Construction of $\mathbb{Z}$

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Assumptions

- There exists a set $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, ...\}$.
- There exists $+ : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ such that $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ forms a commutative monoid with identity $0 \in \mathbb{N}$. [1]
- The function $succ : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}^+, n \mapsto n + 1$ is injective.

[1] We will use infix notation for $+$

Goals

- Constructing the set $\mathbb{Z}$.
- Defining $+ : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ and $\cdot : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ [2]
- Showing $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is a commutative ring with multiplicative identity 1.

[2] We will use infix notation for $+$ and $\cdot$

Defining the set $\mathbb{Z}$

Idea

We want $\overbrace{z}^{\in \mathbb{Z}} \equiv \overbrace{(a, b)}^{\in \mathbb{N}\times\mathbb{N}} \Leftrightarrow z = a - b$.
Issue: This representation is not unique. E.g: $0 = 1 - 1 = 2 - 2 = \dots$.

Definition: $\sim$

$(a, b) \sim (c, d) :\Leftrightarrow a + d = b + c$

Lemma

$\sim$ *is an equivalence relation*

Defining the set $\mathbb{Z}$

Proof.

Reflexivity:

$\forall (a,b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} : a + b = b + a.$

Symmetry:

$$(a,b) \sim (c,d) \Rightarrow c + b = b + c \underset{(a,b)\sim(c,d)}{=} a + d = d + a \Rightarrow (c,d) \sim (a,b).$$

Transitivity:

Let $(a,b) \sim (c,d), (c,d) \sim (e,f)$. Then

$$succ^{c+d}(a+f) = \underbrace{a+d}_{=b+c} + \underbrace{c+f}_{=d+e} = b + c + d + e = succ^{c+d}(b+e)$$

$$\underset{\text{succ injective}}{\Rightarrow} a + f = b + e \Rightarrow (a,b) \sim (e,f)$$

$\square$

Defining the set $\mathbb{Z}$

Definition: $\mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathbb{Z} := \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} / \sim \; = \{[(a, b)] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

Defining $+$

Remark

$(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, +_2)$ as direct product of $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ with itself is a semigroup.

Lemma

$\sim$ is comptabile with $+_2$.

Proof.

Let $(a, b) \sim (a', b'), (c, d) \sim (c', d')$. Then

$$(a + c) + (b' + d') = \underbrace{(a + b')}_{=b+a'} + \underbrace{(c + d')}_{=d+c'} = (b + d) + (a' + c')$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) +_2 (c, d) = (a + c, b + d) \sim (a' + c', b' + d') = (a', b') +_2 (c', d') \qquad \square$$

Defining $+$

Corollary: Definition of $+$

$[(a,b)] +_3 [(c,d)] := [(a,b) +_2 (c,d)] = [(a+c, b+d)]$ is well-defined and makes $(\mathbb{Z}, +_3)$ a semigroup.

Remark

This gives us the usual Addition on $\mathbb{Z}$:

$y = a - b, z = c - d \Rightarrow y + z = a + c - (b + d)$ [a]

[a] From now on we will not distinguish between $+, +_2$ and $+_3$

Lemma

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is an abelian group.

Defining $+$

Proof.

Commutativity: $\forall [(a,b)], [(c,d)] \in \mathbb{Z}:$
$[(a,b)] + [(c,d)] = [(a+c, b+d)] = [(c+a, d+b)] = [(c,d)] + [(a,b)]$

Neutral Element: $\forall [(a,b)] \in \mathbb{Z} : [(a,b)] + [(0,0)] = [(a,b)]$

Inverses: $\forall [(a,b)] \in \mathbb{Z} : [(a,b)] + [(b,a)] = [\underbrace{(a+b, b+a)}_{\sim (0,0)}] = [(0,0)]$ $\square$

Difference representation

Definition: -

For $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ we define: $\alpha - \beta := \alpha + (-\beta)$

Identification of $\mathbb{N}$

The Map $\iota : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}, n \mapsto [(n, 0)]$ is injective and compatible with $+$.

Proof.

Injective:
$[(a, 0)] = [(b, 0)] \Rightarrow a + 0 = b + 0 \Rightarrow a = b$

Compatible: $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$:
$\iota(a + b) = [(a + b, 0)] = [(a, 0)] + [(b, 0)] = \iota(a) + \iota(b)$ $\square$

Difference representation

Identification of $\mathbb{N}$

We identify $\mathbb{N}$ with the isomorphic set $\iota(\mathbb{N}) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$.

Difference representation

We can now represent integers as
$[(a, b)] = [(a, 0)] + [(0, b)] = [(a, 0)] - [(b, 0)] = a - b$

Definition of $\cdot$