

Assignment 1: Problem 1

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1 Notation

Zero or first unary natural number: 0 Successor of n: $s(n)$ Multiple successor operations: $sss(n)$, equals to the successor of the successor of the successor of n.

2 Solution

1. Base Case:

$$a + b = b + a, b = 0$$

$$a + 0 = 0 + a$$

$$a = 0 + a$$

$$a + 0 = 0 + a + 0$$

$$a = 0 + a$$

Step Case:

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$s(a + b) = s(b + a)$$

$$a + s(b) = b + s(a)$$

$$a + b + s(0) = b + a + s(0) \text{ , } a+b=b+a \text{ So we have:}$$

$$s(0) = s(0)$$

2. Base Case:

$$(a + b) * c = a * c + b * c \text{ , } c=0$$

$$(a + b) * 0 = a * 0 + b * 0$$

$$(a + b) * 0 = 0$$

Step Case:

$$(a + b) * c = a * c + b * c \text{ , } c=s(c)$$

$$(a + b) * s(c) = a * s(c) + b * s(c)$$

$$(a + b) + (a + b) * s(c) = a + a * c + b + b * c$$

$$a + b + a * c + b + b * c = a + a * c + b + b * c$$

3. **Base Case:**

$$a * 0 = 0 * a$$

$$a * s(0) = s(0) * a$$

$$a + a * 0 = s(0) * a$$

$$a = s(0) * a$$

Step Case:

$$a * s(b) = s(b) * a$$

$$a * (b + s(0)) = (b + s(0)) * a$$

$$a * b + a * s(0) = b * a + s(0) * a$$

$$a * b = b * a \text{ and } a * s(0) = s(0) * a$$