

# Parameter-Free Versions of $\text{ATR}_0$ and Related Theories

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## General context

We are working in second order arithmetic, i.e., our language  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is two-sorted featuring number and set variables. In general our base theory will be

$$\text{ACA}_0$$

featuring the induction axiom

$$(0 \in X \wedge \forall n(n \in X \rightarrow n + 1 \in X)) \rightarrow \forall n(n \in X)$$

and arithmetic comprehension, i.e.,

$$\exists X \forall n(n \in X \leftrightarrow A(n))$$

for any arithmetic formula  $A$ .

$$\text{ACA} = \text{ACA}_0 + \text{full second order induction scheme}$$

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We fix a primitive recursive well-ordering  $\triangleleft$  up to  $\Gamma_0$ . For  $n \in \text{field}(\triangleleft)$  set:

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$$H_A(R, X) := LO(R) \wedge X = \{(n, j): j \in \text{field}(R) \wedge A(n, j, X^{Rj})\}$$

for a formula  $A(n, j, X)$ . So for  $j \in \text{field}(R)$  we have

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where  $Y$  occurs only positively in  $A, A^-$ .

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**Goal:** Characterise the set-parameter free systems up to proof-theoretic strength.

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$$(Y, <_{\mathbb{N}}) <_S (1, 1) <_S (R, <_R)$$

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- $t \notin X$  with  $((t, 0) \in Z \vee \neg(t_0 \triangleleft b))$

Analogously we transform  $\neg(A^-) \xrightarrow{\text{into}} (\neg A)^+$ .

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- $\textcircled{3} \quad n \in X_j \rightarrow n \text{ entered the hierarchy at some level}$
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We set

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Finally we consider hierarchies

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Thank you for your attention!