

Rasmussen Set Theory (RST)

RST = ZF + Existence - (Separation + Replacement)

Existence Schema:

$\forall w_1 \dots w_n \forall x \exists s (x \in s \equiv (\varphi(w_1 \dots w_n, x, s))) \vee (x \in s \equiv \neg(\varphi(w_1 \dots w_n, x, s)))$, where ' φ ' is a formula in the language of set theory with free [variables](#) among x, w_1, \dots, w_n, s .

In other words, for any formula ψ in the language of set theory, there is a set whose elements either all satisfy the formula or all do not satisfy the formula.

A formula is 'natural' if there is a set all of whose elements satisfy it.

Extensionality:

$\forall x \forall y (\forall z (z \in x \equiv z \in y) \rightarrow x = y)$

This axiom asserts that when sets x and y have the same members, they are the same set.

Pairs:

$\forall x \forall y \exists z \forall w (w \in z \equiv w = x \vee w = y)$

This axiom asserts that if given any set x and y , there exists a pair set of x and y , i.e., a set which has only x and y as members:

Unions:

$\forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \equiv \exists w (w \in x \ \& \ z \in w))$

The next axiom asserts that for any given set x , there is a set y which has as members all of the members of all of the members of x :

Power Set:

$\forall x \exists y \forall z [z \in y \equiv \forall w (w \in z \rightarrow w \in x)]$

This axiom asserts that for any set x , there is a set y which contains as members all and only those sets whose members are also elements of x , i.e., y contains all of the subsets of x :

Regularity:

$\forall x (\exists y (y \in x \ \& \ \forall z (z \in x \rightarrow \neg(z \in y))))$

A member y of a set x with this property is called a 'minimal' element. This axiom rules out the existence of circular chains of sets (e.g., such as $x \in y \ \& \ y \in z \ \& \ z \in x$) as well as infinitely descending chains of sets (such as $\dots x_3 \in x_2 \in x_1 \in x_0$).