

Pythagoras meets Peano,
courtesy of Core Logic

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Abstract

We present a *completely formalized* proof, down to the last primitive number-axiomatic and logical-inferential details, *in Core Logic*, of the statement that no square of a natural number is twice any such square.

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1 The Challenge

In late August and early September 2015 there was a lively discussion, on the moderated email list `fom@cs.nyu.edu`, of Core Logic and the question whether the rule *Ex Falso Quodlibet*—conspicuously eschewed by Core Logic—is indispensable for formalizing mathematical proofs.¹ Harvey Friedman issued as a challenge to the core logician the formalization of the ‘usual proofs’ of two well-known results in number theory.² He asked, in particular,

What would a detailed analysis of Tennantism look like for, say,
the usual proofs of

$$n^2 = 2m^2 \text{ has no solution in nonzero integers } \dots$$

It seemed clear, reading between the lines, that Friedman was of the opinion that this could not be done. Here we address this particular challenge problem—showing rigorously, in Core Logic, and from the *Peano Axioms* for arithmetic, that no square of a *natural number* is twice any such square (hence that the square root of 2 is irrational).

This, according to legend, is the discovery, made by some student or associate of Pythagoras, that shook the Pythagorean dogma that the world is made up out of whole numbers. One story has it that the proof led to its discoverer’s expulsion from the cult; another, that it led to his execution by the same. I trust, then, that merely *formalizing* the proof will not be considered any essential advance; for the metaphysical cat is already out of the mathematical bag.

The extension of this result to the nonzero integers is of course straightforward, once one makes the move to the integers. The result is made all the more difficult to obtain, however, by initially restricting oneself to the Peano Axioms, and not helping oneself axiomatically to the usual algebraic laws (commutativity and associativity of addition and multiplication, for example, as well as distributivity of multiplication over addition) that are usually laid down as axioms for the ring (or integral domain) of the integers. In Peano Arithmetic, such properties of addition and multiplication have to be derived as theorems. This study ventures to present an *absolutely formal, fully detailed* proof, using only Core Logic, of the statement

$$\forall x \neg \exists y (y \neq 0 \wedge x.x = 2.(y.y))$$

¹Everything that the reader might need to know about Core Logic can be found in the three publications Tennant [2012], Tennant [2015a] and Tennant [2015b].

²See <http://www.cs.nyu.edu/pipermail/fom/2015-September/019105.html>.

from Peano’s axioms for the natural numbers. Or, rather: it presents a replete set of chunks of core proof, that collectively make up a single formal proof of the target result. (See Theorem 1.) This is simply because I am working within the confines of the A4 page. So I have had to break the deductive reasoning down into manageable chunks for the reader. In order to pull this off, there has been the occasional lapse into landscape mode.

The resounding *theoretical* answer to the aforementioned challenge problem of Friedman is that *Ex Falso Quodlibet* is *not* needed for formalizing mathematical proofs. That much is established by metatheorems. All that this study contributes is a single, sustained and important example of how this can be so. I do not usually take single-case inductions to be dispositive in foundational matters. But, in light of the metatheorems in the cited publications on Core Logic, a core-logical formalization of the proof that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational struck me as invitingly apt, illustrative, timely and worthwhile.

It may be (for all I know) that this is the first time in the history of humankind that such a proof has ever been presented. For, in any mathematics textbook that proves this result ‘rigorously’ (yet, strictly speaking, *informally*) the proof takes a scant half-page or so. Ironically, one is more morally certain of the truth of the result on the basis of the *informal* proof than one can be (unaided by any automated proof-checker) on the basis of the fully formalized proof. This is because the fully formalized proof is *very* long, and it is psychically draining to check it for correctness. But such epistemic ironies are beside the point here. It is enough to appreciate that fulfilling the hand-waving promise by the formal logician that mathematical proofs can be fully formalized is no easy task. What follows should go some way to convince the reader that this is so (both that it is possible and that it is, nevertheless, no easy task). I am naturally relying on the orthodox logician—especially Friedman—who is keen to fault the core logician, to check the core proof offered here for formal correctness down to the very last detail. This is no exercise in *falsche Spitzfindigkeit*. For it is undertaken to meet Friedman’s challenge head-on, to show him (and anyone else who may be interested) that Core Logic has what it takes to formalize *informal* expert mathematical reasoning directly, naturally, and homologously.

2 Peano’s axioms for the natural numbers

The theory of natural numbers is expressed in the first-order language with identity based on the name 0 (zero), the one-place function sign s (successor), and the two-place function signs $+$ (plus) and \cdot (times). For definiteness,

we take the theory to be axiomatized by the now famous axioms

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \neg 0 = sx \\ \forall x \forall y (sx = sy \rightarrow x = y) \\ \forall x x + 0 = x \\ \forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x + y) \\ \forall x x \cdot 0 = 0 \\ \forall x \forall y x \cdot sy = (x \cdot y) + x \end{aligned}$$

plus all (countably) infinitely many instances of the following axiom schema of *Mathematical Induction*:

$$(P0 \wedge \forall x (Px \rightarrow Psx)) \rightarrow \forall y Py$$

Whatever formula Px is used in order to obtain a substitution instance of this axiom schema is called the *induced predicate* for the instance in question.

Note that this choice of axioms means that certain number-theoretic statements that the average mathematician would take as so obvious as not to stand in need of proof will actually have to be proved—indeed, in some cases, at quite considerable length. But that is just part of the bracing challenge to be faced anyway.

3 Definitions of non-primitive notions

Definition 1. $1 =_{df} s0$

Definition 2. $2 =_{df} ss0$

Definition 3. m is less than n (in symbols: $m < n$)
 $\equiv_{df} \exists k m + sk = n$

Definition 4. m is less than or equal to n (in symbols: $m \leq n$)
 $\equiv_{df} m < n \vee m = n$

Definition 5.
 k divides n with remainder r (in symbols: $k|n; r$)
 $\equiv_{df} r < k \wedge \exists m n = (k \cdot m + r)$

Definition 6.
 k divides n with no remainder (in symbols: $k|n; 0$, abbreviated further to $k|n$)
 $\equiv_{df} \exists m n = km$

Definition 7.

n is even (in symbols: En) \equiv_{df} $2|n$. Equivalently, $ss0|n$. Equivalently, $\exists m n = ss0.m$

Definition 8.

n is odd (in symbols: On) \equiv_{df} $2|n; 1$ Equivalently, $ss0|n; s0$. Equivalently, in light of Lemma 1: $\exists m n = ss0.m + s0$

In presenting our formal proofs below, we shall frequently resort to the serial forms of certain elimination rules. We do so in order to prevent side-ways spread; and also because the serial forms are likely to be more familiar to the reader than the parallelized forms. The occasional exception, when parallelized forms are used, will be included in order to familiarize the reader with how these forms of the rules are applied. We shall be at pains, however, to ensure that all the formal proofs we provide are *in normal form*. Also, they *do not use Ex Falso Quodlibet*. And *sometimes* they use the ‘liberalized’ rules of \rightarrow I and \forall E of Core Logic. What these investigations reveal is just how naturally the resources of Core Logic *directly* formalize the expert informal reasoning employed in the proof that $\sqrt{2}$ is not a ratio of whole numbers.

4 On Formalizing Uses of the Principle of Mathematical Induction

We coin the description ‘incremental induction’ for the kind of Mathematical Induction whose axiom schema was stated above. Its being incremental is a matter of showing that the property in question is *transmitted under the successor operation*. In proofs by induction, this corresponds to the familiar *inductive step* that appeals to the *inductive hypothesis* Pa to derive the conclusion Psa (for a suitably chosen individual parameter a).

Suppose that, when proceeding informally, one proves a lemma $\forall yPy$ by using an instance of (incremental) Mathematical Induction. That is, one proves the ‘basis step’ $P0$; then one effects the ‘inductive step’ from the inductive hypothesis Pa to the conclusion Psa ; and finally one invokes the instance

$$(P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psx)) \rightarrow \forall yPy$$

of Mathematical Induction to conclude

$$\forall yPy$$

The formalization of *this* stretch of reasoning would have the following overall form:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, Pa}{\Xi} \text{---(1)}}{Pa} \text{---(1)}}{\frac{Pa \rightarrow Psa}{\Pi}} \text{---(1)}}{\frac{P0 \quad \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psa)}{P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psa)}} \text{---(2)}}{\frac{(P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psa)) \rightarrow \forall yPy}{\forall yPy}} \text{---(2)}$$

with the lemma $\forall yPy$ as the overall conclusion. Here Π is the proof of the ‘basis step’ $P0$ for the proof by induction; and Ξ is the proof of the ‘inductive step’, using the inductive hypothesis Pa to deduce the conclusion Psa .

Two clarifying remarks are in order here.

Remark 1: One does not *have* to make use of the inductive hypothesis Pa ; such use is *permissible*, not obligatory. The application of the rule of \rightarrow I at the step marked (1) ensures that the assumption Pa , if used, is discharged. But, to stress once again: it may turn out that there is no assumption of the form Pa to be discharged! The step of \rightarrow I would still be in good order; the overall proof by induction would simply look like this:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma}{\Xi}}{Psa} \text{---(1)}}{\frac{Pa \rightarrow Psa}{\Pi}} \text{---(1)}}{\frac{P0 \quad \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psa)}{P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psa)}} \text{---(2)}}{\frac{(P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Psa)) \rightarrow \forall yPy}{\forall yPy}} \text{---(2)}$$

Note, however, that if one is equipped with the subproofs

$$\begin{array}{c} \Delta \\ \Pi \\ P0 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \\ \Xi \\ Psa \end{array}$$

as indicated, then the conclusion $\forall yPy$ could be obtained as follows, using

the premise $\forall x(x=0 \vee \exists y x=sy)$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x(x=0 \vee \exists y x=sy)}{c=0 \vee \exists y c=sy} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\Delta}{\Pi} \quad \frac{P0}{c=0}}{Pc} \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma}{\Xi} \quad \frac{Psa}{c=sa}}{Pc}}{\exists y c=sy} \quad \frac{Pc}{Pc}}{Pc}}{\frac{Pc}{\forall y Py}}}{\forall y Py} \quad (1) \quad (2) \quad (2) \quad (1)$$

This extra premise is Lemma 8 below. It is the special axiom that, in Robinson's finitely axiomatized theory of arithmetic, replaces the Axiom Schema of Mathematical Induction. As we shall presently see, there is a proof of $\forall x(x=0 \vee \exists y x=sy)$ in Peano Arithmetic, using an instance of the Axiom Schema of Mathematical Induction, that eschews any use of the inductive hypothesis.

Remark 2, complementary to Remark 1: One does not *have* to produce Psa as the conclusion of the inductive step! It would suffice to simply reduce the inductive hypothesis Pa to absurdity. The step of \rightarrow I would still be in good order; the overall proof by induction would then look like this:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, Pa}{\Xi}}{\perp} \quad \frac{\Delta}{\Pi} \quad \frac{Pa \rightarrow Psa}{\forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)}}{P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)} \quad \frac{\frac{P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)}{\forall y Py}}{\forall y Py}}{(P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)) \rightarrow \forall y Py} \quad (1) \quad (1) \quad (2) \quad (2)$$

Note that the final step, marked (2), is an application of the *parallelized* rule of \rightarrow E, with a *degenerate* major subproof (which proves $\forall y Py$ from $\forall y Py$). The major premise of that application of \rightarrow E is the chosen instance of the axiom schema of Mathematical Induction. The minor subproof for the step of \rightarrow E in question is the subproof 'in the middle', of $P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)$. The two subproofs Π, Ξ can of course use, in addition, any of the Peano axioms, along with other suppositions. These respectively form the two sets Δ, Γ indicated in blue. When Δ, Γ contain *only* axioms, then (what

the mathematicians call the lemma) $\forall yPy$ is (what logicians would call) a *theorem* of Peano arithmetic. Otherwise, $\forall yPy$ is a result following, within the theory of arithmetic, conditionally upon the extra suppositions in Δ, Γ that are not axioms.

Suppose now that one subsequently appeals to the mathematicians' lemma $\forall yPy$ as a *premise* in some further proof (call it Σ) of a conclusion θ on which the mathematicians are willing to bestow the honorific label 'theorem' (of Peano arithmetic). Then in the formalization of *this* overall stretch of reasoning *there is no call for a so-called 'cut'* with the lemma in question ($\forall yPy$) as the cut sentence. This is because the *overall* formal proof of the mathematical theorem θ in such circumstances will be able to take the following shape:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Delta}{P0} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, Pa}{\Xi} \quad \frac{Psa}{(1)}}{Pa \rightarrow Psa}}{\forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxx)}}{P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxx)}}{\theta} \quad \frac{\frac{\Omega, \forall yPy}{\Sigma}}{\theta} \quad (i)}{\theta} \quad (i)}{\theta}
 \end{array}$$

Here Π and Ξ are as before; but now the major subproof for the final step of $\rightarrow E$ is one's proof Σ of θ , which uses the lemma $\forall yPy$ as a premise. So the final step is still an application of the parallelized rule of $\rightarrow E$, but now with a *non-degenerate* major subproof, namely Σ . The major premise of the final step is still the chosen instance of the axiom schema of Mathematical Induction. The three subproofs Π, Ξ and Σ can of course use, in addition, any of the Peano axioms, along with other suppositions. These respectively form the three sets Δ, Γ and Ω indicated in blue. When Δ, Γ and Ω contain *only* axioms, then θ is a theorem of Peano arithmetic. Otherwise, θ is a result following, within the theory of arithmetic, conditionally upon the extra suppositions in Δ, Γ and Ω that are not axioms.

In an effort to prevent sideways spread it would be quite in order to

suppress the major premise for $\rightarrow E$ on the left:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, Pa}{\Xi} \text{---}(1)}{\Delta} \quad \frac{Psa}{(1)}}{\Pi} \quad \frac{Pa \rightarrow Psa}{\Sigma} \quad \frac{\Omega, \forall y Py}{\theta} \text{---}(i)}{P0 \quad \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)} \\
 \hline
 P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs) \quad \theta \text{---}(i) \\
 \hline
 \theta
 \end{array}$$

For it can be effectively determined what the induced predicate is, for such an application of induction.

The Principle of Mathematical Induction can be parallelized even further, as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, Pa}{\Xi} \text{---}(1)}{\Delta} \quad \frac{Psa}{(1)}}{\Pi} \quad \frac{Pa \rightarrow Psa}{\Sigma} \quad \frac{\Omega, Pt_1, \dots, Pt_n}{\theta} \text{---}(i)}{P0 \quad \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)} \\
 \hline
 (P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs)) \rightarrow \forall y Py \quad P0 \wedge \forall x(Px \rightarrow Pxs) \quad \theta \text{---}(i) \\
 \hline
 \theta
 \end{array}$$

since there will only ever be finitely many appeals to the lemma $\forall y Py$ that has been established by induction. These appeals will involve singular terms t_1, \dots, t_n (which may be, or contain, parameters). Indeed, the parallelized rule just stated can be ‘inferentialized’ even further, *and its major premise suppressed*, so as to become the *Rule of Mathematical Induction*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{RMI} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma, Pa}{\Xi} \text{---}(i)}{\Delta} \quad \frac{\Omega, Pt_1, \dots, Pt_n}{\Sigma} \text{---}(i)}{\Pi} \quad \frac{\perp / Psa}{\theta} \text{---}(i)}{P0} \\
 \hline
 \theta
 \end{array}$$

Note how we have designated the conclusion of the proof Ξ of the inductive step as ‘ \perp / Psa ’. This is pursuant to Remarks 1 and 2 above. In the foregoing statement of the rule RMI, it is to be understood that the proof Ξ of the inductive step satisfies exactly one of the following conditions:

1. Ξ has Pa as an undischarged assumption, and has \perp as its conclusion;
2. Ξ has Pa as an undischarged assumption, and has Psa as its conclusion;
3. Ξ does not have Pa as an undischarged assumption, and has Psa as its conclusion.

In each of the first two cases, the application of RMI discharges all assumption-occurrences of Pa in Ξ . In the third case, such discharge is not called for, since Pa is not used as an assumption.

Note that with applications of RMI each of Π , Ξ and Σ is a *proof*. This should go without saying, since rules of inference enable one to form proofs, but only *from* (simpler) proofs. There is a special need here, however, to stress that the major subproof Σ has to be well formed. In particular, if any of the terms t_1, \dots, t_n is (or contains) a *parameter* a , then a cannot occur in such a way as to violate any of the parametric restrictions on applications, within Σ , of the two rules $\exists E$ and $\forall I$, applications of which might well *have* to involve a as a parameter. This places a limitation on the extent to which one might be able to defer applications of RMI to points ‘lower down’ within a proof. They may instead have to be applied ‘higher up’, so as to discharge those assumptions Pt_i that contain parameters that would otherwise, if allowed to occur in those same assumptions *undischarged*, render illegitimate an application, within Σ , of either $\exists E$ or $\forall I$.

As a special case (for $n=1$) we have

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Delta \\
 \Pi \\
 P0
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \overline{\Gamma, Pa}^{(i)} \\
 \Xi \\
 \perp/Psa
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \overline{Pt}^{(i)} \\
 \\
 \\
 \end{array}
 }{
 Pt
 }^{(i)}$$

And as a further special case of *that* we have, with parameter b as one’s choice for the term t , the proof-schema

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Delta \\
 \Pi \\
 P0
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \overline{\Gamma, Pa}^{(i)} \\
 \Xi \\
 \perp/Psa
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \overline{Pb}^{(i)} \\
 \\
 \\
 \end{array}
 }{
 Pb
 }^{(i)}$$

With b chosen so as to meet the requirements for $\forall I$, we can then obtain the usual conclusion $\forall yPy$ of the proof by mathematical induction:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Delta \\ \Pi \\ P0 \end{array} \quad \frac{\overbrace{\Gamma, Pa}^{-(i)}}{\Xi} \quad \frac{\quad}{\perp/Psa} \quad \frac{\quad}{Pb} \quad \frac{\quad}{(i)}}{Pb} \quad \frac{\quad}{\forall yPy}$$

If in fact one did this, and subsequently appealed to $\forall yPy$ as a major premise for $\forall E$ in a proof of θ :

$$\frac{\forall yPy \quad \frac{\underbrace{\overbrace{\Omega, Pt_1, \dots, Pt_n}^{-(1)}}{\Sigma}}{\theta} \quad \frac{\quad}{(1)}}{\theta}$$

one would have a *prime-facie* violation of the requirement of normality for one's overall proof of θ from Δ, Γ, Ω . But such an appearance of abnormality is just that: a mere appearance. For one can always take for the genuinely underlying proof the *reduct*

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Delta \\ \Pi \\ P0 \end{array} \quad \frac{\overbrace{\Gamma, Pa}^{-(i)}}{\Xi} \quad \frac{\quad}{\perp/Psa} \quad \frac{\quad}{Pb} \quad \frac{\quad}{(i)}}{Pb} \quad \frac{\quad}{\forall yPy} \quad , \quad \frac{\underbrace{\overbrace{\Omega, Pt_1, \dots, Pt_n}^{-(1)}}{\Sigma}}{\theta} \quad \frac{\quad}{(1)}}{\theta} \end{array} \right]$$

which is simply the form RMI (Rule of Mathematical Induction) stated above. As a convenient reminder:

$$\text{RMI} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Delta \\ \Pi \\ P0 \end{array} \quad \frac{\overbrace{\Gamma, Pa}^{-(i)}}{\Xi} \quad \frac{\underbrace{\overbrace{\Omega, Pt_1, \dots, Pt_n}^{-(i)}}{\Sigma}}{\theta} \quad \frac{\quad}{(i)}}{\theta}$$

There is no blowup in length of proof, when taking the reduct in place of the two proofs between the square brackets. That much is absolutely obvious by inspection.

5 Results proved without using Mathematical Induction

Because we are restricting our primitive means of mathematical expression to the name 0 (zero), the one-place function sign s (successor), and the two-place function signs $+$ (plus) and $.$ (times), we have had to *define* certain other expressions that mathematicians conveniently take as expressively primitive. We saw this in §3.

Lemma 1. $1 < 2$, i.e., $s0 < ss0$.

*Proof.*³

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y \ x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y \ s0 + sy = s(s0+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \ x + 0 = x}{s0 + 0 = s0}}{s0 + s0 = s(s0+0)}}{s0 + s0 = ss0}$$

$$\frac{}{\exists k \ s0 + sk = ss0}$$

i.e., $s0 < ss0$

□

Pause for a moment's reflection ... We have just taken *five* primitive steps of inference to establish the trivial truth that $0 < 1$. The alarmed reaction might be 'To what dreadful lengths will we have to go in order to show that no square of a natural is twice any such square?' The answer, reassuringly, is that the proof of the latter can be broken down into manageable chunks, all of them *formal proofs in Core Logic*, using only the Peano axioms. The rest of this study shows how.

Lemma 2. 0 is not a successor; in symbols, expressed inferentially:

$$\frac{0 = st}{\perp}$$

³This proof is due to Ben Cleary.

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\forall x \neg 0 = sx}{\neg 0 = st} \quad 0 = st}{\perp}$$

Trivially, also, we have

$$\frac{st = 0}{\perp}$$

□

Lemma 3. $\frac{st = su}{t = u}$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y (sx = sy \rightarrow x = y)}{\forall y (st = sy \rightarrow t = y)} \quad \text{---(1)}}{\frac{st = su \rightarrow t = u \quad st = su \quad t = u}{t = u} \text{(1)}}$$

Note that the last step of this proof is an application of the parallelized rule $\rightarrow I$, with a degenerate major subproof. We shall frequently use the rule of inference stated in this lemma as a primitive rule, since it saves a great deal of sideways spread. Likewise with any other inferential rules that we have established formally, such as those of Lemma 2. □

Lemma 4. $\frac{\lambda.\lambda \neq 0}{\lambda \neq 0}$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\lambda.\lambda = \lambda.\lambda}{\lambda.\lambda = \lambda.0} \quad \frac{\lambda = 0}{\lambda.0 = 0} \text{(1)}}{\lambda.\lambda \neq 0} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0 = 0}{\lambda.\lambda = 0}}{\frac{\perp}{\lambda \neq 0} \text{(1)}}$$

□

Lemma 5. $\frac{\lambda = n.\rho \quad \lambda \neq 0}{\rho \neq 0}$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\lambda \neq 0}{\lambda = n.\rho} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{n.\rho = n.\rho \quad \rho = 0}{n.\rho = n.0} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{n.0=0}}{n.\rho = 0}}{\lambda = 0}}{\frac{\perp}{\rho \neq 0}}(1)$$

□

Lemma 6. *From the assumption that a is even it follows that sa is odd*

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{sa = sa \quad a = ss0.b}{sa = s(ss0.b)} \quad \frac{\forall x x = x+0}{ss0.b = ss0.b+0}}{sa = s(ss0.b+0)} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y ss0.b+sy = s(ss0.b+y)}}{ss0.b+s0 = s(ss0.b+0)}}{s0 < ss0} \quad \frac{sa = ss0.b + s0}{s0 < ss0 \wedge sa = ss0.b + s0}}{\frac{\exists m a = ss0.m}{ss0|sa; s0}}(1)$$

□

Note that Lemma 1 is not a cut sentence here of the kind that would, upon accumulation of proofs, produce an *abnormal* proof. Rather, the earlier proof of Lemma 1 could be inserted above its ‘premise occurrence’ in the last proof just given, and the resulting proof would still be a proof in Core Logic. We have broken the reasoning down into these last two chunks (proof of Lemma 1 followed by proof of Lemma 6) solely in order to avoid unmanageable sideways spread on an A4 page. This is a theme that will be reprised quite frequently below, and we shall not take the trouble to remark on it any further.

Lemma 7. $ss0 = ss0.s0$

to derive

$$sa = 0 \vee \exists x sa = sx.$$

There is, though, an even shorter proof by induction which does not use the inductive hypothesis at all:

$$\frac{\frac{0=0}{0=0 \vee \exists x 0=sx} \quad \frac{\frac{sa=sa}{\exists x sa=sx}}{sa=0 \vee \exists x sa=sx} \quad \frac{}{c=0 \vee \exists x c=sx}^{(3)}}{\frac{c=0 \vee \exists x c=sx}{\forall y (y=0 \vee \exists x y=sx)}}^{(3)}$$

□

Having established the ‘ Q -axiom’ (Lemma 8), we can re-state it as an atomicized rule of inference, which we shall label QR (for ‘ Q -Rule’):

$$QR \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \square \text{---}(i) \\ t = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \psi/\perp \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \square \text{---}(i) \\ t = sa \\ \vdots \\ \psi/\perp \end{array} \quad \text{where } a \text{ is parametric}}{\psi/\perp}^{(i)}$$

We shall now use the rule QR to prove the ‘zero-cancellation’ law.

Lemma 9. $\frac{su.t=0}{t=0}$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{su.t=0} \quad \frac{}{t=sa} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y su.sy = su.y+su}}{\forall y su.a+sy = s(su.a+y)}}{su.sa=0} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y su.sy = su.y+su}}{su.sa = su.a+su}}{su.a+su=0} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y su.a+sy = s(su.a+y)}}{su.a+su = s(su.a+u)}}{\frac{(1) \text{---}}{t=0} \quad \frac{s(su.a+u)=0}{\perp}^{(1) QR}}{t=0}}$$

□

Lemma 10. $\frac{m < sa}{m \leq a}$

For the inductive step we do not need to use the inductive hypothesis

$$(a+a)+s0 = a+(a+s0).$$

Instead, we prove

$$(sa+sa)+s0 = sa+(sa+s0)$$

directly as follows.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y s(sa+a)+sy=s(s(sa+a)+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y sa+sy=s(sa+y)}}{s(sa+a)+s0=s(s(sa+a)+0)} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x x+0=x}{s(sa+a)+0=s(sa+a)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y sa+sy=s(sa+y)}}{(sa+sa)+s0=ss(sa+a)}}{(sa+sa)+s0=s(sa+sa)} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y sa+sy=s(sa+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y sa+sy=s(sa+y)}}{sa+ssa=s(sa+sa)} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{sa+0=sa} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y sa+sy=s(sa+y)}}{(sa+sa)+s0=sa+ssa} \quad \frac{sa+0=sa}{sa+s0=s(sa+0)}}{(sa+sa)+s0=sa+s(sa+0)} \quad \frac{sa+s0=s(sa+0)}{(sa+sa)+s0=sa+(sa+s0)}$$

□

Lemma 12. $b+s0=s0+b$.

Proof. The induced predicate is $x+s0=s0+x$. For the basis we need to prove

$$0+s0=s0+0$$

The following formal proof does the job:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y 0+sy=s(0+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{0+0=0}}{0+s0=s(0+0)} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{s0+0=s0}}{0+s0=s0} \quad \frac{0+s0=s0}{0+s0=s0+0}$$

For the inductive step we use the inductive hypothesis

$$a+s0=s0+a.$$

From it we prove

$$sa+s0=s0+sa$$

as follows.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y sa + sy = s(sa+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{sa+0=sa} \\
\frac{sa+s0=s(sa+0)}{sa+s0=ssa} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{a+0=a} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y a + sy = s(a+y)} \\
\frac{sa+s0=ss(a+0)}{sa+s0=s(a+s0)} \quad \text{IH: } \frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y s0 + sy = s(s0+y)} \\
\frac{sa+s0=s(a+s0)}{sa+s0=s(s0+a)} \quad \frac{a+s0=s0+a}{s0+sa=s(s0+a)} \\
\hline
sa+s0=s0+sa
\end{array}$$

□

Lemma 13. $\forall x 0+x=x$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y 0 + sy = s(0+y)} \quad \text{—————(1)} \\
\frac{\forall x x+0=x}{0+0=0} \quad \frac{0+sa=s(0+a)}{0+sa=sa} \quad \frac{0+a=a}{0+b=b} \quad \text{—————(1)} \\
\hline
\frac{0+b=b}{\forall x 0+x=x}
\end{array}$$

□

Lemma 14. $\forall x 0+x=x+0$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y 0 + sy = s(0+y)} \quad \text{—————(1)} \\
\frac{0+sa=s(0+a)}{0+sa=s(a+0)} \quad \frac{0+a=a+0}{a+0=a} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{sa+0=sa} \\
\frac{0+0=0+0}{0+sa=sa} \quad \frac{0+sa=sa+0}{sa+0=sa} \quad \text{—————(1)} \\
\frac{0+0=0+0}{0+sa=sa+0} \quad \frac{0+sa=sa+0}{sa+0=sa} \quad \frac{0+b=b+0}{0+b=b+0} \quad \text{—————(1)} \\
\hline
\frac{0+b=b+0}{\forall x 0+x=x+0}
\end{array}$$

□

Lemma 15. $t.s0=t$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y t.sy = t.y+t} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{t.0=0}}{t.s0 = t.0+t} \quad \text{Lemma 13:} \quad \frac{}{0+t=t}}{t.s0=t}$$

□

Lemma 16. $0.t=0$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y 0.sy = 0.y+0} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{0.a+0=0.a}}{0.sa=0.a+0} \quad \frac{}{0.a=0}}{\frac{\forall x x.0=0}{0.0=0} \quad \frac{0.sa=0.a}{0.sa=0} \quad \frac{0.a=0}{0.t=0} \quad \frac{}{(1)} \quad \frac{}{(1)}}{0.t=0}$$

□

Lemma 17. $s0.t=t$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y s0.sy = s0.y+s0} \quad \frac{}{(1)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y a+sy = s(a+y)}}{s0.sa = s0.a+s0} \quad \frac{s0.a=a}{a+s0 = s(a+0)} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{a+0=a}}{\frac{\forall x x.0=0}{s0.0=0} \quad \frac{s0.sa=sa}{s0.sa=sa} \quad \frac{a+0=a}{s0.t=t} \quad \frac{}{(1)} \quad \frac{}{(1)}}{s0.t=t}$$

□

The following result is called the ‘additive cancellation’ law. We shall innovate by casting not only its statement, but also its inductive proof, in ‘rule-inferential’ form.

Lemma 18.

$$\frac{t+k = u+k}{t = u}$$

Proof. By induction, with the induced rule

$$\frac{t+n = u+n}{t = u}$$

Because we are doing this inductive proof inferentially, the task for the basis is that of deriving the ‘basis rule’

$$\frac{t+0 = u+0}{t = u}$$

Moreover, the task for the inductive step is that of using the ‘inductive hypothesis’ rule

$$\frac{t+a = u+a}{t = u}$$

to derive the rule

$$\frac{t+sa = u+sa}{t = u}$$

With that much by way of preparation we proceed to the ‘rule-inductive’ proof itself.

The basis proof is as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{t+0 = u+0 \quad t+0 = t}{t = u+0} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x x+0 = x}{u+0 = u}}{u+0 = u}}{t = u}$$

The proof of the inductive step (using the *rule version* of the Inductive Hypothesis) is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y t+sy = s(t+y)} \quad t+sa = u+sa}{s(t+a) = u+sa} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y u+sy = s(u+y)}}{u+sa = s(u+a)}}{\frac{s(t+a) = s(u+a)}{t+a = u+a} \text{ L3}}{t = u} \text{ IH}$$

□

Lemma 19. $\forall x \forall y x + sy = sx + y$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y a + sy = s(a+y)}{a + s0 = s(a+0)} \quad \frac{\forall x x + 0 = x}{a + 0 = a}}{a + s0 = sa} \quad \frac{\forall x x + 0 = x}{sa + 0 = sa}}{a + s0 = sa + 0} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y a + sy = s(a+y)}{a + ssb = s(a+sb)} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{a + sb = sa + b}}{a + ssb = s(sa+b)}}{a + ssb = sa + sb}}{a + sc = sa + c} \quad (1) \\
 \frac{\frac{a + sc = sa + c}{\forall y a + sy = sa + y}}{\forall x \forall y x + sy = sx + y}
 \end{array}$$

□

Lemma 20. $\forall x \forall y x + y = y + x$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y a + sy = s(a+y)}{a + sb = s(a+b)} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{a + b = b + a}}{a + sb = s(b+a)}}{a + sb = b + sa} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y b + sy = s(b+y)}{b + sa = s(b+a)}}{b + sa = sb + a}}{a + sb = sb + a} \quad \text{Lemma 19:} \\
 \text{Lemma 14:} \quad \frac{a + 0 = 0 + a}{a + c = c + a} \quad (1) \\
 \frac{\frac{a + c = c + a}{\forall y a + y = y + a}}{\forall x \forall y x + y = y + x}
 \end{array}$$

□

Corollary 2. $t + (u + t) = (t + u) + t$

Proof.

$$\frac{\text{Lemma 20:} \quad t + (u + t) = (u + t) + t \quad \text{Lemma 20:} \quad t + u = u + t}{t + (u + t) = (t + u) + t}$$

□

Lemma 21. $t + (u + v) = (t + u) + v$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{a+b=a+b}{(a+b)+0=a+b} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{(a+b)+0=a+b} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{b=b+0} \\
 \hline
 (a+b)+0=a+(b+0) \\
 \hline
 \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y (a+b)+sy=s((a+b)+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{(a+b)+sc=s((a+b)+c)} \quad \frac{(a+b)+c=a+(b+c)}{a+(b+sc)=s(a+(b+c))} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y a+sy=s(a+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{a+s(b+c)=s(a+(b+c))} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y b+sy=s(b+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{b+sc=s(b+c)}}{\frac{(a+b)+sc=a+s(b+c)}{(a+b)+sc=a+(b+sc)}} \quad (1) \\
 \hline
 t+(u+v)=(t+u)+v
 \end{array}$$

□

Lemma 22. $st.u = (t.u) + u$

Proof. By induction, with the induced predicate $sa.x = a..x + x$. The basis proof is as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\forall x.x+0=x \quad \forall x.x.0=0}{0+0=0} \quad \frac{\forall x.x.0=0 \quad a.0=0}{a.0+0=0}}{sa.0 = a.0 + 0}$$

The proof of the inductive step is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x\forall y.x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y.sa.sy = sa.y+sa} \quad \frac{sa.sc = sa.c+sa \quad sa.c = a.c+c}{sa.sc = (a.c+c)+sa}}{sa.sc = a.c+c+(c+sa)} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{sa.sc = a.c+c+(c+sa)}{sa.sc = a.c+c+s(c+a)} \quad \frac{sa.sc = a.c+c+s(c+a)}{c+sa = s(c+a)}}{a+c = c+a} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x\forall y.x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y.a.c+sy = s(a.c+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x\forall y.x+sy = s(x+y)}{a.c+s(a+c) = s(a.c+(a+c))}}{a.c+s(a+c) = s(a.c+(a+c))}}{a.c+(a+c) = (a.c+a) + c} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x\forall y.x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y.a.c+sy = s(a.c+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x\forall y.x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y.a.sy = a.y+a}}{\forall y.a.sc = s((a.c+a) + c)} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x\forall y.x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y.(a.c+a) + sy = s((a.c+a) + y)} \quad \frac{\forall x\forall y.x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y.a.sy = a.y+a}}{\frac{a.sc = a.c+a}{sa.sc = (a.c+a) + sc}}}{sa.sc = a.sc + sc}$$

□

Lemma 23. $t.u = u.t$

Proof. By induction, with the induced predicate $a.x = x.a$. The basis proof is as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\forall x x.0=0}{a.0=0} \quad \text{Lemma 16 :} \quad \frac{}{0.a=0}}{a.0 = 0.a}$$

The proof of the inductive step is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y a.sy = a.y+a} \quad \text{Lemma 22 :} \quad \text{IH :} \quad \frac{sb.a = b.a+a \quad a.b = b.a}{sb.a = a.b+a}}{a.sb = a.b+a}}{a.sb = sb.a}$$

□

Lemma 24. $t.(u+v) = (t.u) + (t.v)$

Proof. By induction, with the induced predicate $a.(b+x) = a.b + a.x$. The basis proof is as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{a.b = a.b} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{b+0=b}}{a.(b+0) = a.b} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{a.b+0 = a.b} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{a.0=0}}{a.(b+0) = a.b + a.0}$$

The proof of the inductive step is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y b+sy = s(b+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y a.sy = a.y+a}}{a.(b+sc) = a.s(b+c)} \quad \frac{b+sc = s(b+c)}{a.(b+sc) = a.s(b+c)} \quad \frac{a.s(b+c) = a.(b+c)+a}{a.(b+sc) = a.(b+c)+a} \quad \text{IH:} \quad \frac{a.(b+c) = a.b+a.c}{a.(b+sc) = (a.b+a.c)+a} \quad \text{Lemma 21:} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y a.sy = a.y+a} \quad a.sc = a.c+a}{(a.b+a.c)+a = a.b+(a.c+a)}}{a.(b+sc) = a.b+(a.c+a)} \quad \frac{a.sc = a.c+a}{a.(b+sc) = a.b+a.sc}$$

□

Lemma 25. $t.(u.v) = (t.u).v$

Proof. By induction, with the induced predicate $(a.b).x = a.(b.x)$. The basis proof is as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x x.0=0}{(a.b).0=0} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{a.0=0} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{b.0=0}}{a.(b.0)=0}}{(a.b).0=a.(b.0)}$$

The proof of the inductive step is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y + x}{\forall y (a.b).sy = (a.b).y + (a.b)} \quad \text{IH:} \quad \frac{(a.b).0 = a.(b.0)}{(a.b).sc = (a.b).c + (a.b)} \quad \text{Lemma 24:} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y + x}{\forall y b.sy = b.y + b}}{\frac{(a.b).sc = a.(b.c) + (a.b)}{(a.b).sc = a.(b.c + b)} \quad \frac{a.(b.c + b) = a.(b.c) + (a.b)}{b.sc = b.c + b}}{(a.b).sc = a.(b.sc)}$$

□

Lemma 26. $ss0.u = u + u$

Proof. The induced predicate is $ss0.x = x + x$. For the basis we need to prove

$$ss0.0 = 0 + 0$$

The following formal proof does the job:

$$\frac{\frac{\forall x x.0=0}{ss0.0=0} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{0+0=0}}{ss0.0 = 0 + 0}$$

For the inductive step we use the inductive hypothesis

$$ss0.a = a + a.$$

From it we prove

$$ss0.sa = sa + sa$$

as follows.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y + x}{\forall y ss0.sy = ss0.y + ss0} \quad \text{IH:} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y (a+a) + sy = s((a+a)+y)} \quad \text{Lemma 11:} \quad \frac{(a+a) + ss0 = s((a+a)+s0)}{(a+a) + s0 = a + (a+s0)} \quad \text{Lemma 12:} \quad \frac{a + s0 = s0 + a}{a + (s0+a) = (a+s0) + a} \quad \text{Corollary 2:} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y (a+s0) + sy = s((a+s0)+y)} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x + sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y a + sy = s(a+y)}}{\frac{ss0.sa = (a+a) + ss0}{ss0.sa = s((a+a)+s0)} \quad \frac{ss0.sa = s(a+(a+s0))}{ss0.sa = s(a+(s0+a))} \quad \frac{ss0.sa = s((a+s0)+a)}{ss0.sa = (a+s0) + sa} \quad \frac{a+s0 = s(a+0)}{ss0.sa = s(a+0) + sa} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0=x}{a+0=a}}{ss0.sa = sa + sa}$$

□

Another result we can prove using *QR* is that only zero has a zero square.

Lemma 27.

$$\frac{t.t=0}{t=0}$$

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{(1)\text{---}}{t=sa} \quad t.t=0}{\frac{sa.sa=0}{\text{L9}}}}{\frac{(1)\text{---}}{t=0} \quad \frac{sa=0}{\text{L2}}}{\perp(1)} \quad \frac{}{t=0}$$

□

We can now prove the law of *multiplicative cancellation*.

Lemma 28.

$$\frac{sk.v=sk.w}{v=w}$$

Proof. The proof of this lemma will be given in the rule-inferential fashion that was exhibited with Lemma 18. In the case at hand the induced rule is

$$\frac{sk.n=sk.w}{n=w}$$

Because we are doing this inductive proof inferentially, the task for the basis is that of deriving the ‘basis rule’

$$\frac{sk.0=sk.w}{0=w}$$

Moreover, the task for the inductive step is that of using the ‘inductive hypothesis’ rule

$$\frac{sk.a=sk.w}{a=w}$$

to derive the rule

$$\frac{sk.sa=sk.w}{sa=w}$$

The basis proof is

$$\frac{\frac{sk.0 = sk.w \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{sk.0=0}}{0 = sk.w} \text{ L9}}{0 = w}$$

The proof of the inductive step has the overall form

$$\frac{\underbrace{sk.sa = sk.w, w=0}_{\Pi_1} \quad \underbrace{sk.sa = sk.w, w=sb}_{\Pi_2}}{\perp} \frac{\quad \quad \quad sa=w}{(1) (QR)} sa=w$$

The embedded subproof Π_1 is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y sk.sy = sk.y+sk}}{sk.sa = sk.a+sk} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y sk.a+sy = s(sk.a+y)}}{sk.a+sk = s(sk.a+k)} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0=0}{sk.0=0}}{\frac{sk.w = sk.a+sk \quad w=0}{sk.0 = sk.a+sk} \quad \frac{sk.a+sk = s(sk.a+k)}{sk.0 = s(sk.a+k)}} \perp \text{ L2}$$

and the embedded subproof Π_2 is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{sk.sa = sk.w \quad w=sb}{sk.sa = sk.sb} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y sk.sy = sk.y+sk}}{sk.sa = sk.a+sk} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y sk.a+sy = s(sk.a+y)}}{sk.a+sk = s(sk.a+k)}}{s(sk.a+k) = sk.sb} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y sk.sy = sk.y+sk}}{sk.sb = sk.b+sk} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y sk.b+sy = s(sk.b+y)}}{sk.b+sk = s(sk.b+k)}}{sk.sb = s(sk.b+k)}}{\frac{s(sk.a+k) = s(sk.b+k)}{sk.a+k = sk.b+k} \text{ L3}}{sk.a = sk.b} \text{ IH}}{\frac{sa = sa \quad a = b}{sa = sb} \quad w = sb} sa = w$$

□

Lemma 29. $\frac{(2.t).(2.t) = 2.(u.u)}{u.u = 2.(t.t)}$

Proof. We allow ourselves the luxury of doing without multiplicative dots, since multiplication is the only operation in play.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Lemma 25:} \quad \text{Lemma 23:} \\ \frac{(2t)(2t) = 2(t(2t)) \quad t(2t) = (2t)t}{(2t)(2t) = 2((2t)t)} \quad \text{Lemma 25:} \\ \frac{(2t)t = 2(tt)}{(2t)(2t) = 2(2(tt))} \quad \frac{(2t)(2t) = 2(uu)}{2(uu) = 2(2(tt))} \quad \mathbf{L28} \\ \frac{}{uu = 2(tt)} \end{array}$$

□

A particularly useful consequence of Lemmas 9 and 27 is that twice the square of a nonzero number is nonzero. We state this as Lemma 30, whose special form will prove useful in due course.

Lemma 30. $\frac{\mu \neq 0 \wedge \lambda.\lambda = 2.(\mu.\mu)}{\lambda.\lambda \neq 0}$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\frac{(2)\frac{}{\lambda.\lambda = 2.(\mu.\mu)} \quad \frac{}{\lambda.\lambda = 0} (1)}{2.(\mu.\mu) = 0} \quad \mathbf{L9}}{\frac{(2)\frac{}{\mu \neq 0} \quad \frac{\mu.\mu = 0}{\mu = 0} \quad \mathbf{L27}}{\mu \neq 0 \wedge \lambda.\lambda = 2.(\mu.\mu)} \quad \perp} \quad \perp (2) \\ \frac{}{\lambda.\lambda \neq 0} \quad \perp (1) \end{array}$$

□

Lemma 31. $\frac{t = ss0.u \quad \neg u = 0}{u < t}$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{Lemma 26:} \\
\frac{t = ss0.u \quad ss0.u = u + u}{t = u + u} \quad \frac{}{u = sa} \quad (2) \\
\text{Lemma 8 :} \quad \frac{\neg u = 0 \quad \frac{}{u = 0} (1)}{\perp} \quad \frac{\exists x u = sx \quad \frac{t = u + sa}{\exists y t = u + sy} (1)}{\exists y t = u + sy} (2) \\
\hline
\exists y t = u + sy \\
\text{i.e., } t < u
\end{array}$$

□

Lemma 32. $\forall n s(ss0.n + s0) = ss0.(n + s0)$

Proof. By induction on n . For the Basis Step $n = 0$, we reason as follows, using [Lemma 7](#) as a premise:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\forall x \forall y s(x+y) = x+sy}{\forall y s(0+y) = 0+sy} \quad \frac{\forall x x+0 = x}{0+0 = 0} \quad \frac{\forall x x.0 = 0}{ss0.0 = 0} \\
\frac{s(0+0) = 0+s0}{s0 = 0+s0} \quad \frac{0+0 = 0}{s0 = ss0.0+s0} \quad \frac{ss0 = ss0}{s0 = ss0.0+s0} \\
\frac{}{ss0 = s(ss0.0+s0)} \quad \frac{ss0 = ss0.s0}{ss0 = ss0.(0+s0)} \\
\hline
s(ss0.0+s0) = ss0.(0+s0)
\end{array}$$

For the Inductive Step we assume the Inductive Hypothesis (IH):

$$s(ss0.k + s0) = ss0.(k + s0)$$

and proceed to derive the conclusion

$$s(ss0.sk + s0) = ss0.(sk + s0)$$

We do so by means of the following two chunks of proof, intended to be joined (so as to make a core proof) at the green sentence-occurrences. This division into two chunks is solely in order to avoid sideways spread.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\forall x \forall y x.sy = x.y+x}{\forall y ss0.sy = ss0.y+ss0} \quad \frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{ss0.k+ss0 = s(ss0.k+s0)} \\
\frac{s(ss0.sk+s0) = s(ss0.sk+s0)}{s(ss0.sk+s0) = s((ss0.k+ss0)+s0)} \quad \frac{ss0.sk = ss0.k+ss0}{s(ss0.k+ss0) = s(ss0.k+ss0)+s0} \\
\frac{\forall y ss0.k+sy = s(ss0.k+y)}{ss0.k+ss0 = s(ss0.k+s0)} \\
\text{IH:} \quad \frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy = s(x+y)}{\forall y ss0.(k+s0)+sy = s(ss0.(k+s0)+y)} \quad s(ss0.k+s0) = ss0.(k+s0)}{ss0.(k+s0)+ss0 = s(ss0.(k+s0)+s0)} \quad \frac{s(ss0.sk+s0) = s((ss0.k+ss0)+s0)}{s(ss0.sk+s0) = s(ss0.(k+s0)+s0)} \\
\hline
s(ss0.sk+s0) = ss0.(k+s0)+ss0
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y k+sy=s(k+y)}{\frac{\forall x \forall y x+sy=s(x+y)}{\forall y ss_0+sy=s(ss_0+y)}{\frac{ss_0.ssk=ss_0.ssk+ss_0}{sk+s_0=s(sk+s_0)}}}{k+s_0=s(k+s_0)} \quad \frac{\frac{s(ss_0.sk+s_0)=ss_0.(k+s_0)+ss_0}{s(ss_0.sk+s_0)=ss_0.s(k+s_0)+ss_0}}{s(ss_0.sk+s_0)=ss_0.sk+ss_0}}{\frac{\forall x x+0=x}{k+0=k}}}{\frac{\forall x x+0=x}{sk+0=sk}}}{s(ss_0.sk+s_0)=ss_0.(sk+s_0)}$$

□

Lemma 33. *From the assumption that a is odd it follows that sa is even*

Proof.

$$\frac{\frac{(1) \frac{s=ss_0.b+s_0}{sa=s(ss_0.b+s_0)}}{\exists m a = ss_0.m+s_0} \quad \frac{\text{Lemma 32 : } \frac{\forall n s(ss_0.n+s_0)=ss_0.(n+s_0)}{s(ss_0.b+s_0)=ss_0.(b+s_0)}}{\frac{sa=ss_0.(n+s_0)}{\exists k sa = ss_0.k}}}{\exists k sa = ss_0.k} (1)$$

□

Lemma 34. *Every number is either even or odd—i.e., $\forall n(ss_0|n \vee ss_0|n; s_0)$*

Proof. By induction. For the basis step we provide the following proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\forall x x.0=0}{0=ss_0.0}}{\exists m 0=ss_0.m}}{\text{i.e., } ss_0|0}$$

$$\frac{}{ss_0|0 \vee ss_0|0; s_0}$$

Inductive Hypothesis (IH): $ss_0|a \vee ss_0|a; s_0$

Inductive Step:

$$\frac{\text{IH: } \frac{\frac{\frac{}{ss_0|a} (1)}{ss_0|sa; s_0} \text{ L6}}{ss_0|a \vee ss_0|a; s_0} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{ss_0|a; s_0} (1)}{ss_0|sa} \text{ L33}}{ss_0|sa \vee ss_0|sa; s_0}}{ss_0|sa \vee ss_0|sa; s_0} (1)}{ss_0|sa \vee ss_0|sa; s_0}$$

□

That is, we often suppress multiplication signs and simply juxtapose the two multiplicanda. Explicit dots (multiplication signs), however, have greater scope than implicit ones. Thus ' $t.2m$ ', for example, is to be read as ' $t.(2.m)$ '. We also take successor to bind more tightly than multiplication, which in turn binds more tightly than addition. This enables us to use parentheses less frequently. Order of arguments in operations matters, however, as does 'order of bracketing'.

Proof. The overall form of the formal proof is

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Pi \\
 \frac{(2m+1)(2m+1) = 2(m[(2m+1)+1]) + 1 \quad t = 2m+1}{t.t = 2(m[(2m+1)+1]) + 1} \quad (1) \\
 \frac{\text{i.e., } \exists x \ t = 2x+1}{\exists x \ t.t = 2x+1} \quad (1) \\
 \text{i.e., } O(t.t)
 \end{array}$$

and the embedded subproof Π , exploiting the abbreviation $\mu =_{df} (2m+1)(2m+1)$, is

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Lemma 24:} \\
 \frac{\text{Lemma 15:} \quad (2m+1)(2m+1) = (2m+1)2m + (2m+1)1 = 2m+1}{\mu = (2m+1)2m + (2m+1)} \\
 \frac{\text{Lemma 21:} \quad (2m+1)2m + (2m+1) = ((2m+1)2m + 2m) + 1}{\mu = ((2m+1)2m + 2m) + 1} \quad \text{Lemma 23:} \quad (2m+1)2m = 2m(2m+1) \\
 \frac{\text{Lemma 15:} \quad \mu = (2m(2m+1) + 2m) + 1}{\mu = (2m(2m+1) + 2m.1) + 1} \quad \text{Lemma 24:} \quad 2m.1 = 2m \\
 \frac{\text{Lemma 25:} \quad 2m(2m+1) + 2m.1 = 2m((2m+1)+1)}{\mu = 2m((2m+1)+1) + 1} \quad \text{Lemma 25:} \quad 2m((2m+1)+1) = 2(m[(2m+1)+1]) \\
 \mu = 2(m[(2m+1)+1]) + 1
 \end{array}$$

□

Proof. Steps of Classical Reductio are marked (1) and (3):

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c}
(1)\text{---} \quad \text{---}(2) \\
\neg Pa \quad Qa \\
\hline
\neg Pa \wedge Qa \\
(3)\text{---} \quad \text{---} \\
\neg \exists y(\neg Py \wedge Qy) \quad \exists y(\neg Py \wedge Qy) \\
\hline
\perp(1) \\
Pa(2) \\
\hline
Qa \rightarrow Pa \\
\forall x(Qx \rightarrow Px) \quad \forall x(Qx \rightarrow Px) \rightarrow \forall zPz \\
(4)\text{---} \quad \text{---} \\
\neg Pa \quad \forall zPz \\
\hline
Pa \\
\hline
\perp(3) \\
\exists y(\neg Py \wedge Qy) \\
\hline
\neg Pa \rightarrow \exists y(\neg Py \wedge Qy) \\
\hline
\forall z(\neg Pz \rightarrow \exists y(\neg Py \wedge Qy))
\end{array}
\end{array}$$

Now for Qx take $\forall y(y < x \rightarrow Py)$, in order to obtain the desired proof.

If the predicate Px is effectively decidable, then the step marked (1) is constructively acceptable. But the step marked (3) would then be an application of Markov's Rule. For, given any natural number x , there are only *that many* (*finitely* many) numbers y less than x that need to be checked for P -hood, in order to decide whether the complex predicate applies to x . So, if $P(x)$ is effectively decidable, then so too is the slightly more complex predicate Qx , i.e. $\forall y(y < x \rightarrow Py)$; whence also $\neg Px \wedge \forall y(y < x \rightarrow Py)$. That would make the existence of some x such that $\neg Px \wedge \forall y(y < x \rightarrow Py)$ a Σ_1^0 matter. \square

Lemma 42. *Provided that Px is effectively decidable, the Least Number Principle constructively implies Complete Induction; in symbols:*

$$\frac{\forall x(\neg Px \rightarrow \exists y(\neg Py \wedge \forall z(z < y \rightarrow Pz)))}{\forall x(\forall y(y < x \rightarrow Py) \rightarrow Px) \rightarrow \forall zPz}$$

Proof. Once again let the formula $\forall y(y < x \rightarrow Py)$ be abbreviated to Qx . Then the problem becomes that of proving the argument

$$\frac{\forall x(\neg Px \rightarrow \exists y(\neg Py \wedge Qy))}{\forall x(Qx \rightarrow Px) \rightarrow \forall zPz}$$

Also, $\lambda.\lambda$ is even. By Lemma 39 it follows that λ itself is even:

$$\exists y \lambda = 2.y$$

Suppose that ρ is such a number:

$$\lambda = 2.\rho$$

Since λ is non-zero, so too is ρ :

$$\rho \neq 0$$

By Lemma 31,

$$\rho < \lambda$$

Recall that we have

$$\lambda.\lambda = 2.(\mu.\mu)$$

Substituting $2.\rho$ for λ , we obtain

$$(2.\rho).(2.\rho) = 2.(\mu.\mu)$$

By Lemma 29 we have

$$\mu.\mu = 2.(\rho.\rho),$$

whence, by Lemma 39, μ itself is even:

$$\exists y \mu = 2.y$$

Let σ be such a number:

$$\mu = 2.\sigma$$

So we have

$$(2.\sigma).(2.\sigma) = 2.(\rho.\rho),$$

whence by Lemma 29 again we have

$$\rho.\rho = 2.(\sigma.\sigma)$$

Since μ is non-zero, so too is σ :

$$\sigma \neq 0$$

So we have

$$\sigma \neq 0 \wedge \rho.\rho = 2.(\sigma.\sigma),$$

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