

THE SUSLIN-KLEENE THEOREM FOR V_κ WITH COFINALITY(κ) = ω

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It is easy to extend to arbitrary structures $\mathfrak{A} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_l f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle$ the concepts of Π_1^1 and inductively definable relations, which are familiar for the structure of the integers. The second author showed in a recent paper that these two concepts coincide for countable \mathfrak{A} that satisfy certain mild definability conditions—this is a generalization of the classical Suslin-Kleene theorem. Here we generalize the Suslin-Kleene theorem in a different direction.

MAIN RESULT. Let V_κ be the set of sets of rank less than κ , i.e., $V_0 = \phi$, $V_{\xi+1} = \text{power of } V_\xi$, $V_\kappa = \bigcup_{\xi < \kappa} V_\xi$, if κ is limit. The classes of inductively definable and Π_1^1 relations on the structure $\mathscr{V}_\kappa = \langle V_\kappa, \in \upharpoonright V_\kappa \rangle$ ($\kappa \geq \omega$) coincide if and only if κ is a limit ordinal with cofinality ω .

This implies several corollaries about the class of Π_1^1 relations on V_κ , when $\text{cofinality}(\kappa) = \omega$, e.g., that it has the reduction property.

The nontrivial part of the theorem is the implication $\Pi_1^1 \Rightarrow \text{inductively definable}$ for \mathscr{V}_κ with $\text{cofinality}(\kappa) = \omega$.

1. Proof of the main result. We assume familiarity with [7], whose notation we shall use.

Notice first that for each $\kappa \geq \omega$, \mathscr{V}_κ is an *acceptable* structure, in the sense of [7]. This is immediate for limit κ , by taking the ordinary set-theoretic pair and the standard ω for the integers within V_κ . For successor κ the proof is by induction; let $\kappa = \lambda + 1$, let $(,)_\lambda$ be a definable pair in \mathscr{V}_λ , for x_1, \dots, x_n in V_κ put

$$\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle = \{(1, u)_\lambda : u \in x_1\} \cup \dots \cup \{(n, u)_\lambda : u \in x_n\}.$$

These n -tuple functions are definable in \mathscr{V}_κ and using them one can easily define a pair for \mathscr{V}_κ and also show that first-order definability on \mathscr{V}_κ is preserved under inductive definitions.

Since \mathscr{V}_κ is acceptable, the inductively definable relations on \mathscr{V}_κ are Π_1^1 by the argument given in §3 of [7]. Also, if $\kappa \geq \omega$ and κ is a successor or $\text{cofinality}(\kappa) > \omega$, then the relation

$$S \in WF \Leftrightarrow \text{there is no sequence } u_0, u_1, \dots, \text{ so that} \\
 (n)[(u_n, u_{n+1}) \in S]$$

is first-order definable on \mathscr{V}_κ , so that by the usual analysis of trans-