

## Chapter 2: Starting from the Natural Numbers

### Definitions and Proofs

#### **The Peano Axioms**

##### Axiom 1

0 is a natural number.

##### Axiom 2

If  $N$  is a natural number, then  $S(N)$  is also a natural number.

##### Axiom 3

0 is not the successor of any natural number.

$S(N) \neq 0$  for every natural number  $N$ .

##### Axiom 4

Different natural numbers must have different successors.

If  $N, M$  are natural numbers and  $N \neq M$ , then  $S(N) \neq S(M)$ . Equivalently, if  $S(N) = S(M)$ , then  $N = M$ .

##### Axiom 5 (Principle of Mathematical Induction)

Let  $P(N)$  be any property pertaining to a natural number  $N$ . Suppose  $P(0)$  is true, and suppose that whenever  $P(N)$  is true,  $P(S(N))$  is also true.

Then  $P(N)$  is true for every natural number  $N$ .

#### Recursive Definition

Suppose for each natural number  $N$ , we have a function  $f_n: N \rightarrow N$  from the natural numbers to the natural numbers. Let  $c$  be a natural number. Then we can assign a unique natural number  $a_n$  to each natural number  $N$ , such that  $a_0 = c$  and  $a_{s(n)} = f_n(a_n)$  for each natural number  $N$ .

#### *Proof.*

Using induction, prove base case, where  $N = 0$ .

Only 1 value of  $a_0$ , which makes  $a_0 = c$ .

(None of the other definitions  $a_{s(n)} = f_m(a_m)$  will redefine the value of  $a_0$ , because of Axiom 3.)

Thus, base case proven.

Suppose inductively that the procedure gives a single value to  $a_n$ . Then it gives a single value to  $a_{s(n)} = f_n(a_n)$ .  
(None of the other definitions  $a_{s(m)} = f_m(a_m)$  will redefine the value of  $a_{s(n)}$ , because of Axiom 4.)

Induction completed.  $a_n$  is defined for each natural value  $n$ , with a single value assigned to each  $a_n$ .

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#### Definition: Addition of Natural Numbers

Addition is a function that maps two natural numbers (two elements of  $N$ ) to another one. It is defined recursively as:

$$0 + m := m \rightarrow (1)$$

$$S(N) + m := S(N + m) \rightarrow (2)$$

*Example:*

$$0 + m = m \quad (\text{Definition 1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + m &= S(0) + m \\ &= S(0 + m) \quad (\text{Definition 2}) \\ &= S(m) \quad (\text{Definition 1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + m &= S(1) + m \\ &= S(1 + m) \quad (\text{Definition 2}) \\ &= S(m) \end{aligned}$$

#### Definition: Positive Natural Numbers

A natural number  $N$  is said to be positive if and only if it is not equal to zero.

#### Definition: Ordering of Natural Numbers

Let  $N$  and  $M$  be natural numbers.

$N \square M$  or  $M \leq N$  if and only if  $N = M + a$  for some natural number  $a$ .

$N$  is strictly greater than  $M$ ,  $N > M$  or  $M > N$  if and only if  $N \square M$  and  $N \neq M$

$S(N) > N$  for any  $N$ , thus there is no largest natural number  $N$ .

#### Definition: Multiplication of Natural Numbers

Multiplication is a function mapping two natural numbers to another one. It is defined recursively as:

$$0 \times m := 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$S(N) \times m := (N \times m) + m \rightarrow (2)$$

*Example:*

$$0 \times m = 0 \quad (\text{by definition 1})$$

$$1 \times m = S(0) \times m = (0 \times m) + m = m \quad (\text{by definition 2})$$

#### Definition: Exponentiation of Natural Numbers

Let  $m$  be a natural number. To raise  $m$  to the power 0, we define  $m^0 := 1$ ; in particular, we define  $0^0 := 1$ . Now suppose recursively that  $m^n$  has been defined for some natural number  $n$ , then we define  $m^{s(n)} := m^n \times m$

Proposition 1: 3 is a natural number

*Proof.*

0 is a natural number. (Axiom 1)

$S(0) = 1$  is a natural number. (Axiom 2)

$S(1) = 2$  is also a natural number. (Axiom 2)

Hence,  $S(2) = 3$  is a natural number. (Axiom 2)

Proposition 2: 4 is not equal to 0.

*Proof.*

By definition,  $4 = S(3)$ .

3 is a natural number. (Axiom 1 and 2, or Proposition 1)

$S(3) \neq 0$  (Axiom 3)

Hence,  $4 \neq 0$ .

Proposition 3: 6 is not equal to 2.

*Proof by contradiction.*

Suppose  $6 = 2$ . Then  $S(5) = S(1)$ , which leads to  $5 = 1$ . (Axiom 4)

$S(4) = S(0)$

Then,  $4 = 0$  (Axiom 4)

This contradicts Proposition 2.

Proposition 4: A certain property  $P(N)$  is true for every natural number  $N$ .

*Using the Principle of Mathematical Induction (Axiom 5),*

1. Verify base case, where  $N = 0$   
Prove  $P(0)$ .
2. Suppose inductively that  $P(N)$  is true for every natural number  $N$ .  
 $P(N)$  is proven.
3. Prove for  $P(S(N))$ .  
Insert proof here, assuming  $P(N)$  is true.

Closes induction, thus  $P(N)$  is true for every natural number  $N$ .

Proposition 5: The sum of two natural numbers is a natural number.

*Proof.*

Induct on  $m$ , keeping  $n$  fixed.

Let  $N$  be a natural number,  $M + N$  is a natural number.

Proving base case,  $M = 0$ .

$0 + N = N$  (Addition Definition)

Since  $N$  is a natural number, the base case is proven.

Induction Step:

Suppose  $M$  is a natural number,  $M + N$  is a natural number.

Prove  $S(M) + N$  is a natural number.

$$S(M) + N = S(M + N) \text{ (Addition Definition)}$$

Since  $M + N$  is a natural number (Induction Step)

$S(M + N)$  is also a natural number. (Axiom 2)

Lemma 6: For any natural number  $M$ ,  $M + 0 = M$ .

*Proof.*

Prove base case,  $M = 0$ .

$$0 + 0 = 0 \text{ (Addition Definition 1: } 0 + M = M\text{)}$$

Base case is proven.

Induction case:

Suppose  $M + 0 = M$

Prove  $S(M) + 0 = S(M)$ .

$$S(M) + 0$$

$$= S(M + 0) \text{ (Addition Definition 2)}$$

$$= S(M) \text{ (Induction Step)}$$

Lemma 7: For any natural numbers  $N$  and  $M$ ,  $N + S(M) := S(N + M)$

*Proof.*

Induction on  $N$ , keeping  $M$  fixed.

Base case,  $N = 0$ .

$$0 + S(M)$$

$$= S(0 + M) \text{ (Addition Definition 2)}$$

$$= S(M) \text{ (Addition Definition 1)}$$

Base Case is proven.

Induction case:

Suppose  $N + S(M) := S(N + M)$ .

Prove  $S(N) + S(M) = S(S(N) + M)$ .

$$\text{LHS: } S(N) + S(M)$$

$$= S(N + S(M)) \text{ (Addition Definition 2)}$$

$$= S(S(N + M)) \text{ (Induction Case)}$$

$$\text{RHS: } S(S(N) + M)$$

$$= S(S(N + M)) \text{ (Addition Definition 2)}$$

Close induction.

Proposition 8: (Addition is Commutative) For any natural numbers  $N$  and  $M$ ,  $N + M = M + N$

*Proof.*

Induction on  $N$ , keeping  $M$  fixed.

Base case,  $N = 0$ .

LHS:  $0 + M = M$  (Addition Definition 1)

RHS:  $M + 0 = M$  (Lemma 6)

Hence, the base case is proven.

Induction Case:

Suppose  $N + M = M + N$

Prove  $S(N) + M = M + S(N)$

LHS:  $S(N) + M$

$= S(N + M)$  (Addition Definition 2)

RHS:  $M + S(N)$

$= S(M + N)$  (Lemma 7)

$= S(N + M)$  (Induction Step)

Close induction.

Proposition 9: (Addition is Associative) For any natural numbers  $A, B, C$ ,  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

*Proof.*

Induction on  $A$ , keeping  $B$  and  $C$  fixed.

Prove base case,  $A = 0$

$(0 + B) + C = 0 + (B + C)$

LHS:  $(0 + B) + C$

$= B + C$  (Addition Definition 1:  $0 + M = M$ )

RHS:  $0 + (B + C)$

$= B + C$  (Addition Definition 1:  $0 + M = M$ )

Hence,  $(0 + B) + C = 0 + (B + C)$  as required.

Induction Step:

Suppose  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

Prove  $(S(A) + B) + C = S(A) + (B + C)$

LHS:  $(S(A) + B) + C$

$= S(A + B) + C$  (Addition Definition 2)

$= S(A + B + C)$  (Addition Definition 2)

RHS:  $S(A) + (B + C)$

$$= S(A + B + C) \text{ (Addition Definition 2)}$$

Close induction.

Proposition 10: Cancellation Law. Let natural numbers  $A, B, C$  such that  $A + B = A + C$ , implies  $B = C$

*Proof.*

Induction on  $A$ , keeping  $B$  and  $C$  fixed.

Prove base case,  $A = 0$

$$0 + B = 0 + C$$

$$B = C \text{ (Addition Definition 1)}$$

Induction Step:

Suppose  $A + B = A + C$ , implies  $B = C$

Prove  $S(A) + B = S(A) + C$ , implies  $B = C$

$$S(A + B) = S(A + C) \text{ ( Addition Definition 2)}$$

$$A + B = A + C \text{ (Axiom 4)}$$

$B = C$  is implied. (Induction Step)

Proposition 11: If  $A$  is positive and  $B$  is a natural number, then  $A + B$  is positive (and hence so is  $B + A$ )

*Proof.*

Induction on  $B$ , keeping  $A$  fixed.

Prove base case,  $B = 0$

$$A + B = A + 0 = A \text{ ( Lemma 6)}$$

Since  $A$  is positive, the base case is proven.

Induction Step:

Suppose  $A + B$  is positive

Prove  $A + S(B)$  is positive.

$$A + S(B) = S(A + B) \text{ (Lemma 7)}$$

Since  $S(A + B) \neq 0$  (Axiom 3), and  $S(A + B)$  is a natural number (Axiom 2), hence  $S(A + B)$  is positive.  
(Definition of Positive Numbers)

Corollary 12: If  $A$  and  $B$  are natural numbers such that  $A + B = 0$ , then  $A = 0$  and  $B = 0$ .

*Proof by Contradiction.*

Suppose  $A \neq 0$  or  $B \neq 0$ .

$A \neq 0$  shows that  $A$  is positive (Definition of Positive Numbers)

Hence,  $A + B = 0$  is positive (Proposition 11).

Contradicts the Definition of Positive Numbers.

$B \neq 0$  then  $B$  is positive.

Hence,  $A + B = 0$  is positive (Proposition 11).

Contradicts the Definition of Positive Numbers.

Therefore,  $A = 0$  and  $B = 0$

Lemma 13: Let  $A$  be a positive number. Then there exists exactly one natural number  $B$  such that  $S(B) = A$ .

*Proof.*

Prove the base case,  $B = 0$ .

$S(0) = 1$

0 is a natural number. (Axiom 1)

1 is also a natural number. (Axiom 2)

There can only be one unique successor for 0, which is 1. (Axiom 4)

Since 1 is also a positive number, the base case is proven.

Induction case: There exists exactly one natural number  $B$  such that  $S(B)$  is a positive number.

Prove  $S(S(B))$  is positive.

$S(B)$  is positive (Induction case).

$S(B)$  is natural. (Axiom 2)

$S(S(B))$  is also natural. (Axiom 2)

$S(S(B))$  is not zero. (Axiom 3)

Hence,  $S(S(B))$  is positive. (Definition of Positive Numbers)

Proposition 14: (Basic Properties of Order for Natural Numbers)

Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be natural numbers. Then

- a. Order is reflexive.  $A \sqsubseteq A$ .

*Proof.*

Since  $A \sqsubseteq A$ ,  $A = A + n$  for some natural number  $n$  (Definition of Order)

Let  $n = 0$ ,

$A + 0$  ( $0$  is a natural number, Axiom 1)

$= A + 0$  (Lemma 6)

$= A$

Hence,  $A \sqsubseteq A$  as required.

- b. Order is transitive. If  $A \sqsubset B$  and  $B \sqsubset C$ , then  $A \sqsubset C$ .

*Proof.*

$A = B + n$  and  $B = C + m$  for some natural numbers  $n$  and  $m$ . (Definition of Order)

Hence,  $A = C + (m + n)$ . (Definition of Order)

Therefore,  $A \sqsubset C$ .

- c. Order is antisymmetric. If  $A \sqsubset B$  and  $B \sqsubset A$ , then  $A = B$ .

*Proof.*

$A \sqsubset B$  implies  $A = B + n$

$B \sqsubset A$  implies  $B = A + m$

$A = (A + m) + n$

$A = A + (m + n)$  (Associative Law)

$m + n$  is zero for the previous statement to be true. (Definition of Addition)

$m + n = 0$

Hence,  $m = 0$  and  $n = 0$  (Corollary 12)

As such,  $A = B$ .

- d. (Addition preserves order)  $A \sqsubset B$  if and only if  $A + C \sqsubset B + C$

$A + C \sqsubset B + C$

$A + C = B + C + m$

$A = B + m$

Hence,  $A \sqsubset B$  if and only if  $A + C \sqsubset B + C$ .

$A \sqsubset B$

$A = B + m$

$B + m + C \sqsubset B + C$

Hence, true by definition and  $A + C \sqsubset B + C$  if and only if  $A \sqsubset B$ .

- e.  $A < B$  if and only if  $S(A) \leq B$

$A < B$  implies that  $B = A + d$ , where  $d > 0$ . (Definition of Order)

$B = A + S(C)$

$B = S(A+C)$

$S(A+C) \sqsubset S(A)$

$B \sqsubset S(A)$

$S(A) \leq B$

- f.  $A < B$  if and only if  $B = A + d$  for some positive number  $d$ .

$A < B$  implies that  $B = A + d$ , where  $d > 0$ . (Definition of Order)  
Since  $d > 0$ ,  $d$  is positive. (Definition of Positive Numbers)

or

$B = A + d$ , then  $B \square A$

Prove  $B \neq A$ .

Suppose for contradiction  $B = A$ , then by cancellation,  $d = 0$ .

Which means  $d$  is not positive, thus a contradiction.

Proposition 15: (Trichotomy of Order of Natural Numbers)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be natural numbers. Then exactly one of the following statements is true:  $A < B$ ,  $A = B$ ,  $B < A$ .

*Proof.*

No more than one of the statements can hold true at the same time.

If  $A < B$ , then  $A \neq B$ .

If  $B < A$ , then  $A \neq B$ .

However, if  $A < B$  and  $B < A$ , then  $A = B$ . (Proposition 14).

Hence, a contradiction with the two earlier statements.

One of the statements is true.

Induction on  $A$ , keep  $B$  fixed.

Base case:

When  $A = 0$ ,

$0 \leq B$

Since  $B$  is a natural number,  $B$  might be zero. (Axiom 1)

So either  $0 = B$  or  $0 < B$ .

The base case is proven.

Suppose  $A < B$ ,  $A = B$ ,  $B < A$ .

Prove  $S(A)$  for each statement.

$B < A$ , then  $B < S(A)$

$A = B + d$

$d = S(c)$  for some natural number  $c$

$A = B + S(c)$

$A = S(B + c)$  (Definition of Addition)

$S(A) = S(S(B + c))$  (Axiom 4)

$B < S(S(B + c))$

If  $A = B$ , then  $S(A) > B$ .

$S(A) = S(B)$  (Axiom 4)

$S(B) > B$

If  $A < B$ ,  
 $S(A) \leq B$  (Proposition 14e)  
Then either  $S(A) = B$  or  $S(A) < B$ .

Close induction.

#### Proposition 16 (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  $m_0 < m < m$ , 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  $m \geq m_0$ .

Hints: Define  $Q(n)$  to be the property that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m_0 \leq m < n$ ; note that  $Q(n)$  is vacuously true when  $n < m_0$ .

*Proof.*

Let  $Q(n)$  be the property that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m_0 \leq m < n$ . Given this definition of  $Q$ , we can restate the hypothesis for  $P$  as follows: for each  $m \geq m_0$ , if  $Q(M)$  is true then  $P(M)$  is also true. We will prove by induction that  $Q(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .

We first want to show  $Q(0)$ , which says that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m_0 \leq m < 0$ . This is vacuously true since there is no natural number strictly less than zero:  $m < 0$  means  $m \leq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ . So we have some natural number  $a$  such that  $0 = m + a$ , but this means  $m = 0$  by Corollary 2.2.9, which contradicts the fact that  $m \neq 0$ . So  $P(m)$  is true for all such numbers, because none exist.

Now suppose inductively that we have shown  $Q(n)$  is true. We want to show that  $Q(S(n))$  is true, i.e. we want to show that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m_0 \leq m < S(n)$ . So let  $m$  be a natural number and suppose  $m_0 \leq m < S(n)$ . Our goal is to show that  $P(m)$  is true.

Since  $m_0 \leq m < S(n)$ , we claim that either  $m_0 \leq m < n$  or  $m = n$ . This is because  $m < S(n)$  implies  $S(m) \leq S(n)$  by Proposition 2.2.12(e) which implies  $m \leq n$  by Proposition 2.2.12(d). We know  $m = n$  or  $m \neq n$ ; in the latter case we thus have  $m < n$ , so  $m_0 \leq m < n$ . Thus we see that either  $m_0 \leq m < n$  or  $m = n$ .

Since  $Q(n)$  is true, we know that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m_0 \leq m < n$ . Thus in the case where  $m_0 \leq m < n$ , we already know that  $P(m)$  is true.

To complete the proof we must show that  $P(m)$  is true in the case  $m = n$ , i.e. we must show that  $P(n)$  is true. Since  $m_0 \leq m < S(n)$ , by transitivity of order  $m_0 < S(n)$ , so  $m_0 \leq S(n)$  which means  $m_0 \leq n$ . Since  $m_0 \leq n$ , we can use the hypothesis for  $P$ , which says that if  $Q(n)$  is true then  $P(n)$  is also true. Since  $Q(n)$  is true by inductive hypothesis, we see that  $P(n)$  is true as desired.

This completes the induction, and we have that  $Q(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ . Our original goal was to show that  $P(m)$  is true for all natural numbers  $m \geq m_0$ . So let  $m \geq m_0$ . Then we know that  $Q(S(M))$  is true. Since  $m_0 \leq m < S(m)$ , we see that  $P(m)$  is true as required.

Source: <https://taoanalysis.wordpress.com/2020/04/01/exercise-2-2-5/>

Proposition 17: Principles of Backwards 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  $P(m)$  is true. Suppose that  $P(n)$  is also true. Prove that  $P(m)$  is true for all natural numbers  $m \leq n$ ; this is known as the principle of backwards induction.

Hint:

Apply induction to the variable  $n$ .

For the statement to prove via induction, use the following: if  $P(n)$  is true, then  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m \leq n$ .

Let  $P$  be a property pertaining to the natural numbers such that whenever  $P(S(m))$  is true,  $P(m)$  is true.

Let  $Q(n)$  be the following statement: if  $P(n)$  is true, then  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m \leq n$ .

We shall show that  $Q(n)$  is true for all  $n$  using induction. For the base case, we must show  $Q(0)$ . So suppose that  $P(0)$  is true. We want to show that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m \leq 0$ . By definition of inequality (definition 2.2.11),  $m \leq 0$  means that  $0 = m + a$  for some natural number  $a$ . By corollary 2.2.9, we have  $m = 0$ . In other words,  $m \leq 0$  implies  $m = 0$ , so showing that  $P(m)$  for all  $m \leq 0$  is equivalent to showing  $P(0)$ , which we already know. This completes the base case.

Now suppose  $Q(n)$  is true. We must show that  $Q(S(n))$  is true. So suppose that  $P(S(n))$  is true. We need to show that  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m \leq S(n)$ . We know that whenever  $P(S(m))$  is true,  $P(m)$  is true, so for  $m = n$  in particular this means that if  $P(S(n))$  is true then  $P(n)$  is true. Since  $P(S(n))$  is true, we see that  $P(n)$  is true. By the induction hypothesis we thus have  $P(m)$  for all  $m \leq n$ . Now let  $m \leq S(n)$ . We want to show that  $P(m)$  is true. If we can show that  $m \leq n$  or  $m = S(n)$ , then we will be done, because in either case we have already shown that  $P(m)$  is true. To show that  $m \leq n$  or  $m = S(n)$ , we will show that  $m \neq S(n)$  implies  $m \leq n$ . Suppose  $m \neq S(n)$ . This means  $m < S(n)$  by definition 2.2.11. By proposition 2.2.12(e), we have  $S(m) \leq S(n)$ , i.e.  $m + 1 \leq n + 1$ . By proposition 2.2.12(d) this means  $m \leq n$  as required. This closes the induction.

Now let  $n$  be a natural number, and suppose  $P(n)$  is true. By our work above, we know that  $Q(n)$  is true. This means that  $P(m)$  is true for all natural numbers  $m \leq n$  as required.

Source: <https://taoanalysis.wordpress.com/2020/03/16/exercise-2-2-6/>

Proposition 18: (Multiplication is commutative). Let  $N, M$  be natural numbers. Then  $N \times M = M \times N$ .

**Prove  $0 \times M = M \times 0$**

Base case:  $M = 0$

LHS:  $0 \times 0 = 0$  (Multiplication Definition 1)

RHS:  $0 \times 0 = 0$

The base case is proven.

Induction case:

Assume  $0 \times M = M \times 0$

Prove for  $S(M)$

$$0 \times S(M) = S(M) \times 0$$

LHS:  $0 \times S(M) = 0$  (Multiplication Definition 1)

RHS:  $S(M) \times 0 = (M \times 0) + 0 = 0 + 0 = 0$  (Multiplication Definition 2, Induction Case)

Close induction. Proven that  $0 \times M = M \times 0$

**Prove that  $M \times S(N) = (M \times N) + M$**

Induction on  $M$ , keep  $N$  fixed.

Base case:  $M = 0$

$$0 \times S(N) = (0 \times N) + 0$$

LHS:  $0 \times S(N) = 0$  (Multiplication Definition 1)

RHS:  $(0 \times N) + 0 = 0$

Base case is proven.

Assume that  $M \times S(N) = (M \times N) + M$

Prove for  $S(M)$

$$S(M) \times S(N) = (S(M) \times N) + S(M)$$

LHS:  $S(M) \times S(N)$

$= (M \times S(N)) + S(M)$  (Multiplication Definition 2)

$= ((M \times N) + M) + S(M)$  (Induction Case)

$= (M \times N) + M + S(M)$

RHS:  $(S(M) \times N) + S(M)$

$= (N \times M) + M + S(M)$  (Multiplication Definition 2)

Close induction. Proven that  $M \times S(N) = (M \times N) + M$

*Proof.*

Induction on  $N$ , keep  $M$  fixed.

Base case when  $N = 0$ .

LHS:  $0 \times M = 0$  (Multiplication Definition 1)

RHS:  $M \times 0 = 0$  (Proven earlier)

Induction Case:

Assume  $N \times M = M \times N$

Prove for  $S(N)$

LHS:  $S(N) \times M = (N \times M) + M$  (Multiplication Definition 2)

RHS:  $M \times S(N)$

$$= (M \times N) + M \text{ (Proven earlier)}$$

$$= (N \times M) + M \text{ (Induction case)}$$

Close induction. Proven that  $N \times M = M \times N$

Lemma 19: (Positive natural numbers have no zero divisors). Let  $n, m$  be natural numbers. Then  $n \times m = 0$  if and only if at least one of  $n, m$  is equal to zero. In particular, if  $n$  and  $m$  are both positive, then  $nm$  is also positive.

*Proof by Contradiction.*

Assuming that  $n \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ ,  $n$  and  $m$  are both positive. (Definition of Natural Numbers)

$$n = S(p) \text{ so } n \times m = S(p) \times m = (p \times m) + m = 0$$

$$\text{So, } (p \times m) = 0 \text{ and } m = 0 \text{ (Corollary 12)}$$

Contradiction since  $m$  is positive (Definition of Natural Numbers)

So at least one of  $n, m$  is equal to zero.

**Prove that at least one of  $n, m$  is equal to zero, then  $n \times m = 0$ .**

If  $m = 0$ , then  $n \times 0 = 0$  (Commutative Law)

If  $n = 0$ , then  $0 \times m = 0$  (Multiplication Definition 1)

**Prove that the multiplication of natural numbers  $n$  and  $m$  is also a natural number.**

Base case,  $n = 0$ .

$$0 \times m = 0$$

Thus, the base case is proven.

Assume multiplication of natural numbers  $n$  and  $m$  is also a natural number.

Since  $n = S(p)$  so  $n \times m = S(p) \times m = (p \times m) + m$  is a natural number, since  $(p \times m)$  is a natural number. (Induction case)

Prove that if  $n$  and  $m$  are both positive, then  $nm$  is also positive.

$nm$  is a natural number, so let  $nm = 0$ .

As proven earlier, at least one of  $n, m$  is equal to zero, then  $n \times m = 0$ .

But  $n$  and  $m$  are both positive, thus a contradiction.

Proposition 20: (Distributive law). For any natural numbers  $a, b, c$ , we have  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$  and  $(b + c)a = ba + ca$ .

*Proof.*

Since multiplication is commutative, show only the first statement.

Prove base case,  $c = 0$ .

$$\text{LHS: } a(b + 0) = ab$$

$$\text{RHS: } ab + a0 = ab + 0 = ab$$

The base case is proven.

Assume that  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

Proven for  $S(c)$

$$\text{LHS: } a(b + S(c)) = a(S(b+c)) = a(b + c) + a = ab + ac + a$$

$$\text{RHS: } ab + aS(c) = ab + a(c+1) = ab + ac + a$$

Proposition 21: (Multiplication is associative). For any natural numbers  $a, b, c$ , we have  $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$ .

*Proof.*

Prove base case,  $c = 0$ .

$$\text{LHS: } (a \times b) \times 0 = a \times b \text{ (Proven earlier)}$$

$$\text{RHS: } a \times (b \times 0) = a \times 0 = a \text{ (Multiplication Definition)}$$

Proposition 22: (Multiplication preserves order). If  $a, b$  are natural numbers such that  $a < b$ , and  $c$  is positive, then  $ac < bc$ .

*Proof.*

Since  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + d$  for some positive  $d$ .

Multiply both sides by  $c$ ,  $bc = ac + dc$

Since  $d$  and  $c$  are both positive, then  $dc$  is also positive. (*Lemma 19*)

So  $ac < bc$  as desired.

Corollary 23: (Cancellation law). Let  $a, b, c$  be natural numbers such that  $ac = bc$  and  $c$  is non-zero. Then  $a = b$ .

*Proof.*

By the trichotomy of order, (Proposition 15)  $A < B$  and  $B < A$ , then  $A = B$ .

Suppose that  $A > B$ , then  $AC > BC$ , hence a contradiction. (Proposition 22)

Suppose that  $A < B$ , then  $AC < BC$ , hence a contradiction.

$A = B$  is the only possibility.

Proposition 2.3.9 (Euclidean algorithm). Let  $n$  be a natural number, and let  $q$  be a positive number. Then there exist natural numbers  $m, r$  such that  $0 \leq r < q$  and  $n = mq + r$ .

*Proof.*

Fix  $q$  and induct on  $n$ .

Prove the base case,  $n = 0$ .

$$0 = mq + r$$

Hence,  $r$  and  $m$  are 0, (Corollary 12)

So  $0 \leq 0 < q$  which is true.

Now suppose inductively that there are natural numbers  $m, r$  such that  $0 \leq r < q$  and  $n = mq + r$ .

We must show that there are natural numbers  $m'$ ,  $r'$  such that  $0 \leq r' < q$  and  $n + 1 = m'q + r'$ .

We have two cases,  $r + 1 = q$  and  $r + 1 \neq q$ . If  $r + 1 = q$ , we can take  $m' := m + 1$  and  $r' := 0$ . Then  $0 \leq r' = 0 < q$  and we have  $m'q + r'$  equal to  $(m+1)q + 0$  by definition of  $m'$ ,  $r'$ , which equals  $mq + q$  by the distributive law, which equals  $mq + r + 1$  by using  $q = r + 1$ , which equals  $n + 1$  by the inductive hypothesis  $n = mq + r$ . Thus  $m'q + r' = n + 1$  as required.

Now suppose  $r + 1 \neq q$ . In this case,  $r < q$  from the inductive hypothesis gives  $r + 1 \leq q$ , so  $r + 1 < q$ . So we can take  $r' := r + 1$  and  $m' := m$ . Now  $0 \leq r' < q$  by what we just showed, and  $m'q + r' = mq + r + 1 = n + 1$  by definition of  $m'$ ,  $r'$  and the inductive hypothesis  $n = mq + r$ .

Exercise 2.3.4. Prove the identity  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$  for all natural numbers  $a, b$ .

*Proof.*

$$(a + b)^2 = (a + b)^1(a + b) = (a + b)(a + b) \text{ (Definition of Exponentiation)}$$

$$(a + b)(a + b)$$

$$= a(a + b) + b(a + b) \text{ (Distributivity Law)}$$

$$= aa + ab + ba + bb \text{ (Commutative Law)}$$

$$= a^2 + ab + ab + b^2 \text{ (Definition of Exponentiation)}$$

**Show that  $ab + ab = 2ab$**

$$2ab = 2 \times ab = (1 \times ab) + ab = ab + ab$$

$$= a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$