

Math 574: Set Theory

HOMEWORK 4

Due: Mar 8 and 9

1. Prove the following metatheorem: Every finite class of U is a set (i.e. is realized by an element of U). Explain why this is a metatheorem (i.e. not a first-order statement in U).

REMARK: This question should have been assigned much earlier, but it didn't occur to me until now.

2. Prove directly that Pairing and Powerset axioms hold in V .
3. Prove that the following class-relations and class-functions, defined in $T := ZF^- - \text{Pow} - \text{Infy}$, are all Δ_0 and hence absolute for any transitive model of T . You may choose to prove only half of these, but please choose the ones you doubt most.

Notation and terminology. Below, for class-functions, we just write $F(\vec{x})$ instead of $\vec{x} \mapsto F(\vec{x})$. Recall that a class-function is Δ_0 if, by definition, its graph $y = F(\vec{x})$ is Δ_0 . This includes the 0-ary functions, i.e. constants such as \emptyset, ω .

- (a) $\{x\}$.
- (b) (x, y) .
- (c) z is an ordered pair.
- (d) \emptyset .
- (e) $x \cup y, x \cap y, x \setminus y$.
- (f) $\bigcup x, \bigcap x$.
- (g) $S(x) := x \cup \{x\}$.
- (h) x is a successor (of some set).
- (i) x is transitive.
- (j) \in is a linear order on x .
- (k) $x \times y$.
- (l) R is a relation, i.e. is a set of ordered pairs.
- (m) $\text{dom}(R) := \{x : \exists y (x, y) \in R\}$ and $\text{ran}(R) := \{y : \exists x (x, y) \in R\}$, i.e. the class-functions $F(R, X)$ (resp. $F(R, Y)$) defined by setting it to hold if R is a relation (i.e. a set of ordered pairs) and $X = \text{dom}(R)$ (resp. $Y = \text{ran}(R)$).

REMARK: The definition of $\text{dom}(R)$ is written as a class on purpose: you have to rewrite it so that it is a set and the class-function $R \mapsto \text{dom}(R)$ is Δ_0 .

- (n) f is a function.
- (o) $f(x)$, i.e. the class-function $F(f, x, y)$, which is set to hold exactly when f is a function, x is in $\text{dom}(f)$, and $y = f(x)$.
- (p) f is a one-to-one function.

4. Describe your own understanding of how it is possible that in a model (U, \in) of ZFC, then the structure (ω^U, \in^U) may not be isomorphic to $(\mathbb{N}, <)$. Here, ω^U is the element of U that U defines as its first limit ordinal.
5. Consider a train which starts its journey from 0 and goes up to ω_1 , making a stop at every ordinal on its way. At each station $\alpha < \omega_1$, one person gets off the train if it is not empty, and (regardless) α -many people get on the train. Prove that the train arrives empty at ω_1 .
HINT: Fodor's lemma.
6. Prove that if κ is a (strongly) inaccessible cardinal, then the structure (V_κ, \in) satisfies Extensionality, Set Existence, Pairing, Union, Powerset, Infinity, and Foundation axioms.