


Non-Trivial Universes and Sequences of Universes¹

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Summary. Universe is a concept which is present from the beginning of the creation of the Mizar Mathematical Library (MML) in several forms (`Universe`, `Universe_closure`, `UNIVERSE`) [25], then later as `the_universe_of`, [33], and recently with the definition `GrothendieckUniverse` [26], [11], [11]. These definitions are useful in many articles [28, 33, 8, 35], [19, 32, 31, 15, 6], but also [34, 12, 20, 22, 21], [27, 2, 3, 23, 16, 7, 4, 5].

In this paper, using the Mizar system [9] [10], we trivially show that Grothendieck’s definition of Universe as defined in [26], coincides with the original definition of Universe defined by Artin, Grothendieck, and Verdier (*Chapitre 0 Univers et Appendice “Univers” (par N. Bourbaki) de l’Exposé I. “PREFAISCE-AUX”*) [1], and how the different definitions of MML concerning universes are related. We also show that the definition of Universe introduced by Mac Lane ([18]) is compatible with the MML’s definition.

Although a universe may be empty, we consider the properties of non-empty universes, completing the properties proved in [25].

We introduce the notion of “trivial” and “non-trivial” Universes, depending on whether or not they contain the set ω (`NAT`), following the notion of Robert M. Solovay². The following result links the universes \mathbf{U}_0 (`FinSETS`) and \mathbf{U}_1 (`SETS`):

$$\text{GrothendieckUniverse } \omega = \text{GrothendieckUniverse } \mathbf{U}_0 = \mathbf{U}_1$$

Before turning to the last section, we establish some trivial propositions allowing the construction of sets outside the considered universe.

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The last section is devoted to the construction, in Tarski-Grothendieck, of a tower of universes indexed by the ordinal numbers (See 8. Examples, Grothendieck universe, ncatlab.org [24]).

Grothendieck’s universe is referenced in current works: “Assuming the existence of a sufficient supply of (Grothendieck) universers”, Jacob Lurie in “Higher Topos Theory” [17], “Annexe B – Some results on Grothendieck universes”, Olivia Caramello and Riccardo Zanfa in “Relative topos theory via stacks” [13], “Remark 1.1.5 (quoting Michael Shulman [30])”, Emily Riehl in “Category theory in Context” [29], and more specifically “Strict Universes for Grothendieck Topoi” [14].

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1. PRELIMINARIES

Now we state the propositions:

- (1) Let us consider a set X . Then $\pi_1(X), \pi_2(X) \in 2\cup\cup^X$.
- (2) \mathbb{R}^* = the set of all X where X is a finite sequence of elements of \mathbb{R} .

One can verify that there exists a Grothendieck which is empty and there exists a Grothendieck which is non empty.

Let X be a set. One can verify that every Grothendieck of X is non empty.

2. ORIGINAL DEFINITIONS OF GROTHENDIECK’S UNIVERSE

Let \mathcal{G} be a set. We say that \mathcal{G} satisfies axiom GU_1 if and only if

(Def. 1) for every sets x, y such that $x \in \mathcal{G}$ and $y \in x$ holds $y \in \mathcal{G}$.

We say that \mathcal{G} satisfies axiom GU_2 if and only if

(Def. 2) for every sets x, y such that $x, y \in \mathcal{G}$ holds $\{x, y\} \in \mathcal{G}$.

We say that \mathcal{G} satisfies axiom GU_3 if and only if

(Def. 3) for every set x such that $x \in \mathcal{G}$ holds $2^x \in \mathcal{G}$.

Let \mathcal{G} be a non empty set. We say that \mathcal{G} satisfies axiom GU_4 if and only if

(Def. 4) for every element I of \mathcal{G} and for every \mathcal{G} -valued many sorted set x indexed by I , $\bigcup \text{rng } x \in \mathcal{G}$.

3. EQUIVALENCES OF DEFINITIONS

Now we state the propositions:

- (3) Let us consider a set X . Then X satisfies axiom GU_1 if and only if X is transitive.
- (4) Let us consider a non empty set X . Then X satisfies axiom GU_4 if and only if X is Family-Union-closed.
- (5) Let us consider a Family-Union-closed set X , and a function f . Suppose $\text{dom } f \in X$ and $\text{rng } f \subseteq X$. Then $\bigcup \text{rng } f \in X$.

One can check that every Grothendieck satisfies axiom GU_1 , axiom GU_2 , and axiom GU_3 and every non empty Grothendieck satisfies axiom GU_4 .

Now we state the proposition:

- (6) Let us consider a non empty set \mathcal{G} . Suppose \mathcal{G} satisfies axiom GU_1 , axiom GU_2 , axiom GU_3 , and axiom GU_4 . Then \mathcal{G} is a non empty Grothendieck.

Let us consider a set X . Now we state the propositions:

- (7) X is a universal class if and only if X is a non empty Grothendieck.
- (8) $\mathbf{T}(\{X\}^{*\in})$ is a Grothendieck of X .
- (9) The universe of $\{X\}$ is a Grothendieck of X . The theorem is a consequence of (8).
- (10) $\text{Universe_closure}(\{X\}) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(X)$.

4. EQUIVALENCES OF MAC LANE DEFINITION

Now we state the propositions:

- (11) Let us consider a Grothendieck U . Suppose $\omega \in U$. Then
 - (i) for every sets x, u such that $x \in u \in U$ holds $x \in U$, and
 - (ii) for every sets u, v such that $u, v \in U$ holds $\{u, v\}, \langle u, v \rangle, u \times v \in U$, and
 - (iii) for every set x such that $x \in U$ holds $2^x, \bigcup x \in U$, and
 - (iv) $\omega \in U$, and
 - (v) for every sets a, b and for every function f from a into b such that $\text{dom } f = a$ and f is onto and $a \in U$ and $b \subseteq U$ holds $b \in U$.
- (12) Let us consider a set U . Suppose for every sets x, u such that $x \in u \in U$ holds $x \in U$ and for every set x such that $x \in U$ holds $2^x, \bigcup x \in U$ and $\omega \in U$ and for every sets a, b and for every function f from a into b such that $\text{dom } f = a$ and f is onto and $a \in U$ and $b \subseteq U$ holds $b \in U$. Then U is a Grothendieck. The theorem is a consequence of (4) and (3).

5. PROPERTIES OF UNIVERSE, FOLLOWING [25]

From now on X denotes a set and \mathcal{U} denotes a universal class.

Now we state the proposition:

(13) Suppose X satisfies axiom GU_1 and axiom GU_3 . Then

- (i) for every set y and for every subset x of y such that $y \in X$ holds $x \in X$, and
- (ii) for every sets x, y such that $x \subseteq y$ and $y \in X$ holds $x \in X$, and
- (iii) if X is not empty, then $\emptyset \in X$.

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class. The functor $\emptyset_{\mathcal{U}}$ yielding an element of \mathcal{U} is defined by the term

(Def. 5) \emptyset .

Now we state the propositions:

(14) \mathcal{U} is a Grothendieck of \emptyset . The theorem is a consequence of (13).

(15) Let us consider elements u, v of \mathcal{U} . Then $v^u \subseteq$ the set of all f where f is a function from u into v .

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class and u be an element of \mathcal{U} . Note that the functor $\text{succ } u$ yields an element of \mathcal{U} . Now we state the propositions:

(16) Let us consider a natural number n . Then $n \in \mathcal{U}$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv \$_1 \in \mathcal{U}. \mathcal{P}[0]$. For every natural number n , $\mathcal{P}[n]$. \square

(17) $\omega \subseteq \mathcal{U}$.

(18) (i) $\mathbb{N} \in \mathcal{U}$, or

(ii) $\mathbb{N} \approx \mathcal{U}$.

The theorem is a consequence of (16).

Let us note that every universal class is infinite. Now we state the proposition:

(19) \mathbf{U}_0 is denumerable.

Observe that there exists a universal class which is denumerable.

Now we state the proposition:

(20) \mathcal{U} is not denumerable if and only if $\omega \in \mathcal{U}$.

Observe that there exists a universal class which is non denumerable.

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class. We say that \mathcal{U} is trivial if and only if

(Def. 6) $\omega \notin \mathcal{U}$.

Now we state the proposition:

(21) (i) \mathbf{U}_0 is trivial, and

(ii) \mathbf{U}_1 is not trivial.

The theorem is a consequence of (16), (13), (19), and (20).

One can check that there exists a universal class which is trivial and there exists a universal class which is non trivial and every non trivial universal class is non denumerable. Now we state the proposition:

(22) Let us consider an element x of \mathcal{U} , and objects y, z . Suppose $x = \langle y, z \rangle$.

Then

(i) y is an element of \mathcal{U} , and

(ii) z is an element of \mathcal{U} .

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class. Let us note that there exists an element of \mathcal{U} which is pair. Now we state the proposition:

(23) Let us consider elements u, v of \mathcal{U} . Then the set of all f where f is a function from u into v is an element of \mathcal{U} . The theorem is a consequence of (13).

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class, I be an element of \mathcal{U} , and x be a \mathcal{U} -valued many sorted set indexed by I . Let us observe that the functor $\prod x$ yields an element of \mathcal{U} . Let x, y be elements of \mathcal{U} . The functor $x \uplus y$ yielding an element of \mathcal{U} is defined by the term

(Def. 7) $[x \mapsto \emptyset_{\mathcal{U}}, y \mapsto \{\emptyset_{\mathcal{U}}\}]$.

Now we state the propositions:

(24) Let us consider elements x, y of \mathcal{U} . Then $x \uplus y$ is a subset of $\{x, y\} \times \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$.

(25) Let us consider an element u of \mathcal{U} . Then $u \uplus u = \{u, \{\emptyset\}\}$.

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class, I be an element of \mathcal{U} , and x be a \mathcal{U} -valued many sorted set indexed by I . Note that the functor $\text{dom } x$ yields an element of \mathcal{U} . Note that the functor $\bigcup x$ yields an element of \mathcal{U} . Let us note that the functor disjoint x yields a \mathcal{U} -valued many sorted set indexed by I . The functor $\uplus x$ yielding an element of \mathcal{U} is defined by the term

(Def. 8) $\bigcup \text{disjoint } x$.

Let us consider an element I of \mathcal{U} and a \mathcal{U} -valued many sorted set x indexed by I . Now we state the propositions:

(26) $\bigcup \text{coprod}(x)$ is an element of \mathcal{U} .

(27) $\uplus x$ is a subset of $\bigcup \text{rng } x \times I$.

(28) If X satisfies axiom GU_2 , then for every set x such that $x \in X$ holds $\{x\} \in X$.

Let us consider an element u of \mathcal{U} . Now we state the propositions:

(29) $\overline{u} \in \mathcal{U}$.

(30) (i) $u \not\approx \mathcal{U}$, and

(ii) $\overline{u} \in \overline{\mathcal{U}}$.

(31) Let us consider elements u, v of \mathcal{U} . Then $\{\langle u, \emptyset \rangle, \langle v, \{\emptyset\} \rangle\} = \{u\} \times \{\emptyset\} \cup \{v\} \times \{\{\emptyset\}\}$.

(32) Let us consider elements I, a, b, u, v of \mathcal{U} , and a \mathcal{U} -valued many sorted set x indexed by I . Suppose $I = \{a, b\}$ and $x(a) = u$ and $x(b) = v$. Then $\uplus x = u \times \{a\} \cup v \times \{b\}$.

Let us consider elements I, u, v of \mathcal{U} and a \mathcal{U} -valued many sorted set x indexed by I . Now we state the propositions:

(33) Suppose $I = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ and $x(\emptyset) = u$ and $x(\{\emptyset\}) = v$. Then $\uplus x = u \times \{\emptyset\} \cup v \times \{\{\emptyset\}\}$. The theorem is a consequence of (32).

(34) Suppose $I = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ and $x(\emptyset) = \{u\}$ and $x(\{\emptyset\}) = \{v\}$ and $u \neq v$. Then $\uplus x = u \uplus v$. The theorem is a consequence of (33) and (31).

(35) Let us consider an element x of \mathcal{U} , and objects y, z . Suppose $x = \langle y, z \rangle$. Then

(i) y is an element of \mathcal{U} , and

(ii) z is an element of \mathcal{U} .

Let \mathcal{U} be a universal class. Observe that there exists an element of \mathcal{U} which is pair.

Let u be a pair element of \mathcal{U} . The functors: $(u)_1$ and $(u)_2$ yield elements of \mathcal{U} . Now we state the proposition:

(36) Let us consider an element X of \mathcal{U} . Then

(i) $\pi_1(X)$ is an element of \mathcal{U} , and

(ii) $\pi_2(X)$ is an element of \mathcal{U} .

The theorem is a consequence of (1).

Let us consider a binary relation R . Now we state the propositions:

(37) If $R \in \mathcal{U}$, then $\text{dom } R, \text{rng } R \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (36).

(38) If $\text{dom } R$ is an element of \mathcal{U} and $\text{rng } R$ is an element of \mathcal{U} , then R is an element of \mathcal{U} . The theorem is a consequence of (13).

(39) Let us consider a set X , a non empty set Y , and a function f from X into Y . If $f \in \mathcal{U}$, then $X \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (37).

(40) Let us consider non empty sets A, B . Suppose $A \times B$ is an element of \mathcal{U} . Then

(i) A is an element of \mathcal{U} , and

(ii) B is an element of \mathcal{U} .

The theorem is a consequence of (36).

- (41) Let us consider a set X . Suppose id_X is an element of \mathcal{U} . Then X is an element of \mathcal{U} . The theorem is a consequence of (37).
- (42) Let us consider elements x, y, z of \mathcal{U} . Then $\langle x, y \rangle \mapsto z$ is an element of \mathcal{U} .

6. PROPERTIES OF UNIVERSE CONTAINING ω

Now we state the propositions:

- (43) $\omega \in \mathbf{U}_0$. The theorem is a consequence of (16).
- (44) Let us consider a set X . Then $\mathbf{T}(\emptyset) \subseteq \mathbf{T}(X)$.
- (45) Let us consider a Grothendieck \mathcal{G} of X . Then $\mathbf{U}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}$. The theorem is a consequence of (44).
- (46) (i) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\emptyset) = \mathbf{U}_0$, and
(ii) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\emptyset) = \mathbf{U}_\emptyset$.
- (47) Let us consider a set X , and a Grothendieck \mathcal{G} of X . Then $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\emptyset) \subseteq \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{G}$.
- (48) Let us consider an element n of \mathbf{U}_0 . Then $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(n) = \mathbf{U}_0$. The theorem is a consequence of (45).
- (49) $\text{the empty Grothendieck} \subset \omega \subset \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\emptyset) \subset \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega)$. The theorem is a consequence of (16), (46), (43), (19), and (20).
- (50) Let us consider a non empty Grothendieck \mathcal{G} . Suppose $\mathcal{G} \neq \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega)$. Then
(i) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega) \in \mathcal{G}$, or
(ii) $\mathcal{G} \in \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega)$.
- (51) $\mathbf{T}(\omega) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega)$.
- (52) Let us consider sets N_1, N_2 . Suppose $N_1 = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N}$ and $N_2 = N_1 \cup 2^{N_1}$. Then $\mathbb{R} \subseteq N_2 \cup \mathbb{N} \times N_2$.

Let us consider a non trivial universal class \mathcal{U} . Now we state the propositions:

- (53) \mathbb{R} is an element of \mathcal{U} . The theorem is a consequence of (52) and (13).
- (54) $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is an element of \mathcal{U} . The theorem is a consequence of (53) and (13).
- (55) $\mathbb{C} \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (16), (53), and (13).
- (56) $\mathbb{H} \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (16), (53), (55), and (13).
- (57) Let us consider a natural number n . Then $\text{Seg } n \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (16) and (13).

(58) Let us consider a set D . If $D \in \mathcal{U}$, then for every natural number n , $D^n \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (57).

(59) Let us consider a non trivial universal class \mathcal{U} , and a natural number n . Then $\mathcal{R}^n \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (53) and (58).

Let us consider a set X and a natural number n . Now we state the propositions:

(60) If $X \in \mathcal{U}$, then $X^n \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (57).

(61) $X^n \subseteq X^*$.

(62) Let us consider a non empty set X , and an object x . If $x \in X^*$, then there exists a natural number n such that $x \in X^n$.

(63) Let us consider a non empty set X . Then there exists a function f such that

(i) $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{N}$, and

(ii) for every natural number n , $f(n) = X^n$, and

(iii) $\bigcup \text{rng } f = X^*$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{object}, \text{object}] \equiv$ there exists a natural number n such that $\$1 = n$ and $\$2 = X^n$. For every object x such that $x \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists an object y such that $\mathcal{P}[x, y]$. Consider f being a function such that $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{N}$ and for every object x such that $x \in \mathbb{N}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[x, f(x)]$. For every natural number n , $f(n) = X^n$. $\bigcup \text{rng } f = X^*$. \square

(64) Let us consider a non trivial universal class \mathcal{U} , and a non empty set X . If $X \in \mathcal{U}$, then $X^* \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (63) and (58).

Let us consider a non trivial universal class \mathcal{U} . Now we state the propositions:

(65) $\mathbb{R}^* \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (53) and (64).

(66) $\overline{\mathbb{R}}^* \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (54) and (64).

(67) $\mathbb{C}^* \in \mathcal{U}$.

(68) $(\mathbb{H})^* \in \mathcal{U}$.

(69) Let us consider a universal class \mathcal{U} , and a set X . If $X \in \mathcal{U}$, then for every finite sequence s of elements of X , $s \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (57) and (13).

(70) Let us consider an empty set X , and a finite sequence f of elements of X^* . Then $f = \text{len } f \mapsto 0$.

(71) Let us consider a non trivial universal class \mathcal{U} , and a non empty set D . If $D \in \mathcal{U}$, then for every matrix M over D , $M \in \mathcal{U}$.

(72) $\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}, \overline{\mathbb{R}} \in \mathbf{U}_1$. The theorem is a consequence of (16), (13), (53), and (54).

- (73) Let us consider a set X , and a universal class \mathcal{U} . If $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbf{T}(X)$, then $\mathbf{T}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathbf{T}(X)$.
- (74) $\mathbf{U}_0 \in \mathbf{T}(\omega)$. The theorem is a consequence of (19) and (20).
- (75) $\mathbf{U}_1 = \mathbf{T}(\omega)$. The theorem is a consequence of (72), (73), and (74).
- (76) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega) = \mathbf{U}_1$.
- (77) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\mathbf{U}_0) = \mathbf{U}_1$.

PROOF: $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\omega) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\mathbf{U}_0)$. \square

Let us consider a non empty set X , a Grothendieck \mathcal{G}' of X , and a universal class \mathcal{G} . Now we state the propositions:

- (78) If X misses \mathcal{G} , then $\mathcal{G}' \neq \mathcal{G}$.
- (79) If X misses \mathcal{G} , then $\mathcal{G}' \in \mathcal{G}$ or $\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{G}'$.
- (80) Let us consider universal classes $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}'$, and an element a of \mathcal{U} . If $a \notin \mathcal{U}'$, then $\mathcal{U}' \in \mathcal{U}$. The theorem is a consequence of (78).
- (81) Let us consider a Grothendieck \mathcal{G} . Then $\bigcup \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$.

One can verify that every Grothendieck is limit ordinal.

Now we state the proposition:

- (82) Let us consider a universal class \mathcal{U} , and a non empty element V of \mathcal{U} . Then $\text{Funcs } V$ is a subset of \mathcal{U} . The theorem is a consequence of (81).

7. HOW TO GET OUT OF A UNIVERSE?

Now we state the propositions:

- (83) There exists a set a such that $a \notin \mathcal{U}$.
- (84) There exists a subset A of \mathcal{U} such that $A \notin \mathcal{U}$.
- (85) the set of all u where u is an element of \mathcal{U} is not an element of \mathcal{U} .
- (86) Let us consider an element X of \mathcal{U} . Then $\mathcal{U} \setminus X$ is not an element of \mathcal{U} .

PROOF: $\mathcal{U} \setminus X \notin \mathcal{U}$. \square

- (87) $2^{\mathcal{U}} \notin \mathcal{U}$.

8. A SEQUENCE OF UNIVERSES

Now we state the proposition:

- (88) Let us consider a set X . Then there exists a function f such that
- (i) $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{N}$, and
 - (ii) $f(0) = X$, and
 - (iii) for every natural number n , $f(n+1) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(f(n))$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{G}(\text{set}, \text{set}) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\mathbb{S}_2)$. There exists a function f such that $\text{dom } f = \mathbb{N}$ and $f(0) = X$ and for every natural number n , $f(n+1) = \mathcal{G}(n, f(n))$. \square

THE CONSTRUCTION OF $X, \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(X), \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(X)), \dots$

Let X be a set. The functor $\text{sequence-universe}(X)$ yielding a function is defined by

(Def. 9) $\text{dom } it = \mathbb{N}$ and $it(0) = X$ and for every natural number n , $it(n+1) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(it(n))$.

Now we state the propositions:

(89) Let us consider a set X . Then $\text{sequence-universe}(X)$ is a transfinite sequence.

(90) Let us consider a set X , and a transfinite sequence S . If $\text{dom } S = \mathbb{N}$, then $\text{last } S = S(\mathbb{N})$.

(91) Let us consider a transfinite sequence S . Suppose $\text{dom } S = \mathbb{N}$. Then

- (i) $S(\mathbb{N}) = \emptyset$, and
- (ii) $\text{last } S = \emptyset$.

The theorem is a consequence of (90).

(92) Let us consider a set X , and a transfinite sequence S . Suppose $S = \text{sequence-universe}(X)$. Then

- (i) $\text{last } S = \emptyset$, and
- (ii) $S(\mathbb{N}) = \emptyset$.

The theorem is a consequence of (91).

THE CONSTRUCTION OF $X \cup \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(X) \cup \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(X)) \cup \dots$

Let X be a set. The functor $\text{union-sequence-universe}(X)$ yielding a non empty set is defined by the term

(Def. 10) $\bigcup \text{rng } \text{sequence-universe}(X)$.

Now we state the proposition:

(93) Let us consider a set X . Then $\text{rng } \text{sequence-universe}(X) \subseteq \text{union-sequence-universe}(X)$.

THE FORMAL COUNTERPART OF $\emptyset (= \mathcal{U}_0) \in \mathcal{U}_1 \in \mathcal{U}_2 \in \dots$: Sequence of universes indexed by the ordinal numbers (see 8. Examples, Grothendieck Universe [24]).

The functor sequence-universe yielding a sequence of $\text{union-sequence-universe}(\emptyset)$ is defined by the term

(Def. 11) $\text{sequence-universe}(\emptyset)$.

Now we state the propositions:

- (94) $\emptyset, \mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1 \in \text{rng sequence-universe}$. The theorem is a consequence of (45) and (77).
- (95) $\bigcup_{n < \omega} \mathcal{U}_n$ IS NOT A UNIVERSE:
 $\bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$ is not a Grothendieck. The theorem is a consequence of (72) and (94).
- (96) (i) $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{U}_0) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\mathbf{U}_0)$, and
(ii) $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{U}_1) = \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\mathbf{U}_1)$.
- (97) Let us consider a set X , and a natural number n . Then
(i) $(\text{sequence-universe}(X))(n+1)$ is transitive, and
(ii) $\mathbf{T}((\text{sequence-universe}(X))(n+1)) =$
 $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}((\text{sequence-universe}(X))(n+1))$.

Let us consider a natural number n . Now we state the propositions:

- (98) $\mathbf{T}((\text{sequence-universe}(\mathbf{U}_0))(n)) =$
 $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}((\text{sequence-universe}(\mathbf{U}_0))(n))$. The theorem is a consequence of (77).
- (99) $\mathbf{U}_n \in \mathbf{U}_{n+1}$.
- (100) $(\text{sequence-universe}(\mathbf{U}_0))(n) = \mathbf{U}_n$.
PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sequence-universe}(\mathbf{U}_0))(\$1) = \mathbf{U}_{\$1}$.
For every natural number k such that $\mathcal{P}[k]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k+1]$. For every natural number k , $\mathcal{P}[k]$. \square
- (101) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}((\text{sequence-universe}(\emptyset))(n)) =$
 $(\text{sequence-universe}(\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\emptyset)))(n)$.
PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv \text{GrothendieckUniverse}((\text{sequence-universe}(\emptyset))(\$1)) = (\text{sequence-universe}(\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\emptyset)))(\$1)$.
 $\mathcal{P}[0]$. For every natural number k such that $\mathcal{P}[k]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k+1]$. For every natural number k , $\mathcal{P}[k]$. \square
- (102) $(\text{sequence-universe})(n+1) = \mathbf{U}_n$. The theorem is a consequence of (46), (100), and (101).

Let us note that there exists an element of $\bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$ which is non empty.

Now we state the propositions:

- (103) $\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1 \in \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\text{sequence-universe})$. The theorem is a consequence of (45) and (77).
- (104) Let us consider a natural number n . Then $(\text{sequence-universe})(n+1) \in \text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\text{sequence-universe})$. The theorem is a consequence of (45) and (102).

THE CONSTRUCTION OF \mathcal{U}_ω : Tower of universes indexed by the ordinal numbers (see 8. Examples, Grothendieck Universe [24]).

The functor \mathcal{U}_ω yielding a non trivial universal class is defined by the term
(Def. 12) $\text{GrothendieckUniverse}(\text{sequence-universe})$.

Now we state the proposition:

(105) Let us consider a natural number n . Then $(\text{sequence-universe})(n) \subseteq (\text{sequence-universe})(n+1)$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sequence-universe})(\$_1) \subseteq (\text{sequence-universe})(\$_1+1)$. $\mathcal{P}[0]$. For every natural number k such that $\mathcal{P}[k]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k+1]$. For every natural number n , $\mathcal{P}[n]$. \square

Let X be an element of $\bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$. The functor $\text{rank-universe}(X)$ yielding a natural number is defined by

(Def. 13) $X \in (\text{sequence-universe})(it)$ and for every natural number n such that $n < it$ holds $X \notin (\text{sequence-universe})(n)$.

Now we state the propositions:

(106) Let us consider an element X of $\bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$, and a natural number n . Suppose $\text{rank-universe}(X) \leq n$.

Then $X \in (\text{sequence-universe})(n)$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv X \in (\text{sequence-universe})(\$_1)$. For every natural number j such that $\text{rank-universe}(X) \leq j$ and $\mathcal{P}[j]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[j+1]$. For every natural number i such that $\text{rank-universe}(X) \leq i$ holds $\mathcal{P}[i]$. \square

(107) Let us consider a natural number i . Then there exists a set x such that $x \in (\text{sequence-universe})(i+1) \setminus (\text{sequence-universe})(i)$. The theorem is a consequence of (105) and (102).

(108) Let us consider a natural number n . Then $\mathbf{U}_{n+1} \setminus (\mathbf{U}_n) \notin \mathbf{U}_{n+1}$. The theorem is a consequence of (99) and (86).

The functor ComplUniverse yielding a function from \mathbb{N} into $\bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$ is defined by

(Def. 14) for every natural number n , $it(n) = \mathbf{U}_{n+1} \setminus (\mathbf{U}_n)$.

Let us consider a natural number n . Now we state the propositions:

(109) $(\text{ComplUniverse})(n)$ is not empty. The theorem is a consequence of (99).

(110) $(\text{ComplUniverse})(n) \subseteq \mathbf{U}_{n+1}$.

(111) There exists a function f from \mathbb{N} into $\bigcup \bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$ such that for every natural number i , $f(i) \in (\text{ComplUniverse})(i)$.

PROOF: Set $g =$ the choice of ComplUniverse . $\text{rng } g \subseteq \bigcup \bigcup \text{rng sequence-universe}$. For every natural number i , $g(i) \in (\text{ComplUniverse})(i)$. \square

- (112) Let us consider a function f from \mathbb{N} into \bigcup rng sequence-universe. Then $f \in \mathcal{U}_\omega$. The theorem is a consequence of (13) and (104).
- (113) Let us consider a function f from \mathbb{N} into $\bigcup\bigcup$ rng sequence-universe. Then $f \in \mathcal{U}_\omega$. The theorem is a consequence of (13) and (104).

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