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CORRECTIONS TO WHERE DO SETS COME FROM?

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My paper [1] contains two egregious errors. Contrary to a remark on p. 151, ZFC + GCH does not imply that all infinite cardinals are acceptable. (I made a similar error in [2].) In fact, ZFC implies that all singular cardinals are not acceptable. (Example: Power(\aleph_{ω}) injects into $\prod_{n < \omega} \aleph_n$, which injects into the set of countable subsets of \aleph_{ω} .) Thus ZFC + GCH implies that a cardinal is acceptable iff it is infinite and regular. I thank Richard G. Heck, Jr., for straightening me out on all this.

The above shows that, contrary to my claim on p. 162, the Union Axiom is A_{ls} -valid! Setting my embarrassment aside, this is good news. The Union Axiom has never been controversial, and seems self-evident under the limitation-of-size conception of sethood. It should prima facie come out valid in a logic embodying that conception; when I thought it not A_{ls} -valid I felt that counted against A_{ls} (and similarly for MO_{ls}). Now this, at least, is as it should be. Note also that Replacement is A_{ls} -valid (and MO_{ls}-valid).

Finally, the proof of Fact 3.2 can be simplified: since an acceptable model has regular cardinality, by Fact 1.2 the sequence $\langle S'(j) \rangle_{i \le \omega}$ can be cut off at S'(3).

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