

Tao Analysis Solutions

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Pg 24 Prove that the sum of two natural numbers is again a natural number?

Solution: Let n and m be natural numbers. Using induction on n and keeping m fixed, we have the base case to be $0 + m := m$ which is a natural number as desired (by definition of addition and **Axiom 2.1**).

Now we assume inductively $n + m$ is a natural number. We have to show that $(n + +) + m$ is also a natural number. But $(n + +) + m = (n + m) + +$ by definition of addition and **Axiom 2.2**. However, $n + m$ is a natural number according to the inductive hypothesis and therefore $(n + m) + +$ is also a natural number by **Axiom 2.2**. \square

Pg 26 Prove that $n + + = n + 1$

Solution 1: Let n be a natural number, then $n + + = (n + +) + 0 = (n + 0) + + = n + (0 + +) = n + 1$ according to **Lemma 2.2.2**, definition of addition, **Lemma 2.2.3** and definition of increment respectively. \square

Solution 2: Using induction on n , we have to show that $0 + + = 0 + 1$ for the base case. However, $0 + + = 1 = 0 + 1$ by definitions of increment, and addition respectively and so the base case is done.

Now suppose inductively that $n + + = n + 1$, we have to show that $(n + +) + + = (n + +) + 1$.

From the RHS, $(n + +) + 1 = (n + 1) + + = (n + +) + +$ by definition of addition and the inductive hypothesis respectively. \square

Exercise 2.2.1. (Addition is associative). Prove that for any natural numbers a, b, c , we have $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$.

Solution: Using induction on a and keeping a and c fixed. For the base case, we want to show that $(0 + b) + c = 0 + (b + c)$. However, $(0 + b) + c = b + c = 0 + (b + c)$ by the definition of addition.

Now suppose inductively that $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$, we have to show that $((a + +) + b) + c = (a + +) + (b + c)$.

From the RHS, we have that $(a + +) + (b + c) = (a + (b + c)) + + = ((a + b) + c) + +$ by the definition of addition and the inductive hypothesis respectively. Furthermore, $((a + b) + c) + + = (((a + b) + +) + c) = ((a + +) + b) + c$ by definition of addition. \square

Exercise 2.2.2. Let a be a positive number. Then there exists exactly one natural number b such that $b + + = a$.

Solution: First we prove the existence of a natural number b such that $b + + = a$ for $a \in \mathbb{N}^+$ using induction on a . For the base case $a = 1$, we want to show that there exists a natural number b such that $b + + = 1$. Clearly, $0 + + = 1$ so $b = 0$.

Now suppose inductively that for any positive number a , there exists a natural number b such that $b + + = a$.

We have to show that there exists a natural number q such that $q + + = a + +$. But $a + + = (b + +) + +$ by the inductive hypothesis, so that $q + + = (b + +) + +$ and by **Axiom 2.4**, $q = b + +$. So that completes the induction and the proof existence.

Now we have to prove the uniqueness of the natural number b such that $b + + = a$ for $a \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that there exist $b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ with $b \neq c$ such that $b + + = a$ and $c + + = a$. Then $b + + = c + +$ and by **Axiom 2.4** $b = c$ which is a contradiction. Consequently, there exists exactly one natural number b such that $b + + = a$ for $a \in \mathbb{N}^+$. \square

Exercise 2.2.3. Basic properties of order for natural numbers). Let a, b, c be natural numbers. Then
Solution:

1. (Order is reflexive) $a \geq a$.

$a = a + 0$ by **Lemma 2.2.3**, therefore, $a \geq a$ by definition. \square

2. (Order is transitive) If $a \geq b$ and $b \geq c$, then $a \geq c$.

By definition, $a \geq b$ implies that $a = b + d$ and $b \geq c$ implies $b = c + e$, for some $d, e \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, $a = b + d = (c + e) + d = c + (e + d) \geq c$ by ordering of natural numbers and associativity of addition. \square .

3. (Order is anti-symmetric) If $a \geq b$ and $b \geq a$, then $a = b$.

Since $a \geq b$ and $b \geq a$, we have that $a = b + c$ and $b = a + d$ for some $c, d \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $a = a + c + d$ which implies that $c + d = 0$ by **Lemma 2.2.2** and that further implies $c = 0$ and $d = 0$ by **Corollary 2.2.9**. Consequently, $a = b$. \square

4. (Addition preserves order) $a \geq b$ if and only if $a + c \geq b + c$.

Because $a \geq b$, $a = b + d$ for some $d \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $a + c = (b + d) + c = (b + c) + d \geq b + c$ by the cancellation law, associativity of addition and ordering of natural numbers respectively.

Likewise, $a + c \geq b + c$ implies $a + c = (b + c) + e$, for some $e \in \mathbb{N}$. Consequently, $a + c = (b + e) + c$ by associativity of addition. By cancellation law, $a = b + e$ so $a \geq b$. \square

5. $a < b$ if and only if $a++ \leq b$

Proof. Since $a < b$, then $b = a + n$, for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $b \neq a$. Consequently, $n \neq 0$ by **Lemma 2.2.2**. Then there exists a number say $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m++ = n$ by **Lemma 2.2.10**. So $b = a + n = a + m++ = (a++) + m$ by **Lemma 2.2.3**. So $a++ \leq b$.

Likewise $a++ \leq b$ implies $b = (a++) + n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Consequently, $b = a + (n++)$ by **Lemma 2.2.3** and by **Definition 2.2.1** (Addition of natural numbers). But we know that $n++ \neq 0$ by **Axiom 2.3** and by implication $b \neq a$. So $a < b$. \square

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

Proof. If $a < b$, then $b = a + d$ for some $d \in \mathbb{N}$ and $b \neq a$ by definition. We need to show that $d \neq 0$. Now suppose for the sake of contradiction that $d = 0$. Then $b = a + d$ implies $a = b$ which is a contradiction so $d \neq 0$.

Likewise, $b = a + d$, $d \neq 0$ implies $a \leq b$ by **Definition 2.2.11** (Ordering of the natural numbers). We need to show that $b \neq a$. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that $b = a$, then $b = a + d$ implies $d = 0$ by **Lemma 2.2.2** which is a contradiction. Hence $b \neq a$ and $a \leq b$ so $a < b$. \square

Exercise 2.2.4. Justify the three statements marked (why?) in the proof of Proposition 2.2.13.

1. $0 \leq b$ for all $b \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Since $b \in \mathbb{N}$, then $b = 0 + b$ by **Definition 2.2.1** (Addition of natural numbers) so $0 \leq b$.

Exercise 2.2.5.

Exercise 2.2.6.