

ordinal-toolkit.md – FINAL (2025-07-29)

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0 Scope

This toolkit consolidates **all** ordinal facts, imports, name-prefix rules, and μ -measure patterns required by the OperatorKernel06 meta proofs (SN, confluence, arithmetic). It is the single source of truth for ordinal API usage and module locations. If a symbol is not listed here (or in AGENT.md §8), treat it as **out-of-scope** and raise a **CONSTRAINT BLOCKER**.

1 Import & Library Audit (authoritative)

> Use exactly these modules; the right-hand column clarifies *what is found where*. Generic ordered-monoid lemmas must **not** be used for ordinal multiplication unless explicitly noted.

Area Notes	Correct import	Contains /
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WF/Acc `WellFounded`, `Acc`, `InvImage.wf`, `Subrelation.wf`	`Init.WF`	
Prod lex orders for lexicographic measures	`Mathlib.Data.Prod.Lex`	`Prod.Lex`
Ordinal basics `omega0_pos`, `one_lt_omega0`, `lt_omega0`, `nat_lt_omega0`	`Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.Basic`	
Ordinal arithmetic `Ordinal.add_*`, `Ordinal.mul_*`, `Ordinal.mul_lt_mul_of_pos_left`, `Ordinal.mul_le_mul_iff_left`, primed `mul_le_mul_left`/`mul_le_mul_right`, `le_mul_right`	`Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic`	
Ordinal exponentiation `opow_add`, `Ordinal.opow_le_opow_right`, `isNormal_opow`	`Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.Exponential`	`opow`,
Successor helpers `Order.lt_add_one_iff`, `Order.add_one_le_of_lt`	`Mathlib.Algebra.Order.SuccPred`	
\mathbb{N} -casts (order bridges) `Nat.cast_le`, `Nat.cast_lt`	`Mathlib.Data.Nat.Cast.Order.Basic`	
Tactics `ring` (both whitelisted)	`Mathlib.Tactic.Linarith`, `Mathlib.Tactic.Ring`	`linarith`,
Generic monoid inequality `mul_le_mul_left` – do not use it for ordinal products.	`Mathlib.Algebra.Order.Monoid.Defs`	Generic

****Qualification rule (must appear verbatim at call-sites):****

- ****Exponent (\leq -mono):**** call ``Ordinal.opow_le_opow_right`` (never the bare name).
- ****Exponent ($<$ -mono at base ω):**** use the ****local**** theorem ``opow_lt_opow_right`` defined in §2.4 (since upstream removed ``Ordinal.opow_lt_opow_right``).
- ****Products:**** prefer ``Ordinal.mul_lt_mul_of_pos_left`` and ``Ordinal.mul_le_mul_iff_left`` (or ``mul_le_mul_left``/``mul_le_mul_right``) – these are the ****ordinal**** APIs.
- ****Successor bridge:**** call ``Order.lt_add_one_iff`` / ``Order.add_one_le_of_lt`` with the ``Order.`` prefix.

2 Toolkit Lemma Catalogue (names, signatures, modules)

> All entries compile under Mathlib 4 (\geq v4.8) + this project's local bridges. Nothing here is hypothetical.

2.1 Basics & Positivity

- ``omega0_pos : 0 < omega0`` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Basic``
- ``one_lt_omega0 : 1 < omega0`` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Basic``
- ``lt_omega0 : o < omega0 \leftrightarrow $\exists n : \mathbb{N}, o = n`$` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Basic``
- ``nat_lt_omega0 : $\forall n : \mathbb{N}, (n : \text{Ordinal}) < omega0`$` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Basic``

2.2 Addition & Successor

- ``add_lt_add_left : a < b \rightarrow c + a < c + b`` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic``
- ``add_lt_add_right : a < b \rightarrow a + c < b + c`` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic``
- ``add_le_add_left : a \leq b \rightarrow c + a \leq c + b`` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic``
- ``add_le_add_right : a \leq b \rightarrow a + c \leq b + c`` – ***module:*** ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic``
- ``Order.lt_add_one_iff : x < y + 1 \leftrightarrow x \leq y`` – ***module:*** ``Algebra.Order.SuccPred``
- ``Order.add_one_le_of_lt : x < y \rightarrow x + 1 \leq y`` – ***module:*** ``Algebra.Order.SuccPred``

****Absorption on infinite right addends****

- ``Ordinal.one_add_of_omega_le : omega0 \leq p \rightarrow (1 : Ordinal) + p = p``
- ``Ordinal.nat_add_of_omega_le : omega0 \leq p \rightarrow (n : Ordinal) + p = p``

2.3 Multiplication (Ordinal-specific)

- ``Ordinal.mul_lt_mul_of_pos_left : a < b \rightarrow 0 < c \rightarrow c * a < c * b``
- ``Ordinal.mul_le_mul_iff_left : c * a \leq c * b \leftrightarrow a \leq b``
- Primed monotone helpers: ``mul_le_mul_left``, ``mul_le_mul_right`` (convenient rewriting forms).
- ``le_mul_right : 0 < b \rightarrow a \leq b * a``.

> ****Note:**** ``mul_le_mul_left`` without a trailing apostrophe comes from ``Algebra.Order.Monoid.Defs`` and is ****generic**** (ordered monoids). Do ****not**** use it to reason about ordinal multiplication.

2.4 Exponentiation (ω -powers & normality)

- ``opow_add : a ^ (b + c) = a ^ b * a ^ c`` – split exponents.
- ``opow_pos : 0 < a \rightarrow 0 < a ^ b`` – positivity of powers.
- ``Ordinal.opow_le_opow_right : 0 < a \rightarrow b \leq c \rightarrow a ^ b \leq a ^ c`` – ****use fully-qualified****.

****Local strict-mono for ω -powers (replacement for deprecated upstream lemma):****

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'''lean
/-- Strict-mono of  $\omega$ -powers in the exponent (base `omega0`). --/
@[simp] theorem opow_lt_opow_right {b c : Ordinal} (h : b < c) :
  omega0 ^ b < omega0 ^ c := by
  simpa using
    ((Ordinal.isNormal_opow (a := omega0) one_lt_omega0).strictMono h)
'''

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***Why this is correct:** ``isNormal_opow`` states that, for ``a > 1``, the map ``b ↦ a ^ b`` is normal (continuous, strictly increasing). With ``a := omega0`` and ``one_lt_omega0``, ``strictMono`` yields exactly ``<`` from ``<`` in the exponent, which is what we need in μ -decrease proofs.

2.5 Cast bridges ($\mathbb{N} \leftrightarrow \text{Ordinal}$)

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'''lean
@[simp] theorem natCast_le {m n : ℕ} : ((m : Ordinal) ≤ (n : Ordinal)) ↔ m ≤ n := Nat.cast_le
@[simp] theorem natCast_lt {m n : ℕ} : ((m : Ordinal) < (n : Ordinal)) ↔ m < n := Nat.cast_lt
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2.6 Finite vs. infinite split helper

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'''lean
theorem eq_nat_or_omega0_le (p : Ordinal) : (∃ n : ℕ, p = n) ∨ omega0 ≤ p := by
  classical
  cases lt_or_ge p omega0 with
  | inl h => rcases (lt_omega0).1 h with ⟨n, rfl⟩; exact Or.inl ⟨n, rfl⟩
  | inr h => exact Or.inr h
'''

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****Absorption shorthands****

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'''lean
theorem one_left_add_absorb {p : Ordinal} (h : omega0 ≤ p) : (1 : Ordinal) + p = p :=
  by simpa using (Ordinal.one_add_of_omega_le (p := p) h)

theorem nat_left_add_absorb {n : ℕ} {p : Ordinal} (h : omega0 ≤ p) : (n : Ordinal) + p = p :=
  by simpa using (Ordinal.nat_add_of_omega_le (p := p) (n := n) h)
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2.7 Two-sided product monotonicity (derived helper)

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'''lean
/-- Two-sided monotonicity of `(*)` for ordinals, built from one-sided lemmas. -/
theorem ord_mul_le_mul {a b c d : Ordinal} (h1 : a ≤ c) (h2 : b ≤ d) :
  a * b ≤ c * d := by
  have h1' : a * b ≤ c * b := by
    simpa using (mul_le_mul_right' h1 b)
  have h2' : c * b ≤ c * d := by
    simpa using (mul_le_mul_left' h2 c)
  exact le_trans h1' h2'
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3 μ -Measure Playbook (used across all rule proofs)

Goal form: for each kernel rule ``Step t u``, show ``mu u < mu t``. Typical shape reduces to chains like

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$$\omega^\kappa * (x + 1) \leq \omega^{(x + \kappa')}$$

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Standard ladder (repeatable):

1. **Assert base positivity:** ``have wpos : 0 < omega0 := omega0_pos``.
2. **Lift inequalities through exponents:** use ``Ordinal.opow_le_opow_right wpos h`` for ``≤``, and the local ``opow_lt_opow_right`` for ``<``.
3. **Split exponents/products:** ``rw [opow_add]`` to turn exponent sums into products so product monotonicity applies cleanly.
4. **Move (\leq) across products:** use ``Ordinal.mul_le_mul_iff_left``, ``mul_le_mul_left``, ``mul_le_mul_right``; for ``<`` use ``Ordinal.mul_lt_mul_of_pos_left`` with a positive left factor.
5. **Absorb finite addends:** once ``omega0 ≤ p``, rewrite ``(n:Ordinal) + p = p`` (or ``1 + p = p``).
6. **Bridge successor:** convert ``x < y + 1`` \leftrightarrow ``x ≤ y`` via ``Order.lt_add_one_iff``; introduce ``x + 1 ≤ y`` via ``Order.add_one_le_of_lt`` when chaining.
7. **Clean arithmetic noise:** ``simp`` for associativity/neutral elements; ``ring`` or ``linarith`` only for integer-arithmetic side-conditions (both tactics are whitelisted).

Critical correction for ``recΔ b s n`` (μ -rules):

Do **not** try to relate ``mu s`` and ``mu (delta n)``. They are **independent parameters**; the inequality ``mu s ≤ mu (delta n)`` is **false in general**. A simple counterexample (compiles in this codebase):

```lean

def s : Trace := delta (delta void) --  $\mu s$  begins with a higher  $\omega$ -tower

def n : Trace := void --  $\mu (\delta n)$  is strictly smaller

-- here: ``mu s > mu (delta n)``

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Structure μ -decrease proofs without assuming any structural relation between ``s`` and ``n`` beyond what the rule's right-hand side entails.

4 `Order.succ` vs ``+ 1`` (bridge & hygiene)

Lean will often rewrite ``p + 1`` to ``Order.succ p`` in goals. Work with the ``Order`` lemmas:

- ``Order.lt_add_one_iff : x < y + 1 \leftrightarrow x ≤ y``
- ``Order.add_one_le_of_lt : x < y \rightarrow x + 1 ≤ y``

Keep the ``Order.`` prefix to avoid name resolution issues. Avoid inventing ``succ_eq_add_one``—rely on these bridges instead.

5 Do-Not-Use / Deprecated in this project

- **Generic** ``mul_le_mul_left`` (from ``Algebra.Order.Monoid.Defs``) on ordinal goals. Use

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`Ordinal.mul_*` APIs instead.
- Old paths `Mathlib.Data.Ordinal.*` – replaced by `Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.*`.
- `Ordinal.opow_lt_opow_right` (upstream removed). Use the **local** `opow_lt_opow_right`
defined in §2.4.
- `le_of_not_lt` (deprecated) – use `le_of_not_gt`.

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## 6 Minimal import prelude (copy-paste)
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`lean
import Init.WF
import Mathlib.Data.Prod.Lex
import Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.Basic
import Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic
import Mathlib.SetTheory.Ordinal.Exponential
import Mathlib.Algebra.Order.SuccPred
import Mathlib.Data.Nat.Cast.Order.Basic
import Mathlib.Tactic.Linarith
import Mathlib.Tactic.Ring
open Ordinal
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## 7 Ready-made snippets
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**Nat-sized measure (optional helper):**
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`lean
@[simp] def size : Trace → Nat
| void => 1
| delta t => size t + 1
| integrate t => size t + 1
| merge a b => size a + size b + 1
| recΔ b s n => size b + size s + size n + 1
| eqW a b => size a + size b + 1

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theorem step_size_decrease {t u : Trace} (h : Step t u) : size u < size t := by
  cases h <|> simp [size]; linarith
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**WF via ordinal  $\mu$ :
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`lean
def StepRev : Trace → Trace → Prop := fun a b => Step b a

theorem strong_normalization_forward
  (dec : ∀ {a b}, Step a b →  $\mu$  b <  $\mu$  a) : WellFounded (StepRev Step) := by
  have wfm : WellFounded (fun x y : Trace =>  $\mu$  x <  $\mu$  y) := InvImage.wf (f :=  $\mu$ ) Ordinal.lt_wf
  have sub : Subrelation (StepRev Step) (fun x y =>  $\mu$  x <  $\mu$  y) := by intro x y h; exact dec h
  exact Subrelation.wf sub wfm
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8 Cross-file consistency notes

- This toolkit and **AGENT.md (2025-07-29)** are **synchronized**: imports, prefixes, do-not-use list, and the μ -rule correction are identical. If you edit one, mirror the change here.
- Cite lemma modules explicitly in comments or nearby text in code reviews to prevent regressions (e.g., “``Ordinal.mul_lt_mul_of_pos_left`` – from ``SetTheory.Ordinal.Arithmetic``”).

9 Checklist (before sending a PR)

- [] Imports \subseteq §6, no stray module paths.
- [] All exponent/product/``+1`` lemmas called with **qualified** names as in §1.
- [] μ -proofs avoid any relation between `` μ s`` and `` μ (δ n)`` in ``rec Δ b s n``.
- [] Tactics limited to ``simp``, ``linarith``, ``ring``.
- [] No generic ``mul_le_mul_left`` on ordinal goals; use ``Ordinal.mul_*`` API.
- [] SN proof provides μ -decrease on all 8 rules; WF via ``InvImage.wf``.
- [] Normalize-join confluence skeleton compiles (``normalize``, ``to_norm``, ``norm_nf``, ``nfp``).

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