

# Non-standard Fibonacci numbers and a model-complete axiomatization for the expansion of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, < \rangle$ with a Beatty sequence

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# Definability

**Information hidden within a structure**

# Hidden information: Definability

- ▶ Order is hidden information in  $\langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot \rangle$ : let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$a < b \text{ iff } \langle \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot \rangle \models \exists z \quad b = a + z^2.$$

- ▶ Order is hidden information in  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot \rangle$ , for a completely different reason: let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then

$$a < b \text{ iff } \langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot \rangle \models \exists z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \quad b = a + z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2 + z_4^2.$$

## Definition

Let  $M$  be a structure. A set  $X \subseteq M^n$  is definable if there is a formula  $\varphi$  such that  $X = \{\bar{a} \in M : \varphi(\bar{a})\}$ .



# Decidability

**Is there is an algorithm?**

# Decidability

## Definition

$T$  is decidable if there is an algorithm that gets  $\varphi$  as input and tells you whether  $T \vdash \varphi$  or  $T \not\vdash \varphi$ .

## Remark (separate but important story)

$T \not\vdash \varphi$  is **not** the same thing as  $T \vdash \neg\varphi$ .

## Two extreme ends about natural numbers

- ▶ Gödel's incompleteness:  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot \rangle$  is undecidable. (see Fact on page: 4)
- ▶ Presburger arithmetic:  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, < \rangle$  is decidable.

### Question

**How much multiplication** is required for Gödel phenomenon?

### Question

Is undecidability equivalent to the occurrence of Gödel phenomenon?

# Model-Completeness

Can you solve systems of equations?

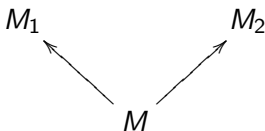


## Some more elementary logic

Consider a system of equations:

$$\Sigma = \begin{cases} \psi_1(x, \bar{a}_1) \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n(x, \bar{a}_n) \end{cases}$$

- **Quantifier-elimination:** with coefficients from  $M$ , if solvable in  $M_1$  solvable in  $M_2$ .



- **Model-completeness:** with coefficients from  $M_1$  if solvable in  $M_2$  solvable in  $M_1$ .

$$M_1 \longrightarrow M_2$$


Logically, quantifier-elimination means that every formula has a quantifier-free equivalent, and model completeness means that every formula has an equivalent in existential form.

# Relation between the themes

# How do we prove that a certain theory is decidable?

- ▶ Find the algorithm!
- ▶ Interpret it somewhere decidable, or
- ▶ Use model theory!

## Definition (Complete theory)

$T$  is complete if for any sentence  $\varphi$  either  $T \vdash \varphi$  or  $T \vdash \neg\varphi$ .

## Theorem

*Recursive complete  $\Rightarrow$  decidable.*

## Corollary

*Model-complete + has prime model + recursive  $\Rightarrow$  decidable.*

# The Talk!

## Hieronymi: Regarding the question on page 7, consider traces of multiplication

### Theorem (Hieronymi, [link](#))

- ▶  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, +, \alpha \cdot x, < \rangle$  is decidable if and only if  $\alpha$  is a square, say the golden ratio (proof: it can be interpreted—in a somehow complicated way—in the Büchi structure  $(\mathbb{N}, P(\mathbb{N}), \in, s.)$ )
- ▶  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, +, \alpha\mathbb{Z}, \beta\mathbb{Z}, < \rangle$  with two traces of multiplication is undecidable, because it interprets multiplication. (here  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , 1 are independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ).

### Question (Hieronymi)

Can you prove it model-theoretically?

## Theorem (Khani, Valizadeh, Zarei)

- ▶  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, f(x) = \lfloor \varphi x \rfloor \rangle$  is decidable ([link](#))
- ▶  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, f(x) = \lfloor e \cdot x \rfloor \rangle$  is decidable, ([link](#))
- ▶  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, <, f(x) = \lfloor \varphi x \rfloor \rangle <$  is decidable, submitted ([link](#))

$\varphi$  is the golden ratio and  $e$  is the Euler number

## Theorem for this talk:

Theorem (Khani, Valizadeh, Zarei)

$\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, <, f(x) = \lfloor \varphi x \rfloor \rangle$  is model-complete and axiomatizable with a recursive theory. Hence it is decidable.

## Observation

Being a first order structure, there is no decimal number in  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, <, f(x) = \lfloor \varphi x \rfloor \rangle$ . But it possible to *talk about* the decimal parts:

$$\lfloor \varphi x \rfloor < \lfloor \varphi y \rfloor \leftrightarrow f(y - x) = f(y) - f(x) \quad (\text{order property})$$

## Axiom

$\lfloor \varphi x \rfloor < \lfloor \varphi y \rfloor$  is a linear order.

## Theorem

$\lfloor \varphi x \rfloor < \lfloor \varphi y \rfloor$  is actually a **dense** linear order.

## Proof.

$$\lfloor \varphi x \rfloor < \lfloor x + \bar{f}(y - x) \rfloor < \lfloor \varphi y \rfloor, \quad \bar{f} = f + id.$$





## Kronecker's Lemma

Let  $r$  be an irrational number and consider the sequence  $(rn)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Then for each subinterval  $I \subseteq [0, 1]$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $[rn] \in I$ .

### Interesting:

In our previous work, we put Kronecker's theorem as an axiom, but according to the previous theorem, it is already a theorem in our theory. Indeed this is the main reason that  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, f(x) = \lfloor \varphi x \rfloor \rangle$  admits quantifier elimination (see KZ).

## Some important issue to address regarding model-completeness

### Question

Let  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$  be two models (of your appropriate theory for this structure). Let  $a, b, c, d \in M_1$ . Assume that  $M_2$  models the following sentence:

$$\exists x \begin{cases} a < x < b \\ [\varphi c] < [\varphi x] < [\varphi d] \end{cases}$$

Is there any reason to think that the formula above also holds in  $M_1$ ?

### Remember

The definition of model-completeness from page 9.



# Minimum of the decimal parts in an interval

## Axiom

Let  $M$  be a model. In any interval  $[a, b]$  there is  $c$  such that

$$[\varphi c] = \min\{[\varphi x] : x \in [a, b]\}.$$

Call this:  $c_{[a,b]}^M$ . If the answer to Question 4 is positive, then we will have:

$$c_{[a,b]}^{M_2} = c_{[a,b]}^{M_1}.$$

Because otherwise there would exist an element smaller than  $c_{[a,b]}^{M_1}$  in  $M_2$ .

## Restrict to intervals $[0, a]$

### Theorem

$c^{\mathbb{N}}(0, n)$  is the largest Fibonacci number smaller than  $n$ , with an even index.

### Corollary

The set of even-indexed Fibonacci numbers is definable in  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, <, f(x) = \lfloor \varphi x \rfloor \rangle$ .

### Enrich the language:

Add to the language a function  $F(x) =$  the largest even Fibonacci number smaller than  $x$ .

## Theorem

$$c_{[a,b]}^{M_2} = c_{[a,b]}^{M_1}$$

*Whenever  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$  are models and  $a, b, c, d \in M_1$ .*

**Proof.**

To be explained to the audience.



## Axiom

If there is  $t$  such that  $a < t < b$  and  $[\varphi c] < [\varphi t] < [\varphi d]$  then there is  $t \in (a, b)$  such that

$$[\varphi t] = \min\{[\varphi x] : [\varphi c] < [\varphi x] < [\varphi d]\} \quad (1)$$

That is  $[\varphi t]$  is the larger but the closest to  $[\varphi c]$ .

## Observation

Whenever  $t$  is as in (1) then

$$t = a + c_{(a-c, b-c)}^M.$$

IMPORTANT: THE CONVERSE DOES NOT HOLD.

## Theorem

Let  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$  be models. If the following holds in  $M_2$  then it does so in  $M_1$ :

$$\exists x \quad (a < x < b) \wedge ([\varphi c] < [\varphi x] < [\varphi c])$$

## Proof.

If there is  $x$  as above, then there is  $x$  with the above property whose decimal is the closest to  $[\varphi c]$ . By Observation in the previous page (page 22) we have

$$x = a + c_{(a-c, b-c)}^{M_2} = a + c_{(a-c, b-c)}^{M_1} \in M_1.$$



## Corollary (with further justifications!)

$\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0, 1, <, f(x) = [\varphi x] \rangle$  is model-complete (using this we can prove that it is also complete and decidable)

