## The Taylor Series Part I Fun And Games With Ordinals

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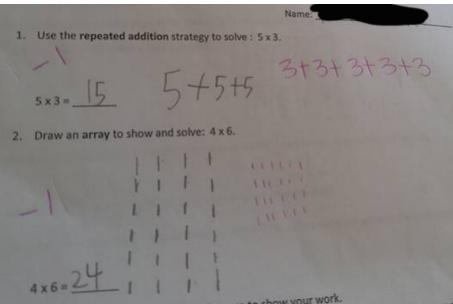
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Examples will appear in chalk.

# Ordinal arithmetic

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$$\beta = \omega^{\alpha_1} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \cdots + \omega^{\alpha_k} \cdot \mathbf{n}_k.$$

Moreover, if  $\beta < \epsilon_0$  then  $\alpha_1 \neq \beta$ .

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Induction schema:

 $\forall \overline{y} \ (\varphi(0, \overline{y}) \land \forall x \ (\varphi(x, \overline{y}) \to \varphi(S(x), \overline{y})) \to \forall x \ \varphi(x, \overline{y})).$ for all formulas  $\varphi$ .

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Primitive recursion. If g: N<sup>k</sup> → N and h: N<sup>k+2</sup> → N are functions then the primitive recursion operator produces the function ρ<sub>g,h</sub>: N<sup>k+1</sup> → N, defined by

$$\rho_{g,h}(\mathbf{0},\overline{x}) = g(\overline{x})$$
  
$$\rho_{g,h}(y+1,\overline{x}) = h(y,\rho_{g,h}(y,\overline{x}),\overline{x}).$$

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**()** *Minimisation*. Let  $f: \mathbb{N}^{k+1} \to \mathbb{N}$  be a *proper* function. Then minisation produces the function  $\mu_f$ , defined by

$$\mu_f(x_1,\ldots,x_k) = \begin{cases} \min\{z \mid f(z,x_1,\ldots,x_k) = 0\} & \text{if it exists} \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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An *n*-ary relation *R* is *recursive* if there exists a recursive function  $f_R \colon \mathbb{N}^n \to \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$f_R(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x_1,\ldots,x_n) \in R \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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## Example 11

Let *R* and *S* be *n*-ary recursive relations.

$$f_{R}(x_{1},\ldots,x_{n}) \cdot f_{S}(x_{1},\ldots,x_{n}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x_{1},\ldots,x_{n}) \in R \cap S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

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$$1 \div f_{R}(x_{1},\ldots,x_{n}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x_{1},\ldots,x_{n}) \notin R \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

The usual ordering on  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}$  is also recursive, since

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#### Fact 14

Every ordinal less than or equal to  $\epsilon_0$  is recursive.

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## Theorem 17 (Gödel's second incompleteness theorem)

If P can prove its own consistency then P is inconsistent.

## Gentzen's Theorem

Gentzen defines a notion of "reduction procedure" for proofs in Peano arithmetic. For a given proof, such a procedure produces a tree of proofs, with the given one serving as the root of the tree, and the other proofs being, in a sense, "simpler" than the given one. This increasing simplicity is formalized by attaching an ordinal less than  $\epsilon_0$  to every proof, and showing that, as one moves down the tree, these ordinals get smaller with every step. He then shows that if there were a proof of a contradiction, the reduction procedure would result in an infinite descending sequence of ordinals below  $\epsilon_0$ , produced by a primitive recursive operation on proofs corresponding to a quantifier-free formula. ("Gentzen's consistency proof", Wikipedia)

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#### ACCESSIBLE INDEPENDENCE RESULTS FOR PEANO ARITHMETIC

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Recently some interesting first-order statements independent of Peano Arithmetic (P) have been found. Here we present perhaps the first which is, in an informal sense, purely number-theoretic in character (as opposed to metamathematical or combinatorial). The methods used to prove it, however, are combinatorial. We also give another independence result (unashamedly combinatorial in character) proved by the same methods.

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Theorem 23

Let *f* be a valid function. Then for all *n* there exists *r* such that  $G_n^f(r) = 0$ .

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$$3\cdot 2^{402,653,211}-3.$$