

Lecture 3

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Lecture 3 ordinals and cardinals.

A set is called an ordinal if it is transitive and well ordered by \in .

We proved that ordinals satisfy various crucial properties.

Last time:

- Every element of an ordinal is an ordinal.
 - If x is an ordinal, then $x \cup \{x\}$ is an ordinal.
 - If x is an ordinal and $y \in x$, then y is an initial segment of x .
 - If x is an ordinal, then any initial seg of x is an ordinal either $=x$ or an elt of x .
 - If x, y are ordinals, then either $x \in y$, $y \in x$ or $x = y$.
- Writing " $<$ " instead of " \in ". since this is a well ordering

Obs. If $(A, <)$ is any well ordered set and $f: A \rightarrow A$ is any monotonic map that for $\forall a \in A$. Then we have $a < f(a)$.

Pf: Suppose $\exists a$ st. $f(a) < a$. by monotonicity $f(f(a)) < f(a) < a$. we get infinite descending seq. $a, f(a), f(f(a)), f(f(f(a))), \dots$

Since the set is well ordered, contradiction.

Cor. No w-o set is order-isomorphic to a strict initial segment of itself.

Pf: Suppose $(A, <)$ w-o set. $(X, <)$ initial seg. and $\exists f: (A, <) \rightarrow (X, <)$ order iso. let $a \in A \setminus X$. then $f(a) \in X$. $f(a) < a$. contradiction.

Cond. If x, y are distinct ordinals then x, y are not order iso.

Pf: $x \in y$ or $y \in x$.

Lemma. Every w-o set is order iso to precisely one ordinal!

Pf: $(A, <)$ w-o set. $(B, <)$ the collection of all ordinals, which are order iso to some initial seg of A .

For each $x \in B$, let a_x be the unique elt of A st the initial seg of A determined by a_x is order iso to x . And let g_x be the order iso. corresponds to this. Now if $y \in x$, then y is order iso to the initial seg of A determined by a_y .

$g(x, y)$. Hence $y \in B$. We've shown that $x \in B \Rightarrow y \in B$.
So B is transitive.

Def. Let θ be an ordinal, then θ is a cardinal iff.

$\forall X \in \theta$. \nexists bijection $\theta \rightarrow X$.

$|X| = |\theta| \Leftrightarrow \exists$ bijection $X \rightarrow \theta$.

X is a set. R is a binary relation on X . R is a partial order iff.

1) reflexive aRa .

2) transitive $aRb, bRc \Rightarrow aRc$.

3) antisymmetric $aRb, bRa \Rightarrow a=b$.

CSB. Suppose X, Y are sets, and \exists injection $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow X$, then there exists a bijection $X \rightarrow Y$.

Pf: If f injective, then $\forall b \in Y$ has at most one preimage.

and in this case we write $f^{-1}(b)$ for the unique preimage.

Define $X_n = \{a \in X \mid l(a) = n\}$ where l is the length of a , defined by the length of sequence $a = g^{-1}(a), f^{-1}(g^{-1}(a)), \dots$
 $X_\infty = \{a \in X \mid l(a) = \infty\}$.

$X = X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \cup X_\infty$ Let $a \in X_n$. $a, g^{-1}(a), \dots$ length n .
 $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup \dots \cup Y_\infty$

$h(a) = \begin{cases} f(a) & \text{if } f(a) \text{ is odd or } \infty \\ g^{-1}(a) & \text{if } f(a) \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \Rightarrow |X| = |Y|$

$|\mathbb{R}| = 2^{\aleph_0} = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$. Every $x \in [0, 1]$ has a unique decimal expansion that does not end with an infinite string of 9's.

If \exists surjection $X \rightarrow Y \Rightarrow \exists$ injection $Y \rightarrow X$.

$|2^{\mathbb{N}}| = |[0, 1]| = |\mathbb{R}|$.

$[0, 1] \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} \mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\text{arctan}} \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow (0, 1)$