

Recall $\neg P = P \Rightarrow \underline{\text{false}}$

Theorem 37 For all statements P and Q ,

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) .$$

PROOF: Let P and Q be statements.

① Assume $P \Rightarrow Q$

② Assume $\neg Q$; that is, $Q \Rightarrow \text{false}$

RTP: $\neg P$

③ Assume: P

RTP: false

From ① & ③, by MP, we have Q ④

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$$\boxed{?} \quad (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q) ?$$

Proof by contradiction

The strategy for proof by contradiction:

To prove a goal P by contradiction is to prove the equivalent statement $\neg P \implies \text{false}$

$$\underbrace{\neg P \implies \text{false}}_{\neg\neg P}$$

classical

$$P \iff \neg\neg P$$

$$(P \vee \neg P) \iff \text{true}$$

instead of
proving
 P
we prove
 $\neg\neg P$.

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Proof pattern:

In order to prove

P

1. **Write:** We use proof by contradiction. So, suppose P is false.
2. Deduce a logical contradiction.
3. **Write:** This is a contradiction. Therefore, P must be true.

Scratch work:

Before using the strategy

Assumptions

⋮

Goal

P

After using the strategy

Assumptions

⋮

$\neg P$

Goal

contradiction

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$$(\neg Q \implies \neg P) \implies (P \implies Q) .$$

PROOF: Let P, Q be statements.

① Assume $\neg Q \implies \neg P$

② Assume: P

R.T.P.: Q

By contradiction Assume $\neg Q$ ③

From ① & ③ by M.P., we have $\neg P$ ④

From ② & ④, we have a contradiction.

Hence, by contradiction, Q holds. □

Lemma 41 A positive real number x is rational iff

\exists positive integers m, n :

$$x = m/n \wedge \neg(\exists \text{ prime } p : p \mid m \wedge p \mid n)$$

(†)

PROOF: (\Leftarrow) Exercise.

(\Rightarrow) Let x be a positive real.

Assume x is rational; that is, there are positive integers i and j such that $x = i/j$.

RTP: (†)

We proceed by contradiction,

Assuming \neg (†) we will derive an absurdity.

Examine

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q)$$

$$\neg(t)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\forall \text{ pos. int. } m, n. \right. \\ \left. \neg(x = m/n) \vee \left(\exists \text{ prime } p : p|m \wedge p|n \right) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\forall \text{ pos. int. } m, n. \right. \\ \left. (*) \quad x = m/n \Rightarrow \exists \text{ prime } p : p|m \wedge p|n \right)$$

Recap: Assuming (*) we need establish a contradiction.

Idea

$$x = l/j \stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$x = p_0 l_0 / p_0 j_0$$

$$l = p_0 \cdot l_0$$

$$x = l_0/j_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = p_1 l_1 / p_1 j_1$$

$$l_0 = p_1 \cdot l_1$$

$$x = l_1/j_1 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = p_2 l_2 / p_2 j_2$$

$$l_1 = p_2 \cdot l_2$$

⋮

if $k=i$
this is
absurd

$$l = p_0 \cdot l_0 = p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot l_1 = p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot l_2 =$$

$$= \dots = p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k \cdot l_k \geq 2^{k+1}$$

Numbers

Objectives

- ▶ Get an appreciation for the abstract notion of number system, considering four examples: natural numbers, integers, rationals, and modular integers.
- ▶ Prove the correctness of three basic algorithms in the theory of numbers: the division algorithm, Euclid's algorithm, and the Extended Euclid's algorithm.
- ▶ Exemplify the use of the mathematical theory surrounding Euclid's Theorem and Fermat's Little Theorem in the context of public-key cryptography.
- ▶ To understand and be able to proficiently use the Principle of Mathematical Induction in its various forms.

Natural numbers

In the beginning there were the *natural numbers*

$\mathbb{N} : 0, 1, \dots, n, n+1, \dots$

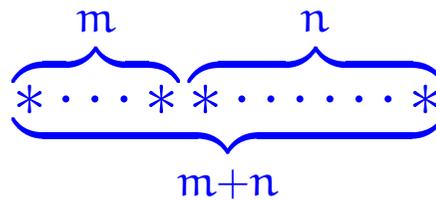
generated from *zero* by successive increment; that is, put in ML:

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datatype
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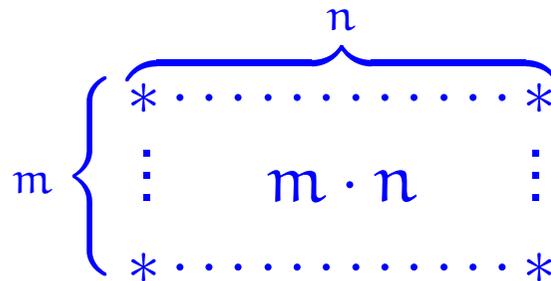
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  N = zero | succ of N
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The basic operations of this number system are:

► Addition



► Multiplication



0 is a neutral element
for +

The additive structure $(\mathbb{N}, 0, +)$ of natural numbers with zero and addition satisfies the following:

the notation $l+m+n$
↗ makes sense!

► Monoid laws

$$0 + n = n = n + 0, \quad (l + m) + n = l + (m + n)$$

► Commutativity law

$$m + n = n + m$$

and as such is what in the mathematical jargon is referred to as a commutative monoid.

Also the *multiplicative structure* $(\mathbb{N}, 1, \cdot)$ of natural numbers with one and multiplication is a commutative monoid:

► Monoid laws

$$1 \cdot n = n = n \cdot 1 \quad , \quad (l \cdot m) \cdot n = l \cdot (m \cdot n)$$

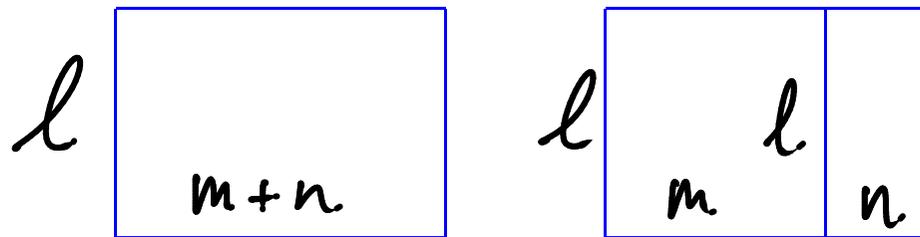
► Commutativity law

$$m \cdot n = n \cdot m$$

The additive and multiplicative structures interact nicely in that they satisfy the

► Distributive law

$$l \cdot (m + n) = l \cdot m + l \cdot n$$



and make the overall structure $(\mathbb{N}, 0, +, 1, \cdot)$ into what in the mathematical jargon is referred to as a commutative semiring.