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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, $n = 0$,

$$n = 0, 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$n + 0 = n$$

$$(n++) + 0 = (n + 0)++ = (n++)$$

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

For $n = n++$,

$$(n++) + 0 = (n + 0)++$$

We know that $n + 0 = n$

$$(n++) + 0 = (n++)$$

□

Lemma 1.3.2. For any natural numbers n and m ,

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

Proof. Inducting on n while keeping m fixed,

$$n = 0,$$

$$0 + (m++) = (0 + m)++$$

$$0 + (m++) = (m++)$$

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

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

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

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

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

From the definition of addition

□

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

Proposition 1.5.1 (Strong Principle Of Induction). 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... Then it is true $\forall m \geq m_0$

For $Q(0)$, we can say that the statement is vacuous since the conditions are not satisfied for both when $m_0 = 0$ and when $m_0 < 0$

Suppose inductively that $Q(n)$ is true. Which means that

Then for $Q(n++)$ \square

Proposition 1.5.2 (Backward Induction). 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, then $P(m)$. Suppose that $P(n)$ is also true. Prove that $P(m)$ is true for all natural numbers $m \leq n$.

Proposition 1.5.3 (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: Multiplication

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

We can say $0 \times m = 0$, $1 \times m = 0 + m$, $2 \times m = 0 + m + m$ and so on.

Lemma 1.6.1. Prove that multiplication is commutative

Proof. We use the way we proved that addition is commutative as a blueprint. There are two things we need to prove first.

1. For any natural number, n , $n \times 0 = 0$
2. For any natural numbers, n and m , $n \times (m++) = (n \times m) + m$

First we prove, For any natural number, n , $n \times 0 = 0$ We induct over n , For $n = 0$,

$$0 \times 0 = 0$$

Which is true from the definition

Now suppose inductively, that $n \times 0 = 0$, For $(n++) \times 0$, From the definition we can write this as,

$$(n++) \times 0 = (n \times 0) + 0$$

$$\text{We know that } n \times 0 = 0 \implies (n++) \times 0 = 0 + 0$$

$$(n++) \times 0 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$n \times 0 = 0$$

Now we prove, For any natural numbers, n and m , $n \times (m++) = (n \times m) + m$ We induct over n , (keeping m fixed)

For $n = 0$, We know from the definition for multiplication with zero that,

$$0 \times (m++) = 0$$


We also know that

$$(m++) \times 0 = (m \times 0) + 0$$

$$(m++) \times 0 = 0$$

$$(m++) \times 0 = 0 \times (m++) = (0 \times m) + m$$

Suppose inductively that $n \times (m++) = (n \times m) + m$ For $n = (n++)$ To prove $(n++) \times (m++) = ((n++) \times m) + m$,



For simplicity we now write $a \times b$ as ab

□

Chapter 2

Set Theory

We define first what a set is:

Definition 2.0.1: Sets

We define set A to be any unordered collection of objects. If x is an object, we say that x is an element of A or $x \in A$ if x lies in the collection. Otherwise $x \notin A$.

We start with some axioms:

1. (Sets are objects) If A is a set, then A is also an object. A side track about "Pure Set Theory" - This theory states that everything in the mathematical universe is a set. We can write 0 as \emptyset or an empty set, 1 can be written as $\{\emptyset\}$ and 2 as $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ and so on. Terence Tao argues that they are the 'cardinalities of the set.'
2. (Equality of sets) Two sets A and B are equal, $A = B$, iff every element of A is an element of B . $A = B$, if and only if every element x of A also belongs to B , and every element y of B belongs to A .
3. (Empty set) There exists a set \emptyset known as the empty set, which contains no elements. $x \notin \emptyset$

Proposition 2.0.1 (Partial Order). If $A \subseteq B, B \subseteq C \Rightarrow A \subseteq C$

Proof. If $x \in A$, then $x \in B$, If $x \in B$, then $x \in C$, Then $x \in A$, then $x \in C$

Thus, $A \subseteq C$ □

Lemma 2.0.1 (Single choice). Let A be a non-empty set. Then there exists an object x such that $x \in A$

Proof. Proving by contradiction, Suppose there is no object x that belongs to A . For all x , we have $x \notin A$. We know from Axiom 3, that $x \notin \emptyset$

For the statement,

$$x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in \emptyset$$

Is false both ways, which gives us the result true, which is a contradiction.

Thus we also prove that \emptyset is unique. □

4. (Pairwise Union) $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

Lemma 2.0.2. $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$

Proof. Taking the left hand side, We have $x \in A$ or $x \in (B \cup C)$. If we look to the right hand side, we have $x \in (A \cup B)$ or $x \in C$ If we break the statement down further. We have $x \in A$ or $x \in B$ or $x \in C$, and on the right $x \in A$ or $x \in B$ or $x \in C$

The two statements are equivalent. \square

5. (Axiom Of Specification) A, $x \in A$, let $P(x)$ be a property pertaining to x . Then there exists a set called $\{x \in A, P(x) \text{ is true}\}$ whose elements are precisely the elements x in A for which $P(x)$ is true.
6. (Replacement) Let A be a set, for any object $x \in A$, and any object y , suppose we have a statement $P(x, y)$ pertaining to x and y , such that for each $x \in A$ there is at most one y for which $P(x, y)$ is true. Then there exists a set $\{y : P(x, y) \text{ is true for some } x \in A\}$
7. (Infinity) There exists a set \mathbb{N} , whose elements are called natural numbers, as well as an object 0 in \mathbb{N} , and an object $n++$ assigned to every natural number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the Peano axioms hold.
8. **Russel's Paradox** (Axiom Of Universal Specification) Suppose for every x we have a property $P(x)$ pertaining to x , Then there exists a set $\{x : P(x) \text{ is true}\}$ such that for every object y :

$$y \in \{x : P(x) \text{ is true}\} \Leftrightarrow P(y) \text{ is true.}$$

There is an issue, let's say we have a set, where the property of the objects is that they themselves are sets.

Let's say we look at one of these sets,

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \{x : P(x) \text{ is true}\} \\ &= \{x : x \notin x\}\end{aligned}$$

9. (Regularity) If A is a non-empty set, then there is at least one element x of A which is either not a set or disjoint from A .

Definition 2.0.2: Intersection Of Sets

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$