

On Local Induction and Collection Principles. Part II: Inference rules and applications to parameter free induction.

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Fragments of Peano Arithmetic

- ▶ Peano Arithmetic is axiomatized over a basic theory (say, Robinson's Q theory) by the induction scheme:

$$I_{\varphi,x} : \quad \varphi(0, v) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x, v) \rightarrow \varphi(x+1, v)) \rightarrow \forall x \varphi(x, v)$$

- ▶ Classical fragments:

$$I\Sigma_n = Q + \{I_{\varphi,x} : \varphi(x, v) \in \Sigma_n\}$$

$$I\Pi_n = Q + \{I_{\varphi,x} : \varphi(x, v) \in \Pi_n\}$$

- ▶ Well known fact: $I\Sigma_n \equiv I\Pi_n$.
- ▶ This equivalence fails for **Parameter free schemes**.
 - ▶ We write $\varphi(x) \in \Sigma_n^-$ if $\varphi(x) \in \Sigma_n$ and x is the only free variable of $\varphi(x)$.
 - ▶ $I\Sigma_n^- = Q + \{I_{\varphi,x} : \varphi(x) \in \Sigma_n^-\}$.
 - ▶ $I\Pi_n^-$ is defined accordingly.
- ▶ ($n \geq 1$) $I\Sigma_n^-$ is a proper extension of $I\Pi_n^-$.

Σ_n -Induction

($n \geq 1$) $I\Sigma_n$ is a well-behaved fragment with good conservation properties

- ▶ (Parsons) $I\Sigma_n$ is Π_{n+1} -conservative over $I\Delta_0 + \Sigma_n$ -IR.
 - ▶ For every theory T , $T + \Sigma_n$ -IR denotes the closure of T under first order logic and (nested) applications of Σ_n -induction rule, Σ_n -IR:

$$\frac{\varphi(0, v) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x, v) \rightarrow \varphi(x + 1, v))}{\forall x \varphi(x, v)}, \quad \varphi(x, v) \in \Sigma_n.$$

- ▶ (KPD) $I\Sigma_n$ is Σ_{n+2} conservative over $I\Sigma_n^-$.
- ▶ Elegant characterizations of its class of provably total computable functions are known.
- ▶ There is a host of both model theoretic and proof theoretic tools particularly suited for the study of $I\Sigma_n$.

Σ_n -Induction rules

Σ_n -induction rule expresses a very robust principle:

- ▶ For every theory T extending $I\Delta_0$, it holds that

$$[T, \Sigma_n\text{-IR}] \equiv [T, \Sigma_n\text{-IR}_0] \equiv [T, \Sigma_n^-\text{-IR}] \equiv [T, \Pi_n\text{-IR}_0].$$

where, for every rule R , $[T, R]$ is the closure of T under first order logic and unnested applications of R , and

- ▶ $\Sigma_n\text{-IR}_0$ denotes the inference rule

$$\frac{\forall x (\varphi(x, v) \rightarrow \varphi(x + 1, v))}{\varphi(0, v) \rightarrow \forall x \varphi(x, v)}, \quad \varphi(x, v) \in \Sigma_n.$$

- ▶ $\Sigma_n^-\text{-IR}$ denotes the parameter free version of $\Sigma_n\text{-IR}$.
- ▶ There is a natural correspondance between applications of $\Sigma_1\text{-IR}$ and iteration of a convenient function:

$$[I\Delta_0, \Sigma_1\text{-IR}]_m \equiv I\Delta_0 + \forall x \exists y (F_m(x) = y)$$

- ▶ $[T, R]_0 = T$, $[T, R]_{k+1} = [[T, R]_k, R]$.
- ▶ $F_0(x) = (x + 1)^2$, $F_{k+1}(x) = F_k(x)^{x+1}$.

Parameter free Σ_n -Induction

- ▶ (Adamowicz–Bigorajska; Mints) For every $m \geq 1$, if $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x) \in \Sigma_1^-$ and $\psi \in \Pi_2$ then

$$I\Delta_0 + I\varphi_1 + \dots + I\varphi_m \vdash \psi \quad \Rightarrow \quad I\Delta_0 + \forall x \exists y (F_m(x) = y) \vdash \psi$$

- ▶ Z. Ratajczyk extended this result to provably total computable functions of $I\Sigma_n^-$, using the fast growing hierarchy. He also gave an independent proof of the following result.

- ▶ (Kaye) For every $m \geq 1$, $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x) \in \Sigma_{n+1}^-$ and $\psi \in \Pi_{n+2}$

$$I\Sigma_n + I\varphi_1 + \dots + I\varphi_m \vdash \psi \quad \Rightarrow \quad [I\Sigma_n, \Sigma_{n+1}\text{-IR}]_m \vdash \psi$$

Π_n -Induction rule

($n \geq 1$) Π_n -induction rule differs strongly from Σ_n -IR.

- ▶ There is no nontrivial conservation between $I\Sigma_n$ and $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_n$ -IR.
- ▶ $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1$ -IR] \subset $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1^-$ -IR $_0$] \subset $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1$ -IR $_0$].
 - ▶ Recall that $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1$ -IR $_0$] \equiv $[I\Delta_0, \Sigma_1$ -IR].
- ▶ Over $I\Delta_0 + \text{exp}$, (nested) applications of Π_{n+1} -IR corresponds to (iterated) n -consistency statements.
- ▶ (Beklemishev) $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_2$ -IR] \equiv $[I\Delta_0, \Sigma_1$ -IR].

Parameter free Π_n -Induction

$(n \geq 1)$ $I\Pi_n^-$ also differs notably from $I\Sigma_n^-$.

- ▶ $I\Pi_n^- \subset I\Sigma_n^- \subset I\Sigma_n$
- ▶ $I\Pi_n^-$ is a very weak fragment, even w.r.t. $I\Sigma_n^-$.
 - ▶ As a matter of fact, it is closer to $I\Sigma_{n-1}$.
- ▶ It has been studied using ad hoc model theoretic constructions (Kaye-Paris-Dimitracopoulos, 1988).
- ▶ A more systematic study has been carry out by Beklemishev (1999) using an indirect approach through **Reflection principles**. The key ingredients are:
 - ▶ Results à la Kreisel-Levy, giving equivalences between parameter free induction and (relativized) local reflection principles.
 - ▶ Conservation results for reflection principles, obtained using methods from **provability logic**.
 - ▶ As an application, characterizations of the classes of provably total computable functions of $I\Pi_{n+1}^-$ and $I\Sigma_n + I\Pi_{n+1}^-$ are derived.

Some remarks

- ▶ The problems we find in the study of $I\Pi_n^-$ are particular cases of the more general problem of finding good (informative) descriptions or axiomatizations of the class of Σ_{n+1} -consequences of $I\Sigma_n$.
 - ▶ Observe that $I\Pi_n^-$ is Σ_{n+1} -axiomatizable.
- ▶ Local induction schemes allow us to address this question in a direct and systematic way.
- ▶ Our approach is model-theoretic, but inference rules play an important role in our analysis.
- ▶ In this talk we restrict ourselves to $I\Pi_1^-$ and $I\Pi_2^-$. Most results can be generalized to $I\Pi_n^-$, $n > 2$, directly or by relativization.

Our starting point

Let θ be a sentence.

- ▶ Assume $I\Pi_1^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $I\Delta_0 + \text{exp} \vdash \theta$ (KPD'1988). |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$ | $? \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \Pi_1$ | $? \vdash \theta$ |

- ▶ Assume $I\Pi_2^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| $\theta \in \Pi_3$ | $? \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_2)$ | $I\Sigma_1^- \vdash \theta$ (Beklemishev, 1999) |
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_2\text{-IR} \vdash \theta$ (Beklemishev, 1999) |

A first step using rules

Let θ be a sentence.

- ▶ Assume $I\Pi_1^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $[I\Delta_0, \Sigma_1\text{-IR}] \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$ | $? \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \Pi_1$ | $? \vdash \theta$ |

- ▶ Assume $I\Pi_2^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| $\theta \in \Pi_3$ | $? \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_2)$ | $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_2^-\text{-IR}_0] \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_2\text{-IR} \vdash \theta$ |

Fill in the blanks

Let θ be a sentence.

- Assume $I\Pi_1^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1-IR_0] \vdash \theta$ (0) |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$ | $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1^- - IR_0] \vdash \theta$? (1) |
| $\theta \in \Pi_1$ | $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_1-IR \vdash \theta$? (2) |

- Assume $I\Pi_2^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| $\theta \in \Pi_3$ | $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_2-IR_0] \vdash \theta$? (3) |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_2)$ | $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_2^- - IR_0] \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_2-IR \vdash \theta$ |

Our goals

- ▶ We answer in the positive the open questions (1), (2) and (3).
 - ▶ Over $I\Delta_0 + \exp$ we can answer questions (1), (2) and (3) using an approach via (Local) Reflection principles.
 - ▶ We present here alternative techniques based on local induction principles that work over $I\Delta_0$ and avoid the use of the metamathematical machinery needed for an approach via reflection principles.
- ▶ Since $[I\Delta_0, \Sigma_2\text{-IR}] \equiv I\Sigma_1$, (3) can be formulated as

Is $I\Pi_2^-$ Π_3 -conservative over $I\Sigma_1$?

- ▶ We improve Kaye–Paris–Dimitracopoulos result (0) and obtain an explicit characterization of the set of Π_2 -consequences of $I\Pi_1^-$.
- ▶ We also obtain additional refinements of these results in the spirit of Adamowicz–Bigorajska–Kaye–Ratajczyk theorem.

Induction up to Σ_n -definable elements

- ▶ We denote by $I(\Sigma_n, \mathcal{K}_n)$ the theory given by $I\Sigma_{n-1}^-$ together with the induction scheme

$$\varphi(0) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x+1)) \rightarrow \forall x \in \mathcal{K}_n \varphi(x)$$

where $\varphi(x) \in \Sigma_n$ and $\delta(x) \in \Sigma_n^-$.

- ▶ $(\Sigma_n, \mathcal{K}_n)$ -IR denotes the following inference rule:

$$\frac{\varphi(0) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x+1))}{\forall x \in \mathcal{K}_n \varphi(x)}$$

where $\varphi(x) \in \Sigma_n$ and $\delta(x) \in \Sigma_n^-$.

- ▶ $I(\Sigma_n^-, \mathcal{K}_n)$ denotes the parameter free version.

Our results (I)

- ▶ Assume $I\Pi_1^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$ | $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1^-, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \Pi_1$ | $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_1\text{-IR} \vdash \theta$ |

- ▶ Some refinements: Let $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x) \in \Pi_1^-$ and assume that $I\Delta_0 + I_{\varphi_1} + \dots + I_{\varphi_m} \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \vdash_m \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$ | $[I\Delta_0, (\mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)^-, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \vdash_m \theta$ |

(where \vdash_m expresses provability using at most m applications of the corresponding rule)

- ▶ Similar (weaker) results for $\Pi_1^- \text{-IR}_0$ and $\Pi_1 \text{-IR}$ can also be proved.

Our results (II)

- ▶ Assume $I\Pi_2^- \vdash \theta$. Then

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| $\theta \in \Pi_3$ | $I\Sigma_1^- + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR} \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_2)$ | $[I\Sigma_1^-, (\Sigma_2^-, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR}] \vdash \theta$ |
| $\theta \in \Pi_2$ | $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_2\text{-IR} \vdash \theta$ |

- ▶ $I\Sigma_1$ extends $I\Sigma_1^- + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR}$.
- ▶ **Corollary.** $I\Pi_2^-$ is Π_3 -conservative over $I\Sigma_1$.

Parameter free Π_1 -induction

- ▶ $I\Pi_1^- \equiv I(\Sigma_1^-, \mathcal{K}_1)$
 - ▶ Analysis of the set of Π_2 -consequences of $I(\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$ is relevant in connection with $I\Pi_1^-$.

- ▶ Let us denote by Π_1^- -IR₀ the rule

$$\frac{\forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x + 1))}{\varphi(0) \rightarrow \forall x \varphi(x)}, \quad \varphi(x) \in \Pi_1^-$$

- ▶ For every theory T extending $I\Delta_0$,

$$[T, (\Sigma_1^-, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \equiv [T, \Pi_1^- \text{-IR}_0]$$

- ▶ Fact: $I\Delta_0 + \text{exp} \equiv [I\Delta_0, \Sigma_1\text{-IR}]$.

Π_2 -consequences of $I(\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$

- ▶ Two key points:
 - ▶ A version of Parsons theorem holds for $I(\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$.
 - ▶ The equivalence between applications of Σ_1 -IR and iteration ‘localizes’.
- ▶ **(Local Parsons theorem)**
 $I(\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$ is Π_2 -conservative over $I\Delta_0 + (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$ -IR.
- ▶ **(Local iteration theorem)** Let $f(x) = (x + 1)^2$. Then the following theories are equivalent:
 - ▶ $I\Delta_0 + (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$ -IR.
 - ▶ $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$ -IR].
 - ▶ $I\Delta_0 + \forall u \in \mathcal{K}_1 \forall x \exists y (f^u(x) = y)$.
- ▶ $I\Pi_1^-$ is Π_2 -conservative over $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$ -IR].
 - ▶ As a corollary we get the result labelled with (0).
- ▶ Refinement: for every $\theta \in \Pi_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I\Pi_1^- \vdash \theta &\Leftrightarrow [I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{I}_1^1)\text{-IR}] \vdash \theta \\
 &\Leftrightarrow I\Delta_0 + \forall u \in \mathcal{K}_1 \forall x \in \mathcal{I}_1^1 \exists y (f^u(x) = y) \vdash \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Σ_{n+1} -closed models

- ▶ Σ_{n+1} -closed models provide a simple and clear method to obtain conservation results. The basic ideas were developed by J. Avigad working on previous ideas of D. Zambella and A. Visser.
- ▶ **Definition.** Let T be a theory. We say that $\mathfrak{A} \models T$ is a Σ_{n+1} -closed model of T if for each $\mathfrak{B} \models T$,

$$\mathfrak{A} \prec_n \mathfrak{B} \implies \mathfrak{A} \prec_{n+1} \mathfrak{B}$$

- ▶ It generalizes the notion of an *existentially closed model*.
- ▶ **Proposition.** (Existence)
Let T be a Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable theory and $\mathfrak{A} \models T$ countable. Then there exists $\mathfrak{B} \models T$ such that $\mathfrak{A} \prec_n \mathfrak{B}$ and \mathfrak{B} is Σ_{n+1} -closed for T .
- ▶ **Corollary.** Every consistent and Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable theory has a Σ_{n+1} -closed model.

The basics of the method

The basic device is the following result:

Theorem (Avigad, '02)

Let T_1 be a Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable theory such that every Σ_{n+1} -closed model for T_1 is a model of T_2 . Then T_2 is Π_{n+1} -conservative over T_1 .

Other key ingredient in most applications:

Lemma

Let \mathfrak{A} be a Σ_{n+1} -closed model for T . Let $\varphi(\vec{x}) \in \Pi_{n+1}$ and $\vec{a} \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(\vec{a})$. Then there exist $\theta(v, \vec{x}) \in \Pi_n$ and $b \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that

$$\mathfrak{A} \models \theta(b, \vec{a}) \quad \text{and} \quad T \vdash \theta(v, \vec{x}) \rightarrow \varphi(\vec{x})$$

First applications

Let us prove results (0), (1) and (2).

- ▶ **Lemma 1.** Every Σ_2 -closed model of $I\Delta_0 + (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}$ is a model of $I(\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)$.
 - ▶ Local Parsons Theorem and result (0) follow from Lemma 1 and Local Iteration Theorem.
- ▶ A similar strategy fails for $I\Pi_1^-$ and $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_1\text{-IR}$, because of the following fact:
 - ▶ If T is recursive extension of $I\Delta_0$ and \mathfrak{A} is Σ_1 -closed model of T , then \mathfrak{A} is **not** a model of $I\Pi_1^-$.
- ▶ **Lemma 2.** If $\mathfrak{A} \models [I\Delta_0, \Pi_1^- \text{-IR}_0]$ then $\mathcal{K}_1(\mathfrak{A}) \models [I\Delta_0, \Pi_1 \text{-IR}_0]$.
 - ▶ As a corollary $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1^- \text{-IR}_0]$ is Σ_2 -conservative over $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1 \text{-IR}_0]$, and result (1) follows using result (0).
- ▶ **Lemma 3.** Every Σ_1 -closed model of $I\Delta_0 + \Pi_1\text{-IR}$ is model of $[I\Delta_0, \Pi_1^- \text{-IR}_0]$.
 - ▶ Result (2) follows from (1) and Lemma 3.

Parameter free Π_2 -induction

In the case $n = 2$, we have:

1. $I\Pi_2^- \equiv I(\Sigma_2^-, \mathcal{K}_2)$.
2. $I(\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)$ is Π_3 -conservative over $I\Sigma_1^- + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR}$.
3. $I\Sigma_1$ extends $I\Sigma_1^- + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR}$.
 - ▶ Reduction:
 $I\Sigma_1^- + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR} \equiv I\Sigma_1^- + (I\Delta_0 + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR})$.
 - ▶ A refinement of the (proof of) Local Iteration Theorem shows that $I\Sigma_1$ extends $I\Delta_0 + (\Sigma_2, \mathcal{K}_2)\text{-IR}$.

Theorem

$I\Pi_2^-$ is Π_3 -conservative over $I\Sigma_1$.

- ▶ This improves a previous conservation result of L. Beklemishev.
- ▶ As corollary, we get that the class of provable total computable functions of $I\Pi_2^-$ is the class of primitive recursive functions.

Conditional axioms

Let L denote the language of First Order Arithmetic.

Definition

A set of L -formulas, E , is a set of **conditional axioms** if each element of E is a formula of the form $\alpha(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{v})$.

Let T be an L -theory and E be a set of conditional axioms.

- ▶ $T + E$ is obtained by adding to T the universal closure of each formula in E .
- ▶ **Example:** $T + E = I\Sigma_1$, for $T = I\Delta_0$ and

$$E = \{I_{\varphi,x}(\vec{v}) : \varphi(x, \vec{v}) \in \Sigma_1\}$$

where $I_{\varphi,x}(\vec{v})$ is the induction scheme

$$\underbrace{\varphi(0, \vec{v}) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x, \vec{v}) \rightarrow \varphi(x + 1, \vec{v}))}_{\alpha} \rightarrow \underbrace{\forall x \varphi(x, \vec{v})}_{\beta}$$

Conditional axioms (cont'd)

- ▶ We can associate to each set of conditional axioms, E , two auxiliary sets of conditional axioms:
 - ▶ $E^- = E \cap \text{Sent}$, and
 - ▶ $UE = \{\forall \vec{v} \alpha(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \forall \vec{v} \beta(\vec{v}) : \alpha(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{v}) \in E\}$
- ▶ The theories $T + UE$ and $T + E^-$ are obtained by adding to T the sentences in UE and E^- respectively.
- ▶ **Example:** For $E = I\Delta_1$ we have:

$$E = \left\{ \underbrace{\forall x (\varphi(x, \vec{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(x, \vec{v}))}_{\alpha(\vec{v})} \rightarrow \underbrace{I_{\varphi, x}(\vec{v})}_{\beta(\vec{v})} : \varphi \in \Sigma_1, \psi \in \Pi_1 \right\}$$

$$UE = \{ \forall \vec{v} (\forall x (\varphi(x, \vec{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(x, \vec{v}))) \rightarrow \forall \vec{v} I_{\varphi, x}(\vec{v}) : \varphi \in \Sigma_1, \psi \in \Pi_1 \}$$

$$E^- = \{ \forall x (\varphi(x) \leftrightarrow \psi(x)) \rightarrow I_{\varphi, x} : \varphi(x) \in \Sigma_1^-, \psi(x) \in \Pi_1^- \}$$

Conditional axioms: Inference rules

We also define an inference rule, E -Rule, with instances

$$\frac{\forall \vec{v} \alpha(\vec{v})}{\forall \vec{v} \beta(\vec{v})}, \quad \text{for each } \alpha(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{v}) \in E$$

- ▶ $[T, E\text{-Rule}]$ denotes the closure of T under first order logic and *unnested* applications of E -Rule.
- ▶ $T + E\text{-Rule}$ denotes the closure of T under first order logic and (nested) applications of E -Rule.
- ▶ We denote by E^- -Rule the inference rule associated to the set of conditional axioms E^- .

The basic reduction

- ▶ For each set of formulas Π , we introduce the rule E^Π -Rule given by the instances

$$\frac{\theta(\vec{v}, \vec{z}) \rightarrow \alpha(\vec{v})}{\theta(\vec{v}, \vec{z}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{v})}$$

for each $\alpha(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{v}) \in E$ and $\theta(\vec{v}, \vec{z}) \in \Pi$.

- ▶ A set of conditional axioms E is **normal set of conditional axioms w.r.t.** Π_n , if for every $\alpha(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \beta(\vec{v}) \in E$, $\alpha(\vec{v}) \in \Pi_{n+1}$ and $\beta \in \Pi_{n+2}$.

Lemma

Let T be a Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable theory and E a set of normal conditional axioms w.r.t. Π_n . Then $T + E$ is Π_{n+1} -conservative over $T + E^{\Pi_n}$ -Rule.

The basic reduction (cont'd)

- ▶ It holds that $[U, E\text{-Rule}] \subseteq [U, E^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule}]$.
- ▶ E is Π_n -**reducible modulo** T if for every theory U extending T , it holds

$$[U, E^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule}] \equiv [U, E\text{-Rule}]$$

Theorem

Let T be a Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable theory and E a set of normal conditional axioms w.r.t. Π_n . Assume that E is Π_n -reducible modulo T . Then

1. $T + E$ is Π_{n+1} -conservative over $T + E\text{-Rule}$.
2. $T + E$ is Σ_{n+2} -conservative over $T + UE$.
3. If every Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable extension of $T + E^-$ is closed under $E\text{-Rule}$, then $T + E$ is Σ_{n+2} -conservative over $T + E^-$.

The finite case

Theorem

Let F be a finite set of normal conditional sentences w.r.t. Π_n . Then, for every Π_{n+2} -axiomatizable theory T it holds that

$$Th_{\Pi_{n+1}}(T + F) \subseteq [T, F^{\Pi_{n+1}}\text{-Rule}]_m$$

where m is the number of elements of F .

Corollary

Let E be a set of normal conditional axioms w.r.t. Π_n . Assume that E is Π_n -reducible modulo T . Then for every finite set of sentences $F \subseteq E$ with m elements, it holds that

$$Th_{\Pi_{n+1}}(T + F) \subseteq [T, E\text{-Rule}]_m.$$

The finite case (proof)

Lemma

Let $E = \{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m\}$ a finite set of normal conditional sentences w.r.t. Π_n . Then

$$T + E^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule} \equiv [T, E^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule}]_m$$

- ▶ If ψ is a sentence of the form $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$, with $\alpha \in \Pi_{n+1}$ and $\beta \in \Pi_{n+2}$, we define the rule

$$\psi^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule} : \frac{\theta(u) \rightarrow \alpha}{\theta(u) \rightarrow \beta}, \quad (\theta(u) \in \Pi_n).$$

- ▶ $T + \psi^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule} \equiv [T, \psi^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule}]$.
- ▶ It holds that for each sentence $\varphi \in \Pi_{n+1}$, a proof of φ in $T + E^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule}$ only requires one application of each rule $\psi_j^{\Pi_n}\text{-Rule}$.

Theorem

For every theory T extension of $I\Sigma_n$, $m \geq 1$ and
 $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x) \in \Sigma_{n+1}^-$,

$$\text{Th}_{\Pi_{n+2}}(T + I_{\varphi_1} + \dots + I_{\varphi_m}) \subseteq [T, \Sigma_{n+1}\text{-IR}]_m$$

- ▶ $I\Sigma_{n+1}^-$ is a set of normal conditional sentences w.r.t. Π_{n+1} .
- ▶ $I\Sigma_{n+1}$ is Π_{n+1} -reducible modulo $I\Sigma_n$.

Parameter free Π_1 -Induction

- ▶ Let $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x) \in \Pi_1^-$ and $\theta \in \Pi_2$ such that

$$I\Delta_0 + I_{\varphi_1} + \dots + I_{\varphi_m} \vdash \theta$$

Then $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}]_m \vdash \theta$.

- ▶ Refinement: $[I\Delta_0, (\Sigma_1, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \vdash_m \theta$.
- ▶ If $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$ then $[I\Delta_0, (\mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)^-, \mathcal{K}_1)\text{-IR}] \vdash_m \theta$.
- ▶ If $\theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Sigma_1)$, then there exist sentences $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_r \in \Pi_1$ and $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r \in \Sigma_1$ such that $I\Delta_0 \vdash \bigvee_{j=1}^r (\sigma_j \wedge \pi_j)$ and for each $j = 1, \dots, r$,

$$[I\Delta_0 + \sigma_j \wedge \pi_j, \Pi_1^- \text{-IR}_0] \vdash_m \theta$$

- ▶ If in addition $\theta \in \Pi_1$, then

$$[I\Delta_0 + \sigma_j \wedge \pi_j, \Pi_1 \text{-IR}]_m \vdash \theta$$