# **On Strongly Positive Multidimensional Arithmetical Sets**<sup>1</sup>

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#### Abstract

The notion of positive arithmetical formula in the signature (0, =, S), where S(x) = x + 1, is defined and investigated in [1] and [2]. A multidimensional arithmetical set is said to be positive if it is determined by a positive formula. Some subclass of the class of positive sets, namely, the class of strongly positive sets, is considered. It is proved that for any  $n \ge 3$  there exists a 2n-dimensional strongly positive set such that its transitive closure is non-recursive. On the other side, it is noted that the transitive closure of any 2-dimensional strongly positive set is primitive recursive.

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## 1. Introduction

The classes of recursive sets having in general non-recursive transitive closures have been investigated in the theory of algorithms since the first steps of this theory ([3]-[8]). The works [9]-[13] are dedicated mainly to algebraic problems, however, some examples of recursive sets having non-recursive transitive closures are actually given also in these works. In [14] it is noted that there exists a two-dimensional arithmetical set belonging to the class  $\Sigma_4$  and having a nonrecursive transitive closure (the classes  $\Sigma_n$  for  $n \ge 0$  are defined in [14] as some classes of arithmetical sets determined by formulas in M. Presburger's system ([4], [15], [16])). Below the class of strongly positive arithmetical sets is considered (the definition will be given in Section 2) such that the sets belonging to this class have a more simple structure than the sets noted above, and have the following properties: (1) for any  $n \ge 3$  there exists a 2*n*-dimensional strongly positive set has a primitive recursive transitive closure (see below, Theorem 1 and Theorem 2).

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#### 2. Main Definitions and Results

By *N* we denote the set of all non-negative integers,  $N = \{0,1,2,...\}$ . By  $N^n$  we denote the set of *n*-tuples  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ , where  $n \ge 1$ ,  $x_i \in N$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ .

An *n*-dimensional arithmetical set, where  $n \ge 1$ , is defined as any subset of  $N^n$ .

An n-dimensional arithmetical predicate P is defined as a predicate which is true on some

set  $A \subseteq N^n$  and false out of it; in this case we say that A is the <u>set of truth</u> for P, and P is the <u>representing predicate</u> for A.

The notions of <u>primitive recursive function</u>, <u>general recursive function</u>, <u>partially recursive</u> <u>function</u>, <u>primitive recursive set</u>, <u>recursive set</u> are defined in a usual way ([3]-[8]). The corresponding terms will be shortly denoted below by PmRF, GRF, PtRF, PmRS, RS.

We will consider <u>arithmetical formulas in the signature</u> (0,=,S), where S(x) = x + 1, for  $x \in N$  (see [1]-[8]). Any term included in a formula of the mentioned kind has the form S(S(...S(x)...)) or S(S(...S(0)...)), where x is a variable. Such terms we will denote correspondingly by  $S^k(x)$  and  $S^k(0)$ , where k is the quantity of symbols S contained in the considered term. We replace  $S^0(x)$  and  $S^0(0)$  with x and 0. Any elementary subformula of a formula of this kind has the form  $t_1 = t_2$ , where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are terms. Any arithmetical formula of this kind is obtained by the logical operations  $\&, \lor, \supset, \neg, \forall, \exists$  from elementary formulas. We say that a formula is <u>semi-elementary</u> if it has the form  $t_1 = t_2$  or  $\neg(t_1 = t_2)$ , where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are terms.

The <u>deductive system</u> of formal arithmetic in the signature (0, =, S) is defined as in [4], [6]; we will denote this system by Ded<sub>S</sub> (cf. [1], [2]). As it is proved in [4], this system is complete. We say that formulas F and G in the signature (0, =, S) are <u>Ded<sub>S</sub>-equivalent</u> (or simply <u>equivalent</u>) if the formula  $(F \supset G) \& (G \supset F)$  is deducible in Ded<sub>S</sub>. Below we consider formulas of the mentioned kind up to their Ded<sub>S</sub>-equivalence.

An arithmetical formula of the mentioned kind is said to be <u>positive</u> if it contains no other symbols of logical operations except  $\exists, \&, \lor, \neg, \neg$ , and all the symbols  $\neg$  of negation relate to elementary subformulas containing no more than one variable (see [1], [2]). An arithmetical formula of this kind is said to be <u>strongly positive</u> if it can be obtained by the logical operations & and  $\lor$  from semi-elementary formulas of the following forms: x = a, where x is a variable, a is a constant,  $a \in N$ ; x = y, where x and y are variables; x = S(y), where x and y are variables;  $\neg(x = 0)$ , where x is a variable. An arithmetical predicate is said to be <u>positive</u> (correspondingly, <u>strongly positive</u>), if it can be expressed by a positive (correspondingly, strongly positive) formula. An arithmetical set is said to be positive (correspondingly, strongly positive) if its representing predicate is positive (correspondingly, strongly positive).

The notion of one-dimensional <u>creative set</u> is given in a usual way ([3], [5], [7], [8]). We will slightly generalize this notion. We use a PmRF  $c_n(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ , where  $n \ge 2$ , establishing a one-to-one correspondence between  $N^n$  and N (for example,  $c_n(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = c_2(c_2(...c_2(c_2(x_1, x_2), x_3)..., x_{n-1}), x_n)$ , where  $c_2(x, y) = 2^x \cdot (2y+1)-1$ ). We say that a set  $B \subseteq N^n$  is an <u>*n*-dimensional image</u> of a set  $A \subseteq N$  when  $c_n(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in A$  if and only if  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in B$ . The set  $B \in N^n$  is said to be <u>creative in the generalized sense</u> if it is an *n*-dimensional image of some one-dimensional creative set. Clearly, the properties of creative sets in the generalized sense are similar to the properties of one-dimensional creative sets (for example, all sets creative in the generalized sense are non-recursive).

<u>Transitive closure</u>  $A^*$  of an arithmetical set A having an even dimension 2k is defined in a usual way by the following generating rules (cf. [1], [2], [13]): (1) if  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{2k}) \in A$ , then  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{2k}) \in A^*$ , (2) if  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k, y_1, y_2, ..., y_k) \in A^*$ , and  $(y_1, y_2, ..., y_k, z_1, z_2, ..., z_k) \in A^*$ , then  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k, z_1, z_2, ..., z_k) \in A^*$ .

**Theorem 1:** For any  $n \ge 3$  there exists a 2n-dimensional strongly positive set such that its transitive closure is creative in the generalized sense.

**Theorem 2:** Transitive closure of any 2-dimensional strongly positive set is primitive recursive.

The proof of Theorem 1 will be given below. The proof of Theorem 2 will be published later.

### 3. Auxiliary Notions and Statements

We will use some class of <u>operator algorithms</u> ([8], [17]) having a special structure. The algorithms belonging to this class we will call  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithms. Any  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithm consists of finite number of <u>elementary  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithms</u>, which will be called below " $\underline{\Omega}$ -operators". The set of all  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operators included in the considered  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithm we call "scheme" of this  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithm. We suppose that some non-negative integer is attached to any  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator in the scheme of a given  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithm in such a way, that different integers are attached to different  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operators. The integer attached to some  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator we call "an identifier" of this  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator. In this case we say that this  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator has the mentioned identifier. Any  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator implements one step of the process of computation realized by the considered  $\underline{\Omega}$ -algorithm. The objects transformed in the process is defined as a pair ( $\alpha, w$ ), where  $\alpha$  is the identifier attached to the  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator which is working on the considered step of the process, and w is the number obtained by the previous steps of the process.  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operators are algorithms having one of the following forms (where  $\alpha$  is the identifier attached to the considered  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator;  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are identifiers attached to  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operators which should work after the working of this  $\underline{\Omega}$ -operator):

- (1)  $(\alpha, end)$ . This  $\Omega$ -operator is called below "a final operator"; it finishes the process of computation.
- (2)  $(\alpha, \times 2, \beta)$ . This  $\Omega$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, w)$  to the state  $(\beta, 2w)$ .
- (3)  $(\alpha, \times 3, \beta)$ . This  $\Omega$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, w)$  to the state  $(\beta, 3w)$ .
- (4)  $(\alpha, :6, \beta, \gamma)$ . This  $\Omega$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, w)$  to the state  $(\beta, \frac{w}{6})$  if the number w is divisible by 6; in the opposite case it transforms the state  $(\alpha, w)$  to the state  $(\gamma, w)$ .

Note that such forms of operators are considered actually in [17] (see also [8], p. 292, p. 312).

We suppose that any scheme of  $\Omega$ -algorithm contains only a single final  $\Omega$ -operator which has the identifier  $\alpha = 0$ . Among the operators contained in the scheme of the considered  $\Omega$ algorithm we distinguish the <u>initial</u>  $\Omega$ -operator having the identifier  $\alpha = 1$ ; the working of this operator begins the process of computation. The whole process of working of the given  $\Omega$ algorithm is described by the sequence of states  $(\alpha_1, w_1), (\alpha_2, w_2), ..., (\alpha_k, w_k), ..., (where$   $\alpha_1 = 1$ ) obtained during the working of this  $\Omega$ -algorithm. The process is described by a finite sequence  $(1, w_1), (\alpha_2, w_2), \dots, (0, w_m)$  if it is finished by the working of the final  $\Omega$ -operator.

In this case we say that the considered  $\Omega$ -algorithm <u>transforms</u> the state  $(1, w_1)$  to the state  $(0, w_m)$ , and is <u>applicable</u> to the state  $(1, w_1)$ . If the final  $\Omega$ -operator does not work during the process of computation, then the mentioned sequence  $(1, w_1)$ ,  $(\alpha_2, w_2)$ ,... is infinite. In this case we say that the considered  $\Omega$ -algorithm is <u>not applicable</u> to the state  $(1, w_1)$ .

The following theorem is proved in [17] (see also [8], pp. 312-315) in some other terms.

**Theorem 3 ([17]):** For any PtRF f(x) there exists an  $\Omega$ -algorithm which transforms the state  $(1,2^{2^x})$  to the state  $(0,2^{2^{f(x)}})$  when the value f(x) is defined, and is not applicable to the state  $(1,2^{2^x})$  in the opposite case.

If some  $\Omega$ -algorithm has the property described in Theorem 3, then we say that this  $\Omega$ -algorithm <u>realizes</u> the PtRF f(x). For example, the following  $\Omega$ -algorithm:

 $(0, end), (1, \times 3, 2), (2, :6, 1, 3), (3, \times 2, 0)$ 

realizes the GRF f(x) = 0.

We will use also another classes of algorithms, namely,  $\Gamma_n - algorithms$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

These algorithms are actually special cases of <u>graph-schemes with memory</u> ([18]), though they will be described below in some other terms than the descriptions in [18].

Any  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm consists of finite number of  $\underline{\Gamma}_n$ -operators. The set of all  $\Gamma_n$ -operators included in the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm we call "scheme" of this  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm. The index n in the notation  $\Gamma_n$  denotes that the objects transformed by the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm are n-tuples  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ , where  $x_i \in N$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . The notion of identifier attached to the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -operator is defined similarly to the notion of "identifier attached to the considered  $\Omega$ -operator" which is given above; we suppose that different  $\Gamma_n$ -operator, we will say that this  $\Gamma_n$ -operator <u>has</u> the mentioned identifier.

The <u>state</u> of the computation process realized by a  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm is defined as an (n+1)tuple  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})$ , where  $\alpha$  is the identifier attached to the  $\Gamma_n$ -operator which is working on the considered step of the process, and  $(x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})$  is the *n*-tuple of numbers obtained by the previous steps of the process.  $\Gamma_n$ -operators are algorithms having one of the following forms (where the notations  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  have the same sense as  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  in the description of  $\Omega$ operators given above):

- (1)  $(\alpha, end)$ . This  $\Gamma_n$ -operator we call "a final operator"; it finishes the process of computation.
- (2)  $(\alpha, x_i + 1, \beta)$ , where  $2 \le i \le n + 1$ . This  $\Gamma_n$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(\beta, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i + 1, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{n+1})$ .

- (3)  $(\alpha, x_i 1, \beta)$ , where  $2 \le i \le n+1$ ; we denote by the symbol the PmRF such that x y = x y when  $x \ge y$ , and x y = 0 when x < y (cf. [3]-[8]). This  $\Gamma_n$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(\beta, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i 1, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{n+1})$ .
- (4)  $(\alpha, x_i = 0, \beta, \gamma)$ , where  $2 \le i \le n+1$ . This  $\Gamma_n$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(\beta, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})$  when  $x_i = 0$ , and to the state  $(\gamma, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})$  when  $x_i \ne 0$ .

We suppose that any scheme of  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm contains only a single final  $\Gamma_n$ -operator which has the identifier  $\alpha = 0$ . Among the  $\Gamma_n$ -operators contained in the scheme of the considered  $\Gamma_n$ algorithm we distinguish the <u>initial</u>  $\Gamma_n$ -operator having the identifier  $\alpha = 1$ ; the working of this operator begins the process of computation. This process is described by a sequence of states  $(\alpha_1, Q_1)$ ,  $(\alpha_2, Q_2)$ ,...,  $(\alpha_k, Q_k)$ ,... where  $\alpha_1 = 1$ , and any  $Q_i$  is an *n*-tuple  $(x_2^{(i)}, x_3^{(i)}, ..., x_{n+1}^{(i)})$ . Such a sequence is finite if the final  $\Gamma_n$ -operator works during the mentioned process, and is infinite in the opposite case. If the sequence of states is finite, then we say that the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm is <u>applicable</u> to the state  $(1, Q_1)$ ; in this case we say also that  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm <u>transforms</u> the state  $(1, Q_1)$  to the state  $(0, Q_m)$ , where  $(0, Q_m)$  is the last state in the considered sequence. If the sequence of states  $(1, Q_1)$ ,  $(2, Q_2)$ ,... is infinite, then we say that the considered  $\Gamma_n$ algorithm is <u>not applicable</u> to the state  $(1, Q_1)$ .

We say that a  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm (where  $n \ge 2$ ) realizes a PtRF f(x), if for any  $x \in N$  it transforms the state  $(1,2^x,0,0,...,0)$  to the state  $(0,2^{f(x)},0,0,...,0)$  when the value f(x) is defined, and is not applicable to the state  $(1,2^x,0,0,...,0)$  when the value f(x) is not defined. For example, the following  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm realizes the PtRF f(x) which is nowhere defined:  $(0,end), (1,x_2 - 1,1)$ .

**Lemma 3.1:** If the initial state in the process of computation realized by some  $\Omega$ -algorithm has the form  $(1,2^u,3^v)$ , where  $u \in N$ ,  $v \in N$ , then any state  $(\alpha_m, w_m)$  included in this process satisfies the condition  $w_m = 2^t \cdot 3^s$ , where  $t, s \in N$ .

The proof is easily obtained from the definitions.

**Lemma 3.2:** For any  $\Omega$ -algorithm  $\varphi$  realizing some PtRF f(x) there exists a  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm  $\psi$  realizing the same PtRF f(x).

**Proof:** We will consider the process of computation realized by the  $\Omega$ -algorithm  $\varphi$ . Any initial state in such a process has the form  $(1,2^{2^x})$  that is  $(1,2^{2^x} \cdot 3^0)$ . As it is proved in Lemma 3.1 any state included in such a process has the form  $(\alpha_m, 2^t \cdot 3^s)$  where  $t, s \in N$ . For any  $\Omega$ -operator included in the scheme of  $\Omega$ -algorithm  $\varphi$  we will construct some subscheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm  $\psi$  which has the following property: if the considered  $\Omega$ -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, 2^u \cdot 3^v)$  to the state  $(\beta, 2^t \cdot 3^s)$  then the corresponding subscheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -

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algorithm  $\psi$  transforms the state  $(\alpha, u, v)$  of  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm  $\psi$  to the state  $(\beta, t, s)$ . We will consider the following cases.

**Case 1.** The considered  $\Omega$ -operator has the form  $(\alpha, \times 2, \beta)$ . In this case the required subscheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm  $\psi$  consists of the single  $\Gamma_2$ -operator  $(\alpha, x_2 + 1, \beta)$ .

**Case 2.** The considered  $\Omega$ -operator has the form  $(\alpha, \times 3, \beta)$ . In this case the required subscheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm  $\psi$  consists of the single  $\Gamma_2$ -operator  $(\alpha, x_3 + 1, \beta)$ .

**Case 3.** The considered  $\Omega$ -operator has the form  $(\alpha,: 6, \beta, \gamma)$ . In this case the required subscheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm  $\psi$  consists of the following  $\Gamma_2$ -operators:  $(\alpha, x_2 = 0, \gamma, \delta_1)$ ,  $(\delta_1, x_3 = 0, \gamma, \delta_2)$ ,  $(\delta_2, x_2 - 1, \delta_3)$ ,  $(\delta_3, x_3 - 1, \beta)$ . Here  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ ,  $\delta_3$  are identifiers attached to additional  $\Gamma_2$ -operators which are included in the scheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm for modeling the working of the considered  $\Omega$ -operator. Of course, these identifiers should be different in different subschemes of this kind.

**Case 4.** The considered  $\Omega$ -operator has the form (0, end). This  $\Omega$ -operator does not transform the states of  $\Omega$ -algorithm. So, the corresponding  $\Gamma_2$ -operator has the same form (0, end).

The scheme of the supposed  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm is obtained as the union of subschemes of the mentioned forms constructed for all  $\Omega$ -operators included in the scheme of the given  $\Omega$ -algorithm. It is easily seen that such  $\Gamma_2$ -algorithm satisfies the conditions of Lemma 3.2. This completes the proof.

**Corollary 1:** For any PtRF f(x) and any  $n \ge 2$  there exists a  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm realizing the PtRF f(x).

The proof is based on Theorem 3 and is similar to that of Lemma 3.2.

**Note:** The statements established in Lemma 3.2 and in its Corollary 1 are similar to Theorem 7.1 in [18], where it is proved that any PtRF may be realized by some graph-scheme with memory constructed on the base of the functions x+1, x-1 and of the predicate x=0. However, graph-schemes with memory corresponding to  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithms are essentially simpler than the graph-schemes considered in Theorem 7.1 in [18]. Besides, the definition of realizability of PtRf by  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm differs from the corresponding definition in [18].

Now let us define for any  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm, where  $n \ge 1$ , the predicate describing one step of computation process realized by this  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm. Such a predicate we will call "a step describing predicate", or, shortly, "SD-predicate" for a given  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm. Namely, if  $\eta$  is the SD-predicate for a given  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm, then  $\eta(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{2n+2})$  is true if and only if the given  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm transforms the state  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, ..., x_{2n+2})$  by one step of the corresponding computation process. Let us note the following property of the predicate  $\eta$ : if  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1})$  is a state of the computational process realized by the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm,

such that  $x_1 \neq 0$ , then there exists a single (n+1)-tuple  $(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, \dots, x_{2n+2})$  such that  $\eta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n+2})$  is true.

The set of truth for the mentioned predicate  $\eta$  we will call "SD-set" for the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm. Clearly, such a set  $\pi$  has the following property:  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{2n+2}) \in \pi$  if and only if  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1})$  is a state of computation process realized by the considered  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm, and this  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm transforms the state  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, ..., x_{2n+2})$  by one step of the computation process.

Now let us define the forms of SD-predicates and SD-sets for  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithms. We suppose that some  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm  $\psi$ , where  $n \ge 1$  is fixed. We will define the forms of SD-predicates for any  $\Gamma_n$ -operator included in the scheme of  $\psi$ .

**Case 1.** The considered  $\Gamma_n$  -operator has the form  $(\alpha, x_i + 1, \beta)$ . Such  $\Gamma_n$  -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(\beta, x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}, ..., x_{n+i}, x_{n+i+2}, ..., x_{2n+2})$ , where  $x_{n+3} = x_2$ ,  $x_{n+4} = x_3, ..., x_{n+i} = x_{i-1}$ ,  $x_{n+i+1} = x_i + 1$ ,  $x_{n+i+2} = x_{i+1}, ..., x_{2n+2} = x_{n+1}$ .

The SD-predicate for such a  $\Gamma_n$ -operator is expressed by the following formula:  $(x_1 = \alpha) \& (x_{n+2} = \beta) \& (x_{n+3} = x_2) \& (x_{n+4} = x_3) \& \dots \& (x_{n+i} = x_{i-1}) \& (x_{n+i+1} = S(x_i)) \& \& (x_{n+i+2} = x_{i+1}) \& \dots \& (x_{2n+2} = x_{n+1}).$ 

**Case 2.** The considered  $\Gamma_n$  -operator has the form  $(\alpha, x_i - 1, \beta)$ . Such  $\Gamma_n$  -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(\beta, x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}, ..., x_{n+i}, x_{n+i+1}, x_{n+i+2}, ..., x_{2n+2})$ , where  $x_{n+3} = x_2$ ,  $x_{n+4} = x_3, ..., x_{n+i} = x_{i-1}$ ,  $x_{n+i+1} = x_i - 1$ ,  $x_{n+i+2} = x_{i+1}, ..., x_{2n+2} = x_{n+1}$ .

The SD-predicate for such a  $\Gamma_n$ -operator is expressed by the following formula:  $(x_1 = \alpha) \& (x_{n+2} = \beta) \& (x_{n+3} = x_2) \& (x_{n+4} = x_3) \& ... \& (x_{n+i} = x_{i-1}) \& (x_{n+i+2} = x_{i+1}) \& ...$  $\& (x_{2n+2} = x_{n+1}) \& (((x_{n+i+1} = 0) \& (x_i = 0)) \lor (\neg (x_i = 0) \& (x_i = S(x_{n+i+1})))).$ 

**Case 3.** The considered  $\Gamma_n$  -operator has the form  $(\alpha, x_i = 0, \beta, \gamma)$ . Such  $\Gamma_n$  -operator transforms the state  $(\alpha, x_2, x_3, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the states  $(\beta, x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}, ..., x_{2n+2})$  or  $(\gamma, x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}, ..., x_{2n+2})$  (where  $x_{n+3} = x_2, x_{n+4} = x_3, ..., x_{2n+2} = x_{n+1})$  in the cases, when, correspondingly,  $x_i = 0$  or  $x_i \neq 0$ . The SD-predicate for such a  $\Gamma_n$ -operator is expressed by the following formula:  $(x_1 = \alpha) \& (x_{n+3} = x_2) \& (x_{n+4} = x_3) \& ... \& (x_{2n+2} = x_{n+1}) \& (((x_{n+2} = \beta) \& (x_i = 0))) \lor ((x_{n+2} = \gamma) \& \neg (x_i = 0))).$ 

**Case 4.** The considered  $\Gamma_n$  -operator has the form (0, end). Such  $\Gamma_n$  -operator does not transform the states of  $\Gamma_n$  -algorithm, so, an SD-predicate is not considered for such  $\Gamma_n$  -operator.

The SD-predicate for  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm  $\psi$  is expressed by the formula obtained as the disjunction of formulas expressing SD-predicates constructed above for all  $\Gamma_n$ -operators contained in the scheme of  $\psi$  and different from the operator (0, end). The SD-set for  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm  $\psi$  is obtained as the set of truth for the corresponding SD-predicate. Clearly, such SD-set is a (2n + 2)-dimensional arithmetical set.

**Lemma 3.3:** *SD*-predicate and *SD*-set constructed for any  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm, where  $n \ge 1$ , are strongly positive.

The proof is obtained evidently from the definitions.

**Lemma 3.4:** (cf. [13], p.72). If A is a 2k-dimensional set,  $A \subseteq N^{2k}$ , then 2k-tuple  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k, y_1, y_2, ..., y_k)$  belongs to the transitive closure  $A^*$  of the set A if and only if there exists a sequence  $(Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m)$  of k-tuples, such that  $m \ge 2$ ,  $Q_1 = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_k)$ ,  $Q_m = (y_1, y_2, ..., y_k)$  and any 2k-tuple  $(Q_i, Q_{i+1})$  for  $1 \le i \le m-1$  belongs to A.

The proof is easily obtained using the definition of the transitive closure  $A^*$ .

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 1

Let *M* be any one-dimensional creative set ([3], [5], [7], [8]). We consider the PtRF f(x) such that f(x) = 0 when  $x \in M$ , and the value f(x) is indefined when  $x \notin M$ . For any fixed  $n \ge 2$  we construct (using Corollary of Lemma 3.2) a  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm  $\psi$  realizing the PtRF f(x); clearly,  $\psi$  transforms the state  $(1,2^x,0,0,...,0)$  to the state (0,1,0,0,...,0) when  $x \in M$  and is not applicable to the state  $(1,2^x,0,0,...,0)$  when  $x \notin M$ . Now, let us consider the SD-predicate  $\eta$  and SD-set  $\pi$  for  $\psi$ . Clearly,  $\eta$  is true for (2n+2)-tuple  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1}, y_1, y_2, ..., y_{n+1})$  (and the state  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1}, y_1, y_2, ..., y_{n+1}) \in \pi$  holds) if and only if  $\psi$  transforms the state  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1})$  to the state  $(y_1, y_2, ..., y_{n+1})$  by one step of the process of computation. Let us consider the transitive closure  $\pi^*$  of the SD-set  $\pi$ .

Using Lemma 3.4 we conclude that  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1}, y_1, y_2, ..., y_{n+1}) \in \pi^*$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $(Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m)$  of (n+1)-tuples such that  $Q_1 = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n+1})$ ,  $Q_m = (y_1, y_2, ..., y_{n+1})$ , and  $(Q_i, Q_{i+1}) \in \pi$  for any *i* such that  $1 \le i < m$ . But in this case the sequence  $(Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_m)$  is a sequence of states of the  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm  $\psi$  which describes some part of a process of computation implemented by the  $\Gamma_n$ -algorithm  $\psi$ .

Hence, the (2n+2)-tuple  $(1,2^x,0,0,...,0,0,1,0,0,...,0)$  belongs to  $\pi^*$  if  $x \in M$ . It is easily seen that the mentioned (2n+2)-tuple does not belong to  $\pi^*$  if  $x \notin M$ . Let us consider the set  $\pi^{**} \in N$  such that its (2n+2)-dimensional image is  $\pi^*$ . Then  $c_{2n+2}(1,2^x,0,0,...,0,0,1,00,...,0) \in \pi^{**}$  if and only if  $x \in M$ . So the set M is m-reducible to the set  $\pi^{**}$ . Using the corresponding theorem concerning m-reducibility (see, for example, [8], p. 161), we conclude that the set  $\pi^{**}$  is creative, the set  $\pi^*$  is creative in the generalized sense, and the set  $\pi$  is strongly positive (see Lemma 3.3). This completes the proof.

**Note:** It is seen from Theorem 1 that the transitive closures of some strongly positive sets having the dimensions 6, 8, 10, ... are creative in the generalized sense. On the other side (Theorem 2) the transitive closure of any 2-dimensional strongly positive set is primitive recursive. Similar problem concerning 4-dimensional strongly positive sets remains open.

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# Խիստ պոզիտիվ բազմաչափ թվաբանական բազմությունների մասին

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#### Ամփոփում

[1]-ում և [2]-ում սահմանվում և հետազոտվում է պոզիտիվ թվաբանական բանաձևի գաղափարը (0,=,S) սիգնատուրայում, (որտեղ S(x) = x+1)։ Բազմաչափթվաբանական բազմությունը կոչվում է պոզիտիվ, եթե այն որոշվում է որևէ պոզիտիվ բանաձևի միջոցով։ Դիտարկվում է պոզիտիվ բազմությունների դասի որևէ ենթադաս, այսինքն` խիստ պոզիտիվ բազմությունների դասը։ Ապացուցվում է, որ ցանկացած n-ի համար, որտեղ  $n \ge 3$ , գոյություն ունի 2n-չափանի խիստ պոզիտիվ բազմություն, որի տրանզիտիվ փակումը ռեկուրսիվ չէ։ Մյուս կողմից նշվում է, որ ցանկացած 2-չափանի խիստ պոզիտիվ բազմություն ունի պարզագույն ռեկուրսիվ տրանզիտիվ փակում։

# О строго позитивных многомерных арифметических множествах

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#### Аннотация

Понятие позитивной арифметической формулы в сигнатуре (0,=,S), где S(x) = x+1, определено и исследовано в [1] и [2]. Многомерное арифметическое множество называем позитивным, если оно задаётся позитивной формулой. Рассматривается подкласс класса позитивных множеств, а именно, класс строго позитивных множеств. Доказывается, что для всякого  $n \ge 3$  существует строго позитивное множество размерности 2n, такое, что его транзитивное замыкание нерекурсивно. С другой стороны, указывается, что транзитивное замыкание всякого строго позитивного множества размерности 2 примитивно рекурсивно.