

Solutions, exercise set 10

Chapter 10, exercise 6 The problem should be formulated more rigorously, as follows; see the definitions in Chapter 5.

Suppose that $(A, <)$ is a partial ordering, (B, \prec) is a simple ordering, $B \subseteq A$, and \prec is a subset of $<$. Then there is a simple ordering (C, \ll) such that $B \subseteq C \subseteq A$, \prec is a subset of \ll and \ll is a subset of $<$, and (C, \ll) is maximal in the sense that if (D, \sqsubset) is a simple ordering such that $C \subseteq D \subseteq A$ and \ll is a subset of \sqsubset and \sqsubset is a subset of $<$, then $C = D$ and \ll is the same as \sqsubset .

So, to prove this, let

$$\mathcal{A} = \{(C, \ll) : (C, \ll) \text{ is a simple ordering, } B \subseteq C \subseteq A, \\ \prec \text{ is a subset of } \ll \text{ and } \ll \text{ is a subset of } <\}.$$

We partially order \mathcal{A} by saying that

$$(C, \ll) \leq (C', \ll') \quad \text{iff} \quad C \subseteq C' \text{ and } \ll \text{ is a subset of } \ll'.$$

Clearly this *does* partially order \mathcal{A} . Now we want to check the hypotheses of Zorn's lemma. First of all, \mathcal{A} is nonempty, since clearly $(B, \prec) \in \mathcal{A}$. Now suppose that \mathcal{B} is a subset of \mathcal{A} simply ordered by \leq . We may assume that \mathcal{B} is nonempty, since (B, \prec) is an upper bound for the empty set. Let

$$D = \bigcup_{(C, \ll) \in \mathcal{B}} C \quad \text{and} \quad \sqsubset = \bigcup_{(C, \ll) \in \mathcal{B}} \ll.$$

In order to verify the second hypothesis of Zorn's lemma it suffices to prove that $(D, \sqsubset) \in \mathcal{A}$. Clearly $B \subseteq D \subseteq A$. Now we check that \sqsubset is a simple order.

If $x \sqsubset x$, then $x \ll x$ for some $(C, \ll) \in \mathcal{B}$, contradiction. So \sqsubset is irreflexive.

Suppose that $x \sqsubset y \sqsubset z$. Say $x \ll y \ll' z$ with $(C, \ll), (C', \ll') \in \mathcal{B}$. By symmetry, say that $(C, \ll) \leq (C', \ll')$. Then $x \ll' y \ll' z$, so $x \ll' z$ and hence $x \sqsubset y$. So \sqsubset is transitive.

Suppose that $x, y \in D$. Choose $(C, \ll), (C', \ll') \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in C$ and $y \in C'$. By symmetry, say that $(C, \ll) \leq (C', \ll')$. Then $x \ll' y$ or $y \ll' x$, hence $x \sqsubset y$ or $y \sqsubset x$. So \sqsubset is a simple order.

So clearly $(D, \sqsubset) \in \mathcal{A}$ and it is hence the desired upper bound for \mathcal{B} .

Thus Zorn's lemma applies, and a maximal element under \leq is clearly what is needed for the exercise.

Chapter 10, exercise 7 By the hint, we consider the partial order (C, \subset) , where C is the set of all one-one functions contained in $A \times B$. We apply (1) to (C, \subset) in place of $(A, <)$ and (\emptyset, \emptyset) in place of (B, \prec) . We then get (D, \ll) with the following properties: $D \subseteq C$, \ll is a subset of \subset , (D, \ll) is a simple order, and if (E, \sqsubset) is such that $D \subseteq E \subseteq C$, \ll is a subset of \sqsubset and \sqsubset is a subset of \subset , and (E, \sqsubset) is a simple order, then $D = E$ and \ll is \sqsubset .

Let $g = \bigcup_{f \in D} f$. Since D is simply ordered by \subset , it is clear that g is a function. Also, clearly $g \subseteq A \times B$. We claim that $\text{dmn}(g) = A$ or $\text{rng}(g) = B$. For, suppose not; choose $a \in A \setminus \text{dmn}(g)$ and $b \in B \setminus \text{rng}(g)$. Clearly then $h \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g \cup \{(a, b)\}$ is a one-one function. Since $f \subseteq g \subset h$ for each $f \in D$, we have $h \notin D$ and $D \cup \{h\}$ is still simply ordered by \subset . This contradicts the maximality of (D, \ll) .

Hence the claim holds. If $\text{dmn}(g) = A$, then g is the desired one-one function mapping A into B . If $\text{rng}(g) = B$, then g^{-1} is the desired one-one function mapping B into A .

Chapter 10, exercise 8 Immediate by 3.14.

Chapter 10, exercise 9 We follow the revised hint. We may assume that $A \neq \emptyset$. Hence also $\alpha \neq 0$. To show that $\langle f^{-1}[\{\beta\}] : \beta < \alpha \rangle$ is one-one, suppose that $f^{-1}[\{\beta\}] = f^{-1}[\{\gamma\}]$. Choose $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = \beta$. Then $a \in f^{-1}[\{\beta\}] = f^{-1}[\{\gamma\}]$, so $\beta = f(a) = \gamma$. Thus $\langle f^{-1}[\{\beta\}] : \beta < \alpha \rangle$ is one-one. This contradicts the choice of α . So there is no function f such that f maps A onto α . Hence by (3) there is a function g mapping α onto A . For each nonempty $X \subseteq A$ let $g(X) = \bigcap \{\beta < \alpha : f(\beta) \in X\}$; note that the set here is nonempty because X is nonempty and f maps onto A . Now let $h(X) = f(g(X))$. Clearly h is the desired choice function.