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**Abstract:** We study the notions of partial conservativity and interpretability over fragments of Peano arithmetic.

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**Introduction.** Let  $S, T$  be theories,  $S \subseteq T$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be a class of formulas of  $T$ .  $S$  is  $\Gamma$ -conservative over  $T$  if for each  $\psi \in \Gamma$ , provability of  $\psi$  in  $S$  implies provability of  $\psi$  in  $T$ . In particular, if  $\varphi$  is a  $T$  formula then  $\varphi$  is said to be  $\Gamma$ -conservative over  $T$  if the theory  $(T + \varphi)$  is  $T$ -conservative over  $T$ . "Partial conservativity" means " $\Gamma$ -conservativity for some  $\Gamma$ ". The first nontrivial example of partial conservativity was exhibited by Kreisel [62]; the first systematic paper on partial conservativity is Guaspari [76] (containing also results by Solovay). Then various people contributed, among them Lindström, Smoryński and the present author (see references). A recent work is Bennet [86]. These papers typically discuss partial conservativity over theories in the language of arithmetic containing PA (Peano arithmetic); but equally typically, contain a remark saying that the assumptions on the underlying theory are in fact too strong and a weaker theory would suffice. One of the advantages of former theories is that for such a theory  $T$ , interpretability of  $(T + \varphi)$  in  $T$  is equivalent to  $\Pi_1$ -conservativity of  $(T + \varphi)$  over  $T$  and thus results on interpretability can be obtained as corollaries. Here we work systematically with theories containing  $I\Sigma_1$  (i.e. arithmetic with induction restricted to  $\Sigma_1$ -formulas) but having possibly a richer language. One basic difference of fragments  $I\Sigma_n$  from the whole PA is that they are finitely axiomatizable. As we shall see, this does not affect much properties of partial conservativity but does affect properties of interpretability. For positive results on interpretability we shall heavily use a result

due to Pudlák (formulated below) and its strengthening. A second obstacle is the fact that over a weak theory like  $I\Sigma_1$ ,  $\Sigma_n$  formulas are not closed under bounded universal quantification; but it turns out that this can be easily overcome. The result of our investigation is a systematic treatment of partial conservativity over theories containing  $I\Sigma_1$  and of its relation to interpretability. We shall give only very sketchy hints on proofs; full proofs are contained in a Czech typescript not for publication; the proofs will also be incorporated in a forthcoming book. The paper is organized as follows: § 1 contains preliminaries, § 2 discusses prominent examples (Gödel's and Rosser's formulas), § 3 presents general theorems on partial conservativity, § 4 contains applications to interpretability and § 5 elaborates a classification of independent  $\Sigma_1$  sentences.

**§ 1. Preliminaries.** We say "interpretation" meaning "relative interpretation with absolute equality" (cf. Tarski, Mostowski, Robinson [53]). First recall the old result on interpretability for PA and similar theories.

**1.1. Theorem** (Orey, Hájek, Guaspari). Let  $S, T$  be axiomatized theories in the language of PA and let  $S \models T \models PA$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $S$  is interpretable in  $T$ ,
- (ii)  $S$  is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative over  $T$ ,
- (iii) for each  $k$ ,  $T \vdash \text{Con}_{S^k}$ ,
- (iv) there is a binumeration  $\beta$  of  $S$  in  $T$  such that  $T \vdash \text{Con}_\beta$ .

(Similarly for  $S \models T \models ZF$  in the language of ZF and in general for  $S \models T$  where  $T$  contains PA and proves induction for all  $T$ -formulas.)

See Orey [61], Hájek [72], Guaspari [76].

The following lemma is easy but basic for our considerations.

**1.2. Lemma.** Let  $\varphi(x)$  be a  $\Sigma_n$ -formula (whose free variables are  $x$  and possibly others. There is a  $\Sigma_n$ -formula  $\psi(y)$  such that

- (1)  $(\forall k) I\Sigma_1 \vdash \psi(k) \equiv (\forall x \leq k) \varphi(x)$ ,
- (2)  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash \psi(y) \rightarrow (\forall x \leq y) \varphi(x)$ .

**Proof.** Trivial for  $n=0$ . For  $n \geq 1$  and  $\varphi(x) = (\exists u) \alpha(x, u)$  let  $\psi(y)$  be  $(\exists s)(\text{Seq}(s) \& (\forall x \leq y) \alpha(x, (s)_x))$ .

**1.3. Notation.** The formula  $\psi(y)$  from the previous lemma will be denoted  $[(\forall x \leq y) \varphi(x)]^{*, \Sigma, n}$  or simply  $[(\forall x \leq y) \varphi(x)]^*$ . Dually, for each  $\Pi_n$ -formula  $\varphi(x)$  we have a  $\Pi_n$ -formula  $\psi(y)$  (denoted by  $[(\exists x \leq y) \varphi(x)]^{*, \Pi, n}$ ) such that

$$(\forall k) I\Sigma_1 \vdash \psi(k) \equiv (\exists x \leq k) \varphi(x),$$

$$I\Sigma_1 \vdash (\exists x \leq y) \varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi(y).$$

**1.4. Discussion and definition (proofs from true formulas; herbrandian proofs).** It is well known that in  $I\Sigma_1$  we may define partial truth predicates: for each  $n$  we have a  $\Sigma_n$  truth definition for all  $\Sigma_n$  sentences satisfying the usual Tarski's conditions and similarly for  $\Pi$  instead of  $\Sigma$ . If  $\Gamma$  is  $\Sigma_n$  or  $\Pi_n$  then  $\text{Tr}_\Gamma(x)$  means the corresponding truth predicate;  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash \varphi \equiv \text{Tr}(\bar{\varphi})$  for each  $\varphi \in \Gamma$ . We make the following definition ( $y$  is a proof of  $x$  from a true  $\Gamma$ -formula):

$$\text{Prf}_\Gamma(x, y) \equiv (\exists z \leq y) (z \in \Gamma \& \text{Tr}_\Gamma(z) \& \text{Prf}(z \rightarrow x, y)).$$

Clearly, if  $\Gamma$  is  $\Sigma_n$  then  $\text{Prf}_\Gamma$  is  $\Sigma_n$  in  $I\Sigma_1$ : a trivial transformation shows that if  $\Gamma$  is  $\Pi_n$  then  $\text{Prf}_\Gamma$  is  $\Pi_n$  in  $I\Sigma_1$ . Here  $\text{Prf}$  is the proof predicate for a given theory defined in "Hilbert style". We shall also use the "Herbrand style" proof predicate  $H\text{Prf}$  investigated by Pudlák [85], but only for finitely axiomatized theories  $T$ . In words, a herbrandian proof of  $\varphi$  in  $T$  is a propositional proof of a disjunction of instances of the quantifier-free part of  $\text{He}(A T \rightarrow \varphi)$ , where, for any  $\psi$ ,  $\text{He}(\psi)$  is the purely existential Herbrand form of  $\psi$ .

Similarly we define  $H\text{Prf}_\Gamma$  for  $\Gamma$  being  $\Sigma_n$  or  $\Pi_n$ .

$\text{Pr}(x)$  and  $H\text{Pr}(x)$  are provability predicates (usual and herbrandian); clearly,  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash (\forall x)(\text{Pr}(x) \equiv H\text{Pr}(x))$ . But this equivalence does not relativize to definable cuts - see next definition.

**1.5. Definition.** (1) Let  $T \supseteq Q$  ( $Q$  is Robinson's arithmetic). A formula  $J(x)$  with one free variable defines a cut in  $T$  if  $T$  proves the following:

$$J(0) \& (\forall x)(J(x) \rightarrow J(x+1)) \& (\forall x, y)(y < x \& J(x) \rightarrow J(y)).$$

Note that if  $T$  is PA then  $T \vdash (\forall x)J(x)$  for each such  $J$ ; but this is not the case for any fragment  $I\Sigma_n$  - there are cuts  $J$  such that  $(\forall x)J(x)$  is unprovable.

(2) A theory  $T \supseteq Q$  is sequential if it has coding of finite sequences of arbitrary objects, i.e. has a predicate  $\text{Seq}$  and functions  $(s)_x$ ,  $\text{lh}(s)$  such that the following is provable in  $T$ : there is an empty sequence (of length 0), the length of each sequence is a number and for each sequence  $s$  of a length  $x$  and an arbitrary object  $z$  there is a sequence  $s'$  of length  $x+1$  prolonging  $s$  by  $z$ . (See Pudlák [85]).

(3)  $\text{ACA}_0$  is the usual (fully) conservative second order extension of PA, i.e.  $\text{ACA}_0$  has two sorts of variables (numbers and sets), axioms of PA for numbers with the induction scheme replaced by a single axiom

$\mathbf{0} \in X \& (\forall x)(x \in X \rightarrow x+1 \in X)$  and with comprehension for all formulas containing no set quantifiers. (Note that  $\text{ACA}_0$  is sequential;  $\text{ACA}_0$  is related to PA as GB to ZF.)

**1.6. Theorem** (Pudlák [85]). (1) Let  $T$  be a consistent sequential theory,  $S$  a finitely axiomatized theory.  $S$  is interpretable in  $T$  iff there is a definable cut  $J$  in  $T$  such that  $T \vdash \text{HCon}^J(S)$ , i.e.  $T$  proves that  $J$  does not contain any herbrandian proof of the contradiction from  $S$ .

(2) In particular, if  $T$  is consistent, finitely axiomatizable and sequential then there is a definable cut  $J$  in  $T$  such that  $T \vdash \text{HCon}^J(T)$ .

(3) On the contrary, for such a  $T$  there is no cut  $J$  such that  $T \vdash \text{Con}^J(T)$ .

Point (2) can be strengthened as follows:

**1.7. Theorem.** Let  $T$  be finitely axiomatizable, sequential and let  $T \vdash I\Sigma_1$ . Then there is a cut  $J$  in  $T$  such that

$$T \vdash (\forall u)(\text{Tr}_{\Sigma_1}(u) \rightarrow \text{HCon}^J((T+u))).$$

(Proof by inspection of Pudlák [85] - tedious.)

## § 2. Some prominent examples

2.1. We shall investigate the properties of Gödel's consistency formula  $\text{Con}_T$  and Rosser's formula  $\varphi_T$ , for  $T$  being either an extension of PA in the same language or a finitely axiomatized extension of  $I\Sigma_1$ . (In the former case we assume a fixed  $\Delta_1$  binumeration of the axioms to be given; in the latter we work with the natural binumeration just listing the axioms.) Both formulas may be constructed using either Prf or HPrf; for  $\text{Con}_T$  this is immaterial (see above), but for the Rosser's formula (which we assume in  $\Sigma_1$  form, i.e. saying "there is a proof  $y$  of my negation such that no  $z < y$  is a proof of me") there may be differences: some results below hold only for the Rosser's formula based on HPrf, say, the H-Rosser formula.

2.2. **Convention:** If  $T$  is a theory and  $\varphi$  a formula of  $T$  we say that  $\varphi$  is interpretable in  $T$  meaning that the theory  $(T + \varphi)$  is interpretable in  $T$ .

2.3. **Theorem.** Let  $T \nvdash I\Sigma_1$  be consistent (and axiomatizable).

(1) Gödel's formula  $\text{Con}$  is not interpretable in  $T$  and its negation  $\neg\text{Con}$  is interpretable in  $T$ .

(2)  $\neg\text{Con}$  is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative;  $\text{Con}$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -conservative iff  $T$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -sound (i.e. each provable  $\Sigma_1$ -formula is true in  $N$ ).

(3) Rosser's formula  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi_1$ -nonconservative;  $\neg\varphi$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -conservative

iff  $T$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -sound. (The same holds for the H-Rosser formula.)

- (4) If  $T$  is sequential and has induction for all formulas then neither  $\varphi$  nor  $\neg\varphi$  is interpretable. (The same for H-Rosser formula.)
- (5) But if  $T$  is sequential and finitely axiomatizable and  $\varphi$  is the H-Rosser formula then both  $\varphi$  and  $\neg\varphi$  are interpretable.

**Comments on proofs.** (1) For the first claim see Feferman [60] and Švejdar [78]; for the second see Feferman [60] where  $T \not\models PA$  is assumed. The same result can be proved:

- (a) for  $T \models B\Sigma_2$  using Low Basis Theorem (see Clote [83]) and the corresponding Low Arithmetized Completeness Theorem,
  - (b) for  $T \models I\Sigma_1$  finitely axiomatized using Second Gödel's incompleteness theorem and Pudlák's theorem 1.6 and
  - (c) in full generality i.e. for any  $T \models T\Sigma_1$  using a version of Low Basis Theorem in  $I\Sigma_1$  (see Hájek and Kučera [80]).
- (2) The first claim is due to Kreisel [68] and is the first example of non-trivial partial conservativity. Checking for  $T \models I\Sigma_1$  is immediate. The second claim is due to Smoryński [80].
- (3) First claim is due to Kreisel [62], second to Švejdar (unpublished)
  - (4) Follows easily from (3) and from 1.1.
  - (5) Pudlák's theorem 1.6 gives an interpretation of  $(T+\varphi)$  in  $(T+\neg\varphi)$  and vice versa.

**Problem:** does (5) also hold for the usual (non-herbrandian) Rosser formula?

**2.4. Corollary.** If  $T$  is sequential and finitely axiomatized then there is a  $\Pi_1$ -formula  $\varphi$  such that both  $\varphi$  and  $\neg\varphi$  are interpretable in  $T$ . (For PA and similar theories there is no such  $\varphi$ .) In particular, if  $T$  is  $ACA_0$  then  $(ACA_0 + \varphi)$  is interpretable in  $ACA_0$  but  $(PA + \varphi)$  is not interpretable in PA. Similarly for GB and ZF instead of  $ACA_0$  and PA. First example of such a  $\varphi$  was constructed by Solovay (unpublished, cf. Hájek [81]).

**§ 3. General theorems on partial conservativity.** We shall present several theorems on partial conservativity. Their proofs use various generalizations of Rosser's formula. In the whole section  $T \models I\Sigma_1$  is a fixed consistent axiomatized theory (and we assume a  $\Delta_1$  binumeration of  $T$  to be fixed).

**3.1. Notation.** (1) Let  $\alpha(u)$ ,  $\beta(u)$  be two  $T$ -formulas, let  $\Delta$  be  $(\exists u)\alpha(u)$  and  $\nabla$  be  $(\exists u)\beta(u)$ . ( $\alpha, \beta$  may contain parameters.) Following

Guaspari we denote by  $\Delta \ntriangleleft \nabla$  the formula

$$(\exists u)(\alpha(u) \& (\forall v \leq u) \neg \beta(v))$$

(there is a witness for  $\alpha$  less than each witness for  $\beta$ ).

(2) If  $\beta$  is  $\Pi_n$  and  $\beta'$  is the  $\Sigma_n$  formula naturally equivalent to  $\neg \beta$  then  $\Delta \ntriangleleft^* \nabla$  will denote the formula

$$(\exists u)(\alpha(u) \& I(\forall v \leq u) \beta'(v))^*, \Xi, n)$$

(assuming that  $n$  is clear from the context). Similarly,  $\Delta \ntriangleleft^* \nabla$  is  $(\exists u)(\alpha(u) \& I(\forall v \leq u) \beta'(v))^*, \Xi, n)$ .

3.2. **Remark.** We shall investigate selfreferential formulas satisfying

$$T \vdash f \equiv \Delta(\neg \bar{f}) \ntriangleleft^* \nabla(\bar{f})$$

or, more generally, for each  $k$ ,

$$T \vdash f(\bar{k}) \equiv \Delta(\neg \bar{f}, \bar{k}) \ntriangleleft^* \nabla(\bar{f}, \bar{k}).$$

Observe that if  $\alpha$  is  $\Sigma_n$  and  $\beta$  is  $\Pi_n$  then  $f$  is  $\Sigma_n$  in  $T$ .

(2) If  $\Delta_i$  is  $(\exists u)\alpha_i(u)$  and  $\nabla_i$  is  $(\exists v)\beta_i(v)$  ( $i=1,2$ ) then  $(\Delta_1 \vee \Delta_2) \ntriangleleft (\nabla_1 \vee \nabla_2)$  means the formula saying "there is a witness for  $\alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2$  less than each witness for  $\beta_1 \vee \beta_2$ "; similarly for  $\ntriangleleft^*$  instead of  $\ntriangleleft$ .

3.3. **Definition.** (1)  $\varphi$  is hereditarily  $\Gamma$ -conservative over  $T$  if, for each  $T_0$  such that  $I\Sigma_1 \subseteq T_0 \subseteq T$ ,  $\varphi$  is  $\Gamma$ -conservative over  $T_0$ .

(2)  $\varphi$  is doubly  $\Gamma$ -conservative over  $T$  if  $\varphi$  is  $\Gamma$ -conservative over  $T$  and  $\neg \varphi$  is  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ -conservative over  $T$  (where  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is the dual class of  $\Gamma$ ).

We shall now formulate three general theorems on partial conservativity.

3.4. **Theorem.** For each  $n \geq 1$  there is (1) a hereditarily  $\Pi_n$ -conservative  $\Sigma_n$ -sentence, (2) a hereditarily  $\Sigma_n$ -conservative  $\Pi_n$ -sentence, (3) a doubly  $\Pi_n$ -conservative  $\Sigma_n$ -sentence (its negation is thus a doubly  $\Sigma_n$ -conservative  $\Pi_n$ -sentence).

Examples ( $\Gamma$  is  $\Sigma_n$ ,  $\Lambda$  is  $\Pi_n$ ):

- (1)  $f$  such that  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash f \equiv \text{Pr}_\Gamma(\neg \bar{f}) \ntriangleleft^* \text{Pr}(\bar{f})$ ,
- (2)  $(\neg \bar{f})$  such that  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash f \vdash \text{Pr}(\neg \bar{f}) \ntriangleleft^* \text{Pr}_\Lambda(\bar{f})$ ,
- (3)  $f$  such that  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash f \subseteq \text{Pr}(\neg \bar{f}) \ntriangleleft^* \text{Pr}_\Lambda(\bar{f})$ .

If  $T$  is  $\Sigma_n$ -sound we may take in (1) a  $f$  such that  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash f \equiv \text{Pr}_\Gamma(\neg \bar{f})$ .

3.5. **Theorem** (on non-separability). Let  $\Gamma$  be  $\Sigma_n$  or  $\Pi_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ),  $T$  be the set of all theorems of  $T$ ,  $\text{Cons}(T)$  and  $\text{hCons}(T)$  the set of all  $\Gamma$ -con-

servative and hereditarily  $\Gamma$ -conservative sentences respectively,  $NRef$  the set of all the sentences non-refutable in  $T$ . Then obviously

$$Th \subseteq hConsv(\Gamma) \subseteq Consv(\Gamma) \subseteq Consv(\Sigma_1) \cap Consv(\Pi_1) \subseteq NRef$$

and there is no set  $X$  such that

- (1)  $X$  is  $\Delta_1$  and  $Th \subseteq X \subseteq NRef$  (classical!),
- (2)  $X$  is  $\Pi_1$  and  $Th \subseteq X \subseteq Consv(\Gamma)$ ,
- (3)  $X$  is  $\Sigma_1$  and  $hConsv(\Gamma) \subseteq X \subseteq NRef$ ,
- (4)  $X$  is  $\Sigma_2$ ,  $\Gamma \supseteq \Sigma_1$  and  $hConsv(\Gamma) \subseteq X \subseteq Consv(\Sigma_1)$ ,
- (4')  $X$  is  $\Sigma_2$ ,  $\Gamma \supseteq \Pi_1$  and  $hConsv(\Gamma) \subseteq X \subseteq Consv(\Pi_1)$ .

**3.6. Theorem** ( $\Pi_2$ -completeness). For each  $n \geq 1$  and  $\Gamma = \Sigma_n$  or  $\Pi_n$ , both  $Consv(\Gamma)$  and  $hConsv(\Gamma)$  is  $\Pi_2$ -complete.

**3.7. Remark.** Theorem 3.4 was obtained for  $T \supseteq PA$  by Guaspari and Solovay, see Guaspari [67]; their examples are more complicated than ours.

**Theorem 3.5:**

(1) is very classical, (2) seems to be new. (3) was first proved in the particular case  $T = ZF$ ,  $\Gamma = \Pi_1$ , interpretability instead of partial conservativity in Hájek [71]; Lindström [84] generalizes for  $T \supseteq PA$ , the present generalization is mine. (4) is contained (implicitly) in Lindström [84] for  $T \supseteq PA$ .

**Theorem 3.6:**

For  $T = ZF$  and  $\Gamma = \Pi_1$  (and interpretability) Solovay; his proof works for  $PA$ . For  $PA$ ,  $\Gamma = \Pi_n$  and Cons see Hájek [79], for  $PA$ ,  $\Gamma = \Sigma_n$  and Cons see Quinsey [81]. In full generality but for  $T \supseteq PA$  see Lindström [84]; generalization to  $T \supseteq I\Sigma_1$  is mine.

We shall present two general fixed point theorems that form the main means of proofs of the preceding theorems.

**3.8. Sheperdson-Smarzynski's fixed point theorem.** Let  $\Phi, \Psi$  be  $\Sigma_1$  formulas.

- (1) Let  $I\Sigma_1 \vdash \xi \equiv [(\Pr(\neg\xi) \vee \Phi) \wedge (\Pr(\xi) \vee \Psi)]$ . Then
  - (i)  $T \vdash \xi$  iff  $N \vdash \Phi \wedge \Psi$  iff  $N \vdash \xi$ ;
  - (ii)  $T \vdash \neg\xi$  iff  $N \vdash \Psi \leq \Phi$ .
- (2) More generally, let, for  $i=1,2$ ,  $I_i \supseteq I\Sigma_1$ , let  $\Pr_i$  be the proof predicate based on a fixed  $\Delta_1$  binumeration of  $I_i$ . Let

$$I\Sigma_1 \vdash \xi \equiv [(\Pr_1(\neg\xi) \vee \Pr_2(\neg\xi) \vee \Phi) \wedge (\Pr_1(\xi) \vee \Pr_2(\xi) \vee \Psi)]$$

- (i)  $I_1 \vdash \xi$  iff  $I_2 \vdash \xi$  iff  $N \vdash \Phi \wedge \Psi$  iff  $N \vdash \xi$ ;

(ii)  $T_1 \vdash \neg \xi$  iff  $T_2 \vdash \neg \xi$  iff  $N \models \Psi \Leftrightarrow \Phi$ .

For proofs see Shepherdson [60], Smoryński [80].

3.9. Lindström's fixed point theorem. (Let  $T$  be as above.)

(1) Let  $\chi(y)$  be  $\Sigma_n$  and let

$$I\Sigma_1 \vdash \xi \equiv \text{Pr}_{\Sigma_n}(\neg \xi) \nLeftarrow (\exists y) \neg \chi(y). \text{ Then}$$

(i) for each  $m$ ,  $(T + \neg \xi) \vdash \chi(m)$ ,

(ii) for each  $I\Sigma_1 \subseteq T_0 \subseteq T$  and each  $\Pi_n$ -sentence  $\sigma$ ,  $(T_0 + \neg \xi) \vdash \sigma$  implies  $T_0 + \{\chi(m) | m\} \vdash \sigma$ .

(2) Let  $\chi(y)$  be  $\Pi_n$  and let

$$I\Sigma_1 \vdash \xi \equiv (\exists y) \neg \chi(y) \nLeftarrow \text{Pr}_{\Pi_n}(\xi). \text{ Then}$$

(i) for each  $m$ ,  $(T + \neg \xi) \vdash \chi(m)$ ,

(ii) for each  $I\Sigma_1 \subseteq T_0 \subseteq T$  and each  $\Sigma_n$ -sentence  $\sigma$ ,  $(T_0 + \neg \xi) \vdash \sigma$  implies  $T_0 + \{\chi(m) | m\} \vdash \sigma$ .

For  $T \models \text{PA}$  see Lindström [84].

3.10. Remark. Both fixed point theorems may be parametrized (by replacing  $\xi, \Phi, \Psi, \chi(y)$  by  $\xi(\bar{k}), \Phi(\bar{k}), \Psi(\bar{k}), \chi(y, \bar{k})$  respectively); details are evident. Shepherdson-Smoryński theorem is used to prove 3.5 (1),(2) (and is very useful at many other occasions); Lindström's theorem is used for the rest of 3.5 and for 3.4. The proof of 3.6 uses Lindström's theorem and the following consequence of Shepherdson-Smoryński theorem: if  $X$  is a  $\Sigma_1$  set and  $I\Sigma_1 \subseteq T_0 \subseteq T_1$  then there is a  $\Sigma_1$  formula  $\sigma(x)$  and  $\Pi_1$  formula  $\pi(x)$  such that both  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  numerate  $X$  both in  $T_0$  and in  $T_1$ .

**§ 4. Applications to interpretability.** It follows from 1.1 and 3.6 that if  $T$  is consistent sequential and has full induction then the set of all  $\varphi$  interpretable in  $T$  (i.e. such that the theory  $(T + \varphi)$  is interpretable in  $T$ ) is a complete  $\Pi_2$  set. We focus our attention to finitely axiomatized theories containing  $I\Sigma_1$ . Note that if  $T$  is finitely axiomatizable then the set  $\text{Int}_T$  of all  $\varphi$  interpretable in  $T$  is  $\Sigma_1$ .

**4.1. Theorem.** Let  $T$  be finitely axiomatized,  $T \models I\Sigma_1$  and let  $\Gamma = \Sigma_n$  or  $\Gamma = \Pi_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). Then  $\text{Consv}(\Gamma) - \text{Int}_T$  is non-empty and contains a  $\Gamma$ -sentence.

**4.2. Remark.** In particular, let  $T$  be  $\text{ACA}_0$  and  $\Gamma = \Pi_1$ . We get a  $\Sigma_1$ -formula  $\varphi$  which is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative over  $\text{ACA}_0$  but  $(\text{ACA}_0 + \varphi)$  is not interpretable.

able in  $\text{ACA}_0$ . Since  $\varphi$  is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative over  $\text{ACA}_0$  it is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative over PA and thus  $(\text{PA} + \varphi)$  is interpretable in PA. Compare this with 2.4: we had there a  $\Pi_1$  formula such that  $(\text{ACA}_0 + \varphi)$  is interpretable in  $\text{ACA}_0$  but  $(\text{PA} + \varphi)$  is not in PA. Similarly for GB and ZF.

The first example of a  $\Sigma_2$  formula  $\varphi$  such that  $\text{ZF} + \varphi$  is interpretable in ZF but  $(\text{GB} + \varphi)$  is not in GB was constructed in Hájek [71] under the assumption of  $\omega$ -consistency; this assumption was removed in Hájek and Hájková [72]. A  $\Sigma_1$  formula of the desired properties was first constructed by Solovay.

4.3. We shall investigate the situation more closely. In the sequel let  $T$  be a finitely axiomatized consistent theory containing  $I\Sigma_1$ . We focus our attention to independent  $\Sigma_1$  sentences. First observe that each independent (nonprovable and nonrefutable)  $\Sigma_1$  sentence is false and trivially it is  $\Sigma_1$ -nonconservative. For each such  $\Sigma_1$  sentence  $\sigma$  we may ask

- whether  $\sigma$  is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative,
- whether  $\sigma$  is interpretable,
- whether  $\neg\sigma$  is interpretable.

The formula  $\neg\sigma$  is  $\Pi_1$  and hence  $\Pi_1$ -nonconservative; if  $T$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -sound then  $\neg\sigma$  is  $\Sigma_1$ -conservative. For  $\Sigma_1$ -ill theories the  $\Sigma_1$ -conservativity of  $\neg\sigma$  is a reasonable question but we shall not discuss it.

Our three questions admit eight combinations of answers, say, eight types of independent  $\Sigma_1$  formulas.

4.4. **Theorem.** For each type, there is an independent  $\Sigma_1$  formula of that type.

4.5. We shall describe examples in a rather uniform way. We shall use formulas  $HPr$  and  $HPr_{\Sigma_1}$ , i.e. herbrandian provability and herbrandian provability from a true  $\Sigma_1$  sentence. Further we shall use a  $\Sigma_1$  formula  $\text{Intp}(x)$  formally expressing (i.e. numerating-in- $I\Sigma_1$ ) interpretability of a formula in  $T$ . All examples have the form of a self-referential formula  $\xi$  such that

$$I\Sigma_1 \vdash \xi \equiv \Delta(\neg\xi) \leftarrow^* \nabla(\xi)$$

where  $\Delta(x)$  has one of the following forms:

$$HPr(x), HPr_{\Sigma_1}(x), HPr(x) \vee \text{Intp}(x), HPr_{\Sigma_1}(x) \vee \text{Intp}(x).$$

$\nabla(x)$  has one of the following forms:

$$HPr(x), HPr(x) \vee \text{Intp}(x).$$

This gives eight possibilites that exactly give our eight examples. For several claims it is immaterial whether we use  $\text{Pr}$  or  $\text{HPr}$ ; but for some claims (using 1.7) it is not.

- 4.6. Theorem.** (1) All eight examples are independent  $\Sigma_1$  sentences.  
 (2)  $\xi$  is interpretable iff  $\nabla$  does not contain  $\text{Intp}(x)$ .  
 (3)  $\neg\xi$  is interpretable iff  $\Delta$  does not contain  $\text{Intp}(x)$ .  
 (4)  $\xi$  is  $\Pi_1$ -conservative iff  $\Delta$  contains  $\text{HPr}_{\Sigma_1}(x)$ .

The proof uses 1.6, 1.7, provability of Herbrand's theorem in  $I\Sigma_1$  and the following very important theorem (more precisely, its corollary 4.8):

**4.7. Second Lindström's fixed point theorem.** Let  $T \models I\Sigma_1$ ,  $n, m \geq 0$ ,  $\Gamma = \Sigma_n$ ,  $\Lambda = \Pi_m$ . Let  $\varphi(x, y)$  be a  $\Gamma$ -formula,  $\Theta(x, y)$  a  $\Lambda$ -formula. Let

$$T \vdash \xi = [(\text{Pr}_\Gamma(\neg\xi) \vee (\exists y)\varphi(\neg\xi, y)) \dashv (\text{Pr}_\Lambda(\xi) \vee (\exists u)\Theta(\xi, u))].$$

Then

- (1) for each  $m$ ,  $(T + \xi) \vdash (\exists y \leq \bar{m})\Theta(\xi, y) \rightarrow (\exists y \leq \bar{m})\varphi(\neg\xi, y)$ ,
- (2) for each  $m$ ,  $(T + \neg\xi) \vdash (\exists y \leq \bar{m})\varphi(\neg\xi, y) \rightarrow (\exists y \leq \bar{m})\Theta(\xi, y)$ ,
- (3) each  $\Gamma$ -sentence provable in  $(T + \xi)$  is provable in  $T + \{\neg\Theta(\xi, \bar{m})\mid m\}$ ,
- (4) each  $\Gamma$ -sentence provable in  $(T + \neg\xi)$  is provable in  $T + \{\neg\varphi(\neg\xi, \bar{m})\mid m\}$ .
- (5) The above remains true if  $\text{Pr}$  is replaced by  $\text{HPr}$  in all occurrences.

**4.8. Corollary.** If  $(\exists y)\Theta(x, y)$  defines a set  $X \subseteq \text{NRef}$  (of non-refutable sentences) and  $(\exists y)\varphi(x, y)$  defines a set  $Y$  of non-refutable sentences then  $\xi$  satisfies the following:

$\xi$  is  $\Pi_n$ -conservative,  $\neg\xi$  is  $\Sigma_n$ -conservative,  $\xi \notin X$ ,  $(\neg\xi) \notin Y$ .

**4.9. Remark.** Note that Lindström has 4.7 and 4.8 for  $T \models \text{PA}$ . The generalization of constructions of partially conservative sentences presented up to now (from  $T \models \text{PA}$  to  $T \models I\Sigma_1$ ) could make the reader think that everything generalizes smoothly. It is indeed remarkable that in most constructions the replacement of  $\dashv$  by  $\dashv^*$  works. But there are some things that do not generalize: for example, the implication

$$(\Delta \vee \nabla) \rightarrow ((\Delta \dashv \nabla) \vee (\nabla \dashv \Delta))$$

(provable in  $\text{PA}$ ) does not immediately generalize to  $I\Sigma_1$  using  $\dashv^*$ . Another example is in Lindström [79]: If  $T \models \text{PA}$  and  $X \subseteq \text{NRef}$  then there is a  $\Delta_1$  binumeration  $\gamma$  of  $\text{PA}$  such that  $(\text{PA} + \neg\text{Con}_\gamma)$  is interpretable in  $\text{PA}$  but  $(\text{ACA}_0 + \neg\text{Con}_\gamma)$  is not interpretable in  $\text{ACA}_0$ . It is not clear how to generalize this from  $\text{ACA}_0$  to any finitely axiomatizable  $T \models I\Sigma_1$ .

Lindström's papers contain (for  $T_2PA$ ) various stronger and more detailed theorems on partial conservativity. It has been our task to demonstrate the possibility and ways of generalization to  $T_2I\Sigma_1$  on the most important theorems rather than to cover everything.

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