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Complexity of the axioms of the alternative set theory

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Abstract: If \mathbf{T} is a complete theory stronger than \mathbf{ZF}_{Fin} such that axiom of extensionality for classes $+$ $\mathbf{T} + (\exists X)\Phi_i$ is consistent for $1 \leq i \leq k$ (each alone), where Φ_i are normal formulae then we show $\mathbf{AST} + (\exists X)\Phi_1 + \dots + (\exists X)\Phi_k +$ scheme of choice is consistent. As a consequence we get: there is no proper Δ_1 -formula in $\mathbf{AST} +$ scheme of choice. Moreover the complexity of the axioms of \mathbf{AST} is studied, e.g. we show axiom of extensionality is Π_1 -formula, but not Σ_1 -formula and furthermore prolongation axiom, axioms of choice and cardinalities are Π_2 -formulae, but not Π_1 -formulae in \mathbf{AST} without the axiom in question.

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