

## A The ZFC Axioms

The theory is formulated in first-order logic with identity and the binary relation symbol  $\in$ .

1. *Set existence*:  $\exists x(x = x)$ .
2. *Extensionality*:  $\forall x\forall y(\forall z(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y) \rightarrow x = y)$ .
3. *Foundation*:  $\forall x(\exists y(y \in x) \rightarrow \exists y(y \in x \wedge \neg\exists z(z \in x \wedge z \in y)))$ .
4. *Comprehension Scheme*: For each formula  $\varphi$  with free variables among  $x, z, w_1, \dots, w_n$ ,  $\forall z\forall w_1, \dots, \forall w_n\exists y\forall x(x \in y \leftrightarrow x \in z \wedge \varphi)$ .
5. *Pairs*:  $\forall x\forall y\exists z(x \in z \wedge y \in z)$ .
6. *Unions*:  $\forall z\exists x\forall y\forall w(w \in y \wedge y \in z \rightarrow w \in x)$ .
7. *Replacement Scheme*: For each formula  $\varphi$  with free variables among  $x, y, z, w_1, \dots, w_n$ ,  $\forall z\forall w_1 \dots \forall w_n(\forall x \in z\exists!y\varphi \rightarrow \exists v\forall x \in z\exists y \in v\varphi)$ .
8. *Infinity*:  $\exists x(0 \in x \wedge \forall y \in x(S(y) \in x))$ . *Power set*:  $\forall x\exists y\forall z(z \subset x \rightarrow z \in y)$ .
9. *Choice*:  $\forall x\exists y('y$  is a function with domain  $x' \wedge \forall z(z \in x \wedge \exists w(w \in z) \rightarrow y(z) \in z))$ .

In axioms 7-9 one uses the fact that the earlier axioms allow one to define  $\subset$  (subset),  $0$  (empty set),  $S$  (ordinal successor), the property  $\exists!y$  'there exists a unique  $y$ ' and the property ' $f$  is a function with domain  $y$ ' as well as the element  $f(z)$  for a function  $f$  with  $z$  in its domain.

For a thorough treatment of the axioms of ZFC, see e.g. [End77],[Kun80] or [Jec03].