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§0. Introduction. The theory of Uniformly Reflexive Structures (URS) studied by Wagner and Strong ([8], [6], [1]), is an elegant axiomatization of parts of recursion theory. The theory abstracts some properties of the function \( \{n\}(m) \) (i.e. the \( n \)th partial recursive function applied to \( m \)) by considering arbitrary domains with a binary operation application. The standard URS is \( \mathcal{X} \) with domain \( \omega \cup \{\star\} \) and application \( n \cdot m = \{n\}(m) \) if defined, else.

However the URS are not completely adequate for the description of recursion theory. Real computations do have a length, a feature which is missing in the URS. In fact there are sentences in the language of URS undecided by the axioms. E.g. let \( e = \lambda x.xx \), i.e. \( ex = xx \) for all \( x \), then \( ee = \star \) is such a sentence. But this sentence holds in the intended interpretation \( \mathbb{N} \) as follows from an argument using length of computation.

Moreover in a URS it is not always possible to represent the partial recursive functions.

To overcome these defects we introduce a concept of a norm.

A Normed Uniformly Reflexive Structure (NURS) is a URS which a norm \( |..;..| \) can be defined satisfying:

1. \( |x;y| \in \omega \cup \{\infty\} \)
2. \( |x;y| = \infty \iff x \cdot y = \star \)
3. \( |s \cdot x;y;z| > |x;z;y;z| + |x;z| + |y;z| \), if \( |s \cdot x;y;z| \neq \infty \)

The intended interpretation of \( |x;y| \) is "the length of computation of \( x \cdot y \)".

The following facts motivate the introduction of NURS. As was intended \( \mathcal{X} \) is a NURS. Wagners (highly) constructible URS are NURS. In every NURS \( ee = \star \) holds. More generally, for a NURS \( \mathcal{N} \) and a term \( M \) of the theory, \( M \) has no normal form \( \iff \mathcal{N} \vdash M = \star \).

In a NURS all splinters are semi-computable, and hence can be used to represent the partial recursive functions.
The use of length of computation in recursion theory has also been stressed by Y. Moschovakis [3]. In fact the axioms of the norm in a URS imply Moschovakis' condition on the length of computation.

Familiarity with URS is assumed. See e.g. Wagner [8] and Strong [6].

In §1 the defects of URS mentioned above are shown. A formal theory WS, convenient for the study of URS, is introduced in §2. The term model of an extension of WS provides some counter examples for the relation between semi-computable and recursively enumerable. The results about the NURS are proved in §3.

§1. The definition of a URS given below is not exactly the same as those of Wagner and Strong. The axioms are written down in a way showing the correspondence with combinatory logic. Axiom 7 is added; it implies that we may assume that terms with different normal forms are unequal in a URS (2.10).

1.1. Def. A URS is a structure \( V = \langle U, *, i, k, s, \delta, \cdot \rangle \) such that the following holds where \( a, b, c \) are variables ranging over \( U - \{\cdot\} \):

1. \( \cdot \cdot a = a, \cdot \cdot = \cdot \cdot = \cdot \)
2. \( i.a = a \)
3. \( k.a.b = a \)
4. \( s.a.b.c = (a.c).(b.c) \); \( s.a.b \neq \cdot \)
5. \( a = b \rightarrow \delta.a.b = k \); \( a \neq b \rightarrow \delta.a.b = k.i \)
6. \( i \neq k \)
7. \( s.a.b = s.a'.b' \rightarrow a = a' \land b = b' \).

1.2. Def. Kleene's URS, \( \mathcal{K} \), is the structure \( \langle \omega^*, *, i, k, s, \delta, \cdot \rangle \) such that \( \omega^* = \omega \cup \{\cdot\} \) with, \( \cdot \notin \omega \), \( n.m = \{n\}(m) \) if defined

\( \cdot \cdot n = n. \cdot = \cdot \cdot = \cdot \), and \( i, k, s, \delta \) are to be found by the s-m-n theorem such that axioms 2,...,7 hold. As an example we construct k. Let \( \psi(x,y) = x \). Then \( \psi \) is partial recursive. Hence

\[ x = \psi(x,y) \]

\[ = \{e\}(x,y) \quad \text{for some index e of } \psi. \]

\[ = \{s(1)(e,x)\}(y) \]

\[ = \{\{k\}(x)\}(y) \quad \text{k index of } \lambda x.s(1)(e,x). \]

\[ = k.x.y. \]
By pumping up the indices, cf. Rogers [4], p.83, we can assure that axiom 7 holds.

1.3. Theorem. Let \( e = s \cdot i \cdot i \). Then \( e \cdot e = * \) is independent in the theory of the URS. 1)

Proof. It will be shown that \( e \cdot e = * \) is true in \( \mathcal{K} \) but false in a modification \( \mathcal{K}^* \).

We have \( \mathcal{K} \not\models e \cdot a = (i \cdot a)(i \cdot a) = a \cdot a \), i.e. \( \{e\}(a) = \{a\}(a) \).

The computation of \( \{e\}(a) \) runs as follows:
Read \( a \); compute \( \{a\}(a) \). Hence the computation of \( \{e\}(e) \) is:
Read \( e \); compute \( \{e\}(e) \); Read \( e \); compute \( \{e\}(e) \); ...
Therefore \( \{e\}(e) \) is undefined. Hence \( \mathcal{K} \not\models e \cdot e = * \).

Let \( \mathcal{K}^* = (\omega^*, *, i, k, s^*, \delta, * ) \) be the following modification of \( \mathcal{K} \).
\[
a \cdot b = a \cdot b \quad \text{if } a \neq e \text{ or } b \neq e
\]
\[
e = 0 \quad \text{else}
\]

Then \( * \) is partial recursive. Let \( s^* \cdot a \cdot b \cdot c = (a \cdot b)(b \cdot c) \).

Again by pumping up the indices we may assume that \( s^* \neq e \), \( s^* \cdot a \neq e \) for all \( a \) and \( s^* \cdot a \cdot b = e \) iff \( a = b = i \). Hence \( s^* \cdot a \cdot b \cdot c = s^* \cdot a \cdot b \cdot c = (a \cdot c) \cdot (b \cdot c) \), unless perhaps \( s^* \cdot a \cdot b \cdot c = c = e \). But then \( a = b = i \) and \( (i \cdot e) \cdot (i \cdot e) = e \cdot e \).

It is clear that \( i, k, \delta \neq e \) and the axioms 2, 3 and 5 follow.

Axiom 7 can be assured as in 1.2. Clearly \( \mathcal{K}^* \not\models e \cdot e = * \). \( \Box \)

Another defect of the URS is the following. The partial recursive functions can be represented in a URS provided one has an infinite semi-computable (SC) splinter, Strong [6].3.2. However, H.Friedman has shown that there is a URS without infinite SC splinter.

1.4. Def. Let \( \mathcal{A} \) be a non-standard model of Peano arithmetic with universe \( A \). Let \( \mathcal{K}_A \) be the structure \( (A^*, *, i, k, s, \delta, * ) \) where \( * \notin A \), \( i, k, s, \delta \) are as in 1.2 and \( * \) is defined by

\[
* \cdot a = a \cdot * \cdot * = * \cdot *
\]

\[
a \cdot b = c \quad \text{if } \mathcal{A} \not\models \{a\}(b) = c \quad \text{i.e. } \mathcal{A} \not\models \exists z(T(a, b, z) \land U(z) = c) = *
\]

\[
U \text{ and } T \text{ are the components of Kleene's normal form theorem. Then } \mathcal{K}_A \text{ is a URS; e.g. } \mathcal{K}_A \not\models k \cdot a \cdot b = a \text{ holds since } \{(k)(a)\}(b) = a \text{ is provable in Peano arithmetic, hence } \mathcal{A} \not\models \{(k)(a)\}(b) = a.
\]

1) Compare this with the following: Let \( E = \{x \mid x \in x\} \). Then \( E \in E \) is independent in \( \text{ZF} \) without foundation, but refusable in \( \text{ZF} \) itself.
1.5. **Theorem** (H. Friedman). \( \mathcal{M} \) is a URS without infinite SC splinter.

Proof. If \( \mathcal{M} \) would contain an infinite SC splinter, each splinter would be SC, Strong [6] 3.11. Therefore the set of standard numbers would be SC. But this is absurd since SC sets are definable \((x \in A \iff f(x) \neq *)\), and the set of standard numbers is not. \( \blacksquare \)

1.6. **Cor.** There exists a URS with an infinite non SC splinter on which the partial recursive functions can be represented.

Proof. Let \( \mathbb{N} \) be the standard model of Peano arithmetic. Let \( \mathcal{M} \cong \mathbb{N} \) be a non-standard model. For each partial recursive function \( \psi \) with index \( e \) we have
\[
\mathbb{N} \models \{e\}(n) = m \iff \psi(n) = m
\]
\[
\mathcal{M} \models \exists z \ T(e,n,z) \iff \psi(n) \text{ is undefined.}
\]
Therefore, since \( \mathcal{M} \cong \mathbb{N} \), \( \mathcal{M} \models [e] \ e \ n \ = \ = \ = \ = \ = \ = \ = \ \psi(n) = m \]
\[\forall \alpha \ e \ n \ = \ = \ = \ = \ = \ = \ = \ \psi(n) \text{ is undefined.} \]

However, there exists a URS such that only partial recursive functions with recursive domain can be represented on any of the infinite splinters.

1.7. **Theorem.** There exists a URS such that for no infinite splinter \( X \) the partial recursive functions can be represented on \( X \).

Proof. Let \( \alpha \) be a non-standard model of Peano arithmetic in which only the **recursive** r.e. sets are definable on \( \omega \), see [2], Exc.7,p123. Let \( \psi \) be a partial recursive function with non recursive domain \( A \). Then \( \psi \) is not representable on the splinter of standard integers for otherwise \( A \) would be definable on \( \omega \). But then \( \psi \) is not representable on any infinite splinter \( X \), since all infinite splinters are in bijective computable correspondence, [6],3-7. \( \blacksquare \)

§2. The following theory WS is convenient for the study of URS.

2.1. **Def.** WS has the following language.

**Alphabet:** \( x_0, x_1, \ldots \) variables
\( I, K, S, A, \vdash \) constants
\( >, = \) reduction, equality
\( (, ) \) brackets
Terms are inductively defined by
1. A variable or constant is a term
2. If M, N are terms, so is (MN).

Formulas are M ≫ N and M = N where M, N are terms.

Notation: x, y, z,... denote arbitrary variables
M, N, L denote arbitrary terms
M₁, M₂,..., Mₙ denote (..(M₁M₂)...Mₙ)
M ⊆ M' if M is a subterm of M'
x ∈ M if x occurs in M
M is closed if for no x x ∈ M
≡ denotes syntactic equality.

If M is a closed WS term and U ≡ (U, •, i,k,s,δ,·) is a URS, then
Mᵣ is the obvious interpretation of M in U: Mᵣ = •, Iᵣ = i, etc,
(MN)ᵣ = MᵣNᵣ; Uᵣ M = N iff Mᵣ = Nᵣ.

A term M is in normal form (nf) if it has no subterms of the
form *, IA, KAB, SABC or ΔAB.

WS is defined by the following axioms and rules:
I 0. M ≫ M, M ≫ M
1. IM ≫ M
2. KMN ≫ M if N is in nf
3. SMLN ≫ M(LN)
4.a ΔMM ≫ K if M is in nf
b ΔMN ≫ KI if M, N are in nf and M ̸= N

II 1. M ≫ M
2. M ≫ M' ≫ ZM ≫ ZM' , MZ ≫ M'Z
3. M ≫ N, N ≫ L → M ≫ L

III 1. M ≫ N → M = N
2. M = N → N = M
3. M = N, N = L → M = L

2.2. (Church-Rosser theorem) If WS ⊢ M = N, then for some term Z
WS ⊢ M ⊢ Z and WS ⊢ N ⊢ Z.
Proof. Well-known. See e.g. [5], T. 11, p. 149.

2.3. Def. A WS-term M has a nf if WS ⊢ M = M' and M' is
in nf.

By 2.2 the normal form of a term is unique if it exists. If M
has a nf, all its reduction sequences terminate, by the
restriction in axioms I2, 4.
2.4. **Def.** Let $\mathcal{U}$ be a URS with domain $U$. WS($\mathcal{U}$) is the theory WS modified as follows. For each $a \in U$, $a$ is an additional constant. A term of WS($\mathcal{U}$) is in nf, if it does not contain a subterm $*$, $\Lambda A$, etc. or $aM$. WS($\mathcal{U}$) has the additional axioms $aM \triangleright ay.a.y$ . Axiom 14.b should be replaced by $\Delta MN \triangleright \Lambda I$ if $M, N$ are nf's and $\mathcal{U} \not\models M \neq N$.

Clearly $\mathcal{U} \not\models WS(\mathcal{U})$.

2.2 and 2.3 apply also to WS($\mathcal{U}$).

2.5. *(Abstraction) Let $M$ be a WS($\mathcal{U}$) term not containing $*$. Then there exists a WS($\mathcal{U}$) term $\lambda x.M$ such that
1. $\lambda x.M$ is in nf; $x \not\in \lambda x.M$
2. $WS(\mathcal{U}) \models (\lambda x.M)N = [x/N]M$ for $N$ in nf.

Proof. As in combinatory logic.

Note, however, that also there exists a WS term $\lambda x.\cdot$ in nf such that $\mathcal{U} \not\models (\lambda x.\cdot)a = \cdot$ for all $\mathcal{U}$.

Take e.g. $\lambda x.\cdot = S(K\omega)(K\omega)$ with $\omega = \lambda x.\Delta(KI)(xx)$.

2.6. **Def.** Let $M \sim M'$ denote $Mx = M'x$ for $x \not\in MM'$.

2.7. *(Fixed Point Theorem) There exists a WS term FP such that
1. $WS \vdash FP \sim f(FP f)$
2. $FP f$ is in nf.

Proof. Let $\omega_f = \lambda xz.f(xx)z$ and $FP f = \omega_f \omega_f$.

2.8. **Lemma.** Let $M$ be a WS($\mathcal{U}$) term. Then $M$ is a nf $\Rightarrow$
$\Rightarrow \mathcal{U} \not\models M \neq *$

Proof. The set of normal forms NF can be defined inductively by
1. $a, I, K, S, \Lambda \in NF$. 2. $AB \in NF$ $\Rightarrow KA, SA, \Lambda A$ and $SAB \in NF$. Then
the result follows inductively realizing that in a URS
$k.a, s.a, \delta.a, s.a.b \neq *$.

The pumping up of indices used in 1.2 and 1.3 can be done in each URS due to axiom 7.

2.9. **Lemma.**

Then there exists a term $P$ such that for all $\mathcal{U}$
1. $\mathcal{U} \not\models Pab \neq *$
2. $\mathcal{U} \not\models Pab \sim a$
3. $\mathcal{U} \not\models Pab = Pa'b' \rightarrow a = a' \land b = b'$.
Proof. Let \( P = \lambda abx\cdot K(ax)b \). Clearly \( P \) satisfies 1 and 2. By writing out \( P \) in terms of \( I, K \) and \( S \), one sees that \( P \) satisfies 3 due to axiom 7.

2.10. Cor. Let \( M \neq M' \) be WS terms in nf. Then we may assume \( \forall \not\models M \neq M' \) for all \( \forall \).
Proof. By changing if necessary the basic constants \( i,k,s, \) and \( \delta \), using \( P \). See e.g. [1], p. 133 bottom.

What we may we will.

2.11. Cor. WS(\( \forall \)) is a conservative extension of WS.
Proof. The only axiom of WS not in WS(\( \forall \)) is I\( 4b \). However, this follows from the modified axiom by 2.10. Hence WS(\( \forall \)) is an extension of WS. If \( M,N \) are WS terms and WS(\( \forall \)) \( \vdash M = N \) (or \( \vdash M \supset N \)), then the proof involves only WS terms (unless WS \( \vdash M = N = \ast \)). The WS(\( \forall \)) axioms only can hold for \( A \neq B \), by 2.10. Hence WS \( \vdash M = N \) (\( \vdash M \supset N \)).

2.12. Theorem 1. WS(\( \forall \)) \( \vdash M = N \Rightarrow \forall \not\models M = N \)
Proof. 1. Induction on the length of proof of \( M = N \) using 2.10. 2. By 1. and 2.6.

The converse of 2.12. 1,2 are false. E.g. in \( \forall \ast \models EE \neq \ast \) where \( E = SII \). But EE has no nf. However, if \( \forall \) is a NURS the converse of 2.12.2 is true. See 3.3.

2.13. Def. Let WS* be WS augmented by the axioms: \( M \supset \ast \) if \( M \) has no nf.

For each NURS \( \forall \) we will have the completeness result:
WS* \( \vdash M = N \iff \forall \not\models M = N \), for closed \( M,N \);
see 3.5.

2.14. Def. \( \forall (WS^*_o) \) (respectively \( \forall (WS^*_c) \)) is the term model consisting of arbitrary (respectively closed) WS terms modulo provable equality in WS*'. Clearly they are URS.
Similarly we define \( \forall (WS^*_{o,c}(\forall)) \).

These term models can be used for some counter-examples.
2.15. **Def.** A subset $X$ of a URS $\mathcal{U}$ is RE if $X = \emptyset$ or $X = \text{Ra } f = \{ a \mid \exists \mathcal{U} \ni \exists x \ (fx = a) \}$ for some total $f$ in $\mathcal{U}$ (i.e. $\forall a \ fa \neq \star$).
In $\mathcal{U}$, $X$ is RE $\iff$ $X$ is SC.

2.16. **Theorem 1.** For $\mathcal{U}(WS^*)$ we have
1. $X$ is SC $\iff X$ is RE
2. $X$ is RE $\iff X$ is SC
3. $X$ is computable $\iff X$ is finite or cofinite.

**Proof.**

2.16.1 **Def.** The family of $F$, $\mathcal{J}(F)$, is the set
\[ \{ N \mid \exists F' \supset F \supset F' \wedge N \in F' \} \].
If $F$ has a nf, $\mathcal{J}(F)$ is finite.

Each reduction of $FA$ to a nf can be written in the form
\[ FA \supset_\beta M_n[A] \supset_\delta M_n'[A] \supset_\beta M_1[A] \supset_\delta M_1'[A] \supset \ldots \supset M[A] \tag{*} \]
where $\supset_\beta$ is axiomatized leaving out the $\Delta$ reduction axioms and $\supset_\delta$ is axiomatized leaving out the $\lambda, I, K, S$ axioms. A may not actually occur in $M[A]$. Referring to the sequence $(*)$ we define:

2.16.2 **Def.** $\text{Diag}_n(F,A) = \{ \Delta C_1[A] C_2[A] \mid \Delta C_1[A] C_2[A] \in M_n \}$. $B$ satisfies $\text{Diag}_n(F,A) \iff \Delta C_1[A] C_2[A] = \Delta C_1[B] C_2[B]$, for all members of $\text{Diag}_n(FA)$.

2.16.3 **Lemma.** Let $FA$ have a nf for all $A$. Let $xa \notin F$. Consider the sequence $(*)$ for $F(xa)$. Then
0. $B$ satisfies $\text{Diag}_n(F,xa) = M_n[B] \supset_\delta M_n'[B]$.
1. $xa$ is never "active" (i.e. in a subterm of the form $(xa)P$) in $M_n[xa], M_n'[xa]$.
2. For almost all, i.e. all except finitely many, $B$ satisfies $\text{Diag}_n(F,xa)$.

**Proof.** 0 is obvious.
1 follows by substituting for $xa$ a nf $\omega$ such that $\omega P$ has no nf for all $P$.
1 $\Rightarrow$ 2 by realizing that the only possible exceptions are in $\mathcal{J}(F)$.
2 $\Rightarrow$ 1 follows as 0 with $\omega$ satisfying $\cup \text{Diag}_n(F,xa)$ and using 0.

1) A different example of 1. was given in Wagner [8], 6.13.
3. was proved by Strong [7] for the URS $\mathcal{U}(WS^*)$. 

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2.16.4 Cor. Let FA have a nf for all A. Let xa \not\in F and xa \not\in M, the nf of F(xa). Then for almost all B
F(B) = F(xa).

Proof. Let Diag(F,xa) = \bigcup Diag_n(F,xa) which is finite. This
is satisfied by almost all B (2.16.3.2). Thus (2.16.3.0)
FB \supseteq M[B]. Also F(xa) \supseteq M[xa]. But then, since xa \not\in M[xa],
FB = F(xa).

More easily one can prove the following.
2.16.5 Cor. Let F(xa) have a nf, where xa \not\in F, xa \not\in the nf of
F(xa). Then for x' \not\in F F(x'a) = F(xa).

Proof. Since x'a is a non-active term, it does not matter if
it occurs in an active place.

2.16.6 Cor. Suppose RA F C closed normal forms. Then Ra F is
finite.

Proof. Take xa \not\in F. By the assumption, never xa \subseteq M, the nf of
FA. Hence for almost all B, FB = F(xa).

Now we can prove 2.16.
1. Take X = \{KnI | n \in \omega\}. Then X is an infinite splinter
hence SC (since \cup(WS^*) is a NURS, see §3). Suppose X were RE, say
X = Ra F. Then F satisfies the assumption of 2.16.6, but Ra F = X
is not finite. Contradiction.
2. Take X = Ra F, with Fa = xa. Suppose X were SC, i.e.
GM = I if M \subseteq X
* else
for some G. Take a \not\in G. Then xa \not\in G. Also xa \not\in I which is the nf
of G(xa). Hence for x' \not\in G it follows by 2.16.5 that G(x'a) =
= G(xa) = I, i.e. x'a \subseteq X, a contradiction.
3. Let X = \emptyset be computable. Define
GM = M if M \subseteq X
M_0 else for some M_0 \subseteq X.
Then X = Ra G. Suppose the complement of X is not finite. Then
there is a variable x \not\in Ra G \cup \mathcal{F}(G). Then xa \not\in G, xa \not\in the nf of
G(xa). Hence by 2.16.4 GB = G(xa) for almost all B, i.e.
X = Ra G is finite.
§3. For NURS it is convenient to define for elements of
\( w \cup \{\infty\} \): 
\[
p \geq q \quad \text{iff} \quad p = \infty \vee p > q.
\]
Then \( \geq \) is transitive and axiom 3 for a norm can be stated as
\[
|s \cdot a \cdot b ; c| \geq |a \cdot c ; b \cdot c| + |a ; c| + |b ; c|.
\]

3.1. Examples of NURS.
1. \( X \) becomes a NURS by defining
\[
|e ; x| = \mu z \quad T(e , x , z) \quad \text{if defined}
\]
\[
\infty \quad \text{else}
\]
Then an examination of the properties of the \( T \) predicate shows
that this defines a norm on \( X \).

2. \( \forall (\text{WS}^* , c) \) are NURS by defining
\[
|F ; X| = \text{the length of the inside out reduction of } FX \text{ to } \text{nf}
\]
\[
\infty \quad \text{if } FX \text{ has no } \text{nf}.
\]
The inside out reduction only reduces redefines SABC, etc. when
A, B and C are normal forms.

3. Let \( \forall \) be a (highly) constructible URS in the sense of [8]. Then \( \forall \)
is a NURS:
Let 
\[
f(e ; x) = \mu n \{(e , x ) \in \Lambda_n \} \quad \text{if defined}
\]
\[
\infty \quad \text{else}.
\]
Take 
\[
|e ; x| = \mu f(e ; n).
\]
This is a norm on \( \forall \), for let \( f(sxy , z) = n \),
then \( sxy = \phi_0(x , y) , n > 0 \) and \( (x , z) , (y , z) , (xz , yz) \in \Lambda_{n-1} \) (see
[8], p. 20-21 for the notation). Then \( f(x , z) , f(y , z) , f(xz , yz) \leq n-1 \),
and 
\[
|sxy ; z| = \mu n > 3 \cdot \mu^{n-1} > |x ; z| + |y ; z| + |xz ; yz|.
\]

4. Let \( \forall \) be a non-standard model of Peano arithmetic. Then \( \forall_\alpha \)

is not a NURS. This follows from 1.5 and 3.4. Similarly it follows
from 1.3 and 3.2 that \( \forall^* \) is not a NURS.

The sentence \( EE = \ast \), with \( E = SII \), which was independent in the
theory of URS becomes true in all NURS.

3.2. Let \( E = SII \) and \( \forall \) be a NURS. Then
\[
\forall \vdash EE = \ast.
\]
Proof. Suppose \( EE \neq \ast \). Then \( |E ; E| \neq \infty \). But then
\[
|E ; E| = |SII ; E| > |IE ; IE| = |E ; E| , \quad \text{a contradiction. \( \Box \)}
\]

More general

3.3. Theorem. Let \( \forall \) be a NURS and \( M \) a \( \text{WS}(\forall) \) term. Then
\[
M \text{ has no nf} \iff \forall \vdash M = \ast.
\]
Proof. ~ By 2.12.2.  
~ This will be proved in a number of steps.

3.3.1 Def. $SC(M)$, the set of subcomputations of $M$, is defined inductively by:
If $M$ is in normal form $SC(M) = \emptyset$; else $M \in AB$ and $SC(AB) = SC(A) \cup SC(B) \cup \{ |A^x;B^y| \}$. Below we often omit the superscript $^\cup$. Clearly $SC(M)$ is a finite set $\in \omega \cup \{ \infty \}$ and if $M \supset M'$, then $SC(M) \supset SC(M')$.

3.3.2 Def. $M^\|$ = $\text{Max} \{ SC(M) \}$. If $SC(M)$ contains $\infty$, $M^\|$ = $\infty$.

3.3.3 Lemma. If $M \supset M'$, then $M^\| > M'^\|$.

3.3.4 Lemma. $M^\| = \infty \iff \forall \in M = *$.
Proof. $M^\| = \infty \iff \in \in SC(M)$
\[ \iff \text{for some } AB \subset M \quad |A;B| = \infty \]
\[ \iff \text{for some } AB \subset M \quad \forall \in AB = * \]
\[ \iff \forall \in M = *. \]

3.3.5 Lemma. Let $M \supset M'$ be an axiom of WS$_{\text{NA}}$. Then $M^\| > M'^\|$. 
Proof. Let $M \equiv SABC$ and $M' \equiv AC(BC)$.
Then $SC(M) = \{ |S;A|, |SA;B|, |SAB;C| \} \cup SC(A) \cup SC(B) \cup SC(C)$.
$SC(M') = \{ |A;C|, |B;C|, |AC;BC| \} \cup SC(A) \cup SC(B) \cup SC(C)$.
Since $|SAB;C| > \text{Max} \{ |A;C|, |B;C|, |AC;BC| \}$
$M^\| > M'^\|$. Equality may occur, e.g. if $SC(C)$ contains the largest subcomputation.

If $M \equiv KAB, M \equiv IA$ or $M \equiv M'$, then $M' \equiv A$ or $M' \equiv M$, hence $M \supset M'$ and the result follows by 3.3.3.

If $M \equiv \Delta AB$, then $M' \equiv K$ or $\equiv KI$, so $SC(M) \supset SC(M')$ = $\emptyset$, hence $M^\| > M'^\|$. Similarly if $M \equiv \text{anN}$. 

3.3.6 Cor. If WS$_{\text{NA}}$ $M \supset M'$, then $M^\| > M'^\|$. 
Proof. Induction on the length of proof of $M \supset M'$.
Let us consider only the case that $M \supset M'$ is $ZA \supset ZA'$ and is a direct consequence of $A \supset A'$. Then $SC(ZA) = SC(Z) \cup SC(A) \cup \{ |Z;A| \}$ and similarly for $SC(ZA')$. Now $\forall \in A = A'$, hence $|Z;A| = |Z;A'|$
Hence $ZA^\| > ZA'^\|$ by the induction hypothesis $A^\| > A'^\|$. 

3.3.7 Def. A special redex is a WS$_{\text{NA}}$ term $SABC$, where $A, B$ and $C$ are in normal form.
3.3.8 **Lemma.** If $SABC$ is a special redex, then $\|SABC\| \geq \|AC(BC)\|$.  
Proof. Since $SC(A) = SC(B) = SC(C) = \emptyset$  
$\|SABC\| = \max\{|S;A|, |SA;B|, |SAB;C|\} > |SAB;C| \geq \max\{|A;C|, |B;C|, |AC;BC|\} = \|AC(BC)\|$. \[\square\]

3.3.9 **Lemma.** Let $M$ be a WSO$^*$ term without normal form. Then there exists a special redex $N$ without normal form in the family (see 2.16.1) of $M$, or else $\|M\| = \infty$.
Proof. Consider the finite set $T$ of subterms of $M$ partially ordered by $c$. Let $N$ be a minimal element of $T$ without a normal form. Then all subterms of $N$ have a normal form. Checking all possibilities it follows that $N$ is of the form $SABC$. Let $A^*$, $B^*$ and $C^*$ be the normal forms of $A$, $B$ and $C$. Now we have $M \Rightarrow (SABC) \Rightarrow (SA^*B^*C^*)$ and $SA^*B^*C^*$ is a special redex without normal form. \[\square\]

3.3.10 **Cor.** If $M$ has no normal form, then there exists a term $M'$ without normal form and $\|M\| \geq \|M'\|$.
Proof. Let $N$ be as in 3.3.9, then $\|M\| \geq \|N\|$ by 3.3.6 and 3.3.3. Let $N \Rightarrow M'$. Then $\|N\| \geq \|M'\|$ by 3.3.8. Since $N$ has no normal form, neither has $M'$. \[\square\]

Now the proof of 3.3.10 can be given.
Let $M$ be a term without normal form. Suppose $\forall Y \ni M \neq *$. Then $\|M\| \neq \infty$ by 3.3.4. Hence by 3.3.10 there exists a sequence $M,M',M'',...$ such that $\|M\| > \|M'\| > \|M''\| > ...$ is an infinite descending chain of integers. \[\square\]

3.4. **Theorem.** In a NURS $\forall$ all infinite splinters are SC.
Proof. Let $X = \{f^n\}$ be an infinite splinter. Define by the fixed point lemma a WS($\forall$) term $H$ such that $H(x) = I$ if $y = x$  
$H(fy)x$ else.
Then $h = (H_0)^{\forall}$ is a semi-characteristic function of $X$:
If $a \in X$, clearly $H \circ a = I$, hence $ha = *$.
If $a \not\in X$, then $H \circ a \Rightarrow H(f(a)) \Rightarrow ...$, i.e. $H \circ a$ has no nf. Hence $ha = *$ by 3.3. \[\square\]
WS* is a complete axiomatization for the equations true in all NURS.

3.5. **Theorem.** Let \( \mathcal{U} \) be a NURS. Then for closed WS terms:
\[
\text{WS* } \vdash M = N \iff \mathcal{U} \models M = N.
\]
Proof. => By 2.12.1, 3.3. \Rightarrow By 2.10,3.3. \( \square \)

3.6. **Theorem.** Each URS can be embedded in a NURS (cf. Wagner [8], p. 31, 6.2), if the similarity type has no constants.
Proof. Clearly \( \forall \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{U}(WS^*, c^{(\mathbb{N})}) \) which is a NURS by 3.1.2. \( \square \)

**Concluding remarks.**
A URS is almost a precomputation theory in the sense of Moschovakis [3]. Restricting the attention to single-valued functions, his computation theories have an additional length of computation \( |e;x| \) satisfying
\[
(+) \quad |S^n_m(e,\vec{x})\vec{y}| > |e;\vec{x};\vec{y}|, \text{ if defined}.
\]
Define in a NURS \( |e;\vec{x}| = |e;x_1| + |e.x_1; x_2| + ... + |e.x_1...x_{n-1}; x_n| \).
Then it follows readily from the definition of \( S^n_m \) in a URS ([8],2.6) that this norm satisfies Moschovakis' axiom (+).

As suggested in [6], there is another way of extending a URS. A selection \( \mathcal{U} \) is an URS containing a "selection operator" \( c \) such that
\[
\exists a[f.a \neq f.(c.f)] = f.(c.f) \neq .
\]

1) Not quite, because a URS does not need to contain a computable successor set.
2) In [6] such a URS is called "well-ordered". This name is a little absurd as can be argued as follows. Let \( \mathcal{M} \) be a model of Peano arithmetic of power continuum. Then \( \mathcal{M}_c \) is a selection URS but cannot be well-ordered in ZF. On the other hand \( \mathcal{U}(WS^*_c) \) is countable and hence well-ordered, but has no selection operator.
In a selection URS a set is computable iff it is SC and co SC, [6], 3.4. This is not true in a general URS, [8], p. 39 bottom.

Having a norm or a selection operator are independent of each other. \( \mathcal{X} \) has a selection operator \( \{c\}(e) = \{ \mu x T(e, (x)_o, (x)_1) \}_o \) Since this is provably in arithmetic a selection operator, \( \mathcal{X}_o \) is a selection URS but not a NURS. Conversely, it is not difficult to show that \( \mathcal{U}(WS^*) \) is not a selection URS, although it is a NURS.

In a NURS it would be natural to require for a selection operator \( c \)

\[ |c; a| \geq |a; c\cdot a| \]

cf. [3], p. 225, (6-4).

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