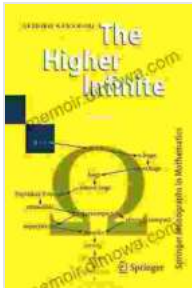


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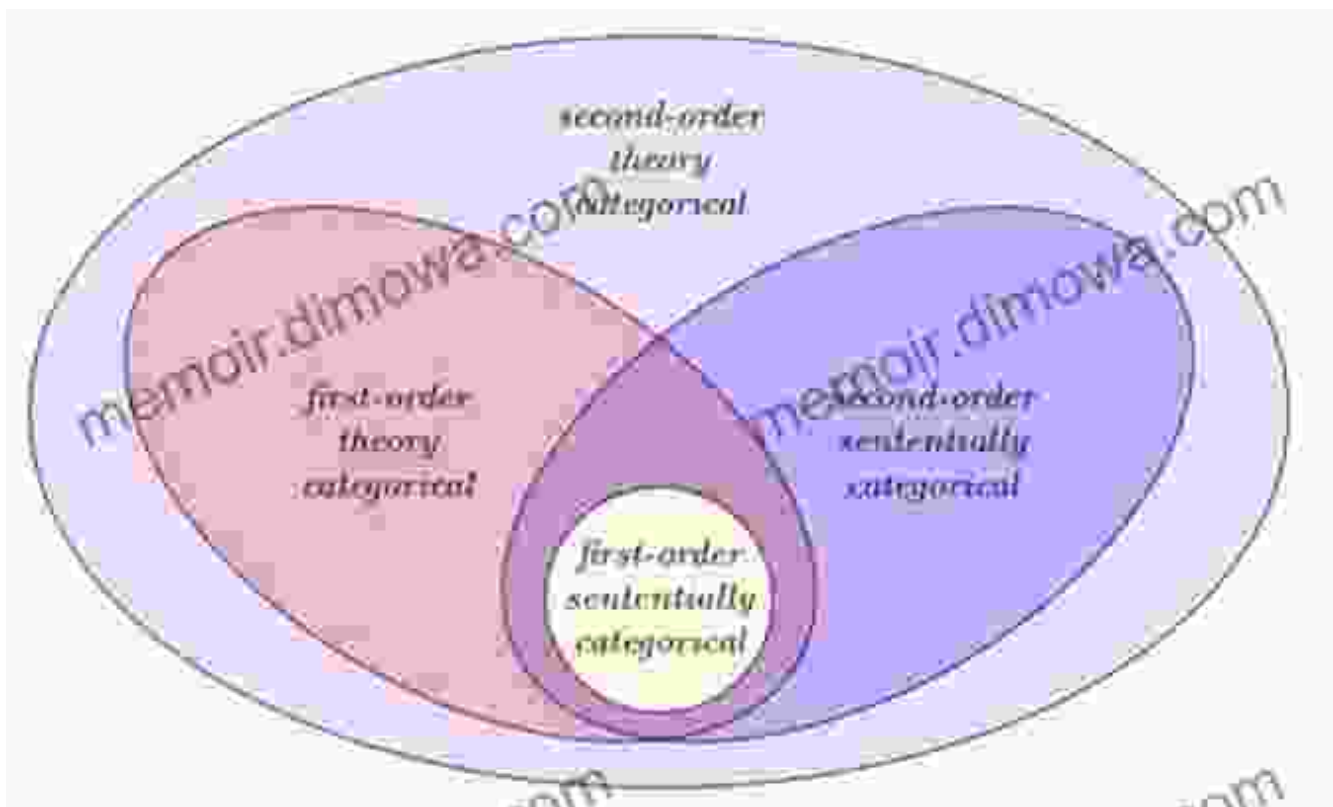
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In the 1910s, Zermelo's axiomatization of set theory provided a rigorous framework for studying infinite sets. Von Neumann's seminal work on ordinal numbers in the 1920s paved the way for defining and exploring Large Cardinals.

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- **Mahlo Cardinals:** Strongly inaccessible cardinals, with a rich structure of smaller cardinals below them.
- **Measurable Cardinals:** Sets that can be decomposed into smaller sets of equal size.
- **Strong Cardinals:** Cardinals with the power to create new sets with desirable properties.
- **Weak Cardinals:** Cardinals that lack certain desirable properties, making them susceptible to certain constructions.

The existence of Large Cardinals has profound implications for set theory. They allow mathematicians to construct models of set theory with different properties, explore the consistency and independence of various axioms, and push the boundaries of mathematical knowledge.

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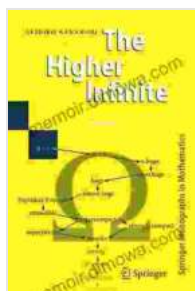
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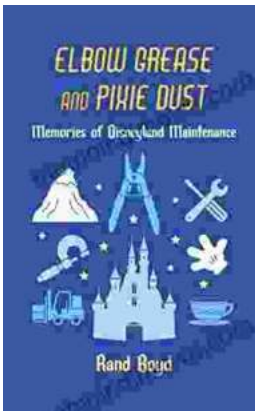
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