

## Refutation of the axiom of infinity

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**Abstract:** We evaluate the following. Two definitions of the axiom of infinity are both contradictory. Two definitions to extract natural numbers from the infinite are *not* equivalent and *not* tautologous. Therefore the four definitions for the axiom of infinity are refuted. Therefore these form a *non* tautologous fragment of the universal logic VL4.

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/VL4 with Tautology as the designated proof value, **F** as contradiction, **N** as truthity (non-contingency), and **C** as falsity (contingency). The 16-valued truth table is row-major and horizontal, or repeating fragments of 128-tables, sometimes with table counts, for more variables. (See ersatz-systems.com.)

LET ~ Not, ¬; + Or, ∨, ∪, ∪; - Not Or; & And, ∧, ∩, ∩, ∩; \ Not And;  
 > Imply, greater than, →, ⇒, ⇨, >, ⊃, ⇒; < Not Imply, less than, ∈, <, ⊂, ≠, ≠, <, ≤;  
 = Equivalent, ≡, :=, ⇔, ↔, ≅, ≈, ≈; @ Not Equivalent, ≠;  
 % possibility, for one or some, ∃, ∃, M; # necessity, for every or all, ∀, □, L;  
 (z=z) **T** as tautology, **T**, ordinal 3; (z@z) **F** as contradiction, **∅**, Null, ⊥, zero;  
 (%z>#z) **N** as non-contingency, **Δ**, ordinal 1; (%z<#z) **C** as contingency, **∇**, ordinal 2;  
 ~(y < x) (x ≤ y), (x ⊆ y), (x ⊆ y); (A=B) (A~B).  
 Note for clarity, we usually distribute quantifiers onto each designated variable.

From: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axiom\\_of\\_infinity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axiom_of_infinity)

### Formal statement

In the formal language of the Zermelo–Fraenkel axioms, the axiom reads:

$$\exists \mathbf{I} (\emptyset \in \mathbf{I} \wedge \forall x \in \mathbf{I} ((x \cup \{x\}) \in \mathbf{I})). \quad (1.1)$$

LET p, q: x, I.

$$((p@p)<%q)\&((\#p<%q)\&((\#p\&p)<%q)); \quad (1.2)$$

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In words, there is a set **I** (the set which is postulated to be infinite), such that the empty set is in **I**, and such that whenever any **x** is a member of **I**, the set formed by taking the union of **x** with its singleton **{x}** is also a member of **I**. Such a set is sometimes called an **inductive set**.

### An apparently weaker version

Some old texts use an apparently weaker version of the axiom of infinity, to wit:

$$\exists x (\exists y (y \in x) \wedge \forall y (y \in x \rightarrow \exists z (z \in x \wedge y \subseteq z \wedge y \neq z))). \quad (2.1)$$

LET p, q, r: x, y, z.

$$(%q<%p)\&((\#q<%p)>((\%r<%p)\&(\sim(\%r<\#q)\&\sim(\#q=\%r)))); \quad (2.2)$$

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### Extracting the natural numbers from the infinite set

To extract the natural numbers, we need a definition of which sets are natural numbers. ... In formal

language, the definition says:

$$\forall n(n \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow ([n = \emptyset \vee \exists k(n = k \cup \{k\})] \wedge \forall m \in n[m = \emptyset \vee \exists k \in n(m = k \cup \{k\})])). \quad (3.1)$$

LET  $p, q, r, s, t: k, m, n, N, j.$

$$\begin{aligned} (\#r < s) = & (((\#r = (s @ s)) + (\#r = (\%p + p))) \& \\ & ((\#q < \#r) \& ((\#q = (s @ s)) + ((\%p < \#r) \& (\#q = (\%p + p)))))) ; \\ & \text{TTTC CCCC TTTC TTTT} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Or, even more formally:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n(n \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow & ([\forall k(\neg k \in n) \vee \exists k \forall j(j \in n \Leftrightarrow (j \in k \vee j = k))] \wedge \\ \forall m(m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow & [\forall k(\neg k \in m) \vee \exists k(k \in n \& \forall j(j \in m \Leftrightarrow (j \in k \vee j = k)))]))). \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\#r < s) = & (((\sim \#p < \#r) + ((\#t < \#r) = ((\#t < \%p) + (\#t = \%p)))) \& \\ ((\#q < s) > & ((\sim p < \#q) + ((\%p < \#q) \& ((\#t < \#q) = ((\#t < \%p) + (\#t = \%p)))))) ; \\ & \mathbf{FFNN \ FNF \ FFFF \ NFNF} ( 1) \\ & \mathbf{FFNN \ FFFF \ FFFF} \text{NNNN} ( 1) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

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