

Chapter 1 Homework

1. Write a formula expressing $z = \langle \langle x, y \rangle, \langle v, w \rangle \rangle$ using just ϵ and $=$.

SOLUTION.

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$$

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \{\{v\}, \{v, w\}\}$$

$$z = \langle \langle x, y \rangle, \langle v, w \rangle \rangle = \{\{\langle x, y \rangle\}, \{\langle x, y \rangle, \langle v, w \rangle\}\} = \{\{\{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}\}, \{\{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}, \{\{v\}, \{v, w\}\}\}\}$$

2. (a) Show that $\alpha < \beta$ implies that $\gamma + \alpha < \gamma + \beta$ and $\alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma$. (b) Give an example to show that the “ \leq ” cannot be replaced by “ $<$ ”. (c) Also show: $\alpha \leq \beta \rightarrow \exists! \delta (\alpha + \delta = \beta)$.

SOLUTION.

(a) Suppose $\alpha < \beta$.

(i) The element $\langle \alpha, 1 \rangle \in \beta \times \{1\}$, but $\langle \alpha, 1 \rangle \notin \alpha \times \{1\}$, which implies that $\gamma \times \{0\} \cup \alpha \times \{1\} < \gamma \times \{0\} \cup \beta \times \{1\}$ with the ordering from the definition of “ $<$ ”.

(ii) Towards a contradiction, suppose $\alpha + \gamma > \beta + \gamma$. Then there is some element in $c \in \alpha \times \{0\} \cup \gamma \times \{1\}$ such that $c \notin \beta \times \{0\} \cup \gamma \times \{1\}$. This implies $\beta > \alpha$, a contradiction.

(b) Let $\gamma = \omega$, $\alpha = 0$, and $\beta = 1$. Then $0 + \omega = \omega = 1 + \omega$, and hence there is no strict inequality.

(c) If $\alpha = \beta$, then existence is trivial ($\delta = 0$) and uniqueness is clear since, for $\delta > 0$, $\beta + \delta > \beta$. So suppose $\alpha < \beta$.

Existence: Transfinite induction on β .

Base: $\beta = 0$. Then this is trivial with $\alpha = 0, \gamma = 0$.

Successor: $\beta = S(\zeta) = \zeta + 1$. Then by IH $\exists \delta (\alpha + \delta = \zeta)$. But given associativity of addition, $\alpha + (\delta + 1) = (\alpha + \delta) + 1 = \zeta + 1 = \beta$. (We’ve already shown associativity.)

Limit: β is a limit ordinal. By IH for all $\zeta < \beta, \exists \delta (\alpha + \delta = \zeta)$.

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Consider $\delta' = \sup \{\delta : \alpha + \delta = \zeta, \zeta < \beta\}$. If δ' is a limit ordinal, then consider $\sup \{\alpha + \delta : \delta < \delta'\}$

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Want $\beta = \sup \{\lambda : \lambda < \beta\} = \alpha + \delta'$

Uniqueness: Suppose $\alpha + \delta_1 = \alpha + \delta_2 = \beta$. Then by (a), $\delta_1 \not< \delta_2$ and $\delta_2 \not< \delta_1$, hence $\delta_1 = \delta_2$.

3. (a) Show that if $\gamma > 0$, then $\alpha < \beta$ implies that $\gamma \cdot \alpha < \gamma \cdot \beta$ and $\alpha \cdot \gamma \leq \beta \cdot \gamma$. (b) Give an example to show that the “ \leq ” cannot be replaced by “ $<$ ”. (c) Also show $(\alpha \leq \beta \wedge \alpha > 0) \rightarrow \exists! \delta, \zeta (\zeta < \alpha \wedge \alpha \cdot \delta + \zeta = \beta)$.