

1. Introduction, the natural numbers

- $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$
- **Peano's axioms:** three primitive terms: \mathbb{N}_0 , 0 and **successor function**, S .
 - $0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
 - $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}_0, S(a) \neq 0$.
 - $S(a) = S(b) \Rightarrow a = b$.
 - If $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}_0$ and
 - $0 \in X$ and
 - $\forall a \in X, S(a) \in X$then $X = \mathbb{N}_0$.
- Last axiom applied to $X = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : P(n) \text{ true}\}$ gives **Principle of Mathematical Induction (PMI)**: for statement $P(n)$, if $P(0)$ true and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$ then $P(n)$ true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
- **PMI variants:**
 - If $P(0)$ true and if for every $n \in \mathbb{N}_0, P(x)$ for every $x < n$ implies $P(n)$, then $P(n)$ true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
 - Same as two variants above but with base case $P(1)$ true leading to $P(n)$ true for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- **Addition of natural numbers:** let $a \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
 - $a + 0 = a$.
 - $a + S(b) = S(a + b)$
- **Well ordering principle (WOP):** let $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}_0, S \neq \emptyset$, then S has a smallest element.

2. Divisibility

- a **divides** b , $a \mid b$ if $\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}, b = ad$. If not, write $a \nmid b$.
- **Properties of divisibility:**
 - $a \mid 0$.
 - If $a \neq 0, 0 \nmid a$.
 - $1 \mid a$ and $a \mid a$.
 - $a \mid b \Rightarrow a \mid bc$.
 - $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c \Rightarrow a \mid c$.
 - $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c \Rightarrow a \mid (bx + cy)$ for any $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 - $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a \Rightarrow a = \pm b$.
 - $a \mid b, a > 0, b > 0 \Rightarrow a \leq b$.
 - $a \mid b \Rightarrow ac \mid bc$.
- **Division algorithm:** let $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{N}$. Then exist unique q and r such that
$$a = qb + r, \quad 0 \leq r < b$$
- **Common divisor** d of a and b is such that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.
- **Greatest common divisor (gcd)** of a and b is maximal common divisor.
- $\gcd(0, 0)$ doesn't exist.
- **Properties of gcd:**

- $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a)$.
- If $a > 0$, $\gcd(a, 0) = a$.
- $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(-a, b)$.
- If $a > 0, b > 0$, $\gcd(a, b) \leq \min\{a, b\}$.
- For every $a, b, q \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, b - a) = \dots = \gcd(a, b - qa)$$

- **Euclidean algorithm:** let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. Repeating the division algorithm:

$$a = q_1 b + r_1$$

$$b = q_2 r_1 + r_2$$

$$r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$r_{n-2} = q_n r_{n-1} + r_n$$

Then exists smallest n such that $r_n = 0$. Then if $n = 1$, $\gcd(a, b) = b$, else $\gcd(a, b) = r_{n-1}$. Also, exists $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$\gcd(a, b) = ax + by$$