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The Hanf Number for Scott Sentences of Computable Structures

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Main Question (Sy Friedman)

What is the Hanf number for the Scott sentences of computable structures?

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- (b) *There exists a partial computable function l such that for each $a \in \mathcal{O}$, $l(a)$ is a tuple of computable indices for several objects, among which are a relational vocabulary τ_a and the atomic diagram of a τ_a -structure \mathcal{A}_a . The Scott sentence of \mathcal{A}_a characterizes the cardinal $\beth_{|a|}$, where $|a|$ is the ordinal with notation a .*

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Corollary

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