

RECURSIVE DENSITY TYPES AND NERODE EXTENSIONS OF ARITHMETIC

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0. Introduction

The notion of a recursive density type (R.D.T.) was introduced by Medvedev and developed by Pavlova (1961). More recently the algebra of R.D.T.'s was initiated by Gonshor and Rice (1969). The R.D.T.'s are equivalence classes of sets of integers, similar in many respects to the R.E.T.'s. They may both be thought of as effective analogues of the cardinal numbers. While the equivalence relation for R.E.T.'s is defined in terms of partial recursive functions, that for R.D.T.'s may be characterized in terms of recursively bounded partial functions (see 4.22a).

In Gonshor and Rice (1969) addition and multiplication of R.D.T.'s are defined and some of their properties are found. In particular a subset Λ_s of the R.D.T.'s is defined such that the following cancellation law holds; $x + y = x + z$ implies $y = z$ for $x \in \Lambda_s$ where y, z are arbitrary R.D.T.'s. This led them to conjecture that there is an extension theory for R.D.T.'s analogous to Nerode's theory for the R.E.T.'s (see Nerode (1961)) and that certain subclasses such as Λ_s would have properties similar to Δ , the set of isols.

The aim of this paper is to verify this conjecture. We shall show that there is a natural procedure to extend arbitrary relations on $\omega = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ to relations on R.D.T.'s and that a large class of functions on ω extend to functions on R.D.T.'s. A generalization of the above cancellation law for addition will be seen to apply to a set $\Gamma \cong \Delta_s$.

In order to put the above results in a general framework we define the notion of a Nerode extension of arithmetic. Roughly speaking, a Nerode extension is a relational system, extending a relational system with domain ω , whose universal properties may be characterized as in Theorem 11.1 of Nerode (1961). Thus the main result of Nerode (1961) is that a certain relational system on Δ is a Nerode extension. *The main result of this paper is that there is a relational system on Γ that is a Nerode extension.*

In the first part of the paper we define and investigate Nerode extensions and give some examples. In the second part we introduce the R.D.T.'s and prove the main results. The method used to extend relations and functions on ω to the R.D.T.'s is by a characterization of the R.D.T.'s as a homomorphic image of a previously defined Nerode extension. This characterization has led to simpler proofs of many of the results.

Part I

1.1. Let kA denote the k -fold cartesian product of the set A . If $x \in {}^kA$ then $x = (x_0, \dots, x_{k-1})$.

If $h: I \rightarrow \omega$ where I is a proper subset of $\{0, \dots, k-1\}$ and $R \subseteq {}^k\omega$, the k -specification S_hR of R is the relation obtained from R by substituting the integer $h(i)$ at the i -th argument place for each $i \in I$. More precisely, if $J = \{0, \dots, k-1\} - I = \{j(0) < \dots < j(t-1)\}$ then $S_hR = \{x \in {}^t\omega \mid h^*(x) \in R\}$ where if $x \in {}^t\omega$ then $h^*(x) = y$, where $y_i = h(i)$ for $i \in I$ and $y_{j(i)} = x_i$ for $i < t$.

$R \subseteq {}^k\omega$ is *totally unbounded* if for all $x \in {}^k\omega$ there is a $y \in R$ such that $x \leq y$ (i.e. $x_i \leq y_i$ for $i < k$). If $R, S \subseteq {}^k\omega$ let $R \subseteq_e S$ if $R - S$ is not totally unbounded. R is *eventual* if ${}^k\omega \subseteq_e R$.

The following is needed in the proof of Lemma 1.4.

LEMMA. $R \subseteq {}^k\omega$ is *co-finite* if and only if every k -specification S_hR is *eventual*.

1.2. Let \mathcal{L} be the full first order language for arithmetic, i.e. there is a function symbol f for each function on ω and a relation symbol \underline{R} for each relation R on ω . If ϕ is a quantifier free formula of \mathcal{L} in conjunctive normal form then ϕ' is a *Horn reduct* of ϕ if ϕ' can be obtained from ϕ by striking out all but one unnegated atomic formula in each conjunct with at least two occurrences of unnegated atomic formulae.

If \mathcal{F}^n is a set of n -ary functions on ω for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\mathcal{F} = \cup \{\mathcal{F}^n \mid 0 < n < \omega\}$, let $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F})$ be the sublanguage of \mathcal{L} with symbols f for $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and \underline{R} for $R \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) = \cup \{\mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F}) \mid 0 < n < \omega\}$, where $R \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ if and only if $R = \{x \in {}^n\omega \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ for some $f, g \in \mathcal{F}^n$.

\mathcal{F} will be called a *closed system* if (1) $u_i^n, c_k^n \in \mathcal{F}^n$ for $i < n, k \in \omega$, where $u_i^n(x) = x_i, c_k^n(x) = k$ for $x \in {}^n\omega$. (2) If $f \in \mathcal{F}^n, g^0, \dots, g^{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}^k$ then $f \circ (g^0, \dots, g^{n-1}) \in \mathcal{F}^k$ where $f \circ (g^0, \dots, g^{n-1})(x) = f(g^0(x), \dots, g^{n-1}(x))$ for $x \in {}^k\omega$. (3) If $R, S \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ then $R \cap S \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$.

The relational system $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{F}) = \langle \mathcal{Q}, f_Q, R_Q \rangle_{f \in \mathcal{F}, R \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})}$ is an *extension* if \mathcal{F} is a closed system, $\omega \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ and $f = f_Q \upharpoonright {}^n\omega, R = R_Q \cap {}^n\omega$ for $f \in \mathcal{F}^n, R \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$. Let $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}) = \langle \omega, f, R \rangle_{f \in \mathcal{F}, R \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})}$.

1.3. DEFINITION. The extension $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ is a *Nerode extension* if its universal properties may be characterized as follows: If ϕ is a quantifier-free formula of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F})$ in conjunctive normal form, with free variables among v_0, \dots, v_{k-1} , then $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F}) \models \forall v_0 \dots \forall v_{k-1} \phi$ if and only if (1) $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}) \models \forall v_0 \dots \forall v_{k-1} \phi$ and (2) for every k -specification S_h there is a Horn reduct ϕ' of ϕ such that $S_h\{x \in {}^k\omega \mid \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}) \models \phi'[x]\}$ is eventual.

1.4. A proof of the following lemma may be abstracted from Ellentuck (1967).

LEMMA. *If the extension $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.1–1.4.6 then it is a Nerode extension.*

1.4.1. $(u_i^n)_Q(x) = x_i$ and $(c_k^n)_Q(x) = k$ for $x \in {}^nQ$.

1.4.2. If $f \in \mathcal{F}^n, g^0, \dots, g^{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}^k$ then $(f \circ (g^0, \dots, g^{n-1}))_Q = f_Q \circ (g^0_Q, \dots, g^{n-1}_Q)$.

1.4.3. If $R = \{x \in {}^n\omega \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ for $f, g \in \mathcal{F}^n$ then $R_Q = \{x \in {}^nQ \mid f_Q(x) = g_Q(x)\}$.

1.4.4. If $R, S \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ then $(R \cap S)_Q = R_Q \cap S_Q$.

1.4.5. If $R, S \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ and $R \subseteq_e S$ then $R_{Q^\infty} = (R \cap S)_{Q^\infty}$ where $R_{Q^\infty} = R_Q \cap {}^nQ^\infty$ for $Q^\infty = Q - \omega$.

1.4.6. If $R, R^0, \dots, R^{m-1} \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ and $R_{Q^\infty} \subseteq R^0_{Q^\infty} \cup \dots \cup R^{m-1}_{Q^\infty}$ then $R \subseteq_e R^i$ for some $i < m$.

2.1. If $f, g: \omega \rightarrow \omega$ let $f \sim g$ if $\{x \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ is co-finite. If \mathcal{F} is a closed system let $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F} \mid \sim, \mathcal{F})$ where $\mathcal{F} \mid \sim = \{f^\sim \mid f \in \mathcal{F}\}$ for $f^\sim = \{g \in {}^\omega\omega \mid f \sim g\}$. If $f \in \mathcal{F}^n$ let $f_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}: {}^n\mathcal{F} \mid \sim \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \mid \sim$ such that $f_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}(f_0^\sim, \dots, f_{n-1}^\sim) = (f \circ (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))^\sim$. If $R \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ let $(f_0^\sim, \dots, f_{n-1}^\sim) \in R_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}$ if and only if $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R\}$ is co-finite.

2.2. Identifying $k \in \omega$ with $(c_k^1)^\sim, \mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F})$ is clearly an extension. Moreover, by routine computations:

2.2.1. $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F})$ is an extension satisfying 1.4.1–1.4.4.

2.2.2. If \mathcal{F}^1 contains only nondecreasing functions then $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.5.

PROOF. In general if $R, S \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ then $(R \cap S)_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim} \subseteq R_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim} \cap S_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}$, for if $f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}^1$ and $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R \cap S\}$ is co-finite then so are $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R\}, \{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in S\}$. If $R \subseteq_e S$ and $(f_0^\sim, \dots, f_{n-1}^\sim) \in R_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}^\infty$ then $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R\}$ is co-finite. As $f_0^\sim, \dots, f_{n-1}^\sim \in \mathcal{F} \mid \sim^\infty$, for every $x \in {}^n\omega$ there is a $k \in \omega$ such that $\forall m \geq k$ $x \leq (f_0(m), \dots, f_{n-1}(m)) \in R$. As $R - S$ is not totally unbounded there is an x such that $y \notin R - S$ for all $y \geq x$. Hence $(f_0(m), \dots, f_{n-1}(m)) \in R \cap S$ for all $m \geq k$, i.e. $(f_0^\sim, \dots, f_{n-1}^\sim) \in (R \cap S)_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}^\infty$. Hence $(R \cap S)_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim} = R_{\mathcal{F} \mid \sim}^\infty$.

2.3. DEFINITION. \mathcal{F} is good if \mathcal{F} is a closed system such that \mathcal{F}^1 contains only nondecreasing functions and \mathcal{F} satisfies 2.3.1.

2.3.1. If $R, R^0, \dots, R^{m-1} \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ and $R \not\subseteq_e R^i$ for all $i < m$ then there are $f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}^1$ such that for each $k \in \omega$ $\{x \mid f_i(x) \geq k\}$ is co-finite for $i < m$, $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R\}$ is co-finite and $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R^i\}$ is not co-finite for $i < m$.

2.3.2. LEMMA. If \mathcal{F} is good, then $\mathcal{N}^{\sim}(\mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.1–1.4.6 and is hence a Nerode system.

This is an immediate consequence of 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and the observation that 2.3.1 is a restatement of 1.4.6 for $Q = \mathcal{F} / \sim$.

2.4. In this subsection we give some examples of good systems \mathcal{F} . Let \mathcal{F}_0 be the set of functions on ω that are nondecreasing in each argument. Let $\mathcal{F}_r(\mathcal{F}_c)[\mathcal{F}_{rc}]$ be the set of recursive (combinatorial) [recursive combinatorial] functions in \mathcal{F}_0 . (See Ellenbuck (1967) or Nerode (1961) for the definition of the combinatorial functions.) Note that $\mathcal{F}_{rc} = \mathcal{F}_r \cap \mathcal{F}_c$ and that every combinatorial function is in \mathcal{F}_0 . Observe the following

- 2.4.1.** $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}_0) = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}_c) =$ Set of all relations on ω .
- $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}_r) = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}_{rc}) =$ Set of recursive relations on ω .

(See for example the first paragraph of §9 of Nerode (1961).)

2.4.2. LEMMA. $\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{F}_r, \mathcal{F}_c, \mathcal{F}_{rc}$ are all good.

PROOF. The only problem is to show 2.3.1. Let $R, R^0, \dots, R^{m-1} \subseteq {}^n\omega$ such that $R \not\subseteq_e R^i$ for $i < m$, i.e. each $R - R^i$ is totally unbounded. Hence a sequence $\langle x^i \mid i \in \omega \rangle$ of elements of ${}^n\omega$ may be defined such that $x_j^i < x_j^{i+1}$ for all $i \in \omega$ and $j < n$ and if $k \equiv i \pmod m$ then $x^k \in R - R^i$. Hence if $f_j(i) = x_j^i$ for all i and $j < n$ then $f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} \in \mathcal{F}_0^1$, $\{x \mid f_j(x) \geq k\}$ and $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R\}$ are co-finite, while $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R^i\}$ is not co-finite for $i < m$. Hence, \mathcal{F}_0 is good.

If R, R^0, \dots, R^{m-1} are recursive then f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} may clearly be defined recursively so that \mathcal{F}_r is good. In each case f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} may be chosen such that they are in addition combinatorial (see the proof of Theorem 2 of Ellenbuck (1967). Hence \mathcal{F}_c and \mathcal{F}_{rc} are also good.

A (possibly partial) function g is *recursively bounded* if there is a recursive function f such that $g(n) \leq f(n)$ for every n in the domain of g .

2.4.3. Let \mathcal{F}_1 be the set of recursively bounded functions in \mathcal{F}_0 . Then $\mathcal{F}_r \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}_0$. Let

$$\mathcal{I} = \{f \in \mathcal{F}_1^1 \mid \forall n \ n \leq f(n)\}.$$

LEMMA. $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}_1) =$ The set of all relations and \mathcal{F}_1 is good.

PROOF. If $R \subseteq {}^n\omega$ define $f, g \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ as follows $f(x) = 2(x_0 + x_1 + \dots + x_{n-1})$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in R \\ f(x) + 1 & \text{if } x \notin R, \end{cases}$$

then $R = \{x \in {}^n\omega \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$. It only remains to show that \mathcal{F}_1 satisfies 2.3.1. Let $R, R^0, \dots, R^{m-1} \subseteq {}^n\omega$ such that $R \not\subseteq_e R^i$ for all $i < m$. Let $\langle x^i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ be as in the proof of 2.4.2. Let $s_j = \max(x_0^j, \dots, x_{n-1}^j)$. Define f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} as follows for $k < n$;

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < s_0 \\ x_k^j & \text{if } s_j \leq x < s_{j+1}. \end{cases}$$

Then clearly each f_k is nondecreasing and $f_k(x) \geq x$ for all x , so that each $f_k \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$. $x \geq s_j$ implies that $f_k(x) \geq x_k^j \geq j$. Hence $\{x \mid f_k(x) \geq j\}$ is co-finite for all j . Also if $x \geq s_0$ then $(f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R$ so that $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R\}$ is co-finite. On the other hand $\{x \mid (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x)) \in R^i\}$ is not co-finite.

3.1. DEFINITION. If $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ is an extension, x is $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ -universal if $x \in Q$ and for all $R \in \mathcal{R}^1(\mathcal{F})$ $x \in R_Q$ if and only if R is co-finite.

This generalizes the notion of a universal isol. (See Ellentuck (1967).)

If x is $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ -universal let $Q[x] = \{f_Q(x) \mid f \in \mathcal{F}^1\}$. If $f \in \mathcal{F}^n$ let $f_{Q[x]} = f_Q \upharpoonright {}^nQ[x]$. If $R \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ let $R_{Q[x]} = R_Q \cap {}^nQ[x]$.

3.2. LEMMA, *If the extension $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.3 and x is $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ -universal then the mapping $F_x: \mathcal{F}/\sim \rightarrow Q[x]$ given by $F_x(f \sim) = f_Q(x)$ for $f \in \mathcal{F}^1$ is a well-defined isomorphism of $\mathcal{N}(\sim)(\mathcal{F})$ with $\mathcal{N}(Q[x], \mathcal{F})$.*

PROOF. To show that F_x is well defined and one — one it is sufficient to show that $f \sim = g \sim$ if and only if $f_Q(x) = g_Q(x)$ for $f, g \in \mathcal{F}^1$, i.e. R is co-finite if and only if $x \in R_Q$ where $R = \{y \mid f(y) = g(y)\}$ and using 1.4.3, $R_Q = \{y \in Q \mid f_Q(y) = g_Q(y)\}$. But this is just the definition of $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ -universal.

To show that F_x preserves the structure we need only consider functions as both $\mathcal{N}(\sim)(\mathcal{F})$ and $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ satisfy 1.4.3., If $f \in \mathcal{F}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(f_{\mathcal{F}/\sim}(f_0 \sim, \dots, f_{n-1} \sim)) &= F_x((f \circ (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1})) \sim) = (f \circ (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))_{Q(x)} \\ &= f_Q((f_0)_{Q(x)}, \dots, (f_{n-1})_{Q(x)}) = f_Q(F_x(f_0 \sim), \dots, F_x(f_{n-1} \sim)). \end{aligned}$$

3.3. COROLLARY. *If \mathcal{F} is good and $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ is an extension satisfying 1.4.3 and there are $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ -universal elements then $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.6.*

PROOF. If \mathcal{F} is good then $\mathcal{N}(\sim)(\mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.6. By 3.2 $\mathcal{N}(\sim)(\mathcal{F})$ is iso-

morphically embeddable in $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$. But clearly any extension of a system satisfying 1.4.6 also satisfies 1.4.6. Hence $\mathcal{N}(Q, \mathcal{F})$ satisfies 1.4.6.

3.4. REMARK. The argument that Ellentuck (1967) outlines showing that $\mathcal{N}(\Lambda, \mathcal{F}_{rc})$ is a Nerode extension may be formulated as an application of 1.4 and 3.3.

Part II

4.1. If $\alpha \subseteq \omega$ let $\alpha(n)$ be the cardinality of $\{i \in \alpha \mid i < n\}$. Let $\alpha \preceq \beta$ if there is a recursive function f such that $\alpha(n) \leq \beta(f(n))$ for all $n \in \omega$. Note that if such an f exists then it may be taken to be in \mathcal{S} , that is, to be increasing, recursively bounded, and satisfy $n \leq f(n)$. Let $\alpha \approx \beta$ if $\alpha \succeq \beta$ and $\beta \preceq \alpha$. \preceq is a transitive relation so that \approx is an equivalence relation. $D(\alpha) = \{\beta \mid \alpha \approx \beta\}$ is the recursive density type of α . Let $\Delta = \{D(\alpha) \mid \alpha \subseteq \omega\}$. Let $D(\alpha) \leq D(\beta)$ if $\alpha \preceq \beta$. Let $\infty = D(\omega)$. Identify $n \in \omega$ with $D(\{0, \dots, n - 1\})$. Then $\langle \Delta, \leq \rangle$ is clearly a partial ordering with $\langle \omega, \leq \rangle$ as initial segment and ∞ as last element.

4.2. We now give without proof some alternative characterizations of the relations \preceq, \approx on sets of integers. Characterization (a) in each case shows that Δ is an analogue of the class of cardinal numbers in much the same way as Ω , the set of R.E.T.'s.

If $\alpha \subseteq \omega$ is infinite let $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots$ enumerate α in order of magnitude.

4.2.1. LEMMA. *The following are equivalent to $\alpha \preceq \beta$.*

(a) *There is a one — one recursively bounded partial function defined on α and mapping α into β .*

(b) *There are $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $\alpha(f_1(n)) \leq \beta(f_2(n))$ for all n .*

(c) *α is finite and $\text{card } \alpha \leq \text{card } \beta$ or α, β are infinite and there is a recursive function f such that $\beta_n \leq f(\alpha_n)$ for all n .*

4.2.2. *The following are equivalent to $\alpha \approx \beta$.*

(a) *There is a one — one partial function p such that p and p^{-1} are recursively bounded and p has domain α and range β .*

(b) *There are $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{S}$ such that*

$$\alpha \circ f_1 = \beta \circ f_2.$$

4.3. We shall define an extension $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ on Δ . If $f, g \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$ let $f \preceq g$ if $f(n) \leq g(h(n))$ for all n , for some $h \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$.

Note in particular that $\alpha \preceq \beta$ if and only if $\alpha \preceq \beta$.

4.3.1. LEMMA. *There is a well-defined mapping D of \mathcal{F}_1^1 / \sim onto Δ such that $D(f_1 \sim) \leq D(f_2 \sim)$ if and only if $f_1 \preceq f_2$.*

PROOF. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$ let $D(f^\sim) = D(\alpha)$ for an $\alpha \subseteq \omega$ such that $f = \alpha \circ g$ for some $g \in \mathcal{F}$. That such an α always exists is seen as follows. Let $g(n) = f(n) + n$. Then $g \in \mathcal{F}$, and if $\alpha = \omega - \{g(n+1) - 1 \mid n \in \omega\}$ then $f = \alpha \circ g$. To see that $D(f^\sim)$ is well defined let $f^\sim = f_1^\sim, f = \alpha \circ g, f_1 = \alpha_1 \circ g_1$ for $\alpha, \alpha_1 \subseteq \omega, g, g_1 \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $\exists k \in \omega$ such that $\forall n \geq k \alpha(g(n)) = \alpha_1(g_1(n))$. Let $g'(n) = g(n+k), g'_1(n) = g_1(n+k)$. Then $g', g'_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\alpha \circ g' = \alpha_1 \circ g'_1$. Hence by 4.2.2 (b) $D(\alpha) = D(\alpha_1)$. If $\alpha \subseteq \omega$ then $\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$ and $D(\alpha^\sim) = D(\alpha)$. Hence D maps $\mathcal{F}_1^1 \sim$ onto Δ .

Let $f_1 = \alpha_1 \circ g_1, f_2 = \alpha_2 \circ g_2$. We wish to show that $f_1 \preceq f_2$ if and only if $\alpha_1 \preceq \alpha_2$. Let $f_1(n) \leq f_2(h(n))$ for all n where $h \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$. We may assume $h \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $\alpha_1(g_1(n)) \leq \alpha_2((g_2 \circ h)(n))$. But $g_2 \circ h \in \mathcal{F}$ so that by 4.2.1 (b) $\alpha_1 \preceq \alpha_2$. Conversely, if $\alpha_1(n) \leq \alpha_2(h(n))$ for all n where $h \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\alpha_1(n) \leq \alpha_2(g_2(h(n)))$ for all n , so

$$f_1(n) = \alpha_1(g_1(n)) \leq \alpha_2(g_2(h(g_1(n)))) = f_2(h \circ g_1)(n).$$

Hence $f_1 \preceq f_2$ as $h \circ g_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$.

4.3.2. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ let $f_\Delta(D(f_0^\sim), \dots, D(f_{n-1}^\sim)) = D((f \circ (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))^\sim)$. This is well defined, for if $f_i \preceq g_i$ for $i < n$ then $f \circ (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}) \preceq g \circ (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1})$.

If $R \subseteq {}^n\omega$ let $R_\Delta = \{(D(f_0^\sim), \dots, D(f_{n-1}^\sim)) \mid f_0^\sim, \dots, f_{n-1}^\sim \in R_{\mathcal{F}_1^1/\sim}\}$. Clearly $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1) = \langle \Delta, f_\Delta, R_\Delta \rangle_{f \in \mathcal{F}_1; R \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}_1)}$ is an extension. Moreover:

4.3.3. $D: \mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ is a homomorphism. Note that if $R = \{(x, y) \in {}^2\omega \mid x = y\}$ and $S = \{(x, y) \in {}^2\omega \mid x \leq y\}$ then $R_\Delta = \{(x, y) \in {}^2\Delta \mid x = y\}$ and $S_\Delta = \{(x, y) \in {}^2\Delta \mid x \leq y\}$.

4.3.4. LEMMA. Let ϕ be a sentence of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F}_1)$ of the form $\forall v_0, \dots, v_{k-1} [\underline{R}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}) \rightarrow \psi]$ where ψ is atomic. If $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F}_1) \vDash \phi$ then $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1) \vDash \phi$.

PROOF. As $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F}_1)$ is a Nerode extension, $\underline{R}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}) \rightarrow \psi$ is a Horn reduct of itself and $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F}_1) \vDash \phi$ it follows that $\mathcal{N}^\sim(\mathcal{F}_1) \vDash \phi$. But it is easy to see that sentences of the form ϕ are preserved under homomorphic images. Hence by 4.3.3 $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1) \vDash \phi$.

4.3.5. COROLLARY. $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ satisfies 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3', 1.4.4' and 1.4.5, where

1.4.3'. If $R \subseteq \{x \in {}^n\omega \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ for $f, g \in \mathcal{F}^n$ and $R \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ then $R_Q \subseteq \{x \in {}^nQ \mid f_Q(x) = g_Q(x)\}$.

1.4.4'. If $R, S \in \mathcal{R}^n(\mathcal{F})$ then $(R \cap S)_Q \subseteq R_Q \cap S_Q$.

4.4. The definition 4.4.1 of the set Γ of recursive density types enables us to give a direct proof of 4.4.2. Later we shall give a simple characterization of Γ in terms of the partial ordering on Δ .

4.4.1. DEFINITION. Let $\mathcal{C} = \{\alpha \mid (\forall f \in \mathcal{F})(\exists g \in \mathcal{F}) \alpha \circ g = \alpha \circ f \circ g\}$.
 $\Gamma = \{D(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{C}\}$.

4.4.2. THEOREM. Let $k \leq l \leq n, m \in \omega$. Let $f^i \in \mathcal{F}_1^l, g^i \in \mathcal{F}^{k+n-l}$ for $i < m$. Let ψ be an atomic formula of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F}_1)$ containing variables from v_0, \dots, v_{n-1} . Let ϕ be the formula

$$(\bigwedge_{i < m} [f^i(v_0, \dots, v_{i-1}) \leq g^i(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_i, \dots, v_{n-1})] \rightarrow \psi).$$

If $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}_1) \models \forall v_0, \dots, \forall v_{n-1} \phi$ then $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1) \models \phi[x]$ for all $x \in {}^n\Delta$ such that $x_i \in \Gamma$ for $i < k$.

PROOF. By 4.3.4 and 2.4.3 we assume without loss of generality that ψ has the form $R(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1})$. Assume that $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}_1) \models \forall v_0, \dots, \forall v_{n-1} \phi$, that $x \in {}^n\Delta$ such that $x_i \in \Gamma$ for $i < k$ and that

$$(*) \quad f_{\Delta}^i(x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}) \leq g_{\Delta}^i(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_i, \dots, x_{n-1}) \text{ for all } i < m.$$

Let $D(\alpha_i) = x_i$ for $i < n$, such that $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{C}$ for $i < k$. To prove the theorem we must show that $x \in R_{\Delta}$.

By (*) $f^i \circ (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}) \leq g^i \circ (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{k-1}, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})$ for all $i < m$, i.e. there are functions $h^i \in \mathcal{F}$ for $i < m$ such that for all $y \in \omega$

$$\begin{aligned} f^i(\alpha_0(y), \dots, \alpha_{i-1}(y)) &\leq g^i(\alpha_0(h^i(y)), \dots, \alpha_{k-1}(h^i(y)), \alpha_i(h^i(y)), \dots, \alpha_{n-1}(h^i(y))) \\ &\leq g^i(\alpha_0(h(y)), \dots, \alpha_{k-1}(h(y)), \alpha_i(h(y)), \dots, \alpha_{n-1}(h(y))) \end{aligned}$$

where $h(y) = \text{Max}\{h^i(y) \mid i < m\}$. Then $h \in \mathcal{F}$. Define $j_0, \dots, j_{k-1} \in \mathcal{F}$ to satisfy the following conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 \circ j_0 &= \alpha_0 \circ h \circ j_0 \\ \alpha_1 \circ j_1 &= \alpha_1 \circ (h \circ j_0) \circ j_1 \\ &\dots \\ \alpha_{k-1} \circ j_{k-1} &= \alpha_{k-1} \circ (h \circ j_0 \circ \dots \circ j_{k-2}) \circ j_{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

This is possible as $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{k-1} \in \mathcal{C}$ and $h, h \circ j_0, \dots, (h \circ j_0 \circ \dots \circ j_{k-2}) \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $j = j_0 \circ j_1 \circ \dots \circ j_{k-1} \in \mathcal{F}$. Then clearly $\alpha_0 \circ j = \alpha_0 \circ h \circ j, \dots, \alpha_{k-1} \circ j = \alpha_{k-1} \circ h \circ j$. Hence, for all $y \in \omega$

$$f^i(\alpha_0(j(y)), \dots, \alpha_{i-1}(j(y))) \leq g^i(\alpha_0(j(y)), \dots, \alpha_{k-1}(j(y)), \alpha_i(h(j(y))), \dots, \alpha_{n-1}(h(j(y))))).$$

Thus, by hypothesis,

$$(\alpha_0(j(y)), \dots, \alpha_{i-1}(j(y)), \alpha_i(h(j(y))), \dots, \alpha_{n-1}(h(j(y)))) \in R$$

for all y . But $j, h \circ j \in \mathcal{F}$ so that

$$D((\alpha_i \circ j)^\sim) = D(\alpha_i) \text{ for } i < l$$

$$D((\alpha_i \circ h \circ j)^\sim) = D(\alpha_i) \text{ for } l \leq i < n$$

and $x = (D(\alpha_0), \dots, D(\alpha_{n-1})) \in R_\Delta$.

4.5. Before investigating Γ we shall derive some consequences from the following special case of 4.4.2 that does not involve Γ .

4.5.1. Let ϕ be as in 4.4.2 with $k = 0$. Then $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}_1) \models \forall v_0 \dots v_{n-1} \phi$ implies that $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1) \models \forall v_0 \dots v_{n-1} \phi$.

4.5.2. Let $f(x, y) = \max(x, y)$, $g(x, y) = \min(x, y)$, then $f, g \in \mathcal{F}_1^2$ and $\langle \Delta, \leq, f, g \rangle$ is a distributive lattice. 4.5.1 applies to each of the axioms of the theory of a distributive lattice; so that $\langle \Delta, \leq, f_\Delta, g_\Delta \rangle$ is a distributive lattice. Let $x \cup y = f_\Delta(x, y)$ $x \cap y = g_\Delta(x, y)$ for $x, y \in \Delta$.

4.5.3. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$ is one — one then

$$f(x) \leq f(y) \leftrightarrow x \leq y \text{ for } x, y \in \omega.$$

Hence by 4.5.1 $f_\Delta(x) \leq f_\Delta(y) \leftrightarrow x \leq y$ for $x, y \in \Delta$, and f_Δ is one — one.

If $f \in \mathcal{F}$ then by 4.5.1 $x \leq f_\Delta(x)$ for all $x \in \Delta$.

4.5.4. If $f(x, y) = x + y$ and $g(x, y) = x \cdot y$ for $x, y \in \omega$ then $f, g \in \mathcal{F}_1^2$. Let $x + y = f_\Delta(x, y)$, $x \cdot y = g_\Delta(x, y)$ for $x, y \in \Delta$. It is not hard to show that these operations are the same as those introduced in Gonsler and Rice (1969), i.e. that $D(\alpha) + D(\beta) = D(\alpha \cup \beta)$ if $\alpha, \beta \subseteq \omega$ and $\alpha \cap \beta = \phi D(\alpha) \cdot D(\beta) = D(\{j(x, y) \mid x \in \alpha \text{ and } y \in \beta\})$, where $j: {}^2\omega \rightarrow \omega$ is a one-one recursive function. Observe that

4.5.5. $x + 1 = x$ if and only if $x = \infty$. (See Gonsler and Rice 1969.) In Gonsler and Rice (1969) a pair of disjoint sets α, β are constructed such that $D(\alpha) < \infty$, $D(\beta) < \infty$ but $D(\alpha) + D(\beta) = D(\alpha \cup \beta) = \infty$. Hence $\Lambda - \{\infty\}$ is not closed under every f_Δ for $f \in \mathcal{F}_1$. On the other hand we have

4.5.6. LEMMA. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ and $x \in {}^n\Delta$ then $x_0 \cup x_1 \cup \dots \cup x_{n-1} < \infty$ implies $f_\Delta(x) < \infty$.

PROOF. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ then there is a $g \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$f(x) \leq g(\max(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})) \text{ for } x \in {}^n\omega.$$

By 4.5.1 $f_\Delta(x) \leq g_\Delta(x_0 \cup \dots \cup x_{n-1})$ for $x \in {}^n\Delta$. We may assume that g is one — one so that $x \leq g_\Delta(x) \leq g_\Delta(y)$ implies $x \leq y$ for $x, y \in {}^n\Delta$. Hence $\infty \leq g_\Delta(y)$ implies $\infty \leq y$.

Hence $\infty \leq f_\Delta(x)$ implies $\infty \leq g_\Delta(x_0 \cup \dots \cup x_{n-1})$, which implies that $\infty \leq x_0 \cup \dots \cup x_{n-1}$; i.e. $f_\Delta(x) = \infty$ implies $x_0 \cup \dots \cup x_n = \infty$. Taking the contrapositive gives the lemma.

4.5.7. COROLLARY. $\Delta - \{\infty\}$ is closed under every f_Δ for $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^1$.

4.6. In 4.6.2 we give a simple characterization of Γ .

4.6.1. $D(\alpha) = \infty$ if and only if there is an $h \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $h(n) \in \alpha$ for all n .

PROOF. If $D(\alpha) = \infty$ then there is a $g \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $\alpha(g(n)) \geq n$ for all n .
Let

$$\begin{cases} g'(0) = 0 \\ g'(n + 1) = g(g'(n) + 1). \end{cases}$$

Then $g' \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\alpha(g'(n + 1)) \geq g'(n) + 1$. But $\alpha(g'(n)) \leq g'(n)$. So $(\exists y \in \alpha) g'(n) \leq y < g'(n + 1)$. Let $h(n)$ be such a y for all n . Then $h \in \mathcal{S}$ and $h(n) \in \alpha$ for all n .

Conversely, let $h(n) \in \alpha$ for all n where $h \in \mathcal{S}$. Let

$$\begin{cases} g(0) = 0 \\ g(n) + 1 = h(g(n) + 1). \end{cases}$$

Then $g \in \mathcal{S}$ and $g(n) \in \alpha$ for all n . Also $g(n + 1) > g(n)$ for all n , so that $\alpha(g(n)) \geq n$. Hence $D(\alpha) = \infty$.

4.6.2. LEMMA. $\Gamma = \{x \in \Delta \mid (\forall y < \infty) x \cup y < \infty\}$.

PROOF. If $x \in \Gamma$ then by 4.4.2,

$$x + z \leq x + y \text{ implies } z \leq y \text{ for all } z, y \in \Delta.$$

Let $z = \infty$, so that $\infty \leq x + y$ implies $\infty \leq y$. Hence $y < \infty$ implies $x \cup y \leq x + y < \infty$. So $\Gamma \subseteq \{x \in \Delta \mid (\forall y < \infty) x \cup y < \infty\}$.

Conversely, suppose $(\forall y < \infty) x \cup y < \infty$. Let $x = D(\alpha)$ and $f \in \mathcal{S}$. We must find $g \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $\alpha \circ g = \alpha \circ f \circ g$. Let $\beta = \{n \mid \alpha(n) = \alpha(f(n) + 1)\}$. Clearly $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$. Let

$$\begin{cases} g'(0) = 0 \\ g'(n + 1) = f(g'(n)) + 1. \end{cases}$$

Then $g' \in \mathcal{S}$ and for all $n \in \omega$ there is a $y \in \alpha \cup \beta$ such that $g'(n) \leq y < g'(n + 1)$. Hence $n \leq (\alpha \cup \beta)(g'(n))$ for all n , so that $D(\alpha \cup \beta) = \infty$. So $x + D(\beta) = D(\alpha \cup \beta) = \infty$, and by 4.5.6 $x \cup D(\beta) = \infty$, hence $D(\beta) = \infty$, i.e., by 4.6.1 there is an $h \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $h(n) \in \beta$ for all n ; i.e. $\alpha(h(n)) = \alpha(f(h(n)) + 1)$ for all n by definition of β . Hence $\alpha \circ h = \alpha \circ f \circ h$, and $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$. Note that the proof has shown that $D(\alpha) \in \Gamma$ if and only if $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$.

4.6.3. COROLLARY. (i) $x_1 \leq x_2 \in \Gamma$ implies $x_1 \in \Gamma$. (ii) If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ and $x \in {}^n\Gamma$ then $f_\Delta(x) \in \Gamma$.

PROOF. (i) If $(\forall y < \infty)x_2 \cup y < \infty$ and $x_1 \leq x_2$ then $(\forall y < \infty)x_1 \cup y \leq x_2 \cup y < \infty$.

(ii) If $x \in {}^n\Gamma$ and $y < \infty$ then $x_{n-1} \cup y < \infty$ so $x_{n-2} \cup (x_{n-1} \cup y) < \infty \dots$. Hence $x_0 \cup x_1 \cup \dots \cup x_{n-1} \cup y < \infty$. Let $g(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = f(x) \cup x_n$ for $x_0, \dots, x_n \in \omega$. Hence

$$g_{\Delta}(x_0, \dots, x_{n+1}, y) = f_{\Delta}(x) \cup y.$$

By 4.5.6 and the above, $g_{\Delta}(x_0, \dots, x_{n+1}, y) < \infty$; i.e., we have shown that if $x \in {}^n\Gamma$ then $\forall y < \infty f_{\Delta}(x) \cup y < \infty$, i.e. $f_{\Delta}(x) \in \Gamma$.

4.6.4. DEFINITION. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ let $f_{\Gamma} = f_{\Delta} \upharpoonright {}^n\Gamma$. If $R \subseteq \omega$, let $R_{\Gamma} = R_{\Delta} \cap {}^n\Gamma$. Then $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ is an extension.

4.7. The proof of the next theorem uses the existence of $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal elements. This will be proved in 4.8.

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PROOF. By 3.3, 1.4 and 2.4.3 it is sufficient to show that $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ satisfies 1.4.1–1.4.5. By 4.3.5 $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ satisfies 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3', 1.4.4' and 1.4.5 and hence so does $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$. To finish the proof it remains only to show 4.7.1 and 4.7.2.

4.7.1. If $\{x \in {}^k\omega \mid f(x) = g(x)\} \subseteq R$ for $f, g \in \mathcal{F}_1^k$ then $\{x \in {}^k\Gamma \mid f_{\Gamma}(x) = g_{\Gamma}(x)\} \subseteq R_{\Gamma}$.

4.7.2. If $R, S \subseteq {}^k\omega$ then $R_{\Gamma} \cap S_{\Gamma} \subseteq (R \cap S)_{\Gamma}$. Using 4.4.2 with $k = l = n$, we get 4.7.1 where ϕ is the formula

$$[\underline{f}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}) \leq \underline{g}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}) \cup \underline{g}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}) \leq \underline{f}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1})] \rightarrow \underline{R}(v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}).$$

To show 4.7.2, let $R = \{x \in {}^k\omega \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$ and $S = \{x \in {}^k\omega \mid f'(x) = g'(x)\}$ for $f, g, f', g' \in \mathcal{F}_1^k$. Then by 1.4.3' for $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$

$$R_{\Gamma} \cap S_{\Gamma} \subseteq \{x \in {}^k\Gamma \mid f_{\Gamma}(x) = g_{\Gamma}(x) \wedge f'_{\Gamma}(x) = g'_{\Gamma}(x)\}.$$

By another application of 4.4.2 $f_{\Gamma}(x) = g_{\Gamma}(x)$ and $f'_{\Gamma}(x) = g'_{\Gamma}(x)$ implies $x \in (R \cap S)_{\Gamma}$ for all $x \in {}^k\Gamma$. Hence $R_{\Gamma} \cap S_{\Gamma} \subseteq (R \cap S)_{\Gamma}$.

4.8. By one of the standard definitions of the hyperimmune sets, α is hyperimmune if and only if $D(\alpha) \in \Delta \text{ -- } (\omega \cup \{\infty\})$. Hence the hyperimmune sets form an invariant of the recursive density types. Another example is the class \mathcal{C} . We shall examine a few more such invariants and finally prove the existence of $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal elements. The following definitions are in Gonshor and Rice (1969).

4.8.1. The infinite set α is *strongly hyperimmune* (s.h.) if $\{n \mid \alpha_n > h(n)\}$ is co-finite for every recursive function h .

4.8.2. The infinite set α is *uniformly hyperimmune* (u.h.) if $\{n \mid \alpha_{n+1} > h(\alpha_n)\}$ is co-finite for every recursive function h .

It is not hard to show the following.

4.8.3. α is s.h. (u.h.) if and only if α is infinite and $\{n \mid \alpha(h(n)) \leq n\}$ ($\{n \mid \alpha(h(n)) \leq \alpha(n) + 1\}$) is co-finite for all $h \in \mathcal{S}$.

4.8.4. DEFINITION. α is *universal* if α is infinite and $\{n \mid \alpha(h(n+1)) \leq \alpha(h(n)) + 1\}$ is co-finite for all $h \in \mathcal{S}$.

In Gonshor and Rice (1969) it is shown that the classes of s.h. and u.h. sets are invariants of the recursive density types. Let

$$\Delta_s = \{D(\alpha) \mid \alpha \text{ is finite or } \alpha \text{ is s.h.}\}$$

$$\Delta_u = \{D(\alpha) \mid \alpha \text{ is finite or } \alpha \text{ is u.h.}\}$$

Then $\Delta_u \subseteq \Delta_s \subseteq \Gamma$ where all the inclusions are proper, Δ_s is an ideal of the lattice $\langle \Delta, \leq \rangle$ and $\Delta_u = \{A \in \Delta \mid (\forall B \in \Delta^\omega) (\forall C \in \Delta) A \neq 2B + C\}$; (see Gonshor and Rice (1969)).

4.8.5. LEMMA. α is universal if and only if $D(\alpha)$ is $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal.

PROOF. $D(\alpha)$ is $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal if and only if whenever $\alpha(h(n)) \in R$ for all n , where $h \in \mathcal{S}$, then R is co-finite. This is true if and only if the range of $\alpha \circ h$ is co-finite for all $h \in \mathcal{S}$. But the range of $\alpha \circ h$ is co-finite if and only if $\{n \mid \alpha(h(n+1)) \leq \alpha(h(n)) + 1\}$ is co-finite, concluding the proof.

4.8.6. LEMMA. If X is a countable family of infinite sets of integers then there is a u.h. set α such that β is not $\leq \alpha$ for all $\beta \in X$.

PROOF. Let $\langle h^i \mid i \in \omega \rangle$ be a sequence of strictly increasing functions such that $x < h^i(x) < h^{i+1}(x)$ for all $i, x \in \omega$ and if h is recursive then $\forall x h(x) \leq h^i(x)$ for some $i \in \omega$. Such a sequence may easily be constructed as the set of recursive functions is countable. Let $\langle \alpha^i \mid i \in \omega \rangle$ be an enumeration of X such that each set in X occurs infinitely often in the enumeration. Now define $\alpha = \{\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots\}$ as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_0 = h^0(\alpha_0^0) \\ \alpha_{n+1} = h^{n+1}(\alpha_{\alpha_{n+1}}^{n+1}). \end{cases}$$

Then α is u.h., for if h is recursive and $h(x) \leq h^i(x)$ for all x then

$$\alpha_{n+1} = h^{n+1}(\alpha_{\alpha_{n+1}}^{n+1}) \geq h^{n+1}(\alpha_n) > h(\alpha_n)$$

for all $n \geq i$.

Finally, if $\beta \in X$ to show that $\beta \not\leq \alpha$; by 4.2.1 (c) it is sufficient to show that for all $n \exists x \alpha_x > h^n(\beta_x)$. Given n there is an $m \geq n$ such that $\beta = \alpha^{m+1}$. Then

$$\alpha_{m+1} = h^{m+1}(\alpha_{m+1}^{m+1}) > h^n(\alpha_{m+1}^{m+1}) = h^n(\beta_{m+1}).$$

Hence $\alpha_x > h^n(\beta_x)$ with $x = m + 1$.

4.8.7. COROLLARY. *There are uncountably many elements of Γ that are $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal.*

PROOF. By 4.8.3, 4.8.4 and 4.8.5 every $x \in \Delta_u - \omega$ is $\mathcal{N}(\Delta, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal. But as $\Delta_u \subseteq \Gamma$, every $x \in \Delta_u - \omega$ is $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal. By 4.8.6 Δ_u is uncountable.

4.8.8. LEMMA. *If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ and $x \in {}^n\Delta_s$ then $f_\Delta(x) \in \Delta_s$.*

PROOF. If $f \in \mathcal{F}_1^n$ then there is a $g \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $f(x) \leq g(\max\{x_i \mid i < n\})$ for $x \in {}^n\omega$. Hence, as Δ_s is an ideal $x \in {}^n\Delta_s$ implies $y = x_0 \cup \dots \cup x_{n-1} \in \Delta_s$ and as $f_\Delta(x) \leq g_\Delta(y)$, $f_\Delta(x) \in \Delta_s$ if

$$(**) \quad \text{for all } y \in \Delta_s, g_\Delta(y) \in \Delta_s.$$

To prove (**) let $y = D(\alpha) \in \Delta_s$ so that α is s.h. We must show that $D((g \circ \alpha)^\sim) \in \Delta_s$. By the proof of 4.3.1 $g \circ \alpha = \beta \circ g'$ for some $\beta \subseteq \omega$ and $g' \in \mathcal{S}$. Hence we must show that β is s.h. Let $h \in \mathcal{S}$. We show that $\{n \mid \beta(h(n)) \leq n\}$ is co-finite.

$$\beta(h(g(n+1))) \leq \beta \circ g'(h(g(n+1))) = g(\alpha(h(g(n+1)))).$$

As α is s.h. $\{n \mid \alpha(h(g(n+1))) \leq n\}$ is co-finite. So $\{n \mid \beta(h(g(n+1))) \leq g(n)\}$ is co-finite,

$$\text{i.e. } \exists m \forall n \geq m \beta(h(g(n+1))) \leq g(n).$$

If $x \geq g(m)$ then $\exists n \geq m g(n) \leq x \leq g(n+1)$. So $\beta(h(x)) \leq \beta(h(g(n+1))) \leq g(n) \leq x$; i.e. $\{x \mid \beta(h(x)) \leq x\}$ is co-finite.

4.8.9. By 4.8.8 we may define in the obvious way the extension $\mathcal{N}(\Delta_s, \mathcal{F}_1)$ as a subsystem of $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$. As $\Delta_u \subseteq \Delta_s$ there are uncountably many $\mathcal{N}(\Delta_s, \mathcal{F}_1)$ -universal elements. As $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_1)$ satisfies 1.4.1–1.4.5, so does $\mathcal{N}(\Delta_s, \mathcal{F}_1)$. Hence we have

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