

# The Arithmetical Hierarchy

## Extra Material

## $\forall, \exists$ rules

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1.1. PROPOSITION.

$$\neg \forall \Leftrightarrow \exists \neg$$

$$\neg \exists \Leftrightarrow \forall \neg$$

$$(\forall x.P) \vee (\forall y.Q) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \forall y. [P(x) \vee Q(y)]$$

$$(\exists x.P) \vee (\exists y.Q) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \exists y. [P(x) \vee Q(y)]$$

Beware

$$[\forall x.P(x)] \Rightarrow [\forall x.Q(x)] \Leftrightarrow \neg \forall y.P(y) \vee \forall y.Q(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x.\neg P(x) \vee \forall y.Q(y)$$

## $\forall, \exists$ rules in arithmetic

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1.2. PROPOSITION.

$$1. \forall\forall \Leftrightarrow \forall$$

$$2. \exists\exists \Leftrightarrow \exists$$

$$3. \forall x < n \exists y \Leftrightarrow \exists y \forall x < n$$

$$4. \exists x < n \forall y \Leftrightarrow \forall y \exists x < n$$

PROOF.

$$1. \forall x \forall y. R(e, x, y) \Leftrightarrow \forall z. R(e, (z)_0, (z)_1)$$

$$2. \exists x \exists y. R(e, x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists z. R(e, (z)_0, (z)_1)$$

$$3. \forall x < n \exists y. R(e, x, y) \Leftrightarrow \exists y_0, \dots, \exists y_{n-1} \forall x < n. R(e, x, y_x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists y \forall x < n. R(e, x, (y)_x)$$

$$4. \exists x < n \forall y \Leftrightarrow \neg \neg \exists x < n \forall y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg \forall x < n \exists y \neg$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg \exists y \forall x < n \neg$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall y \exists x < n \neg \neg$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall y \exists x < n \blacksquare$$

## Reducibility in the Arithmetic Hierarchy

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1.3. PROPOSITION. Let  $R(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  computable

Define

$$Q(y_1, \dots, y_m) \stackrel{\Delta}{\iff} R(f_1(\vec{y}), \dots, f_n(\vec{y})).$$

Then

$$R \in \Pi_k^0 \Rightarrow Q \in \Pi_k^0$$

$$R \in \Sigma_k^0 \Rightarrow Q \in \Sigma_k^0$$

PROOF. Let  $R(\vec{x}) \iff \forall z_1 \exists z_2 \dots . P(\vec{x}, \vec{z})$ . Then

$$Q(\vec{y}) \iff R(f_1(\vec{y}), \dots, f_n(\vec{y})) \iff \forall z_1 \exists z_2 \dots . P(f_1(\vec{y}), \dots, f_n(\vec{y}), \vec{z})$$

which is in the same class as  $R$ . ■

1.4. LEMMA.  $A \leq_m B \in \Pi_k^0 \Rightarrow A \in \Pi_k^0$

Similarly for the  $\Sigma$ -classes.

## Disjoint union

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1.5. LEMMA. Define  $A \cup^* B = \{ \langle a, 0 \rangle \mid a \in A \} \cup \{ \langle b, 1 \rangle \mid b \in B \}$ .

Note that  $A \leq_m A \cup^* B$  and  $B \leq_m A \cup^* B$ .

From this one shows  $(K \cup^* \overline{K}) \in \Delta_2^0$  but not in  $\Pi_1^0$  or in  $\Sigma_1^0$ .

Similarly,  $(K_n \cup^* \overline{K}_n) \in \Delta_{n+1}^0$  but not lower.