La quantification universelle en trio: tous les, chaque et tout

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Abstract: This article revisits the well-known question of the quantification made by *chaque*, *tout* and *tous les*, that express totality or universal quantification, by focusing on an on a preliminary question: should we group the three quantifiers or not? Most frequently this is not the case: either *chaque* and *tout* are tackled together or *chaque* and *tous les*. It is advisable to group them first and to make a progressive internal differentiation from their common platform. The first part of the paper deals with the various aspects of the notion of totality associated with the three quantifiers. Then the question raised by the definite plural article *les* is examined. Finally arguments are given in favour of the separation of *tous les* from *chaque* and *tout*.

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