

UPPER QUASI CONTINUOUS MAPS AND  
QUASI CONTINUOUS SELECTIONS

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*Abstract.* The paper deals with the existence of a quasi continuous selection of a multifunction for which upper inverse image of any open set with compact complement contains a set of the form  $(G \setminus I) \cup J$ , where  $G$  is open and  $I, J$  are from a given ideal. The methods are based on the properties of a minimal multifunction which is generated by a cluster process with respect to a system of subsets of the form  $(G \setminus I) \cup J$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The upper and lower semi continuity, their generalizations and the problem of finding a desirable selection are intensively studied in the theory of multifunctions and they play crucial role in many applications. Recall that a multifunction  $F$  is upper semi continuous/lower semi continuous (briefly usc/lsc), if  $F^+(V) = \{x: F(x) \subset V\}/F^-(V) = \{x \in X: F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$  is open for any open set  $V$ . In the paper we will be interested in searching a quasi continuous selection. For this goal the upper semi continuity is too strong and the existence of a quasi continuous selection has been studied in a series of papers [1], [9], [10] for more general continuity. Perhaps the most general technic was presented in [1] based on Zorn's lemma. Namely, a compact valued upper Baire continuous multifunction (definition is below) acting from an arbitrary topological space into a regular  $T_1$ -space has a quasi continuous selection. Compactness of the values is necessary. A multifunction from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $F(x) = \{1/x\}$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $F(0) = \mathbb{R}$  is upper Baire continuous (even usc) without a quasi continuous selection. The multifunction  $F$  above has closed graph which

is closely connected to  $c$ -upper semi continuity. Namely,  $F$  is  $c$ -usc ( $c$ -upper semi continuous), if  $F^+(V)$  is open for any open set  $V$  with compact complement (see [5], [7], [12]). The dual notion of  $c$ -lower semi continuity, briefly  $c$ -lsc, means that  $F^-(V)$  is open for any open set  $V$  with compact complement. From the continuity point of view,  $c$ -lower semi continuity has very nice behavior. Under reasonable conditions,  $c$ -lower semi continuity of  $F$  guarantees lower semi continuity of  $F$  except for a nowhere dense set [5]. On the other hand,  $c$ -upper semi continuity is rather strange. Namely, a  $c$ -upper semi continuous multifunction need not be usc/lsc at any point. An example can be found in [5]. The question if a  $c$ -upper semi continuous multifunction has a selection (submultifunction) which is quasi continuous (minimal usco) except for a nowhere dense set is the main stimulation for our investigation (see Theorem 4). Moreover,  $c$ -upper semi continuity will be replaced by  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity (see Definition 2) which seems to be suitable for finding a selection being quasi continuous except for a nowhere dense set. It is more general than the notion of  $c$ -upper semi continuity and closedness of graph, even than the upper Baire continuity, and on the other hand it still leads to reasonable results. The notion of  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity (formally derived from the upper quasi continuity) is based on a family  $\mathcal{E} \subset 2^X \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and the results obtained flexibly depend on a specification of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

## 2. BASIC DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In the sequel  $X, Y$  are topological spaces. By  $\overline{A}$ ,  $A^\circ$  we denote the closure and the interior of  $A$ , respectively. A  $\sigma$ -compact space  $Y$  (i.e.,  $Y = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$ , where  $C_n$  are compact) is understood to be Hausdorff. By a multifunction  $F$  we understand a subset of the cartesian product  $X \times Y$  with the values  $\{y \in Y : [x, y] \in F\} =: F(x)$  (it can be empty valued at some points). For a multifunction  $F$  and a set  $C \subset Y$ ,  $F \cap C$  denotes the multifunction with the values  $F(x) \cap C$ . By  $\text{Dom}(F)$ , we denote the domain of  $F$ , i.e., the set of all arguments  $x$  at which  $F(x)$  is non-empty. A function  $f$  is understood as a special multifunction with values  $\{f(x)\}$ ,  $x \in \text{Dom}(f)$ . For a function  $f$ , we will prefer traditional notation of its values as  $f(x)$ .

A multifunction can be considered as a set-valued mapping from its domain to  $Y$  denoted as  $F: A \rightarrow Y$ , where  $A = \text{Dom}(F)$ . Then the set  $\{[x, y] \in A \times Y : y \in F(x)\}$  is the graph of  $F$ . In the paper, we identify the mapping with its graph.

A multifunction  $F$  is bounded on a set  $A$  if  $F(A) := \bigcup\{F(x) : x \in A\}$  is a subset of some compact set, and  $F$  is locally bounded at  $x$  if there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and a compact set  $C$  such that  $F(U) \subset C$ . If  $S \subset F$ , then  $S$  is called a submultifunction of  $F$ . A function  $f$  is a selection of a multifunction  $F$ , if  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in \text{Dom}(f) = \text{Dom}(F)$ . If  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in A \subset \text{Dom}(f)$ ,

then  $f$  is called a selection of  $F$  on a set  $A$ . A multifunction  $F$  is usco, if  $F(x)$  is compact and  $F$  is usc at  $x$  for all  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ .

Any non-empty system  $\mathcal{E} \subset 2^X \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  will be called a cluster system. For some special cluster systems we will use a special notation. For example,  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B}r$  is a cluster system containing all non-empty open sets or all sets being of second category with the Baire property, respectively. For an ideal  $\mathbb{I}$  on  $X$ , put  $\mathcal{E}_\mathbb{I} = \{(G \setminus S) \cup T\}$  where  $S, T \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $G$  is open such that none of its non-empty open subsets is from  $\mathbb{I}$ .

The next two definitions introduce the notion of an  $\mathcal{E}$ -cluster point and an upper  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity ( $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity), as a basic tool for investigation of the properties of multifunctions. In this form it was studied for the first time in [9], later in [10] and for the functions in [3]. Formally, upper  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity (see Definition 2 below) is motivated by the notion of the upper quasi continuity, which is a special case of our approach.

**Definition 1.** A point  $y \in Y$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -cluster point of  $F$  at a point  $x$ , if for any open sets  $V \ni y$  and  $U \ni x$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset U$  such that  $F(e) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $e \in E$ . The set of all  $\mathcal{E}$ -cluster points of  $F$  at  $x$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{E}_F(x)$ . A multifunction  $\mathcal{E}_F$  with the values  $\mathcal{E}_F(x)$  is called  $\mathcal{E}$ -cluster multifunction of  $F$ .

**Definition 2.** A multifunction  $F$  is  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$  ( $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous), if for any open sets  $V, U$  ( $Y \setminus V$  is compact) such that  $F(x) \subset V$  and  $x \in U$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  such that  $F(e) \subset V$  for any  $e \in E$ . The global definition is given by the local one at any point of  $\text{Dom}(F)$ . Notation “ $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity” is derived from the notion of  $c$ -upper semi continuity (see [5], [7]).

Since a function is a special case of a multifunction when upper and lower inverse images coincide, we will say that  $f$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous,  $c$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous, respectively. It is evident that if  $f$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x$ , then  $f(x) \in \mathcal{E}_f(x)$ . For the system  $\mathcal{O}$  we have the notion of upper quasi continuity/ $c$ -upper quasi continuity, which is intensively studied, see a survey [13]. A few new characterizations of quasi continuity have been studied in [11]. A  $u$ - $\mathcal{B}r$ -continuous multifunction is called upper Baire continuous and this is one of the most general notions of continuity which guarantees the existence of a quasi continuous selection, see [1], [9], [10].

It can happen that some open sets need not contain a set from a given cluster system  $\mathcal{E}$ . Avoiding such case we can enlarge  $\mathcal{E}$  by some reasonable sets, for example by open ones. That is the case of the cluster system  $\mathcal{E}_\mathbb{I}$  above, which is of our main interest. So we will deal with a cluster system  $\mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}_\mathbb{I}$  and the continuity introduced in Definition 2 can be considered as the local definition of measurability, i.e.,  $F^+(V) \cap U$  contains a set of the form  $(G \setminus S) \cup T$  ( $G$  is open,  $S, T \in \mathbb{I}$ ) whenever  $F^+(V) \cap U$  is non-empty. For example, a compact valued multifunction  $F$  acting from a Baire

space to a metric one has the Baire property if and only if  $F$  is  $u\text{-}\mathcal{E}_\mathbb{I}$ -continuous except for a set of first category, where  $\mathbb{I}$  is the ideal of all sets of first category (see [10]).

Now we give a definition which is a natural generalization of a minimal multifunction ([2], [6], [8]) and in this form has been studied in [11].

**Definition 3.** A multifunction  $F$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -minimal at a point  $x$ , if  $F(x)$  is non-empty and for any open sets  $U, V$  such that  $U \ni x$  and  $V \cap F(x) \neq \emptyset$  there is a set  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$ . The global definition is given by the local one at any point from  $\text{Dom}(F)$ . It is evident that any selection of an  $\mathcal{E}$ -minimal multifunction is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous.

**Lemma 1** (see also [4]). *For any net  $\{x_t\}$  converging to  $x$  and  $y_t \in \mathcal{E}_F(x_t)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_F(x)$  contains all accumulation points of the net  $\{y_t\}$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{E}_F$  has a closed graph and closed values.*

*Proof.* Let  $y$  be an accumulation point of  $\{y_t\}$ . Then for any open sets  $V \ni y$  and  $U \ni x$  there are frequently given indexes  $t'$  such that  $x_{t'} \in U$  and  $y_{t'} \in V \cap \mathcal{E}_F(x_{t'})$ . Hence there is  $E \in \mathcal{E}, E \subset U$  such that  $F(e) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $e \in E$ . That means  $y \in \mathcal{E}_F(x)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Since  $\mathcal{E}_F$  has a closed graph,  $\mathcal{E}_F^-(K)$  is closed for any compact set  $K$  or equivalently,  $\mathcal{E}_F^+(G)$  is open for any open  $G$  with compact complement in  $Y$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{E}_F$  is  $c$ -upper semi continuous. Consequently, if  $\mathcal{E}_F^-(K)$  is dense in an open set  $G$ , then  $G \subset \mathcal{E}_F^-(K)$ , so  $\mathcal{E}_F$  is non-empty valued on  $G$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $Y$  be Hausdorff.*

- (1) *If  $F(x)$  is closed,  $F$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x$  and  $S$  is usco at  $x$ , then  $F \cap S$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x$  provided  $F \cap S$  is non-empty on some neighborhood of  $x$ .*
- (2) *If  $F$  is locally bounded and  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x$ , then  $F$  is  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x$ .*

*Proof.* 1. Let  $G \supset F(x) \cap S(x)$  be open with compact complement and let  $W$  be open containing  $x$ . Then  $S(x)$  is disjoint with  $F(x) \setminus G$  and since  $S(x)$  is compact, there are two disjoint open sets  $G_1 \supset S(x)$  and  $G_2 \supset F(x) \setminus G$ . The complement of  $G \cup G_2$  is compact,  $G \cup G_2 \supset F(x)$  and by virtue of usc of  $S$  and  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity of  $F$ , there is an open set  $U \subset W$  containing  $x$  and there is  $E \in \mathcal{E}, E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  such that  $F(E) \subset G \cup G_2$  and  $S(U) \subset G_1$ . Then  $F(E) \cap S(E) \subset (G \cup G_2) \cap G_1 \subset (G \cup G_2) \cap (Y \setminus G_2) \subset G$ . So  $F \cap S$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous.

2.  $F$  is a locally bounded multifunction, so there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and a compact set  $K$  such that  $F(U) \subset K$ . Let  $H \supset F(x)$ , let  $H$  be open and  $U_0 \subset U$  open containing  $x$ . Since the complement of  $(Y \setminus K) \cup H$  is compact, there is a set  $E \subset U_0 \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  such that  $F(E) \subset (Y \setminus K) \cup H$ . So  $F(E) = F(E) \cap ((Y \setminus K) \cup H) = F(E) \cap H$ , which means  $F(E) \subset H$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $Y$  be Hausdorff and  $F$  compact valued (it can be empty valued at some points)  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous. Then  $F$  has a  $c$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous selection.*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the family of all  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous non-empty compact valued submultifunctions of  $F$  which is partially ordered by inclusion. It is non-empty, since  $F \in \mathcal{M}$ . For any linearly ordered subfamily  $\mathcal{M}_0$ , a multifunction  $M_0(x) := \bigcap \{M(x) : M \in \mathcal{M}_0\}$  is a non-empty compact valued submultifunction of  $F$ , and for any open sets  $V \supset M_0(x)$ ,  $Y \setminus V$  compact, and  $U$  containing  $x$  there is  $M \in \mathcal{M}_0$  such that  $M(x) \subset V$ . By the  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity of  $M$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset \text{Dom}(M) \cap U \cap M^+(V)$ , hence for any  $e \in E$  we have  $M_0(e) \subset M(e) \subset V$ . That means  $M_0$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous and  $\mathcal{M}$  has a minimal element  $M_m$  with respect to inclusion. Now we will prove that  $M_m$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -minimal with respect to co-compact topology on  $Y$  given by all open sets with compact complement. If not at  $a \in \text{Dom}(M_m)$ , there is an open set  $V$  intersecting  $M_m(a)$ ,  $Y \setminus V$  compact and an open set  $U$  containing  $a$  such that for any  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(M_m)$  from  $\mathcal{E}$  there is a point  $e \in E$  such that  $M_m(e)$  is not a subset of  $V$ . Since  $M_m$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous, hence for all  $u \in U \cap \text{Dom}(M_m)$ ,  $M_m(u)$  is not a subset of  $V$ . Define a multifunction  $N$  as  $N(x) := M_m(x)$  if  $x \in \text{Dom}(M_m) \setminus U$  and  $N(x) := M_m(x) \cap (Y \setminus V)$  if  $x \in U \cap \text{Dom}(M_m)$ . Then  $N$  is a non-empty compact valued submultifunction of  $F$ . We will show that  $N$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous. If  $x \in \text{Dom}(M_m) \setminus U$  there is nothing to prove. Let  $x \in U \cap \text{Dom}(M_m)$ ,  $N(x) \subset W$ , let  $Y \setminus W$  be compact,  $x \in H \subset U$  and  $H, W$  be open. Then  $M_m(x) \subset V \cup W$  and by the  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity of  $M_m$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset H \cap \text{Dom}(M_m)$  such that  $M_m(e) \subset V \cup W$  for any  $e \in E$ . That means  $N(e) \subset W$  for any  $e \in E$ . Hence  $N \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $N(a)$  is a proper subset of  $M_m(a)$ , a contradiction with the minimality of  $M_m$ . Finally, since  $M_m$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -minimal with respect to the co-compact topology, any selection of  $M_m$  is  $c$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** In a similar way we can prove the next result: If  $Y$  is Hausdorff and  $F$  is compact valued  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous, then  $F$  has an  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous selection. For  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}r$  it was proved in [1].

**Definition 4.** A multifunction is partially  $\mathcal{E}$ -bounded if for any non-empty open set  $G$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset G$  and a compact set  $C$  such that  $F(e) \cap C \neq \emptyset$  for any  $e \in E$ . Hence, a multifunction  $F \cap C$  is bounded on  $E$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $Y$  be Hausdorff,  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}_1$  and let  $F$  defined on  $X$  (i.e.,  $X = \text{Dom}(F)$ ) be closed valued and  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous. Then  $F$  is partially  $\mathcal{E}$ -bounded if and only if  $F$  has a selection which is both locally bounded and  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous except for a nowhere dense set.*

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$  We will prove that for any non-empty open set  $G$  there is a non-empty open set  $G_0 \subset G$  and a compact set  $C$  such that  $F \cap C$  is non-empty valued on  $G_0$ .

By assumption, there are a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset G$  and a compact set  $C$  such that

$$(*) \quad F(e) \cap C \neq \emptyset \text{ for any } e \in E.$$

There are two possibilities. Either the set  $E$  is open ( $E \in \mathcal{O}$ ) or  $E = (G_0 \setminus I) \cup J$  ( $E \in \mathcal{E}_1$ ), where  $G$  is open and  $I, J \in \mathbb{I}$  and no non-empty open subset of  $G_0$  is from  $\mathbb{I}$ . First, if  $E$  is open, we can put  $G_0 = E$ . Secondly, if  $E = (G_0 \setminus I) \cup J$ , we will show that  $F(x) \cap C \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in G_0$ . If  $F(x) \cap C = \emptyset$  for some  $x \in G_0$ , then by the  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity there is  $E' \subset G_0 \cap \text{Dom}(F)$ ,  $E' \in \mathcal{E}$ , such that  $F(E') \subset Y \setminus C$ . If  $E'$  is open, then  $E'$  is not from  $\mathbb{I}$ , so  $\emptyset \neq E' \setminus I \subset G_0 \setminus I \subset E$ , a contradiction with (\*). If  $E' = (G' \setminus I') \cup J' \in \mathcal{E}_1$ , then  $E'$  is not from  $\mathbb{I}$  either, and  $G' \cap G_0$  is non-empty (otherwise,  $E' = E' \cap G_0 \subset (G' \cap G_0) \cup (J' \cap G_0) = J' \cap G_0 \in \mathbb{I}$ , a contradiction), so there is a point  $a \in G' \cap G_0 \setminus (I' \cup I) \subset E' \cap E$ . Hence  $F(a) \subset Y \setminus C$  and  $F(a) \cap C \neq \emptyset$  (see (\*)), a contradiction. That means that in both cases  $F \cap C$  is a multifunction which is non-empty valued on  $G_0$ .

By Lemma 2 (1),  $F \cap C$  is non-empty compact valued and  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous on  $G_0$  and by Theorem 1,  $F \cap C$  has a  $c$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous selection  $f_{G_0}$  on  $G_0$ . Again,  $f_{G_0}$  is bounded, so it is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous by Lemma 2 (2).

We have proved for any non-empty open set  $G$  there is a non-empty open set  $G_0 \subset G$  such that  $F$  has a selection that is both bounded and  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous on  $G_0$ .

Using Zorn's lemma, we can prove the existence of an open set  $H$  and a function  $f: H \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f$  is both locally bounded and  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous and  $X \setminus H$  is nowhere dense. So, a function  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $g = f$  on  $H$  and  $g(x) \in F(x)$  for  $x \in X \setminus H$  is a desirable selection.

The converse implication is obvious. □

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

Global  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity on an open set has a very interesting feature. For some cluster systems, global  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity of the functions implies quasi continuity. It is the case when  $Y$  is regular and  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}_1$  (see the next theorem or Corollary 1). But in multifunction setting the two notions are different as we can see from the multifunction  $F$  defined as  $F(x) = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ , if  $x$  is rational and  $F(x) = \{0\}$  otherwise. It is  $u$ - $\mathcal{B}r$ -continuous but not upper quasi continuous. This is a nice methodological feature of the upper Baire continuity, when a more general continuity of a multifunction guarantees a stronger continuity of a selection, see [1], [9], [10].

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose that the interior of  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}_f)$  is non-empty, where  $f$  is an arbitrary function. If  $Y$  is a regular topological space, then  $\mathcal{E}_f$  is  $\mathcal{O}$ -minimal on the interior of  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}_f)$  provided  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}_1$ .*

**Proof.** Recall that no  $E \in \mathcal{E}_1$  is from  $\mathbb{1}$ . If not at  $x \in (\text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}_f))^\circ$ , there are the open sets  $U \ni x$ ,  $V$  and a set  $A \subset U \subset (\text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}_f))^\circ$  dense in  $U$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_f(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{E}_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V}) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $a \in A$ . Let  $y \in \mathcal{E}_f(x) \cap V$ . Then there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E \subset U$  such that  $f(E) \subset V$ .

First, suppose that the set  $E$  is of the form  $E = (G \setminus S) \cup T \in \mathcal{E}_1$ , where  $G$  is open and  $S, T \in \mathbb{1}$ . Then the intersection  $G \cap U \neq \emptyset$  (otherwise  $E \subset (G \cap U) \cup (T \cap U) = T \cap U \in \mathbb{1}$ , a contradiction) so there is a point  $a \in A \cap G \cap U$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V}) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick up  $z \in \mathcal{E}_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V})$ . Then there is a set  $E_0 \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E_0 \subset G \cap U$  such that  $f(E_0) \subset Y \setminus \overline{V}$  and  $E_0$  is of the form  $E_0 = (G_0 \setminus S_0) \cup T_0 \in \mathcal{E}_1$ , where  $G_0$  is open and  $S_0, T_0 \in \mathbb{1}$  or  $E_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ . In the first case, the intersection  $G \cap U \cap G_0 \neq \emptyset$  (otherwise  $E_0 = G \cap U \cap ((G_0 \setminus S_0) \cup T_0) \subset (G \cap U \cap G_0) \cup (G \cap U \cap T_0) = G \cap U \cap T_0 \in \mathbb{1}$ , a contradiction), hence  $G \cap U \cap G_0 \setminus (S \cup S_0)$  is not from  $\mathbb{1}$  and there is a point  $e \in G \cap U \cap G_0 \setminus (S \cup S_0) \subset E$ , so  $f(e) \in V$ . On the other hand,  $e \in E_0$ , so  $f(e) \in Y \setminus \overline{V}$ , a contradiction. In the second case, when  $E_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $E_0 = E_0 \cap G \cap U$  is a non-empty open subset of  $G$ , so  $E_0$  is not from  $\mathbb{1}$  and there is a point  $e \in E_0 \setminus S$  for which  $f(e) \in Y \setminus \overline{V}$ . Since  $E_0 \subset G$ , we have  $e \in E$  and  $f(e) \in V$ , a contradiction.

Secondly suppose, the set  $E$  is open subset of  $U$ . Then there is a point  $a \in A \cap E$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V}) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick up  $z \in \mathcal{E}_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V})$ . Then there is a set  $E_0 \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $E_0 \subset E$  such that  $f(E_0) \subset Y \setminus \overline{V}$  but  $f(E) \subset V$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $Y$  be regular and  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}_1$ . If a function  $f$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous on an open set  $H$ , then  $f$  is quasi continuous on  $H$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous,  $f(h) \in \mathcal{E}_f(h)$  for any  $h \in H$  and by the above theorem,  $\mathcal{E}_f$  is  $\mathcal{O}$ -minimal on  $H$ . Then any of its selections is quasi continuous, hence  $f$  is also quasi continuous.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $Y$  be  $T_1$ -regular and  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{E}_1$ . If a closed valued multifunction  $F$  defined on  $X$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous and partially  $\mathcal{E}$ -bounded, then  $F$  has a selection which is quasi continuous except for a nowhere dense set.*

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $Y$  be a  $\sigma$ -compact regular space and let  $F$  be a closed valued multifunction with  $\text{Dom}(F) = X$ . Each of the following conditions ensures the existence of a selection of  $F$  which is both locally bounded and quasi continuous except for a nowhere dense set.*

- (1)  $F$  is  $c$ -upper Baire continuous.
- (2)  $X$  is Baire and  $F$  is  $c$ -upper quasi continuous.

Moreover, if  $X$  is Baire and  $F$  is  $c$ -usc, then  $F$  has a non-empty valued submultifunction which is both locally bounded and  $\mathcal{O}$ -minimal usco except for a nowhere dense set.

*Proof.* (1) Since  $F$  is  $c$ -upper Baire continuous,  $X$  is Baire. We will show  $F^+(V)$  has the Baire property for any open set  $V$  with compact complement. If not, there is an open set  $U$  such that both the sets  $X_0 := F^+(V)$  and  $X \setminus X_0$  are of second category at any point from  $U$ . Let  $x \in X_0 \cap U$ . By the  $c$ -upper Baire continuity there is  $E \in \mathcal{B}_r$ ,  $E \subset U$  such that  $F(E) \subset V$ . Since  $E$  is of second category with the Baire property,  $E = (G \setminus I) \cup J$  for some  $G$  open and  $I, J$  of first category and  $G \cap U \neq \emptyset$  (otherwise  $E = ((G \setminus I) \cup J) \cap U = ((G \setminus I) \cap U) \cup (J \cap U) = J \cap U$  is of first category). The set  $X \setminus X_0$  is of second category at any point from  $U$ , so  $((G \cap U \cap (X \setminus X_0)) \setminus I$  is of second category, that means there is a point  $e \in ((G \cap U \cap (X \setminus X_0)) \setminus I \subset E$ . So  $F(e) \not\subset V$ , a contradiction with  $F(E) \subset V$ .

Let  $Y = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} C_k$ , let  $C_k$  be compact and  $G$  non-empty open. Since  $G \subset \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} F^-(C_k)$ , there is  $m$  such that  $F^-(C_m) = X \setminus F^+(Y \setminus C_m)$  has the Baire property and is of second category, so  $F$  is partially  $\mathcal{B}r$ -bounded. By Theorem 2 and Corollary 1,  $F$  has a desirable selection.

(2) Since  $X$  is Baire,  $F$  is also  $c$ -upper Baire continuous and the proof follows from item (1).

Moreover, suppose  $X$  is Baire and  $F$  is  $c$ -usc. Hence  $F$  is  $c$ -upper Baire continuous and by item (2),  $F$  has a selection  $f$  which is quasi continuous and locally bounded on an open dense set  $H$ . Put  $F_0 = \mathcal{B}r_f$ . That means  $f(h) \in F(h) \cap F_0(h)$  for all  $h \in H$ . It is clear that  $F_0$  is both locally bounded and with closed graph, so it is usco on  $H$  and  $F_0$  is  $\mathcal{O}$ -minimal on  $H$ . Hence for any  $x \in H$  there is an open  $U_0$  containing  $x$  such that  $F_0(U_0) \subset C$ , where  $C$  is compact. We will show that  $F_0(x) \subset F(x)$ . If not, there is a point  $y \in F_0(x) \setminus F(x)$  and there are two disjoint open sets  $V \supset F(x)$  and  $W \ni y$  such that  $\overline{W} \cap V = \emptyset$  (we use regularity of  $Y$  and the closed values of  $F$ ).



A set  $C \cap \overline{W}$  is non-empty compact and disjoint with  $F(x)$  and since  $F$  is  $c$ -usc, there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \subset U_0$  such that  $F(U) \subset Y \setminus (C \cap \overline{W})$ . Since  $F_0$  is minimal, there is a non-empty open set  $H_0 \subset U$  such that  $F_0(H_0) \subset W$ . Hence  $F_0(H_0) \subset C \cap \overline{W}$ . So  $F$  and  $F_0$  have disjoint values on  $H_0$ , a contradiction with the fact that  $f(h) \in F(h) \cap F_0(h)$  for all  $h \in H$ . Defining  $G$  as  $G(x) = F_0(x)$  if  $x \in H$  and  $G(x)$  an arbitrary non-empty subset of  $F(x)$  if  $x \in X \setminus H$  we obtain a desirable submultifunction of  $F$ .  $\square$

As we have mentioned, by [5] there is a multifunction  $F$  which is  $c$ -usc but not usc/lsc at any point. The question is, if there is some reasonable “small” or “big” submultifunction of  $F$ . A “small” variant is given in Theorem 4 by proving the existence of a submultifunction which is both  $\mathcal{O}$ -minimal usco and locally bounded except for a nowhere dense set. The open problem is a “big” variant, namely, to describe a “maximal” usco (usc, lsc) submultifunction of  $F$ . More generally, for a  $c$ -upper Baire continuous closed (compact) valued multifunction to describe its maximal submultifunction which is lower/upper quasi continuous or usco except for a nowhere dense set.

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