

- TEODOR J. STĘPIEŃ, LUKASZ T. STĘPIEŃ, *On the consistency of Peano's Arithmetic System.*

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§1. Terminology. Let $\rightarrow, \sim, \wedge, \equiv$ denote connectives of implication, negation, conjunction and equivalence, respectively. Next Sp denotes the set of all well-formed formulas of Peano's Arithmetic System. R_{Sp} denotes the set of all rules over Sp . For any $X \subseteq Sp$ and for any $R \subseteq R_{Sp}$, $Cn(R, X)$ is the smallest subset of Sp containing X and closed under the rules of R . The couple $\langle R, X \rangle$ is called a system, whenever $R \subseteq R_{Sp}$ and $X \subseteq Sp$. Next r_o denotes Modus Ponens, r_+ denotes the generalization rule and $R_{o+} = \{r_o, r_+\}$ (see [1]). We use $\Rightarrow, \neg, \&, \Leftrightarrow, \forall, \exists$ as metalogical symbols. L_2 and A_r denote the set of all logical axioms and the set of all specific axioms in Peano's Arithmetic System, respectively (see [2]). Hence $\langle R_{o+}, L_2 \cup A_r \rangle$ is Peano's Arithmetic System.

The traditional consistency:

Definition. $\langle R, X \rangle \in Cns^T \Leftrightarrow (\neg \exists \alpha \in Sp)[\alpha \in Cn(R, X) \ \& \ \sim \alpha \in Cn(R, X)]$

§2. THE MAIN RESULT. THEOREM. $\langle R_{o+}, L_2 \cup A_r \rangle \in Cns^T$.

Proof. (elementary and combinatorial, see [3]).

§3. References.

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