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REGULARIZATION OF CLOSED-VALUED MULTIFUNCTIONS IN A NON-METRIC SETTING

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the existence of a regularization of multifunctions $\Phi: T \rightarrow Z$ and $F: T \times X \rightarrow Y$ is stated if T is a topological measurable space, and X , Y and Z are topological spaces with a countable base (Theorems 1 and 3). Utilizing S a i n t e - B e u v e ' s selection theorem ([6]), uniqueness theorems (Theorems 2 and 4) are also derived. The obtained results generalize those of Rzeżuchowski in [5].

1. Introduction

Scorza-Dragoni type theorems for multifunctions $F: T \times X \rightarrow Y$ of Carathéodory type are useful for the study of the set of solutions of Cauchy problems associated with the differential inclusion

$$\dot{x} \in F(t, x). \tag{1}$$

This occurs because the separated regularity of F with respect to t and x (i.e. the Carathéodory type property) implies (through the Scorza-Dragoni type theorem) an almost regularity with respect to (t, x) .

For example, if $T = [0, 1]$, $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$, $F: T \times X \rightarrow Y$ has closed values, $F(\cdot, x)$ is weakly measurable, and $F(t, \cdot)$ is continuous, then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset [0, 1]$, whose Lebesgue measure is $> 1 - \varepsilon$, such that $F|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous and has closed graph.

A tool for the study of the set of solutions of (1) when F is not of Carathéodory type can be the “regularization” of F .

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Roughly speaking, a regularization of F is a multifunction $G: T \times X \rightrightarrows Y$ which has the following properties:

- i₁) $G(t, x) \subset F(t, x)$,
- i₂) $q(t) \in F(t, p(t)) \implies q(t) \in G(t, p(t))$ whenever $p: T \rightarrow X$ and $q: T \rightarrow Y$ are measurable functions,

plus some Scorza-Dragoni type property.

In virtue of the properties i₁) and i₂), the set of solutions of (1) is the same as that of

$$\dot{x} \in G(t, x). \quad (2)$$

Existence and uniqueness theorems for regularizations G of certain multifunctions F have been given in [1], [4], [5].

In particular, Rzeżuchowski proved in [5] an existence theorem for regularizations of a given closed-valued multifunction $F: T \times X \rightrightarrows Y$ such that $F(t, \cdot)$ has closed graph when T is a locally compact metric space endowed with a Borel, σ -finite, regular and complete measure μ , and X and Y are separable metric spaces ([5; Theorem 1]). A uniqueness theorem was also presented when X and Y are even complete ([5; Theorem 4]).

The aim of this paper is essentially to show that the Rzeżuchowski existence and uniqueness theorems above remain still valid without assuming that T , X and Y are metric and without strengthening of other hypotheses: that is, existence and uniqueness theorems for regularizations proved here extend in a more general framework the results of [5].

The main idea for doing this, in existence theorems, is to replace the point-set distance function in the range-space (which plays a key role in the Rzeżuchowski existence proof) by a function δ , taking only two values, which flags when two suitable sets, one coming from a basis of the topology of the range-space, the other from the values of the multifunction, intersect.

This idea has been tested also in a previous paper [3], concerning Lusin and Scorza-Dragoni type theorems: some results of [3] are also useful here.

The extension in uniqueness theorems essentially carries out in virtue of Sainte-Beuve's selection theorem.

Moreover, the results of this paper not only extend but also improve those of [5], establishing indeed further properties for the regularization G .

2. Preliminaries

Let S be a non-empty set and (Z, τ_Z) be a topological space. $\mathcal{P}(Z)$ (resp. $\text{Cl}(Z)$) denotes the family of all subsets (resp. closed subsets) of Z , while $\mathcal{B}(Z)$ denotes the Borel σ -algebra on Z . Let $\Phi: S \rightarrow Z$ be a multifunction, i.e. a function from S into the family $\mathcal{P}(Z)$. If the values of Φ are closed subsets of Z , we write $\Phi: S \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Z)$. $\text{Gr}(\Phi)$ denotes the graph of Φ , i.e. the set $\{(s, z) \in S \times Z : z \in \Phi(s)\}$. If $E \subset S$, we call $\Phi|_E$ the restriction of Φ to E . If $W \subset Z$, we put $\Phi^-(W) = \{s \in S : \Phi(s) \cap W \neq \emptyset\}$ and $\Phi^+(W) = \{s \in S : \Phi(s) \subset W\}$. We have the fundamental relations $\Phi^-(W) = S - \Phi^+(Z - W) = \text{proj}_S(\text{Gr}(\Phi) \cap (S \times W))$, where proj_S denotes the projection map of $S \times Z$ onto S , and for each family $\{W_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\} \subset \mathcal{P}(Z)$, $\Phi^-\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} W_\alpha\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \Phi^-(W_\alpha)$.

If $\Phi_1, \Phi_2: S \rightarrow Z$ are two multifunctions, we denote by $\Phi_1 \Delta \Phi_2$ the symmetric difference multifunction, that is the multifunction defined by $(\Phi_1 \Delta \Phi_2)(s) = \Phi_1(s) \Delta \Phi_2(s)$ for each $s \in S$.

If (S, τ_S) is a topological space, we say that Φ is lower (resp. upper) semi-continuous at $s_0 \in S$ if for each $W \in \tau_Z$ such that $s_0 \in \Phi^-(W)$ (resp. $s_0 \in \Phi^+(W)$) there exists an open neighbourhood I of s_0 such that $I \subset \Phi^-(W)$ (resp. $I \subset \Phi^+(W)$). We say that Φ is lower (resp. upper) semicontinuous if it is lower (resp. upper) semicontinuous at every $s \in S$, or equivalently, if for each $W \in \tau_Z$ the set $\Phi^-(W)$ (resp. $\Phi^+(W)$) is open in S . We say that Φ is continuous if it is simultaneously lower and upper semicontinuous.

If (S, Σ_S, μ) is a measure space, we denote by Σ_S^* the completion of Σ_S with respect to μ and with μ^* the completion measure. (S, Σ_S^*, μ^*) is a complete measure space. Recall that $E \in \Sigma_S^*$ if and only if there exist $E', E'' \in \Sigma_S$ such that $E' \subset E \subset E''$ and $\mu(E') = \mu^*(E) = \mu(E'')$.

If Σ is a σ -algebra of subsets of S , we say that Φ is Σ -weakly measurable (resp. Σ -measurable) [resp. Σ - \mathcal{B} measurable] if for each $W \in \tau_Z$ (resp. $W \in \text{Cl}(Z)$) [resp. $W \in \mathcal{B}(Z)$] $\Phi^-(W) \in \Sigma$.

The definitions of lower and upper semicontinuity for real valued functions and those of measurability and continuity for functions with values in a topological space are the usual ones.

If (S, τ) is a topological space, (S, Σ) is a measurable space, and $E \subset S$, then $\tau_E = \tau|_E$ and $\Sigma_E = \Sigma|_E$ denote respectively the induced topology and the induced σ -algebra on E . If $E \subset S$, and E has the induced topology, then $\mathcal{B}(S)|_E = \mathcal{B}(E)$. If $E \in \Sigma$, then $\Sigma|_E = \{A \in \Sigma : A \subset E\}$; so we speak of Σ -weak measurability (resp. Σ -measurability) of a multifunction (resp. function) instead of $\Sigma|_E$ -weak measurability (resp. $\Sigma|_E$ -measurability) whenever the multifunction (resp. function) is defined on E .

If S is a structured space, and we want a structure on $E \subset S$ when it is not specified, we refer to the induced structure; i.e., if S is a topological (resp. measurable) space, then E is a topological (resp. measurable) space with the induced topology (resp. σ -algebra).

If S and S' are two sets and $E \subset S \times S'$, then for $s \in S$, $E_s = \{s' \in S' : (s, s') \in E\}$ denotes the s -section of E , and for $s' \in S'$, $E_{s'} = \{s \in S : (s, s') \in E\}$ denotes the s' -section of E .

If S and S' are two structured spaces, and we want a structure on $S \times S'$ when it is not specified, we refer to the product structure; i.e., if S and S' are topological (resp. measurable) spaces, then $S \times S'$ is a topological (resp. measurable) space with the product topology (resp. product σ -algebra). We notice that if S and S' are topological spaces, in general, $\mathcal{B}(S) \times \mathcal{B}(S') \subset \mathcal{B}(S \times S')$, and the inclusion can be proper; $\mathcal{B}(S) \times \mathcal{B}(S') = \mathcal{B}(S \times S')$ if, for example, S and S' are second-countable topological spaces or Suslin spaces.

Moreover, when in the sequel we deal with the product of three sets S , S' , and S'' , we always identify $S \times (S' \times S'')$ with $S \times S' \times S''$, even if the structure is essentially that of $S \times (S' \times S'')$. So, for example, if Σ_S and $\Sigma_{S' \times S''}$ are σ -algebras on S and $S' \times S''$ respectively, when we say that $E \subset S \times S' \times S''$ lies in $\Sigma_S \times \Sigma_{S' \times S''}$, we mean that $\{(s, (s', s'')) \in S \times (S' \times S'') : (s, s', s'') \in E\} \in \Sigma_S \times \Sigma_{S' \times S''}$.

As in [7], we say that a topological space is Polish if it is separable and metrizable by a complete metric, Suslin if it is Hausdorff and a continuous image of a Polish space.

3. Regularization of closed-valued multifunctions

We begin with the following proposition in measure theory.

LEMMA 1. *Let (T, Σ_T) be a measurable space, and μ be a σ -finite measure on Σ_T .*

For each subset E of T there exists $M \in \Sigma_T$ such that:

- $\alpha_1)$ $M \subset E$;
- $\alpha_2)$ *for each $L \in \Sigma_T^*$ such that $L - E \in \Sigma_T^*$ and $\mu^*(L - E) = 0$, there holds $\mu^*(L - M) = 0$.*

Proof. We prove Lemma 1 for $\mu(T) < +\infty$ because it is obvious how to extend it to the σ -finite case.

Let $\alpha = \sup\{\mu(A) : A \in \Sigma_T, A \subset E\} < +\infty$. Then there exists a sequence $(A_n)_n$ of sets in Σ_T such that, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $A_n \subset E$ and $\mu(A_n) > \alpha - 1/n$.

The set $M = \bigcup_n A_n$ is the requested set.

In fact, obviously, $M \in \Sigma_T$ and satisfies α_1).

Moreover, let $L \in \Sigma_T^*$ be such that $L - E \in \Sigma_T^*$ and $\mu^*(L - E) = 0$; then $(L - M) \cap E = (L - M) - (L - E) \in \Sigma_T^*$ and $\mu^*((L - M) \cap E) = \mu^*(L - M)$.

Obviously, $((L - M) \cap E) \cup M \in \Sigma_T^*$; so let $L' \in \Sigma_T$ be such that $L' \subset ((L - M) \cap E) \cup M$ and $\mu(L') = \mu^*((L - M) \cap E) \cup M$. We have $L' \subset E$ and $\alpha \geq \mu(L') = \mu^*(L - M) + \mu(M) \geq \alpha$, from which $\mu^*(L - M) = 0$. Hence M verifies α_2 . □

We need, for the sequel, to reformulate Lemma 1 in terms of functions with only two values.

COROLLARY 1. *Let (T, Σ_T) be a measurable space, μ be a σ -finite measure on Σ_T , and let $\{0, 1\}$ be endowed with the discrete topology.*

If $\varphi: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is a function, then there exists a Σ_T -measurable function $\psi: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that:

- $\beta_1)$ $\psi(t) \leq \varphi(t)$ for each $t \in T$;
- $\beta_2)$ for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $\vartheta: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that $\vartheta(t) \leq \varphi(t)$ a.e. in T , there holds $\vartheta(t) \leq \psi(t)$ a.e. in T .

From now on, unless otherwise stated, (T, τ_T) is a topological space, Σ_T is a σ -algebra of subsets of T such that $\tau_T \subset \Sigma_T$ (equivalently $\mathcal{B}(T) \subset \Sigma_T$), μ is a σ -finite measure on Σ_T such that for every $A \in \Sigma_T$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset A$ with $\mu(A - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$. Obviously, Σ_T^* and μ^* have also these properties.

LEMMA 2. *Let Z be a topological space and $\mathcal{B}(T \times Z) = \mathcal{B}(T) \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$.*

Let $\Psi: T \rightarrow Z$ be a multifunction such that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in a $\Sigma_T^ \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$ -measurable set Ω which contains $\text{Gr}(\Psi)$.*

Then there exists $T_0 \in \Sigma_T$ with $\mu(T_0) = 0$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{T - T_0}) \in \Sigma_T^ \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$.*

P r o o f. For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a closed set $C_k \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_k) < 1/k$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_k}) = \overline{\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_k})} \cap \Omega$, where $\overline{\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_k})}$ denotes the closure of $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_k})$ in $T \times Z$. But $\mathcal{B}(T \times Z) = \mathcal{B}(T) \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$, so $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_k}) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$. Put $T_0 = \bigcap_k (T - C_k)$; then $\mu(T_0) = 0$ and $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{T - T_0}) = \bigcup_k \text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_k}) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$. □

We need also the following proposition, whose proof we give for completeness.

LEMMA 3. *Let Z be a Suslin space. If $\Psi: T \rightarrow Z$ is a multifunction such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi) \in \Sigma_T \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$, then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous.*

Proof. Let g be a continuous function from a Polish space Z' onto Z . Define the multifunction $\Psi': T \rightarrow Z'$ by putting $\Psi'(t) = g^{-1}(\Psi(t))$ for all $t \in T$.

We claim that $\text{Gr}(\Psi') \in \Sigma_T \times \mathcal{B}(Z')$. Indeed, it is easily seen that $(1_T, g): T \times Z' \rightarrow T \times Z$, defined by $(1_T, g)(t, z') = (t, g(z'))$ for all $(t, z') \in T \times Z'$, is continuous, and $(1_T, g)^{-1}(\Omega) \in \Sigma_T \times \mathcal{B}(Z')$ for each $\Omega \in \Sigma_T \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$. Thus the claim follows from the fact that $\text{Gr}(\Psi') = (1_T, g)^{-1}(\text{Gr}(\Psi))$.

By Sainte-Beuve's projection theorem [6; Theorem 4], Ψ' is Σ_T^* - \mathcal{B} -measurable since $\Psi'^-(W') = \text{proj}_T(\text{Gr}(\Psi') \cap (T \times W'))$ for each $W' \subset Z'$. Hence, a fortiori, Ψ' is Σ_T^* -weakly measurable.

Now, by Theorem 1 of [3], for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\Psi'|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous.

Since g is surjective, $\Psi(t) = g(\Psi'(t))$ for every $t \in T$, and so $\Psi^-(W) = \Psi'^-(g^{-1}(W))$ for each $W \subset Z$; thus $\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous. \square

As in [3], if $B, B' \subset Z$, we define

$$\delta(B, B') = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } B \cap B' \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{if } B \cap B' = \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

The following theorem is the key result of this paper.

THEOREM 1. *Let Z be a second-countable topological space and $\Phi: T \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Z)$ a multifunction.*

Then there exists a multifunction $\Psi: T \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Z)$ such that:

- γ_1) $\Psi(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ for each $t \in T$;
- γ_2) for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for each Σ_T^* -weakly measurable multifunction $\Theta: \Delta \rightarrow Z$ such that $\Theta(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , there holds $\Theta(t) \subset \Psi(t)$ a.e. in Δ ;
- γ_3) for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in $T \times Z$;
- γ_4) $\text{Gr}(\Psi) \in \Sigma_T \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$.

If, moreover, we assume that Z is also a Suslin space, then:

- γ_5) for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous;

$\gamma_6)$ for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for each multifunction $\Theta: \Delta \rightarrow Z$ with $\text{Gr}(\Theta) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$ such that $\Theta(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , we have $\Theta(t) \subset \Psi(t)$ a.e. in Δ .

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{B} = \{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a countable basis for τ_Z . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ define $\varphi_n: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ by putting, for each $t \in T$, $\varphi_n(t) = \delta(B_n, \Phi(t))$.

By Corollary 1, there exists a Σ_T -measurable function $\psi_n: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that:

- 1) $\psi_n(t) \leq \varphi_n(t)$ for each $t \in T$;
- 2) for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $\vartheta: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that $\vartheta(t) \leq \varphi_n(t)$ a.e. in T , we have $\vartheta(t) \leq \psi_n(t)$ a.e. in T .

Let us define $\Psi: T \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Z)$ by putting, for each $t \in T$,

$$\Psi(t) = \bigcap \{Z - B_n : \psi_n(t) = 0\}.$$

Ψ verifies $\gamma_1)$. In fact, for each $z \in \Psi(t)$ and each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\varphi_n(t) = 0$, it follows that $z \in Z - B_n$ in virtue of 1). Thus we obtain $z \in \Phi(t)$, taking into account that, $\Phi(t)$ being closed, $\Phi(t) = \bigcap \{Z - B_n : \varphi_n(t) = 0\}$.

Ψ verifies $\gamma_2)$. Let $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and $\Theta: \Delta \rightarrow Z$ be a Σ_T^* -weakly measurable multifunction such that $\Theta(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ define $\vartheta_n: T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ by putting:

$$\vartheta_n(t) = \begin{cases} \delta(B_n, \Theta(t)) & \text{if } t \in \Delta, \\ 0 & \text{if } t \notin \Delta. \end{cases}$$

Then, by using [3; Lemma 2.3) (\Rightarrow)], it follows that ϑ_n is Σ_T^* -measurable; moreover, since $\Theta(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , $\vartheta_n(t) \leq \varphi_n(t)$ a.e. in T . Hence, by 2), $\vartheta_n(t) \leq \psi_n(t)$ a.e. in T , and thus $\Theta(t) \subset \Psi(t)$ a.e. in Δ .

Ψ verifies $\gamma_3)$. Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. By Lusin's theorem (see also [3; Lemma 1]) and by a standard argument which takes into account the countability of the family $\{\psi_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, we can find a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\psi_n|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is continuous for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We claim that $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in $T \times Z$. Indeed, if $z_0 \notin \Psi(t_0)$, $t_0 \in C_\varepsilon$, then there is $\bar{n} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\psi_{\bar{n}}(t_0) = 0$ and $z_0 \in B_{\bar{n}}$. By the upper semicontinuity of $\psi_{\bar{n}}|_{C_\varepsilon}$ at t_0 , there exists an open neighbourhood I of t_0 such that $\psi_{\bar{n}}(t) = 0$ for each $t \in I \cap C_\varepsilon$. Thus $((I \cap C_\varepsilon) \times B_{\bar{n}}) \cap \text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon}) = \emptyset$.

Ψ verifies $\gamma_4)$. In fact, $(T \times Z) - \text{Gr}(\Psi) = \bigcup_n (\psi_n^{-1}(\{0\}) \times B_n)$.

Finally, under the additional hypothesis on Z , $\gamma_5)$ is a direct consequence of $\gamma_1)$, by Lemma 3, while $\gamma_6)$ is a consequence of $\gamma_2)$ because, using the equality

$\Theta^-(W) = \text{proj}_T(\text{Gr}(\Theta) \cap (\Delta \times W))$ for $W \in \tau_Z$, it follows that Θ is Σ_T^* -weakly measurable by Sainte-Beuve's projection theorem. \square

R e m a r k 1. Obviously $\gamma_1)$ and $\gamma_2)$ of Theorem 1 imply respectively the following:

- $\gamma'_1)$ $\Psi(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in T ;
- $\gamma'_2)$ for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $\theta: \Delta \rightarrow Z$ such that $\theta(t) \in \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , there holds $\theta(t) \in \Psi(t)$ a.e. in Δ .

Hence Theorem 1 extends and improves [5; Theorem 2], in which $\gamma'_1)$, $\gamma'_2)$ and $\gamma_3)$ are proved when T is a locally compact metric space, μ is a Borel, σ -finite, regular and complete measure on T , and Z is a separable metric space.

Moreover, if Ω is a $\Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$ -measurable set, with $\text{Gr}(\Psi) \subset \Omega$, then $\gamma_3)$ of Theorem 1 implies the following:

- $\gamma'_3)$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in Ω .

Now we prove the following uniqueness result, whose part 1) extends [5; Theorem 5].

THEOREM 2. *Let Z be a Suslin space and $\Phi, \Psi_1, \Psi_2: T \rightarrow Z$ be three multi-functions.*

Let us consider the following properties for $i = 1, 2$:

- $\gamma'_1)$ $\Psi_i(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in T ;
- $\gamma'_2)$ for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $\theta: \Delta \rightarrow Z$ such that $\theta(t) \in \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , we have $\theta(t) \in \Psi_i(t)$ a.e. in Δ ;
- $\gamma'_3)$ for some $\Omega \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$ with $\text{Gr}(\Phi) \subset \Omega$, and for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi_i|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in Ω ;
- $\gamma'_4)$ there is $T_0 \in \Sigma_T$ with $\mu(T_0) = 0$ such that $\text{Gr}(\Psi_i|_{T - T_0}) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$;
- $\gamma'_5)$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\Psi_i|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous.

Then:

- 1) $\gamma'_1)$, $\gamma'_2)$ and $\gamma'_4)$ imply that $\Psi_1(t) = \Psi_2(t)$ a.e. in T .
- 2) If $\mathcal{B}(T \times Z) = \mathcal{B}(T) \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$, then $\gamma'_1)$, $\gamma'_2)$, and $\gamma'_3)$ imply that $\Psi_1(t) = \Psi_2(t)$ a.e. in T .
- 3) If Z is also a second-countable topological space and Ψ_1 and Ψ_2 are closed-valued, then $\gamma'_1)$, $\gamma'_2)$ and $\gamma'_5)$ imply that $\Psi_1(t) = \Psi_2(t)$ a.e. in T .

Proof.

1) $\text{Gr}((\Psi_1 \Delta \Psi_2)|_{T - T_0}) = \text{Gr}(\Psi_1|_{T - T_0}) \Delta \text{Gr}(\Psi_2|_{T - T_0}) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$.
 Put $\Delta = \text{proj}_T(\text{Gr}((\Psi_1 \Delta \Psi_2)|_{T - T_0}))$; thus $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ by Sainte-Beuve's projection theorem, and $\Delta \subset T - T_0$.

Define $\Gamma: T \rightarrow Z$ by putting

$$\Gamma(t) = \begin{cases} (\Psi_1 \Delta \Psi_2)(t) & \text{if } t \in \Delta, \\ Z & \text{if } t \notin \Delta. \end{cases}$$

$\text{Gr}(\Gamma) = \text{Gr}((\Psi_1 \Delta \Psi_2)|_{T - T_0}) \cup ((T - \Delta) \times Z) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$; thus, by Saint-Beuve's selection theorem [6; Theorem 3], there exists a Σ_T^* -measurable selection θ of Γ . By γ'_1 , $\theta(t) \in \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , thus by γ'_2 , $\theta(t) \in \Psi_1(t) \cap \Psi_2(t)$ a.e. in Δ . It follows that $\mu^*(\Delta) = 0$.

2) By Lemma 2, γ'_3) implies γ'_4). So the conclusion follows by 1).

3) Ψ_1 and Ψ_2 are Σ_T^* -weakly measurable. In fact, for $i = 1, 2$ and for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a closed set $C_k \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_k) < 1/k$ such that $\Psi_i|_{C_k}$ is lower semicontinuous, thus Σ_{C_k} -weakly measurable ($\Sigma_{C_k} = \{A \in \Sigma_T : A \subset C_k\}$). Hence, for $W \in \tau_Z$, we have $\Psi_i^-(W) = \bigcup_k (\Psi_i|_{C_k}^-(W)) \cup N$, where $\mu^*(N) = 0$, so $\Psi_i^-(W) \in \Sigma_T^*$.

Then, thanks to [2; Theorem 2.4] (see also [2; Remarks 2.1 and 2.4]), we have that $\text{Gr}(\Psi_1), \text{Gr}(\Psi_2) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Z)$; thus the conclusion follows again by 1). \square

The following Theorem 3 is the two-variables version of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 3. *Let X and Y be two second-countable topological spaces and $D \subset T \times X$.*

If $F: D \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Y)$ is a multifunction such that there is a $T_0 \in \Sigma_T$ with $\mu(T_0) = 0$ such that $\text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot))$ is closed in $D_t \times Y$ for each $t \in \text{proj}_T(D) - T_0$, then there exists a multifunction $G: D \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Y)$ such that:

- $i_0)$ $\text{Gr}(G(t, \cdot))$ is closed in $D_t \times Y$ for each $t \in \text{proj}_T(D)$;
- $i_1)$ $G(t, x) \subset F(t, x)$ for each $(t, x) \in D$;
- $i_2)$ for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$, for each Σ_T^* -weakly measurable multifunction $Q: \Delta \rightarrow Y$, and for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ such that $(t, p(t)) \in D$ and $Q(t) \subset F(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ , there holds $Q(t) \subset G(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ ;
- $i_3)$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(G|_{D \cap (C_\varepsilon \times X)})$ is closed in $D \times Y$;
- $i_4)$ $\text{Gr}(G) \in (\Sigma_T \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y))|_{D \times Y}$.

Moreover, if we assume that Y is also a Suslin space and that $\mathcal{B}(T \times Y) = \mathcal{B}(T) \times \mathcal{B}(Y)$, then

- i₅) for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$, for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ with $(t, p(t)) \in D$ a.e. in Δ , and for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $G(\cdot, p(\cdot))|_{\Delta \cap C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous.

Finally, if X and Y are also two Suslin spaces and $D \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X)$, then

- i₆) for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for each multifunction $H: D \cap (\Delta \times X) \rightarrow Y$ with $\text{Gr}(H) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$ such that $H(t, x) \subset F(t, x)$ for almost all $t \in \text{proj}_T(D) \cap \Delta$ and for each $x \in D_t$, there holds $H(t, x) \subset G(t, x)$ for almost all $t \in \text{proj}_T(D) \cap \Delta$ and for each $x \in D_t$.

Proof. First suppose $D = T \times X$. Consider the multifunction $\Phi: T \rightarrow \text{Cl}(X \times Y)$ defined by

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{cases} \text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot)) & \text{if } t \in T - T_0, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } t \in T_0. \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 1, there exists a multifunction $\Psi: T \rightarrow \text{Cl}(X \times Y)$ satisfying $(\gamma_1), (\gamma_2), (\gamma_3), (\gamma_4)$ and (γ_6) . We claim that the multifunction $G: T \times X \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Y)$ defined by $G(t, x) = (\Psi(t))_x$ is the required multifunction.

In fact, it is easily seen that G verifies i₀), i₁), i₃) and i₄).

G verifies i₂). Let $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$, $Q: \Delta \rightarrow Y$ be a Σ_T^* -weakly measurable multifunction and $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ be a Σ_T^* -measurable function such that $Q(t) \subset F(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ . The multifunction $\Theta: \Delta \rightarrow X \times Y$ defined by $\Theta(t) = \{(p(t), y) : y \in Q(t)\}$ is Σ_T^* -weakly measurable because for $U \in \tau_X$ and $V \in \tau_Y$, $\Theta^-(U \times V) = p^{-1}(U) \cap Q^-(V) \in \Sigma_T^*$. Moreover, $\Theta(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , thus by (γ_2) , $\Theta(t) \subset \Psi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , from which it follows that $Q(t) \subset G(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ .

G verifies i₅). Let $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ be a Σ_T^* -measurable function. Extend p to the Σ_T^* -measurable function $\hat{p}: T \rightarrow X$ defined by putting

$$\hat{p}(t) = \begin{cases} p(t) & \text{if } t \in \Delta, \\ \text{constant} & \text{if } t \notin \Delta. \end{cases}$$

If we show that $G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))$ is Σ_T^* -weakly measurable, then by [3: Theorem 1], it follows that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{C_\varepsilon}$, and thus also $G(\cdot, p(\cdot))|_{\Delta \cap C_\varepsilon}$, is lower semicontinuous.

To prove this, it suffices to show that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in $T \times Y$. In fact, this last condition being verified, by Lemma 2 there exists $T_0 \in \Sigma_T$ with $\mu(T_0) = 0$ such that $\text{Gr}(G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{T - T_0}) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(Y)$; so, from the equality $G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))^- (V) = \text{proj}_T(\text{Gr}(G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{T - T_0}) \cap ((T - T_0) \times V)) \cup N$, where $N \subset T_0$, and by Sainte-Beuve's projection theorem, it follows that $G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))$ is Σ_T^* -weakly measurable.

So fix $\varepsilon > 0$. By $i_3)$ and using [3; Theorem 1], there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}(G|_{C_\varepsilon \times X})$ is closed in $T \times X \times Y$, and $\hat{p}|_{C_\varepsilon}$ is continuous. $\text{Gr}(G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{C_\varepsilon})$ is closed in $T \times Y$. Indeed, if we take $(t_0, y_0) \notin \text{Gr}(G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{C_\varepsilon})$, $t_0 \in C_\varepsilon$, then $(t_0, \hat{p}(t_0), y_0) \notin \text{Gr}(G|_{C_\varepsilon \times X})$; hence, by this and by the continuity of $\hat{p}|_{C_\varepsilon}$, there are two open neighbourhoods I and V of t_0 and y_0 respectively such that, for $t \in I \cap C_\varepsilon$ and $y \in V$, $(t, y) \notin \text{Gr}(G(\cdot, \hat{p}(\cdot))|_{C_\varepsilon})$.

Finally, we prove $i_6)$. Define $\Theta: \Delta \rightarrow X \times Y$ by putting, for each $t \in \Delta$, $\Theta(t) = \text{Gr}(H(t, \cdot))$. $\text{Gr}(\Theta) = \text{Gr}(H) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$. Moreover, $\Theta(t) \subset \Phi(t)$ a.e. in Δ ; then, by $\gamma_6)$ ($X \times Y$ is Suslin), $\Theta(t) \subset \Psi(t)$ a.e. in Δ , hence $H(t, x) \subset G(t, x)$ for almost all $t \in \Delta$ and for each $x \in X$.

Now we sketch the proof when $D \subset T \times X$.

Define $\hat{F}: T \times X \rightarrow \text{Cl}(Y)$ by putting

$$\hat{F}(t, x) = \begin{cases} (\overline{\text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot))})_x & \text{if } t \in T - T_0, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } t \in T_0, \end{cases}$$

where the closure is taken in $X \times Y$.

$\text{Gr}(\hat{F}(t, \cdot)) = \overline{\text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot))}$ for each $t \in T - T_0$, and taking into account that $\text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot)) = \overline{\text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot))} \cap (D_t \times Y)$ for each $t \in \text{proj}_T(D) - T_0$, then we obtain that $\hat{F}(t, x) = F(t, x)$ for all $(t, x) \in D - (T_0 \times X)$.

Let $\hat{G}: T \times X \rightarrow Y$ be as in the first part of the proof with respect to \hat{F} ; it is not difficult to verify that $G = \hat{G}|_D$ is the required multifunction. \square

Remark 2. Obviously $i_1)$ and $i_2)$ of Theorem 3 imply respectively the following

- $i'_1)$ $G(t, x) \subset F(t, x)$ for almost every $t \in \text{proj}_T(D)$ and for each $x \in D_t$;
- $i'_2)$ for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for all Σ_T^* -measurable functions $q: \Delta \rightarrow Y$ and $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ such that $(t, p(t)) \in D$ and $q(t) \in F(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ , we have $q(t) \in G(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ .

Hence Theorem 3 extends and improves [5; Theorem 1], in which i'_1 , i'_2 and i_3) are proved when T is a locally compact metric space. μ is a Borel, σ -finite, regular and complete measure on T , X and Y are two separable metric spaces.

Moreover, if Ω is a $\Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$ -measurable set with $\text{Gr}(G) \subset \Omega$. then i_3) in Theorem 3 implies the following:

i'_3) for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}\left(G|_{D \cap (C_\varepsilon \times X)}\right)$ is closed in $(D \times Y) \cap \Omega$.

The following is a uniqueness theorem for the two-variables case; its part 2) extends [5; Theorem 4].

THEOREM 4. *Let X be a topological space, Y be a Suslin space. $D \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X)$, and $F, G_1, G_2: D \rightarrow Y$ be three multifunctions.*

Let us consider the following properties for $i = 1, 2$:

- i'_1) $G_i(t, x) \subset F(t, x)$ for almost every $t \in \text{proj}_T(D)$ and for each $x \in D_t$;
- i'_2) for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$, for all Σ_T^* -measurable functions $q: \Delta \rightarrow Y$ and $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ such that $(t, p(t)) \in D$ and $q(t) \in F(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ . we have $q(t) \in G_i(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ ;
- i'_3) for some $\Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$ -measurable set Ω with $\text{Gr}(F) \subset \Omega$. and for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $\text{Gr}\left(G_i|_{D \cap (C_\varepsilon \times X)}\right)$ is closed in $(D \times Y) \cap \Omega$;
- i'_4) there is $T_0 \in \Sigma_T$ with $\mu(T_0) = 0$ such that $\text{Gr}\left(G_i|_{D \cap ((T - T_0) \times X)}\right) \in \Sigma_T^* \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$;
- i'_5) for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$. for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ with $(t, p(t)) \in D$ a.e. in Δ , and for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a closed set $C_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - C_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ such that $G_i(\cdot, p(\cdot))|_{\Delta \cap C_\varepsilon}$ is lower semicontinuous.

Then:

- 1) If X is a Suslin space, then i'_1), i'_2) and i'_4) imply that $G_1(t, x) = G_2(t, x)$ for almost every $t \in \text{proj}_T(D)$ and for each $x \in D_t$.
- 2) If X is a Suslin space and $\mathcal{B}(T \times X \times Y) = \mathcal{B}(T) \times \mathcal{B}(X \times Y)$. then i'_1), i'_2) and i'_3) imply that $G_1(t, x) = G_2(t, x)$ for almost every $t \in \text{proj}_T(D)$ and for each $x \in D_t$.
- 3) If Y is also a second-countable topological space, and G_1 and G_2 are closed-valued, then i'_1), i'_2) and i'_5) imply that for each $\Delta \in \Sigma_T^*$ and for each Σ_T^* -measurable function $p: \Delta \rightarrow X$ with $(t, p(t)) \in D$ a.e. in Δ , it is $G_1(t, p(t)) = G_2(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ .

Sketch of the proof. First we prove the assertion 1) for $D = T \times X$. The multifunctions $\Phi, \Psi_1, \Psi_2: T \rightarrow X \times Y$ defined respectively by $\Phi(t) = \text{Gr}(F(t, \cdot))$, $\Psi_1(t) = \text{Gr}(G_1(t, \cdot))$, and $\Psi_2(t) = \text{Gr}(G_2(t, \cdot))$ satisfy 1) of Theorem 2; then $\Psi_1(t) = \Psi_2(t)$ a.e. in T , from which $G_1(t, x) = G_2(t, x)$ for almost every $t \in T$ and for each $x \in X$.

The assertion 2) can be proved as above, taking into account 2) of Theorem 2.

To prove 3) when $D = T \times X$, extend p to all of T by putting $p(t) =$ constant outside of Δ . Then apply 3) of Theorem 2 to $\Phi(\cdot) = F(\cdot, p(\cdot))$, $\Psi_1(\cdot) = G_1(\cdot, p(\cdot))$, and $\Psi_2(\cdot) = G_2(\cdot, p(\cdot))$; so we obtain $\Psi_1(t) = \Psi_2(t)$ a.e. in T . Now return to the original p defined in Δ , so we obtain $G_1(t, p(t)) = G_2(t, p(t))$ a.e. in Δ .

For the general case $D \subset T \times X$, extend F , G_1 and G_2 to all of $T \times X$ by putting their values empty outside of D ; then apply the already proved uniqueness theorem for the case $D = T \times X$ and finally return to D . \square

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