

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 $A \subseteq \mathbf{B}$.

Axiom 4 (Empty Set). *The empty class is a set, called the empty set.*

Axiom 5 (Pairing). *For any objects a and b , the class $\{a, b\}$ is a set, called a pair set.*

Definition 6 (Union). For any class of sets \mathbf{A} , the *union* $\bigcup \mathbf{A}$ is the class $\{x : \exists A \in \mathbf{A}. x \in A\}$.

We write $\bigcup_{P[x_1, \dots, x_n]} t[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ for $\bigcup \{t[x_1, \dots, x_n] : P[x_1, \dots, x_n]\}$.

Proposition 7. *If $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$ then $\bigcup \mathbf{A} \subseteq \bigcup \mathbf{B}$.*

PROOF: Easy. \square

Axiom 8 (Union). *For any set A , the union $\bigcup A$ is a set.*

Proposition 9. *For any sets A and B , the class $A \cup B$ is a set.*

PROOF: It is $\bigcup\{A, B\}$. \square

Proposition Schema 10. *For any objects a_1, \dots, a_n , the class $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is a set.*

PROOF: By repeated application of the Pairing and Union axioms. \square

Definition 11 (Power Set). For any set A , the *power set* of A , $\mathcal{P}A$, is the class of all subsets of A .

Axiom 12 (Power Set). *For any set A , the class $\mathcal{P}A$ is a set.*

Axiom 13 (Subset, Aussonderung). *For any class \mathbf{A} and set B , if $\mathbf{A} \subseteq B$ then \mathbf{A} is a set.*

Proposition 14. *For any set A and class \mathbf{B} , the intersection $A \cap \mathbf{B}$ is a set.*

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom since it is a subclass of A . \square

Proposition 15. *For any set A and class \mathbf{B} , the relative complement $A - \mathbf{B}$ is a set.*

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom since it is a subclass of A . \square

Theorem 16. *The universal class \mathbf{V} is a proper class.*

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$. ASSUME: \mathbf{V} is a set.

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$. LET: $R = \{x : x \notin x\}$

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$. R is a set.

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom.

$\langle 1 \rangle 4$. $R \in R$ if and only if $R \notin R$

$\langle 1 \rangle 5$. Q.E.D.

PROOF: This is a contradiction.

\square

Definition 17 (Intersection). For any class of sets \mathbf{A} , the *intersection* $\bigcap \mathbf{A}$ is the class $\{x : \forall A \in \mathbf{A}. x \in A\}$.

We write $\bigcap_{P[x_1, \dots, x_n]} t[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ for $\bigcap \{t[x_1, \dots, x_n] : P[x_1, \dots, x_n]\}$.

Proposition 18. *For any nonempty class of sets \mathbf{A} , the class $\bigcap \mathbf{A}$ is a set.*

PROOF: Pick $A \in \mathbf{A}$. Then $\bigcap \mathbf{A} \subseteq A$. \square

Proposition 19. *If $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$ then $\bigcap \mathbf{B} \subseteq \bigcap \mathbf{A}$.*

PROOF: Easy. \square

Proposition 20. *For any set A and class of sets \mathbf{B} , we have*

$$A \cup \bigcap \mathbf{B} = \bigcap \{A \cup X \mid X \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Proposition 21. *For any set A and class of sets \mathbf{B} , we have*

$$A \cap \bigcup \mathbf{B} = \bigcup \{A \cap X \mid X \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Proposition 22. *For any set C and class of sets \mathbf{A} , we have*

$$C - \bigcup \mathbf{A} = \bigcap \{C - X \mid X \in \mathbf{A}\} .$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Proposition 23. *For any set C and class of sets \mathbf{A} , we have*

$$C - \bigcap \mathbf{A} = \bigcup \{C - X \mid X \in \mathbf{A}\} .$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

3 Ordered Pairs

Definition 24 (Ordered Pair). For any objects a and b , the *ordered pair* (a, b) is $\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$. We call a its *first coordinate* and b its *second coordinate*.

Theorem 25. *For any objects (a, b) , we have $(a, b) = (c, d)$ if and only if $a = c$ and $b = d$.*

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$. If $(a, b) = (c, d)$ then $a = c$ and $b = d$

$\langle 2 \rangle 1$. ASSUME: $(a, b) = (c, d)$

$\langle 2 \rangle 2$. $a = c$

PROOF: Since $\{a\} = \bigcap(a, b) = \bigcap(c, d) = \{c\}$.

$\langle 2 \rangle 3$. $\{a, b\} = \{c, d\}$

PROOF: $\{a, b\} = \bigcup(a, b) = \bigcup(c, d) = \{c, d\}$.

$\langle 2 \rangle 4$. $b = c$ or $b = d$

$\langle 2 \rangle 5$. CASE: $b = c$

$\langle 3 \rangle 1$. $a = b$

$\langle 3 \rangle 2$. $\{c, d\} = \{a\}$

$\langle 3 \rangle 3$. $b = d$

$\langle 2 \rangle 6$. CASE: $b = d$

PROOF: We have $a = c$ and $b = d$ as required.

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$. If $a = c$ and $b = d$ then $(a, b) = (c, d)$

PROOF: Trivial.

\square

Definition 26 (Cartesian Product). The *Cartesian product* of classes \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} is the class

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \{(x, y) : x \in \mathbf{A}, y \in \mathbf{B}\} .$$

Lemma 27. For any objects x and y and set C , if $x \in C$ and $y \in C$ then $(x, y) \in \mathcal{PPC}$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Corollary 27.1. For any sets A and B , the Cartesian product $A \times B$ is a set.

PROOF: By the Subset Axiom applied to $\mathcal{PP}(A \cup B)$. \square

Lemma 28. If $(x, y) \in \mathbf{A}$ then $x, y \in \bigcup \bigcup \mathbf{A}$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

4 Relations

Definition 29 (Relation). A *relation* is a class of ordered pairs. It is *small* iff it is a set.

When \mathbf{R} is a relation, we write $x\mathbf{R}y$ for $(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}$.

Definition 30 (Domain). The *domain* of a class \mathbf{R} is $\text{dom } \mathbf{R} = \{x : \exists y.(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}\}$.

Definition 31 (Range). The *range* of a class \mathbf{R} is $\text{ran } \mathbf{R} = \{y : \exists x.(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}\}$.

Definition 32 (Field). The *field* of a class \mathbf{R} is $\text{fld } \mathbf{R} = \text{dom } \mathbf{R} \cup \text{ran } \mathbf{R}$.

Proposition 33. If R is a set then $\text{dom } R$, $\text{ran } R$ and $\text{fld } R$ are sets.

PROOF: Apply the Subset Axiom to $\bigcup \bigcup R$. \square

Definition 34 (Single-Rooted). A class \mathbf{R} is *single-rooted* iff, for all $y \in \text{ran } \mathbf{R}$, there is only one x such that $x\mathbf{R}y$.

Definition 35 (Inverse). The *inverse* of a class \mathbf{F} is the class $\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in \mathbf{F}\}$.

Theorem 36. For any class \mathbf{F} , we have $\text{dom } \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \text{ran } \mathbf{F}$ and $\text{ran } \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 37. For a relation \mathbf{F} , $(\mathbf{F}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{F}$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Definition 38 (Composition). The *composition* of classes \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} is the class $\mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F} = \{(x, z) \mid \exists y.(x, y) \in \mathbf{F} \wedge (y, z) \in \mathbf{G}\}$.

Theorem 39. For any classes \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} , $(\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G})^{-1} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{F}^{-1}$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Definition 40 (Restriction). The *restriction* of the class \mathbf{F} to the class \mathbf{A} is the class $\mathbf{F} \upharpoonright \mathbf{A} = \{(x, y) : x \in \mathbf{A} \wedge (x, y) \in \mathbf{F}\}$.

Definition 41 (Image). The *image* of the class \mathbf{A} under the class \mathbf{F} is the class $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) = \{y : \exists x \in \mathbf{A}. (x, y) \in \mathbf{F}\}$.

Theorem 42.

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A} \cup \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) \cup \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 43.

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\bigcup \mathbf{A}\right) = \bigcup \{\mathbf{F}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 44.

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B}) \subseteq \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) \cap \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B})$$

Equality holds if \mathbf{F} is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 45.

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\bigcap \mathbf{A}\right) \subseteq \bigcap \{\mathbf{F}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

Equality holds if \mathbf{F} is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 46.

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{B}) \subseteq \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$$

Equality holds if \mathbf{F} is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy. \square

5 n -ary Relations

Definition 47. Given objects a, b, c , define the *ordered triple* (a, b, c) to be $((a, b), c)$.

Define $(a, b, c, d) = ((a, b, c), d)$, etc.

Define the *1-tuple* (a) to be a .

Definition 48 (n -ary Relation). Given a class \mathbf{A} , an *n -ary relation* on \mathbf{A} is a class of ordered n -tuples, all of whose components are in \mathbf{A} .

6 Functions

Definition 49 (Function). A *function* is a relation \mathbf{F} such that, for all $x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$, there is only one y such that $x\mathbf{F}y$. We call this unique y the *value* of \mathbf{F} at x and denote it by $\mathbf{F}(x)$.

We say \mathbf{F} is a function *from* \mathbf{A} *into* \mathbf{B} , or \mathbf{F} *maps* \mathbf{A} *into* \mathbf{B} , and write $\mathbf{F} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$, iff \mathbf{F} is a function, $\text{dom } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{A}$, and $\text{ran } \mathbf{F} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$.

If, in addition, $\text{ran } \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{B}$, we say \mathbf{F} is a function from \mathbf{A} *onto* \mathbf{B} .

Theorem 50. For a class \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{F}^{-1} is a function if and only if \mathbf{F} is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 51. A relation \mathbf{F} is a function if and only if \mathbf{F}^{-1} is single-rooted.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 52. For any function \mathbf{G} and classes \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{G}^{-1}\left(\bigcup \mathbf{A}\right) &= \bigcup \{\mathbf{G}^{-1}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\} \\ \mathbf{G}^{-1}\left(\bigcap \mathbf{A}\right) &= \bigcap \{\mathbf{G}^{-1}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\} \quad (\text{if } \mathbf{A} \neq \emptyset) \\ \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) &= \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{B})\end{aligned}$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 53. Assume that \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{G} are functions. Then $\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G}$ is a function, its domain is $\{x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{G} : \mathbf{G}(x) \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}\}$, and for x in its domain,

$$(\mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{G})(x) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{G}(x)) .$$

PROOF: Easy. \square

Definition 54 (One-to-one). A function \mathbf{F} is *one-to-one* or an *injection* iff it is single-rooted.

Theorem 55. Let \mathbf{F} be a one-to-one function. For $x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{F}(x)) = x$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Theorem 56. Let \mathbf{F} be a one-to-one function. For $y \in \text{ran } \mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}^{-1}(y)) = y$.

PROOF: Easy. \square

Definition 57 (Identity Function). For any class \mathbf{A} , the *identity* function on \mathbf{A} is $\text{id}_{\mathbf{A}} = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbf{A}\}$.

Theorem 58. Let $F : A \rightarrow B$. Assume $A \neq \emptyset$. Then F has a left inverse (i.e. there exists $G : B \rightarrow A$ such that $G \circ F = \text{id}_A$) if and only if F is one-to-one.

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle$ 1. If F is one-to-one then F has a left inverse.

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: F is one-to-one.

⟨2⟩2. $F^{-1} : \text{ran } F \rightarrow A$

⟨2⟩3. PICK $a \in A$

⟨2⟩4. Define $G : B \rightarrow A$ by:

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} F^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{ran } F \\ a & \text{if } x \in B - \text{ran } F \end{cases}$$

⟨2⟩5. $\forall x \in A. G(F(x)) = x$

⟨1⟩2. If F has a left inverse then F is one-to-one.

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: F has a left inverse G .

⟨2⟩2. LET: $x, y \in A$ with $F(x) = F(y)$

⟨2⟩3. $x = y$

PROOF: $x = G(F(x)) = G(F(y)) = y$.

□

7 The Axiom of Choice

Axiom 59 (Choice). *For any relation R there exists a function $H \subseteq R$ with $\text{dom } H = \text{dom } R$.*

Theorem 60. *Let $F : A \rightarrow B$. Then F has a right inverse if and only if F maps A onto B .*

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. If F has a right inverse then F maps A onto B .

PROOF: If $H : B \rightarrow A$ is a right inverse, then for any y in B , we have $y = F(H(y))$.

⟨1⟩2. If F maps A onto B then F has a right inverse.

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: F maps A onto B .

⟨2⟩2. PICK a function H with $H \subseteq F^{-1}$ and $\text{dom } H = \text{dom } F^{-1}$

PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.

⟨2⟩3. $\text{dom } H = B$

PROOF: $\text{dom } H = \text{dom } F^{-1} = \text{ran } F = B$ by ⟨2⟩1.

⟨2⟩4. For all $y \in B$ we have $F(H(y)) = y$

⟨3⟩1. LET: $y \in B$

⟨3⟩2. $(y, H(y)) \in F^{-1}$

⟨3⟩3. $F(H(y)) = y$

□

8 Sets of Functions

Definition 61. Let A be a set and \mathbf{B} be a class. Then \mathbf{B}^A is the class of all functions $A \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$.

9 Dependent Products

Definition 62. Let I be a set and H_i a set for all $i \in I$. Define

$$\prod_{i \in I} H_i = \{f : f \text{ is a function, } \text{dom } f = I, \forall i \in I. f(i) \in H_i\} .$$

Theorem 63. *The Axiom of Choice is equivalent to the statement: For any set I and any function H with domain I , if $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$, then $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$*

PROOF:

- ⟨1⟩1. If the Axiom of Choice is true then, for any set I and any function H with domain I , if $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$, then $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$.
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: The Axiom of Choice.
- ⟨2⟩2. LET: I be a set.
- ⟨2⟩3. LET: H be a function with domain I .
- ⟨2⟩4. ASSUME: $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$.
- ⟨2⟩5. LET: $R = \{(i, x) : i \in I, x \in H(i)\}$
- ⟨2⟩6. PICK a function $F \subseteq R$ with $\text{dom } F = \text{dom } R$
PROVE: $F \in \prod_{i \in I} H(i)$
PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.
- ⟨2⟩7. $\text{dom } H = I$
PROOF: We have $\text{dom } R = I$ since for all $i \in I$ there exists x such that $x \in H(i)$.
- ⟨2⟩8. $\forall i \in I. F(i) \in H(i)$
PROOF: Since $iRF(i)$.
- ⟨1⟩2. If, for any set I and any function H with domain I , if $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$, then $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$, then the Axiom of Choice is true.
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: For any set I and any function H with domain I , if $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$, then $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$
- ⟨2⟩2. LET: R be a relation
- ⟨2⟩3. LET: $I = \text{dom } R$
- ⟨2⟩4. Define the function H with domain I by: for $i \in I$, $H(i) = \{y : iRy\}$
- ⟨2⟩5. $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$
- ⟨2⟩6. PICK $F \in \prod_{i \in I} H(i)$
PROOF: By ⟨2⟩1
- ⟨2⟩7. F is a function
- ⟨2⟩8. $F \subseteq R$
PROOF: For all $i \in I$ we have $F(i) \in H(i)$ and so $iRF(i)$.
- ⟨2⟩9. $\text{dom } F = \text{dom } R$

□