

§ Lecture 7.0

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Claim: Empty set has cardinality zero.

Proof: zero cardinality of $\emptyset$ means that there is a bijection from $\emptyset$ to $\{i : 1 \leq i \leq 0\} = \emptyset$.

The empty function is such a bijective mapping.

Empty function: $f : \emptyset \rightarrow \emptyset$

This needs no specification as there are no inputs.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall x, x' \in \emptyset \quad f(x) = f(x') \Rightarrow x = x'. \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Vacuously true as} \\ \text{there are no } x, x' \text{ in } \emptyset \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall y \in \emptyset \quad \text{there is an } x \in \emptyset \text{ s.t. } y = f(x). \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Vacuously true as} \\ \text{there are no } y \text{ in } \emptyset \end{array} \right].$$

Thus empty set has cardinality zero.

Remark: Empty function is a promise that you never have to hold as there will be no situation in which you will be tested.

" $\forall x \in \emptyset, y \in Y$ then $P(x, y)$ be "whatever" property such that there is exactly one y for each x . Then $f(x) = y$ if $P(x, f(x))$ is true. "

!! No such x ever arise !!

Finite sets: A set is finite iff it has cardinality $n \in \mathbb{N}$ otherwise it is called infinite. If X is a finite set then let us define $|X| = \text{cardinality of } X$.

Theorem: The set $\mathbb{N}$ of natural numbers is infinite.

Proof: Let $\mathbb{N}$ is finite and $|\mathbb{N}| = n$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

there is a bijection $f: [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. [Recall $[n] = \{i \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$]

Claim: For every function $f: [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ $\exists M \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $f(i) \leq M \forall i \in [n]$.

Proof: By induction.

Base case: $n=0$, the function $f: \emptyset \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is unique $[\emptyset = \emptyset]$.

Since the domain is empty we can take $M=0$. as requirement $f(i) \leq M$ is vacuous as there is no i .

Inductive step: Assume the claim is true for some n . i.e.

$$\exists M_0 \text{ s.t. } f(i) \leq M_0 \quad \forall i \in [n]. \quad \forall f.$$

Now let $g: [n+1] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a function.

Define a new function $h: [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as

$$h(i) := g(i) \quad \forall i \in [n]$$

Then $h(i) \leq M_0 \quad \forall i \in [n]$

$$\text{define } M = \max \{ M_0, g(n+1) \}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_0, g(n+1) \leq M.$$

$$\Rightarrow g(i) \leq M \quad \forall i \in [n+1]$$

Since $g: [n+1] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is arbitrary, the claim is true for $n+1$.

Thus, the bijective map $f: [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is bounded. That is $\forall i \in [n], f(i) \leq M$.

Then since $M \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow M+1 \in \mathbb{N}$. And since $M+1 > M$, There is no $i \in [n]$ s.t. $f(i) = M+1$. $\Rightarrow f$ can't be surjective.

[Contradiction]

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is infinite.

§ Lecture 7.1

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Natural numbers to integers:

Integers: An integer is an expression of the form $a-b$, where

$a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. [$a-b$ is a single expression and an integer is defined via two natural numbers]

- = This is not minus sign.

Two integers are called equal, i.e. $a-b=c-d$, iff $a+d=c+b$.

Let us denote set of integers as $\mathbb{Z}$.

Remark: let $\sim$ be a relation on $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ defined by

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

This is an equivalence relation
 $\swarrow$ Reflexive
 $\searrow$ symmetric
 $\searrow$ transitive

Then $a-b = \{ (c, d) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} : (a, b) \sim (c, d) \}$

[All pairs equivalent to (a, b)]

Ex. $3-5 = 1-3 = 5-7 = \dots \dots$ All are equal.

But 3 is not an integer as it is not of the form $a-b$.

Def (Sum and product of integers): The sum of two integers $a-b$, $c-d$ is defined as

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

These are well defined.

Product $(a-b) \times (c-d) = (ac+bd) - (ad+bc).$

(Substitution axiom follows).

Special integers: $(n-0)$:

$$(1) \quad (n-0) + (m-0) = (n+m)-0$$

$$(2) \quad (n-0) \times (m-0) = (nm)-0$$

$$(3) \quad (n-0) = (m-0) \Leftrightarrow n=m.$$

Isomorphism from $(\mathbb{N}-0) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

So we identify natural numbers n with integers of the form

$n-0$. That is $n \equiv n-0$.

$$0 \equiv 0-0; \quad 1 \equiv 1-0 \dots;$$

Def (Negation of integers): If $(a-b)$ is an integer, we define

negation $-(a-b)$ to be the integer $b-a$.

$$\text{Then } n = n-0 \Rightarrow -n = 0-n.$$

Lemma (Trichotomy of integers): Let x be an integer. Then exactly

one of following statements is true.

(i) x is zero. (ii) x is a positive natural number.

(iii) x is negation of a positive natural number.

Algebra of integers: ① $x+y = y+x$

$\vdots$

$$x + (-x) = 0.$$

← New rule
just all same as
natural numbers.

Definition (Subtraction)::-

let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ then subtracting y from x

$$\text{denoted as } x-y = x+(-y)$$

↑ Negation of integer.

$a-b$ and $a-b$ are the same expressions:

let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

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

$$= (a-0) + (0-b)$$

$$= (a+0) - (b+0)$$

$$= a-b.$$

Ordering of integers: let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say that $n \geq m$ or $m \leq n$

iff $n = m+a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{N}$. we say $n > m$ or $m < n$ iff

$n \geq m$ and $n \neq m$.