

# Set Theory

IV

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## PRINCIPLE OF COMPLETE INDUCTION

$(X, s, 0) \leftarrow$

$Z \subseteq X : 0 \in Z \wedge$   
 $\forall x (x \in Z \rightarrow s(x) \in Z)$   
 $\implies Z = X$

RECURSION  
THEOREM

## RECURSION PRINCIPLE

$f: Y \rightarrow Y, y_0 \in Y$

There is a unique  $F: X \rightarrow Y$   
s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) &= y_0 \\ F(s(x)) &= f(F(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Example:  $(\mathbb{N}, s, 0)$

## PRINCIPLE OF ORDER INDUCTION

$(X, <) \leftarrow$

$Z \subseteq X : \forall x$   
if  $<[x] \subseteq Z$ , then  $x \in Z$   
 $\implies Z = X$

RECURSION  
THEOREM

## ORDERTHEORETIC RECURSION PRINCIPLE

$P := \{g \subseteq X \times Y ;$   
 $\exists x \text{ dom}(g) = <[x]\}$

$f: P \rightarrow Y$

There is a unique  
 $F: X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.

$$F(x) = f(F|<[x])$$

$(\mathbb{N}, <)$

Def. A strict total order  $(X, <)$  is called a wellorder if it satisfies the least number principle.

$(\Leftrightarrow) <$  is wellfounded

$(\Leftrightarrow)$  every nonempty subset  $Z \subseteq X$   $Z \neq \emptyset$  has a minimal element).

HW #3 shows: wellorders satisfy the principle of order induction.

Example  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$

$$s(\mathbb{N}) = \boxed{\mathbb{N} \cup \{ \mathbb{N} \}}$$

$(s(\mathbb{N}), \epsilon)$  is a wellorder

HW:

$$(s(\mathbb{N}), \epsilon) \cong (\mathbb{N}, <) \oplus (1, <)$$

By homework, this is once more a wellorder.

The operation  $\oplus$  gives us even larger wellorders:

$$(\mathbb{N}, <) \oplus (\mathbb{N}, <)$$



Explicit coding of that wellorder:

Define  $<_{EO}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  by

$$n <_{EO} m \iff \left( \begin{array}{l} n \& m \text{ are even} \\ \text{and } n < m \end{array} \right)$$

OR

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} n \& m \text{ are odd} \\ \text{and } n < m \end{array} \right)$$

OR

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} n \text{ is even and} \\ m \text{ is odd} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Then } (\mathbb{N}, <) \oplus (\mathbb{N}, <) \cong (\mathbb{N}, <_{EO})$$

Remark There is also a product operation preserving wellorders! HW #4.

## Properties of wellorders

Remember if  $(X, <)$  is a strict total order,  
then for  $z \in X$ ,  $<[z] := \{y \in X; y < z\}$

Def.  $I \subseteq X$  is called initial segment if  
for all  $x, y \in X$   
if  $x < y$  and  $y \in I$ , then  $x \in I$ .

$I$  is called proper initial segment if  
 $I$  is initial segment &  $I \neq X$ .

The sets  $<[z]$  for  $z \in X$  are always  
proper initial segments.

Proposition If  $(X, <)$  is a wellorder, then  
every proper initial segment is of the  
form  $<[z]$  for some  $z \in X$ .

[Remark. This means that there is a 1-to-1  
correspondence between proper initial  
segments of  $X$  and elements of  
 $X$ . ]

## Proof of Prop.

Let  $I \subseteq X$  be a proper initial segment.

$$I \subsetneq X,$$

so  $X \setminus I \subseteq X$  and  $X \setminus I \neq \emptyset$ .

By wellfoundedness of  $<$ , we find a minimal elt.  $z \in X \setminus I$ .

Claim:  $I = <[z]$ .

" $\subseteq$ " because  $I$  is initial segm.

" $\supseteq$ " because  $z$  is minimal.

q.e.d.

Remark Note that this is not the case for non-wellorders.

$\sqrt{2}$

This forms a Dedekind cut of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$

$I := \{q \in \mathbb{Q}; q < \sqrt{2}\}$  is a proper initial segment; but for each  $q_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$I \neq <[q_0].$$

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**Lemma 2.4.** If  $(W, <)$  is a well-ordered set and  $f : W \rightarrow W$  is an increasing function, then  $f(x) \geq x$  for each  $x \in W$ .

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**Corollary 2.5.** The only automorphism of a well-ordered set is the identity.

**Corollary 2.6.** If two well-ordered sets  $W_1, W_2$  are isomorphic, then the isomorphism of  $W_1$  onto  $W_2$  is unique.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** No well-ordered set is isomorphic to an initial segment of itself.

Proof L 2.4

Towards a contradiction, let's assume

$$X := \{x \in W; f(x) \not\geq x\} \neq \emptyset$$

< (because < is a strict total order)

By the least number principle, find  $x_0 \in X$  minimal:

$$f(x_0) < x_0 \quad (*)$$

Monotonicity of  $f$ :

$$f(f(x_0)) < f(x_0)$$

So  $f(x_0) \in X$ , contradicting by  $(*)$  the minimality of  $x_0$ . q.e.d.

Proof C 2.5

Let  $f : W \rightarrow W$  is an automorphism, then both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  satisfy

L 2.4:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \geq x \\ f^{-1}(x) \geq x \Rightarrow x \geq f(x) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow x = f(x). \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Proof C 2.6

If  $f_1: \underline{W}_1 \longrightarrow \underline{W}_2$  iso

and  $f_2: \underline{W}_1 \longrightarrow \underline{W}_2$  iso

Claim:  $f_1 = f_2$ .

So  $f_2^{-1} \circ f_1$  is an automorphism of  $\underline{W}_1$ ,

therefore  $f_2^{-1} \circ f_1 = \text{id}$ .

Similarly,  $f_2 \circ f_1^{-1} = \text{id}$ .

So  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are the same. q.e.d.

Proof L 2.7

Suppose we have a iso

$f: \underline{W} \longrightarrow \underline{I}$

where  $\underline{I}$  is a proper initial segment of  $\underline{W}$ .

By the previous proposition, we know

that  $\underline{I} = \langle [x] \rangle$  for some  $\underline{x} \in \underline{W}$ .

Then  $f(x) \in \underline{I} = \langle [x] \rangle$

$\implies f(x) < x$

in contradiction to L 2.4.

q.e.d.

Remark. L 2.7 is not true for non-wellorders.

$\mathbb{Q}$  and  $<[\omega]$  are isomorphic.

L 2.7 allows us to define an ordering on wellorders:

$(W_1, <_1) < (W_2, <_2)$   
iff  $(W_1, <_1)$  is isomorphic to a proper initial segment of  $(W_2, <_2)$ .

This relation is obviously transitive, and L 2.7 says that it is reflexive.

Next goal: Totality of  $<$ .



## FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM ON WELLORDERS.

**Theorem 2.8.** If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are well-ordered sets, then exactly one of the following three cases holds:

- (i)  $W_1$  is isomorphic to  $W_2$ ;
- (ii)  $W_1$  is isomorphic to an initial segment of  $W_2$ ;
- (iii)  $W_2$  is isomorphic to an initial segment of  $W_1$ .

$$W_1 < W_2$$

$$W_2 < W_1$$

[This is almost the totality of  $<$ , except that option (i) is not  $W_1 = W_2$ , but "is isomorphic to". So, it's totality up to isomorphism.]

Proof. Define a relation  $f \subseteq W_1 \times W_2$  as follows

$$(x, y) \in f \iff <_1[x] \cong <_2[y].$$

We claim:

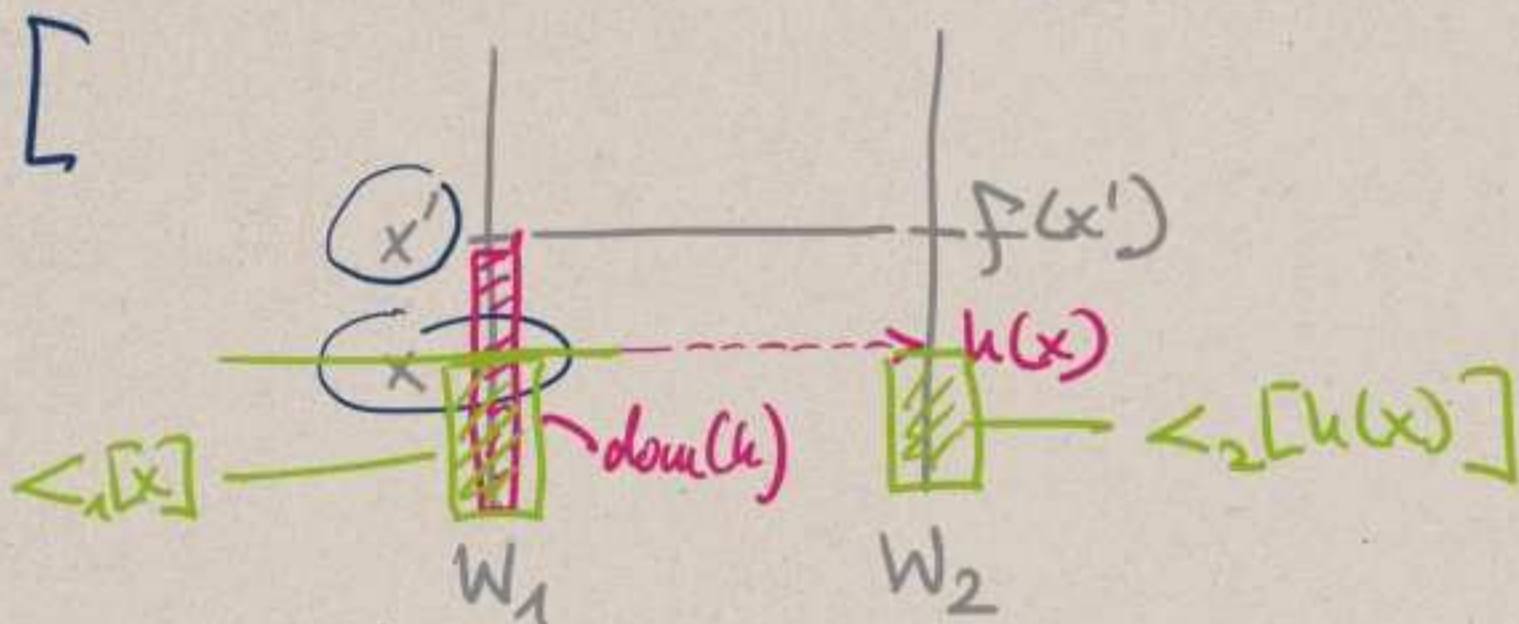
①  $f$  is functional:

$$\begin{aligned}
 <_1[x] \cong <_2[y] \\
 <_1[x] \cong <_2[y'] \\
 \Downarrow \\
 <_2[y] \cong <_2[y']
 \end{aligned}$$

But if  $y \neq y'$ , w.l.o.g.  $y <_2 y'$  and therefore  $<_2[y]$  is a proper initial segment of  $<_2[y']$ , contradicting 2.7.

②  $f$  is injective  
 [Exactly the same proof.]

③  $f$  is order-preserving  
 $x <_1 x' \implies f(x) <_2 f(x')$ .



By definition of  $f$ , we have iso  
 $h: \underline{\underline{<_1[x']}} \cong \underline{\underline{<_2[f(x')]}}$

Since  $x <_1 x'$ ,  $x \in \text{dom}(h)$  and

$$\boxed{h(x) <_2 f(x')}$$

Clearly  $h|_{<_1[x]}$  is an isomorphism  
 between  $<_1[x]$  and  $<_2[h(x)]$

but by def. of  $f$ , this means  $\boxed{h(x) = f(x)}$   
 $\implies f(x) <_2 f(x')$ .

- (4)  $\text{dom}(f)$  is an initial segment of  $W_1$   
 (5)  $\text{ran}(f)$  is an initial segment of  $W_2$

[ (4) is precisely what the previous proof showed; (5) uses  $h^{-1}$ . ]

### Four cases

	$\text{ran}$	
$\text{dom}$	proper	not proper
proper	<del>X</del>	$f: \prec_1[x] \rightarrow W_2$ $W_1 < W_2$ Case (ii)
not proper	$W_2 < W_1$ Case (iii)	$W_1 \cong W_2$ Case (i)

Left to show that not both can be proper:

$f: \prec_1[x] \rightarrow \prec_2[y]$   
 By def.  $(xy) \in f$  in contradiction to  $\text{dom}(f) = \prec_1[x]$ .  
 $\Rightarrow X$  q.e.d.

Goal Find canonical representatives in the isomorphism classes of wellorders.

## THE ORDINALS

Def. A set  $\alpha$  is called an ORDINAL if it is transitive ("elements are subsets") and  $(\alpha, \varepsilon)$  is a wellorder.

Examples (1) Our work on  $\mathbb{N}$  shows:  
(a) each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is an ordinal  
(b)  $\mathbb{N}$  itself is an ordinal.  
(2) If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal, then so is  $s(\alpha) = \alpha \cup \{\alpha\}$

[  $(s(\alpha), \varepsilon) \cong (\alpha, \varepsilon) \oplus (1, \varepsilon)$ ,  
so by the results on order sums, this is a wellorder.

Claim:  $s(\alpha)$  is transitive.

This follows from the general statement "if  $x$  is transitive  $\implies s(x)$  is transitive." as proved in the lecture on  $\mathbb{N}$ ]

Lemma 2.11.

- (i)  $0 = \emptyset$  is an ordinal.  
 (ii) If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal and  $\beta \in \alpha$ , then  $\beta$  is an ordinal.  
 (iii) If  $\alpha \neq \beta$  are ordinals and  $\alpha \subset \beta$ , then  $\alpha \in \beta$ .  
 (iv) If  $\alpha, \beta$  are ordinals, then either  $\alpha \subseteq \beta$  or  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ .

Jedi's  $\subset$  means  $\subseteq$

(i) ✓

(ii)

Observe that if  $(X, <)$  is a wellorder and  $Y \subseteq X$ , then  $(Y, <) = (Y, < \cap Y \times Y)$  is a wellorder.

Since  $\alpha$  is transitive, every element of  $\alpha$  is a subset of  $\alpha$ , thus

$(\beta, \in)$  is a wellorder since  $\beta \in \alpha \implies \beta \subseteq \alpha$ .

The transitivity of the set  $\beta$  follows from the transitivity of the relation  $\in$  on  $\alpha$ .

(iii) Suppose  $\alpha \not\subseteq \beta$ , that means  $\beta \setminus \alpha \neq \emptyset$

Find  $\gamma$  minimal in  $\beta \setminus \alpha$ .

What is the proper initial segment def'ed by  $\gamma$ :  $\in[\gamma] = \{ \delta \in \beta; \delta \in \gamma \}$

So  $\gamma = \alpha$ . But  $\gamma \in \beta$ , so  $\alpha \in \beta$ .

(iv) If  $\alpha, \beta$  ordinals, then  $\alpha \subseteq \beta$  or  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ .

[Define  $\gamma := \alpha \cap \beta$ . This is an ordinal since intersections of transitive sets are transitive &  $\gamma \subseteq \alpha$ , so  $(\gamma, \in)$  is a wellorder.

$$\boxed{\gamma \subseteq \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma \subseteq \beta}$$

If  $\gamma = \alpha$ , then  $\alpha \subseteq \beta$   
If  $\gamma = \beta$ , then  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$  } Done!

So, the remaining case is:

$$\gamma \subsetneq \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma \subsetneq \beta$$

(iii)



$$\gamma \in \alpha$$

(iii)

$$\downarrow$$
$$\gamma \in \beta$$

$$\gamma \in \alpha \cap \beta = \gamma$$

Since  $\gamma \in \alpha$ , this contradicts irreflexivity of  $\in$  on  $\alpha$ .  
q.e.d.]

(iii) & (iv) show that ordinals satisfy totality of  $\in$ :

If  $\alpha, \beta$  are ordinals, then

either  $\alpha = \beta$

or

$\alpha \subsetneq \beta$

$\xRightarrow{(iii)}$

$\alpha \in \beta$

or

$\beta \subsetneq \alpha$

$\xRightarrow{(iii)}$

$\beta \in \alpha$ .

Also, the  $\in$  relation is wellfounded on ordinals in the following sense:

If  $Z$  is a non-empty set of ordinals, then  $Z$  has a minimal element.

[  $Z \neq \emptyset$ , let  $\xi \in Z$ .

Case 1.

$\xi$  is minimal. Done.

Case 2.

$\xi$  is not minimal. This means that

$\xi \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ .

But  $\xi \cap Z \subset \xi$ . Apply wellfoundedness of  $\in$  to get a least elt of  $\xi \cap Z$ . This is minimal in  $Z$ . ]

Corollary There is no set of all ordinals.

Proof. Suppose there is, call it  $\Omega$ .  
L 2.11 (ii) shows that  $\Omega$  is a transitive set.

And the previous argument shows that  $\in$  is a strict total order that is wellfounded:  $(\Omega, \in)$  is a wellorder.

So  $\Omega$  is an ordinal.

So  $\Omega \in \Omega$ , so  $\in$  is not reflexive on  $\Omega$ .

Contradiction! q.e.d.

Intuitively, results like the last corollary suggest

THERE ARE LOTS OF ORDINALS

Is this actually true?



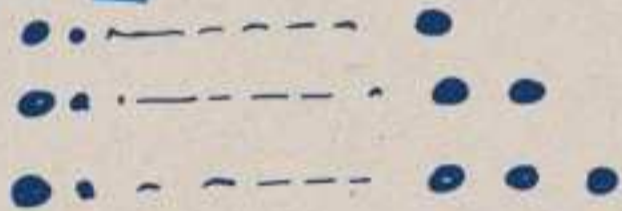
Let's build ordinals:

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2  
3  
⋮

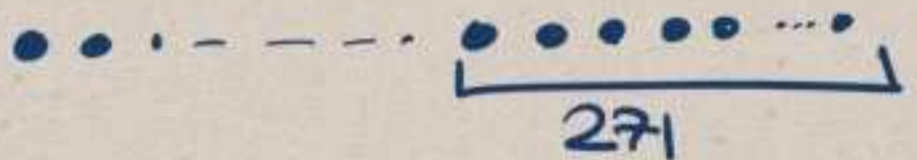
$\omega := \mathbb{N}$

[ $\omega$  is the name of  $\mathbb{N}$  if we wish to emphasize its "ordinal character"]

$\omega+1 \rightsquigarrow s(\mathbb{N})$   
 $\omega+2 \rightsquigarrow s(s(\mathbb{N}))$   
 $\omega+3 \rightsquigarrow s(s(s(\mathbb{N})))$   
 ⋮

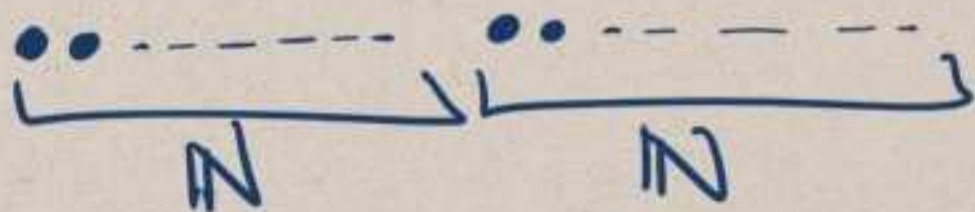


$\omega+271 \rightsquigarrow s \dots s(\mathbb{N})$   
 271 times



The obvious "ordinal" bigger than all of these should be:

$\mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega+n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$



Can we prove that this exists in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

One idea:

**THIS DOES NOT WORK!**

Define  $\omega$  by recursion

$$\begin{aligned} g(0) &:= \omega \\ g(n+1) &:= s(g(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Apply Rec Theorem to get unique function  $g$  with  $\text{dom}(g) = \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{range}(g) = \omega$

$$\text{range}(g) = \{\omega + n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

**OUR RECURSION THM SO FAR REQUIRES A FIXED RANGE FROM WHICH WE SEPARATE.**

**BUT HERE: THIS RANGE IS THE SET WHOSE EXISTENCE WE'RE TRYING TO PROVE!**

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ORDERTHEORETIC  
RECURSION PRINCIPLE

$$P := \{g \subseteq X \times Y ;$$
$$\exists x \text{ dom}(g) = \langle x \rangle\}$$
$$f : P \rightarrow Y$$

There is a unique  
 $F : X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.

$F(x) = f(F \upharpoonright \langle x \rangle)$

This means we would need a more general version of the Recursion Theorem that does not require fixing the range in advance.

We need an extra axiom: the axiom scheme of Replacement.

(Skolem / Fraenkel 1922)

Jede.

1.7. **Axiom Schema of Replacement.** If a class  $F$  is a function, then for any  $X$  there exists a set  $Y = F(X) = \{F(x) : x \in X\}$ .

If  $\varphi$  is a formula in  $n+2$  variables we say that  $\varphi$  is functional

$$F_{\varphi} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \forall x \forall y \forall y' \forall p_1 \dots \forall p_n \\ \varphi(x, y, p_1, \dots, p_n) \wedge \varphi(x, y', p_1, \dots, p_n) \rightarrow y = y' \end{array} \right]$$

abbreviation

$$\text{Repl}_{\varphi} \quad F_{\varphi} \rightarrow \forall x \forall p_1 \dots \forall p_n \exists! y$$
$$\forall z (z \in Y \leftrightarrow \exists w (w \in X \wedge \varphi(w, z, p_1, \dots, p_n)))$$

Informally if  $\varphi$  behaves like a function, then for every  $x$ , if I restrict the fun def by  $\varphi$  to  $x$ , I get its range.

It's called Replacement for the following reason

$$x = \{z; z \in x\}$$

Replace  $z$  systematically by  $y$  where  $\varphi(z, y)$   
[Jede:  $F(z)$ ]

$$\{F(z); z \in x\}$$

ZF<sub>0</sub>

Zermelo-Fraenkel without Foundation  
[Of course ZF := ZF<sub>0</sub> + Foundation,  
Lecture V].

Z + Repl.

ZF<sub>0</sub> proves a Revision Theorem w/o fixed range.

Just to ease notation.

If  $\varphi$  is functional and  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  are parameters, we write

$\varphi_{\vec{p}}^x$  for the unique  $y$  s.t.

$\varphi(x, y, p_1, \dots, p_n)$

Recursion Theorem w/o fixed range (ZFD)

If  $\varphi$  is a functional formula and  $(X, <)$  a wellorder and  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  are parameters, there there is a unique function  $F$  with  $\text{dom}(F) = X$  and  $\forall x \in X$

$$F(x) = \varphi_{\vec{p}}^{F \upharpoonright [x]}$$

RECURSION EQUATION.

[Follow the same proof strategy...]

Proof. As before, a GERM  $g$  is a function  
 with  $\text{dom}(g) = \langle [x] \rangle$  for some  $x \in X$   
 s.t. for all  $z \in \text{dom}(g)$

$$g(z) = \varphi \uparrow \langle [z] \rangle.$$

As before, we prove Lemmas 1 & 2 by  
 induction.

L1 If  $g, g'$  are germs such  
 $z \in \text{dom}(g) \cap \text{dom}(g')$ ,  
 then  $g(z) = g'(z)$ .

L2 If  $x \in X$ , then there is a germ  
 $g$  s.t.  $x \in \text{dom}(g)$ .

$$\Psi(x, y, \vec{p}) : \iff \exists g \left( g \text{ germ} \wedge \right. \\ \left. x \in \text{dom}(g) \wedge \right. \\ \left. y = g(x) \right)$$

We observe that  $\Psi$  is a functional formula.  
 So apply Replacement to  $\Psi$  and get:

Replacement yields a set  $\mathcal{R}$  st.

$$z \in \mathcal{R} \iff \exists w \in X$$

$$\Phi(w, z, \vec{p})$$

Now we can separate by  $\Phi$  from  $X \times \mathcal{R}$

$$F := \{(x, y) \in X \times \mathcal{R}; \Phi(x, y, \vec{p})\}.$$

q.e.d.

Application. Apply the Recursion Theorem to get the "next ordinal".

$$\varphi(x, y) : \iff$$

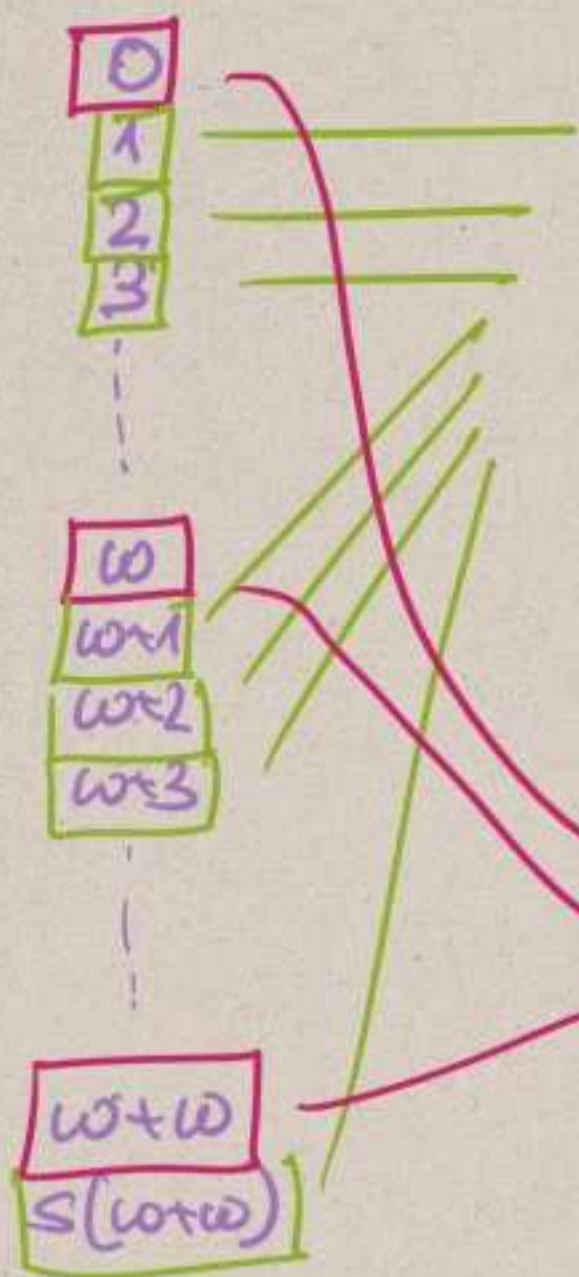
$$(x=0 \wedge y=\omega) \vee$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} x \text{ is a function with} \\ \text{dom}(x) = n+1 \wedge \\ y = s(x(n)) \end{array} \right) \vee$$

$$(x \notin N \wedge y = \emptyset)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} g(0) := \omega \\ g(u+1) := s(g(u)) \end{array}$$





$x$   
of the form  
 $s(y)$  where  $y \in x$   
SUCCESSOR ORDINALS

They have a largest element.

not of the form  
 $s(y)$ .

LIMIT ORDINALS

No largest element:  
for every  $\alpha \in I$ , there  
is  $\beta \in I$  with  $\alpha < \beta$

On ordinals, we often use a notational variant of induction and recursion, called  
TRANSFINITE INDUCTION  
TRANSFINITE RECURSION

# TRANSFINITE INDUCTION

Suppose  $\alpha$  is an ordinal and  $Z \subseteq \alpha$ .

if  $0 \in Z$  and

if  $x \in Z$  then  $s(x) \in Z$  and

if  $x \in \alpha$  and  $x$  is a limit ordinal and  $x \subseteq Z$ , then  $x \in Z$ .

Then  $Z = \alpha$ .

# TRANSFINITE RECURSION

$\alpha$  is an ord.

if  $x_0$  is a set and for each  $x$ , we have some assigned  $f_x$  and for each function  $g$ , we have some assigned  $h_g$

Then there is a unique  $F$  with  $\text{dom}(F) = \alpha$  s.t.

$$(*) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(0) := x_0 \\ F(s(x)) := f_{F(x)} \\ \hline F(y) := h_{F \upharpoonright y} \end{array} \right.$$

if  $y$  is a limit ord.

Notational trick. Since the functions  $F$  with  $\text{dom}(F) = \alpha$  and  $F'$  with  $\text{dom}(F') = \alpha'$  satisfying  $(*)$  agree on the common domain by uniqueness, we can think of this as operation on all ordinals.

# Applications

## ORDINAL ADDITION

$$\alpha + 0 := \alpha$$

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

$\lambda$  limit

$$\alpha + \lambda := \bigcup \{ \alpha + \xi ; \xi \in \lambda \}$$

$$1 + \omega = \bigcup \{ 1 + n ; n \in \omega \} = \mathbb{N} = \omega$$

$$\omega + 1 = \omega + s(0) = s(\omega + 0) = s(\omega) \neq \omega.$$

## ORDINAL MULTIPLICATION

$$\alpha \cdot 0 := 0$$

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

$\lambda$  limit

$$\alpha \cdot \lambda := \bigcup \{ \alpha \cdot \xi ; \xi \in \lambda \}$$

## ORDINAL EXPONENTIATION

$$\alpha^0 := 1$$

$$\alpha^{s(\beta)} := \alpha^\beta \cdot \alpha$$

$\lambda$  limit

$$\alpha^\lambda := \bigcup \{ \alpha^\xi ; \xi \in \lambda \}$$

$$\omega \cdot 2 = \omega \cdot s(1) = \omega \cdot 1 + \omega = \omega + \omega$$

$$\omega \cdot 1 = \omega \cdot s(\omega) = \omega \cdot 0 + \omega = 0 + \omega = \omega$$

$$2 \cdot \omega = \bigcup \{ 2 \cdot u ; u \in \omega \} = \mathbb{N} = \omega \neq \omega + \omega.$$