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Abstract

Práce zkoumá vztah tzv. principů reflexe a velkých kardinálů. Lévy ukázal, že v ZFC platí tzv. věta o reflexi a dokonce, že věta o reflexi je ekvivalentní schématu nahrazení a axiomu nekonečna nad teorií ZFC bez axiomu nekonečna a schématu nahrazení. Tedy lze na větu o reflexi pohlížet jako na svého druhu axiom nekonečna. Práce zkoumá do jaké míry a jakým způsobem lze větu o reflexi zobecnit a jaký to má vliv na existenci tzv. velkých kardinálů. Práce definuje nedosažitelné, Mahlovy a nepopsatelné kardinály a ukáže, jak je lze zavést pomocí reflexe. Přirozenou limitou kardinálů získaných reflexí jsou kardinály nekonzistentní s L. Práce nabídne intuitivní zdůvodnění, proč tomu tak je.

Abstract

This thesis aims to examine relations between so called "Reflection Principles" and Large cardinals. Lévy has shown that Reflection Theorem is a sound theorem of ZFC and it is equivalent to Replacement Scheme and the Axiom of Infinity. From this point of view, Reflection theorem can be seen a specific version of an Axiom of Infinity. This paper aims to examine the Reflection Principle and it's generalisations with respect to existence of Large Cardinals. This thesis will establish Inaccessible, Mahlo and Indescribable cardinals and their definition via reflection. A natural limit of Large Cardinals obtained via reflection are cardinals inconsistent with L. The thesis will offer an intuitive explanation of why this is the case.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Motivation and Origin

The Universe of sets cannot be uniquely characterized (i. e. distinguished from all its initial elements) by any internal structural property of the membership relation in it, which is expressible in any logic of finite or transfinite type, including infinitary logics of any cardinal order.

— Kurt Gödel [5]

To understand why we need reflection in the first place, let's think about infinity for a moment. In the intuitive sense, infinity is an upper limit of all numbers. But for centuries, this was merely a philosophical concept, closely bound to religious and metaphysical way of thinking, considered separate from numbers used for calculations or geometry. It was a rather vague concept. In ancient Greece, Aristotle's response to famous Zeno's paradoxes introduced the distinction between actual and potential infinity. He argued, that potential infinity is (in today's words) well defined, as opposed to actual infinity, which remained a vague incoherent concept. He didn't think it's possible for infinity to inhabit a bounded place in space or time, rejecting Zeno's thought experiments as a whole. Aristotle's thoughts shaped western thinking partly due to Aquinas, who himself believed actual infinity to be more of a metaphysical concept for describing God than a mathematical property attributed to any other entity. In his *Summa Theologica* ¹ he argues:

A geometrician does not need to assume a line actually infinite, but takes some actually finite line, from which he subtracts whatever he finds necessary; which line he calls infinite.

Less than hundred years later, Gregory of Rimini wrote

If God can endlessly add a cubic foot to a stone—which He can—then He can create an infinitely big stone. For He need only add one cubic foot at some time, another half an hour later, another a quarter of an hour later than that, and so on ad infinitum. He would then have before Him an infinite stone at the end of the hour.

Which is basically a Zeno's Paradox made plausible with God being the actor. In contrast to Aquinas' position, Gregory of Rimini theoretically constructs an object with actual infinite magnitude that is essentially different from God.

¹Part I, Question 7, Article 3, Reply to Objection 1

Even later, in the 17th century, pushing the property of infiniteness from the Creator to his creation, Nature, Leibniz wrote to Foucher in 1662:

I am so in favor of the actual infinite that instead of admitting that Nature abhors it, as is commonly said, I hold that Nature makes frequent use of it everywhere, in order to show more effectively the perfections of its Author. Thus I believe that there is no part of matter which is not, I do not say divisible, but actually divided; and consequently the least particle ought to be considered as a world full of an infinity of different creatures.

But even though he used potential infinity in what would become foundations of modern Calculus and argued for actual infinity in Nature, Leibniz refused the existence of an infinite, thinking that Galileo's Paradoxon² is in fact a contradiction. The so called Galileo's Paradoxon is an observation Galileo Galilei made in his final book "Discourses and Mathematical Demonstrations Relating to Two New Sciences". He states that if all numbers are either squares and non-squares, there seem to be less squares than there is all numbers. On the other hand, every number can be squared and every square has its square root. Therefore, there seem to be as many squares as there are all numbers. Galileo concludes, that the idea of comparing sizes makes sense only in the finite realm.

Salviati: So far as I see we can only infer that the totality of all numbers is infinite, that the number of squares is infinite, and that the number of their roots is infinite; neither is the number of squares less than the totality of all the numbers, nor the latter greater than the former; and finally the attributes "equal," "greater," and "less," are not applicable to infinite, but only to finite, quantities. When therefore Simplicio introduces several lines of different lengths and asks me how it is possible that the longer ones do not contain more points than the shorter, I answer him that one line does not contain more or less or just as many points as another, but that each line contains an infinite number.

Leibniz insists in part being smaller than the whole saying

Among numbers there are infinite roots, infinite squares, infinite cubes. Moreover, there are as many roots as numbers. And there are as many squares as roots. Therefore there are as many squares

²zneni galileova paradoxu

as numbers, that is to say, there are as many square numbers as there are numbers in the universe. Which is impossible. Hence it follows either that in the infinite the whole is not greater than the part, which is the opinion of Galileo and Gregory of St. Vincent, and which I cannot accept; or that infinity itself is nothing, i.e. that it is not one and not a whole.

TODO nejakej Hegel-strucne?

TODO Cantor

TODO mene teologie, vice matematiky

TODO definovat pojmy (trida etc)

In his work, he defined transfinite numbers to extend existing natural number structure so it contains more objects that behave like natural numbers and are based on an object (rather a meta-object) that doesn't explicitly exist in the structure, but is closely related to it. This is the first instance of reflection. This paper will focus on taking this principle a step further, extending Cantor's (or Zermelo–Fraenkel's, to be more precise) universe so it includes objects so big, they could be considered the universe itself, in a certain sense.

TODO dal asi smazat

The original idea behind reflection principles probably comes from what could be informally called “universality of the universe”. The effort to precisely describe the universe of sets was natural and could be regarded as one of the impulses for formalization of naive set theory. If we try to express the universe as a set $\{x|x = x\}$, a paradox appears, because either our set is contained in itself and therefore is contained in a set (itself again), which contradicts the intuitive notion of a universe that contains everything but is not contained itself.

TODO ???

If there is an object containing all sets, it must not be a set itself. The notion of class seems inevitable. Either directly the ways for example the Bernays–Gödel set theory, we will also discuss later in this paper, does in, or on a meta-level like the Zermelo–Fraenkel set theory, that doesn't refer to them in the axioms but often works with the notion of a universal class. Another obstacle of constructing a set of all sets comes from Georg Cantor, who proved that the set of all subsets of a set (let A be the set and $\mathcal{P}(A)$ its powerset) is strictly larger than A . That would turn every aspiration to finally establish an universal set into a contradictory infinite regression.³ We

³An intuitive analogy of this *reductio ad infinitum* is the status of ω , which was originally thought to be an unreachable absolute, only to become starting point of Cantor's hierarchy of sets growing beyond all boundaries around the end of the 19th century

will use V to denote the class of all sets. From previous thoughts we can easily argue, that it is impossible to construct a property that holds for V and no set and is neither paradoxical like $\{x|x = x\}$ nor trivial. Previous observation can be transposed to a rather naive formulation of the reflection principle:

Reflection Any property which holds in V already holds in some initial segment of V .

To avoid vagueness of the term "property", we could informally reformulate the above statement into a schema:

For every first-order formula⁴ φ holds in $V \leftrightarrow \varphi$ holds in some initial segment of V .

Interested reader should note that this is a theorem scheme rather than a single theorem.⁵

1.2 A few historical remarks on reflection

Reflection made it's first in set-theoretical appearance in Gödel's proof of GCH in L (citace Kanamori ? Lévy and set theory), but it was around even earlier as a concept. Gödel himself regarded it as very close to Russel's reducibility axiom (an earlier equivalent of the axiom schema of Zermelo's separation). Richard Montague then studied reflection properties as a tool for verifying that Replacement is not finitely axiomatizable (citace?). a few years later Lévy proved in [2] the equivalence of reflection with Axiom of infinity together with Replacement in proof we shall examine closely in chapter 2.

TODO co dal? recent results?

1.3 Notation (??) TODO

1. *Reflection* je obecne reflexe (jaka presne)

⁴this also works for finite sets of formulas [3, p. 168]

⁵If there were a single theorem stating "for any formula φ that holds in V there is an initial segment of V where φ also holds", we would obtain the following contradiction with the second Gödel's theorem: In ZFC, any finite group of axioms of ZFC holds in some initial segment of the universe. If we take the largest of those initial segments it is still strictly smaller than the universe and thus we have, via compactness, constructed a model of ZFC within ZFC. That is, of course a harsh contradiction. This also leads to an elegant way to prove that ZFC is not finitely axiomatizable.

- 198 2. *Reflection*₁ je reflexe prvoradovych formulí
- 199 3. *Reflection*₂ je reflexe druhoradovych formulí
- 200 4. etc...

201 2 Levy's first-order reflection

202 2.1 Introduction

203 This section will try to present Lévy's proof of a general reflection principle
 204 being equivalent to Replacement and Infinity under ZF minus Replacement
 205 and Infinity. We will first introduce a few axioms and definitions that were
 206 a different in Lévy's paper[2], but are equivalent to today's terms. We will
 207 write them in contemporary notation, our aim is the result, not history of
 208 set theory notation.

209 Please note that Lévy's paper was written in a period when Set theory
 210 was oriented towards semantics, which means that everything was done in
 211 a model. All proofs were theodel that of ZFC was V_α (notated as $R(\alpha)$ at
 212 the time) for some cardinal α , which means that α is a inaccessible cadinal.
 213 Please bear in mind that this is vastly different from saying that there is
 214 an inaccessible α inside the model. This V_α is also referred to as $Scm^Q(u)$,
 215 which means that u ($u = V_\alpha$ in our case) is a standard complete model of
 216 an undisclosed axiomatic set theory Q formulated in the "non-simple applied
 217 first order functional calculus", which is second-order theory is today's ter-
 218 minology, we are allowed to quantify over functions and thus get rid of axiom
 219 schemes. (Note that Lévy always speaks of "the axiom of replacement"). Be-
 220 sides placeholder set theory Q and ZF, which the reader should be familiar
 221 with, theories Z , S , and SF are used in the text. Z is ZF minus replacement,
 222 S is ZF minus replacement and infinity, and finally SF is ZF minus infinity.
 223 "The axiom of subsets" is an older name for the axiom scheme of specifica-
 224 tion (and it's not a scheme since we are now working in second order logic).
 225 Also note that universal quantifier does not appear, $\forall x\varphi(x)$ would be written
 226 as $(x)\varphi(x)$, the symbol for negation is " \sim ".

227 2.2 Lévy's Original Paper

228 The following are a few definitions that are used in Lévy's original article. ⁶

229 **Definition 2.1** *Relativization*
 230 *TODO (jech:161)*

231 Next two definitions are not used in contemporary set theory, but they
 232 illustrate 1960's set theory mind-set and they are used heavily in Lévy's text,

⁶While some of them won't be of much use in this paper, they will provide extremely helpful when reading the original article as set theory notation and terminology has evolved in the last 50 years considerably.

so we will include and explain them for clarity. Generally in this chapter, \mathbf{Q} stands for an undisclosed axiomatic set theory, u is usually a model, counterpart of today's V^7 , e is a relation that serves as \in in the given model.

TODO je to relativizovany, jak rika shepherdson?

Definition 2.2 *Standard model of a set theory*

We say the u is a standard model of \mathbf{Q} with a membership relation e , written as $Sm^{\mathbf{Q}}(u)$, if both of the following hold

(i) $(x, y) \in e \leftrightarrow y \in u \ \& \ x \in y$

(ii) $y \in u \ \& \ x \in y \rightarrow x \in u$

Definition 2.3 *Standard complete model of a set theory*

We say that u is a standard complete model of a set theory \mathbf{Q} with a membership relation e if:

(i) u is a transitive set with respect to \in

(ii) $\forall e((x, y) \in e \leftrightarrow (y \in u \ \& \ x \in y) \ \& \ Sm^{\mathbf{Q}}(u, e))$

this is written as $Scm^{\mathbf{Q}}(u)$.

TODO what is "simple first-order functional calculus" a "non-simple first-order functional calculus"? Levyho ucebnece?

Definition 2.4 *Cardinal inaccessible with respect to \mathbf{Q}*

$$In^{\mathbf{Q}}(\alpha) = Scm^{\mathbf{Q}}(V_{\alpha}) \quad (2.1)$$

TODO tohle je lepsi protoze nepotrebuje AC

Definition 2.5 *Strictly increasing function*

A function $F(\alpha)$ defined on the ordinal number into the ordinal numbers is said to be strictly increasing if $\forall \alpha, \beta \in On(\alpha < \beta \rightarrow F(\alpha) < F(\beta))$.

Definition 2.6 *Continuous function*

A function $F(\alpha)$ defined on the ordinal number into the ordinal numbers is said to be continuous if for any limit α , $F(\alpha) = \lim_{\beta < \alpha} F(\beta)$.

Definition 2.7 *Normal function*

A function $F(\alpha)$ defined on the ordinal number into the ordinal numbers is said to be normal if it is strictly increasing and continuous

⁷Which is of course not referred to as a model, but it is used in a similar fashion, in this case the term "model" was a metamathematical notion because it was not based on any underlying structure of theory. It can be easily formalized in any set theory, but it's not helpful for our case.

263 TODO jak znamim usporadane dvojice?

264 TODO porovnani Mahlovy a Lévyho konstrukce, viz ref{mahlovy kardi-
265 naly}

266 TODO asi doplnit jak to souvisi se soucasnou definici slabe Mahlovych
267 kardinalu pres stacionarni mnoziny?

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269 Lévy's article mentions various schemata that are not instances of reflec-
270 tion themselves. We will mention them because they are equivalent to N_0
271 and because they are fixed-point theorems, which we will find useful later in
272 this thesis.

273 **Definition 2.8** *M Every normal function defined for all ordinals has at least*
274 *one inaccessible number in its range.*

275 **Definition 2.9** *M' Every normal function defined for all ordinals has at*
276 *least one fixed point which is inaccessible.*

277 **Definition 2.10** *M'' Every normal function defined for all ordinals has ar-*
278 *bitrarily great fixed points which are inaccessible.*

Theorem 2.11

$$M \leftrightarrow M' \leftrightarrow M'' \quad (2.2)$$

279 We will omit this proof because it is not essential for our goal. An inter-
280 ested reader will find it in [2,].

281 TODO z M se pak odvodi Mahlovska hierarchie?

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283 The following is a principle of complete reflection over ZF.

284 **Definition 2.12** $N(\varphi)$

$$\exists u (Scm^{ZF}(u) \ \& \ \forall x_1, \dots, x_n (x_1, \dots, x_n \in u \rightarrow \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi^u)) \quad (2.3)$$

285 where φ is a formula which does not contain free variables except x_1, \dots, x_n .

286 Note that this by (2.4) equivalent to $\exists u (In^{ZF}(u) \ \& \ \forall x_1, \dots, x_n (x_1, \dots, x_n \in$
287 $u \rightarrow \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi^u))$, where $In(\alpha)$ is equivalent to the standard notion of inacces-
288 sibility.

Theorem 2.13

$$M \leftrightarrow N \quad (2.4)$$

289 *Proof.* TODO (Theorem 3)? neudalam ho spis v dalsi sekci v modernejši
290 variante? \square

291 **2.3** $S \models \text{Reflection} \leftrightarrow (\text{Replacement} \ \& \ \text{Infinity})$

292 **Definition 2.14** $N_0(\varphi)$

$$\exists u(Scm^S(u) \ \& \ \forall x_1, \dots, x_n(x_1, \dots, x_n \in u \rightarrow \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi^u)) \quad (2.5)$$

293 where φ is a formula which does not contain free variables except x_1, \dots, x_n .

294 Note that the only difference between N and N_0 is the set theory used.

295 **Theorem 2.15** *In S , the schema N_0 implies the Axiom of Infinity.*

296 *Proof.* For any φ , N_0 gives us $\exists u Scm^S(u)$, which means that there is a set u
 297 that is identical to V_α for some alpha, so $\exists \alpha Scm^S(V_\alpha)$. We don't know the
 298 exact size of this α , but we know that $\alpha \geq \omega$, otherwise α would be finite,
 299 therefore not closed under the powerset operation, which would contradict
 300 the axiom of powersets. In order to prove that it is a model of S , we would
 301 need to verify all axioms of S . We have already shown that ω is closed under
 302 the powerset operation. Foundation, extensionality and comprehension are
 303 clear from the fact that we work in ZF^8 , pairing is clear from the fact, that
 304 given two sets A, B , they have ranks a, b , without loss of generality we can
 305 assume that $a \leq b$, which means that $A \in V_a \in V_b$, therefore V_b is a set that
 306 satisfies the pairing axiom: it contains both A and B .

307 TODO vyhodit axiomy, staci vyrobit ω

308 We now want to prove that V_α leads to existence of an inductive set,
 309 which is a set that satisfies $\exists A(\emptyset \in A \ \& \ \forall x \in A ((x \cup \{x\}) \in A))$. If we can
 310 find a way to construct V_ω from any V_α satisfying $\alpha \geq \omega$, we are done. Since
 311 ω is the least limit ordinal, all we need is the following

$$\bigcap \{V_\kappa \mid \forall \lambda(\lambda < \kappa \rightarrow \exists \mu(\lambda < \mu < \kappa))\} \quad (2.6)$$

312 because V_κ is a transitive set for every κ , thus the intersection is non-empty
 313 unless empty set satisfies the property or the set of V_κ s is itself empty. \square

314

315 **Theorem 2.16** *In S , the schema N_0 implies Replacement schema.*

316 *Proof.* TODO vysvetlit! (podle contemporary verze)

⁸We only need to verify axioms that provide means of constructing larger sets from smaller to make sure they don't exceed ω . Since ω is an initial segment of ZF , the axiom scheme of specification can't be broken, the same holds for foundation and extensionality.

Let $\varphi(v, w)$ be a formula wth no free variables except v, w, x_1, \dots, x_n where n is any natural number. Let χ be an instance of replacement schema for this φ :

$$\chi = \forall r, s, t(\varphi(r, s) \& \varphi(r, t) \rightarrow s = t) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y \forall w (w \in y \leftrightarrow \exists v (v \in x \& \varphi(v, w))) \quad (2.7)$$

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We can deduce the following from N_0 :

- (i) $x_1, \dots, x_n, v, w \in u \rightarrow (\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi^u)$
- (ii) $x_1, \dots, x_n, v \in u \rightarrow (\exists w \varphi \leftrightarrow (\exists w \varphi)^u)$
- (iii) $x_1, \dots, x_n, x \in u \rightarrow (\chi \leftrightarrow \chi^u)$
- (iv) $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \forall x (\chi \leftrightarrow (\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \forall x \chi)^u)$

Note that (i), (ii), (iii) are obtained from instances of N_0 for φ , $\exists w \varphi$ and χ respectively. From relativization we also know that $(\exists w \varphi)^u$ is equivalent to $\exists w (w \in u \& \varphi^u)$. Therefore (ii) is equivalent to $x_1, \dots, x_n, v \in u \rightarrow (\exists w (w \in u \& \varphi^u))$.

If φ is a function $(\forall r, s, t(\varphi(r, s) \& \varphi(r, t) \rightarrow r = t))$, then for every $x \in u$, which is also $x \subset u$ by $Scm^S(u)$, it maps elements of x onto u . From the axiom scheme of comprehension⁹, we can find a set of all images of elements of x . Let's call it y . That gives us $x_1, \dots, x_n, x \in u \rightarrow \chi$. By (iii) we get $x_1, \dots, x_n, x \in u \rightarrow \chi^u$, closure of this formula is $(\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \forall x \chi)^u$, which together with (iv) yields $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \forall x \chi$. By the means of specification we end up with χ , which is all we need for now.

TODO btw co je x? nemela by tam tam byt nejaka volna promenna?

TODO shrnout zbytek clanku, fixed-point vety a spol

TODO S- $\dot{\iota}$ ZM- $\dot{\iota}$ ZM'- $\dot{\iota}$ ZM", neco jako mahlovy kardinaly

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□

2.4 Contemporary restatement

TODO nejaký uvod.

TODO Levy rika ze existuje $Scm^S(u)$ reflektujici varphi, coz uz nepotrebuje. atd.

TODO Ze prvoradova reflexe je theorem ZFC, vys uz max jako axiom/schema.

TODO ?

The following lemma is usually done in more parts, the first being with one formula and the other with n . We will only state and prove the generalised version for n formulas, knowing that $n = 1$ is just a specific case and the proof is exactly the same.

⁹axiom of subsets in Levy's version

352 **Lemma 2.17** *Lemma Let $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ be any formulas with m parameters¹⁰.*
 353 *(i) For each set M_0 there is such M that $M_0 \subset M$ and the following holds*
 354 *for every $i \leq n$:*

$$\exists x \varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x) \rightarrow (\exists x \in M) \varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x) \quad (2.8)$$

355 *for every $u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \in M$.*
 356 *(ii) Furthermore there is an ordinal α such that $M_0 \subset V_\alpha$ and the following*
 357 *holds for each $i \leq n$:*

$$\exists x \varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x) \rightarrow (\exists x \in V_\alpha) \varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x) \quad (2.9)$$

358 *for every $u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \in M$.*

359 *Proof.* We will simultaneously prove statements (i) and (ii), denoting M^T
 360 the transitive set required by part (ii). Unless explicitly stated otherwise for
 361 specific steps, it is thought to be equivalent to M .

362 Let us first define operation $H(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})$ that gives us the set of
 363 x 's with minimal rank satisfying $\varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x)$ for given parameters
 364 u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} for every $i \leq n$.

$$H_i(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \{x \in C_i : (\forall z \in C)(\text{rank}(x) \leq \text{rank}(z))\} \quad (2.10)$$

365 for each $i \leq n$, where

$$C_i = \{x : \varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x)\} \text{ for } i \leq n \quad (2.11)$$

366

367 Next, let's construct M from given M_0 by induction.

$$M_{i+1} = M_i \cup \bigcup_{j=0}^n \{H_j(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}) : u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \in M_i\} \quad (2.12)$$

368 In other words, in each step we add the elements satisfying $\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x)$
 369 for all parameters that were either available earlier or were added in the
 370 previous step. For statement (ii), this is the only part that differs from (i).

¹⁰For formulas with different number of parameters take for m the highest number of parameters among given formulas. Add spare parameters to the other formulas so that x remains the last parameter. That can be done in a following manner: Let φ'_i be the a formula with k parameters, $k < m$. Let us set $\varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x) = \varphi'_i(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k, \dots, u_{m-1}, x)$, notice that u_k, \dots, u_{m-1} are spare variables added just for formal simplicity.

371 Let us take for each step transitive closure of M_{i+1} from (i). In other words,
 372 let γ be the smallest ordinal such that

$$(M_i^T \cup \bigcup_{j=0}^n \{ \bigcup \{ H_j(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}) : u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \in M_i \} \}) \subset V_\gamma \quad (2.13)$$

373 Then the incremental step is like so:

$$M_{i+1}^T = V_\gamma \quad (2.14)$$

374 The final M is obtained by joining all incremental steps together.

$$M = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} M_i, \quad M^T = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} M_i^T \quad (2.15)$$

375

376 Let's try to construct a set M' that satisfies the same conditions like
 377 M but is kept as small as possible. Assuming the Axiom of Choice, we can
 378 modify the process so that cardinality of M' is at most $|M_0| \cdot \aleph_0$. Note that the
 379 size of M' is determined by the size of M_0 and, most importantly, by the size of
 380 $H_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})$ for any $i \leq n$ in individual levels of the construction. Since
 381 the lemma only states existence of some x that satisfies $\varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x)$
 382 for any $i \leq n$, we only need to add one x for every set of parameters but
 383 $H_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1})$ can be arbitrarily large. Since Axiom of Choice ensures
 384 that there is a choice function, let F be a choice function on $\mathcal{P}((M'))$. Also
 385 let $h_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}) = F(H_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}))$ for $i \leq n$, which means that h is
 386 a function that outputs an x that satisfies $\varphi_i(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, x)$ for $i \leq n$ and
 387 has minimal rank among all such witnesses. The induction step needs to be
 388 redefined to

$$M'_{i+1} = M'_i \cup \bigcup_j = 0^n \{ h_j(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}) : u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \in M'_i \} \quad (2.16)$$

389 In every step, the amount of elements added in M'_{i+1} is equivalent to the
 390 amount of sets of parameters the yielded elements not included in M'_i . So
 391 the cardinality of M'_{i+1} exceeds the cardinality of M'_i only for finite M'_i . It
 392 is easy to see that if M_0 is finite, M' is countable because it was built from
 393 countable union of finite sets. If M_0 is countable or larger, cardinality of M'
 394 is equal to the cardinality of M_0 .¹¹ Therefore $|M'| \leq |M_0| \cdot \aleph_0$

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□

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397 TODO proc \leq a ne =?

¹¹It can not be smaller because $|M'_{i+1}| \geq |M'_i|$ for every i . It may not be significantly larger because the maximum of elements added is the number of n -tuples in M'_i , which is of the same cardinality is M'_i . ((proc? Ramsey?))

398 **Theorem 2.18** *First-order Reflection*

399 *Let $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a first-order formula.*

400 (i) *For every set M_0 there exists M such that $M_0 \subset M$ and the following*
 401 *holds:*

$$\varphi^M(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (2.17)$$

402 *for every x_1, \dots, x_n .*

403 (ii) *For every set M_0 there is a transitive set M , $M_0 \subset M$ such that the*
 404 *following holds:*

$$\varphi^M(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (2.18)$$

405 *for every x_1, \dots, x_n .*

406 (iii) *For every set M_0 there is α such that $M_0 \subset V_\alpha$ and the following holds:*

$$\varphi^{V_\alpha}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (2.19)$$

407 *for every x_1, \dots, x_n .*

408 (iv) *Assuming the Axiom of Choice, for every set M_0 there is M such that*
 409 *$M_0 \subset M$ and $|M| \leq |M_0| \cdot \aleph_0$ and the following holds:*

$$\varphi^M(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (2.20)$$

410 *for every x_1, \dots, x_n .*

411 *Proof.* Let's prove (i) for one formula φ via induction by complexity first.
 412 We can safely assume that φ contains no quantifiers besides \exists and no logical
 413 connectives other than \neg and $\&$. Assume that this M is obtained from
 414 lemma 2.17. The fact, that atomic formulas are reflected in every M comes
 415 directly from definition of relativization and the fact that they contain no
 416 quantifiers.¹² The same holds for formulas in the form of $\varphi = \neg\varphi'$. Let us
 417 recall the definition of relativization for those formulas in 2.1.

$$(\neg\varphi_1)^M \leftrightarrow \neg(\varphi_1^M) \quad (2.21)$$

418 Because we can assume from induction that $\varphi'^M \leftrightarrow \varphi'$, the following holds:

$$(\neg\varphi')^M \leftrightarrow \neg(\varphi'^M) \leftrightarrow \neg\varphi' \quad (2.22)$$

419 The same holds for $\varphi = \varphi_1 \& \varphi_2$. From the induction hypothesis we know
 420 that $\varphi_1^M \leftrightarrow \varphi_1$ and $\varphi_2^M \leftrightarrow \varphi_2$, which together with relativization for formulas
 421 in the form of $\varphi_1 \& \varphi_2$ gives us

$$(\varphi_1 \& \varphi_2)^M \leftrightarrow \varphi_1^M \& \varphi_2^M \leftrightarrow \varphi_1 \& \varphi_2 \quad (2.23)$$

¹²Note that this does not hold generally for relativizations to M, E , but only for relativization to M, \in , which is our case.

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423 Let's now examine the case when from the induction hypethesis, M re-
 424 flects $\varphi'(u_1, \dots, u_n, x)$ and we are interested in $\varphi = \exists x \varphi'(u_1, \dots, u_n, x)$. The
 425 induction hypothesis tells us that

$$\varphi'^M(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \leftrightarrow \varphi'(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \quad (2.24)$$

426 so, together with above lemma 2.17, the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \\ & \leftrightarrow \exists x \varphi'(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \\ & \leftrightarrow (\exists x \in M) \varphi'(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \\ & \leftrightarrow (\exists x \in M) \varphi'^M(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \\ & \leftrightarrow (\exists x \varphi'(u_1, \dots, u_n, x))^M \\ & \leftrightarrow \varphi^M(u_1, \dots, u_n, x) \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

427 Which is what we have needed to prove:

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429 So far we have proven part (i) of this theorem for one formula φ , we only
 430 need to verify that the same holds for any finite number of formulas. This
 431 has in fact been already done since lemma 2.17 gives us M for any (finite)
 432 amount of formulas. We can than use the induction above to verify that it
 433 reflects each of the formulas individually.

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435 Now we want to verify other parts of our theorem. Since V_α is a transitive
 436 set, by proving (iii) we also satisfy (ii). To do so, we only need to look at
 437 part (ii) of lemma 2.17. All of the above proof also holds for $M = V_\alpha$. To
 438 finish part (iv)

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440 TODO spocetna varianta!!

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442 **Theorem 2.19** Reflection is equivalent to Infinity & Replacement under
 443 ZFC minus Infinity & Replacement

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445 *Proof.* Since 2.18 already gives one side of the implication, we are only
 446 interested in showing the converse which we shall do in two parts:

447 *Reflection* \rightarrow *Infinity*

448 Let us first find a formula to be reflected that requires a set M at least
 449 as large as V_ω . Let us consider the following formula:

$$\varphi'(x) = \forall \lambda (\lambda < x \rightarrow \exists \mu (\lambda < \mu < x)) \quad (2.26)$$

Because φ says "there is a limit ordinal", if it holds for some x , the Infinity axiom is very easy to satisfy. But we know that there are limit ordinals in ZF, therefore $\varphi = \exists x\varphi'(x)$ is a valid statement. *Reflection* then gives us a set M in which φ^M holds, that is, a set that contains a limit ordinal. So the set of off limit ordinals is non-empty and because ordinals are well-founded, it has a minimal element. Let's call it μ .

$$\mu = \bigcap \{V_\kappa : \forall \lambda(\lambda < \kappa \rightarrow \exists \mu(\lambda < \mu < \kappa))\} \quad (2.27)$$

We can see that μ is the least limit ordinal and therefore it satisfies *Infinity*.

Reflection \rightarrow *Replacement*

Given a formula $\varphi(x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n)$, we can suppose that it is reflected in any M ¹³ What we want to obtain is the following:

$$\forall x, y, z(\varphi(x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n) \& \varphi(x, z, u_1, \dots, u_n) \rightarrow y = z) \rightarrow \quad (2.28)$$

$$\rightarrow \forall X \exists Y \forall y (y \in Y \leftrightarrow \exists x(\varphi(x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n) \& x \in X)) \quad (2.29)$$

We do also know that $x, y \in M$, in other words for every $X, Y = \{y \mid \varphi(x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n)\}$ we know that $X \subset M$ and $Y \subset M$, which, together with the comprehension schema¹⁴ implies that Y , the image of X over φ , is a set. Which is exactly the Replacement Schema we hoped to obtain. \square

We have shown that *Reflection* for first-order formulas, *Reflection*₁ is a theorem of ZF, which means that it won't yield us any large cardinals. We have also shown that it can be used instead of the Axiom of Infinity and Replacement Scheme, but ZF + *Reflection*₁ is a conservative extension of ZF. Besides being a starting point for more general and powerful statements, it can be used to show that ZF is not finitely axiomatizable. That is because *Reflection* gives a model to any finite number of (consistent) formulas. So if $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ for any finite n would be the axioms of ZF, *Reflection* would always contain a model of itself, which would in turn contradict the Second Gödel's Theorem¹⁵. Notice that, in a way, reflection is complementary to compactness. Compactness argues that given an infinite¹⁶ set of sentences, if every finite subset yields a model, so does the whole set. Reflection, on the other hand, says that while the whole set has no model in the underlying theory, every finite subset does have one.

¹³Which means that for $x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n \in M$, $\varphi^M(x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x, y, u_1, \dots, u_n)$.

¹⁴Called the axiom of subsets in Levy's proof.

¹⁵See chapter 3.3 for further details.

¹⁶Countable?

481 Also, notice how reflection can be used in ways similar to upward Löwenheim–Skolem
482 theorem. Since Reflection extends any set M_0 into a model of given formulas
483 $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$, we can choose M_0 such that the final M is at least as big as we
484 need it to be.¹⁷

485 TODO znacit *Reflection* asi jako *Reflection*₁ pokud mluvíme o prvo-
486 radových formulích (definice je nahore v posledni subsection section 1)

487 In the next section, we will try to generalize Reflection in a way that
488 transcends ZF and finally yields some large cardinals.

¹⁷Too vague?

3 Reflecting Large Cardinals

In this chapter we aim to explore the possible generalisations of *Reflection* for second- and higher-order formulas and use those to establish the existence of various large cardinals. We will also argue whether there is a limit to the size of large cardinals obtainable via generalised form of *Reflection*.

3.1 Reflecting Second-order Formulas

To see that there is a way to transcend ZF, let us briefly show how a model of ZF can be obtained in $\text{ZF}^2 + \text{"second-order reflection"}$ ¹⁸. This will be more closely examined in section 3.3.

We know that ZF can not be finitely axiomatized in first-order formulas, however if Replacement and Comprehension schemes can be substituted by second-order formulas, ZF becomes ZF^2 , which is finitely axiomatizable in second-order logic. Therefore if we take second-order reflection into consideration, we can obtain a set M that is a model of ZF^2 . For now, we have left out the details of how exactly is first-order reflection generalised into stronger statements and how second-order axiomatization of ZF looks like as we will examine those problems closely in the following pages.

We will now define reflection for second-order formulas.

Definition 3.1 *Second-order reflection TODO*

3.2 Preliminaries

But first, let's establish some elementary terms that will allow us to define the relevant large cardinals.

Definition 3.2 (*limit cardinal*) *kappa is a limit cardinal if it is \aleph_α for some limit ordinal α .*

Definition 3.3 (*strong limit cardinal*) *kappa is a strong limit cardinal if for every $\lambda < \kappa$, $2^\lambda < \kappa$*

We also need to rigorously define ZF^2 , the second-order axiomatization of ZF we have already used in the previous section. Let's take advantage of second-order variables and replace Replacement and Specification schemes

¹⁸ ZF^2 is an axiomatization of ZF in second-order formulas, to be more rigorously established later.

with a single Replacement and a Specification axiom respectively. Lower-case letters represent first-order variables and upper-case P represents a second-order variable.

Definition 3.4 Replacement²

$$\begin{aligned} \forall P(\forall x, y, z(P(x, y) \& P(x, z) \rightarrow y = z) \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow (\forall x \exists y \forall z(z \in y \leftrightarrow \exists w \in x(P(w, z)))) \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

We will denote this axiom Replacement₂.

Definition 3.5 Specification₂

$$\forall P \forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \leftrightarrow [z \in x \& P(z, x)]) \quad (3.31)$$

Definition 3.6 ZF²

Let ZF² be a theory with all axioms identical with the axioms of ZF with the exception of Replacement and Specification schemes, which are replaced with Replacement₂ and Specification₂ respectively.

TODO vsechny jmena axiomu emph?

TODO sjednotit Replacement₂ s Replacement²

TODO budeme potrebovat club sety, stacionarni mnoziny? treba aby-chom dokazali ekvivalence?

3.3 Inaccessibility

The inaccessible cardinal is the smallest of large cardinals¹⁹

Definition 3.7 (weak inaccessibility) An uncountable cardinal κ is weakly inaccessible \leftrightarrow it is regular and limit.

Definition 3.8 (inaccessibility) An uncountable cardinal κ is inaccessible \leftrightarrow it is regular and strongly limit.

Note that the above requirements could in fact be satisfied by V_ω , except for the need for uncountability, which is being added exactly to leave out V_ω for practical purposes.²⁰

We will now show that the above notion is equivalent to the definition Levy uses in [2], which is, in more contemporary notation, the following:

¹⁹citation needed.

²⁰Informally, this clearly illustrates the fact stressed in section 1, that large cardinals are obtained by similar way of thinning that lead mathematicians to establish ω as an actual object.

547 **Theorem 3.9** *The following are equivalent:*²¹

- 548 1. κ in inaccessible
 549 2. $\langle V_\kappa, \in \rangle \models \text{ZFC}$

550 *Proof.* Let's first prove that if κ is inaccessible, it is a model of ZFC. We
 551 will do that by verifying the axioms of ZFC just like Kanamori does it in
 552 1.2 in [1]. Because κ is a limit ordinal, there's no need for us to verify
 553 the Powerset, Foundation, Extensionality, Subset, Pairing and Union axioms
 554 and the Specification scheme. Thus we only have the Replacement Scheme
 555 to verify.

556 Given an arbitrary set $x \in V_\kappa$ and a function $F : x \rightarrow V_\kappa$, we need to
 557 verify that $y = F[x]$ is indeed a set and that it is an element of V_κ . The
 558 fact that F is a function implies that $|y| \leq |x|$. It follows from Specification
 559 that $y \subset V_\kappa$, which is still not exactly what we want. Let $\alpha < \kappa$ be the least
 560 ordinal such that $y \in V_\alpha$ ²², since $V_{\alpha+1} = \mathcal{P}(V_\alpha)$, $y \in V_{\alpha+1}$, together with
 561 $\alpha + 1 < \kappa$ this means that $y \in V_\kappa$.

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 563 We will now show that if a set is a model of ZFC, it is in fact an inaccessible
 564 cardinal. So let V_κ be a model of ZFC which means that it is closed under
 565 the powerset operation, in other words:

$$\forall \lambda (\lambda < \kappa \rightarrow 2^\lambda < \kappa) \quad (3.32)$$

566 which is exactly the definition of strong limitness. κ is regular from the
 567 following argument by contradiction:

568 Let us suppose for a moment that κ is singular. Therefore there is an ordinal
 569 $\alpha < \kappa$ and a function $F : \alpha \rightarrow \kappa$ such that the range of F is unbounded in
 570 κ , in other words, $F[\alpha] \subseteq V_\kappa$ and $\sup(F[\alpha]) = \kappa$. In order to achieve the
 571 desired contradiction, we need to see that it is the case that $F[\alpha] \in V_\kappa$. Let
 572 $\varphi(x, y)$ be the following first-order formula:

$$F(x) = y \quad (3.33)$$

573 Then there is an instance of Axiom Schema of Replacement that states the
 574 following:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x, y, z (\varphi(x, y) \& \varphi(x, z) \rightarrow y = z)) \rightarrow \\ & \rightarrow (\forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \leftrightarrow \exists w (\varphi(w, z)))) \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

²¹TODO skutecne plati na obe strany? viz <http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1060005/h-kappa-a-model-of-all-the-axioms-of-zfc-for-kappa-not-inaccessible>

²²TODO pozor – jak vime ze takove alpha existuje?

575 Which in turn means that there is a set $y = F[\alpha]$ and $y \in V_\kappa$, which is the
 576 contradiction with $\sup(y) = \kappa$ we are looking for. \square

577

578 The same holds for \mathbf{ZF}^2 , the proof is very similar.

Theorem 3.10

$$V_\kappa \models \mathbf{ZF}^2 \leftrightarrow \kappa \text{ is inaccessible} \quad (3.35)$$

579 *Proof.* κ is a strong limit cardinal because from \mathbf{ZF}^2 and the Powerset Axiom
 580 we know that for every $\lambda < \kappa$, we know that $2^\lambda < \kappa$.

581 κ is also regular, because otherwise there would be an ordinal α and
 582 a function $F : \alpha \rightarrow \kappa$ with a range unbounded in κ . *Replacement*² gives us
 583 a set $y = F[\alpha]$, so $y \in V_\kappa$, which contradicts the fact that $\sup(y) = \kappa$. It
 584 can not be the case that $\kappa \in V_\kappa$.

585

586 The other direction is exactly like the first part of above theorem 3.9. \square

587

588 We have transcended \mathbf{ZF} , but that is just a start. Naturally, we could
 589 go on and consider the next inaccessible cardinal, which is inaccessible with
 590 respect to the theory $\mathbf{ZF} + \exists \kappa(\kappa \models \mathbf{ZF})$. But

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592 TODO α -inaccessibles etc?

593 TODO mention fixed-point phenomena

594 TODO typografie – mezery kolem vsech = a asi i vyrokovych ostatnich
 595 spojek

596 TODO krok smerem k Mahlovym kardinalum

3.4 Mahlo Cardinals

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598 TODO viz [4] Rucker – 253 - 265 !!

599 TODO reflektuji nedosazitelnost?

600 TODO zminit Mahlovu konstrukci v Levym?

601 TODO zavest pomoci reflexe

602 ocisluj nedosazitelne kardinaly, Mahlovy kardinaly jsou pevne body (ale
 603 pevne body nejsou Mahlovy kardinaly)

604 **Definition 3.11** *Weakly Mahlo Cardinals* κ is weakly Mahlo \leftrightarrow it is a limit
 605 ordinal and the set of all regular ordinals less than κ is stationary in κ

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607 TODO napsat co to znamena

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Thus a Mahlo cardinal κ is not only inaccessible, but also has κ inaccessible cardinals below it.

Definition 3.12 Mahlo cardinals

The following definitions are equivalent:

- (i) κ is Mahlo
- (ii) κ is weakly Mahlo and strong limit
- (iii) κ is inaccessible and the regular cardinals below κ form a stationary subset of κ .
- (iv) κ is regular and the stationary sets below κ form a stationary subset of κ .
- (v) $\{\lambda < \kappa : \lambda \text{ is inaccessible}\}$ is stationary in κ .

TODO κ is hyper-Mahlo iff κ is inaccessible and the set $\{\lambda < \kappa : \lambda \text{ is Mahlo}\}$ is stationary in κ .

Note that Mahlo cardinals were first described in 1911, almost 50 years before Lévy's reflection, which was heavily inspired by them.

"We also state the appropriate generalization for greatly Mahlo cardinals."

3.5 Weakly Compact Cardinals

TODO souvislost s reflexi!

TODO co je "partition property"?

Definition 3.13 A cardinal κ is weakly compact if it is uncountable and satisfies the partition property $\kappa \rightarrow (\kappa)^2$

opsano z jecha!

3.6 Indescribable Cardinals

TODO uvod / intuice

TODO souvislost s reflexi

3.7 Bernays–Gödel Set Theory

TODO Plagiat – prepsat a vysvetlit

TODO

642 **3.8 Reflection and the constructible universe**

643 TODO reflektovat muzeme jenom kardinaly konzistentni s $V=L$, proc?

644 TODO Plagiat – prepsat a vysvetlit

645 L was introduced by Kurt Gödel in 1938 in his paper *The Consistency*
646 *of the Axiom of Choice and of the Generalised Continuum Hypothesis* and
647 denotes a class of sets built recursively in terms of simpler sets, somewhat
648 similar to Von Neumann universe V . Assertion of their equality, $V = L$, is
649 called the *axiom of constructibility*. The axiom implies GCH and therefore
650 also AC and contradicts the existence of some of the large cardinals, our goal
651 is to decide whether those introduced earlier are among them.

652 On order to formally establish this class, we need to formalize the notion
653 of definability first:

654 TODO zduvodneni

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656 TODO kratka diskuse jestli refl implikuje transcendenci na L - polemika,
657 nazor - $V=L$ a slaba kompaktnost a dalsi

658

659 TODO asi nekde bude meritelny kardinal

660 **4 Higher-order reflection**

661 TODO rict ze to je zobecneni a nejaky dalsi uvodni veci

662 **4.1 Sharp**

663 TODO je tohle higher-order vec?

664 **4.2 Welek: Global Reflection Principles**

665 TODO ma to vubec cenu?

666 **5 Conclusion**

667 TODO na konec

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