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2  td( $k_2$ , 6)
4  inc( $k_1$ )
5  goto 2
6  halt
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### 8.10.1 Theorem (2-Counter Machine Halting Problem)

The halting problem for 2-counter machines is undecidable (Minsky 1967).

#### Proof.

(Idea) By a reduction to the halting problem for Turing machines. □

### 8.10.2 Proposition (FOL(LIA) Undecidability with a Single Ternary Predicate)

Unsatisfiability of a FOL(LIA) clause set with a single ternary predicate is undecidable.

## FOL(LIA) Decidable for Binary or Monadic Predicates?

No: translate 2-counter machine halting problem to FOL(LIA) with a single monadic predicate.

Idea: translate state  $(i, n, m)$  where the program is at line  $i$  with respective counter values  $n, m$  by the integer  $2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot p_i$  where  $p_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  prime number following 3



# Example: WhatDoIDo

- 1  $\text{td}(k_2, 4)$
- 2  $\text{inc}(k_1)$
- 3 goto 1
- 4 halt



## Example: WhatDoIDo

- 1  $\text{td}(k_2, 4)$
- 2  $\text{inc}(k_1)$
- 3  $\text{goto } 1$
- 4  $\text{halt}$

$$5y = x, 3y' = y, x' = 7y', S(x) \rightarrow S(x')$$

$$5y = x, 3y' + 1 = y, x' = 13y', S(x) \rightarrow S(x')$$

$$5y = x, 3y' + 2 = y, x' = 13y', S(x) \rightarrow S(x')$$

$$7y = x, x' = 2y, x'' = 11x', S(x) \rightarrow S(x'')$$

$$11y = x, x' = 5y, S(x) \rightarrow S(x')$$

$$13y = x, S(x) \rightarrow$$

### 8.10.3 Proposition (FOL(LIA) Undecidability with a Single Monadic Predicate)

Unsatisfiability of a FOL(LIA) clause set with a single monadic predicate is undecidable (Downey 1972).

# Syntax and Semantics

## 8.2.1 Definition (Hierarchic Theory and Specification)

Let  $\mathcal{T}^B = (\Sigma^B, \mathcal{C}^B)$  be a many-sorted theory, called the *background theory* and  $\Sigma^B$  the *background signature*.  
Let  $\Sigma^F$  be a many sorted signature with  $\Omega^B \cap \Omega^F = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^B \subset \mathcal{S}^F$ , called the *foreground signature* or *free signature*. Let  $\Sigma^H = (\mathcal{S}^B \cup \mathcal{S}^F, \Omega^B \cup \Omega^F)$  be the union signature and  $N$  be a set of clauses over  $\Sigma^H$ , and  $\mathcal{T}^H = (\Sigma^H, N)$  called a *hierarchic theory*. A pair  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{T}^H, \mathcal{T}^B)$  is called a *hierarchic specification*.

I abbreviate  $\models_{\mathcal{T}^B} \phi$  ( $\models_{\mathcal{T}^H} \phi$ ) with  $\models_B \phi$  ( $\models_H \phi$ ), meaning that  $\phi$  is valid in the respective theory, see Definition 3.17.1.

Terms, atoms, literals build over  $\Sigma^B$  are called *pure background terms*, *pure background atoms*, and *pure background literals*, respectively. Non-variable terms, atoms, literals build over  $\Sigma^F$  are called *free terms*, *free atoms*, *free literals*. A variable of sort  $S \in (\mathcal{S}^F \setminus \mathcal{S}^B)$  is also called a *free variable* and a *free term*. Any term of some sort  $S \in \mathcal{S}^B$  built out of  $\Sigma^H$  is called a *background term*.

A substitution  $\sigma$  is called *simple* if  $x_S \sigma \in T_S(\Sigma^B, \mathcal{X})$  for all  $S \in \mathcal{S}^B$ .

## 8.2.2 Example (Classes of Terms)

Let  $\mathcal{T}^B$  be linear rational arithmetic and  $\Sigma^F = (\{S, LA\}, \{g, a\})$  where  $a: S$  and  $g: LA \rightarrow LA$ . Then the terms  $x_{LA} + 3$  and  $g(x_{LA})$  are all of sort  $LA$ , but  $x_{LA} + 3$  is a pure background term whereas  $g(x_{LA})$  is a free term and an unpure background term. So the substitution  $\sigma = \{y_{LA} \mapsto x_{LA} + 3\}$  is simple while  $\sigma = \{y_{LA} \mapsto g(x_{LA})\}$  is not.

### 8.2.3 Definition (Hierarchic Algebras)

Given a hierarchic specification  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{T}^H, \mathcal{T}^B)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}^B = (\Sigma^B, \mathcal{C}^B)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}^H = (\Sigma^H, N)$ , a  $\Sigma^H$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *hierarchic* if  $\mathcal{A}|_{\Sigma^B} \in \mathcal{C}^B$ . A hierarchic algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a *model of a hierarchic specification*  $\mathcal{H}$ , if  $\mathcal{A} \models N$ .

## 8.2.4 Definition (Abstracted Term, Atom, Literal, Clause)

A term  $t$  is called *abstracted* with respect to a hierarchic specification  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{T}^H, \mathcal{T}^B)$ , if  $t \in T_S(\Sigma^B, \mathcal{X})$  or  $t \in T_T(\Sigma^F, \mathcal{X})$  for some  $S \in \mathcal{S}^B$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{S}^B \cup \mathcal{S}^F$ . An equational atom  $t \approx s$  is called *abstracted* if  $t$  and  $s$  are abstracted and both pure or both unpure, accordingly for literals. A clause is called *abstracted* if all its literals are abstracted.

**Abstraction**  $N \uplus \{C \vee E[t]_p[s]_q\} \Rightarrow_{\text{ABSTR}}$   
 $N \cup \{C \vee x_s \approx s \vee E[x_s]_q\}$

provided  $t, s$  are non-variable terms,  $q \not\prec p$ ,  $\text{sort}(s) = S$ , and  
either  $\text{top}(t) \in \Sigma^F$  and  $\text{top}(s) \in \Sigma^B$  or  $\text{top}(t) \in \Sigma^B$  and  
 $\text{top}(s) \in \Sigma^F$



## 8.2.5 Proposition (Properties of the Abstraction)

Given a finite clause set  $N$  out of a hierarchic specification  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{T}^H, \mathcal{T}^B)$ ,  $\Rightarrow_{\text{ABSTR}}$  terminates on  $N$  and preserves satisfiability. For any clause  $C \in (N \Downarrow_{\text{ABSTR}})$  and any literal  $E \in C$ ,  $E$  does not both contain a function symbol from  $\Sigma^B$  and a function symbol from  $\Sigma^F$ .

From now on I assume fully abstracted clauses  $C$ , i.e., for all atoms  $s \approx t$  occurring in  $C$ , either  $s, t \in T(\Sigma^B, \mathcal{X})$  or  $s, t \in T(\Sigma^F, \mathcal{X})$ . This justifies the notation of clauses  $\Lambda \parallel C$  where all pure background literals are in  $\Lambda$  and belong to  $\text{FOL}(\Sigma^B, \mathcal{X})$  and all literals in  $C$  belong to  $\text{FOL}(\Sigma^F, \mathcal{X})$ .

The literals in  $\Lambda$  form a conjunction and the literals in  $C$  a disjunction and the overall clause the implication  $\Lambda \rightarrow C$ . For a clause  $\Lambda \parallel C$  the background theory part  $\Lambda$  is called the *constraint* and  $C$  the *free part* of the clause.

## 8.2.6 Example (Abstracted Clause)

Continuing Example 8.2.2, the unabstracted clause

$$g(x) \leq 1 + y \vee g(g(1)) \approx 2$$

corresponds to the abstracted clause

$$z \not\approx g(x) \vee z \leq 1 + y \vee u \not\approx 2 \vee v \not\approx 1 \vee g(g(v)) \approx u$$

that is written

$$z > 1 + y \wedge u \approx 2 \wedge v \approx 1 \parallel z \not\approx g(x) \vee g(g(v)) \approx u$$

## SUP(T) on Abstracted Clauses

As usual the calculus is presented with respect to a reduction ordering  $\prec$ , total on ground terms. For the SUP(T) calculus I assume that any pure base term is strictly smaller than any term containing a function symbol from  $\Sigma^F$ . This justifies the below ordering conditions with respect to the constraint notation of clauses and can, e.g., be obtained by an LPO where all symbols from  $\Sigma^B$  are smaller in the precedence than the symbols from  $\Sigma^F$ .

## Superposition Right

$$(N \uplus \{\Lambda \parallel D \vee t \approx t', \Gamma \parallel C \vee s[u] \approx s'\}) \Rightarrow_{\text{SUPT}} (N \cup \{\Lambda \parallel D \vee t \approx t', \Gamma \parallel C \vee s[u] \approx s'\} \cup \{(\Lambda, \Gamma \parallel D \vee C \vee s[t'] \approx s')\sigma\})$$

where  $\sigma$  is the mgu of  $t, u$ ,  $\sigma$  is simple,  $u$  is not a variable  
 $t\sigma \not\approx t'\sigma$ ,  $s\sigma \not\approx s'\sigma$ ,  $(t \approx t')\sigma$  strictly maximal in  $(D \vee t \approx t')\sigma$ ,  
 nothing selected and  $(s \approx s')\sigma$  maximal in  $(C \vee s \approx s')\sigma$  and  
 nothing selected

## Superposition Left

$$(N \uplus \{\Lambda \parallel D \vee t \approx t', \Gamma \parallel C \vee s[u] \not\approx s'\}) \Rightarrow_{\text{SUPT}} (N \cup \{\Lambda \parallel D \vee t \approx t', \Gamma \parallel C \vee s[u] \not\approx s'\} \cup \{(\Lambda, \Gamma \parallel D \vee C \vee s[t'] \not\approx s')\sigma\})$$

where  $\sigma$  is the mgu of  $t, u$ ,  $\sigma$  is simple,  $u$  is not a variable  $t\sigma \not\approx t'\sigma$ ,  
 $s\sigma \not\approx s'\sigma$ ,  $(t \approx t')\sigma$  strictly maximal in  $(D \vee t \approx t')\sigma$ , nothing  
 selected and  $(s \not\approx s')\sigma$  maximal in  $(C \vee s \not\approx s')\sigma$  or selected



**Equality Resolution**  $(N \uplus \{\Gamma \parallel C \vee s \neq s'\})$

$\Rightarrow_{\text{SUPT}} (N \cup \{\Gamma \parallel C \vee s \neq s'\} \cup \{(\Gamma \parallel C)\sigma\})$

where  $\sigma$  is the mgu of  $s, s'$ ,  $\sigma$  is simple,  $(s \neq s')\sigma$  maximal in  $(C \vee s \neq s')\sigma$  or selected

**Equality Factoring**  $(N \uplus \{\Gamma \parallel C \vee s' \approx t' \vee s \approx t\})$

$\Rightarrow_{\text{SUPT}}$

$(N \cup \{\Gamma \parallel C \vee s' \approx t' \vee s \approx t\} \cup \{(\Gamma \parallel C \vee t \neq t' \vee s \approx t)\sigma\})$

where  $\sigma$  is the mgu of  $s, s'$ ,  $\sigma$  is simple,  $s'\sigma \not\approx t'\sigma$ ,  $s\sigma \not\approx t\sigma$ ,  $(s \approx t)\sigma$  maximal in  $(C \vee s' \approx t' \vee s \approx t)\sigma$  and nothing selected

**Constraint Refutation**  $(N \uplus \{\Gamma_1 \parallel \perp, \dots, \Gamma_n \parallel \perp\})$

$\Rightarrow_{\text{SUPT}} (N \cup \{\Gamma_1 \parallel \perp, \dots, \Gamma_n \parallel \perp\} \cup \{\perp\})$

where  $\Gamma_1 \parallel \perp \wedge \dots \wedge \Gamma_n \parallel \perp \models_B \perp$

### 8.3.1 Definition (Sufficient Completeness)

A hierarchic specification  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{T}^H, \mathcal{T}^B)$  is *sufficiently complete* with respect to simple ground instances if for all unpure ground terms  $t$  of a background sort, there exists a pure ground term  $t'$  of the same sort such that  $\mathcal{A} \models t \approx t'$  for all  $\mathcal{A}$  algebras with  $\mathcal{A} \models \text{sgi}(N) \cup \text{grd}(\mathcal{T}^B)$  where  $\text{grd}(\mathcal{T}^B)$  is the set of all ground formulas  $\phi$  over  $\Sigma^B$  with  $\models_B \phi$ .

### 8.3.2 Definition (SUP(T) Abstract Redundancy)

A clause  $\Gamma \parallel C$  is *redundant* with respect to a clause set  $N$  if for all simple ground instances  $(\Gamma \parallel C)\sigma$  there are clauses  $\{\Lambda_1 \parallel C_1, \dots, \Lambda_n \parallel C_n\} \subseteq N$  with simple ground instances  $(\Lambda_1 \parallel C_1)\tau_1, \dots, (\Lambda_n \parallel C_n)\tau_n$  such that  $(\Lambda_i \parallel C_i)\tau_i \prec (\Gamma \parallel C)\sigma$  for all  $i$  and  $(\Lambda_1 \parallel C_1)\tau_1, \dots, (\Lambda_n \parallel C_n)\tau_n \models_B (\Gamma \parallel C)\sigma$ .



### 8.3.3 Theorem (SUP(T) Completeness)

Let  $\mathcal{H} = (\mathcal{T}^H, \mathcal{T}^B)$  be sufficiently complete and  $\mathcal{T}^B$  be compact and term-generated. Then  $N$  is unsatisfiable with respect to hierarchic algebras of  $\mathcal{H}$  iff  $N \Rightarrow_{\text{SUPT}}^* N' \cup \{\perp\}$ .