

On extensions of Presburger arithmetic,

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Abstract :

Semenov proved the decidability of $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, f \rangle$, where f is effectively compatible with addition. He showed that this theory admits quantifier elimination in a language containing the Presburger predicates and a logarithmic function. In particular, $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$ is decidable. We give a detailed proof of this result.

We examine the relationships between $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, P_2 \rangle$,

$\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$ and $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$, where $P_2(x)$ iff x is a power of 2 and $V_2(x) = y$ iff y is the largest power of 2 dividing x .

§ 1. Introduction

We are going to present extensions of Presburger's result of the decidability of the theory of \mathbb{Z} -groups. Let us recall his result to fix notations. He proved that the theory of totally ordered abelian groups with a least strictly positive element admits quantifier elimination (q.e.) in $\{+, -, \leq, 0, 1, D_n; n \in \omega\}$, the predicate D_n is defined by $D_n(x)$ iff $\exists y. n \cdot y = x$.

As a corollary, we have that $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$ is decidable.

The main result we want to present is the decidability of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$. We give an axiomatization T for $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$ and we prove that T admits q.e. in an extended language containing the congruence predicates and a logarithmic function. Those results are for the most part due to Semenov.

He introduced the concept of a function f on \mathbb{N} effectively compatible with addition and he proved the decidability of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, f \rangle$, using a quantifier elimination result. (See theorem 2, p. 617 [S]₂).

Definitions : (See [S]₂, p. 616).

(1) An f-sum is a sum of the form $\sum_i a_i f(x + b_i)$, with $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(2) f is effectively compatible with addition if for every m the values of f are periodic modulo m and if every f -sum A is either bounded or there exists Δ s.t. $A(x+\Delta) > f(x)$ or $\exists \Delta (-A(x+\Delta) > f(x))$.

If f is effectively compatible with addition, then either $f(x)-x$ is bounded or $\forall c \exists \Delta \forall x f(x+\Delta) > c f(x) + cx$.

A first result which extends Preburger's result is the result of Büchi that $Th_{\omega} \langle \mathbb{N}, S \rangle$, the weak monadic second-order theory of \mathbb{N} with the successor function S is decidable. (See [B]).

Büchi proved his result by showing that

- (i) the 2-recognizable sets are definable in $Th_{\omega} \langle \mathbb{N}, S \rangle$,
- (ii) the theories $Th_{\omega} \langle \mathbb{N}, S \rangle$ and $Th \langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$ are bi-interpretable, where $V_2(x)$ is the greatest power of 2 dividing x .
- (iii) the definable subsets of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$ are 2-recognizable.

Then he concluded by using Kleene's result that the empty problem for finite automata is decidable.

Comments

A subset of \mathbb{N} is 2-recognizable iff it is accepted by a finite automaton with alphabet $\{0,1\}$.

To bi-interpret $Th_{\omega} \langle \mathbb{N}, S \rangle$ and $Th \langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$, one interprets the finite set n by the number $[n] = \sum_{i \in n} \chi(i) 2^i$, where χ is the characteristic function of n , the addition by the relation $A(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ iff $[n_1] + [n_2] = [n_3]$ (see [R], p. 617 3.4) and $V_2(n)$ by the least power of 2 belonging to n .

A power of 2 is interpreted by a singleton.

Conversely, we can define the relation \in as follows : $R(x,y)$ iff x is a power of 2 and x belongs to the binary expansion of $y \equiv (V_2(x) = x \ \& \ \exists z \ \exists t ((y = z + x + t) \ \& \ (z < x) \ \& \ (t = 0 \vee V_2(t) \geq x)))$.] .

From the fact that $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$ is decidable follows that $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, P_2 \rangle$, where $P_2(n)$ iff n is a power of 2, and $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \lambda_2 \rangle$, where $\lambda_2(n)$ is the greatest power of 2 less than or equal to n , are decidable.

Van den Dries gave a model theoretic proof of this latter result. More precisely, he gave a universal axiomatization T for $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, P_2 \rangle$ in the language $\{+, \cdot, \leq, 0, 1, \lambda_2, P_2, ./n, n \in \omega\}$ where $./n(x) = y$ iff $\bigvee_{0 \leq k < n} x = ny + k$. He proved that T is model-complete with prime model $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, P_2 \rangle$. T can be axiomatized as follows :

- (1) Axioms for $\{\mathbb{N}, +, 0, 1, \leq, \cdot\}$, together with : for each natural number $n > 0$, $\forall x \forall y (x/n = y \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{0 \leq k < n} ny + k = x)$.
- (2) $P(1)$ & $\forall x (P_2(x) \rightarrow x > 0)$
- (3) $\forall x (P_2(x) \leftrightarrow P_2(2x))$
- (4) $\forall x \forall y (P_2(x) \& x < y < 2x \rightarrow \neg P_2(y))$
- (5) $\forall x (x > 0 \rightarrow (\lambda x \leq x < 2\lambda x \& P_2(\lambda x)))$ & $\lambda(0) = 0$
- (6) For each natural number n and n -tuple of odd prime powers q_1, \dots, q_n :

$$\forall y (P_2(y) \rightarrow \bigvee_{r=1}^k \bigwedge_{i=1}^n q_i (y - (k_{i,r} \cdot q_i^{-1}) / q_i) = y - (k_{i,r} \cdot q_i^{-1})$$
 where $(k_{i,r})_{1 \leq r \leq n}$ is the n -tuple of natural numbers between 0 and q_i to which is congruent a power of 2, and k is the ppcm of the orders of the subgroups of powers of 2 in $(\mathbb{Z}/q_i \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}, \cdot)$

The proof that $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$ is decidable is not model-theoretic. Can we give a "reasonable" language in which this theory admits q.e. ?

The theory of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$ has more expressive power than $\text{Th}\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \lambda_2 \rangle$. Semenov exhibited a family of 2-recognizable subsets of \mathbb{N} which are not definable in $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, P_2 \rangle$ (see [S]₁ Corollary 4, p. 418).

On the other hand, Cherlin noted that the theory of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2, 2^x \rangle$ is undecidable. So the graph of 2^x is not definable in $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, V_2 \rangle$. Conversely $V_2(x)$ is not definable in $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$.

To prove the undecidability of $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, v_2, 2^x \rangle$, one interprets either the relation \in on \mathbb{N} as follows: let x, y belong to \mathbb{N} , then $x \in y$ iff $R(2^x, y)$ (with R defined as above), or the theory of binary relations on finite subsets of \mathbb{N} .

The binary relation A on a subset of n elements is coded by

$$\sum_{\substack{(x,y) \text{ s.t. } A(x,y) \\ x \leq x, y < 2^n}} 2^{x+2^y}.$$

From the undecidability of $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, v_2, 2^x \rangle$, one can deduce that $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, v_2 \rangle$, where v_2 is the 2-adic valuation, is undecidable. One defines $2^x = y$ by ($v_2(y) = x$ and y is the least z such that $v_2(z) = x$) and one defines $v_2(x) = y$ by $y = 2^{v_2(x)}$.

A last remark about the complexity of those theories is that the theories $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, v_2 \rangle$ and $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$ are non elementary recursive. This is due respectively to Myers and Semenov (There will be a survey article on these questions by Compton and Henson).

§ 2. Decidability of $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$

1. First we present an axiom system T for the theory of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle$ in the language $L = \{+, \cdot, 0, 1, \cdot, 2^x, D_n; n \in \mathbb{N}, \ell(x), \lambda(x)\}$.

Let T be the following set of axioms:

- (1) $\forall x \forall y \forall z ((x+y)+z = x+(y+z))$
 $\forall x (x + 0 = 0 + x = x)$
 $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x + z = y + z \rightarrow x = y)$
 $\forall x \forall y (x + y = y + x)$
 $\forall x \forall y (x \leq y \leftrightarrow \exists u x + u = y)$
 $\forall x \forall y (x \leq y \vee y \leq x)$
 $\forall x (x \geq 0 \ \& \ x \neq 0 \rightarrow x \geq 1) \ \& \ 0 \neq 1$
 $\forall x \exists y (\forall_{0 \leq k < n} x = ny + k)$
 $\forall x (\exists y ny = x \leftrightarrow D_n(x))$
 $\forall x \forall y \forall u (x \dot{-} y = u \leftrightarrow ((x \geq y \ \& \ x = y+u) \vee (x \leq y \ \& \ u = 0)))$

- (2) $\forall x (\lambda x \leq x < 2 \lambda x)$
 (3) $\forall x \forall y (x \leq y \rightarrow \ell x \leq \ell y)$
 (4) $\ell(1) = 0$
 (5) $\forall x (x \geq 1 \rightarrow \ell(2x) = \ell(x) + 1)$
 (6) $\forall x (x \geq 1 \rightarrow 2^{\ell x} = \lambda x)$
 (7) $\forall x (\ell(2^x) = x)$
 (8) $\forall x (2^{x+1} = 2^x + 2^x)$
 (9) $\forall x (x \geq 1 \rightarrow 2^{x-1} \geq x)$
 (10) Let m be an odd natural number and φ the Euler function,
 $\forall x (D_{\varphi(m)}(x) \rightarrow D_m(2^x + (m-1)))$

Remark :

We may replace axiom (8) by $\forall x (\lambda(2x) = 2 \lambda x)$.

Properties of models of T

We are going to list a series of properties we can deduce from the axioms.

1. $\lambda(0) = 0$ since $\lambda x \leq x$ [axiom 2]
 2. $\lambda(1) = 1$ since $\lambda(1) \leq 1$ and $1 \not\leq 2\lambda(1)$ [axiom 2]
 3. $2^0 = 1$ since $2^{\ell(1)} = \lambda(1) = 1$ [axioms 6, 4 and property 2]
 4. $\lambda(2^x) = 2^x$ if $x \geq 1$ and $\lambda(2^0) = \lambda(1) = 1 = 2^0$
 5. $\lambda(2x) = 2 \lambda(x)$ [$\lambda(2x) = 2^{\ell(2x)} = 2^{\ell x + 1} = 2^{\ell x} \cdot 2 = 2 \lambda x$
if $x \geq 1$ and $\lambda(0) = 2\lambda(0) = 0$].
 6. $(2^{\ell x} < y < 2^{\ell x + 1}) \rightarrow y \neq 2^{\ell y}$ [$\ell x \leq \ell y \leq \ell x + 1$. So either $\ell x = \ell y$, so $2^{\ell y} = 2^{\ell x}$ and $2^{\ell y} \neq y$, or $\ell x + 1 = \ell y$, so $2^{\ell y} = 2^{\ell x + 1}$ which implies that $2^{\ell y} > y$ *]
 7. $\lambda(\lambda x) = \lambda x$ [$\lambda x = 2^{\ell x}$ and $\lambda(\lambda x) = \lambda(2^{\ell x}) = 2^{\ell x}$ (property 4)]
 8. $\ell(x) = \ell(\lambda x)$ [$\lambda x = \lambda(\lambda x)$ i.e. $2^{\ell x} = 2^{\ell(\lambda x)}$. So $\ell x = \ell(\lambda x)$]
 9. Let n, m belong to \mathbb{N} and $N \geq \ell n - \ell m + 1$, then $x \geq 2N$ implies that $nx \leq m 2^x$. [$2^N \cdot \lambda m \geq 2 \cdot \lambda n$, and $nx \leq 2 \lambda n x$
so $nx \leq 2 \lambda n x \leq 2^N \lambda m x$
 $\leq \lambda m 2^x \leq m 2^x$ (see (*)).
- (*) By axiom 9, $x \geq 1 \rightarrow 2^{x-1} \geq x$. So $x \geq N+1$ implies that $2^{(x-N)-1} \geq x-N$. So if $2^{(x-N)} \geq x$ i.e. $x \geq 2N$, then $2^x \geq 2^N \cdot x$]

Let us prove now the remark. It suffices to show that axiom 8 follows from the other axioms and property 5. We will use property 4 which has been proved without using axiom 8.

First we prove that $\ell(2^{x+1}) = \ell(2 \cdot 2^x)$
 $[\ell(2^{x+1}) = x + 1 \text{ and } \ell(2 \cdot 2^x) = \ell(2^x) + 1 = x + 1]$
 Then, $2^{\ell(2^{x+1})} = 2^{\ell(2 \cdot 2^x)}$ and $2^{\ell(2^{x+1})} = \lambda(2^{x+1}) = 2^{x+1}$
 $2^{\ell(2 \cdot 2^x)} = \lambda(2 \cdot 2^x)$
 $= 2\lambda(2^x) = 2 \cdot 2^x.$

In the following we are going to prove that $\text{Th}(N)$ admits quantifier elimination in L , where $N = \langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0, 1, \leq, 2^x, D_n; n \in \mathbb{N}, \ell(x), \lambda(x) \rangle$ and N satisfies T .

By inspection of the proof, we see that we only used the axioms of T .

So we get the following results.

Proposition 1 : $\text{Th}(N)$ admits q.e..

Corollary 1 : $\text{Th}(\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 2^x \rangle)$ is decidable.

Proposition 2 : T admits q.e.

Corollary 2 : T is complete and decidable.

Proof : N is the prime model of T . \square

Proof of Proposition 1

We show that any 1-existential L -formula $\exists x \theta(x, \bar{y})$ is equivalent to an open formula.

1^{er} step :

By adding possibly more (quantified) variables, we transform $\exists x \theta(x, \bar{y})$ into an existential formula $\exists x \exists \bar{x} \theta_0(x, \bar{x}, \bar{y})$, where θ_0 is a conjunct of congruence conditions on the L -terms in the \bar{y} -variables and inequations between terms which are of the following forms :

(i) $\sum_i a_i 2^{c x_i} + \sum_j b_j x_j + d$, with $a_i, b_j, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $c \in \mathbb{N}$.

(we will call such terms S -terms).

(ii) $t(\bar{y})$, where $t(\cdot)$ is an L -term and \bar{y} are the non quantified variables.

We replace in θ - any term of the form $2^{t(x, \bar{y})}$, where $t(x, \bar{y})$ is not the variable x by 2^{x_j} with x_j a new (quantifier) variable and by the atomic formula $x_j = t(x, \bar{y})$.

- any term of the form $\ell(t)$ by a new (quantified) variable x_i and by the atomic formula $2^{x_i} \leq t < 2^{x_i+1}$.

- any atomic formula of the form $D_n(t \dot{=} s)$ by $(t \leq s) \vee (t > s \ \& \ \exists z \ t = s + nz)$ where t or s are l -terms where x appears.

- any inequation of the form $s_1(x, \bar{x}) + t_1(\bar{y}) \leq s_2(x, \bar{x}) + t_2(\bar{y})$ by $(s_1 \geq s_2 \ \& \ t_2 \geq t_1 \ \& \ s_1 \dot{-} s_2 \leq t_2 \dot{-} t_1) \vee (s_1 \leq s_2 \ \& \ t_1 \leq t_2) \vee (s_1 \leq s_2 \ \& \ t_1 \geq t_2 \ \& \ t_1 \dot{-} t_2 \leq s_2 \dot{-} s_1)$.

2^e step :

We will eliminate the largest (for the order) quantified variable.

Let $\chi_i(x, \bar{x})$ be $x_{i(0)} \leq \dots \leq x_{i(n)}$ where $x_0 = x$, $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where i is a permutation of $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$. Let S_{n+1} be the set of permutations on $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$.

We have $\theta_0(x, \bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{i \in S_{n+1}} (\chi_i(x, \bar{x}) \wedge \theta_0(x, \bar{x}, \bar{y}))$

and $\exists x \exists \bar{x} \theta_0(x, \bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{i \in S_{n+1}} \exists x_{i(0)} \dots \exists x_{i(n)} (\chi_i(x, \bar{x}) \wedge \theta_0(x, \bar{x}, \bar{y}))$.

From now on we will deal with the l -existential formula

$\exists x_{i(n)} \chi_i(x, \bar{x}) \wedge \theta_0(x, \bar{x}, \bar{y})$ and we show how to eliminate this quantifier.

3^e step :

We denote $x_{i(n)}$ by x_0 . We distinguish between two different ways x_0 can occur in the system.

1) x_0 occurs linearly in every inequation of the conjunct in θ_0 . (In the process we will possibly replace x_i , $i \geq 1$ by dx_i but we can choose the same d for every x_i in each inequation).

We may assume that the system of inequations looks like :

$$\bigwedge_{i,j,k} (f_j(\bar{x}) + g_j(\bar{y}) \leq d_k x_0 \leq f_i(\bar{x}) + g_i(\bar{y})), \text{ where}$$

$f_j(\bar{x}), f_i(\bar{x})$ are S-terms and $g_j(\bar{y})$ and $g_i(\bar{y})$ are L-terms,
 $d_k \in \mathbb{Z}$. (*)

$$(\text{Indeed } f_j(\bar{x}) + d_k x_0 \leq g_j(\bar{y}) \leftrightarrow [(d_k x_0 \leq g_j(\bar{y}) \dot{-} f_j(\bar{x}) \ \& \ f_j(\bar{x}) \leq g_j(\bar{y})) \vee (f_j(\bar{x}) \geq g_j(\bar{y}) \ \& \ f_j(\bar{x}) \dot{-} g_j(\bar{y}) \leq (-d_k) \cdot x_0])$$

Let d be the least common positive multiple of the d_k .

Let d_0 be an odd natural number s.t. $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ d = d_0 \cdot 2^n$

For each $x_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, the following disjunct holds :

$$\bigvee_{0 \leq k_i < d\varphi(d_0)} (x_i \dot{-} n = k_i + d\varphi(d_0)x_i' \ \& \ x_i \geq n) \vee \bigvee_{0 \leq \ell < n} x_i = \ell.$$

We replace each inequation by a disjunct of inequations which are obtained by either replacing x_i by $k_i + n + \varphi(d_0) \cdot dx_i'$ or by ℓ with $0 \leq \ell < n$.

We again obtain S-terms since the coefficient of the x_i' is $d \cdot \varphi(d_0)$. So we obtain a disjunct of systems each looking as (*) with \bar{x} replaced by \bar{x}' . Then we multiply out each inequation of (*) in order to have d as a coefficient for x_0 .

Before pursuing, we consider a special case. Namely we eliminate x_0 in one inequation, say $f_j(\bar{x}') + g_j(\bar{y}) \leq dx_0 \leq f_i(\bar{x}') + g_i(\bar{y})$. (1)

(1) is equivalent to :

$$((f_i + g_i) - (f_j + g_j) \geq d) \vee \left(\bigvee_{0 \leq c < d} [(f_i + g_i) - (f_j + g_j) = c \ \& \right.$$

$$\left. \bigvee_{0 \leq c_j < d} f_j + g_j \equiv c_j \pmod{d} \ \& \ \bigvee_{0 \leq c_k < d} c_j + c_k \equiv 0 \pmod{d} \right]$$

and the congruence condition $f_j + g_j \equiv c_j \pmod{d}$ is equivalent to a congruence condition on g_j of the form $g_j \equiv z_j \pmod{d}$, where z_j is determined by the following :

Either x_i is a constant $\ell < n$, so $2^{x_i} = 2^\ell$ or x_i is equal to $k_i + n + d\varphi(d_0)x_i'$, so $2^{x_i} = 2^{k_i} 2^n (2^{d\varphi(d_0)x_i'})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2^{k_i} 2^n (1 + d_0 z) \text{ for some } z \\ &= 2^{k_i+n} + 2^{k_i} \cdot d \cdot z \\ &\equiv 2^{k_i+n} \pmod{d} \end{aligned}$$

So in both cases, $2^{x_i} \equiv 2^{u_i}$ with $u_i = k_i + n$ if $x_i \geq n$ and $u_i = \ell$ if $x_i < n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f_j(\bar{x}') &= \sum_{\ell} a_{\ell} 2^{e'x_{\ell}} + \sum_t b_t x_t + e \\ &\equiv \sum_{\ell} a_{\ell} 2^{e'u_{\ell}} + \sum_t b_t u_t + e \end{aligned}$$

So let $z_j \equiv c_j - (\sum_{\ell} a_{\ell} 2^{e'u_{\ell}} + \sum_t b_t u_t + e)$.

Let $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, q\}$ index $f_i(\bar{x}')$ and $f_j(\bar{x}')$. Let S_p (S_q) be the set of permutations on p (respectively q) elements.

The system (*) of inequations is equivalent to :

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{\sigma \in S_p, \tau \in S_q} & f_{\tau(1)}(\bar{x}') + g_{\tau(1)}(\bar{y}) \geq \dots \geq f_{\tau(q)}(\bar{x}') + \\ & g_{\tau(q)}(\bar{y}) \quad \& \quad f_{\tau(1)} + g_{\tau(1)} \leq f_{\sigma(1)} + g_{\sigma(1)} \quad \& \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{\sigma(1)}(\bar{x}') + g_{\sigma(1)}(\bar{y}) \leq \dots \leq f_{\sigma(p)}(\bar{x}') + g_{\sigma(p)}(\bar{y}) \quad \&$$

$$[(f_{\sigma(1)} + g_{\sigma(1)}) - (f_{\tau(1)} + g_{\tau(1)})] \geq d$$

$$\forall_{0 \leq c < d} [(f_{\sigma(1)} + g_{\sigma(1)}) - (f_{\tau(1)} + g_{\tau(1)})] = c \quad \&$$

$$\forall_{z_{\tau} \in C_{\tau}} g_{\tau(1)}(\bar{y}) \equiv \frac{z_{\tau}}{d},$$

where C_{τ} is determined as follows :

$$\text{let } f_{\tau(1)}(\bar{x}) = \sum_{\ell} a_{\ell} 2^{e'x_{\ell}} + \sum_t b_t x_t + e$$

let C'_{τ} be the set of natural numbers such that if $f_{\tau(1)} + g_{\tau(1)} \equiv \frac{c'_{\tau}}{d}$ then there exist c' , $0 \leq c' \leq c$ s.t. $c'_{\tau} + c' \equiv 0$.

Now let $u_{\ell} = n + k_{\ell}$ with $0 \leq k_{\ell} < d$ if $x_{\ell} \geq n$, and $u_{\ell} = s$, $0 \leq s < n$, if $x_{\ell} < n$.

So $z_{\tau} \equiv \frac{c'_{\tau}}{d} - (\sum_{\ell} a_{\ell} 2^{e'u_{\ell}} + \sum_t b_t u_t + e)$ and C_{τ} is the set of those z_{τ} depending on C'_{τ} .

II) x_0 occurs in an inequation in an exponential term.
 Let $a_0 2^{dx_0} + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{dx_i} a_i + \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x_j + c \leq t(\bar{y})$ be such an inequation, where $t(\bar{y})$ is an L -term, $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_i, b_j, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Denote such an inequation by $\tau(x_0, \bar{x}, \bar{y})$.

We are going to replace such a formula by a boolean combination of inequations between S -terms in x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n where x_0 occurs linearly and L -terms in \bar{y} . We will assume that $d = 1$.

Case $a_0 > 0$

In this case, we will distinguish four cases :

- (1) $\lambda a_0 \cdot 2^{x_0} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lambda(t(\bar{y}))$
- (2) $\lambda a_0 \cdot 2^{x_0} = \lambda(t(\bar{y})) \leftrightarrow x_0 = \ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0)$
- (3) $\lambda a_0 \cdot 2^{x_0} = 2 \cdot \lambda(t(\bar{y})) \leftrightarrow x_0 = \ell(t(\bar{y})) + 1 - \ell(a_0)$
- (4) $\lambda a_0 \cdot 2^{x_0} > 2 \cdot \lambda(t(\bar{y}))$

In subcases (2) and (3), we substitute x_0 by an L -term in \bar{y} . In subcases (1) and (4) we estimate $a_0 2^{x_0} + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x_j + c$.

Let $J_1 = \{j \in \{0, \dots, n\} / b_j \geq 0\}$. If $J_1 \neq \emptyset$, let $b_+ = 2(\ell(\sum_{J_1} b_j) + 3)$ and otherwise let $b_+ = 0$.

If $J - J_1 \neq \emptyset$, let $b_- = 2(\ell(-\sum_{J-J_1} b_j) + 4)$, otherwise let $b_- = 0$.

Let $\Delta = \ell(\sum_i |a_i|) + 3$. Let $c_+ = \ell(c) + 3$ if $c > 0$ and $c_+ = 0$ otherwise.

Let $c_- = \ell(-c) + 4$ if $c < 0$ and $c_- = 0$, otherwise.

(1) If $x_0 \geq \max\{b_+, c_+\}$ and if $x_i \leq x_0 - \Delta$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$, then $\tau(x_0, \bar{x}, \bar{y})$ holds.

We can express that as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x_0 \leq \ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0) - 1) \wedge ((x_0 \leq b_+) \vee (x_0 \leq c_+)) \vee \\
 & [(x_0 \geq b_+ \wedge x_0 \geq c_+) \wedge (\bigwedge_{i=1}^n x_i + \Delta \leq x_0 \vee \\
 & (\bigvee_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{0 \leq k < \Delta} (x_i + k = x_0 \wedge \tau(x_i + k, \bar{x}, \bar{y})))].
 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain this result by the following estimations :

$$(a) \sum_J b_j x_j \geq 0$$

$$\sum_J b_j x_j \leq \sum_{J_1} b_j x_j \leq (\sum_{J_1} b_j) \cdot x_o \leq 2^{x_o - 2} \text{ if}$$

$$x_o \geq 2(\ell(\sum_{J_1} b_j) + 3) \text{ (see Property 9).}$$

$$\text{Now (1) } \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + a_o 2^{x_o} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j \leq \sum 2^{x_i} |a_i| + a_o 2^{x_o} + c + \sum_{J_1} b_j x_j .$$

Suppose $x_o \geq b_+$ and $x_i \leq x_o - \Delta, 1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) &\leq (\sum_i |a_i| 2^{-\Delta} + a_o) 2^{x_o} + c + 2^{x_o} \cdot 2^{-2} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\sum |a_i|}{2\lambda(\sum |a_i|)} \cdot 2^{-2} + a_o \right) 2^{x_o} + c + 2^{x_o} \cdot 2^{-2} \\ &\leq 2^{x_o} (a_o + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) + c \end{aligned}$$

$$(a.1) \sum_J b_j x_j \geq 0 \text{ and } c \geq 0.$$

$$\text{So } 2^{x_o} \geq 2\lambda c \cdot 2^2 \geq 4 \cdot c$$

So if $x_o \geq \max\{b_+, c_+\}$ and $x_i \leq x_o - \Delta, 1 \leq i \leq n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + a_o 2^{x_o} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j &\leq 2^{x_o} (a_o + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) \\ &\neq \leq 2^{x_o} (a_o + 1) \\ &\neq \leq 2^{x_o} \cdot 2 \lambda a_o \\ &\neq < \lambda t(\bar{y}) \leq t(\bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

$$(a.2) \sum_J b_j x_j \geq 0 \text{ and } c \leq 0.$$

Suppose $x_o \geq b_+$ and $x_i - \Delta \leq x_o, \forall i \quad 0 \leq i \leq n.$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{So } \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j &\leq 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) \\
&\leq 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{1}{2}) \\
&\leq t(\bar{y}) \\
&\neq
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\sum_J b_j x_j \leq 0$.

Suppose that $x_0 \geq c_+$ and $x_i - \Delta \leq x_0 \quad \forall i \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + a_0 2^{x_0} + c \\
&\leq (\sum_i |a_i| 2^{-\Delta} + a_0) 2^{x_0 + c} \\
&\leq (\frac{\sum |a_i|}{2^{\lambda \sum |a_i|}} 2^{-2} + a_0) 2^{x_0 + c} \\
&\leq 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{1}{4}) + 2^{x_0} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\
&\leq 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{1}{2}) \\
&< t(\bar{y})
\end{aligned}$$

(4) If $x_0 \geq \max \{b_-, c_-\}$ and if $x_i \leq x_0 - \Delta, 1 \leq i \leq n$, then $\tau(x_0, \bar{x}, \bar{y})$ doesn't hold.

We can express that as follows :

$$(x_0 \geq \ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0) + 2) \& ((x \leq b_-) \vee (x_0 \leq c_-) \vee (x_0 \geq b_- \& x_0 \geq c_- \& (\bigvee_{0 \leq k < \Delta} (x_i + k = x_0) \& \tau(x_i + k, \bar{x}, \bar{y}))))$$

We obtain this result by the following estimations.

(a) $\sum_J b_j x_j \leq 0$
 $\sum_J b_j x_j \geq \sum_{J-J_1} b_j x_j \geq -2^{x_0-3}$, if $x_0 \geq 2(\ell(-\sum_{J-J_1} b_j) + 4)$.

(See Property 9).

Suppose $x_i + \Delta \leq x_0, \forall i \ 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $x_0 \geq b_-$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i 2^{x_i} + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_i} a_i + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_{J-J_1} b_j x_j \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{x_0 - \Delta} |a_i| + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_{J-J_1} b_j x_j \\ &\geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{\sum |a_i|}{2} \cdot 2^{-2}) + c - 2^{x_0 - 3} \end{aligned}$$

If $c \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{1}{4}) - 2^{x_0 - 3} \geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{1}{2}) \\ &\geq 2^{x_0} \frac{\lambda a_0}{2} \\ &\geq 2 \lambda(t(\bar{y})) \\ &\geq t(\bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

If $c \leq 0$, then suppose $x_0 \geq c_-$. So $2^{x_0} \geq \lambda(-c) \cdot 2^4$ i.e.

$$- 2^{x_0} \leq c \cdot 2^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i 2^{x_i} + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j &\geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{1}{4}) - \frac{1}{8} \cdot 2^{x_0} - \frac{1}{8} 2^{x_0} \\ &\geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{1}{2}) \\ &\geq 2^{x_0} \frac{\lambda a_0}{2} \geq 2 \lambda(t(\bar{y})) \\ &> t(\bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\sum_J b_j x_j \geq 0$.

Suppose $x_i + \Delta \leq x_0 \ \forall i \ 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $x_0 \geq c_-$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n a_i 2^{x_i} + a_0 2^{x_0} + c + \sum_J b_j x_j &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i 2^{x_i} + a_0 2^{x_0} + c \\
&\geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{1}{4}) - \frac{1}{8} 2^{x_0} \\
&\geq 2^{x_0} (a_0 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8}) \\
&\geq 2^{x_0} \frac{\lambda a_0}{2} \geq 2 \lambda(t(\bar{y})) \\
&> t(\bar{y})
\end{aligned}$$

Let $N = \max \{b_+, c_+, b_-, c_-\}$.

If $a_0 > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau(x_0, \bar{x}, \bar{y}) &\leftrightarrow (x_0 = \ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0) \ \& \ \tau(\ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0), \bar{x}, \bar{y})) \vee \\
&\quad (x_0 = \ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0) + 1 \ \& \ \tau(\ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0) + 1, \bar{x}, \bar{y})) \vee \\
&\quad \bigvee_{0 \leq k < N} (x_0 = k \ \& \ \tau(k, \bar{x}, \bar{y})) \vee \\
&\quad (x_0 \geq N \ \& \ (x_0 \leq \ell(t(\bar{y})) - \ell(a_0) - 1 \ \& \ [(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n x_i + \Delta \leq x_0) \vee \\
&\quad \bigvee_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{0 \leq k < \Delta} (x_i + k = x_0 \ \& \ \tau(x_i + k, \bar{x}, \bar{y})]) \vee \\
&\quad (x_0 \geq \ell(t(\bar{y})) + 2 - \ell(a_0) \ \& \\
&\quad \bigvee_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{0 \leq k < \Delta} (x_i + k = x_0 \ \& \ \tau(x_i + k, \bar{x}, \bar{y}))).
\end{aligned}$$

Case $a_0 \leq 0$.

As in case $a_0 > 0$, let $b_+ = 2(\ell(\sum_{J_1} b_j) + 3)$ if $J_1 \neq \emptyset$ and $b_+ = 0$, otherwise.

Let $c_+ = \ell(c) + 3$, if $c > 0$ and $c_+ = 0$ if $c \leq 0$.

Let $N' = \max \{b_+, c_+\}$. Let $\Delta' = \ell(\sum |a_i|) + 2 - \ell(-a_0)$.

Then if $x_0 \geq N'$ and if $x_i \leq x_0 - \Delta'$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, then $\tau(x_0, \bar{x}, \bar{y})$ holds.

We obtain this result making the following estimations :

(a.1) $\sum b_j x_j \geq 0$ and $c \geq 0$. Suppose moreover that $x \geq N'$ and $x_i \leq x_0 - \Delta'$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

So $\sum b_j x_j \leq 2^{x_0 - 2}$ and $c < 2^{x_0 - 2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Therefore, } a_0 2^{x_0} + \sum_i a_i 2^{x_i} + \sum_J b_j x_j + c & \\
 \leq a_0 2^{x_0} + \sum_i |a_i| 2^{x_0 - \Delta'} + 2^{x_0 - 2} + c & \\
 < 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \sum_i |a_i| 2^{-\Delta'} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) & \\
 < 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{\lambda(-a_0)}{2} \cdot \frac{\sum_i |a_i|}{2\lambda(\sum |a_i|)} + \frac{1}{2}) & \\
 < 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\lambda(-a_0)}{2}) \leq 0 & \\
 < t(\bar{y}) &
 \end{aligned}$$

(a.2) $\sum b_j x_j \geq 0$ & $c \leq 0$. Suppose $x_0 \geq b_+$ and $x_i + \Delta' \leq x_0$
 $\forall i$ $1 \leq i \leq n$.

So $\sum b_j x_j \leq \sum_{J_1} b_j x_j \leq 2^{x_0 - 2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus } a_0 2^{x_0} + \sum_i a_i 2^{x_i} + \sum_J b_j x_j + c & \leq a_0 2^{x_0} + \sum_i |a_i| 2^{x_i} + 2^{x_0 - 2} \\
 & \leq 2^{x_0} (a_0 + \frac{\lambda(-a_0)}{2} + \frac{1}{4}) \leq 0 \\
 & \leq t(\bar{y})
 \end{aligned}$$

(a.3) $\sum b_j x_j \leq 0$. Suppose $x_0 \geq c_+$ and $x_i + \Delta' \leq x_0$ for all i
 $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 2^{x_0} + \sum_i a_i 2^{x_i} + \sum_J b_j x_j + c & \leq a_0 2^{x_0} + \frac{\lambda(-a_0)}{2} 2^{x_0} + \frac{1}{4} 2^{x_0} \\
 & \leq (a_0 + \frac{\lambda(-a_0)}{2} + \frac{1}{4}) 2^{x_0} \\
 & < 0 \leq t(\bar{y})
 \end{aligned}$$

So, if $a_0 < 0$,

$\tau(x_0, \bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leftrightarrow [\bigvee_{0 \leq k < N'} (x_0 = k \ \& \ \tau(k, \bar{x}, \bar{y})) \vee (x_0 \geq N' \ \& \ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n x_i + \Delta \leq x_0) \vee (x_0 \geq N' \ \& \ (\bigvee_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{0 \leq k < \Delta} x_i + k = x_0) \ \& \ \tau(x_i + k, \bar{x}, \bar{y}))]$.

□

§ 3. Decidability of $\text{Th} \langle \mathbb{N}, +, f \rangle$, where f is effectively compatible with addition.

Let T_f be the following theory :

(1) axioms for $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, \leq, 0, 1, D_n; n \in \omega \rangle$ (see axioms (1) for T).

(2) $\forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow f(x) < f(y))$

(3) $\forall x \forall y (x \geq \Delta \rightarrow (f^{-1}(x) = y \leftrightarrow f(y) \leq x < f(y+1)))$,
where $\Delta \in \mathbb{N}$

(4) $\forall x (x \geq 1 \rightarrow f(x) \geq c \cdot f(x-1) \geq x)$, $c > 1$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

or

(4)' $\forall c \exists \Delta \forall x (f(x+\Delta) > cf(x) + cx)$

(5) the values of f are periodic modulo m , for every m .

Let us make two remarks :

1. Axiom (4) implies that $f(x) \geq c^n f(x-n)$ and that

$(x \geq \frac{c^n \cdot n}{c^n - m} \rightarrow f(x) \geq mx)$, where n is sufficiently

large in order that $c^n - m > 0$.

2. If f is effectively compatible with addition and if $f(x) - x$ is unbounded, then f satisfies axiom(4)'.

Along the lines of Proposition 2, one can prove :

Proposition 3 : T_f admits q.e. in $\{+, \cdot, 0, 1, \leq, f, f^{-1}, D_n; n \in \omega\}$. □

An example of such function f is $f : n \mapsto n \cdot 2^n$.

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