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## Exercise 18

We'll determine the rank of P(x),  $\bigcup x$ ,  $\{x, y\}$  and  $x \times y$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $\varrho(x) = \alpha$ . Then  $\varrho(P(x)) = \alpha + 1$ .

*Proof.* As  $\varrho(x) = \alpha$  we know x first appears in  $V_{\alpha+1}$ . So all elements of x are in  $V_{\alpha}$ , and thus all subsets of x are in  $V_{\alpha+1}$ . Some might have been there before, but at least x itself was not. So then we see that P(x) first appears in  $V_{\alpha+2}$ . Hence,  $\varrho(P(x)) = \alpha + 1$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $\varrho(x) = \alpha$ . Then  $\varrho(\bigcup x) = \alpha$  if  $\alpha$  a limit ordinal and  $\varrho(\bigcup x) = \alpha - 1$  otherwise.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\alpha = 0$ , so  $\varrho(x) = 0$ . Then  $x \in V_1$ , and thus  $x = \emptyset$ . But then  $\bigcup x = \emptyset$ . So also  $\varrho(\bigcup x) = 0$ .

So now suppose  $\alpha > 0$  is a successor ordinal. Then say  $\alpha = \delta + 1$ . All elements of x first appear together in  $V_{\alpha}$ . So all their elements first appear together in  $V_{\delta}$ . So then clearly  $\bigcup x$  first appears in  $V_{\delta+1} = V_{\alpha}$ . Hence,  $\varrho(\bigcup x) = \delta = \alpha - 1$ .

Now suppose that  $\alpha > 0$  is a limit ordinal. Then x first appears in  $V_{\alpha+1}$ , and thus all elements of x first appear in  $V_{\alpha}$ . So there is no no  $\beta < \alpha$  such that all elements of elements of x are in  $V_{\beta}$ . For otherwise, all elements of x would be in  $V_{\beta+1}$  and thus x would be in  $V_{\beta+2}$ . Hence, all elements of elements also first appear in  $V_{\alpha}$ . So we see that  $\bigcup x$  first appears in  $V_{\alpha+1}$ , i.e.  $\varrho(\bigcup x) = \alpha$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition.** Let  $\varrho(x) = \alpha, \varrho(y) = \beta$ . Then  $\varrho(\{x, y\}) = max(\alpha, \beta) + 1$ .

*Proof.* As  $\varrho(x) = \alpha$  and  $\varrho(y) = \beta$  we know that  $\delta = max(\alpha, \beta)$  is the least ordinal such that  $x, y \in V_{\delta+1}$ . So then by construction  $\{x, y\}$  first appears in  $V_{\delta+2}$ . Hence  $\varrho(\{x, y\}) = \delta + 1 = max(\alpha, \beta) + 1$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $\varrho(x) = \alpha, \varrho(y) = \beta$ . Then  $\varrho(x \times y) = max(\alpha, \beta) + 2$ .

Proof. By the lecture notes we know that  $x \times y \subseteq P(P(\bigcup\{x, y\}))$ . By previous results we know that  $\varrho(\{x, y\}) = max(\alpha, \beta) + 1$ . And as that is not zero we see that  $\varrho(\bigcup\{x, y\}) = max(\alpha, \beta)$ . And thus  $\varrho(P(P(\bigcup\{x, y\}))) = max(\alpha, \beta) + 2$ . So  $P(P(\bigcup\{x, y\}))$  first appears in  $V_{max(\alpha, \beta)+3}$ , and thus all of its elements first appear together in  $V_{max(\alpha, \beta)+2}$ . In particular, all elements of the form  $\{a, \{a, b\}\}$ for  $a \in x$  and  $b \in y$  first appear in  $V_{max(\alpha, \beta)+2}$ . And thus  $x \times y$  first appears in  $V_{max(\alpha, \beta)+3}$ , i.e.  $\varrho(x \times y) = max(\alpha, \beta) + 2$ .

## Exercise 19

**Proposition.** Let  $\alpha$  be an ordinal. Then  $(V_{\alpha}, \in)$  is a model of the axioms of Extensionality and Foundation.

*Proof.* We work in the axiom system ZF. Let  $\alpha$  be some ordinal.

- Extensionality: It is to show that  $(V_{\alpha}, \in) \models Ext$ , so that  $\forall x, y(\forall z(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y) \leftrightarrow x = y)$  holds relativized over  $V_{\alpha}$ . In other words, it should hold that  $\forall x, y \in V_{\alpha}(\forall z \in V_{\alpha}(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y) \leftrightarrow x = y)$ . So suppose that it does not hold, then there are  $x, y \in V_{\alpha}$  such that  $\forall z \in V_{\alpha}(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y)$  but  $x \neq y$ . So by Extensionality we know that without loss of generality, there is some z such that  $z \in x$  and  $z \notin y$ . By construction of the hierarchy we know that all elements of x appear in some  $V_{\beta}$  with  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . So then by a lemma from the lecture we see that  $V_{\beta} \subseteq V_{\alpha}$ . So there is some  $V_{\beta}$  such that  $z \in V_{\beta}$  and  $\beta \leq \alpha$ , and thus  $z \in V_{\alpha}$ . But this is in contradiction with  $\forall z \in V_{\alpha}(z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y)$ . Hence,  $(V_{\alpha}, \in) \models Ext$ .
- Foundation: It is to show that  $\forall x \in V_{\alpha} (x \neq \emptyset \to \exists m \in V_{\alpha} (m \in x \land m \cap x = \emptyset))$ . Suppose this fails, then there is a non-empty  $x \in V_{\alpha}$  such that  $\forall m \in V_{\alpha}$  with  $m \in x$  we have  $m \cap x \neq \emptyset$ . As  $x \in V_{\alpha}$  we see by transitivity of  $V_{\alpha}$  that also the elements of x are in  $V_{\alpha}$ . So by Foundation we know there is some  $m \in x$  with  $m \cap x = \emptyset$ . But then we see that  $m \in V_{\alpha}$ , so we actually do have an  $m \in V_{\alpha}$  such that  $m \in x \land m \cap x = \emptyset$ . A contradiction, so we see that indeed  $(V_{\alpha}, \in) \vDash$  Foundation.



## Exercise 20

**Proposition.** For  $\alpha$  an ordinal, the following are equivalent:

- i) For all  $\beta < \alpha$ , there is no bijection between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
- *ii)* For all  $\beta < \alpha$ , there is no injection from  $\alpha$  into  $\beta$ .
- iii) For all  $\beta < \alpha$ , there is no surjection from  $\beta$  onto  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Several cases are trivial. If there is no surjection from  $\beta$  onto  $\alpha$ , or no injection from  $\alpha$  into  $\beta$ , then clearly there is no bijection between them. So we have  $ii \Rightarrow i$  and  $iii \Rightarrow i$ . Now we'll show  $ii \Rightarrow iii$  and  $i \Rightarrow ii$  and we are done.

• ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii): Suppose iii) does not hold. Then there is some  $\beta < \alpha$  such that there is a surjection f from  $\beta$  onto  $\alpha$ . So for each  $x \in \alpha$  there is a  $y \in \beta$  such that f(y) = x. Note that there might be more than one such y. Now define  $g: \alpha \to \beta$  as  $f(y) \mapsto y$  for  $y \in \beta$ . This might not be functional, so we let g' be similar to g, but we pick just one element to map to for each  $x \in \alpha$ . This is well-defined as f was surjective. So now we see that we have an injection from  $\alpha$  into  $\beta$ . Hence, *ii*) does not hold.

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