

Since we have proved that for every primitive recursive function  $f(\vec{x})$  there exists  $\varphi \in \text{IS}_1$  such that

$$\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists! y \varphi(\vec{x}, y) \quad (*)$$

we can extend the language of  $\text{IS}_1$  with symbols for every primitive recursive function  $f(\vec{x})$ , thus obtaining a conservative extension of  $\text{IS}_1$ , which we denote by  $\text{IS}_1^*$ . Since  $(*)$  implies that  $f(x) \neq y \leftrightarrow \exists z(z \neq y \wedge \varphi(\vec{x}, z))$ , it is easy to see that every  $\Sigma_1$  formula on the expanded language is equivalent to a  $\Sigma_1$  formula on the original language of  $\text{IS}_1$ ; simply push all negations inside to atomic formulas and replace both  $f(x) = y$  and  $\neg(f(x) = y)$  by a  $\Sigma_1$  formula. Thus we also have induction for  $\text{IS}_1$  formulas of the expanded language that involves extra functional symbols for all primitive recursive functions.

We now prove that if  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists y \varphi(\vec{x}, y)$  then there exists  $f \in PR$  such that  $\mathbb{N} \models \forall \vec{x} \varphi(\vec{x}, f(\vec{x}))$ ; in fact, we show that  $\text{IS}_1^* \vdash \forall \vec{x} \varphi(\vec{x}, f(\vec{x}))$ . We first present a model theoretic proof based on the

**Lemma 7.** *If  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists y \varphi(\vec{x}, y)$  for  $\varphi \in \Sigma_1$ , then for some  $f \in PR$ ,*

$$\text{IS}_1^* \vdash \forall \vec{x} \exists y < f(\vec{x}) \varphi(\vec{x}, f(\vec{x}))$$

*Proof.* Let  $F(x, y)$  be the Ackermann function. Then  $F(n, m) = k \leftrightarrow \exists \mathcal{C}$  (“ $\mathcal{C}$  is a computation of  $F(n, m) = k$ ”), as we showed before. Let us denote the formula

$$\exists \mathcal{C}(\text{“}\mathcal{C} \text{ is a computation of } F(x, y) = z\text{”})$$

by  $F(x, y) \simeq z$ , [because as we will see,  $\text{IS}_1 \not\vdash \forall x \forall y \exists z (F(x, y) \simeq z)$ , i.e.  $F(x, y)$  is not a total function in  $\text{IS}_1$ .] Thus,  $F(x, y)$  is not a functional symbol but just an abbreviation for  $\exists \mathcal{C}$  “ $\mathcal{C}$  is a computation of ...”. Since for each fixed  $n$ ,  $F(n, \vec{y})$  is primitive recursive,

$$\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall y \exists z F(\underline{n}, y) \simeq z$$

Also the proof that for every primitive recursive function  $f$  there exist  $n$  such that for all  $x$

$$f(x) < F(n, x)$$

can be formalized in  $\text{IS}_1$  because it uses only basic properties of  $f$  and induction on complexity of  $f$ . Similarly the proof that  $F(x, y)$  is monotonic in both arguments can be formalized to show that

$$\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \forall y \forall \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} (x \leq \vec{x} \wedge y \leq \vec{y} \wedge \exists \vec{z} F(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \vec{z} \rightarrow \exists z F(x, y) = z)$$

□

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $m \models \text{IS}_1, a, b \in m$  and assume that for all primitive recursive function  $f$  with no parameters we have  $f(a) <^m b$ . We denote this by  $a \ll b$ . Then there exists  $c \in m$  such that  $\text{th}(c) = a$  and such that  $(c)_0 = a$   $(c)_a \leq b$  and  $\forall i < a((c)_i \ll (c)_{i+1})$*

*Proof.* Since  $a \ll b$ , then for all  $n$

$$m \models \underbrace{\forall y < \underline{n} \exists z < b F(y, 2a) \lesssim z}_{\Sigma_1 \text{ formula}}$$

Hence  $F(y, 2a) \lesssim z$  means: there exists  $w$  s.t.  $F(y, 2a) \simeq w < z$ .  
Thus, by overspill we have for some nonstandard  $d$ ,

$$m \models \forall y \leq d \exists z < b (F(y, 2a) \cong z)$$

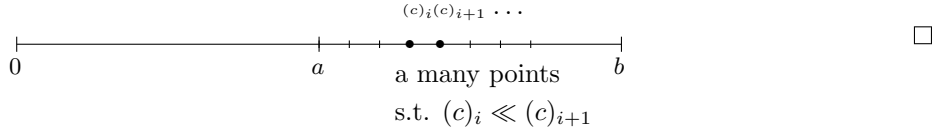
Since  $F(x, y)$  is provably monotonic (in  $\text{I}\Sigma_1$ ) we also have

$$m \models \forall i < a \forall y \leq d \exists z < b (F(y, a + i) \cong z)$$

We let  $(c)_i = F(d, a + i)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (c)_{i+1} &= F(d, a + i + 1) \\ &= F(d - 1, F(d, a + i)) \\ &= F(d - 1, (c)_i) \\ &> F(n, (c)_i) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n$ , and thus  $c_i \ll c_{i+1}$ , and  $(c)_a = F(d, a + a) < b$ .



Proof of the main lemma: we now show that  $\text{I}\Sigma_1 \vdash \forall x \exists y \varphi(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{I}\Sigma_1^* \vdash \forall \bar{x} \exists y < f(x) \varphi(x, f(x))$  for some PR function  $f$ .

Let  $f_1 \dots f_n(x) \dots$  be an enumeration of all PR functions of  $x$ , and assume opposite: for all  $n$ ,  $\text{I}\Sigma \not\vdash \forall x \exists y < f_n(x) \varphi(x, f_n(x))$

Claim: Let  $c$  be a new constant. Then the above assumption implies that the theory  $\mathbf{T}^* = \text{I}\Sigma_1 + \{\neg \exists z < f_n(c) \varphi(c, f(c)); n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is consistent.

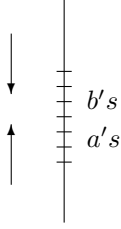
*Proof.* If  $\text{I}\Sigma_1 \vdash \exists z ((z < f_n(c) \vee \dots \vee z < f_n(c)) \wedge \varphi(c, f(c)))$  then

$$\text{I}\Sigma_1 \vdash \exists z < \max_{i < n} f_i(c) \varphi(c, f(c)) \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\text{I}\Sigma_1 \vdash \forall x \exists z < \max_{i < n} f_i(x) \varphi(x, f(x))$$

because  $c$  is a new symbol. But  $\max_{i < n} f_i(x)$  is a PR function  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ .

Let  $m \models \mathbf{T}^*$ ; then  $m \models \forall x \exists y \varphi(x, y)$ ; thus  $m \models \exists y \varphi(a, y)$ . Let  $b$  be s.t.  $m \models \varphi(a, b)$ . Then  $a \ll b$ . By our lemma, there exists a sequence  $(c)_0 = a, (c)_a < b$ . We now build a submodel  $n$  of  $m$  s.t.  $n \subset_e m$  (i.e.  $n$  is an initial segment of  $m$ , i.e.  $a \in n, b < a \wedge b \in m \Rightarrow b \in n$ ).



$n$  will satisfy  $\text{I}\Sigma_1$ . Since  $m$  is assumed countable, we can enumerate its elements.  $\square$

Our construction will also produce a cut in  $m$  i.e. if  $x \in m$  is s.t. for all  $i$   $x > a_i$  then  $x \geq b_j$  for some  $j$ . Thus “ $\sup(a_s) = \inf(b_s)$ ”. We will ensure:

- (1)  $N = \{x | x < a_s \text{ for some } s \in w\}$
- (2)  $(N, +, \cdot, 0, <) = n \models \text{I}\Sigma_1$

We make mod  $s$  construction picking in stages elements to ensure various parts of our requirements; let  $x_s$  be a listing of all elements of  $m$ . Let  $a_0 = a, b_0 = b$ .  
 $n = 3s$ : Consider  $x_s$  if  $x_s \leq a_{3s-1}$  or  $x_s \geq b_{3s-1}$  then let  $a_{3s} = a_{3s-1}, b_{3s} = b_{3s-1}$ . If not then if  $a_{3s-1} \ll x_s$  put  $b_{3s} = x_s, a_{3s} = a_{3s-1}$  if not, then let  $a_{3s+1} = x_s, b_{3s} = b_{3s-1}$ .

Claim: If it is not  $a_{3s-1} \ll x_s$ , then  $x_s \ll b_{3s}$ , providing  $a_{3s-1} \ll b_{3s-1}$ .

*Proof.* If  $a_{3s-1} \not\ll x_s$ , then for some primitive recursive  $f$ ,  $f(a_{3s-1}) > x_s$ . Similarly if  $x_s \not\ll b_{3s-1}$ , then  $g(x_s) < b_{3s-1}$  for some primitive recursive  $g$ . Consider  $G(x) = \max_{y < f(x)} g(y)$ , then obviously  $G(x)$  is primitive recursive and  $G(a_{3s-1}) > b_{3s-1} \rightarrow \leftarrow$ .  $\square$

$n = 3s + 1$ : Let  $a_{3s+1} = a_{3s}^2, b_{3s+1} = b_{3s}$ ; obviously  $a_{3s+1} \ll b_{3s+1}$  since  $f(a_{3s}^2) > b_{3s} \rightarrow \leftarrow$  with  $a_{3s} \ll b_{3s}$  with  $F(x) = f(x^2)$ .

$n = 3s + 2$ : We assume that during the whole construction we have a listing of all finite sequences of the form  $h_s = (\psi, e_i, \dots, e_n, d)$  s.t.  $\psi$  is a  $\Sigma_1$  formula of  $L, e_i, \dots, e_n, d \in m$ , and listing is with infinitely many repetitions. Now, at stages  $3s + 2$  we look at  $h_s = (\psi, e_i, \dots, e_n, d)$  and if for all  $i \leq n$   $e_i < a_{3s+1}$  and  $d < a_{3s+1}$ , using our lemma and putting  $\tilde{a} = a_{3s+1}, \tilde{b} = b_{3s+1}$  we can divide  $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b})$  in  $\tilde{a}$  many parts s.t.  $\tilde{a} = \alpha_0 \ll \alpha_1 \ll \dots \ll \alpha_{\tilde{a}} < \tilde{b}$ , let  $\psi(\vec{x}, y) \equiv \exists t \psi^*(t, \vec{x}, y)$ .

Claim: There is an  $i < \tilde{a}$  s.t. for any  $\vec{y} < d$   $\exists t < c_{i+1} \psi^*(t, e_1, \dots, e_n, \vec{y}) \rightarrow \exists t < c_i \psi^*(t, e_1, \dots, e_n, \vec{y})$  i.e. for no  $\vec{y} < d$  interval  $[c_i, c_{i+1})$  contains the least witness for  $\exists t \psi^*(t, \vec{x}, \vec{y})[e_1, \dots, e_n, \vec{y}]$

*Proof.* Assume opposite, define a mapping  $\phi : d \rightarrow \tilde{a}$  s.t.  $\phi(\vec{y}) = i \leftrightarrow \exists t < c_{i+1} \psi^*(t, e_1, \dots, e_n, \vec{y}) \wedge \neg \exists t < c_i \psi^*$ . Obviously  $\phi$  is  $\Sigma_1$  and is an onto mapping

of  $d \rightarrow \tilde{a}$  for  $d < \tilde{a}$  which is  $\rightarrow\leftarrow$  by simple  $\Sigma_1$  induction.

Let  $i$  be as in the claim, let  $a_{3s+2} = c_i$   $b_{3s+2} = c_{i+1}$ .  $\square$

Claim:  $N = \{x | x < a_i \text{ for some } i \in w\}$  with  $+, \cdot, s, 0$  is a model of  $\mathbf{T}^*$  containing  $a$  and not containing  $b$ .

*Proof.*  $a \in N, b \notin N$ . Steps  $3s+1$  make sure that  $N$  is closed for  $+, \cdot, T_\sigma$  see that  $N \models \text{IS}_1$ , let  $\psi \in \Sigma_1, \psi \equiv \exists z \psi^*(z, \vec{x}, y)$ , and let  $\vec{a} \in N, d \in N$ . Then, since our list  $\{h_s\}_{s \in W}$  has infinitely many repetitions of each member, if  $s$  is s.t.  $\vec{a}, d < a_{3s+1}$  there is a  $\hat{s} > s$  s.t.  $h_{\hat{s}} \equiv (\psi, \vec{a}, d)$ . By our construction, let  $c_i, c_{i+1}$  be s.t.  $m \models \forall t < d (\exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \rightarrow \exists z < c_i \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t))$ . Since  $c_i \in N, c_{i+1} \notin N$  we have: for all  $t < d$   $n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \Rightarrow m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t)$ . If  $m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \rightarrow m \models \exists z < c_i \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \Rightarrow n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t)$ . Thus for all  $t < d$   $m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \leftrightarrow n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t)$ .

Now assume  $n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, \vec{0}) \wedge \forall x (\exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \rightarrow \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, s(x)))$ . We want to show  $n \models \forall x (\exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, x))$ . Let  $b$  be arbitrary and let  $d$  be such that  $a_i, b < d$ . Then by the above

$$m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, \vec{0}) \wedge \forall x < d (\exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, x) \rightarrow \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, s(x)))$$

Namely, if for some  $t < d-1$   $m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t)$  then  $n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, t) \rightarrow n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, s(t)) \rightarrow m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, s(t))$ . Now we use induction in  $m$  applied on  $x < d \rightarrow \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, x)$ .

Thus at this step we use only  $\Delta_0$  induction, but  $\text{IS}_1$  was needed to get the division of  $\tilde{a} \ll b$ .

Thus  $m \models \forall x (x < d \rightarrow \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, x))$  and

so  $m \models \exists z < c_{i+1} \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, b) \Rightarrow n \models \exists z \psi^*(\vec{a}, z, b)$ .

Thus we have shown  $n \models$  but then  $n \models \forall x \exists y \varphi(x, y)$  and so  $n \models \exists y \varphi(a, y)$  i.e. for some  $\tilde{b} \in |n|$   $n \models \varphi(a, \tilde{b}) \Rightarrow m \models \varphi(a, \tilde{b})$  because  $\Sigma_1$ -formulas are preserved upwards. But then  $\rightarrow\leftarrow$  with  $\tilde{b} < b$  and  $b$  was chosen least s.t.  $m \models \varphi(a, b)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** If  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \exists! y \varphi(x, y), \varphi \in \Sigma_1$  then there is a primitive recursive functions  $g$  s.t.  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \varphi(x, g(x))$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \exists! y \varphi(x, y)$ , let  $\varphi(x, y) = \exists z \varphi^*(x, y, z)$ . Then  $\varphi^*$  is  $\Delta_0$ . Then  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \exists y \exists z \varphi^*(x, y, z)$  and so  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \exists w (\exists y < w \exists z < w \varphi^*(x, y, z))$ . By the previous theorem, for some primitive recursive  $f$ ,  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \exists w < f(x) (\exists y < w \exists z < w \varphi^*(x, y, z))$  and so  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \exists y < f(x) \exists z < f(x) \varphi^*(x, y, z)$ .

Define

$$g(x) = y(\exists z < f(x) \varphi^*(x, y, z))$$

$g$  is obviously primitive recursive and also  $\text{IS}_1 \vdash \forall x \varphi(x, g(x))$ . Since  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \forall x \exists! y \varphi(x, y)$   $g$  is uniquely determined.  $\square$

**Corollary.** Ackermann's function is not provably total in  $\mathbf{T}_0$