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We show that each of the three formulations of the axiom of foundation given are equivalent.

$1 \Rightarrow 2$

Let  $X$  be a set and consider any function  $f : \omega \rightarrow \text{tc}(X)$ . Consider  $Y = \{f(n) \mid n < \omega\}$ . By assumption, there is some  $f(n) \in Y$  such that  $f(n) \cap Y = \emptyset$ , hence  $f(n+1) \notin f(n)$ .

$2 \Rightarrow 3$

Let  $\phi$  be some formula such that  $\phi(x)$  is true and for every  $X$  such that  $\phi(X)$ , there is some  $y \in X$  such that  $\phi(y)$ . Then define  $f(0) = x$  and  $f(n+1)$  is some  $y \in f(n)$  such that  $\phi(y)$ . This would construct a function violating the assumption, so there is no such  $\phi$ .

$3 \Rightarrow 1$

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and define  $\phi(x) \equiv x \in X$ . Then  $\phi$  is true for some  $X$ , and by assumption, there is some  $y$  such that  $\phi(y)$  but there is no  $z \in y$  such that  $\phi(z)$ . Hence  $y \in X$  but  $y \cap X = \emptyset$ .