

VE203 Assignment 3

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Q1.

1. We first prove that if there exists an injective function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$, then the set A is (Dedekind) infinite.

- Because $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ is injective, then $|\mathbb{N}| = |C|$, where $C \subseteq A$ and this means there exists a bijective function that $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow C$. Suppose $C = \{c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots\}$ with c_i related to i in the natural numbers due to the bijection property of g .
- For all $x \in A$, define a function h such that if $x \notin C$, $h(x) = x$, otherwise, $h(x)$ equals to the next element behind x , which means $h(c_0) = c_1, h(c_1) = c_2, \dots, h(c_n) = h(c_{n+1}) \dots$ and so on. Since the function f makes C bijective with \mathbb{N} , the function h on C is equal to $y(n) = n + 1$ for all natural numbers n , which we know is not surjective since $y(n)$ cannot be zero. Therefore, $h(x)$ cannot be c_0 either.
- Therefore, we know that the function h is injective (since it works on all $x \in A$) but not surjective (since $h(x)$ cannot be c_0), which means A is (Dedekind) infinite.

2. We then prove that if A is (Dedekind) infinite, then there exists an injective function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$.

- Because A is (Dedekind) infinite, then there exists $g : A \rightarrow A$ that is an injection but not a surjection. Suppose $a_0 \in A$ and $a_0 \notin \text{ran } g$, since g is a function from A to A , g works on every element in A , including a_0 , and we denote $g(a_0) = a_1 \in A$. Due to the same reason, $g(a_1) = a_2, \dots, g(a_n) = a_{n+1}$ and so on, where n is arbitrary natural numbers and $a_n \in A$.
- Therefore, we can find a function f such that $f(n) = a_n$. For every $a_n \in A$, we can find n because the process of finding a_n in never stopped. Therefore, f is surjective. In addition, since g is injective, every a_n is distinctive because their ancestor a_{n-1} is distinctive. Therefore, f is injective.
- From above, we know that f is bijective. Since all $a_n \in A$, the set of a_n , denoted as B , is a subset of A . Therefore, the function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow B$ is bijective, which means $|\mathbb{N}| = |B|$ and $B \subseteq A$, which means there exists an injective function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$.

From above, we know that a set A is (Dedekind) infinite iff there exists an injective function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$.

Q2. If the three expressions are equivalent, we need to prove that if one holds, the other two expressions also hold.

(i) If $a \preceq b$ holds,

- then b is the upper bound of $\{a, b\}$ (note that $b \preceq b$ according to reflexive property of a poset) and we only need to prove that b is the least upper bound. Suppose c is the l.u.b of $\{a, b\}$ and $c \neq b$. Because c is l.u.b but b is only one u.b, then $c \preceq b$. However, if c is the l.u.b of $\{a, b\}$, $b \preceq c$. Therefore, by antisymmetry, $c = b$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, b is the least upper bound of $\{a, b\}$, i.e. $a \vee b = b$.
- then a is the lower bound of $\{a, b\}$ (note that $a \preceq a$ according to reflexive property of a poset) and we only need to prove that a is the greatest lower bound. Suppose c is the g.l.b of $\{a, b\}$ and $c \neq a$. Because c is g.l.b but a is only one l.b, then $a \preceq c$. However, if c is the l.u.b of $\{a, b\}$, $c \preceq a$. Therefore, by antisymmetry, $c = a$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, a is the greatest lower bound of $\{a, b\}$, i.e. $a \wedge b = a$.

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Q3. $(a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee (b \vee c)$ is true because the L.H.S=R.H.S=the highest order of $\{a, b, c\}$. The details are shown below and we have already known from **Q2.** that $a \preceq b \iff a \vee b = b$.

1. Suppose $a \preceq b \preceq c$, then $(a \vee b) \vee c = b \vee c = c$ and $a \vee (b \vee c) = a \vee c = c$, so they are equal.
2. Suppose $a \preceq c \preceq b$, then $(a \vee b) \vee c = b \vee c = b$ and $a \vee (b \vee c) = a \vee b = b$, so they are equal.
3. Suppose $b \preceq a \preceq c$, then $(a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee c = c$ and $a \vee (b \vee c) = a \vee c = c$, so they are equal.
4. Suppose $b \preceq c \preceq a$, then $(a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee c = a$ and $a \vee (b \vee c) = a \vee c = a$, so they are equal.
5. Suppose $c \preceq a \preceq b$, then $(a \vee b) \vee c = b \vee c = b$ and $a \vee (b \vee c) = a \vee b = b$, so they are equal.
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Q4. To prove that $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable, we need to prove $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$. Consider the function

$$f(a, b) = 2^a 3^b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{N},$$

since every natural number has a unique factorization into primes, we know for those natural numbers with only 2 or 3 prime factor, if (a_1, b_1) and (a_2, b_2) are distinct and $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(a_1, b_1)$ and $f(a_2, b_2)$ must be different due to the uniqueness of prime factorization. Therefore, the function f is injective from $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ to \mathbb{N} , which means $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$, i.e. $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable.

Q5.

- (i) • To prove that S is countable, we need to prove $|S| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$, which means there exists a function $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is an injection.

From the definition of S , we know that the element in S are those functions with n elements in its domain ($\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}/\{0\}$ or \emptyset) and exactly n natural numbers in its range ($f(0), f(1), \dots, f(n-1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}/\{0\}$ or \emptyset).

Define the function $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$g(f) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{dom } f = \emptyset \\ 2^{f(0)+1} 3^{f(1)+1} 5^{f(2)+1} 7^{f(3)+1} \times \dots \times i^{f(n-1)+1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

where i is the n th smallest prime number. Because every natural number has a unique factorization into primes, every $g(f)$ is different if f is different. In this way, we find the function $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that is an injection.

- Yes, $|S| = |\mathbb{N}|$. To prove this, because we have already found one injective function $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, we only need to find another injective function $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$.

For every natural numbers greater than 0, it can be uniquely expressed as the product of prime numbers as below,

$$n = 2^{n_0} 3^{n_1} 5^{n_2} \times \dots$$

Therefore, we can define the function $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ as

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} f \text{ with domain} = \emptyset \text{ and range} = \emptyset, & n = 0 \\ f \text{ with domain} = \text{range} = a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Particularly, when $n \neq 0$, a is the a th prime number such that it is the smallest prime factor that if any prime factor is bigger than it, the exponential of this bigger number is zero. Besides, the function f is also determined by $f(0) = n_0, f(1) = n_1, \dots, f(n-1) = n_{a-1}$. Therefore, for any different natural numbers, we can find different functions $f \in S$ that corresponding to them because the prime factorization of one natural number is unique so that the permutation of the exponentials n_i in the prime factorization of one specific natural number is unique. Therefore, the function h is injective.

Therefore, we prove that $|S| = |\mathbb{N}|$.

(ii) • Yes, it is partial order.

(a) It is reflexive. For all $f \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, A = [n] \cap [n] = [n]$ and $[n] \subseteq [n]$ always holds. Since $\forall i \in [n], (f(i) = f(i)) \wedge [n] \subseteq [n]$, we have $f \preceq_1 f$.

(b) It is antisymmetric. For all $f, g \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \preceq_1 g$ and $g \preceq_1 f$, we have first $(\exists i \in A)(f(i) < g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$ or $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i) \wedge ([n] \subseteq [m]))$, and second $(\exists a \in A)(g(a) < f(a) \wedge (\forall j < a)(f(j) = g(j)))$ or $(\forall a \in A)(f(a) = g(a) \wedge ([m] \subseteq [n]))$, $A = [n] \cap [m]$. Suppose $f \neq g$. To satisfy the first condition,

suppose we have $(\exists i \in A)(f(i) < g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$. Because there exists an inequality, we must have $(\exists a \in A)(g(a) < f(a) \wedge (\forall j < a)(f(j) = g(j)))$ to satisfy the second condition. Define $n = \min(i, a)$ (and we suppose $n = a$ here and another condition can be proved similarly), for j from 0 to $n-1$, $f(j) = g(j)$. But the first condition says $f(n) = g(n)$ if $a < i$ and $f(n) < g(n)$ if $a = i$, both are contradicted to what the second condition says, which is $f(n) > g(n)$. So this assumption leads to contradiction.

Suppose we have $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i) \wedge ([n] \subseteq [m]))$ to satisfy the first condition, because there doesn't exist any inequality, we must have $(\forall a \in A)(f(a) = g(a) \wedge ([m] \subseteq [n]))$, $A = [n] \cap [m]$ to satisfy the second condition. To satisfy both condition, we then must have $[n] = [m]$ to satisfy $[n] \subseteq [m]$ and $[m] \subseteq [n]$. Then the two condition becomes $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i) \wedge ([m] = [n]))$, which means $f = g$, and this is also a contradiction.

From above, we know that it is antisymmetry.

(c) It is transitive. For all $f, g, h \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, h : [p] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \preceq_1 g$ and $g \preceq_1 h$, we have first $(\exists i \in A)(f(i) < g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$ or $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i) \wedge ([n] \subseteq [m]))$, and second $(\exists a \in B)(g(a) < h(a) \wedge (\forall j < a)(h(j) = g(j)))$ or $(\forall a \in B)(h(a) = g(a) \wedge ([m] \subseteq [p]))$, $A = [n] \cap [m]$ and $B = [m] \cap [p]$.

– If $(\exists i \in A)(f(i) < g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$ and $(\exists a \in B)(g(a) < h(a) \wedge (\forall j < a)(h(j) = g(j)))$ hold, then $(\exists b = \min(i, a) \in ([n] \cap [p]))(f(b) < h(b) \wedge (\forall j < b)(f(j) = g(j) = h(j)))$, which means $f \preceq_1 h$.

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– If $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i) \wedge ([n] \subseteq [m]))$ and $(\forall a \in B)(h(a) = g(a) \wedge ([m] \subseteq [p]))$ hold, then we know $\forall i \in [n], h(i) = g(i)$ and $\forall i \in [m], h(i) = g(i)$ and $[n] \subseteq [p]$. Therefore, we have $(\forall i \in ([n] \cap [p]))(f(i) = h(i) \wedge ([n] \subseteq [p]))$, which means $f \preceq_1 h$.

From above, we know that for all $f, g, h \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, h : [p] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \preceq_1 g$ and $g \preceq_1 h$, we have $f \preceq_1 h$.

- Yes, it is linear order. We are going to prove that for all $f, g \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \not\preceq_1 g$, we must have $g \preceq_1 f$. Because if we have equality of $g(i)$ and $f(i)$, the subset relation must be $[m] \subseteq [n]$ to fail $f \preceq g$. If we have inequality, the $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i)) \wedge ([n] \subseteq [m])$ has been failed already obviously. Then to fail $(\exists i \in A)(f(i) < g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$, we can find a smallest number i in A such that $f(i) > g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j))$.

Therefore, if $f \not\preceq_1 g$, we have either $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i)) \wedge ([m] \subseteq [n])$ or $(\exists i \in A)(f(i) > g(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$.

The first condition ensures that $(\forall i \in A)(f(i) = g(i)) \wedge ([m] \subseteq [n])$, which means $g \preceq_1 f$.

The second condition ensures that $(\exists i \in A)(g(i) > f(i) \wedge (\forall j < i)(f(j) = g(j)))$, which means $g \preceq_1 f$.

- No, it isn't chain complete. Since S itself is a chain and it is infinite, we cannot find the l.u.b of S .
- Yes, it is a lattice. For all $f, g \in S$, since (S, \preceq_1) is a linear order, we can assume $g \preceq_1 f$ ($f \preceq_1 g$ can be proved similarly). Then $f \vee g = f$ and $f \wedge g = g$ according to **Q2.**
- Yes, it is a well-order. Since (S, \preceq_1) is a linear order, every two elements in S are related, and it is similar to (\mathbb{N}, \leq) , every non-empty subset A of S except itself is finite, so there must be a least element in A . As for itself, we have the function that applies on \emptyset such that it is the least element in the whole S .

(iii) • Yes, it is a partial order.

- (a) It is reflexive. For all $f \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, [n] \subseteq [n]$ always holds. Since $\forall i \in [n], (f(i) = f(i))$, we have $f \preceq_2 f$.
- (b) It is antisymmetric. For all $f, g \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \preceq_2 g$ and $g \preceq_2 f$, we have first $[n] \subseteq [m]$ and $(\forall i \in [n])(f(i) \leq g(i))$, and second $[m] \subseteq [n]$ and $(\forall i \in [m])(f(i) \leq g(i))$. Suppose $f \neq g$. To satisfy both conditions, we must have $[n] = [m]$ and $(\forall i \in [n] = [m])(g(i) = f(i))$, which means $f = g$. Therefore, we know that it is antisymmetry.
- (c) It is transitive. For all $f, g, h \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, h : [p] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \preceq_2 g$ and $g \preceq_2 h$, we have first $[n] \subseteq [m]$ and $(\forall i \in [n])(f(i) \leq g(i))$, and second $[m] \subseteq [p]$ and $(\forall i \in [m])(g(i) \leq h(i))$. To satisfy both conditions, we must have $[n] \subseteq [p]$ and $(\forall i \in [n])(f(i) \leq g(i) \leq h(i))$. Therefore, we know that for all $f, g, h \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, h : [p] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \preceq_2 g$ and $g \preceq_2 h$, we have $f \preceq_2 h$.

- No, it isn't chain complete, since we cannot find a natural number that is greater or equal to any other natural numbers so that we cannot satisfy $[n] \subseteq [m]$.

- Yes, it is a lattice.

For all $f, g \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, we can find a function $h \in S, h : [p] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $[p] = [n]$ if $[n] \subseteq [m]$ or $[p] = [m]$ if $[m] \subseteq [n]$, and $(\forall i \in [p])(h(i) = \min(h(i), g(i)))$. Therefore, we know that h is the lower bound of $\{f, g\}$. Suppose there exists any other lower bound $y \in S, y : [q] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $h \preceq_2 y$ and $h \neq y$, which means $[p] \subseteq [q]$ and $(\forall i \in [p])(h(i) \leq y(i))$, and $[q] \subseteq [n]$ and $[q] \subseteq [m]$, and $(\forall i \in [q])(y(i) \leq \min(h(i), g(i)))$. It also means that $[q] = [p]$ and $y(i) = h(i)$, which is contradicted to $y \neq h$. Therefore, h is the g.l.b.

Similarly, for all $f, g \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, we can find a function $z \in S, h : [r] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $[z] = [m]$ if $[n] \subseteq [m]$ or $[z] = [n]$ if $[m] \subseteq [n]$, and $(\forall i \in [r])(z(i) = \max(h(i), g(i)))$. Therefore, we know that z is the upper bound of $\{f, g\}$. And it is also the l.u.b of $\{f, g\}$ and the proof is the same as the proof of g.l.b.

- No, it is not a linear order. Suppose it is a linear order, then for all $f, g \in S, f : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g : [m] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, if $f \not\preceq_2 g$, we must have $g \preceq_2 f$. If $f \not\preceq_2 g$, we have either $[m] \subseteq [n]$ or, $[n] \subseteq [m]$ but $(\exists i \in [n])(f(i) > g(i))$. Suppose it is the second condition, $[n] \subseteq [m]$ but $(\exists i \in [n])(f(i) > g(i))$. Since we cannot guarantee that $\forall i \in [m], g(i) \leq f(i)$, we still cannot guarantee $g \preceq_2 f$. Therefore, it is not a linear order.

Q6. Denote $a = \frac{1}{2}(x+y)(x+y+1) + y$, then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= \frac{1}{2}(a+z)(a+z+1) + z \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}(x+y)(x+y+1) + y + z\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}(x+y)(x+y+1) + y + z + 1\right) + z \\ &= \frac{x^4}{8} + \frac{x^3y}{2} + \frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{3x^2y^2}{4} + \frac{5x^2y}{4} + \frac{x^2z}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{8} + \frac{xy^3}{2} + \frac{7xy^2}{4} + xyz \\ &\quad + \frac{5xy}{4} + \frac{xz}{2} + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{y^4}{8} + \frac{3y^3}{4} + \frac{y^2z}{2} + \frac{11y^2}{2} + \frac{3yz}{2} + \frac{3y}{4} + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{3z}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Q7. Every nonzero rational number has a unique representation in the form $\frac{(-1)^k a}{b}$ where $k \in \{0, 1\}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ with $a, b \neq 0$ and the greatest common divisor of a and b is 1. Moreover, any two distinct sets (k_1, a_1, b_1) and (k_2, a_2, b_2) , where $k \in \{0, 1\}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ with $a, b \neq 0$ and the greatest common divisor of a and b is 1, yield distinct non-zero integers $\frac{(-1)^{k_1} a_1}{b_1}$ and $\frac{(-1)^{k_2} a_2}{b_2}$. This means the function

$$f\left(\frac{(-1)^k a}{b}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & a \text{ or } b = 0 \\ (-1)^k \times \left(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)(a+b+1) + b\right) & a \neq 0 \text{ and } b \neq 0 \end{cases},$$

is injective, which means $|\mathbb{Q}| \leq |\mathbb{Z}|$. Since $|\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{N}|$, we thus have $|\mathbb{Q}| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$, which means that \mathbb{Q} is countable.

Q8. From the graph of the Cantor's Pairing Function, the i th diagonal has i element, which means there are $\frac{i(i+1)}{2}$ elements in the first i diagonals. Since

$$223 = \frac{21 \times 22}{2} - 8 > \frac{20 \times 21}{2} = 210,$$

we get $(x, y) = (0 + 7, 21 - 8) = (7, 13)$.

Q9.

1. First, suppose a function $f : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ such that all the natural number pairs in the set that is the element of the set $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ are turned into specific natural numbers in the set that is the element of the $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ by the function f . How the f works is that

$$f(\{(a, b), (c, d), \dots\}) = \left\{\frac{1}{2}(a+b)(a+b+1) + b, \frac{1}{2}(c+d)(c+d+1) + d, \dots\right\}$$

Since the Cantor's Pairing Function form $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is bijective (i.e. one specific natural number pairs is only corresponded to one specific natural number), the function f is injective.

2. Second, suppose a function $g : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ such that all the natural numbers in the set that is the element of the $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ are turned into specific natural number pairs in the set that is the element of the set $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ by the function g . How the g works is that

$$g(\{a, b, \dots\}) = \{(n_1, n_2), (n_3, n_4), \dots\},$$

$$\text{where } a = \frac{1}{2}(n_1 + n_2)(n_1 + n_2 + 1) + n_2, b = \frac{1}{2}(n_3 + n_4)(n_3 + n_4 + 1) + n_4, \dots \text{ and so on}$$

Since the Cantor's Pairing Function form $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is bijective (i.e. one specific natural number is only corresponded to one specific natural number pairs), the function g is injective.

3. Therefore, there exists a bijection function between $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})|$ and $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$, which means $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})| = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$.

Q10. Consider a function $f : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for $A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, $n \in A$, we have,

$$f(A) = \sum_{n \in A} 10^{-n}$$

Therefore, the function f is injective, since 10^{-n} has different digits for different n and thus the summation of various 10^{-n} must be different for different A because they contain different n . Therefore, we have $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| \leq |\mathbb{R}|$.

Because we have $|N| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$, we have $|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathbb{R}|$.