

A CONSISTENCY PROOF OF A SYSTEM INCLUDING FEFERMAN'S ID_{ξ} BY TAKEUTI'S REDUCTION METHOD

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This paper is a sequel to our [1] and [2].

Let $<$ be a p.r. (primitive recursive) well-ordering on a p.r. subset of the set of natural numbers \mathbf{N} , with the least element 0 and the largest element ξ which is used to denote the order type of the initial segment of $<$ determined by ξ . Let $\lambda x.x \oplus 1$ and $\lambda x.x \ominus 1$ be p.r. successor and predecessor functions with respect to $<$, respectively. Strictly speaking, we should suppose that some fixed p.r. definitions (indices) of $<$, $\lambda x.x \oplus 1$ and $\lambda x.x \ominus 1$ are given instead of their graphs. And we will assume that formulae which express the above facts except the well-orderedness of $<$ by using p.r. definitions of $<$, $\lambda x.x \oplus 1$ and $\lambda x.x \ominus 1$, are all derivable in a weak fragment of arithmetic, say, primitive recursive arithmetic. A complete list of formulae which should be derivable for our purpose can be found in [1, p. 20].

For such an ordering $<$, we define a first order theory AI_{ξ}^{-} . The language of the theory AI_{ξ}^{-} is described as follows. Let X be a unary predicate variable and Y a binary one. For each arithmetical formula $\mathfrak{B}(X, Y, a, b)$ having no free variables except X, Y, a and b , we introduce a binary predicate constant $Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$ whose intended meaning is the disjoint union of the family $\{Q_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{B}}\}_{\zeta < \xi}$, where $Q_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{B}}$ ($\zeta < \xi$) are subsets of \mathbf{N} defined by the following transfinite recursion on the ordinals (natural numbers) $\zeta < \xi$:

$$n \in Q_{\zeta}^{\mathfrak{B}} \text{ iff } \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{X}, Q_{<\zeta}^{\mathfrak{B}}, \zeta, n) \text{ holds for every subset } \mathcal{X} \text{ of } \mathbf{N},$$

where $Q_{<\zeta}^{\mathfrak{B}}$ is the disjoint union of the family $\{Q_{\nu}^{\mathfrak{B}}\}_{\nu < \zeta}$.

Then the theory AI_{ξ}^{-} is obtained from the Peano Arithmetic PA in this language by adding an axiom scheme ($Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$ -initial sequent in 1. 41. 21, below) and an inference rule ($Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$: right in 1. 41. 22, below) corresponding to the above mentioned meaning of $Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$

As is expected, Feferman's theory ID_{ξ} for the ξ -times iterated inductive definitions is interpretable in our AI_{ξ}^{-} . This is shown in 1.

In 2, we give a consistency proof of AI_{ξ}^{-} by the accessibility of the system of ordinal diagrams $O(\xi+1, 1)$ with respect to $<_o$. This is done by Takeuti's

reduction method.

On the other hand, we showed in [1] that the transfinite induction up to each ordinal diagram from $O(\xi+1, 1)$ with respect to $<_o$, is derivable in an intuitionistic accessible-part theory $ID_\xi^t(\mathfrak{U})$. Hence we have that the system of ordinal diagrams $O(\xi+1, 1)$ with respect to $<_o$ gives proof theoretic ordinal of Feferman's theory ID_ξ .

Applications such as provable well-orderings, reflection principles and conservation results, and generalization to the autonomous closure $Aut(ID)$ will be reported elsewhere.

We will give an outline of proof, because it can be obtained by minor modifications of Takeuti's original proof.

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1. Preliminary

Firstly we specify the language LPA of the Peano Arithmetic PA.

DEFINITION 1.1. The language LPA consists of the following symbols:

1.11. Function constants: 0 (zero), ' (successor), and the function constant f_e for each index e of each p.r. function.

1.12. Predicate constant: =(equality)

1.13. Variables:

Free number variables: a, b, \dots

Bound number variables: x, y, \dots

1.14. Logical symbols: $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \supset, \forall$ and \exists .

1.15. Auxiliary symbols: (,), ,(comma) and \rightarrow .

Terms, formulae and sequents in LPA are defined as usual [cf. PT, pp. 6-9].

DEFINITION 1.2. Let L be a first order language obtained from LPA by adding some predicate constants and variables. Then $PA(L)$ denotes the formal system defined as follows:

1.21. Initial sequents of $PA(L)$:

1.21.1. *Logical initial sequent*:

$$D \rightarrow D$$

where D is an arbitrary formula of L.

1.21.2 *Equality axiom*:

$$s=t, F(s) \rightarrow F(t)$$

where s and t are arbitrary terms and F is an arbitrary formula of L .

1.21.3. *Mathematical initial sequents:*

$$\rightarrow t=t; 0'=0 \rightarrow$$

and defining equations for p.r. functions.

For example, if a p.r. function f is defined from p.r. functions g and h by equations,

$$\begin{cases} f(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, 0) = g(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}), \\ f(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, b+1) = h(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, b, f(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, b)), \end{cases}$$

and \bar{f} , \bar{g} and \bar{h} are function constants corresponding to the definitions of f , g and h , respectively, then

$$\rightarrow \bar{f}(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}, 0) = \bar{g}(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1})$$

and

$$\rightarrow \bar{f}(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}, s') = \bar{h}(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}, s, \bar{f}(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}, s))$$

are mathematical initial sequents for all terms t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} and s .

1.21.4. *Induction axiom:*

$$F(0), \forall x (F(x) \supset F(x')) \rightarrow F(t)$$

where t is an arbitrary term and F is an arbitrary formula of L .

1.22. The inference rules of $PA(L)$ are those of Gentzen's LK in [PT, DEFINITION 2.1].

DEFINITION 1.3. Let $LPA + \{X, Y, c_0, c_1\}$ be the language obtained from LPA by adding a unary predicate variable X , a binary predicate variable Y and two new individual constants c_0 and c_1 .

1.31. A formula $\mathfrak{B}(X, Y, c_0, c_1)$ of $LPA + \{X, Y, c_0, c_1\}$, where X, Y, c_0 and c_1 are fully indicated in $\mathfrak{B}(X, Y, c_0, c_1)$ (cf. [PT, DEFINITION 1.6]), is said to be an *arithmetical form* if it has no free number variables.

1.32. An arithmetical form $\mathfrak{A}(X, Y, c_0, c_1)$ is said to be a *positive operator form* if every occurrence of X in it is positive.

Let $<$ be a p.r. well-ordering with the largest element ξ as in the introduction. For such an ordering $<$ we define a formal system $AI_{\xi}^-(\mathcal{B})$, where \mathcal{B} is a set of arithmetical forms. Also, for readers' convenience, we repeat the definition of the formal system ID_{ξ} .

DEFINITION 1.4.

1.41. *Definition of $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$.*

1.41.1. The language $\text{LAI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$ is obtained from LPA by adding a binary predibate constant $Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$ for each arithmetical form \mathfrak{B} in \mathcal{B} and a countable list of unary predicate variables X_0, X_1, \dots . For brevity we write

$$\text{LAI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B}) := \text{LPA} + \{Q^{\mathfrak{B}} : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{B}\} + \{X_i : i < \omega\}.$$

In the following, we use the letter X to denote one of the variables X_0, X_1, \dots .

1.41.2. The system $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$ is obtained from $\text{PA}(\text{LAI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B}))$ by adding the following extra initial sequents called $Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$ -initial sequent and the following new rule of inference called $Q^{\mathfrak{B}} : \text{right}$ for each \mathfrak{B} in \mathcal{B} .

1.41.21. *$Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$ -initial sequent :*

$$t < \xi, Q^{\mathfrak{B}} ts \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(V, Q_{<t}^{\mathfrak{B}}, t, s)$$

where t and s are arbitrary terms, V is an arbitrary unary abstract of $\text{LAI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$, $t < \xi$ denotes the formula $f_e(t, \xi) = 0$ for a characteristic function f_e of $<$, ξ in the formula $f_e(t, \xi) = 0$ denotes the numeral corresponding to the number ξ and $Q_{<t}^{\mathfrak{B}}$ is the binary abstract defined by

$$Q_{<t}^{\mathfrak{B}} := \{x, y\} (x < t \wedge Q^{\mathfrak{B}} xy).$$

Here $Q^{\mathfrak{B}} ts$ is called the principal formula of this sequent.

1.41.22. *$Q^{\mathfrak{B}} : \text{right}$.*

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t}^{\mathfrak{B}}, t, s)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, Q^{\mathfrak{B}} ts}$$

where t and s are arbitrary terms, Γ, Δ are arbitrary finite sequences of formulae and the predicate variable X does not occur in the lower sequent. X is called the eigenvariable of this inference and $Q^{\mathfrak{B}} ts$ is called the principal formula of this inference.

1.42. *Definition of ID_{ξ} .*

1.42.1. The language is defined by

$$\text{LID}_{\xi} := \text{LPA} + \{P^{\mathfrak{A}} : \mathfrak{A} \text{ is a positive operator form}\}.$$

Here $P^{\mathfrak{A}}$ is a binary predicate constant.

1.42.2. The system ID_{ξ} is obtained from $\text{PA}(\text{LID}_{\xi})$ by adding the following initial sequents $(P^{\mathfrak{A}}, 1)_{\xi}$, $(P^{\mathfrak{A}}, 2)_{\xi}$ and $(\text{TI})_{\xi}$ for each positive operator form \mathfrak{A} :

$$(P^{\mathfrak{A}}, 1)_{\xi} \longrightarrow \forall x < \xi (\mathfrak{A}(P_x^{\mathfrak{A}}, P_{<x}^{\mathfrak{A}}, x) \subseteq P_x^{\mathfrak{A}})$$

where $\forall x < \xi (\mathfrak{A}(P_x^{\mathfrak{A}}, P_{<x}^{\mathfrak{A}}, x) \subseteq P_x^{\mathfrak{A}})$ is an abbreviation for the formula $\forall x < \xi \forall y \mathfrak{A}(P_x^{\mathfrak{A}}, P_{<x}^{\mathfrak{A}}, x, y) \supset P_x^{\mathfrak{A}} y$ and $P_a^{\mathfrak{A}}, P_{<a}^{\mathfrak{A}}$ are abstracts defined by

$$P_a^{\mathfrak{A}} := \{x\} (P^{\mathfrak{A}} ax)$$

$$P_{<a}^{\mathfrak{A}} := \{x, y\} (x < a \wedge P^{\mathfrak{A}}xy).$$

$$(P^{\mathfrak{A}}, 2)_{\xi} \quad \rightarrow \forall x < \xi (\mathfrak{A}(V, P_{<x}^{\mathfrak{A}}, x) \subseteq V. \supset. P_x^{\mathfrak{A}} \subseteq V)$$

for each unary abstract V of LID_{ξ} .

$$(\text{TI})_{\xi} \quad \rightarrow \forall x < \xi (\forall y < x F(y) \supset F(x)) \supset \forall x < \xi F(x)$$

for each formula F of LID_{ξ} .

If \mathcal{B} is the set of all arithmetical forms, then we write AI_{ξ}^{-} for $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$. If \mathcal{B} is a singleton $\{\mathfrak{B}\}$, then we write $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathfrak{B})$ for $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$.

Let \mathfrak{B}_0 be the arithmetical form defined by

$$\mathfrak{B}_0(X, Y, c_0, c_1) := \forall x < c_0 Yxc_1 \supset T(X, c_0)$$

where $T(X, c_0)$ denotes the formula $\forall x < \xi (\forall y < x Xy \supset Xx) \supset Xc_0$ (cf. [3, p. 334]).

Then the transfinite induction up to ξ is derivable in $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$ for every \mathcal{B} containing \mathfrak{B}_0 .

PROPOSITION 1.5 (Takeuti) *The formula $\forall x < \xi T(\{y\}(F(y)), x)$ is derivable in $\text{AI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$ for every formula F of $\text{LAI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$ if \mathcal{B} contains \mathfrak{B}_0 .*

PROOF. Put

$$C(a) := Q^{\mathfrak{B}_0}a_0.$$

From the $Q^{\mathfrak{B}_0}$ -initial sequent we have

$$a < \xi, C(a) \rightarrow \forall x < a C(x) \supset T(\{y\}(F(y)), a)$$

for every formula F of $\text{LAI}_{\xi}^{-}(\mathcal{B})$.

It follows that

$$a < \xi, \forall x < a C(x) \rightarrow T(\{y\}(F(y)), a)$$

and

$$a < \xi, \forall x < a C(x) \rightarrow \forall x < a T(\{y\}(F(y)), x).$$

From the definition of the formula T , we have

$$a < \xi, \forall x < a T(\{y\}(F(y)), x) \rightarrow T(\{y\}(F(y)), a).$$

Hence

$$a < \xi, \forall x < a C(x) \rightarrow T(\{y\}(F(y)), a). \quad (1)$$

Since F is arbitrary, we could take X instead of F ,

$$a < \xi, \forall x < a C(x) \rightarrow T(X, a),$$

namely

$$a < \xi \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_0(X, Q_{<a}^{\mathfrak{B}_0}, a, 0)$$

By $Q^{\mathfrak{B}_0}$: right

$$a < \xi \rightarrow Q^{\mathfrak{B}_0}a_0.$$

Hence we have

$$\rightarrow \forall x < \xi C(x) \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we conclude that

$$\rightarrow \forall x < \xi T(\{y\}(F(y)), x).$$

q.e.d.

Let $\{\mathfrak{U}_1, \mathfrak{U}_2, \dots\}$ be an enumeration of all positive operator forms. Now we define the arithmetical form \mathfrak{B}_n for each $n \geq 1$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}_n(X, Y, c_0, c_1) &:= \mathfrak{U}_n(X, Y, c_0) \subseteq X. \supset Xc_1 \\ &:= \forall y (\mathfrak{U}_n(X, Y, c_0, y) \supset Xy) \supset Xc_1. \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathcal{B}_0 be $\{\mathfrak{B}_i : i < \omega\}$, where \mathfrak{B}_0 is the arithmetical form defined above. Then we have :

COROLLARY 1.6. *For each sequent $\Gamma(\dots, P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}, \dots) \rightarrow \Delta(\dots, P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}, \dots)$ of L_{ID_ξ} , Let $\Gamma(\dots, Q^{\mathfrak{B}^n}, \dots) \rightarrow \Delta(\dots, Q^{\mathfrak{B}^n}, \dots)$ denote the sequent of $L_{AI_\xi^-}(\mathcal{B}_0 / \{\mathfrak{B}_0\})$ obtained from $\Gamma(\dots, P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}, \dots) \rightarrow \Delta(\dots, P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}, \dots)$ by replacing every $P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}$ by $Q^{\mathfrak{B}^n}$. Then*

$$\Gamma(\dots, P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}, \dots) \rightarrow \Delta(\dots, P^{\mathfrak{U}^n}, \dots) \text{ is derivable in } ID_\xi$$

iff

$$\Gamma(\dots, Q^{\mathfrak{B}^n}, \dots) \rightarrow \Delta(\dots, Q^{\mathfrak{B}^n}, \dots) \text{ is derivable in } AI_\xi^-(\mathcal{B}_0).$$

We omit a proof of this corollary because its only-if part readily follows from Proposition 1.5 and a usual argument, and the other half will not be used in the following.

Note that we can easily see ID_ξ is interpretable in $AI_\xi^-(\mathcal{B}_0)$ by this Corollary.

2. A consistency proof of AI_ξ^-

Let \mathfrak{B} be an arbitrary but fixed arithmetical form. In this section we will give a consistency proof of $AI_\xi^-(\mathfrak{B})$ by Takeuti's reduction method. Here note the following well-known proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let F be a formula of L_{PA} . If F is derivable in AI_ξ^- , then there exists an arithmetical form \mathfrak{B} such that F is derivable in $AI_\xi^-(\mathfrak{B})$.*

For simplicity we will write Q for $Q^{\mathfrak{B}}$.

We add the following sequents to the mathematical initial sequents of $AI_\xi^-(\mathfrak{B})$.

$$s = t \rightarrow$$

where s and t are closed terms and under the standard interpretation $s \neq t$ holds. Since $s < t$ denotes the formula $f_e(s, t) = 0$, if $s \not< t$ holds, then $s < t \rightarrow$ one of the mathematical initial sequents.

And we add the inference rule, called *term-replacement* :

$$\frac{\Gamma(s) \rightarrow \Delta(s)}{\Gamma(t) \rightarrow \Delta(t)}$$

where s and t are closed terms whose values under the standard interpretation coincide, and $\Gamma(t) \rightarrow \Delta(t)$ denotes the sequent obtained from $\Gamma(s) \rightarrow \Delta(s)$ by replacing some occurrences of s by t .

Furthermore we add the inference rule, called *substitution*:

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma\left(\frac{X}{V}\right) \rightarrow \Delta\left(\frac{X}{V}\right)}$$

where $\Gamma\left(\frac{X}{V}\right) \rightarrow \Delta\left(\frac{X}{V}\right)$ denotes the sequent obtained from $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ by substituting a unary abstract V for X in $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$. V may be an arbitrary abstract of $\text{LAI}_f^-(\mathfrak{B})$. Here X is called the eigenvariable of this substitution.

If any confusion does not likely to occur, the system modified in this way is also denoted by $\text{AI}_f^-(\mathfrak{B})$.

DEFINITION 2.2.

2.21. The *grade* of a formula F , denoted by $g(F)$, is the number of occurrences of logical symbols in it.

2.22. Let P be a proof in $\text{AI}_f^-(\mathfrak{B})$ and S a sequent in P . The *hsight* of S in P , denoted by $h(S; P)$ or simply $h(S)$, is defined inductively ‘from below to above’, as follows:

2.22.1. $h(S) = 0$

if S is the end-sequent of P , or S is the upper sequent of a substitution.

2.22.2. $h(S) = h(S')$

if S is an upper sequent of an inference except substitution and cut, where S' is the lower sequent of the inference.

2.22.3. $h(S) = \max\{h(S'), g(D)\}$

if S is an upper sequent of a cut, where S' is the lower sequent of the cut and D is the cut formula of the cut.

DEFINITION 2.3. A semi-term t_1 is said to be *numequivalent* to a semi-term t_2 if there exist a semi-term $t(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})$ and closed terms $s_0, r_0, \dots, s_{n-1}, r_{n-1}$ such that for every $m < n$ the value of s_m is equal to that of r_m , t_1 is $t(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1})$ and t_2 is $t(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1})$.

DEFINITION 2.4. The *degree* of a semi-formula F , denoted by $d(F)$, is defined inductively as follows:

2.41. $d(t=s) : = d(Xt) : = 0$

for all semi-terms t, s and variable X .

$$2.42. \quad d(Qts) := \begin{cases} i \oplus 1 & \text{if } t \text{ is a closed term whose value} \\ & \text{is } i \text{ and } i < \xi \text{ holds,} \\ \xi & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$2.43. \quad d(t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r) := \begin{cases} i & \text{if } s \text{ is a closed term whose value is } i < \xi \\ & \text{and } t_1 \text{ is numequivalent to } t_2, \\ \xi & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$2.44. \quad d(B \wedge C) := \max < \{d(B), d(C)\}$$

if $B \wedge C$ is not of the form in 2.43, where $\max <$ denotes the maximum with respect to $<$.

$$2.45. \quad d(\neg B) := d(B); d(B \vee C) := d(B \supset C) := \max < \{d(B), d(C)\}$$

$$2.46. \quad d(\forall xB) := d(\exists xB) := d(B).$$

The degree of a semi-formula is an ordinal $\leq \xi$ (in fact it is a natural number). Note that the following holds for every semi-formula $B(x)$:

$$d(B(x)) < \xi \Rightarrow d(B(t)) = d(B(x)) \text{ for every semi-term } t.$$

In what follows, we assume that P is a proof of the empty sequent \rightarrow and d is a mapping from the set of substitutions in P to the set of ordinals $< \xi$ (natural numbers).

DEFINITION 2.5. We call the pair $\langle P, d \rangle$ a *proof with degree* if the following condition is satisfied:

For every substitution J in P and every formula B in the upper sequent of J ,

$$d(B) \leq d(J)$$

holds.

Here note that $d(J)$ is the value of the mapping d at J .

Let $O(\xi+1, 1)$ be the system of o.d.'s (ordinal diagrams) based on I and 1, where I is the field of $<$, i.e., $I = \{n \in \mathbf{N} : n \leq \xi\}$. Then we assign an o.d. from $O(\xi+1, 1)$ to a proof with degree. For simplicity we write (i, μ) for each non-zero connected o.d. $(i, 0, \mu)$.

DEFINITION 2.6.

2.61. For each $i < \xi$, we define a binary relation \ll_i on the set of o.d.'s by

$$\mu \ll_i \nu \text{ iff } \mu <_j \nu \text{ holds for every } j \text{ with } i \leq j < \xi.$$

2.62. Let μ be an o.d. and n a natural number. Then an o.d. $\xi(n, \mu)$ is defined inductively, as follows:

$$\xi(0, \mu) := \mu \quad \xi(n+1, \mu) := (\xi, \xi(n, \mu)).$$

The following proposition is easily verified.

PROPOSITION 2.7. For all o.d.'s μ, ν, θ and every $i < \xi$,

2.71. if $\mu \ll_i \nu$, then $\xi(n, \mu) \ll_i \xi(n, \nu)$ and $\xi(n, \mu \# \theta) \ll_i \xi(n, \nu \# \theta)$.

2.72. if $\mu \ll_i \nu$ and $i \leq j < \xi$, then $(j, \mu) \ll_i (j, \nu)$.

2.73. if $\mu \# 0 \ll_0 \nu$, then $\xi(n, \mu \# \theta) \# 0 \ll_0 \xi(n, \nu \# \theta)$ and $(i, \mu) \# 0 \ll_0 (i, \nu)$.

DEFINITION 2.8. Let $\langle P, d \rangle$ be a proof with degree. To each sequent S and each line of an inference J in P , we will assign o.d.'s in $O(\xi + 1, 1)$, denoted by $O(S; P, d)$ and $O(J; P, d)$, or simply $O(S)$ and $O(J)$, inductively 'from above to below', as follows:

2.81. Let S be an initial sequent in P .

2.81.1. $O(S) = (0, 0)$

if S is an induction axiom.

2.81.2. $O(S) = (\xi, 0)$

if S is a Q -initial sequent.

2.81.3. $O(S) = 0$ otherwise.

2.82. Suppose that the o.d.'s of the upper sequents of an inference J has been assigned, and let J be of the form

$$\frac{S' \quad (S'')}{S} J.$$

The o.d.'s $O(J)$ and $O(S)$ are then determined, as follows:

2.82.1. If J is a weak structural inference or term-replacement, then $O(J)$ is $O(S')$

2.82.2. If J is a logical inference with one upper sequent or Q : right, then $O(J)$ is $O(S') \# 0$.

2.82.3. If J is a cut, \vee : left or \supset : left, then $O(J)$ is $O(S') \# O(S'')$.

2.82.4. If J is a \wedge : right, then $O(J)$ is $O(S') \# O(S'') \# 0$.

2.82.5. If J is a substitution, then $O(J)$ is $(\xi, O(S'))$.

2.82.6. If J is not a substitution, then $O(S)$ is $\xi(h(S') - h(S), O(J))$.

2.82.7. If J is a substitution, then $O(S)$ is $(d(J), O(J))$.

And the o.d. $O(P, d)$ of $\langle P, d \rangle$ is defined to be $(\xi, O(S; P, d))$ where S is the end-sequent of P .

MAIN LEMMA. If $\langle P, d \rangle$ is a proof with degree, then we can construct another proof with degree $\langle P', d' \rangle$ such that

$$O(P', d') \ll_0 O(P, d)$$

hence a fortiori

$$O(P', d') <_0 O(P, d).$$

From this lemma the consistency of $AI_{\xi}^{-}(\mathfrak{B})$ follows, since the system $O(\xi + 1, 1)$ with respect to $<_0$ is accessible. (cf. Corollary 1.6 and Proposition 2.1.)

PROOF of the Main Lemma.

M1. We substitute 0 for every free number variable in P except if it is used as an eigenvariable. Then the resulting figure under the 'same' degree-assignment, is also a proof with degree and the o.d. does not change. Here note the remark after Definition 2.4.

M2. Remember the definition of the end-piece of a proof P ending with \rightarrow . The end-piece of P consists of the following trunk of proof tree:

- i) the end-sequent of P belongs to the end-piece of P ;
- ii) if the lower sequent of a structural inference, term-replacement or substitution belongs to the end-piece of P , so do its upper sequents.

Suppose P contains an induction axiom in its end-piece. Then P' is defined by an obvious way. The o.d. decreases.

M3. Suppose P contains an equality axiom, logical initial sequent or weakening in its end-piece. Then the reduction steps are defined as usual (cf. [2, p. 26]).

M4. Suppose the end-piece of P contains neither weakening nor initial sequent other than mathematical or Q -initial one. Then P differs from its end-piece and contains a suitable cut J . Here a suitable cut is a cut in the end-piece of P satisfying:

both of its cut formulae have ancestors which are principal formulae of

- i) boundary logical inferences,

or

- ii) a boundary Q : right and Q -initial sequent.

Remember that a boundary inference in P is an inference whose lower sequent belongs to the end-piece of P but not its upper sequents.

Let D be the cut formula of a suitable cut J .

M41. D is of the form Qts .

Then t is a closed term by M1. Let j be the value of t . Let P be the following form:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \Delta_1, \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t_1}, t_1, s_1) \\
\hline
\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda \# 0} \Delta_1, Q_{t_1 s_1} \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} \Delta_2, Q_{ts} \\
\hline
\Gamma_2, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_3 \xrightarrow{(\xi, \nu)} \Delta_3 \\
\vdots \\
\sigma \\
\hline
(\xi, \sigma)
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
t_2 < \xi, Q_{t_2 s_2} \xrightarrow{(\xi, 0)} \mathfrak{B}(V, Q_{<t_2}, t_2, s_2) \\
\vdots \\
Q_{ts}, \Pi \xrightarrow{\rho} \Lambda \\
\hline
\Gamma_2, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_3 \xrightarrow{(\xi, \nu)} \Delta_3 \\
\vdots \\
\sigma \\
\hline
(\xi, \sigma)
\end{array}$$

where $\Gamma_3 \rightarrow \Delta_3$ is the i -resolvent of $\Gamma_2, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda$, i being $d(\mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t}, t, s))$.

Remember the definition of the i -resolvent of a sequent S in a proof with degree $\langle P, d \rangle$. The i -resolvent of S is the upper sequent of the uppermost substitution J under S whose degree $d(J)$ is not greater than i , i.e., $d(J) \leq i$, if such exists; otherwise, the i -resolvent of S is the end-sequent of P .

M41.1 $j < \xi$.

Let P' be the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \Delta_1, \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t_1}, t_1, s_1) \\
\hline
\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t_1}, t_1, s_1), \Delta_1, Q_{t_1 s_1} \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{\tau'} \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t}, t, s), \Delta_2, Q_{ts} \\
\hline
\Gamma_2, \Pi \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t}, t, s), \Delta_2, \Lambda \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_3 \xrightarrow{(\xi, \theta)} \Delta_3, \mathfrak{B}(X, Q_{<t}, t, s) \\
\hline
\Gamma_3 \xrightarrow{(i, (\xi, \theta))} \Delta_3 \mathfrak{B}(V, Q_{<t}, t, s) \\
\hline
t_2 < \xi, Q_{t_2 s_2}, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow \Delta_3 \mathfrak{B}(V, Q_{<t_2}, t_2, s_2) \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} \Delta_2, Q_{ts} \quad Q_{ts}, \Pi, \Gamma_3 \xrightarrow{\rho'} \Delta_3, \Lambda \\
\hline
\Gamma_2, \Pi, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Lambda \\
\hline
\Gamma_2, \Pi, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow \Delta_3, \Delta_2, \Lambda \\
\vdots \\
\Gamma_3, \Gamma_3 \rightarrow \Delta_3, \Delta_3 \\
\hline
\Gamma_3 \xrightarrow{\nu'} \Delta_3 \\
\vdots \\
\sigma' \\
\hline
(\xi, \sigma')
\end{array}$$

From $j \geq i$ we see that $(\xi, \sigma') \leq_0 (\xi, \sigma)$ as usual (cf. [2, p. 28]).

M41.2 $j \not\prec \xi$.

Replace the Q -initial sequent by

$$\frac{t_2 < \xi \quad 0}{t_2 < \xi, Qt_2s_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(V, Q_{<t_2}, t_2, s_2)}$$

M42. D is of the form $t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r$ and t_1 is numequivalent to t_2 .

Then t_1, t_2 and s are closed terms by M1, and the value of t_1 equals to that of t_2 . Let i and j be the values of t_1, s , respectively. Let P be the following:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Delta_1, B_1 \quad \Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Delta_1, B_2}{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, B_1 \wedge B_2} \quad \frac{C_n, \Pi_1 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Lambda_1}{C_1 \wedge C_2, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1} \\ J \frac{\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r \quad t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r, \Pi_2 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Lambda_2}{\Gamma_2, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda_2} \\ \Phi \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Psi \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$$

where $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$ denotes the uppermost sequent below J whose height is less than that of the upper sequent of J ($n=1, 2$).

M42.1 $i \not\prec j$.

Let P' be the following:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Delta_1, B_1}{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, B_1, \Delta_1 \wedge B_2} \\ \frac{\Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Delta_2, t_1 < s, \Delta_2, t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r \quad t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r, \Pi_2 \xrightarrow{\vdots} \Lambda_2}{\Gamma_2, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda_2, t_1 < s} \\ \frac{\Gamma_2, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda_2, t_1 < s \quad t_1 < s \rightarrow}{\Gamma_2, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Lambda_2} \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$$

By Proposition 2.3, the o.d. decreases.

M42.2 $i < j$.

M42.21 $n=2$.

Let P' be the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
\frac{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow A_1, B_2}{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow B_2, A_1 B_1 \wedge B_2} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\Gamma_2 \rightarrow Qt_2r, A_2, t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r \quad t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r, \Pi_2 \rightarrow A_2}{\Gamma_2, \Pi_2 \rightarrow Qt_2r, A_2, A_2} \quad \frac{\Gamma_2 \rightarrow A_2, t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r \quad t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r, \Pi_2, Qt_2r \rightarrow A_2}{\Gamma_2, \Pi_2, Qt_2r \rightarrow A_2, A_2} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\Phi \rightarrow Qt_2r, \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi, Qt_2r} \quad \frac{\Phi, Qt_2r \rightarrow \Psi}{Qt_2r, \Phi \rightarrow \Psi} \\
\hline
\frac{\Phi, \Phi \rightarrow \Psi, \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi} \\
\vdots \\
\rightarrow
\end{array}$$

We assign the same degree as the corresponding substitution in P to every substitution in P' . To see that $\langle P', d' \rangle$ is a proof with degree, note that if $j < \xi$, then

$$d(Qt_2r) = i \oplus 1 < j = d(t_1 < s \wedge Qt_2r).$$

We see that the o.d. decreases by the usual calculation.

M42.22 $n=1$.

The case is treated in the same way as M42.21 but simpler.

M43. D is of the form $B \wedge C$ but not the case in M42.

M44. D is one of the forms $\neg B$, $B \vee C$ and $B \supset C$.

M45. D is one of the forms $\forall xB$ and $\exists xB$.

These cases M43–45 are treated as usual. In M45, note the remark after Definition 2.4.

This completes a proof of Main Lemma.

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