

Problem Set 5

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1. Find and explain the flaw(s) in this argument.

We prove every nonempty set of people all have the same age.

Proof. We denote the age of a person p by $\alpha(p)$.

Basis Step:

Suppose $P = \{p\}$ is a set with one person in it. Clearly, all the people in P have the same age as each other.

Inductive Step:

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ and suppose any set of k -many people all have the same age. Let $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k, p_{k+1}\}$ be a set with $k + 1$ people in it. Consider $L := \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$ and $R := \{p_2, \dots, p_{k+1}\}$. Since L and R both have k people, we know everyone in these sets has the same age by the *inductive hypothesis*.

Let $\ell, r \in P$. If $\ell \in L \wedge r \in L$, then $\alpha(\ell) = \alpha(r)$. Similarly, if $\ell \in R \wedge r \in R$, then $\alpha(\ell) = \alpha(r)$. Now, suppose $\ell \in L \wedge r \in R$.

$$\alpha(\ell) = \alpha(p_1) = \alpha(p_2) = \alpha(p_{k+1}) = \alpha(r)$$

So, all people in P have the same age.

Therefore, everyone on Earth has the same age.

Q.E.D.

The argument wants to prove $\forall n(\varphi(n))$ where n is a nonempty set. However, the inductive step iterates over the size of each set rather than each set. In other words, the inductive step considers a set of k people for all k , but not all sets of k people.

In addition to that, the inductive step falsely assumes that $p_2 \in L$ for every case ($p_2 \notin L$ when $k=1$). As such, it makes a false claim that $\alpha(p_1) = \alpha(p_2)$.

2. Show that $\forall x(x \neq x \cup \{x\})$.

Proof. Let x be an arbitrary set. Let $y := x \cup \{x\}$. By definition of union, we know that $y = \{z | z \in x \vee z \in \{x\}\}$. To show that $x \neq y$, we must find an element that is in one set but not the other (extensionality). Looking at y , we see that $x \in y$ but looking at x , we see that $x \notin x$. Therefore, since there is an element in y that is not in x , $y \neq x$ and as such $x \neq x \cup x$.

Q.E.D.

3. We will work up to a proof of the commutativity of addition on \mathbb{N} .

(a) Show $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N})(x + 0 = 0 + x)$.

Proof. Proof by mathematical induction.

Basis Step:

Need to show $0 + 0 = 0 + 0$

$$0 + 0 = 0 + 0$$

Inductive Step:

Let $x \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume that $x + 0 = 0 + x$.

Need to show $\mathbb{S}(x) + 0 = 0 + \mathbb{S}(x)$

$\mathbb{S}(x) + 0 = \mathbb{S}(x)$	By + Rule 1
$= \mathbb{S}(x + 0)$	By + Rule 1
$= \mathbb{S}(0 + x)$	By IH
$= 0 + \mathbb{S}(x)$	By + Rule 2

Thus by mathematical induction, we can conclude $(\forall x \in \mathbb{N})(x + 0 = 0 + x)$.

Q.E.D.

(b) Show $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N})(x + \mathbb{S}(y) = \mathbb{S}(y) + x)$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume that $x + y = y + x$.

Need to show $x + \mathbb{S}(y) = \mathbb{S}(y) + x$

$x + \mathbb{S}(y) = \mathbb{S}(x + y)$	By + Rule 2
$= \mathbb{S}(y + x)$	By IH
$= y + \mathbb{S}(x)$	By + Rule 2
$= y + 1 + x$	By Theorem 2
$= \mathbb{S}(y) + x$	By Theorem 1

Q.E.D.

(c) Show $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N})(x + y = y + x)$.

Proof. Proof by mathematical induction.

Basis Step: We can conclude $x + 0 = 0 + x$ by 3a

Inductive Step: We can conclude $x + \mathbb{S}(y) = \mathbb{S}(y) + x$ by 3b

Thus by mathematical induction, we can conclude $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N})(x + y = y + x)$.

Q.E.D.

4. Show $(\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{N})(x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z))$.

Proof. Proof by mathematical induction

Basis Step:

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$. Need to show $x \cdot (y + 0) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot 0)$.

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot (y + 0) &= x \cdot y && \text{By } + \text{ Rule 1} \\ &= (x \cdot y) + 0 && \text{By } + \text{ Rule 1} \\ &= (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot 0) && \text{By } \cdot \text{ Rule 1} \end{aligned}$$

Inductive Step:

Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume $x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$.

Need to show $x \cdot (y + \mathbb{S}(z)) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot \mathbb{S}(z))$.

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot (y + \mathbb{S}(z)) &= x \cdot \mathbb{S}(y + z) && \text{By } + \text{ Rule 2} \\ &= x \cdot (y + z) + x && \text{By } \cdot \text{ Rule 2} \\ &= (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z) + x && \text{By IH} \\ &= (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot \mathbb{S}(z)) && \text{By } \cdot \text{ Rule 2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by mathematical induction, we can conclude $(\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{N})(x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z))$.
Q.E.D.

5. Prove the following statement for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$1 + \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1}$$

Proof. Proof by mathematical induction

Basis Step:

Need to show $1 + \sum_{i=0}^0 2^i = 2^{0+1}$.

$1 + \sum_{i=0}^0 2^i = 1 + 2^0$	By \sum Rule 1
$= 1 + 1$	By n^m Rule 1
$= \mathbb{S}(1)$	By Theorem
$= 2$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$
$= 2 + 0$	By $+$ Rule 1
$= 0 + 2$	By Comm.
$= (2 \cdot 0) + 2$	By \cdot Rule 1
$= 2 \cdot \mathbb{S}(0)$	By \cdot Rule 2
$= 2 \cdot 1$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$
$= 2 \cdot 2^0$	By n^m Rule 1
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(0)}$	By n^m Rule 2
$= 2^1$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$
$= 2^{0+1}$	By Theorem

Inductive Step:

Assume $1 + \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1}$.

Need to show $1 + \sum_{i=0}^{\mathbb{S}(n)} 2^i = 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)+1}$.

$1 + \sum_{i=0}^{\mathbb{S}(n)} 2^i = 1 + \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i + 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By \sum Rule 2
$= 2^{n+1} + 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By IH
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} + 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} + 0 + 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By $+$ Rule 1
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} + (2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} \cdot 0) + 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By \cdot Rule 1
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} + (2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} \cdot \mathbb{S}(0))$	By \cdot Rule 2
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} + (2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} \cdot 1)$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$
$= (2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} \cdot 1) + 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By Comm.
$= (2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} \cdot \mathbb{S}(1))$	By \cdot Rule 2
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)} \cdot 2$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$
$= 2 \cdot 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)}$	By Comm.
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(\mathbb{S}(n))}$	By n^m Rule 2
$= 2^{\mathbb{S}(n)+1}$	By Def of $\mathbb{S}(n)$

Therefore by mathematical induction, we can conclude $1 + \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1}$.

Q.E.D.

6. We say x is \in -transitive by definition when $(\forall y \in x)(\forall z \in y)(z \in x)$. Show that every natural number is \in -transitive.

Proof. Proof by mathematical induction.

Basis Step:

Let $y, z \in \mathbb{N}$

Need to show: 0 is \in -transitive or $(\forall y \in 0)(\forall z \in y)(z \in 0)$.

Assume that $y \in 0$ and $z \in y$. By the recursive definition of natural numbers, $0 := \emptyset$. This means that $y \in \emptyset$. However, as the empty set is empty, $y \notin \emptyset$. Thus, we can conclude by the explosion theorem that $z \in \emptyset$. Consequently, 0 is \in -transitive.

Inductive Step:

Let $n, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$ and assume $(\forall y \in n)(\forall z \in y)(z \in n)$.

Need to show $(\forall y \in \mathbb{S}(n))(\forall z \in y)(z \in \mathbb{S}(n))$.

Let $y \in \mathbb{S}(n)$ and $z \in y$. First, observe that by definition, $\mathbb{S}(n) = n \cup \{n\}$. This means that $y \in n \vee y \in \{n\}$. Now let's consider these as two cases.

$y \in n$:

We can see that $z \in n$ by inductive hypothesis.

$y \in \{n\}$:

Since $y \in \{n\}$, we can see that $y = n$. Since we know that $z \in y$, we know that $z \in n$ by extensionality. Furthermore, since $\mathbb{S}(n) = n \cup \{n\}$, we know that $z \in \mathbb{S}(n)$.

As such, by mathematical induction, we can conclude that $(\forall y \in x)(\forall z \in y)(z \in x)$.

Q.E.D.