

# 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.

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.

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

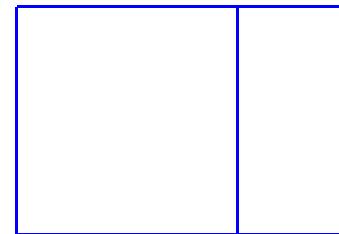
$$m \cdot n = n \cdot m$$

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

- Distributive laws

$$l \cdot 0 = 0$$

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



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

# Cancellation

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

- ▶ **Additive** cancellation

For all natural numbers  $k, m, n$ ,

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

- ▶ **Multiplicative** cancellation

For all natural numbers  $k, m, n$ ,

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

Example:  $(\text{&list}, @, \text{nil})$  monoid.

allows cancellation

$$l @ a = l @ b \Rightarrow a = b$$

**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  $x$  be an element with left inverse  $l$

and right inverse  $r$ . That is,  $l \bullet x = e = x \bullet r$ .

Then,  $r = e \bullet r = (l \bullet x) \bullet r = l \bullet (x \bullet r) = l \bullet e = l$



## 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  $\otimes$ ).

## The division theorem and algorithm

**Theorem 53 (Division Theorem)** For every natural number  $m$  and positive natural number  $n$ , there exists a unique pair of integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $q \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq r < n$ , and  $m = q \cdot n + r$ .

Uniqueness:

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{q \geq 0, 0 \leq r < n : m = q \cdot n + r\} \\ \{q' \geq 0, 0 \leq r' < n : m = q' \cdot n + r'\} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} q = q' \\ r = r' \end{array}$$

Assume  $(*)$ . Then  $m - r = q \cdot n \Rightarrow m \equiv r \pmod{n}$

$$m - r' = q' \cdot n \Rightarrow m \equiv r' \pmod{n}$$

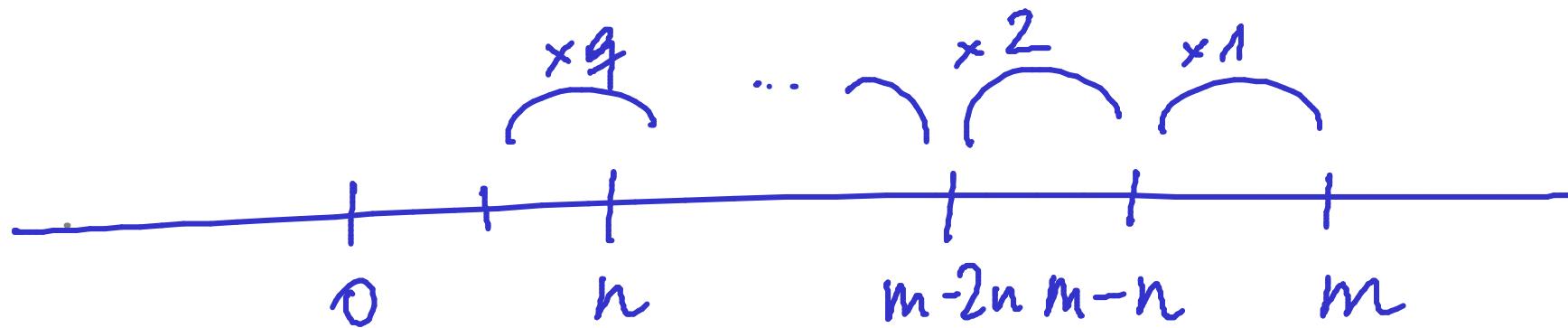
Thus,  $r \equiv r'$  and since  $0 \leq r, r' < n$ ,  $r = r'$ . So  $q = q'$ .  $\square$

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**Definition 54** *The natural numbers  $q$  and  $r$  associated to a given pair of a natural number  $m$  and a positive integer  $n$  determined by the Division Theorem are respectively denoted  $\text{quo}(m, n)$  and  $\text{rem}(m, n)$ .*

NB:  $m = \underline{\text{quo}}(m, n) \cdot n + \underline{\text{rem}}(m, n)$



$$\frac{m-q \cdot n}{r}$$

The Division Algorithm in ML:

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fun divalg( m , n )
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= let
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  fun diviter( q , r )
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  = if r < n then ( q , r )
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    else diviter( q+1 , r-n )
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in
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  diviter( 0 , m )
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end
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divalg( m , n )

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diviter( 0 , m )

diviter( q , r )

r < n      r > n

output( q , r )

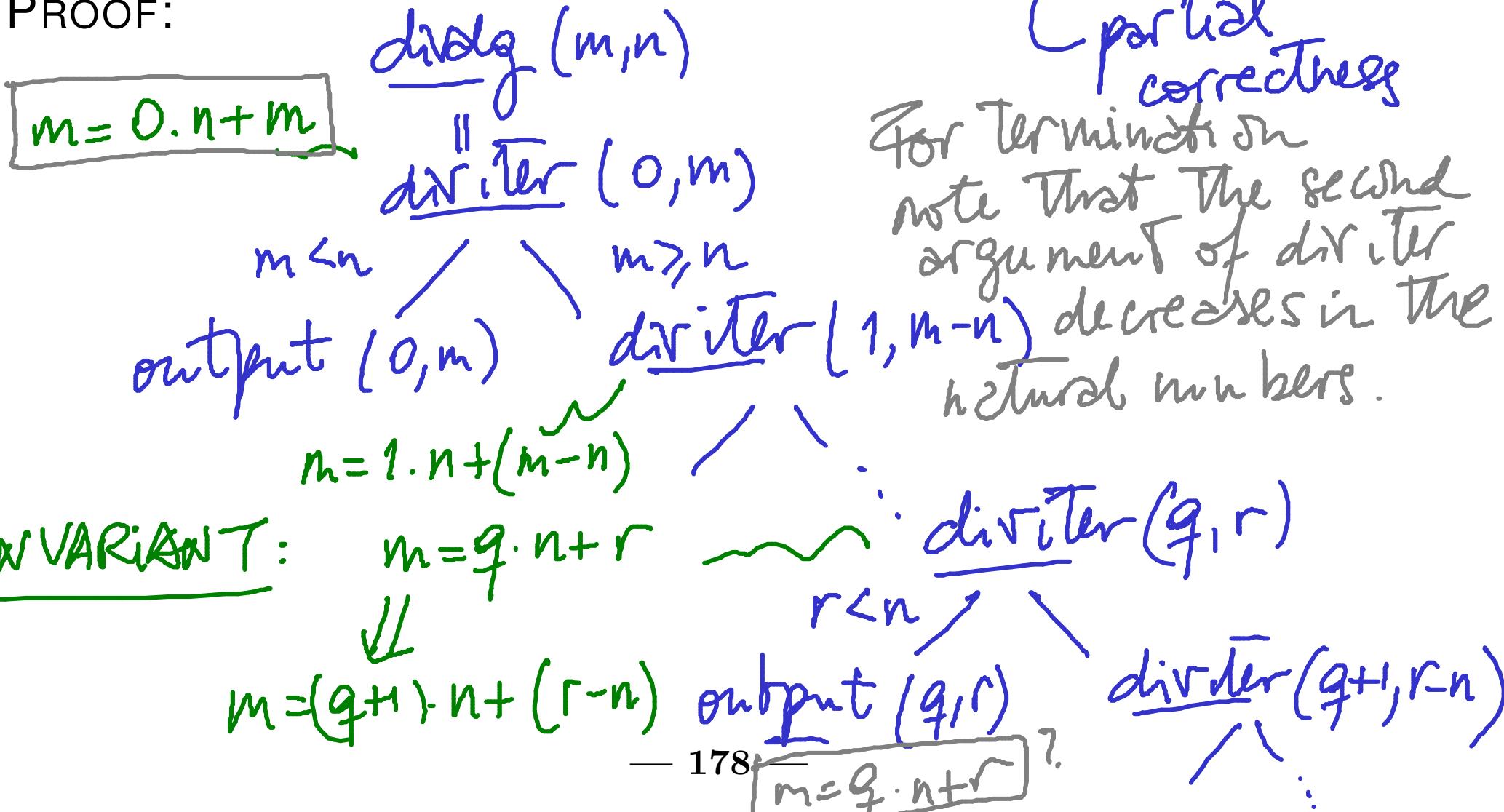
diviter( q+1 , r-n )

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fun quo( m , n ) = #1( divalg( m , n ) )
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fun rem( m , n ) = #2( divalg( m , n ) )
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**Theorem 56** For every natural number  $m$  and positive natural number  $n$ , the evaluation of  $\text{divalg}(m, n)$  terminates, outputting a pair of natural numbers  $(q_0, r_0)$  such that  $r_0 < n$  and  $m = q_0 \cdot n + r_0$ .

PROOF:



**Proposition 57** *Let  $m$  be a positive integer. For all natural numbers  $k$  and  $l$ ,*

$$k \equiv l \pmod{m} \iff \text{rem}(k, m) = \text{rem}(l, m) .$$

PROOF:

**Corollary 58** Let  $m$  be a positive integer.

1. For every natural number  $n$ ,

$$n \equiv \text{rem}(n, m) \pmod{m} .$$

2. For every integer  $k$  there exists a unique integer  $[k]_m$  such that

$$0 \leq [k]_m < m \text{ and } k \equiv [k]_m \pmod{m} .$$

PROOF:

If  $k$  is a nat. number take  $[k]_m = \underline{\text{rem}}(k, m)$ .

If  $k$  is a negative integer:

