

§7. The axioms

For reference, we list here the axioms of ZFC and of some related theories; these are explained in much greater detail in Chapters I and III. After each axiom we list the section in Chapters I or III where it first occurs.

AXIOM 0. *Set Existence* (I §5).

$$\exists x (x = x).$$

AXIOM 1. *Extensionality* (I §5).

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

AXIOM 2. *Foundation* (III §4).

$$\forall x [\exists y (y \in x) \rightarrow \exists y (y \in x \wedge \neg \exists z (z \in x \wedge z \in y))].$$

AXIOM 3. *Comprehension Scheme* (I §5). For each formula ϕ with free variables among x, z, w_1, \dots, w_n ,

$$\forall z \forall w_1, \dots, w_n \exists y \forall x (x \in y \leftrightarrow x \in z \wedge \phi).$$

AXIOM 4. *Pairing* (I §6).

$$\forall x \forall y \exists z (x \in z \wedge y \in z).$$

AXIOM 5. *Union* (I §6).

$$\forall \mathcal{F} \exists A \forall Y \forall x (x \in Y \wedge Y \in \mathcal{F} \rightarrow x \in A).$$

AXIOM 6. *Replacement Scheme* (I §6). For each formula ϕ with free variables among x, y, A, w_1, \dots, w_n ,

$$\forall A \forall w_1, \dots, w_n [\forall x \in A \exists! y \phi \rightarrow \exists Y \forall x \in A \exists y \in Y \phi].$$

On the basis of Axioms 0, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, one may define \subset (subset), \emptyset (empty set), S (ordinal successor; $S(x) = x \cup \{x\}$), and the notion of well-ordering. The following axioms are then defined.

AXIOM 7. *Infinity* (I §7).

$$\exists x (0 \in x \wedge \forall y \in x (S(y) \in x)).$$

AXIOM 8. *Power Set* (I §10).

$$\forall x \exists y \forall z (z \subset x \rightarrow z \in y).$$

Axiom 9. *Choice*

$$\forall A. \exists R. (R \text{ well-orders } A).$$