

## Hyperarithmetical quantifiers \*

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Let  $HA$  be the class of hyperarithmetical functions, predicates and sets of natural numbers [4, 5]; let  $(Ea)_{HA}P(a) \equiv (Ea)[a \in HA \ \& \ P(a)]$ ; and let "HA" also be an abbreviation for "hyperarithmetical".

From the proof of XXVI [5], it follows that if  $R$  is a recursive predicate then there is a primitive recursive predicate  $P$  (obtained uniformly from a Gödel number of  $R$ ) such that

$$(0.1) \quad (Ea)_{HA}(x)R(a, x, a) \equiv (a)(Ex)P(a, x, a).$$

This result is used in [1] and is proved explicitly in [7]. In the latter paper, Kleene asks whether the converse is true; i. e. given a recursive  $P$ , can a primitive recursive  $R$  be found which satisfies (0.1)? We answer this question in the affirmative <sup>(1)</sup>.

The method of proof involves an analysis of the inductive definitions of the set  $O$  of Church-Kleene ordinal notations and of the two-place predicates  $|a| = |b|$  and  $|a| < |b|$ , where  $|a|$  is the ordinal corresponding to  $a$  via  $O$  and both predicates are taken to be false if either  $a$  or  $b$  is not in  $O$ . The techniques developed by Kleene in [2] and amended in [6] play an important rôle. In particular we shall employ the predicate  $(x)(Ey)R(a, x, y)$  defined in § 14 of [2], which Kleene abandons in the amended version [6] <sup>(2)</sup>.

**1.  $C(b)$  and  $Q_0$ .** For each natural number  $b$  let  $C(b)$  be the set defined in [2] § 13 and  $V(a, b, x)$  the primitive recursive predicate such that  $a \in C(b) \equiv (Ex)V(a, b, x)$ . If  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)_2}$ , let  $a_n = \Phi((a)_2, n_0)$ , i. e. if  $a \in O$ , then in a manner of speaking,  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  is the fundamental sequence whose limit is  $a$ . Let  $\text{Def}(a, n) \equiv [a_n \text{ is defined}]$ , more precisely  $\text{Def}(a, n) \equiv (Ey)T_1((a)_2, n_0, y)$ .

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<sup>(1)</sup> This answer appears as Corollary 2. Kreisel and Mostowski asked similar questions, which are answered by Corollary 1 and [6] Theorem 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> It is recommended that the reader be familiar with [2] through § 14 and [6] through § 20, and have both papers available for reference.



LEMMA 1 (Kleene). If  $b \in O$  then  $C(b) = \hat{a}[a <_O b]$  and  $C(b)$  is well-ordered by the "less-than" relation  $x \in C(y)$  with ordinal  $|b|$ . (See [2, 6], § 20, for proof.)

When  $\doteq$  is an equivalence relation on a set  $S$ , we say that  $\dot{<}$  is a linear ordering of  $S$  relative to  $\doteq$  if (\*):

- (L1)  $x, y \in S \rightarrow x \doteq y \vee x \dot{<} y \vee y \dot{<} x$ ,
- (L2)  $x, y, z \in S \ \& \ x \dot{<} y \ \& \ y \dot{<} z \rightarrow x \dot{<} z$ ,
- (L3)  $x \in S \rightarrow \text{not } x \dot{<} x$ ,
- (L4)  $u, v, x, y \in S \ \& \ x \doteq u \ \& \ y \doteq v \rightarrow [x \dot{<} y \equiv u \dot{<} v]$ .

If  $\doteq$  is  $=$ , then (L4) is automatically satisfied. Note that  $x \in C(y)$  as  $x \dot{<} y$ ,  $=$  as  $\doteq$ , and  $C(b)$  as  $S$  satisfy (L1)-(L3) if  $b \in O$ , and if  $b \notin O$  then only (L2) need be satisfied ((L1) and (L3) are false for suitably chosen  $C(b)$ ).

We shall define a set  $Q_0$  by amending Kleene's definition of  $Q$  to require that  $C(a)$  be linearly ordered when  $a \in Q$ . In place of Kleene's [2] (33) we write

$$(1.1) \quad a \in Q \equiv: a = 1 \vee a = 2^{(a)_0} \ \& \ (a)_0 \in Q \vee a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)_2} \ \& \ (n)[\text{Def}(a, n) \ \& \ a_n \in Q \ \& \ a_n \in C(a_{n+1})] \ \& [C(a) \text{ is linearly ordered by } x \in C(y) \text{ relative to } =].$$

We note that the clause [ $C(a)$  is linearly ordered by  $x \in C(y)$  relative to  $=$ ] does not contain the variable  $Q$  and can be written in the form  $(x)(Ey)P(a, x, y)$  where  $P$  is primitive recursive, since the closures of (L1)-(L3) assume the respective forms  $\forall[\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}]$ ,  $\forall[\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}]$ ,  $\forall[\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}]$ . Following the method of [2], § 14, we obtain a primitive recursive predicate  $R_0$  such that the set  $Q_0 = \hat{a}(x)(Ey)R_0(a, x, y)$  is a solution to (1.1). Kleene [6] shows that  $O$  is the smallest set  $Q$  satisfying (1.1);  $Q_0$  can be characterized as follows:

LEMMA 2.  $Q_0$  is the largest set  $Q$  satisfying (1.1).

Proof. By the remarks above  $Q_0$  is a solution to (1.1). Suppose the lemma is false. Then there is a set  $Q$  satisfying (1.1) and an  $a \in Q$  such that  $a \notin Q_0$ . But if  $a \notin Q_0$  then there is an  $x$  such that  $(y)\bar{R}_0(a, x, y)$ . Assume  $a$  and  $x$  have been chosen such that  $x$  is minimal. By examination of Kleene's (35) taking into account the modifications above, we obtain an  $a' \in C(a)$  and an  $x' < x$  such that  $(y)\bar{R}_0(a', x', y)$ , which contradicts the choice of  $x$ .

In obtaining  $a'$  and  $x'$  the only non-trivial case is  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)_2}$ , which we now consider. Since  $a \in Q$  and  $Q$  satisfies (1.1), it follows that  $C(a)$

(\*)  $x, y \in S$  is short for  $x \in S \ \& \ y \in S$ .

is linearly ordered and  $(n)[\text{Def}(a_n) \ \& \ a_n \in C(a_{n+1})]$ . But  $a \in Q_0$  and  $Q_0$  also satisfies (1.1). Hence  $(En)[a_n \in Q_0]$ , i. e. the clause

$$(1.2) \quad (x_2)(x_3)[T((a)_2, (x_2)_0, x_3) \rightarrow (x_4)(Ey_2)R_0(U(x_3), x_4, y_2)]$$

obtained from Kleene's (35) is false. Choose  $x_2, x_3, x_4$  such that

$$(1.3) \quad T((a)_2, (x_2)_0, x_3) \ \& \ (y_2)\bar{R}_0(U(x_3), x_4, y_2)$$

and let  $n = x_2$ . Then  $a' = a_n = U(x_3)$  and  $x' = x_4$  are the desired numbers.

Remark. This lemma and its proof suggest that it is possible to define  $Q_0$  using the method of [2], § 8. This is accomplished by defining  $\bar{Q}_0$  as follows.

- (Q1)  $a \neq 1 \ \& \ a \neq 2^{(a)_0} \ \& \ a \neq 3 \cdot 5^{(a)_2} \rightarrow a \in \bar{Q}_0$ ,
- (Q2)  $a \in \bar{Q}_0 \ \& \ a \neq 0 \rightarrow 2^a \in \bar{Q}_0$ ,
- (Q3)  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)_2} \ \& \ [\text{Def}(a, n) \vee a_n \in \bar{Q}_0 \vee a_n \in C(a_{n+1})] \rightarrow a \in \bar{Q}_0$ ,
- (Q4)  $a \in \bar{Q}_0$  only as required by (Q1)-(Q3).

Then  $\bar{Q}_0$  is recursively enumerable in  $\text{Def}(x, y)$ ,  $x \in C(y)$ . Lemma 2 and the classification of  $Q_0$  are easily obtained from this definition.

**2. O in terms of  $Q_0$ .**

LEMMA 3.  $a \in O \equiv a \in Q_0 \ \& \ (\bar{E}a)(x)[a(x+1) \in C(a(x)) \ \& \ a(0) = a]$ . I. e.  $a \in O$  if and only if  $a \in Q_0$  and  $C(a)$  is well ordered.

Proof. The implication to the right follows from Lemmas 1 and 2. On the other hand assume  $a \notin O$ . If  $a \in Q_0$  the lemma is proved. If  $a \in Q_0$  then it is possible to define an infinite descending sequence  $(x_{n+1} \in C(x_n))$  in  $Q_0 - O$  beginning with  $x_0 = a$ , using the inductive definitions of  $O$  and of  $Q_0$ .

**3. L and  $<_a$ .** Let  $Q_a$  be a variable which ranges over all subsets of the natural numbers and let  $<_a, =_a$  be two-place predicate variables ( $a \neq 0$ ). We define  $L(a, Q_a, <_a, =_a)$  to hold if and only if  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)_2}$ ,  $a \in Q_0$ , and for every  $x$  and  $y$

- (3.1)  $x \in Q_a \equiv x <_a a \vee x = a$ ,
- (3.2)  $x =_a y \equiv x, y \in Q_a \ \& \ (z)[z <_a x \equiv z <_a y]$ ,
- (3.3)  $<_a$  linearly orders  $Q_a$  relative to  $=_a$ ,
- (3.4)  $\{1, a\} \subseteq Q_a \subseteq Q_0$ ,
- (3.5)  $y \in Q_a \ \& \ x \in C(y) \rightarrow x <_a y$ ,
- (3.6)  $x <_a y \rightarrow (\bar{E}z)[z \in C(y) \ \& \ z =_a x]$ ,
- (3.7)  $x <_a a \rightarrow 2^x <_a a$ ,
- (3.8)  $x = 3 \cdot 5^{(x)_2} \in Q_0 \ \& \ y <_a a \ \& \ (n)[x_n <_a y] \rightarrow x <_a y \vee x =_a y$ .



We will not make use of the fact that each of (3.1)-(3.8) happens to be independent of the others. Let  $L(a, <_a) \equiv L(a, Q_a, <_a, =_a)$  where  $Q_a$  and  $=_a$  are defined by (3.1) and (3.2);  $x \leq_a y \equiv x <_a y \vee x =_a y$ ; and for  $a \in O$

$$(3.9) \quad O_a \equiv \hat{x}(|x| < |a| \vee x = a),$$

$$(3.10) \quad x <_a^> y \equiv |x| < |y| \ \& \ x, y \in O_a,$$

$$(3.11) \quad x =_a^> y \equiv |x| = |y| \ \& \ x, y \in O_a.$$

LEMMA 4. *If  $a \in O$  and  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)^2}$ , then  $L(a, O_a, <_a^>, =_a^>)$ .*

**4. Main theorem.** *Let  $\beta$  be a variable which ranges over all two-place number-theoretic predicates, and let  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)^2}$ . Then*

$$(4.1) \quad a \in O = (E\beta)_{\exists \Delta} L(a, \beta) = (E\beta) L(a, \beta).$$

The proof of this theorem will be postponed until § 6. The solution to Kleene's question is a corollary of this theorem.

**5. Properties of  $<_a$ .** Throughout this section we assume

$$(5.1) \quad a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)^2} \ \& \ a \in Q_0 \ \& \ L(a, Q_a, <_a, =_a).$$

Two sets  $S$  and  $T$  of natural numbers are said to be *isomorphic*, written  $S \cong T$ , if there is a 1-1-correspondence  $xRy$  whose domain is  $S$  and whose range is  $T$  such that

$$(5.2) \quad uRx \ \& \ vRy \rightarrow [u \in C(v) \equiv x \in C(y)].$$

A *segment* of  $S$  is a set of the form  $C(b) \cap S$  where  $b \in S$ . From the classical theory of ordinals, if  $S$  and  $T$  are well-ordered by  $x \in C(y)$ , then either  $S \cong T$  or one of  $S$  and  $T$  is isomorphic to a uniquely determined segment of the other. (The crucial reasons for a step in a proof are indicated at the end of the step between parentheses.)

LEMMA 5. *If  $x =_a y$ , then  $C(x) \cong C(y)$ .*

Proof. Assume  $x =_a y$ . Then  $x, y \in Q_a \subset Q_0$  ((3.2), (3.4)), and therefore  $C(x)$  and  $C(y)$  are linearly ordered ( $Q_0$  satisfies (1.1)). The correspondence  $uRv \equiv u \in C(x) \ \& \ v \in C(y) \ \& \ u =_a v$  has domain  $C(x)$  and range  $C(y)$  ((3.5), (3.6)). Assume also  $uRs, vRt$ , and  $u \in C(v)$ . (To show  $s \in C(t)$ .) Then  $s =_a u <_a v =_a t$  by (3.5); hence  $s <_a t$  by (3.3). Now  $s$  and  $t$  are elements of the linearly ordered set  $C(y)$ . The only way  $s$  and  $t$  can be related in that ordering consistent with  $s <_a t$ , (3.5), and (3.3) is  $s \in C(t)$ . Etc.

LEMMA 6. *If  $x <_a y$  then  $C(x)$  is isomorphic to a segment of  $C(y)$ .*

Proof. Let  $u \in C(y)$  such that  $x =_a^> u$  (see (3.6)). Then  $C(x) \cong C(u)$  by the previous lemma.

LEMMA 7. *If  $a \in O$  then  $x <_a y \rightarrow x <_a^> y$  and  $x =_a y \rightarrow x =_a^> y$  (see (3.9)-(3.11)).*

Proof. If  $x$  and  $y$  are elements of  $O_a$  and of  $Q_a$ , then they are related the same way in one ordering as they are in the other by virtue of Lemmas 1, 5, 6. Hence it is sufficient to show that  $O_a \subseteq Q_a$ .

Assume  $y \in O_a$  and by hypothesis of induction that  $C(y) \subseteq Q_a$ . (To show that  $y \in Q_a$ .) The case that  $y = 1$ ,  $y = a$ , or  $y = 2^{(y)^2}$  is taken care of by (3.4) and (3.7). Assume also  $y = 3 \cdot 5^{(y)^2} \neq a$ . Let  $z \in C(a)$  such that  $|z| = |y| < |a|$ . Then  $z <_a a$  (see (3.5)),  $(n)[y_n \in Q_a]$  (hypothesis of induction), and  $(n)[y_n <_a^> z]$ . By the remark at the beginning of the proof  $(n)[y_n <_a z]$ ; therefore  $y \leq_a z$  (see (3.8)) and  $y \in Q_a$  (see (3.1), (3.3)).

LEMMA 8. *If  $a \in O$  then  $Q_a \subset O_a$ .*

Proof. Assume  $a \in O$ ,  $x \in Q_a$ ,  $x \neq a$ . Choose  $y \in C(a)$  such that  $x =_a y$  (see (3.1), (3.6)). Then  $C(x) \cong C(y)$  (Lemma 5). But  $C(y)$  is well-ordered and  $x \in Q_0$ . Hence  $x \in O$  (Lemma 3) and  $|x| = |y| < |a|$ , i. e.  $x \in O_a$ .

The next lemma follows from Lemmas 4, 7, 8:

LEMMA 9. *If  $a \in O$  then  $<_a^>$  is the unique relation  $<_a$  such that  $L(a, <_a)$ .*

LEMMA 10. *If  $a \in O$  then  $O \subset Q_a$ , and for  $y \in O$ ,  $x <_a y \equiv |x| < |y|$  and  $x =_a y \equiv |x| = |y|$ .*

Proof. Assume  $a \in O$  and  $y \in O$ . To show  $y \in Q_a$  assuming also  $C(y) \subseteq Q_a$  (hypothesis of induction). If  $y = 1$  or  $y = 2^{(y)^2}$ , then  $y \in Q_a$  ((3.4), (3.7)). Assume  $y = 3 \cdot 5^{(y)^2} \in O$ . For each  $n$ , let  $\eta(n) \in C(a)$  such that  $\eta(n) =_a y_n$  ((3.6) substituting  $a$  for  $y$  and  $y_n$  for  $x$ ). Then  $C(\eta(n)) \cong C(y_n)$  (Lemma 5) and is therefore well-ordered. Now  $\eta(n) =_a y_n <_a y_{n+1} =_a \eta(n+1)$ , i. e.  $\eta(n) <_a \eta(n+1)$ . Hence  $\eta(n) \in C(\eta(n+1))$  since  $C(a)$  is linearly ordered by  $u \in C(v)$ , and (3.5). Let  $S$  be the union of the  $C(\eta(n))$ . Then  $S \subset C(a)$  and  $S$  is well-ordered by  $u \in C(v)$ . Thus  $S$  cannot exhaust all of  $C(a)$  since the latter is not well-ordered. Let  $w \in C(a) - S$ . Then  $S \subseteq C(w)$  and therefore  $y_n =_a \eta(n) <_a w <_a a$ . Hence  $y \leq_a w$  (see (3.8)) and  $y \in Q_a$ . Thus  $O \subset Q_a$ .

Now assume  $y \in O$  and  $x <_a y$ . Then  $C(x)$  is isomorphic to a segment of  $C(y)$  (Lemma 6). Hence  $|x| < |y|$  (Lemma 3).

On the other hand, assume  $y \in O$  and not  $x <_a y$ . Then either  $y =_a x$  or  $y <_a x$ . Hence  $C(y)$  is isomorphic to  $C(x)$  or to a segment of  $C(x)$ . In either case  $|x| < |y|$  is impossible. The last part of the lemma follows similarly.

**6. Proof of the theorem.** Assume  $a \in O$  and  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)^2}$  (see § 4). Then  $(E! \beta) L(a, \beta)$  (Lemma 9). Hence  $x <_a^> y \equiv (E\beta) [L(a, \beta) \ \& \ x\beta y]$

$\equiv (\beta)[L(a, \beta) \rightarrow x\beta y]$ . But  $L$  is certainly arithmetical, and therefore  $\langle \cdot \rangle_a \in HA$ .

On the other hand, suppose  $a \notin O$  and  $a = 3 \cdot 5^{(a)}$ . If  $a \in Q_0$  then  $L(a, \beta)$  is false for all  $\beta$ . If  $a \in Q_0 - O$  and  $L(a, \beta)$  then  $O_b$  is recursive in  $\beta$  for each  $b \in O$  (Lemma 10). Using also [10] or [9], Theorem 2, together with the function defined in the proof of [8], Satz 9, it follows that every  $HA$  predicate is recursive in  $\beta$ . Hence  $\beta$  is not  $HA$ . Furthermore  $\beta$  cannot be unique by the argument at the beginning of the proof.

Remark. The restriction that  $a$  be a limit notation is easily eliminated. One way would be to redefine  $L$  by modifying (3.7) to read  $x <_a (a)_0 \rightarrow 2^x <_a a$  when  $a$  is a successor notation. Or one could reduce the successor case to the limit case using a primitive recursive function  $\pi$  such that  $\pi(3 \cdot 5^y) = 3 \cdot 5^y$  and  $\pi(2^y) = \pi(y)$ . By either method we obtain the following ( $a$  is a function variable):

COROLLARY 1. *There is an arithmetical predicate  $A$  such that  $a \in O \equiv (Ea)_{HA} A(a, a) \equiv (E!a) A(a, a)$ .*

LEMMA 11. *If  $H(a)$  is  $HA$  then there is a primitive recursive predicate  $P$  such that  $H(a) \equiv (Ea)(x)P(\bar{a}(x), a) \equiv (E!a)(x)P(\bar{a}(x), a) \equiv (Ea)_{HA} P(\bar{a}(x), a)$ .*

Proof. Assume  $H(a)$  is  $HA$ . Then by a theorem proved independently by Addison, Grzegorzcyk, Kuznecov, and Myhill (see [1], § 3.3), the representing function of  $H(a)$  can be obtained as a solution  $\alpha_1$  to a system  $E$  of equations which contains  $n$  function symbols and has a unique solution  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ . That  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  satisfy  $E$  can be written in the form

$$(6.1) \quad (x_1) \dots (x_k) [S(x_1, \dots, x_k, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)]$$

where  $S$  is primitive recursive and  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  are the individual variables of  $E$ . Employing suitable 1-1 primitive recursive functions mapping  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  to  $x$  and  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  to  $a$  together with the inverse mappings we can write

$$(6.2) \quad H(a) \equiv (Ea)(x) [S(x_1, \dots, x_k, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \& \alpha_1(a) = 0],$$

and also with  $(E!a)$  or  $(Ea)_{HA}$  in place of  $(Ea)$ . The predicate  $P$  is now easily obtained using Kleene's normal form (see [6], § 24).

LEMMA 12. *If  $H(a, a)$  is hyperarithmetical, then there is a primitive recursive predicate  $P$  such that*

$$H(a, a) \equiv (E\beta)(x)P(a, a, \beta, x) \equiv (E!\beta)(x)P(a, a, \beta, x).$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of the previous lemma except that we now introduce a function symbol in  $E$  corresponding to the free variable  $a$ , and relativize the arguments above with respect to the

function  $a$ . See [5], § 7, for the relativized concepts needed for this proof. Note that if  $\beta$  exists, it is  $HA$  relative to  $a$ .

COROLLARY 2. *There is a primitive recursive predicate  $P$  such that  $a \in O \equiv (Ea)_{HA}(x)P(\bar{a}(x), a) \equiv (E!a)(x)P(\bar{a}(x), a)$ , and likewise for any predicate  $(a)B(a, a)$  ( $B$  arithmetical) in place of  $a \in O$ .*

Proof. Let  $A$  be the predicate obtained in Corollary 1. Then applying Lemma 12,  $A(a, a) \equiv (E\beta)(x)P(a, a, \beta, x) \equiv (E\beta)(x)P(a, a, \beta, x)$ , where  $P$  is primitive recursive. For a given value of  $a$  consider the pairs  $(\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $(x)P(a, a, \beta, x)$ . Among these pairs there is at most one  $\beta$  corresponding to each  $\alpha$ . Hence  $(Ea)A(a, a)$  is equivalent to the existence of a unique pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $(x)P(a, a, \beta, x)$ . Thus if  $a \in O$ , there is a unique pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  satisfying  $(x)P(a, a, \beta, x)$ , and both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $HA$ . If  $a \notin O$  and  $(x)P(a, a, \beta, x)$ , then  $\alpha$  is not  $HA$ , and therefore the contraction of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to a single function is not  $HA$ . In this way the desired expression for  $a \in O$  is obtained. The corresponding expression for  $(a)B(a, a)$  is obtained by applying [6] Theorem 1.

Remarks. It is known that every predicate  $H(a)$  expressed as in Lemma 11 must be  $HA$ . In fact the condition that  $a$  be unique can be omitted (see the second paragraph of this paper). Thus Lemma 11 can be used to characterize the class of  $HA$  predicates similarly to [1] for functions. Kleene [7] has obtained some results on the least segment of  $HA$  that will suffice for the range of  $a$  in  $H(a) \equiv (Ea)(x)P(\bar{a}(x), a)$ , where  $H(a)$  is an arbitrary fixed  $HA$  predicate, thereby strengthening our  $(Ea)_{HA}$ . Kleene does not obtain  $(E!a)$ , but there does not appear to be any difficulty involved in adding uniqueness to his treatment.

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Dans leur travail [1], J. de Groot et R. H. McDowell ont introduit la notion de  $\{\Phi_\tau\}_{\tau \in T}$ -compactification pour un espace métrique  $X$ ,  $\{\Phi_\tau\}_{\tau \in T}$  étant une famille de transformations de  $X$  dans  $X$ . On appelle ainsi un espace métrique compacte  $\tilde{X}$ , dont  $X$  est un sous-ensemble dense, s'il existe une famille  $\{\tilde{\Phi}_\tau\}_{\tau \in T}$  de prolongements des  $\Phi_\tau$  sur  $\tilde{X}$  à valeurs dans  $\tilde{X}$ . Ils ont aussi prouvé que pour chaque espace  $X$  métrique séparable et chaque famille dénombrable  $\{\Phi_i\}$  il existe une  $\{\Phi_i\}$ -compactification; de plus, si  $\dim X \leq 0$ , on peut supposer  $\dim \tilde{X} \leq 0$ . On a posé dans [1] le problème de trouver une  $\{\Phi_i\}$ -compactification  $n$ -dimensionnelle pour un espace  $X$  de dimension  $n$  et une famille  $\{\Phi_i\}$  dénombrable. Le présent travail donne une solution de ce problème. Nous nous proposons de prouver le théorème suivant:

**THÉORÈME.**  $X$  étant un espace métrique séparable de dimension  $\leq n$  et  $\{\Phi_i\}$  une famille de transformations de  $X$  dans  $X$ , il existe une  $\{\Phi_i\}$ -compactification  $\tilde{X}$  de  $X$  telle que  $\dim \tilde{X} \leq n$ .

**Démonstration.** On peut supposer que les fonctions superposées  $\Phi_i \Phi_j$  et l'identité  $I$  de  $X$  appartiennent aussi à  $\{\Phi_i\}$ . Admettons dans  $X$  une métrique  $\rho$  totalement bornée telle que les fonctions  $\Phi_i$  soient uniformément continues dans  $\rho$  (cf. [1]).

Pour chaque  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  nous définissons par induction un recouvrement <sup>(1)</sup>  $\mathfrak{A}_m = \{U_1^m, \dots, U_{k_m}^m\}$  de  $X$  tel que:

(a)  $\delta(U_i^m) \leq 1/m$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k_m$ ),

(b)  $\text{rang } \mathfrak{A}_m \leq n$ ,

(c) pour chaque  $l < m$  et  $s \leq k_m$  il existe un  $r \leq k_{m-1}$  tel que  $\Phi_l(U_s^m) \subset U_r^{m-1}$

et une famille de fonctions  $f_1^m, \dots, f_{k_m}^m$  satisfaisant aux conditions

(d)  $f_s^m: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,

<sup>(1)</sup> Le mot „recouvrement” signifie toujours „recouvrement fini et ouvert”. Un recouvrement  $\mathfrak{A}$  est contenu dans  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  (ou  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  contient  $\mathfrak{A}$ ) si pour chaque  $U \in \mathfrak{A}$  il existe un  $U_1 \in \mathfrak{A}_1$  tel que  $U \subset U_1$ .