

Chapter 4: Natural Numbers

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Addition $+: \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$ and multiplication $\cdot: \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$ are binary operations on ω . We write $a + b$ and $a \cdot b$ instead of $+(a, b)$ and $\cdot(a, b)$.

For each $m \in \omega$, by Recursion Theorem, there exists a unique unary operation $\text{Add}_m: \omega \rightarrow \omega$, “adding m ”, for which

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Add}_m(0) &= m, \\ \text{Add}_m(n^+) &= \text{Add}_m(n)^+ \quad \text{for } n \in \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.11

Addition is the binary operation $+: \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$ defined as

$$m + n = \text{Add}_m(n)$$

for all $m, n \in \omega$.

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Theorem 4I

For any $m, n \in \omega$,

$$(A1) \ m + 0 = m, \quad (A2) \ m + n^+ = (m + n)^+.$$

Example 4.1: Prove: $127 + 2 = 129$.

Proof.

- $127 + 0 = 127$.
- $127 + 1 = 127 + 0^+ = (127 + 0)^+ = 127^+ = 128$.
- $127 + 2 = 127 + 1^+ = (127 + 1)^+ = 128^+ = 129$.

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Theorem 4K

Let $m, n, k \in \omega$. (1) *Associative law:* $m + (n + k) = (m + n) + k$
 (2) *Commutative law:* $m + n = n + m$.

Proof. We only prove (2). It suffices to show that the set

$$A = \{n \in \omega \mid m + n = n + m \text{ for all } m \in \omega\}$$

is inductive, for then $A = \omega$.

Base case: To show $0 \in A$, since $m + 0 = m$ by (A1), it suffices to show that $0 + m = m$ for all $m \in \omega$. To this end, we prove $B = \{m \in \omega \mid 0 + m = m\}$ is inductive.

By (A1), $0 + 0 = 0$, thereby $0 \in B$. Assuming $k \in B$, we have that $0 + k = k$, thus $0 + k^+ = (0 + k)^+ = k^+$, thereby $k^+ \in B$.

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Similarly, to define **multiplication**, let us first apply Recursion Theorem to obtain functions $M_m : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ such that $M_m(n)$ is the result of multiplying m by n . Formally, for each $m \in \omega$, by Recursion Theorem, there exists a unique unary operation $M_m : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ for which

$$M_m(0) = 0, \\ M_m(n^+) = M_m(n) + m \quad \text{for } n \in \omega.$$

Definition 4.12

Multiplication is the binary operation $\cdot : \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$ defined as $m \cdot n = M_m(n)$, for all $m, n \in \omega$

Theorem 4J

For any $m, n \in \omega$,

$$(M1) \quad m \cdot 0 = 0, \quad (M2) \quad m \cdot n^+ = m \cdot n + m.$$

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Inductive step: Assume $n \in A$. To show $n^+ \in A$, it suffices to show that

$$C = \{m \in \omega \mid m + n^+ = n^+ + m\}$$

is inductive. By **Base case**, $0 \in A$, thus $n^+ + 0 = 0 + n^+$, thereby $0 \in C$. Assuming $m \in C$, we show that $m^+ \in C$. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} m^+ + n^+ &= (m^+ + n)^+ && \text{(by (A2))} \\ &= (n + m^+)^+ && \text{(since } n \in A) \\ &= (n + m)^{++} && \text{(by (A2))} \\ &= (m + n)^{++} && \text{(since } n \in A) \\ &= (m + n^+)^+ && \text{(by (A2))} \\ &= (n^+ + m)^+ && \text{(since } m \in C) \\ &= n^+ + m^+ && \text{(by (A2)).} \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 4K

Let $m, n, k \in \omega$. (3) *Distributive law:* $m \cdot (n + k) = m \cdot n + m \cdot k$.
 (4) *Associative law:* $m \cdot (n \cdot k) = (m \cdot n) \cdot k$.
 (5) *Commutative law:* $m \cdot n = n \cdot m$.

Proof. We only prove (3). It suffices to show that

$$A = \{k \in \omega \mid m \cdot (n + k) = m \cdot n + m \cdot k \text{ for all } m, n \in \omega\}$$

is inductive.

Base case: $0 \in A$ since $m \cdot (n + 0) = m \cdot n = m \cdot n + 0 = m \cdot n + m \cdot 0$.

Inductive step: Assume $k \in A$. We show that $k^+ \in A$.

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot (n + k^+) &= m \cdot (n + k)^+ && \text{(by (A2))} \\ &= m \cdot (n + k) + m && \text{(by (M2))} \\ &= (m \cdot n + m \cdot k) + m && \text{(since } k \in A) \\ &= m \cdot n + (m \cdot k + m) && \text{(by associative law)} \\ &= m \cdot n + m \cdot k^+ && \text{(by (M2)).} \end{aligned}$$

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In the same manner, we can define **exponentiation** operation on ω such that

$$(E1) \quad m^0 = 1,$$

$$(E2) \quad m^{n^+} = m^n \cdot m.$$

For any $m, n, k \in \omega$, we have that

$$m^{n+k} = m^n \cdot m^k.$$

(Exercise)

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For " \Leftarrow ", suppose $m \cdot k \in n \cdot k$. Recall that \in satisfies trichotomy, thus exactly one of the following three alternatives holds:

$$m \in n \text{ or } m = n \text{ or } n \in m.$$

If $m = n$, then the assumption becomes $m \cdot k \in m \cdot k$, which contradicts $m \cdot k = m \cdot k$ by trichotomy.

If $n \in m$, then by " \Rightarrow ", we have that $n \cdot k \in m \cdot k$, contradicting the assumption $m \cdot k \in n \cdot k$ by trichotomy.

Hence, we conclude by trichotomy that $m \in n$ must be the case. \square

Corollary 4P (Cancellation Law)

For any $m, n, k \in \omega$

$$(i) \quad m + k = n + k \implies m = n.$$

$$(ii) \quad m \cdot k = n \cdot k \text{ and } k \neq 0 \implies m = n.$$

Proof. Follows from Theorem 4N. \square

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Theorem 4N

For any $m, n, k \in \omega$

$$(i) \quad m \in n \iff m + k \in n + k.$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{If } k \neq 0, \text{ then } m \in n \iff m \cdot k \in n \cdot k.$$

Proof. We only prove (ii). For " \implies ", consider fixed $m \in n \in \omega$. We need to show that $m \cdot k \in n \cdot k$ holds for all natural numbers $k \neq 0$. Recall that for any natural number $k \neq 0$, $k = p^+$ for some $p \in \omega$. In view of this, it suffices to show that the set

$$A = \{p \in \omega \mid m \cdot p^+ \in n \cdot p^+\}$$

is inductive.

Clearly, $0 \in A$, since $m \cdot 0^+ = m \cdot 0 + m = m \in n = n \cdot 0 + n = n \cdot 0^+$.

Suppose $p \in A$. We need to show that $m \cdot p^{++} \in n \cdot p^{++}$. Indeed,

$$m \cdot p^{++} = m \cdot p^+ + m.$$

Since $p \in A$, we have $m \cdot p^+ \in n \cdot p^+$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot p^{++} &= m \cdot p^+ + m \in n \cdot p^+ + m \quad (\text{by (i)}) \\ &\in n \cdot p^+ + n \quad (\text{by (i), since } m \in n) \\ &= n \cdot p^{++}. \end{aligned}$$

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Elements of Set Theory

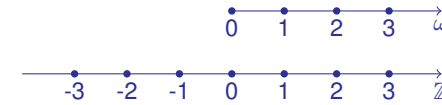
Chapter 5: Construction of the Real Numbers

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Integers

We will extend the set ω of natural numbers to a set \mathbb{Z} of integers, in such a way that \mathbb{Z} will contain an isomorphic copy of ω .



First idea: $-1 = 0 - 1$, $-3 = 0 - 3$, etc.

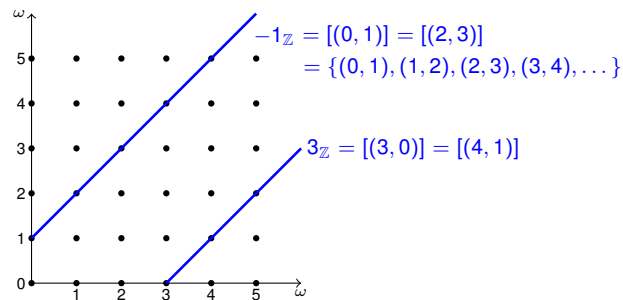
Define $-1 := (0, 1)$, $-3 := (0, 3)$, etc.

But, e.g., $0 - 1 = -1 = 2 - 3$ and $(0, 1) \neq (2, 3)$.

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A revised idea: Define an equivalence relation \sim such that $(0, 1) \sim (2, 3)$. Then $[(0, 1)] = [(2, 3)]$, and take the integer $-1_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ¹ to be this equivalence class. Define $\mathbb{Z} := (\omega \times \omega) / \sim$.



Informally, we say that $(m, n) \sim (p, q)$ iff $m - n = p - q$. However, we did not define subtraction $-$ on ω , so the preceding equation does not have a precise meaning yet. But the equation is equivalent to $m + q = p + n$, which does have a meaning.

¹In order to distinguish non-negative integers from natural numbers, from now on, we denote the integers $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$, etc. by $-2_{\mathbb{Z}}, -1_{\mathbb{Z}}, 0_{\mathbb{Z}}, 1_{\mathbb{Z}}, 2_{\mathbb{Z}}$, etc. with subscripts “ \mathbb{Z} ”.

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Definition 5.1

Define a relation \sim on $\omega \times \omega$ as

$$(m, n) \sim (p, q) \text{ iff } m + q = p + n.$$

Theorem 5ZA

The relation \sim is an equivalence relation on $\omega \times \omega$.

Proof. Reflexivity: Since $m + n = m + n$, we have $(m, n) \sim (m, n)$.

Symmetry:

$$(m, n) \sim (p, q) \implies m + q = p + n \implies p + n = m + q \implies (p, q) \sim (m, n).$$

Transitivity: $(m, n) \sim (p, q)$ and $(p, q) \sim (r, s)$

$$\implies m + q = p + n \text{ and } p + s = r + q$$

$$\implies m + q + p + s = p + n + r + q$$

$$\implies m + s = n + r$$

$$\implies (m, n) \sim (r, s).$$

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Definition 5.2

Define the set of **integers** as $\mathbb{Z} := (\omega \times \omega) / \sim$.

For example, $-1_{\mathbb{Z}} := [(0, 1)] = [(1, 2)] = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), \dots\}$
 $3_{\mathbb{Z}} := [(3, 0)] = \{(3, 0), (4, 1), (5, 2), \dots\}$

Informally, for any two integers $[(m, n)]$, $[(p, q)]$, **addition** acts as

$$(m - n) + (p - q) = (m + p) - (n + q).$$

Definition 5.3 (Addition)

Define the **addition** operation $+: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ as: for any two integers $[(m, n)]$, $[(p, q)]$,

$$[(m, n)] + [(p, q)] = [(m + p, n + q)].$$

We have to check that such defined $+$ is **well-defined**.

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Lemma 5ZB

If $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$ and $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$, then
 $(m + p, n + q) \sim (m' + p', n' + q')$.

Proof. Since $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$ and $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$, we have that

$$m + n' = m' + n \quad \text{and} \quad p + q' = p' + q.$$

Adding both sides of the above two equalities yields

$$m + n' + p + q' = m' + n + p' + q,$$

i.e.,

$$(m + p) + (n' + q') = (m' + p') + (n + q),$$

which means $(m + p, n + q) \sim (m' + p', n' + q')$. □

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Theorem 5ZC

For any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$,

(commutative law) $a + b = b + a$

(associative law) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$

Proof. We only prove commutative law. Let $a = [(m, n)]$ and $b = [(p, q)]$ for some $m, n, p, q \in \omega$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= [(m, n)] + [(p, q)] \\ &= [(m + p, n + q)] \\ &= [(p + m, q + n)] \quad (\text{since } + \text{ on } \omega \text{ is commutative}) \\ &= [(p, q)] + [(m, n)] \\ &= b + a. \end{aligned}$$

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Example 5.2: Calculate $4_{\mathbb{Z}} + (-5_{\mathbb{Z}})$.

Solution. Since $4_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(4, 0)]$ and $-5_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(0, 5)]$, we have that

$$4_{\mathbb{Z}} + (-5_{\mathbb{Z}}) = [(4, 0)] + [(0, 5)] = [(4 + 0, 0 + 5)] = [(4, 5)] = -1_{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

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Theorem 5ZD

(a) $0_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(0, 0)]$ is an additive identity: $a + 0_{\mathbb{Z}} = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(b) For any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, there is a unique $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$a + b = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}. \quad (*)$$

The unique integer b is called the **additive inverse** of a , denoted by $-a$.

Proof. (a) Let $a = [(m, n)]$. We have that

$$a + 0_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(m, n)] + [(0, 0)] = [(m + 0, n + 0)] = [(m, n)] = a.$$

(b) Let $a = [(m, n)]$. Take $b = [(n, m)]$. We have that

$$a + b = [(m, n)] + [(n, m)] = [(m + n, n + m)] = [(0, 0)] = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

For uniqueness, assume $b' \in \mathbb{Z}$ also satisfies equality (*). Then

$$b = b + 0_{\mathbb{Z}} = b + (a + b') = (b + a) + b' = 0_{\mathbb{Z}} + b' = b'. \quad \square$$

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Informally, for any two integers $[(m, n)]$, $[(p, q)]$, **multiplication** acts as

$$(m - n) \cdot (p - q) = mp - mq - np + nq = (mp + nq) - (mq + np).$$

Definition 5.5 (Multiplication)

Define the **multiplication** operation $\cdot : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ as: for any two integers $[(m, n)]$, $[(p, q)]$,

$$[(m, n)] \cdot [(p, q)] = [(mp + nq, mq + np)].$$

Example 5.3: For any $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 $(-a) \cdot b = -(a \cdot b).$

Proof. Let $a = [(m, n)]$ and $b = [(p, q)]$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (-a) \cdot b &= [(n, m)] \cdot [(p, q)] \\ &= [(np + mq, nq + mp)] \\ &= -[(nq + mp, np + mq)] \\ &= -([(m, n)] \cdot [(p, q)]) \\ &= -(a \cdot b). \end{aligned}$$

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From the proof of the above theorem, we see that

- $-[(m, n)] = [(n, m)]$, in particular, $-0_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(0, 0)] = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$.
- $-(-[(m, n)]) = -[(n, m)] = [(m, n)]$

Definition 5.4 (Subtraction)

Define the **subtraction** operation $- : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ as: for any two integers a, b ,

$$a - b = a + (-b).$$

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Lemma 5ZE

If $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$ and $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$, then

$$(mp + nq, mq + np) \sim (m'p' + n'q', m'q' + n'p').$$

Proof. Since $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$ and $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$, we have that

$$m + n' = m' + n \quad \text{and} \quad p + q' = p' + q.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (m + n')p &= (m' + n)p \implies mp + n'p = m'p + np, \\ (m' + n)q &= (m + n')q \implies m'q + nq = mq + n'q, \\ m'(p + q') &= m'(p' + q) \implies m'p + m'q' = m'p' + m'q, \\ n'(p' + q) &= n'(p + q') \implies n'p' + n'q = n'p + n'q'. \end{aligned}$$

Adding the four equations yields that

$$mp + nq + m'q' + n'p' = m'p' + n'q' + mq + np,$$

namely, $(mp + nq, mq + np) \sim (m'p' + n'q', m'q' + n'p')$. □

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Lemma 5ZF

For any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$,

(commutative law) $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$,

(associative law) $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$,

(distributive law) $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$.

Proof. We only prove commutative law.

Let $a = [(m, n)]$ and $b = [(p, q)]$, then

$$a \cdot b = [(m, n)] \cdot [(p, q)] = [(mp + nq, mq + np)],$$

$$b \cdot a = [(p, q)] \cdot [(m, n)] = [(pm + qn, qm + pn)].$$

Hence $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$. □

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Informally, we want to define an ordering $<$ on \mathbb{Z} such that for any $[(m, n)], [(p, q)] \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$m - n < p - q \text{ iff } m + q \in p + n.$$

Definition 5.6 (Ordering)

Define an ordering $<$ on \mathbb{Z} as: for any two integers $[(m, n)], [(p, q)]$,

$$[(m, n)] < [(p, q)] \text{ iff } m + q \in p + n.$$

Example 5.4: Show that $-2_{\mathbb{Z}} < 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

Proof. Recall that $-2_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(0, 2)]$ and $0_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(0, 0)]$. Since

$$0 + 0 = 0 \in 2 = 0 + 2,$$

we conclude that $-2_{\mathbb{Z}} < 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$. □

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Theorem 5ZG

(a) $1_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(1, 0)]$ is a multiplicative identity: $a \cdot 1_{\mathbb{Z}} = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(b) $1_{\mathbb{Z}} \neq 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$

(c) If $a \cdot b = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$, then either $a = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$ or $b = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

Proof. We only prove (a) and (b).

(a) Let $a = [(m, n)]$. We have that

$$a \cdot 1_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(m, n)] \cdot [(1, 0)] = [(m \cdot 1 + n \cdot 0, m \cdot 0 + n \cdot 1)] = [(m, n)] = a.$$

(b) To check $1_{\mathbb{Z}} = [(1, 0)] \neq [(0, 0)] = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$, it suffices to check that $(1, 0) \not\sim (0, 0)$, which reduces to checking $1 = 1 + 0 \neq 0 + 0 = 0$. But this is true, as $1 = \{0\} \neq \emptyset = 0$. □

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We need to show that $<$ is **well-defined**.

Lemma 5ZH

If $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$ and $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$, then

$$m + q \in p + n \text{ iff } m' + q' \in p' + n'.$$

Proof. Since $(m, n) \sim (m', n')$ and $(p, q) \sim (p', q')$, we have that

$$m + n' = m' + n \text{ and } p + q' = p' + q.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} m + q \in p + n &\iff m + q + n' + q' \in p + n + n' + q' \\ &\iff m' + n + q + q' \in p' + q + n + n' \\ &\iff m' + q' \in p' + n'. \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 5ZI

The relation $<$ is a linear ordering on \mathbb{Z} .

Proof. We must show that $<$ is transitive and satisfies trichotomy on \mathbb{Z} . Let $a = [(m, n)]$, $b = [(p, q)]$ and $c = [(r, s)]$ be integers.

For trichotomy, we need to show that exactly one of the following three alternatives holds:

$$a < b, \quad a = b, \quad b < a.$$

That is, exactly one of the following holds:

$$m + q \in p + n, \quad m + q = p + n, \quad p + n \in m + q.$$

But this follows from the trichotomy of \in in ω .

For transitivity, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} a < b \text{ and } b < c &\implies m + q \in p + n \text{ and } p + s \in r + q \\ &\implies m + q + s \in p + n + s \text{ and } p + s + n \in r + q + n \\ &\implies m + q + s \in r + q + n \quad (\text{by transitivity of } \in \text{ on } \omega) \\ &\implies m + s \in r + n \\ &\implies a < c. \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 5ZJ

For any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$,

- (i) $a < b \iff a + c < b + c.$
- (ii) If $0_{\mathbb{Z}} < c$, then $a < b \iff a \cdot c < b \cdot c.$

Proof. We only prove (i). Let $a = [(m, n)]$, $b = [(p, q)]$ and $c = [(r, s)]$ be integers. Then

$$a + c = [(m + r, n + s)] \quad \text{and} \quad b + c = [(p + r, q + s)].$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} a < b &\iff [(m, n)] < [(p, q)] \\ &\iff m + q \in p + n \\ &\iff m + r + q + s \in p + r + n + s \\ &\iff a + c < b + c. \end{aligned}$$

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Note: For any integer $[(m, n)]$, we have $[(m, n + 1)] < [(m, n)]$. Thus the set \mathbb{Z} does not have a least element with respect to the ordering $<$, implying that $<$ on \mathbb{Z} is not a well ordering.

Definition 5.7

An integer a is called **positive** iff $0_{\mathbb{Z}} < a$; **negative** iff $a < 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

The trichotomy of $<$ implies that exactly one of the following holds:

$$a \text{ is positive,} \quad a = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}, \quad a \text{ is negative.}$$

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Example 5.5: For any $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$a < b \iff -b < -a.$$

In particular, $c < 0_{\mathbb{Z}} \iff 0_{\mathbb{Z}} < -c.$

Proof. By Theorem 5ZJ (i),

$$a < b \iff a + ((-a) + (-b)) < b + ((-b) + (-a)) \iff -b < -a.$$

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Corollary 5ZK

For any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$,

- (i) $a + c = b + c \implies a = b$
- (ii) $a \cdot c = b \cdot c$ and $c \neq 0_{\mathbb{Z}} \implies a = b$.

Proof. For (i), we have the derivation:
 $a \neq b \implies$ w.l.o.g. we may assume $a < b$ (by trichotomy)
 $\implies a + c < b + c$ (by Theorem 5ZJ(i))
 $\implies a + c \neq b + c$ (by trichotomy).

For (ii), it suffices to derive
 $a \neq b$ and $c \neq 0_{\mathbb{Z}} \implies a \cdot c \neq b \cdot c$.

W.l.o.g. we assume $a < b$. By Theorem 5ZJ(ii), $c \neq 0_{\mathbb{Z}} \implies$
 $\begin{cases} 0_{\mathbb{Z}} < c & \implies a \cdot c < b \cdot c \implies a \cdot c \neq b \cdot c; \\ \text{or} \\ c < 0_{\mathbb{Z}} & \implies 0_{\mathbb{Z}} < -c \implies a \cdot (-c) < b \cdot (-c) \implies -(a \cdot c) < -(b \cdot c) \\ & \implies -(a \cdot c) \neq -(b \cdot c) \implies a \cdot c \neq b \cdot c. \end{cases}$

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Theorem 5ZL

Define a function $f : \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by taking
 $f(n) = [(n, 0)]$.

The function f is one-to-one and preserves operations and orders, that is, for any $m, n \in \omega$,

- (a) $f(m + n) = f(m) + f(n)$;
- (b) $f(m \cdot n) = f(m) \cdot f(n)$;
- (c) $m \in n$ iff $f(m) < f(n)$.

Proof. We first show that f is one-to-one. We have that

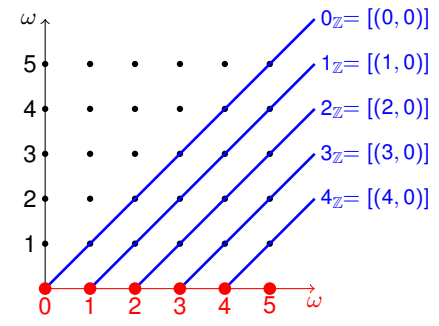
$$f(m) = f(n) \implies [(m, 0)] = [(n, 0)] \implies (m, 0) \sim (n, 0) \implies m + 0 = 0 + n \implies m = n.$$

For (a), $f(m + n) = [(m + n, 0)] = [(m, 0)] + [(n, 0)] = f(m) + f(n)$.
 (b) and (c) are left as an exercise.

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By our construction, the set ω is not actually a subset of the set \mathbb{Z} . However, \mathbb{Z} has a subset that is “just like” ω .

We call the set ω with addition $+$, multiplication \cdot , and the ordering \in a **structure**, written as $\langle \omega, +, \cdot, \in \rangle$. Similarly, $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, < \rangle$ is also a structure.



The function f defined in the next theorem is an “isomorphic embedding” of the structure $\langle \omega, +, \cdot, \in \rangle$ into the structure $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, < \rangle$.