

ACCL Lecture 6:

Ehrenfeucht games: a criterion of elementary equivalence of two models

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- $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N} \not\equiv \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}$. Find the formula with minimal $q(A)$.

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