

Foundations of Mathematics: On the Translations Between Arithmetic and Set Theory

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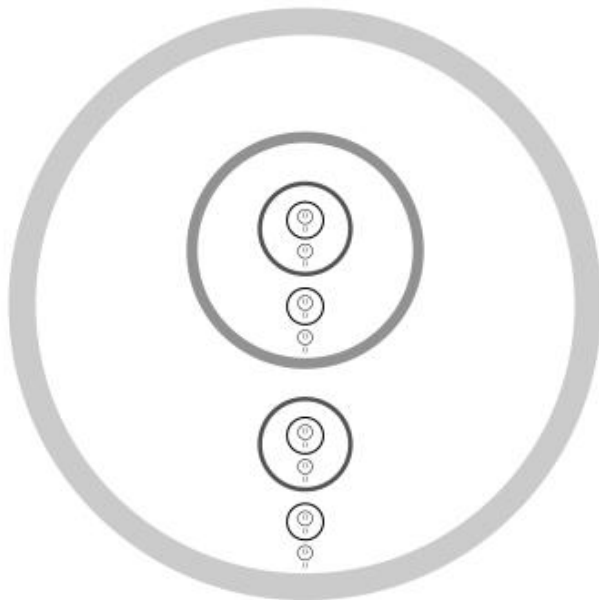
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The Von Neumann construction of \mathbb{N}

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The Realm of Second-order Arithmetic

Friedman and Simpson: Encoding the ordinary mathematics with only

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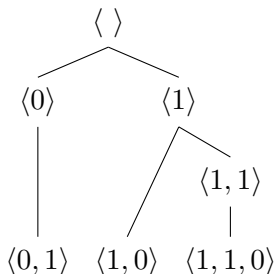
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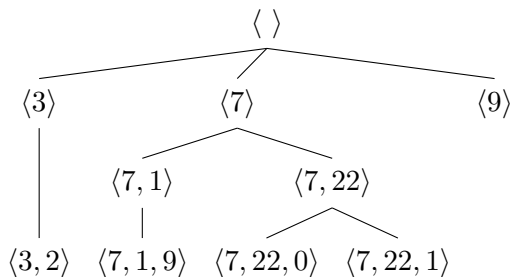
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