

4&5 Binary Operations and Relations. The Integers.

4.1: Binary Operations

DEFINITION 1. A **binary operation** $*$ on a nonempty set A is a function from $A \times A$ to A .

Addition, subtraction, multiplication are binary operations on \mathbf{Z} .

Addition is a binary operation on \mathbf{Q} because

Division is NOT a binary operation on \mathbf{Z} because

Division is a binary operation on

- To prove that $*$ is a binary operation on a set A

- To show that $*$ is not a binary operation on a set A

Classification of binary operations by their properties

Associative and Commutative Laws

DEFINITION 2. A binary operation $*$ on A is **associative** if

$$\forall a, b, c \in A, \quad (a * b) * c = a * (b * c).$$

A binary operation $*$ on A is **commutative** if

$$\forall a, b \in A, \quad a * b = b * a.$$

EXAMPLE 3. Using symbols complete the following

(a) A binary operation $*$ on A is not **associative** if

(b) A binary operation $*$ on A is not **commutative** if

Identities

DEFINITION 4. If $*$ is a binary operation on A , an element $e \in A$ is an **identity element** of A w.r.t $*$ if

$$\forall a \in A, \quad a * e = e * a = a.$$

EXAMPLE 5. (a) 1 is an identity element for \mathbf{Z} , \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R} w.r.t. multiplication.

(b) 0 is an identity element for \mathbf{Z} , \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R} w.r.t. addition.

Inverses

DEFINITION 6. Let $*$ be a binary operation on A with identity e , and let $a \in A$. We say that a is **invertible** w.r.t. $*$ if there exists $b \in A$ such that

$$a * b = b * a = e.$$

If b exists, we say that b is an **inverse** of a w.r.t. $*$ and write $b = a^{-1}$.

Note, inverses may or may not exist.

EXAMPLE 7. Every $x \in \mathbf{Z}$ has inverse w.r.t. addition because

$$\forall x \in \mathbf{Z}, \quad x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0.$$

However, very few elements in \mathbf{Z} have multiplicative inverses. Namely,

EXAMPLE 8. Let $*$ be an operation on \mathbf{Z} defined by

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbf{Z}, \quad a * b = a + 3b - 1.$$

(a) Prove that the operation is binary.

(b) Determine whether the operation is associative and/or commutative. Prove your answers.

(c) Determine whether the operation has identities.

(d) Discuss inverses.

EXAMPLE 9. Let $*$ be an operation on the power set $P(A)$ defined by

$$\forall X, Y \in P(A), \quad X * Y = X \cap Y.$$

(a) Prove that the operation is binary.

(b) Determine whether the operation is associative and/or commutative. Prove your answers.

(c) Determine whether the operation has identities.

(d) Discuss inverses.

EXAMPLE 10. Let $*$ be an operation on $F(A)$ defined by

$$\forall f, g \in F(A), \quad f * g = f \circ g.$$

(a) Prove that the operation is binary.

(b) Determine whether the operation is associative and/or commutative.

(c) Determine whether the operation has identities.

(d) Discuss inverses.

PROPOSITION 11. Let $*$ be a binary operation on a nonempty set A . If e is an identity element on A then e is unique.

Proof.

PROPOSITION 12. Let $*$ be an associative binary operation on a nonempty set A with the identity e , and if $a \in A$ has an inverse element w.r.t. $*$, then this inverse element is unique.

Proof.

Closure

DEFINITION 13. Let $*$ be a binary operation on a nonempty set A , and suppose that $S \subseteq A$. If $*$ is also a binary operation on S then we say that S is closed in A under $*$.

EXAMPLE 14. Let $*$ be a binary operation on A and let $S \subseteq A$. Using symbols complete the following

(a) S is closed in A under $*$ if and only if

(a) S is not closed in A under $*$ if

EXAMPLE 15. Determine whether the following subsets of \mathbf{Z} are closed in \mathbf{Z} under addition and multiplication.

(a) \mathbf{Z}^+

(b) \mathbf{E}

(c) \mathbf{O}

5.1: The Integers: Axioms and Basic Properties

Operations on the set of integers, \mathbf{Z} : *addition* and *multiplication* with the following properties:

A1. Addition is **associative**:

A2. Addition is **commutative**:

A3. \mathbf{Z} has an **identity** element with respect to addition namely, the integer 0.

A4. Every integer x in \mathbf{Z} has an **inverse** w.r.t. addition, namely, its negative $-x$:

A5. Multiplication is **associative**:

A6. Multiplication is **commutative**:

A7. \mathbf{Z} has an **identity** element with respect to multiplication namely, the integer 1. (and $1 \neq 0$.)

A8. Distributive Law:

REMARK 16. We do not prove A1-A8. We take them as **axioms**: statements we *assume* to be true about the integers.

We use xy instead $x \cdot y$ and $x - y$ instead $x + (-y)$.

PROPOSITION 17. *Let $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$.*

P1. *If $a + b = a + c$ then $b = c$. (cancellation law for addition)*

P2. $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$.

P3. $(-a)b = a(-b) = -(ab)$

P4. $-(-a) = a$

P5. $(-a)(-b) = ab$

P6. $a(b - c) = ab - ac$

P7. $(-1)a = -a$

P8. $(-1)(-1) = 1$.

Proof

\mathbf{Z} contains a subset \mathbf{Z}^+ , called the **positive integers**, that has the following properties:

A9. Closure property: \mathbf{Z}^+ is closed in \mathbf{Z} w.r.t. addition and multiplication:

A10. Trichotomy Law: for all $x \in \mathbf{Z}$ exactly one is true:

PROPOSITION 18. *If $x \in \mathbf{Z}$, $x \neq 0$, then $x^2 \in \mathbf{Z}^+$.*

Proof.

COROLLARY 19. $\mathbf{Z}^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, n + 1, \dots\}$

Proof.

Inequalities (the order relation less than)

DEFINITION 20. For $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$, $x < y$ if and only $y - x \in \mathbf{Z}^+$.

REMARK 21. If $x < y$, we can also write $y > x$. We can also write $x \leq y$ if $x < y$ or $x = y$. Similarly, $y \geq x$ if $y > x$ or $y = x$.

Note that $\mathbf{Z}^+ = \{n \in \mathbf{Z} | n > 0\}$.

EXAMPLE 22. Let $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$. Using symbols complete the following

- $x < y \Leftrightarrow$
- $x > y \Leftrightarrow$
- $x < 0 \Leftrightarrow$
- $x > 0 \Leftrightarrow$

PROPOSITION 23. Let $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$.

Q1. Exactly one of the following holds: $a < b$, $b < a$, or $a = b$.

Q2. If $a > 0$ then $-a < 0$; if $a < 0$ then $-a > 0$.

Q3. If $a > 0$ and $b > 0$ then $a + b > 0$ and $ab > 0$.

Q4. If $a > 0$ and $b < 0$ then $ab < 0$.

Q5. If $a < 0$ and $b < 0$ then $ab > 0$.

Proof.

PROPOSITION 24. *Let $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$.*

Q6. *If $a < b$ and $b < c$ then $a < c$.*

Q7. *If $a < b$ and $a + c < b + c$.*

Q8. *If $a < b$ and $c > 0$ then $ac < bc$.*

Q9. *If $a < b$ and $c < 0$ then $ac > bc$.*

A11. The Well Ordering Principle Every nonempty subset on \mathbf{Z}^+ has a smallest element; that is, if S is a nonempty subset of \mathbf{Z}^+ , then there exists $a \in S$ such that $a \leq x$ for all $x \in S$.

PROPOSITION 25. *There is no integer x such that $0 < x < 1$.*

Proof.

COROLLARY 26. *1 is the smallest element of \mathbf{Z}^+ .*

COROLLARY 27. *The only integers having multiplicative inverses in \mathbf{Z} are ± 1 .*

5.2: Induction¹

THEOREM 28. (First Principle of Mathematical Induction) *Let $P(n)$ be a statement about the positive integer n . Suppose that $P(1)$ is true. Whenever k is a positive integer for which $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k + 1)$ is true. Then $P(n)$ is true for every positive integer n .*

Proof.

Paradox: All horses are of the same color.

Question: What's wrong in the following "proof" of G. Pólya?

$P(n)$: Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$. Within any set of n horses, there is only one color.

Basic Step. If there is only one horse, there is only one color.

Induction Hypothesis. Assume that within any set of k horses, there is only one color.

Inductive step. Prove that within any set of $k + 1$ horses, there is only one color.

Indeed, look at any set of $k + 1$ horses. Number them: $1, 2, 3, \dots, k, k + 1$. Consider the subsets $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$ and $\{2, 3, 4, \dots, k + 1\}$. Each is a set of only k horses, therefore within each there is only one color. But the two sets overlap, so there must be only one color among all $k + 1$ horses.

¹see also Chapter 1(Part III)

5.3: The Division Algorithm And Greatest Common Divisor

THEOREM 29. (Division Algorithm) *Let $a \in \mathbf{Z}$, $b \in \mathbf{Z}^+$. Then there exist unique integers q and r such that*

$$a = bq + r, \quad \text{where } 0 \leq r < b.$$

EXAMPLE 30. (a) *Rewrite the Division Algorithm using symbols.*

(b) *Let $a = 33, b = 7$. Determine q and r .*

(b) *Let $a = -33, b = 7$. Determine q and r .*

COROLLARY 31. *Let $b \in \mathbf{Z}^+$. Then for every integer a there exists a unique integer q such that exactly one of the following holds:*

$$a = bq, \quad a = bq + 1, \quad a = bq + 2, \dots, a = bq + (b - 1).$$

COROLLARY 32. *Every integer is either even, or odd.*

Divisors (see Chapter 1, part II of notes)

Recall the following

DEFINITION 33. *Let a and b be integers. We say that b **divides** a , written $b|a$, if there is an integer c such that $bc = a$. We say that b and c are **factors** of a , or that a is **divisible** by b and c .*

Recall the following divisibility properties.

PROPOSITION 34. *Let $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$.*

- (a) *If $a|1$, then $a = \pm 1$.*
- (b) *If $a|b$ and $b|a$, then $a = \pm b$.*
- (c) *If $a|b$ and $a|c$, then $a|(bx + cy)$ for any $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$.*
- (d) *If $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$.*

Greatest common divisor (gcd)

DEFINITION 35. Let a and b be integers, not both zero. The **greatest common divisor** of a and b (written $\gcd(a, b)$, or (a, b)) is the largest positive integer d that divides both a and b .

EXAMPLE 36. Find $\gcd(18, 24)$.

EXAMPLE 37. (a) Compute

$$\gcd(-18, 24) = \qquad \qquad \gcd(-24, -18) =$$

and make a conclusion.

(b) Compute

$$\gcd(5, 0) = \qquad \qquad \gcd(-5, 0) =$$

and make a conclusion.

(c) Complete the statement: If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $\gcd(a, b) \leq$ _____

(d) Let $c \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then $\gcd(a, ac) =$ _____

Euclidean Algorithm is based on the following two lemmas:

LEMMA 38. Let a and b be two positive integers. If $a|b$ then $\gcd(a, b) = |a|$.

LEMMA 39. Let a and b be two positive integers such that $b \geq a$. Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, b - a)$.

Proof.

COROLLARY 40. *Let a and b be integers, not both zero. Suppose that there exist integers q_1 and r_1 such that $b = aq_1 + r_1$, $0 \leq r_1 < a$. Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, r_1)$.*

Procedure for finding gcd of two integers (the Euclidean Algorithm)

EXAMPLE 41. Find $\gcd(1176, 3087)$.

EXAMPLE 42. Find integers x and y such that $147 = 1176x + 3087y$.

COROLLARY 43. If $d = \gcd(a, b)$ then there exist integers x and y such that $ax + by = d$. Moreover, d is the minimal natural number with such property.

Relatively prime (or coprime) integers

DEFINITION 44. Two integers a and b , not both zero, are said to be **relatively prime (or coprime)**, if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.

For example,

Combining the above definition and the proof of Corollary 43, we obtain

THEOREM 45. a and b are relatively prime integers if and only if there exist integers x and y such that $ax + by = 1$.

THEOREM 46. *Let $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$. Suppose $a|bc$ and $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. Then $a|c$.*

Proof.

5.4: Primes and Unique Factorization

DEFINITION 47. *An integer p greater than 1 is called a **prime** number if the only divisors of p are ± 1 and $\pm p$. If an integer greater than 1 is not prime, it is called **composite**.*

-7	-4	0	1	2	4	7	10209

Sieve of Eratosthenes.

The method to find all primes from 2 to n .

1. Write out all integers from 2 to n .
2. Select the smallest integer p that is not selected or crossed out.
3. Cross out all multiples of p (these will be $2p, 3p, 4p, \dots$; the p itself should not be crossed out).
4. If not all numbers are selected or crossed out return to step 2. Otherwise, all selected numbers are prime.

EXAMPLE 48. *Find all two digit prime numbers.*

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	

REMARK 49. It is sufficient to cross out the numbers in step 3 starting from p^2 , as all the smaller multiples of p will have already been crossed out at that point. This means that the algorithm is allowed to terminate in step 4 when p^2 is greater than n . In other words, *if the number p in step 2 is greater than \sqrt{n} then all numbers that are already selected or not crossed out are prime.*

Prime Factorization of a positive integer n greater than 1 is a decomposition of n into a product of primes.

Standard Form $n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k$, where primes p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k satisfy $p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots \leq p_k$

Compact Standard Form $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_m^{\alpha_m}$, where primes p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m satisfy $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_m$ and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbf{Z}$.

EXAMPLE 50. Write 1224 and 225 in a standard form (i.e. find prime factorization).

LEMMA 51. Let a and b be integers. If p is prime and divides ab , then p divides either a , or b . (Note, p also may divide both a and b .)

Proof.

COROLLARY 52. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be integers. If p is prime and divides $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$, then p divides at least one integer from a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n .

Note that Lemma 51 corresponds to $n = 2$. General proof of the above Corollary is by induction.

THEOREM 53. (Second Principle of Mathematical Induction) Let $P(n)$ be a statement about the positive integer n . Suppose that $P(1)$ is true. Whenever k is a positive integer for which $P(i)$ is true for every positive integer i such that $i \leq k$, then $P(k + 1)$ is true. Then $P(n)$ is true for every positive integer n .

THEOREM 54. Unique Prime Factorization Theorem. *Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}$, $n > 1$. Then n is a prime number or can be written as a product of prime numbers. Moreover, the product is unique, except for the order in which the factors appears.*

Proof.

Existence: Use the Second Principle of Mathematical Induction.

$P(n)$:

Basic step:

Induction hypothesis:

Inductive step:

Uniqueness Use the Second Principle of Mathematical Induction.

$P(n)$:

Basic step:

Induction hypothesis:

COROLLARY 55. *There are infinitely many prime numbers.*

Proof.

EXAMPLE 56. *Prove that if a is a positive integer of the form $4n + 3$, then at least one prime divisor of a is of the form $4n + 3$.*

Proof