
Some Weak Axiom Systems for CST

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Note that $f(\underline{x}) = \emptyset = x_i - x_i$ is rudimentary; and so is $f(\underline{x}) = x_i \cap x_j = x_i - (x_i - x_j)$ using **classical** logic.

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Proposition: Using classical logic, the CST rudimentary functions coincide with Jensen's rudimentary functions.

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Some Definitions: Note: $(x, y) \in t \rightarrow x, y \in \cup\cup t$.

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$$\text{dom}(t) \equiv \{x \in \cup\cup t \mid \exists y \in \cup\cup t (x, y) \in t\}$$

$$\text{ran}(t) \equiv \{y \in \cup\cup t \mid \exists x \in \cup\cup t (x, y) \in t\}$$

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Note: $f'x = f(x)$ and $f''y = \{f(x) \mid x \in y\}$ if $f : a \rightarrow b$ and $x \in a, y \subseteq a$.

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The proof uses a constructive version of the result of Jensen that the rudimentary functions can be finitely generated using function composition.

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