

# Interactive Theorem Proving

Week 9

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# Summary

## So far

Proof Assistants, HOL Light,  $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$ ,  $\lambda_P$ ,  $\lambda_2$

- Paradoxes

## Today

- Girard's paradox
- Foundations of set theory

# What is a set?

- Sets are commonly used in mathematical texts
- There can not be a strict definition of a basic concept

## Definition (Cantor)

A set, is a gathering into one complete object of clearly distinguished objects in our intuition or thought.

- Materialization of a predicate
  - Given a predicate  $P(x)$ , instead of talking about all the objects that satisfy it, it is easier to consider only one object

## Notation

$$\{x|P(x)\}$$

# Naive set theory

- Consider sets as any other objects
- Consequence: sets of sets
- For example

$$S = \{x \mid x \text{ is a set}\}$$

- Paradoxes for naive set theory

## Russell's paradox

$$S = \{x \mid x \text{ is a set and } x \notin x\}$$

## Definition [class]

- collection of sets
- unambiguously defined by a property
  
- Frankel operator only for subsets or power-sets
- Example: Class of all groups
- The NST paradoxes are gone
- More commonly used by mathematicians

## Hierarchy induced by cardinality

set, class, multitude, ...

# Typed set theory

- Not every predicate is a valid one for every  $x$
- $x$  comes from a certain domain
  - $x$  is of type  $D$  (for example  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{B}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ )
  - Every domain is a set (trivially distinguished)
  - We should have a unique type for any object
- Proper Frankel operator:

$$\{x : D | P(x)\} \text{ or } \{x \in D | P(x)\}$$

## Definition [membership]

$$P(y) \iff y \in \{x : D | P(x)\}$$

## Notation

$$\{x : A | P(x)\} \text{ means } \{x : D | x \in A \wedge P(x)\}$$

# Set inclusion, power-set, equality

- Enumeration, singleton set
- Usual set inclusion definition
- Usual power set definition
- Correspondence between the two
- $x = y$ 
  - Makes sense only if the two are of the same type
  - Means that the two are different names of the same object
  - Uniqueness property: For  $A, B \in P(D)$ ,

$$A = B \iff \forall z. (z \in A \iff z \in B)$$

- Consequence

$$\forall A, B : P(D). A = B \iff A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$$

- Every set has only one empty subset (proved)
  - Denoted  $\emptyset$

# Usual definitions

- Finite
  - Union
  - Intersection
  - Difference (symmetric)
  - Set complement (!)
  - Symmetric difference
- Infinite
  - Union
  - Intersection



# Set theory as a formal system

## Basic concepts and their axiomatizations

- ZF (Zermelo-Fraenkel)
  - Most commonly used
  - Optionally with choice (ZFC)
- Various “new foundations”
  - Hierarchies of sets roughly following ideas from type theory
  - Issues with “too big sets”
- Semisets (classes contained in a set)
- Positive set theories
  - Axiom of comprehension is allowed for positive formulas
- TG (Tarski-Grothendieck)
  - Richer thanks to inaccessible cardinals

# Axioms of ZF (ZFC)

- Pairing
  - For any two sets, there exists a set that contains the two as elements
- Union
  - Infinite version of pairing
- Power set
  - For any set, there exists a set of all its subsets
- Extensionality
  - If two sets have same elements, they are equal
- Regularity (or Foundation)
  - A nonempty set has an element which is disjoint with itself
- Infinity ( $\omega$ )
- Schema specification (restricted comprehension)
- Schema replacement
  - Image of a set under a mapping is also a set
  - Needed for infinite sets
- Well ordering or AC

# Set theory as a proof system

Many basic properties follow from these definitions:

$$A - B = \emptyset \rightarrow A \subseteq B$$

But how do they follow? We need some meta-logic!

- Very simple logical system
  - First-order predicate logic in Mizar
- Proofs
  - Jaśkowski-style proofs in Mizar

# Bootstrapping Mathematics

## In HOL

- functions, bool and equality are primitive
- $\rightarrow$  other logical operators and their properties
- individuals  $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- quotients ( $\epsilon$ )  $\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}$

## In Type Theory (say Coq or Agda)

- Inductive types  $\rightarrow \text{T}, \text{F}, \wedge, \dots, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}$
- Setoids  $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

## In Set Theory

- Logic?
- Numbers?

# Summary

## Today

- Introduction to Set Theory

## Next time

- Bootstrapping Mathematics
- Mizar