

Problems in Quantitative Linguistics 1 – 5

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The authors want to evoke interest for quantitative solution of linguistic problems. The solutions may be used for dissertations, writing of articles and publishing them in quantitative linguistic journals (*Journal of Quantitative Linguistics; Glottotheory; Glottometrics*), writing books or use the individual problems for planning projects. As a matter of fact, each of the problems is a project if performed in several languages. The authors are at the same time members of the editorial boards of the above mentioned journals and help automatically to improve the presentations.

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