

FORCING EXERCISES  
DAY 1

PROBLEM 1. Let  $\kappa, \lambda$  and  $\mu$  be cardinals.

1. Show that  $(\kappa^\lambda)^\mu = \kappa^{(\lambda \cdot \mu)}$ .
2. Show that  $\kappa^\kappa = 2^\kappa$ .

PROBLEM 2. Let  $A$  be an infinite set of size  $\kappa$ . Show that the set of all bijections from  $A$  to  $A$  has size  $2^\kappa$ .

PROBLEM 3. Let  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$  be cardinals with  $\lambda \leq \kappa$  and  $\kappa$  infinite. We write  $[\kappa]^\lambda$  for the collection of all subsets of  $\kappa$  of size  $\lambda$ . Show that the cardinality of  $[\kappa]^\lambda$  is  $\kappa^\lambda$ .

PROBLEM 4. Show that the union of a set of cardinals is a cardinal.

PROBLEM 5. Suppose that  $\langle \alpha_i \mid i < \lambda \rangle$  is an increasing sequence of ordinals cofinal in some cardinal  $\kappa$ . Show that  $\text{cf}(\kappa) = \text{cf}(\lambda)$ .

PROBLEM 6 (\*). Working in ZF, show the Axiom of Choice is equivalent to the statement that for every ordinal  $\alpha$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\alpha)$  can be well-ordered.

PROBLEM 7 (\*). Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal. Show there is a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of size  $\kappa$  of functions from  $\kappa^+$  to  $\kappa^+$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta < \kappa^+$  there is a function  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  such that either  $f(\alpha) = \beta$  or  $f(\beta) = \alpha$ .

PROBLEM 8 (\*). Show there exists a sequence of functions  $\langle f_\alpha \rangle_{\alpha < \omega_1}$  such that

- each  $f_\alpha : \alpha \rightarrow \omega$  is one-to-one, and
- for all  $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$ , the set  $\{\xi < \alpha \mid f_\alpha(\xi) \neq f_\beta(\xi)\}$  is finite.

PROBLEM 9 (\*). Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal and  $\prec$  be a well-ordering of  $\kappa$ . Show that there is an  $X \subseteq \kappa$  such that  $|X| = \kappa$  and  $\prec$  and  $<$  agree on  $X$ .