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**Abstract**

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**SET-THEORETIC OPERATIONS**

**AND RECURSIVE HIERARCHIES**

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A general definition is given of a recursive hierarchy (with  $\omega_1^*$  stages) in an arbitrary space. This definition may be regarded as an analogue of the definition of the classical hierarchies <sup>(6)</sup>, which makes it possible to apply methods of the theory of operations on sets to establish a number of properties of recursive hierarchies. The hyperarithmetical <sup>(9)</sup> and  $\omega_1$ -stage  $\mathfrak{S}$ -hierarchies <sup>(8)</sup> turn out to be equivalent in the sense specified in Theorems 5 and 6 to the effective (eff.)  $B$ - and, respectively, eff.  $C$ -hierarchies, **obtained in certain particular cases from our general definition\***.

**1.  $K$ -numberings.**  $N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ;  $e, i, m, n$  are variables on  $N$ . Subsets of  $N$  are called **chains**, and sets of chains are called **bases**. A collection  $\mathfrak{M}$  of arbitrary objects, supplied with some numbering  $\alpha$ , is called a **family** and is denoted  $\langle \mathfrak{M}, \alpha \rangle$ , or simply  $\alpha$ . Let  $\langle \mathfrak{M}_1, \alpha_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathfrak{M}_2, \alpha_2 \rangle$  be two arbitrary families; let  $P(x, y)$  be a predicate defined on  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \times \mathfrak{M}_2$ . We shall say: "for every  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_1$  one can find  $y \in \mathfrak{M}_2$  such that  $P(x, y)$ ," meaning by this: "there exists a partial recursive function (p.r.f.)  $f(n)$  such that if  $n$  is an  $\alpha_1$ -number of some  $x \in \mathfrak{M}_1$ , then  $f(n)$  is defined and is equal to the  $\alpha_2$ -number of such a  $y \in \mathfrak{M}_2$  that  $P(x, y)$ ." The family of  $n$ -ary p.r.f.'s is assumed to be supplied with a Gödel numbering <sup>(1)</sup>; for  $n = 1$ , the p.r.f. with number  $e$  is denoted by  $\langle e \rangle$ ;  $o$  is the one-place nowhere-defined p.r.f. The family of all recursively enumerable subsets of  $N$  is supplied with the numbering  $\tau$ :  $\forall e. \tau e =$  the domain of definition of the p.r.f.  $\langle e \rangle$ . For arbitrary families  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha \leq [e]\beta$  (and  $\alpha \simeq [e]\beta$ ) means that the numbering  $\alpha$  is reduced to the numbering  $\beta$  by means of the p.r.f. (recursive permutation)  $\langle e \rangle$ , i.e.  $\alpha n = \beta \langle e \rangle n$ ;  $\alpha \leq \beta \iff (\exists e)(\alpha \leq [e]\beta)$ ; and  $\alpha \simeq \beta \iff (\exists e)(\alpha \simeq [e]\beta)$ . If  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \in A}$  and  $\{\beta_m\}_{m \in B}$  ( $A, B \subseteq N$ ) are two sequences of families and for any  $n \in A$ ,  $m \in B$  one can find a number  $f(n, m)$  such that  $\alpha_n \leq [f(n, m)]\beta_m$ , then we shall say that  $\alpha_n \leq \beta_m$  uniformly in  $n, m$ . A simple numbering  $\alpha$  will be called a  $K$ -numbering if  $(\forall e_1, e_2)(\langle e_1 \rangle = \langle e_2 \rangle \Rightarrow \alpha e_1 = \alpha e_2)$ . If  $m_0$  is some number of the p.r.f.  $o$ , then  $\alpha m_0$  will be denoted by  $o_\alpha$ . For example, the family  $\tau$  is  $K$ -numbered. The

numbering  $\langle e \rangle$  is effectively complete <sup>(5)</sup>. Denote by  $e^*$  such a general recursive function (g.r.f.) that for every  $e$ ,  $\langle e^* \rangle$  is also a g.r.f. and for every  $n$

$$\langle \langle e^* \rangle(n) \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle \langle e \rangle(n) \rangle, & \text{if } \langle e \rangle(n) \text{ is defined,} \\ o, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

\*  $\omega_1$  is the least nonconstructive ordinal number <sup>(10)</sup>.

\*\* This clarifies the connection between  $\mathfrak{S}$ - and eff.  $C$ -hierarchies <sup>(8)</sup>.

\*\*\* For the concepts and notation used below see <sup>(1,4)</sup> or <sup>(5,6)</sup>.

then if  $\alpha$  is a  $K$ -enumeration, then

$$\alpha \langle e^* \rangle(n) = \begin{cases} \alpha \langle e \rangle(n), & \text{if } \langle e \rangle(n) \text{ is defined,} \\ o_\alpha & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

**2. Standard operators.** Let  $E$  be an arbitrary set, called a space; let  $\Psi_M$  be a set-theoretic operation (s.t.o.) with base  $M$ . A function which assigns to each simply enumerated family  $\alpha$  of subsets of the space  $E$  a family  $\beta = H_M \alpha$ , defined as follows:  $\forall e. \beta e = \Psi_M \{ \alpha \langle e^* \rangle(n) \}$ , will be called a **standard operator with base  $M$** . From (1) it is clear that if  $\alpha$  is a  $K$ -enumerated family, then  $H_M \alpha$  is the family of all sets obtained as a result of the s.t.o.  $\Psi_M$  applied to all possible enumerated sequences of sets of the family  $\alpha$ . A **composite standard operator with base** is a function which assigns to a sequence  $\{ \alpha_n \}_{n \in N}$  of simply enumerated families the family  $\beta = H_M \{ \alpha_n \}$ , where  $\forall e. \beta e = \Psi_M \{ \alpha_n \langle e^* \rangle(n) \}$ . If all

$$\alpha_n = \alpha, \quad \text{then } H_M \{ \alpha_n \} = H_M \alpha.$$

In what follows, all  $K$ -enumerated families are families of subsets of the space  $E$ .

**Theorem 1.** *If all  $\alpha_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , are  $K$ -enumerated families, then  $H_M \{ \alpha_n \}$  is also a  $K$ -enumerated family.*

**Theorem 2.** *If for each  $n$  the families  $\beta_n$  are simple, and  $\alpha_n$  are  $K$ -enumerated, then for any general recursive function  $\langle e \rangle$  such that  $\alpha_n \leq [\langle e \rangle(n)] \beta_n$ , one can find a number  $h(e)$  such that*

$$H_M \{ \beta_n \} \leq [h(e)] H_M \{ \alpha_n \}.$$

Let a general recursive function  $\sigma(m, n)$  map  $N^2$  one-to-one onto  $N$ , and let  $(M \mid L_i)$  be the base of such an s.t.o. that, for any sequence  $\{ a_i \}_{i \in N}$  of families of sets,

$$\Psi_M\{\Psi_{L_i}\{a_{in}\}\} = \Psi_{M|L}\{\beta m\},$$

where  $\beta\sigma(i, n) = a_{in}$ .

**Theorem 3.** *There exists a number  $e_0$  such that, for any  $K$ -enumerated family  $\alpha$  and any bases  $M, L_0, \dots, L_i, \dots$ ,*

$$H_M\{H_{L_i}\alpha\} \cong [e_0]H_{(M|L_i)}\alpha.$$

**3. Definition of recursive hierarchies.** Let  $(O, <_0)$  be Kleene's system of notations for constructive ordinal numbers <sup>(10)</sup>. Let  $a' = 2^a$ , if  $a > 0$ , and let the partial recursive function  $[a]_i$  be such that if  $a \in O$  and  $a = 2^{(a)_0}$ , then for every  $i$ ,  $[a]_i$  is defined,

$$[a]_i <_0 [a]_{i+1} <_0 a \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_i |[a]_i| = |a|.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}r(n)$  be such a general recursive predicate that

$$(n \in O \text{ and } \mathcal{H}r(n)) \iff (|n| \text{ is a limit nonzero ordinal number}).$$

We shall say that a base  $M$  **has property** (A) if  $N \in M$  and all chains belonging to  $M$  are infinite. By  $M^c$  is denoted the base of the s.t.o. complementary to  $\Psi_M$ .

**Basic definition.** Let the base  $M$  or  $M^c$  have property (A), and let  $\lambda$  be a  $K$ -enumerated family of subsets of the space  $E$ , with  $\emptyset$  and  $E$  belonging to  $\lambda$ . The sequence  $\{\lambda_a\}_{a \in O}$  of families of subsets of the space  $E$ , defined as follows:

- 1)  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$ ;
- 2)

$$\lambda_{a'} = \begin{cases} H_M \lambda_a, & \text{if } \mathcal{H}r(a'), \\ H_{M^c} \lambda_a & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

- 3) if  $a \neq 2^{(a)_0}$ , then

$$\lambda_a = H_{M^c}\{\lambda_{[a]_i}\}$$

is called a **recursive hierarchy** (r.h.) with base  $M$  and initial family  $\lambda$ , or, more briefly, an  $\langle M, \lambda \rangle$ -hierarchy.

It follows from Theorem 1 that each  $\lambda_a$ ,  $a \in O$ , is a  $K$ -numbered family. By  $\bar{a}n$  we shall denote the family of complements of the sets of the family  $\alpha$ :  $\bar{a}n = E \setminus \alpha n$ . Theorems 4-6 are proved by effective induction over  $(O, <_0)$  <sup>(11)</sup>.

**Theorem 4.** For any  $a, b \in O$ ,  $a <_0 b \Rightarrow \lambda_a \leq \lambda_b$  uniformly in  $ab$ ; if, moreover,  $\bar{\lambda} \leq' H_M \lambda$ , then  $a <_0 b \Rightarrow \lambda_a \leq \lambda_b$  uniformly in  $a, b$ .

**4. Relation with the hyperarithmetical and  $\mathfrak{S}$ -hierarchies.** Here  $E = N$ . Let, for  $a \in O$ , the predicates  $H_a(x)$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_a(x)$  be defined as in <sup>(8,9)</sup>; put

$$h_a n = x(\exists y)T_1^{H_a}(n, x, y), \quad \mathfrak{h}_a n = x(\forall f)(\exists y)T_1^{\mathfrak{S}_{a'} f}(n, x, y).$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $M$  be a base of the t.m.o. of intersection, and let  $\{\tau_a\}_{a \in O}$  be an r.u. with base  $M$  and initial family  $\tau$ . Then for every  $a \in O$

$$\tau_a \simeq \begin{cases} h_{a'}, & \text{if } \mathfrak{H}r(a'), \\ \bar{h}_{a'}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

uniformly in  $a$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $M$  be a complete base of the  $A$ -operation and let  $\lambda = H_M ct$ . Then the  $\langle M, \lambda \rangle$ -hierarchy is such that, for  $a \in O$ ,

$$\lambda_a \simeq \begin{cases} \mathfrak{h}_{a'}, & \text{if } \mathfrak{H}r(a'), \\ \bar{\mathfrak{h}}_{a'}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

uniformly in  $a$ .

**5. Properties of recursive hierarchies.** We denote the totality of all chains by  $Y$  and shall regard it as a  $T_0$ -space with the following topology <sup>(7)</sup>: for any finite chain  $\xi'$ , the set  $\sigma_{\xi'}$  of all chains containing  $\xi'$  as a subset is called **elementarily open**; an **open set** is any union of elementarily open sets. Let  $\alpha = \{\alpha n\}$ ,  $\alpha n \subseteq E$ ,  $n \in N$ ; the function  $F : E \rightarrow Y$ , defined as follows:

$$\forall x \in E . F(x) = n \quad (x \in \alpha n),$$

will be called the **component function** corresponding to the sequence  $\alpha$ . From the definition of a t.m.o. it is clear that  $\Psi_M\{\alpha n\} = F^{-1}(M)$ , where  $F$  is the component function corresponding to  $\alpha$ . The class of continuous mappings of  $Y$  into itself coincides with the class of component functions corresponding to all possible sequences of open sets. An **effectively open set** will mean any enumerable union of elementarily open sets; denote by  $\gamma$  the numbering of the family of effectively open sets induced by the numbering  $\tau$ . A component function  $F : Y \rightarrow Y$  corresponding to some  $\gamma$ -enumerable sequence of effectively open sets will be called a **computable operation**. This definition is equivalent to the definition of a computable operation <sup>(7)</sup>.

**Theorem 7** (fixed point theorem). If the function  $F : Y \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then there exists a chain  $\xi_0$  such that  $F(\xi_0) = \xi_0$ . If, moreover,  $F$  is a computable operation, then  $\xi_0$  is a recursively enumerable subset of  $N$ .

Let  $\langle \mathfrak{M}, \alpha \rangle$  be a family of bases; a base  $L \in \mathfrak{M}$  will be called **universal** in the family  $\langle \mathfrak{M}, \alpha \rangle$  if, for any base  $M \in \mathfrak{M}$ , one can find a computable operation  $F$  such that  $M = F^{-1}(L)$ .

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\{\lambda_a\}_{a \in O}$  be an r.u. with base  $M$  and initial family  $\lambda$  in the space  $E$ , and let  $\{\gamma_a\}_{a \in O}$  be an r.u. with the same base  $M$  and initial family  $\gamma$  of effectively open sets in  $Y$ . Then for every  $a \in O$ , in the family  $\gamma_a$  one can find a base  $L_a$  such that: 1)  $L_a$  is universal in  $\gamma_a$ ; 2) if  $\gamma_a \leq H_M \gamma$ , then for every  $b <_0 a$ ,  $L_a$  does not belong to  $\gamma_b$ ; 3)  $\lambda_a \simeq H_{L_a} \lambda$  uniformly in  $a$ .

**Remark.** 2) follows from (1) and Theorem 9; thus, the “non-emptiness” of the families of  $\langle M, \gamma \rangle$ -hierarchies is established by means of the fixed point theorem instead of the traditional diagonal method.

A simply numbered family  $\alpha$  is called **e.f.f. closed with respect to enumerable sums** if for every  $e$  one can find a number  $s(e)$  such that

$$\bigcup_{n \in \tau e} \alpha n = \alpha s(e).$$

Analogously one defines **e.f.f. closedness with respect to pairwise intersections**.

**Theorem 9** (an analogue of Kolmogorov’s “empty classes” theorem<sup>(2)</sup>).

*Let  $\langle M, \lambda \rangle$ -hierarchy be such that  $\lambda$  is an e.f.f. closed with respect to enumerable sums and pairwise intersections, and in  $\lambda$  there exists an enumerable sequence of nonempty, pairwise disjoint sets. Then, for any  $a \in O$ , in the family  $\lambda_a$  one can find a set that belongs to no  $\lambda_b$  with  $b <_0 a$ .*

The hypotheses of Theorem 9 are satisfied, for example, when  $E = N$  and  $\lambda = \tau$ , or  $E$  is Baire space and  $\lambda$  is a family of e.f.f. open sets<sup>(3)</sup>.

We shall say that a sequence  $\{\alpha_a\}_{a \in O}$  of families is **cofinal** in a sequence  $\{\beta_b\}_{b \in O}$  if, for every  $a \in O$ , one can find a number  $h(a)$  such that  $\alpha_a \leq \beta_{h(a)}$  uniformly in  $a$ .

**Theorem 10.** *Consider two r.s. in a space  $E$ , having bases  $L$  and  $M$ , and one and the same initial family  $\lambda$ . If the base  $L$  belongs to one of the families of the  $\langle M, \gamma \rangle$ -hierarchy in the space  $Y$ , then the  $\langle L, \lambda \rangle$ -hierarchy is cofinal in the  $\langle M, \lambda \rangle$ -hierarchy.*

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