

Well-Ordering Principles, Omega & Beta Models

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The ordering $<_{\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}}$

Let $\mathfrak{X} = \langle X, <_X \rangle$ be an ordering where $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$.
 $<_{\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}}$ and its field $|\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$ are inductively defined as follows:

- 1 $0 \in |\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$.
- 2 $\varepsilon_u \in |\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$ for every $u \in X$, where $\varepsilon_u := \langle 0, u \rangle$.
- 3 If $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in |\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$, $n > 1$ and $\alpha_n \leq_{\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}} \dots \leq_{\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}} \alpha_1$, then

$$\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} \in |\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$$

where $\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} := \langle 1, \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle \rangle$.

- 4 If $\alpha \in |\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$ and α is not of the form ε_u , then $\omega^\alpha \in |\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{X}}|$, where $\omega^\alpha := \langle 2, \alpha \rangle$.

- 1 $0 <_{\varepsilon_X} \varepsilon_U$ for all $u \in X$.
- 2 $0 <_{\varepsilon_X} \omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n}$ for all $\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} \in |\varepsilon_X|$.
- 3 $\varepsilon_U <_{\varepsilon_X} \varepsilon_V$ if $u, v \in X$ and $u <_X v$.
- 4 If $\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} \in |\varepsilon_X|$, $u \in X$ and $\alpha_1 <_{\varepsilon_X} \varepsilon_U$ then $\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} <_{\varepsilon_X} \varepsilon_U$.
- 5 If $\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} \in |\varepsilon_X|$, $u \in X$, and $\varepsilon_U <_{\varepsilon_X} \alpha_1$ or $\varepsilon_U = \alpha_1$, then $\varepsilon_U <_{\varepsilon_X} \omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n}$.
- 6 If $\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n}$ and $\omega^{\beta_1} + \dots + \omega^{\beta_m} \in |\varepsilon_X|$, then

$$\omega^{\alpha_1} + \dots + \omega^{\alpha_n} <_{\varepsilon_X} \omega^{\beta_1} + \dots + \omega^{\beta_m} \text{ iff}$$

$$n < m \wedge \forall i \leq n \alpha_i = \beta_i \text{ or}$$

$$\exists i \leq \min(n, m) [\alpha_i <_{\varepsilon_X} \beta_i \wedge \forall j < i \alpha_j = \beta_j].$$

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$$f(\lim_{\xi < \lambda} \alpha_\xi) = \lim_{\xi < \lambda} f(\alpha_\xi)$$

holds for every limit ordinal λ and increasing sequence $(\alpha_\xi)_{\xi < \lambda}$.

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$$f_\lambda(\xi) = \xi^{\text{th}} \text{ element of } \bigcap_{\alpha < \lambda} \{\text{Fixed points of } f_\alpha\} \quad \text{for } \lambda \text{ limit.}$$

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- The least ordinal $\gamma > 0$ closed under φ_l , i.e. the least ordinal > 0 satisfying

$$(\forall \alpha, \beta < \gamma) \varphi_l(\alpha, \beta) < \gamma$$

is the famous ordinal Γ_0 which **Feferman** and **Schütte** determined to be the least ordinal 'unreachable' by **predicative means**.

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- Let Ω be the **first uncountable ordinal**. A hierarchy of functions $(\varphi_\alpha^{\mathfrak{B}})_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{B}}$ is then obtained as follows:

$$\varphi_0^{\mathfrak{B}}(\beta) = 1 + \beta \quad \varphi_{\alpha+1}^{\mathfrak{B}} = \left(\varphi_\alpha^{\mathfrak{B}}\right)'$$

$$\varphi_\lambda^{\mathfrak{B}} \text{ enumerates } \bigcap_{\xi < \tau_\lambda} (\text{Range of } \varphi_{\lambda[\xi]}^{\mathfrak{B}}) \quad \lambda \text{ limit, } \tau_\lambda < \Omega$$

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An extremely elegant and efficient proof procedure for first order logic consists in producing the search or decomposition tree (in German "Stammbaum") of a given formula. It proceeds by decomposing the formula according to its logical structure and amounts to applying logical rules backwards. This decomposition method has been employed by Schütte (1956) to prove the completeness theorem. It is closely related to the method of "semantic tableaux" of Beth (1959) and methods of Hintikka (1955). Ultimately, the whole idea derives from Gentzen (1935).

The decomposition tree method can also be extended to prove the ω -completeness theorem due to Henkin (1954) and Orey (1956). Schütte (1951) used it to prove ω -completeness in the arithmetical case.

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The conjecture may be a bit vague, but it has been corroborated in some cases (around Π_1^1 -**CA**), and, what is perhaps more important, the proof technology exhibited in this paper seems to be sufficiently malleable as to be applicable to the extended scenario of β -models, too.

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