

Number Theory beyond Frege

On the necessity of open arity

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Summary

A closer look at mathematical proofs led Gottlob Frege to realize that Aristotle's syllogism logic was not sufficient for many theorems. He developed what today is called first-order predicate logic. It is usually thought that predicate logic is sufficient for the theory of natural numbers. However, this **first step** of modern logic development again is not sufficient. One needs another step, especially to allow for so-called **open arity of arrays**. This **second step** cannot be done in general in object-language based on predicate logic but only by metalanguage. Therefore one needs something like the FUME-method (put forward by the author) which allows for a precise treatment of both language levels. Dot-dot-dot ... is not admissible in predicate logics as it needs some kind of recursion. In metalanguage, however, one has to introduce some basic recursion right from the setup (but it is much weaker than primitive recursion).

For natural numbers two examples are given, one for a concrete version of Robinson arithmetic and one for recursive arithmetic. Without the second step to metalanguage one **cannot express** some of the most important so-called theorems of number theory in a direct fashion, leave alone prove them. Actually some are not theorems but metatheorems. The examples comprise Chinese remainders, Gödel's beta-function, little Gauss's summing up of numbers, Euclid's unlimited primes and the canonical representation of a natural number (fundamental theorem of natural arithmetic).

After one has included the second step which allows one to talk about open arities in metalanguage one can tackle the problem of talking about number-arrays in object language. One can do this to a certain extent by **coding** number-arrays by (usually) two numbers. This can be done even in Robinson arithmetic using 'Gödel's beta-function'. But one has to make use of the second step before one can return to object-language. Of course, the introduction of **two tiers**, i.e. object-language **and** metalanguage, is necessary for many other areas of mathematics, if not to say, most of them.

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1 Beyond the conventional paradigm of logic of mathematics

It all started in the year of 1879 when Gottlieb Frege put forward his revolutionary 'Begriffsschrift'. Until then the syllogism logic of Aristotle had been considered to be sufficient as the basis of logical reasoning and therefore also of mathematics. Besides the usual logical characters $= \neq \neg \vee \wedge \rightarrow \leftrightarrow$ quantors $\exists \forall$ and variables like e.g. A_1 or A_{13} were introduced together with the rules for omnition $\forall A_1[\dots]$ and entition $\exists A_2[\dots]$ as well as **relation-constant** and **function-constant** strings that allowed for expressing mathematical sentences in a proper fashion. Freges notation differs from this modern form, but that is irrelevant.

*The author was confronted with this status when started studying physics, mathematics and philosophy of science in the year of 1960. For a long time he did not enter the field of **number theory**, however, he always had a bad feeling about theorems of number theory, that he could not relate to the axiomatic approach to, say Robinson arithmetic. The problem to start with is not the proving of theorems of number theory. The first problem is **just to write down sentences** that are called theorems of number theory. Mathematicians and logicians have constructed complicated systems of so-called classical and intuitionistic logic, theory of types, axiomatic set theory and so on. But are these methods really sufficient for expressing basic sentences of number theory, leave alone proving them in a purely deductive fashion from basically true sentences or axioms? The author contradicts this question and shows a way out by the FUME-method. He claims that you need both **object language and metalanguage** being formulated with the rigor of formal logic and some basic recursion thrown in. The examples of section 3 to 7 will - hopefully - clarify his reasoning. The problem is called **open arity**. It is not the only reason for the FUME-method, but it is a particularly striking one. 'Dot-dot-dot' ... is just not a legitmate language element in a precise language. For a short introduction to the FUME-method download file [Snark1.1.pdf](https://pai.de) from <https://pai.de>.*

Heuristically speaking, **sequences** consist of some kind of infinitely many constituents with a definite start and no end, with a line-arrangement, one constituent put behind another. An **array** is a finite ordered collection of constituents with a start and an end (where the constituents are separated by a special character). It has an **arity** given by a natural number that is the count of its constituents. An example for an array is the alphabet of letters separated by commas 'a, b, ... z' with arity 26, but also the simple array of zeros separated by semicolons '0;0;0;0;0' is an example with arity 5.

Of course this examples are not satisfactory, one needs a precise description for arrays. The FUME-method will be applied as one obviously needs a language that allows for some recursion. If the constituents are taken from a **calcule** of the object language **Funcish**, one has to define arrays in metalanguage **Mencish**. The systems of Funcish are called **calcules** by the author, they are not to be confused with various calculus-systems or the calculus of real numbers. There are **concrete** and **abstract** calcules.

The **font-method** is used to distinguish between the various levels of languages: *Times New Roman* of all styles for normal text in English e.g. , *Symbol* and *Arial* boldface italics for metalanguage Mencish e.g. **number-array**(A_1) and normal *Symbol* and *Arial* for object language Funcish e.g. $\forall A_1[(A_1+0)=A_1]$.

The other frontier where usual predicate logic is not sufficient for mathematics is connected with higher than first-order logic. Axiomatic set theory claims that all of infinity mathematics is covered by it. The author, however, has some doubts. Anyhow, the conventional approach to real numbers necessitates second-order logics (for some transcendency axiom, be it Dedekind cuts, interval nesting, Cauchy series or whatever). In group theory second-order is just around the corner, as factors, subgroups, normal subgroups, kernels etc. are not first-order entities.

*Mathematicians usually do not even mention that there might be a problem at the foundations. And physicists happily use transcendental mathematics although no one has ever measured anything but a rational number. How about dimensionless constants in physics? Sommerfeld's fine-structure constant, is it a real number and is there a deeper reason for its size. You see, once one is thinking about **transcendental** numbers, one is entering the field of theology, which shows that the name of this numbers has been chosen perfectly!*

4 Recursive natural numbers arithmetic

The choice for a concrete calcule of recursive natural arithmetic is the concrete calcule LAMBDA of decimal pinitive arithmetic. It uses the following alphabet which is not the shortest possible one, but it is tried keep as close to conventional logic language as possible:

Arial 8, petit-number for variables										Arial 12, normal size numbers for decimal individuals									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Symbol 12, general logic symbols,															special calcule symbols				
=	≠	¬	∨	∧	→	↔	∃	∀	[]	()	;	*	#	≤	Λ	□	

List of 38 (plus 1 **extra**) characters for ontological **basis** of calcule LAMBDA

sort :: Λ
sort-array :: **sort** ! **sort-array** ; **sort**
decimal :: **number** :: 0 ! 1 ! 2 ! ... *correct definition see section 5*
basis-ingredient :: **sort** ! **decimal** ! **basis-function-constant** ! **basis-relation-constant**
basis-function-constant :: $\Lambda()$! $\Lambda(\text{sort-array})$! $(\Lambda*\Lambda)$ *pinitive functions, decimal synaption*
basis-relation-constant :: $\#\Lambda$! $\Lambda\leq\Lambda$ *pinity, minority*
pinon-catena :: **pinon** ! **pinon-catena** **pinon**
pinon-array :: **pinon** ! **pinon-array** ; **pinon**
pinon :: 0 ! 1 ! 2 **pinon** **pinon** ! 8 **pinon** **pinon-catena** 9 *only 4 cases*

pinon strings are natural numbers that **code** primitive recursive functions, when they replace Λ in **basis-function-constant** string $\Lambda()$ or $\Lambda(\text{sort-array})$ resp. : 0 codes the zero function, 1 codes succession. The third case 2 **pinon** **pinon** codes straight recursion, where the left **pinon** of intrinsic arity m gives the initial value and the right **pinon** of intrinsic arity n gives the iteration function (the intrinsic arity of the new **pinon** is $\max(m+1, n-1)$). The last case 8 **pinon** **pinon-catena** 9 codes composition of functions with any intrinsic arity: the left **pinon** is the function where the **pinon** strings of the **pinon-array** are plugged in. The PINITOR calculator that does the calculating is not described here, neither the basic true sentences, that include a **schema** of sentences (or as the author prefers to call it a **mater** of sentences) meaning that they are enumerably infinite many (by the way: for a proper introduction of sentence schemata one has to use metalanguage).

The **basis-function-constant** $(\Lambda*\Lambda)$ gives the decimal synaption of two strings, which is basically concatenation, except that no leading 0 is admissible. Actually the definition among the **basis-ingredient** strings is redundant, as it can be given by a **pinon**. The same is true for **basis-relation-constant** $\#\Lambda$ and $\Lambda\leq\Lambda$ as they can be defined using **pinon** Λpiny and Λemiy resp. as codes of characteristic functions.

Primitive recursive functions are obtained by **pinon** strings, these precede as codes the **basis-function-constant** strings $\Lambda()$ and $\Lambda(\text{sort-array})$. If a number is not a **pinon** string the primitive function with this code is simply put to 0 for all input.. Many examples are given in the publication 'Programming primitive recursive functions and beyond' that can be downloaded as file [C6-C7-Pinon.pdf](https://pai.de) on the homepage <https://pai.de> of the author. Very few examples for coding of primitive recursive functions by decimal numbers are given here:

It is a funny observation that pinitive functions have a Janus face. They have been designed to represent primitive recursive functions, e.g.

22011($\Lambda_1; \Lambda_2$) the addition of two numbers with **pinon** $\Lambda_{\text{add}}=22011$ e.g. 22011(1;1)=2

But the following is defined too and gives a funny function:

$\Lambda_1(0)$ the value for all codes at 0 where the result is put to 0 if Λ_1 is not a **pinon** code.

*By the way: it will turn out that one can talk about **number-array** strings within LAMBDA; however, this calcule has the shortcoming that it necessitates enumerably many **basis-function-constant** strings, as there is no limit on the arity for the **sort-array** strings of primitive recursive functions.*

c) fundamental **THEOREM** of natural arithmetic in a concrete calcule with recursive arithmetic

It is a different story in the concrete calcule LAMBDA of decimal primitive arithmetic where one has the tools of primitive recursion. There one can express the **Ascending-prime-array** by means of its arity and a **pinon** code and perform the proof within the calcule where one has the possibility of limited sums and products as was mentioned at the end of section 5.

8 Open arity in other areas of mathematics and conclusion

Open arity and related features are needed in many other areas of mathematics, e.g.

- axiom schemata of **separation** and **replacement** of axiomatic set theory
- **induction** and **recursion** for functions of **any arity** in number theories.
- an infinite count of functions for proper definition of recursive functions
- geometrical space of **unspecified dimension** (how to express n-tuples)
- definition and use **polynomials**, say for integer, rational or algebraic arithmetics
- systems of **unspecified finite cardinality** (e.g. finite groups and Galois fields).
- finite and infinite **graph theories** and many more.

All of them can be treated properly by the FUME-method with the two-tiers of languages Funcish and Mencish. Of course common English can be used as an unprecise supralanguage to talk about everything. However, it is important to know about the shortcomings of unprecise language. Supralanguage English (or any other natural language) is but a means to express comments and to reason in a plausible fashion. The precise talking has to be done in Mencish and Funcish:

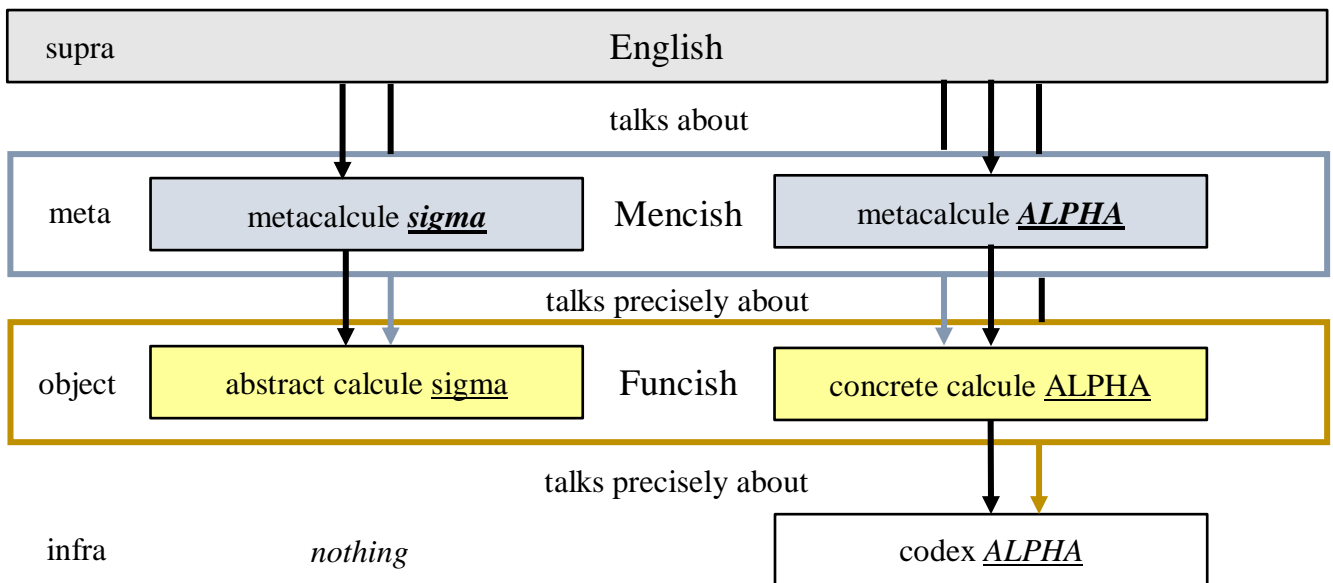


Figure 1 Hierarchy of languages and codices pertinent to the FUME-method for two example calcules, an abstract and a concrete one

A logic with only one tier is not sufficient for the foundation of mathematics. Extending predicate logics to theory of types, introducing axiomatic set theory and other constructions does not solve the problem. One needs at least two tiers, a precise object-language together with a precise metalanguage.

Appendix A Selected basic metaindividuals, metarelations and metafunctions

syntactic metaproperties in general (sort ϕ)

petit-number	string with only 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 (for convention decimals are used)
number	string with only 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 (for convention decimals are used)
number-array	array of number strings separated by semicolon
variable	sort string followed by petit-number
variable-array	array of variable strings separated by semicolon
omny	multiple distinct omnicle strings e.g. $\forall\phi_2[\forall\phi_{11}[\forall\phi_3[$
pattern	built up from function-constant strings with number and variable strings
term	pattern with number strings only
scheme	pattern with at least one variable strings only
phrase	built up from equalities of pattern strings and from relation-constant strings using full predicative logic
sentence	phrase with no free variable strings
formula	phrase with at least one variable (arity is count of distinct variable strings), no ϕ_0
formulo	like formula but with ϕ_0 (which is left out for arity count)
Successive-prime-array	array of number strings, that are successive primes
Ascending-prime-array	array of number strings, that are ascending (not necessarily successive) primes

alethic metaproperties in general

UNEX-formulo	representing a function by a formulo with unique existence of result ϕ_0 for input
TRUTH	any alethic sentence
THEOREM	quantive alethic sentence that is not basic
Axiom , Basiom	sentence introduced as basic TRUTH (in abstract or concrete calcule resp.)

metaindividuals in calcule ALPHA 1 (sort A)

AXFOgbeta	ternary UNEX-formulo representing Gödel's beta-function,
AXFOadp	binary UNEX-formulo representing antidiagonal pair coding
AXFOada	unary UNEX-formulo representing auxiliary function for antidiagonal pair coding
AXFOadr	unary UNEX-formulo representing row decoding function of antidiagonal pair
AXFOadc	unary UNEX-formulo representing column decoding function of antidiagonal pair
AFAprime	unary formula characterizing number strings
AFAeupr	unary formula of products of successive primes, ending at the given argument A_1
AFApripopair	binary formula , so that A_1 is a prime and A_2 is a power thereof

syntactic binary metarelations in general and in calcule ALPHA

$\phi \approx \phi$	matching length of strings
$\phi \uparrow \phi$	smaller length of strings
$\phi \supset \phi$	soutaining (suitably containing, i.e. in a way that avoids disambiguities)
$\phi \nearrow \phi$	suitably-free-in
$\phi \nearrow \phi$	suitably-bound-in
$\phi \sim \phi$	compatible (no collision of bound variable strings in constructing phrase strings)

$A \ll A$	natural-minority, smaller with respect to numbering by number
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syntactic metafunctions in general and in calcule ALPHA

$(\phi \& \phi)$	synaption (concatenation except for leading 0)
$(\phi \partial \phi)$	character-deletion
$(\phi; \phi / \phi)$	string-replacement
$A''(A)$	succession with respect to number (10 characters)
$A \square \square (A)$	length as number , e.g. $A \square \square (\forall A_1 []) = 4$
$A \diamond \diamond (A)$	arity as number , e.g. $A \diamond \diamond (A_{12}; A_3; A_1; A_1; A_1) = 5$
$A \nabla \nabla (A; A)$	projection: substring of array in second place at position with number in first place

Appendix B Gödel's beta-function and more in abstract Robinson-Crusoe arithmetic

Based on the observation that one only needs the **UNEX-formulo** technique for representation of functions in concrete calcule ALPHA of Robinson decimal natural number arithmetic one remembers equation $(x+y)^2=x^2+y^2+2xy$ (in classical notation) to produce an even weaker calcule. This time the **abstract** counter piece is introduced. The interesting feature is that one can leave away the binary function **multiplication** ; unary **quadrature** is sufficient.

The ontological basis of abstract calcule alphakappa of Robinson-Crusoe natural number arithmetic comprises the following ingredients:

sort ::	$\alpha\kappa$	
basis-individual-constant ::	$\alpha\kappa\eta$	<i>nullum</i>
basis-function-constant ::	$\alpha\kappa' \uparrow (\alpha\kappa+\alpha\kappa) \uparrow (\alpha\kappa\uparrow)$	<i>succession, addition, quadrature</i>
basis-relation-constant ::	$\alpha\kappa<\alpha\kappa$	<i>minority</i>
extra-individual-constant ::	$\alpha\kappa\upsilon=\alpha\kappa\eta'$	<i>unus</i>

Axiom strings

- A1** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_1'\neq\alpha\kappa\eta]$
- A2** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_2[[\alpha\kappa_1'=\alpha\kappa_2']\rightarrow[\alpha\kappa_1'=\alpha\kappa_2]]]$
- A3** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[[\alpha\kappa_1\neq\alpha\kappa\eta]\rightarrow[\exists\alpha\kappa_2[\alpha\kappa_1=\alpha\kappa_2']]]]$
- A4** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[(\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa\eta)=\alpha\kappa_1]$
- A5** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_2[(\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa_2')=(\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa_2)']]$
- A6** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[(\alpha\kappa\eta\uparrow)=\alpha\kappa\eta]$
- A7** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[(\alpha\kappa_1'\uparrow)=(((\alpha\kappa_1\uparrow)+\alpha\kappa_1)+\alpha\kappa_1)']]$
- A8** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\neg[\alpha\kappa_1<\alpha\kappa\eta]]]$
- A9** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[[\alpha\kappa\eta=\alpha\kappa_1]\vee[\alpha\kappa\eta<\alpha\kappa_1]]]$
- A10** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_2[[\alpha\kappa_1<\alpha\kappa_2]\leftrightarrow[[\alpha\kappa_1'=\alpha\kappa_2]\vee[[\alpha\kappa_1'<\alpha\kappa_2]]]]]$
- A11** $\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_2[[\alpha\kappa_1<\alpha\kappa_2']\leftrightarrow[[\alpha\kappa_1<\alpha\kappa_2]\vee[[\alpha\kappa_1=\alpha\kappa_2]]]]]$

Axiom matres for the unary and mulary case of induction:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists\alpha\kappa_1[[\text{sentence}(\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_1])] \rightarrow \\ & [\text{Axiom}([[(\alpha\kappa_1, \alpha\kappa_1/\alpha\kappa\eta)] \wedge [\forall\alpha\kappa_1[[\alpha\kappa_1] \rightarrow [(\alpha\kappa_1, \alpha\kappa_1/\alpha\kappa_1')]]]] \rightarrow [\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_1]])]]] \\ & \exists\alpha\kappa_1[\exists\alpha\kappa_2[\exists\alpha\kappa_3[[[[\text{formula}(\alpha\kappa_1)] \wedge [\text{omny}(\alpha\kappa_2)]]] \wedge [\text{sentence}(\alpha\kappa_2\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_1]\alpha\kappa_3)]] \rightarrow \\ & [\text{Axiom}(\alpha\kappa_2[[(\alpha\kappa_1; \alpha\kappa_1/\alpha\kappa\eta)] \wedge [\forall\alpha\kappa_1[[\alpha\kappa_1] \rightarrow [(\alpha\kappa_1; \alpha\kappa_1/\alpha\kappa_1')]]]] \rightarrow [\forall\alpha\kappa_1[\alpha\kappa_1]\alpha\kappa_3]]]]] \end{aligned}$$

One uses the following binary **UNEX-formulo** for the introduction of multiplication:

$$\alpha\kappa\text{XFomul} = ((\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa_2)\uparrow)=(((\alpha\kappa_1\uparrow)+(\alpha\kappa_2\uparrow))+(\alpha\kappa_0+\alpha\kappa_0))]$$

One has a unary **formula** in Robinson-Crusoe arithmetic to express that a **number** string is prime:

$$\alpha\kappa\text{FAprime} = \forall\alpha\kappa_30[\forall\alpha\kappa_31[[[[\alpha\kappa\upsilon<\alpha\kappa_30] \wedge [\alpha\kappa_30<\alpha\kappa_31']]] \wedge [\alpha\kappa_31<\alpha\kappa_1]] \rightarrow [((\alpha\kappa_30+\alpha\kappa_31)\uparrow)\neq(((\alpha\kappa_30\uparrow)+(\alpha\kappa_31\uparrow))+(\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa_1))]]]$$

As well one can represent Gödel's beta-function in Robinson-Crusoe arithmetic by a ternary **UNEX-formulo** using auxiliary bound **variable** strings $\alpha\kappa_21$ and $\alpha\kappa_22$ that are limited by $((\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa_2)\uparrow)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists\alpha\kappa_21[(((\alpha\kappa_1+\alpha\kappa_2)\uparrow)=(((\alpha\kappa_1\uparrow)+(\alpha\kappa_2\uparrow))+(\alpha\kappa_21+\alpha\kappa_21)))] \\ & \exists\alpha\kappa_22[(((\alpha\kappa_21'+\alpha\kappa_20)=(((\alpha\kappa_21'\uparrow)+(\alpha\kappa_20\uparrow))+(\alpha\kappa_22+\alpha\kappa_22)))] \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha\kappa\text{XFOgbeta} = \exists\alpha\kappa_20[\exists\alpha\kappa_21[\exists\alpha\kappa_22[[[[((\alpha\kappa_2+\alpha\kappa_3'\uparrow)=(((\alpha\kappa_2\uparrow)+(\alpha\kappa_3'\uparrow))+(\alpha\kappa_21+\alpha\kappa_21)) \wedge [((\alpha\kappa_21'+\alpha\kappa_20)\uparrow)=(((\alpha\kappa_21'\uparrow)+(\alpha\kappa_20\uparrow))+(\alpha\kappa_22+\alpha\kappa_22))]] \wedge [(\alpha\kappa_22+\alpha\kappa_0)=\alpha\kappa_1]] \wedge [\alpha\kappa_0<(\alpha\kappa_2\times\alpha\kappa_3)']]]]]]$$