

# under Graduate Homework In Mathematics

**Set Theory 2**

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# 1 Question

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

**SOLUTION.** Let  $f := \{(x, y) : x \in U \wedge y \in V \wedge (W_x, \leq) \cong (W_y, \prec)\}$

1.  $f : \text{dom } f \rightarrow V$  is a function:  $\forall x \in \text{dom } f$ , if  $\exists y_1, y_2 \in V$ , s.t.  $(x, y_1) \in f, (x, y_2) \in f$ , w.l.o.g.,  $y_1 \prec_y y_2$ , s.t.  $(W_x, \leq_x) \cong (W_{y_1}, \prec_{y_1}), (W_x, \leq) \cong (W_{y_2}, \prec_{y_2})$ . However,  $W_{y_1} \subseteq W_{y_2}$ , contradiction!
2.  $f$  is isomorphic:  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in U : x_1 \leq x_2, \exists y_1, y_2 \in V$ , s.t.  $g_1 : (W_{x_1}, \leq_{x_1}) \rightarrow (W_{y_1}, \prec_{y_1}), (W_{x_2}, \leq_{x_2}) \rightarrow (W_{y_2}, \prec_{y_2})$ , where  $g_1, g_2$  are isomorphic. Since  $W_{x_1} \subset W_{x_2}$ , so  $W_{y_1} \subset W_{y_2}$ , so  $y_1 \prec y_2$ . Therefore,  $f$  is isomorphic. Thus, It is trivial that  $f$  is injective, moreover,  $f$  is bijective.
3.  $\text{dom } f, \text{ran } f$  are both initial segment of  $U, V$  respectively:

*Lemma 1.*  $g : (x, \leq_x) \rightarrow (y, \prec_y)$  is isomorphic, then  $\forall W_a \subset x, a < x$ , s.t.  $g[W_a] = W_{g(a)}$

**证明.**  $\forall u \in W_{g(a)}$  i.e  $u \leq_x a$ , then  $g(u) \prec_y g(a)$ , so  $g(u) \in W_{g(a)}$ .  $\forall v \in W_{g(a)} \subset W_y, \exists u \in W_x$ , s.t.  $g(u) = v$ . Since  $v \prec_y g(a)$ , then  $u \leq_x a$ , so  $v \in g[W_a]$ . Therefore,  $g[W_a] = W_{g(a)}$ .  $\square$

- (a)  $\forall x \in \text{dom } f, \forall a \leq_x x$ , then  $\exists |y \in V \exists g : (W_x, \leq_x) \rightarrow (W_y, \prec_y)$ , where  $g$  is isomorphic. By Lemma 1,  $g|_{W_a} : (W_x, \leq_x) \cong (W_y, \prec_y)$  is isomorphic.
- (b)  $\forall y \in \text{ran } f, \forall b \prec_y y$ , then  $\exists |x \in U \exists h : (W_y, \prec_y) \rightarrow (W_x, \leq_x)$ , where  $h$  is isomorphic. Just as before,  $h|_{W_b} : (W_y, \prec_y) \cong (W_x, \leq_x)$ .

4.  $\text{dom } f, \text{ran } f$  can't be both proper initial segment of  $U, V$  : Otherwise,  $\text{dom } f \subseteq U, \text{ran } f \subseteq V$ ,  $u := \min U \text{ dom } f, v := \min V \text{ ran } f$ , so  $\tilde{f} : \text{dom}(f \cup \{(u, v)\}) \rightarrow \text{ran}(f \cup \{(u, v)\})$  s.t.  $x \in \text{dom } f, \tilde{f}(x) = f(x), \tilde{f}(u) = v$ . Obviously,  $\tilde{f}$  is isomorphic. So  $u \in \text{dom } f$ , contradiction!

$\square$

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

**SOLUTION.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{ \text{All of the partially order sets} \}$ .

1.  $\forall (P, \leq) \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\text{id} : P \rightarrow P$ , which is an autoisomorphism on  $P$ . So  $(P, \leq) \cong (P, \leq)$ .
2. If  $(P_1, \leq_1) \cong (P_2, \leq_2)$ , so  $\exists f : (P_1, \leq_1) \rightarrow (P_2, \leq_2)$ , which is isomorphic. So  $f^{-1} : (P_2, \leq_2) \rightarrow (P_1, \leq_1)$  is isomorphic, too. So  $(P_2, \leq_2) \cong (P_1, \leq_1)$
3. If  $(P_1, \leq_1) \cong (P_2, \leq_2), (P_2, \leq_2) \cong (P_3, \leq_3)$ , so so  $\exists f_1 : (P_1, \leq_1) \rightarrow (P_2, \leq_2)$ , which is isomorphic,  $\exists f_2 : (P_2, \leq_2) \rightarrow (P_3, \leq_3)$ , which is isomorphic. So  $f_2 \circ f_1 : (P_1, \leq_1) \rightarrow (P_3, \leq_3)$  is isomorphic.

□

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

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $(\mathcal{B}, \leq) := (\mathcal{A}/\cong, \leq)$  is well defined:  $\forall [a], [b] \in \mathcal{B}$ , if  $a \leq b$ , then  $\forall a' \in [a], b' \in [b]$ ,  $\exists f : a \rightarrow b$ , where  $f$  is a order-preserving function,  $\exists g_1 : a' \rightarrow a, g_2 : b \rightarrow b'$ , where  $g_1, g_2$  are isomorphic. So  $h := g_2 \circ f \circ g_1 : a' \rightarrow b'$ , where  $h$  is a order-preserving function. So by Lemma 1,  $h[a'] = W_{(h(a'))}$ . So  $a' \leq b'$ .

2.  $(\mathcal{B}, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set, which is obvious.

3.  $(\mathcal{B}, \leq)$  is a well-ordered set.  $\forall \emptyset \neq B \subset \mathcal{B}$ , let  $[a] \in B$ ,  $W := \{x \in a : [b] \in B \wedge [b] \leq [a], b \cong W_x\}$ . So  $\emptyset \neq W \subset a$ ,  $\exists x_0 = \min W$ ,  $x_0 \in a$ .  $\forall [c] \in B : [c] \leq [a]$ ,  $\exists x \in W$ ,  $W_{x_0} \leq c \cong W_x < a$ . So  $\min B = W_{x_0}$ .

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#### 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

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

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $\forall \emptyset \neq A \subset U \subset W$ , in  $W$ ,  $\exists a = \min A$ , and  $\leq$  is the same when  $\leq$  in  $U$ . So  $a$  is the minum element in  $U$  of  $A$ .

2.  $\forall \emptyset \neq A \subset W_1 \oplus W_2$ , if  $A \cap W_1 = \emptyset$ , then  $A = A \cap W_2 \neq \emptyset$ , so  $a = \min A \cap W_2 = \min A$ . If  $A \cap W_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $a = \min A \cap W_1$ . So, it is obvious that  $a = \min A$ .

3.  $\forall \emptyset \neq A \subset W_1 \otimes W_2$ ,  $b = \min \text{ran } A$ ,  $W_1 \subset W := \{a : (a, b) \in A\} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a = \min W$ ,  $(a, b) = \min A$ , obviously.

□

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

1.  $T$  is transitive;

2.  $\bigcup T \subseteq T$ ;

3.  $T \subseteq \mathcal{P}(T)$ .

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $V.1 \rightarrow V.2: \forall x \in \bigcup T, \exists y \in T, \text{ s.t. } x \in y \in T$ , since  $y$  is transitive, so  $y \subset T$ , so  $x \in T$ .

2.  $V.2 \rightarrow V.3: \forall y \in x \in T, y \in \bigcup T \subset T$ , so  $y \in T$ .

3.  $V.3 \rightarrow V.1: \forall x \in T \subset \mathcal{P}(T), x \in \mathcal{P}(T), x \subset T$ .

□

**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.

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $\phi(\gamma) := \forall \alpha \beta \in \text{Ord}(\alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma)$ , by Transfinite Induction,  $\gamma = 0$ , then  $\alpha + \gamma = \alpha \leq \beta = \beta + \gamma$ . If  $\forall \nu \leq \gamma, \phi(\nu)$ , when  $\gamma$  is a successor ordinal,  $\gamma = \nu \cup \{\nu\}$ , so  $\alpha + \gamma = S(\alpha + \nu) \leq S(\beta + \nu) = \beta + \gamma$ . When  $\gamma$  is a limit ordinal,  $\alpha + \gamma = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \alpha + \nu \leq \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \beta + \nu = \beta + \gamma$ .  
Example:  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \gamma = \omega$ . Then  $\alpha + \gamma = \omega = \beta + \gamma$

2.  $\phi(\gamma) := \forall \alpha \beta \in \text{Ord}(\alpha \cdot \gamma \leq \beta \cdot \gamma)$ , by Transfinite Induction,  $\gamma = 0$ , then  $\alpha \cdot \gamma = 0 = \beta \cdot \gamma$ . If  $\forall \nu \leq \gamma, \phi(\nu)$ , when  $\gamma$  is a successor ordinal,  $\gamma = \nu \cup \{\nu\}$ , so by VI.a,  $\alpha \cdot \gamma = \alpha \cdot \nu + \alpha \leq \beta \cdot \nu + \beta = \beta \cdot \gamma$ . When  $\gamma$  is a limit ordinal,  $\alpha \cdot \gamma = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \alpha \cdot \nu \leq \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \beta \cdot \nu = \beta \cdot \gamma$ .  
Example:  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \gamma = \omega$ . Then  $\alpha \cdot \gamma = \omega, f : \beta \cdot \gamma \rightarrow \gamma, f(< a, b >) = 2 * b, a = 0, f((a, b)) = 2 * b + 1, a = 1$ , so  $f$  is isomorphic. Then  $\beta \cdot \gamma = \gamma$ .

3.  $\phi(\gamma) := \forall \alpha \beta \in \text{Ord}(\alpha^\gamma \leq \beta^\gamma)$ , by Transfinite Induction,  $\gamma = 0$ , then  $\alpha^\gamma = 1 = \beta^\gamma$ . If  $\forall \nu \leq \gamma, \phi(\nu)$ , when  $\gamma$  is a successor ordinal,  $\gamma = \nu \cup \{\nu\}$ , so by VI.b,  $\alpha^\gamma = \alpha^\nu \cdot \alpha \leq \beta^\nu \cdot \beta = \beta^\gamma$ . When  $\gamma$  is a limit ordinal,  $\alpha^\gamma = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \alpha^\nu \leq \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \beta^\nu = \beta^\gamma$ .  
Example:  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2, \gamma = 0$ . Then  $\alpha^\gamma = 1, \beta^\gamma = 1$ .

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

**SOLUTION.** 1. Just like example in VI.a.

2. Just like example in VI.b.

3.  $\beta = 1, \gamma = 1, \alpha = \omega$ , then  $2 \cdot \omega = \omega \neq \omega + \omega$ .

□

**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  $< \omega_1$ .

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $\{-\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}_+\} \cup 1$

2.  $\{-\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}_+\} \cup \{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}_+\}$

3.  $\cup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_+} \{k - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}_+\}$

4.  $\{n - \sum_{l=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{2^{k_i}} : k_i \in \mathbb{N}_+\} := W_n$ , it is obvious that  $W_n \cong \omega^n$ . While  $\omega^{\omega} = \sum_{n \in \omega} \omega^n$  and  $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} W_n \cong \sum_{n \in \omega} \omega^n$ , so  $\sum_{n \in \omega} \omega^n \cong \bigcup_{n \in \omega} W_n$

□

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

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $\Rightarrow$ :  $\omega \cdot \beta$  is a limit ordinal, that is to prove  $\omega \cdot \beta$  doesn't have a maximum element. If  $\omega \cdot \beta$  has a maximum element  $(a, b) \in \omega \cdot \beta$ , but  $(a + 1, b) \in \omega \cdot \beta$ ,  $(a, b) < (a + 1, b)$ , contradiction!

2.  $\Leftarrow$ :  $A := \{\gamma < \alpha : \gamma \text{ is a limit ordinal}\}$ ,  $f : \alpha \rightarrow A$ ,  $f(x) := \inf\{y : \exists n : x = y + n\}$ , if  $\inf\{y : \exists n : x = y + n\}$  is a successor ordinal of  $z$ , then  $x = y + n = z + 1 + n$ , so  $z \in \{y : \exists n : x = y + n\}$ , contradiction! So  $\inf\{y : \exists n : x = y + n\}$  is a limit ordinal, then,  $f$  is well-defined. Let  $\beta = \text{OrderType}(A)$ , next to proof  $\omega \cdot \beta = \alpha$ , i.e.  $\omega \otimes A \cong \alpha$ .  $g : \alpha \rightarrow \omega \otimes A$ ,  $g(x) = (n, f(x))$ , where  $x = f(x) + n$ , so  $g$  is isomorphic. Since  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then  $\forall (n, \gamma) \in \omega \otimes A$ ,  $\gamma + n < \alpha$ , while  $f(\gamma + n) = \gamma$ , so  $g$  is surjection. Thus,  $\omega \otimes A \cong \alpha$ .

□

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

**SOLUTION.** The first one is 0, since  $\forall \xi < 0$  is false, so  $\xi + 0 = 0$  is true. The second one is 1, since  $\xi < 1$ , then  $\xi = 0$ , so  $0 + 1 = 1$ . The third one is  $\omega$ , since  $\forall \xi < \omega$ ,  $\xi + \omega = \omega$ .  $\forall 1 < n < \omega$ , then  $1 + n \cong n + 1 \neq n$ .

□

**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.  $\xi_{n+1} = \omega + \xi_n$ .)

*SOLUTION.*

*Lemma 2.* If  $f : \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$ , s.t.  $\forall x < y, f(x) < f(y)$ ,  $\sup f(B) = f(\sup B)$ , let  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ , then  $\sup_{n \in \omega} a_n$  is the minimum ordinal s.t.  $f(\sup_{n \in \omega} a_n) = \sup_{n \in \omega} f(a_n)$ .

*证明.* 1. Since the increasing of  $f$ , so  $a_{n+1} = f(a_n) > a_n$ , so  $\sup_{n \in \omega} f(a_n) = \sup_{n \in \omega} a_{n+1} = f(\sup_{n \in \omega} a_n)$ .  $\forall \alpha, f(\alpha) = \alpha, \alpha > a_n, \forall n \in \omega$ , so  $\alpha > \sup_{n \in \omega} a_n$ . □

1.  $f : \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$ ,  $f(x) = \omega + x$ ,  $f$  is increasing.  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ ,  $\sup_{n \in \omega} a_{n+1} = \sup_{n \in \omega} f(a_n) = \sup_{n \in \omega} \omega + a_n = \omega + \sup_{n \in \omega} a_n$ . So, by Lemma 2  $\xi = \omega \cdot \omega$ .

2.  $f : \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$ ,  $f(x) = \omega \cdot x$ ,  $f$  is increasing.  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ ,  $\sup_{n \in \omega} a_{n+1} = \sup_{n \in \omega} f(a_n) = \sup_{n \in \omega} \omega \cdot a_n = \omega \cdot \sup_{n \in \omega} a_n$ . So, by Lemma 2  $\xi = \omega^\omega$ .

3.  $f : \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$ ,  $f(x) = \omega^x$ ,  $f$  is increasing.  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ ,  $\sup_{n \in \omega} a_{n+1} = \sup_{n \in \omega} f(a_n) = \sup_{n \in \omega} \omega^{a_n} = \omega^{\sup_{n \in \omega} a_n}$ . So, by Lemma 2  $\xi = \epsilon_0$ . □