

Logic Seminar

The Hanf number for Extendability

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Abstract: We construct a complete $L_{\omega_1, \omega}$ -sentence ϕ such that (\mathbf{R}, \subseteq) is an abstract elementary class with a proper class of models.

Theorem. There is a maximal model $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbf{R}$ of cardinality λ if there is no measurable cardinal ρ with $\rho \leq \lambda$, $\lambda = \lambda^{<\lambda}$, and there is an $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\aleph_0}^\lambda$, that is stationary non-reflecting, and $\diamond_{\mathcal{S}}$ holds.

Thus in the absence of a measurable, ϕ has arbitrarily large maximal models. But in the presence of measurables there are maximal models cofinally in the first measurable and never again. I hope to say something about the removal of the set-theoretic hypotheses.

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