

# A COMPLETE CLASSIFICATION OF THE $\Delta_2^1$ -FUNCTIONS

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Suslin has shown that a set is a Borel set if and only if both it and its complement are analytic sets [14]. Kleene has proved an analogous theorem for the hyperarithmetical sets [7; 9]. Those hierarchies are so naturally constructed that we can establish significant propositions with the aid of them. A lot of effort was made to construct a natural hierarchy for  $B_2$ -sets. They are, however, incomplete and contain only a small portion of  $B_2$ -sets [10]. The situation was the same for the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions of the natural numbers<sup>1</sup> and, if we consider the reason why our trials failed [13; 18], we should say that some new principles were required to settle our problem. Shoenfield [20] constructed for the first time a complete hierarchical classification of the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions. Namely, he showed, by the aid of the effective version of the uniformization principle of Kondô [11; 1], that every  $\Delta_2^1$ -function is constructible from a  $\Delta_2^1$ -ordinal and conversely. Ours has the same character as his in the use of the uniformization principle. We shall define another classification and shall prove it to be complete by using that principle.<sup>2</sup> We shall study our classification in relation to the hyperdegree of Kleene and shall prove that it is neither fine nor coarse. Although we have not done so, comparison of the two complete classifications may be worthy of study.

CLASSIFICATION. Let  $\gamma$  be the unique solution of the condition  $(\alpha)(Ex)P(\beta, \bar{\alpha}(x))$ .<sup>3</sup> We shall then say that  $\gamma$  is defined by the sieve  $P$  and  $P$  is a sieve for  $\gamma$ . Let us denote by  $\mathfrak{U}$  the set of functions  $\gamma$  defined by recursive sieves. Let  $T_{P,\beta}$  be the set of sequence numbers in  $\bar{P}^{(\beta)}$  which are neither secured nor past secured [8]. For any recursive sieve  $R$ , there is a recursive sieve  $Q$  for which the identity  $T_{R,\beta} = T_{Q,\beta} = \bar{Q}^{(\beta)}$  holds for every  $\beta$ . For  $\gamma$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  we shall denote by  $\tau(\gamma)$  the smallest of the ordinals  $\tau(T_{R,\gamma})$  where  $R$  are recursive sieves for  $\gamma$ .  $\mathfrak{U}$  is the set of  $\tau(\gamma)$  for  $\gamma$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ . If  $\gamma$  is in  $\mathfrak{U}$ ,  $\gamma$  is evidently a

<sup>1</sup> A problem of Tugué [24, p. 117] was negatively solved by him and us. It was also solved by Shoenfield [21] and Gandy [5].

<sup>2</sup> Theorem 1 is a precise formulation of a statement of Kondô's. See our Remark to Theorem 1.

<sup>3</sup> Notations are those of [6; 7; 8; 9]. Some notations are also borrowed from [11]. We shall use  $\Sigma_n^1$ ,  $\Pi_n^1$  notation of [1].  $\Delta_n^1$  is the intersection of the  $\Sigma_n^1$  and  $\Pi_n^1$  families [20]. Following notations are used:  $\langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle$  for  $p_0^{\alpha_0} * \dots * p_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $P^{(a)}$  for the set of sequence numbers  $u$  for which  $P(a, u)$ .

$\Delta_2^1$ -function. Conversely to this we have the Theorem 1. In the proof of the Theorem 1 we shall make use of the

PRINCIPLE OF UNIFORMIZATION. Every  $\Pi_1^1$ -set can be made uniform by a  $\Pi_1^1$ -set [11; 1; 19].

THEOREM 1. *Every  $\Delta_2^1$ -function  $\gamma$  is hyperarithmetical in some  $\beta_0$  in the set  $\mathfrak{U}$ .<sup>4</sup>*

PROOF. By our hypothesis, there are recursive predicates  $S_i$  ( $i=0, 1$ ) for which

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(y) = z &\equiv (E\beta)(\alpha)(Ex)S_0(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x) \\ &\equiv (\beta)(E\alpha)(x)\bar{S}_1(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x). \end{aligned}$$

By the uniformization principle, we may assume

$$(E\beta)(\alpha)(Ex)S_i(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x) \equiv (E!\beta)(\alpha)(Ex)S_i(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x).$$

As  $S_i$  are made uniform, for any  $\langle y, z \rangle$ , there is a uniquely determined function  $\beta_{\langle y, z \rangle}$  for which

$$(\alpha)(Ex)S_i(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x) \rightarrow \beta = \beta_{\langle y, z \rangle}.$$

Let  $\beta_0$  be defined by the condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0(\langle y, z, t \rangle) &= \beta_{\langle y, z \rangle}(t), \\ \beta_0(t) &= 1 \quad \text{for } t \neq \langle (t)_0, (t)_1, (t)_2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

There are recursive predicates  $R_i$  (7) 1.3 for which

$$(\alpha)(Ex)S_i(z, y, \lambda t\beta(\langle y, z, t \rangle), \alpha, x) \equiv (\alpha)(Ex)R_i(z, y, \beta, \alpha, x).$$

For those  $R_i$ ,

$$(E\beta)(\alpha)(Ex)S_i(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x) \equiv (\alpha)(Ex)R_i(y, z, \beta_0, \alpha, x).$$

Consequently  $\gamma$  is hyperarithmetical in  $\beta_0$ . On the other hand,  $\beta_0$  is in  $\mathfrak{U}$  as it is defined by the following condition:

$$\begin{aligned} (t)[\langle (t)_0, (t)_1, (t)_2 \rangle \neq t \rightarrow \beta(t) = 1] \ \& \\ (y)(z)[(\alpha)(Ex)R_0(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x) \vee (\alpha)(Ex)R_1(y, z, \beta, \alpha, x)]. \end{aligned}$$

REMARK. Our Theorem 1 is closely related to a result of Shoenfield [20, Theorem, p. 136]. By his Theorem all  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions are well ordered naturally. If we apply a result of Addison [2] to his, we can see that every  $\Delta_2^1$ -function is hyperarithmetical in a  $\Delta_2^1$ -ordinal and conversely. We can see from this that the relation between the two is deep, and so comparison of the two classifications may throw light

<sup>4</sup> See [9, Theorem XXIV], [7, Theorem 5 and Theorem 9].

on the family of the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions. In this respect, the following question raised by the referee may be fundamental: Is our classification essentially different from that given by the natural ordering of the constructible sets, i.e., does  $Od'\beta \leq Od'\gamma$  always follow, for  $\beta, \gamma$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ , from the proposition that the hyperdegree of  $\beta$  is lower than that of  $\gamma$ ?

For  $\nu \in \mathfrak{U}$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{C}_\nu$  the set of functions  $\gamma$  hyperarithmetical in some  $\beta_0$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  for which  $\tau(\beta_0) = \nu$ . By our Theorem 1,  $\bigcup_{\nu \in \mathfrak{U}} \mathbf{C}_\nu$  is identical to the family of the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions. Conversely the order  $\nu$  of the class  $\mathbf{C}_\nu$  corresponds to the complexity of their members. That is,

**THEOREM 2.** *For  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ ,  $\tau(\beta_0) \leq \tau(\beta_1)$  only if  $\beta_0$  is hyperarithmetical in  $\beta_1$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $R_i$  be recursive sieves for which  $\tau(\beta_i) = \tau(\overline{R}_i^{(\beta_i)})$ . As  $\tau(\beta_0) \leq \tau(\beta_1)$  and  $\beta_0$  is defined by the sieve  $R_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta = \beta_0 &\equiv (E\Psi)[\Psi \text{ is an isomorphism of } \overline{R}_0^{(\beta)} \text{ into } \overline{R}_1^{(\beta_1)}] \\ &\equiv (E\alpha)(x)\overline{S}(\beta, \beta_1, \alpha, x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $S(\beta, \gamma, \alpha, x)$  is a recursive predicate. We see thus  $\beta_0$  is hyperarithmetical in  $\beta_1$  [9].

We shall give a theorem related to our Theorem 2.

**THEOREM 3.** *For  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ ,  $\beta_1$  is hyperarithmetical in  $\beta_0$  if and only if  $\tau(\beta_1) < \omega_1^{\beta_0}$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $R_1$  be a recursive sieve for  $\beta_1$  for which  $\tau(\beta_1) = \tau(\overline{R}_1^{(\beta_1)})$ . If  $\tau(\beta_1) < \omega_1^{\beta_0}$ , then there is a partial recursive predicate  $m <^{\beta_0} n$  recursive in  $\beta_0$  whose order type is that of  $\tau(\beta_1)$  [8, Proposition A]. For this predicate,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta = \beta_1 &\equiv (E\Psi)[\Psi \text{ is an isomorphism of } \overline{R}_1^{(\beta_0)} \text{ into } \lambda mn \ m <^{\beta_0} n] \\ &\equiv (E\alpha)(x)\overline{S}(\beta, \beta_0, \alpha, x) \\ &\quad (S(\beta, \gamma, \alpha, x) \text{ is partial recursive and} \\ &\quad \lambda\beta\alpha x S(\beta, \beta_0, \alpha, x) \text{ is completely defined)} \\ &\equiv (E\alpha)(x)\overline{R}(\beta, \beta_0, \alpha, x) \\ &\quad (R(\beta, \gamma, \alpha, x) \text{ is recursive by [7, Lemma 1]}). \end{aligned}$$

As in the proof of Theorem 2,  $\beta_1$  is hyperarithmetical in  $\beta_0$ . Conversely, let  $\beta_1$  be hyperarithmetical in  $\beta_0$ . Evidently  $\beta = \beta_1$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -predicate in  $\beta_0$ . The well ordered relation  $<\cdot$  on  $\overline{R}_1^{(\beta_1)}$  is reduced in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}
 s < \cdot r &\equiv [s < r \ \& \ s, r \in \overline{R}_1^{(\beta_1)}] \\
 &\equiv (E\beta)[\beta = \beta_1 \ \& \ s < r \ \& \ s, r \in \overline{R}_1^{(\beta)}] \\
 &\equiv (E\alpha)(x)\overline{S}(s, r, \beta_0, \alpha, x) \\
 &\quad (S \text{ recursive, as } \beta = \beta_1 \text{ is } \Sigma_1^1 \text{ in } \beta_0).
 \end{aligned}$$

The relation  $< \cdot$  is a  $\Sigma_1^1$ -well ordering in  $\beta_0$  and consequently its order type  $\tau(\beta_1)$  is  $< \omega_1^{\beta_0}$  [12, p. 246].<sup>5</sup>

By our Theorem 2, every two elements of  $\mathfrak{U}$  are comparable with respect to hyperdegree. If we use this fact with the Theorem 3, we have a corollary which shows our classification is not too fine.

**COROLLARY 1.** *The following three conditions are equivalent for  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ :*

$$\beta_0 < \beta_1, \quad \omega_1^{\beta_0} < \omega_1^{\beta_1}, \quad F[\beta_0] \leq \beta_1.^6$$

**PROOF.** If  $\beta_0 < \beta_1$ , then  $\omega_1^{\beta_0} \leq \tau(\beta_1)$  by our Theorem 3 and then  $\omega_1^{\beta_0} < \omega_1^{\beta_1}$  by [15, Theorem 6]. Let us assume  $\omega_1^{\beta_0} < \omega_1^{\beta_1}$ . By [22, Corollary 6.2] and by our Theorem 2,  $\beta_0 < \beta_1$  and by [22, Corollary 6.1] we have  $F[\beta_0] \leq \beta_1$ . The last implication is immediate from [7, Theorem 4] and the transitivity of the hyperdegree [9, p. 210].

By our Corollary 1 and [4, Theorem 1] we have the

**COROLLARY 2.** *For some  $\Delta_2^1$ -function  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  is not in the set  $\mathfrak{U}$ .<sup>7</sup>*

**THE SET  $\mathfrak{U}$ .** We have defined a complete classification  $\bigcup_{\nu \in \mathfrak{U}} C_\nu$  of the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions and have showed how those subclasses  $C_\nu$  are related to each other. We shall give in this section some examples of  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions which belong to  $\mathfrak{U}$ . From those examples, we may be allowed to say our classification is not a coarse one. We have to use in the proof of Theorem 4 the

**ISOMORPHISM THEOREM.** *There is a partial recursive functional  $M[\phi, \psi]$  with the following properties [16, Theorem 18]:*

1°. *If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are 1-1 functions, then  $\lambda x M[\phi, \psi](x)$  is completely defined.*

2°. *If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are 1-1 equivalent<sup>8</sup> with respect to  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ , then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are isomorphic with respect to  $M[\phi, \psi]$ .*

<sup>5</sup> Mr. H. Tanaka called our attention to the fact that the method of [12] can be used to show that every  $\Sigma_1^1$ -well ordering represents a constructive ordinal.

<sup>6</sup>  $\leq$  and  $<$  are used for hyperdegree.  $F[\beta]$  is the representing function of the predicate  $\lambda a(\alpha)(Ex)T_1^{\beta,1}(\bar{a}(x), a, a)$ .

<sup>7</sup> We can use the principle of uniformization [23, Theorem 2], and our Theorem 2 instead of [4, Theorem 1] and our Corollary 1.

<sup>8</sup> Although those notions were defined for the sets of natural numbers [17; 16] they can be extended to the functions of natural numbers.

Conversely to the Corollary 1, we have the

**THEOREM 4.** *If  $\beta_0$  is in  $\mathfrak{U}$ , then  $F[\beta_0]$  is also in  $\mathfrak{U}$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\gamma^\beta(t)$  be the representing predicate of the relation  $\lambda t[(t)_0 <_0^\beta (t)_1 \ \& \ t = \langle (t)_0, (t)_1 \rangle]$ . There is a recursive predicate  $Q(\delta, \beta, w, v, u)$  [25] such that  $\gamma^\beta$  is uniquely defined by the condition:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} & (t)\gamma(t) \leq 1 \ \& \ (w)(Ev)(u)\overline{Q}(\gamma, \beta, w, v, u) \ \& \\ & (\delta)[(w)(Ev)(u)\overline{Q}(\delta, \beta, w, v, u) \rightarrow (t)(\gamma(t) = 0 \rightarrow \delta(t) = 0)]. \end{aligned}$$

As was proved in [7, Lemma 6], there is a recursive function  $\nu_1(a)$  for which

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \beta((a)_0) &= (a)_1 \equiv \nu_1(a) \in O^\beta \\ &\equiv \gamma^\beta(\langle 1, 2 \exp \nu_1(a) \rangle) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\rho(\gamma, a)$  be the partial recursive function  $\mu t \gamma(\langle 1, 2 \exp \nu_1(\langle a, t \rangle) \rangle)$ . Evidently  $\beta = \lambda a \rho(\gamma^\beta, a)$ . As  $\beta_0$  is in  $\mathfrak{U}$ , there is a recursive sieve  $R$  for  $\beta_0$ . By [6, Theorems II, VI] and [7, Lemma 1], there is a recursive predicate  $R_1(\gamma, \alpha, x)$  such that

$$(3) \quad (Ex)R(\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a), \alpha, x) \equiv (Ex)R_1(\gamma, \alpha, x)$$

for  $\gamma$  and  $\alpha$  for which  $\lambda x R(\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a), \alpha, x)$  is completely defined. As in the case for  $R$ , there is a recursive predicate  $Q_1(\delta, \gamma, w, v, u)$  such that

$$(4) \quad (u)\overline{Q}(\delta, \lambda a \rho(\gamma, a), w, v, u) \equiv (u)\overline{Q}_1(\delta, \gamma, w, v, u)$$

for  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  for which  $\lambda u \overline{Q}(\delta, \lambda a \rho(\gamma, a), w, v, u)$  is completely defined. If  $\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a)$  is completely defined, those requirements are clearly met. We shall show that the function  $\gamma^{\beta_0}$  is uniquely defined by the condition  $(\alpha)(Ex)S_1(\gamma, \alpha, x)$  with  $S_1$  recursive:

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} & (t)\gamma(t) \leq 1 \ \& \ [\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a) \text{ is completely defined}] \ \& \\ & (\alpha)(Ex)R_1(\gamma, \alpha, x) \ \& \ (w)(Ev)(u)\overline{Q}_1(\gamma, \gamma, w, v, u) \ \& \\ & (\delta)[(w)(Ev)(u)\overline{Q}_1(\delta, \gamma, w, v, u) \rightarrow (t)(\gamma(t) = 0 \rightarrow \delta(t) = 0)]. \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume  $\gamma = \gamma^{\beta_0}$ . By the equivalences (2), (3) and (4),

$$\begin{aligned} & [\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a) \text{ is completely defined}] \ \& \ \lambda a \rho(\gamma, a) = \beta_0 \ \& \\ & [(\alpha)(Ex)R_1(\gamma, \alpha, x) \equiv (\alpha)(Ex)R(\beta_0, \alpha, x)] \ \& \\ & (\delta)[(w)(Ev)(u)\overline{Q}_1(\delta, \gamma, w, v, u) \equiv (w)(Ev)(u)\overline{Q}(\delta, \beta_0, w, v, u)]. \end{aligned}$$

As  $\beta_0$  is defined by the sieve  $R$  and  $\gamma^{\beta_0}$  is the solution of the condition

(1), we see  $\gamma$  satisfies the condition (5). Conversely let  $\gamma$  be a solution of the condition (5). As  $\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a)$  is completely defined,

$$(\alpha)(Ex)R_1(\gamma, \alpha, x) \equiv (\alpha)(Ex)R(\lambda a \rho(\gamma, a), \alpha, x)$$

and consequently  $\beta_0 = \lambda a \rho(\gamma, a)$ . We can now see  $\gamma$  is identical to  $\gamma^{\beta_0}$ . We have proved thus  $\gamma^{\beta_0}$  is in  $\mathfrak{u}$ .

Let us now show that the function  $F[\beta_0]$  is in  $\mathfrak{u}$ . By [7, Theorem 4] and [8, Theorem II] both with uniformity in  $\beta$ , there are 1-1 recursive functions  $\phi(a)$  and  $\phi_1(a)$  for which

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma^\beta(a) &= F[\beta](\phi(a)), \\ \beta((a)_0) &= (a)_1 \equiv F[\beta](\phi_1(a)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By [8, Theorem I] with uniformity in  $\beta$  and footnote 28, there is a recursive function  $\xi_1(\beta, a)$  which is 1-1 for every  $\beta$  and for which

$$F[\beta](a) = \gamma^\beta(\langle 1, 2 \exp \xi_1(\beta, a) \rangle).$$

Let  $\eta(\beta, a)$  be the partial recursive function

$$M[\lambda t \phi(t), \lambda t \langle 1, 2 \exp \xi_1(\beta, t) \rangle](a)$$

and  $\rho_2(\delta, a)$  be the partial recursive function  $\mu t \delta(\phi_1(\langle a, t \rangle)) = 0$ . By the isomorphism theorem,  $\eta(\beta, a)$  is general recursive and

$$(7) \quad \gamma^\beta(a) = F[\beta](\eta(\beta, a)).$$

In the same way as  $R_1$  and  $Q_1$  were constructed from  $R$  and  $Q$ , we can construct recursive predicates  $R_2$  and  $S_2$  such that

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} (\alpha)(Ex)R(\lambda a \rho_2(\delta, a), \alpha, x) &\equiv (\alpha)(Ex)R_2(\delta, \alpha, x), \\ (\alpha)(Ex)S_1(\lambda a \delta(\eta(\lambda t \rho_2(\delta, t), a)), \alpha, x) &\equiv (\alpha)(Ex)S_2(\delta, \alpha, x) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $\delta$  for which  $\lambda t \rho_2(\delta, t)$  is completely defined. We shall see  $F[\beta_0]$  is defined by the following condition  $(\alpha)(Ex)S(\delta, \alpha, x)$  with  $S$  recursive:

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} &[\lambda a \rho_2(\delta, a) \text{ is completely defined}] \ \& \\ &(\alpha)(Ex)R_2(\delta, \alpha, x) \ \& \ (\alpha)(Ex)S_2(\delta, \alpha, x). \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume that  $\delta$  be a solution of the condition (9). By the equivalence (6), we see  $\lambda a \rho_2(\delta, a) = \beta_0$  and then

$$(\alpha)(Ex)S_1(\lambda a \delta(\eta(\beta_0, a)), \alpha, x)$$

by (8). As  $\gamma^{\beta_0}$  is defined by the sieve  $S_1$  and  $\eta(\beta_0, a)$  is a permutation of natural numbers,  $\lambda a \delta(\eta(\beta_0, a)) = \gamma^{\beta_0}$  and consequently  $\delta = F[\beta_0]$ . The converse implication can be proved by using (6), (7) and (8).

Let  $\langle \gamma = [\lambda yz \gamma(\langle y, z \rangle) = 0]$  be a well ordering. The  $\mathfrak{S}$ -completion  $\pi$  of  $\gamma$  [3] is defined by the following condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(t)\pi(t) \leq 1 \ \& \ (t)[\pi(t) = 0 \rightarrow t = \langle (t)_0, (t)_1 \rangle \ \& \ (t)_0 \leq 1] \ \& \\
 &(t)\pi(\langle 0, t \rangle) = \gamma(t) \ \& \ (t)[\pi(\langle 1, t \rangle) = 0 \rightarrow t = \langle (t)_0, (t)_1 \rangle \ \& \\
 &\quad \quad \quad ((t)_0 \text{ is in the field of } \langle \gamma)] \ \& \\
 &(u)(t)[(u \text{ is the first element of } \langle \gamma) \rightarrow \pi(\langle 1, \langle u, t \rangle \rangle) = 0] \ \& \\
 &(u)(v)(t)[(u \text{ is the successor of } v \text{ in the ordering } \langle \gamma) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \pi(\langle 1, \langle u, t \rangle \rangle) = F[\lambda t \pi(\langle 1, \langle v, t \rangle \rangle)](t)] \ \& \\
 &(u)(s)(t)(u \text{ is a limit element in the ordering } \langle \gamma) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \rightarrow (\pi(\langle 1, \langle u, \langle s, t \rangle \rangle)) = 0 \equiv \pi(\langle 1, \langle s, t \rangle \rangle) = 0 \ \& \ s < \gamma u)].
 \end{aligned}$$

We have<sup>9</sup> the following

COROLLARY. *If  $\langle \gamma$  is a well ordering and  $\gamma$  is in  $\mathfrak{u}$ , then  $\mathfrak{S}$ -completion  $\pi$  of  $\gamma$  is in  $\mathfrak{u}$ .*

REMARK. Analogously to our Corollary, we can define partial hierarchies of the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions. Let  $\langle \gamma$  be a well ordering. We can define a sequence  $\theta_z^\gamma$  of representing functions of sets for  $z$  in the field of the relation  $\langle \gamma$  by the following condition:

- 1°. If  $z$  is the first element of  $\langle \gamma$ , then  $\theta_z^\gamma$  is identically zero.
- 2°. If  $z$  is the successor of  $y$  in  $\langle \gamma$ , then  $\theta_z^\gamma$  is equal to  $F[\theta_y^\gamma]$ .
- 3°. If  $z$  is a limit element in  $\langle \gamma$ , then  $\theta_z^\gamma(t) = 0$  if and only if  $(t)_1 < \gamma z$  and  $\theta_{(t)_1}^\gamma((t)_0) = 0$ .

If  $\gamma$  is a  $\Delta_2^1$ -ordinal, then every  $\theta_z^\gamma$  is a  $\Delta_2^1$ -function and so  $\theta_z^\gamma$  is a partial hierarchy of the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions which is necessarily incomplete. It might occur that the hyperdegree of  $\gamma$  is not reached by those of  $\theta_z^\gamma$  for some  $\gamma$ , and this fact may prevent us from constructing a complete hierarchy for the  $\Delta_2^1$ -functions from below.

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