Why

We want to speak of infinite processes, and to do so we define sequences indexed by $\mathbf{N}$. In other words, important families are those indexed by the natural numbers.

Definition

A *sequence* (or *infinite sequence*) is a family whose index set is $\mathbf{N}$ (the set of natural numbers without zero). The *nth term* or *coordinate* of a sequence is the result of the nth natural number, $n \in \mathbf{N}$.[1]

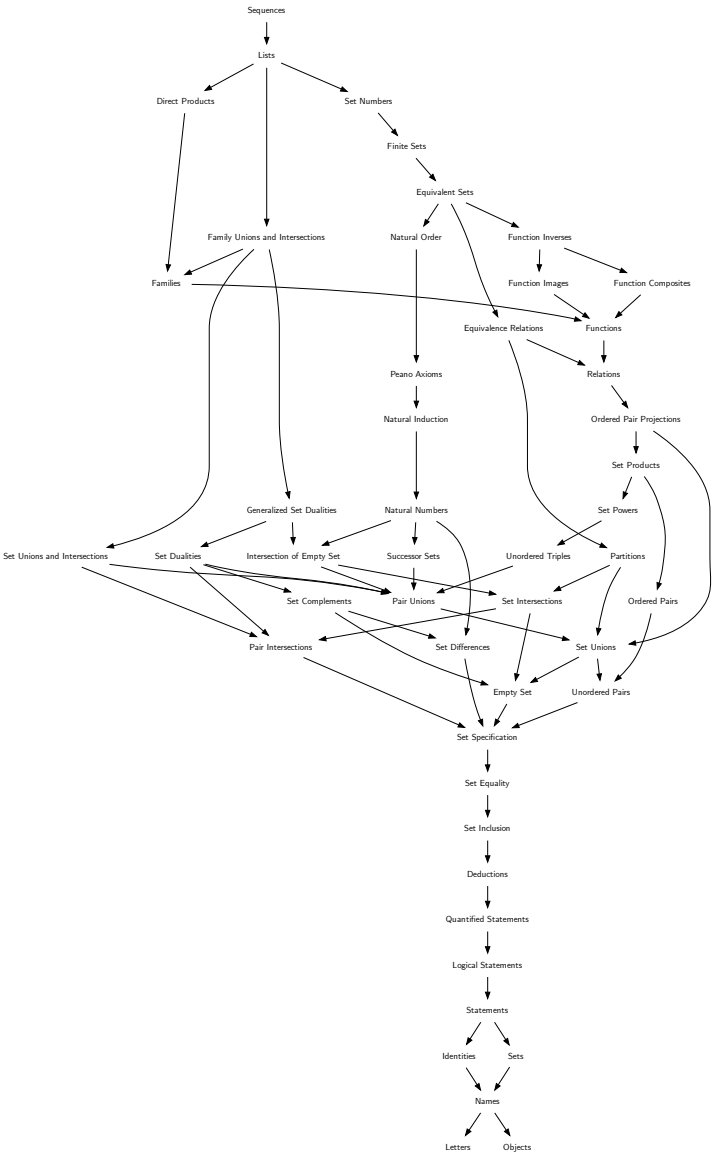
Notation

Let A be a non-empty set and $a : \mathbf{N} \to A$. Then a is a (infinite) sequence in A. $a(n)$ is the nth term. We also denote a by $(a_n)_n$ and $a(n)$ by a_n. If $\{A_n\}_{n\in\mathbf{N}}$ is an infinite sequence of sets, then we denote the direct product of the sequence by $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$.

Natural unions and intersections

We denote the family of the infinite sequence of sets $(A_n)_n$ by $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$. Similarly, we denote the intersection of an infinite sequence of sets by $\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, respectively.

[1] Future editions may also comment that we are introducing language for the steps of an infinite process.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