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Intuitionistic weak arithmetic. (English summary)

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For a class of arithmetical formulas Γ , $i\Gamma$ is the intuitionistic version of the induction schema $I\Gamma$. Similarly, $l\Gamma$ is the intuitionistic arithmetic axiomatized by the least number principles for the formulas in Γ . The axiom AEO states that every element is either even or odd, that is, the totality of $\lceil x/2 \rceil$, and exp states the totality of the exponential function 2^x .

Some weak fragments of Heyting Arithmetic HA are studied in the paper by Kripke model-theoretic methods. The already known results $i\forall_1 \not\vdash AEO$ and $i\Pi_1 \not\vdash \text{exp}$ are enhanced by constructing two ω -framed Kripke models for $i\forall_1 + \neg AEO$ and $i\Pi_1 + \neg \text{exp}$. It is shown that $i\forall_1$ (respectively $i\Pi_1$) is not closed under the Double Negation Rule for \exists_1 -formulas $DNS(\exists_1)$ (respectively for Σ_1 -formulas $DNS(\Sigma_1)$), and the double negation of the least number principle for open formulas cannot be proved within $i\forall_1$, that is, $i\forall_1 \not\vdash \neg\neg \text{lop}$; moreover $i\Pi_1 \not\vdash \neg\neg i\Sigma_1$. The well-known fact that HA does not imply the Least Number Principle is sharpened by showing $HA \not\vdash l\Sigma_1$.

There is a little inessential error on page 794: Wehmeier's result $i\Pi_1 \not\vdash \text{exp}$ [K. F. Wehmeier, *Arch. Math. Logic* **37** (1997), no. 1, 37–49; [MR1485862 \(99a:03062\)](#)] is not proved by constructing a two-node Kripke model; his proof is “by contradiction” and rather non-constructive. Also the proof of Proposition 1.5 is not correct. Nevertheless, it can be proved by the following argument: Let $T \supseteq i\Delta_0 + \text{exp}$, and let $M \models T^c$ be a non-standard model. Take a non-standard $a \in M$ and put $I = a^{\mathbb{N}}$. Then the two-node Kripke model constructed by putting M on top of I forces $\neg\neg T^i$ but does not force T^i , since its root does not satisfy exp . Hence $\neg\neg T^i \not\vdash T^i$. Apart from that, the rest of the paper is well-written and worth reading.

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