

MATH 582 HOMEWORK 3

WEEK 6

Winter, 2009

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

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:*

$$0! = 1$$

$$S(n)! = n! \cdot S(n)$$

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

$$f(0) = a$$

$$f(S(n)) = h(f(n), n) \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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 .