

An Example of an Axiom System in the language of First-Order Logic

The System \mathcal{F}

1. **The inference rules of \mathcal{F} .** The set **PRF** of inference rules contains just one rule:

If $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} P$ and $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} P \rightarrow Q$, then $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} Q$ (*modus ponens*)

2. **The Axioms of \mathcal{F} .** The set **Ax $_{\mathcal{F}}$** of axioms consist of all sentences of the following forms:

For the Propositional Calculus (Sentential Logic)

1. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$

2. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R))$

3. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} (\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$

For Quantification Theory (First-Order, Predicate Logic) with Identity

4. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} \forall x(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\forall xP \rightarrow \forall xQ)$

5. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} P \rightarrow \forall xP$ where x is not free in P

6. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} \forall xP[x] \rightarrow P[y]$ where $P[y]$ is like $P[x]$ except for containing free occurrences of y
where $P[x]$ contains free occurrences of x

7. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} \forall x(x=x)$

8. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} \forall x(x=x \wedge P[x]) \rightarrow P[y]$ where $P[y]$ is like $P[x]$ except for containing free occurrences of y
where $P[x]$ contains free occurrences of x

For (Naive) Set Theory (Russell's version of Frege, 1903)

9. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} \forall y(y \in \{x | P[x]\} \leftrightarrow P[y])$, for any $P[x]$

10. $\vdash_{\mathcal{F}} \forall x \forall y [x=y \leftrightarrow \forall z (z \in x \leftrightarrow z \in y)]$

3. The set **$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{F}}$** of theorems of \mathcal{F} is the closure of **Ax $_{\mathcal{F}}$** under the rule in **PRF**.