

## Math 574: Set Theory

## HOMEWORK 6

Due: Mar 29 and 30

*Conventions.*

- From now on, we will use boldface letter to denote classes, e.g.,  $\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{OD}$ .
- Instead of the term  $\mathbf{V}$ -formula, we will use the term  $*$ -formula to get rid of the presence of  $\mathbf{V}$  from notation.
- Unless mentioned otherwise,  $(\mathbf{V}, \in)$  is a model of ZF.

1. Prove:

- $|V_\omega| = \omega$ .
- For each  $*$ -formula  $f$ ,  $f \in V_\omega$ .

2. Follow the steps below to prove the following

**MetaTheorem.** *There is a finite  $T \subseteq \text{ZF}$  such that each transitive proper class  $\mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{V}$  satisfying  $T$  is a model of ZF.*

Let  $\mathbf{M} \subseteq \mathbf{V}$  be a transitive proper class.

(a) If  $\mathbf{M}$  satisfies a large enough finite fragment of ZF, then:

- $V_\alpha^{\mathbf{M}} = V_\alpha \cap \mathbf{M}$ , for each ordinal  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbf{Ord}^{\mathbf{M}}$ .
- $\mathbf{Ord} \subseteq \mathbf{M}$ ;

HINT: Otherwise,  $\mathbf{Ord}^{\mathbf{M}}$  is a set, and hence, so is  $\mathbf{M}$  because  $\mathbf{M} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Ord}^{\mathbf{M}}} V_\alpha^{\mathbf{M}}$ .

- $V_\alpha \subseteq \mathbf{M}$  for all  $\alpha \leq \omega$ , in particular  $V_\omega$ ;
  - For each  $x$  in  $\mathbf{V}$  if  $x \subseteq \mathbf{M}$  then there is  $y$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $x \subseteq y$ .
- (b) Suppose that  $\mathbf{M}$  satisfies the Comprehension Schema and has the property that for each  $x$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ , if  $x \subseteq \mathbf{M}$  then there is  $y$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $x \subseteq y$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is a model of ZF.
- (c) Recall that the instance of Comprehension for a formula  $\varphi(x, \vec{y})$  states the following<sup>1</sup>:

$$\forall \vec{y} \forall z \exists z' [x \in z' \leftrightarrow (x \in z \wedge \varphi(x, \vec{y}))].$$

Let  $\psi(x, \alpha, f, \vec{p})$  be a formula which states that

- $\alpha$  is an ordinal,
- $f$  is a  $*$ -formula with  $v_0 \in \text{var}(f)$ ,
- $\vec{p} \in V_\alpha^n$ , where  $n := |\text{var}(f)| - 1$ ,
- $x \in \text{Val}^*(f(v_0, \vec{p}), V_\alpha)$ .

<sup>1</sup>Think of  $\vec{y}$  as parameters.

Prove that if  $\mathbf{M}$  satisfies the instance of Comprehension for  $\psi$  and a large enough finite fragment of ZF, then  $\mathbf{M}$  satisfies the full Comprehension Schema, i.e. **all** instances of Comprehension.

HINT: Apply the Reflection principle (the general version from last homework) to  $\mathbf{M} = \bigcup_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{M}}$  and the formula  $\varphi(x, \vec{y})$  whose instance of Comprehension you want to prove in  $\mathbf{M}$ . Use the Comprehension for  $\psi$  with  $f := \ulcorner \varphi \urcorner$ .

(d) Deduce the theorem.

3. Prove that any extension  $T \supseteq \text{ZF}$  (for example  $T = \text{ZF}$  or  $T = \text{ZFC}$ ) is not finitely axiomatizable<sup>2</sup>. Compare this to the metatheorem in Question 2, what is going on?

HINT: Let  $T_0$  be a hypothetical finite axiomatization of  $T$  and let  $\alpha$  be the least ordinal such that  $V_{\alpha}$  is a model of  $T_0$ .

4. Prove that the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{OD}$ .
- (2)  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{HOD}$ .
- (3)  $\mathbf{OD}$  is transitive.
- (4) Extensionality holds in  $\mathbf{OD}$ .

HINT: For (4) $\Rightarrow$ (1), show that  $V_{\alpha} \subseteq \mathbf{OD}$  for each  $\alpha$ . This would follow from  $V_{\alpha}$  in  $\mathbf{OD}$  and  $V_{\alpha} \cap \mathbf{OD}$  in  $\mathbf{OD}$ .

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<sup>2</sup>A theory  $T$  is said to be *finitely axiomatizable* if there is a finite theory  $T_0$  such that for each sentence  $\varphi$ ,

$$T \models \varphi \iff T_0 \models \varphi.$$