

## A SELECTION THEOREM FOR MULTIFUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper the following theorem is proved.  $X$  is any set,  $\mathbf{H}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$  which is  $\lambda$ -additive,  $\lambda$ -multiplicative and satisfies the  $\lambda$ -WRP for some cardinal  $\lambda > \aleph_0$ . Suppose  $Y$  is a regular Hausdorff space of topological weight  $\leq \lambda$  such that given any family of open sets, there is a subfamily of cardinality  $< \lambda$  with the same union. Let  $F: X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(Y)$ , where  $\mathbf{C}(Y)$  is the family of nonempty compact subsets of  $Y$ , satisfy  $\{x: F(x) \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  for any closed subset  $C$  of  $Y$ . Then  $F$  admits a  $(\mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c)_\lambda$ -measurable selector.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $X$  be any set,  $\mathbf{H}$  a family of subsets of  $X$  and  $\tau$  any cardinal. We say that  $\mathbf{H}$  is  $\tau$ -additive ( $\tau$ -multiplicative) if whenever  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha < \beta\} \subseteq \mathbf{H}$ , where  $\beta < \tau$ ,  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} A_\alpha (\bigcap_{\alpha < \beta} A_\alpha) \in \mathbf{H}$ .  $\mathbf{H}^c$  is the family of subsets of  $X$  whose complements belong to  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_\tau$  is the smallest  $\tau$ -additive family containing  $\mathbf{H}$ .  $\mathbf{H}$  is said to satisfy the  $\tau$ -weak reduction principle ( $\tau$ -WRP) if given  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha < \beta\} \subseteq \mathbf{H}$ , such that  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} A_\alpha = X$ , where  $\beta < \tau$ , there exists a pairwise disjoint family of sets  $\{B_\alpha: \alpha < \beta\} \subseteq \mathbf{H}$  satisfying  $B_\alpha \subseteq A_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$  and  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} B_\alpha = X$ .  $\aleph_0$  and  $\aleph_1$  are used to denote the first infinite ordinal and the first uncountable ordinal respectively. (Note that cardinals are considered as initial ordinals.)

If  $X$  is any set,  $\mathbf{H}$  a family of subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$  a topological space, then a function  $f$  on  $X$  into  $Y$  is called  $\mathbf{H}$ -measurable if  $f^{-1}(U) \in \mathbf{H}$  for every open subset  $U$  of  $Y$ .  $f$  is called a selector for a multifunction  $F$  on  $X$  into the family of nonempty subsets of  $Y$  if  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . If  $A \subseteq X \times Y$  for any sets  $X, Y$ , then  $A^*$  denotes the subset of  $Y$  given by  $\{y: (x, y) \in A\}$ .  $\Pi_1$  denotes the projection to the first coordinate on  $X \times Y$ .

In this paper we prove the following:

**THEOREM.** Let  $X$  be any set,  $\mathbf{H}$  a family of subsets of  $X$  which is  $\lambda$ -additive,  $\lambda$ -multiplicative and satisfies the  $\lambda$ -WRP for some cardinal  $\lambda > \aleph_0$ . Suppose  $Y$  is a regular Hausdorff space of topological weight  $\leq \lambda$  such that given any family of open sets in  $Y$ , there is a subfamily of cardinality  $< \lambda$  with the same union. Let  $F: X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(Y)$ , where  $\mathbf{C}(Y)$  is the family of nonempty compact subsets of  $Y$ , satisfy  $\{x: F(x) \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  for any closed subset  $C$  of  $Y$ . Then  $F$  admits a  $(\mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c)_\lambda$ -measurable selector.

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By putting  $\lambda = \aleph_1$  we can deduce the following theorem of Sion: Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a family of subsets of a set  $X$  and  $Y$  a regular  $T_1$  space of topological weight  $\leq \aleph_1$  such that each family of open subsets of  $Y$  admits a countable subfamily with the same union. Let  $F: X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(Y)$  be such that  $\{x: F(x) \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  for every closed set  $C$  in  $Y$ . Then  $F$  admits a  $\sigma(\mathbf{H})$ -measurable selector where  $\sigma(\mathbf{H})$  denotes the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathbf{H}$ .

**2. Proof.**

LEMMA. Let  $X, Y, \mathbf{H}$  and  $F$  be as in the theorem. Let  $\{U_\alpha: \alpha \text{ is a successor ordinal } < \lambda\}$  be an open base for  $Y$  such that  $U_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  for any  $\alpha$ . Then there exists a family  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha < \lambda\}$  of subsets of  $X \times Y$  satisfying the following:

- (i) For each  $\alpha$  and  $x, \emptyset \neq A_\alpha^x \subseteq F(x)$  and  $A_\alpha^x$  is compact.
- (ii) For each  $\alpha, \{x: A_\alpha^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  if  $C \subseteq Y$  is closed.
- (iii) If  $\alpha < \beta, A_\beta \subseteq A_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
- (iv) If  $\alpha$  is a successor ordinal, then there exists  $B_\alpha \in \mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c$  such that

$$(X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha = (B_\alpha \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha = (B_\alpha \times Y) \cap A_\alpha.$$

PROOF. We define the  $A_\alpha$ 's by induction as follows:  $A_0 = \cup_x (\{x\} \times F(x))$ . Suppose  $A_\beta$  is defined for all  $\beta < \alpha$ .

Case 1.  $\alpha = \beta + 1$  for some  $\beta$ .

For any successor ordinal  $\gamma$ , let  $D_\gamma^\beta = \{x: A_\beta^x \cap \bar{U}_\gamma \neq \emptyset\}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $D_\gamma^\beta \in \mathbf{H}$ . Now  $X - \bar{U}_{\beta+1} = \cup \{\bar{U}_\gamma: \bar{U}_\gamma \subseteq X - \bar{U}_{\beta+1}\} = \cup \{U_\gamma: \bar{U}_\gamma \subseteq X - \bar{U}_{\beta+1}\}$ . Let  $\{U_\gamma: \gamma \in \Gamma_\beta\}$  be a subfamily of  $\{U_\gamma: \bar{U}_\gamma \subseteq X - \bar{U}_{\beta+1}\}$  such that cardinality of  $\Gamma_\beta < \lambda$  and  $\cup \{U_\gamma: \gamma \in \Gamma_\beta\} = \cup \{U_\gamma: \bar{U}_\gamma \subseteq X - \bar{U}_{\beta+1}\}$ . Thus

$$\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta} U_\gamma = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta} \bar{U}_\gamma = X - \bar{U}_{\beta+1}.$$

If  $x \notin D_{\beta+1}^\beta, A_\beta^x \cap \bar{U}_{\beta+1} = \emptyset$  and hence  $A_\beta^x \cap \bar{U}_\gamma \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta$ . Hence  $x \in D_\gamma^\beta$  for some  $\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta$ . Thus  $X = D_{\beta+1}^\beta \cup \{D_\gamma^\beta: \gamma \in \Gamma_\beta\}$ . By  $\lambda$ -WRP of  $\mathbf{H}$ , find a pairwise disjoint family of sets  $B_{\beta+1}^\beta, \{B_\gamma^\beta: \gamma \in \Gamma_\beta\}$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  such that  $B_{\beta+1}^\beta \subseteq D_{\beta+1}^\beta, B_\gamma^\beta \subseteq D_\gamma^\beta$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta$  and  $B_{\beta+1}^\beta \cup \cup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta} B_\gamma^\beta = X$ . Clearly,  $B_{\beta+1}^\beta, B_\gamma^\beta \in \mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c$ .

Define

$$A_{\beta+1} = \left( (B_{\beta+1}^\beta \times \bar{U}_{\beta+1}) \cup \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta} (B_\gamma^\beta \times \bar{U}_\gamma) \right) \cap A_\beta$$

and  $B_{\beta+1} = B_{\beta+1}^\beta$ . (i), (iii) and (iv) are clearly satisfied. To check (ii), let  $C \subseteq Y$  be closed. Then  $\{x: A_{\beta+1}^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\} = \{x: x \in B_{\beta+1}^\beta \text{ and } A_\beta^x \cap \bar{U}_{\beta+1} \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \cup \cup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\beta} \{x: x \in B_\gamma^\beta \text{ and } A_\beta^x \cap \bar{U}_\gamma \cap C \neq \emptyset\}$ . As  $\mathbf{H}$  is  $\lambda$ -multiplicative (and hence  $\aleph_0$ -multiplicative) and  $\lambda$ -additive, using the induction hypothesis, we see that  $\{x: A_{\beta+1}^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$ .

Case 2.  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal.

Let  $A_\alpha = \cap_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta$ . As  $\emptyset \neq A_\beta^x \subseteq F(x)$  for  $\beta < \alpha$ , each  $A_\beta^x$  is compact

and  $\{A_\beta^x: \beta < \alpha\}$  has the finite intersection property by (iii), it follows that  $\emptyset \neq A_\alpha^x \subseteq F(x)$  and  $A_\alpha^x$  is compact. Clearly, (iii) is satisfied and (iv) does not need any verification as  $\alpha$  is not a successor ordinal.

To check (ii), let  $C \subseteq Y$  be closed.

$$\begin{aligned} \{x: A_\alpha^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\} &= \left\{x: \bigcap_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\right\} \\ &= \left\{x: \bigcap_{\beta < \alpha} (A_\beta^x \cap C) \neq \emptyset\right\} = \bigcap_{\beta < \alpha} \{x: A_\beta^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\}. \end{aligned}$$

The last equality is obtained by using the compactness of  $A_\beta^x \cap C, \beta < \alpha$ . As  $\alpha < \lambda$  and  $\{x: A_\beta^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  for  $\beta < \alpha$  by induction hypothesis,  $\{x: A_\alpha^x \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  by  $\lambda$ -multiplicativity of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

This completes the proof of the lemma.

**PROOF OF THE THEOREM.** Let  $U_\alpha, B_\alpha, \alpha$  is a successor ordinal  $< \lambda$  and  $A_\alpha, \alpha < \lambda$ , be as in the lemma. Put  $G = \bigcap_{\alpha < \lambda} A_\alpha$ .

*Step 1.*  $G$  is the graph of a function  $f$  and  $f$  is a selector for  $F$ .

By (i) and (iii),  $\emptyset \neq G^x \subseteq F(x)$  for all  $x$ . We show that for all  $x, G^x$  is a singleton. If not, let there exist points  $(x, y), (x, z)$  in  $G$  where  $y \neq z$ . Find a basic open set  $U_\alpha \subseteq Y$  such that  $y \in U_\alpha \subseteq \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq X - \{z\}$ . As  $(x, y) \in G \subseteq A_\alpha$ , it follows that  $(x, y) \in (X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha = (B_\alpha \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha, \alpha$  being a successor ordinal. Thus  $x \in B_\alpha$  and hence  $(x, z) \in (B_\alpha \times Y) \cap A_\alpha = (B_\alpha \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha$ . Therefore  $z \in \bar{U}_\alpha$  which is a contradiction. Define  $f(x) = y$  if  $\{y\} = G^x$ .

*Step 2.* We now have to show that the function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(\mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c)_\lambda$ -measurable.

Let  $V \subseteq Y$  be open.  $V = \bigcup \{\bar{U}_\alpha: \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq V\} = \bigcup \{U_\alpha: \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq V\}$ . There exists a subfamily  $\{U_\alpha: \alpha \in \Gamma\}$  of  $\{U_\alpha: \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq V\}$  such that cardinality of  $\Gamma < \lambda$  and  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} U_\alpha = V$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \bar{U}_\alpha = V$ . Hence

$$f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} f^{-1}(\bar{U}_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \left( \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap G) \right).$$

It is enough to show that  $\Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap G) \in \mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c$  for any successor ordinal  $\alpha$ .

Fix  $\alpha$ .

$$\Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap G) = \Pi_1\left((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} A_\gamma\right).$$

We first note the  $\Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} A_\gamma) = \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma)$ . Clearly,

$$\Pi_1\left((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} A_\gamma\right) \subseteq \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma).$$

Let  $x \in \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma)$ . Then for all  $\gamma < \lambda, A_\gamma^x \cap \bar{U}_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . As

$A_\gamma^x \cap \bar{U}_\alpha$  is compact for each  $\gamma < \lambda$ , using (iii), we see that  $\bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} (A_\gamma^x \cap \bar{U}_\alpha) \neq \emptyset$  so that  $x \in \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap \bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} A_\gamma)$ .

Again, using (iii), we obtain

$$\bigcap_{\gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma) = \bigcap_{\alpha < \gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma).$$

Hence  $\Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap G) = \bigcap_{\alpha < \gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma)$ . We next prove that

$$\bigcap_{\alpha < \gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma) = \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha)$$

Clearly,  $\bigcap_{\alpha < \gamma < \lambda} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma) \subseteq \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha)$ . Let

$$x \in \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha) = \Pi_1((B_\alpha \times Y) \cap A_\alpha)$$

(by (iv)). Then  $x \in B_\alpha$  and hence  $A_\alpha^x \subseteq \bar{U}_\alpha$ . If  $\alpha \leq \gamma < \lambda$ ,  $\emptyset \neq A_\gamma^x \subseteq A_\alpha^x \subseteq \bar{U}_\alpha$  so that  $A_\gamma^x \cap \bar{U}_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \in \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\gamma)$  for  $\alpha \leq \gamma < \lambda$ .

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap G) &= \Pi_1((X \times \bar{U}_\alpha) \cap A_\alpha) \\ &= \Pi_1((B_\alpha \times Y) \cap A_\alpha) = B_\alpha \in \mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c. \end{aligned}$$

**COROLLARY.** *If  $X, Y, \mathbf{H}$  are as in the theorem and if  $F: X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(Y)$  is such that  $\{x: F(x) \cap U \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$  for any open  $U \subseteq Y$ , then  $F$  admits a  $(\mathbf{H} \cap \mathbf{H}^c)_\lambda$ -measurable selector.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\{U_\alpha: \alpha < \lambda\}$  be a base for  $Y$  consisting of nonempty open sets and let  $C \subseteq Y$  be closed. Then  $Y - C = \bigcup \{\bar{U}_\alpha: \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq Y - C\} = \bigcup \{U_\alpha: \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq Y - C\}$ . Let  $\{U_\alpha: \alpha \in \Gamma\}$  be a subfamily of  $\{U_\alpha: \bar{U}_\alpha \subseteq Y - C\}$  which has cardinality  $< \lambda$  and satisfying  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} U_\alpha = Y - C$ . Clearly,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \bar{U}_\alpha = Y - C$ .

Now as  $F(x)$  is compact,  $F(x) \subseteq Y - C$  if and only if there exist  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \Gamma$  such that  $F(x) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{\alpha_i} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{U}_{\alpha_i} \subseteq Y - C$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \{x: F(x) \subseteq Y - C\} &= \bigcup_n \bigcup_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)} \left\{ x: F(x) \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^n \bar{U}_{\alpha_i}^c = \emptyset \right\} \\ &\in ((\mathbf{H}^c)_\lambda)_{\aleph_1} = (\mathbf{H}^c)_\lambda = \mathbf{H}^c \end{aligned}$$

as  $\mathbf{H}$  is  $\lambda$ -multiplicative. Hence  $\{x: F(x) \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathbf{H}$ . Now we can invoke the theorem.

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