

**Remark 3.52.** [01J] A distinction is made between an informal set theory and a formal set theory.<sup>a</sup>

*Informal set theory exploits all notions previously listed, but does not investigate the fundamentals, that is, the axiomatization. For this approach we recommend the text [?]; or [?] for a brief discussion.*

*The most widely used formal set theory is the Zermelo–Fraenkel axiomatic, that we will shortly recall in next Section. See Chap. 6 in [?] (for a brief introduction [?] can also be fine).*

*In Zermelo–Fraenkel’s axiomatic set theory, all variables represent sets, so variables do not have a meaning of truth or falsehood. For this reason, in the definitions [00G] and [00Q] of well-formed formula changes the concept of “atom”. A An atom is now a formula of the form  $a \in b$  that has truth/falsehood value.*

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<sup>a</sup>See the introduction to Chap. 6 in [?] for a discussion comparing these two approaches.