Starred exercises are optional.

- 1) For the partial orders corresponding to the following strict orders R draw (an illustrative part of) its Hasse diagram, i.e. the smallest subrelation S (if it exists) with it as reflexive-transitive closure, and argue whether or not R is well-founded. Argue why there is (no) infinite descending chain. If there is, draw it. Otherwise, describe the minimal elements. (Updated 24-10)
  - a) less-than < on the natural numbers;
  - b) greater-than > on the natural numbers;
  - c) the lexicographic order  $<_{\text{lex}}$  on  $\{a\}$ ;
  - d) the lexicographic order  $<_{\text{lex}}$  on  $\{a, b\}$  with a < b;
  - e) divisibility  $\{(x, z) \mid x, z \in \mathbb{R}' \land \exists y \in \mathbb{R}', x \cdot y = z\}$  on the real numbers greater than 1, where  $\mathbb{R}' = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 1\};$
  - f) divisibility  $\{(n,k) \mid n,k \in \mathbb{N}' \land \exists m \in \mathbb{N}', n \cdot m = k\}$  on the natural numbers greater than 1, where  $\mathbb{N}' = \{n \in \mathbb{N}' \mid n > 1\}$ .
- 2) For each of the following well-founded relations  $R_i$  on the set  $\Sigma^*$  of words over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,
  - draw the graph of  $R_i$  for words up to (and including) length 3;
  - state the well-founded induction principle for  $R_i$ , considering base cases separately; and
  - describe the transitive closure  $R_i^+$  in your own words.
  - a)  $R_1 = \{(w, aw) \mid a \in \Sigma, w \in \Sigma^*\};$
  - b)  $R_2 = \{(w_1w_2, w_1aw_2) \mid a \in \Sigma, w_1, w_2 \in \Sigma^*\}.$
  - c)  $R_3 = \{(w, wa) \mid a \in \Sigma, w \in \Sigma^*\};$
- 3) Prove one of the following (a (\*) for every extra one) by well-founded induction. Clearly state the well-founded relation R you use in your well-founded induction, and what are the induction hypotheses you use (for the cases considered).
  - a) Prove that for all natural numbers n,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} 2^{i} = 2^{n+1} 1$ .
  - b) Prove that every finite set A, has exactly  $2^{|A|}$  subsets, where |A| denotes the size of A, i.e. its number of elements (Updated 24-10).
  - c) Prove that for all natural numbers n, k with  $k \leq n$ ,  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$  if 0 < k < n and 1 otherwise, where  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ , the binomial coefficient.
  - d) Prove that for all natural numbers x and ≤-sorted lists l of natural numbers, bs x l is True if x occurs in l, and False otherwise. (Look up !!, take, drop in a Haskell manual.)
    bs x [] = False
    bs x [y] = x == y
    - bs x l = if x < (l !! h) then bs x (take h l) else bs x (drop h l) where h = length l 'div' 2
- 4\*) Show that taking the predecessor of the componentwise extension of a partial order is different from taking the componentwise extension of its predecessor.