

An abbrev: " $x \in y$ " stands for  $\forall z(z \in x \rightarrow z \in y)$

already if  $x_i$  used, use  $x_{i+1}$  instead

Theorem:  $\forall x \subseteq y \ \forall z \in x \rightarrow z \in y$

$\exists x \phi(x)$

remove  $\exists$  by writing  $\phi(x_0)$

Proof: How to handle  $\exists$  and  $\forall$ :

remove  $\forall x \phi(x)$  by replacing writing  $\phi(z)$  for any  $z$  you want

Theorem: The empty set exists. ~~Conclude by~~  $\forall w \phi(w)$  can be replaced by  $\exists x \phi(x)$

Proof: Take  $\phi(x)$  to mean  $x \neq x$

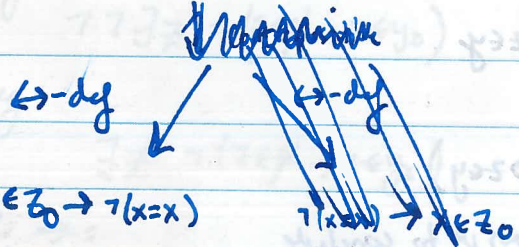
$\phi(w)$  can be replaced by  $\forall x \phi(x)$  only when  $w$  didn't come from removing  $\exists$  earlier

By Axiom 2,

$$\exists z \forall x (x \in z \leftrightarrow \neg(x=x))$$

Call it  $z_0$  pick one (arbitrary) call it  $x$

$$x \in z_0 \leftrightarrow \neg(x=x)$$



$$\neg \neg(x=x) \rightarrow \neg(x \in z_0)$$

$$x=x \rightarrow \neg(x \in z_0)$$

inst. true!

$$\therefore \neg(x \in z_0) \rightarrow \forall x (\neg(x \in z_0)) \rightarrow \exists z \forall x (\neg(x \in z))$$

we call this set  $z$  "the empty set"

we give it a special symbol  $\emptyset$

Empty set theorem:  $\forall x \neg(x \in \emptyset)$

Thm:  $x \subseteq y \wedge y \subseteq x \overset{\text{then}}{\implies} x = y$

Pf: Assume  $x \subseteq y \wedge y \subseteq x$ , from which we may conclude

(i)  $x \subseteq y$ , and

(ii)  $y \subseteq x$ .

By def of  $\subseteq$ , we get

(i)  $\forall z (z \in x \rightarrow z \in y)$ , and

(ii)  $\forall z (z \in y \rightarrow z \in x)$

Thus, removing  $\forall$ ,

(i)  $z \in x \rightarrow z \in y$

(ii)  $z \in y \rightarrow z \in x$

By  $\leftrightarrow$ -def,

$z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y$

Add in  $\forall$ :

$\forall z (z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y)$

Axiom of Extensionality allows us to conclude

$x = y$ . ■

def of  $\subset$ :  $\forall x \forall y (x \subset y) \text{ means } \neg \exists x \neg (x \subset y)$

Thm:  $\forall y (\emptyset \subset y)$

Proof: (Proof by contradiction)

Assume  $\neg \forall y (\emptyset \subset y)$

By def of  $\forall$ ,  $\exists y$

$\neg (\emptyset \subset y)$

By def of  $\exists$  dbl neg,

$\exists y \neg (\emptyset \subset y)$

Remove  $\exists$ :

$\neg (\emptyset \subset y_0)$

Def of  $\subset$ :

$(\forall z (z \in \emptyset \rightarrow z \in A))$

Def of  $\forall$ :

$\neg \exists z \neg (z \in \emptyset \rightarrow z \in y_0)$

Dbl neg:

$\exists z \neg (z \in \emptyset \rightarrow z \in y_0)$

Def of  $\rightarrow$ :

$\exists z \neg (\neg (z \in \emptyset) \vee (z \in y_0))$

De Morgan + dbl neg:

$\exists z (z \in \emptyset \wedge \neg (z \in y_0))$

Empty set thm:  $\forall x \neg (x \in \emptyset)$

Remove  $\forall$  repl w/  $z$

$\neg (z \in \emptyset)$

Remove  $\exists$ :

$z_0 \in \emptyset \wedge \neg (z_0 \in y_0)$

$\wedge$ -elim:

$z_0 \in \emptyset$

Empty Set Thm:

$\forall y (y \notin \emptyset)$

Remove  $\forall$ -repl.  $y$  w/  $z_0$ :

$\neg (z_0 \in \emptyset)$

Thus we have:  $z_0 \in \emptyset \wedge \neg (z_0 \in \emptyset)$

$\therefore$  contradiction, hence our assumption is false  $\rightarrow$  thus  $\forall y (\emptyset \subset y)$

Prove  $(\exists z)(\emptyset \in z)$

Pf: Let  $\varphi(x)$  denote " $x = \emptyset$ ". Then Axiom 2 says

Prove  $\exists z \forall x (x \in z \leftrightarrow \varphi(x))$

Remove  $\exists$ :

$\forall x (x \in z_0 \leftrightarrow \varphi(x))$

Remove  $\forall$  (start w/  $\emptyset$ )  $x = \emptyset$

$\emptyset \in z_0 \leftrightarrow \emptyset = \emptyset$

But by  $\leftrightarrow$ -def,

$\emptyset = \emptyset \rightarrow \emptyset \in z_0$

Tautology... so true!

So,

$\emptyset \in z_0$

Add in  $\exists$ :

$\exists z (\emptyset \in z)$