

# Zermelo-Fraenkel axioms of Set Theory

with foundation and axiom of choice

## extensionality

$$(EXT) \quad \forall x \forall y (\forall z (z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y) \rightarrow x = y)$$

**separation/comprehension** (schema of axioms, one for each  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}, z)$ )

$$(SEP) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \leftrightarrow (z \in x \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{x}, z)))$$

## pair set

$$(PAIR) \quad \forall x \forall y \exists u \forall z (z \in u \leftrightarrow (z = x \vee z = y))$$

## union

$$(UNION) \quad \forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \leftrightarrow \exists u (u \in x \wedge z \in u))$$

## power set

$$(POWER) \quad \forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \leftrightarrow \forall u (u \in z \rightarrow u \in x))$$

## infinity

$$(INF) \quad \exists x (\emptyset \in x \wedge \forall y (y \in x \rightarrow y \cup \{y\} \in x))$$

**replacement** (schema of axioms, one for each  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}, u, v)$ )

$$(REP) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \forall x \left[ \begin{array}{l} \forall u (u \in x \rightarrow \exists^{=1} v \varphi(\mathbf{x}, u, v)) \\ \rightarrow \exists y (\forall v (v \in y \leftrightarrow \exists u (u \in x \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{x}, u, v)))) \end{array} \right]$$

## foundation

$$(FOUND) \quad \forall x (\neg x = \emptyset \rightarrow \exists y (y \in x \wedge y \cap x = \emptyset))$$

## axiom of choice

$$(AC) \quad \forall x \left[ \begin{array}{l} (\neg \emptyset \in x \wedge (\forall u \forall v (u \in x \wedge v \in x \wedge \neg u = v) \rightarrow u \cap v = \emptyset)) \\ \rightarrow \exists y \forall u (u \in x \rightarrow \exists z y \cap u = \{z\}) \end{array} \right]$$

In the FO-formulae of the axiom schemas we write  $\mathbf{x}$  for a tuple of free variables; their components and all the other variable symbols are pairwise distinct; the formulae  $\varphi$  in the axiom schemas are arbitrary FO( $\{\in\}$ )-formulae (with free variables among the indicated);

$\exists^{=1} x \varphi$  is shorthand for  $\exists x (\varphi \wedge \forall y (\varphi \wedge y = x \rightarrow y = x))$ , which asserts the existence of a unique  $x$  satisfying  $\varphi$ ;

“inofficial” terms like  $\emptyset, u \cap v, u \cup v, \{z\}$  are to be treated as abbreviations for the use of agreed FO( $\{\in\}$ ) definitions; similarly for “inofficial” relations like  $x \subseteq y$ . Some elimination examples:

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \emptyset \in x & \exists y (y \in x \wedge \forall z \neg z \in y) \\ x = \{z\} & \forall u (u \in x \leftrightarrow u = z) \\ x = u \cap v & \forall z (z \in x \leftrightarrow (z \in u \wedge z \in v)) \\ x \subseteq y & \forall z (z \in x \rightarrow z \in y) \end{array}$$