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Precompact Contraction of Metric Uniformities, and the Continuity of $F(t, x)$.

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In this note we use the easily proven fact that every metric uniformity for a separable metrizable space contains a topologically equivalent precompact metric uniformity to further generalize for multifunctions the result of Scorza Dragoni [S] on the continuity of $F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ for some closed $T_\varepsilon \subset T$ with $\mu(T - T_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$, when $F: T \times X \rightarrow E$ is a function measurable in t and continuous in x . Results of this type have been obtained for multifunctions by Castaing [C-1] and Himmelberg and Van Vleck [HV]. In [C-1], it is assumed that F is a multifunction with compact values; in [HV] F need not have compact (or even closed) values, but E is taken to be Euclidean space. Here, F need not have closed values, and E will be separable metric.

THEOREM 1. Let (E, d) be a separable metric space. Then there exists a metric ρ topologically equivalent to d such that:

a) (E, ρ) is precompact, and

b) The uniformity on E defined by ρ is smaller than the uniformity defined by d . (I.e., the inclusion $(X, d) \subset (X, \rho)$ is uniformly continuous.)

REMARK. (E, ρ) is not the precompact reflection of (E, d) in the category of uniform spaces. For example, take $E = N =$ the positive

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integers, with the discrete uniformity. Then the precompact reflection pN of N is not metrizable, since the completion of pN is the Cech compactification of N .

PROOF. It is clearly sufficient to embed (E, d) in the product of countably many unit intervals by a uniformly continuous homeomorphism. This will be done by a simple modification of the usual embedding construction. We may (and do) assume $0 < \text{diam } E \leq 1$. Let D be a countable dense subset of E , and let \mathcal{B} be the set of all ordered pairs (U, V) of concentric open balls in E with center in D and distinct rational radii such that $U \subset V$ and $E - V \neq \emptyset$. \mathcal{B} is a countable set. For each $(U, V) \in \mathcal{B}$, define $f_{UV}: E \rightarrow I = [0, 1]$ by $f_{UV}(x) = d(x, U)/(d(x, U) + d(x, E - V))$. It is easily checked that each f_{UV} is uniformly continuous (in fact, if r is the difference of the radii of U and V , then $|f_{UV}(x) - f_{UV}(y)| < (2/r^2)d(x, y)$), and that the collection $F = \{f_{UV} | (U, V) \in \mathcal{B}\}$ separates points and closed sets. It follows that the embedding $e: E \rightarrow I^F$ defined in the customary way by $e(x)(f_{UV}) = f_{UV}(x)$, is a uniformly continuous homeomorphism.

Now let T be a locally compact Hausdorff space with Radon measure μ , let X be a Polish (= complete separable metric) space, and let E be a separable metric space with metric d . Define the Hausdorff pseudometric H_a on the set $S(E)$ of all non-empty subsets of E by

$$H_a(A, B) = \text{lub } \{d(x, B), d(y, A) | x \in A, y \in B\}.$$

H_a may take on infinite values, but this causes no difficulties. We define a multifunction $G: X \rightarrow E$ (i.e., for each $x \in X$, $G(x)$ is a non-empty subset of E) to be *continuous* iff G is continuous as a function from X to $S(E)$, when $S(E)$ is topologized by H_a . G is *upper (lower) semicontinuous* iff $G^{-1}(B) = \{x | G(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$ is closed (open) for each closed (open) subset B of E . Recall that, if E is compact metric and G has closed values, then G is continuous iff G is both upper and lower semicontinuous. If the multifunction G is from T to E instead of from X to E , then G is *measurable (weakly measurable)* iff $G^{-1}(B)$ is μ -measurable for each closed (open) subset B of E .

THEOREM. With T, X, E as above, let $F: T \times X \rightarrow E$ be a multifunction such that $t \rightarrow F(t, x)$ defines a measurable multifunction for each $x \in X$, and $x \rightarrow F(t, x)$ defines a continuous multifunction for each $t \in T$. Then for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed subset T_ε of T such that $\mu(T - T_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ and $F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ is lower semicontinuous. If, in

addition, F is assumed to have closed values, then $F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ has closed graph and is lower semicontinuous. (If F has compact values, then $F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ is continuous [C-1, Remark 2].)

PROOF. Let ρ be the totally bounded metric for E given by Theorem 1. It follows easily that the inclusion map $(S(E), H_d) \subset (S(E), H_\rho)$, where H_d, H_ρ are the Hausdorff pseudometrics defined by d, ρ , respectively, is continuous, in fact, uniformly continuous with the same modulus of uniform continuity as the inclusion $(E, d) \subset (E, \rho)$. Thus if E is metrized by ρ , it remains true that $F: T \times X \rightarrow E$ is measurable in t and continuous in x . For the remainder of the proof we assume that E is metrized by ρ . The argument is the same as in [HV, Theorem 1], but we include it here for completeness.

Let \bar{E} be the completion of E and define $\bar{F}: T \times X \rightarrow \bar{E}$ by $\bar{F}(t, x) = \overline{F(t, x)}$, where here and throughout this proof all closures are with respect to \bar{E} . Note that \bar{E} is compact metric.

Then \bar{F} is weakly measurable (and hence measurable, by [C-2, Theorem 1.1]) in t for each x , since for each open subset B of \bar{E} , we have

$$\{t | \overline{F(t, x)} \cap B \neq \emptyset\} = \{t | F(t, x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Also $\bar{F}(t, x)$ is continuous in x for each t with respect to the Hausdorff metric \bar{H}_ρ on the set $\mathcal{C}(\bar{E})$ of all non-empty compact subsets of \bar{E} , since $\bar{H}_\rho(\overline{F(t, x)}, \overline{F(t, y)}) = H_\rho(F(t, x), F(t, y))$.

It follows by [C-1, Theorem] that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed subset T_ε of T such that $\mu(T - T_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ and $\bar{F}|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ is continuous in t and x jointly. Equivalently, $\bar{F}|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}: T_\varepsilon \times X \rightarrow \bar{E}$ is both upper and lower semicontinuous.

But lower semicontinuity for $\bar{F}|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ is equivalent to lower semicontinuity for $F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$: So $F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ is lower semicontinuous.

Finally, if F has closed values, then $\text{Graph } F|_{T_\varepsilon \times X} = (T_\varepsilon \times X \times E) \cap \text{Graph } \bar{F}|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$, and the latter set is closed since $\bar{F}|_{T_\varepsilon \times X}$ is upper semicontinuous.

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