

# Collection and the question of the collapsing of the hierarchy

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We consider restricted versions of the collection scheme  $B\Sigma_1$  of the form  $B\exists\Sigma_n^b$ , where  $\exists\Sigma_n^b$  is a class of  $\Sigma_1$  formulas of restricted complexity. Also we consider the notion of an  $\exists\Sigma_n^b$  maximal model and we study the question whether such a model satisfies  $B\exists\Sigma_m^b$  for some  $m, n$ . This question is related to the collapsing question of the hierarchy of bounded arithmetical formulas.