MONADIC SECOND-ORDER DEFINABILITY IN SOME WEAK ARITHMETICAL STRUCTURES

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This talk surveys some results on monadic second-order definability in (relatively) weak arithmetical structures. Perhaps the most important of these structures are

 $\langle \mathbb{N}; \leq \rangle, \quad \langle \mathbb{N}; +, = \rangle, \quad \langle \mathbb{N}; \times, = \rangle, \quad \langle \mathbb{N}; \mid \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \mathbb{N}; \perp \rangle$

where | and \perp denote the divisibility relation and the coprimeness relation, respectively — i.e., for any $\{n, k\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, we have

 $n \mid m \iff n$ divides m, and

 $n \perp m \iff n$ and m have no common prime divisor.

I shall pay special attention to them in my talk. Also, I shall mention some related results on first-order definability (in particular, those by A. Bès, P. Cegielski, Yu. V. Matiyasevich, D. Richard, J. Robinson and A. R. Woods). See the references to this abstract for further details.

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