

## QUASI CONTINUOUS SELECTIONS OF UPPER BAIRE CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS

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**Abstract.** The paper deals with the existence problem of selections for a closed valued and  $\mathcal{C}$ -upper Baire continuous multifunction  $F$ . The main goal is to find a minimal *usco* multifunction intersecting  $F$  and its selection that is quasi continuous everywhere except at points of a nowhere dense set. The methods are based on properties of minimal multifunctions and a cluster multifunction generated by a cluster process with respect to the system of all sets of second category with the Baire property.

In this paper we will study the existence of a quasi continuous selection for a closed valued and upper Baire continuous multifunction  $F$ . A multifunction  $F$  is upper Baire continuous, if  $U \cap F^+(V)$  contains a set of second category with the Baire property, whenever  $U, V$  are open and  $U \cap F^+(V) \neq \emptyset$  (see Definition 2). If  $F$  is upper Baire continuous, then for any open set  $V$  the upper inverse image  $F^+(V) = \{x : F(x) \subset V\}$  is of the form  $(G \setminus S) \cup T$ , where  $G$  is of second category and open,  $S, T$  are of first category and  $T$  is a subset of the closure of  $G$ . So, this type of continuity seems to be very close to the Baire property of mappings. The upper Baire continuity has the following three nice features:

- (1) Any upper Baire continuous multifunction acting from  $X$  into a regular space with a countable basis is lower semi continuous on a residual set [7, Th. 2.1].
- (2) A compact valued multifunction  $F$  acting from a Baire space into a metric one has the Baire property (i.e.,  $F^+(T)$  has the Baire property for any closed set  $T$ ) if and only if  $F$  is upper Baire continuous everywhere except for at points of a set of first category [7, Th. 3.2].
- (3) An upper Baire continuous compact valued multifunction acting from  $X$  into a  $T_1$ -regular space has a quasi continuous selection [1].

Here, (1) deals with one of the most general generic theorems, (2) is a characterization of some global (measure) property by a local (continuity) property and the last but not least, (3) proved by Cao and Moors [1], deals likely with the most

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general sufficient conditions for the existence of a quasi continuous selection (much stronger than the first result of this kind proved in [7]). Note that the compact valuedness in (3) cannot be omitted, as shown by a multifunction  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by letting  $F(x) = \{1/x\}$  for  $x \neq 0$  and  $F(0) = \mathbb{R}$ . It can be shown that  $F$  is upper semi continuous without any quasi continuous selection, but it has a selection which is continuous everywhere except for at points of a nowhere dense set. Hence, a general question arises is: For a closed valued and  $c$ -upper Baire continuous multifunction, is there a reasonable selection/submultifunction? This is the main goal of the present paper and the answer is given in Theorem 2 and Corollary 1. Besides, we also solve the dual problem on whether a lower Baire continuous multifunction has a quasi continuous selection, see Theorem 3.

In the sequel  $X, Y$  are topological spaces,  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the reals with usual topology. By  $\bar{A}$ ,  $A^\circ$  we denote the closure, the interior of  $A$ , respectively. A space  $Y$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, if  $Y = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$ , where  $C_n$ 's are compact. By a multifunction  $F$  we understand a subset of cartesian product  $X \times Y$  and it is identified with a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  with the values  $\{y \in Y : (x, y) \in F\} =: F(x)$  (it can be empty valued at some points). So, we make no difference between a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  and its graph  $\{(x, y) : y \in F(x)\}$ . By  $\text{Dom}(F)$ , we denote the domain of  $F$ , i.e., the set of all arguments  $x$  such that  $F(x)$  is non-empty. If  $\text{Dom}(F) = A$  ( $\text{Dom}(F)$  is a dense set),  $F$  is said to be defined on  $A$  (densely defined). Further,  $F$  is locally bounded at a point  $x$ , if there is an open set  $H$  containing  $x$  and a compact set  $C$  such that  $F(H) := \bigcup\{F(x) : x \in H\} \subset C$  and it is locally bounded on a set  $A$  (bounded on  $A$ ), if it is so at any point of  $A$  ( $F(A)$  is a subset of some compact set). For a set  $C \subset Y$ ,  $F \cap C$  denotes the multifunction defined by letting  $(F \cap C)(x) = F(x) \cap C$  for all  $x \in X$ .

A function  $f$  is understood as a special case of a multifunction with values  $\{f(x)\}$ . A function  $f$  is a selection of a multifunction  $F$ , if  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in \text{Dom}(f) = \text{Dom}(F)$ . For any set  $W \subset Y$  the upper and lower inverse images of  $W$  under  $F$  are defined by  $F^+(W) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subset W\}$ ,  $F^-(W) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap W \neq \emptyset\}$ .

A multifunction  $F$  is *usc* (upper semi continuous) at  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ , if for any open set  $V$  with  $F(x) \subset V$  there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \subset V$  for any  $u \in U$ . Then  $F$  is *usc*, if it is so at any point  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ . A multifunction  $F$  is *c-usc* ( $c$ -upper semi continuous) at  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ , if for any open set  $V$  with compact complement such that  $F(x) \subset V$  there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \subset V$  for any  $u \in U$ . Then  $F$  is *c-usc*, if it is so at any point  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ , see [4], [6], [10]. Finally,  $F$  is *usco* at  $x$ , if  $F(x)$  is non-empty compact and  $F$  is *usc* at  $x$ .

Any non-empty system  $\mathcal{E} \subset 2^X \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is called a cluster system. For some special cluster systems we will use special notation. For example,  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}r$  are cluster systems containing all non-empty open sets, all sets of second category with the Baire property, respectively and  $\mathcal{E}^\circ = 2^X \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .

In the next two definitions, we introduce notions of an  $\mathcal{E}$ -cluster point and an upper  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuity, as basic tools to investigate properties of multifunctions. These

concepts were firstly studied in [7], later in [9] and for the functions in [3].

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

**EXAMPLE 1.** The notion of  $\mathcal{E}$ -closed graphs is more general than that of closed graphs, because if  $F$  has a closed graph, then  $\mathcal{E}_F \subset \overline{F} = F$  ( $\overline{F}$  is the closure of  $F$  in  $X \times Y$ ). On the other hand, a multifunction  $G$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by letting  $G(x) = [0, 1]$  for  $x$  rational and  $G(x) = \{0\}$  otherwise has a  $\mathcal{B}r$ -closed graph ( $\mathcal{B}r_G(x) = \{0\}$  for all  $x$ ), but its graph is not closed. Similarly, the Dirichlet function has an  $\mathcal{O}$ -closed graph, since its  $\mathcal{O}$ -cluster multifunction is empty valued.

**LEMMA 1.** 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  $\{y_t\}$ .

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

**Definition 2.** A multifunction  $F$  is  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at a point  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ , if for any open sets  $V, U$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  and  $x \in U$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{E}$  such that  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  and  $F(E) \subset V$ . A multifunction  $F$  is  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous, if it is so at any point of  $\text{Dom}(F)$ . A  $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous function is simply called  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous. A multifunction  $F$  is  $c$ - $u$ - $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous, if  $U \cap F^+(V)$  contains some  $E \in \mathcal{E}$ , whenever  $U, V$  are open,  $Y \setminus V$  is compact and  $U \cap F^+(V) \neq \emptyset$ . For  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}r$  and  $\mathcal{O}$ , we have upper Baire continuity, upper quasi continuity, ( $c$ -upper Baire continuity,  $c$ -upper quasi continuity), respectively.

**REMARK 1.**

- (1) By Lemma 1, the multifunction  $\mathcal{E}_F$  has a closed graph, hence it has closed values. This means that  $\mathcal{E}_F^-(K)$  is closed for any compact set  $K$  or equivalently,  $\mathcal{E}_F^+(G)$  is open for any open set  $G$  with a compact complement, i.e.,  $\mathcal{E}_F$  is  $c$ -usc.
- (2) If  $K$  is compact and  $\mathcal{E}_F^-(K)$  is dense in an open set  $H$ , then  $\overline{H} \subset \mathcal{E}_F^-(K)$ .
- (3) If  $Y$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, then  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}_F)$  is an  $F_\sigma$ -set.
- (4) If  $f$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -continuous at  $x$ , then  $f(x) \in \mathcal{E}_f(x)$ .
- (5) If  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  is a densely defined multifunction or  $F$  is upper Baire ( $c$ -upper Baire) continuous on a dense set, then  $X$  is a Baire space.
- (6) For any multifunction  $F$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_F \subset \mathcal{E}_F^\circ = \overline{F}$ .

**REMARK 2.** The global Baire continuity of a function has a very interesting feature. If  $X$  is Baire and  $Y$  is regular, then a function  $f$  is Baire continuous on an

open set  $G$  if and only if  $f$  is quasi continuous on  $G$ , see [9, Th.3]. In multifunction setting these notions are different. If  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by letting  $F(x) = [0, 1]$  for  $x$  rational and  $F(x) = \{0\}$  otherwise, then  $F$  is upper Baire continuous but not upper quasi continuous.

**DEFINITION 3.** ([2], [5]) A multifunction  $F$  is minimal at a point  $x$ , if  $F(x)$  is non-empty and for any open sets  $U, V$  such that  $U$  contains  $x$  and  $V \cap F(x) \neq \emptyset$  there is a non-empty open set  $G \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  such that  $F(G) \subset V$ . The global definition is given by the local one at any point of  $\text{Dom}(F)$ . It is evident that any selection of a minimal multifunction is quasi continuous.

We will use the next theorem which holds under very general conditions and generalizes the result from [7, Th. 5.3].

**THEOREM 1.** ([1]) *Let  $Y$  be  $T_1$ -regular and  $F$  be non-empty compact valued and upper Baire continuous. Then  $F$  has a quasi continuous selection.*

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $Y$  be Hausdorff,  $C$  be a compact set in  $Y$  and let  $F$  be closed valued and  $c$ -upper Baire continuous. If  $\emptyset \neq X^0 \setminus I \subset F^-(C)$ , where  $X^0$  is non-empty open and  $I$  is of first category, then the multifunction  $F \cap C$  is upper Baire continuous on  $X^0 \setminus I$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X^0 \setminus I$  and  $F(x_0) \cap C \subset V$ ,  $x_0 \in U \subset X^0$  and  $V, U$  be arbitrary open. The set  $(Y \setminus V) \cap C$  is compact and its complement  $V \cup (Y \setminus C)$  is open containing  $F(x_0)$ . Since  $F$  is  $c$ -upper Baire continuous, there is an  $E \in \mathcal{B}r$  such that  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  and  $F(e) \subset V \cup (Y \setminus C)$  for any  $e \in E$ . Then for any  $e \in (E \cap X^0) \setminus I \in \mathcal{B}r$  we have  $\emptyset \neq F(e) \cap C \subset V \cap C \subset V$ . This means that  $F \cap C$  is  $u$ -upper Baire continuous at  $x_0$ . ■

**LEMMA 3.** *Suppose that the interior of  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{B}r_f)$  is non-empty, where  $f$  is an arbitrary function. If  $Y$  is a regular topological space, then  $\mathcal{B}r_f$  is minimal on the interior of  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{B}r_f)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{B}r_f$  is not minimal at some point  $x \in (\text{Dom}(\mathcal{B}r_f))^\circ$ . Then, there are open sets  $V, U \subset (\text{Dom}(\mathcal{B}r_f))^\circ$ ,  $x \in U$  and a set  $A \subset U$  which is dense in  $U$  such that  $\mathcal{B}r_f(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{B}r_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V}) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $a \in A$ . Let  $y \in \mathcal{B}r_f(x) \cap V$ . Then there is a set  $E = (G \setminus S) \cup T \in \mathcal{B}r$ , where  $G$  is open,  $S, T$  are of first category, and  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(f)$  such that  $f(E) \subset V$ . The set  $G \cap U$  is non-empty, so there is a point  $a \in A \cap G \cap U$  such that  $\mathcal{B}r_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V}) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick up  $z \in \mathcal{B}r_f(a) \cap (Y \setminus \overline{V})$ . Then there is a set  $E_0 \in \mathcal{B}r$ ,  $E_0 \subset G \cap U \cap \text{Dom}(f)$  such that  $f(E_0) \subset Y \setminus \overline{V}$  and  $E_0$  is of the form  $E_0 = (G_0 \setminus S_0) \cup T_0$ , where  $G_0$  is open and  $S_0, T_0$  are of first category. Since  $G \cap U \cap G_0$  is of second category, there is a point  $e \in G \cap U \cap G_0 \setminus (S \cup S_0) \subset E$ . It follows that  $f(e) \in V$ . On the other hand,  $e \in E_0$  implies  $f(e) \in Y \setminus \overline{V}$ , which is a contradiction. ■

**LEMMA 4.** *If  $F$  is  $c$ -upper Baire continuous, then  $F^+(V)$  has the Baire property for any open set  $V$  with a compact complement.*

*Proof.* If not, there is an open set  $U$  such that both sets  $X_0 := F^+(V)$  and  $X \setminus X_0$  are of second category at any point of  $U$ . Let  $x \in X_0 \cap U$  with  $F(x) \neq \emptyset$ . By  $c$ -upper Baire continuity, there is an  $E \in \mathcal{B}r$  such that  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  and  $F(E) \subset V$ . Since  $E$  is of second category with the Baire property,  $E = (G \setminus I) \cup J$  for some open  $G$  and  $I, J$  of first category such that  $G \cap U \neq \emptyset$  (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 of  $U$ , so  $((G \cap U \cap (X \setminus X_0)) \setminus I)$  is of second category. It follows that there is a point  $e \in ((G \cap U \cap (X \setminus X_0)) \setminus I) \subset E \subset \text{Dom}(F)$ . So  $F(e) \not\subset V$ , contradicting with  $F(E) \subset V$ . ■

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $Y$  be a  $T_1$ -regular  $\sigma$ -compact space,  $G \subset X$  be non-empty open and let  $F$  be closed valued and  $c$ -upper Baire continuous on  $G$ . Then there are an open set  $H \subset G$  and a multifunction  $F_0$  defined on  $G$  such that  $G \setminus H$  is nowhere dense,  $F_0(x) \subset \mathcal{B}r_F(x)$  for any  $x \in H$  and the following hold*

- (1)  $F_0$  is both minimalusco and locally bounded on  $H$ ,
- (2)  $F(x) \cap F_0(x) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in H$ ,
- (3) there is a selection  $g$  of  $F$  which is both quasi continuous and locally bounded on  $H$ ,
- (4) if  $F$  has a  $\mathcal{B}r$ -closed graph, then  $F_0 \subset F$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Y = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} C_k$ , and each  $C_k$  be compact. Assumption of  $c$ -upper Baire continuity guarantees that any non-empty open subset of  $G$  is of second category (see Remark 1 (5)), i.e.,  $G$  is a Baire space. Since  $G \subset \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} F^-(C_k)$  and  $F^-(C_k) = X \setminus F^+(Y \setminus C_k)$  has the Baire property (by Lemma 4), there is a sequence  $\{H_{k_n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  (possibly finite) of non-empty open pairwise disjoint subsets of  $G$  such that  $I := G \setminus \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_{k_n}$  is of first category and  $H_{k_n} \setminus I \subset F^-(C_{k_n})$ . Put  $H := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_{k_n}$ . Then the set  $G \setminus H$  is of first category. Since  $G$  is a Baire space,  $G \setminus H$  is also nowhere dense. By Lemma 2,  $F \cap C_{k_n}$  is compact valued and  $u$ - $\mathcal{B}r$ -continuous on  $H_{k_n} \setminus I$ . By Theorem 1, there is a selection  $f_n$  of  $F \cap C_{k_n}$ , which is defined and quasi continuous on  $H_{k_n} \setminus I$  (in the relative topology). So  $f_n$  is  $\mathcal{B}r$ -continuous at any point of  $H_{k_n} \setminus I$ . By Remark 1 (4),  $f_n(x) \in \mathcal{B}r_{f_n}(x)$  for any  $x \in H_{k_n} \setminus I$ .

Define  $f : H \setminus I \rightarrow Y$  by letting

$$f(x) = f_n(x) \quad \text{for } x \in H_{k_n} \setminus I. \quad (*)$$

Since  $f_n \subset f \subset F$ ,

$$f_n \subset \mathcal{B}r_{f_n} \subset \mathcal{B}r_f \subset \mathcal{B}r_F. \quad (**)$$

Put  $F_0 := \mathcal{B}r_f$  on the domain of  $\mathcal{B}r_f$  and  $F_0 := F$  otherwise.

(1) Since  $f_n$  is bounded by  $C_{k_n}$  and  $H_{k_n} \setminus I$  is dense in  $H_{k_n}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}r_{f_n}$  is non-empty, compact valued (by Remark 1 (2)) and bounded by  $C_{k_n}$  on  $\overline{H_{k_n}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}r_{f_n}$  is bounded with a closed graph,  $\mathcal{B}r_{f_n}$  isusco and bounded on  $H_{k_n}$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}r_{f_n}(x) = \mathcal{B}r_f(x)$  for any  $x \in H_{k_n}$ , see (\*). By Lemma 3,  $\mathcal{B}r_{f_n}$  is minimal on  $H_{k_n}$ . Hence,  $F_0$  is bothusco minimal and locally bounded on  $H$ .

(2) We will show that  $\mathcal{B}r_f(x) \cap F(x) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in H$ . If not, there is some  $a_0 \in H$  such that  $\mathcal{B}r_f(a_0) \cap F(a_0) = \emptyset$ . By regularity of  $Y$  and compactness of  $\mathcal{B}r_f(a_0)$ , there are two disjoint open sets  $V_2 \supset \mathcal{B}r_f(a_0)$  and  $V_1 \supset F(a_0)$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}r_f$  is locally bounded, there are an open set  $U \subset H$  containing  $a_0$  and a compact set  $C$  such that  $\mathcal{B}r_f(U) \subset C$ .  $\mathcal{B}r_f$  is *usco* at  $a_0$ , hence there is an open set  $W_1 \subset U$  containing  $a_0$  such that  $\mathcal{B}r_f(W_1) \subset \overline{V_2}$ . So,  $\mathcal{B}r_f(W_1) \subset \overline{V_2} \cap C$ . Since  $F$  is *c-upper Baire* continuous at  $a_0$  and  $F(a_0) \cap \overline{V_2} \cap C = \emptyset$ , there is  $E := (G_0 \setminus S) \cup T \in \mathcal{B}r$  such that  $G_0$  is open,  $S, T$  are of first category,  $E \subset W_1 \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  and  $F(E) \subset Y \setminus (\overline{V_2} \cap C)$ . Since  $G_0 \setminus S \subset H = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_{k_n}$ , there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $G_0 \cap H_{k_m} \neq \emptyset$ . By (\*) and (\*\*), for  $e \in G_0 \cap H_{k_m} \setminus (I \cup S)$  we have  $f(e) \in F(e) \cap \mathcal{B}r_f(e)$ , contradicting with  $F(E) \subset Y \setminus (\overline{V_2} \cap C)$  and  $\mathcal{B}r_f(E) \subset \overline{V_2} \cap C$ .

(3) Define a selection  $g$  of  $F$  by letting  $g(x) \in \mathcal{B}r_f(x) \cap F(x)$  if  $x \in H$  and  $g(x) \in F(x)$  otherwise. It is clear that  $g$  is a selection of  $F$  which is quasi continuous on  $H$ , by Lemma 3. Since  $\mathcal{B}r_f$  is locally bounded on  $H$ , so is  $g$ .

(4) By definition of  $F_0$ , (\*\*) and Remark 1 (6) we have

$$F_0 \subset \mathcal{B}r_f \cup F \subset \mathcal{B}r_F \cup F \subset \overline{F} = F. \quad \blacksquare$$

It is worth to formulate Theorem 2 for  $\text{Dom}(F) = X$ . Moreover, by [4], there is a *c-usc* multifunction  $F$  which is not *usc* at any point (on the other hand, if  $F$  is *c-lsc*, then  $F$  is *lsc* everywhere except for at points of a nowhere dense set, see [4]). By the next corollary,  $F$  has a submultifunction, which is both minimal *usco* and locally bounded everywhere except for at points of a nowhere dense set ((4) follows also from [4]).

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $Y$  be a  $T_1$ -regular  $\sigma$ -compact space and let  $F$  and  $f$  be defined on  $X$ . Then*

- (1) *if  $F$  is closed valued and  $c$ -upper Baire continuous, then  $F$  has a selection  $g$  which is both quasi continuous and locally bounded on an open dense set. Moreover, if  $Y$  is metric, then  $g$  is continuous everywhere except for at points of a set of first category, by [8].*
- (2) *if  $f$  is  $c$ -Baire continuous, then  $f$  is quasi continuous on an open dense set,*
- (3) *if  $X$  is Baire and  $F$  is closed valued and  $c$ -usc, then  $F$  has a submultifunction, which is both minimal *usco* and locally bounded on an open dense set,*
- (4) *if  $f$  is  $c$ -continuous, then  $f$  is continuous on an open dense set.*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove (3). Suppose that  $F$  is *c-usc*. The multifunction  $F_0$  in Theorem 2 is minimal *usco* and locally bounded on a dense open set  $H$ , hence for any  $x \in H$  there is an open set  $U_0$  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 are a point  $y \in F_0(x) \setminus F(x)$  and two disjoint open sets  $V \supset F(x)$  and  $W$  containing  $y$  (we use regularity of  $Y$  and closed values of  $F$  and  $F_0$ ). The set  $C \cap \overline{W}$  is non-empty, compact and disjoint from  $F(x)$ . Since  $F$  is *c-usc*, there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset U_0$  and  $F(U) \subset Y \setminus (C \cap \overline{W})$ . 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  $H_0$ , contradicting with Theorem 2 (2). ■

In Theorem 2,  $c$ -upper Baire continuity guarantees that  $X$  is Baire. Theorem 2 also holds for  $c$ -upper quasi continuous, provided  $X$  is Baire. Without this assumption it is not valid.

EXAMPLE 2. Define a function  $f : \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$  ( $\mathbb{Q}^+$  is the set of all positive rational numbers with the usual topology) by letting  $f(x) = \{n\}$ , where  $x = n/m$  is a rational number in the standard form. Then  $f$  is  $c$ -quasi continuous, but it is not quasi continuous at any point (comparing this with Theorem 2 (3)).

At the end of the paper we will give an application of our results to the existence of selections of lower Baire continuous multifunctions. A multifunction  $F$  is lower Baire continuous at a point  $x \in \text{Dom}(F)$ , if for any open sets  $V, U$ , such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $x \in U$  there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{B}r$  such that  $E \subset U \cap \text{Dom}(F)$  and  $F(e) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $e \in E$ . A multifunction  $F$  is lower Baire continuous, if it is so at any point of  $\text{Dom}(F)$ . Equivalently,  $F$  is lower Baire continuous at  $x$  if  $\emptyset \neq F(x) \subset \mathcal{B}r_F(x)$ . In contrast to Theorem 2, a quasi continuous selection on an open dense set need not exist, as shown in the next example.

EXAMPLE 3. Define a multifunction  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by letting  $F(x) = \{n\}$ , where  $x = n/m$  is a rational number in the standard form and  $F(x) = \mathbb{R}$  otherwise. Then  $F$  is lower Baire quasi continuous, but any of its selections is not quasi continuous.

The main idea is to find a quasi continuous selection  $f$  of  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  with a metric range.

THEOREM 3. *Let  $Y$  be a  $\sigma$ -compact metric space and  $F$  be a closed valued densely defined lower Baire continuous multifunction. Then there is an open dense set  $H$  and a function  $f : H \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f$  is quasi continuous, continuous on a residual set  $A$  and  $f(a) \in F(a)$  for any  $a \in A$ .*

*Proof.* Again,  $\text{Dom}(F)$  is a residual set. Since  $F$  is lower Baire continuous and  $F \subset \mathcal{B}r_F$ ,  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  is non-empty valued on a residual set. By Remark 1 (3),  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  is defined on an  $F_\sigma$ -set. Since  $X$  is Baire,  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  is defined at least on a dense open set  $G$ . By Remark 1 (1),  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  is  $c$ -usc and so is  $c$ -upper Baire continuous on  $G$ . It follows from Theorem 2 that  $\mathcal{B}r_F$  has a selection  $f$ , which is quasi continuous on an open dense set  $H \subset G$  and  $G \setminus H$  is a nowhere dense set. Put  $B_n = \{x \in H \cap \text{Dom}(F) : d(f(x), F(x)) < 1/n\}$ . We will show that  $H \setminus B_n$  is a set of first category. Let  $x \in H$ ,  $V, U$  be open sets containing  $f(x)$  and  $x$  respectively such that the diameter of  $V$  is less than  $\frac{1}{2n}$ . By quasi continuity of  $f$ , there is a non-empty open set  $H_0 \subset U$  such that  $f(H_0) \subset V$ . Let  $h \in H_0$ . Since  $f(h) \in \mathcal{B}r_F(h)$ , there is a set  $E \in \mathcal{B}r$  such that  $E \subset H_0$  and  $F(e) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for any  $e \in E$ . Hence  $E \subset B_n$ , and  $H \setminus B_n$  is a set of first category. It follows that  $B := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n = \{x \in H \cap \text{Dom}(F) : d(f(x), F(x)) = 0\}$  is residual in  $H$ . It is clear that  $f(b) \in F(b)$  for any  $b \in B$ . Since  $Y$  is metric,  $f$  is continuous on a residual set  $C$ , by [8]. Finally, the proof is completed by putting  $A = B \cap C$ . ■

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