

MATH 582 HOMEWORK 3

WEEK 6

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Due February 20

Exercise 1. Prove the following:

Suppose $(\mathbb{N}_1, 0_1, S_1)$ and $(\mathbb{N}_2, 0_2, S_2)$ are two systems of natural numbers, where $+_1, +_2$ are their respective canonical operations of addition. Then the canonical isomorphism $\pi : \mathbb{N}_1 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{N}_2$ respects this operation: for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}_1$,

$$\pi(n +_1 m) = \pi(n) +_2 \pi(m)$$

Exercise 2. Define multiplication recursively for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ by

$$m \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$m \cdot (n + 1) = m \cdot n + m$$

Prove \cdot satisfies the following properties: for all $m, n, k \in \mathbb{N}$,

(a) (Associativity) $(m \cdot n) \cdot k = m \cdot (n \cdot k)$,

(b) (Commutativity) $m \cdot n = n \cdot m$.

(c) (Distributivity) $m \cdot (n + k) = m \cdot n + m \cdot k$.

Proof. The proof of Associativity and Commutativity are very similar to those same properties for addition (from Lecture 15). I will do Distributivity here. I will prove the following by induction on m , for every n and k

$$(n + k) \cdot m = n \cdot m + k \cdot m.$$

The version in the Exercise follows by Commutativity of multiplication.

Basis case. When $m = 0$, for every n and k

$$(n + k) \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 + 0 = n \cdot 0 + k \cdot 0.$$

Induction case. Suppose Distributivity holds for m :

$$(n + k) \cdot m = n \cdot m + k \cdot m \quad \text{for all } n \text{ and } k.$$

Then, for any n and k

$$\begin{aligned} (n + k) \cdot S(m) &= (n + k) \cdot m + (n + k) \\ &= n \cdot m + k \cdot m + n + k \\ &= (n \cdot m + n) + (k \cdot m + k) \\ &= n \cdot S(m) + m \cdot S(m). \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 3. The version of the Recursion Theorem we have proven in class (including the parameterized version) does not directly allow definitions such as the factorial function:

$$\begin{aligned} 0! &= 1 \\ S(n)! &= n! \cdot S(n) \end{aligned}$$

since, the function defined by recursion does not have access to the variable of recursion n .

Prove the following version of the Recursion Theorem which remedies this deficiency:

For every

$$a \in E \quad h : E \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$$

there exists a unique $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= a \\ f(S(n)) &= h(f(n), n) \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

Hint. First, define a function $F : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E \times \mathbb{N}$ by the Recursion Theorem which “carries along” its argument: let $a' = (a, 0)$ and define $h' : E \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E \times \mathbb{N}$ by $h'(e, n) = (h(e, n), S(n))$. Now, f simply peels-off the first coordinate of F .

Proof. Let $a \in E$ and $h : E \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$. Define $H : E \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E \times \mathbb{N}$ by

$$H(e, n) = (h(e, n), S(n))$$

Define $F : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E \times \mathbb{N}$ by primitive recursion

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) &= (a, 0) \\ F(S(n)) &= H(F(n)) = (h(e, n), S(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\pi_1 : E \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$ be $\pi_1(e, n) = e$. Define $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$ by

$$f(n) = \pi_1(F(n)).$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \pi_1(F(0)) = \pi_1((a, 0)) = a \\ f(S(n)) &= \pi_1(F(S(n))) = \pi_1(h(f(n), n), S(n)) = h(f(n), n). \end{aligned}$$

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