REMARK ON RECENT TWO RESULTS OF DILWORTH AND GLEASON

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In a recent paper, Gleason-Dilworth [1], one reads following theorems.

- 1. Theorem A. If O is any (partially or totally) ordered set and IO is the set of all order ideals of O, then (IO, \subset) is not order isomorphic to any subset of (O, <).
- 2. Theorem B. Let (O, <) be a (partially or totally) ordered set; if φ is any one-to-one map of (IO, \subset) into (O, <) then neither φ nor φ^{-1} is order preserving.
- 3. Now, the theorem A and the part $B(\varphi)$ of theorem B concerning φ are corollaries of the theorem 1 in my paper [2] stating the following.
- 3.1. Theorem. There is no strictly increasing mapping of (wO, \dashv) into (O, <); where one has the following definition.
- 3.2. Definition. For any ordered set (O, <) let wO denote the set of all the well ordered subsets of (O, <), the empty set included and the
- 3.3. relation $A \rightarrow B$ means that A is a proper initial section of B (i.e. A is a proper ideal of B); we write = for or =.

The forgoing theorem 3.1 implies the following two corollaries.

3.4. Corollary. There is no strictly increasing mapping of

$$(I_wO, \subset)$$
 into $(O, <)$ where

3.5.
$$I_w O = \{X_I; X \in wO\}$$
 and

3.6.
$$X_I = \bigcup_{x \in X} O(\cdot, x], O(\cdot, x] = \{y; y \in O, y \leq x\}.$$

And the corollary 3.4. implies even a stronger result then the Theorem A obtained from A by considering instead of the set IO of all ideals only the part I_1O of all ideals each of which is cofinal to a chain of (O, <).

The corollary 3.4 implies also the stronger result then $B(\varphi)$ obtained by substitution $IO \rightarrow I_wO$:

3.7. Theorem B. If φ^1 is any mapping of (I_wO, \subset) into (O, <), then φ is not strictly increasing.

¹ φ need not be supposed to be one-to-one.

3.8. The corollary 3.4 follows from the theorem 3.1 by observing that any strictly increasing mapping f from (I_wO, \subset) into (O, <) would yield the following strictly increasing mapping g from (wO, \dashv) into (O, <):

For any $X \in wO$ let $gX = fX_I$, in particular $g\emptyset = f\emptyset$.

As a matter of fact the mapping

$$(1) X \to X_I, \quad (X \in (wO, \dashv))$$

is strictly increasing.

If then there were a strictly increasing mapping

$$(I_{w}(O, <), \subset) \ni y \rightarrow fy \in (O, <),$$

then the composition of the strictly increasing mappings (1), (2) would yield a strictly increasing mapping on $(w(O, <), \subset)$ into (O, <), contradicting the statement 3.1.

4. If in the wording of the theorem B one replaces the set (IO, \subset) by the set (I_wO, \subset), one might have a false result.

Such a situation occurs e.g. if (O, <) is any infinite antichain (A, <); namely, if $a \in A$, then there is a one-to-one mapping h on A onto $A \setminus \{a\}$; if then we put $\varphi \emptyset = a$ and $\varphi \{x\} = hx$ for every $x \in A$, the mapping φ is one-to-one and the mapping φ^{-1} is order preserving because every non empty chain in (A, <) has just one point.

Such a situation does [does not] occur every time when $I_w(O, <)$ has the same cardinality as an antichain [chain] A [resp. L] of (O, <): any one-to-one mapping of I_w into A is such that φ^{-1} is [is not] increasing. The text corresponding to [] is a direct consequence of the theorem 3.1.

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