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## On Superpositionally Measurable Multifunctions

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We prove a theorem on measurability of the superposition  $F(t, G(t))$ , where  $F$  is a Carathéodory multifunction and  $G$  is a measurable one.

### 1. Introduction

The problem of measurability of the superposition  $F(t, G(t))$  arise in many situations, lately in the study of differential inclusions and random differential inclusions (see e.g. [3, 6]).

The classical result on superpositional measurability is due to Carathéodory [4] and states the following: Let  $T$  be an arbitrary measurable space,  $X$  a separable metric space and  $Y$  a metric space. If  $f: T \times X \rightarrow Y$  is a Carathéodory function, i.e. measurable in the first variable and continuous in the second one, then for every measurable function  $x: T \rightarrow X$ , the superposition  $f(t, x(t))$  is a measurable function. There are some results of this type for multifunctions, see [9, 3, 13, 2, 6, 8]. For other references see the survey paper [1] by Appell.

Now, we recall some definitions from the multifunctions theory. Throughout this note let  $(T, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space and  $X, Y$  be two metric spaces. Denote by  $2^X$  and  $2^Y$  the families of all nonempty subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. A multifunction  $G: T \rightarrow 2^X$  is said to be measurable if for every open  $A \subset X$  the set  $G^{-1}(A) = \{t \in T: G(t) \cap A \neq \emptyset\} \in \Sigma$ . Note that measurability of  $G$  is equivalent to the measurability of  $\bar{G}$ , where  $\bar{G}(t) = \overline{G(t)}$  for  $t \in T$ .

A multifunction  $H: X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is said to be continuous if it is both lower and upper semicontinuous. Lower (upper) semicontinuity of  $H$  means that for every open  $B \subset Y$  the set  $\{x \in X: H(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$  ( $\{x \in X: H(x) \subset B\}$ ) is open in  $X$ .

We say that a multifunction  $F: T \times X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a Carathéodory multifunction if for every  $x \in X$  the multifunction  $F(\cdot, x)$  is measurable, and for every  $t \in T$  the multifunction  $F(t, \cdot)$  is continuous.

In the next section we will prove the following theorem which generalize Caljuk's result [3].

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**Theorem.** Let  $X$  be complete and separable and  $F: T \times X \rightarrow 2^X$  be a Carathéodory multifunction with relatively compact values. Then for every measurable multifunction  $G: T \rightarrow 2^X$  the superposition  $F(t, G(t))$  is a measurable multifunction, where  $F(t, G(t))$  is the sum of sets  $F(t, x)$  over  $x \in G(t)$ .

## 2. Proof of the theorem

Our first step is a reduction of the problem to the measurability of the superposition  $F(t, x(t))$ , where  $x$  is an arbitrary measurable function from  $T$  to  $X$ . Indeed, let  $(g_n)$  be a Castaing representation of the multifunction  $G$  (see [12, Theorem 4.2] of [7, Corollary 2.2]), and observe that the lower semicontinuity of  $F(t, \cdot)$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \{t \in T: F(t, G(t)) \cap A \neq \emptyset\} &= \{t \in T: F(t, \overline{G(t)}) \cap A \neq \emptyset\} = \\ &= \bigcup_n \{t \in T: F(t, g_n(t)) \cap A \neq \emptyset\} \end{aligned}$$

for every open  $A \subset Y$ .

Let  $x: T \rightarrow X$  be an arbitrary measurable function. Since  $X$  is separable there exists a sequence  $(x_n)$  of measurable simple functions which converges pointwise to  $x$  ([5, p. 61]). The superpositions  $F(t, x_n(t))$  are measurable multifunctions because

$$\{t \in T: F(t, x_n(t)) \cap A \neq \emptyset\} = \bigcup_a \{t \in T: x_n(t) = a \text{ and } F(t, a) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$

for every open  $A \subset Y$ , and the sum over  $a$  is finite.

In view of [11, Theorem 4.7] it is sufficient to prove that the sequence  $(F(t, x_n(t)))$  converges (with respect to the Hausdorff metric) to the compact set  $F(t, x(t))$ . However, the convergence follows from the continuity of the multifunction  $F(t, \cdot)$ .

## 3. Concluding remarks

Another version of the theorem can be formulated. Namely, if  $X$  is separable (not necessarily complete) and the values of  $G$  are complete subsets of  $X$  then the superposition  $F(t, G(t))$  is a measurable multifunction too.

Bocsan [2] (see also [10]) consider the following condition (c): There exists a Castaing representation  $(g_n)$  of  $G: T \rightarrow 2^X$  such that the superpositions  $f(t, g_n(t))$  are measurable functions, where  $f: T \times X \rightarrow Y$ . He remarked that this condition holds provided  $X$  is separable,  $f$  is a Carathéodory function and  $G$  is a measurable and complete valued multifunction (see [10, Proposition 2]). In other words: the superposition  $f(t, G(t))$  is measurable provided  $X$  is separable,  $f$  a Carathéodory function and  $G$  a measurable and complete valued multifunction.

The following two examples show that the assumptions on lower and upper semicontinuity in the theorem of section 1 cannot be omitted.

**Example 1.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  be non-Lebesgue measurable. Define  $F: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  as follows:  $F(t, x) = \{0, 1\}$  if  $x \neq t$ ,  $F(t, x) = \{0\}$  if  $x = t$  and  $t \in E$ , and  $F(t, x) = \{1\}$  if  $x = t$  and  $t \notin E$ . The multifunctions  $F(t, \cdot)$  are lower semicontinuous but not upper semicontinuous. The multifunctions  $F(\cdot, x)$  are measurable. However, the multifunction  $F(t, t)$  is not measurable.

**Example 2.** Let  $E$  be as above and  $F$  be defined as follows:  $F(t, x) = \{0\}$  if  $x \neq t$ ,  $F(t, x) = \{0, 1\}$  if  $x = t$  and  $t \in E$ , and  $F(t, x) = [0, 1]$  if  $x = t$  and  $t \notin E$ . The multifunctions  $F(t, \cdot)$  are upper semicontinuous but not lower semicontinuous. The multifunctions  $F(\cdot, x)$  are measurable but the multifunction  $F(t, t)$  is not measurable.

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