## Solution Hints for Exercises No.1

Exercise 1 Substructures of

- (1)  $\mathfrak{A}_1 = (\mathbb{N}, \mathsf{S}, 0)$ : only  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  itself.
- (2)  $\mathfrak{A}_2 = (\mathbb{N}, \mathsf{S})$ : all restrictions to subsets  $\mathbb{N}_{\geq n} = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m \geq n\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . However, any such is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  itself via the map  $h : m \mapsto m - n$ .
- (3)  $\mathfrak{A}_3 = (\mathbb{N}, \operatorname{graph}(\mathsf{S}))$ : all restrictions to non-empty subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- (4)  $\mathfrak{A}_4 = \mathfrak{N} = (\mathbb{N}, +^{\mathfrak{N}}, \cdot^{\mathfrak{N}}, <^{\mathfrak{N}}, 0, 1)$ : only  $\mathfrak{A}_4$  itself.
- (5)  $\mathfrak{A}_5 = (\mathbb{N}, +\mathfrak{N}, <\mathfrak{N}, 0)$ : all restrictions to subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  that contain 0 and that are closed under addition. Some of them are isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}_5$ , for instance  $\mathfrak{A}_5 \upharpoonright k\mathbb{N}$  for  $k \neq 0$ , and some are not, for instance with  $\mathfrak{A}_5 \upharpoonright (\{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}_{\geq 2})$  (check!).

**Exercise 2** Composition of bijections from A to A is associative with neutral element  $id_A$  and with inverse maps for inverse elements. One checks that  $id_A$  is an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$ ; that the composition of any two automorphisms of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is again an automorphism; and that the inverse of any automorphism is an automorphism. This shows that composition is an operation on Aut( $\mathfrak{A}$ ), having a neutral element and inverses.

- **Exercise 3** (i) Closed under homomorphisms (check!), not closed under substructures, for instance  $(\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$  is a substructure of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$  but not a group.
  - (ii) Closed under homomorphisms and closed under substructures.
- (iii) Closed under homomorphisms (check by case distinction on whether h(0) = h(1)), not closed under substructures, for instance  $\{\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0, 1\}$  is a substructure of  $\{\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, 0, 1\}$  but not a field.
- (iv) Closed under substructures, not closed under homomorphisms. For instance  $(\mathbb{N}, <^{\mathfrak{N}}) \xrightarrow{\text{hom}} (\mathbb{N}, U)$  where U is the universal binary relation on  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- (v) Closed under substructures, not closed under homomorphisms.

**Exercise 4** For countable signature  $\sigma$ :

(a) E.g.,  $T_{\sigma}$  countable: ranking terms in  $T_{\sigma}$  according to (for instance) the number of applications of rule (T3) in their generation, show by induction on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that the set of terms of rank n is countable. Then  $T_{\sigma}$  is countable as a countable union of countable sets.

Alternately, one can show that for a countable alphabet  $\Sigma$ , the language  $\Sigma^*$  of finite words over  $\Sigma$  is also countable. Both  $T_{\sigma}$  and FO( $\sigma$ ) are subsets of such a language.

(b) One may construct the closure of  $A_0 \cup \{c^{\mathfrak{A}} : c \in \operatorname{const}(\sigma)\}$  under the  $f^{\mathfrak{A}}$  for all  $f \in \operatorname{fctn}(\sigma)$  algebraically (in countably many stages, each of which is countable). Alternatively, look at the interpretation maps for terms,  $\mathfrak{I}_{\beta} : T_{\sigma} \to A$  where  $\beta : \operatorname{Var} \to A_0$  is a surjective assignment.

In this variant the image of the interpretation map for terms is the universe of a substructure  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ , contains  $A_0$  and is countable.

**Exercise 5** (a) Verify the closure conditions for constant and function symbols.

- (b) For instance show by induction on  $t \in T_{\sigma}(\emptyset)$  (or for  $t \in T_{\sigma}$  with  $\operatorname{var}(t) = \emptyset$ ) that for any homomorphism  $h: \mathfrak{T}_{\sigma}(\emptyset) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{hom}} \mathfrak{A}$  and any assignment  $\beta: \operatorname{Var} \to A, h$  must coincide with the interpretation function  $\mathfrak{I}_{\beta}^{\mathfrak{A}}$  on  $T_{\sigma}(\emptyset)$ .
- (c) Similar to part (b), but for any  $\beta \colon \operatorname{Var} \to A$  that extends  $\beta_0$ .