

# ANALYSIS I EXTENSION LECTURE

## 4. CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTEGERS $\mathbb{Z}$

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### CONSTRUCTION OF $\mathbb{Z}$

(Equivalence classes of pairs of naturals)

Let  $Z = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Define a relation  $R$  on  $Z \times Z$  ( $R \subseteq Z \times Z$ ) as follows:

$$R := \{ ((a, b), (c, d)) \in Z \times Z \mid a + d = b + c \}$$

**Example.**  $((3, 1), (4, 2)) \in R$  and  $((1, 5), (5, 9)) \in R$

**Claim.**  $R$  is an equivalence relations:

- (1) (Reflexivity) Since  $a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ , we see that  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ , the pair  $((a, b), (a, b))$  in  $R$ .
- (2) (Symmetry) If  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$  then  $a + d = b + c$ , so  $c + a = d + b$  and so  $((c, d), (a, b)) \in R$
- (3) (Transitivity) Suppose  $((a, b), (c, d)) \in R$  and  $((c, d), (p, q)) \in R$ . Then  $a + b = b + c$  and  $c + q = d + p$ . After adding these and some manipulations, we see that

$$(a + q) + (c + d) = (b + p) + (c + d)$$

By cancellation, we have  $a + q = b + p$ , so  $((a, b), (p, q)) \in R$

If  $x \in Z$ , write

$$[x] := \{ y \in Z \mid (x, y) \in R \}$$

Then  $[x] \subseteq Z$  and  $x \in [x]$ , so  $[x] \neq \emptyset$ . This is the equivalence class of  $x$ .  $Z$  is partitioned into disjoint, nonempty equivalence classes, so:

**Definition.**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} &:= Z / R = \{ S \in \mathbb{P}(Z) \mid S = [x] \text{ for some } x \in Z \} \\ &= \{ \text{all equivalence classes of } R \} \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**  $[(0, 1)] = [(3, 4)]$

There is an injective function  $i : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$  given by  $n \mapsto [(n, 0)]$ .

THE PROPERTIES OF  $\mathbb{Z}$ 

- (1) (Addition)  $[(a, b)] + [(c, d)] := [(a +_{\mathbb{N}} c, b +_{\mathbb{N}} d)]$
- (2) (Negative)  $-[(a, b)] := [(b, a)]$ , and  $[(a, b)] + [(b, a)] = [(0, 0)]$
- (3) (Subtraction)  $[(a, b)] - [(c, d)] := [(a, b)] + [(c, d)] = [(a + d, b + c)]$
- (4) (Order Relation) We say  $[(a, b)] < [(c, d)]$  if  $a + d < b + c$ . Then this is a well-defined, total order. That is, if  $[(a, b)]$  and  $[(c, d)]$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , then we have a trichotomy:

$$[(a, b)] < [(c, d)] \text{ or } [(c, d)] < [(a, b)] \text{ or } [(a, b)] = [(c, d)]$$

- (5) (Multiplication)  $[(a, b)] \cdot [(c, d)] := [(ac + bd, ad + bc)]$   
This is commutative, associative, and distributes over addition.
- (6) (Absolute Value)

$$|[(a, b)]| := \begin{cases} a - b & \text{if } a \geq b \\ b - a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Henceforth, we write  $[(a, b)]$  as follows:

- If  $a \geq b$ , we replace it by  $(a - b) \rightarrow$  Subtraction in  $\mathbb{N}$
- If  $a < b$ , we replace it by  $-(b - a) \rightarrow$  subtraction in  $\mathbb{N}$