

A recap on orders

strict partial order

irreflexivity: $x \not\leq x$
transitivity: $x < y \wedge y < z \Rightarrow x < z$
(it follows that $\neg(x < y \wedge y < x)$)

non-strict partial order

reflexivity: $x \leq x$
transitivity: $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$
antisymmetry: $x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$

strict and non-strict orders are interdefinable:

$$x < y \Leftrightarrow x \leq y \wedge x \neq y$$

$$x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x < y \vee x = y$$

A total order (also linear order) is a partial order +

trichotomy: $x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x$ | totality: $x \leq y \vee y \leq x$

Suppose $\leq$ is a partial order on a class X

For a subclass A $\subseteq X$ we define

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{A} \leq x & \Leftrightarrow & \forall a \in \underline{A} \quad a \leq x \\ < & & < \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(x is an upper bound of (for) } \underline{A} \text{)} \\ \text{a strict upper bound} \end{array}$$

The supremum (least upper bound) of A is an element $\sup A \in X$ s.t.

$$\underline{A} \leq \sup A \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x \in X \quad (\underline{A} \leq x \Rightarrow \sup A \leq x)$$

The supremum need not exist. If it exists it is unique.

Recap continued

For $x \in \underline{X}$ we define

$$\downarrow x := \{y \in \underline{X} \mid y < x\} \quad \underline{\text{strict down-closure}}$$

$$\downarrow x := \{y \in \underline{X} \mid y \leq x\} \quad \underline{(\text{non-strict}) \text{ down-closure}}$$

For $\underline{A} \subseteq \underline{X}$ we similarly define

$$\downarrow \underline{A} := \{y \in \underline{X} \mid \exists x \in \underline{A} \ y < x\} \quad \underline{\text{strict down-closure}}$$

$$\downarrow \underline{A} := \{y \in \underline{X} \mid \exists x \in \underline{A} \ y \leq x\} \quad \underline{(\text{non-strict}) \text{ down-closure}}$$

Ordinals

Last weeks : $|x| = |y|$ etc.

$0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

$\omega, \omega+1, \omega+2, \omega+3, \omega+4, \dots$

$\omega \cdot 2, \omega \cdot 2 + 1, \omega \cdot 2 + 2, \omega \cdot 2 + 3, \dots$

$\omega \cdot 3, \omega \cdot 3 + 1, \omega \cdot 3 + 2, \omega \cdot 3 + 3, \dots$

$\omega \cdot 4, \dots$

$\omega \cdot 5, \dots$

$\vdots$

$\omega^2, \omega^2 + 1, \omega^2 + 2, \dots$

$\omega^2 + \omega, \omega^2 + \omega + 1, \dots$

$\omega^2 + 2\omega, \dots$

$\vdots$

$\omega^2 \cdot 2, \dots$

$\vdots$

$\omega^2 \cdot 3, \dots$

$\vdots$

$\omega^3, \dots$

$\vdots$

ω^4

$\vdots$

ω^5

$\vdots$

ω^ω

$\vdots$

$\omega^{\omega\omega}$

$\vdots$

$\omega^{\omega\omega\omega}$

$\vdots$

ϵ_0 , (the smallest ordinal greater than all of $\omega, \omega^\omega, \omega^{\omega^\omega}, \omega^{\omega^{\omega^\omega}}, \dots$)
 $\epsilon_0 + 1, \epsilon_0 + 2, \dots$

$$(\omega^2 = \omega + \omega)$$

$$(\omega^2 = \omega \cdot \omega)$$

$$(\omega^3 = \omega^2 \cdot \omega)$$

$$\omega^{\omega\omega}$$

An Ordinal structure is given by a class Ord, a partial

order $\leq$ on Ord, an element $0 \in \text{Ord}$, class functions

$S : \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$, $\text{Sup} : \mathcal{P}(\text{Ord}) \rightarrow \text{Ord}$ satisfying:

- 0 is the least element of Ord

$$\forall \alpha \in \text{Ord} \quad 0 \leq \alpha$$

- S is a successor operation

$$\alpha < S(\alpha) \text{ and } \forall \beta \in \text{Ord} \quad \alpha < \beta \Rightarrow S(\alpha) \leq \beta$$

- Sup is a supremum operation on Ord, i.e.,

$$\forall \text{ subsets } A \subseteq \text{Ord} \quad A \leq \text{Sup } A$$

$$\text{and } \forall \beta \in \text{Ord} \quad A \leq \beta \Rightarrow \text{Sup } A \leq \beta$$

- The principle of transfinite induction holds, i.e.,

If $X \subseteq \text{Ord}$ is such that

$$\bullet 0 \in X \quad \text{(Base case)}$$

$$\bullet \alpha \in X \Rightarrow S(\alpha) \in X \quad \text{(Step case)}$$

$$\bullet \text{For every subset } A \subseteq X, \text{ we have } \text{Sup } A \in X \quad \text{(Limit case)}$$

Then $X = \text{Ord}$.

Notation To ease readability we write
 $\alpha+1$ instead of $S(\alpha)$
 $\text{Sup } A$ instead of $\bigcup A$

lower case

upper case

Also given a set I and a family $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I}$ (given $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I} : I \rightarrow \text{Ord}$)

we write $\text{Sup}_{i \in I} \alpha_i$
for $\text{Sup} \{\alpha_i \mid i \in I\}$

Proposition $\leq$ is a linear order on Ord

Proof Let $\beta \in \text{Ord}$ be arbitrary.

We prove $\alpha \leq \beta$ or $\beta \leq \alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$, by T.I. on α

Base case $\alpha = 0$. Trivially $0 \leq \beta$.

Step case Suppose $\alpha \leq \beta$ or $\beta \leq \alpha$ (induction hypothesis)

R.t.p. $\alpha+1 \leq \beta$ or $\beta \leq \alpha+1$.

In the case that $\alpha \leq \beta$:

either $\alpha = \beta$ or $\alpha+1 \leq \beta$ because $(-)+1$ is a successor.

so $\beta \leq \alpha+1$ or $\alpha+1 \leq \beta$ as required.

In the case that $\beta \leq \alpha$: we have $\beta \leq \alpha < \alpha+1$. So $\beta \leq \alpha+1$.

Limit case

Suppose A is a set of ordinals satisfying

$$\forall \alpha \in A \quad (\alpha \leq \beta \text{ or } \beta \leq \alpha) \quad (*)$$

R.t.p. $\sup A \leq \beta$ or $\beta \leq \sup A$

By $(*)$ either $(\forall \alpha \in A \quad \alpha \leq \beta)$ (This uses classical logic)
or $(\exists \alpha \in A \quad \beta \leq \alpha)$

In the first case $A \leq \beta$ hence $\sup A \leq \beta$.

In the second case $\beta \leq \alpha \leq \sup A$.

So indeed $\alpha \leq \beta$ or $\beta \leq \alpha \quad \forall \alpha, \beta$ as required $\square$

Proposition For every ordinal α , the class $\downarrow\alpha$ is a set.

Proof Transfinite induction on α .

Base case $\alpha=0$ $\downarrow 0 = \emptyset$ which is a set.

Step case Suppose $\downarrow\alpha$ is a set.

Then $\downarrow(\alpha+1) = (\downarrow\alpha) \cup \{\alpha\}$, which is a set.

Limit case Suppose $A \subseteq \text{Ord}$ is a subset s.t. $\downarrow\alpha$ is a set for all $\alpha \in A$.

Then $\downarrow(\sup A) = \bigcup \{\downarrow\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$, which is a set.

□

Theorem Ord is a proper class.

Proof If Ord were a set, we could define

$\alpha := \sup \text{Ord} \in \text{Ord}$, hence $\alpha+1 \in \text{Ord}$

$\alpha+1 \leq \sup \text{Ord} = \alpha < \alpha+1$

↑ a contradiction! ↑

□

The ordinals separate into two kinds

$\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ is called a successor ordinal if there exists $\alpha' \in \text{Ord}$ with $\alpha = \alpha' + 1$.

$\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ is called a limit ordinal if there exists a subset $A \subseteq \downarrow \alpha$ with $\alpha = \sup A$
(equivalently if $\alpha = \sup \downarrow \alpha$)

Proposition Every ordinal is either a successor ordinal or a limit ordinal (but not both)

Proof Again transfinite induction. Exercise. $\square$

Two reformulations of transfinite induction.

Transfinite induction (successor / limit version)

If $\underline{X} \subseteq \underline{\text{Ord}}$ satisfied

(base) • $0 \in \underline{X}$

(step) • $\alpha \in \underline{X} \Rightarrow \alpha+1 \in \underline{X}$

(limit) • $\downarrow \lambda \subseteq \underline{X} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \underline{X}$ where $\lambda > 0$ is a limit ordinal

(if $\alpha \in \underline{X}$ for all $\alpha < \lambda$ then $\lambda \in \underline{X}$)

Then $\underline{X} = \underline{\text{Ord}}$.

Transfinite induction (uniform version)

If $\underline{X} \subseteq \underline{\text{Ord}}$ satisfies

• $\downarrow \alpha \subseteq \underline{X} \Rightarrow \alpha \in \underline{X}$ for all ordinals α

(if $\beta \in \underline{X}$ for all $\beta < \alpha$ then $\alpha \in \underline{X}$)

Then $\underline{X} = \underline{\text{Ord}}$.

The class Ord has $0 \in \text{Ord}$ and $S: \text{Ord} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$

So by the recursion theorem for $\mathbb{N}$ there is $i: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Ord}$

$$i(0) = 0 \quad i(n+1) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i(n)}}{i(n)} + 1 \quad (\text{i.e. } S(i(n)))$$

$$\omega := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} i(n)$$

⋮

Transfinite recursion theorem

Let A be a class with $a \in \underline{A}$ and class function $F: \underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{A}$
and $L: \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{A}$. There is a unique class function

$$T: \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{A}$$

Satisfying

$$T(0) = a$$

$$T(\alpha+1) = F(T(\alpha))$$

$$T(\lambda) = L(\{T(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \lambda\}) \quad \lambda > 0 \text{ a limit ordinal}$$

Corollary Any two ordinal structures are isomorphic.

Exercise formulate and prove — adapt Lecture 2.

Outline proof of TRT

An approximation is a function $t: \downarrow \gamma \rightarrow \underline{A}$ for some $\gamma \in \text{Ord}$ that satisfies

$$0 < \gamma \Rightarrow t(0) = a$$

$$\alpha + 1 < \gamma \Rightarrow t(\alpha + 1) = F(t(\alpha))$$

$$\lambda < \gamma \Rightarrow t(\lambda) = L(\{t(\alpha) \mid \alpha < \lambda\}) \quad \lambda > 0 \text{ a limit ordinal}$$

By T.I. (successor / limit version on α we prove)

⊗ For every $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$ there exists a unique approximation $t_\alpha: \downarrow \alpha \rightarrow \underline{A}$.

For every α define:

$$T(\alpha) = t_{\alpha+1}(\alpha)$$

This satisfies the required conditions.

For uniqueness, suppose $T': \text{Ord} \rightarrow \underline{A}$ satisfies the conditions then we prove $T'(\alpha) = T(\alpha)$ for all α , by T.I (succ/lim version) $\square$

Parameterised transfinite recursion theorem

Suppose $\underline{A}$ and $\underline{Z}$ are classes with class functions

$$B: \underline{Z} \rightarrow \underline{A}, \quad F: \underline{Z} \times \underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{A} \quad \text{and} \quad L: \underline{Z} \times \mathcal{P}\underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{A}$$

There is a unique class function $T: \underline{Z} \times \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{A}$ satisfying:

$$T(z, 0) = B(z)$$

$$T(z, \alpha+1) = F(z, T(z, \alpha))$$

$$T(z, \lambda) = L(z, \{T(z, \alpha) \mid \alpha < \lambda\}) \quad \lambda > 0 \text{ a limit ordinal}$$

Using the parameterised transfinite recursion theorem we define $T : \underline{\text{Ord}} \times \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ord}}$ using

$$B(\alpha) = \alpha$$

$$F(\alpha, \beta) = \beta + 1$$

$$L(\alpha, A) = \sup A$$

Then $T : \underline{\text{Ord}} \times \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ord}}$ is the unique class function s.t.

$$T(\alpha, 0) = \alpha$$

$$T(\alpha, \beta + 1) = F(\alpha, T(\alpha, \beta)) = T(\alpha, \beta) + 1$$

$$T(\alpha, \lambda) = L(\alpha, \{T(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta < \lambda\}) = \sup \{T(\alpha, \beta) \mid \beta < \lambda\}$$

We have defined ordinal addition $\alpha + \beta$ as the

unique class function $(\cdot) + (\cdot) : \underline{\text{Ord}} \times \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ord}}$ satisfying

$$\alpha + 0 = \alpha$$

$$\alpha + (\beta + 1) = (\alpha + \beta) + 1$$

$$(\alpha + s(\beta)) = s(\alpha + \beta)$$

+ being defined *s on ord* *+ being defined* *s on ord*

$$\alpha + \lambda = \sup_{\beta < \lambda} \alpha + \beta$$

It follows that $\alpha + 1 = s(\alpha)$

Exercise: $1 + \omega = \omega \neq \omega + 1$

cf. cardinal arithmetic
 $1 + \aleph_0 = \aleph_0 = \aleph_0 + 1$

Ordinal Addition is not commutative

Similarly define ordinal multiplication $(\cdot) \cdot (\cdot) : \underline{\text{Ord}} \times \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ord}}$

$$\alpha \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\alpha \cdot (\beta + 1) = \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha$$

$$\alpha \cdot \lambda = \sup_{\beta < \lambda} \alpha \cdot \beta \quad \lambda > 0 \text{ a limit ordinal}$$

Exercise: $2 \cdot \omega = \omega \neq \omega + \omega = \omega \cdot 2$

Ordinal multiplication is not commutative

Ordinal exponentiation $(\cdot)^{(\cdot)} : \underline{\text{Ord}} \times \underline{\text{Ord}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ord}}$

$$\alpha^0 = 1$$

$$\alpha^{(\beta+1)} = \alpha^\beta \cdot \alpha$$

$$\alpha^\lambda = \sup_{\beta < \lambda} \alpha^\beta \quad \lambda > 0 \text{ is a limit ordinal}$$

Exercise $\omega^2 = \omega \cdot \omega \neq \omega$

cf. $\aleph_0^2 = \aleph_0 \cdot \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$

$\omega = 2^\omega \neq \omega^\omega$

cf. $\aleph_0 \neq 2^{\aleph_0} = \aleph_0^{\aleph_0}$

Construction of an ordinal structure

Recall the von Neumann numbers

$$0 = \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$1 = \{\emptyset\} = \{0\}$$

$\vdots$

$$n+1 = n \cup \{n\} = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$\vdots$

$$\omega = \{0, 1, \dots, n, \dots\} (= \mathbb{N})$$

$$\omega+1 = \{0, 1, \dots, n, \dots, \omega\}$$

A von Neumann ordinal is the set of all strictly smaller von Neumann ordinals.

$$0 = \emptyset$$

$$\alpha+1 = \alpha \cup \{\alpha\} =: \alpha^+$$

$$\sup A = \bigcup A$$

A set of sets X is a von Neumann ordinal (vn ordinal)

if for every $Y \subseteq X$ satisfying:

(i) $\emptyset \in X \Rightarrow \emptyset \in Y$; (ii) $\forall z \in Y (z^+ \in X \Rightarrow z^+ \in Y)$ and

(iii) $\forall w \in Y (w \in X \Rightarrow w \in Y)$

it holds that $Y = X$.

Theorem The class vnOrd (of all vn ordinals) together with $\emptyset$, $(\cdot)^+ : \text{vnOrd} \rightarrow \text{vnOrd}$, $U : \mathcal{P} \text{vnOrd} \rightarrow \text{vnOrd}$ is an ordinal structure.

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