

MATH 302 HW3

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Proof 1 Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be fixed. We need to prove that the set

$$S_n = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : n + m \text{ is defined}\}$$

is an inductive set. By the axiom of induction (Peano's fifth axiom), this will show that $S_n = \mathbb{N}$, meaning $n + m$ is defined for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

We need to prove two conditions:

1. $0 \in S_n$ (base case)
2. For all $k \in S_n$, $s(k) \in S_n$ (inductive step)

Base Case: We need to show that $n + 0$ is defined. By the recursive definition of addition, we have:

$$n + 0 = n$$

This is well-defined since $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, $0 \in S_n$.

Inductive Step: Let $k \in S_n$, meaning $n + k$ is defined. We need to show that $n + s(k)$ is defined. By the recursive definition of addition:

$$n + s(k) = s(n + k)$$

Since $n + k$ is defined (by our inductive hypothesis), and s is a function defined for all natural numbers (by the Peano axioms), $s(n + k)$ is defined. Therefore, $n + s(k)$ is defined, so $s(k) \in S_n$.

By the axiom of induction, $S_n = \mathbb{N}$. Since n was arbitrary, this proves that $n + m$ is defined for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof 2 We proceed by induction on n .

Base Case: Show that $0 + 1 = 1 + 0$

$$0 + 1 = s(0) \text{ (by definition of addition)}$$

$$1 + 0 = 1 \text{ (by definition of addition)}$$

$$= s(0)$$

Therefore, $0 + 1 = 1 + 0$.

Inductive Step: Assume $k + 1 = 1 + k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We need to prove that $s(k) + 1 = 1 + s(k)$.

$$\begin{aligned} s(k) + 1 &= s(s(k)) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ 1 + s(k) &= s(1 + k) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s(k + 1) \text{ (by inductive hypothesis)} \\ &= s(s(k)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $s(k) + 1 = 1 + s(k)$.

By the principle of induction, $n + 1 = 1 + n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof 3 Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned} (m + 1) + 1 &= s(m + 1) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s(s(m)) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ m + (1 + 1) &= m + s(1) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s(m + 1) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s(s(m)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(m + 1) + 1 = m + (1 + 1)$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof 4 We proceed by induction on l , using Problem 3 as our base case.

Base Case: When $l = 1$, we have already proven in Problem 3 that $(m + 1) + 1 = m + (1 + 1)$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Inductive Step: Assume that for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $(m + 1) + k = m + (1 + k)$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We need to prove $(m + 1) + s(k) = m + (1 + s(k))$.

$$\begin{aligned} (m + 1) + s(k) &= s((m + 1) + k) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s(m + (1 + k)) \text{ (by inductive hypothesis)} \\ &= m + s(1 + k) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= m + (1 + s(k)) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \end{aligned}$$

By the principle of induction, $(m + 1) + l = m + (1 + l)$ for all $l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof 5 We proceed by induction on n , using Problem 4 as our base case.

Base Case: When $n = 1$, we have proven in Problem 4 that $(m + 1) + l = m + (1 + l)$ for all $m, l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Inductive Step: Assume that for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $(m + k) + l = m + (k + l)$ for all $m, l \in \mathbb{N}$. We need to prove $(m + s(k)) + l = m + (s(k) + l)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (m + s(k)) + l &= s(m + k) + l \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s((m + k) + l) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= s(m + (k + l)) \text{ (by inductive hypothesis)} \\ &= m + s(k + l) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \\ &= m + (s(k) + l) \text{ (by definition of addition)} \end{aligned}$$

By the principle of induction, $(m + n) + l = m + (n + l)$ for all $m, n, l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof 6 Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m \neq n$. By the well-ordering principle of natural numbers, we can let m be the smaller of $\{m, n\}$. Then there exists $l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that either:

1) $m + l = n$, or 2) $n + l = m$

Since m is the smaller number, case (2) is impossible. Therefore, $m + l = n$ for some $l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now, let $A = \{i \in \mathbb{N} : m + i \in [m, n]\}$. We claim A is an inductive set:

1) $0 \in A$ since $m + 0 = m \in [m, n]$ 2) If $k \in A$ and $m + k < n$, then $m + s(k) = s(m + k) \leq n$, so $s(k) \in A$

Therefore, by induction, $l \in A$ and is the least number such that $m + l = n$.

Proof 7 We proceed by induction on n .

Base Case: When $n = 0$, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$0 + m = m \text{ (by definition of addition)}$$

$$m + 0 = m \text{ (by definition of addition)}$$

Therefore, $0 + m = m + 0$.

Inductive Step: Assume that for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k + m = m + k$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We need to prove $s(k) + m = m + s(k)$.

$$s(k) + m = s(k + m) \text{ (by definition of addition)}$$

$$= s(m + k) \text{ (by inductive hypothesis)}$$

$$= m + s(k) \text{ (by definition of addition)}$$

By the principle of induction, $n + m = m + n$ for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.