

Relations preserving semi-continuities of relations

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In this note, we give some sufficient conditions under which homeomorphisms or more general realtions of product spaces preserve lower or upper semi-continuity of certain relations.

Definition 1. Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces and $\mathcal{S}$ be a family of relations in $X \times Y$. A relation F from $X \times Y$ into $Z \times W$ is said to preserve lower (upper) semi-continuity of relations belonging to $\mathcal{S}$ if $F(S)$ is a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation in $Z \times W$ for each lower (upper) semi-continuous relation $S \in \mathcal{S}$.

Remark 1. Concerning lower and upper semi-continuity of relations, which are usually called multifunctions in this context, the reader is referred to [7]. Note that a relation S in $X \times Y$ have to be called lower (upper) semi-continuous if it is a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation from its domain D_S , which is considered as a subspace of X , into Y in the sense of [7]. (See also [2].)

Theorem 1. Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces, Φ an open (closed) relation from X into Z and Ψ a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation from Y into W . Then the relation F from $X \times Y$ into $Z \times W$ defined by $F(x, y) = \Phi(x) \times \Psi(y)$ preserves lower (upper) semi-continuity of all relations from X into Y .

PROOF. Let S be a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation from X into Y and $T = F(S)$. Then a straightforward computation shows that $T = \Psi \circ S \circ \Phi^{-1}$. Thus, we have $T^{-1}(V) = \Phi(S^{-1}(\Psi^{-1}(V)))$ for any $V \subset W$. Hence, it is clear that $T^{-1}(V)$ is open (closed) in Z if V is open (closed) in W , which is a little more than the lower (upper) semi-continuity of T , since the domain of T may be a proper subset of Z .

Corollary 1.1. Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces, φ a continuous function from Z onto X and Ψ a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation from Y into W . Then the relation F from $X \times Y$ into $Z \times W$ defined by $F(x, y) = \varphi^{-1}(x) \times \Psi(y)$ preserves lower (upper) semi-continuity of all relations in $X \times Y$.

PROOF. Let S be a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation in $X \times Y$ with domain D . Since φ is a continuous function from Z onto X , the restriction $\Phi = \varphi^{-1}|_D$ is an open and closed relation from D onto $\varphi^{-1}(D)$. Thus, by Theorem 1, $F(S)$ is a lower (upper) semi-continuous relation in $\varphi^{-1}(D) \times W$, and thus also in $Z \times W$.

Corollary 1.2. Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces, φ a homeomorphism of X onto Z and ψ a homeomorphism of Y onto W . Then the function f defined on $X \times Y$

by $f(x, y) = (\varphi(x), \psi(y))$ is a homeomorphism of $X \times Y$ onto $Z \times W$ which preserves both lower and upper semi-continuity of all relations in $X \times Y$.

Example 1. Let f be the function defined on $[0, 1]^2$ by $f(x, y) = (y, x)$. Then f is a homeomorphism of $[0, 1]^2$ onto itself which preserve neither lower nor upper semi-continuity of all relations from $[0, 1]$ into itself.

To see this, define the relation S from $[0, 1]$ into itself such that $S(x) = [1/2, 1]$ if $0 \leq x \leq 1/2$ and $S(x) = [0, 1]$ if $1/2 < x \leq 1$. Then S is lower semi-continuous, but $f(S) = S^{-1}$ is not lower semi-continuous, and S^{-1} is upper semi-continuous, but $f(S^{-1}) = S$ is not upper semi-continuous.

Namely, $S^{-1}(A)$ is open and $(S^{-1})^{-1}(A) = S(A)$ is closed in $[0, 1]$ for any $A \subset [0, 1]$, but $S^{-1}(0) =]1/2, 1]$ is not closed and $(S^{-1})^{-1}([0, 1/2[) = S([0, 1/2]) = [1/2, 1]$ is not open in $[0, 1]$.

Theorem 2. Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces and F be a lower semi-continuous open relation from $X \times Y$ into $Z \times W$ such that $F(\{x\} \times Y) \subset \{z\} \times W$ whenever $(z, w) \in F(x, y)$. Then F preserves lower semi-continuity of all relations from X into Y .

PROOF. Let S be a lower semi-continuous relation from X into Y and $T = F(S)$. To prove that T is also lower semi-continuous, suppose that $(z_0, w_0) \in T$ and Ω is a neighborhood of w_0 in W . Pick $(x_0, y_0) \in S$ such that $(z_0, w_0) \in F(x_0, y_0)$. Since F is lower semi-continuous, there are neighborhoods U and V of x_0 and y_0 in X and Y , respectively, such that $U \times V \subset F^{-1}(Z \times \Omega)$. Furthermore, since S is lower semi-continuous, there is a neighborhood $U_1 \subset U$ of x_0 in X such that $U_1 \subset S^{-1}(V)$. Finally, since F is an open relation, there are neighborhoods Σ and Ω_1 of z_0 and w_0 in Z and W , respectively, such that $\Sigma \times \Omega_1 \subset F(U_1 \times V)$. Thus, it remains only to prove that $\Sigma \subset T^{-1}(\Omega)$, which shows that T is lower semi-continuous at z_0 .

If $z \in \Sigma$, then $(z, w_0) \in \Sigma \times \Omega_1 \subset F(U_1 \times V)$. Thus, there exist $x \in U_1$ and $y \in V$ such that $(z, w_0) \in F(x, y)$. Since $x \in U_1 \subset S^{-1}(V)$, there exists $y_1 \in V$ such that $x \in S^{-1}(y_1)$, i.e., $(x, y_1) \in S$. Moreover, since $(x, y_1) \in U \times V \subset F^{-1}(Z \times \Omega)$, there exist $z_1 \in Z$ and $w_1 \in \Omega$ such that $(x, y_1) \in F^{-1}(z_1, w_1)$, i.e., $(z_1, w_1) \in F(x, y_1)$. Hence, since $F(\{x\} \times Y) \subset \{z\} \times W$, it follows that $z_1 = z$. Consequently, we have $(z, w_1) = (z_1, w_1) \in F(x, y_1) \subset F(S) = T$, and hence $z \in T^{-1}(w_1) \subset T^{-1}(\Omega)$.

Remark 2. For a relation F from $X \times Y$ into $Z \times W$, the following properties are pairwise equivalent:

- (i) $F(\{x\} \times Y) \subset \{z\} \times W$ whenever $(z, w) \in F(x, y)$;
- (ii) $q \circ F \circ p^{-1}$, where p and q denote the projections of $X \times Y$ onto X and $Z \times W$ onto Z , respectively, is a function;
- (iii) there exist a function φ from X into Z and a relation Ψ_x from Y into W for each $x \in X$ such that $F(x, y) = \varphi(x) \times \Psi_x(y)$ for all $(x, y) \in X \times Y$.

However, we could not use this fact to simplify the above proof.

Corollary 2.1. Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces and f be a continuous open mapping of $Z \times W$ onto $X \times Y$ such that $f^{-1}(\{x\} \times Y) = \{z\} \times W$ whenever $f(z, w) = (x, y)$. Then the relation f^{-1} from $X \times Y$ onto $Z \times W$ preserves lower semi-continuity of all relations in $X \times Y$.

PROOF. Let S be a lower semi-continuous relation in $X \times Y$ with domain D . Then, by the assumptions on f , it is clear that $f^{-1}(D \times Y) = E \times W$ for some $E \subset Z$ and the restriction $F = f^{-1}|_{D \times Y}$ is a lower semi-continuous open relation from

$D \times Y$ onto $E \times W$ such that $F(\{x\} \times Y) = \{z\} \times W$ whenever $(z, w) \in F(x, y)$. Thus, by Theorem 2, $f^{-1}(S) = F(S)$ is a lower semi-continuous relation in $E \times W$, and thus also in $Z \times W$.

Corollary 2.2. *Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces and f be a homeomorphism of $X \times Y$ onto $Z \times W$ such that $f(\{x\} \times Y) = \{z\} \times W$ whenever $f(x, y) = (z, w)$. Then f preserves lower semi-continuity of all relations in $X \times Y$.*

Example 2. Let f be the function defined on $[0, 1]^2$ by $f(x, y) = (x, \psi_x(y))$, where $\psi_x(y) = (x + 1/2)y$ if $0 \leq y \leq 1/2$ and $\psi_x(y) = (3/2 - x)y + x - 1/2$ if $1/2 < y \leq 1$. Then f is a homeomorphism of $[0, 1]^2$ onto itself such that $f(\{x\} \times [0, 1]) = \{x\} \times [0, 1]$ for all $0 \leq x \leq 1$, but f does not preserve upper semi-continuity of all relations from $[0, 1]$ into itself.

To see this, define the relation S from $[0, 1]$ into itself by $S(x) = [0, 1] \setminus \{1/2\}$. Then S is upper semi-continuous, but $T = f(S)$ is not upper semi-continuous. Namely, we have $T(x) = [0, 1] \setminus \{(1/2)x + 1/4\}$ for all $0 \leq x \leq 1$, whence it is clear that for any $x_0 \in [0, 1]$, $T(x_0)$ is a neighborhood of itself in $[0, 1]$, but $T(x) \not\subset T(x_0)$ for each $x \in [0, 1] \setminus \{x_0\}$, and thus T can not be upper semi-continuous at x_0 .

Theorem 3. *Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces such that Y is regular and W is compact, and let F be a closed relation from $X \times Y$ into $Z \times W$. Then F preserves upper semi-continuity of all closed-valued relations from X into Y .*

PROOF. Let S be an upper semi-continuous closed-valued relation from X into Y and $T = F(S)$. Then, by [2, (3)], S is closed in $X \times Y$. Thus, by the assumption, T is closed in $Z \times W$. Hence, by [2, (7)], T is also upper semi-continuous.

Corollary 3.1. *Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces such that Y is regular and W is compact, and let f be a continuous function from $Z \times W$ onto $X \times Y$ such that $f^{-1}(\{x\} \times Y) = \{z\} \times W$ whenever $f(z, w) = (x, y)$. Then the relation f^{-1} from $X \times Y$ onto $Z \times W$ preserves upper semicontinuity of all closed-valued relations in $X \times Y$.*

PROOF. A similar argument as in the proof of Corollary 2.1 can be applied.

Corollary 3.2. *Let X, Y, Z, W be topological spaces such that Y is regular and W is compact, and let f be a homeomorphism of $X \times Y$ onto $Z \times W$ such that $f(\{x\} \times Y) = \{z\} \times W$ whenever $f(x, y) = (z, w)$. Then f preserves both lower and upper semi-continuity of all closed-valued relations in $X \times Y$.*

Remark 3. Note that, by Example 2, closed-valuedness is an essential requirement in the above assertions.

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