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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

No exercises in this chapter.

## Chapter 2

# Starting at the beginning: the natural numbers

### 2.1 The Peano axioms

**Axiom 2.1.** *0 is a natural number.*

**Axiom 2.2.** *If  $n$  is a natural number, then  $n++$  is also a natural number.*

**Axiom 2.3.** *0 is not the successor of any natural number; i.e., we have  $n++ \neq 0$  for every natural number  $n$ .*

**Axiom 2.4.** *Different natural numbers must have different successors; i.e., if  $n, m$  are natural numbers and  $n \neq m$ , then  $n++ \neq m++$ . Equivalently, if  $n++ = m++$ , then we must have  $n = m$ .*

**Axiom 2.5.** *(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  $n$ .*

**Definition 2.1.3.** *We define 1 to be the number  $0++$ , 2 to be the number  $(0++)++$ , etc.*

**Proposition 2.1.4.** *3 is a natural number.*

*Proof.* Given the Axiom 2.1, 0 is a natural number.  $1 := 0++$  is a natural number by Axiom 2.2. Same as  $2 := 1++$  and  $3 := 2++$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.1.6.** *4 is not equal to 0.*

*Proof.* By Definition 2.1.3,  $4 := 3++$ , thus  $3++ \stackrel{\neq}{=} 0$  what contradicts Axiom 2.3  $\square$

**Proposition 2.1.8.** *6 is not equal to 2*

*Proof.* Let's assume that  $6 = 2$ . By Definition 2.1.3,  $6 = 5++$  and  $2 = 1++$ . That means,  $5 = 1$  by Axiom 2.4. Repeating the procedure, we end up with  $4 \stackrel{\neq}{=} 0$  what contradicts previously proven Proposition 2.1.6  $\square$

**Proposition 2.1.16.** *(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. Let  $c$  be a natural number. Then we can assign a unique natural number to each natural number  $n$ , such that  $a_0 = c$  and  $a_{n++} = f_n(a_n)$  for each natural number  $n$ .*

*Proof.* First, none of  $a_n$  redefines  $a_0$  by Axiom 2.3. Second, let's assume that the procedure gives the unique value for  $a_n$ . Then it also provides the unique value for  $a_{n++}$  by Axiom 2.4 what closes the induction.  $\square$

## 2.2 Addition

**Definition 2.2.1.** (*Addition of natural numbers*). Let  $m$  be a natural number. 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  $(n++) + m := (n + m)++$ .

**Proposition 2.2.1.a.** *The sum of two natural numbers is again a natural number.*

*Proof.* We induct on  $n$ . Using Definition 2.2.1,  $0 + m := m$  is a natural number by the proposition's assumption. Let's assume that  $n + m$  is a natural number. Then  $(n++) + m := (n + m)++$  by Definition 2.2.1 and  $(n + m)++$  is a natural number by Axiom 2.2. That closes the induction.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.2.** *For any natural number  $n$ ,  $n + 0 = n$ .*

*Proof.* Guess what, we use induction. Given that 0 is a natural number and Definition 2.2.1,  $0 + 0 := 0$  what proves the base case. Let's assume that  $n + 0 := n$ , then  $(n++) + 0 := (n + 0)++$  using Definition 2.2.1, and  $(n + 0)++ = n++$  by the induction assumption what proves the step case. That closes the induction.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.3.** *For any natural numbers of  $n$  and  $m$ ,  $n + (m++) = (n + m)++$*

*Proof.* Let's induct on  $n$ . To prove the base case,  $0 + (m++) := m++ := (0 + m)++$  using Definition 2.2.1. For the step case, we need to prove  $(n++) + (m++) = ((n++) + m)++$ . Let's assume  $n + (m++) = (n + m)++$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (n++) + (m++) &:= (n + (m++))++ && \text{Definition 2.2.1} \\ &= ((n + m)++)++ && \text{induction assumption} \\ &= ((n++) + m)++ && \text{Definition 2.2.1} \end{aligned}$$

What closes the induction.  $\square$