Rebuilding the Foundations of Math via (the “Theory”) ZFC; ZFC to Axiomatized Arithmetic (the “Theories” BA and PA)

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☑ RussellsLetter2Frege

The challenge here is to prove that from Russell's instantiation of Frege's doomed Axiom V a contradiction can be promptly derived. The letter has of course been examined in some detail by S Bringsjord (in the Mar 16 2020 lecture in the 2020 lecture lineup); it, along with an astoundingly soft-spoken reply from Frege, can be found here. Put meta-logically, your task in the present problem is to build a proof that confirms this:

$$\{\exists x \forall y((y \in x) \rightarrow (y \notin y))\} \vdash \zeta \wedge \neg\zeta.$$

Make sure you understand that the given here is an instantiation of Frege's Axiom V; i.e. it's an instantiation of

$$\exists x \forall y((y \in x) \rightarrow \phi(y)).$$

(The notation $\phi(y)$, recall, is the standard way in mathematical logic to say that y is free in ϕ.) **Note**: Your finished proof is allowed to make use the PC-provability oracle (but *only* that oracle).

(Now a brief remark on matters covered by in class by Bringsjord when second-order logic = $\mathscr{L}_2$ arrives on the scene: Longer term, and certainly constituting evidence of Frege's capacity for ingenius, intricate deduction, it has recently been realized that while Frege himself relied on Axiom V to obtain what is known as **Hume's Principle** (= HP), this reliance is avoidable. That from just HP we can deduce all of Peano Arithmetic (**PA**) (!) is a result Frege can be credited with showing; the result is known today as Frege's Theorem (= FT). Following the link just given will reward the reader with an understanding of HP, and how how to obtain **PA** from it.)

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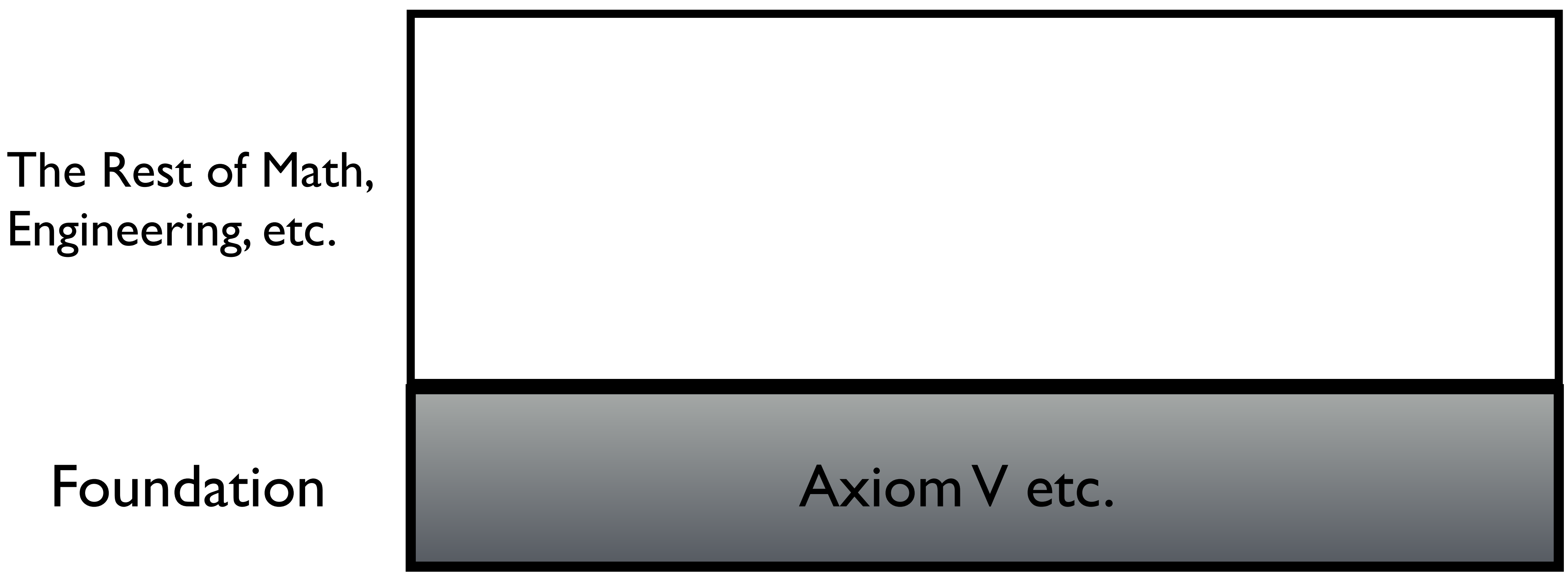

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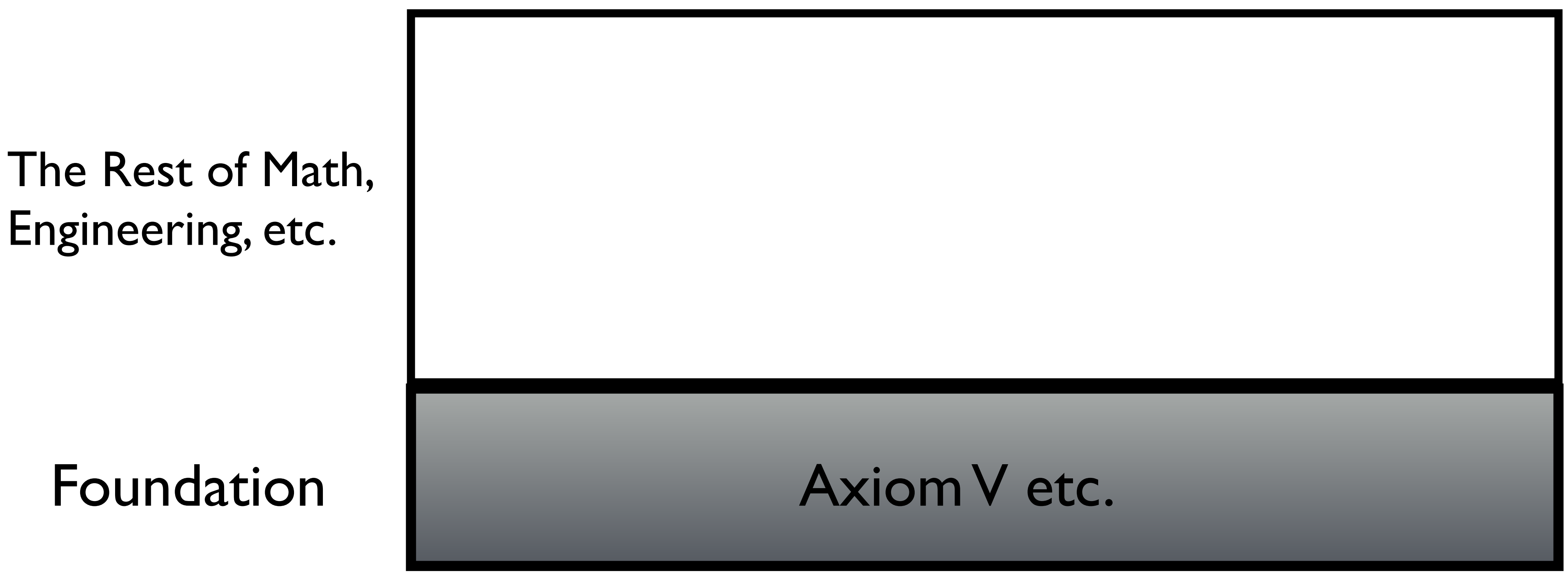

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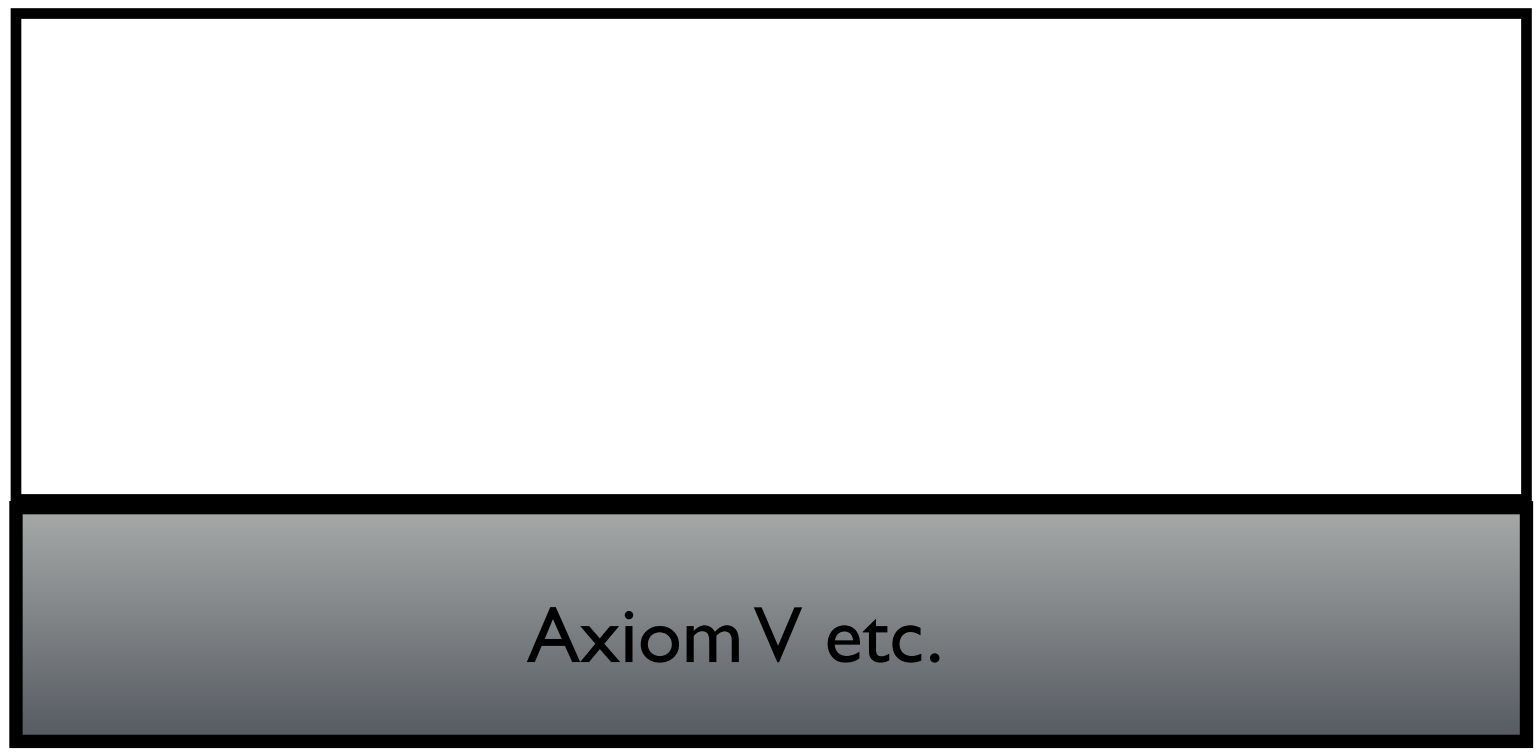

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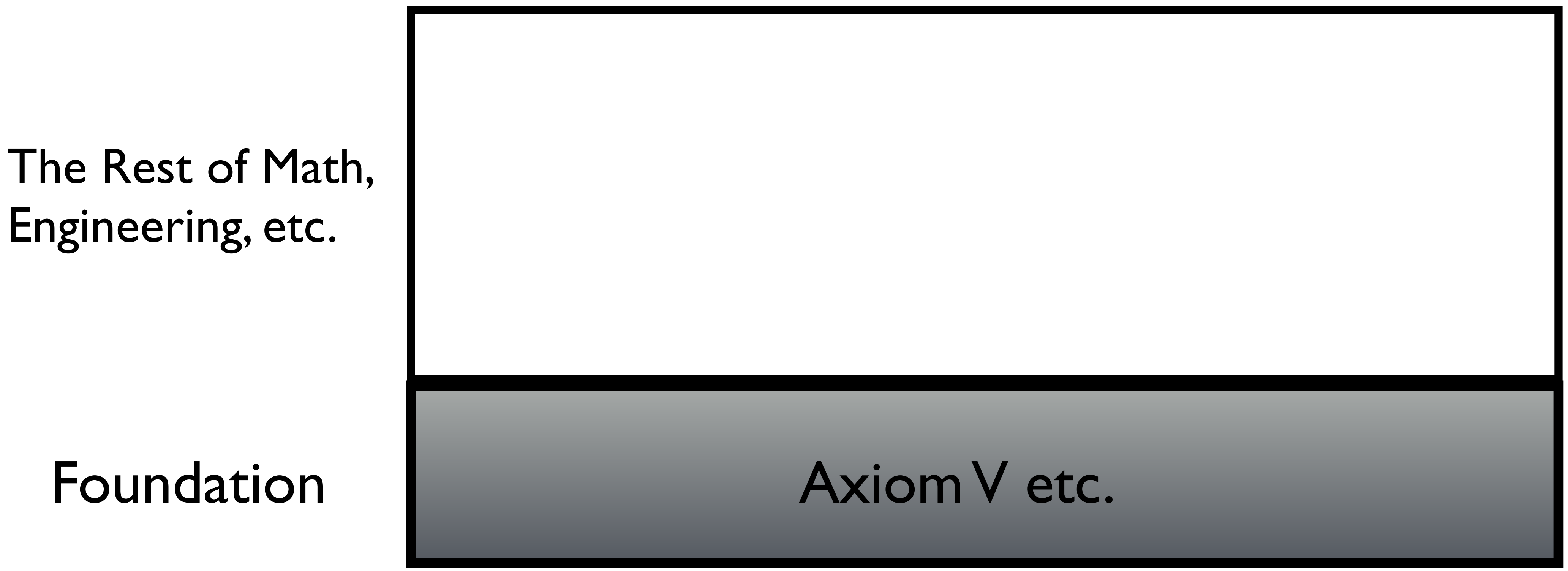

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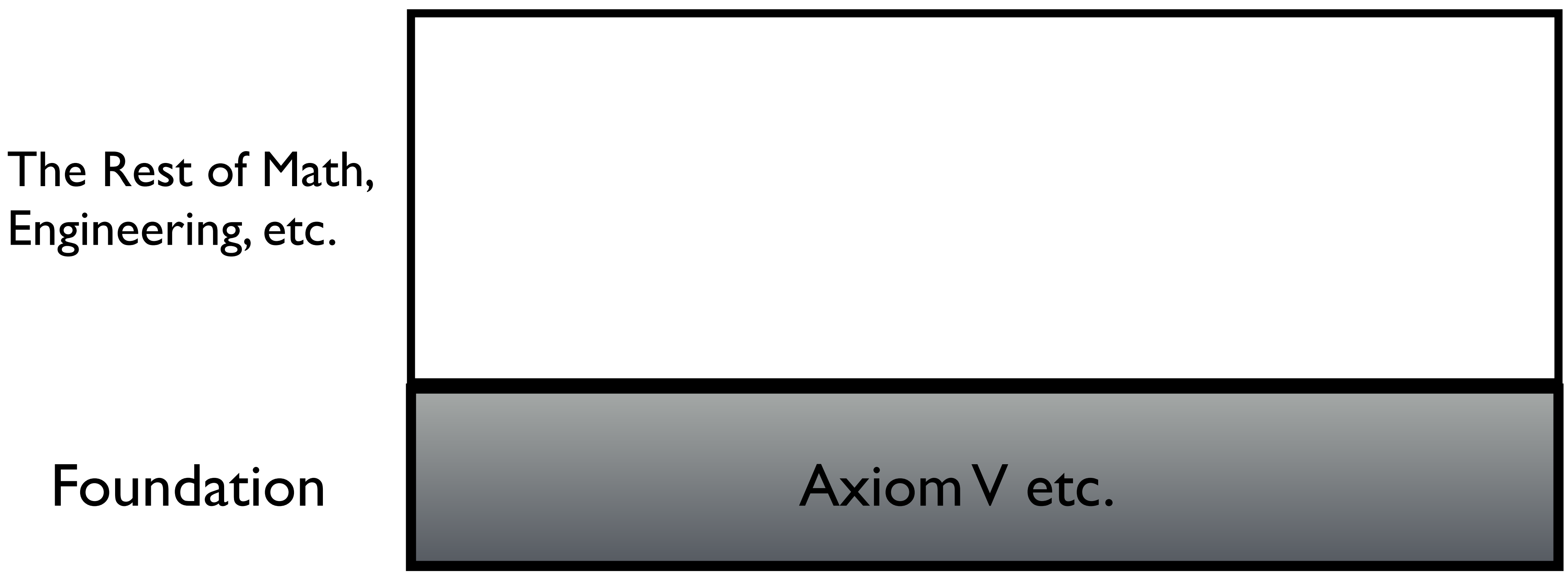

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Proof: *N* is defined by a finite string taken from the English alphabet, so *N* is in the sequence *E*. But on the other hand, by definition of *N*, for every *m*, *N* differs from the *m*-th element of *E* in at least one decimal place; so *N* is not any element of *E*. Contradiction! **QED**

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mth

Then *N* is 0.xxxx…6xx…

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Since 5 ≠ 6, *N* can't be u_m!

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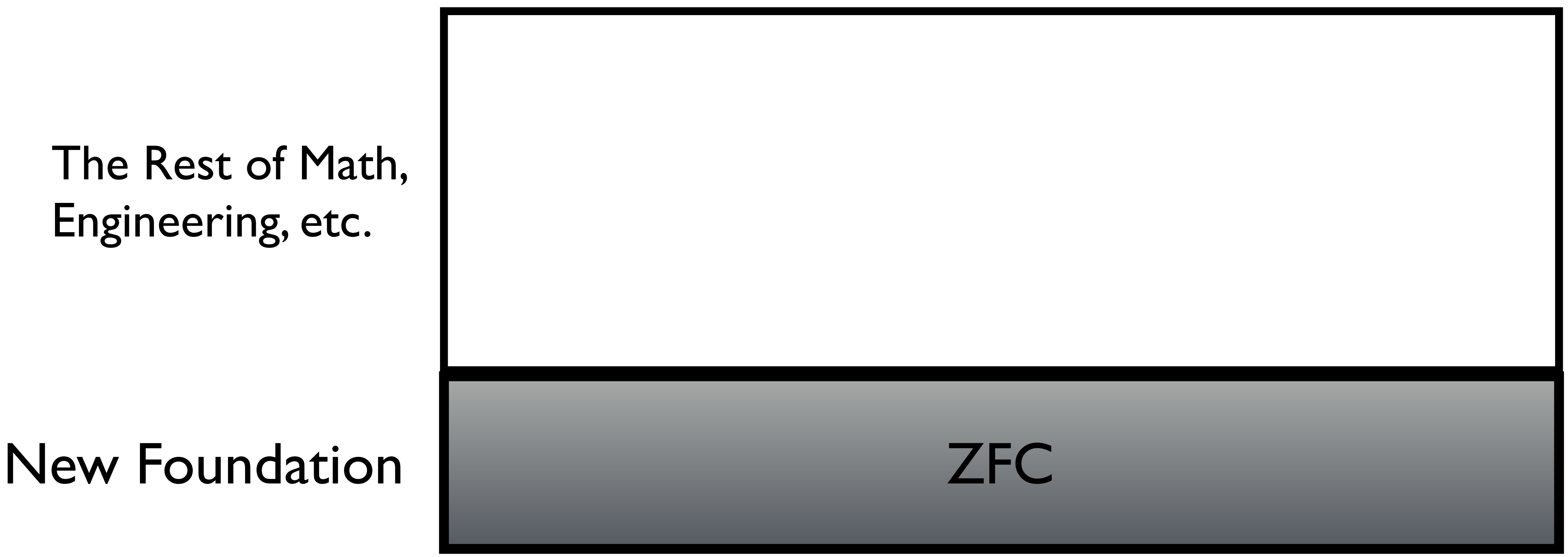

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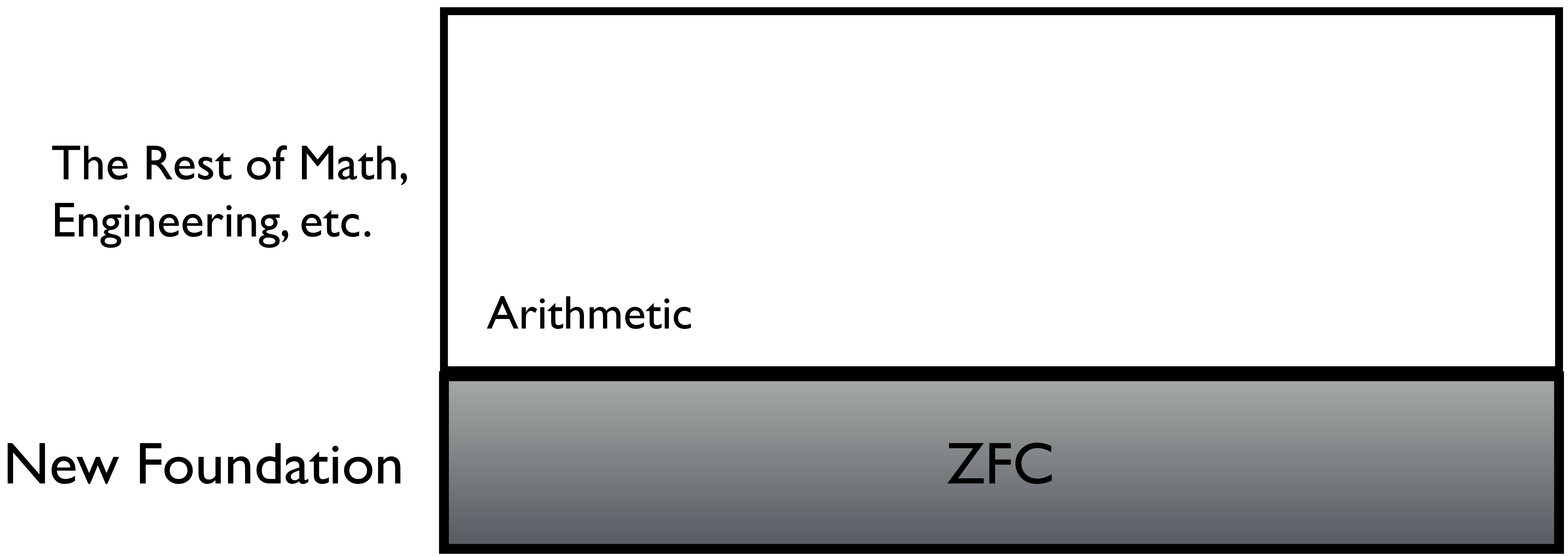

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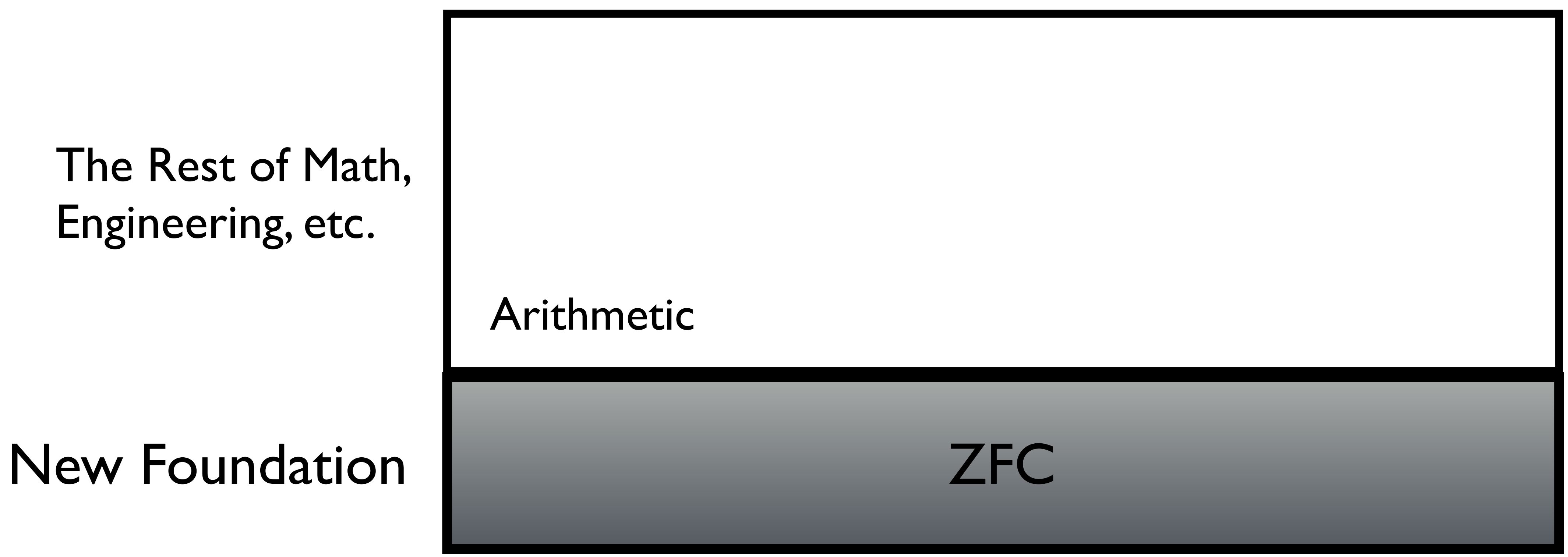

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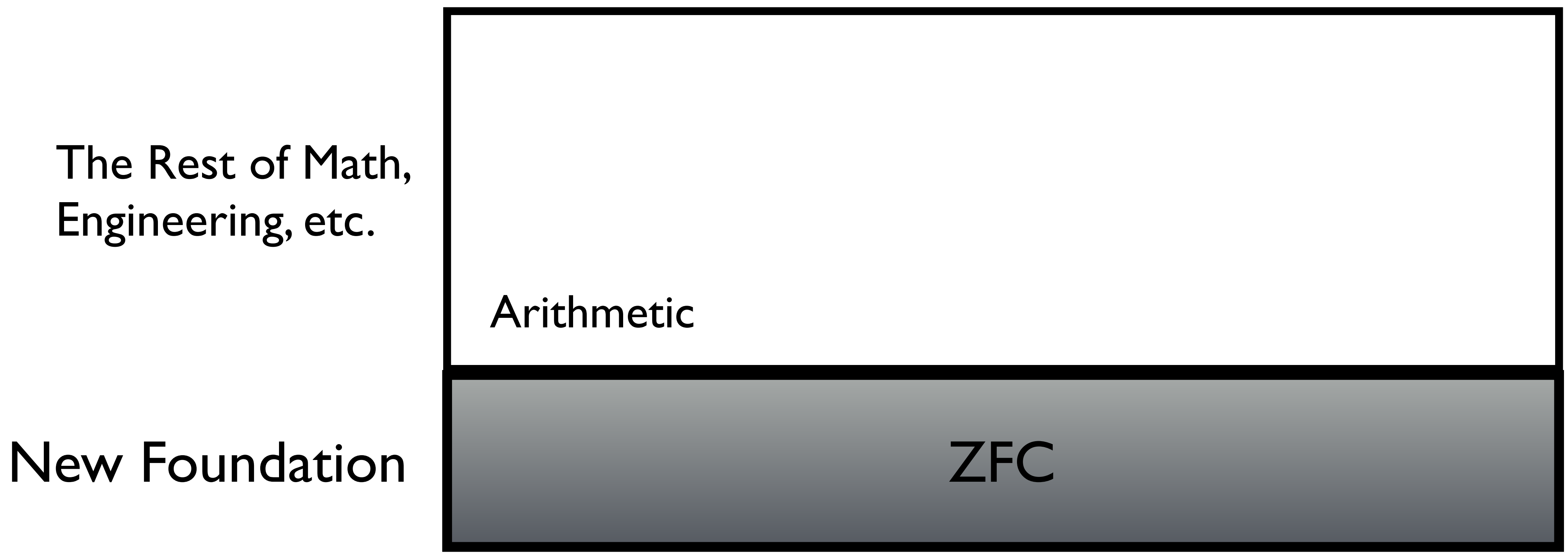

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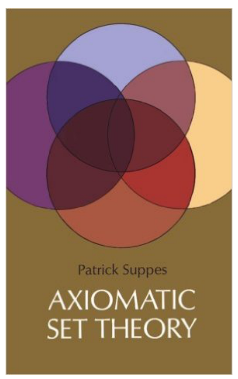

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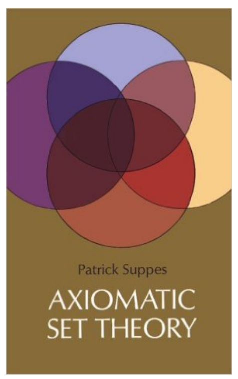

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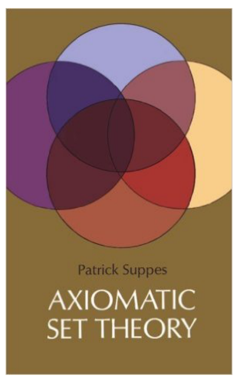

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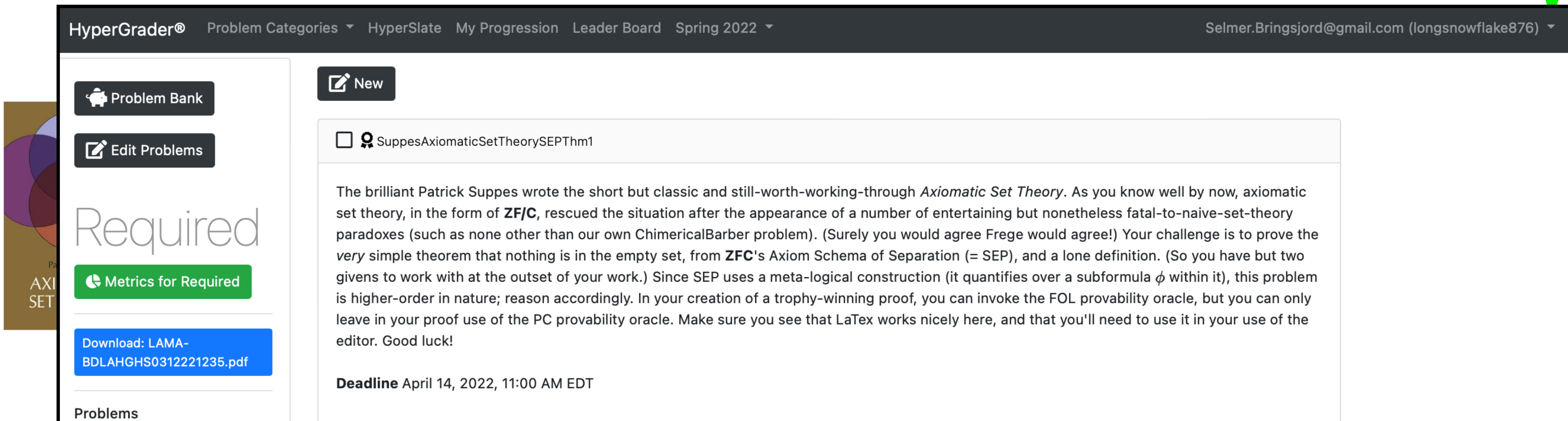

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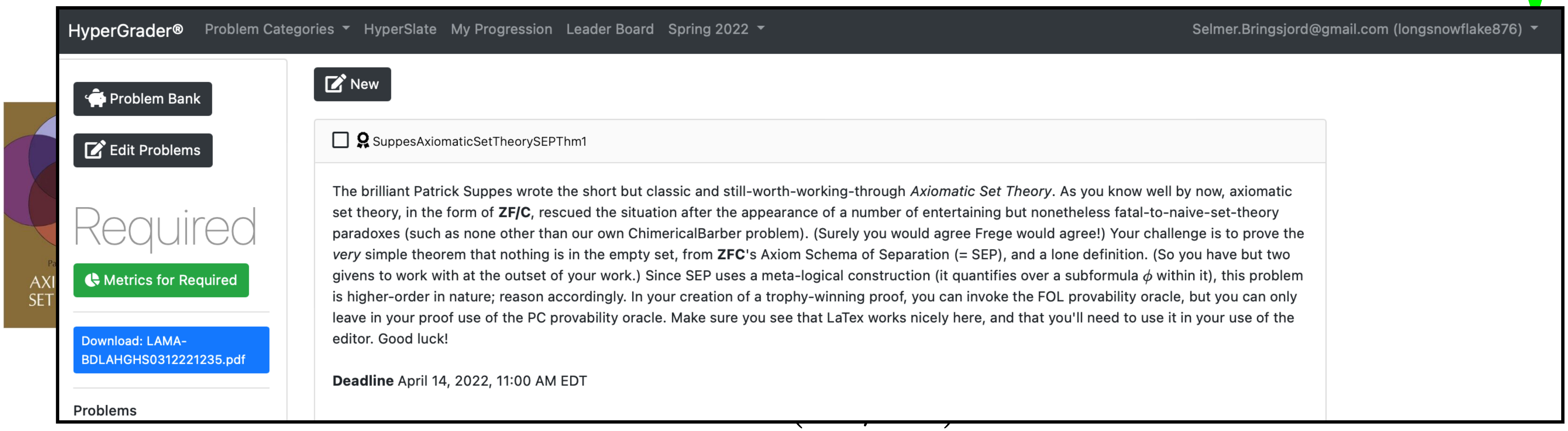

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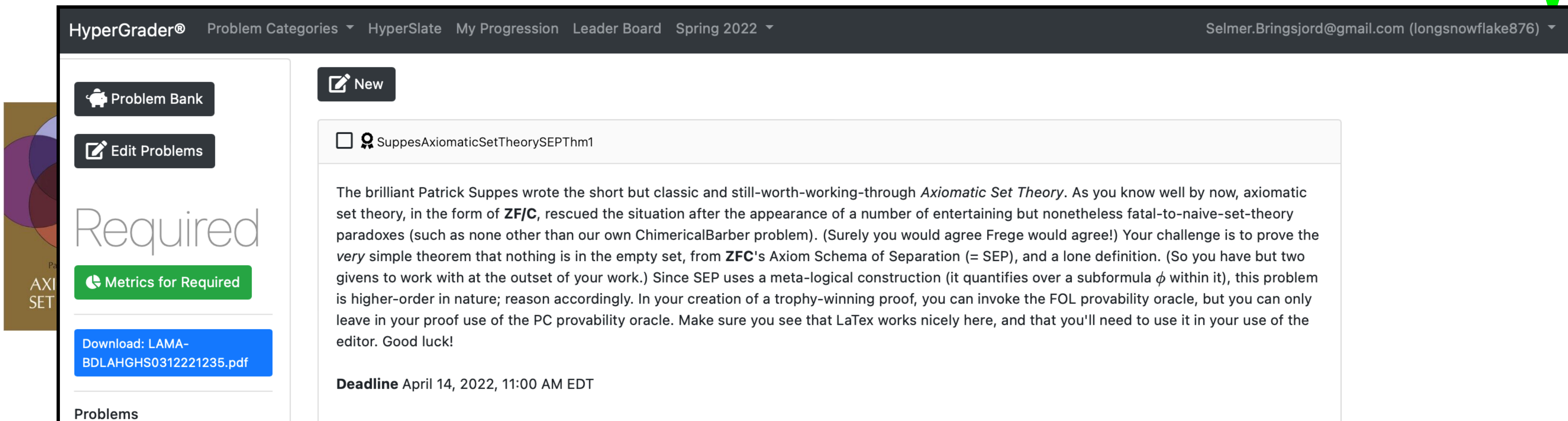

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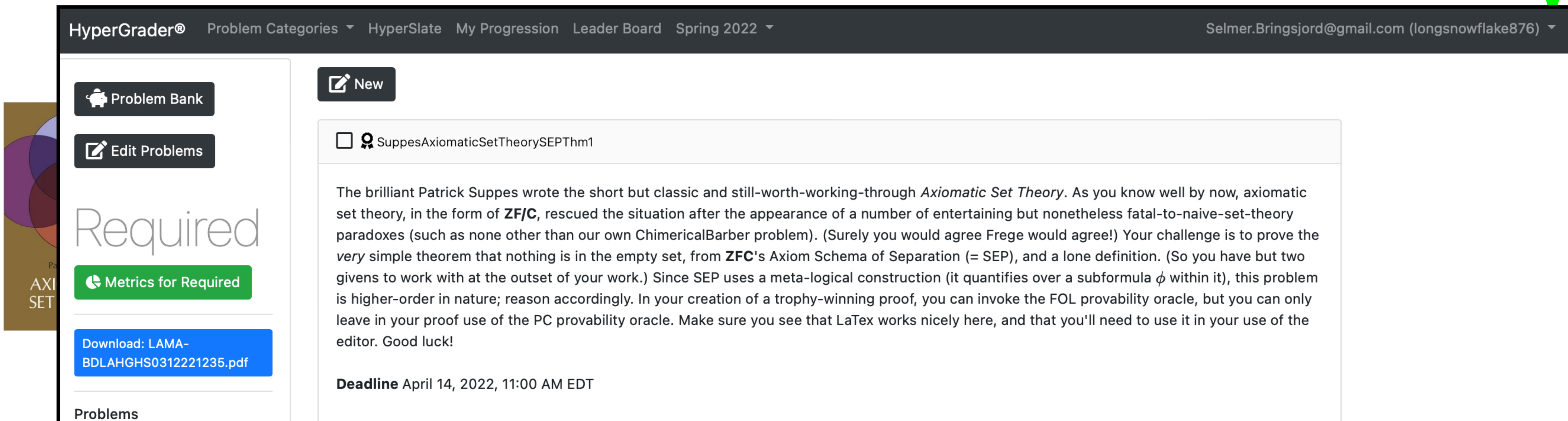

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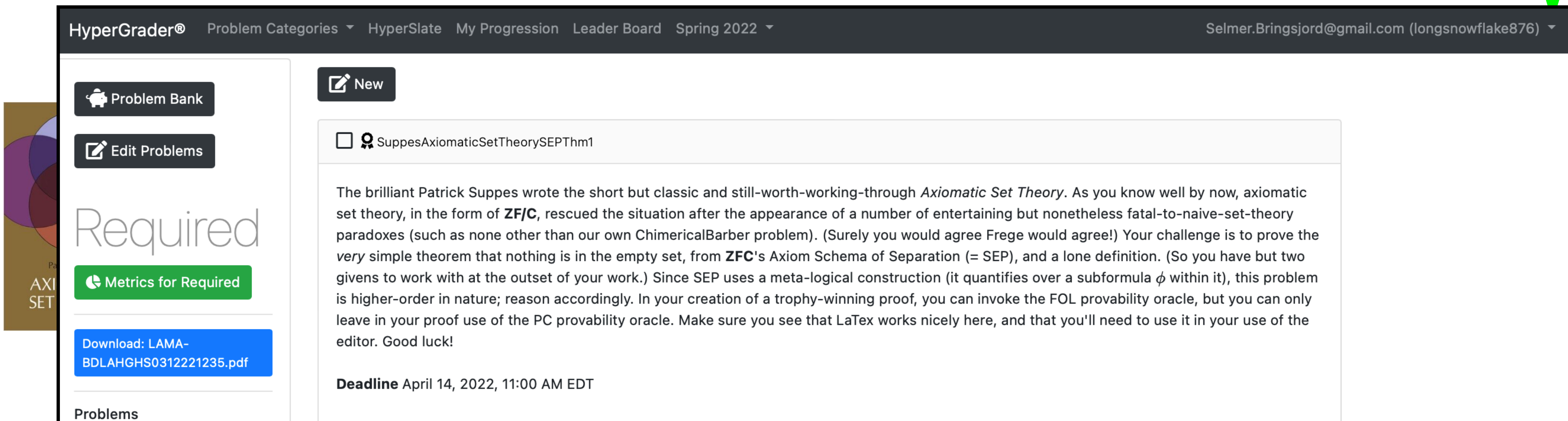

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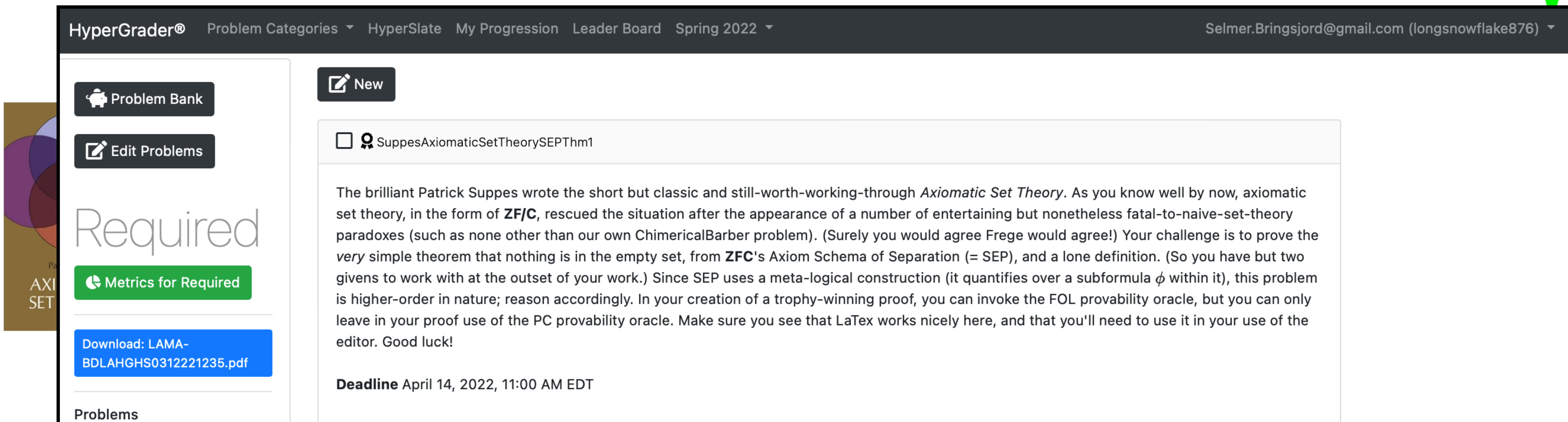

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ZFC Completed

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6.4.1 ZFC

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Axiom of Extensionality

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$$\forall x \forall y \exists z \forall w (w \in z \longleftrightarrow (w = x \vee w = y))$$

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$$\forall x_0 \ldots \forall x_{n-1} (\forall x \exists^{=1} y \, \phi(x, y, x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \rightarrow \forall u \exists v \forall y (y \in v \longleftrightarrow \exists x (x \in u \wedge \phi(x, y, x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}))))$$

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