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ON MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS  
 SATISFYING THE CONDITION  $T(F_T) = F_T$

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Let  $X$  be a nonvoid set and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a multivalued mapping. Let

$F_T = \{x \in X : x \in T(x)\}$ , respectively

$(SF)_T = \{x \in X : T(x) = \{x\}\}$

denote the fixed point set, respectively the strict fixed point set of  $T$ .

For the multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  we consider the graph

$G(T) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : y \in T(x)\}$

which may be regarded as a relation on  $X$ . The properties of the relations are exposed, for example, in [1].

It is obvious that any function  $f : X \rightarrow X$  satisfies the equality  $f(F_f) = F_f$ . In the paper [2], I.A.Rus shows that there are multivalued mappings which have not this property, but any multivalued mapping having only strict fixed points ( $F_T = (SF)_T$ ) verifies the condition  $T(F_T) = F_T$  (Lemma 4.1). The Problem 4.1[2] asks what are the conditions under which the set  $F_T$  is fixed for a multivalued mapping  $T$ .

In the sequel we give sufficient conditions for the equality  $T(F_T) = F_T$  holds and then we study some properties of a multivalued mapping  $\tilde{T}$  induced by the given  $T$ .

For the set  $X \neq \emptyset$  we denote

$I_X : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $I_X(x) = \{x\}$  for any  $x \in X$

$$\Delta_X = G(I_X) = \{(x, x) \in X \times X : x \in X\},$$

and for the multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$

$$\text{dom } T = \{x \in X : T(x) \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$\text{Im } T = \{y \in X : \text{there is } x \in X \text{ such that } y \in T(x)\}$$

$$T^{-1} : X \rightarrow X, T^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : y \in T(x)\}.$$

For a multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  the following theorem holds.

**THEOREM 1.** Let the below conditions be given

(a)  $T(F_T) \subseteq F_T$

(a')  $T(F_T) = F_T$

(a'')  $T(\text{dom}(I_X \cap T)) \subseteq \text{dom}(I_X \cap T)$

(b) for any  $x \in F_T, T(x) \subseteq \bigcap_{y \in T(x)} T(y)$

(b') for any  $x \in F_T$  and  $z \in T(x)$ , it follows  $T(x) \subseteq T(z)$

(c)  $G(T)$  is a symmetrical and transitive relation

(d)  $G(T)$  is a reflexive relation

(e)  $F_T = (SF)_T.$

The following implications are true

$$(d) \Rightarrow (a) \Leftrightarrow (a') \Leftrightarrow (a'')$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$(e) \Rightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow (b')$$

$$\uparrow$$

(c)

**Proof.**  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (a')$ . It is obvious that  $(a') \Rightarrow (a)$ ; if (a) is true, we obtain  $(a')$  because from  $x \in F_T$  we deduce  $x \in T(x)$ , so  $x \in T(F_T)$ .

$$(a) \Leftrightarrow (a''). \text{ dom}(I_X \cap T) = \{x \in X : I_X(x) \cap T(x) \neq \emptyset\} = \\ = \{x \in X : x \in T(x)\} = F_T \text{ and the equivalence holds.}$$

$(b) \Rightarrow (b')$ . Let  $x \in F_T$  and  $z \in T(x)$ . We prove that  $T(x) \subseteq T(z)$ . For any  $y \in T(x)$ , we obtain  $y \in T(x) \subseteq \bigcap_{y \in T(x)} T(y) \subseteq T(z)$ , so  $T(x) \subseteq T(z)$ .

$\subseteq T(z)$ .

(b')  $\Rightarrow$  (B). Let  $x \in F_T$  and  $z \in T(x)$ ; by (b') we have  $T(x) \subseteq T(z)$ , hence  $T(x) \subseteq \bigcap_{z \in T(x)} T(z)$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $y \in T(F_T)$ , i.e. there exists  $x \in F_T$  such that  $y \in T(x)$ . The condition (b) implies  $T(x) \subseteq \bigcap_{z \in T(x)} T(z) \subseteq T(y)$ ; but  $y \in T(x)$  and it follows  $y \in T(y)$ , hence  $y \in F_T$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (B). Let  $x \in F_T$  and  $z \in T(x)$ . We prove that for any  $y \in X$  such that  $y \in T(x)$  we have  $y \in T(z)$ . The symmetry of  $G(T)$  implies  $x \in T(y)$ ; but  $z \in T(x)$  and from the transitivity of  $G(T)$  we obtain  $z \in T(y)$ . Applying again the symmetry, we have  $y \in T(z)$  and  $T(x) \subseteq \bigcap_{z \in T(x)} T(z)$ .

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $x \in F_T = (SF)_T$ , so  $T(x) = \{x\} = \bigcap_{y \in T(x)} T(y)$  and

(b) holds.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a).  $G(T)$  being reflexive, we have  $\Delta_X \subseteq G(T)$  and it follows  $F_T = X$ ; it is obvious that  $T(F_T) \subseteq F_T$ .

We mention now some connections between the classes of multivalued mappings satisfying the conditions in Theorem 1.

**THEOREM 2.** If the graph of the multivalued mapping  $T$  satisfying (b) is a reflexive relation, it is also symmetrical and transitive.

**Proof.**  $G(T)$  being reflexive, the condition (b) is satisfied for any  $x \in X$ . Let  $x \in X$  be arbitrary and  $y \in T(x)$ . Using (b),  $x \in T(x) \subseteq T(y) \subseteq T(y)$ , so  $x \in T(y)$  and the symmetry is proved.

For the transitivity, we consider  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in T(x)$  and  $z \in T(y)$ . It follows by (b) that  $x \in T(x) \subseteq T(y) \subseteq T(z)$ , so  $x \in T(z)$ . Applying the symmetry of  $G(T)$  we obtain  $z \in T(x)$  and the proof is over.

**REMARK 1.** There is only one multivalued mapping which has only strict fixed points and a reflexive graph, namely  $I_X$ , whose graph  $\Delta_X$  is also symmetrical and transitive.

We are able now to present the relative position of the classes

of multivalued mappings involved in Theorem 1 using the diagram in Fig. 1; rectangles having the bases on the same line and the top vertexes marked with a letter stand for the classes denoted by that letter. All the regions marked by a number are nonvoid, as the following examples show.

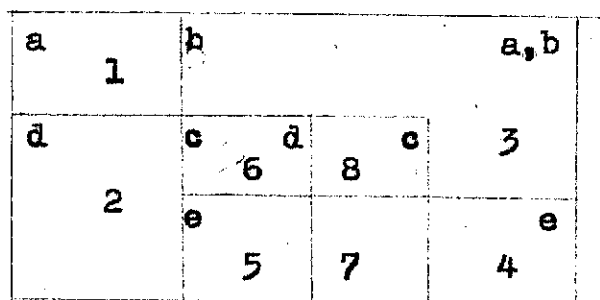


Fig. 1

**EXAMPLES.**

1. T satisfies (a), but none of (b) and (d).

$$X = R, T(x) = \begin{cases} \{0, x\}, & x \in [-1, 1] \\ \{1\}, & x \in R \setminus [-1, 1] \end{cases}$$

2. T satisfies (d), but it does not satisfy (b).

$$X = R, T(x) = \begin{cases} \{x\}, & x \neq 0 \\ \{0, 1\}, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

3. T satisfies (b), but none of (c), (e) and (d).

$$X = R, T(x) = \begin{cases} \{2\}, & x = 0 \\ \{-x, x\}, & x \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\} \\ \{0\}, & x \in R \setminus [-1, 1] \end{cases}$$

4. T satisfies (e), but none of (c) and (d).

$$X = R, T(x) = \{0, -x\}.$$

5. T satisfies (c), (d) and (e).

By Remark 1, the only multivalued mapping satisfying these conditions is  $I_X$ .

6. T satisfies (c) and (d), but it does not satisfy (e).

$$X = R, T(x) = \begin{cases} \{x\}, & x \in R \setminus \{1, 2\} \\ \{1, 2\}, & x \in \{1, 2\} \end{cases}$$

7.  $T$  satisfies (c) and (e), but it does not satisfy (d).

$$X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}, T(x) = \begin{cases} \{x\}, & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \emptyset, & x = -\infty \end{cases}$$

8.  $T$  satisfies (c), but none of (d) and (e).

$$X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}, T(x) = \begin{cases} \{-x, x\}, & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \emptyset, & x = -\infty \end{cases}$$

REMARK 2. If we consider only multivalued mappings  $T : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $X = \text{dom } T$  ( all the values of  $T$  are nonvoid ), the condition (c) implies (d).

Indeed, for any  $x \in X$  we have  $T(x) \neq \emptyset$  and we can choose  $y \in T(x)$ ; from the symmetry we obtain  $x \in T(y)$  and the transitivity of  $G(T)$  implies  $x \in T(x)$ , i.e.  $G(T)$  is reflexive.

If this is the case, the regions denoted by 7 and 8 in Fig. 1 are void and the diagram looks like this

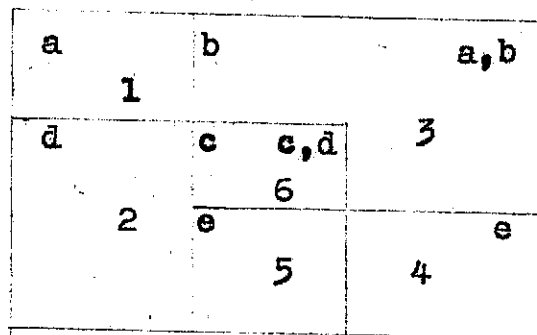


Fig. 2

It follows that a multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  with  $X = \text{dom } X$  has a symmetrical and transitive graph ( satisfies the condition (c) ) if and only if  $T$  satisfies the condition (b) and  $G(T)$  is a reflexive relation.

The condition (b) leads us to the definition of a multivalued mapping attached to  $T$ .

Let  $X$  be a nonvoid set and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a multivalued mapping. We define  $\tilde{T} : X \rightarrow X$  given by

$$\tilde{T}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigcap_{y \in T(x)} T(y), & \text{for } x \in \text{dom } T \\ X, & \text{for } x \in X \setminus \text{dom } T \end{cases}$$

In the terms of  $\tilde{T}$ , the condition (b) becomes

$$T|_{F_T} \subseteq \tilde{T}|_{F_T}.$$

If we consider a new condition

$$(f) \quad T \subseteq \tilde{T}$$

we obtain obviously that (f) implies (b).

If  $T = g : X \rightarrow X$  is a function, we have  $\tilde{g}(x) = (g \circ g)(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ ; the condition (f) is equivalent to  $g(x) = (g \circ g)(x)$  for an any  $x \in X$ , i.e. to  $\text{Im } g = F_g$ .

REMARK 3. If  $T$  is a multivalued mapping, we have only  $\tilde{T} \subseteq T \circ T$  on  $\text{dom } T$ , the inclusion being generally strict, as the following example shows. Let  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $T(x) = \{0, x\}$ ; then  $T \circ T(x) = \{0, x\} \supseteq \tilde{T}(x) = \{0\}$ , for any  $x \neq 0$ .

THEOREM 3. If  $T : X \rightarrow X$  satisfies the condition (f) we have  $\text{Im } T = F_T$ .

Proof. We have obviously  $F_T \subseteq \text{Im } T$ . Let  $y \in \text{Im } T$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $y \in T(x)$ . Applying (f), we get  $y \in T(x) \subseteq \tilde{T}(x) \subseteq T(y)$  and  $y \in F_T$ . It follows that  $\text{Im } T \subseteq F_T$ , so  $\text{Im } T = F_T$  holds.

REMARK 4. The reverse implication is not true. For the multivalued mapping  $T$  from Example 1 we have  $\text{Im } T = F_T = [-1, 1]$ , but  $T(x) = \begin{cases} \{0\}, & x \in [-1, 1] \\ \{0, 1\}, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [-1, 1] \end{cases}$ , so  $T \not\subseteq \tilde{T}$ .

The next theorem gives a condition for a point  $x \in X$  be a fixed point for  $\tilde{T}$ .

THEOREM 4. The element  $x \in X$  is a fixed point for  $\tilde{T}$  if and only if  $T(x) \subseteq T^{-1}(x)$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in X$  be a fixed point for  $\tilde{T}$ ; if  $x \in \text{dom } T$ , we have  $T(x) = \emptyset \subseteq T^{-1}(x)$ . In the case that  $x \in \text{dom } T$ ,  $T(x)$  is a nonvoid set; let  $y \in T(x)$ . It follows that  $x \in \tilde{T}(x) \subseteq T(y)$ , i.e.  $y \in T^{-1}(x)$  and we obtain again  $T(x) \subseteq T^{-1}(x)$ .

Let now  $x \in X$  be a point such that  $T(x) \subseteq T^{-1}(x)$ . If  $T(x) = \emptyset$ , we have  $T(x) = X$  and  $x$  is obviously a fixed point for  $\tilde{T}$ . But  $y$  was

arbitrary in  $T(x)$ , so  $x \in \bigcap_{y \in T(x)} T(y) = T(x)$ , hence  $x \in F_{\tilde{T}}$ .

**COROLLARY.** The fixed point set for  $\tilde{T}$  is the largest subset of  $X$  on which  $G(T)$  is symmetrical.

Proof.  $F_{\tilde{T}} = \{x \in X : T(x) \subseteq T^{-1}(x)\}$ .

**REMARK 5.** Any strict fixed point for  $T$  is also a strict fixed point for  $\tilde{T}$ . The reverse implication is not true. Indeed, for  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \{-1, 1\}, & x = 0 \\ \{0, -2\}, & x = -1 \\ \{0, 2\}, & x = 1 \\ \{x\}, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -1, 1\} \end{cases}$$

we have  $\tilde{T}(0) = T(-1) \cap T(1) = \{0\}$ , so  $0 \in (SF)_{\tilde{T}}$ , but  $0 \notin (SF)_T$ .

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