

# Minimal Bad Sequence on Quasi-Orders

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## 1 Description

In [2] we presented the new JRA's instantiation context to define closure, fixpoint (Tarski), well-founded (Noether) and recursion. A new instantiation plugin [6] was developed in the EBRP project [7]. In this paper we present quasi-orders and well-quasi order and two important theorems on quasi-orders: the existence of a minimal bad sequences when the quasi-order is well-founded but not a well-quasi-order and the second theorem: the set of all values strictly less then value of the minimal bad sequence is well-quasi order. Rodin [8] is used to develop and prove all theorems describe in this paper.

## 2 Definitions and some theorems

Let  $S\_type$  a carrier set A quasi-order is a reflexive and transitive relation.

$$\begin{aligned} qo &= \{S \mapsto g \mid S \subseteq S\_type \wedge g \in S \leftrightarrow S \wedge g; g \subseteq g \wedge S \triangleleft id \subseteq g\} \\ wqo &= \{S \mapsto g \mid S \mapsto g \in qo \wedge (\forall f \cdot f \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S \Rightarrow (\exists i, j \cdot i \geq 0 \wedge j > i \wedge f(i) \mapsto f(j) \in g))\} \\ sdc &= (\lambda S \mapsto g. S \mapsto g \in qo \mid \{f \mid f \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S \wedge (\forall i, j \cdot i \geq 0 \wedge j > i \Rightarrow f(j) \mapsto f(i) \in g \setminus g^{-1})\}) \\ wf &= \{S \mapsto g \mid S \mapsto g \in qo \wedge sdc(S \mapsto g) = \emptyset\} \\ antichain &= (\lambda S \mapsto g. S \mapsto g \in qo \mid \{A \mid A \subseteq S \wedge (A \times A) \cap g \subseteq id\}) \end{aligned}$$

We have proved much theorems till Kruskal's one given in [3] like the Lemma1.3.2

$$\begin{aligned} \forall S, g, A \cdot S \mapsto g \in wf \wedge A \subseteq S \Rightarrow \\ (\exists A_0 \cdot A_0 \in antichain(S \mapsto g) \wedge A_0 \subseteq A \wedge (\forall x \cdot x \in A \Rightarrow (\exists a \cdot a \in A_0 \wedge a \mapsto x \in g))). \end{aligned}$$

We have used it to prove the following one (reformulation of the Lemma1.3.1 (existence of a minimum)).

$$\forall S, g, A \cdot S \mapsto g \in wf \wedge A \in \mathbb{P} 1(S) \Rightarrow (\exists m \cdot m \in A \wedge (\forall z \cdot z \in A \wedge z \mapsto m \in g \Rightarrow m \mapsto z \in g))$$

We have used our *FrSB* operator [2] to define general recursive function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $S\_type$ . First we instantiate *FrSB* with  $S, B := \mathbb{N}, S\_type$ .  $\{i \mapsto j \mid i \geq 0 \wedge i < j\}$  is a well-founded relation on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Let  $g$  be a function such that:  $g \in (\mathbb{N} \times (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow S\_type)) \rightarrow S\_type$ . There is a unique total function  $fr$ :  $fr \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S\_type$  such that we have:  $\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow fr(n) = g(n \mapsto 0..n-1 \triangleleft fr)$ . The value of  $fr$  at  $n$  depends on its value on the set  $0..n-1$ , *FrSB* is a function (an operator) which gives the recursive fonction  $fr$ :  $fr = FrSB(\{i \mapsto j \mid i \geq 0 \wedge i < j\} \mapsto g)$

## 3 Bad sequence

Let  $S \mapsto g$  be in *qo* a bad sequence  $bs$  is a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $S$  where  $\forall i, j \cdot i \geq 0 \wedge j > i \Rightarrow bs(i) \mapsto bs(j) \notin g$ .

Remark: if  $S \mapsto g$  not in *wqo* the set of bad sequence is not empty. Let *BS* be the set of bad sequence on  $S$ .

$bs$  is minimal if

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n, f \cdot n \geq 0 \wedge f \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S \Rightarrow \wedge 0..n-1 \triangleleft f = 0..n-1 \triangleleft bs \wedge f(n) \mapsto bs(n) \in g \setminus g^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow \\ (\exists i, j \cdot i \geq 0 \wedge j > i \wedge f(i) \mapsto f(j) \in g) \end{aligned}$$

### 3.1 Existence of a minimal bad sequence

When a  $qo$  is  $wf$  but not  $wqo$  a minimal bad sequence exists [4]. Let  $ch$  be the choice function on  $S\_type$ :  $ch \in \mathbb{P}1(S\_type) \rightarrow S\_type$  and  $\forall s \cdot s \in \mathbb{P}1(S\_type) \Rightarrow ch(s) \in s$ . Let  $chmin$  be the function which give a minimum in a non empty set when the quasi-order is in  $wf$  we have:

$$chmin = (\lambda A \cdot A \in \mathbb{P}1(S) | ch(\{m | m \in A \wedge (\forall z \cdot z \in A \wedge z \mapsto m \in g \Rightarrow m \mapsto z \in g)\}))$$

We instantiate  $g$  in  $FrSB$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \{n, k, b \cdot n \geq 0 \wedge k \in \mathbb{N} \mapsto S\_type \wedge 0..n-1 \subseteq \text{dom}(k) \wedge \\ (\{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = k(i)) | f(n)\} \neq \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow b = chmin(\{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = k(i)) | f(n)\})) \wedge \\ (\{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = k(i)) | f(n)\} = \emptyset \Rightarrow b = ch(S\_type)) \\ | n \mapsto k \mapsto b\}. \end{aligned}$$

let  $bs$  be the sequence  $FrSB(\{i \mapsto j | i \geq 0 \wedge i < j\} \mapsto g)$  with our new  $g$  we got for free

$bs \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S\_type$  and  $\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow bs(n) = g(n \mapsto 0..n-1 \triangleleft bs)$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = bs(i)) | f(n)\} \neq \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow bs(n) = chmin(\{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = bs(i)) | f(n)\}) \text{ and} \\ \forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = bs(i)) | f(n)\} = \emptyset \\ \Rightarrow bs(n) = ch(S\_type) \end{aligned}$$

Now we can prove by recurrence on  $n$  that  $\{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = bs(i)) | f(n)\} \neq \emptyset$  and then we can prove that  $\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow bs(n) = chmin(\{f \cdot f \in BS \wedge (\forall i \cdot i \in 0..n-1 \Rightarrow f(i) = bs(i)) | f(n)\})$  and  $\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow bs(n) \in S$ .

We can conclude that  $bs$  is a minimal bad sequence.

### 3.2 A well-quasi-order under value of a minimal bad sequence

When a  $qo$  is  $wf$  but not  $wqo$  and  $bs$  a bad sequence then  $(g^{-1} \setminus g)[ran(bs)] \mapsto ((g^{-1} \setminus g)[ran(bs)] \triangleleft g \triangleright (g^{-1} \setminus g)[ran(bs)]) \in wqo$ . To prove this theorem we have follow the proof of the lemma 22 in [5].

## 4 Conclusion

This two lemmas was not well defined but used in [3]. With both we have proved more easily but in the same way the Higman's lemma and the Kruskal's theorem.

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