

# Journal Club

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Part I

Real Analysis

TEXTBOOK: [Analysis 1](#) by Terence Tao

# Chapter 1

## Natural Numbers

Numbers were built to count. A system for counting was made, and that system is the number system.

### Definition 1.0.1

A natural number is an element of the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of the set

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots\}$$

is obtained from 0 and counting forward indefinitely.

### 1.1 Peano Axioms

We start with axioms to help clarify this.

- Axiom 1 :  $0 \in \mathbb{N}$
- Axiom 2: If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $n++ \in \mathbb{N}$
- Axiom 3: 0 is not an increment of any other natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- Axiom 4: If  $n \neq m$ ,  $n++ \neq m++$
- Axiom 5: (Principle Of Mathematical Induction) Let  $P(n)$  be any property pertaining to a natural number  $n$ . Suppose that  $P(0)$  is true, and suppose that whenever  $P(n)$  is true,  $P(n++)$  is also true. Then  $P(n)$  is true for every natural number.

We then make an assumption: That the set  $\mathbb{N}$  which satisfies these five axioms is called the set of natural numbers. With these 5 axioms, we can construct sequences

### 1.2 Recursive Definitions

**Proposition 1.2.1 (Recursive Definitions).** Suppose for each natural number  $n$ , we have some function  $f_n : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  from the natural numbers to the natural numbers. Then we can assign a unique natural number  $a_n$  to each natural number  $n$ , such that  $a_0 = c$  and  $a_{n++} = f_n(a_n)$  for each natural number  $n$ .

## 1.3 Addition

### Definition 1.3.1: Addition Of Natural Numbers

Let  $n$  be a natural number. ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). To add zero to  $m$ , we define  $0 + m := m$ . Now suppose inductively that we have defined how to add  $n$  to  $m$ . Then we can add  $n++$  to  $m$  by defining  $(n++) + m := (n+m)++$

**Lemma 1.3.1.** For any natural number  $n + 0 = n$

**Proof.** We use induction,  
The base case,  $n = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} n = 0, 0 + 0 &= 0 \\ n + 0 &= n \\ (n++) + 0 &= (n + 0)++ = (n++) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose inductively, that  $n + 0 = n$ ,  
For  $n = n++$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (n++) + 0 &= (n + 0)++ \\ \text{We know that } n + 0 &= n \\ (n++) + 0 &= (n++) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 1.3.2.** For any natural numbers  $n$  and  $m$ ,

$$n + (m++) = (n + m)++$$

**Proof.** Inducting on  $n$  while keeping  $m$  fixed,

$$\begin{aligned} n = 0, \\ 0 + (m++) &= (0 + m)++ \\ 0 + (m++) &= (m++) \end{aligned}$$

This we know is true from the definition of addition ( $0 + m := m$ )

Suppose inductively, that  $n + (m++) = (n + m)++$  is true. For  $n = (n++)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (n++) + (m++) &= ((n++) + m)++ && \text{From the definition of addition} \\ &= (n + (m++))++ \\ &= ((n + m)++)++ \end{aligned}$$

□

Putting  $m = 0$ , we get  $n + 1 = n++$

**Proposition 1.3.1 (Addition is commutative).** For any natural numbers  $n$  and  $m$ ,  $n + m = m + n$

**Proof.** We induct over  $n$ , For the base case,  $n = 0$ ,

We must show that  $m + 0 = 0 + m$  From the definition of addition, we have

$$0 + m = m$$

As shown earlier, we have

$$m + 0 = m$$

This is clearly true for  $n = 0$ .

Now suppose inductively that  $m + n = n + m$

For  $n = n + +$ , we must show that  $m + (n + +) = (n + +) + m$

We know from the definition of addition that,

$$(n + +) + m := (m + n) + +$$

And we proved earlier that,

$$m + (n + +) = (m + n) + +$$

Therefore,

$$m + (n + +) = (n + +) + m$$

□

**Proposition 1.3.2 (Addition is associative).** For any natural numbers,  $a, b$  and  $c$ , we have  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

**Proof.** We take  $(a + b) + n = a + (b + n)$

Inducting over  $n$ ,

For  $n = 0$ ,

We have in the LHS,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a + b) + 0 \\ &= a + b \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } n + 0 = n$$

On the RHS,

$$\begin{aligned} &= a + (b + 0) \\ &= a + b \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } n + 0 = n$$

Suppose inductively that  $(a + b) + n = a + (b + n)$ ,

For  $n = n + +$ , We have to show that  $(a + b) + (n + +) = a + (b + (n + +))$

On the LHS we have,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a + b) + (n + +) \\ &= (a + b + n) + + \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(From the lemma } m + (n + +) = (m + n) + +)$$

On the RHS we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a + (b + (n + +)) \\
 &= a + (b + n) + + && \text{(From the lemma } m + (n + +) = (m + n) + + \text{)} \\
 &= (a + b + n) + +
 \end{aligned}$$

LHS = RHS

□

**Proposition 1.3.3 (Cancellation Law).** Let  $a, b, c$  be natural numbers such that  $a + b = a + c$ . Then we have  $b = c$ .

**Proof.** We have,

$$n + b = n + c$$

Inducting over  $n$ , For the base case,  $n = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 + b &= 0 + c \\
 b &= c
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose inductively that  $n + b = n + c$  For  $n = n + +$ ,

$$(n + +) + b = (n + +) + c$$

On the LHS

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (n + +) + b \\
 &= (n + b) + +
 \end{aligned}$$

On the RHS

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (n + +) + c \\
 &= (n + c) + +
 \end{aligned}$$

We know from the inductive hypothesis that,

$$\text{If } n + b = n + c, \text{ then } b = c$$

Thus we have,

$$b + + = c + +$$

□

### Definition 1.3.2: Positive natural number

All numbers where,

$$n \neq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Proposition 1.3.4.** If  $a$  is a positive natural number and  $b$  is a natural number, then  $a + b$  is positive.



**Proof.** Inducting over  $b$ ,

For  $b = 0$ ,

$$a + 0 = a$$

This proves the base case, since we know  $a$  is positive.

Now, suppose inductively, that  $(a + b)$  is positive.

For  $(a + (n + +))$ ,

$$a + (n + +) = (a + n) + +$$

We know from Axiom 3 that  $n + + \neq 0$ . Thus we close the inductive loop.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.3.3.** For every  $a$ , there exists a unique  $b$  such that  $b + + = a$

**Proof.** Proof by contradiction, Suppose that there are two different increments,  $m + +$ ,  $n + +$  that equal to  $a$ ,

We have,

$$m + + = a$$

$$n + + = a$$

Then we can say,

$$m + + = n + +$$

$$m + 1 = n + 1$$

$$m = n$$

(By Cancellation Law)

But we said that  $m$  and  $n$  are different numbers which increment to  $a$ .

Therefore, we can conclude that there is only one number  $b$  which increments to  $a$   $\square$

## 1.4 Order

### Definition 1.4.1: Order

Let  $n$  and  $m$  be natural numbers we say that  $n$  is greater than or equal to  $m$ , and write  $n \geq m$  iff we have  $n = m + a$  for some natural number  $a$ . We say that  $n > m$  when  $n \geq m$  and  $n \neq m$

**Proposition 1.4.1** (Basic properties of order for natural numbers). Let  $a, b, c$  be natural numbers then

1. (Order is reflexive)  $a \geq a$
2. (Order is transitive) If  $a \geq b$  and  $b \geq c$ , then  $a \geq c$
3. (Order is antisymmetric) If  $a \geq b$  and  $b \geq a$  then  $a = b$
4. (Addition preserves order)  $a \geq b$  if and only if  $a + c \geq b + c$
5.  $a < b$  if and only if  $a + + \leq b$

6.  $a < b$  if and only if  $b = a + d$  for some positive number  $d$ .

**Proof.** 1. Proving order is reflexive,  $a \geq a$

We know that,

$$a = a + 0$$

From the definition of order, We can write that  $a \geq b$  when  $a = b + d$  where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus  $a \geq a$ .

2. Proving order is transitive,  $a \geq b$  and  $b \geq c$  then  $a \geq c$

We write,

$$a = b + d$$

$$b = c + e$$

$$a = c + e + d$$

We can say that since  $(e + d) \in \mathbb{N}$

We define  $f := (e + d)$  Where  $f \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a = c + (f)$$

Thus we can say,

$$\text{If } a \geq b, b \geq c \text{ then } a \geq c$$

3. Proving order is antisymmetric, If  $a \geq b$  and  $b \geq a$  then  $a = b$  We can say,

$$a = b + d$$

$$b = a + e$$

Where  $d, e \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a = (a + e) + d$$

$$b = (b + d) + e$$

Then we can write,

$$a = a + (e + d)$$

$$b = b + (d + e)$$

Then we can say that  $(e + d)$  and  $(d + e)$  are 0.

We know that if  $a + b = 0$  then  $a, b = 0$

Thus  $d$  and  $e$  are 0.

$$a = b + d$$

$$a = b$$

4. Proving  $a < b$  if and only if  $b = a + d$  for some positive number  $d$  If  $b = a + d$  where  $d$  is a positive natural number,  $d \neq 0$

Which means that  $b \neq a + 0$  or  $b \neq a$

This means that  $b$  is strictly greater than  $a$

If  $a < b$  then  $a \geq b$  and  $a \neq b$

So if  $a \geq b$  Then,

$$a = b + d$$

But,

$$a \neq b$$

$$a \neq b + 0$$

$$d \neq 0$$

Thus  $d$  cannot be 0.  $d$  can only be a positive natural number.

5. Proving addition preserves order,  $a \geq b$  if and only if  $a + c \geq b + c$  Proving  $a \geq b$  if  $a + c \geq b + c$

Where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a + c = b + c + d$$

By definition

$$a + c = (b + d) + c$$

$$a = (b + d)$$

By cancellation law

$$a \geq b$$

Proving  $a + c \geq b + c$  if  $a \geq b$

We know,

$$a = b + d$$

Where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$

We write  $a + c$  using what we know from above,

$$a + c = b + d + c$$

$$a + c = b + c + d$$

$$(a + c) = (b + c) + d$$

$$a + c \geq b + c$$

6. Proving  $a < b$  if and only if  $a + + \leq b$  Proving  $a < b$  if  $a + + \leq b$

We can write,

$$\begin{aligned} a + + &= b + d & \text{Where } d \in \mathbb{N} \\ a + + + d &= b \\ a + (d + +) &= b \end{aligned}$$

Since from Axiom 3, we know that 0 is not an increment of any natural number,  $(d + + \neq 0)$   
Therefore,

$$a < b$$

□

**Proposition 1.4.2 (Trichotomy of order for natural numbers).** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be natural numbers. Then exactly one of the following statements is true:  $a < b, a = b$  or  $a > b$

**Proof.** First we show that no more than one of the statements is true. If  $a < b$  then  $a \neq b$  by definition. If  $a > b$  then  $a \neq b$  by definition. If  $a > b$  and  $a < b$  then  $a = b$ , which we proved earlier.

Now to show that exactly one of these statements are true. We induct on  $a$ ,

When  $a = 0$ , We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} b &= 0 + b (\forall b \in \mathbb{N}) \\ b &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose inductively that exactly one of the above statements are true for  $a$  and  $b$ . For  $a + +$ , We take each statement. First for  $a > b$

$$\begin{aligned} a &> b \\ a &= b + d \\ (a + +) &= (b + d) + + \\ (a + +) &= b + d + + \\ (a + +) &> b & \text{If } d \in \mathbb{N} \text{ then } d + + \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

For  $a = b$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b \\ (a + +) &= (b) + + \\ (a + +) &= b + 1 \\ a &> b \end{aligned}$$

For  $a < b$

$$\begin{aligned}a &< b \\a + d &= b \\(a + d) + + &= b + + \\(a + +) + d &= b + + \\(a + +) + d &= b + 1\end{aligned}$$

We have two cases, If  $d = 1$ , Then by cancellation law

$$a + + = b$$

If  $d \neq 1$  Then

$$a + + < b$$

But never both, which concludes the inductive loop.  $\square$

## 1.5 Special Forms Of Induction

### 1. Strong Induction

**Theorem 1.5.1.** Let  $m_0$  be a natural number, and let  $P(m)$  be a property pertaining to an arbitrary natural number  $m$ . Suppose that for each  $m \geq m_0$ , we have the following implication: if  $P(m')$  is true for all natural numbers  $m_0 \leq m' < m$ , then  $P(m)$  is also true. (In particular this means that  $P(m_0)$  is true, since in this case the hypothesis is vacuous.) Then we can conclude that  $P(m)$  is true for all natural numbers  $m \geq m_0$ .

**Proof.** For a property  $Q(n)$ , which is the property that  $P(m')$  is true for  $m_0 \leq m' < n$ , then  $P(n)$  is true.

For  $Q(0)$ , 0 is either lesser than or equal to  $m_0$ .

When 0 is lesser than  $m_0$ ,

This is vacuously true.

When  $0 = m_0$ ,  $\square$

### 2. Backward Induction

3. Induction Starting From The Base Case  $n$  Let  $n$  be a natural number, and let  $P(m)$  be a property pertaining to the natural numbers such that whenever  $P(m)$  is true,  $P(m++)$  is true. Show that if  $P(n)$  is true, then  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m \geq n$ . (This principle is sometimes referred to as the principle of induction starting from the base case  $n$ .)

**Proof.** Take a property  $P(n)$ ,  $m \geq n$

Inducting over  $n$ ,  $\square$

## 1.6 Multiplication

### Definition 1.6.1

Let  $m$  be a natural number. To multiply zero to  $m$ , we define  $0 \times m := 0$ . Now suppose inductively that we have defined how to multiply  $n$  to  $m$ . Then we can multiply  $n++$  to  $m$  by defining  $(n++) \times m := (n \times m) + m$

**Lemma 1.6.1.** Prove that multiplication is commutative

## 1.7 Exercise

1. Prove the identity  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
2. (Euclid's division lemma)
3. Backward Induction  $m \in \mathbb{N}, P(m), P(m++) \Rightarrow P(m)$ , Suppose  $P(n)$  is true, then  $P(m) \forall m \leq n$   
For the base case,  $n = 0, P(0) \Rightarrow P(0)$ , *so it's true*.

For the inductive step, supposing  $Q(n)$  is true,

4. Strong induction
5. Distributive Law
6. Multiplication
  - (a) Cancellation Law
  - (b) Associativity
  - (c) If  $a < b$ , and  $c$  is positive then  $ac < bc$