

1 Remarks on Parikh's Theorem

We needed that T was a bounded theory. Also take $T \supset I\Delta_0$ (or at least $I(Open)$, induction on quantifier-free formulas) as an extra assumption.

We need the following assumptions.

$$\begin{aligned} T \vdash t_1 &\leq t_1 + \cdots + t_k \\ T \vdash x \leq c^i \wedge y \leq c_j &\rightarrow x \cdot y \leq c^{i+j} \\ T \vdash x \leq c^i \wedge y \leq c_j &\rightarrow x + y \leq c^{i+j} \\ T \vdash x \leq c^i &\rightarrow Sx \leq c^{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

2 Finishing the Proof of Parikh's Theorem

Claim 2.1. (*Claim 3.*) Let $T \supset Q + I(Open)$. Suppose $\mathcal{M} \models T$ and \mathcal{M}' is an initial segment and a substructure of \mathcal{M} . Let $\psi = \psi(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ be a Δ_0 formula, and let $m_1, \dots, m_k \in \mathcal{M}'$. Then $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(m_1, \dots, m_k) \iff \mathcal{M}' \models \psi(m_1, \dots, m_k)$.

Proof. Instead of contradiction, we'll do a proof by blahblahblah-tion, for some blahblahblah \neq contradic. We'll use induction on the complexity of ψ .

The base case is that ψ is atomic; that is, ψ is $s = t$ or $s \leq t$ for some terms s, t on k variables. But the meanings of $+, \cdot, S, 0$ are the same in \mathcal{M}' as in \mathcal{M} by virtue of being a substructure, so the claim holds.

Now let $\psi = \neg\chi$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} \models \psi &\iff \mathcal{M} \not\models \chi \\ &\iff \mathcal{M}' \not\models \chi \\ &\iff \mathcal{M}' \models \psi \end{aligned}$$

by the induction hypothesis. The other induction steps for the logical connectors are clear.

Now suppose ψ is $(\exists y \leq s)\chi = \exists y(y \leq s \wedge \chi)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} \models (\exists y \leq s(m_1, \dots, m_k))\chi(y, m_1, \dots, m_k) &\iff \exists m_0 \in |\mathcal{M}| (\mathcal{M} \models m_0 \leq s(m_1, \dots, m_k) \\ &\quad \text{and } \mathcal{M} \models \chi(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_k)) \\ &\iff \exists m_0 \in |\mathcal{M}'| (\mathcal{M} \models m_0 \leq s(m_1, \dots, m_k) \\ &\quad \text{and } \mathcal{M} \models \chi(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_k)) \\ &\iff \exists m_0 \in |\mathcal{M}'| (\mathcal{M}' \models m_0 \leq s(m_1, \dots, m_k) \\ &\quad \text{and } \mathcal{M}' \models \chi(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_k)) \\ &\iff \mathcal{M}' \models (\exists y \leq s(m_1, \dots, m_k))\chi(y, m_1, \dots, m_k). \end{aligned}$$

The universal quantifier is now also clear, because it's the negation of an existential quantifier. This completes the proof. \square

Let R be Δ_0 -defined by $T \supset I\Delta_0$. Then $T(R)$ is conservative over T , so that every $\Delta_0(R)$ formula is $T(R)$ -provably equivalent to a Δ_0 -formula.

Theorem 2.2. (*Theorem 1.*) For T bounded (e.g. $I\Delta_0$), having R be Δ_1 -defined suffices.

Corollary 2.3. *In the above setting, $T \vdash$ induction for $\Delta(R)$ -formulas.*

Proof. T proves Δ_0 -induction. □

So we can bootstrap by introducing an R which we can then use freely in the induction axioms (e.g. ‘ s is prime’).

Definition 2.4. Let $f : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a function. We say f is Σ_1 defined by $I\Delta_0$ if and only if it has a defining equation

$$\forall y \forall \vec{x} (f(\vec{x}) = y \longleftrightarrow \varphi(\vec{x}, y))$$

such that this is true in \mathbb{N} and

$$I\Delta_0 \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists! y \varphi(\vec{x}, y)$$

for some $\varphi \in \Delta_0$ (sometimes we take $\varphi \in \Sigma_1$).

Remark 2.5. For $\varphi \in \Delta_0$, we get uniqueness ‘almost’ automatically. For suppose $I\Delta_0 \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists y \varphi(\vec{x}, y)$. Let $\psi(\vec{x}, y)$ be $\varphi(\vec{x}, y) \wedge \forall y' < y \neg \varphi(\vec{x}, y')$. Then

$$I\Delta_0 \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists! y \psi(\vec{x}, y),$$

because $I\Delta_0 \vdash \Delta_0$ -minimization.

Example 2.6. Define $f(x, y) = x \dot{-} y$ (restricted subtraction). Then

$$\varphi(x, y, z) := (x \geq y \wedge y + z = x) \vee (x < y \wedge z = 0).$$

The claim is now that $I\Delta_0 \vdash \forall x \forall y \exists! z \varphi(x, y, z)$.

We argue in $I\Delta_0$. If $x \geq y$ then $y + z = x, y + z' = x$ implies that $z = z'$ by cancellation. Uniqueness in the other case is obvious. The existence of z is clear (by induction). So we win and f is defined by $I\Delta_0$.

Remark 2.7. Next time we’ll show that Σ_1 -defined functions can be added to $I\Delta_0$ and used freely in the induction axioms.