

# Furstenberg's Topology And His Proof of the Infinitude of Primes

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## Abstract

This article gives a formal version of Furstenberg's topological proof of the infinitude of primes. He defines a topology on the integers based on arithmetic progressions (or, equivalently, residue classes). Using some fairly obvious properties of this topology, the infinitude of primes is then easily obtained.

Apart from this, this topology is also fairly ‘nice’ in general: it is second countable, metrizable, and perfect. All of these (well-known) facts are formally proven, including an explicit metric for the topology given by Zulfeqarr.

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# 1 Furstenberg's topology and his proof of the infinitude of primes

```
theory Furstenberg-Topology
imports
  HOL-Real-Asymp.Real-Asymp
  HOL-Analysis.Analysis
  HOL-Number-Theory.Number-Theory
begin
```

This article gives a formal version of Furstenberg's topological proof of the infinitude of primes [2]. He defines a topology on the integers based on arithmetic progressions (or, equivalently, residue classes).

Apart from yielding a short proof of the infinitude of primes, this topology is also fairly ‘nice’ in general: it is second countable, metrizable, and perfect. All of these (well-known) facts will be formally proven below.

## 1.1 Arithmetic progressions of integers

We first define ‘bidirectional infinite arithmetic progressions’ on  $\mathbb{Z}$  in the sense that to an integer  $a$  and a positive integer  $b$ , we associate all the integers  $x$  such that  $x \equiv a \pmod{b}$ , or, equivalently,  $\{a + nb \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

```
definition arith-prog :: int ⇒ nat ⇒ int set where
  arith-prog a b = {x. [x = a] (mod int b)}
```

```
lemma arith-prog-0-right [simp]: arith-prog a 0 = {a}
  by (simp add: arith-prog-def)
```

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lemma arith-prog-Suc-0-right [simp]: arith-prog a (Suc 0) = UNIV
  by (auto simp: arith-prog-def)
```

```
lemma in-arith-progI [intro]: [x = a] (mod b) ⟹ x ∈ arith-prog a b
  by (auto simp: arith-prog-def)
```

Two arithmetic progressions with the same period and noncongruent starting points are disjoint.

```
lemma arith-prog-disjoint:
  assumes [a ≠ a'] (mod int b) and b > 0
  shows arith-prog a b ∩ arith-prog a' b = {}
  using assms by (auto simp: arith-prog-def cong-def)
```

Multiplying the period gives us a subset of the original progression.

```
lemma arith-prog-dvd-mono: b dvd b' ⟹ arith-prog a b' ⊆ arith-prog a b
  by (auto simp: arith-prog-def cong-dvd-modulus)
```

The following proves the alternative definition mentioned above.

```

lemma bij-betw-arith-prog:
  assumes b > 0
  shows bij-betw ( $\lambda n. a + \text{int } b * n$ ) UNIV (arith-prog a b)
proof (rule bij-betwI[of  $\dots \lambda x. (x - a) \text{ div int } b$ ], goal-cases)
  case 1
  thus ?case
    by (auto simp: arith-prog-def cong-add-lcancel-0 cong-mult-self-right mult-of-nat-commute)
next
  case 4
  thus ?case
    by (auto simp: arith-prog-def cong-iff-lin)
qed (use ‹b > 0› in ‹auto simp: arith-prog-def›)

lemma arith-prog-altdef: arith-prog a b = range ( $\lambda n. a + \text{int } b * n$ )
proof (cases b = 0)
  case False
  thus ?thesis
    using bij-betw-arith-prog[of b] by (auto simp: bij-betw-def)
qed auto

```

A simple corollary from this is also that any such arithmetic progression is infinite.

```

lemma infinite-arith-prog:  $b > 0 \implies \text{infinite} (\text{arith-prog } a b)$ 
  using bij-betw-finite[OF bij-betw-arith-prog[of b]] by simp

```

## 1.2 The Furstenberg topology on $\mathbb{Z}$

The typeclass-based topology is somewhat nicer to use in Isabelle/HOL, but the integers, of course, already have a topology associated to them. We therefore need to introduce a type copy of the integers and furnish them with the new topology. We can easily convert between them and the ‘proper’ integers using Lifting and Transfer.

```

typedef fbint = UNIV :: int set
morphisms int-of-fbint fbint ..

setup-lifting type-definition-fbint

lift-definition arith-prog-fb :: int  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\Rightarrow$  fbint set is arith-prog .

instantiation fbint :: topological-space
begin

```

Furstenberg defined the topology as the one generated by all arithmetic progressions. We use a slightly more explicit equivalent formulation that exploits the fact that the intersection of two arithmetic progressions is again an arithmetic progression (or empty).

```

lift-definition open-fbint :: fbint set  $\Rightarrow$  bool is

```

$$\lambda U. (\forall x \in U. \exists b > 0. \text{arith-prog } x \ b \subseteq U) .$$

We now prove that this indeed forms a topology.

**instance proof**

```

show open (UNIV :: fbint set)
  by transfer auto
next
  fix U V :: fbint set
  assume open U and open V
  show open (U ∩ V)
    proof (use ⟨open U⟩ ⟨open V⟩ in transfer, safe)
      fix U V :: int set and x :: int
      assume U: ∀ x ∈ U. ∃ b > 0. arith-prog x b ⊆ U and V: ∀ x ∈ V. ∃ b > 0. arith-prog
      x b ⊆ V
      assume x: x ∈ U x ∈ V
      from U x obtain b1 where b1: b1 > 0 arith-prog x b1 ⊆ U by auto
      from V x obtain b2 where b2: b2 > 0 arith-prog x b2 ⊆ V by auto
      from b1 b2 have lcm b1 b2 > 0 arith-prog x (lcm b1 b2) ⊆ U ∩ V
      using arith-prog-dvd-mono[of b1 lcm b1 b2 x] arith-prog-dvd-mono[of b2 lcm
      b1 b2 x]
      by (auto simp: lcm-pos-nat)
      thus ∃ b > 0. arith-prog x b ⊆ U ∩ V by blast
    qed
next
  fix F :: fbint set set
  assume*: ∀ U ∈ F. open U
  show open (∪ F)
    proof (use * in transfer, safe)
      fix F :: int set set and U :: int set and x :: int
      assume F: ∀ U ∈ F. ∀ x ∈ U. ∃ b > 0. arith-prog x b ⊆ U
      assume x ∈ U U ∈ F
      with F obtain b where b: b > 0 arith-prog x b ⊆ U by blast
      with ⟨U ∈ F⟩ show ∃ b > 0. arith-prog x b ⊆ ∪ F
        by blast
    qed
  qed
end

```

Since any non-empty open set contains an arithmetic progression and arithmetic progressions are infinite, we obtain that all nonempty open sets are infinite.

```

lemma open-fbint-imp-infinite:
  fixes U :: fbint set
  assumes open U and U ≠ {}
  shows infinite U
  using assms
proof transfer
  fix U :: int set

```

```

assume *:  $\forall x \in U. \exists b > 0. \text{arith-prog } x b \subseteq U$  and  $U \neq \{\}$ 
from  $\langle U \neq \{\} \rangle$  obtain  $x$  where  $x \in U$  by auto
with * obtain  $b$  where  $b: b > 0$   $\text{arith-prog } x b \subseteq U$  by auto
from  $b$  have infinite ( $\text{arith-prog } x b$ )
using infinite-arith-prog by blast
with  $b$  show infinite  $U$ 
using finite-subset by blast
qed

```

```

lemma not-open-finite-fbint [simp]:
assumes finite ( $U :: \text{fbint set}$ )  $U \neq \{\}$ 
shows  $\neg \text{open } U$ 
using open-fbint-imp-infinite assms by blast

```

More or less by definition, any arithmetic progression is open.

```

lemma open-arith-prog-fb [intro]:
assumes  $b > 0$ 
shows open ( $\text{arith-prog-fb } a b$ )
using assms
proof transfer
fix  $a :: \text{int}$  and  $b :: \text{nat}$ 
assume  $b > 0$ 
show  $\forall x \in \text{arith-prog } a b. \exists b' > 0. \text{arith-prog } x b' \subseteq \text{arith-prog } a b$ 
proof (intro ballI exI[of - b] conjI)
fix  $x$  assume  $x \in \text{arith-prog } a b$ 
thus  $\text{arith-prog } x b \subseteq \text{arith-prog } a b$ 
using cong-trans by (auto simp: arith-prog-def)
qed (use  $\langle b > 0 \rangle$  in auto)
qed

```

Slightly less obviously, any arithmetic progression is also closed. This can be seen by realising that for a period  $b$ , we can partition the integers into  $b$  congruence classes and then the complement of each congruence class is the union of the other  $b - 1$  classes, and unions of open sets are open.

```

lemma closed-arith-prog-fb [intro]:
assumes  $b > 0$ 
shows closed ( $\text{arith-prog-fb } a b$ )
proof –
have open ( $\neg \text{arith-prog-fb } a b$ )
proof –
have  $\neg \text{arith-prog-fb } a b = (\bigcup_{i \in \{1..<b\}} \text{arith-prog-fb } (a+i) b)$ 
proof (transfer fixing: b)
fix  $a :: \text{int}$ 
have disjoint:  $x \notin \text{arith-prog } a b$  if  $x \in \text{arith-prog } (a + \text{int } i) b$   $i \in \{1..<b\}$ 
for  $x i$ 
proof –
have  $[a \neq a + \text{int } i] \pmod{\text{int } b}$ 
proof
assume  $[a = a + \text{int } i] \pmod{\text{int } b}$ 

```

```

hence  $[a + 0 = a + \text{int } i] \ (\text{mod int } b)$  by simp
hence  $[0 = \text{int } i] \ (\text{mod int } b)$  by (subst (asm) cong-add-lcancel) auto
with that show False by (auto simp: cong-def)
qed
thus ?thesis using arith-prog-disjoint[of a a + int i b] {b > 0} that by auto
qed

have covering:  $x \in \text{arith-prog } a b \vee x \in (\bigcup_{i \in \{1... arith-prog (a + int i)$ 
b) for x
proof -
define i where  $i = \text{nat } ((x - a) \ \text{mod } (\text{int } b))$ 
have  $[a + \text{int } i = a + (x - a) \ \text{mod int } b] \ (\text{mod int } b)$ 
  unfolding i-def using {b > 0} by simp
also have  $[a + (x - a) \ \text{mod int } b = a + (x - a)] \ (\text{mod int } b)$ 
  by (intro cong-add) auto
finally have  $[x = a + \text{int } i] \ (\text{mod int } b)$ 
  by (simp add: cong-sym-eq)
hence  $x \in \text{arith-prog } (a + \text{int } i) b$ 
  using {b > 0} by (auto simp: arith-prog-def)
moreover have  $i < b$  using {b > 0}
  by (auto simp: i-def nat-less-iff)
ultimately show ?thesis using {b > 0}
  by (cases i = 0) auto
qed

from disjoint and covering show - arith-prog a b = ( $\bigcup_{i \in \{1... arith-prog$ 
(a + int i) b)
  by blast
qed
also from {b > 0} have open ...
  by auto
finally show ?thesis .
qed
thus ?thesis by (simp add: closed-def)
qed

```

### 1.3 The infinitude of primes

The infinite of the primes now follows quite obviously: The multiples of any prime form a closed set, so if there were only finitely many primes, the union of all of these would also be open. However, since any number other than  $\pm 1$  has a prime divisor, the union of all these sets is simply  $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{\pm 1\}$ , which is obviously *not* closed since the finite set  $\{\pm 1\}$  is not open.

```

theorem infinite {p::nat. prime p}
proof
assume fin: finite {p::nat. prime p}
define A where  $A = (\bigcup_{p \in \{p::nat. prime p\}} \text{arith-prog-fb } 0 p)$ 
have closed A

```

```

unfolding A-def using fin by (intro closed-Union) (auto simp: prime-gt-0-nat)
hence open (-A)
  by (simp add: closed-def)
also have A = -{fbint 1, fbint (-1)}
  unfolding A-def
proof transfer
  show (∪ p∈{p::nat. prime p}. arith-prog 0 p) = - {1, - 1}
  proof (intro equalityI subsetI)
    fix x :: int assume x: x ∈ -{1, - 1}
    hence |x| ≠ 1 by auto
    show x ∈ (∪ p∈{p::nat. prime p}. arith-prog 0 p)
    proof (cases x = 0)
      case True
      thus ?thesis
        by (auto simp: A-def intro!: exI[of - 2])
    next
      case [simp]: False
      obtain p where p: prime p p dvd x
        using prime-divisor-exists[of x] and ‹|x| ≠ 1› by auto
      hence x ∈ arith-prog 0 (nat p) using prime-gt-0-int[of p]
        by (auto simp: arith-prog-def cong-0-iff)
      thus ?thesis using p
        by (auto simp: A-def intro!: exI[of - nat p])
    qed
    qed (auto simp: A-def arith-prog-def cong-0-iff)
  qed
  also have -(-{fbint 1, fbint (-1)}) = {fbint 1, fbint (-1)}
    by simp
  finally have open {fbint 1, fbint (-1)} .
  thus False by simp
qed

```

## 1.4 Additional topological properties

Just for fun, let us also show a few more properties of Furstenberg's topology. First, we show the equivalence to the above to Furstenberg's original definition (the topology generated by all arithmetic progressions).

```

theorem topological-basis-fbint: topological-basis {arith-prog-fb a b | a b. b > 0}
  unfolding topological-basis-def
proof safe
  fix a :: int and b :: nat
  assume b > 0
  thus open (arith-prog-fb a b)
    by auto
next
  fix U :: fbint set assume open U
  hence ∀ x∈U. ∃ b. b > 0 ∧ arith-prog-fb (int-of-fbint x) b ⊆ U
    by transfer
  hence ∃ f. ∀ x∈U. f x > 0 ∧ arith-prog-fb (int-of-fbint x) (f x) ⊆ U

```

```

by (subst (asm) bchoice-iff)
then obtain f where f:  $\forall x \in U. f x > 0 \wedge \text{arith-prog-fb} (\text{int-of-fbint } x) (f x) \subseteq U ..$ 
define B where B =  $(\lambda x. \text{arith-prog-fb} (\text{int-of-fbint } x) (f x))`U$ 
have B  $\subseteq \{\text{arith-prog-fb } a b | a b. b > 0\}$ 
using f by (auto simp: B-def)
moreover have  $\bigcup B = U$ 
proof safe
fix x assume x  $\in U$ 
hence x  $\in \text{arith-prog-fb} (\text{int-of-fbint } x) (f x)$ 
using f by transfer auto
with {x  $\in U$ } show x  $\in \bigcup B$  by (auto simp: B-def)
qed (use f in (auto simp: B-def))
ultimately show  $\exists B' \subseteq \{\text{arith-prog-fb } a b | a b. 0 < b\}. \bigcup B' = U$  by auto
qed

```

**lemma** open-fbint-altdef:  $\text{open} = \text{generate-topology} \{\text{arith-prog-fb } a b | a b. b > 0\}$   
**using** topological-basis-imp-subbasis[OF topological-basis-fbint].

From this, we can immediately see that it is second countable:

```

instance fbint :: second-countable-topology
proof
have countable  $((\lambda(a,b). \text{arith-prog-fb } a b)`(\text{UNIV} \times \{b. b > 0\}))$ 
by (intro countable-image) auto
also have ... =  $\{\text{arith-prog-fb } a b | a b. b > 0\}$ 
by auto
ultimately show  $\exists B :: \text{fbint set set. countable } B \wedge \text{open} = \text{generate-topology } B$ 
unfolding open-fbint-altdef by auto
qed

```

A trivial consequence of the fact that nonempty open sets in this topology are infinite is that it is a perfect space:

```

instance fbint :: perfect-space
by standard auto

```

It is also Hausdorff, since given any two distinct integers, we can easily construct two non-overlapping arithmetic progressions that each contain one of them. We do not *really* have to prove this since we will get it for free later on when we show that it is a metric space, but here is the proof anyway:

```

instance fbint :: t2-space
proof
fix x y :: fbint
assume x  $\neq y$ 
define d where d = nat |int-of-fbint x - int-of-fbint y| + 1
from {x  $\neq y$ } have d > 0
unfolding d-def by transfer auto
define U where U = arith-prog-fb (int-of-fbint x) d
define V where V = arith-prog-fb (int-of-fbint y) d

```

```

have  $U \cap V = \{\}$  unfolding  $U\text{-def } V\text{-def } d\text{-def}$ 
proof (use  $\langle x \neq y \rangle$  in transfer, rule arith-prog-disjoint)
fix  $x y :: int$ 
assume  $x \neq y$ 
show  $[x \neq y] \text{ (mod int (nat } |x - y| + 1))$ 
proof
  assume  $[x = y] \text{ (mod int (nat } |x - y| + 1))$ 
  hence  $|x - y| + 1 \text{ dvd } |x - y|$ 
    by (auto simp: cong-iff-dvd-diff algebra-simps)
  hence  $|x - y| + 1 \leq |x - y|$ 
    by (rule zdvd-imp-le) (use  $\langle x \neq y \rangle$  in auto)
  thus False by simp
qed
qed auto
moreover have  $x \in U y \in V$ 
  unfolding  $U\text{-def } V\text{-def}$  by (use  $\langle d > 0 \rangle$  in transfer, fastforce) +
moreover have open  $U$  open  $V$ 
  using  $\langle d > 0 \rangle$  by (auto simp:  $U\text{-def } V\text{-def}$ )
ultimately show  $\exists U V. \text{open } U \wedge \text{open } V \wedge x \in U \wedge y \in V \wedge U \cap V = \{\}$ 
by blast
qed

```

Next, we need a small lemma: Given an additional assumption, a  $T_2$  space is also  $T_3$ :

```

lemma t2-space-t3-spaceI:
assumes  $\bigwedge (x :: 'a :: \text{t2-space}) U. x \in U \implies \text{open } U \implies$ 
 $\exists V. x \in V \wedge \text{open } V \wedge \text{closure } V \subseteq U$ 
shows OFCLASS('a, t3-space-class)
proof
fix  $X :: 'a \text{ set}$  and  $z :: 'a$ 
assume  $X: \text{closed } X z \notin X$ 
with assms[of  $z - X$ ] obtain  $V$  where  $V: z \in V \text{ open } V \text{ closure } V \subseteq -X$ 
  by auto
show  $\exists U V. \text{open } U \wedge \text{open } V \wedge z \in U \wedge X \subseteq V \wedge U \cap V = \{\}$ 
  by (rule exI[of - V], rule exI[of - -closure V])
  (use  $X V \text{ closure-subset}[of } V]$  in auto)
qed

```

Since the Furstenberg topology is  $T_2$  and every arithmetic progression is also closed, we can now easily show that it is also  $T_3$  (i.e. regular). Again, we do not really need this proof, but here it is:

```

instance fbint :: t3-space
proof (rule t2-space-t3-spaceI)
fix  $x :: \text{fbint}$  and  $U :: \text{fbint set}$ 
assume  $x \in U$  and open  $U$ 
then obtain  $b$  where  $b: b > 0 \text{ arith-prog-fb } (\text{int-of-fbint } x) b \subseteq U$ 
  by transfer blast
define  $V$  where  $V = \text{arith-prog-fb } (\text{int-of-fbint } x) b$ 

```

```

have  $x \in V$ 
  unfolding  $V\text{-def}$  by transfer auto
moreover have open  $V$  closed  $V$ 
  using  $\langle b > 0 \rangle$  by (auto simp:  $V\text{-def}$ )
ultimately show  $\exists V. x \in V \wedge \text{open } V \wedge \text{closure } V \subseteq U$ 
  using  $b$  by (intro exI[of - ]) (auto simp:  $V\text{-def}$ )
qed

```

## 1.5 Metrizability

The metrizability of Furstenberg's topology (i. e. that it is induced by some metric) can be shown from the fact that it is second countable and  $T_3$  using Urysohn's Metrization Theorem, but this is not available in Isabelle yet. Let us therefore give an *explicit* metric, as described by Zulfeqarr [3]. We follow the exposition by Dirmeier [1].

First, we define a kind of norm on the integers. The norm depends on a real parameter  $q > 1$ . The value of  $q$  does not matter in the sense that all values induce the same topology (which we will show). For the final definition, we then simply pick  $q = 2$ .

```

locale fbnorm =
  fixes  $q :: \text{real}$ 
  assumes  $q\text{-gt-1}: q > 1$ 
begin

definition  $N :: \text{int} \Rightarrow \text{real}$  where
  
$$N n = (\sum k. \text{if } k = 0 \vee \text{int } k \text{ dvd } n \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q^k)$$


lemma  $N\text{-summable: summable } (\lambda k. \text{if } k = 0 \vee \text{int } k \text{ dvd } n \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q^k)$ 
  by (rule summable-comparison-test[OF - summable-geometric[of 1/q]])
    (use q-gt-1 in ⟨auto intro!: exI[of - 0] simp: power-divide⟩)

lemma  $N\text{-sums: } (\lambda k. \text{if } k = 0 \vee \text{int } k \text{ dvd } n \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q^k)$  sums N n
  using  $N\text{-summable}$  unfolding  $N\text{-def}$  by (rule summable-sums)

lemma  $N\text{-nonneg: } N n \geq 0$ 
  by (rule sums-le[OF - sums-zero N-sums]) (use q-gt-1 in auto)

lemma  $N\text{-uminus [simp]: } N (-n) = N n$ 
  by (simp add: N-def)

lemma  $N\text{-minus-commute: } N (x - y) = N (y - x)$ 
  using  $N\text{-uminus}[of x - y]$  by (simp del: N-uminus)

lemma  $N\text{-zero [simp]: } N 0 = 0$ 
  by (simp add: N-def)

lemma  $\text{not-dvd-imp-N-ge:}$ 
  assumes  $\neg n \text{ dvd } a$   $n > 0$ 

```

**shows**  $N a \geq 1 / q \wedge n$   
**by** (rule sums-le[*OF - sums-single*[of  $n$ ] *N-sums*]) (use  $q\text{-gt-1 assms in auto}$ )

**lemma** *N-lt-imp-dvd*:  
**assumes**  $N a < 1 / q \wedge n$  **and**  $n > 0$   
**shows**  $n \text{ dvd } a$   
**using** not-dvd-imp-N-ge[of  $n a$ ] *assms by auto*

**lemma** *N-pos*:  
**assumes**  $n \neq 0$   
**shows**  $N n > 0$   
**proof** –  
**have**  $0 < 1 / q \wedge (\text{nat } |n| + 1)$   
**using**  $q\text{-gt-1 by simp}$   
**also have**  $\neg 1 + |n| \text{ dvd } |n|$   
**using** zdvd-imp-le[of  $1 + |n| |n|$ ] *assms by auto*  
**hence**  $1 / q \wedge (\text{nat } |n| + 1) \leq N n$   
**by** (intro not-dvd-imp-N-ge) (use *assms in auto*)  
**finally show** ?thesis .  
**qed**

**lemma** *N-zero-iff* [simp]:  $N n = 0 \longleftrightarrow n = 0$   
**using** *N-pos*[of  $n$ ] **by** (cases  $n = 0$ ) *auto*

**lemma** *N-triangle-ineq*:  $N (n + m) \leq N n + N m$   
**proof** (rule sums-le)  
**let**  $?I = \lambda n k. \text{if } k = 0 \vee \text{int } k \text{ dvd } n \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q \wedge k$   
**show**  $?I (n + m) \text{ sums } N (n + m)$   
**by** (rule *N-sums*)  
**show**  $(\lambda k. ?I n k + ?I m k) \text{ sums } (N n + N m)$   
**by** (intro sums-add *N-sums*)  
**qed** (use  $q\text{-gt-1 in auto}$ )

**lemma** *N-1*:  $N 1 = 1 / (q * (q - 1))$   
**proof** (rule sums-unique2)  
**have**  $(\lambda k. \text{if } k = 0 \vee \text{int } k \text{ dvd } 1 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q \wedge k) \text{ sums } N 1$   
**by** (rule *N-sums*)  
**also have**  $(\lambda k. \text{if } k = 0 \vee \text{int } k \text{ dvd } 1 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q \wedge k) =$   
 $(\lambda k. \text{if } k \in \{0, 1\} \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } (1 / q) \wedge k)$   
**by** (simp add: power-divide cong: if-cong)  
**finally show**  $(\lambda k. \text{if } k \in \{0, 1\} \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } (1 / q) \wedge k) \text{ sums } N 1$ .

**have**  $(\lambda k. \text{if } k \in \{0, 1\} \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } (1 / q) \wedge k) \text{ sums }$   
 $(1 / (1 - 1 / q) + (- (1 / q) - 1))$   
**by** (rule sums-If-finite-set'[*OF geometric-sums*]) (use  $q\text{-gt-1 in auto}$ )  
**also have**  $\dots = 1 / (q * (q - 1))$   
**using**  $q\text{-gt-1 by (simp add: field-simps)}$   
**finally show**  $(\lambda k. \text{if } k \in \{0, 1\} \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } (1 / q) \wedge k) \text{ sums } \dots$ .  
**qed**

It follows directly from the definition that norms fulfil a kind of monotonicity property with respect to divisibility: the norm of a number is at most as large as the norm of any of its factors:

```
lemma N-dvd-mono:
  assumes m dvd n
  shows N n ≤ N m
proof (rule sums-le[OF - N-sums N-sums])
  fix k :: nat
  show (if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd n then 0 else 1 / q ^ k) ≤
    (if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd m then 0 else 1 / q ^ k)
  using q-gt-1 assms by auto
qed
```

In particular, this means that 1 and -1 have the greatest norm.

```
lemma N-le-N-1: N n ≤ N 1
  by (rule N-dvd-mono) auto
```

Primes have relatively large norms, almost reaching the norm of 1:

```
lemma N-prime:
  assumes prime p
  shows N p = N 1 - 1 / q ^ nat p
proof (rule sums-unique2)
  define p' where p' = nat p
  have p: p = int p'
  using assms by (auto simp: p'-def prime-ge-0-int)
  have prime p'
  using assms by (simp add: p)

  have (λk. if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd p then 0 else 1 / q ^ k) sums N p
    by (rule N-sums)
  also have int k dvd p ↔ k ∈ {1, p'} for k
    using assms by (auto simp: p prime-nat-iff)
  hence (λk. if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd p then 0 else 1 / q ^ k) =
    (λk. if k ∈ {0, 1, p'} then 0 else (1 / q) ^ k)
    using assms q-gt-1 by (simp add: power-divide cong: if-cong)
  finally show ... sums N p .

  have (λk. if k ∈ {0, 1, p'} then 0 else (1 / q) ^ k) sums
    (1 / (1 - 1 / q) + (- (1 / q) - (1 / q) ^ p' - 1))
    by (rule sums-If-finite-set['OF geometric-sums])
    (use ‹prime p›, q-gt-1 prime-gt-Suc-0-nat[of p] in ‹auto simp:›)
  also have ... = N 1 - 1 / q ^ p'
    using q-gt-1 by (simp add: field-simps N-1)
  finally show (λk. if k ∈ {0, 1, p'} then 0 else (1 / q) ^ k) sums ... .
qed

lemma N-2: N 2 = 1 / (q ^ 2 * (q - 1))
  using q-gt-1 by (auto simp: N-prime N-1 field-simps power2-eq-square)
```

```

lemma N-less-N-1:
  assumes n ≠ 1 n ≠ -1
  shows N n < N 1
proof (cases n = 0)
  case False
    then obtain p where p: prime p p dvd n
      using prime-divisor-exists[of n] assms by force
      hence N n ≤ N p by (intro N-dvd-mono)
      also from p have N p < N 1
        using q-gt-1 by (simp add: N-prime)
      finally show ?thesis .
  qed (use q-gt-1 in ⟨auto simp: N-1⟩)

```

Composites, on the other hand, do not achieve this:

```

lemma nonprime-imp-N-lt:
  assumes ¬prime-elem n |n| ≠ 1 n ≠ 0
  shows N n < N 1 - 1 / q ^ nat |n|
proof -
  obtain p where p: prime p p dvd n
    using prime-divisor-exists[of n] assms by auto
  define p' where p' = nat p
  have p': p = int p'
    using p by (auto simp: p'-def prime-ge-0-int)
  have prime p'
    using p by (simp add: p')

  define n' where n' = nat |n|
  have n' > 1
    using assms by (auto simp: n'-def)

  have N n ≤ 1 / (q * (q - 1)) - 1 / q ^ p' - 1 / q ^ n'
  proof (rule sums-le)
    show (λk. if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd n then 0 else 1 / q ^ k) sums N n
      by (rule N-sums)
  next
    from assms p have n' ≠ p'
      by (auto simp: n'-def p'-def nat-eq-iff)
    hence (λk. if k ∈ {0, 1, p', n'} then 0 else (1 / q) ^ k) sums
      (1 / (1 - 1 / q) + (- (1 / q) - (1 / q) ^ p' - (1 / q) ^ n' - 1))
      by (intro sums-If-finite-set'[OF geometric-sums])
      (use ⟨prime p'⟩ q-gt-1 prime-gt-Suc-0-nat[of p'] ⟨n' > 1⟩ in ⟨auto simp: ⟩)
    also have ... = 1 / (q * (q - 1)) - 1 / q ^ p' - 1 / q ^ n'
      using q-gt-1 by (simp add: field-simps)
    finally show (λk. if k ∈ {0, 1, p', n'} then 0 else (1 / q) ^ k) sums ...
  next
    show ∀k. (if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd n then 0 else 1 / q ^ k)
      ≤ (if k ∈ {0, 1, p', n'} then 0 else (1 / q) ^ k)
    using q-gt-1 p by (auto simp: p'-def n'-def power-divide)

```

```

qed
also have ... < 1 / (q * (q - 1)) - 1 / q ^ n'
  using q-gt-1 by simp
  finally show ?thesis by (simp add: n'-def N-1)
qed

```

This implies that one can use the norm as a primality test:

```

lemma prime-iff-N-eq:
assumes n ≠ 0
shows prime-elem n ↔ N n = N 1 - 1 / q ^ nat |n|
proof -
have *: prime-elem n ↔ N n = N 1 - 1 / q ^ nat |n| if n > 0 for n
proof -
  consider n = 1 ∣ prime n ∣ ¬prime n n > 1
    using ‹n > 0› by force
  thus ?thesis
  proof cases
    assume n = 1
    thus ?thesis using q-gt-1
      by (auto simp: N-1)
  next
    assume n: ¬prime n n > 1
    with nonprime-imp-N-lt[of n] show ?thesis by simp
  qed (auto simp: N-prime prime-ge-0-int)
qed

show ?thesis
proof (cases n > 0)
  case True
  with * show ?thesis by blast
next
  case False
  with *[of ~n] assms show ?thesis by simp
qed

```

Factorials, on the other hand, have very small norms:

```

lemma N-fact-le: N (fact m) ≤ 1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q ^ m
proof (rule sums-le[OF - N-sums])
have (λk. 1 / q ^ k / q ^ Suc m) sums (q / (q - 1) / q ^ Suc m)
  using geometric-sums[of 1 / q] q-gt-1
  by (intro sums-divide) (auto simp: field-simps)
also have (q / (q - 1) / q ^ Suc m) = 1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q ^ m
  using q-gt-1 by (simp add: field-simps)
also have (λk. 1 / q ^ k / q ^ Suc m) = (λk. 1 / q ^ (k + Suc m))
  using q-gt-1 by (simp add: field-simps power-add)
also have ... = (λk. if k + Suc m ≤ m then 0 else 1 / q ^ (k + Suc m))
  by auto
finally have ... sums (1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q ^ m) .

```

```

also have ?this  $\longleftrightarrow$   $(\lambda k. \text{if } k \leq m \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1 / q^k) \text{ sums } (1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q^m)$ 
  by (rule sums-zero-iff-shift) auto
  finally show . .
next
  fix k :: nat
  have int k dvd fact m if k > 0 k ≤ m
  proof -
    have int k dvd int (fact m)
    unfolding int-dvd-int-iff using that by (simp add: dvd-fact)
    thus int k dvd fact m
      unfolding of-nat-fact by simp
  qed
  thus (if k = 0 ∨ int k dvd fact m then 0 else 1 / q^k) ≤
    (if k ≤ m then 0 else 1 / q^k) using q-gt-1 by auto
qed

lemma N-prime-mono:
  assumes prime p prime p' p ≤ p'
  shows N p ≤ N p'
  using assms q-gt-1 by (auto simp add: N-prime field-simps nat-le-iff prime-ge-0-int)

lemma N-prime-ge:
  assumes prime p
  shows N p ≥ 1 / (q^2 * (q - 1))
proof -
  have 1 / (q^2 * (q - 1)) = N 2
  using q-gt-1 by (auto simp: N-prime N-1 field-simps power2-eq-square)
  also have ... ≤ N p
  using assms by (intro N-prime-mono) (auto simp: prime-ge-2-int)
  finally show ?thesis .
qed

lemma N-prime-elem-ge:
  assumes prime-elem p
  shows N p ≥ 1 / (q^2 * (q - 1))
proof (cases p ≥ 0)
  case True
  with assms N-prime-ge show ?thesis by auto
next
  case False
  with assms N-prime-ge[of ~p] show ?thesis by auto
qed

```

Next, we use this norm to derive a metric:

```

lift-definition dist :: fbint ⇒ fbint ⇒ real is
  λx y. N (x - y) .

```

```

lemma dist-self [simp]: dist x x = 0

```

by transfer simp

**lemma** dist-sym [simp]:  $\text{dist } x \ y = \text{dist } y \ x$   
  **by** transfer (simp add: N-minus-commute)

**lemma** dist-pos:  $x \neq y \implies \text{dist } x \ y > 0$   
  **by** transfer (use N-pos in simp)

**lemma** dist-eq-0-iff [simp]:  $\text{dist } x \ y = 0 \iff x = y$   
  **using** dist-pos[of x y] **by** (cases x = y) auto

**lemma** dist-triangle-ineq:  $\text{dist } x \ z \leq \text{dist } x \ y + \text{dist } y \ z$   
**proof** transfer  
  **fix**  $x \ y \ z :: \text{int}$   
  **show**  $N(x - z) \leq N(x - y) + N(y - z)$   
    **using** N-triangle-ineq[of x - y y - z] **by** simp  
**qed**

Lastly, we show that the metric we defined indeed induces the Furstenberg topology.

**theorem** dist-induces-open:

open  $U \iff (\forall x \in U. \exists e > 0. \forall y. \text{dist } x \ y < e \implies y \in U)$

**proof** (transfer, safe)

**fix**  $U :: \text{int set}$  **and**  $x :: \text{int}$

**assume**  $*: \forall x \in U. \exists b > 0. \text{arith-prog } x \ b \subseteq U$

**assume**  $x \in U$

**with** \* **obtain**  $b$  **where**  $b: b > 0 \text{ arith-prog } x \ b \subseteq U$  **by** blast  
**define**  $e$  **where**  $e = 1 / q \wedge b$

**show**  $\exists e > 0. \forall y. N(x - y) < e \implies y \in U$

**proof** (rule exI; safe?)

**show**  $e > 0$  **using** q-gt-1 **by** (simp add: e-def)

**next**

**fix**  $y$  **assume**  $N(x - y) < e$

**also have**  $\dots = 1 / q \wedge b$  **by** fact

**finally have**  $b \text{ dvd } (x - y)$

**by** (rule N-lt-imp-dvd) fact

**hence**  $y \in \text{arith-prog } x \ b$

**by** (auto simp: arith-prog-def cong-iff-dvd-diff dvd-diff-commute)

**with**  $b$  **show**  $y \in U$  **by** blast

**qed**

**next**

**fix**  $U :: \text{int set}$  **and**  $x :: \text{int}$

**assume**  $*: \forall x \in U. \exists e > 0. \forall y. N(x - y) < e \implies y \in U$

**assume**  $x \in U$

**with** \* **obtain**  $e$  **where**  $e: e > 0 \forall y. N(x - y) < e \implies y \in U$  **by** blast

**have** eventually  $(\lambda N. 1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q \wedge N < e)$  at-top

```

using q-gt-1 {e > 0} by real-asymp
then obtain m where m: 1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q ^ m < e
  by (auto simp: eventually-at-top-linorder)
define b :: nat where b = fact m

have arith-prog x b ⊆ U
proof
  fix y assume y ∈ arith-prog x b
  show y ∈ U
  proof (cases y = x)
    case False
    from {y ∈ arith-prog x b} obtain n where y: y = x + int b * n
      by (auto simp: arith-prog-altdef)
    from y and {y ≠ x} have [simp]: n ≠ 0 by auto
    have N (x - y) = N (int b * n) by (simp add: y)
    also have ... ≤ N (int b)
      by (rule N-dvd-mono) auto
    also have ... ≤ 1 / (q - 1) * 1 / q ^ m
      using N-fact-le by (simp add: b-def)
    also have ... < e by fact
    finally show y ∈ U using e by auto
  qed (use {x ∈ U} in auto)
qed
moreover have b > 0 by (auto simp: b-def)
ultimately show ∃ b>0. arith-prog x b ⊆ U
  by blast
qed

end

```

We now show that the Furstenberg space is a metric space with this metric (with  $q = 2$ ), which essentially only amounts to plugging together all the results from above.

```

interpretation fb: fbnorm 2
  by standard auto

```

```

instantiation fbint :: dist
begin

definition dist-fbint where dist-fbint = fb.dist

instance ..

end

```

```

instantiation fbint :: uniformity-dist
begin

```

```

definition uniformity-fbint :: (fbint × fbint) filter where
  uniformity-fbint = (INF e∈{0 <..}. principal {(x, y). dist x y < e})

instance by standard (simp add: uniformity-fbint-def)

end

instance fbint :: open-uniformity
proof
  fix U :: fbint set
  show open U = (∀x∈U. eventually (λ(x',y). x' = x → y ∈ U) uniformity)
    unfolding eventually-uniformity-metric dist-fbint-def
    using fb.dist-induces-open by simp
  qed

instance fbint :: metric-space
  by standard (use fb.dist-triangle-ineq in ⟨auto simp: dist-fbint-def⟩)

In particular, we can now show that the sequence  $n!$  tends to 0 in the Furstenberg topology:

lemma tendsto-fbint-fact: ( $\lambda n.$  fbint (fact n)) —→ fbint 0
proof –
  have ( $\lambda n.$  dist (fbint (fact n)) (fbint 0)) —→ 0
  proof (rule tendsto-sandwich[OF always-eventually always-eventually]; safe?)
    fix n :: nat
    show dist (fbint (fact n)) (fbint 0) ≤ 1 /  $2^{\wedge} n$ 
      unfolding dist-fbint-def by (transfer fixing: n) (use fb.N-fact-le[of n] in simp)
    show dist (fbint (fact n)) (fbint 0) ≥ 0
      by simp
    show ( $\lambda n.$  1 /  $2^{\wedge} n :: \text{real}$ ) —→ 0
      by real-asympt
  qed simp-all
  thus ?thesis
    using tendsto-dist-iff by metis
  qed

end

```

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