

# Set Theory

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## 1 Preliminaries

Let  $x, y, z$  stand for sets. Let  $x \in y$  denote  $x$  is an element of  $y$ . Let  $x \notin y$  denote  $x$  is not an element of  $y$ .

**Axiom 1**  $(x \in y) \Rightarrow x \neq y$ .

**Theorem 1**  $x \notin x$ .

**Proof** by induction on  $x$ . **qed.**

**Signature 1** *The empty set is the set that has no elements. Let  $\emptyset$  denote the empty set.*

**Definition 1**  $x$  is nonempty iff  $x$  has an element.

**Definition 2** *A subset of  $y$  is a set  $x$  such that every element of  $x$  is an element of  $y$ . Let  $x \subseteq y$  stand for  $x$  is a subset of  $y$ . Let  $y \supseteq x$  stand for  $x$  is a subset of  $y$ .*

**Definition 3** *A proper subset of  $y$  is a subset  $x$  of  $y$  such that there is an element of  $y$  that is not an element of  $x$ .*

**Proposition 1**  $x \subseteq x$ .

**Proposition 2** *If  $x \subseteq y \subseteq x$  then  $x = y$ .*

**Definition 4**  $x \cup y = \{u \mid u \in x \text{ or } u \in y\}$ .

**Definition 5**  $\{x\} = \{\text{sets } y \mid y = x\}$ .

## 2 Ordinal Numbers

[ordinal/-s]

**Definition 6**  $x$  is transitive iff every element of  $x$  is a subset of  $x$ . Let  $\text{Trans}(x)$  stand for  $x$  is transitive.

**Definition 7** An ordinal is a set  $x$  such that  $x$  is transitive and every element of  $x$  is transitive. Let  $\text{Ord}(x)$  stand for  $x$  is an ordinal. Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  stand for ordinals.

**Theorem 2**  $\emptyset$  is an ordinal.

**Definition 8**  $x + 1 = x \cup \{x\}$ .

**Theorem 3**  $\alpha + 1$  is an ordinal.

**Theorem 4** If  $\text{Ord}(\beta)$  and  $\alpha \in \beta$  then  $\text{Ord}(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 5**  $(\alpha \in \beta) \wedge (\beta \in \gamma) \Rightarrow (\alpha \in \gamma)$ .