

PRINCIPLES OF ANALYSIS

LECTURE 3

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1. SET PROOF EXAMPLE

The following properties are sometimes useful in proofs:

- $A = A \cup A = A \cap A$
- $\emptyset \cap A = \emptyset$
- $\emptyset \cup A = A$
- $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \cap B = A$
- $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \cup B = B$

As an example, we prove one of these properties.

Proposition 1. *Let A and B be a sets. Then $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \cap B = A$.*

Proof. To prove an if and only if statement, we prove implication in both directions.

(\Rightarrow) Assume that $A \subset B$. We wish to show that $A \cap B = A$. To show that two sets are equal, we show that each is contained in the other.

(\subset) To show that $A \cap B \subset A$, it suffices to show that every element of $A \cap B$ is in A . Thus we select an arbitrary element $c \in A \cap B$ and show that it is in A . Now by definition of intersection, $c \in A \cap B$ means that $c \in A$ and $c \in B$. Thus $c \in A$. Since c was arbitrary, every element of $A \cap B$ is contained in A . Thus $A \cap B \subset A$.

(\supset) Let $a \in A$. We wish to show that $a \in A \cap B$. Since $A \subset B$, then every element of A is an element of B . Thus $a \in B$. So $a \in A$ and $a \in B$. By definition of intersection, $a \in A \cap B$. Thus $A \subset A \cap B$.

Since $A \cap B \subset A$ and $A \subset A \cap B$, we have $A \cap B = A$.

(\Leftarrow) Assume that $A \cap B = A$. We wish to show that $A \subset B$. Let $a \in A$. It suffices to show that $a \in B$. Since $A \cap B = A$, then $a \in A \cap B$. Thus $a \in A$ and $a \in B$. In particular, $a \in B$. \square

Now let us prove the analogous statement in compressed form.

Proposition 2. *Let A and B be a sets. Then $A \subset B \Leftrightarrow A \cup B = B$.*

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) Assume that $A \subset B$. Clearly $B \subset A \cup B$, so we show that $A \cup B \subset B$. Let $c \in A \cup B$. Then $c \in A$ or $c \in B$. If $c \in B$ we are done, so assume that $c \in A$. Since $A \subset B$, then $c \in B$ by definition of subset. Thus $A \cup B \subset B$.

(\Leftarrow) Assume that $A \cup B = B$ and let $a \in A$. Thus $a \in A \cup B$, so $a \in B$. Thus $A \subset B$. \square

2. NATURAL NUMBERS

Define the natural numbers.

- $0 = \emptyset$;
- $1 = \{\emptyset\}$;
- $2 = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$;
- $3 = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$;

and so forth. We could have written this as

- $0 = \emptyset$;
- $1 = \{0\}$;
- $2 = \{0, 1\}$;
- $3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$;

and so forth. A given natural number is the set containing all of the previous natural numbers. Restate as follows.

We define 0 to be the empty set. If x is a set, the *successor* of x is denoted x^+ and is defined as

$$x^+ = x \cup \{x\}.$$

The *natural numbers* are the set \mathbb{N} defined by following properties:

- (1) $0 \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (2) if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $n^+ \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (3) if $S \subset \mathbb{N}$, $0 \in S$, and $n \in S \Rightarrow n^+ \in S$, then $S = \mathbb{N}$.

For $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, we say the m is less than or equal to n if $m \subset n$:

$$m \leq n \Leftrightarrow m \subset n.$$

3. INDUCTION

Note that the third property of natural numbers asserts that only successors of 0 are in \mathbb{N} ; that is, this property asserts that \mathbb{N} is a minimal set of successors of 0, and that \mathbb{N} is the unique set satisfying (1) through (3). This property is known as the *Principal of Mathematical Induction*.

Suppose that for every natural number n , we have a proposition $p(n)$ which is either true or false. Let

$$S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid p(n) \text{ is true}\}.$$

Now if $p(0)$ is true, and if the truth of $p(n)$ implies the truth of $p(n^+)$, then the set S contains 0 and it contains the successor of every element in it. Thus, in this case, $S = \mathbb{N}$, which means that $p(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We state this as

Theorem 1. Induction Theorem

Let $p(n)$ be a proposition for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If

- (1) $p(0)$ is true;
- (2) If $p(n)$ is true, then $p(n^+)$ is true;

then $p(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example 1. Show that $\sum_{i=1}^n = \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example 2. Show that $7 \mid (11^n - 4^n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. For $n = 1$, we have $7 = 11 - 4$, so clearly $7 \mid 11^1 - 4^1$. Thus assume that $7 \mid 11^{n-1} - 4^{n-1}$, so there exists $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $7x = (11^{n-1} - 4^{n-1})$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} 11^n - 4^n &= 11^n - 11 \cdot 4^{n-1} + 11 \cdot 4^{n-1} - 4 \cdot 4^{n-1} \\ &= (11^{n-1} - 4^{n-1})11 + (11 - 4)4^{n-1} \\ &= 7x \cdot 11 + 7 \cdot 4^{n-1} \\ &= 7(11x + 4^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $7 \mid (11^n - 4^n)$. □

Now the induction theorem can be made stronger by weakening the hypothesis. The resulting theorem gives a proof technique which is known as strong induction.

Theorem 2. Strong Induction Theorem

Let $p(n)$ be a proposition for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If

- (1) $p(0)$ is true;
- (2) If $p(m)$ is true for all $m \leq n$, then $p(n+1)$ is true;

then $p(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Let $t(n)$ be the statement that “ $p(m)$ is true for all $m \leq n$ ”.

Our first assumption is that $p(0)$ is true, and since the only natural number less than or equal to 0 is zero (because the only subset of the empty set is itself), this means that $t(0)$ is true.

Our second assumption is that if $t(n)$ is true, then $p(n+1)$ is true. Thus assume that $t(n)$ is true so that $p(n+1)$ is also true. Then $p(i)$ is true for all $i \leq n+1$. Thus $t(n+1)$ is true.

By our original Induction Theorem, we conclude that $t(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that $p(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. □

4. RECURSION

We now state the Recursion Theorem, which will allow us to define addition and multiplication of natural numbers.

Theorem 3. Recursion Theorem

Let X be a set, $f : X \rightarrow X$, and $a \in X$. Then there exists a unique function $\phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ such that $\phi(0) = a$ and $\phi(n^+) = f(\phi(n))$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Reason. May be proved by induction. □

Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be given by $f(n) = n^+$. Let $\sigma_m : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be the unique function, whose existence is guaranteed by the Recursion Theorem, defined by $\sigma_m(0) = m$ and $\sigma_m(n^+) = f(\sigma_m(n)) = (\sigma_m(n))^+$. Then $\sigma_m(n)$ is defined to be the *sum* of m and n :

$$m + n = \sigma_m(n).$$

Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be given by $f = \sigma_m$. Let $\mu_m : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be the unique function, whose existence is guaranteed by the Recursion Theorem, defined by $\mu_m(0) = 0$ and $\mu_m(n^+) = f(\mu_m(n)) = \sigma_m(\mu_m(n)) = m + \mu_m(n)$. Then $\mu_m(n)$ is defined to be the *product* of m and n :

$$mn = \mu_m(n).$$

The following properties of natural numbers can be proved using the above definitions:

- $m + n = n + m$ (commutativity of addition);
- $(m + n) + o = m + (n + o)$ (associativity of addition);
- $mn = nm$ (commutativity of multiplication);
- $(mn)o = m(no)$ (associativity of multiplication);
- $m(n + o) = mn + mo$ (distributivity of multiplication over addition);
- $m + 0 = m$ (0 is an additive identity);
- $1m = m$ (1 is a multiplicative identity);
- $0m = 0$.

We state two additional properties, which we will use to show that multiplication of integers is well-defined.

Proposition 3. Cancellation Law of Addition

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ and suppose that $a + c = b + c$. Then $a = b$.

Proposition 4. Cancellation Law of Multiplication

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ and suppose that $ac = bc$. Then $a = b$.

5. INTEGERS

Develop the integers from the natural numbers as follows.

Let $A = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$. We wish to think of the elements (a, b) of A as differences $a - b$.

Define a relation \sim on A by

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a + d = b + c.$$

Prove that this is an equivalence relation. Let $[a, b]$ denote the equivalence class of (a, b) .

Set $\mathbb{Z} = \{[a, b] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Define addition and multiplication on \mathbb{Z} as follows:

- $[a, b] + [c, d] = [a + c, b + d];$
- $[a, b] \cdot [c, d] = [ac + bd, ad + bc].$

Prove that these binary operations are well-defined and satisfy the desired properties of the integers. The additive identity is $[0, 0]$ and the additive inverse of $[a, b]$ is $[b, a]$. The multiplicative identity is $[1, 0]$.

Define a relation \leq on \mathbb{Z} by

$$[a, b] \leq [c, d] \Leftrightarrow a + d \leq b + c.$$

Prove that this is a linear order relation on \mathbb{Z} , and that it relates to addition and multiplication in the desired way.

6. RATIONALS

Develop the rationals from the integers as follows.

Let $A = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$. We wish to think of the elements (a, b) of A as fractions $\frac{a}{b}$.

Define a relation \sim on A by

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Leftrightarrow ad = bc.$$

Prove that this is an equivalence relation. Let $[a, b]$ denote the equivalence class of (a, b) .

Set $\mathbb{Q} = \{[a, b] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } b \neq 0\}$.

Define addition and multiplication on \mathbb{Q} as follows:

- $[a, b] + [c, d] = [ad + bc, bd]$;
- $[a, b] \cdot [c, d] = [ac, bd]$.

Prove that these binary operations are well-defined and satisfy the desired properties of the integers. The additive identity is $[0, 1]$ and the additive inverse of $[a, b]$ is $[-a, b]$. The multiplicative identity is $[1, 1]$ and the multiplicative inverse of $[a, b]$ is $[b, a]$. Denote $[0, 1]$ by 0 and $[1, 1]$ by 1. For $x = [a, b]$, denote $[-a, b]$ by $-x$ and $[b, a]$ by x^{-1} .

Define a relation \leq on \mathbb{Q} by

$$[a, b] \leq [c, d] \Leftrightarrow (ad - bc)bd \leq 0.$$

Prove that this is a linear order relation on \mathbb{Q} , and that it relates to addition and multiplication in the desired way.

The set \mathbb{Q} satisfies the following properties:

- (F1) $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$;
- (F2) $x + 0 = x$;
- (F3) $x + (-x) = 0$;
- (F4) $xy = yx$;
- (F5) $(xy)z = x(yz)$;
- (F6) $x \cdot 1 = x$;
- (F7) $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$;
- (F8) $xy = yx$;
- (F9) $x(y + z) = xy + xz$;
- (O1) $x \leq x$;
- (O2) $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$ implies $x = y$;
- (O3) $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$ implies $x \leq z$;
- (O4) $x \leq y$ or $y \leq x$.

Properties (F1) through (F2) say that \mathbb{Q} is a *field*, and properties (O1) through (O4) say that \mathbb{Q} is a *linearly ordered set*.

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