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 **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, **A** is a proper class.

Definition 3 (Subset). If A is a set and **B** is a class, we say A is a *subset* of **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 **A**, the *union* \bigcup **A** is the class $\{x: \exists A \in \mathbf{A}. x \in A\}.$

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

Proposition 7. If $A \subseteq B$ then $\bigcup A \subseteq \bigcup B$.

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, \ldots, a_n , the class $\{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$ 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 PA is a set. **Axiom 13** (Subset, Aussonderung). For any class **A** and set B, if $\mathbf{A} \subseteq B$ then A is a set. **Proposition 14.** For any set A and class B, the intersection $A \cap B$ is a set. PROOF: By the Subset Axiom since it is a subclass of A. \square **Proposition 15.** For any set A and class B, the relative complement A - B is a set. PROOF: By the Subset Axiom since it is a subclass of A. \square **Theorem 16.** The universal class **V** is a proper class. Proof: $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Assume: **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. **Definition 17** (Intersection). For any class of sets A, the *intersection* $\bigcap A$ is the class $\{x : \forall A \in \mathbf{A}. x \in A\}.$ We write $\bigcap_{P[x_1,...,x_n]} t[x_1,...,x_n]$ for $\bigcap \{t[x_1,...,x_n]: P[x_1,...,x_n]\}.$ **Proposition 18.** For any nonempty class of sets A, the class $\bigcap A$ is a set. PROOF: Pick $A \in \mathbf{A}$. Then $\bigcap \mathbf{A} \subseteq A$. \square

Proposition 20. For any set A and class of sets B, we have

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

Proof: Easy. \square

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

Proof: Easy.

Proposition 21. For any set A and class of sets 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 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 A, we have

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

Proof: Easy.

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.

Definition 26 (Cartesian Product). The *Cartesian product* of classes **A** and **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 R is a relation, we write $x\mathbf{R}y$ for $(x,y) \in \mathbf{R}$.
Definition 30 (Domain). The <i>domain</i> of a class R is dom R = $\{x : \exists y . (x,y) \in \mathbf{R}\}.$
Definition 31 (Range). The range of a class \mathbf{R} is ran $\mathbf{R} = \{y : \exists x . (x, y) \in \mathbf{R}\}.$
Definition 32 (Field). The <i>field</i> of a class \mathbf{R} is fld $\mathbf{R} = \operatorname{dom} \mathbf{R} \cup \operatorname{ran} \mathbf{R}$.
Proposition 33. If R is a set then dom R , ran R and fld R are sets.
PROOF: Apply the Subset Axiom to $\bigcup \bigcup R$. \Box
Definition 34 (Single-Rooted). A class R is <i>single-rooted</i> iff, for all $y \in \operatorname{ran} \mathbf{R}$, there is only one x such that $x\mathbf{R}y$.
Definition 35 (Inverse). The <i>inverse</i> 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 dom $\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \operatorname{ran} \mathbf{F}$ and $\operatorname{ran} \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \operatorname{dom} \mathbf{F}$.
Proof: Easy. \square
Theorem 37. For a relation \mathbf{F} , $(\mathbf{F}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{F}$.
Proof: Easy. \square
Definition 38 (Composition). The <i>composition</i> of classes F and G is the class $\mathbf{G} \circ \mathbf{F} = \{(x,z) \mid \exists y.(x,y) \in \mathbf{F} \land (y,z) \in \mathbf{G}\}.$
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 **F** to the class **A** is the class **F** \upharpoonright **A** = $\{(x,y): x \in A \land (x,y) \in \mathbf{F}\}.$

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

Theorem 42.

$$F(A \cup B) = F(A) \cup F(B)$$

Proof: Easy. \square

Theorem 43.

$$\mathbf{F}(\c|\ \mathbf{J}\mathbf{A}) = \c|\ \mathbf{J}\{\mathbf{F}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

Proof: Easy.

Theorem 44.

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

Equality holds if F is single-rooted.

Proof: Easy. \square

Theorem 45.

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

Equality holds if ${f F}$ is single-rooted.

Proof: Easy.

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

Definition 47 (Reflexive). A binary relation **R** on **A** is *reflexive* on **A** if and only if $\forall x \in \mathbf{A}.x\mathbf{R}x$.

Definition 48 (Symmetric). A binary relation **R** is *symmetric* iff, whenever $x\mathbf{R}y$, then $y\mathbf{R}x$.

Definition 49 (Transitive). A binary relation **R** is *transitive* iff, whenever $x\mathbf{R}y$ and $y\mathbf{R}z$, then $x\mathbf{R}z$.

5 n-ary Relations

Definition 50. 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 51 (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 52 (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 **F** is a function *from* **A** *into* **B**, or **F** *maps* **A** into **B**, and write $\mathbf{F} : \mathbf{A} \to \mathbf{B}$, iff **F** is a function, dom $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{A}$, and ran $\mathbf{F} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$.

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

Theorem 53. For a class \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{F}^{-1} is a function if and only if \mathbf{F} is single-rooted.

Proof: Easy.

Theorem 54. A relation \mathbf{F} is a function if and only if \mathbf{F}^{-1} is single-rooted.

Proof: Easy.

Theorem 55. For any function G and classes A and B,

$$\mathbf{G}^{-1}(\bigcup \mathbf{A}) = \bigcup \{\mathbf{G}^{-1}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{-1}(\bigcap \mathbf{A}) = \bigcap \{\mathbf{G}^{-1}(X) : X \in \mathbf{A}\}$$

$$(if \mathbf{A} \neq \emptyset)$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{B})$$

Proof: Easy.

Theorem 56. 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.

Definition 57 (One-to-one). A function F is one-to-one or an injection iff it is single-rooted.

Theorem 58. Let **F** be a one-to-one function. For $x \in \text{dom } \mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{F}(x)) = x$.

Proof: Easy.

Theorem 59. Let **F** be a one-to-one function. For $y \in \operatorname{ran} \mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}^{-1}(y)) = y$.

Proof: Easy.

Definition 60 (Identity Function). For any class **A**, the *identity* function on **A** is $id_{\mathbf{A}} = \{(x, x) \mid x \in \mathbf{A}\}.$

Theorem 61. Let $F: A \to B$. Assume $A \neq \emptyset$. Then F has a left inverse (i.e. there exists $G: B \to A$ such that $G \circ F = \mathrm{id}_A$) 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.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: F is one-to-one.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. $F^{-1} : \operatorname{ran} F \to A$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$. Pick $a \in A$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. Define $G: B \to A$ by:

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

- $\langle 2 \rangle 5. \ \forall x \in A.G(F(x)) = x$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. If F has a left inverse then F is one-to-one.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: F has a left inverse G.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. Let: $x, y \in A$ with F(x) = F(y)
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ x = y$

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

7 The Axiom of Choice

Axiom 62 (Choice). For any relation R there exists a function $H \subseteq R$ with $\operatorname{dom} H = \operatorname{dom} R$.

Theorem 63. Let $F: A \to B$. Then F has a right inverse if and only if F maps A onto B.

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. If F has a right inverse then F maps A onto B.

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

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. If F maps A onto B then F has a right inverse.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: F maps A onto B.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. PICK a function H with $H \subseteq F^{-1}$ and dom $H = \text{dom } F^{-1}$

PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 3$. dom H = B

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

- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. For all $y \in B$ we have F(H(y)) = y
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$. Let: $y \in B$
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 2. \ (y, H(y)) \in F^{-1}$
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 3$. F(H(y)) = y

8 Sets of Functions

Definition 64. Let A be a set and **B** be a class. Then \mathbf{B}^A is the class of all functions $A \to \mathbf{B}$.

9 Dependent Products

Definition 65. 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 66. 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:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. 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 $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: The Axiom of Choice.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. Let: I be a set.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$. Let: H be a function with domain I.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. Assume: $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 5$. Let: $R = \{(i, x) : i \in I, x \in H(i)\}$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 6. PICK a function $F \subseteq R$ with dom F = dom R PROVE: $F \in \prod_{i \in I} H(i)$

PROOF: By the Axiom of Choice.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 7$. dom H = I

PROOF: We have dom R = I since for all $i \in I$ there exists x such that $x \in H(i)$.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 8. \ \forall i \in I.F(i) \in H(i)$ PROOF: Since iRF(i).

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. 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.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: For any set I and any function H with domain I, if $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$, then $\prod_{i \in I} H(i) \neq \emptyset$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. Let: R be a relation
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$. Let: I = dom R
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. Define the function H with domain I by: for $i \in I$, $H(i) = \{y : iRy\}$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 5$. $H(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i \in I$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 6$. Pick $F \in \prod_{i \in I} H(i)$

Proof: By $\langle 2 \rangle 1$

- $\langle 2 \rangle 7$. F is a function
- $\langle 2 \rangle 8. \ F \subseteq R$

PROOF: For all $i \in I$ we have $F(i) \in H(i)$ and so iRF(i).

 $\langle 2 \rangle 9. \operatorname{dom} F = \operatorname{dom} R$

10 Equivalence Relations

Definition 67 (Equivalence Relation). An *equivalence relation* on **A** is a binary relation on **A** that is reflexive on **A**, symmetric and transitive.

Theorem 68. If \mathbf{R} is a symmetric and transitive relation then \mathbf{R} is an equivalence relation on fld \mathbf{R} .

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Let: $x \in \operatorname{fld} \mathbf{R}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. PICK y such that either $x \mathbf{R} y$ or $y \mathbf{R} x$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. $x \mathbf{R} y$ and $y \mathbf{R} x$

PROOF: Since \mathbf{R} is symmetric.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$. $x \mathbf{R} x$

PROOF: Since \mathbf{R} is transitive.

Definition 69 (Equivalence Class). If **R** is an equivalence relation and $x \in \operatorname{fld} \mathbf{R}$, the *equivalence class* of x modulo **R** is

$$[x]_{\mathbf{R}} = \{t : x\mathbf{R}t\} .$$

Lemma 70. Assume that ${\bf R}$ is an equivalence relation on ${\bf A}$ and that x and y belong to ${\bf A}$. Then

$$[x]_{\mathbf{R}} = [y]_{\mathbf{R}} \text{ iff } x \mathbf{R} y$$
.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. If $[x]_{\mathbf{R}} = [y]_{\mathbf{R}}$ then $x \mathbf{R} y$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: $[x]_{\mathbf{R}} = [y]_{\mathbf{R}}$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2. \ y \in [y]_{\mathbf{R}}$

PROOF: Since \mathbf{R} is reflexive on \mathbf{A} .

- $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ y \in [x]_{\mathbf{R}}$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. $x \mathbf{R} y$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. If $x \mathbf{R} y$ then $[x]_{\mathbf{R}} = [y]_{\mathbf{R}}$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Assume: $x \mathbf{R} y$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. $[y]_{\mathbf{R}} \subseteq [x]_{\mathbf{R}}$
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$. Let: $z \in [y]_{\mathbf{R}}$
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 2. \ y \mathbf{R} z$
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ x \mathbf{R} z$

PROOF: Since \mathbf{R} is transitive.

- $\langle 3 \rangle 4. \ z \in [x]_{\mathbf{R}}$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ y \mathbf{R} x$

PROOF: Since \mathbf{R} is symmetric.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ [x]_{\mathbf{R}} \subseteq [y]_{\mathbf{R}}$

PROOF: Similar.

Definition 71 (Partition). A partition of a set A is a set $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}A$ such that:

- \bullet Every member of P is nonempty.
- ullet Any two distinct members of P are disjoint.
- $A = \bigcup P$

Theorem 72. Let R be an equivalence relation on the set A. Then the set of all equivalence classes is a partition of A.

PROOF:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$. Every equivalence class is nonempty.

PROOF: For any $x \in A$ we have $x \in [x]_R$.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$. Any two distinct equivalence classes are disjoint.
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$. Let: $x, y \in A$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$. Assume: $z \in [x]_R \cap [y]_R$ Prove: $[x]_R = [y]_R$
 - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$. xRy
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$. xRz
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$. yRz
 - $\langle 3 \rangle 3$. zRy

PROOF: By $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ and symmetry.

 $\langle 3 \rangle 4. \ xRy$

PROOF: By $\langle 3 \rangle 1$, $\langle 3 \rangle 3$ and transitivity.

 $\langle 2 \rangle 4$. $[x]_R = [y]_R$

PROOF: By Lemma 3N.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$. A is the union of all the equivalence classes.

PROOF: For any $x \in A$ we have $x \in [x]_R$.

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Definition 73 (Quotient Set). If R is an equivalence relation on the set A, then the quotient set A/R is the set of all equivalence classes, and the natural map or canonical map $\phi: A \to A/R$ is defined by $\phi(x) = [x]_R$.

Theorem 74. Assume that R is an equivalence relation on A and that F: $A \to B$. Assume that F is compatible with R; that is, whenever xRy, then F(x) = F(y). Then there exists a unique $\overline{F}: A/R \to B$ such that $F = \overline{F} \circ \phi$.

PROOF: The unique such \overline{F} is $\{([x], F(x)) : x \in A\}$. \square

11 Linear Orders

Definition 75 (Linear Ordering). Let **A** be a class. A *linear ordering* or *total ordering* on **A** is a relation **R** on **A** such that:

- R is transitive.
- R satisfies trichotomy on A; i.e. for any $x, y \in A$, exactly one of

$$x\mathbf{R}y, x = y, y\mathbf{R}x$$

holds.

Theorem 76. Let R be a linear ordering on A.

1. There is no x such that $x\mathbf{R}x$.

2. For distinct x and y in A, either xRy or yRx. PROOF: Immediate from trichotomy. \square

12 Natural Numbers

Definition 77 (Successor). The *successor* of a set a is the set $a^+ = a \cup \{a\}$.

Definition 78 (Inductive). A class **A** is *inductive* iff $\emptyset \in \mathbf{A}$ and $\forall a \in \mathbf{A}.a^+ \in \mathbf{A}$.

Definition 79 (Natural Number). A $natural\ number$ is a set that belongs to every inductive class.

We write ω for the class of all natural numbers.

Theorem 80. The class ω is inductive, and is a subclass of every inductive class.

Proof: Easy. \square

Corollary 80.1 (Proof by Induction). Any inductive subclass of ω is equal to ω .

Axiom 81 (Infinity). There exists an inductive set.

Theorem 82. The class ω is a set.

PROOF: Pick an inductive set I (by the Axiom of Infinity), then apply a Subset Axiom to I. \Box