

# Weihrauch degrees above arithmetical transfinite recursion

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# Summary

I will talk about

- studies on the complexity of mathematical theorems/problems.
  - Reverse Mathematics: Which axiom is needed to prove?
  - Weihrauch Degrees: How difficult is it to construct solutions?
- Typically, consider the complexity of arithmetical statements above the level of  $\mathbf{ATR}_0$  / hyperarithmeticity from the viewpoint of Weihrauch degrees.

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# Systems of second-order arithmetic

## $\mathcal{L}_2$ -systems used in Reverse Math

$$\mathbf{RCA}_0 = \mathbf{PA}^- + \mathbf{I}\Sigma_1^0 + \Delta_1^0\text{-CA},$$

$$\mathbf{ACA}_0 = \mathbf{RCA}_0 + \forall X \exists Y (Y = X' = \text{Jump}(X)),$$

$$\mathbf{ATR}_0 = \mathbf{RCA}_0 + \forall W, X (\text{WO}(W) \rightarrow \exists Y \text{Hier}(X, W, Y)).$$

Here  $\text{Hier}(X, L, \langle Y_i \rangle_i)$  denotes the following formula:

$$Y_{\min L} = X \wedge (\forall i \neq \min L)(Y_i = \text{Jump}(\langle Y_j \rangle_{j < Li})).$$

## Intuition of Hier

$Y$  is the  $W$ -time iteration of Turing jump of  $X$ .

$Y$  is a (pseudo-)jump hierarchy for  $(L, X)$  if  $\text{Hier}(X, L, Y)$  holds.

## Weihrauch degrees

### Definition

Weihrauch problem:

a partial function  $P : \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\omega))$ .

- $X \in \text{dom}(P)$  is called *an input for X*.
- For  $X \in \text{dom}(P)$ ,  $Y$  is *an output of P(X)* if  $Y \in P(X)$ .

$P, Q$  : problems.

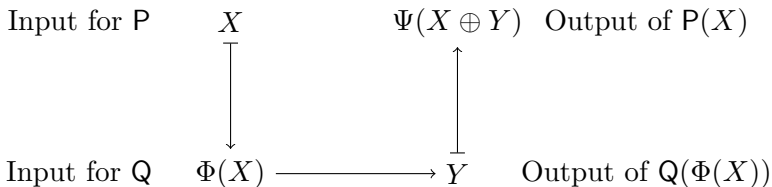
### Definition (Weihrauch Reduction)

$P$  is Weihrauch reducible to  $Q$  (denoted by  $P \leq_W Q$ ) if there are computable functionals  $\Phi, \Psi$  such that

$(\forall X \in \text{dom } P)(\Phi(X) \downarrow \in \text{dom } Q)$ ,

$(\forall X \in \text{dom } P)(\forall Y)((\Phi(X), Y) \in Q) \rightarrow (X, \Psi(X, Y) \downarrow) \in P$ .

$P \leq_W Q$  via  $\Phi, \Psi$  shows the following condition:



### Definition (Weihrauch degrees)

The degree structure of Weihrauch Problems induced by  $\leq_W$  is called Weihrauch hierarchy.

## $\mathcal{L}_2$ -statements and Weihrauch problems

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- $P = P(\theta, \eta)$  is said to be an arithmetical problem if both of  $\theta$  and  $\eta$  are arithmetical.
- $P = P(\theta, \eta)$  is said to be a  $(\Gamma, \Delta)$ -problem if  $\theta \in \Gamma$  and  $\eta \in \Delta$ , where  $\Gamma, \Delta \in \{\Sigma_1^1, \Pi_1^1, \dots\}$
- Conversely, if  $P = P(\theta, \eta)$ , we may write  $\mathcal{L}_2(P)$  for the  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -statement  $\forall X(\theta(X) \rightarrow \exists Y\eta(X, Y))$ .

### Definition ( $\omega$ -model reduction)

Let  $P, Q$  be problems.

- $P$  is  $\omega$ -model reducible to  $Q$  ( $P \leq_{\omega} Q$ )  
if for any  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ ,  $(\omega, S) \models \mathbf{RCA}_0 + \mathcal{L}_2(Q)$  implies  $(\omega, S) \models \mathcal{L}_2(P)$ .
- $P$  is arithmetically  $\omega$ -model reducible to  $Q$  ( $P \leq_{\omega}^a Q$ )  
if for any  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ ,  $(\omega, S) \models \mathbf{ACA}_0 + \mathcal{L}_2(Q)$  implies  $(\omega, S) \models \mathcal{L}_2(P)$ .
- We may easily see that  $\leq_W \subseteq \leq_{\omega} \subseteq \leq_{\omega}^a$ .
- In other words, the study of the Weihrauch degrees is a refinement of the study of  $\omega$ -models of second-order arithmetic.

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### Definition (monotone operator)

- An operator  $\Gamma : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is said to be *monotone* if  $X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow \Gamma(X) \subseteq \Gamma(Y)$ .
- $\Gamma : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is said to be *arithmetical* if there is an arithmetical formula  $\varphi(n, X)$  possibly with parameters from  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$  such that  $\Gamma_\varphi(X) = \{n : \varphi(n, X)\}$ .

### Theorem (FP, weak form of the Knaster-Tarski theorem)

FP: any monotone operator  $\Gamma : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  has a fixed point.

### Question:

What is the strength of FP for arithmetical operators?

## Theorem (Avigad, 1996)

Over  $\mathbf{RCA}_0$ , TFAE.

- 1  $\mathbf{ATR}_0$ ,
- 2 FP for arithmetical operators.
- 3 FP for positive  $\Sigma_2^0$ -operators.

(An arithmetical formula  $\varphi(n, X)$  is *positive* if there is no subformula of the form  $t \notin X$  in the negation normal form.)

This equivalence is proved by pseudo-hierarchy method.

### Question:

How about the situation in Weihrauch degrees?

Jump

**Input** Any set  $X$

**Output** The Turing jump  $X'$  of  $X$ .

ATR

**Input** A well-order  $W$  and a set  $A$ .

**Output** The jump hierarchy of  $(W, A)$ .

ATR<sub>2</sub>

**Input** A linear order  $L$  and a set  $A$ .

**Output** A jump hierarchy of  $(L, A)$  or a descending sequence of  $L$ .

$C_{\omega\omega}$

**Input** An ill-founded tree  $T \subseteq \omega^{<\omega}$ .

**Output** A path of  $T$ .

## Observation

- $\mathbf{RCA}_0 + \mathcal{L}_2(\text{Jump}) = \mathbf{ACA}_0$ .
- $\mathbf{RCA}_0 + \mathcal{L}_2(\text{ATR}) = \mathbf{RCA}_0 + \mathcal{L}_2(\text{ATR}_2) = \mathbf{ATR}_0$ .
- $\mathcal{L}_2(\mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega})$  is a trivial statement.

## Theorem (Kihara/Marcone/Pauly, Goh)

$$\text{Jump} <_W \text{ATR} <_W \text{ATR}_2 <_W \mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega} .$$

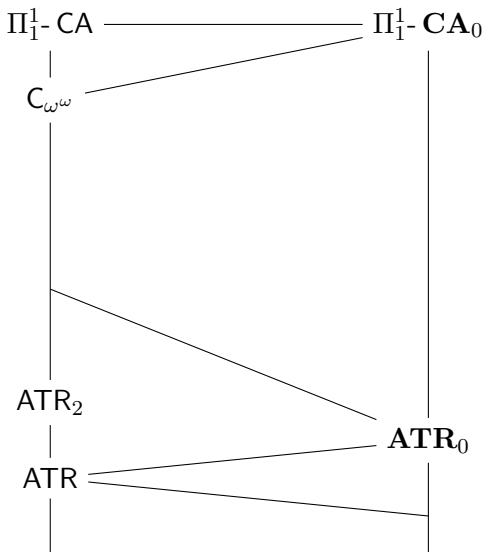
- \* ATR may be considered as the truth in  $(\omega, \text{HYP}^X)$ -models.
- \*  $\mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega}$  may be considered as the truth in  $\beta$ -models.

## Theorem (folklore?)

- 1 If  $P$  is  $(\Sigma_\infty^1, \Sigma_0^1)$ , then  $P \leq_W \mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega}$ .
- 2 If  $P$  is  $(\Pi_1^1, \Sigma_0^1)$ , then  $P <_W \mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega}$ .
- 3 If  $P$  is  $(\Sigma_0^1, \Sigma_0^1)$  and  $\text{ATR} \leq_W P$ , then  $\text{ATR} <_W P <_W \mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega}$ .

## Weihrauch Hierarchy

## Reverse Mathematics





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### Theorem

- $\text{ATR}_2 <_W \text{ATR}_2 \times \text{ATR}_2 \leq_W \text{FP } \Sigma_2^0$ ,
- $\text{FP } \Sigma_2^0$  is parallelizable, but  $\text{ATR}_2$  is not.

## Fact ( $\mathbf{ACA}_0$ )

There is no  $\Sigma_1^1$  formula  $\varphi(X)$  such that  $\forall X(\varphi(X) \leftrightarrow X \text{ is a well-order.})$

## Pseudo-Hierarchy Method for FP in $\mathbf{ATR}_0$

Let  $\varphi(n, X)$  be a formula and  $L$  is a well-order. Then there exists a sequence  $\langle A_i \rangle_{i \in |L|}$  such that

- $A_i = \{n : \varphi(n, \bigcup_{j <_L i} A_j)\}$ .

Thus there is an ill-founded linear order  $L$  and a sequence  $\langle A_i \rangle_{i \in |L|}$  such that

- $\min_L \{j \in |L| \mid j >_L i\}$  exists for any  $i \in |L|$ ,
- $A_i = \{n : \varphi(n, \bigcup_{j <_L i} A_j)\}$ ,
- for any  $i \in |L|$  and  $x \in A_i$ ,  $\min_L \{j \in |L| \mid x \in A_j\}$  exists.

If  $\langle i_s \mid s \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is an infinite decreasing sequence of  $L$ , then  $\bigcap_s A_{i_s}$  is a fixed point.

- Formulation of psuedo-hierarchy method in [PEA d'Auriac, 2019].

Strong enough but above  $C_{\omega^\omega}$ .

- Some weaker formulations of the psuedo-hierarchy method may be available but they are usually equivalent to  $C_{\omega^\omega}$ .
- In general, to apply the psuedo-hierarchy method in the setting of Weihrauch degrees, we need an ill-founded linear order  $L$ , its **decreasing sequence** and the witness for  $\varphi(L)$ .

### Question:

How can we bound the psuedo-hierarchy method available within  $\mathbf{ATR}_0$  in the context of Weihrauch degrees?

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## Definition

For a problem  $P(\theta, \eta)$ , define  $P^{\text{rfn}}$  as follows.

**Input** Any set  $X$ ,

**Output** A tuple  $(\langle M_i \rangle_{i \in \omega}, f, g, e)$  such that

$\langle M_i \rangle_i$  is closed under  $\leq_T$ ,

$(\forall i, j)(M_{f(i)} = M'_i \wedge M_{g(i,j)} = M_i \oplus M_j)$ ,

$M_e = X$ ,

$(\forall i)(\theta(M_i) \rightarrow \exists j \eta(M_i, M_j))$

- $\langle M_i \rangle_i$  is an  $\omega$ -model of  $\mathbf{ACA}_0$ .
- If  $\theta \in \Sigma_1^1, \eta \in \Pi_1^1$  then  $\langle M_i \rangle_i$  also satisfies  $P$ .

## Theorem

Let  $P(\theta, \eta), Q(\tilde{\theta}, \tilde{\eta})$  be problems.

- ① If  $\eta \in \Sigma_0^1$  then  $P \leq_W P^{\text{rfn}}$ .
- ② If  $\theta, \eta \in \Sigma_0^1$  then  $P <_W P^{\text{rfn}} <_W C_{\omega^\omega}$ .
- ③ If  $\theta \in \Pi_1^1, \eta \in \Sigma_1^1, \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{\eta} \in \Sigma_0^1$  and  $P$  is provable from  $Q + \mathbf{ACA}_0 + \Sigma_\infty^1\text{-IND}$ , then  $P^{\text{rfn}} \leq_W Q^{\text{rfn}}$ .

## Corollary

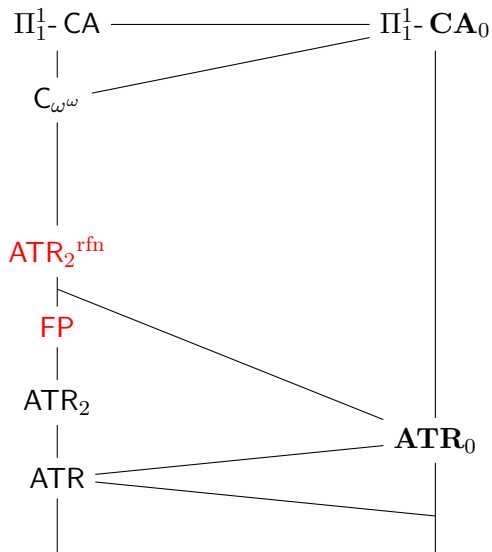
For any arithmetical problem  $P(\theta, \eta)$ , if  $\mathcal{L}_2(P)$  is provable from  $\mathbf{ATR}_0 + \Sigma_\infty^1\text{-IND}$ , then  $P(\theta, \eta) <_W P^{\text{rfn}} \leq_W \mathbf{ATR}_2^{\text{rfn}}$ .

Especially,  $\mathbf{FP} \Sigma_2^0 <_W (\mathbf{FP} \Sigma_2^0)^{\text{rfn}} \equiv_W \mathbf{ATR}_2^{\text{rfn}}$ .



## Weihrauch Hierarchy

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For the separation of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P}^{\text{rfn}}$ , we can show a bit more.

### Theorem ( $\omega$ -model incompleteness, Friedman)

Let  $\varphi$  be an  $\mathcal{L}_2$  sentence which is true in  $(\omega, \mathcal{P}(\omega))$ .

Put  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{ACA}_0 + \varphi$ . Then there exists  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  such that

$$(\omega, S) \models \mathbf{T} + \neg \exists \text{countable coded } \omega\text{-model of } \mathbf{T}.$$

Note that adding  $\mathbf{ACA}_0$  is essential for the above theorem.

### Corollary

If  $\mathbf{P}$  is an arithmetical problem, then  $\mathbf{P}^{\text{rfn}} \not\leq_{\omega}^a \mathbf{P}$ .

### Question:

Are there any “natural” problems between  $(\text{ATR}_2)^{\text{rfn}}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_{\omega\omega}$ ?

There is a good hierarchy of problems between  $\text{ATR}_2^{\text{rfn}}$  and  $\text{C}_{\omega\omega}$ .

### Definition ( $\Sigma_k^0$ LPP)

**Input** An ill-founded tree  $T$  and its path  $f$ .

**Output** A path  $g$  of  $T$  such that there is no  $\Sigma_k^{T \oplus f \oplus g}$ -definable path  $h$  of  $T$  lexicographically smaller than  $g$ .

Originally, this was introduced in [Towsner, 2013] in the context of reverse mathematics.

- $\text{ACA}_0 + \Sigma_0^0 \text{LPP}$  implies  $\text{ATR}_0$ .
- $\Pi_1^1 \text{CA}_0$  implies  $\Sigma_k^0 \text{LPP}$ , and the converse does not hold.

We let  $(P)^{n+1 \text{ rfn}} = ((P)^n \text{ rfn})^{\text{rfn}}$ .

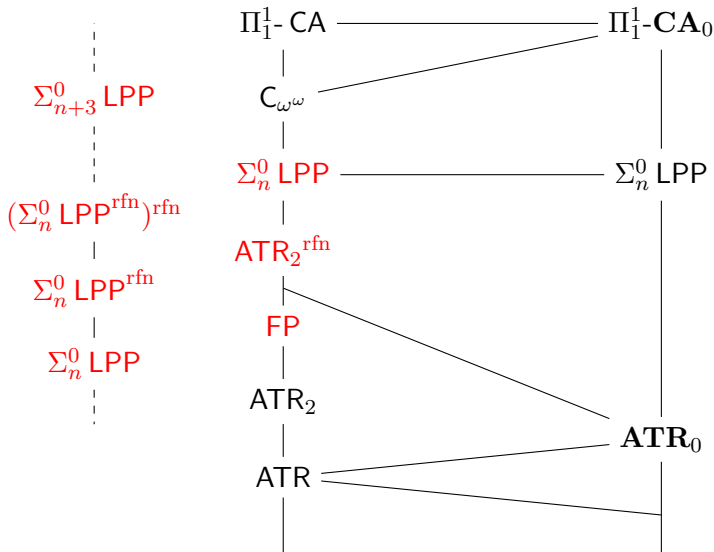
### Theorem

- 1  $\text{ATR} \leq_W \Sigma_0^0 \text{LPP}$ .
- 2  $\text{FP } \Sigma_2^0 \leq_W \Sigma_2^0 \text{LPP}$ .
- 3  $\text{ATR}_2 <_W (\text{ATR}_2)^{\text{rfn}} <_W \Sigma_3^0 \text{LPP}$ .
- 4  $\Sigma_n^0 \text{LPP} <_W (\Sigma_n^0 \text{LPP})^{n \text{ rfn}} <_W \Sigma_{n+3}^0 \text{LPP}$ .
- 5  $\Sigma_n^0 \text{LPP} <_W C_{\omega^\omega}$ .

Moreover, for 3–5, the converse does not hold even  $\leq_\omega^a$ .

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## Questions:

- Does  $\max_{\leq_W} \{P \in (\Sigma_0^1, \Sigma_0^1) \mid \mathbf{ATR}_0 \vdash \mathcal{L}_2(P)\}$  exist?  
(Note that if ‘sup’ exists, then it has to be ‘max’.)
- Can we improve the separation  $(\Sigma_n^0 \text{LPP})^{\text{rfn}} <_W \Sigma_{n+3}^0 \text{LPP}$ ?
- Are there more “natural” arithmetical problems above/around  $\Sigma_n^0 \text{LPP}$ ?

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