

This answers a question raised by Charlie McCoy when he was giving a topics course on a prepublication copy of the book<sup>1</sup> by Ash and Knight.

Fix a recursive language  $L$ . Define  $\text{Symb}$  to be the infinite (recursive) set consisting of

1. all atomic formulas of  $L$
2.  $\neg, \wedge, \rightarrow$
3.  $\exists x$  for each variable  $x$ , and
4.  $\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{M}$

For  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  define  $S_a$  be the set of all triples  $(s, a, e)$  with  $s \in \text{Symb}$  and  $e \in \omega$ . Also define  $S_{<a}$  to be the union of all  $S_b$  for  $b <_o a$ .

For each  $H \subseteq \omega$  and  $e \in \omega$  define

$$H_e = \{n : (e, n) \in H\}$$

and let  $W$  give the usual enumeration of the recursively enumerable sets.

For  $i \in S_a$  inductively define  $\psi_i^H$  as follows:

1. If  $i = (\rho, a, j)$  and  $\rho$  atomic, then  $\psi_i^H = \rho$
2. If  $i = (\neg, a, j)$  and  $j \in S_{<a}$  then  $\psi_i^H = \neg\psi_j^H$
3. If  $i = (\wedge, a, (n, m))$  and  $n, m \in S_{<a}$ , then  $\psi_i^H = (\psi_n^H \wedge \psi_m^H)$
4. If  $i = (\rightarrow, a, (n, m))$  and  $n, m \in S_{<a}$ , then  $\psi_i^H = (\psi_n^H \rightarrow \psi_m^H)$
5. If  $i = (\exists x, a, j)$  and  $j \in S_{<a}$ , then  $\psi_i^H = \exists x \psi_j^H$
6. If  $i = (\mathbb{W}, a, e)$ , then  $\psi_i^H = \mathbb{W}\{\psi_j^H : j \in H_e \cap S_{<a}\}$
7. If  $i = (\mathbb{M}, a, e)$ , then  $\psi_i^H = \mathbb{M}\{\psi_j^H : j \in H_e \cap S_{<a}\}$

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<sup>1</sup>Ash, C. J.; Knight, J.; Computable structures and the hyperarithmetical hierarchy. Studies in Logic and the Foundations of Mathematics, 144. North-Holland Publishing Co., Amsterdam, 2000. xvi+346 pp. ISBN: 0-444-50072-3

8. Otherwise, define  $\psi_i^H$  to be  $F$  (the symbol for false), e.g., in case 2 if  $j \notin S_{<a}$ . Or  $T$  it makes no difference. Similarly, empty infinite conjunctions or disjunctions can be assigned  $T$  or  $F$ .

**Main Lemma.**

Suppose  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $H$  is hyperarithmetic set which is effectively defined by  $S_a$ , i.e. there exists a recursive  $h : \omega \rightarrow S_a(T, F)$  (codes for infinitary propositional language on  $T, F$ ) such that for all  $n$

$$n \in H \quad \text{iff} \quad \psi_{h(n)}^W \text{ is true}$$

Assume that the order type of  $a$  is a limit ordinal and  $b + b < a$  for all  $b < a$ .

Then there exists a recursive  $f : S_{<a} \rightarrow S_{<a+a}$  so that for every  $i \in S_{<a}$  we have that  $\psi_i^H$  and  $\psi_{f(i)}^W$  are logically equivalent, i.e.,  $\psi_i^H \equiv \psi_{f(i)}^W$

Proof. In fact, we construct  $f$  with the additional property that if  $i \in S_b$ , then  $f(i) \in S_{a+3(b+1)}$ . Addition here is the usual  $+_o$  operation on the elements of Kleene's  $\mathcal{O}$ .

The steps in the definition of  $f(i)$  are all trivial except for the infinite disjunction or conjunction cases. For example:

If  $i = (\wedge, b, (n, m))$ , then  $f(i) = (\wedge, a + 3(b + 1), (f(n), f(m)))$ .

If  $i = (\rho, b, e)$  where  $\rho$  atomic, then  $f(i) = (\rho, a + 3(b + 1), e)$ .

Now suppose  $i = (\mathbb{W}, b, e)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_i^H &= \mathbb{W}\{\psi_j^H : j \in H_e \cap S_{<b}\} \equiv \mathbb{W}\{(\psi_{h(e,j)}^W \wedge \psi_j^H) : j \in S_{<b}\} \\ &\equiv \mathbb{W}\{(\psi_{h(e,j)}^W \wedge \psi_{f(j)}^W) : j \in S_{<b}\} \end{aligned}$$

We construct  $g$  recursive so that

$$(\psi_{h(e,j)}^W \wedge \psi_{f(j)}^W) \equiv \psi_{g(j)}^W$$

as follows:

Suppose  $h(e, j) = (s_1, a, e_1)$  and  $f(j) = (s_2, a + 3(c + 1), e_2)$ . Then define

$$g(j) = (\wedge, a + 3(c + 1) + 1, (h(e, j), f(j)))$$

and define  $f(i) = (\mathbb{W}, a + 3(b + 1), e)$  where  $W_e = \{g(j) : j \in S_{<b}\}$ . Note that  $c + 1 \leq_o b$  implies  $3(c + 1) + 1 \leq_o 3b + 1 <_o 3(b + 1)$  and hence  $W_e \subseteq S_{<a+3(b+1)}$  as we needed to show the logical equivalence:

$$\psi_{f(i)}^W = \mathbb{W}\{\psi_k^W : k \in W_e\} \equiv \mathbb{W}\{\psi_{g(j)}^W : j \in S_{<b}\}$$

The infinite conjunction case is similar except we use

$$\bigwedge\{(\psi_{h(e,j)}^W \rightarrow \psi_{f(j)}^W) : j \in S_{<b}\}$$

This proves the Main Lemma.

Given  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{O}} S_a$  hyperarithmetical, it is easy to construct  $H$  hyperarithmetical and  $j$  so that  $\bigvee\{\psi_i^W : i \in K\} \equiv \psi_j^H$ . By the main lemma we can find  $k$  with  $\psi_j^H \equiv \psi_k^W$ . Hence the recursive infinitary formulas are closed under hyperarithmetical disjunctions.

I think the usual “change into normal form” arguments allow for an effective translation of these codes into the codes that Ash-Knight use (and back).