

6.3. A Refutation.

In Proposition A, can we replace ELG by the simpler and more basic SD? We refute this in a strong way. In particular, we refute Proposition C with ELG removed.

PROPOSITION α . For all $f, g \in SD \cap BAF$ there exist $A, B, C \in INF$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup fA &\subseteq C \cup gB \\ A \cup fB &\subseteq C \cup gC. \end{aligned}$$

We will even refute the following weaker Proposition.

PROPOSITION β . Let $f, g \in SD \cap BAF$. There exist $A, B, C \subseteq N$, $|A| \geq 4$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup fA &\subseteq C \cup gB \\ A \cup fB &\subseteq C \cup gC. \end{aligned}$$

We assume Proposition β , and derive a contradiction.

We begin with a modification of Lemmas 5.1.6 and 5.1.7. Basically, these go through without any change in the proof, but we provide some additional details.

LEMMA 5.1.6'. Let $f, g \in SD \cap BAF$. There exist $f', g' \in SD \cap BAF$ such that the following holds.

- i) $g'S = g(S^*) \cup 6S+2$;
- ii) $f'S = f(S^*) \cup g'S \cup 6f(S^*)+2 \cup 2S^*+1 \cup 3S^*+1$.

Proof: In the proof of Lemma 5.1.6, f', g' are constructed explicitly from f, g . It is obvious that if $f, g \in SD \cap BAF$, then $f', g' \in SD \cap BAF$. The verification goes through without change. QED

LEMMA 5.1.7'. Let $f, g \in SD \cap BAF$ and $\text{rng}(g) \subseteq 6N$. There exist $A \subseteq B \subseteq C \subseteq N \setminus \{0\}$, $|A| \geq 3$, such that

- i) $fA \cap 6N \subseteq B \cup gB$;
- ii) $fB \cap 6N \subseteq C \cup gC$;
- iii) $fA \cap 2N+1 \subseteq B$;
- iv) $fA \cap 3N+1 \subseteq B$;
- v) $fB \cap 2N+1 \subseteq C$;
- vi) $fB \cap 3N+1 \subseteq C$;
- vii) $C \cap gC = \emptyset$;
- viii) $A \cap fB = \emptyset$;

Proof: In the proof Lemma 5.1.6, f', g' are constructed explicitly from f, g . Then A, B, C are used from Proposition

C , and it is verified that $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$, $A^* \subseteq B^* \subseteq C^* \subseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, and A^*, B^*, C^* obey i) - viii). Suppose $f, g \in \text{SD} \cap \text{BAF}$, $\text{rng}(g) \subseteq 6\mathbb{N}$. Then $f', g' \in \text{SD} \cap \text{BAF}$, and we take A, B, C from Proposition β , $|A| \geq 4$. The same argument shows that $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$, $A^* \subseteq B^* \subseteq C^* \subseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, and A^*, B^*, C^* obey i) - viii). Obviously $|A^*| \geq 3$. QED

LEMMA 6.3.1. Suppose $n > m \wedge x > c \wedge 48n \uparrow - 24m = 48x \uparrow - 24c$. Then $n = x \wedge m = c$.

Proof: Let n, m, x, c be as given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 48n \uparrow - 48x \uparrow &= 24m - 24c. \\ 2(n \uparrow - x \uparrow) &= m - c. \\ n \neq x \rightarrow \max(n, x) \uparrow &\leq |2(n \uparrow - x \uparrow)| = |m - c| < \max(n, x). \\ n = x, m = c. & \end{aligned}$$

QED

Define $f: \mathbb{N}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as follows. Let $a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{N}$.

case 1. $a = b = c \wedge |a, b, c, d, e| = e$. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = e + 1$.

case 2. $a = b > c \wedge |a, b, c, d, e| = e$. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = e + 2$.

case 3. $a = b < c \wedge |a, b, c, d, e| = e$. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = 48e \uparrow + 12$.

case 4. $a < b = c \wedge |a, b, c, d, e| = e$. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = 48e \uparrow - 24d$.

case 5. $a < b \wedge a = c \wedge |a, b, c, d, e| = e$. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = 48e \uparrow - 24(d + 1)$.

case 6. $a > b = c \wedge |a, b, c, d, e| = e$. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = 48e \uparrow - 24(d + 2)$.

case 7. otherwise. Define $f(a, b, c, d, e) = |a, b, c, d, e| + 1$.

Define $g: \mathbb{N}^5 \rightarrow 6\mathbb{N}$ as follows. Let $n, t, m, r, s \in \mathbb{N}$.

case 1. $n = t > m > r$, $s = 48n \uparrow - 24m$. Define $g(n, t, m, r, s) = 48n \uparrow - 24r$.

case 2. $n > t = m > r$, $s = 48n \uparrow - 24m$. Define $g(n, t, m, r, s) = 48n \uparrow + 12$.

case 3. otherwise. Define $g(n,t,m,r,s) = 48|n,t,m,r,s|+6$.

Note the modest use of t in the definition of g .

LEMMA 6.3.2. $f,g \in SD \cap BAF$. For all $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, $S^{*+1} \cup S^{*+2} \cup \{48n\uparrow+12: n \in S^*\} \cup \{48n\uparrow-24(m+j): n,m \in S^* \wedge m \leq n \wedge j \leq 2\} \subseteq fS$. The outputs of cases 1-3 in the definition of g are pairwise disjoint.

Proof: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. At arguments from S , case 1 in the definition of f produces $S+1$; case 2 produces S^{*+2} , case 3 produces $48n\uparrow+12$, $n \in S^*$; case 4 produces the $48n\uparrow-24m$, $n,m \in S^*$, $m \leq n$; case 5 produces the $48n\uparrow-24(m+1)$, $n,m \in S^*$, $m \leq n$, and case 6 produces the $48n\uparrow-24(m+2)$, $n,m \in S^*$, $m \leq n$. (In cases 4-6, additional integers can be produced). Since $e > 0 \rightarrow 48e\uparrow-24(e+2) > e$, we see that $f \in SD \cap BAF$.

Note that if $n > m > r$ then $48n\uparrow-24r > 24n\uparrow > n$, and $48n\uparrow-24r > 48n\uparrow-24m$. Also, if $n > m > r$ then $48n\uparrow+12 > 48n\uparrow-24m,n$. Hence $g \in SD \cap BAF$.

The three cases in the definition of g yield integers congruent to $24,12,6$ modulo 48 , respectively. QED

We now apply Lemma 5.1.7' to f,g . Fix A,B,C according to Lemma 5.1.7'.

LEMMA 6.3.3. Let $n \in C$. There is at most one $m \in C$ such that $m < n \wedge 48n\uparrow-24m \in C$.

Proof: Let $m,m' \in C$, $m < m' < n$, $48n\uparrow-24m, 48n\uparrow-24m' \in C$. Then $g(n,n,m',m,48n\uparrow-24m') = 48n\uparrow-24m$. Hence $48n\uparrow-24m \in C \cap gC$, which contradicts Lemma 5.1.7' vii). QED

LEMMA 6.3.4. Let $n \in A^*$. Then $(\forall m \in C^*) (m < n \rightarrow 48n\uparrow-24m \notin C)$.

Proof: Let $n \in A^*$, $m \in C^*$, $m < n$, $48n\uparrow-24m \in C$. Then $g(n,m,m,\min(C),48n\uparrow-24m) = 48n\uparrow+12 \in gC$. By Lemma 5.1.7' vii), $48n\uparrow+12 \notin C$. By Lemma 6.3.2, $48n\uparrow+12 \in fA \cap 6N$. By Lemma 5.1.7' i), we have $48n\uparrow+12 \in B \cup gB$. Hence $48n\uparrow+12 \in gB$. Let $48n\uparrow+12 = g(a,t,b,c,d)$, $a,t,b,c,d \in B$. Then case 2 applies and $g(a,t,b,c,d) = 48a\uparrow+12$, $d = 48a\uparrow-24b$, $a > b > c$. Obviously $a = n$ and $b \in B^*$.

Thus we have $b < n$, and $48n \uparrow - 24b \in B$, $b, n \in B$. Note that $m < n$, $48n \uparrow - 24m \in C$, $m, n \in C$. By Lemma 6.3.3, $m = b < a = n$. Hence $m \in B^*$, $m < n$, $48n \uparrow - 24m \in B$.

By Lemma 6.3.2, $m+1, m+2 \in fB$. By Lemma 5.1.7' viii), we have $m+1, m+2 \notin A$. In particular, $m+1, m+2 \neq n$. Since $m < n$, we have $m+2 < n$. Let $i \in \{1, 2\}$ be such that $m+i$ is odd, $m+i < n$. By Lemma 5.1.7' v), $m+i \in C$.

By Lemma 6.3.3, $48n \uparrow - 24(m+i) \notin C$. Note that $n, m \in B^*$, $m < n$, and so by Lemma 6.3.2, $48n \uparrow - 24(m+i) \in fB$. By Lemma 5.1.7' ii), $48n \uparrow - 24(m+i) \in C \cup gC$, $48n \uparrow - 24(m+i) \in gC$. Let $48n \uparrow - 24(m+i) = g(x, t, b, c, d)$, $x, t, b, c, d \in C$. Then case 1 applies and $g(x, t, b, c, d) = 48x \uparrow - 24c$, $d = 48x \uparrow - 24b$, $x > b > c$. By Lemma 6.3.1, $x = n \wedge m+i = c < b$. Hence $b < n$, $48n \uparrow - 24b = d \in C$, $b, n \in C$. By Lemma 6.3.3, $b = m$. This contradicts $b > m+i$. QED

THEOREM 6.3.5. Proposition α is refutable in RCA_0 . In fact, Proposition β is refutable in RCA_0 .

Proof: Let $s, n \in A^*$, $s < n$. This is supported by $|A| \geq 3$. Hence $s \in C^*$. By Lemma 6.3.4, $48n \uparrow - 24s \notin C$. By Lemma 6.3.2, $48n \uparrow - 24s \in fA$. By Lemma 5.1.7' i), we have $48n \uparrow - 24s \in B \cup gB$, $48n \uparrow - 24s \in gB$. Let $48n \uparrow - 24s = g(a, t, b, c, d)$, $a, t, b, c, d \in B$. Then case 1 applies, and $g(a, t, b, c, d) = 48a \uparrow - 24c$, $a > b > c$, $d = 48a \uparrow - 24b$. By Lemma 6.3.1, $a = n \wedge c = s$. Now $b < n \wedge 48n \uparrow - 24b \in B$. Clearly $b \in B^* \subseteq C^*$. This contradicts Lemma 6.3.4. QED