

An Exercise in Structural Induction

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A set x is **transitive** if $z \in y \in x$ implies $z \in x$.

$\mathcal{P}(x)$ is $\{y : y \subseteq x\}$, the **power set** of x .

Define V_ω to be the \subseteq -smallest set A containing \emptyset and containing $x \cup \{y\}$ whenever it contains x and y .

- (i) Show that V_ω is closed under \cup .
- (ii) Show that V_ω is closed under \bigcup .
- (iii) Show that V_ω is the \subseteq -smallest set containing \emptyset and closed under pairing (existence of $\{x, y\}$) and \cup .
- (iv) Show that V_ω is the \subseteq -smallest transitive set containing \emptyset and closed under \mathcal{P} .
- (v) Show that V_ω is the \subseteq -smallest set containing all its finite subsets.