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A GENERAL APPROACH TO THE THEORY OF SET-VALUED MAPPINGS

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Summary. Given an arbitrary set Y, a countably additive lattice L of subsets of Y, and a metric separable space X, we consider set-valued mappings $F: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$ (where $\mathscr{C}(X)$ is the space of all compact subsets of X) satisfying either condition (3) or (6) below. This is a far going generalization of upper resp. lower semi-continuous mappings (case where L is the lattice of all open subsets of Y). Other important applications are obtained by substituting to L the lattice of all Borel sets of additive class α , the lattice of measurable sets, of projective sets etc.

I. Introduction

1. Definitions. Let Y be a set of arbitrary elements and L a countably additive lattice (i.e. closed under countable unions) of subsets of Y containing as members the empty set and the set Y.

Denote $(-L) = \{E : (Y - E) \in L\}.$

Denote by A_{σ} (resp. A_{δ}) the lattice generated by the family of sets A and closed under countable unions (resp. intersections).

Let Z be a topological space. A mapping $f: Y \to Z$ will be called an *L*-mapping, briefly $f \in L^0$, if

(1)
$$f^{-1}(G) \in L$$
 whenever G is open in Z;

equivalently: if

(2)
$$f^{-1}(K) \in (-L)$$
 whenever K is closed in Z

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(compare [4], Chapter IX).

2. Examples. In the following examples Y is assumed to be a topological space.

1. Let L be the lattice G of all open subsets of Y. Then the mapping $f: Y \to Z$ is an L-mapping iff f is continuous.

2. Let L be the lattice of all *Borel* subsets of Y. Then f is an L-mapping iff it is *B*-measurable (a Baire mapping).

3. Let L be the lattice of Borel subsets of Y of additive class $\alpha < \Omega$ (recall that the families: of open sets, of F_{σ} -sets, of $G_{\delta\sigma}$ -sets etc. are additive Borel classes; the families of closed sets, of G_{δ} -sets, of $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -sets etc. are multiplicative Borel classes). Here an *L*-mapping means *B*-measurable (Baire mapping) of class α . (For an outline of a theory of set-valued *B*-measurable mappings, see [9].)

4. Let Y be a Polish space (= complete separable) and let L denote its *nth* projective class; recall that the 0-projective class is the class of all Borel sets, the first projective class (the class of Souslin sets or A-sets) is composed of continuous images of sets of class 0, the second projective class (the class of CA-sets) is composed of the complements to the sets of the first projective class and so on; in general, the projective class 2n + 1 consists of continuous images of sets of class 2n and the 2n-class consists of complements of sets of sets of class 2n - 1.

Note that the projective classes are closed under countable union and countable intersection. If Z has a countable open base, then, if $f: Y \to Z$ is an L-mapping, i.e. if $f^{-1}(G)$ is of projective class n whenever G is open, then $f^{-1}(G)$ is also of class n + 1.

In particular, if n = 1, f is B-measurable (because by a known theorem of Souslin, a set which is simultaneously A and CA is a Borel set).

5. Let L be the lattice of measurable sets (more generally: a σ -algebra of subsets of Y). Then an L-mapping means L-measurable mapping.

II. Compact-valued mappings

We are going to consider set-valued mappings (called also multifunctions) $F: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$, where Y is an arbitrary set, X a normal space with a countable open base (equivalently: a metric separable space) and $\mathscr{C}(X)$ the space of all compact subsets of X. Thus $F: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$ means that for each $y \in Y$, F(y) is a compact subset of X (of course, if X is compact, then $\mathscr{C}(X) = 2^X$, space of all closed subsets of X, and F(y) is a closed subset of X).

The space $\mathscr{C}(X)$ is endowed with the Vietoris topology, which means (compare [11]) that the collection of all sets which are either of the form

(i) $\{F : F \subset G\}$ or (ii) $\{F : F \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$,

where F is compact and G open in X, is an open subbase of $\mathscr{C}(X)$. Therefore, the collection of all sets of the form

(iii)
$$\{F: F \subset G\} \cap \{F: F \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset\} \cap \ldots \cap \{F: F \cap G_n \neq \emptyset\}$$

is an open base of $\mathscr{C}(X)$. Finally, since X has a countable base, so does $\mathscr{C}(X)$, and hence

(iv) every open subset of $\mathscr{C}(X)$ is a countable union of sets of the form (iii).

3. Definition. Given a lattice L (like in § 1), the mapping $F: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$ will be called of class L^+ or briefly, $F \in L^+$, if $F^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(G)) \in L$, i.e., if

(3)
$$\{y: F(y) \subset G\} \in L$$
 whenever G is open in X,

equivalently, if

(4)
$$\{y: F(y) \cap K = \emptyset\} \in L$$
 whenever K is closed in X.

Symmetrically, $F \in L_{-}$, if $F^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(K)) \in (-L)$, i.e. if

(5)
$$\{y:F(y)\subset K\}\in (-L)$$
 whenever K is closed in X,

equivalently, if

(6)
$$\{y: F(y) \cap G = \emptyset\} \in (-L)$$
 whenever G is open in X.

Let us note that, according to (1), $F \in L^0$ iff $F^{-1}(G) \in L$ for each G open in 2^x .

4. Examples and Remarks. 1. Let Y be a topological space, X compact and L the lattice of all open subsets of Y. Then $F \in L^+$ means that F is upper semicontinuous and $F \in L_-$ means that F is lower semi-continuous.

2. Let Y be a metric space, X compact and L the additive Borel class $\alpha < \Omega$. Then $F \in L^+$ means that the sets $F^{-1}(2^G)$ are of additive class α . Similarly $F \in L_-$ means that the sets $F^{-1}(2^K)$ are of multiplicative class α .

(Instead of $F \in L^+$ ($F \in L_-$) we also say that F is of Baire class α^+ (class α_-).)

5. Elementary properties of classes L^+ and L_- .

Theorem 1. If F is constant, say $F(y) = K_0$ for each $y \in Y$, then $F \in L^0$.

Because $F^{-1}(G) = Y$ or \emptyset according to whether $K_0 \in G$ or $K_0 \notin G$. In both cases $F^{-1}(G) \in L$.

Theorem 2. Let $f: Y \to X$ and $F(y) = \{f(y)\}$ (i.e., f is point-valued). If $F \in E^+ \cup L_-$, then f is an L-mapping.

This follows easily from the formula

$$\{y: F(y) \subset A\} = \{y: f(y) \in A\} = f^{-1}(A)$$

and from (3) and (1), resp. from (5) and (2) (substituting A = G or A = K, resp.).

Theorem 3. $L^0 \subset L^+ \cap L_-$. (Here L is not assumed to be countably additive.)

This follows from (1) and (3), resp. from (2) and (4), because $\mathscr{C}(G)$ is open, and $\mathscr{C}(K)$ is closed in $\mathscr{C}(X)$.

Theorem 4. $L^+ \cap L_- \subset L^0$. Hence $L^0 = L^+ \cap L_-$.

Proof. Let G be an open subset of $\mathscr{C}(X)$. Let $F \in L^+ \cap L_-$. We have to show that $F^{-1}(G) \in L$. Now by (iv), $F^{-1}(G)$ is a countable union of sets of the form

(7)
$$\{y: F(y) \subset G\} \cap \{y: F(y) \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset\} \cap \ldots \cap \{y: F(y) \cap G_n \neq \emptyset\}$$

and by (3) and (6) each of the factors of (7) is a member of L, and therefore the set (7) belongs to L. Hence $F^{-1}(G) \in L$.

Theorem 5. $L^+ \subset ((-L)_{\sigma})_-$ and $L_- \subset ((-L)_{\sigma})^+$.

Proof. 1. Let $F \in L^+$ and let K be closed in X. We have to show that $\{y: F(y) \subset K\} \in -(-L)_{\sigma}$, i.e. that $\{y: F(y) \subset K\} \in L_{\delta}$. Put $K = G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \ldots$ where G_n is open. Then

(8)
$$\{y:F(y)\subset K\}=\bigcap_n\{y:F(y)\subset G_n\}$$

and the proof is completed because $\{y: F(y) \subset G_n\} \in L$.

2. Let $F \in L_{-}$ and let G be open in X. We have to show that $\{y : F(y) \subset G\} \in (-L)_{\sigma}$. Put $G = K_1 \cup K_2 \cup \ldots$ where K_n is closed and $K_n \subset \text{Int}(K_{n+1})$. If $F(y) \subset \subset G$, then - by compactness of F(y) - there is n such that $F(y) \subset K_n$. Thus

(8')
$$\{y:F(y)\subset G\}=\bigcup_n\{y:F(y)\subset K_n\}$$

and the proof is completed because $\{y: F(y) \subset K_n\} \in (-L)$.

Corollary 5'. If L = -L (i.e. if L is a σ -algebra), then $L^+ = L_-$.

Corollary 5". If $L \subset (-L)_{\sigma}$, then $(L^+ \cup L_-) \subset ((-L)_{\sigma})^0$.

This follows from Theorems 4 and 5 and the formula

 $L^+ \subset ((-L)_{\sigma})^+$ and $L_- \subset ((-L)_{\sigma})_-$

which is an obvious consequence of $L \subset (-L)_{\sigma}$.

Remark. The assumption $L \subset (-L)_{\sigma}$ is satisfied if, for example, L denotes the α additive Borel class. So, in particular, it follows from Corollary 5" that semi-continuous compact-valued mappings are of the first Baire class.

6. Operations on classes L^+ and L_- .

Theorem 1. L^+ and L_- are closed under the operation of finite union.

In other terms, if $F_j \in L^+$ for j = 0, 1, and $F = F_0 \cup F_1$, then $F \in L^+$. Similarly, if $F_j \in L_-$, then $F \in L_-$.

Here $F = F_0 \cup F_1$ means that $F(y) = F_0(y) \cup F_1(y)$ for each $y \in Y$. (A similar meaning has $F = F_0 \cap F_1$.) The theorem follows immediately from the formula (compare [8], p. 20(2)):

$$F^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(A)) = F_0^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(A)) \cap F_1^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(A)),$$

where $A \subset X$ is open, respectively closed.

Theorem 2. L^+ is closed under countable intersections.

In other terms, if $F_n \in L^+$ for $n = 1, 2, ..., \text{ then } (\bigcap F_n) \in L^+$.

The proof, completely similar to that of Theorem 8 of [9], is based on the following two general valid formulas (compare [8], p. 179(2)). Let $F = F_0 \cap F_1$. Then

$$F^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(G)) = \bigcup_{i,j} [F_0^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(G \cup R_i)) \cap F_1^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(G \cup R_j))],$$

where $R_i \cap R_j = \emptyset$, R_1, R_2, \ldots being an open base of X closed under finite unions, and

$$F^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(G)) = \bigcup_{n} F_{n}^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(G)),$$

where $F = F_0 \cap F_1 \cap \ldots$ and $F_0 \supset F_1 \supset \ldots$.

Theorem 3. L_{-} is closed under the operation of the closure of a countable union.

More precisely, if $F = \overline{F_1 \cup F_2 \cup ...}$ and $\overline{F_n} \in L_-$ for n = 1, 2, ..., then $F \in L_-$, provided F(y) is compact for each $y \in Y$.

This follows from the formula (compare [8], p. 164 (iii)):

$$F^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(A)) = \bigcap_{n} F_{n}^{-1}(\mathscr{C}(A)).$$

Theorem 4. If $F_0 \in L_-$ and $F_1 \in L^+$, then $\overline{F_0 - F_1} \in L_-$.

In particular, $\overline{X - F_1} \in L_-$.

This follows from the lemma which we are now going to prove (compare also [8], p. 181(2)):

Lemma. Let $F_0: Y \to 2^X$, $F_1: Y \to 2^X$ and $F = F_0 - F_1$. Let K be closed in X and let R_1, R_2, \ldots be the sequence of members of an open base of X such that $K \cap \overline{R}_i = \emptyset$. Then

(9)
$$F^{-1}(2^{K}) = \bigcap_{i} \{Y - [F_{1}^{-1}(2^{X-R_{i}}) - F_{0}^{-1}(2^{X-R_{i}})]\},$$

equivalently

(9')
$$Y - F^{-1}(2^{K}) = \bigcup_{i} \{F_{1}^{-1}(2^{K-R_{i}}) - F_{0}^{-1}(2^{K-R_{i}})\}$$

or

$$(9'') \quad [F_0(y) - F_1(y) \notin K] \equiv \exists i : [F_1(y) \cap \overline{R}_i = \emptyset \text{ and } F_0(y) \cap R_i \neq \emptyset].$$

Proof. 1. Let $F_0(y) - F_1(y) \notin K$, i.e., $F_0(y) \notin K \cup F_1(y)$. So let $x \in F_0(y)$ and $x \notin K \cup F_1(y)$. By the regularity of X, there exists a member of the base, we may call it R_i , such that

$$x \in R_i$$
 and $\overline{R}_i \cap (K \cup F_1(y)) = \emptyset$.

It follows that $F_1(y) \cap \overline{R}_i = \emptyset$ and $F_0(y) \cap R_i \neq \emptyset$, because $x \in F_0(y) \cap R_i$. Thus y satisfies the right member of (9").

2. On the other hand, if y satisfies the right member of (9'') and $K \cap \overline{R}_i = \emptyset$, then $(F_0(y) - F_1(y)) \cap R_i \neq \emptyset$, because $(F_0(y) - F_1(y)) \cap R_i = (F_0(y) \cap R_i) - (F_1(y) \cap R_i) \neq \emptyset$.

Since $R_i \subset X - K$, it follows that $(F_0(y) - F_1(y)) \cap (X - K) \neq \emptyset$, which means that the left member of (9") is fulfilled.

Remark. As seen, we don't require in our Lemma that the values of the mappings F_0 and F_1 be compact; they are only assumed to be closed in the (metric) space X.

The same remark applies, of course, to Theorem 4.

Theorem 5. L^+ and L_- are closed under the operation of limit

(10)
$$F = \operatorname{Lim} F_n$$

the convergence being uniform.

More precisely: if $F_n \in L^+$ (resp. $F_n \in L_-$) for n = 1, 2, ..., then $F \in L^+$ (resp. $F \in L_-$), provided F(y) is compact for each $y \in Y$.

Theorem 5 is a direct consequence of the following lemma which we are going to prove.

Lemma. Assume that the mappings $F_n: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$, where n = 1, 2, ... and where X is metric, satisfy the condition (10); in other terms, there is a sequence $m_1 < m_2 < ...$ such that

(11) dist
$$(F(y), F_j(y)) < 1/n$$
 for each $y \in Y$ and $j > m_n$.

Then, we have, for each open G and closed K,

(12)
$$\{y:F(y)\subset G\}=\bigcup_{n}\bigcup_{j>m_n}\{y:F_j(y)\subset G_n\}$$

(13)
$$\{y:F(y)\subset K\}=\bigcap_{n}\bigcap_{j>m_n}\{y:F_j(y)\subset Q_n\},\$$

where

$$G_n = \{x : \varrho(x, X - G) > 1/n\}$$
 and $Q_n = \{x : \varrho(x, K) \leq 1/n\}$,

and thus

$$(14) G = G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \ldots, \quad G_1 \subset G_2 \subset \ldots$$

and

(15)
$$K = Q_1 \cap Q_2 \cap \dots, \quad Q_1 \supset Q_2 \supset \dots$$

Proof of (12). 1. Let $F(y) \subset G$. Since F(y) is compact, there is by (14) an *n* such that $F(y) \subset G_n$. We have to show that there is $j > m_n$ such that $F_j(y) \subset G_n$. Suppose that the contrary is true, i.e., that $F_j(y) - G_n \neq \emptyset$ for each $j > m_n$; but then $\lim_{j \to \infty} F_j(y) - G_n \neq \emptyset$, i.e. $F(y) \notin G_n$, which is a contradiction.

2. Let $F(y) - G \neq \emptyset$. Let $p \in F(y) - G$. By (11) there is, for each *n* and $j > m_n$, a point $p_j \in F_j(y)$ such that $|p_j - p| \leq 1/n$, hence $\varrho(p_j, X - G) \leq 1/n$, i.e., $p_j \notin G_n$. Thus $F_j(y) \notin G_n$.

Proof of (13). 1. Let $F(y) \subset K$. Suppose that contrary to (13), there are *n* and $j > m_n$ such that $F_j(y) \notin Q_n$. Let $q_j \in F_j(y) - Q_n$, i.e., $\varrho(q_j, K) > 1/n$ and consequently $\varrho(q_j, F(y)) > 1/n$. Therefore dist $(F_j(y), F(y)) > 1/n$, contrary to (11).

2. Let $F(y) - K \neq \emptyset$. Let $p \in F(y) - K$. Therefore there is *n* such that $\varrho(p, K) > 1/n$, i.e. $p \notin Q_n$. Suppose that for each $j > m_n$, we have $F_j(y) \subset Q_n$. Then $\lim_{k \to \infty} F_j(y) \subset Q_n$, i.e., $F(y) \subset Q_n$, which is a contradiction.

Remark. A similar formula to (13) is known for point-valued mappings (see [4], p. 268, and [8], p. 386).

Theorem 6. Let X_n be compact and let $X = X_0 \times X_1 \times ...$ If each mapping $F_n: Y \to 2^{X_n}$ belongs to the class L^+ (respectively to the class L_-) for n = 0, 1, ..., then so does their Cartesian product $F = F_0 \times F_1 \times ...$

The proof is completely analogous to the proof of Theorem 12 of [9].

7. Selection problems. In this section we assume that L is a σ -algebra and that X is a Polish (complete separable) space (2^{X} is endowed with the Vietoris topology).

According to Theorem and Corollary 1 of [10], the following Selection Theorem is true.

Theorem. If $F: Y \to 2^X$ is either L^+ or L_- , there exists a selector $f: Y \to X$ (i.e., $f(y) \in F(y)$) which is an *L*-mapping.

Corollary. For each *L*-measurable mapping $F: Y \to 2^X$ there exists an *L*-measurable selector $f: Y \to X$.

For further applications (also to the optimal control theory) see e.g. [5], [6], [7], and [12].

III. Case where Y is a topological space

8. Relations to continuous, closed, open mapping etc.

The proof of the following theorem is immediate.

Theorem 1. Let us assume that all open subsets of Y are members of the lattice L. Then each continuous mapping $F: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$ is an L-mapping.

More precisely: if F is upper (lower) semi-continuous, then $F \in L^+(F \in L_-)$.

Corollary. If $Y = \mathscr{C}(X)$, then the identity, F(K) = K, is an L-mapping.

Theorem 2. Let $f: X \to Y$ be continuous and onto and let $f^{-1}(y)$ be compact for each $y \in Y$. Then the mapping $f^{-1}: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$ satisfies the equivalences:

 $(f^{-1} \in L^+) \equiv (f(K) \in (-L) \text{ for each closed } K \text{ in } X),$ $(f^{-1} \in L_-) \equiv (f(G) \in L \text{ for each open } G \text{ in } X).$

This follows by virtue of the general valid formula (see [8], p. 14(3)):

$$f(A) = \{ y : A \cap f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset \}$$

in which one has to substitute for A either K or G (compare (4) and (6)).

Remark. In the case where L is the lattice of all open subsets of Y, our theorem states that f^{-1} is upper semi-continuous iff f is a closed mapping; f^{-1} is lower semi-continuous iff f is an open mapping (compare [8], p. 177).

9. The graph of the relation $x \in F(y)$. The set

$$J = \{\langle x, y \rangle : x \in F(y)\}$$

is the graph under consideration.

Theorem. Let M be a lattice of subsets of $X \times Y$, closed under countable unions and such that

(G open in X and $A \in L$) \Rightarrow (G \times A) \in M.

Let $F \in L^+$, then $[(X \times Y) - J] \in M$.

Proof. Let G_1, G_2, \ldots be an open base of X. Then: $x \notin F(y)$ iff there is n such that $x \in G_n$ and $F(y) \cap \overline{G}_n \neq \emptyset$, i.e.,

$$(X \times Y) - J = \bigcup_{n} \{ \langle x, y \rangle : (x \in G_n) (F(y) \cap \overline{G}_n = \emptyset) \} =$$
$$= \bigcup_{n} [G_n \times \{ y : F(y) \cap \overline{G}_n = \emptyset \}].$$

Since $F \in L^+$, we have, by (4), $\{y : F(y) \cap \overline{G}_n = \emptyset\} \in L$; this completes the proof.

Corollary 1. If F is upper semi-continuous, then J is closed in $X \times Y$.

Here L denotes the lattice of all open subsets of Y.

Corollary 2. If F is of Baire class α^+ , then J is of Borel multiplicative class α in $X \times Y$.

Here L denotes the lattice of Borel subsets of additive class α of Y.

Corollary 3. If L is any projective class (in Y), then J belongs to the projective class (-L) in $X \times Y$.

Corollary 4. If F is L-measurable, so is J.

For the sake of simplicity we put here X = Y = interval.

Remark. In the case where F(y) reduces to a single point, f(y), our Theorem implies some well known statements about the graph of the mapping f

$$J_0 = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : x = f(y) \}$$

(see e.g. [8], p. 384 and [3], Section 3).

Let us note that the converse to Corollary 2 is not true: the set J_0 can be G_{δ} without f being of class 1.

IV. Final remarks

It seems useful in many cases to consider the set Φ of all mappings $F: Y \to \mathscr{C}(X)$ as a *metric space*. The distance between two members F_0 and F_1 of Φ is defined following the regular procedure (compare [8], p. 218). Namely – assuming that X is bounded – we put

Dist
$$(F_0, F_1)$$
 = sup dist $[F_0(y), F_1(y)]$ where $y \in Y$

and where "dist" means the Hausdorff distance of sets.

In view of this definition, convergence in the space Φ means the uniform convergence. Thus Theorem 5 of § 6 can be restated as follows.

The sets L^+ and L_- are closed in the space Φ .

The space Φ – although not separable, in general – has a number of interesting properties. For example, if X is complete, then so is $\mathscr{C}(X)$ and consequently (see [8], p. 408) also Φ is complete.

Furthermore, the set of semi-continuous compact-valued mappings can be shown to be non-dense in the set of Baire 1st class mappings (under suitable assumptions on X and Y).

An analogous statement is true also for Baire mappings of arbitrary class α .

Let us add that "joint semi-continuity" holds under the above defined topology of the space Φ .

The proofs of these statements and of further properties of the space Φ will appear elsewhere.

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