C1 Set Theory

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1 Primitive Notions

Let there be *sets*.

Let there be a binary relation called *membership*, $\in$. When $x \in y$ holds, we say x is a *member* or *element* of y. We write $x \notin y$ iff x is not a member of y.

2 The Axioms

Axiom 1 (Extensionality)**.** *If two sets have exactly the same members, then they are equal.*

As a consequence of this axiom, we may identify a set A with the class $\{x : x \in A\}$. The use of the symbols $\in$ and $=$ is consistent.

Definition 2. We say that a class $\mathbf{A}$ *is a set* iff there exists a set A such that $A = \mathbf{A}$. That is, the class $\{x : P(x)\}$ is a set iff

$$\exists A. \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow P(x)) \ .$$

Otherwise, $\mathbf{A}$ is a *proper class*.

Definition 3 (Subset)**.** If A is a set and $\mathbf{B}$ is a class, we say A is a *subset* of $\mathbf{B}$ iff $A \subseteq \mathbf{B}$.

Definition 4 (Power Set)**.** For any set A, the *power set* of A, $\mathcal{P}A$, is the class of all subsets of A.