

Exercise Sheet n°11

Exercise 1:

Show that if Γ is a consistent set of closed formulas which contains ZF , then Γ is not finitely axiomatizable; formally, if $F \subseteq \Gamma$ is finite, we can extend F to a finite set \tilde{F} such that the formula:

$$\psi : \exists \alpha \left(\bigwedge_{\varphi \in \tilde{F}} \varphi \right)^{V_\alpha}$$

is such that $\Gamma \vdash \psi$ and $F \not\vdash \psi$.

Exercise 2:

Let \mathbb{P} be a notion of forcing and $p \in \mathbb{P}$. Show the following facts:

1. $p \Vdash \varphi \vee \psi$ if and only if $\{q \mid (q \Vdash \varphi) \vee (q \Vdash \psi)\}$ is dense below p .
2. $p \Vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ if and only if $\neg \exists q \leq p (q \Vdash \varphi \wedge q \Vdash \neg \psi)$.
3. $p \Vdash \forall v \varphi(v)$ if and only if $p \Vdash \varphi(\tau)$ for all \mathbb{P} -names $\tau \in V^{\mathbb{P}}$.

Exercise 3:

Let M be a countable transitive model of “ZFC”, and $\mathbb{P} \in M$ a non empty partial order.

An element $p \in \mathbb{P}$ is called an *atom* of \mathbb{P} if and only if:

$$\neg \exists q, r \in \mathbb{P} (q \leq p \wedge r \leq p \wedge q \perp r).$$

1. Show that if \mathbb{P} has an atom, then there exists a filter $G \in M$ which is \mathbb{P} -generic over M .¹
2. Suppose that \mathbb{P} is atomless. Show that: $\{G : G \text{ is } \mathbb{P}\text{-generic over } M\}$ has cardinality 2^{\aleph_0} in V .

Hint: Modify the proof of the lemma stating the existence of filters which are generic over a countable set and contain a fixed element of the poset.

Exercise 4:

Show that the forcing relation preserves all logical consequences. Namely, let $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, be any formulas built on the language of set theory, \mathbf{M} any *c.t.m.* of “ZFC”, \mathbb{P} any notion of forcing on \mathbf{M} , and $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \in \mathbf{M}^{\mathbb{P}}$. Show that if

$$\vdash_c \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n (\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \longrightarrow \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

holds, then for each $p \in \mathbb{P}$, we have

$$(p \Vdash_* \varphi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n))^{\mathbf{M}} \text{ implies } (p \Vdash_* \psi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n))^{\mathbf{M}}.$$

¹This result is the viceversa of the Lemma, seen in class, which states that if \mathbb{P} is atomless any G which is \mathbb{P} -generic over M verifies $G \notin M$.