

Comparing Constructive Arithmetical Theories Based On NP -PIND and $coNP$ -PIND

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Abstract

In this note we show that the intuitionistic theory of polynomial induction on Π_1^{b+} -formulas does not imply the intuitionistic theory IS_2^1 of polynomial induction on Σ_1^{b+} -formulas. We also show the converse assuming the Polynomial Hierarchy does not collapse. Similar results hold also for length induction in place of polynomial induction. We also investigate the relation between various other intuitionistic first-order theories of bounded arithmetic. Our method is mostly semantical, we use Kripke models of the theories.

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0 Introduction

In [B1], Buss introduced some particular first-order theories of bounded arithmetic. The language of these theories extends the usual language of arithmetic by adding function symbols $\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \rfloor$ ($= \frac{x}{2}$ rounded down to the nearest integer), $|x|$ ($=$ the number of digits in the binary notation for x) and $\#$ ($x\#y = 2^{2^{|x||y|}}$). The set BASIC of basic axioms for the theories of bounded arithmetic is a finite set of (universal closures of) quantifier-free formulas expressing basic properties of the relations and functions of the language.

The set of sharply bounded formulas is the set of bounded formulas which all quantifiers occurring in them are sharply bounded quantifiers, i.e. of the form $\exists x \leq |t|$ or $\forall x \leq |t|$ where t is a term not involving x .

Following Buss [B1], we define a hierarchy of bounded formulas:

- (1) $\Sigma_0^b = \Pi_0^b$ is the set of all sharply bounded formulas.
- (2) Σ_{i+1}^b is defined inductively by:
 - (2a) $\Pi_i^b \subseteq \Sigma_{i+1}^b$;
 - (2b) If $A \in \Sigma_{i+1}^b$, so are $(\exists x \leq |t|)A$ and $(\forall x \leq |t|)A$;

- (2c) If $A, B \in \Sigma_{i+1}^b$, so are $A \wedge B$ and $A \vee B$;
- (2d) If $A \in \Sigma_{i+1}^b$ and $B \in \Pi_{i+1}^b$, then $\neg B$ and $B \rightarrow A$ are in Σ_{i+1}^b .
- (3) Π_{i+1}^b is defined inductively as follows:
- (3a) $\Sigma_i^b \subseteq \Pi_{i+1}^b$;
- (3b) If $A \in \Pi_{i+1}^b$, so are $(\forall x \leq t)A$ and $(\exists x \leq |t|)A$;
- (3c) If $A, B \in \Pi_{i+1}^b$, so are $A \wedge B$ and $A \vee B$;
- (3d) If $A \in \Pi_{i+1}^b$ and $B \in \Sigma_{i+1}^b$, then $\neg B$ and $B \rightarrow A$ are in Π_{i+1}^b .
- (4) Σ_{i+1}^b and Π_{i+1}^b are the smallest sets which satisfy (1)-(3).

Note that by the above definition, negation of a Π_1^b -formula is a Σ_1^b -formula. This is an important point when we work with intuitionistic theories. The Σ_1^b -formulas represent exactly the *NP*-relations in the standard model. For this reason, they are also called *NP*-formulas.

The most important theory among the theories of bounded arithmetic is S_2^1 , obtained by adding the scheme *PIND* for Σ_1^b -formulas to *BASIC*:

$$(A(0) \wedge \forall x(A(\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \rfloor) \rightarrow A(x))) \rightarrow \forall x A(x)$$

The main reason is the following theorem. Note that a function f is said to be Σ_1^b -definable in S_2^1 if and only if it is provably total in S_2^1 with a Σ_1^b -formula defining the graph of f .

Theorem 0.1 (Buss, [B1]) A function is Σ_1^b -definable in S_2^1 if and only if it is polynomial time computable.

The schemes *LIND* and *IND* are

$$(A(0) \wedge \forall x(A(x) \rightarrow A(x+1))) \rightarrow \forall x A(|x|) \text{ and}$$

$$(A(0) \wedge \forall x(A(x) \rightarrow A(x+1))) \rightarrow \forall x A(x), \text{ respectively.}$$

The following theorem will be used throughout this paper.

Theorem 0.2 The following theories are equivalent to S_2^1 :

$$(1) \text{ BASIC} + \Sigma_1^b - \text{LIND}$$

$$(2) \text{ BASIC} + \Pi_1^b - \text{PIND}$$

$$(3) \text{ BASIC} + \Pi_1^b - \text{LIND}$$

We also have $\text{BASIC} + \Sigma_1^b - \text{IND} \equiv \text{BASIC} + \Pi_1^b - \text{IND} \vdash S_2^1$.

Proof See [B1] and [B4]. \square

The theory IS_2^1 is the intuitionistic theory axiomatized by *BASIC* plus the scheme *PIND* on positive Σ_1^b formulas (denoted Σ_1^{b+}), i.e. Σ_1^b -formulas which do not contain \neg

and \rightarrow . This theory was introduced and studied by Cook and Urquhart and by Buss (see [CU] and [B3]). A function f is Σ_1^{b+} -definable in IS_2^1 if it is provably total in IS_2^1 with a Σ_1^{b+} -formula defining the graph of f . The most important theorem about IS_2^1 they proved is this:

Theorem 0.3 (Cook and Urquhart, [CU])

- (i) If f is a polynomial time computable function then f is Σ_1^{b+} -definable in IS_2^1 .
- (ii) If $IS_2^1 \vdash \forall \bar{x} \exists y \phi(\bar{x}, y)$ then there is a polynomial time computable function f such that $IS_2^1 \vdash \forall \bar{x} \phi(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x}))$.

Note that, in part (ii) above, the symbol f in the formula does not belong to the given language; however by part (i), it can be expressed in our language.

A positive Π_1^b formula (denoted Π_1^{b+}), is also defined to be a Π_1^b -formula which does not contain \neg and \rightarrow .

The theory PV is an equational theory of polynomial time functions introduced by Cook, PV_1 is its (conservative) extension to classical first-order logic and IPV is the intuitionistic theory of PV plus polynomial induction on NP formulas. Here an NP -formula is a formula equivalent to an atomic formula (in the language of PV) followed by a number of bounded existential quantifiers (see [CU]). The NP -formulas represent precisely the NP relations in the standard model. $coNP$ -formulas are defined dually.

Our main results in this paper are that over a natural intuitionistic base theory (i.e., the intuitionistic deductive closure of $BASIC$), $coNP$ induction does not imply NP induction; and that assuming the polynomial hierarchy does not collapse, neither does NP induction imply $coNP$ induction. This is in sharp contrast to the case for classical logic, in which the two principles are equivalent.

1 Kripke models of intuitionistic bounded arithmetic

Here we briefly describe Kripke models. All theories we will study prove the principle of excluded middle PEM for atomic formulas and so we can use a slightly simpler version of the definition of Kripke models, see [V].

A Kripke structure for a language L can be considered as a set of classical structures for L partially ordered by the relation substructure. We can assume without loss of generality that this partially ordered set is a rooted tree. For every node α , L_α denotes the expansion of L by adding constants for elements of M_α . The forcing relation \Vdash is defined inductively as follows:

- For atomic φ , $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi$ if and only if $M_\alpha \models \varphi$, also, $M_\alpha \not\Vdash \perp$;
- $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi \vee \psi$ if and only if $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi$ or $M_\alpha \Vdash \psi$;
- $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi \wedge \psi$ if and only if $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi$ and $M_\alpha \Vdash \psi$;

- $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ if and only if for all $\beta \geq \alpha$, $M_\beta \Vdash \varphi$ implies $M_\beta \Vdash \psi$;
- $M_\alpha \Vdash \forall x \varphi(x)$ if and only if for all $\beta \geq \alpha$ and all $a \in M_\beta$, $M_\beta \Vdash \varphi(a)$;
- $M_\alpha \Vdash \exists x \varphi(x)$ if and only if there exists $a \in M_\alpha$ such that $M_\alpha \Vdash \varphi(a)$.

A Kripke model forces a formula $\varphi(\bar{x})$, if each of its nodes (equivalently its root) forces $\forall \bar{x} \varphi(\bar{x})$. A Kripke model is *BASIC*-normal if each node (world) of it satisfies *BASIC*. It is Δ_0^b -elementary if its accessible relation is Δ_0^b -extension, i.e. for any two nodes $\alpha \leq \beta$ and any Δ_0^b -formula $A(\bar{x})$ and $\bar{a} \in M_\alpha$, $M_\alpha \vDash A(\bar{a})$ if and only if $M_\beta \vDash A(\bar{a})$. It decides sharply bounded formulas if it forces the axiom *PEM* (that is, $\varphi \vee \neg \varphi$) restricted to sharply bounded formulas.

By *IBASIC* we mean the intuitionistic theory axiomatized by *BASIC* axioms.

Lemma 1.1 Kripke models of *IBASIC* are exactly *BASIC*-normal Kripke models.

Proof Using the fact that atomic formulas are decidable in *IBASIC* ([B3, Th.3]) and this theory is universal, the proof is straightforward. \square

It is well-known and easy to prove that a Kripke model is Δ_0 -elementary extension (that is, its accessible relation is Δ_0 -extension) if and only if forcing and satisfaction of bounded formulas in each node (world) of it are equivalent if and only if, it decides bounded formulas. The following states a similar result for sharply bounded formulas.

Proposition 1.2 Suppose \mathcal{K} is a *BASIC*-normal Kripke model. The following are equivalent:

- (i) \mathcal{K} is Δ_0^b -elementary extension.
- (ii) Forcing and satisfaction of every sharply bounded formula in every node of \mathcal{K} are equivalent.
- (iii) \mathcal{K} decides Δ_0^b -formulas.

Proof Induction on formulas. \square

Let M and N be two models of *BASIC*. Let $\text{Log}(M) = \{a \in M : \exists b \in M a \leq |b|\}$. N is a weak end extension of M if N extends M and $\text{Log}(N)$ is an end extension of $\text{Log}(M)$, i.e. for all $a \in \text{Log}(M)$, $b \in \text{Log}(N)$ with $N \vDash b \leq a$ we have $b \in \text{Log}(M)$. It is known and easy to see that weak end extensions are always Δ_0^b -elementary.

Corollary 1.3 We have

- (i) Forcing and truth of sharply bounded formulas in each node of a weak end extension Kripke model of *IBASIC* are equivalent.
- (ii) Every Kripke model of IS_2^1 is Δ_0^b -elementary extension.

Proof Sharply bounded formulas are decidable in IS_2^1 ([CU]). \square

Lemma 1.4 Suppose \mathcal{K} is a weak end extension *BASIC*-normal Kripke model. Then for any node α in \mathcal{K} and any Σ_1^{b+} L_α -sentence A we have, $M_\alpha \Vdash A$ if and only if $M_\alpha \models A$.

Proof Let A and \mathcal{K} be as above. We use induction on the complexity of A to prove the desired property. For atomic formulas this is obvious by definition of forcing. In the induction step, there are four cases \vee, \wedge , bounded existential quantifier and sharply bounded universal quantifier. We just treat one part of the last case. The others are easy.

Let $\forall x \leq |t(\bar{a})| A(x, \bar{a})$ be a Σ_1^{b+} L_α -sentence. Let $M_\alpha \models \forall x \leq |t(\bar{a})| A(x, \bar{a})$. To prove $M_\alpha \Vdash \forall x \leq |t(\bar{a})| A(x, \bar{a})$, using the induction hypotheses, it is enough to show that this formula is satisfied in any node β above α . But this can be easily verified by the assumption that the Kripke model is a weak end extension Kripke model. \square

A Kripke model is S_2^1 -normal if each of its worlds satisfies S_2^1 .

Theorem 1.5 Any S_2^1 -normal weak end extension Kripke model forces IS_2^1 .

Proof Using the definition of forcing, the proof is straightforward. However, we sketch the proof. Suppose \mathcal{K} is an S_2^1 -normal weak end extension Kripke model and $A(x, \bar{y}) \in \Sigma_1^{b+}$. Let M_α be a node in \mathcal{K} such that it forces the assumptions of an instance of *PIND* on a formula $A(x, \bar{b})$, where $\bar{b} \in M_\alpha$. We have to show that $M_\alpha \Vdash A(c, \bar{b})$ for any $c \in M_\alpha$. Using the above lemma, it is easy to see that $M_\alpha \models A(0, \bar{b}) \wedge \forall x (A(\perp_{\frac{x}{2}}, \bar{b}) \rightarrow A(x, \bar{b}))$. Hence $M_\alpha \models A(c, \bar{b})$ for any $c \in M$, since $M_\alpha \models S_2^1$. So, $M_\alpha \Vdash A(c, \bar{b})$ for any $c \in M$. \square

Lemma 1.6 Suppose \mathcal{K} is a weak end extension *BASIC*-normal Kripke model. Then for any node α in \mathcal{K} and any Π_1^{b+} L_α -sentence A we have, $M_\alpha \Vdash A \leftrightarrow \neg\neg A$.

Proof Induction on the complexity of formulas. \square

Theorem 1.7 Any reversely well founded *BASIC*-normal weak end extension Kripke model whose terminal nodes model S_2^1 forces *BASIC* + Π_1^{b+} -*PIND*.

Proof It is known that S_2^1 (classically) proves *BASIC* + Π_1^b -*PIND*. Now, to complete the proof use these two general facts about Kripke models: (i) forcing and satisfaction of any formula in terminal nodes are equivalent, (ii) for any node α and formula φ , $\alpha \Vdash \neg\neg\varphi$ iff for each $\beta \geq \alpha$ there exists $\gamma \geq \beta$ such that $\gamma \Vdash \varphi$. \square

Proposition 1.8 The union of the worlds in any linear weak end extension Kripke model of *BASIC* + Π_1^{b+} -*PIND* satisfies *BASIC* + Π_1^{b+} -*PIND*.

Proof Let A be a formula in which each instance of \exists appears sharply bounded and \mathcal{K} be a linear weak end extension Kripke model of *BASIC* + Π_1^{b+} -*PIND*. One can use induction on the complexity of A to show that A is forced in \mathcal{K} if and only if the union of the worlds in \mathcal{K} satisfies A . Now, to prove the Proposition, it is enough to note that any instance of *PIND* on a Π_1^{b+} formula is of the mentioned form. \square

2 NP-PIND versus coNP-PIND

In this section we use the basic results on Kripke models proved in Section 1 to

compare the intuitionistic theories based on various schemes of induction on NP and $coNP$ formulas.

In the following theorem, we use [J1]. In [J1] and [J2], a model of the theory S_2^0 (the classical theory axiomatized by *BASIC* plus *PIND* on sharply bounded formulas) was constructed to witness a famous independence result of G. Takeuti [T], i.e. $S_2^0 \not\vdash \forall x \exists y (x = 0 \vee x = y + 1)$. Takeuti proved this result by use of a proof-theoretic method.

Theorem 2.1 The intuitionistic theory axiomatized by *BASIC* + Π_1^{b+} -PIND does not imply IS_2^1 .

Proof If $M \subseteq N$ are models of *BASIC* and N is a weak end extension of M , M is said to be length-initial in N by [J1]. Also, in [J1], for a special model $M \models S_2^1$ a substructure $M' \subseteq M$ is constructed such that M' is length-initial in M and the modified (restricted) subtraction $\dot{-}$ function is not provably total in M' . By Theorem 1.7, putting M above M' produces a Kripke model of *BASIC* + Π_1^{b+} -PIND. On the other hand, this Kripke model does not force IS_2^1 . The reason is that S_2^1 is $\forall\Sigma_1^b$ -conservative over IS_2^1 (see e.g., [A, Th. 3.17]) and so if the Kripke model forces IS_2^1 , using forcing definition, its root would be a model of $\forall x, y \exists z \leq x (x \dot{-} y = z)$. \square

In the theory *IPV* which is the natural conservative extension of IS_2^1 to the language of *PV*, any Σ_1^{b+} formula is equivalent to an atomic formula (in the language of *PV*) followed by a number of bounded existential quantifiers (see [CU]).

Below, an NP formula is such a formula and a $coNP$ formula is a *PV*-atomic formula followed by a number of bounded universal quantifiers. $\neg\neg NP$ -formulas are doubly negated NP -formulas. The theory *IPV* can be axiomatized by *PV* plus $NP - PIND$, see [B2].

In general, the negative translation of a formula is obtained by replacing any subformula of the form $\psi \vee \eta$, resp. $\exists x \psi$, by $\neg(\neg\psi \wedge \neg\eta)$, resp. $\neg\forall x \neg\psi$ and inserting $\neg\neg$ in front of all atomic sub-formulas, except \perp . If $T \vdash_c \varphi$, then the set of negative translations of the formulas in T , intuitionistically proves the negative translation of φ , i.e. φ^- , see [TD].

In the following, the notation \equiv_i between two sets of formulas is used to show that they have the same intuitionistic consequences. Also, \vdash_i denotes provability in intuitionistic (first-order) logic.

Proposition 2.2 We have

- (i) $PV + coNP - PIND \equiv_i PV + coNP - LIND$,
- (ii) $PV + \neg\neg NP - PIND \equiv_i PV + \neg\neg NP - LIND$.

Proof We just prove the case (i). The other can be proved similarly.

First observe that the two theories are classically equivalent (see [B4] and note that in the presence of *PV* one has access to all polynomial time functions). Now, to obtain

the desired intuitionistic equivalence, note that both intuitionistic theories are obviously closed under the negative translation. \square

The replacement (bounded collection) axiom on a formula $\varphi(x, y)$ is:

$$\forall x \leq |t| \exists y \leq s \varphi(x, y) \leftrightarrow \exists \omega \leq SqBd(s, t) \forall x \leq |t| (\beta(Sx, \omega) \leq s \wedge \varphi(x, \beta(Sx, \omega)))$$

where s and t are arbitrary terms and $SqBd(s, t)$ is a term which, roughly speaking, estimates the size of the sequence (s, t) .

This axiom, which is called *BB*, enables us to interchange sharply bounded quantifiers with bounded quantifiers.

S_2^1 proves the above scheme for any Σ_1^b -formula φ (see [B1, Th. 2.7.14]).

Theorem 2.3 We have

- (i) $PV + \text{coNP} - IND \equiv_i PV + \neg\neg NP - IND$.
- (ii) $PV + \text{coNP} - LIND \equiv_i PV + \neg\neg NP - LIND$.
- (iii) $PV + \text{coNP} - PIND \equiv_i PV + \neg\neg NP - PIND$.

Proof (i) We argue informally in $PV + \text{coNP} - IND$ and prove $PV + \neg\neg NP - IND$. Let $A(x, \bar{y})$ be atomic and assume:

- (a) $\forall x (\neg\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(x, \bar{y}) \rightarrow \neg\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(x+1, \bar{y}))$ and
- (b) $\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(a, \bar{y})$ for some (term) a .

Using (a) and (b), one obtains $\text{coNP} - IND$ on the formula $\forall z \leq a (x+z=a \rightarrow \forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t} \neg A(z, \bar{y}))$ and so $\forall x \forall z \leq a (x+z=a \rightarrow \forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t} \neg A(z, \bar{y}))$. Putting $x = a$, one gets $\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(0, \bar{y})$. What we have done is proved $\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(0, \bar{y})$ from (a) and (b). So, indeed, we proved the instance of *IND* on the formula $\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(x, \bar{y})$.

Now we prove $PV + \neg\neg NP - IND \vdash_i PV + \text{coNP} - IND$. Let $A(x, \bar{y})$ be atomic and assume:

- (a) $\forall x (\forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(x, \bar{y}) \rightarrow \forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(x+1, \bar{y}))$ and
- (b) $\neg \forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(a, \bar{y})$.

Note that atomic formulas are decidable in *PV* extended to intuitionistic logic and so in this theory $\neg \forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(a, \bar{y}) \equiv_i \neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t} \neg A(a, \bar{y})$.

We want to prove the sentence $\forall x C(x)$ where $C(x)$ is the formula $\forall z \leq |a| (x+z=a \rightarrow \neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t} \neg A(z, \bar{y}))$. First observe that $C(x)$ is equivalent in *IPV* to a doubly negated *NP* formula. For this it is enough to use the negative translation of Σ_1^b -replacement scheme which is provable in $PV + \neg\neg NP - IND$. The rest of the proof is similar to the former case.

(ii) A suitable version of the proof of (i) will work. To prove $PV + \text{coNP} - LIND \vdash_i PV + \neg\neg NP - LIND$, in assumption (b) consider the sentence $\neg \exists \bar{y} \leq \bar{t}A(|a|, \bar{y})$ for some

(term) a , and also consider the formula $\forall z \leq a(x + z = |a| \rightarrow \forall \bar{y} \leq \bar{t} \neg A(z, \bar{y}))$ as $B(x)$. To prove $PV + \neg \neg NP - LIND \vdash_i PV + \text{coNP} - LIND$, make similar changes.

(iii) This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.2 and part (ii). \square

Recall that the theory CPV is the classical closure of IPV and PV_1 is PV conservatively extended to first-order logic. It is known that, under the assumption $CPV = PV_1$, the polynomial hierarchy collapses, by a result of Krajicek, Pudlak and Takeuti (see [KPT]). Using the original construction, Buss, and independently Zambella, showed that if $CPV = PV_1$, then CPV proves a weaker form of the collapse (see [B5] and [Z]).

Theorem 2.4 If each of the following cases occurs, then $CPV = PV_1$:

(i) $IPV \vdash \text{coNP} - PIND$.

(ii) $PV + NP - LIND \vdash_i \text{coNP} - LIND$.

Proof We just prove case (i). The other is proved similarly.

(i) Assume $IPV \vdash \text{coNP} - PIND$. Any ω -chain of (classical) models of $PV + NP - PIND$ ($\equiv CPV$) can be considered as a Kripke model of IPV whose underlying accessibility relation has order type ω (the proof is very similar to the one for Theorem 1.5. Also see [B2]). So, by a proof like the proof of Proposition 1.9, the union of the worlds in it should satisfy $PV + \text{coNP} - IND$. Hence, this union should satisfy $PV + NP - PIND$ since $PV + \text{coNP} - PIND \equiv_c PV + NP - PIND$. This shows that CPV is an inductive theory. Hence, using the well-known characterization of the inductive theories (see e.g. [CK, Th. 3.2.3]), CPV should be \forall_2 . So, using \forall_2 -conservativity of CPV over PV_1 (see [B1, Th. 5.3.6 and Coro. 6.4.8]), we get $CPV \equiv PV_1$. \square

Note that, the notation \equiv_c above, is used to denote equivalence in classical logic. We have to use this notation when we do not have specific names for theories at hand. The same is true about \equiv_i .

Note that the above proof actually shows that $IPV^+ \not\vdash \text{coNP} - PIND$ unless $CPV = PV_1$. The theory IPV^+ which was introduced by Buss [B2] apparently is stronger than IPV and is sound and complete with respect to CPV -normal Kripke structures.

Corollary 2.5 $IS_2^1 \not\vdash \Pi_1^{b+} - PIND$, unless the Polynomial Hierarchy collapses.

Proof Use conservativity of IPV over IS_2^1 (see [CU, Theorem 2.4(i)]) and the above mentioned result in [KPT]. \square

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