

0.1 Axioms of ZFC (Continued)

7. Axiom of Specification:

The collection of all elements of a known set, that satisfy a certain predicate, is a set.

E.g. $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x \text{ is prime}\}$

8. Axiom of power set

If S is a set, then the collection of all subsets of S is a set, called the power set. $\mathcal{P}(S)$

$(a, b) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

$A \times B :=$ set of ordered pairs $(a, b) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Let A, B be sets. A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an element of the $\mathcal{P}(A \times B)$,

- For every $a \in A$, there is some $b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in f$
- if b_1 and $b_2 \in B$ such that $(a, b_1) \in f$ and $(a, b_2) \in f$ then $b_1 = b_2$

9. Let X be a set. Define $\text{succ}(x) = x^+ := x \cup \{x\}$. There exists a set S such that

(a) $\emptyset \in S$,

(b) $x \in S$ then $x^+ \in S$.

E.g. $\text{succ}(\emptyset) = \emptyset \cup \emptyset = \emptyset$ $\{\emptyset\}^+ = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\{\emptyset\}\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$

10. Axiom of choice.

A choice function f defined on a set X of non-empty sets is a function with the property that if $a \in X$ then $f(a) \in a$.

Choice functions always exist for any X .

0.2 Construction of \mathbb{N}

\mathbb{N} includes 0.

Define $0 := \emptyset$

$1 := \emptyset^+$

$2 := 1^+ = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$

$3 := 2^+ = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \cup \{\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\} = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$

Q: What is \mathbb{N} .

A9 tells us that there is a set S such that $\emptyset \in S$, if $x \in S$, $x^+ \in S$

Consider $I_S := \{T \in \mathcal{P}(S) \mid \emptyset \in T \text{ and } \forall x \in T, x^+ \in T\}$

Say that a set A is inductive. If $\emptyset \in A$ and if $x \in A$, $x^+ \in A$.

$I_S =$ set of all inductive subsets of S .

$I_S \neq \emptyset$ because $S \in I_S$

Define $\mathbb{N} = \bigcap_{x \in I_S} x = \{x \in S \mid \forall T \in I_S, x \in T\}$

Theorem 0.1 *Principle of Mathematical Induction*

Let p be a predicate defined on \mathbb{N} . Assume that $p(0)$ holds, and for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $p(n)$ implies $p(n^+)$. Then $p(n)$ holds for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof: Fix p , with the above properties.

$S = \{x \in \mathbb{N} | p(x) \text{ holds}\}$. We want to show that $S = \mathbb{N}$, i.e. the elements of S are exactly the elements of \mathbb{N} .

Observation S is inductive

1. $0 \in S$, because $p(0) = p(0)$ holds.
2. If $x \in S$ it means $p(x)$ holds, therefore $p(x^+)$ also holds.
So, $x^+ \in S$

1 and 2 tell us that S is inductive.

$S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ by construction.

$\mathbb{N} \subseteq S$ by construction.

$$\implies S = \mathbb{N}$$

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Theorem 0.2 *If $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $m^+ = n^+$, then $m = n$.*

Proof:

Lemma 0.3 *Let $x, n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $x \in n$ then $x \subseteq n$*

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