

- d) Prove the following fact about subtraction of natural numbers (whenever applies): Suppose $m < n$. For any natural number w , prove that $n - m < w$ implies $n < w + m$. (Can you now explain to an elementary school student why we need to change the sign we drag the number across the equal or inequality sign?)

proof: Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $m < n$.

Let $w \in \mathbb{N}$.

Assume $n - m < w$.

Let $k = s_{\min}$, which $s_{\min} \in S$, and s_{\min} is the smallest element in S . ($S = \{a \in \mathbb{N}; n \leq m + a\}$).

From (c), we have $n = m + k$, where k is the least element in S , which $n - m = k$.

From assumption, we have $n - m = k < w$, which $k < w$.

Therefore $n = m + k < m + w$, since $k < w$, gives $n < m + w$.

We proved that $n - m < w$ implies $n < w + m$.

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- e) prove the following distributivity for subtraction (using the distributivity for addition): For natural numbers $m < n$ and w , prove that $w(n - m) = wn - wm$.

proof: Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $m < n$.

Let $w \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $w \in \mathbb{N}$, gives $wm \in \mathbb{N}$, which.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & w(n - m) \\
 \Rightarrow & w(n - m) + wm && \text{(adding } wm, \text{ since } wm \in \mathbb{N}) \\
 \Rightarrow & w(n - m + m) && \text{(from the distributivity for addition)} \\
 \Rightarrow & wn && \text{(subtracting } wm \text{ since we've added at step 2)} \\
 \Rightarrow & wn - wm
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we've proved that $w(n - m) = wn - wm$.

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