

# under Graduate Homework In Mathematics

## Set Theory 2

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# 1 Question

**PROBLEM I** Let  $(U, \leq), (V, <)$  be two well-orderings. Consider  $f := \{(x, y) : x \in U \wedge y \in V \wedge (U_x, \leq) \cong (V_y, <)\}$ , prove  $f$  is isomorphism from some initial segment of  $U$  to some initial segment of  $V$ .

**PROBLEM II** The relation “ $(P, \leq) \cong (Q, \leq)$ ” is an equivalence relation (on the class of all partially ordered sets).

**PROBLEM III** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of all well orderings. For any  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , define  $a < b \iff a$  is isomorphic to an initial segment of  $b$ . Show that  $<$  is a well ordering on  $\mathcal{A}/\cong$ , where  $\cong$  is the equivalence relation given in **PROBLEM II**.

**PROBLEM IV**

1. If  $(W, <)$  is a well ordering and  $U \subset W$ , then  $(U, < \cap (U \times U))$  is a well ordering.
2. If  $(W_1, <_1)$  and  $(W_2, <_2)$  are two well orderings and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $W_1 \oplus W_2 = (W_1 \cup W_2, <)$  is a well ordering, where

$$< = <_1 \cup <_2 \cup \{(a, b) \mid a \in W_1 \wedge b \in W_2\}$$

3. If  $(W_1, <_1)$  and  $(W_2, <_2)$  are two well orderings, then  $W_1 \otimes W_2 = (W_1 \times W_2, <)$  is a well ordering, where

$$(a_1, b_1) < (a_2, b_2) \leftrightarrow b_1 <_2 b_2 \vee (b_1 = b_2 \wedge a_1 <_1 a_2)$$

**PROBLEM V** Show that the following are equivalent:

1.  $T$  is transitive;
2.  $\bigcup T \subseteq T$ ;
3.  $T \subseteq \mathcal{P}(T)$ .

**PROBLEM VI** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \text{Ord}$  and let  $\alpha < \beta$ . Then

- a  $\alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma$ .
- b  $\alpha \cdot \gamma \leq \beta \cdot \gamma$ .
- c  $\alpha^\gamma \leq \beta^\gamma$ .

Given examples to show that  $\leq$  cannot be replaced by  $<$  in either inequality.

*Example 1.* a Let  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1, \gamma = \omega$ , then  $\alpha < \beta$  but  $\alpha + \gamma = \omega = 1 + \omega = \beta + \gamma$ .

b Let  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \gamma = \omega$ , then  $\alpha \cdot \gamma = \omega = 2 \cdot \omega = \beta \cdot \gamma$ .

c Let  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 3, \gamma = \omega$ , then  $\alpha^\gamma = \beta^\gamma$ .

**PROBLEM VII** Show that the following rules do not hold for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \text{Ord}$ :

- a If  $\alpha + \gamma = \beta + \gamma$  then  $\alpha = \beta$ .
- b If  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\alpha \cdot \gamma = \beta \cdot \gamma$  then  $\alpha = \beta$ .

$$c \ (\beta + \gamma) \cdot \alpha = \beta \cdot \alpha + \gamma \cdot \alpha.$$

PROBLEM VIII Find a set  $A \subset \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $(A, <_{\mathbb{Q}}) \cong (\alpha, \in)$ , where

a  $\alpha = \omega + 1$ ,

b  $\alpha = \omega \cdot 2$ ,

c  $\alpha = \omega \cdot \omega$ ,

d  $\alpha = \omega^{\omega}$ ,

e  $\alpha = \varepsilon_0$ .

f  $\alpha$  is any ordinal  $< \omega_1$ .

PROBLEM IX An ordinal  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal iff  $\alpha = \omega \cdot \beta$  for some  $\beta \in \text{Ord}$ .

PROBLEM X Find the first three  $\alpha > 0$  s.t.  $\xi + \alpha = \alpha$  for all  $\xi < \alpha$ .

PROBLEM XI Find the least  $\xi$  such that

a  $\omega + \xi = \xi$ .

b  $\omega \cdot \xi = \xi, \xi \neq 0$ .

c  $\omega^{\xi} = \xi$ .

(Hint for (1): Consider a sequence  $\langle \xi_n \rangle$  s.t.  $\xi_{n+1} = \omega + \xi_n$ .)

*Lemma 1.* If  $f : \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$  and  $a \leq b \rightarrow f(a) \leq f(b)$  and  $f(\sup B) = \sup f(B)$  for any  $B$  is subset of  $\text{Ord}$ , let  $a_0 = 0, a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ , then  $\xi = \sup\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is the least  $\xi$  such that  $f(\xi) = \xi$ .

*证明.* First we prove  $a_{n+1} \geq a_n$ . Use MI it's obvious.

Second we prove  $f(\xi) = \xi$ . Obviously  $f(\xi) = f(\sup\{a_n\}) = \sup\{f(a_n)\} = \sup\{a_{n+1}\} = \lim a_{n+1} = \lim a_n = \xi$ .

Finally we prove  $\xi$  is the least. Assume  $f(\alpha) = \alpha$ , then use MI we can easily prove  $\alpha \geq a_n \forall n < \omega$ . So  $\alpha \geq \sup\{a_n\} = \xi$ .  $\square$