

Formalization of the Proof of Fodor's Lemma

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Remark

Equivalently, C is unbounded in o if for every $\alpha < o$, there is a $\beta \in C$ such that $\alpha < \beta$.

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Let $f : C \rightarrow D$ be a function, where C and D are sets of ordinals. f is called **regressive** if for every $0 < \alpha \in C$, $f(\alpha) < \alpha$.

The Theorem

Our goal is to prove the following:

Theorem (Fodor's Lemma)

Let κ be an uncountable regular cardinal, $S \subseteq \kappa$ a stationary set and let $f : S \rightarrow \kappa$ be a regressive function. Then there is an ordinal $\theta < \kappa$ such that $f^{-1}(\{\theta\})$ is stationary in κ .

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- ▶ This makes sense: recall that in ZFC, an ordinal contains every ordinal strictly smaller than itself.

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Working with supremums is hard.

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