1^{\sigma}, \dots$ are terms of type σ (variables) | } prime terms |
| | 0 is a term of type 0 (zero) | |
| | S is a term of type $(0 \rightarrow 0)$ (successor) | |
| (Tm2) | If t is a term of type τ , then $\lambda v^{\sigma} t$ is a term of type $(\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$. | |
| (Tm3) | If r, s are terms of types $(\sigma \rightarrow \tau), \sigma$, then (rs) is a term of type τ . | |
| (Tm4) | If for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$ t_i is a term of type τ , then $(t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a term of type $(0 \rightarrow \tau)$. | |

We use r, s, t as syntactic variables for terms generated by (Tm1)-(Tm4).
As usual $t[v^{\sigma}/s]$ denotes the result of substituting s for all free occurrences of v^{σ} in t (changing bound variables if necessary).

Abbreviations

$$\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_k \tau := (\sigma_1 \rightarrow (\sigma_2 \rightarrow \dots (\sigma_k \rightarrow \tau) \dots))$$

$$\tau s_1 \dots s_k := (\dots ((\tau s_1) s_2) \dots s_k)$$

$$(\dots t_i \dots) := (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$$

Definition of $rk(\tau)$

$$rk(\sigma) := 0, \quad rk(\sigma \rightarrow \tau) := \max\{rk(\sigma), rk(\tau)\} + 1.$$

Definition of $rk(t)$

$$rk(t) := rk(\tau), \text{ where } \tau \text{ is the type of } t.$$

Definition of the degree $d(t)$

A term of shape $(\lambda v t) s$ or $(\dots t_i \dots) \tau_0 s$ is called a redex.

$$d(t) := \sup\{rk(\tau) + 1 : \tau s \text{ is a redex occurring in } t\}$$

If $d(t) = 0$, i.e. if t contains no redex, then t is called normal.

Reduction steps

$$(R1) \quad (\lambda v t) s \quad \triangleright \quad t[v^{\sigma}/s]$$

$$(R2) \quad (\dots t_i \dots) \tau_0 s \quad \triangleright \quad (\dots (t_i s) \dots) \tau_0$$

From these reduction steps we now define an operation $*$ on terms which lowers the degree of a term r (at least) by 1 and does not change the meaning of r . To obtain r^* we first have to introduce a more general operation $(\tau, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$ which will be

defined for arbitrary finite sequences (r, s_1, \dots, s_k) such that $k \geq 0$ and $r s_1 \dots s_k$ is a term. Then we set $r^* := (r)^*$.

Definition of $(r, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$

$$(r, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* := \begin{cases} r s_1 \dots s_k & , \text{ if } r \text{ is a prime term} \\ \lambda v t^* & , \text{ if } r = \lambda v t \text{ and } k = 0 \\ t^* [\lambda v s_1] s_2 \dots s_k & , \text{ if } r = \lambda v t \text{ and } k > 0 \\ (\dots t_i^* \dots) & , \text{ if } r = (\dots t_i \dots) \text{ and } k = 0 \\ (\dots (t_i, s_2, \dots, s_k)^* \dots) s_1 & , \text{ if } r = (\dots t_i \dots) \text{ and } k > 0 \\ (r_1, r_0, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* & , \text{ if } r = (r_1 r_0) \end{cases}$$

Proposition

If $r s_1 \dots s_k$ ($k \geq 0$) is a term such $d(r s_1 \dots s_k) \leq m+1$ and $d(s_1), \dots, d(s_k) \leq m$, then $d((r, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*) \leq m$.

Corollary

If $d(r) = m < \omega$, then $r^{\overbrace{* \dots *}}^m$ is normal.

Majorization of terms by abstract trees

Inductive definition of $t \triangleleft \alpha$ (α majorizes t) for $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_1$

- (A1) $t \triangleleft \alpha$, if t is a prime term.
- (A2) $t \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow \lambda v t \triangleleft \alpha+1$
- (A3) $t_0 \triangleleft \alpha \wedge \dots \wedge t_n \triangleleft \alpha \Rightarrow t_0 \dots t_n \triangleleft \alpha+1$
- (A4) $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{N} (i \leq j \rightarrow t_i \triangleleft \alpha_j) \wedge r_0 \triangleleft \alpha_0 \Rightarrow (\dots t_i \dots) r_0 \triangleleft (\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
- (A5) $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} (t \triangleleft \alpha_i) \Rightarrow t \triangleleft (\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$

Remark

This definition differs ^{from} that of $t \triangleleft \alpha$ (on pg. 11) in those cases which concern terms $(t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and trees $(\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$.

where \triangleleft was defined more liberal than \triangleleft . The terms $(t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and trees $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ here are treated in the same way as the terms $(t_x)_{x \in \mathcal{P}_n}$ and trees $(a_x)_{x \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ were treated in part I. This correspondence also holds in the definition of $(t, s_1, \dots, s_k)^*$.

Lemma 1

a) $t \triangleleft a+1 \wedge b \neq 0 \Rightarrow t \triangleleft a+b.$

b) $t \triangleleft a \Rightarrow t \triangleleft a+b.$

c) $t \triangleleft b \Rightarrow t \triangleleft a+b.$

Lemma 2

$t \triangleleft b$ and $s \triangleleft a \Rightarrow t[\psi_s] \triangleleft a+b$

Lemma 3

If t, s_1, \dots, s_k ($k \geq 0$) is a term with $t \triangleleft b$ and $s_i \triangleleft a$ (for $i=1, \dots, k$), then $(t, s_1, \dots, s_k)^* \triangleleft a+2^k b.$

These lemmata are proved in the same way as the corresponding lemmata in part I.

Lemma 4

Let t be a normal term of type 0 with at most one free variable v^0 . Then we have

$\forall a \in \mathcal{O}_1 (t \triangleleft a \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (V_n t \leq F_a(n)))$,
 where $V_n t$ denotes the value of $t[\psi_n^0]$.

Proof by induction on a :

(1) If t is a prime term, then $t = 0$ or $t = v^0$. In both cases we have $V_n t \leq n \leq F_a(n).$

(3) $t = St_0$ and $a = a_0 + 1$ with $t_0 \triangleleft a_0$. Then by I.H. we have

$V_n t_0 \leq F_{\alpha_0}(n)$. Hence $V_n t = V_n t_0 + 1 \leq F_{\alpha_0}(n) + 1 = F_{\alpha}(n)$.

($\Delta 4$) $t = (\dots t_i \dots) r_0$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $\forall i, j (i \leq j \rightarrow t_i \leq \alpha_j) \wedge r_0 \leq \alpha_0$.

Then $V_n t = V_n t_i$, where $i = V_n r_0$, and $F_{\alpha}(n) = F_{\alpha_j}(n)$, where $j = F_{\alpha_0}(n)$.

From $r_0 \leq \alpha_0$ by I.H. follows $i = V_n r_0 \leq F_{\alpha_0}(n) = j$ and therefore $t_i \leq \alpha_j$. Again by I.H. we now obtain $V_n t_i \leq F_{\alpha_j}(n)$.

($\Delta 5$) $\alpha = (\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} (t \leq \alpha_i)$. Then we have $F_{\alpha}(n) = F_{\alpha_i}(n)$ with $i = F_{\alpha_0}(n)$, and by I.H. $V_n t \leq F_{\alpha_i}(n)$. Hence $V_n t \leq F_{\alpha}(n)$.

Proof of theorem 2:

Gödel's system T can be described as the set all terms which are generated by the rules (Tm1), (Tm2), (Tm3), (Tm4)⁻

(Tm4)⁻ If for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$ t_i is a term of type τ such that $t_0 = v^\tau$ and $t_{i+1} = v^{0\tau\tau} \bar{i} t_i$, then $(t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu$ is a term of type τ .¹⁾ (Here μ denotes any variable of type 0; and \bar{i} denotes the term $\underbrace{(S(\dots(S(0)\dots))}_{i \text{ times})}$, i.e. $\bar{0} = 0$, $\bar{i+1} = (S \bar{i})$.)

Proposition: $t \in T \Rightarrow d(t) < \omega$ and $t \leq \omega + l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof by induction on the rules (Tm1)-(Tm4)⁻:

We only consider the rule (Tm4)⁻. In all other cases the assertion follows immediately from the I.H.

Let $t = (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu$, where $t_0 = v^\tau$, $t_{i+1} = v^{0\tau\tau} \bar{i} t_i$.

By induction on i we obtain $\bar{i} \leq i$ and $t_i \leq i$.

Hence $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} (t_i \leq i+1) \wedge \mu \leq 1$ and therefore

$t = (t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu \leq (i+1)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = \omega$ by ($\Delta 4$).

¹⁾ The term $\lambda v^\tau \lambda v^{0\tau\tau} \lambda \mu ((t_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu)$ represents the functional R_τ of prim. recursion: $R_\tau g h 0 = g$, $R_\tau g h (n+1) = h n (R_\tau g h n)$.

Now let $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be definable in T . That means, there exists a term $t \in T$ of type 0 with at most one free variable v_0 such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (f(n) = V_n t)$. (As before $V_n t$ denotes the value of $t[v_0/n]$.)

By the above proposition we have $m := d(t) < \omega$ and $t \in \omega + l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{N}$. From this by lemma 3 we obtain a normal term $\hat{t} := t \overset{x_1 \dots x_m}{\sim}$ with $\hat{t} \in 2 \overset{2 \omega + l}{\sim}_m =: \alpha$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (f(n) = V_n \hat{t})$. Now the assertion $\forall n (f(n) \leq F_\alpha(n))$ follows by lemma 4 (applied to \hat{t}).

III. A connection between the slow and fast growing hierarchies

Definition of the slow growing hierarchy $(g_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_2}$

1. $g_0(n) := 0$
2. $g_{\alpha+1}(n) := g_\alpha(n) + 1$
3. $g_{(\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}}(n) := g_{\alpha_n}(n)$
4. $g_{(\alpha_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}}(n) := (g_{\alpha_\xi}(n))_{\xi \in \mathbb{N}}$

We repeat the definitions of $(F_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ and $D: \mathcal{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_1$

$F_0(n) := n+1$	$D0 := \omega$
$F_{\alpha+1}(n) := F_\alpha(n)+1$	$D(\alpha+1) := D\alpha + 1$
$F_{(\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}}(n) := F_{\alpha_k}(n)$ where $k := F_{\alpha_0}(n)$.	$D(\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} := (D\alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
	$D(\alpha_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} := D\alpha_{D\alpha_0}$

Corollary (1) $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_2 \Rightarrow g_\alpha(n) \in \mathcal{O}_1$.
 (2) $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_1 \Rightarrow g_\alpha(n) \in \mathbb{N}$.

Inductive definition of a set E of expressions

- (E1) $x \in E$,
- (E2) $1 \in E$,
- (E3) $u, v \in E \Rightarrow (u+v) \in E$ and $2^u \in E$.

For $u \in E$ and $\xi \in \mathcal{O}_k$ let $u(\xi)$ denote the tree given by u when x is interpreted as ξ .

Theorem 3

$F_{u(\omega)} = g_{D u(\omega)}$ for every $u \in E$.

Lemma 1 For $a, b \in \mathcal{O}_2$ we have

- a) $g_{a+b}(n) = g_a(n) + g_b(n)$.
- b) $g_{2^a}(n) = 2^{g_a(n)}$.

Proof by induction on b :

a) 1. $f_{a+0}^{(n)} = f_a^{(n)} + 0 = f_a^{(n)} + f_0^{(n)}$.

2. $f_{a+(b+1)}^{(n)} = f_{a+b}^{(n)} + 1 \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} f_a^{(n)} + f_b^{(n)} + 1 = f_a^{(n)} + f_{b+1}^{(n)}$.

3. $f_{a+(b_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}}^{(n)} = f_{a+b_i}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} f_a^{(n)} + f_{b_i}^{(n)} = f_a^{(n)} + f_b^{(n)}$.

4. $f_{a+(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}}^{(n)} = f_{a+b_\xi}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} (f_a^{(n)} + f_{b_\xi}^{(n)})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} = f_a^{(n)} + (f_{b_\xi}^{(n)})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$.

b) 1. $g_{2^0}^{(n)} = g_1^{(n)} = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{g_0^{(n)}}$

2. $g_{2^{b+1}}^{(n)} = g_{2^b+2^b}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} g_{2^b}^{(n)} + g_{2^b}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} 2^{g_b^{(n)}} + 2^{g_b^{(n)}} = 2^{g_b^{(n)}+1}$

3. $g_{2^{(b_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}}}^{(n)} = g_{2^{b_i}}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} 2^{g_{b_i}^{(n)}} = 2^{g_b^{(n)}}$.

4. $g_{2^{(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}}}^{(n)} = (g_{2^{b_\xi}}^{(n)})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} (2^{g_{b_\xi}^{(n)}})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} = 2^{(g_{b_\xi}^{(n)})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}} = 2^{g_{(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}}^{(n)}}$

Inductive definition of a subset $E(\Omega)$ of \mathcal{O}_2

1. $a \in \mathcal{O}_1 \cup \{\Omega\} \Rightarrow a \in E(\Omega)$

2. $a, b \in E(\Omega) \Rightarrow a+b \in E(\Omega)$

3. $(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2} \in E(\Omega) \Rightarrow (2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2} \in E(\Omega)$

Lemma 2

a) $c+1 \in E(\Omega) \Rightarrow c \in E(\Omega)$

b) $b \in E(\Omega) \Rightarrow 2^b \in E(\Omega)$

c) $(c_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2} \in E(\Omega) (l=0,1) \Rightarrow \forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_2 (c_\xi \in E(\Omega))$

Proof by induction over $E(\Omega)$ (for a) and c).

a) 1. $c+1 \in \mathcal{O}_1 \Rightarrow c \in \mathcal{O}_1$.

2. $c+1 = a+b$ with $a, b \in E(\Omega)$. Then one of the following two cases holds:

2.1. $c+1 = a$: Then $c \in E(\Omega)$ by I.H.

2.2. $c = a+b_0$ with $b = b_0+1$: From $b_0+1 \in E(\Omega)$ by I.H. follows $b_0 \in E(\Omega)$.

From $a, b_0 \in E(\Omega)$ we obtain $c = a+b_0 \in E(\Omega)$.

b) proof by induction on b :

1. $b=0$: Then $2^b = 1 \in \mathcal{O}_1 \subset E(\Omega)$.

2. $b = b_0+1$: Then $2^b = 2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0}$ and $b_0 \in E(\Omega)$ by a).

Applying I.H. we obtain $2^{b_0} \in E(\Omega)$ and then $2^{b_0} + 2^{b_0} \in E(\Omega)$.

3. $b = (b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2}$: Then $2^b = (2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2} \in E(\Omega)$ by definition of $E(\Omega)$.

2) Let $c := (c_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2}$.

1.1. $c \in \mathcal{O}_1$: Then $c_\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 \subset E(\Omega)$.

1.2. $c = \dot{\Omega}$: Then $c_\xi = 1 + \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 \subset E(\Omega)$.

2. $c = a + b$ with $a, b \in E(\Omega)$. Then we have $b = (b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2}$ with $c_\xi = a + b_\xi$. From $b \in E(\Omega)$ by I.H. we obtain $b_\xi \in E(\Omega)$.

From $a, b_\xi \in E(\Omega)$ follows $a + b_\xi \in E(\Omega)$.

3. $c = (2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2}$ with $(b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_2} \in E(\Omega)$. Then we have $c_\xi = 2^{b_\xi}$ and by I.H. $b_\xi \in E(\Omega)$. Using b) we obtain $c_\xi \in E(\Omega)$.

Lemma 3

$$(c_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1} \in E(\Omega) \Rightarrow \forall \xi \in \mathcal{O}_1 (g_{c_\xi}(n) = g_{c_{g_\xi(n)}}(n))$$

Proof by induction over $E(\Omega)$: Let $c := (c_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$.

1. $c = \dot{\Omega} = (1 + \xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$: $g_{c_\xi}(n) = g_{1+\xi}(n) \stackrel{1a)}{=} 1 + g_\xi(n) = g_{1+g_\xi(n)}(n) = g_{c_{g_\xi(n)}}(n)$.

2. $c = a + b$: Then $b = (b_\xi)_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$ and $c_\xi = a + b_\xi$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } g_{c_\xi}(n) &= g_{a+b_\xi}(n) \stackrel{1a)}{=} g_a(n) + g_{b_\xi}(n) \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} g_a(n) + g_{b_{g_\xi(n)}}(n) \stackrel{1a)}{=} g_{a+b_{g_\xi(n)}}(n) \\ &= g_{c_{g_\xi(n)}}(n). \end{aligned}$$

3. $c = (2^{b_\xi})_{\xi \in \mathcal{O}_1}$: $g_{c_\xi}(n) = g_{2^{b_\xi}}(n) \stackrel{1b)}{=} 2^{g_{b_\xi}(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} 2^{g_{b_k(n)}} \stackrel{1b)}{=} g_{2^{b_k(n)}}(n) = g_{c_k}(n)$, where $k := g_\xi(n)$.

Lemma 4

$$a \in E(\Omega) \Rightarrow \bar{F}_{g_a(n)}(n) = g_{D a}(n).$$

Proof by induction over α :

1. $\alpha = 0$: $\bar{F}_{g_0(n)}(n) = F_0(n) = n+1 = g_{n+1}(n) = g_{i_0}(n) = g_{D 0}(n)$.

2. $\alpha = \alpha_0 + 1$: $\bar{F}_{g_a(n)}(n) = \bar{F}_{g_{a_0(n)+1}}(n) = \bar{F}_{g_{a_0(n)}}(n) + 1 \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} g_{D a_0}(n) + 1 = g_{D a}(n)$.

Note that by lemma 2a) $a \in E(\Omega)$ implies $a_0 \in E(\Omega)$.

3. $\alpha = (a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$: $\bar{F}_{g_a(n)}(n) = \bar{F}_{g_{a_n(n)}}(n) \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} g_{D a_n}(n) = g_{D a}(n)$, since $D a = (D a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Note that by lemma 2c, $a \in E(\Omega)$ implies $\alpha_n \in E(\Omega)$.

4. $a = (\alpha_\xi)_{\xi \in \Omega}$: Then we have

(1) $Da = D\alpha_\xi$, where $\xi := Da_0$

(2) $F_{g_{a(n)}}^{(n)} = F_{(g_{\alpha_i(n)})_{i \in N}}^{(n)} = F_{g_{\alpha_k(n)}}^{(n)}$, where $k := F_{g_{\alpha_0(n)}}^{(n)}$.

By lemma 2c we have $\alpha_0, \alpha_\xi \in E(\Omega)$ and therefore by I.H.

(3) $k = F_{g_{\alpha_0(n)}}^{(n)} = g_{Da_0}^{(n)} = g_\xi^{(n)}$,

(4) $F_{g_{\alpha_\xi(n)}}^{(n)} = g_{Da_\xi}^{(n)}$.

By lemma 3 we have

(5) $g_{\alpha_\xi(n)} = g_{a g_\xi^{(n)}}$.

Hence $F_{g_{a(n)}}^{(n)} \stackrel{(2)}{=} F_{g_{\alpha_k(n)}}^{(n)} \stackrel{(3)}{=} F_{g_{g_\xi^{(n)}}^{(n)}}^{(n)} \stackrel{(5)}{=} F_{g_{\alpha_\xi(n)}}^{(n)} \stackrel{(4)}{=} g_{Da_\xi}^{(n)} \stackrel{(1)}{=} g_{Da}^{(n)}$.

lemma 5

$\mu \in E \Rightarrow g_{\mu(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} = \mu(\hat{\omega})$.

Proof by induction over E :

(E1) $g_{\hat{\Omega}}^{(n)} = (g_{1+\xi}^{(n)})_{\xi \in N} = (1+\xi)_{\xi \in N} = \hat{\omega}$.

(E2) $g_1^{(n)} = 1$.

(E3) $g_{\mu+\xi(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} = g_{\mu(\hat{\Omega})+\xi(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} \stackrel{1a)}{=} g_{\mu(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} + g_{\xi(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} \mu(\hat{\omega}) + \xi(\hat{\omega}) = (\mu+\xi)(\hat{\omega})$.

$g_{2\xi(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} = g_{2\xi(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} \stackrel{1b)}{=} 2g_{\xi(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)} \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} 2\xi(\hat{\omega}) = 2\xi(\hat{\omega})$.

Proof of theorem 3:

By lemma 5 we have $F_{\mu(\hat{\omega})}^{(n)} = F_{g_{\mu(\hat{\Omega})}}^{(n)}$.

By lemma 4 we have $F_{g_{\mu(\hat{\Omega})}}^{(n)}(n) = g_{D\mu(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)}$, since $\mu(\hat{\Omega}) \in E(\Omega)$, (cf. lemma 2b.)

Hence $F_{\mu(\hat{\omega})}^{(n)} = g_{D\mu(\hat{\Omega})}^{(n)}$.

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