

# AXIOMATIZING MATHEMATICAL THEORIES: Multiplication

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## Algebraic Geometry

$\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $+$  and  $\cdot$

### Tarski & Chevalley:

The projection of a constructible set is constructible.

Constructible: Boolean (complementation, intersection,  $\dots$ )

Combinations of  $\{\bar{x} \mid p(\bar{x}) = 0\}$ 's.

### Tarski & Seidenberg:

The projection of a semi-algebraic set is semialgebraic.

Semi-Algebraic:

Finite Union of  $\{\bar{x} \mid p(\bar{x}) = 0\}$ 's and  $\{\bar{x} \mid p(\bar{x}) > 0\}$ 's.

## Mathematical Logic

$$\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot \rangle$$

**Tarski:** The (First-Order Logical) Theory of the Structure  $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, 0, 1, -, ^{-1} \rangle$  is Decidable and CAN BE AXIOMATIZED AS an **Algebraically Closed Field.**

- $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
- $x + y = y + x$
- $x + 0 = x$
- $x + (-x) = 0$
- $x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$
- $\exists x(x^n + \mathbf{a}_1x^{n-1} + \mathbf{a}_2x^{n-2} + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{n-1}x + \mathbf{a}_n = 0)$
- $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
- $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
- $x \cdot 1 = x$
- $x \neq 0 \rightarrow x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$
- $0 \neq 1$

## Mathematical Logic

$$\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot \rangle$$

**Tarski:** The (First-Order Logical) Theory of the Structure  $\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, 0, 1, -,^{-1}, < \rangle$  is Decidable and CAN BE AXIOMATIZED AS a **Real Closed (Ordered) Field.**

- $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
- $x + y = y + x$
- $x + 0 = x$
- $x + (-x) = 0$
- $x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$
- $x < y < z \rightarrow x < z$
- $x < y \rightarrow x + z < y + z$
- $x < y \wedge 0 < z \rightarrow x \cdot z < y \cdot z$
- $\exists x(x^{2n+1} + \mathbf{a}_1 x^{2n} + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{2n} x + \mathbf{a}_{2n+1} = 0)$
- $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
- $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
- $x \cdot 1 = x$
- $x \neq 0 \rightarrow x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$
- $0 \neq 1$
- $x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x$
- $x \not< x$
- $0 < z \rightarrow \exists y(z = y \cdot y)$

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## Axiomatizing Mathematical Structures

### Addition +

The Theories of  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, + \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{R}, + \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{C}, + \rangle$  have, surprisingly, the same theory: Non-Trivial Torsion-Free Divisible Abelian Groups:

- $\forall x, y, z (x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z)$
- $\forall x (x + 0 = x = 0 + x)$
- $\forall x (x + (-x) = 0 = (-x) + x)$
- $\forall x, y (x + y = y + x)$
- $\forall x \exists y (\underbrace{y + \dots + y}_{n\text{-times}} = x), n = 2, 3, \dots$
- $\forall x (\underbrace{x + \dots + x}_{n\text{-times}} = 0 \rightarrow x = 0), n = 2, 3, \dots$
- $\exists x (x \neq 0)$

The Theories of  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, + \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{R}, + \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{C}, + \rangle$  Are Decidable.

## Axiomatizing Mathematical Structures

### Addition +

The Theory of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$  is also Decidable, and Axiomatizable as Non-Trivial Torsion-Free Abelian Group with Division Algorithm.

Axioms of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, 0, 1, - \rangle$ :

- $\forall x, y, z (x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z)$
- $\forall x, y (x + y = y + x)$
- $0 \neq 1$
- $\forall x \exists y (\bigvee_{i < n} (x = n \cdot y + i))$
- $\forall x (x + 0 = x)$
- $\forall x (x + (-x) = 0)$
- $\forall x (n \cdot x = 0 \rightarrow x = 0)$
- $n \cdot \alpha = \underbrace{\alpha + \dots + \alpha}_{n\text{-times}}$

G. S. BOOLOS, et. al., *Computability and Logic*, 5th ed. Cambridge University Press 2007.

C. SMORYŃSKI, *Logical Number Theory I: an introduction*, Springer 1991.

## Axiomatizing Mathematical Structures

### Addition +

The Theory of  $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$  is also Decidable, and Axiomatizable as Non-Trivial Ordered Abelian Monoid with Division Algorithm.

Axioms of  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 0, 1, < \rangle$ :

- $\forall x, y, z (x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z)$
- $\forall x, y, z (x < y \rightarrow x + z < y + z)$
- $\forall x, y, z (x < y < z \rightarrow x < z)$
- $\forall x, y (x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x)$
- $\forall x, y (x < y \leftrightarrow x + 1 \leq y)$
- $\forall x \exists y (\bigvee_{i < n} (x = n \cdot y + i))$
- $\forall x (x + 0 = x)$
- $\forall x, y (x + y = y + x)$
- $\forall x, y (x \not< x)$
- $\forall x (0 \leq x)$
- $\forall x (n \cdot x = 0 \rightarrow x = 0)$
- $n \cdot \alpha = \underbrace{\alpha + \dots + \alpha}_{n\text{-times}}$



## Decidability of Mathematical Structures

### Decision Problem for the Following Structures

|                | $\mathbb{N}$                             | $\mathbb{Z}$                           | $\mathbb{Q}$                           | $\mathbb{R}$                                | $\mathbb{C}$                                |
|----------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| $\{+\}$        | $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$          | $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$        | $\langle \mathbb{Q}, + \rangle$        | $\langle \mathbb{R}, + \rangle$             | $\langle \mathbb{C}, + \rangle$             |
| $\{\cdot\}$    | $\langle \mathbb{N}, \cdot \rangle$      | $\langle \mathbb{Z}, \cdot \rangle$    | $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle$    | $\langle \mathbb{R}, \cdot \rangle$         | $\langle \mathbb{C}, \cdot \rangle$         |
| $\{+, \cdot\}$ | $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot \rangle$   | $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot \rangle$ | $\langle \mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot \rangle$ | $\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot \rangle$      | $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot \rangle$      |
| <b>E</b>       | $\langle \mathbb{N}, \text{exp} \rangle$ | \                                      | \                                      | $\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, e^x \rangle$ | $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, e^x \rangle$ |

## The Theory of Multiplication

### Mainly Missing ...

Skolem Arithmetic  $\langle \mathbb{N}, \cdot \rangle$ :

PATRICK CEGIELSKI, *Théorie Élémentaire de la Multiplication des Entiers Naturels*,  
in C. Berline, K. McAloon, J.-P. Ressayre (eds.) *Model Theory and Arithmetics*, LNM 890,  
Springer 1981, pp. 44–89.

$\langle \mathbb{Z}, \cdot \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{C}, \cdot \rangle$ ?

Missing in the literature. Maybe because:

- almost the same proofs can show the decidability of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, \cdot \rangle$
- the decidability of  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{C}, \cdot \rangle$  follows from the decidability of  $\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot \rangle$  (Tarski's Theorems)
- and  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle$  ? Not Interesting ?

## Addition and Multiplication

$\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot \rangle$

**Gödel's First Incompleteness Theorem:**

$\text{Th}(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot)$  is Not Decidable.

So,  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is Not Decidable, because  $\mathbb{N}$  is definable in it:  
for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have

$$m \in \mathbb{N} \iff \exists a, b, c, d (\in \mathbb{Z}) (m = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2).$$

Also,  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot \rangle$  can define  $\mathbb{Z}$ :

J. ROBINSON, *Definability and Decision Problems in Arithmetic*, JSL 14 (1949) 98–114.

B. POONEN, *Characterizing integers among rational numbers with a universal-existential formula*, American Journal of Mathematics 131 (2009) 675–682.

J. KOENIGSMANN, *Defining  $\mathbb{Z}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$* , arXiv:1011.3424 [math.NT] (Nov. 2010)

So,  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$  is Not Decidable.

## State of the Art

## (Un-)Decidability

|                | $\mathbb{N}$   | $\mathbb{Z}$         | $\mathbb{Q}$   | $\mathbb{R}$ | $\mathbb{C}$ |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| $\{+\}$        | $\Delta_1$     | $\Delta_1$           | $\Delta_1$     | $\Delta_1$   | $\Delta_1$   |
| $\{\cdot\}$    | $\Delta_1$     | $\text{? } \Delta_1$ | $\text{? } ?$  | $\Delta_1 ?$ | $\Delta_1 ?$ |
| $\{+, \cdot\}$ | $\not\Delta_1$ | $\not\Delta_1$       | $\not\Delta_1$ | $\Delta_1$   | $\Delta_1$   |

## Multiplicative Theory of The Complex Numbers $\mathbb{C}$

Let  $\omega_k = \cos(2\pi/k) + i \sin(2\pi/k)$  be a  $k$ -th root of the unit;  
so  $1, \omega_k, (\omega_k)^2, \dots, (\omega_k)^{k-1}$  are all the  $k$ -th roots of the unit.

The Structure  $\langle \mathbb{C}, \cdot, 0, {}^{-1}, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4, \dots \rangle$  Is Axiomatized By:

- $\forall x, y, z (x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z)$
- $\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow x \cdot x^{-1} = 1)$
- $\forall x (x^n = 1 \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{i < n} x = (\omega_n)^i)$
- $\bigwedge_{i \neq j < n} (\omega_n)^i \neq (\omega_n)^j$
- $\forall x (x \cdot 1 = x)$
- $\forall x, y (x \cdot y = y \cdot x)$
- $\forall x (x \cdot 0 = 0 \neq 1)$

## Multiplicative Theory of The Real Numbers $\mathbb{R}$

Indeed,  $\langle \mathbb{R}^{>0}, 1, \cdot, ^{-1} \rangle$  is a  
non-trivial torsion-free divisible abelian group:

- $\forall x, y, z (x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z)$
- $\forall x (x \cdot x^{-1} = 1)$
- $\forall x (x^n = 1 \rightarrow x = 1)$
- $\exists x (x \neq 1)$
- $\forall x (x \cdot 1 = x)$
- $\forall x, y (x \cdot y = y \cdot x)$
- $\forall x \exists y (x = y^n)$

## Multiplicative Theory of

### The Real Numbers $\mathbb{R}$

The Structure  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \cdot, 0, 1, -1, {}^{-1}, \mathcal{P} \rangle$

$$[\mathcal{P}(x) \equiv "x > 0" \ \& \ 0^{-1} = 0]$$

Can Be Axiomatized By:

- $\forall x, y, z (x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z)$
- $\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow x \cdot x^{-1} = 1)$
- $\forall x (\mathcal{P}(x) \leftrightarrow \exists y [y \neq 0 \wedge x = y^{2n}])$
- $\forall x (x^{2n} = 1 \leftrightarrow x = 1 \vee x = -1)$
- $\forall x (x^{2n+1} = 1 \rightarrow x = 1)$
- $\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow [\neg \mathcal{P}(x) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\sphericalangle x)])$
- $\forall x, y (\mathcal{P}(x \cdot y) \leftrightarrow [\mathcal{P}(x) \wedge \mathcal{P}(y)] \vee [\mathcal{P}(\sphericalangle x) \wedge \mathcal{P}(\sphericalangle y)])$
- $\forall x (x \cdot 1 = x)$
- $\forall x, y (x \cdot y = y \cdot x)$
- $\forall x \exists y (x = y^{2n+1})$
- $\forall x (x \cdot 0 = 0 \neq 1)$
- $\neg \mathcal{P}(0) \wedge \mathcal{P}(1) \wedge \neg \mathcal{P}(-1)$
- $\sphericalangle x = (-1) \cdot x$

## Multiplicative Theory of The Rational Numbers $\mathbb{Q}$

In  $\mathbb{Q}$  let  $R_n(x) \equiv \exists y(x = y^n)$  and  $\mathcal{P}(x) \equiv x > 0$ .

### Theorem (NEW)

*The theory of the structure  $\langle \mathbb{Q}^+, \cdot, 1, R_2, R_3, R_4, \dots, -^1 \rangle$  admits quantifier elimination, and so is decidable.*

*The theory of the structure  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot, 0, 1, -1, R_2, R_3, R_4, \dots, -^1, \mathcal{P} \rangle$  admits quantifier elimination, and so is decidable.*



## Exponentiation

in  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$ 

$\exp(x, y) = x^y$       **Gödel:**  $\exp$  is definable in  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot \rangle$ .

Also,  $\cdot$  and  $+$  are definable by  $\exp$ :

$$x \cdot y = z \iff \forall u (u^z = (u^x)^y)$$

$$x + y = z \iff \forall u (u^z = u^x \cdot u^y)$$

So,  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{N}, \exp) \notin \Delta_1$ .

For  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  we consider natural exponentiation:  $x \mapsto e^x$ .

Open Problem: **Is  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, e^x)$  Decidable?**

## Exponentiation

in  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$ Surprise:  $\mathbb{Z}$  is definable in  $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, e^x \rangle$ :

$$z \in \mathbb{Z} \iff \forall x, y (x^2 + 1 = 0 \wedge e^{(x \cdot y)} = 1 \longrightarrow e^{(x \cdot y \cdot z)} = 1)$$

And so are  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  (definable in  $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, e^x \rangle$ .)Whence,  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, e^x) \notin \Delta_1$ .Open Problem: **Is  $\mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, e^x)$ ?**

## Exponentiation

in  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$

### Tarski's Exponential Function Problem

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarski's\\_exponential\\_function\\_problem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarski's_exponential_function_problem)

D. MARKER, *Model Theory and Exponentiation*, Notices AMS 43 (1996) 753–759.

A. MACINTYRE, A. J. WILKIE, *On the Decidability of the Real Exponential Field*, in P. Odifreddi (ed.) *Kreisliana: about and around Georg Kreisel*, A. K. Peters (1996) pp. 441–467.

### Zilber's Conjecture: Every Definable Subset of $\langle \mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, e^x \rangle$ is either Countable or Co-Countable.

D. MARKER, *A Remark on Zilber's Pseudoexponentiation*, JSL 71 (2006) 791–798.

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## A More Complete Picture

## Decidability and Undecidability

|                |                     |                     |                     |              |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
|                | $\mathbb{N}$        | $\mathbb{Z}$        | $\mathbb{Q}$        | $\mathbb{R}$ | $\mathbb{C}$        |
| $\{+\}$        | $\Delta_1$          | $\Delta_1$          | $\Delta_1$          | $\Delta_1$   | $\Delta_1$          |
| $\{\cdot\}$    | $\Delta_1$          | $\Delta_1$          | $\Delta_1$          | $\Delta_1$   | $\Delta_1$          |
| $\{+, \cdot\}$ | $\nexists \Delta_1$ | $\nexists \Delta_1$ | $\nexists \Delta_1$ | $\Delta_1$   | $\Delta_1$          |
| <b>E</b>       | $\nexists \Delta_1$ | —                   | —                   | ??           | $\nexists \Delta_1$ |

Tarski's Exponential Function Problem is equivalent to Weak Schanuel's Conjecture:

there is an effective procedure that, given  $n \geq 1$  and exponential polynomials in  $n$  variables with integer coefficients  $f_1, \dots, f_n, g$  produces an integer  $\eta \geq 1$  that depends on  $n, f_1, \dots, f_n, g$  and such that if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a non-singular solution of the system  $\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n, e^{x_1}, \dots, e^{x_n})$  then either  $g(\alpha) = 0$  or  $|g(\alpha)| > \eta^{-1}$ .

## Difficulty of Some Problems

### With High School Definitions

L. HENKIN, *The Logic of Equality*, *The American Mathematical Monthly* 84 (1977) 597–612.

Every Equality of  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, 0 \rangle$  can be derived from the axioms:

**Associativity:**  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$

**Commutativity:**  $x + y = y + x$

**Zero Element:**  $x + 0 = x$

The same holds for  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{N}^+, \cdot, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{N}, \cdot, 1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, \cdot, 1 \rangle$ , ...

Equalities of  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0, 1 \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0, 1 \rangle$  Are Axiomatized by

|                |                             |   |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Associativity: | $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ | $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$ |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|

|                |                 |                         |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Commutativity: | $x + y = y + x$ | $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$ |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|

|               |             |                 |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Unit Element: | $x + 0 = x$ | $x \cdot 1 = x$ |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|

|                        |   |                 |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Distributivity & Zero: | $x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$ | $x \cdot 0 = 0$ |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|

## Difficulty of Some Problems

### With High School Definitions

Tarski's High School Algebra Problem:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarski's\\_high\\_school\\_algebra\\_problem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarski's_high_school_algebra_problem)

Can Every Equality of  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, \exp, 0, 1 \rangle$  be derived from:

Associativity and Commutativity of  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , Identity of 0 and 1,

Distributivity of  $\cdot$  over  $+$ , and Zero Property 0; plus

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x^0 = 1 & x^{y+z} = x^y \cdot x^z \\ x^1 = x & (x \cdot y)^z = (x^z) \cdot (y^z) \quad ? \\ 1^x = 1 & x^{y \cdot z} = (x^y)^z \end{array}$$

Thank You!

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