

Speedup for Presburger Arithmetic

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Examples of speedup:

- Let T be a recursively axiomatized theory containing Robinson Arithmetic Q . Then any proper extension of T has arbitrary recursive speed-up over T , corollary of Ehrenfeucht and Mycielski 1971
- There is a non elementary speedup of GB over ZFC , Pudlak 1986
- There is a non elementary speedup of $I\Sigma_1$ over Primitive Recursive Arithmetic, Ignjatovic 1990

$2^{2^{x^\epsilon}}$ speedup between the two *natural axiomatizations* of Presburger arithmetic, and of real closed fields, using a sequence of sentences with some *natural meaning*

The axiomatizations for Presburger arithmetic

Definition

Let \mathcal{L}_{PrA} be the language of Presburger arithmetic, i.e. the language of first order logic with equality, constants 0 and 1, and the binary function symbol $+$.

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Let the theory PrA^- be the theory with the following axioms.

1. Axioms of cancellative Abelian semigroup with neutral element 0
2. $\forall x \ x + 1 \neq 0$
3. $\forall x \ x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y \ x = y + 1$
4. $\forall x, y \ x \leq y \vee y \leq x$,
where $x \leq y$ is a shorthand for the formula $\exists z \ x + z = y$

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Let PrA be the theory PrA^- with the scheme of induction.

i.e. For all formulas $\phi(x)$ with at least one free variable x , we have the axiom

$$(\phi(0) \wedge \forall x(\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(x+1))) \rightarrow \forall x\phi(x)$$

Definition

Let PrA_{alt} be the theory PrA^- with the following axioms.

For each prime p we have the axiom

$$\forall x x \equiv_p 0 \vee \dots \vee x \equiv_p p-1,$$

where $x \equiv_n s$ is a shorthand for the formula

$$\exists z \underbrace{(z + \dots + z + s = x)}_{n\text{-times}} \vee \underbrace{(z + \dots + z + x = s)}_{n\text{-times}}.$$

- $Mul_0(x, y, z)$ defined as

$$(y = 0 \rightarrow z = 0) \wedge (y = 1 \rightarrow z = x) \wedge (y = 2 \rightarrow z = x + x) \\ \wedge \neg(y \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 1 \wedge y \neq 2)$$

- $Mul_n(x, y, z)$ defined as

$$\exists y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, z_1, z_2, z_4 (y = y_3 + y_4 \wedge Mul_{n-1}(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\ \wedge Mul_{n-1}(x, y_1, z_1) \wedge Mul_{n-1}(z_1, y_2, z_2) \\ \wedge Mul_{n-1}(x, y_4, z_4) \wedge z = z_2 + z_4)$$

- It does have the intended meaning (by induction on n).
- Mul_n accepts y up to $\sim 2^{2^n}$ since $2^{2^{n-1}} \cdot 2^{2^{n-1}} = 2^{2^n}$.

Theorem (Rackoff, Solovay75)

Let \mathcal{L} be a first-order language, where \neg and at least one of the three logical connectives \rightarrow , \vee , \wedge are present. Furthermore \mathcal{L} should contain the equality symbol and constants $0, 1$. Let $\phi_0(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$ and $\Phi(R, \vec{a}, \vec{b})$ be given, with \vec{a} being free variables, \vec{b} being parameters (defined in \mathcal{L}), and $R(\vec{a})$ being a relation symbol outside of \mathcal{L} .

Then it is possible to construct a sequence of formulas $\phi_1(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$, $\phi_2(\vec{a}, \vec{b})$, ... such that the formulas

$$\phi_{n+1}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \leftrightarrow \Phi(\phi_n, \vec{a}, \vec{b})$$

have polynomial (in n) proofs in QPC from the axiom $0 \neq 1$.

- We then take the Mul_n to be of polynomial size in n by Solovay's theorem.
- $\forall x Div_n(x)$ defined as

$$\forall x \forall y (Hyp_n(x, y) \rightarrow (y = 0) \vee \exists a_1, b_1, b_2 (Mul_n(a_1, y, b_1) \wedge x = b_1 + b_2 \wedge b_2 < y))$$

Where $Hyp_n(x, y)$ are some hypotheses on the size of y and on the behaviour of the Mul_n predicate.

- This sentence states that, given any x , it is dividable (with remainder) by all y up to 2^{2^n} .
- Div_n is hence of polynomial size in n since Mul_n is.

Theorem

There is a $2^{2^{x^\epsilon}}$ speedup of PrA over PrA_{alt}.

- Short proofs in PrA using the induction
- Long proofs in PrA_{alt} because of the size of the axioms necessary
- We show this last fact by constructing some appropriate model, and then invoking Gödel's completeness theorem

The model

The model M_p whose elements are the naturals \mathbb{N} and all polynomials of the following form:

$$a_q \cdot X^q + a_{q-1} \cdot X^{q-1} + \dots + a_0$$

where $q > 0$,
 a_0 is an integer (in \mathbb{Z}),
and for $i \neq 0$, the a_i are of the form

$$\frac{z}{p_0^{x_0} \cdot p_1^{x_1} \cdot \dots \cdot p_t^{x_t}}$$

with z an integer, the x_i 's natural numbers and p_0, \dots, p_t the primes strictly smaller than p .

The key idea for the Rackoff-Solovay's theorems:

$$\mathcal{R}(\bar{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \mathcal{R}(\bar{x}_t)$$

is equivalent to

$$\forall \bar{z} ((\bar{x}_1 = \bar{z} \vee \dots \vee \bar{x}_t = \bar{z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\bar{z}))$$