

# Theories of ordinal strength $\varphi_{20}$ and $\varphi_{2\varepsilon_0}$

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# 1 Introduction

In this thesis we will study different principles in the context of the well-known second order theories  $\text{ACA}_0$  and  $\text{ACA}$  and we will give a proof-theoretic analysis of the resulting theories. These two fragments of the formal system of second order arithmetic comprise the usual number-theoretic axioms as well as the defining equations for all primitive-recursive functions, comprehension for arithmetical formulas as well as induction on the natural numbers, for  $\text{ACA}_0$  this is formulated for sets as for  $\text{ACA}$  this is the full second order induction scheme. Further we have the following principles:

1. The axiom of  $\omega$  model reflection in second order arithmetic (**RFN**) basically is the axiom that for every set  $X$ , there exists a set  $Y$ , which models  $\text{ACA}_0$  and contains  $X$ .
2. The ( $\omega$ -Jump) axiom states that for any given set  $X$ , there exists a set (a hierarchy)  $Y$ , satisfying  $(Y)_0 = X$  and  $(\forall x)((Y)_{x+1} = TJ((Y)_x))$ , where  $TJ$  denotes the Turing jump.
3. Finally we have the Bar Rule (**BR**), which permits one to infer the scheme of transfinite induction on a primitive recursive relation  $\prec$  when it has been proven that  $\prec$  is well-ordered.

The following results extend and refine previous similar results of Rathjen, who showed in [7] that  $|\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})| = |\text{ACA}_0 + (\omega\text{-Jump})| = \varphi_{20}$ . In Section 3 we will show that the principle of  $\omega$  model reflection (**RFN**) is equivalent over  $\text{ACA}_0$ , and hence  $\text{ACA}$ , to the ( $\omega$ -Jump) axiom. As an immediate consequence we obtain that the proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{RFN})$  is  $\varphi_{20}$  as it was announced in Jäger and Strahm [4]. An upper bound for the proof strength of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  is obtained in Section 4 by embedding this theory into the theory  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{RFN})$ . Further we will see in Section 6 that in fact this bound is sharp, when we will give a well-ordering proof of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ . As an extension of Section 3 we will determine in Section 5 the proof strength of the theory  $\text{ACA}$  augmented first with ( $\omega$ -Jump) and secondly with (**RFN**). We will give a well-ordering proof of  $\text{ACA} + (\text{RFN})$  and therefore obtain a lower bound for the proof-theoretic ordinal, and by making use of Schütte's semi-formal system  $\text{RA}^*$  of [9], we will see that in fact this is the greatest lower bound.

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## 2 Introduction of $\mathcal{L}_2$ and second order theories

### 2.1 The syntax of second order theories

For technical reasons we choose a Tait-style formulation of the language  $\mathcal{L}_2$  of second order arithmetic. More precisely,  $\mathcal{L}_2$  contains the following basic symbols:

1. Countably many free number variables  $a, b, c, \dots, u, v, w$  and bound number variables  $x, y, z, \dots$  as well as free set variables  $U, V, W, \dots$  and bound set variables  $X, Y, Z, \dots$  (all four sorts possibly with subscripts).
2. Symbols for all primitive recursive functions and relations.
3. The symbol  $\sim$  for forming negative literals.
4. The symbols  $\in$  for the membership relation between numbers and sets.
5. The propositional connectives  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  and the quantifiers  $\exists$  and  $\forall$ .

As auxiliary symbols we have parentheses and commas. Observe that there is no propositional connective  $\neg$  for negation. Further we exhibit the relation symbols  $<$  and  $=$  which denote the standard less and equality relation on the natural number, respectively. If  $\mathcal{Z}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are finite strings and  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is a sequence of pairwise disjoint free variables, then

$$\mathcal{Z}[\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n/u_1, \dots, u_n]$$

is the  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula which is obtained from  $\mathcal{Z}$  by simultaneously replacing all free occurrences of the variables  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  by  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ . We often simply write  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n)$  instead of  $\mathcal{Z}[\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n/u_1, \dots, u_n]$ . The number terms  $r, s, t, \dots$  of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are defined as usual, the set terms are just the set variables. Positive literals of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are all expressions  $R(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  and  $(s \in U)$  for  $R$  an  $n$ -ary relation symbol. The negative literals of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are all expressions  $\sim E$  so that  $E$  is a positive literal of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

The formulas of  $\mathcal{L}_2$   $A, B, F, \dots$  are defined inductively as follows:

1. All literals of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas.
2. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas, then  $(A \vee B)$  and  $(A \wedge B)$  are  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas.
3. If  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula in which  $x$  does not occur, then  $(\exists x)A[x/u]$  and  $(\forall x)A[x/u]$  are  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas.
4. If  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula in which  $X$  does not occur, then  $(\exists X)A[X/U]$  and  $(\forall X)A[X/U]$  are  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas.

We often write  $(s \neq t)$  and  $(s \notin U)$  instead of  $\sim(s = t)$  and  $\sim(s \in U)$ , respectively. The notation  $\vec{e}$  is a shorthand for a finite string  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  of expressions whose length will be specified by the context. We also write  $A[\vec{u}]$  to indicate that  $\vec{u}$  comprises all free number variables occurring in  $A$  and  $A[\vec{U}]$  if  $\vec{U}$  comprises all free set variables occurring in  $A$ .

The negation  $\neg A$  of an arbitrary  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula  $A$  is inductively defined as usual by making use of the law of double negation and the De Morgan's laws. This means in particular that  $\neg A$  is  $\sim A$ , if  $A$  is a positive literal, and  $\neg A$  is  $B$ , if  $A$  is  $\sim B$  for some positive literal. The remaining logical connectives are abbreviated as usual.

An  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula is called  $\Delta_0$ , if it contains no bound set variables and, in addition, every number quantifier is bounded. An  $\mathcal{L}_2$  formula is called  $\Pi_n^0$  if it has the form

$$(\forall x_1)(\exists x_2) \dots (Q_n x_n)A$$

with  $A$  being  $\Delta_0$ . A formula is called  $\Sigma_n^0$  if its negation is a  $\Pi_n^0$  formula. A formula is called arithmetic if it does not contain bound set variables; we write  $\Pi_0^1$  or  $\Pi_\infty^0$  for the collection of these formulas. Analogously, an  $\mathcal{L}_2$  formula is called  $\Pi_n^1$  if it has the form

$$(\forall X_1)(\exists X_2) \dots (Q_n X_n)A$$

with  $A$  arithmetic. A formula is called  $\Sigma_n^1$  if its negation is a  $\Pi_n^1$  formula.

For brevity we often omit brackets in formulas, when there is no risk of confusion. Sometimes we will also use the following abbreviations:

$$\begin{aligned} a \leq b &:= a < b \vee a = b \\ U(t) &:= t \in U \\ U \subseteq V &:= (\forall x)(x \in U \rightarrow x \in V) \\ U = V &:= (\forall x)(x \in U \leftrightarrow x \in V) \\ (\exists x < t)A(x) &:= (\exists x)(x < t \wedge A(x)) \\ (\forall x < t)A(x) &:= (\forall x)(x < t \rightarrow A(x)) \end{aligned}$$

We presuppose standard notation for coding sequences of natural numbers:  $\langle \dots \rangle$  is a primitive recursive function for forming  $n$  tuples  $\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle$ ;  $Seq$  denotes the primitive recursive set of sequence numbers;  $lh(t)$  gives the length of the sequence coded by  $t$ , i.e. if  $t = \langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle$  then  $lh(t) = n$ ;  $(t)_i$  denotes the  $i$ th component of the sequence coded by  $t$  if  $i < lh(t)$ .

In the following we make use of the usual way of coding a finite or infinite sequence of sets of natural numbers into a single one by writing  $s \in (U)_t$  instead of  $\langle s, t \rangle \in U$ .



Accordingly, we have for each  $\mathcal{L}_2$  formula  $A$  its relativization to the set  $U$ , denoted by  $A^U$ , which is obtained from  $A$  by replacing all quantifiers  $(\forall X)(\dots X \dots)$  and  $(\exists X)(\dots X \dots)$  in  $A$  by  $(\forall x)(\dots (U)_x \dots)$  and  $(\exists x)(\dots (U)_x \dots)$ , respectively. Note that  $A^U$  is always arithmetic. Finally, element-hood  $U \dot{\in} V$  between sets has to be read in the obvious way as  $(\exists x)(U = (V)_x)$ . Therefore we also denote the relativization of an  $\mathcal{L}_2$  formula  $A$  to a set  $U$  sometimes as  $(\exists X \dot{\in} U)(\dots X \dots)$  and  $(\forall X \dot{\in} U)(\dots X \dots)$ .

In the sequel we let  $\text{LO}(\triangleleft)$  denote that  $\triangleleft$  is a linear ordering relation, that is for all  $a, b, c$ :

$$\neg(a \triangleleft a) \quad a \triangleleft b \wedge b \triangleleft c \rightarrow a \triangleleft c \quad a \triangleleft b \vee a = b \vee a \triangleleft b$$

Furthermore we set for all primitive recursive relations  $\sqsubset$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PROG}(\sqsubset, U) &:= (\forall x)((\forall y)(y \sqsubset x \rightarrow (y \in U)) \rightarrow (x \in U)) \\ \text{TI}(\sqsubset, a, U) &:= \text{PROG}(\sqsubset, U) \rightarrow (\forall x \sqsubset a)(x \in U) \\ \text{TI}(\sqsubset, U) &:= \text{PROG}(\sqsubset, U) \rightarrow (\forall x)(x \in U) \\ \text{WF}(\sqsubset) &:= (\forall X)\text{TI}(\sqsubset, X) \\ \text{WO}(\sqsubset) &:= \text{LO}(\sqsubset) \wedge \text{WF}(\sqsubset) \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 The theories $\text{ACA}_0^+$ , $\text{RFN}_0$ , and $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$

It is the purpose of this section to introduce the theories  $\text{ACA}_0^+$ ,  $\text{ACA}^+$ ,  $\text{RFN}_0$ ,  $\text{RFN}$  and  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ . All of these subsystems of second order arithmetic will be assumed to contain the rules and axioms of the classical two-sorted Hilbert calculus with equality for numbers, further they consist of the axioms of the theory  $\text{ACA}_0$  (or  $\text{ACA}$ ) and some further set existence axioms or rules of inference. Therefore we shortly state here the non-logical axioms of the theory  $\text{ACA}_0$  and  $\text{ACA}$ . They consist of the following  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas:

### I. Number-theoretic Axioms

These comprise the defining equations for the primitive-recursive functions and relations as well as the following axiom for the successor function  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$\mathcal{S}(0) \neq 0$$

### II. Set Induction Axiom

$$0 \in U \wedge (\forall z)(z \in U \rightarrow z + 1 \in U) \rightarrow (\forall z)(z \in U) \quad (\text{IND}_0)$$

### III. Arithmetical Comprehension Scheme

$$(\exists X)(\forall z)(z \in X \leftrightarrow A(z)) \quad (\text{ACS})$$

where  $A(u)$  is an arithmetical formula of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

The theory  $\text{ACA}_0$  comprises the axioms of **I**, **II** and **III**.

### IV. Formula Induction Scheme

$$A(0) \wedge (\forall z)(A(z) \rightarrow A(z+1)) \rightarrow (\forall z)A(z) \quad (\text{IND})$$

where  $A(u)$  is an arbitrary formula of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

Adding scheme **IV** to  $\text{ACA}_0$  gives theory  $\text{ACA}$ .

In general, for any theory  $\text{Th}$  the subscript 0 denotes restricted induction. This means that  $\text{Th}_0$  does not include the full second order induction scheme (**IND**).

Notice that  $\text{ACA}_0$  is finitely axiomatizable by a  $\Pi_2^1$  sentence, see for example Simpson [10] Lemma VIII.1.5. We will denote these sentences from now on by  $F_{\text{ACA}_0}$ .

We continue with the following definitions.

**Definition 2.2.1** *Let  $F_\pi(e, \vec{b}, \vec{U})$  be a  $\Pi_1^0$  formula of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with exactly the displayed free variables. We say that  $F_\pi$  is a universal lightface  $\Pi_1^0$  if for all  $\Pi_1^0$  formulas  $F_{\pi'}$  of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with the same free variables as  $F_\pi$  we have*

$$(\forall x)(\exists y)(\forall \vec{z})(\forall \vec{Z})(F_\pi(y, \vec{z}, \vec{Z}) \leftrightarrow F_{\pi'}(x, \vec{z}, \vec{Z}))$$

It is well-known that for all numbers of variables there exists a universal lightface  $\Pi_1^0$  formula.

**Definition 2.2.2** *Let  $F_\pi(e, b, U) \in \Pi_1^0$  denote a fixed universal lightface formula in  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with exactly the displayed free variables. That is e.g.  $F_\pi(e, b, U) := \neg(\exists z)\mathcal{T}^U(e, b, z)$ , where  $\mathcal{T}^U$  is Kleene's  $T$ -predicate, relativized to  $U$ . Note that  $\mathcal{T}^U$  is primitive recursive in  $U$ .*

**Definition 2.2.3** *The Turing jump of any set  $U$ , denoted by  $TJ(U)$ , is defined as*

$$TJ(U) := \{\langle e, b \rangle : (\exists z)\mathcal{T}^U(e, b, z)\}$$

This means that  $TJ(U)$  is the set of all  $\langle e, b \rangle$  such that  $\neg F_\pi(e, b, U)$  holds. In a theory comprising  $\text{ACA}_0$  the existence of these sets becomes provable. For more details concerning Kleene's  $T$ -predicate, fixed universal lightface formulas and recursion theory in general see Rogers [8].

The stage is now set in order to introduce our theories.

## V. $\omega$ -Jump Hierarchy

The axiom of  $\omega$ -Jump hierarchy denotes the following formula.

$$(\forall X)(\exists Y)((Y)_0 = X \wedge (\forall z)((Y)_{z+1} = TJ((Y)_z))) \quad (\omega - \text{Jump})$$

$TJ(U)$  denotes the Turing jump of a set  $U$  as defined in 2.2.3. That is the complete recursively enumerable set relative to  $U$ . The theory  $\text{ACA}_0^+$  stands for  $\text{ACA}_0$  plus the axiom  $(\omega - \text{Jump})$ . Often we will abbreviate this formula by  $(\forall X)(\exists Y)\mathcal{J}_\omega(X, Y)$ .

## VI. $\omega$ Model Reflection

Let us now turn to the axiom of  $\omega$  model reflection. For any set  $U$ , this reflection principle guarantees the existence of a countable coded  $\omega$  model of  $\text{ACA}_0$  which contains  $U$ . More formally, we have:

$$(\forall X)(\exists Y)(X \dot{\in} Y \wedge F_{\text{ACA}_0}^Y) \quad (\text{RFN})$$

Accordingly,  $\text{RFN}_0$  denotes the theory  $\text{ACA}_0$  augmented with (RFN).

## VII. Bar Rule

The bar rule (BR) is the rule of inference, which permits to infer the scheme of transfinite induction for arbitrary  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas  $F$  on a primitive recursive relation  $\prec$  once it has been *proved* that  $\prec$  is well-ordered.

$$\frac{\text{WO}(\prec)}{\text{TI}(\prec, F)} \quad (\text{BR})$$

Obviously the theory  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  extends  $\text{ACA}_0$  by each instance of (BR). Rathjen showed in [7] that the bar rule does not permit us to profit from parameters occurring in the relation  $\prec$ . Therefore we just suppose from now on that there occurs no parameters at all in the relation  $\prec$ .

**Definition 2.2.4** *Let  $\text{Th}$  be a theory formulated in a language containing  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .*

1. *We say that the ordinal  $\alpha$  is provable in  $\text{Th}$  if there exists a primitive recursive well-ordering  $\prec$  of order type  $\alpha$  so that  $\text{Th} \vdash (\forall X)\text{TI}(\prec, X)$ .*
2. *The proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{Th}$ , denoted  $|\text{Th}|$ , is the least ordinal which is not provable in  $\text{Th}$ .*

It is well known that  $|\text{ACA}_0| = \varepsilon_0$  and  $|\text{ACA}| = \varphi_1\varepsilon_0$  (see for example Schütte [9] Theorem 23.3, Theorem 23.4 and Pohlers [6] Corollary 15.9). Further Rathjen proved in [7] Theorem 3.5 that  $|\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})| = |\text{ACA}_0^+| = \varphi_{20}$ .

Notice that the (RFN) axiom is a special case of the general scheme of  $\omega$  model reflection in second order arithmetic as it has been introduced in Friedman [1] and basically states that for every true formula  $A$  of second order arithmetic, possibly with parameters, there exists a countable coded  $\omega$  model of the theory  $\text{ACA}_0$ , containing these parameters so that  $A$  is true in this model. More formally we have for any  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula  $A(U)$

$$A(U) \rightarrow (\exists X)(U \in X \wedge F_{\text{ACA}}^X \wedge A^X(U))$$

The  $\omega$  model reflection considered in this work (RFN) is the general scheme of  $\omega$  model reflection, as stated above, restricted to  $\Pi_1^1$  formulas. Since if  $A \in \Pi_1^1$  and  $A(U)$  holds, then clearly also  $A^V(U)$ .

We will prove in the next section that the proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{RFN}_0$  is also  $\varphi_{20}$  as it was announced by Jäger and Strahm in [4]. As a further result we have from Section 5 that  $|\text{RFN}| = |\text{ACA}^+| = \varphi_{2\varepsilon_0}$ .

### 3 Equivalence of (RFN) and $(\omega - \text{Jump})$ over $\text{ACA}_0$

The purpose of this section is to show the equivalence of two set existence axioms over a certain theory. Namely that (RFN) is equivalent to  $(\omega - \text{Jump})$  over the theory  $\text{ACA}_0$ .

#### 3.1 $\text{RFN}_0$ proves the $(\omega - \text{Jump})$ axiom

The following is provable in  $\text{ACA}_0$ .

**Lemma 3.1.1** *The Turing jump hierarchy is unique, that is*

$$\mathcal{J}_\omega(U, V_1) \wedge \mathcal{J}_\omega(U, V_2) \rightarrow V_1 = V_2$$

PROOF: Given any set  $U$  and any two  $V_i$ , with  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , such that we have  $(V_i)_0 = U \wedge (\forall z)((V_i)_{z+1} = TJ((V_i)_z))$ , we show with arithmetical induction ( $\text{IND}_0$ ) on  $u$  that  $V_1 = V_2$ . In the base-case, where  $u = 0$ , we have  $(V_1)_0 = (V_2)_0$ . According to the definition of  $(\omega - \text{Jump})$  and hence  $(V_1)_1 = (V_2)_1$  because the Turing jump is unique. In the case  $u \rightarrow u + 1$  we have by the induction hypothesis that  $(V_1)_u = (V_2)_u$ , which is  $(\forall x)(x \in (V_1)_u \leftrightarrow x \in (V_2)_u)$ . Again, since the Turing jump is unique, we have  $(\forall x)(x \in TJ((V_1)_u) \leftrightarrow x \in TJ((V_2)_u))$ , which is  $(\forall x)(x \in (V_1)_{u+1} \leftrightarrow x \in (V_2)_{u+1})$ .  $\square$

Compare also Simpson [10] Lemma V.2.3.

#### Theorem 3.1.2

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash (\forall X)(\exists Z)(X \dot{\in} Z \wedge F_{\text{ACA}_0}^Z) \rightarrow (\forall X)(\exists Y)\mathcal{J}_\omega(X, Y)$$

PROOF: Let  $Hier(U, V, u)$  denote the  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula given by

$$Hier(U, V, u) := (V)_0 = U \wedge (\forall y < u)((V)_{y+1} = TJ((V)_y))$$

Further, in the following  $M$  will denote a set which is a model of  $\text{ACA}_0$  and which comprises  $U$ . First we want to show that  $(\forall x)(\exists Y \dot{\in} M)Hier(U, Y, x)$  holds. Notice that this is an arithmetical formula with set parameter  $M$ , and since  $M$  is a model of  $\text{ACA}_0$  it is closed under arithmetical comprehension. We prove the claim by arithmetical induction ( $\text{IND}_0$ ) on  $x$ .

$u = 0$  :

We have to show that  $(\exists Y \dot{\in} M)((Y)_0 = U)$ . We obtain a set  $V$  by arithmetical comprehension as follows,

$$(\forall y)(y \in V \leftrightarrow (\exists v)(y = \langle v, 0 \rangle \wedge v \in U))$$

Note, this is clearly an element of  $M$  and hence we have  $(\exists Y \dot{\in} M)((Y)_0 = U)$ .

$u \rightarrow u + 1$  :

We have to prove that

$$(\exists Y_N \dot{\in} M) Hier(U, Y_N, u + 1)$$

holds under the induction hypothesis

$$(\exists Y_A \dot{\in} M) Hier(U, Y_A, u)$$

Now we construct the set  $Y_N$  by arithmetical comprehension that satisfies the claim.

$$Y_N = Y_A \cup \{\langle x, u + 1 \rangle : x \in TJ((Y_A)_u)\}$$

This set  $Y_N$  is clearly also an element of  $M$ , since  $M$  is a model of  $ACA_0$  by supposition. We are done because we know by Lemma 3.1.1 that the Turing jump hierarchy is unique.

It remains to prove that there exists a set  $Z$  in  $ACA_0$  such that

$$(\forall x) Hier(U, Z, x)$$

We construct this set  $Z$  by arithmetical comprehension as follows, where  $M$  is again the set from the supposition.

$$(\forall z)(z \in Z \leftrightarrow (\exists x)(\exists y)(\exists Y \dot{\in} M)(z = \langle x, y \rangle \wedge x \in (Y)_y \wedge Hier(U, Y, y)))$$

□

### 3.2 $ACA_0^+$ proves the (RFN) axiom

First we have to give some definitions and prove some general properties.

**Definition 3.2.1** *For any two sets  $U$  and  $V$ , we say that  $V$  is many-one reducible to  $U$ , denoted by  $V \leq_m U$ , if there exists a recursive function  $f$  such that  $\forall x(x \in V \leftrightarrow f(x) \in U)$*

The following is provable in  $\text{ACA}_0$ .

**Lemma 3.2.2** *For any sets  $U, V$  we have*

$$V \text{ is recursively enumerable in } U \iff V \leq_m TJ(U)$$

PROOF: Suppose that  $V$  is recursively enumerable in  $U$ , then there exists an index  $\tilde{g}$  of a partial recursive function  $g$  such that

$$b \in V \leftrightarrow (\exists z)\{\tilde{g}\}^U(b) = z \leftrightarrow \langle \tilde{g}, b \rangle \in TJ(U)$$

and thus  $V \leq_m TJ(U)$ . On the other hand,  $TJ(U)$  is recursively enumerable in  $U$  by its definition and together with the supposition that  $V$  is many-one reducible to  $TJ(U)$  we immediately obtain the claim. For more details cf. e.g. Hinman [3]  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.3** *For any two sets  $U$  and  $V$ , we say that  $V$  is recursive in  $U$ , written  $V \leq_T U$ , if there exists  $e_0, e_1$  such that for all  $b$  the following holds.*

$$(b \in V \leftrightarrow F_\pi(e_1, b, U)) \wedge (b \notin V \leftrightarrow F_\pi(e_0, b, U))$$

*In this case we say that  $e = \langle e_0, e_1 \rangle$  is the  $U$ -recursive index of  $V$  and we also often say that  $V$  is Turing reducible to  $U$ . Here  $F_\pi(e, b, U)$  is a fixed universal lightface  $\Pi_1^0$  formula as in definition 2.2.2.*

**Lemma 3.2.4** *The following are provable in  $\text{ACA}_0$ .*

1. *The relation  $\leq_T$  is transitive, i.e.  $U \leq_T V \wedge V \leq_T W \rightarrow U \leq_T W$ .*
2.  *$U \leq_m V \rightarrow U \leq_T V$*
3.  *$U \leq_T TJ(U)$*
4.  *$\mathcal{J}_\omega(U, V) \wedge W \leq_T (V)_j \wedge j < i \rightarrow W \leq_T (V)_i$*

PROOF: 1.) and 2.) cf. for example Simpson [10] Lemma VIII.1.2 and Rogers [8] Theorem 9.XII and Theorem 9.XIII.

3.) It is immediate from the definitions of  $\leq_T$  and  $TJ$ .

4.) It is immediate from 3.) and 1.)  $\square$

For more details concerning recursion theory see Rogers [8].

We shortly state here the well-known theory  $\text{RCA}_0$ , which will play an important role in the proof of this section.

The theory  $\text{RCA}_0$  is the formal system in the language  $\mathcal{L}_2$  whose axioms consist of the number-theoretic axioms plus the schemes of  $\Sigma_1^0$  induction as well as  $\Delta_1^0$  comprehension as stated below.

**Definition 3.2.5** For each  $k < \omega$ , the scheme of  $\Sigma_k^0$  induction consists of all axioms of the form

$$A(0) \wedge (\forall z)(A(z) \rightarrow A(z+1)) \rightarrow (\forall z)A(z)$$

where  $A(u)$  is any  $\Sigma_k^0$  formula of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

Notice that  $\text{ACA}_0$  proves the  $\Sigma_k^0$  induction scheme for all  $k < \omega$ , i.e.  $\text{ACA}_0$  proves all instances of arithmetical induction (cf. Simpson [10] Lemma IX.1.1)

**Definition 3.2.6** The scheme of  $\Delta_1^0$  comprehension consists of all axioms of the form

$$(\forall z)(A(z) \leftrightarrow B(z)) \rightarrow (\exists X)(\forall z)(z \in X \leftrightarrow A(z))$$

where  $A(u)$  is a  $\Sigma_1^0$  and  $B(u)$  a  $\Pi_1^0$  formula.

We have the following important Lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.7**  $\Sigma_1^0$ -comprehension is equivalent to arithmetical comprehension over  $\text{RCA}_0$ .

PROOF: cf. for example Simpson [10] Lemma III.1.3. □

**Theorem 3.2.8**

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash (\forall X)(\exists Y)\mathcal{J}_\omega(X, Y) \rightarrow (\forall X)(\exists Z)(X \dot{\in} Z \wedge F_{\text{ACA}_0}^Z)$$

PROOF: We have to show that under the supposition  $\mathcal{J}_\omega(U, V)$  we can construct in  $\text{ACA}_0$  a set  $M$  which comprises  $U$  and models  $\text{ACA}_0$ . We obtain this model  $M$  explicitly with arithmetical comprehension as follows.

$$(\forall z)(z \in M \leftrightarrow (\exists x_0)(\exists x_1)(\exists y_0)(\exists y_1)(F_\pi(x_1, y_0, (V)_{y_1}) \wedge \neg F_\pi(x_0, y_0, (V)_{y_1}) \wedge z = \langle y_0, \langle y_1, x_0, x_1 \rangle \rangle))$$

This means that in  $M$  we collect all sets recursive in any  $(V)_j$ . Clearly  $U \dot{\in} M$ , i.e.  $(\exists z)(U = (M)_z)$ , since  $(V)_0 = U$  and every set is recursive in itself and hence there exists  $u = \langle v, e_0, e_1 \rangle$  with  $U = (M)_u$ .

What remains to show is that  $M$  is a model of  $\text{ACA}_0$ , i.e. is closed under arithmetical comprehension. By Lemma 3.2.7 it is sufficient to prove that  $M$  is a model of  $\text{RCA}_0$  and is closed under  $\Sigma_1^0$ -comprehension. To show that  $M$  is a model of  $\text{RCA}_0$  we have to prove that  $M$  is closed under  $\Delta_1^0$ -comprehension. Since  $\Sigma_1^0$ -comprehension comprises  $\Delta_1^0$ -comprehension we are done, if we can prove the  $M$  is closed under



$\Sigma_1^0$ -comprehension.

We claim that  $M$  is a model of  $\Sigma_1^0$ -comprehension. Define an arbitrary set  $W \in \Sigma_1^0$  with parameters  $\vec{U} = U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  from  $M$ , which exists in  $\text{ACA}_0$  by arithmetical comprehension, with  $U_1 \dot{\in} (M)_{i_1}, U_2 \dot{\in} (M)_{i_2}, \dots, U_n \dot{\in} (M)_{i_n}$ , that is

$$(\forall z)(z \in W \leftrightarrow A(z, \vec{u}, \vec{U}))$$

where  $A \in \Sigma_1^0$ . We have to show that  $W \dot{\in} M$ .

Notice that  $U_1 \leq_T (V)_{i_1}, \dots, U_n \leq_T (V)_{i_n}$  and by Lemma 3.2.4.4 we have  $U_1 \leq_T (V)_i, \dots, U_n \leq_T (V)_i$  with  $i = \max(i_1, \dots, i_n)$ . Therefore  $W$  is already  $\Sigma_1^0$ -definable in  $(V)_i$ . By Lemma 3.2.2 we conclude that  $W \leq_m TJ((V)_i)$ , that is  $W \leq_m (V)_{i+1}$ . By Lemma 3.2.4.2 we obtain  $W \leq_T (V)_{i+1}$ . Since  $W$  is recursive in  $(V)_{i+1}$  we clearly have by the construction of  $M$  that  $W \dot{\in} M$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.9** *The theory  $\text{RFN}_0$  has the proof-theoretic ordinal  $\varphi_{20}$ .*

PROOF: This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.1.2 and Theorem 3.2.8, since  $\text{RFN}_0$  and  $\text{ACA}_0^+$  are equivalent and we know by Rathjen [7], Theorem 3.5 that  $|\text{ACA}_0^+| = \varphi_{20}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.10** *The theories  $\text{ACA}^+$  and  $\text{RFN}$  are equivalent.*

In Section 5 we will determine the proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{ACA}^+$ , respectively  $\text{RFN}$ .

## 4 Upper bound for proof strength of $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$

### 4.1 Embedding of $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ into $\text{RFN}_0$

According to Rathjen [7] Theorem 3.5,  $\text{ACA}_0^+$  proves the same  $\Pi_1^1$  sentences as  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ . We know from Section 3 that the theories  $\text{ACA}_0^+$  and  $\text{RFN}_0$  are equivalent, therefore it's an immediate consequence that  $\text{RFN}_0$  also proves the same  $\Pi_1^1$  sentences. In this section we will give a direct way of embedding  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  into  $\text{RFN}_0$  and we will show that  $\text{RFN}_0$  even proves all  $\Pi_2^1$  sentences of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ . In the following  $M, N, \dots$  will denote sets of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  which model  $\text{ACA}_0$ .

**Lemma 4.1.1** *The following is provable in  $\text{RFN}_0$  with  $\vec{V} = V_1, \dots, V_n$ .*

$$(\exists Y)(\vec{V} \in Y \wedge F_{\text{ACA}_0}^Y)$$

PROOF: First we code the sets  $V_i$  of  $\vec{V}$  into a single one and obtain by the (RFN) axiom a set from which we obtain again by arithmetical comprehension a set  $M$ , which clearly has the desired properties. □

**Lemma 4.1.2** *We have for all  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas  $C[\vec{V}]$*

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash C[\vec{V}] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \in M \rightarrow C^M[\vec{V}]$$

PROOF: We prove that by induction on the length  $n$  of the derivation in  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ .

$n = 0$ :

- If  $C[\vec{V}]$  is a number theoretical axiom of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  or a tautology, then obviously  $C^M[\vec{V}]$  is an axiom of the same kind of  $\text{RFN}_0$  and therefore  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \in M \rightarrow C^M[\vec{V}]$ .
- For the case that  $C[\vec{V}] = A(t) \rightarrow (\exists x)A(x)$  or  $C[\vec{V}] = (\forall x)A(x) \rightarrow A(t)$  it is easy to see that the claim holds.
- If  $C[\vec{V}]$  is one of the remaining logical axioms of the Hilbert calculus, then  $U \in \vec{V}$ , and  $C[\vec{V}] = A(U) \rightarrow (\exists X)A(X)$  or  $C[\vec{V}] = (\forall X)A(X) \rightarrow A(U)$ . Thus obviously  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge U \in M \rightarrow (A(U) \rightarrow (\exists X \in M)A(X))$ , and respectively  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge U \in M \rightarrow ((\forall X \in M)A(X) \rightarrow A(U))$ .
- If  $C[\vec{V}]$  is of the form  $(0 \in U \wedge (\forall z)(z \in U \rightarrow z + 1 \in U)) \rightarrow (\forall z)(z \in U)$ , where  $U = \vec{V}$ , then clearly  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge U \in M \rightarrow C^M[U]$ .

- Let  $C[\vec{V}]$  be an instance of the arithmetical comprehension scheme  $(\exists X)(\forall z)(z \in X \leftrightarrow A(x, \vec{V}))$ . Then  $C^M[\vec{V}]$  is of the form

$$(\exists X \dot{\in} M)(\forall z)(z \in X \leftrightarrow A(z, \vec{V}))$$

where  $A(u, \vec{V})$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_2$  formula which is arithmetical in  $\vec{V}$ . We reason in  $\text{RFN}_0$  and have to show that  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow (\exists x)(\forall z)(z \in (M)_x \leftrightarrow A(z, \vec{V}))$ .

By Lemma 4.1.1 we obtain a set  $M$ , which is a model of  $\text{ACA}_0$  and comprises  $\vec{V}$ . Since models of  $\text{ACA}_0$  are closed under arithmetical comprehension, the claim follows easily.

$n > 0$ :

- If the last inference was Modus Ponens, then  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash^n C[\vec{V}]$ , i.e. there exist  $n_0 < n, n_1 < n$  such that  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash^{n_0} A[\vec{U}, \vec{V}] \rightarrow C[\vec{V}]$  and  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash^{n_1} A[\vec{U}, \vec{V}]$ , where we assume the elements of  $\vec{U}$  to be pairwise disjoint from the elements of  $\vec{V}$ . By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{U}, \vec{V} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow (A^M[\vec{U}, \vec{V}] \rightarrow C^M[\vec{V}]) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{U} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow A^M[\vec{U}, \vec{V}] \quad (2)$$

Hence we can infer from (1) and (2) that

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{U}, \vec{V} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow C^M[\vec{V}]$$

Because  $\vec{U}$  does not occur in  $C^M[\vec{V}]$  and surely the empty set  $\phi$  is an element of every model of  $\text{ACA}_0$ , we set  $\vec{U} = \phi$  and obtain

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow C^M[\vec{V}]$$

- If the last inference was an existential or universal number quantification, then we have the induction hypothesis and apply just the same rule of inference again.
- If the last inference was an existential set quantification, then there exists  $n_0 < n$  such that

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash^{n_0} A[U, \vec{V}] \rightarrow B[\vec{V}]$$

where  $U$  is different from all  $V_i$  in  $\vec{V}$ . Then  $C[\vec{V}] = (\exists X)A[X, \vec{V}] \rightarrow B[\vec{V}]$ . With the induction hypothesis we obtain

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge U, \vec{V} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow (A^M[U, \vec{V}] \rightarrow B^M[\vec{V}])$$

By means of propositional logic this is equivalent to

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash A^M[U, \vec{V}] \wedge U \dot{\in} M \rightarrow ((F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \dot{\in} M) \rightarrow B^M[\vec{V}])$$

By applying the existential set quantification inference we obtain

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\exists X)(A^M[X, \vec{V}] \wedge X \dot{\in} M) \rightarrow ((F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \dot{\in} M) \rightarrow B^M[\vec{V}])$$

and again by means of propositional logic we finally obtain

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \dot{\in} M \rightarrow ((\exists X \dot{\in} M)A^M[X, \vec{V}] \rightarrow B^M[\vec{V}])$$

- For the case that the last inference was an universal set quantification the proof is similar.
- If the last inference was the bar rule (BR) then

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \stackrel{n}{\vdash} \text{TI}(\prec, F[\vec{V}]) \quad \text{for an } F \in \mathcal{L}_2$$

Thus there exists  $n_0 < n$  and

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \stackrel{n_0}{\vdash} \text{WO}(\prec)$$

from the definition of WO we have

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \stackrel{n_0}{\vdash} (\forall X)\text{TI}(\prec, X) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec)$$

Since  $(\forall X)\text{TI}(\prec, X) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec)$  contains no free set variables we obtain with the induction hypothesis that the following holds in  $\text{RFN}_0$

$$F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \rightarrow (\forall X \dot{\in} M)\text{TI}(\prec, X) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec) \quad (3)$$

and we have to show that if  $F[\vec{V}]$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula and  $N$  is a model of  $\text{ACA}_0$ , that comprises  $\vec{V}$ , the following holds in  $\text{RFN}_0$

$$\text{TI}(\prec, F^N[\vec{V}]) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec)$$

First notice that the formula  $F^N[\vec{V}]$  is arithmetical. Therefore we have by arithmetical comprehension a set  $Z$ ,

$$Z = \{x : F^N(x, \vec{V})\} \quad (4)$$

Now by the (RFN) axiom we obtain a set  $O$ , which models  $\text{ACA}_0$  and contains  $Z$ . Together with (3) we can conclude that

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} O)\text{TI}(\prec, X) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec)$$

and since  $O$  comprises the set  $Z$ , we clearly have  $\text{TI}(\prec, Z) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec)$  and therefore obtain with (4)

$$\text{TI}(\prec, F^M[\vec{V}]) \wedge \text{LO}(\prec)$$

□

**Theorem 4.1.3** *Let  $C$  be a  $\Pi_2^1$  formula of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  such that  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash C[\vec{V}]$ , then also  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash C[\vec{V}]$ .*

PROOF:  $C[\vec{V}]$  is of the form  $(\forall Y)(\exists Z)B[\vec{V}, Y, Z]$  with  $B \in \Pi_\infty^0$ . From Lemma 4.1.2, we obtain

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \in M \rightarrow (\forall y)(\exists z)B[\vec{V}, (M)_y, (M)_z]$$

and therefore we can infer that

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V} \in M \rightarrow (\exists z)B[\vec{V}, (M)_u, (M)_z]$$

Since the class of the models of  $\text{ACA}_0$ , which contain  $\vec{V}$ , clearly is a super class of the models of  $\text{ACA}_0$ , which contain  $\vec{V}$  and any  $U$ , we can conclude that

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V}, U \in M \rightarrow (\exists z)B[\vec{V}, U, (M)_z]$$

but then it immediately follows that

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash F_{\text{ACA}_0}^M \wedge \vec{V}, U \in M \rightarrow (\exists Z)B[\vec{V}, U, Z]$$

and obtain by a existential set quantification

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\exists Y)(F_{\text{ACA}_0}^Y \wedge \vec{V}, U \in Y) \rightarrow (\exists Z)B[\vec{V}, U, Z]$$

By (RFN) we have

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash \exists Y(\vec{V}, U \in Y \wedge F_{\text{ACA}_0}^Y)$$

and hence we finally obtain

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\exists Z)B[\vec{V}, U, Z]$$

which is in fact

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\forall Y)(\exists Z)B[\vec{V}, Y, Z]$$

□

**Corollary 4.1.4** *The proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  is  $\leq \varphi_{20}$ .*

PROOF: By Theorem 4.1.3 we know that any  $\Pi_2^1$  sentence provable in  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  is also provable in  $\text{RFN}_0$ . By Corollary 3.2.9 that  $|\text{RFN}_0| = \varphi_{20}$  and together with the fact that  $(\forall X)\text{TI}(\prec, X) \in \Pi_1^1$ , the result follows easily. □

In Section 6.1 we will see that Corollary 4.1.4 in fact determines the least upper bound for the proof-strength of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$ .

## 5 The proof-theoretic strength of $\text{ACA}^+$ and RFN

### 5.1 The wellordering proof of $\text{RFN}_0$ and RFN

In this section we will analyze the proof-theoretic strength of RFN. Since we know from Section 3 that RFN and  $\text{ACA}^+$  are equivalent, the result therefore also holds for RFN. First we will determine a lower bound for the proof-theoretic ordinal by showing that any ordinal  $\alpha < \varphi 2\varepsilon_0$  is provable in RFN. To show that this bound is strict, we embed  $\text{ACA}^+$  into the semi-formal system  $\text{RA}^*$  of Schütte [9].

Small Greek letter  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \dots$ , possibly with subscripts, will denote ordinals  $< \Gamma_0$ . We fix a primitive recursive standard wellordering  $\prec$  of order-type  $\Gamma_0$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that the field of  $\prec$  is the set of all natural numbers (and that 0 is the least element with respect to  $\prec$ ). Hence each natural number  $a$  codes an ordinal, say  $\text{ord}(a)$ , less than  $\Gamma_0$ , and each ordinal  $\alpha < \Gamma_0$  is represented in our theories by a unique natural number, say  $\text{nr}(\alpha)$  (we will denote this natural number often as  $\bar{\alpha}$ ). The reader is assumed to be familiar with the Veblen functions  $\varphi_\alpha$ , cf. Pohlers [6] or Schütte [9].

Further, we inductively define  $\omega_n(\alpha)$  and  $\varepsilon_n(\alpha)$ .

**Definition 5.1.1** *For all ordinals  $\alpha$  and natural numbers  $n$ , we define*

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0(\alpha) &:= \alpha & \varepsilon_0(\alpha) &:= \alpha \\ \omega_{n+1}(\alpha) &:= \omega^{\omega_n(\alpha)} & \varepsilon_{n+1}(\alpha) &:= \varepsilon_{\varepsilon_n(\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, there exist binary primitive recursive functions  $\hat{+}, \hat{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}, \hat{\varepsilon}, \tilde{\varepsilon}, \hat{\varphi}$ , which model the usual ordinal operations on these codes, i.e. for  $m$  and  $n$  natural numbers we have :

1.  $\hat{+}(m, n) := \text{nr}(\text{ord}(m) + \text{ord}(n))$
2.  $\hat{\omega}(m, n) := \text{nr}(\omega^{\text{ord}(m)} \cdot n)$
3.  $\tilde{\omega}(m, n) := \text{nr}(\omega_m(\text{ord}(n)))$
4.  $\tilde{\varepsilon}(m, n) := \text{nr}(\varepsilon_m(\text{ord}(n)))$
5.  $\hat{\varphi}(m, n) := \text{nr}(\varphi(\text{ord}(m))(\text{ord}(n)))$

We use  $\hat{+}, \hat{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}, \hat{\varepsilon}, \tilde{\varepsilon}, \hat{\varphi}$  as primitive symbols of our formal language; and in order to keep notation as simple as possible, we write:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
a\hat{+}b & \text{for } \hat{+}(a, b), & \tilde{\varepsilon}_a(b) & \text{for } \tilde{\varepsilon}(a, b), \\
\hat{\omega}^a b & \text{for } \hat{\omega}(a, b), & \hat{\omega}^a & \text{for } \hat{\omega}(a, 1), \\
\tilde{\omega}_a(b) & \text{for } \tilde{\omega}(a, b), & \hat{\varepsilon}_a & \text{for } \hat{\varphi}(\bar{1}, a), \\
\hat{\varphi}ab & \text{for } \hat{\varphi}(a, b), & & 
\end{array}$$

In the sequel we also often write  $\text{PROG}(U)$  and  $\text{TI}(a, U)$  instead of  $\text{PROG}(\prec, U)$  and  $\text{TI}(\prec, a, U)$ .

Further we make the following definitions.

**Definition 5.1.2**

$$\mathcal{I}(a) := (\forall X)\text{TI}(\prec, a, X)$$

**Definition 5.1.3** For any given set  $U$ , we define the set  $Sp(U)$ , if this set exists, as follows:

$$Sp(U) := \{a : (\forall y)(y \subset U \rightarrow y\hat{+}\hat{\omega}^a \subset U)\}$$

where  $a \subset U$  abbreviates  $(\forall x)(x \prec a \rightarrow x \in U)$ .

Note that the existence of these sets become provable in a theory comprising  $\text{ACA}_0$ . This jump operator  $Sp$  enables us to jump from  $\alpha$  to  $\omega^\alpha$ .

**Lemma 5.1.4**

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash \mathcal{I}(a) \wedge \mathcal{I}(b) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(a\hat{+}b)$$

**Lemma 5.1.5**

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash \mathcal{I}(a) \wedge b \prec a \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(b)$$

**Lemma 5.1.6**

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash (\forall x \prec a)\mathcal{I}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(a)$$

**Lemma 5.1.7**

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash \text{PROG}(\prec, V) \rightarrow \text{PROG}(\prec, Sp(V))$$

**Lemma 5.1.8**

$$\text{ACA}_0 \vdash \text{TI}(a, Sp(V)) \rightarrow \text{TI}(\hat{\omega}^a, V)$$

PROOF: For the proofs of these Lemmata compare Schütte [9] Lemma VIII.21.1, Lemma VIII.21.7, ( $\mathcal{J}4$ ) and Pohlers [6] Lemma 15.5, Lemma 15.6.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.1.9** *We have that  $\text{RFN}_0$  proves the following*

$$\mathcal{I}(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(\hat{\varepsilon}_a)$$

PROOF: We have the supposition

$$(\forall X)\text{TI}(a, X) \tag{5}$$

Now fix an arbitrary  $U$  and show that  $\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_a, U)$  holds. Because of the (RFN) axiom we have that for this fixed set  $U$  there exists a set  $W$  such that  $U \dot{\in} W$  and  $F_{\text{ACA}}^W$ . Further define a set  $V$  by arithmetical comprehension

$$(\forall z)(z \in V \leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}^W(\hat{\varepsilon}_z))$$

where  $\mathcal{I}^W$  is the relativization of  $\mathcal{I}$  to the set  $W$ , that is  $\mathcal{I}^W(\hat{\varepsilon}_u) = (\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_u, X)$ . Under the supposition that

$$\text{PROG}(\prec, V) \tag{6}$$

we have by (5)

$$(\forall x \prec a)(x \in V) \tag{7}$$

But since the following holds in  $\text{RFN}_0$

$$\text{PROG}(V) \wedge (\forall x \prec a)(x \in V) \rightarrow a \in V$$

we obtain by the supposition and (7) that  $(a \in V)$ . That is

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_a, X)$$

Since  $U \dot{\in} W$  we have

$$\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_a, U)$$

What remains to be proved is that this set  $V$ , from supposition (6), is progressive. In order to establish  $\text{PROG}(\prec, V)$  it is equivalent to prove the following:

1.  $\bar{0} \in V$
2.  $b \in V \rightarrow b \hat{+} \bar{1} \in V$



3.  $Lim(b) \wedge (\forall x \prec b)(x \in V) \rightarrow b \in V$

where  $Lim(b)$  indicates that the natural number  $b$  codes a limit ordinal.

1.  $b = 0$ :

The proof is completely analogous as where we prove (9), but in this case we prove the following formula in  $\text{RFN}_0$  with induction on  $z$

$$(\forall z)(\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\tilde{\omega}_z(\bar{0}), X)$$

because if  $c \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_{\bar{0}}$ , then there already exists a natural number  $u$  such that  $c \prec \tilde{\omega}_u(\bar{0})$ , and therefore by Lemma 5.1.5 and Lemma 5.1.6, it is sufficient to prove the above.

2.  $b$  codes a successor ordinal:

We have the supposition  $b \in V$ , that is

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_b, X) \tag{8}$$

and have to show that  $(b \hat{+} \bar{1} \in V)$  also holds, which is equivalent to

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_{(b \hat{+} \bar{1})}, X)$$

because, if  $c \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_{(t \hat{+} \bar{1})}$ , then there already exists a natural number  $u$  such that  $c \prec \tilde{\omega}_u(\hat{\varepsilon}_t \hat{+} \bar{1})$ , we only have to show by Lemma 5.1.5 and Lemma 5.1.6 that

$$(\forall z)(\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\tilde{\omega}_z(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1}), X) \tag{9}$$

We prove this by arithmetical induction ( $\text{IND}_0$ ) on  $z$ .

•  $u = 0$  :

We clearly have that  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash \mathcal{I}(\bar{1})$  and together with the supposition (8) and Lemma 5.1.4 we obtain

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1}, X)$$

- $u \rightarrow u + 1$  :

We have the induction hypothesis

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W) \text{TI}(\tilde{\omega}_u(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1}), X)$$

and want to prove that

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W) \text{TI}(\tilde{\omega}_{u+1}(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1}), X)$$

First notice that  $Sp(U)$  is an arithmetical formula with set parameter  $U$ . Choose an arbitrary set  $U \dot{\in} W$ . Since  $W$  is a model of  $\text{ACA}_0$ , it is closed under arithmetical comprehension and therefore the set defined by  $Sp(U)$  is also an element of  $W$  (i.e.  $Sp(U) \dot{\in} W$ ). Hence by the induction hypothesis we have

$$\text{TI}(\tilde{\omega}_u(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1}), Sp(U))$$

Together with Lemma 5.1.8 we obtain

$$\text{TI}(\hat{\omega}^{\tilde{\omega}_u(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1})}, U)$$

Since  $U$  was an arbitrary set of  $W$  and  $\text{RFN}_0$  proves that  $\hat{\omega}^{\tilde{\omega}_u(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1})} = \tilde{\omega}_{u+1}(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1})$  we finally obtain

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W) \text{TI}(\tilde{\omega}_{u+1}(\hat{\varepsilon}_b \hat{+} \bar{1}), X)$$

completing the induction step.

### 3. $b$ codes a limit ordinal:

We have the presupposition  $(\forall x \prec b)(x \in V)$ , that is

$$(\forall x \prec b)((\forall X \dot{\in} W)(\text{PROG}(X) \rightarrow (\forall y \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_x)(y \in X)))$$

and want to show  $(b \in V)$ , which is

$$(\forall X \dot{\in} W)(\text{PROG}(X) \rightarrow (\forall y \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_b)(y \in X))$$

We suppose that  $\text{PROG}(U)$  and have to show that  $(\forall y \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_b)(y \in U)$ . Since  $b$  codes a limit ordinal, we have for all  $y \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_b$  there exists a  $b_0 \prec b$  such that already  $y \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_{b_0}$  and by the supposition we know therefore that  $y \in U$ .

□

With this Lemma 5.1.9 we immediately obtain the following Theorem.

**Theorem 5.1.10**  $\text{RFN}_0$  proves the formula  $\mathcal{I}(\bar{\alpha})$  for all  $\alpha < \varphi 20$ .

PROOF: If  $\alpha < \varphi 20$ , then there is an  $n < \omega$  such that  $\alpha < \varepsilon_n(0)$ . Since  $\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\forall x)(\neg x \prec 0)$ , we clearly have

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash \mathcal{I}(0)$$

$n$ -fold application of Lemma 5.1.9 leads to

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash \mathcal{I}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_n(0))$$

which is

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\forall X)(\text{PROG}(\prec, X) \rightarrow (\forall x \prec \tilde{\varepsilon}_n(0))(x \in X))$$

Together with Lemma 5.1.5 this implies

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash (\forall X)(\text{PROG}(\prec, X) \rightarrow (\forall x \prec \bar{\alpha})(x \in X))$$

which is in fact

$$\text{RFN}_0 \vdash \mathcal{I}(\bar{\alpha})$$

□

**Corollary 5.1.11** For a lower bound of the proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{RFN}_0$  we have

$$|\text{RFN}_0| \geq \varphi 20$$

If the theory  $\text{RFN}_0$  comprises in addition the full second order induction scheme (IND), we get another lower bound for the proof-theoretic ordinal of this theory RFN. First we want to show that

**Lemma 5.1.12**  $\text{RFN}$  proves the following

$$\mathcal{I}(a) \rightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{I}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_x(a))$$

PROOF: Assume that  $\mathcal{I}(a)$  holds. We prove  $(\forall x)\mathcal{I}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_x(a))$  also holds by induction (IND) on  $x$ .

$u = 0$  :

Clearly

$$\text{RFN} \vdash \mathcal{I}(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(a)$$

and hence it holds for  $u = 0$ .

$u \rightarrow u + 1$  :

By induction hypothesis we have

$$\mathcal{I}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_u(a))$$

and obtain by Lemma 5.1.9 that

$$\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varepsilon}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}_u(a)})$$

which is

$$\mathcal{I}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_{u+1}(a))$$

since  $\text{RFN}_0$  proves  $\hat{\varepsilon}_{\tilde{\varepsilon}_u(a)} = \tilde{\varepsilon}_{u+1}(a)$ .

□

**Lemma 5.1.13** *We have that RFN proves*

$$\text{PROG}(\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a))$$

PROOF: Again in order to establish  $\text{PROG}(\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a))$  it is equivalent to prove the following.

1.  $\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}0)$
2.  $\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}(a+1))$
3.  $\text{Lim}(a) \wedge (\forall x \prec a)\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}x) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a)$

1.  $a = 0$ :

Clearly

$$\text{RFN} \vdash \mathcal{I}(\bar{0})$$

Together with Lemma 5.1.12 we get

$$\text{RFN} \vdash (\forall z)\mathcal{I}(\tilde{\varepsilon}_z(\bar{0}))$$

and if  $c \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}0$  then there exists a natural number  $u$  such that  $c \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_u(\bar{0})$ .

Using Lemma 5.1.5 and Lemma 5.1.6 we obtain

$$\text{RFN} \vdash \mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}0)$$

2.  $a$  codes a successor ordinal:

We have the supposition

$$\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a)$$

and have to show that

$$\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}(a\hat{+}\bar{1}))$$

also holds. Clearly

$$\text{RFN} \vdash \mathcal{I}(\bar{1}) \tag{10}$$

and with Lemma 5.1.4 we obtain from (10) and the supposition

$$\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a\hat{+}\bar{1}). \tag{11}$$

From (11) and Lemma 5.1.12 we obtain

$$(\forall z)\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varepsilon}_z(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a\hat{+}\bar{1})).$$

Further, we have that if  $c \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}(a\hat{+}\bar{1})$  then there exists a natural number  $u$  such that  $c \prec \hat{\varepsilon}_u(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a\hat{+}\bar{1})$ .

Using Lemma 5.1.5 and Lemma 5.1.6 we obtain

$$\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}(a\hat{+}\bar{1}))$$

3.  $a$  codes a limit ordinal:

We have the supposition  $(\forall x \prec a)\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}x)$ , that is

$$(\forall x \prec a)((\forall X)(\text{PROG}(X) \rightarrow (\forall y \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}x)(y \in X)))$$

and want to show  $\mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a)$ , which is

$$(\forall X)(\text{PROG}(X) \rightarrow (\forall y \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a)(y \in X))$$

We suppose  $\text{PROG}(U)$  and we need to show that  $(\forall y \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a)(y \in U)$ . Since  $a$  codes a limit ordinal, we have for all  $y \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a$  there exists an  $a_0 \prec a$  such that  $y \prec \hat{\varphi}\bar{2}a_0$  and by the supposition we know therefore that  $y \in U$ .

□

**Theorem 5.1.14** *If  $\alpha < \varphi 2\varepsilon_0$ , then  $\text{RFN} \vdash \mathcal{I}(\bar{\alpha})$*

PROOF: Letting  $A(t) := \mathcal{I}(\hat{\varphi}2t)$  we have by Lemma 5.1.13

$$\text{RFN} \vdash (\forall x)(\forall y \prec x A(y) \rightarrow A(x))$$

Since we know by Schütte [9] Lemma VIII.21.6 that

$$\text{ACA} \vdash (\forall x)(\forall y \prec x A(y) \rightarrow A(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x \prec \bar{\beta}) A(x)$$

holds for every ordinal  $\beta < \varepsilon_0$

$$\text{RFN} \vdash A(\bar{\beta})$$

follows for all  $\beta < \varepsilon_0$ . If  $\alpha < \varphi 2\varepsilon_0$ , there exists  $\beta < \varepsilon_0$  such that  $\alpha < \varphi 2\beta$ . Hence by Lemma 5.1.5 we obtain

$$\text{RFN} \vdash \mathcal{I}(\bar{\alpha})$$

for all  $\alpha < \varphi 2\varepsilon_0$ . □

**Corollary 5.1.15**  $|\text{RFN}| \geq \varphi 2\varepsilon_0$  and  $|\text{ACA}^+| \geq \varphi 2\varepsilon_0$

PROOF: It is immediate from Theorem 5.1.14 and Lemma 3.2.10. □

In the next section we will see that Corollary 5.1.15 determines in fact the greatest lower bound for the proof-strength of RFN, respectively  $\text{ACA}^+$ .

## 5.2 An upper bound for the proof strength of $\text{ACA}^+$

The purpose of the next subsection is to introduce the semi-formal system  $\text{RA}^*$  (compare Schütte [9] for more details).

### 5.2.1 The semi-formal system $\text{RA}^*$

In the language  $\mathcal{L}^*$  of  $\text{RA}^*$  we have countably infinitely many bound number variables  $(x, y, z, a, b, c, \dots)$ , as well as countably infinitely many free set variables of level  $\alpha$  for each ordinal  $\alpha$   $(U^\alpha, V^\alpha, W^\alpha, \dots)$  and countably infinitely many bound set variables of level  $\beta$  for each ordinal  $\beta \neq 0$   $(X^\beta, Y^\beta, Z^\beta, \dots)$ . Further,  $\mathcal{L}^*$  comprises the same function and relation symbols as  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . That means there is a symbol for each  $n$ -ary primitive recursive function and  $n$ -ary primitive recursive relation. Number terms of  $\mathcal{L}^*$   $(r, s, t, \dots)$  are exactly the closed number terms of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . The numerals of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  are inductively given by  $\bar{0} := 0$  and  $\overline{n+1} := \bar{n} + 1$ . The set terms of  $\mathcal{L}^*$   $(S, T, R)$  are defined simultaneously with the formulas of  $\mathcal{L}^*$   $(A, B, F, \dots)$ :

#### Definition 5.2.1

1.  $U^\alpha$  is a set term.
2. If  $F$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formula, then  $\{x : F\}$  is a set term.
3.  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formula for  $n$ -ary primitive recursive relation symbols  $R$  and number terms  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ .
4.  $(t \in S), (t \notin S)$  are  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formulas for number terms  $t$  and set terms  $S$ .
5. Formulas are closed under  $\neg, \wedge, (\exists x), (\forall x), (\exists X^\alpha), (\forall X^\alpha)$  for  $\alpha \neq 0$ .

The negation  $\neg F$  of an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formula  $F$  is defined as usual by applying the de Morgan's rules. We say two formulas  $F$  and  $G$  are numerically equivalent, if they differ only in (closed) number terms which have the same value. Further we use the same abbreviations as in  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , that is e.g.:  $S = T := (\forall x)(x \in S \leftrightarrow x \in T)$  and  $(\forall x < r)A(x) := (\forall x)(x < r \rightarrow A(x))$ .

The level of a set term  $S$  and a formula  $F$  of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  is defined by

#### Definition 5.2.2

$$\text{lev}(S) = \max\{\alpha : \text{a set variable } X^\alpha \text{ or } U^\alpha \text{ occurs in } S\}$$

$$\text{lev}(F) = \max\{\alpha : \text{a set variable } X^\alpha \text{ or } U^\alpha \text{ occurs in } F\}$$

otherwise the level of  $S$ , or of  $F$  respectively, is 0.

Now we define inductively the rank  $rk(A)$  for an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formulas  $A$ :

- Definition 5.2.3**
1.  $A$  is of the form  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , then  $rk(A) = 0$ .
  2.  $A$  is of the form  $(F \wedge G)$  or  $(F \vee G)$ , then  $rk(A) = \max\{rk(F), rk(G)\} + 1$ .
  3.  $A$  is of the form  $(\exists x)F(x)$  or  $(\forall x)F(x)$ , then  $rk(A) = rk(F(\bar{0})) + 1$ .
  4.  $A$  is of the form  $(t \in U^\alpha)$  or  $(t \notin U^\alpha)$ , then  $rk(A) = \omega\alpha$ .
  5.  $A$  is of the form  $(t \in \{x : F(x)\})$  or  $(t \notin \{x : F(x)\})$ , then  $rk(A) = rk(F(t)) + 1$ .
  6.  $A$  is of the form  $(\exists X^\alpha)F(X^\alpha)$  or  $(\forall X^\alpha)F(X^\alpha)$ , then  $rk(A) = \max\{\omega \cdot lev((\forall X^\alpha)F(X^\alpha)), rk(F(U^0)) + 1\}$ .

Notice that  $rk(F) = rk(\neg F)$ . We make the following observations:

- If  $lev(F) = \alpha$ , then  $\omega\alpha \leq rk(F) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$ .
- If  $lev(S) < \alpha$ , then  $rk(F(S)) < rk((\exists X^\alpha)F(X^\alpha))$ .

Derivations in  $\text{RA}^*$  are denoted in a Tait-style manner:  $\Gamma, \Delta, \dots$  denote a finite set of  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formulas.

The axioms of  $\text{RA}^*$  are given as follows:

### I. Number-theoretic Axiom:

$$\Gamma, R(t_1, \dots, t_n) \quad (\text{Ax1})$$

if  $R$  is primitive recursive relation symbol and  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is true.

### II. Equality Axiom for set variables:

$$\Gamma, s \in U^\alpha, t \notin U^\alpha \quad (\text{Ax2})$$

for arbitrary set variables of level  $\alpha$  and  $s, t$  (closed) number terms which have the same value.

The rules of  $\text{RA}^*$  are divided into four groups:

### III. Logical Rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A}{\Gamma, A \vee B} \quad (\vee 1), \quad \frac{\Gamma, B}{\Gamma, A \vee B} \quad (\vee 2), \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \quad \Gamma, B}{\Gamma, A \wedge B} \quad (\wedge).$$



#### IV. Set Term Rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, F(t)}{\Gamma, t \in \{x : F(x)\}} \quad (\in 1), \quad \frac{\Gamma, \neg F(t)}{\Gamma, t \notin \{x : F(x)\}} \quad (\in 2)$$

#### V. Quantifier Rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, F(s)}{\Gamma, (\exists x)F(x)} \quad (\exists^0), \quad \frac{\dots, \Gamma, F(s), \dots \text{ for all number terms } s}{\Gamma, (\forall x)F(x)} \quad (\forall^0)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, F(S) \quad lev(S) < \alpha}{\Gamma, (\exists X^\alpha)F(X^\alpha)} \quad (\exists^1), \quad \frac{\dots, \Gamma, F(S), \dots \text{ for all } S, \quad lev(S) < \alpha}{\Gamma, (\forall X^\alpha)F(X^\alpha)} \quad (\forall^1)$$

#### VI. Cut Rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma, F \quad \Gamma, \neg F}{\Gamma} \quad (cut)$$

**Definition 5.2.4** *Inductive definition of  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} F$*

1. If  $F$  is an axiom of the system  $RA^*$  then  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} F$  holds for all ordinals  $\alpha$  and  $\rho$ .
2. If  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha_i} F_i$  and  $\alpha_i < \alpha$  for every premise  $F_i$  of an inference or a cut of rank  $< \rho$  then  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} F$  holds for the conclusion  $F$  of that inference.

As an immediate consequence we obtain the following Lemmata by an easy transfinite induction on the length  $\alpha$  of the derivation.

#### Corollary 5.2.5

*If  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} \Gamma$ ,  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\rho \leq \sigma$ , then  $RA^* \mid_{\sigma}^{\beta} \Gamma$  also holds.*

#### Corollary 5.2.6

*If  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} \Delta$  and  $\Delta \subset \Gamma$ , then  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} \Gamma$ .*

A formula  $F$  is said to be deducible in  $RA^*$  with order  $\alpha$  and rank  $\rho$  if  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} F$  holds. Thus  $\alpha$  is an upper bound for the orders of the inference which occur in the deduction of  $F$  while  $\rho$  says that every cut which occurs in the deduction of  $F$  has rank  $< \rho$ . If  $RA^* \mid_{\rho}^{\alpha} F$  holds then the formula  $F$  has a cut-free deduction

with order  $\alpha$ .

Further we also introduce the following notation. We write  $\text{RA}^* \frac{<\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma$  if there exists an  $\alpha_0 < \alpha$  such that  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0}{\rho} \Gamma$ , and analogously  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{<\rho} \Gamma$  if there exists a  $\rho_0 < \rho$  such that  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho_0} \Gamma$ .

In addition we have the following Lemmata for all ordinals  $\alpha$  and  $\rho$ :

**Lemma 5.2.7**

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} A(\bar{n}) \quad \iff \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} A(t) \quad \text{for all number terms } t \text{ with value } n$$

**Lemma 5.2.8**

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, (\forall x)A(x) \quad \implies \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A(t) \quad \text{for all number terms } t$$

**Lemma 5.2.9**

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A \wedge B \quad \implies \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A \quad \text{and} \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, B$$

PROOF: The proof of these Lemmata is an easy transfinite induction on the length  $\alpha$  of the derivation in  $\text{RA}^*$ . □

**Lemma 5.2.10**

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A \vee B \quad \implies \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A, B$$

PROOF: The proof is by transfinite induction on  $\alpha$ .

- If  $A \vee B$  is not the main formula of the last inference, then either  $\Gamma$  is an axiom and so is  $\Gamma, A, B$  or we have the premises  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_i}{\rho} \Gamma_i, A \vee B$ . But then we have  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_i}{\rho} \Gamma_i, A, B$  by the induction hypothesis and obtain  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A, B$  by the same inference.
- If  $A \vee B$  is the main formula of the last inference, then it is an  $(\vee)$ -inference whose premise is  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0}{\rho} \Gamma, A \vee B, A$  or  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0}{\rho} \Gamma, A$  from which we obtain by Corollary 5.2.6 also  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0}{\rho} \Gamma, A \vee B, A$ . By the induction hypothesis it follows  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0}{\rho} \Gamma, A, B, A$  and by Corollary 5.2.5  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\rho} \Gamma, A, B$ , since the set  $\{A, B, A\}$  and  $\{A, B\}$  are equal.

□

**Lemma 5.2.11** *If  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  are two numerically equivalent  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formulas with rank  $\alpha$ , we have*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha \cdot 2}{0} \neg A_0, A_1$$

PROOF:

We prove the claim by induction on the rank of  $A_0$ , resp.  $A_1$ .

$rk(A_0) = 0$ :

Then the set  $\{\neg A_0, A_1\}$  clearly is an axiom.

$rk(A_0) > 0$ :

$A_0$  is a complex formula, then the claim follows immediately from the induction hypothesis.

- $A_0$  is of the form  $s \in U^\alpha$ , then clearly  $A_1$  is of the form  $t \in U^\alpha$  and hence the set  $\{s \in U^\alpha, t \notin U^\alpha\}$  is an Axiom (Ax2).
- $A_0$  is of the form  $B_0 \vee C_0$ . Then we have by the induction hypothesis that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} \neg B_0, B_1 \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot 2}{0} \neg C_0, C_1$$

for  $\alpha_0 = rk(B_0)$  and  $\alpha_1 = rk(C_0)$  and where again  $B_0, B_1$  and  $C_0, C_1$  are numerically equivalent formulas.

With the ( $\vee 1$ ) and ( $\vee 2$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2 + 1}{0} \neg B_0, B_1 \vee C_1 \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot 2 + 1}{0} \neg C_0, B_1 \vee C_1$$

Because  $\alpha_0 < \alpha, \alpha_1 < \alpha$  we have with an ( $\wedge$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha \cdot 2}{0} \neg B_0 \wedge \neg C_0, B_1 \vee C_1$$

- The case that  $A_0$  is of the form  $B_0 \wedge C_0$  can be proven in the same way.
- If  $A_0$  is of the form  $(\exists x)B_0(x)$ . Then we have by the induction hypothesis an  $\alpha_0 = rk(B_0(s)) < \alpha$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} \neg B_0(s), B_1(s) \quad \text{for all number terms } s$$

where  $B_0(s), B_1(s)$  are numerically equivalent formulas.

With the ( $\forall^0$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2 + 1}{0} (\forall x) \neg B_0(x), B_1(s)$$

and finally with an  $(\exists^0)$ -inference we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} (\forall x) \neg B_0(x), (\exists x) B_1(x)$$

- For the case that  $A_0$  is of the form  $(\forall x) B_0(x)$  the proof is analogous.
- $A_0$  is of the form  $(\exists X^\gamma) B_0(X^\gamma)$  then we have by the induction hypothesis that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} \neg B_0(S), B_1(S) \quad \text{for all set terms } S \text{ of level } < \gamma$$

with  $\alpha_0 = rk(B_0(S)) < \alpha$  and where  $B_0(S), B_1(S)$  are numerically equivalent formulas.

With the  $(\forall^1)$ -inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2 + 1}{0} (\forall X^\gamma) \neg B_0(X^\gamma), B_1(S)$$

and finally with an  $(\exists^1)$ -inference we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} (\forall X^\gamma) \neg B_0(X^\gamma), (\exists X^\gamma) B_1(X^\gamma)$$

- For the case that  $A_0$  is of the form  $(\forall X^\gamma) B_0(X^\gamma)$  the proof is analogous.
- $A_0$  is of the form  $r \in \{x : F_0(x)\}$  then we obtain by the induction hypothesis an  $\alpha_0 = rk(F_0(r)) < \alpha$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} \neg F_0(r), F_1(s) \quad \text{for all terms } r, s, \text{ which have the same value}$$

where  $F_0(r), F_1(r)$  are numerically equivalent formulas. Together with  $(\in 1)$  and  $(\in 2)$  we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2 + 2}{0} r \notin \{x : F_0(x)\}, s \in \{x : F_1(x)\}$$

- The case that  $A_0$  is of the form  $r \notin \{x : F_0(x)\}$  can be proven similarly.

□

Further we have that  $\text{RA}^*$  proves the following equality lemma for arbitrary set terms.

**Lemma 5.2.12** *For  $S, T$  arbitrary set terms and  $A_0(U^0)$  and  $A_1(U^0)$  numerically equivalent formulas we have with  $\alpha_0 = rk(A_0(S)), \alpha_1 = rk(A_1(T))$  that*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \neg(S = T), \neg A_0(S), A_1(T)$$

PROOF: We prove the claim by the complexity of the formula  $A_0(U^0)$ .

- If  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $R(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  then  $A_1(T)$  is also of the form  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  where  $s_i$  has the same value as  $t_i$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then clearly the set  $\{\neg(S = T), \neg R(s_1, \dots, s_n), R(t_1, \dots, t_n)\}$  is an Axiom (Ax1) of  $\text{RA}^*$ .
- If  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $s \in U^0$ , then  $A_1(T)$  is of the form  $t \in T$ , where  $s, t$  have the same value and we have to prove that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \neg(S = T), s \notin S, t \in T$$

We obtain from Lemma 5.2.11 that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\alpha_0 \cdot 2}{0} s \notin S, t \in T, t \in S$$

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot 2}{0} s \notin S, t \in T, t \notin T$$

where again  $s$  and  $t$  have the same value.

By the  $(\wedge)$ -inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \cdot 2 + 1}{0} s \notin S, t \in T, t \in S \wedge t \notin T$$

and therefore by the  $(\vee 1)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \cdot 2 + 2}{0} s \notin S, t \in T, (t \in S \wedge t \notin T) \vee (t \notin S \wedge t \in T)$$

This is

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \cdot 2 + 2}{0} s \notin S, t \in T, \neg(t \in S \leftrightarrow t \in T)$$

And finally by the  $(\exists^0)$ -rule

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} s \notin S, t \in T, \neg(\forall x)(x \in S \leftrightarrow x \in T)$$

- If  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $s \in \{x : B_0(x, U^0)\}$ , then  $A_1(T)$  is of the form  $t \in \{x : B_1(x, T)\}$ , where  $B_0(0, U^0)$  and  $B_1(0, U^0)$  are numerically equivalent formulas and we obtain by the induction hypothesis  $\beta_0 = rk(B_0(0, S)) < \alpha_0$  and  $\beta_1 = rk(B_1(0, T)) < \alpha_1$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(s, S), B_1(t, T)$$

where  $s, t$  have the same value. Together with  $(\in 1)$  and  $(\in 2)$  we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \mid \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 5}{0} \neg(S = T), s \notin \{x : B_0(x, S)\}, t \in \{x : B_1(x, T)\}$$

- If  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $B_0(U^0) \vee C_0(U^0)$ , then  $A_1(T)$  is of the form  $B_1(T) \vee C_1(T)$ , where again  $B_0(U^0), B_1(U^0)$  and  $C_0(U^0), C_1(U^0)$  are numerically equivalent formulas. By the induction hypothesis we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(S), B_1(T)$$

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\gamma_0, \gamma_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg C_0(S), C_1(T)$$

with  $\beta_0 = rk(B_0(S)) < \alpha_0, \gamma_0 = rk(C_0(S)) < \alpha_0, \beta_1 = rk(B_1(T)) < \alpha_1$  and  $\gamma_1 = rk(C_1(T)) < \alpha_1$ .

With the ( $\vee 1$ ) and ( $\vee 2$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 4}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(S), B_1(T) \vee C_1(T)$$

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\gamma_0, \gamma_1) \cdot 2 + 4}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg C_0(S), B_1(T) \vee C_1(T)$$

and have by the ( $\wedge$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1) \cdot 2 + 5}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(S) \wedge \neg C_0(S), B_1(T) \vee C_1(T)$$

- The case that  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $B_0(U^0) \wedge C_0(U^0)$  can be proven in the same way.
- If  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $(\exists x)B_0(x, U^0)$ , then  $A_1(T)$  is of the form  $(\exists x)B_1(x, T)$ , where  $B_0(0, U^0), B_1(0, U^0)$  are numerically equivalent formulas. Then we have by the induction hypothesis  $\beta_0 = rk(B_0(0, S)) < \alpha_0$  and  $\beta_1 = rk(B_1(0, T)) < \alpha_1$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(s, S), B_1(s, T) \quad \text{for all number terms } s$$

With the ( $\exists^0$ )-inference we have

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 4}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(s, S), (\exists x)B_1(x, T)$$

and finally with the ( $\forall^0$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 5}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), (\forall x)\neg B_0(x, S), (\exists x)B_1(x, T)$$

- The case that  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $(\forall x)B_0(x, U^0)$  can be proven similarly.

- If  $A_0(U^0)$  is of the form  $(\exists X^\gamma)B_0(X^\gamma, U^0)$ , then  $A_1(T)$  is of the form  $(\exists X^\gamma)B_1(X^\gamma, T)$ , where  $B_0(V^0, U^0), B_1(V^0, U^0)$  are numerically equivalent formulas. Then we have by the induction hypothesis  $\beta_0 = rk(B_0(R, S)) < \alpha_0$  and  $\beta_1 = rk(B_1(R, T)) < \alpha_1$  such that for all set terms  $R$  of level  $< \gamma$

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(R, S), B_1(R, T)$$

With the  $(\exists^1)$ -inference we have

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 4}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), \neg B_0(R, S), (\exists X^\gamma)B_1(X^\gamma, T)$$

and finally with the  $(\forall^1)$ -inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) \cdot 2 + 5}{0} \right. \neg(S = T), (\forall X^\gamma)\neg B_0(X^\gamma, S), (\exists X^\gamma)B_1(X^\gamma, T)$$

□

Further standard proof-theoretic techniques can be applied for the system  $\text{RA}^*$  to obtain the following cut elimination Theorems, cf. Pohlers [6] Theorem 12.3 and Theorem 18.4 or Schütte [9] Theorem 22.7 and Theorem 22.8

### Theorem 5.2.13

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\alpha}{\rho+1} \right. \Gamma \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{RA}^* \left| \frac{2\alpha}{\rho} \right. \Gamma$$

### Theorem 5.2.14

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\alpha}{\beta+\omega^\rho} \right. \Gamma \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\varphi\rho\alpha}{\beta} \right. \Gamma$$

## 5.2.2 Embedding of $\text{ACA}^+$ into $\text{RA}^*$

In the next step we embed  $\text{ACA}^+$  into  $\text{RA}^*$ . For that we have to make the following definition:

**Definition 5.2.15** *An  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formula  $F^\alpha$  is an  $\alpha$ -instance of an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula  $F$  if  $F^\alpha$  is obtained from  $F$  by*

1. replacing all free number variables by arbitrary closed number terms.
2. free set variables are replaced by arbitrary set terms of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  with level  $< \alpha$ .
3. bound set variables get the superscript  $\alpha$ .

Notice that if  $F^\alpha$  is an  $\alpha$ -instance of an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formula, then  $rk(F^\alpha) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$ .

We want to prove that if  $\text{ACA}^+ \vdash F$ , and  $F^\omega$  is an  $\omega$ -instance of  $F$  then there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{<\varepsilon_0}{\omega^2+n} F^\omega$ .

**Lemma 5.2.16** *Let  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  be one of the number-theoretic or logical axioms of ACA. Then we have for all  $\alpha$ -instances  $A^\alpha$  of  $A$  that*

$$\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+3}{0} A^\alpha(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

(with  $\gamma_i < \alpha$ ).

PROOF:

- If  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is one of the number-theoretic axioms or the equality axiom  $u = u$ , then  $A^\alpha(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$  is an axiom ( $Ax1$ ) of  $\text{RA}^*$ .
- If  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is of the form  $B(t) \rightarrow (\exists x)B(x)$  then we have by Lemma 5.2.11 that  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2}{0} B^\alpha(r), \neg B^\alpha(r)$ . Applying first the  $(\exists^0)$ -inference  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+1}{0} (\exists x)B^\alpha(x), \neg B^\alpha(r)$  and then the  $(\vee)$ -inference twice we obtain  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+3}{0} B^\alpha(r) \rightarrow (\exists x)B^\alpha(x)$ .
- If  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is of the form  $(\forall x)B(x) \rightarrow B(t)$  then we have by Lemma 5.2.11 that  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2}{0} B^\alpha(r), \neg B^\alpha(r)$ . Applying first the  $(\exists^0)$ -inference  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+1}{0} (\exists x)\neg B^\alpha(x), B^\alpha(r)$  and then the  $(\vee)$ -inference we obtain  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+3}{0} (\forall x)B^\alpha(x) \rightarrow B^\alpha(r)$ .
- If  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is of the form  $B(U) \rightarrow (\exists X)B(X)$  then we have by Lemma 5.2.11 that  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2}{0} B^\alpha(S^\gamma), \neg B^\alpha(S^\gamma)$  for arbitrary set terms  $S$  with level  $\gamma < \alpha$ .  
Applying the  $(\exists^1)$ -inference  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+1}{0} (\exists X^\alpha)B^\alpha(X^\alpha), \neg B^\alpha(S^\gamma)$  and then the  $(\vee)$ -inference twice we obtain  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+3}{0} B^\alpha(S^\gamma) \rightarrow (\exists X^\alpha)B^\alpha(X^\alpha)$ .
- If  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is of the form  $(\forall X)B(X) \rightarrow B(U)$  then we have by Lemma 5.2.11 that  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2}{0} B^\alpha(S^\gamma), \neg B^\alpha(S^\gamma)$  for arbitrary set terms  $S$  with  $\gamma < \alpha$ .  
Applying the  $(\exists^1)$ -inference  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+1}{0} (\exists X^\alpha)\neg B^\alpha(X^\alpha), B^\alpha(S^\gamma)$  and then the  $(\vee)$ -inference we obtain  $\text{RA}^* \stackrel{\omega(\alpha+1)\cdot 2+3}{0} (\forall X^\alpha)B^\alpha(X^\alpha) \rightarrow B^\alpha(S^\gamma)$ .



- $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is of the form  $s(\vec{u}) = t(\vec{u}) \rightarrow (B(\vec{u}, s(\vec{u})) \rightarrow B(\vec{u}, t(\vec{u})))$  with  $\vec{u} = u_1, \dots, u_n$ . We denote  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  as  $\vec{r}$  and have to distinguish two cases.

1. If  $s(\vec{r})$  and  $t(\vec{r})$  have not the same value. Then the formula  $s(\vec{r}) \neq t(\vec{r})$  is an axiom ( $Ax1$ ). Therefore we have that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} s(\vec{r}) \neq t(\vec{r}), \neg B^\alpha(\vec{r}, s(\vec{r})), B^\alpha(\vec{r}, t(\vec{r}))$$

Applying four times the ( $\vee$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{4}{0} s(\vec{r}) = t(\vec{r}) \rightarrow (B^\alpha(\vec{r}, s(\vec{r})) \rightarrow B^\alpha(\vec{r}, t(\vec{r})))$$

2.  $s(\vec{r})$  and  $t(\vec{r})$  have the same value. Hence

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} \neg B^\alpha(\vec{r}, s(\vec{r})), B^\alpha(\vec{r}, t(\vec{r}))$$

by Lemma 5.2.11. With applying the ( $\vee$ )-inference three times we obtain  $\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} s(\vec{r}) = t(\vec{r}) \rightarrow (B^\alpha(\vec{r}, s(\vec{r})) \rightarrow B^\alpha(\vec{r}, t(\vec{r})))$ .

Therewith the proof of the Lemma is finished. □

So now let us turn to the full second order induction scheme (IND).

**Lemma 5.2.17** *If  $A^\alpha(0)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -formula of level  $\alpha$ , then we have for all natural numbers  $n$  that*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2n}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\bar{0}), \neg(\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)), A^\alpha(\bar{n})$$

PROOF: We prove the claim with induction on  $n$ .

$n = 0$ :

Holds obviously by Lemma 5.2.11.

$n \rightarrow n + 1$ :

From the induction hypothesis we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2n}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\bar{0}), \neg(\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)), A^\alpha(\bar{n})$$

Moreover, we have again from Lemma 5.2.11 that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\overline{n+1}), A^\alpha(\overline{n+1})$$

By the  $(\wedge)$ -inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2n + 1}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\overline{0}), \neg(\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)), A^\alpha(\overline{n}) \wedge \neg A^\alpha(\overline{n+1}), A^\alpha(\overline{n+1})$$

and then by applying the  $(\exists^0)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2n + 2}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\overline{0}), \neg(\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)), A^\alpha(\overline{n+1})$$

□

**Lemma 5.2.18** *If  $F$  is an instance of the full second order induction scheme  $A(0) \wedge (\forall x)(A(x) \rightarrow A(x+1)) \rightarrow (\forall x)A(x)$ , and  $F^\alpha$  is an  $\alpha$ -instance of  $F$  then*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + \omega + 4}{0} A^\alpha(\overline{0}) \wedge (\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)) \rightarrow (\forall x)A^\alpha(x)$$

PROOF: By 5.2.17 we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2n}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\overline{0}), \neg(\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)), A^\alpha(\overline{n})$$

for all natural numbers  $n$ . With Lemma 5.2.7 and the  $(\forall^0)$ -inference of  $\text{RA}^*$  we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + \omega}{0} \neg A^\alpha(\overline{0}), \neg(\forall x)(A^\alpha(x) \rightarrow A^\alpha(x+1)), (\forall x)A^\alpha(x)$$

and by applying the  $(\forall)$ -inference four times we obtain the claim. □

Now let us turn to the arithmetic comprehension scheme.

**Lemma 5.2.19** *If  $F$  is an instance of the arithmetic comprehension scheme  $(\exists X)(\forall z)(z \in X \leftrightarrow A(z))$  and  $F^\alpha$  is an  $\alpha$ -instance of  $F$  (with  $\alpha \neq 0$ ), then*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} (\exists X^\alpha)(\forall z)(z \in X^\alpha \leftrightarrow A^\alpha(z))$$

PROOF: Notice that the level  $A^\alpha(s)$  is  $\alpha_0 < \alpha$  by definition, since  $A^\alpha$  does not comprise any bound set variables. By Lemma 5.2.11 we have that for all number terms  $s$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha_0+1) \cdot 2}{0} A^\alpha(s), \neg A^\alpha(s)$$

With  $(\in 1)$  and  $(\in 2)$  respectively we conclude

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha_0+1)\cdot 2+1}{0} A^\alpha(s), s \notin \{x : A^\alpha(x)\} \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha_0+1)\cdot 2+1}{0} \neg A^\alpha(s), s \in \{x : A^\alpha(x)\}$$

Now applying the  $(\forall)$ -inference twice and then the  $(\wedge)$ -inference we get

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha_0+1)\cdot 2+4}{0} s \in \{x : A^\alpha(x)\} \leftrightarrow A^\alpha(s)$$

for all for all number terms  $s$ . Therefore we obtain by  $(\forall^0)$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha_0+1)\cdot 2+5}{0} (\forall z)(z \in \{x : A^\alpha(x)\} \leftrightarrow A^\alpha(z))$$

Because  $\{x : A^\alpha(x)\}$  is a set term of level  $\alpha_0 < \alpha$ , we obviously have by  $(\exists^1)$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha_0+1)\cdot 2+6}{0} (\exists X^\alpha)(\forall z)(z \in X^\alpha \leftrightarrow A^\alpha(z))$$

and since  $\omega(\alpha_0 + 1) \cdot 2 + 6 < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2$  the claim follows easily.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.20** *For all  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  with*

$$\text{ACA} \vdash A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$$

*there exists an ordinal  $\beta < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 2$  and a natural number  $m$  such that for all  $\alpha$ -instances of  $A$*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m} A^\alpha(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

*(with  $\gamma_i < \alpha$ ).*

**PROOF:** Proof by induction on the length  $n$  of the derivation of  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  in ACA.

$n = 0$ :

$A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is an axiom of ACA. By Lemma 5.2.16, Lemma 5.2.18 and Lemma 5.2.19 we are done.

$n > 0$ :

We will concentrate on two cases.

- First if the last inference was Modus Ponens, then we have  $n_0 < n, n_1 < n$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ACA} \frac{n_0}{\quad} B[v_1, \dots, v_p, V_1, \dots, V_q] \\ & \text{ACA} \frac{n_1}{\quad} B[v_1, \dots, v_p, V_1, \dots, V_q] \rightarrow A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m] \end{aligned}$$

By the induction hypothesis we obtain ordinals  $\beta_0 < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 2$ ,  $\beta_1 < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 2$  and natural numbers  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_0}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m_0} B^\alpha(s_1, \dots, s_p, T_1^{\delta_1}, \dots, T_q^{\delta_q}) \quad (12)$$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_1}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m_1} B^\alpha(s_1, \dots, s_p, T_1^{\delta_1}, \dots, T_q^{\delta_q}) \rightarrow A^\alpha(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m}) \quad (13)$$

(with  $\gamma_i < \alpha, \delta_i < \alpha$ ).

By Lemma 5.2.10 it follows from (13) that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_1}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m_1} \neg B^\alpha(s_1, \dots, s_p, T_1^{\delta_1}, \dots, T_q^{\delta_q}), A^\alpha(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

and finally we obtain with (12) by applying the (*cut*)-inference, since  $\max(\omega \cdot \alpha + m_1, \omega \cdot \alpha + m_2, rk(B^\alpha(\vec{s}, \vec{R}))) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$ , a natural number  $m$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) + 1}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m} A^\alpha(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

with  $\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) + 1 < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 2$ .

- If the last inference was an universal number quantification then  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is of the form  $C(u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m) \rightarrow (\forall x)B(x, u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m)$ , and we have an  $n_0 < n$  such that

$$\text{ACA} \frac{n_0}{\quad} C(u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m) \rightarrow B(u, u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m)$$

where  $u$  is pairwise disjoint from all  $u_i$  with  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and obtain by induction hypothesis an ordinal  $\beta_0 < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 2$  and a natural number  $m$  such that for number terms  $t$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_0}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m} C(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m}) \rightarrow B^\alpha(t, r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

(with  $\gamma_i < \alpha$ ).

By Lemma 5.2.10 we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_0}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m} \neg C(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m}), B^\alpha(t, r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

for all number terms  $t$ . By applying the  $(\forall^0)$ -inference of  $\text{RA}^*$  we conclude

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_0+1}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m} \quad \neg C(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m}), \\ (\forall x) B^\alpha(x, r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

and finally by applying the  $(\forall)$ -inference twice

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_0+3}{\omega \cdot \alpha + m} \quad C(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m}) \rightarrow \\ (\forall x) B^\alpha(x, r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, S_m^{\gamma_m})$$

with  $\beta_0 + 1 < \omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 2$ .

□

If we restrict ourselves in Theorem 5.2.20 to  $\omega$ -instances we immediately obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.2.21** *For all  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  with*

$$\text{ACA} \vdash A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$$

*there exists, if  $A^\omega$  is an  $\omega$ -instance of  $A$ , an ordinal  $\alpha < \omega^2 \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 4$  and a natural number  $m$  such that*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\omega^2 + m} \quad A^\omega(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{l_1}, \dots, S_m^{l_m})$$

*(with  $l_i < \omega$ ).*

Finally let us turn to  $(\omega - \text{Jump})$ . Notice that we showed in Lemma 3.1.1 that the Turing jump hierarchy is unique, provable in  $\text{ACA}_0$ . Therefore we know by Corollary 5.2.21, this is also provable in  $\text{RA}^*$  for every  $\omega$ -instance, where the length of the derivation is restricted by  $\omega^2 \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 4$  and every formula has a rank  $< \omega^2 + \omega$ .

We make the following definitions:

**Definition 5.2.22** 1.  $\mathcal{H}(U, V, a) := (V)_0 = U \wedge (\forall x < a)((V)_{x+1} = \text{TJ}((V)_x))$

2.  $(U)^c := \{\langle a, b \rangle : b \leq c \wedge \langle a, b \rangle \in U\}$

3. For all natural numbers  $n$ , we define set terms  $\text{TJ}^n(S)$  inductively by  $\text{TJ}^0(S) := S$  and  $\text{TJ}^{n+1}(S) := \{\langle e, b \rangle : (\exists z) \mathcal{T}^{\text{TJ}^n(S)}(e, b, z)\}$ , denoted by  $\text{TJ}(\text{TJ}^n(S))$ , where  $\mathcal{T}^U$  is Kleene's  $T$ -predicate, relativized to  $U$ .

4. For all natural numbers  $n$  we define set terms  $\mathcal{R}_n^S$  as  

$$\mathcal{R}_n^S := \{\langle a, b \rangle : \bigvee_{i=0}^n b = i \wedge a \in TJ^i(S)\}$$

Notice that  $t \in TJ^n(S)$  is a finite formula of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  and  $\mathcal{R}_n^S$  is a finite set term of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  for all natural numbers  $n$  with  $\text{lev}(\mathcal{R}_n^S) = \text{lev}(S)$ .

First we prove the following Lemma.

**Lemma 5.2.23** *For all natural numbers  $n$ , we have that*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 11}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \mathcal{H}(S^\alpha, \mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha}, \bar{n})$$

PROOF: We show that with an induction on  $n$ .

$n = 0$ :

We have by the definition of  $\mathcal{H}$  that

$$\mathcal{H}(S^\alpha, \mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha}, \bar{0}) := (\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_0 = S^\alpha \wedge (\forall x < \bar{0})((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{x+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_x))$$

Since  $(\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_0 = S^\alpha$  is an abbreviation and together with the definition of  $\mathcal{R}_n^S$  this is

$$(\forall x)((x, 0) \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\} \leftrightarrow x \in S^\alpha) \wedge (\forall x < \bar{0})((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{x+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_x))$$

It is not difficult to show (though a little bit cumbersome) that this holds (for more details of this proof compare Appendix A1) for a cut-free deduction in  $\text{RA}^*$ , where the length of the derivation is restricted by  $\omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + 10$ .

$n \rightarrow n + 1$ :

By the induction hypothesis we have that  $\mathcal{H}(S^\alpha, \mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha}, \bar{n})$  holds. More formally

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 11}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_0 = S^\alpha \wedge (\forall x < \bar{n})((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{x+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_x))$$

Together with Lemma 5.2.9 we obtain that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 11}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_0 = S^\alpha \tag{14}$$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 11}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} (\forall x < \bar{n})((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{x+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_x)) \tag{15}$$

From (15) we obtain with Lemma 5.2.8 and Lemma 5.2.10 for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 11}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \neg(i < \bar{n}), ((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})) \tag{16}$$

In a first step we want to prove that this also hold for  $\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha}$  instead of  $\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha}$ . We obtain the desired result by making use several times of Lemma 5.2.12.

First we have to distinguish two cases depending on the value of  $i$ .

1. By the definition of  $\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha}$  we have that for all natural numbers  $i < n$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 12}{0} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1}$$

(for more details compare also Appendix A2).

2. Further for all natural numbers  $i \geq n$  we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1}$$

Therefore we have for all natural numbers  $i$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 12}{0} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} \quad (17)$$

Completely analogously we obtain also for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 12}{0} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} \quad (18)$$

By Lemma 5.2.12 and with  $A(U^\alpha) := ((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(U^\alpha))$  we have for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \neg((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}), \neg A((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}), A((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}) \quad (19)$$

Analogously by Lemma 5.2.12 and with  $B(U^\alpha) := ((U^\alpha = TJ(\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}))$  we have for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \neg((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1}), \neg B((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1}), B((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1}) \quad (20)$$

We conclude from (16) and (19) by the (*cut*)-rule that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 12}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), \neg((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}), A((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$

since  $rk(A((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$ . By (18) we obtain with a cut for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 13}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), A((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$

since  $rk(\neg((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$ . With (20) we obtain by a cut that

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 14}{< \omega(\alpha+1)} \right. \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), \neg((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1}), B((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1})$$

since also  $rk(B((\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1})) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$  and with (17) and a cut

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 15}{< \omega(\alpha+1)} \right. \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), B((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1})$$

and that is for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 15}{< \omega(\alpha+1)} \right. \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}) \quad (21)$$

In a next step we have to show that (21) also holds for  $i = n$ .

We can prove that if  $i = n$  then (for more details compare Appendix A3 and A4).

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 10}{0} \right. (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) \quad (22)$$

and

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 10}{0} \right. (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} = TJ^n(S^\alpha) \quad (23)$$

Further we have to distinguish two cases depending on the value of  $i$ .

1. For  $i = n$  and Lemma 5.2.12 we have with

$$A(U^\alpha) := (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(U^\alpha) \text{ that}$$

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \right. \neg((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}} = TJ^n(S^\alpha)), \neg(A(TJ^n(S^\alpha))), A((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$

Using (22), (23), and the definition that  $TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) = TJ(TJ^n(S^\alpha))$  we obtain with applying twice the (*cut*)-inference for  $i = n$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 12}{< \omega(\alpha+1)} \right. (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$

since the level of  $\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha}$  and  $TJ^n(S^\alpha)$  is  $\alpha$ , and finally we have by Corollary 5.2.6 for  $i = n$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 12}{< \omega(\alpha+1)} \right. \neg(\bar{i} = \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$

2. Further we also have for all  $i \neq n$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \left| \frac{0}{0} \right. \neg(\bar{i} = \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$



Therefore we have for all natural numbers  $i$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 12}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \neg(\bar{i} = \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}) \quad (24)$$

From (21) and (24) we obtain by the  $(\wedge)$ -rule of inference for all natural numbers  $i$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 16}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \neg(\bar{i} = \bar{n}) \wedge \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}) \quad (25)$$

With  $(Ax1)$  we obtain for all natural numbers  $i$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n} + 1), (\bar{i} = \bar{n}), (\bar{i} < \bar{n})$$

and applying the  $(\vee)$ -inference twice we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{2}{0} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n} + 1), (\bar{i} = \bar{n}) \vee (\bar{i} < \bar{n})$$

and obtain by Corollary 5.2.6 and by a cut with (25) that for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 17}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n} + 1), (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}})$$

and by applying once more the  $(\vee)$ -inference twice we conclude by Lemma 5.2.7 and the  $(\forall^0)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 20}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} (\forall x)(x < \bar{n} + 1 \rightarrow (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}}))$$

and obtain together with (14) by applying the  $(\wedge)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 21}{<\omega(\alpha+1)} (\mathcal{R}_n^{S^\alpha})_0 = S^\alpha \wedge (\forall x)(x < \bar{n} + 1 \rightarrow (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{x+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_x))$$

and therefore the length of derivation is  $\omega(\alpha + 1) \cdot 2 + (n + 1) \cdot 10 + 11$ .

This finishes the induction step.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2.24**  $\text{RA}^*$  proves all  $\omega$ -instances of the  $(\omega - \text{Jump})$ :

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^2 + 2}{<\omega^2} (\exists X^\omega) \mathcal{H}_\omega(S^l, X^\omega)$$

(with  $l < \omega$ ).

PROOF: We define a set term  $T^{l+1}$  as

$$T^{l+1} := \{\langle a, b \rangle : (\exists Z^{l+1})(\mathcal{H}(S^l, Z^{l+1}, b) \wedge a \in (Z^{l+1})_b)\}$$

with  $\text{lev}(T^{l+1}) = \text{lev}(Z^{l+1}) = l + 1 < \omega$ .

We can prove that there exists  $\beta_0 < \omega^2$  such that for all natural numbers  $n$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_0}{<\omega^2} \mathcal{R}_n^{S^l} = (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}} \quad (26)$$

(for more details compare Appendix A5).

By Lemma 5.2.12 we have that there exists  $\beta_1 < \omega^2$  such that for all natural numbers  $n$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\beta_1}{0} \neg(\mathcal{R}_n^{S^l} = (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}}), \neg\mathcal{H}(S^l, \mathcal{R}_n^{S^l}, \bar{n}), \mathcal{H}(S^l, (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}}, \bar{n})$$

since  $\text{lev}(\mathcal{H}(S^l, \mathcal{R}_n^{S^l}, \bar{n})) < \omega$  and  $\text{lev}(\mathcal{H}(S^l, (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}}, \bar{n})) < \omega$ .

With (26) we obtain by a cut that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\beta_0, \beta_1) + 1}{<\omega^2} \neg\mathcal{H}(S^l, \mathcal{R}_n^{S^l}, \bar{n}), \mathcal{H}(S^l, (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}}, \bar{n})$$

since  $\text{rk}(\mathcal{R}_n^{S^l} = (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}}) < \omega^2$ .

By Lemma 5.2.23 (with  $\alpha = l$ ) we conclude by applying the (*cut*)-inference and with  $\delta(n) = \max(\beta_0, \beta_1, \omega(l+1)) \cdot 2 + n \cdot 10 + 11 + 2 < \omega^2$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\delta(n)}{<\omega^2} \mathcal{H}(S^l, (T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}}, \bar{n}) \quad (27)$$

for all natural numbers  $n$ , since also  $\text{rk}(\mathcal{H}(S^l, \mathcal{R}_n^{S^l}, \bar{n})) < \omega^2$ .

Now we can also prove that (27) implies for all  $n$ , there exists  $\gamma(n) < \omega^2$  with

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\gamma(n)}{<\omega^2} \mathcal{H}(S^l, T^{l+1}, \bar{n})$$

(for more details compare Appendix A6)

By Lemma 5.2.7 and the ( $\forall^0$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^2}{<\omega^2} (\forall x)\mathcal{H}(S^l, T^{l+1}, x) \quad (28)$$

Further notice that ACA proves the following

$$(\forall x)\mathcal{H}(U, V, x) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{J}_\omega(U, V)$$

and therefore we obtain by Lemma 5.2.20 for an  $l + 2$ -instance (with  $l < \omega$ )

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{<\omega^2}{<\omega^2} (\forall x)\mathcal{H}(S^l, T^{l+1}, x) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{J}_\omega(S^l, T^{l+1})$$

and with Lemma 5.2.9 and Lemma 5.2.10 also

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{<\omega^2}{<\omega^2} \neg(\forall x)\mathcal{H}(S^l, T^{l+1}, x), \mathcal{J}_\omega(S^l, T^{l+1})$$

and together with (28) we obtain by a cut that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^2+1}{<\omega^2} \mathcal{J}_\omega(S^l, T^{l+1})$$

since also  $rk((\forall x)\mathcal{H}(S^l, T^{l+1}, x)) < \omega^2$ , and finally by an  $(\exists^1)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^2+2}{<\omega^2} (\exists X^\omega)\mathcal{J}_\omega(S^l, X^\omega)$$

since  $lev(T^{l+1}) = l + 1 < \omega$ . □

**Theorem 5.2.25** *For all  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  with*

$$\text{ACA}^+ \vdash A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$$

*there exists an ordinal  $\alpha < \omega^2 \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 4$  and a natural number  $m$  such that for all  $\omega$ -instances of  $A$*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\alpha}{\omega^2+m} A^\omega(r_1, \dots, r_n, S_1^{l_1}, \dots, S_m^{l_m})$$

*(with  $l_i < \omega$ ).*

**PROOF:** The proof is completely analogous as for Theorem 5.2.20. The only difference is the case if  $A[u_1, \dots, u_n, U_1, \dots, U_m]$  is the  $(\omega - \text{Jump})$  axiom. But by Lemma 5.2.24 we know that the claim also holds in this case. □

Let  $\sqsubset$  be any primitive recursive wellordering. Then we denote the ordertype of  $\sqsubset$  with  $|\sqsubset|$ .

Further we have the following from Schütte [9] Theorem 23.2 and Pohlers [6] Theorem 13.10.

**Theorem 5.2.26** *For all primitive recursive wellorderings  $\sqsubset$  we have that*

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\delta}{0} \text{WF}^\beta(\sqsubset) \text{ where } \beta \neq 0 \text{ implies } |\sqsubset| \leq \omega \cdot \delta.$$

Therefore we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.2.27**

$$|\text{ACA}^+| \leq \varphi_{2\varepsilon_0}$$

PROOF: Suppose  $\text{ACA}^+ \vdash \text{WF}(\square)$  holds. By Theorem 5.2.25  $\text{ACA}^+$  can be interpreted in  $\text{RA}^*$  where every formula has a rank  $< \omega^2 + \omega$  and the order of inference is restricted by  $\omega^2 \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 4$ . Therefore it follows that the formula  $\text{WF}^\omega(\square)$  has a deduction in  $\text{RA}^*$  for a natural number  $n$  with

$$\text{RA}^* \vdash_{\frac{\omega^2 \cdot 2 + \omega \cdot 4}{\omega^2 + n}} \text{WF}^\omega(\square)$$

It follows by applying the first cut elimination Theorem 5.2.13  $n$ -times that there exists  $\delta < \varepsilon_0$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \vdash_{\frac{\delta}{\omega^2}} \text{WF}^\omega(\square)$$

and then finally by the second cut elimination Theorem 5.2.14 we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \vdash_{\frac{\varphi_{2\delta}}{0}} \text{WF}^\omega(\square)$$

By Theorem 5.2.26 we have  $|\square| \leq \omega \cdot \varphi_{2\delta} = \varphi_{2\delta} < \varphi_{2\varepsilon_0}$ . Consequently  $\text{ACA}^+$  has a proof-theoretic ordinal  $\leq \varphi_{2\varepsilon_0}$ . □

As a consequence of Corollary 5.1.15, Corollary 5.2.27, and the result of Section 3 we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.2.28**

$$|\text{RFN}| = |\text{ACA}^+| = \varphi_{2\varepsilon_0}$$

## 6 Additional Results

The notation follows that of subsection 5.1

### 6.1 The well-ordering proof of $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$

**Lemma 6.1.1** *We have for all ordinals  $\alpha$ ,*

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash (\forall X)\text{TI}(\bar{\alpha}, X) \quad \implies \quad \text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash (\forall X)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_{\bar{\alpha}}, X)$$

**PROOF:** First notice that  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  proves every instance of the full second order induction scheme (IND). Therefore the theories  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  and  $\text{ACA} + (\text{BR})$  are equivalent.

We have that  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash (\forall X)\text{TI}(\bar{\alpha}, X)$  and can conclude by (BR) that  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash \text{TI}(\bar{\alpha}, F)$  for all  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -formulas  $F$ . We define  $F(a)$  to be the formula  $(\forall X)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_a, X)$ . Hence we have

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash \text{PROG}(\prec, F) \rightarrow (\forall x \prec \bar{\alpha})F(x) \quad (29)$$

Further  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  proves

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash \text{PROG}(\prec, F) \rightarrow ((\forall x \prec \bar{\alpha})F(x) \rightarrow F(\bar{\alpha})) \quad (30)$$

By Schütte [9] Lemma 21.7. we know that  $F$  is progressive and hence we can conclude from (29) and (30) that  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash F(\bar{\alpha})$  which is

$$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR}) \vdash (\forall X)\text{TI}(\hat{\varepsilon}_{\bar{\alpha}}, X)$$

□

**Theorem 6.1.2**  *$\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  proves the formula  $\mathcal{I}(\bar{\alpha})$  for all  $\alpha < \varphi_{20}$ .*

**PROOF:** The proof is analogous as that of Theorem 5.1.10, only instead of applying Lemma 5.1.9 we use in this case here Lemma 6.1.1. □

**Corollary 6.1.3** *For a lower bound of the proof-theoretic ordinal of  $\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})$  we have*

$$|\text{ACA}_0 + (\text{BR})| \geq \varphi_{20}$$

## 7 Appendix

### 7.1 Details of the proof of Lemma 5.2.23

A1:

We have to show that the following holds.

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 10}{0} (\forall x)(\langle x, 0 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\} \leftrightarrow x \in S^\alpha) \wedge (\forall x < \bar{0})(\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{x+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_x)$$

By Lemma 5.2.11 and Axiom (Ax1), with  $lev(s \in S^\alpha) = \alpha$ , and therefore  $rk(s \in S^\alpha) < \omega(\alpha + 1)$ , we have for all number terms  $s$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} s \notin S^\alpha, s \in S^\alpha \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle = \langle s, 0 \rangle \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} 0 = 0$$

and obtain by applying the  $(\wedge)$ -inference twice that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2}{0} s \notin S^\alpha, \langle s, 0 \rangle = \langle s, 0 \rangle \wedge 0 = 0 \wedge s \in S^\alpha$$

By an  $(\exists^0)$ -inference we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} s \notin S^\alpha, (\exists z_2)(\langle s, 0 \rangle = \langle s, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge s \in S^\alpha)$$

and obtain, again by an  $(\exists^0)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 4}{0} s \notin S^\alpha, (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, 0 \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)$$

By an  $(\in 1)$ -inference we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 5}{0} s \notin S^\alpha, \langle s, 0 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\}$$

and by applying the  $(\vee)$ -inference twice

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 7}{0} s \notin S^\alpha \rightarrow \langle s, 0 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)( \begin{array}{l} y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge \\ z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \end{array} )\} \quad (31)$$

Further we have to distinguish two cases depending on the values of the (arbitrary) number terms  $s$  and  $t$ .

1. If  $s$  and  $t$  have the same value, then we obtain from Lemma 5.2.11 that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} t \notin S^\alpha, s \in S^\alpha$$

and by applying an  $(\vee)$ -inference twice we have for all number terms  $r$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+2}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha, s \in S^\alpha$$

2. If  $s$  and  $t$  have not the same value then we have from Axiom (Ax1) that for all number terms  $r$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle, s \in S^\alpha$$

and obtain by applying an  $(\vee)$ -inference twice that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{2}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha, s \in S^\alpha$$

Hence we conclude with an  $(\forall^0)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+3}{0} (\forall z_2)(\langle s, 0 \rangle \neq \langle t, z_2 \rangle \vee z_2 \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha), s \in S^\alpha$$

and by another  $(\forall^0)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+4}{0} (\forall z_1)(\forall z_2)(\langle s, 0 \rangle \neq \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \vee z_2 \neq 0 \vee z_1 \notin S^\alpha), s \in S^\alpha$$

but this is

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+4}{0} \neg(\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, 0 \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha), s \in S^\alpha$$

and so we have by an  $(\in 2)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+5}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle \notin \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\}, s \in S^\alpha$$

and finally by applying the  $(\vee)$ -inference twice

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+7}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\} \rightarrow s \in S^\alpha$$

Together with (31) we obtain by an  $(\wedge)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+8}{0} \langle s, 0 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\} \leftrightarrow s \in S^\alpha$$

and finally obtain by an  $(\forall^0)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+9}{0} (\forall x)(\langle x, 0 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha)\} \leftrightarrow x \in S^\alpha) \tag{32}$$

Moreover we have for all number terms  $t$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \neg(t < 0), (\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{n}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{n}})$$

With (v1), (v2) and the ( $\forall^0$ )-inference we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{3}{0} (\forall x)(x < 0 \rightarrow (\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{n}+1} = TJ((\mathcal{R}_0^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{n}}))$$

Together with (32) we obtain the claim by an ( $\wedge$ )-inference.

A2:

The proof is very similar to A3.

A3:

The proof is also similar to the one of A1. We have to prove that for  $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{n}$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 10}{0} (\mathcal{R}_{n+1}^{S^\alpha})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$

which is

$$(\forall x)( \quad x \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) \leftrightarrow \\ \langle x, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge ((z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha) \vee \\ (z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha)) \vee \dots \vee (z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha))))\})$$

" $\rightarrow$ ":

From Lemma 5.2.11 and Axiom (Ax1) respectively we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} s \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \bar{i} + 1 = \bar{n} + 1$$

since  $\text{lev}(TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)) = \alpha$  and  $i = n$ . Hence we obtain by an ( $\wedge$ )-inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 1}{0} s \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \bar{i} + 1 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$

and by an ( $\vee$ )-rule of inference we get

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2}{0} s \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \bar{i} + 1 = 0 \wedge s \in S^\alpha \vee \\ \bar{i} + 1 = 1 \wedge s \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee \bar{i} + 1 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$



Further we have by Axiom (Ax1)

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle = \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle$$

Therefore we conclude by an  $(\wedge)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+3}{0} \quad s \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle = \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \wedge (\bar{i} + 1 = 0 \wedge s \in S^\alpha \vee \\ \bar{i} + 1 = 1 \wedge s \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee \bar{i} + 1 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha))$$

By applying twice the  $(\exists^0)$ -inference we get

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+5}{0} \quad s \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge (z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \vee \\ z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)))$$

And finally by an  $(\in 1)$ - and two  $(\vee)$ -inferences we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+8}{0} \quad s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) \rightarrow \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \in \{y : \\ (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge (z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \vee \\ z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)))\} \quad (33)$$

" $\leftarrow$ ":

We have to distinguish several cases depending on the value of the (arbitrary) number terms  $s, t$  and  $r$ .

- If  $s$  and  $t$  have not the same value or the value of  $r$  is not  $i + 1$  then we have the following Axiom (Ax1).

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle, s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$

and obtain by an  $(\vee)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{1}{0} \quad s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee ((r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha) \wedge \\ (r \neq 1 \vee t \notin TJ(S^\alpha)) \wedge \dots \wedge (r \neq \bar{n} + 1 \vee t \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)))$$

- If  $s$  and  $t$  have the same value and the value of  $r$  is  $i + 1$  then we have the following by Axiom (Ax1).

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} r \neq 0 \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} r \neq 1 \quad \dots \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} r \neq \bar{n}$$

and obtain by an ( $\vee$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{1}{0} r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha \quad \dots \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{1}{0} r \neq \bar{n} \vee t \notin TJ^n(S^\alpha)$$

and by applying the ( $\wedge$ )-inference  $n$  times

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{n+1}{0} (r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha) \wedge \dots (r \neq \bar{n} \vee t \notin TJ^n(S^\alpha)) \quad (34)$$

Further we have by Lemma 5.2.11

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2}{0} t \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$

since  $\text{lev}(s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)) = \alpha$  and obtain by an ( $\vee$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 1}{0} r \neq \bar{n} + 1 \vee t \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$

Together with (34) we obtain by an ( $\wedge$ )-inference

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 2}{0} \quad & s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ & (r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha) \wedge (r \neq 1 \vee t \notin TJ(S^\alpha)) \wedge \\ & \dots \\ & (r \neq \bar{n} + 1 \vee t \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)) \end{aligned}$$

and by an ( $\vee$ )-inference this yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 3}{0} \quad & s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ & \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee ((r \neq 0 \vee t \notin S^\alpha) \wedge \\ & (r \neq 1 \vee t \notin TJ(S^\alpha)) \wedge \dots \wedge (r \neq \bar{n} + 1 \vee t \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha))) \end{aligned}$$

So we conclude by two ( $\forall^0$ )-inferences

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RA}^* \frac{\omega(\alpha+1) \cdot 2 + 5}{0} \quad & s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ & (\forall z_1)(\forall z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \neq \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \vee ((z_2 \neq 0 \vee z_1 \notin S^\alpha) \wedge \\ & (z_2 \neq 1 \vee z_1 \notin TJ(S^\alpha)) \wedge \dots \wedge (z_2 \neq \bar{n} + 1 \vee z_1 \notin TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)))) \end{aligned}$$

but this is

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^{(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+5}}{0} \quad \begin{aligned} & s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha), \\ & \neg(\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge (z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \vee \\ & z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{\bar{n}+1}(S^\alpha))) \end{aligned}$$

and obtain by ( $\in 2$ ) and two ( $\vee$ )-inferences

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^{(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+8}}{0} \quad \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge (z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \vee z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{\bar{n}+1}(S^\alpha)))\} \rightarrow s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha)$$

So we obtain together with (33) by an ( $\wedge$ )-inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^{(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+9}}{0} \quad \begin{aligned} & s \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) \leftrightarrow \langle s, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \in \{y : \\ & (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge (z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \vee \\ & z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{\bar{n}+1}(S^\alpha)))\} \end{aligned}$$

and finally by an ( $\forall^0$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\omega^{(\alpha+1) \cdot 2+10}}{0} \quad \begin{aligned} & (\forall x)(x \in TJ^{n+1}(S^\alpha) \leftrightarrow \langle x, \bar{i} + 1 \rangle \in \{y : \\ & (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge (z_2 = 0 \wedge z_1 \in S^\alpha \vee \\ & z_2 = 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ(S^\alpha) \vee \dots \vee z_2 = \bar{n} + 1 \wedge z_1 \in TJ^{\bar{n}+1}(S^\alpha)))\}) \end{aligned}$$

A4:

The proof is also completely analogous to A3.

## 7.2 Details of the proof of Lemma 5.2.24

A5:

First notice that ACA proves the following for all natural numbers  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} a = \langle b, c \rangle \wedge c \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z)(\mathcal{H}(U, Z, c) \wedge b \in (Z)_c) & \leftrightarrow \\ a = \langle b, c \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n c = \bar{i} \wedge b \in TJ^i(U)) & \end{aligned}$$

Therefore using Theorem 5.2.20 we obtain  $\eta_0 < \omega^2$  such that for an  $l + 1$ -instance (with  $l < \omega$ ) and all natural numbers  $n$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0}{< \omega^2} \quad \begin{aligned} r = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z^{l+1})(\langle S^l, Z^{l+1}, t \rangle \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t) & \leftrightarrow \\ r = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n t = \bar{i} \wedge s \in TJ^i(S^l)) & \end{aligned}$$

Together with Lemma 5.2.9 and Lemma 5.2.10 we obtain that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0}{<\omega^2} \quad \neg(r = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z^{l+1})((S^l, Z^{l+1}, t) \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t)), \\ r = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n t = \bar{i} \wedge s \in TJ^i(S^l))$$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0}{<\omega^2} \quad r = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z^{l+1})((S^l, Z^{l+1}, t) \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t), \\ \neg(r = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n t = \bar{i} \wedge s \in TJ^i(S^l)))$$

Hence we obtain by  $(\in 1)$  and  $(\in 2)$  that for all natural numbers  $n$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+2}{<\omega^2} \quad r \notin \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z^{l+1})((S^l, Z^{l+1}, t) \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t)\}, \\ r \in \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n t = \bar{i} \wedge s \in TJ^i(S^l))\}$$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+2}{<\omega^2} \quad r \in \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z^{l+1})((S^l, Z^{l+1}, t) \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t)\}, \\ r \notin \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n t = \bar{i} \wedge s \in TJ^i(S^l))\}$$

and by the  $(\forall 1)$ ,  $(\forall 2)$  and  $(\wedge)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+5}{<\omega^2} \quad r \in \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge (\exists Z^{l+1})((S^l, Z^{l+1}, t) \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t)\} \leftrightarrow \\ r \in \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge \bigvee_{t=0}^n TJ^t(S)\}$$

Since  $r$  is an arbitrary closed number term, we finally obtain by Lemma 5.2.7 and the  $(\forall^0)$ -inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+6}{<\omega^2} \quad (\forall z) \left( \begin{array}{l} z \in \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge t \leq \bar{n} \wedge \\ (\exists Z^{l+1})((S^l, Z^{l+1}, t) \wedge s \in (Z^{l+1})_t)\} \leftrightarrow \\ z \in \{x : x = \langle s, t \rangle \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0}^n t = \bar{i} \wedge s \in TJ^i(S^l))\} \end{array} \right)$$

and this is the assertion (since  $\eta_0 + 6 < \omega^2$ ).

A6:

With the definition of  $\mathcal{H}$  we obtain from (27) that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\delta(n)}{<\omega^2} \quad ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = S^l \wedge (\forall x < \bar{n})(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{x+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_x))$$

By Lemma 5.2.9 we have

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\delta(n)}{<\omega^2} \quad ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = S^l \tag{35}$$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\delta(n)}{<\omega^2} \quad (\forall x < \bar{n})(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{x+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_x))$$

and by Lemma 5.2.8 and Lemma 5.2.10 we obtain for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\delta(n)}{<\omega^2} \quad \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}}) \tag{36}$$

Using Lemma 5.2.12 we obtain  $\eta_0 < \omega^2$  with

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_0^{\eta_0} \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = (T^{l+1})_0), \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = S^l), (T^{l+1})_0 = S^l \quad (37)$$

since  $\text{lev}(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = S^l) = l < \omega$ .

It is not difficult to prove that there exists  $\eta_1 < \omega^2$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_0^{\eta_1} ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = (T^{l+1})_0$$

(for more details compare Appendix A7).

Together with (35) we obtain from (37) by two cuts that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_{<\omega^2}^{\max(\eta_0, \eta_1, \delta(n))+1} (T^{l+1})_0 = S^l \quad (38)$$

since clearly  $\text{rk}(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = (T^{l+1})_0) < \omega^2$  and also  $\text{rk}(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_0 = S^l) < \omega^2$ .

Again we have to distinguish two cases depending on the value of  $i$ .

1. We have for all  $i \geq n$  that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_0^0 \neg(i < \bar{n}), (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})$$

2. Using Lemma 5.2.12 we have  $\eta_0 < \omega^2$  for all  $i < n$ , since  $\text{lev}(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}})) = l < \omega$ , such that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_0^{\eta_0} \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}} = (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}}), \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}})), \\ ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})$$

and also again  $\eta_1 < \omega^2$  for all  $i < n$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_0^{\eta_1} ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}} = (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}}$$

(again for more details compare Appendix A7).

So we conclude by using the (*cut*)-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_{<\omega^2}^{\max(\eta_0, \eta_1)+1} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}})), \\ ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})$$

since  $\text{rk}(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}} = (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}}) < \omega^2$ . and by (36) and another cut we obtain

$$\text{RA}^* \mid_{<\omega^2}^{\max(\eta_0, \eta_1, \delta(n))+2} \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}}) \quad (39)$$

since also  $rk(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}})) < \omega^2$ .

Using again Lemma 5.2.12 we obtain  $\eta_0 < \omega^2$  for all  $i < n$ , since  $lev(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}})) = l < \omega$ , such that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0}{0} \quad \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}+1}), \neg(((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})), \quad (40)$$

$$((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})$$

and also  $\eta_1 < \omega^2$  for all  $i < n$  such that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_1}{0} \quad ((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}+1} = (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}+1} \quad (41)$$

(again for more details compare Appendix A7).

So we conclude by two cuts from (40) with (39) and (41) that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\eta_0, \eta_1, \delta(n)) + 4}{< \omega^2} \quad \neg(\bar{i} < \bar{n}), (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})$$

So we obtain by two ( $\vee$ )-inferences that for all natural numbers  $i$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\eta_1, \eta_2, \delta(n)) + 6}{< \omega^2} \quad \bar{i} < \bar{n} \rightarrow (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}})$$

and finally by an ( $\forall^0$ )-inference that yields

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\eta_1, \eta_2, \delta(n)) + 7}{< \omega^2} \quad (\forall x < \bar{n})((T^{l+1})_{\bar{x}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{x}}))$$

and together with (38) and an ( $\wedge$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\max(\beta_1, \beta_2, \delta(n)) + 8}{< \omega^2} \quad (T^{l+1})_0 = S^l \wedge (\forall x < \bar{n})((T^{l+1})_{\bar{x}+1} = TJ((T^{l+1})_{\bar{x}}))$$

and hence, this is for all  $n$ , with  $\gamma(n) = \max(\beta_1, \beta_2, \delta(n)) + 8 < \omega^2$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\gamma(n)}{\omega^2} \quad \mathcal{H}(S^l, T^{l+1}, \bar{n})$$

A7:

We want to prove that  $((T^{l+1})^{\bar{n}})_{\bar{i}} = (T^{l+1})_{\bar{i}}$  holds for all natural numbers  $n$  and all natural numbers  $i \leq n$ . That is

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{< \omega^2}{0} \quad (\forall x) \left( \langle x, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \leftrightarrow \right.$$

$$\left. \langle x, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \right)$$

" $\leftarrow$ ":

We again have to distinguish several cases depending on the value of the (arbitrary) number terms  $s, t$  and  $r$ .

- If  $s$  and  $t$  have not the same value or the value of  $r$  is not  $i$  then we have the following from Axiom (Ax1).

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle, \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge r \leq \bar{n} \wedge t \in T^{l+1}$$

and obtain by an ( $\vee$ )-inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{1}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee t \notin T^{l+1}, \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge r \leq \bar{n} \wedge t \in T^{l+1}$$

- If  $s$  and  $t$  have the same value and the value of  $r$  is  $i$  (and  $i \leq n$ ) then we have the following Axioms (Ax1).

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \quad \text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} r \leq \bar{n}$$

and obtain with an ( $\wedge$ )-inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{1}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge r \leq \bar{n} \tag{42}$$

Further we have from Lemma 5.2.11 that there exists  $\eta_0 < \omega^2$  such that for all number terms  $t$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0}{0} t \in T^{l+1}, t \notin T^{l+1}$$

since  $\text{lev}(t \in T^{l+1}) = l + 1$  and therefore  $\text{rk}(t \in T^{l+1}) < \omega^2$ .

So we obtain by an ( $\wedge$ )-inference using (42) that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+1}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge r \leq \bar{n} \wedge t \in T^{l+1}, t \notin T^{l+1}$$

and by an ( $\vee$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+2}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge r \leq \bar{n} \wedge t \in T^{l+1}, \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee t \notin T^{l+1}$$

So we conclude by using the ( $\exists^0$ )-inference twice that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+4}{0} (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1}), \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee t \notin T^{l+1}$$

and by two ( $\forall^0$ )-inferences

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+6}{0} (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1}), \\ (\forall z_1)(\forall z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \vee z_1 \notin T^{l+1})$$

and this is

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+6}{0} (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1}), \\ \neg(\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})$$

and hence we obtain by ( $\in 1$ ) and ( $\in 2$ )

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+8}{0} \begin{array}{l} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \\ \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \notin \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \end{array}$$

and by two ( $\vee$ )-inferences we get

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+10}{0} \begin{array}{l} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \rightarrow \\ \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \end{array} \quad (43)$$

" $\rightarrow$ ":

We again have to distinguish several cases depending on the value of the (arbitrary) number terms  $s, t$  and  $r$ .

- If  $s$  and  $t$  have not the same value or the value of  $r$  is not  $i$  then we have the following from Axiom ( $Ax1$ ).

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle, \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge t \in T^{l+1}$$

and obtain by an ( $\vee$ )-inference that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{1}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee \neg(r \leq \bar{n}) \vee t \notin T^{l+1}, \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge t \in T^{l+1}$$

- If  $s$  and  $t$  have the same value and the value of  $r$  is  $i$  then we have the following Axiom ( $Ax1$ ).

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{0}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle$$

Further we obtain from Lemma 5.2.11 again  $\eta_0 < \omega^2$  such that for all number terms  $t$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0}{0} t \in T^{l+1}, t \notin T^{l+1}$$

since  $\text{lev}(t \in T^{l+1}) = l + 1$  and therefore  $\text{rk}(t \in T^{l+1}) < \omega^2$ .

So we obtain by an ( $\wedge$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+1}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge t \in T^{l+1}, t \notin T^{l+1}$$

and by an ( $\vee$ )-inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+2}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle t, r \rangle \wedge t \in T^{l+1}, \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee \neg(r \leq \bar{n}) \vee t \notin T^{l+1}$$



So we conclude by using the  $(\exists^0)$ -inference twice that

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+4}{0} (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1}), \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle t, r \rangle \vee \neg(r \leq \bar{n}) \vee t \notin T^{l+1}$$

and by two  $(\forall^0)$ -inferences

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+6}{0} (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1}), \\ (\forall z_1)(\forall z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \neq \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \vee \neg(z_2 \leq \bar{n}) \vee z_1 \notin T^{l+1})$$

and this is

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+6}{0} (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1}), \\ \neg(\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(\langle s, \bar{i} \rangle = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})$$

and hence we obtain by  $(\in 1)$  and  $(\in 2)$

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+8}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \\ \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \notin \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\}$$

and by two  $(\vee)$ -inferences we get

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+10}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \rightarrow \\ \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\}$$

Together with (43) we obtain by an  $(\wedge)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+11}{0} \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \leftrightarrow \\ \langle s, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \rightarrow$$

and finally by an  $(\forall^0)$ -inference

$$\text{RA}^* \frac{\eta_0+12}{0} (\forall x)(\langle x, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_2 \leq \bar{n} \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\}) \leftrightarrow \\ \langle x, \bar{i} \rangle \in \{y : (\exists z_1)(\exists z_2)(y = \langle z_1, z_2 \rangle \wedge z_1 \in T^{l+1})\} \rightarrow$$

(with  $\eta_0 + 12 < \omega^2$ ).

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