

Chapter 7. Number sets

We will give the definition of natural numbers, integers, rational numbers.

A. Natural numbers

We introduce nat. numbers by using axioms of set theory.

Axiom of regularity if X is a set, then $\bar{X} \notin \bar{X}$

Axiom of infinity There exists a set Y which satisfies the following properties:

- $\emptyset \in Y$

- if X is a set such that $X \in Y$, then $X^+ \in Y$,

where $X^+ := X \cup \{X\}$ is called the successor of X .

Def 1) A set Y satisfying the above conditions is called an inductive set

¹⁹³⁰ 2) The set of natural numbers is the smallest inductive set

i.e. $\mathbb{N} := \bigcap_{Y \text{ inductive}} Y$

Rem we have $\mathbb{N} = \left\{ \emptyset, \emptyset^+ = \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}^+ = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}^+ = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}, \dots \right\}$

not:

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 0

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 $1 = 0^+$

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 $2 = 1^+$

...

$s: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $s(n) = n^+$ — the successor function

We relate this def of \mathbb{N} to the older axiom of Peano ~ 1889
Giuseppe Peano.

Theorem 1 The triple $(\mathbb{N}, 0, \Delta)$ satisfies the Peano axioms

(1) 0 is a natural number

(2) If n is a natural number then $\Delta(n)$ is also a natural number

(3) 0 is not a successor of any natural number

(4) If $n \neq m$, then $\Delta(n) \neq \Delta(m)$ (i.e. Δ is injective)

(5) If S is a set, $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, if S satisfies the conditions:

(a) $0 \in S$

(b) If $n \in S$ then $\Delta(n) \in S$.

then $S = \mathbb{N}$.

Remark (3), (5) $\implies \text{Im } \Delta = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} =: \mathbb{N}'$

Theorem 2 The Peano axioms determine the triple $(\mathbb{N}, 0, \Delta)$ uniquely, up to a unique isomorphism.

More precisely: any triple $(\mathbb{N}', 0', \Delta')$ is another triple satisfying the Peano axioms (1) — (5).

Then $\exists!$ bijective function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}'$ s.t. $f(0) = 0'$, and the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N} & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \mathbb{N} \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ \mathbb{N}' & \xrightarrow{\Delta'} & \mathbb{N}' \end{array}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f \circ \Delta = \Delta' \circ f$$

Operations with nat numbers

addition : we define recursively (by induction) a fct $+$: $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{cases} \bullet & n + 0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n \\ \bullet & n + \Delta(m) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Delta(n+m) \end{cases}$$

Prop take $m=0$
 $\Delta(m) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow n+1 = \Delta(n)$

multiplication $\cdot : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{cases} \bullet & n \cdot 0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0 \\ \bullet & n \cdot \Delta(m) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} nm + n \end{cases}$$

ordering $m \leq n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists p \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n = m+p$
 $<$ $p \in \mathbb{N}^+$
 $(m < n \Leftrightarrow m \leq n \text{ and } m \neq n)$

Theorem 3 The structure $(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, \leq)$ satisfies.

1). $(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot)$ is a semiring $\begin{cases} (\mathbb{N}, +) \text{ comm monoid} \\ (\mathbb{N}, \cdot) \text{ is distrib. wrt } + \end{cases}$

2). (\mathbb{N}, \leq) is well-ordered; the rel is closed wrt \times
 $\bullet m < n \Rightarrow m+p < n+p$
 $\bullet m < n, p \neq 0 \Rightarrow mp < np$

3) Archimedean property :

$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall p \in \mathbb{N}^+ \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n \cdot p > m$

Proof HW and seminar.

B. The set of integers

Problem - equations of the form $7+x=4$ do not have solution in \mathbb{N} . we want to define
- $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is not a group $x = 4-7 = 3-6$

Def. 1). On the set $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, we define the rel.:

$$(m, n) \sim (p, q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} m+q = n+p.$$

(this is an equivalence rel. (hw).)

2). the set of integers is the quotient set

$$\mathbb{Z} := \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} / \sim = \{ \widetilde{(m, n)} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

$$\text{where } \widetilde{(m, n)} = \{ (m', n') \mid (m, n) \sim (m', n') \}.$$

Operation on \mathbb{Z}

$$\bullet \quad \widetilde{(m, n)} + \widetilde{(p, q)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \widetilde{(m+p, n+q)}$$

$$\circ \quad \widetilde{(m, n)} \cdot \widetilde{(p, q)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \widetilde{(mp+nq, mq+np)}$$

$$\bullet \quad \widetilde{(m, n)} < \widetilde{(p, q)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} m+q < n+p \text{ in } \mathbb{N}$$

Thm. The structure $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, <)$ satisfies:

(1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain.

(2) $<$ is a total order, compat with oper:

$$a < b \implies c+a < c+b$$

$$a < b, c > 0 \implies ac < bc$$

$$a < b, c < 0 \implies ac > bc$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (\mathbb{Z}, +) \text{ ab. grp.} \\ (\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) \text{ comm. monoid} \\ \cdot \text{ distrib. w.r.t. } + \end{array} \right\} \text{ satisfying}$
 $a, b \neq 0 \implies ab \neq 0$
(\exists divisors of zero).

(3) Archimedean propy: $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall b \in \mathbb{Z}, b > 0,$
 $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $nb > a$.

(4) the above definitions do not depend on the choice of representatives.

Pro of HW + lemma.

Rem. 1). we need to check:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (m, n) \sim (m', n') \\ (p, q) \sim (p', q') \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} (m+p, n+q) \sim (m'+p', n'+q') \\ (mp+nq, mq+np) \sim (m'p'+n'q', q'n'+p'q') \end{array}$$

2). the func. $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, f(n) = \widetilde{(n, 0)}$ is a strictly increasing morphism

We identify $\mathbb{N} = \widetilde{(n, 0) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}}$

then: $\widetilde{(m, n)}$ = $f(m) - f(n) = \underline{\underline{m - n}}$

C. The set of rational numbers

Problem. - e.g. eqn of the form $7x = 4$ do not have solutions in \mathbb{Z}

- $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is not a field = corp with 1

we enlarge \mathbb{Z} in order to get a field.

we want to form "fractions" $x = \frac{4}{7} = \frac{8}{14} \dots$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a'}{b'} \Leftrightarrow ab' = a'b$$

Def. 1) On the set $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^*$ we define the relation \sim :

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} ad = bc$$

(this is an equivalence relation: HW!).
(R, T, S)

2). The set of rational numbers is the quotient set

$$\mathbb{Q} := \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^* / \sim = \{ \widetilde{(a, b)} \mid (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^* \}$$

$$\text{where } \widetilde{(a, b)} = \{ (a', b') \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^* \mid (a, b) \sim (a', b') \}$$

|| not

$$\frac{a}{b}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} < \frac{c}{d} \iff \frac{ad}{bd} < \frac{cb}{bd}$$

Operations in \mathbb{Q}

- $\widetilde{(a, b)} + \widetilde{(c, d)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \widetilde{(ad+bc, bd)}$
- $\widetilde{(a, b)} \cdot \widetilde{(c, d)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \widetilde{(ac, bd)}$
- $\widetilde{(a, b)} < \widetilde{(c, d)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (ad-bc)bd < 0$
in \mathbb{Z}

Theorem The structure $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, \leq)$ satisfies:

(0) the above definitions do not depend on the choice of representatives.

(1) $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ is a field $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\mathbb{Q}, +) \text{ abelian group.} \\ (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) \text{ abelian group} \\ \cdot \text{ is distrib. w.r.t. } + \end{array} \right.$

(2). \leq is a total order, compatible with the operations:
 $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \begin{cases} x < y \Rightarrow x+z < y+z \\ x < y, z > 0 \Rightarrow xz < yz \\ x < y, z < 0 \Rightarrow xz > yz \end{cases}$$

(3) Archimedean property:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{Q}, y > 0 \quad \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } ny > x$$

(4). The map $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$, $f(a) = \widehat{(a, 1)} = \frac{a}{1}$

is a strictly increasing ring morphism:

$$\begin{cases} \bullet a < b \Rightarrow f(a) < f(b) \\ \bullet f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b) \\ \bullet f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \end{cases}$$

Remark. 1). We identify $\frac{a}{1} = f(a) = \frac{a}{1} \in \mathbb{Q}$

We don't $\widehat{(a, b)} = \frac{a}{b}$, so $\frac{a}{b} = f(a) \cdot f(b)^{-1}$
 fraction (i.e. $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{b}$)

2). $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$: $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \Rightarrow N = N_\varepsilon$ s.t.
 $\forall n > N_\varepsilon$ we have $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$

this is a consequence of the

fact that \mathbb{R} is Archimedean!

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\widehat{(n, 1)} > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$