

PROVABILITY AND INTERPRETABILITY
IN THEORIES CONTAINING ARITHMETIC

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In the following we give a survey of some recent work on provability and interpretability in theories containing P (Peano arithmetic). §1 is devoted mainly to the theory of partially conservative sentences. A sentence φ is X-conservative over a theory T, where X is a set of sentences, if for every $\psi \in X$, if $T + \varphi \vdash \psi$, then $T \vdash \psi$. This concept was introduced by Guaspari [2] and the basic existence theorems were established by him and Solovay (cf. [2]). The first result of this type is, however, due to Kreisel (cf. [15]) who observed that if Con_P is a "natural" formalization of "P is consistent", then $\neg \text{Con}_P$ is Π_1^0 -conservative over P. Related results have also been obtained by Jensen and Ehrenfeucht [7] and Kreisel and Lévy [8]. In §2 results from §1 are applied to prove results on interpretability using the fact that if S and T are r.e. reflexive extensions of P, then S is interpretable in T iff every Π_1^0 sentence provable in S is provable in T. (For example, combining this with the above mentioned result of Kreisel we get the result of Feferman [1] that $P + \neg \text{Con}_P$ is interpretable in P. Similarly the second Gödel unprovability theorem implies that $P + \text{Con}_P$ is not interpretable in P as was first shown by Feferman [1].) Finally §3 contains a presentation of the main results on the lattice of degrees of interpretability introduced by Lindström

[9, 11] and Švejdar [17]. Most proofs are omitted or only briefly outlined.

0. Notation and terminology. In the following S, T, A, B, C are elementary theories (sets of sentences). We shall only be interested in r.e. theories. But then, by Craig's theorem, we may and shall assume that S etc. are primitive recursive. $\text{Th}(T)$ is the set of theorems of T . We write $T \vdash X$ or $X \dashv\vdash T$, where X is a set of sentences, to mean that $X \subseteq \text{Th}(T)$. Thus $S \dashv\vdash T$ iff S is a subtheory of T . S is an X -subtheory of T , $S \dashv\vdash_X T$, if $\text{Th}(S) \cap X \subseteq \text{Th}(T)$. φ^i is φ if $i = 0$ and $\neg\varphi$ if $i = 1$. In the following Γ is either Σ_{n+1}^0 or Π_{n+1}^0 and $\check{\Gamma}$ is the dual of Γ . Γ -true(x) is a Γ partial truth definition for Γ sentences, i.e. for every Γ sentence φ ,

$$P \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \Gamma\text{-true}(\bar{\varphi}).$$

For notation and terminology not explained here see [1].

1. Partially conservative sentences. Let T be a fixed primitive recursive but otherwise arbitrary consistent extension of P and let $\tau(x)$ be a PR binumeration of T . Let $\{\Gamma\}(x, y)$ be the formula

$$\forall u \forall v \leq y (u \text{ is } \Gamma \wedge \text{Prf}_T(z) \vee z = x (u, v) \rightarrow \Gamma\text{-true}(u)).$$

The following lemma is then easily verified.

LEMMA 1. $\{\Gamma\}(x, y)$ is a Γ formula s. t.

- (i) $P \vdash \{\Gamma\}(x, y) \wedge y' \leq y \rightarrow \{\Gamma\}(x, y')$,
- (ii) $T + \varphi \vdash \{\Gamma\}(\bar{\varphi}, \bar{m})$ for all φ and m ,
- (iii) if ψ is Γ and $T + \varphi \vdash \psi$, then there is a q s. t.

$$P + \{\Gamma\}(\bar{\varphi}, \bar{q}) \vdash \psi.$$

In fact these are the only properties of $\{\Gamma\}(x, y)$ that will be used in the sequel.

Using Lemma 1 we can now prove two lemmas which serve to unify the proofs of a number of results stated in

what follows (cf. [10]).

LEMMA 2. Suppose $\chi(x, y)$ is Γ . Then there is a Γ formula $\xi(x)$ s. t.

- (i) $T + \xi(\bar{k}) \vdash \chi(\bar{k}, \bar{m})$,
- (ii) $T + \xi(\bar{k}) \dashv\vdash_T T \cup \{\chi(\bar{k}, \bar{q}) : q \in \omega\}$.

PROOF. Case 1. $\Gamma = \Pi_{n+1}^0$. Let $\xi(x)$ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \xi(\bar{k}) \leftrightarrow \forall y (\{\Sigma_{n+1}^0\}(\bar{\xi}(\bar{k}), y) \rightarrow \chi(\bar{k}, y)).$$

Then (i) follows at once from Lemma 1 (ii). To prove (ii), suppose ψ is Σ_{n+1}^0 and $T + \xi(\bar{k}) \vdash \psi$. By Lemma 1 (iii), there is a q s. t.

$$P + \{\Sigma_{n+1}^0\}(\bar{\xi}(\bar{k}), \bar{q}) \vdash \psi.$$

Hence, by Lemma 1 (i),

$$P + \forall y \leq \bar{q} \chi(\bar{k}, y) + \neg\psi \vdash \xi(\bar{k}).$$

But then, since $T + \xi(\bar{k}) \vdash \psi$, it follows that $T + \forall y \leq \bar{q} \chi(\bar{k}, y) \vdash \psi$. This proves (ii).

Case 2. $\Gamma = \Sigma_{n+1}^0$. Let $\xi(x)$ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \xi(\bar{k}) \leftrightarrow \exists y (\neg\{\Pi_{n+1}^0\}(\bar{\xi}(\bar{k}), y) \wedge \forall z \leq y \chi(\bar{k}, z)).$$

LEMMA 3. Suppose $\neg\chi_0(x, y)$ and $\chi_1(x, y)$ are Γ . Then there is a Γ formula $\xi(x)$ s. t. for $i = 0, 1$,

- (i) $T + \xi^i(\bar{k}) \vdash \forall y \leq \bar{m} \chi_i(\bar{k}, y) \rightarrow \chi_{1-i}(\bar{k}, \bar{m})$,
- (ii) if ψ is $\check{\Gamma}$ and $T + \xi^i(\bar{k}) \vdash \psi^i$, then $T \cup \{\chi_{1-i}(\bar{k}, \bar{q}) : q \in \omega\} \vdash \psi^i$.

Our first result on the existence of partially conservative sentences is the following theorem due to Guaspari [2] (cf. also [4, 10, 14]). Let $\text{Cons}(\Gamma, T)$ be the set of sentences Γ -conservative over T .

THEOREM 1. Let X be any r.e. set. There is then a Γ formula $\xi(x)$ s. t.

- (i) if $k \in X$, then $T \vdash \neg\xi(\bar{k})$,

(ii) if $k \notin X$, then $\xi(\bar{k}) \in \text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, T)$.

PROOF. Let $\rho(x, y)$ be a PR binumeration of a relation $R(k, m)$ s. t. $X = \{k: \exists m R(k, m)\}$ and let $\xi(x)$ be as in Lemma 2 with $\chi(x, y) = \neg\rho(x, y)$.

A set X of sentences will be said to be monoconsistent with S if $S + \varphi$ is consistent for every $\varphi \in X$.

COROLLARY 1. If X is r.e. and monoconsistent with T , then

$$\Gamma \cap \text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, T) - X \neq \emptyset.$$

PROOF. Let $\xi(x)$ be as in Theorem 1 and let φ be s. t. $P \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \xi(\bar{\varphi})$. If $\varphi \in X$, then $T \vdash \neg\xi(\bar{\varphi})$, whence $T \vdash \neg\varphi$. But this is impossible and so $\varphi \notin X$. Hence, by Theorem 1 (ii), φ is as desired.

Let

$$NX = \{\varphi: \neg\varphi \in X\},$$

$$D\text{Cons}(\Gamma, T) = \text{Cons}(\Gamma, T) \cap N\text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, T).$$

We then have the following result essentially due to Solovay [16] (cf. also [2, 10, 14]).

THEOREM 2. Suppose X is r.e. and monoconsistent with T . Then

$$\Gamma \cap D\text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, T) - (X \cup NX) \neq \emptyset.$$

The proof is an application of Lemma 3 and is similar to the proof of Theorem 1 followed by that of Corollary 1.

Let $B(\Sigma_k^0)$ be the set of Boolean combinations of Σ_k^0 sentences. By a similar construction we can then prove the following result due to Hájek [4].

THEOREM 3. $\Delta_{k+2}^0 \cap \text{Cons}(B(\Sigma_{k+1}^0), T) \cap N\text{Cons}(\Pi_{k+1}^0, T) - N\text{Cons}(\Sigma_{k+1}^0, T) \neq \emptyset$.

Combining Lemma 3 and Theorem 2 (with $X = \emptyset$) and using some additional tricks we can also prove the

following result which will be applied later to answer a question on interpretability raised by Orey [12].

THEOREM 4 ([10]). There are sentences φ_i s. t. $\varphi_i, \neg(\varphi_0 \wedge \varphi_1) \in \text{Cons}(\Gamma, T) - N\text{Cons}(\Pi_1^0, T)$.

The following interesting result has recently been proved by C. Bennet.

THEOREM 5. There are Σ_{n+1}^0 sentences θ_i s. t. $T \not\vdash \theta_0 \vee \theta_1$ and for $i = 0, 1$,

$$\theta_i \in \text{Cons}(\Pi_{n+1}^0, T + \neg\theta_{1-i}).$$

PROOF. Let $\xi_i(x)$ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \xi_i(\bar{k}) \leftrightarrow \exists z (\neg\{\Pi_{n+1}^0\}(\eta_i(\bar{k}), z) \wedge \forall u \leq z \neg \text{Prf}_T(\bar{k}, u))$$

where $\eta_i(x)$ is

$$\exists z (\rho_i(x, z) \wedge \forall u \leq_i z \neg \rho_{1-i}(x, u))$$

(\leq_0 is \leq and \leq_1 is $<$) where in turn $\rho_i(x, y)$ is PR and s. t.

$$P \vdash \xi_i(x) \leftrightarrow \exists z \rho_i(x, z).$$

Using Lemma 1 it can be shown that

(1) if $T \vdash \varphi$, then $T \vdash \neg\eta_i(\bar{\varphi})$,

(2) if $T \not\vdash \varphi$, then $\eta_i(\bar{\varphi}) \in \text{Cons}(\Pi_{n+1}^0, T + \neg\eta_{1-i}(\bar{\varphi}))$.

Now let ψ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \psi \leftrightarrow \eta_0(\bar{\psi}) \vee \eta_1(\bar{\psi})$$

and let $\theta_i = \eta_i(\bar{\psi})$. Then, by (1) and (2), the sentences θ_i are as desired.

We now give an example of an application of Theorem 5. For any sentence φ , let $e(\varphi, \Gamma) = \{\psi \in \Gamma: T \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi\}$. Let $E(\Gamma) = \{e(\varphi, \Gamma): \varphi \in \Gamma\}$. Elements of $E(\Gamma)$ will be written a, b etc. $a \leq b$ iff $T \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ where $\varphi \in a$ and $\psi \in b$. Clearly \leq is a partial ordering which is a lattice with $a \cup b = e(\varphi \vee \psi, \Gamma)$ and $a \cap b = e(\varphi \wedge \psi, \Gamma)$ where again $\varphi \in a$ and $\psi \in b$. Moreover $E(\Gamma)$ has a minimal element $0 = e(0=1, \Gamma)$ and a maximal element $1 = e(0=0, \Gamma)$.

COROLLARY 2. The sentence

$$(*) \quad \forall a_0 a_1 \exists b_0 b_1 (b_0 \leq a_0 \wedge b_1 \leq a_1 \wedge b_0 \cup b_1 = a_0 \cup a_1 \wedge b_0 \cap b_1 = 0)$$

is true in all the lattices $E(\Sigma_{n+1}^0)$ and false in all the lattices $E(\Pi_{n+1}^0)$.

PROOF. To show that (*) is false in $E(\Pi_{n+1}^0)$ let θ_i be as in Theorem 5 and let $a_i = e(\neg\theta_i, \Pi_{n+1}^0)$. Suppose (*) is true and let b_i be s. t. $b_i \leq a_i$, $b_0 \cup b_1 = a_0 \cup a_1$, and $b_0 \cap b_1 = 0$. Let $\psi_i \in b_i$. Then $\Gamma \vdash \psi_i \rightarrow \neg\theta_i$, $\Gamma \vdash \neg\theta_0 \vee \neg\theta_1 \rightarrow \psi_0 \vee \psi_1$, and $\Gamma \vdash \neg(\psi_0 \wedge \psi_1)$. It follows that $\Gamma + \neg\theta_i + \theta_{1-i} \vdash \neg\psi_{1-i} \wedge (\psi_0 \vee \psi_1)$, whence $\Gamma + \neg\theta_i + \theta_{1-i} \vdash \psi_i$, whence $\Gamma + \neg\theta_i \vdash \psi_i$. But then $\Gamma \vdash \theta_0 \vee \theta_1$, contrary to hypothesis.

Our next two results are refinements of the following simple and certainly well-known observation: Suppose X is r.e. and bounded, i.e. $X \subseteq \Gamma$ for some Γ , and $\Gamma \cup X$ is consistent. Then there is a sentence θ s. t. $\Gamma + \theta \vdash X$ and $\Gamma + \theta$ is consistent.

THEOREM 6 ([10]). Let X be an r.e. set of Γ sentences. There is then a Γ sentence θ s. t. $\Gamma \cup X \dashv\vdash \Gamma + \theta \dashv\vdash \Gamma \cup X$.

PROOF. By the proof of Craig's theorem, we may assume that X is primitive recursive. Let $\xi(x)$ be a PR binumeration of X . By Lemma 2, there is a Γ sentence θ s. t.

- (1) $\Gamma + \theta \vdash \xi(\bar{\varphi}) \rightarrow \Gamma\text{-true}(\bar{\varphi})$,
- (2) $\Gamma + \theta \dashv\vdash \Gamma \cup \{\xi(\bar{q}) \rightarrow \Gamma\text{-true}(\bar{q}) : q \in \omega\}$.

But then $\Gamma \cup X \dashv\vdash \Gamma + \theta$ follows at once from (1). Now suppose ψ is $\check{\Gamma}$ and $\Gamma + \theta \vdash \psi$. Then, by (2),

$$\Gamma \cup \{\xi(\bar{q}) \rightarrow \Gamma\text{-true}(\bar{q}) : q \in \omega\} \vdash \psi.$$

But clearly $\Gamma \cup X \vdash \xi(\bar{q}) \rightarrow \Gamma\text{-true}(\bar{q})$ for every q , whence $\Gamma \cup X \vdash \psi$. Thus $\Gamma + \theta \dashv\vdash \Gamma \cup X$ as was to be shown.

The following result will be applied in §3.

THEOREM 7 ([10]). Suppose $X \subseteq \Gamma$ is r.e. and let Y be any r.e. set of sentences s. t. $\Gamma \cup X \not\vdash \psi$ for every $\psi \in Y$. Then there is a Γ sentence θ s. t. $\Gamma \cup X \dashv\vdash \Gamma + \theta \dashv\vdash \psi$ for every $\psi \in Y$.

PROOF. We may assume that X and Y are primitive recursive. Let $\xi(x)$ and $\eta(x)$ be PR binumerations of X and Y , respectively. If $\Gamma = \Pi_{n+1}^0$ let θ be s. t.

$$\Gamma \vdash \theta \leftrightarrow \forall y (\xi(y) \wedge \forall zu \leq y (\eta(z) \rightarrow \neg \text{Prf}_{\tau(x) \vee x=\bar{\theta}}(z,u)) \rightarrow \Pi_{n+1}^0\text{-true}(y)).$$

If $\Gamma = \Sigma_{n+1}^0$ let θ be s. t.

$$\Gamma \vdash \theta \leftrightarrow \exists y (\exists zu \leq y (\eta(z) \wedge \text{Prf}_{\tau(x) \vee x=\bar{\theta}}(z,u)) \wedge \forall z \leq y (\xi(z) \rightarrow \Sigma_{n+1}^0\text{-true}(z))).$$

Next we observe that $\text{Cons}(\Gamma, \Gamma)$ is Π_2^0 and that Theorem 1 implies that $\Gamma \cap \text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, \Gamma)$ is not r.e. Thus we are faced with the problem of classifying these sets. A very nearly complete solution follows from our next result. Let

$$\text{Cons}(\Gamma, Y, \Gamma) = \{\varphi : \text{for every } \psi \in \Gamma, \text{ if } \Gamma + \varphi \vdash \psi, \text{ then } \psi \in Y\}.$$

Thus $\text{Cons}(\Gamma, \Gamma) = \text{Cons}(\Gamma, \text{Th}(\Gamma), \Gamma)$.

THEOREM 8 ([10]). Suppose $\Gamma \neq \Pi_1^0$ and let Y be any r.e. set monoconsistent with P . Then to any Π_2^0 set X , there is a Γ formula $\xi(x)$ s. t.

- (i) If $k \in X$, then $\xi(\bar{k}) \in \text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, \Gamma)$,
- (ii) if $k_r \notin X$ for $r \leq q$, then $\bigvee_{r \leq q} \xi(\bar{k}_r) \notin \text{Cons}(\Sigma_1^0, Y, \Gamma) \cup \text{Cons}(\Pi_1^0, Y, \Gamma)$.

To prove this we need the following

LEMMA 4. If X and Y are r.e. and Y is monoconsistent with P , then there is a Σ_1^0 formula $\xi_0(x)$ and a Π_1^0 formula $\xi_1(x)$ s. t.

- (i) $P \vdash \xi_0(\bar{k}) \rightarrow \xi_1(\bar{k})$,
- (ii) if $k \in X$, then $P \vdash \xi_0(\bar{k})$,
- (iii) if $k_r \notin X$ for $r \leq q$, then $\bigvee_{r \leq q} \xi_1(\bar{k}_r) \notin Y$.

PROOF. Let $R(k,m)$ and $S(k,m)$ be primitive recursive relations s. t. $X = \{k: \exists m R(k,m)\}$ and $Y = \{k: \exists m S(k,m)\}$. Let $\rho(x,y)$ and $\sigma(x,y)$ be PR binumerations of $R(k,m)$ and $S(k,m)$. Let $S_0(\gamma,p)$ be the primitive recursive relation $\exists q k_r (S(\bigvee_{r \leq q} \gamma(\bar{k}_r), p) \wedge \forall m \leq p \forall s \leq q \sim R(k_s, m))$. Let $\sigma_0(x,y)$ be a PR binumeration of $S_0(\gamma,p)$ and let $\xi_1(x)$ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \xi_1(\bar{k}) \leftrightarrow \forall u (\sigma_0(\bar{\xi}_1, u) \rightarrow \exists v \leq u \rho(\bar{k}, v)).$$

Finally let $\xi_0(x)$ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \xi_0(\bar{k}) \leftrightarrow \exists z (\rho(\bar{k}, z) \wedge \forall u \leq z \neg \sigma_0(\bar{\xi}_1, u)).$$

Then (i) is obvious. To prove (ii) and (iii) first prove that $\sigma_0(\bar{\xi}_1, \bar{p})$ is false for every p .

Theorem 8 is now an easy consequence of Lemmas 2 and 4. It has the following (cf. [4,10,13,14,16])

COROLLARY 3. The sets $\Gamma \cap \text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, T)$, where $\Gamma \neq \Pi_1^0$, $\Sigma_2^0 \cap \text{Cons}(\Sigma_1^0, T)$, and $\Pi_2^0 \cap \text{Cons}(\Sigma_1^0, T)$ are complete Π_2^0 sets.

If T is Σ_1^0 -sound, then $\Pi_1^0 \cap \text{Cons}(\Sigma_1^0, T)$ is Π_1^0 . But if T is not Σ_1^0 -sound, then this set is complete Π_2^0 too [13].

Results similar to Theorem 8 and Corollary 3 can also be obtained from (the proofs of) Theorems 2,3,4,5.

Combining Theorem 8 and the proof of Theorem 6 we get the following corollary which will be applied in §3.

COROLLARY 4. If $\Gamma \neq \Pi_1^0$, then

$$\{\varphi: \exists \Psi \in \Gamma \cap \text{Cons}(\check{\Gamma}, T) (T + \Psi \vdash \varphi)\}$$

is a complete Σ_3^0 set.

Suppose X is r.e. and let $Y = \{\varphi: T + \varphi \vdash X\}$. Clearly Y is r.e. unless X is infinite over T in the sense that

there is no k s. t. $T \cup X \upharpoonright k \vdash X$.

THEOREM 9 ([10]). Suppose X is r.e., bounded, and infinite over T . Then $Y = \{\varphi: T + \varphi \vdash X\}$ is a complete Π_2^0 set.

The proof is an application of Theorem 1. Suppose $X \subseteq T$. It is not known if it follows that $T \cap Y$ is complete Π_2^0 . It can be shown, however, that $T \cap Y$ is not r.e.

2. Interpretability. We write $S \leq T$ to mean that S is interpretable in T . $S < T$ if $S \leq T$ $\not\leq$ S and $S \equiv T$ if $S \leq T \leq S$. We assume that $P \dashv T$.

All proofs in what follows of the existence of interpretations are applications, directly or indirectly, of the following basic result established by Feferman [1].

LEMMA 5. If $\sigma(x)$ numerates S in T , then $S \leq T + \text{Con}_\sigma$. This is proved by showing that the denumerable case of the Henkin completeness proof can be carried out in P .

For any formula $\sigma(x)$, let $\sigma^*(x)$ be the formula

$$\sigma(x) \wedge \text{Con}_\sigma(y) \wedge y \leq x.$$

The following lemma is again due to Feferman [1] (cf. also [11]).

LEMMA 6. (i) If $\sigma(x)$ binumerates S in T and for every n , $T \vdash \text{Con}_{S \upharpoonright n}$, then $\sigma^*(x)$ binumerates S in T .
(ii) $P \vdash \text{Con}_{\sigma^*}$.

S is reflexive if $S \vdash \text{Con}_{S \upharpoonright n}$ for every n . S is essentially reflexive if all extensions of S in the language of S are reflexive. In the following A, B, C are essentially reflexive extensions of P .

If S_0 and S_1 are finite and $S_0 \leq S_1$, then $P \vdash \text{Con}_{S_1} \rightarrow \text{Con}_{S_0}$. Thus from Lemmas 5 and 6 we get the following key

LEMMA 7 ([3]). $S \leq A$ iff $A \vdash \text{Con}_{S \upharpoonright n}$ for every n .

One immediate consequence of Lemma 7 is the following result known as Orey's compactness theorem [12].

LEMMA 8. $S \leq A$ iff $S \upharpoonright n \leq A$ for every n .

Suppose φ is Π_1^0 and $Q + \varphi \leq A$, where Q is Robinson's arithmetic. Then there is an n s. t. $Q + \varphi \leq A \upharpoonright n$. It follows that $P \vdash \text{Con}_{A \upharpoonright n} \rightarrow \text{Con}_{Q + \varphi}$, whence $P \vdash \text{Con}_{A \upharpoonright n} \rightarrow \neg \text{Pr}_Q(\neg \varphi)$. But $\neg \varphi$ is Σ_1^0 , whence $P \vdash \neg \varphi \rightarrow \text{Pr}_Q(\neg \varphi)$. Since $A \vdash \text{Con}_{A \upharpoonright n}$, it follows that $A \vdash \varphi$. This proves one half of the following lemma (cf. [2,3,9]). The other half follows at once from Lemma 7.

LEMMA 9. $A \leq B$ iff $A \dashv \vdash_{\Pi_1^0} B$.

In view of Lemma 9, results on partially conservative sentences can be applied to interpretability. Thus combining Corollary 1 and Lemma 9 we get (cf. [3,6,9,10,16])

THEOREM 10. If X is r.e. and monoconsistent with A , then there is a Σ_1^0 sentence $\varphi \notin X$ s. t. $A + \varphi \leq A$.

Similarly Theorem 2 yields the following

THEOREM 11 ([9,10]). If X is r.e. and monoconsistent with A , then there is a (Σ_2^0, Π_2^0) sentence θ s. t. $\theta^i \notin X$ and $A + \theta^i \leq A$, $i = 0,1$.

From our point of view we may regard ZF as an extension of P . Let P^2 be the finite conservative "second order" extension of P . Let $X = \{\varphi: \text{GB} + \varphi \leq \text{GB}\}$ and $Y = \{\varphi: P^2 + \varphi \leq P^2\}$. Then X and Y are r.e., since GB and P^2 are finite. Clearly X is monoconsistent with ZF and Y is monoconsistent with P . Hence, by Theorem 10 and recalling that P and ZF are essentially reflexive, we get the following

COROLLARY 5. There is a Σ_1^0 sentence φ s. t. $P + \varphi \leq P(\text{ZF} + \varphi \leq \text{ZF})$ and $P^2 + \varphi \not\leq P^2(\text{GB} + \varphi \leq \text{GB})$.

Similarly applying Theorem 11 we get

COROLLARY 6. There is a (Σ_2^0, Π_2^0) sentence θ s. t.

$P + \theta^i \leq P(\text{ZF} + \theta^i \leq \text{ZF})$ and $P^2 + \theta^i \not\leq P^2(\text{GB} + \theta^i \leq \text{GB})$, $i = 0,1$.

From Theorem 4 we get the following (partial) answer to a question of Orey [12].

THEOREM 12 ([10]). There are sentences φ_i s. t.

$A + \varphi_i \leq A$, $A + \varphi_0 \wedge \varphi_1 \not\leq A$, $A + \neg \varphi_i \not\leq A$, and $A + \neg \varphi_0 \vee \neg \varphi_1 \leq A$, $i = 0,1$.

By Theorem 6, we get the following

THEOREM 13 ([9,10]). (i) If $A \dashv \vdash B$, then there is a (Σ_2^0, Π_2^0) sentence θ s. t. $A + \theta \equiv B$.

(ii) If X is an r.e. set of Σ_1^0 sentences, then there is a Σ_1^0 sentence σ s. t. $A \cup X \equiv A + \sigma$.

Theorem 13 (ii) can be applied to answer a question raised by Švejdar [17] as follows. (For more information of the properties of Σ_1^0 and Π_1^0 sentences in terms of interpretability see Theorem 26 below.)

COROLLARY 7. If A is consistent, there is a Σ_1^0 sentence σ s. t. $A + \psi \not\equiv A + \sigma$ for every Π_1^0 sentence ψ .

PROOF. It can be shown without much difficulty (essentially by repeating the proof of Lemma 11 below) that there is a Σ_1^0 formula $\gamma(x)$ s. t. for every n , $A + \gamma(\bar{n}) \not\leq A \cup \{\gamma(\bar{m}): m < n\}$. Let $X = \{\gamma(\bar{n}): n \in \omega\}$. By Theorem 13 (ii), there is a Σ_1^0 sentence σ s. t. $A + \sigma \equiv A \cup X$. Let ψ be any Π_1^0 sentence and suppose $A + \psi \equiv A + \sigma$. Then, by Lemma 9, there is an n s. t. $A \cup X \upharpoonright n \vdash \psi$. But then $A \cup X \leq A + \sigma \leq A + \psi \dashv \vdash A \cup X \upharpoonright n$, whence $A \cup X \leq A \cup X \upharpoonright n$, a contradiction.

By Lemma 7, $\{\varphi: A + \varphi \leq B\}$ is Π_2^0 . Thus, by Theorem 8 with $Y = \text{Th}(B)$ (cf. [9,10,14,16])

THEOREM 14. If $A \leq B$ and B is consistent, then $\Sigma_1^0 \cap \{\varphi: A + \varphi \leq B\}$ is a complete Π_2^0 set.

Similarly, using Theorem 9, we get

THEOREM 15 ([9,10]). If there is no Π_1^0 sentence θ s.t. $B \vdash \theta$ and $B \leq A + \theta$, then $\{\varphi: B \leq A + \varphi\}$ is a complete Π_2^0 set.

Corollary 5 leads to the question if there is a (Π_1^0) sentence φ s. t. $P + \varphi \not\leq P(ZF + \varphi \leq ZF)$ and $P^2 + \varphi \leq P^2(GB + \varphi \leq GB)$. Solovay [16] has developed a method, completely different from the one used here, by means of which these questions can be answered in the affirmative. Let A^* be P or ZF and let S^* be P^2 or GB , respectively. Then (cf also [5,18])

THEOREM 16. There is a Π_1^0 sentence θ s. t. $S^* + \theta \leq S^*$ and $A^* + \theta \not\leq A^*$.

Note that, since A^* is (essentially) reflexive and φ is Π_1^0 , $A^* + \varphi \leq A^*$ is equivalent to $A^* \vdash \varphi$. Unfortunately it would take too long to explain Solovay's construction here. The reader is referred to [5,18].

We now introduce the following classification of sentences: φ is of type $\langle i, j_0, j_1 \rangle$, where $i, j_0, j_1 \in \{0, 1\}$, if $i = 0$ iff $A^* + \varphi \leq A^*$, $j_0 = 0$ iff $S^* + \varphi \leq S^*$, and $j_1 = 0$ iff $S^* + \neg\varphi \leq S^*$. Hájek [5] observed that $\neg\theta$, where θ is as in Theorem 16, is of type $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ and went on to prove the following

THEOREM 17. There are independent Σ_1^0 sentences of all possible types.

By a similar but somewhat more complicated construction Švejdar [18] has proved the following remarkable

THEOREM 18. There is a Π_1^0 sentence ψ s. t. $A^* + \psi \not\leq A^*$ and $S^* + \psi \leq S^*$ but $A^* + \psi \leq S^*$.

3. Degrees of interpretability. Clearly \equiv (mutual interpretability) is an equivalence relation. Its equivalence classes will be called degrees (of interpretability). Now let T be a consistent essentially reflexive extension of P e.g. P of ZF . In the following A, B , etc. are extensions of T in the language of T . Thus A, B , etc. are essentially reflexive. Let D_T be the set of degrees of the form $d(A)$, where $d(A)$ is the degree of A , i.e. $A \in d(A)$. Elements of D_T will be written a, b , etc. D_T is partially ordered by the relation \leq induced by interpretability, i.e. $a \leq b$ iff $A \leq B$, where $A \in a$ and $B \in b$.

We now define A^T , \downarrow , and \uparrow as follows:

$$A^T = T \cup \{\text{Con}_{A \upharpoonright n} : n \in \omega\},$$

$$A \downarrow B = \{\varphi \vee \psi : \varphi \in A \ \& \ \psi \in B\},$$

$$A \uparrow B = A^T \cup B^T.$$

Thus $\text{Th}(A \downarrow B) = \text{Th}(A) \cap \text{Th}(B)$. By Lemma 7, we get

LEMMA 10. (i) $A \leq B$ iff $A^T \dashv\vdash B$. Thus $A^T \equiv A$ and $A \leq B$ iff $A^T \dashv\vdash B^T$.

(ii) $A \leq B, C$ iff $A \leq B \downarrow C$,

(iii) $A, B \leq C$ iff $A \uparrow B \leq C$ iff $A \uparrow B \dashv\vdash C$.

For $A \in a$ and $B \in b$ let $a \cap b = d(A \downarrow B)$ and $a \cup b = d(A \uparrow B)$. By Lemma 10, \cap and \cup are well-defined, $a \cap b$ is the glb of a and b , and $a \cup b$ is the lub of a and b . Moreover it is easily verified that

$$A^T \downarrow (B \uparrow C) \dashv\vdash (A^T \downarrow B^T) \uparrow (A^T \downarrow C^T).$$

Thus we have the following

THEOREM 19 ([9,11]). D_T is a distributive lattice.

Švejdar [17] has defined the lattice V_T of degrees of the form $d(T + \varphi)$ and proved that V_T is distributive. By Theorem 13, $V_T = D_T$.

D_T has a minimal element $0 = d(T)$ and a maximal element 1 , the common degree of all inconsistent theories. If T is Σ_1^0 -sound, then $a, b < 1$ implies $a \cup b < 1$. In fact we have the following

THEOREM 20 ([9,11]). T is not Σ_1^0 -sound iff there are $a_0, a_1 < 1$ s. t. $a_0 \cup a_1 = 1$ (and $a_0 \cap a_1 = 0$).

This may be proved in the following way. First prove the following simple but occasionally useful

LEMMA 11. If X is r.e. and monoconsistent with Q , then there is a true Π_1^0 sentence ψ s. t. $\psi, \neg\psi \notin X$.

Next applying Lemma 11 we can prove

LEMMA 12. Suppose X is r.e. and monoconsistent with P and let θ be any true Π_1^0 sentence. There are then Π_1^0 sentences θ_i s. t.

- (i) $P \vdash \theta_0 \vee \theta_1$,
- (ii) $P \vdash \theta_0 \wedge \theta_1 \rightarrow \theta$,
- (iii) $\theta_i^j \notin X, i, j = 0, 1$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 20. Let θ be a true Π_1^0 sentence s. t. $T \vdash \neg\theta$. Let $X = Th(T)$. Let θ_i be as in Lemma 12. Finally let $a_i = d(T + \theta_i)$. Then $a_i < 1$, $a_0 \cap a_1 = 0$, and $a_0 \cup a_1 = 1$.

Suppose $a < 1$ and $A \in a$. By Lemma 11, there is a sentence ψ s. t. $Q + \psi^i \not\vdash A, i = 0, 1$. Let $a_i = d(A + \psi^i)$. Then $a < a_i$ and $a_0 \cap a_1 = a$. Thus a is not meet-irreducible. Moreover no $a < 1$ is join-irreducible. In fact we have

THEOREM 21 ([9,11]). If $a < b < 1$, then there are degrees c_i s. t. $a < c_i < b, c_0 \cap c_1 = a$, and $c_0 \cup c_1 = b$.

PROOF. Let $A \in a$ and $B \in b$. By Orey's compactness theorem, there is a sentence ψ s. t. $B \vdash \psi$ and $\psi \not\vdash A$. Moreover, by Lemma 7, there is an m s. t. $A \not\vdash \text{Con}_{B \uparrow m}$.

Let $\beta(x)$ be a PR binumeration of B and let

$$X = \{\varphi: \psi \leq A + \neg\varphi\} \cup \{\varphi: A \vdash \varphi \vee \text{Con}_{B \uparrow m}\}.$$

Then X is r.e. and monoconsistent with P . Hence, by Lemma 12, there are Π_1^0 sentences θ_i s. t.

$$\begin{aligned} P &\vdash \theta_0 \vee \theta_1, \\ P &\vdash \theta_0 \wedge \theta_1 \rightarrow \text{Con}_\beta, \\ \theta_i^j &\notin X, i, j = 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let $c_i = b \cap d(A + \theta_i)$.

From Theorem 21 it follows, of course, that D_T is dense.

Suppose $a < b < 1$. Does it follow that there is a $c > a$ s. t. $b \cap c = a$? By our next result, the answers to this question and its dual are negative. We define \ll_j ("j" for "join") and \ll_m ("m" for "meet") as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a \ll_j b &\text{ iff } a < b \text{ and for every } c, \text{ if } a \cup c \leq b, \text{ then } c \geq b, \\ a \ll_m b &\text{ iff } a < b \text{ and for every } c, \text{ if } b \cap c \leq a, \text{ then } c \leq a. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 22 ([9,11]). (i) If $0 < a$, then there is a b s. t. $0 < b \ll_j a$.
(ii) If $a < 1$, then there is a b s. t. $a \ll_m b < 1$.

PROOF. (i) Let $A \in a$. By Lemma 9, there is a Π_1^0 sentence θ s. t. $A \vdash \theta$ and $T \not\vdash \theta$. Let $X = Th(T + \neg\theta)$. Then X is r.e. and monoconsistent with $T + \neg\theta$. Hence, by Corollary 1, there is a sentence $\psi \in \Pi_1^0 \cap \text{Cons}(\Sigma_1^0, T + \neg\theta) - X$. Let $B = T + \psi \vee \theta$ and $b = d(B)$. Then $0 < b \leq a$. Suppose $c \cup b \geq a$. Then there is an m s. t. $T + \psi + \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m} \vdash \theta$, whence $T + \neg\theta + \psi \vdash \neg\text{Con}_{C \uparrow m}$, whence $T + \neg\theta \vdash \neg\text{Con}_{C \uparrow m}$, whence $C \vdash \theta$, whence $c \geq b$, whence $c = c \cup b \geq a$.

(ii) can rather easily be derived from the following

simple

LEMMA 13. The following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) For every c , if $b \cap c \leq a$, then $c \leq a$.
- (ii) If σ is Σ_1^0 , $A \in a$, and $b \leq d(A + \sigma)$, then $A \vdash \neg \sigma$.

We write $a \ll^* b$ to mean that $a < b$ and there is a Π_1^0 sentence θ s. t. $B \vdash \theta$ and $A + \neg \theta \leq A$, where $A \in a$ and $B \in b$. Then $a \ll^* b$ implies $a \ll_m b$. The converse of this, however, is false.

COROLLARY 7. To every $a < 1$, there is a b s. t. $a \ll_m b$ but not $a \ll^* b$.

PROOF. Let $A \in a$, $X = \{\varphi: a \ll_m d(A + \varphi)\}$, and $Y = \{\varphi: a \ll^* d(A + \varphi)\}$. By Lemma 7, $\{\varphi: A + \varphi \leq B\}$ is Π_2^0 . Hence, by Lemma 13, X is Π_3^0 . But, by Corollary 4, Y is a complete Σ_3^0 set and so is not Π_3^0 . Finally $Y \subseteq X$. It follows that $X \not\subseteq Y$. Let $\psi \in X - Y$ and set $b = d(A + \psi)$.

Note that if $\alpha(x)$ is a PR binumeration of A , then $d(A) \ll^* d(T + \text{Con}_\alpha)$ if A is consistent. This follows since $A + \neg \text{Con}_\alpha \leq A$ [1].

Theorem 22 (i) suggests the question if to each $a < 1$, there is a b s. t. $a \ll_j b < 1$. The dual of this is obviously false. We now show that the answer is negative.

THEOREM 23 ([11]). There is a degree $a < 1$ s. t. if $a \leq b < 1$, then there is a degree $c < b$ s. t. $a \cup c = b$.

PROOF. If T is not Σ_1^0 -sound, this is obvious, by Theorem 20. So suppose T is Σ_1^0 -sound. Let $\tau(x)$ be a PR binumeration of T and let $a = d(T + \text{Con}_\tau)$. Then $a < 1$. Suppose now $a \leq b < 1$. Let $\beta(x)$ be a PR binumeration of a theory of degree b . Next let φ be s. t.

$$P \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \forall z (\text{Prf}_\tau(\bar{\varphi}, z) \rightarrow \exists u \leq z \text{Prf}_\beta(\overline{\neg 0=0}, u)).$$

Finally let $\hat{\varphi}$ be the sentence

$$\forall z (\text{Prf}_\beta(\overline{\neg 0=0}, z) \rightarrow \exists u < z \text{Prf}_\tau(\bar{\varphi}, u)).$$

Then, by standard arguments,

- (1) $T \not\vdash \varphi$,
- (2) $P \vdash \varphi \vee \hat{\varphi}$,
- (3) $P \vdash \varphi \wedge \hat{\varphi} \rightarrow \text{Con}_\beta$.

Clearly $P \vdash \neg \varphi \rightarrow \text{Pr}_T(\bar{\varphi})$. Since $\neg \varphi$ is Σ_1^0 , it follows that $P \vdash \neg \varphi \rightarrow \text{Pr}_T(\overline{\neg \varphi})$. Thus

- (4) $P \vdash \text{Con}_T \rightarrow \varphi$.

Let $d = d(T + \hat{\varphi})$. Then, since $\hat{\varphi}$ and Con_T are Π_1^0 , it follows from (3), (4), and Lemma 5 that $a \cup d \geq b$. Suppose $a \leq d$. Then $T + \hat{\varphi} \vdash \text{Con}_T$. Hence, by (2) and (4), $T \vdash \varphi$, contradicting (1). Thus $a \not\leq d$. Now let $c = d \cap b$. Then $c < b$. Finally, by distributivity, $a \cup c = (a \cup d) \cap (a \cup b) = b$.

Let $\bigcup G$ ($\bigcap G$), where G is a set of degrees, be the supremum (infimum) of G if it exists. Somewhat surprisingly the following infinitary distributive laws hold.

THEOREM 24 ([11]). (i) If $\bigcup G$ exists, then $\bigcup G \cap b = \bigcup \{a \cap b: a \in G\}$.

(ii) If $\bigcap G$ exists, then $\bigcap G \cup b = \bigcap \{a \cup b: a \in G\}$.

(i) is an easy consequence of

LEMMA 14. $A \uparrow B \leq C$ iff $A \leq C + \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow n}$ for every n .

To prove (ii) we need the following

LEMMA 15. $A \uparrow B \geq C$ iff for every (Σ_1^0) sentence θ and every m , if $A^T + \neg \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m} \dashv \Sigma_1^0 T + \theta$, then $B \vdash \neg \theta$.

PROOF. Suppose first $A \uparrow B \geq C$. Let θ and m be s. t. $A^T + \neg \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m} \dashv \Sigma_1^0 T + \theta$. There is a k s. t. $A^T + \text{Con}_{B \uparrow k} \vdash \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m}$, whence $A^T + \neg \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m} \vdash \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow k}$. But then $T + \theta \vdash \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow k}$, whence $B \vdash \neg \theta$. This proves "only if". To prove "if" suppose $A \uparrow B \not\geq C$. There is then an m s. t. for every k , $A^T + \neg \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m} \not\vdash \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow k}$. But then, by Theorem 7,

there is a Σ_1^0 sentence θ s. t. $A^T + \neg \text{Con}_{C \uparrow m} \dashv \Sigma_1^0 T + \theta$ and $T + \theta \not\vdash \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow k}$ for every k . Since θ is Σ_1^0 , it follows that $B \not\vdash \neg \theta$ and so the proof is complete.

Theorem 24 (ii) can be derived without much difficulty from Lemma 15.

By Theorem 20, if T is Σ_1^0 -sound, no degree, except trivially 0 and 1, has a complement, whereas if T is not Σ_1^0 -sound, some do. This leads to the question if all degrees have pseudocomplements. By (i) of the following result, the answer is negative.

THEOREM 25 ([11]). (i) If $c < 1$, then there is an $a > c$ s. t. $\{b: b \cap a = c\}$ has no supremum.
 (ii) If $0 < c < 1$ and there is a Π_1^0 sentence θ s. t. $c = d(T + \theta)$, then there is a degree $a < c$ s. t. $\{b: b \cup a = c\}$ has no infimum.

Here (ii) is a partial dual of (i). The problem if the full dual is true remains open.

Next we consider degrees containing theories of a given form in analogy with e.g. the r.e. degrees of unsolvability. Let X be any set of sentences. Then $A[X] = \{d(A + \varphi): \varphi \in X\}$ and $a[X] = \bigcup \{A[X]: A \in a\}$. By Theorem 13, $A[\Sigma_2^0] = A[\Pi_2^0] = \{d(B): B \vdash A\}$ and so $a[\Sigma_2^0] = a[\Pi_2^0] = [a, 1]$. (Here and in what follows $[a, b] = \{c: a \leq c \leq b\}$, $[a, b) = \{c: a \leq c < b\}$ and $(a, b]$ and (a, b) are defined in the obvious way.) If $A \leq B$ and σ is Σ_1^0 , then, by Lemma 9, $A + \sigma \leq B + \sigma$. Hence $a[\Sigma_1^0] = A[\Sigma_1^0]$ for $A \in a$.

The following result contains some information on the sets $a[\Sigma_1^0]$, $A[\Pi_1^0]$, and $a[\Pi_1^0]$ and the relations between them.

THEOREM 26 ([11]). (i) If $a < b$, then there is a $c \in [a, b)$ s. t. $[c, b) \cap a[\Sigma_1^0] = \emptyset$.

- (ii) To any $a < 1$, there is a b s. t. $a \leq b < 1$ and $[b, 1] \subseteq a[\Pi_1^0]$.
- (iii) If $d(A) \leq b < c$, then there are b', c' s. t. $b \leq b' < c' \leq c$ and $[b', c'] \cap A[\Pi_1^0] = \emptyset$.
- (iv) If $a < b$, then there are c, c_0, c_1 s. t. $c \in a[\Sigma_1^0]$, $a \leq c_0 < c < c_1 \leq b$ and $[c_0, c_1] \cap a[\Pi_1^0] = \emptyset$.
- (v) If $a < b$, there are c, d s. t. $a \leq c < d \leq b$ and $(a[\Pi_1^0] \cup a[\Sigma_1^0]) \cap [c, d] = \emptyset$.
- (vi) If $A \in a < b$, then $A[\Sigma_1^0] \cap A[\Pi_1^0] \cap (a, b) \neq \emptyset$.

Our final result concerns the existence and nonexistence of infima of sets of the form $A[X]$ where X is an r.e. set of (Σ_1^0) sentences. Let us say that the infimum $\bigcap G$ is trivial if there is a finite set $H \subseteq G$ s. t. $\bigcap G = \bigcap H$.

THEOREM 27 ([11]): Suppose A is consistent.

- (i) There is a primitive recursive set X of Σ_1^0 sentences s. t. $d(A)$ is the nontrivial infimum of $A[X]$.
- (ii) There is a primitive recursive set Y of Σ_1^0 sentences s. t. $A[Y]$ has no infimum.

PROOF OF (i). By Corollary 7, there is a B s. t. $d(A) \ll_m d(B)$ and not $d(A) \ll^* d(B)$. Let $X = \{\neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow n} : n \in \omega\}$. If $C \leq A + \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow n}$ for every n , then, by Lemma 14, $C \uparrow B \leq A$, whence $C \leq A$, since $A \ll_m B$. Thus $d(A) = \bigcap A[X]$. This infimum cannot be trivial, since then there would be an m s. t. $A + \neg \text{Con}_{B \uparrow m} \leq A$ contrary to the fact that not $d(A) \ll^* d(B)$.

The proof of (ii) can be outlined as follows. First we observe that if Z is an r.e. set of Π_1^0 sentences, then $A[Z]$ does not have a nontrivial infimum. Now let ψ_0 be any Π_1^0 sentence s. t. $A < A + \psi_0$. Next, applying the construction used to prove Theorem 26 (vi), we can

effectively find Σ_1^0 sentences σ_n and Π_1^0 sentences ψ_{n+1} s. t. $A + \psi_n > A + \sigma_n \geq A + \psi_{n+1}$. Let $Y = \{\sigma_n : n \in \omega\}$. Then Y is as desired, since $A[\{\psi_n : n \in \omega\}]$ has no infimum.

We conclude by sketching a proof of Theorem 25 (i). Let $C \in c$. By Theorem 27 (ii), there is a primitive recursive set $Y = \{\sigma_n : n \in \omega\}$ of Σ_1^0 sentences s. t. $C[Y]$ has no infimum. Let $A = C \cup \{\neg\sigma_n : n \in \omega\}$ and $a = d(A)$. Then, since the sentences $\neg\sigma_n$ are Π_1^0 , by Lemma 14, $B+A \leq C$ iff $B \leq C + \sigma_n$ for every n . But then, by Theorem 24 (i), a supremum of $\{b : b \cap a = c\}$ would be an infimum of $C[Y]$.

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