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GWDer Sem Ch 2

(1) • fixed point induction

•  $\text{fix}(f)$  is the least prefixed point of  $f$ • math. induction on the approximation  
 $f^n(\perp)$  of  $\text{fix}(f)$ 

• well-founded induction.

(2)  $\text{fix}(f \circ f) = \bigcup_n f^{2^n}(\perp)$

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The two chains

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \perp & f(\perp) & f^2(\perp) & f^3(\perp) & f^4(\perp) & \dots & f^{2^n}(\perp) \\
 \text{and} & & & & & & \\
 \perp & & f^2(\perp) & & f^4 & \dots & f^{2^n}(\perp)
 \end{array}$$

have the same least upper bounds because  
clearly they have the same upper bounds.

$$(3) \quad f \circ g(f(\text{fix}(g \circ f))) = f(g \circ f(\text{fix}(g \circ f))), \\ = f(\text{fix}(g \circ f))$$

$\therefore f(\text{fix}(g \circ f))$  is a (pre-) fixed point of  $f \circ g$

$$\therefore \text{fix}(f \circ g) \subseteq f(\text{fix}(g \circ f)).$$

$$(4) \quad f(\text{fix}(g \circ f)) = f\left(\bigcup_n (g \circ f)^n(\perp)\right) \\ = \bigcup_n f \circ (g \circ f)^n(\perp) \quad (f \text{ is }) \\ = \bigcup_n (f \circ g)^n(f(\perp)) \text{ by rearranging.}$$

The result will follow from

$$\forall n. (f \circ g)^n(f(\perp)) \subseteq \text{fix}(f \circ g).$$

We show this by mathematical induction:

$$\text{Base } n=0 \quad f(\perp) \subseteq f(g(\perp)) \subseteq \bigcup_n f \circ g(\perp) \\ = \text{fix}(f \circ g).$$

$$\text{Step} \quad \text{Assume } (f \circ g)^n(f(\perp)) \subseteq \text{fix}(f \circ g).$$

$$(f \circ g)^{n+1}(f(\perp)) \subseteq f \circ g(\text{fix}(f \circ g)) = \text{fix}(f \circ g).$$

