

Winter 2015, Introduction to mathematical logic

Series 13

Exercise 1 For a model \mathcal{M} of ZFC let

$$\omega^{\mathcal{M}} := \{a \in M \mid \mathcal{M} \models x \in \omega[a]\},$$

where “ $x \in \omega$ ” abbreviates a suitable $\{\in\}$ -formula.

Show that every model \mathcal{M} of ZFC has an elementary extension \mathcal{N} such that $\omega^{\mathcal{N}} \setminus \omega^{\mathcal{M}}$ is nonempty.

Show that there exists a nonempty $X \subseteq \omega^{\mathcal{N}}$ without $\in^{\mathcal{N}}$ -minimal element (i.e. for all $a \in X$ there is $b \in X$ such that $b \in^{\mathcal{N}} a$.)

Work in ZF.

Exercise 2 (Tarski) Show that (AC) is equivalent to the statement that for every infinite x there is a bijection from $x \times x$ onto x .

Hint: suppose f is a bijection from $(x \cup \mathcal{H}(x))^2$ onto $x \cup \mathcal{H}(x)$. Show that for every $a \in x$ there is $\alpha \in \mathcal{H}(x)$ such that $f(\langle a, \alpha \rangle) \in \mathcal{H}(x)$. Let α_a be the minimal such α . Then show $a \mapsto \langle \alpha_a, f(\langle a, \alpha_a \rangle) \rangle$ is an injection of x into $\mathcal{H}(x) \times \mathcal{H}(x)$. Conclude that x is well-orderable.

Exercise 3 Let λ be a limit ordinal. Show that

$$\text{cf}(\lambda) = \min\{\alpha \in ON \mid \exists f \in {}^\alpha \lambda : \bigcup \text{ran}(f) = \lambda\}.$$

Exercise 4 Recall Exercise 2 from Series 12.

- (a) If κ is weakly inaccessible, then κ is the κ -th fixed point of \aleph .
- (b) If κ is strongly inaccessible, then κ is the κ -th fixed point of \beth .