

Proof by contrapositive

Corollary 40 *For all statements P and Q ,*

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

Btw Using the above equivalence to prove an implication is known as *proof by contrapositive*.

Corollary 41 *For every positive irrational number x , the real number \sqrt{x} is irrational.*

Lemma 42 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) Assume: \exists pos. int. m, n .

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

From assumption, let m_0 and n_0 be pos. int.

s.t. $\textcircled{1} x = m_0/n_0$ and $\neg(\exists \text{ prime } p. p \mid m_0 \wedge p \mid n_0)$.

By $\textcircled{1}$, x is rational and we are done.

(\Rightarrow) Assume: x is a positive rational; Then,

$\textcircled{1} x = m_0/n_0$ for pos. int. m_0 and n_0 .

RTD:

\exists pos. int. m and n .

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

By contradiction, assume

$\neg (\exists \text{ pos. int. } m \text{ and } n.$

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

\Leftrightarrow

\forall pos. int. m and n .

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

$\Leftrightarrow \forall$ pos. int. m and n .

$$\neg (x = m/n) \vee (\exists \text{ prime } p. p|m \wedge p|n)$$

\Leftrightarrow ② \forall pos. int m and n .

$$(x = m/n \Rightarrow \exists \text{ prime } p. p|m \wedge p|n)$$

Recall ① $x = m_0/n_0$ for pos. int m_0 and n_0 .

By ②, we have ③ $(x = m_0/n_0 \Rightarrow \exists \text{ prime } p. p|m_0 \wedge p|n_0)$

From ① and ③, we have ④ $\exists \text{ prime } p. p|m_0 \wedge p|n_0$

So let p_0 be a prime s.t. $p_0|m_0$ and $p_0|n_0$; That is,

$m_0 = p_0 \cdot m_1$ and $n_0 = p_0 \cdot n_1$ for pos. int. m_1 and n_1 .

Then: ⑤ $x = m_0/n_0 = p_0 \cdot m_1 / p_0 \cdot n_1 = m_1/n_1$.

By ②, $(x = m_1/n_1 \Rightarrow \exists \text{ prime } p. p|m_1 \wedge p|n_1)$.

From ② and ⑤^⑥; \exists prime p . $p \mid m_1 \wedge p \mid n_1$.

Let p_1 be a prime s.t. $p_1 \mid m_1 \wedge p_1 \mid n_1$; That is,
 $m_1 = p_1 \cdot m_2$ and $n_1 = p_1 \cdot n_2$ for pos. int. m_2 and n_2 .

Iterating the above we have,

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 &= p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k \cdot m_{k+1} \\ n_0 &= p_0 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k \cdot n_{k+1} \end{aligned} \quad \text{for pos. int } m_{k+1} \text{ and } n_{k+1}$$

Then, $m_0 \geq \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2}_{k \text{ times}} \cdot m_{k+1} > 2^k$

For $k = m_0$, we have $m_0 > 2^{m_0}$, which is absurd. \square

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:

`datatype`

`N = zero | succ of N`

The basic operations of this number system are:

► Addition

$$\overbrace{*\dots*}^m \overbrace{*\dots*}^n$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{m+n}$$

► Multiplication

$$m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{*\dots*}^n \\ \vdots \\ * \dots * \end{array} \right.$$

$$m \cdot n$$

NB: $l + m + n$ stand for $(l + m) + n = l + (m + n)$

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

► Monoid laws

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

► Commutativity law

$$m + n = n + m$$

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

Commutative monoid laws

► Neutral element laws

$$\overbrace{*\dots*}^0 \overbrace{*\dots*}^n = \overbrace{*\dots*}^n = \overbrace{*\dots*}^n \overbrace{*\dots*}^0$$

► Associativity law

$$\overbrace{*\dots*}^{\ell+m} \overbrace{*\dots*}^n = \overbrace{*\dots*}^{\ell} \overbrace{*\dots*}^{m+n}$$

► Commutativity law

$$\overbrace{*\dots*}^m \overbrace{*\dots*}^n = \overbrace{*\dots*}^n \overbrace{*\dots*}^m$$

Monoids

Definition 43 A monoid is an algebraic structure with

- ▶ a neutral element, say e ,
- ▶ a binary operation, say \bullet ,

satisfying

- ▶ neutral element laws: $e \bullet x = x = x \bullet e$
- ▶ associativity law: $(x \bullet y) \bullet z = x \bullet (y \bullet z)$

A monoid is commutative if:

- ▶ commutativity: $x \bullet y = y \bullet x$

is satisfied.

Ex:

$(\text{list } \alpha, \text{ml}, @)$

is a monoid

That is
commutative
iff α has 1
or 0 elements.

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

► Monoid laws

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

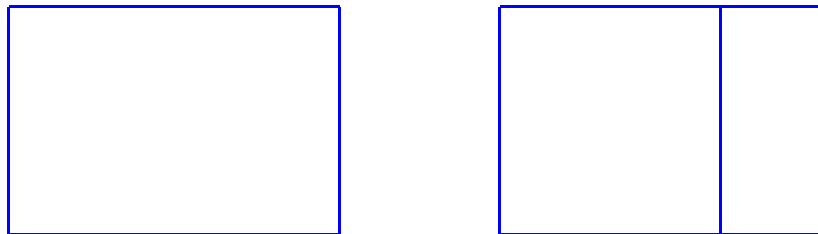
► Commutativity law

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

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

► Distributive laws

$$\begin{aligned}l \cdot 0 &= 0 \\l \cdot (m + n) &= l \cdot m + l \cdot n\end{aligned}$$



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

Semirings

Definition 44 A **semiring** (or **rig**) is an algebraic structure with

- ▶ a **commutative monoid structure**, say $(0, \oplus)$,
- ▶ a **monoid structure**, say $(1, \otimes)$,

satisfying the **distributivity laws**:

- ▶ $0 \otimes x = 0 = x \otimes 0$
- ▶ $x \otimes (y \oplus z) = (x \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes z)$, $(y \oplus z) \otimes x = (y \otimes x) \oplus (z \otimes x)$

A semiring is **commutative** whenever \otimes is.

Cancellation

The additive and multiplicative structures of natural numbers further satisfy the following laws.

► **Additive** cancellation

For all natural numbers k, m, n ,

$$k + m = k + n \implies m = n \quad .$$

► **Multiplicative** cancellation

For all natural numbers k, m, n ,

$$\text{if } k \neq 0 \text{ then } k \cdot m = k \cdot n \implies m = n \quad .$$

Definition 45 *A binary operation \bullet allows cancellation by an element c*

- ▶ *on the left: if $c \bullet x = c \bullet y$ implies $x = y$*
- ▶ *on the right: if $x \bullet c = y \bullet c$ implies $x = y$*

Example: The append operation on lists allows cancellation by any list on both the left and the right.

Inverses

Definition 46 For a monoid with a neutral element e and a binary operation \bullet , and element x is said to admit an

- ▶ **inverse on the left** if there exists an element l such that $l \bullet x = e$
- ▶ **inverse on the right** if there exists an element r such that $x \bullet r = e$
- ▶ **inverse** if it admits both left and right inverses

Proposition 47 For a monoid (e, \bullet) if an element admits an inverse then its left and right inverses are equal.

PROOF: Let x an inverse; so there is l s.t. $l \bullet x = e$
and there is r s.t. $x \bullet r = e$. Then, $l = r$.
Indeed,
$$r = e \bullet r = (l \bullet x) \bullet r = l \bullet x \bullet r = l \bullet (x \bullet r) = l \bullet e = l \quad \square$$

Groups

Definition 49 A **group** is a monoid in which every element has an inverse.

An **Abelian group** is a group for which the monoid is commutative.

Inverses

Definition 50

1. A number x is said to admit an additive inverse whenever there exists a number y such that $x + y = 0$.
2. A number x is said to admit a multiplicative inverse whenever there exists a number y such that $x \cdot y = 1$.

Extending the system of natural numbers to: (i) admit all additive inverses and then (ii) also admit all multiplicative inverses for non-zero numbers yields two very interesting results:

(i) the integers

$$\mathbb{Z} : \dots -n, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, n, \dots$$

which then form what in the mathematical jargon is referred to as a commutative ring, and

(ii) the rationals \mathbb{Q} which then form what in the mathematical jargon is referred to as a field.

Rings

Definition 51 A **ring** is a semiring $(0, \oplus, 1, \otimes)$ in which the commutative monoid $(0, \oplus)$ is a group.

A ring is **commutative** if so is the monoid $(1, \otimes)$.

Fields

Definition 52 A **field** is a commutative ring in which every element besides 0 has a reciprocal (that is, and inverse with respect to \otimes).