# QUASICONTINUOUS SELECTIONS OF UPPER CONTINUOUS SET-VALUED MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we extend a theorem of Matejdes on quasicontinuous selections of upper Baire continuous set-valued mappings from compact (or separable) metric range spaces to regular  $T_1$  range spaces. In addition, we also prove a quasicontinuous selection theorem for a special class of upper semicontinuous set-valued mappings.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $T: X \to 2^Y$  be a set-valued mapping with non-empty values. By a selection f of T, we mean a single-valued mapping  $f: X \to Y$  such that  $f(x) \in T(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . A well-known theorem of Micheal on selections in [7] claims that any lower semicontinuous set-valued mapping  $T: X \to 2^Y$  with non-empty closed convex values acting from a paracompact space X into a Banach space Y has a continuous selection. However, the conclusion of this theorem fails when lower semicontinuity is replaced by upper semicontinuity. For example, the set-valued mapping  $T: \mathbb{R} \to 2^{\mathbb{R}}$ , defined by

$$T(x) := \begin{cases} \{1/x\}, & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ \mathbb{R}, & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$$

is upper semicontinuous with non-empty closed convex values. However, this mapping does not even possess a quasicontinuous selection. Recall that a (single-valued) mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is quasicontinuous if for every pair of open sets  $U \subseteq X$  and  $W \subseteq Y$  with  $f(U) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $V \subseteq U$  such that  $f(V) \subseteq W$ . In a series of papers [3, 4, 5, 6], Matejdes studied the problem of when a set-valued mapping admits a quasicontinuous selection. To achieve his goal, Matejdes introduced the following definition, [3].

**Definition 1.1** ([3]). A set-valued mapping  $T : X \to 2^Y$  is called *upper Baire continuous* at a point  $x \in X$  if for each pair of open sets U and Wwith  $x \in U$  and  $T(x) \subseteq W$ , there is a subset  $B \subseteq U$  of the second category, having the Baire property, such that  $T(z) \subseteq W$  for all  $z \in B$ .

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We shall say that a set-valued mapping  $T : X \to 2^Y$  is upper Baire continuous if it is upper Baire continuous at every point of X, and a Baire continuous single-valued mapping is just a special case of an upper Baire continuous set-valued mapping. Analogously, one can define lower Baire continuity for a set-valued mapping. However, we shall not do so here, since we are not going to use such a notion in this paper.

The following two facts on (upper) Baire continuity of mappings can be readily proved:

• If  $f: X \to 2^Y$  is upper Baire continuous with non-empty values, then X is Baire.

• If a (single-valued) mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is Baire continuous, X is Baire and Y is regular, then f must be quasicontinuous, [3].

By applying the previous two facts Matejdes proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2** ([3]). Let X be a  $T_1$ -space and Y be a compact metric space. If  $T: X \to 2^Y$  is upper Baire continuous with non-empty compact values, then T admits a quasicontinuous selection.

In [4], it was further shown that the compactness of Y in the previous theorem can be relaxed to the separability of Y. The main purpose of this paper is to extend Theorem 1.2 using a different approach. Specifically, in Section 2, we show that the conclusion of Theorem 1.2 still holds when the condition "Y a compact (or separable) metric space" is weakened to "Y a regular  $T_1$ -space". The last section is dedicated to the study of quasicontinuous selections of a special class of upper semicontinuous set-valued mappings. Throughout the paper,  $T: X \to 2^Y$  always denotes a set-valued mapping acting from a space X to a space Y and  $f: X \to Y$  stands for a single-valued mapping from X into Y. The graph Gr(T) of  $T: X \to 2^Y$  is defined by  $Gr(T) := \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in T(x)\}$ . All of our notation is standard and any undefined concepts may be found in the references.

### 2. An extension of Theorem 1.2

The following characterisation for upper Baire continuity of a set-valued mapping is easier to work with than the original definition in Definition 1.1.

**Lemma 2.1.** A set-valued mapping  $T : X \to 2^Y$  with non-empty values is upper Baire continuous if, and only if, X is Baire and for each pair of open subsets U and W with  $x \in U$  and  $T(x) \subseteq W$ , there exist a non-empty open set  $V \subseteq U$  and a residual set  $R \subseteq V$  such that  $T(z) \subseteq W$  for all  $z \in R$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ). Suppose that  $T: X \to 2^Y$  is upper Baire continuous. First, by remarks in Section 1, X must be Baire. Furthermore, by the definition, for each pair of open sets U and W with  $x \in U$  and  $T(x) \subseteq W$ , there exists some subset  $B \subseteq U$  of the second category having the Baire property such

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that  $T(z) \subseteq W$  for all  $z \in B$ . Let  $B = G\Delta C$ , where G is an open set and C is a set of the first category. Next, put  $V = G \cap U$  and  $R = G \setminus C$ . Then  $V \subseteq U$  is a non-empty open set and R is a residual set in V such that  $T(z) \subseteq W$  for each  $z \in R$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ). Conversely, suppose that X is Baire and for each pair of open sets U and W with  $x \in U$  and  $T(x) \subseteq W$ , there exists a non-empty open subset  $V \subseteq U$  and a residual subset  $R \subseteq V$  such that  $T(z) \subseteq W$  for all  $z \in R$ . Since V is of the second category, then R must be of the second category. In addition,  $R = V\Delta(V \setminus R)$ . Thus, R has the Baire property as well.  $\Box$ 

Our next theorem extends Theorem 1.2 from a compact (or separable) metric range space to an arbitrary regular  $T_1$  range space.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let X be a topological space and Y a regular  $T_1$ -space. If  $T : X \to 2^Y$  is an upper Baire continuous set-valued mapping with nonempty compact values, then T admits a quasicontinuous selection.

*Proof.* First, by Lemma 2.1, X must be a Baire space. Let  $\mathscr{M}$  be the family of all upper Baire continuous set-valued mappings from X to Y with nonempty compact values such that for every  $H \in \mathscr{M}$ ,  $Gr(H) \subseteq Gr(T)$ . Since  $T \in \mathscr{M}$ ,  $\mathscr{M} \neq \emptyset$ . We define a partial order  $\preceq$  on  $\mathscr{M}$  by writing

$$H_1 \leq H_2$$
 if, and only if,  $Gr(H_1) \subseteq Gr(H_2)$ .

Next, we show that  $\mathscr{M}$  has a minimal element. To this end, let  $\mathscr{M}_0$  be any linearly ordered non-empty subfamily of  $\mathscr{M}$ . Then, define a set-valued mapping  $H_{\mathscr{M}_0}: X \to 2^Y$  by letting

$$H_{\mathcal{M}_0}(x) := \bigcap \{ H(x) : H \in \mathcal{M}_0 \}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Fix an arbitrary point  $x_0 \in X$ . Since  $\{H(x_0) : H \in \mathcal{M}_0\}$  is a linearly ordered family of non-empty compact subsets of Y,  $H_{\mathcal{M}_0}(x_0)$  is also a non-empty compact subset of Y. Now, suppose that  $U \subseteq X$  and  $W \subseteq Y$ are a pair of non-empty open subsets with  $x_0 \in U$  and  $H_{\mathcal{M}_0}(x_0) \subseteq W$ . Then, there must be some element  $H \in \mathcal{M}_0$  such that  $H(x_0) \subseteq W$ . By upper Baire continuity of H at  $x_0$ , there is a non-empty open set  $V \subseteq U$ and a residual subset  $R \subseteq V$  such that  $H(x) \subseteq W$  for all  $x \in R$ . This implies that  $H_{\mathcal{M}_0}(x) \subseteq W$  for all  $x \in R$ . Thus,  $H_{\mathcal{M}_0} \in \mathcal{M}$ . By Zorn's lemma,  $\mathcal{M}$ has a minimal member, which we will denote by  $\Phi_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

**Claim 1.** For each pair of open subsets  $U \subseteq X$  and  $W \subseteq Y$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(U) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ , there exist a non-empty open subset  $V \subseteq U$  and a residual set  $R \subseteq V$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x) \subseteq W$  for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof.* Suppose the contrary. Then, there is a pair of open subsets  $U \subseteq X$  and  $W \subseteq Y$  with  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(U) \cap W \neq \emptyset$  such that for every non-empty open subset  $V \subseteq U$  and every residual subset  $R \subseteq V$  there exists an  $x \in R$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x) \not\subseteq W$ . Since  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  is upper Baire continuous, this implies

that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x) \not\subseteq W$  for any  $x \in U$ . Next, we define a set-valued mapping  $\Gamma: X \to 2^Y$  by

$$\Gamma(x) := \begin{cases} \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x) \cap (Y \smallsetminus W), & \text{if } x \in U, \\ \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\Gamma$  has non-empty compact values. We will show that  $\Gamma$  is upper Baire continuous. Pick any point  $x_0 \in X$ . If  $x_0 \notin U$ , then the result is clear, since  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  is upper Baire continuous and  $\Gamma \preceq \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$ . Assume  $x_0 \in U$ . Let U' and W' be a pair of open sets with  $x_0 \in U' \subseteq U$  and  $\Gamma(x_0) \subseteq W'$ . Then  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x_0) \subseteq W \cup W'$ , thus there exist a non-empty open set  $V' \subseteq U'$  and a residual set  $R' \subseteq V'$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x) \subseteq W \cup W'$  for all  $x \in R'$ . Clearly,  $\Gamma(x) \subseteq W'$  for every point  $x \in R'$ . This implies that  $\Gamma$  is upper Baire continuous at every point of U. Thus, we have shown that  $\Gamma \in \mathscr{M}$ . But this is impossible since  $\Gamma \preceq \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  and  $\Phi \neq \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$ . Hence we have obtained our desired contradiction.

**Claim 2.**  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  is single-valued at every point  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* If not, there must exist a point  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x_1)$  contains at least two points. Now, pick any point  $y_1 \in \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x_1)$ , and then define another set-valued mapping  $\Psi: X \to 2^Y$  by

$$\Psi(x) := \begin{cases} \{y_1\}, & \text{if } x = x_1, \\ \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $\Psi$  has non-empty compact images. Let  $x \in X$  and consider open sets  $U \subseteq X$  and  $W \subseteq Y$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\Psi(x) \subseteq W$ . By Claim 1, there exist a non-empty open subset  $V \subseteq U$  and a residual subset  $R \subseteq V$ such that  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}(x) \subseteq W$  for all  $x \in R$ . It follows that  $\Psi(x) \subseteq W$  for all  $x \in R$ . Thus  $\Psi$  is upper Baire continuous. But,  $\Psi \preceq \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  and  $\Psi \neq \Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$ ; which contradicts the minimality of  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$ .

Finally, by Claim 2,  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  is a Baire continuous selection of T. Therefore, since X is Baire and Y is regular,  $\Phi_{\mathscr{M}}$  is quasicontinuous.

#### 3. Strongly injective set-valued mappings

In this section, we shall examine when an upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping acting between topological spaces admits a quasicontinuous selection. Our considerations are based upon the following notion.

**Definition 3.1.** A set-valued mapping  $T: X \to 2^Y$  is strongly injective if  $T(x_1) \cap T(x_2) = \emptyset$  for any two distinct points  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ .

Furthermore, we shall also require the definition of property (\*\*) introduced in [2]. Let X be a space,  $\mathscr{F}$  a proper filter (or filterbase) in X. We shall consider the following  $G(\mathscr{F})$ -game played in X between players A and B: Player A goes first (always!) and chooses a point  $x_1 \in X$ . Player B responds by choosing a member  $F_1 \in \mathscr{F}$ . Following this, player A must select another (possibly the same) point  $x_2 \in F_1$  and in turn player B must again respond to this by choosing a member  $F_2 \in \mathscr{F}$ . Repeating this procedure infinitely, the players A and B produce a sequence  $p := ((x_n, F_n) : n \in \mathbb{N})$ with  $x_{n+1} \in F_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , called a *play* of the  $G(\mathscr{F})$ -game. We shall say that B wins a play of the  $G(\mathscr{F})$ -game if the sequence  $(x_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  has a cluster point in X. Otherwise, the player A is said to have won this play.

We shall call a pair  $(\mathscr{F}, \sigma)$  a  $\sigma$ -filter  $(\sigma$ -filterbase) if  $\mathscr{F}$  is a proper filter (filterbase) in X and  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy for player B in the  $G(\mathscr{F})$ -game. Finally, we say that a space X has property (\*\*) if  $\bigcap \{\overline{F} : F \in \mathscr{F}\} \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\sigma$ -filterbase  $(\mathscr{F}, \sigma)$  in X. The class of spaces having property (\*\*) includes all metric spaces [1], all Dieudoné-complete spaces, all function spaces  $C_p(X)$  for compact Hausdorff spaces X, and all Banach spaces in their weak topologies [2]. Recall that a space X is a q-space if for every point  $x \in X$ , there is a sequence  $(U_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of neighbourhoods of x such that if  $x_n \in U_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sequence  $(x_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  has a cluster point in X (which is not necessarily x itself). All first countable spaces and all Čech complete spaces are q-spaces.

The following theorem may be deduced from [2, Theorem 3.3].

**Theorem 3.2** ([2]). Let  $T: X \to 2^Y$  be a strongly injective upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping with non-empty closed values. If X is a regular q-space and Y is a regular space with property (\*\*), then for any point  $x_0 \in X$ ,

$$K := \bigcap_{U \in \mathscr{U}(x_0)} \overline{T(U \smallsetminus \{x_0\})}$$

is a compact subset of  $T(x_0)$ , where  $\mathscr{U}(x_0)$  is the family of all neighbourhoods of  $x_0$  in X and  $\overline{T(U \setminus \{x_0\})}$  is the closure of  $T(U \setminus \{x_0\})$  in Y. In addition, the mapping  $T_K : X \to 2^Y$ , defined by

$$T_K(x) := \begin{cases} K, & \text{if } x = x_0, \\ T(x), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is upper semicontinuous on X.

In the previous theorem it follows that if  $x_0 \in X$  is not an isolated point then K is non-empty.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $T : X \to 2^Y$  be an upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping acting from a regular q-space X into a regular  $T_1$ -space Y with property (\*\*). If T is strongly injective, then it admits a quasicontinuous selection.

*Proof.* For any isolated point  $x \in X$ , pick an arbitrary point  $y_x \in T(x)$ . Next, define the set-valued mapping  $\Phi: X \to 2^Y$  by,

$$\Phi(x) := \begin{cases} \bigcap_{U \in \mathscr{U}(x)} \overline{T(U \setminus \{x\})}, & \text{if } x \text{ is not isolated,} \\ \{y_x\}, & \text{if } x \text{ is isolated.} \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 3.2 and the subsequent remark,  $\Phi$  has non-empty compact values.

Now, fix an arbitrary point  $x_0 \in X$ . To show that  $\Phi$  is upper semicontinuous at  $x_0$ , we consider two possible cases. If  $x_0$  is an isolated point of X, then the upper semicontinuity of  $\Phi$  at  $x_0$  is trivial. In the case that  $x_0$  is non-isolated, it follows from the second part of Theorem 3.2. Thus,  $\Phi$  is an upper semicontinuous non-empty compact-valued set-valued mapping whose graph is contained in the graph of T. By Theorem 2.2,  $\Phi$  has a quasicontinuous selection f, which is also a selection of T.

If  $f : X \to Y$  is a mapping with f(X) = Y, then  $f^{-1} : Y \to 2^X$  is strongly injective. Conversely, for any strongly injective set-valued mapping  $T : Y \to 2^X$  with non-empty values and T(Y) = X, there exists a mapping  $f : X \to Y$  such that  $T = f^{-1}$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a closed mapping from a regular  $T_1$ -space X with property (\*\*) onto a regular q-space Y. If  $f^{-1}(y)$  is closed for every  $y \in Y$ , then there exists a quasicontinuous mapping  $\varphi: Y \to X$  such that  $(f \circ \varphi)(y) = y$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $f^{-1}: Y \to 2^X$  is an upper semicontinuous strongly injective set-valued mapping with non-empty closed values. By applying Theorem 3.3,  $f^{-1}$  admits a quasicontinuous selection  $\varphi: Y \to X$ . Evidently,  $(f \circ \varphi)(y) = y$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

**Remark 3.5.** By [2, Theorem 1.2] and an argument similar to that in Theorem 3.3, one can show the following: Let  $T: X \to 2^Y$  be an upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping from a first countable space X into a Hausdorff angelic space Y. If T is strongly injective, then it admits a quasicontinuous selection. As a consequence of this result, the condition " $f^{-1}(y)$  is closed for every  $y \in Y$ " in Corollary 3.4 can be dropped when X is Hausdorff angelic and Y is first countable, i.e., for any closed mapping  $f: X \to Y$  from a Hausdorff angelic space X onto a first countable space Y, there exists a quasicontinuous mapping  $\varphi: Y \to X$  such that  $(f \circ \varphi)(y) = y$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

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