

$= \emptyset$, then there exists a vicinity $W \in \mathcal{W}$ such that X_1, \dots, X_n are W -enlargable.

Proof. - We suppose all the sets X_i are non-empty, otherwise the proposition is trivial. Since S is compact, $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$, the family $\{W(\bar{X}_i)\}$, $\forall W \in \mathcal{W}$, constitute a basis of the neighbourhoods filter of \bar{X}_i (see [2], Cap. 2, § 4, n° 3); moreover, since S is normal, the neighbourhoods filter of \bar{X}_i is closed. Consequently, $\{W(\bar{X}_1) \cap \dots \cap W(\bar{X}_n)\}$ $\forall W \in \mathcal{W}$ is the basis of a closed filter \mathfrak{F} . Now, if \mathfrak{F} is the null filter, there exists $W \in \mathfrak{F}$ such that $W(\bar{X}_1) \cap \dots \cap W(\bar{X}_n) = \emptyset = W(X_1) \cap \dots \cap W(X_n)$, i.e. X_1, \dots, X_n are W -enlargable. Otherwise, since S is compact, there exists a point x adherent to \mathfrak{F} , and since \mathfrak{F} is a closed filter, $x \in W(\bar{X}_1) \cap \dots \cap W(\bar{X}_n)$, $\forall W \in \mathcal{W}$. Then it is $x \in W(\bar{X}_i)$, $\forall W \in \mathcal{W}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. As the sets $W(\bar{X}_i)$ constitute a basis of the neighbourhoods filter of \bar{X}_i , it follows $x \in \bar{X}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, i.e. $x \in \bar{X}_1 \cap \dots \cap \bar{X}_n$. Contradiction

COROLLARY 2. - Let S be a compact metric space and X_1, \dots, X_n subsets of S such that $\bar{X}_1 \cap \dots \cap \bar{X}_n = \emptyset$, then it is $enl(X_1, \dots, X_n) > 0$. \square

2) The second normalization theorem.

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DEFINITION 4. - Let A be a non-empty set, G a finite graph and $P = \{X_j\}$, $j \in J$, a partition of A . A function $f: A \rightarrow G$ is called quasi constant with respect to P (w.r.t. P) or P -constant if the restrictions of f to each X_j are constant functions. Moreover, if A is a topological space, $f: A \rightarrow G$ is called weakly quasi-constant w.r.t. P or weakly P -constant if the restrictions of f to the interior of every X_j are constant.

REMARK. - If $P' = \{X'_k\}$, $k \in K$, is a partition of A finer than P , i.e. if all the $X_i \in P$ are the union of elements $X'_k \in P'$, then the function f is obviously quasi-constant also w.r.t. P' .

DEFINITION 5. - Let (S, \mathcal{W}) be a uniform space and W a vicinity of \mathcal{W} . A subset X of S is called small of order W or a W -subset if $X \times X \subseteq W$. Moreover a family $\mathcal{X} = \{X_j\}$, $j \in J$, is called small of order W or a W -family if $X_j \times X_j \subseteq W$, $\forall j \in J$.

REMARK 1. - If W is closed and $\{X_j\}$, $j \in J$, is a W -family, $\{\bar{X}_j\}$, $j \in J$, is a W -family.

REMARK 2. - If S is metric, small of order W^ϵ is the same as saying that the diameter of X is $< \epsilon$ and, respectively, the mesh of the family \mathcal{X} is $< \epsilon$.

THEOREM 3. - (The second normalization theorem). Let S be a compact space, the filter \mathcal{W} the uniformity of S , G a finite directed graph and $f: S \rightarrow G$ a completely o -regular function from S to G . Then there exists a vicinity $W \in \mathcal{W}$ such that, for all the W -partitions $P = \{X_j\}$, $j \in J$, there exists a function $h: S \rightarrow G$ which is completely o -regular, weakly P -constant and completely o -homotopic to f .

Proof. - Consider all the n -tuples a_1, \dots, a_n , $n \geq 2$, non-headed in G . Since f is c. o -regular, it follows $\bar{A}_1 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n = \emptyset$. By Proposition 1, for every n -tuple a_1, \dots, a_n , there exists a vicinity $V^{(a_1, \dots, a_n)} \in \mathcal{W}$ such that A_1, \dots, A_n are $V^{(a_1, \dots, a_n)}$ -enlargable. Then we put $V = \bigcap V^{(a_1, \dots, a_n)}$ and consider a symmetric vicinity $W \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $W \circ W \subseteq V$. Now, if $P = \{X_j\}$, $j \in J$, is a W -partition, we can define a relation $g: S \rightarrow G$, by putting, as constant value, for every $X_j \in P$, any vertex of $H(\{f(X_j)\})$. We prove that g satisfies the following conditions:

- i) g is a function. We have only to state that, for all X_j , the set $\{f(X_j)\} = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is headed. Suppose it is non-headed, and let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X_j$ be, such that $f(x_1) = a_1, \dots, f(x_n) = a_n$. Since $X_j \times X_j \subseteq W$ it follows $(x_r, x_s) \in W$, $r, s = 1, \dots, n$, and also $x_1 \in W(x_1) \cap \dots \cap W(x_n) \subseteq V(A_1) \cap \dots \cap V(A_n)$. Contradiction.
- ii) g is completely quasi-regular, i.e. $\forall x \in S$ the image-envelope $\langle g(x) \rangle$ is totally-headed. Suppose there exists $x \in S$ and a n -tuple $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \langle g(x) \rangle$ non-headed. Then it results $x \in \bar{A}_1^g \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n^g$ and so $W(x) \cap A_i^g \neq \emptyset$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$. Hence in $W(x)$ there are n points x_1, \dots, x_n such that $x_i \in A_i^g$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$. But, from the definition of g , there exist n elements $X_i \in P$ and n points y_i such that $g(x_i) = a_i = f(y_i)$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$ where $x_i, y_i \in X_i$. Since P is a W -partition, we have $(x_i, y_i) \in W$. Therefore by $(x, x_i) \in W$, $(x_i, y_i) \in W$ and $W \circ W \subseteq V$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$, it results $x \in V(y_1) \cap \dots \cap V(y_n) \subseteq V(A_1) \cap \dots \cap V(A_n)$. Contradiction.
- iii) The function $F: S \times I \rightarrow G$, given by:

$$F(x, t) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \forall x \in S, \quad \forall t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}[\\ g(x) & \forall x \in S, \quad \forall t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

is completely quasi-regular. This is true $\forall x \in S$, $\forall t \neq \frac{1}{2}$, since f and g are completely quasi-regular functions. We have to prove this also $\forall x \in S$, $t = \frac{1}{2}$, i.e. that $\langle F(x, t) \rangle = \langle f(x) \rangle \cup \langle g(x) \rangle$ is totally headed. Suppose $x \in S$ and let $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \langle f(x) \rangle \cup \langle g(x) \rangle$ be a n -tuple non-headed.

We can order the a_i in such a way that $a_1, \dots, a_p \in \langle f(x) \rangle$ and $a_{p+1}, \dots, a_n \in \langle f(x) \rangle - \langle g(x) \rangle$. Therefore it is $x \in \bar{A}_1^f \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_p^f$, and so $W(x) \cap A_i^f \neq \emptyset$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, p$. Hence there are in $W(x)$ p points x_1, \dots, x_p such that $x_i \in A_i^f$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, p$. Then it is $x \in W(x_1) \cap \dots \cap W(x_p) \subseteq V(A_1^f) \cap \dots \cap V(A_p^f)$. Moreover it is $x \in \bar{A}_{p+1}^g \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n^g$, and by *ii*) it follows $x \in V(A_{p+1}^g) \cap \dots \cap V(A_n^g)$. Hence we obtain the contradiction $x \in V(A_1^f) \cap \dots \cap V(A_n^g)$.

Now if we consider any o -pattern h of g , we obtain the sought function. In fact we have:

i') $h: S \rightarrow G$ is completely o -regular (see [5], Proposition 7).

ii') h is weakly p -constant by the definition of o -pattern of a quasi-constant function.

iii') h is completely o -homotopic to f . Since the homotopy F is completely quasi-regular by *iii*), there exists an o -pattern E of F (which is completely o -regular by [5], Proposition 7). Moreover we can choose E such that $E(x, 0) = f(x)$, $E(x, 1) = h(x)$, $\forall x \in S$, since f and h are completely o -regular i.e. $f(x) \in H(\langle f(x) \rangle) = H(\langle F(x, 0) \rangle)$ and $h(x) \in H(\langle g(x) \rangle) = H(\langle F(x, 1) \rangle)$, $\forall x \in S$. Then h is completely o -homotopic to f by E . \square

REMARK 1. If W is a closed set, we can give the function g , by choosing as constant image of $X_j \in P$ any vertex of $H(\{f(\bar{X}_j)\})$.

REMARK 2. - If S is a compact metric space, we can determine a real positive number r and choose partitions P with mesh $< r$. In fact, we have just to calculate $enl(A_1, \dots, A_n)$, $\forall n$ -tuple a_1, \dots, a_n non-headed; so the real number r is given by $\frac{1}{2} \inf(enl(A_1, \dots, A_n))$.

REMARK 3. - If G is an undirected graph, the function g can be chosen quasi-constant. Moreover if S is a compact metric space, by Remark to Definition 2, we have just to consider the couples of non-adjacent vertices a_h, a_k and then to find the distances $d(A_h, A_k)$ rather than the enlargabilities $enl(A_h, A_k)$. Consequently, if we put $r' = \inf(d(A_h, A_k))$ and $r = \frac{1}{2} \inf(enl(A_h, A_k))$, since by Remark 3 to Definition 3 it follows $r' \leq 4r$, we can choose a covering $P = \{X_j\}$, $j \in J$, with mesh $< \frac{r'}{4}$. So we obtain again Property 7 of [8].

3) The third normalization theorem.

By comparing the second normalization theorem for directed and