

# Initial Segment Maximal $\Sigma_n$ -definable Sets in Fragments of Arithmetic

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## Abstract

In this paper we will give, for certain models  $M$  of some Fragments of Arithmetic, the least initial segment, nonstandard, maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable that contains  $K_n(M; X)$  with  $X \subseteq M$ , n.s and not cofinal in  $M$ .

## 1 Preliminaries

$\mathbf{P}^-$  is the theory whose models are the nonnegative parts of the commutative discretely ordered rings. As usual  $\mathbf{I}_\varphi$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_\varphi$  and  $\mathbf{L}_\varphi$  are, respectively, the induction, collection and least element axioms for a formula  $\varphi$  of the first order language of Arithmetic,  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Let  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}\Gamma &= \mathbf{P}^- + \{\mathbf{E}_\varphi : \varphi \in \Gamma\} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{I} \text{ or } \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{B}\Gamma &= \mathbf{I}\Delta_0 + \{\mathbf{B}_\varphi : \varphi \in \Gamma\} \end{aligned}$$

Peano's Arithmetic,  $\mathbf{PA}$ , is the theory  $\mathbf{P}^- + \{\mathbf{I}_\varphi : \varphi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $M_1, M_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures such that  $M_1 \subset M_2$ .

1. We say that  $X \subseteq M_2$  is an initial segment in  $M_2$  iff it is closed under the successor function and for all  $a \in X$ ,  $b \in M_2$  if  $b \leq a$ , then  $b \in X$ .
2. We say that  $X \subseteq M_2$  is a cofinal set in  $M_2$  iff for all  $b \in M_2$  there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $b \leq a$ .
3. We say that  $M_1$  is an initial substructure of  $M_2$  ( $M_1 \subset^e M_2$ ) iff  $M_1$  is an initial segment in  $M_2$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $M_1, M_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures such that  $M_1 \subset M_2$ . We say that  $M_1$  is an  $n$ -elemental substructure of  $M_2$  ( $M_1 \prec_n M_2$ ) iff for any formula  $\varphi(\vec{x}) \in \Sigma_n$  and  $\vec{a} \in M_1$

$$M_1 \models \varphi(\vec{a}) \iff M_2 \models \varphi(\vec{a})$$

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**Note:** If  $M_1 \subset^e M_2$  and  $M_1 \prec_n M_2$  we denote  $M_1 \prec_n^e M_2$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** [2] If  $M_1 \subset^e M_2$ , then  $M_1 \prec_0^e M_2$ .

**Theorem 1.4 (Tarski-Vaught Test).** [2] Let  $M_1 \prec_0 M_2 \models \mathbf{P}^-$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

1.  $M_1 \prec_{n+1} M_2$ .
2. For all  $\varphi(x, y) \in \Pi_n$  and  $a \in M_1$ , if  $M_2 \models \exists x \varphi(x, a)$ , then there exists  $b \in M_1$  such that  $M_2 \models \varphi(b, a)$ .

**Theorem 1.5 (Clôte).** [3] If  $M_1 \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_n$  and  $M_2 \prec_{n+1}^e M_1$  proper, then  $M_2 \models \mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+2}$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $M_1 \subset M_2$ . The initial segment defined by  $M_1$  in  $M_2$  is the  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure with universe  $S(M_1, M_2) = \{a \in M_2 : \text{there exists } b \in M_1 \text{ such that } a \leq b\}$ .

## 2 Maximal $\Sigma_n$ -definable Sets

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $X \subseteq M$ .

1. Let  $\varphi(x, \vec{y}) \in \Sigma_n$ ,  $a \in M$  and  $\vec{b} \in X$  such that  $M \models \varphi(a, \vec{b}) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x, \vec{b}) \rightarrow x = a)$ . Then we say that  $a$  is  $\Sigma_n$ -definable in  $M$  with parameters  $\vec{b} \in X$  by the formula  $\varphi$ , and we denote  $M \models \varphi(x, \vec{b}) \rightsquigarrow a$ .
2.  $\mathcal{K}_n(M; X) = \{a \in M : a \text{ is } \Sigma_n\text{-definable in } M \text{ with parameters in } X\}$ .
3.  $\mathcal{I}_n(M; X) = S(\mathcal{K}_n(M; X), M)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** [2] Let  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+1}$  nonstandard and  $X \subseteq M$ . If  $X$  is not cofinal in  $M$ , then  $\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; X)$  is not cofinal in  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** [1] Let  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_n$  and  $X \subseteq M$ . Then

1.  $\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; X) \prec_{n+1} M$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; X) \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_n$ .
2.  $\mathcal{I}_{n+1}(M; X) \prec_n^e M$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $M$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $X \subseteq M$ . We say that  $X$  is a maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable set in  $M$  iff  $X \neq M$  and  $\mathcal{K}_n(M; X) = X$ .

A first question arises in a natural way.

**Question 1.** Given a model,  $M$ , of a Fragment of Arithmetic, are there initial segments maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable in  $M$ ?

In [5] we give an affirmative answer to these question for models of  $\mathbf{PA}$ . As an example, by means of Tarski-Vaught Test, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for  $\omega$  to be a maximal  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -definable set in  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_n$  nonstandard.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_n$  be nonstandard. Then

$$\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; \omega) = \omega \iff \omega \prec_{n+1} M$$

Nevertheless, the classic models of Paris-Kirby  $\mathcal{K}_n(M; X)$  and  $\mathcal{I}_n(M; X)$ , do not answer the question, since, in general, the first one is a maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable set but not an initial segment and the second one is an initial segment but not a maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable set.

As, if  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+1}$  and  $X \subseteq M$ , finite nonstandard, then  $\mathcal{I}_{n+1}(M; X) \models \mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+1} + \neg\mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+1}$  [2] two more questions appear.

**Question 2.** Given a model,  $M$ , of a Fragment of Arithmetic, are there models of  $\mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+1}$  and not of  $\mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+1}$  that are initial segments maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable in  $M$ ?

**Question 3.** Given  $X \subseteq M$ , which is the least initial segment maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable in  $M$  containing  $\mathcal{K}_n(M; X)$ ?

In what follows, we will give an answer to these questions.

### 3 The Structures $T_\Gamma(M; X)$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure,  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $X \subseteq M$  not empty. For each  $k \in \omega$  we define  $T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\Gamma, 0}(M; X) &= \{c \in M : \text{there exist } \varphi(x, y, \vec{z}) \in \Gamma, a, \vec{b} \in X \text{ such that} \\ &\quad M \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \varphi(x, y, \vec{b}) \text{ and there exists} \\ &\quad d = \max\{e \in M : M \models \exists x \leq a \varphi(x, e, \vec{b})\} \text{ and } c \leq d\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X) &= \{c \in M : \text{there exist } \varphi(x, y, \vec{z}) \in \Gamma, a, \vec{b} \in T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X) \text{ such that} \\ &\quad M \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \varphi(x, y, \vec{b}) \text{ and there exists} \\ &\quad d = \max\{e \in M : M \models \exists x \leq a \varphi(x, e, \vec{b})\} \text{ and } c \leq d\} \end{aligned}$$

Then we define

$$T_\Gamma(M; X) = \bigcup_{k \in \omega} T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X)$$

If  $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ , it is obvious that  $X \subseteq T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X)$ .

Let  $M \models d = (\max y)_{x \leq a}(\varphi(x, y, \vec{b}))$  denote  $d = \max\{e \in M : M \models \exists x \leq a \varphi(x, e, \vec{b})\}$ .

**Note:** If  $M$  is a model of certain Fragment of Arithmetic, then  $M$  verifies some maximum schemes that guarantee that all  $\Gamma$ -definable function with a nonempty and upper bounded domain have a maximum element ([4] and [5]).

Now we give some properties of this structures.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $M \models \mathbf{P}^-$ ,  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq M$  and  $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ . Then  $T_\Gamma(M; X) \subset M$ .

*Proof.*

It is sufficient to prove that given any two elements  $c_1, c_2 \in T_\Gamma(M; X)$  we have that  $c_1 + 1, c_1 + c_2, c_1 \cdot c_2 \in T_\Gamma(M; X)$ .

Let  $k \in \omega$  such that  $c_1, c_2 \in T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X)$ , then there exist  $\varphi_1(x, y, \vec{z}), \varphi_2(x, y, \vec{z}) \in \Gamma$  and  $a, \vec{b} \in T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X)$  such that

- $M \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \varphi_1(x, y, \vec{b}) \wedge \exists d_1 = (\max y)_{x \leq a}(\varphi_1(x, y, \vec{b})) \wedge c_1 \leq d_1$ .
- $M \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \varphi_2(x, y, \vec{b}) \wedge \exists d_2 = (\max y)_{x \leq a}(\varphi_2(x, y, \vec{b})) \wedge c_2 \leq d_2$ .

Suppose that  $d_1 \geq d_2$  and consider  $\theta(x, y, d_1) \equiv y = 2 \cdot d_1 \in \Delta_0$ .

Let  $e \in T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X)$ . Then

- $M \models \forall x \leq e \exists! y \theta(x, y, d_1)$ .
- $M \models 2 \cdot d_1 = (\max y)_{x \leq e} (\theta(x, y, d_1)) \wedge c_1 + c_2 \leq 2 \cdot d_1$ .

So  $c_1 + c_2 \in T_{\Gamma, k+2}(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Gamma}(M; X)$ .

For  $c_1 + 1, c_1 \cdot c_2 \in T_{\Gamma}(M; X)$  the proof is similar. □

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $M \models \mathbf{P}^-$ ,  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq M$  and  $\Gamma = \Sigma_n$  or  $\Pi_n$ . Then*

1. *For each  $k \in \omega$  and for every  $Y \subseteq T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X)$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_n(M; Y) \subseteq T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X)$ .*
2.  *$\mathcal{K}_n(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Gamma}(M; X) = \mathcal{K}_n(M; T_{\Gamma}(M; X))$ .*

*Proof.*

1. Let  $a \in \mathcal{K}_n(M; Y)$ .

Then there exist  $\varphi(x, \vec{y}) \in \Sigma_n$  and  $\vec{b} \in Y$  such that  $M \models \varphi(x, \vec{b}) \rightsquigarrow a$ .

We consider

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x, y, \vec{z}) &\equiv \varphi(y, \vec{z}) \in \Sigma_n \text{ if } \Gamma = \Sigma_n \text{ or} \\ \theta(x, y, \vec{z}) &\equiv \forall u (\varphi(u, \vec{z}) \rightarrow u = y) \in \Pi_n \text{ if } \Gamma = \Pi_n \text{ (} n > 0 \text{)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $c \in X$ . Then

- $M \models \forall x \leq c \exists! y \theta(x, y, \vec{b})$ .
- $M \models a = (\max y)_{x \leq c} (\theta(x, y, \vec{b}))$ .

Hence  $a \in T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X)$ .

2. Taking into account that  $X \subseteq T_{\Gamma, 0}(M; X)$  we have by (1) that

$$\mathcal{K}_n(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Gamma, 1}(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Gamma}(M; X)$$

Let  $a \in \mathcal{K}_n(M; T_{\Gamma}(M; X))$ .

Then there exists  $k \in \omega$  such that  $a \in \mathcal{K}_n(M; T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X))$ .

Therefore, by (1),  $a \in T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Gamma}(M; X)$ . □

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_n$ ,  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq M$  and  $\Gamma = \Sigma_{n+1}$  or  $\Pi_{n+1}$ . Then*

1.  $T_{\Gamma}(M; X) \prec_{n+1}^e M$ .
2. *If  $T_{\Gamma}(M; X) \neq M$ , then  $T_{\Gamma}(M; X) \models \mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+2}$ .*

*Proof.*

1. By construction and (3.2)  $T_\Gamma(M; X)$  is an initial substructure of  $M$ . Then we must see that  $T_\Gamma(M; X) \prec_{n+1} M$ .

Let  $\varphi(x, y) \in \Pi_n$  and  $b \in T_\Gamma(M; X)$  such that  $M \models \exists x \varphi(x, b)$ . Since  $\mathbf{I}\Sigma_n \iff \mathbf{L}\Pi_n$ , there exists  $c \in M$  such that  $c = \min\{x \in M : M \models \varphi(x, b)\}$ .

We consider  $\theta(x, y, z) \equiv \varphi(y, z) \wedge \forall u < y \neg \varphi(u, z) \in \Gamma(M)$ .

Since  $b \in T_\Gamma(M; X)$ , there exists  $k \in \omega$  such that  $b \in T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X)$ .

Let  $a \in T_{\Gamma, k}(M; X)$ . Then

- $M \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \theta(x, y, b)$ .
- $M \models c = (\max y)_{x \leq a}(\theta(x, y, b))$ .

Hence,  $c \in T_{\Gamma, k+1}(M; X) \subseteq T_\Gamma(M; X)$  and  $M \models \varphi(c, b)$ .

By Tarski-Vaught Test we obtain  $T_\Gamma(M; X) \prec_{n+1} M$ .

2. It follows from (1) and (1.5).

□

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $M_1 \prec_{n+1}^e M_2 \models \mathbf{B}\Pi_n$ , and  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq M_1$ . Then*

1.  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M_1; X) = T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M_2; X)$ .
2.  $T_{\Pi_n}(M_1; X) = T_{\Pi_n}(M_2; X)$ .

*Proof.*

1. Let see by induction that for each  $k \in \omega$

$$T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, k}(M_1; X) = T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, k}(M_2; X)$$

$$\boxed{k = 0}$$

$\boxed{\subseteq}$  Let  $c \in T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, 0}(M_1; X)$ . Then there exist  $\varphi(x, y, \vec{z}) \in \Sigma_{n+1}$ ,  $a, \vec{b} \in X$  and  $d \in M_1$  such that

- (i.)  $M_1 \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \varphi(x, y, \vec{b})$ .
- (ii.)  $M_1 \models d = (\max y)_{x \leq a}(\varphi(x, y, \vec{b}))$ .
- (iii.)  $M_1 \models c \leq d$ .

Since  $M_1 \prec_{n+1} M_2$  and  $M_1, M_2 \models \mathbf{B}\Pi_n$ , those formulas are true in  $M_2$ . Hence,  $c \in T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, 0}(M_2; X)$ .

$\boxed{\supseteq}$  Let  $c \in T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, 0}(M_2; X)$ . Then there exist  $\varphi(x, y, \vec{z}) \in \Sigma_{n+1}$ ,  $a, \vec{b} \in X$  and  $d \in M_2$  such that

- (i.)  $M_2 \models \forall x \leq a \exists! y \varphi(x, y, \vec{b})$ .
- (ii.)  $M_2 \models d = (\max y)_{x \leq a}(\varphi(x, y, \vec{b}))$ .
- (iii.)  $M_2 \models c \leq d$ .

Let  $e \in M_2$  such that  $M_2 \models e \leq a \wedge \varphi(e, d, \vec{b})$ . Since  $M_1 \prec_{n+1}^e M_2$ , we have that  $e \in M_1$  and  $M_1 \models \exists y \varphi(e, y, \vec{b})$ .

Let  $d' \in M_1$  such that  $M_1 \models \varphi(e, d', \vec{b})$ ; then  $M_2 \models \varphi(e, d', \vec{b})$ , so  $d = d' \in M_1$ .

Since  $M_1 \prec_{n+1} M_2$ , formulas from (i) to (iii) are true in  $M_1$ .

Hence,  $c \in T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, 0}(M_1; X)$ .

$k \rightarrow k + 1$

The proof is similar taking into account that by induction hypothesis

$$T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, k}(M_2; X) = T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, k}(M_1; X) \subseteq M_1$$

2. As in (1).

□

And then we get the main result of this paper, which gives us a satisfactorial answer to our questions.

## 4 Main Results

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $M \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+2}$  and  $X \subseteq M$  nonstandard and not cofinal in  $M$ . Then*

1.  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$  is an initial substructure, nonstandard and maximal  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -definable in  $M$  that contains  $\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; X)$ .

Furthermore, this structure is the least verifying the properties above and

$$T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \models \mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+2} + \neg\mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+2}$$

2.  $T_{\Pi_n}(M; X)$  is an initial substructure, nonstandard and maximal  $\Sigma_n$ -definable in  $M$  containing  $\mathcal{K}_n(M; X)$ .

*Proof.*

1. We have seen that

(a)  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \subset^e M$  (3.2).

(b)  $\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; X) \subseteq T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) = \mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X))$  (3.3).

Since  $X \subseteq T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$ , we have that  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$  is nonstandard.

So it remains to prove that  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \neq M$ .

By (2.2) we have that  $\mathcal{K}_{n+2}(M; X)$  is not cofinal in  $M$ , so there exists  $a \in M$  such that  $a > \mathcal{I}_{n+2}(M; X)$ ; thus,  $\mathcal{I}_{n+2}(M; X) \prec_{n+1}^e M$  (2.3) and  $\mathcal{I}_{n+2}(M; X) \neq M$ . Then

$$T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \stackrel{(3.5)}{=} T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(\mathcal{I}_{n+2}(M; X); X) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{n+2}(M; X) \subsetneq M$$

- Let us see that  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$  is the least structure verifying those properties.  
Consider  $M' \subset^e M$  maximal  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -definable in  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{K}_{n+1}(M; X) \subseteq M'$ .  
Let us see by induction that for each  $k \in \omega$ ,  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, k}(M; X) \subseteq M'$ .

$$\boxed{k = 0}$$

Let  $a \in T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, 0}(M; X)$ . Then there exist  $\varphi(x, y, \vec{z}) \in \Sigma_{n+1}$  and  $b, \vec{c} \in X \subseteq M'$  such that

- $M \models \forall x \leq b \exists! y \varphi(x, y, \vec{c})$ .
- $M \models a \leq m = (\max y)_{x \leq b}(\varphi(x, y, \vec{c}))$ .

Let  $\theta(z, w, \vec{v}) \equiv \exists x \leq w \varphi(x, z, \vec{v}) \wedge \forall x \leq w \exists y (\varphi(x, y, \vec{v}) \wedge y \leq z) \in \Sigma_{n+1}(M)$ .

We have that  $M \models \theta(z, b, \vec{c}) \rightsquigarrow m$  what implies that  $m \in M'$ , so  $a \in M'$ .

$$\boxed{k \rightarrow k + 1}$$

The proof is similar taking into account that by induction hypothesis

$$T_{\Sigma_{n+1}, k}(M; X) \subseteq M'$$

- $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \models \mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+2} + \neg\mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+2}$ .  
By (3.4), as  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \neq M$ ,  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \models \mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+2}$   
Suppose that  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \models \mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+2}$ .  
- By (3.4)  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X) \prec_{n+1}^e M$ .  
- By (3.5)  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X); X) = T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$ .

But, from (1), it follows that  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X); X)$  is a maximal  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -definable set in  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$ . So  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X); X) \neq T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$  what is a contradiction.

2. As in (1).

□

**Note:** This theorem cannot be improved because in the proof we have built a model  $M'$  ( $M' = T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M; X)$ ), of  $\mathbf{B}\Sigma_{n+2} + \neg\mathbf{I}\Sigma_{n+2}$  for which  $T_{\Sigma_{n+1}}(M'; X) = M'$ .

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