

# Chapter 3 Notes

## 3.1 Natural number

Definition 3.1.1. The natural number is a set  $\mathbb{N}$  satisfying the following properties:

1. There is a special element  $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .
2. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a unique successor  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $n' \neq 1$ .
4. If  $m' = n'$ , then  $m = n$ .
5. If a subset  $S \subset \mathbb{N}$  contains 1 and has the property that  $n \in S \implies n' \in S$ , then  $S = \mathbb{N}$ .

Proposition 3.1.2. Any natural number other than 1 is a successor.

Definition 3.1.3. The addition  $m + n$  of two natural numbers is the operation characterized by

1.  $m + 1 = m'$
2.  $m + n' = (m + n)'$

Proposition 3.1.4. The addition of natural numbers has the following properties:

1. Cancellation:  $m + k = n + k \implies m = n$ .
2. Associativity:  $m + (n + k) = (m + n) + k$ .
3. Commutativity:  $m + n = n + m$ .

## 3.2 Integer

$$(m, n) \sim (k, l), \text{ if } m + l = k + n$$

Definition 3.2.1.

$$[m, n] + [k, l] = [m + k, n + l]$$

Proposition 3.2.2. The addition of integers has the following properties:

1. Associativity:  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ .
2. Commutativity:  $a + b = b + a$ .
3. Zero: There is a unique integer 0 satisfying  $a + 0 = a = 0 + a$ .
4. Negative: For any integer  $a$ , there is a unique integer  $-a$  satisfying  $a + (-a) = 0 = (-a) + a$ .

We define subtraction of integers by using the negative

$$a - b = a + (-b)$$

## 3.4 Multiplication

Definition 3.4.1 The multiplication  $mn$  of two natural numbers is the operation characterized by

1.  $m1 = m$ .
2.  $mn' = mn + m$ .

Proposition 3.4.2 The multiplication of natural numbers has the following properties:

1. Distributivity:  $(m + n)k = mk + nk$
2. Associativity:  $m(nk) = (mn)k$
3. Commutativity:  $mn = nm$

If we expect  $(m - n)(k - l) = (mk + nl) - (mk + nk)$ , we may define

$$[m, n][k, l] = [mk + nl, mk + nk].$$

Proposition 3.4.3. The multiplication of integers has the following numbers.

1. The multiplication is consistent with the multiplication of natural numbers.
2. Distributivity:  $(a + b)c = ac + bc$  and  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ .
3. Associativity:  $a(bc) = (ab)c$ .
4. Commutativity:  $ab = ba$ .
5. One:  $a1 = 1 = 1a$ .
6. Zero:  $ab = 0 \iff a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .
7. Negative:  $(-a)b = -ab = a(-b)$ .
8. Order: If  $a > 0$ , then  $b > c \iff ab > ac$ .

## 3.5 Rational Number

Definition 3.5.1. The rational numbers is the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the equivalence classes of pairs  $(a, b)$  of integers  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$ , under the equivalence relation

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \iff ad = bc$$

Proposition 3.5.2. The addition and multiplication of rational numbers have the following properties:

1. The operations are consistent with the operations of integers.
2. Associativity:  $r + (s + t) = (r + s) + t, r(st) = (rs)t$ .
3. Commutativity:  $r + s = s + r, rs = sr$ .
4. Distributivity:  $(r + s)t = rt + st, r(s + t) = rs + rt$ .
5. Zero: The integer 0 is the unique rational number satisfying  $r + 0 = r = 0 + r$ .
6. Negative: For any rational number  $r$ , there is a unique rational number  $-r$  satisfying  $r + (-r) = 0 = (-r) + r$ .
7. One: The integer 1 is the unique rational number satisfying  $r1 = r = 1r$ .
8. Reciprocal: For any rational number  $r \neq 0$ , there is a unique rational number  $r^{-1}$  satisfying  $rr^{-1} = 1 = r^{-1}r$ .

Proposition 3.5.3. The order of rational numbers has the following properties:

1. For any rational numbers  $r$  and  $s$ , one of the following mutually exclusive cases happens:

$$r = s, r > s, r < s.$$

2.  $r > s$  and  $s > t \implies r > t$ .
3.  $r > s \implies r + t > s + t$ .
4.  $r > s \implies -r < -s$ .
5. If  $r > 0$ , then  $s > t \iff rs > rt$ .
6. If  $r, s > 0$ , then  $r > s \iff r^{-1} < s^{-1}$ .
7. For any  $r > s$ , there is  $t$  satisfying  $r > t > s$ .
8. For any  $r > 0$ , there is a natural number  $n$  satisfying  $n > r > \frac{1}{n}$ .

We also define the absolute value of a rational number

$$|r| = \begin{cases} r, & \text{if } r \geq 0 \\ -r, & \text{if } r < 0 \end{cases}.$$

The Absolute value has the following properties.

$$|r + s| \leq |r| + |s|, |rs| = |r||s|, |r| < s \iff -s < r < s.$$

## 3.6 Real Number

Definition 3.6.1. A real number is a nonempty subset  $X \subset \mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers satisfying the following:

1. There is  $l \in \mathbb{Q}$ , such all  $r \in X$  satisfy  $r > l$ .
2. If  $s > r \in X$ , then  $s \in X$ .
3. If  $r \in X$ , then there is  $s \in X$  such that  $r > s$ .