

①

$$A_1 = (A_1; \leq_1)$$

$$A_2 = (A_2; \leq_2)$$

$$A_1 \times A_2 = (A_1 \times A_2; \leq)$$

If  $A_1, A_2$  are w.o. sets  
then so is  $A_1 \times A_2$ :

$$\text{Let } \emptyset \neq Z \subseteq A_1 \times A_2$$

Consider

$$Y = \{ b \in A_2 : \exists a \in A_1, (a, b) \in Z \}$$

This has a least elt.  $d$ .

$$\text{Let } X = \{ a \in A_1 : (a, d) \in Z \}$$

This has a least elt  $c$ .

Now show:  $(c, d)$  is the

least elt. of  $Z$ .  $\square$

### 3.4 Ordinals.

(3.4.1) Def. 1) A set  $X$  is transitive if every element of  $X$  is also a subset of  $X$  (i.e. if  $y \in x \in X$  then  $y \in X$ ).

2) A set  $\alpha$  is an ordinal if

(a)  $\alpha$  is a transitive set

(b) the relation  $<$  on  $\alpha$  given by: for  $x, y \in \alpha$

$$x < y \Leftrightarrow x \in y$$

is a strict well ordering on  $\alpha$ .

Eg. ①  $3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$   
 $\cup 1$   
 $2 = \{0, 1\}$

②  $\{0, 2\}$  is not a transitive set.

Note: ① By definition if  $\alpha$  is an ordinal we have  $\alpha \notin \alpha$ :  
Suppose  $\alpha \in \alpha$  then  $\alpha < \alpha$  (in  $\alpha$ ): contradicts strictness.

② Notation: use  $\alpha, \beta, \dots$  for ordinals. Sometimes use  $\in_\alpha$  for the ordering  $\in$  on  $\alpha$ .

(3.4.1) Lemma. If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal, then so is  $\alpha^+ = \alpha \cup \{\alpha\}$ .

Pf: Transitive: Suppose  $\beta \in \alpha^+$   
either:  $\beta \in \alpha$ : as  $\alpha$  is an ordinal  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ .

or  $\beta = \alpha$ :  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ . #.

Well ordered by  $\in$ :

Ordering on  $\alpha^+$  puts a greatest element ( $\alpha$ ) 'above' all elts. in  $\alpha$ .

$\alpha^+$ :                      .

this is still  <sup>$\alpha$</sup>  a well ordering.

Strict: By Note ①. #.

Examples:

$\emptyset$  is an ordinal

By Lemma  $\emptyset^+$ ,  $(\emptyset^+)^+$ , ...

1 2

are ordinals. More properly:

(3.4.3) Prop. ① If  $n \in \omega$  then  $n$  is an ordinal.

②  $\omega$  is a transitive set.

Pf: ① By induction (3.2.3) ②  
it's enough to show that

$\emptyset$  is an ordinal and  
if  $n$  is an ordinal then  $n^+$   
is an ordinal (for  $n \in \omega$ )

- By 3.4.2. #①.

② Prove by induction on  $n \in \omega$   
that if  $m \in n \in \omega$  then  
 $m \in \omega$ . #②

### 3.4.4 Prop.

- 1) If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal then  $\alpha \notin \alpha$ .
- 2) If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal and  $\beta \in \alpha$  then  $\beta$  is an ordinal.
- 3) If  $\alpha, \beta$  are ordinals and  $\beta \subset \alpha$  (i.e.  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$  and  $\beta \neq \alpha$ ) then  $\beta \in \alpha$ .
- 4) If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal then  $\alpha = \{ \beta : \beta \text{ is an ordinal and } \beta \in \alpha \}$ .

Pf.: 1) Done.

2) Check the Def.

4) By (2).

3) Note that  $\alpha \setminus \beta \neq \emptyset$ , (4) so has a least element  $\gamma$  (with respect to the ordering  $\in$  on  $\alpha$ ).

Show:  $\gamma = \beta$ .

$\alpha$  is transitive  
 $\beta \neq \gamma \in \alpha$ .

- Show:  $\gamma \subseteq \beta$ .

If  $\delta \in \gamma$  then  $\delta \in \gamma \subseteq \alpha$ .  
 So  $\delta \in \alpha$ . As  $\delta < \gamma$  in the ordering on  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  is the least elt. of  $\alpha$  not in  $\beta$ , we obtain  $\delta \in \beta$ . //

- Show:  $\beta \subseteq \gamma$ . Let  $\delta \in \beta$ .

We have  $\delta, \gamma \in \alpha$ . As  $\in$  is a l.o. on  $\alpha$  have:

- what we want.

$\delta \in \gamma$

or  $\delta = \gamma$

or  $\gamma \in \delta$

as  $\delta \in \beta$  ordinal  
 get  $\gamma \in \beta$ .

Contradicts Def. of  $\gamma$ . #

3.4.5 Def. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are ordinals write  $\alpha < \beta$  to mean  $\alpha \in \beta$  and

$\alpha \leq \beta$  to mean  $(\alpha < \beta)$  or  $(\alpha = \beta)$ .

Ex:  $\alpha \leq \beta$  iff  $\alpha \subseteq \beta$   
 $[ \Rightarrow \text{def.} ; \Leftarrow : 3.4.4(3) ]$ .

3.4.6 Proposition.

Suppose  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are ordinals.

- 1) If  $\alpha < \beta$  and  $\beta < \gamma$  then  $\alpha < \gamma$ .
- 2) If  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $\beta \leq \alpha$  then  $\alpha = \beta$ .
- 3) Exactly one of  $\alpha < \beta$ ,  $\alpha = \beta$ ,  $\beta < \alpha$  holds.

4) If  $X$  is a non-empty set

of ordinals, then  $X$  has a least element.

(5)

"The collection of ordinals is well-ordered by  $\leq$ ".

Pf: (1), (2) by Ex.

(3) Show that if  $\alpha \neq \beta$  then either  $\alpha \subset \beta$  or  $\beta \subset \alpha$ .

Step 1. Show that  $\alpha \cap \beta$  is an ordinal.

Step 2. If  $\alpha \not\subseteq \beta$  then

$\alpha \cap \beta \subset \alpha$ . As  $\alpha \cap \beta$  is an ordinal 3.4.4(3)

$\Rightarrow$  gives  $\alpha \cap \beta \in \alpha$ .

Similarly if  $\beta \not\subseteq \alpha$  then

$\alpha \cap \beta \in \beta$ . This gives

$\alpha \cap \beta \notin \alpha \cap \beta$ . Contradiction # (3)

6

(4) Let  $\delta \in X$ .

Let  $\beta = \text{least elt. of}$

$$\{ \gamma \in X : \gamma \leq \delta \}$$

$$= \{ \delta \} \cup (\delta \cap X).$$

$$\subseteq \delta^+$$

Show:  $\beta$  is least

elt. of  $X$ .  $\#$ .