

Advanced Set Theory

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Definition 1.1. Fix first order language $\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2$ and theory T_1 in \mathcal{L}_1 , theory T_2 in \mathcal{L}_2 . We say that T_1 **interpret** T_2 iff there is a function π s.t.

1. $\pi(\forall) = \varphi_{\forall}(x)$ is a \mathcal{L}_1 -formula
2. $\pi(\approx) = \varphi_{\approx}(x, y)$ is a \mathcal{L}_1 -formula s.t.

$T_1 \vdash \varphi_{\approx}(x, y)$ defines an equivalent relation on the set defined by $\varphi_{\forall}(x)$

e.g., $\forall x \forall y (\varphi_{\forall}(x) \rightarrow \varphi_{\forall}(y)) \rightarrow \varphi_{\approx}(x, y) \rightarrow \varphi_{\approx}(y, x)$

3. For any n -ary predicate P in \mathcal{L}_2 , $\pi(P) = \varphi_P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and respects the equivalence relation defined by φ_{\forall}
4. For constant c in \mathcal{L}_2 , $\pi(c) = \varphi_c(x)$ s.t. $T_1 \vdash \exists x (\varphi_{\forall}(x) \wedge \varphi_c(x)) \wedge \forall y, z (\varphi_{\forall}(y) \rightarrow \varphi_{\forall}(z) \rightarrow \varphi_c(y) \rightarrow \varphi_c(z) \rightarrow \varphi_{\approx}(y, z))$
5. For n -ary function symbol f in \mathcal{L}_2 , $\pi(f) = \varphi_f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$ s.t. it's a function modulo φ_{\approx}

Then we can recursively define the translation of formulas.

For term t we define

$$\varphi_t(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_{\approx}(x, t) & t \text{ is a variable (constant) other than } x \\ \exists y_1 \dots y_n ((\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \varphi_{\forall}(y_i) \wedge \varphi_{t_i}(y_i)) \wedge \varphi_f(y_1, \dots, y_n, x)) & t = f t_1 \dots t_n \end{cases}$$

For formulas

1. $(t_1 \approx t_2)^* = \exists x_1 x_2 (\varphi_{\forall}(x_1) \wedge \varphi_{\forall}(x_2) \wedge \varphi_{t_1}(x_1) \wedge \varphi_{t_2}(x_2) \wedge \varphi_{\approx}(x_1, x_2))$
2. $(Pt_1 \dots t_n)$
3. $(\forall x \varphi)^* = \forall x (\varphi_{\forall}(x) \rightarrow \varphi^*(x))$

For any \mathcal{L}_2 -formula φ , $T_2 \vdash \varphi \Rightarrow T_1 \vdash \varphi^*$

Fact 1.2. *If T_1 interprets T_2 then T_1 is consistent implies T_2 is consistent*

Proof. If T_2 is not consistent, then T_1 is not consistent □

Definition 1.3 (Relative consistency). T_2 is **relative consistent** in T_1 iff $\text{Con}(T_1) \rightarrow \text{Con}(T_2)$

Usually T_1 and T_2 are recursively enumerable.

Definition 1.4 (Consistency strength). Assume T_1 can interpret Q , T_2 is r.e., we say that the **consistency strength** of T_1 is strictly stronger than T_2 iff $T_1 \vdash \text{Con}(T_2)$

Fact 1.5. *If the consistency strength of T_1 is strictly stronger than T_2 then $\text{Con}(T_1) \rightarrow \text{Con}(T_2)$*

Proof. If T_2 is not consistent, then $\neg \text{Con}(T_2)$ is a true Σ_1^0 -sentence, so $T_1 \vdash \neg \text{Con}(T_2)$ □

ZF, ZF-foundation, ZF-replacement, $V_{\omega+\omega}$ ZF-power set: $\text{ZF} \vdash V_{\omega+1} \models \text{ZF} - \text{Pow}$ ZF-Infinite: $\text{ZF} \vdash V_{\omega} \models \text{ZF} - \text{Inf}$

NBG is finitely axiomatizable
class existence axioms

1. $\in \subset V^2$ exists
2. If a class exists, then its complement exists
3. intersection of class exists
4. projection of class exists, $\forall X \exists Y \forall z (z \in Y \leftrightarrow \exists w (z, w) \in X)$

Fact 1.6. *NBG is conservative over ZF, $\text{ZF} \vdash \varphi \Leftrightarrow \text{NBG} \vdash \varphi^*$*