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## SOME PROPERTIES OF ALMOST CONTINUOUS LINEAR RELATIONS

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### 1. Introduction

Linear relations were studied by R. Arens [1] and A. Szász and G. Szász [2]. In [1], [2] algebraic properties of linear relations are given and in [3], [4] some topological properties of linear relations.

In the present paper we deal with almost continuous linear relations. We prove that under some hypotheses almost continuous graph-closed linear relations are continuous.

### 2. Some properties of almost continuous relations

All spaces considered in this part are topological spaces. If  $S$  is a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$  (i.e. a set  $S \subset X \times Y$  such that  $S(x) = \{y \in Y, (x, y) \in S\} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in X$ ), then for  $A \subset Y$  we denote  $S^-(A) = \{x: S(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $S^+(A) = \{x: S(x) \subset A\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A relation  $S$  from  $X$  into  $Y$  is said to be upper semicontinuous (lower semicontinuous) at a point  $x_0$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $x_0 \in S^+(V)$  ( $x_0 \in S^-(V)$ ),

$$x_0 \in \text{Int } S^+(V) \quad (x_0 \in \text{Int } S^-(V))$$

**Definition 2.2.** A relation  $S$  from  $X$  into  $Y$  is said to be upper almost continuous (lower almost continuous) at a point  $x_0$  if for any open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $x_0 \in S^+(V)$  ( $x_0 \in S^-(V)$ ),  $x_0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)}$  ( $x_0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)}$ ). ( $\text{Int } E$ , and  $\bar{E}$  denote the interior and the closure of the set  $E$  respectively.)

**Definition 2.3.** A relation  $S$  from  $X$  into  $Y$  is said to be upper quasicontinuous (lower quasicontinuous) at a point  $x_0$  if for open set  $V$  such that  $x_0 \in S^+(V)$  ( $x_0 \in S^-(V)$ )  $x_0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)}$  ( $x_0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)}$ ).

If  $S$  is upper and lower semicontinuous at  $x_0$  (upper and lower almost

continuous at  $x_0$ , upper and lower quasicontinuous at  $x_0$ ), then it is said to continuous be at  $x_0$  (almost continuous at  $x_0$ , quasicontinuous at  $x_0$ ).

If  $S$  is upper semicontinuous (lower semicontinuous, upper almost continuous, lower almost continuous, upper quasicontinuous, lower quasicontinuous) at any  $x \in X$ , then it is said to be upper semicontinuous (lower semicontinuous, upper almost continuous, lower almost continuous, upper quasicontinuous, lower quasicontinuous).

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $X, Y$  be uniform spaces with fixed uniformities  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  respectively. A relation  $S$  from  $X$  into  $Y$  is said to be uniformly lower semicontinuous (uniformly lower almost continuous) if for any  $C \in \mathcal{V}$  there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $S^-(V[y]) \supset U[x]$  ( $\overline{S^-(V[y])} \supset U[x]$ ) for any  $(x, y) \in S$ . ( $V[y] = \{z: (y, z) \in V\}$ .)

**Remark 2.5.** It is evident that uniformly lower semicontinuity (uniformly lower almost continuity) implies lower semicontinuity (lower almost continuity) in uniform topologies.

**Remark 2.6.** In what follows the symbol  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  denotes a relation from  $X$  into  $Y$ .

**Remark 2.7.** It is obvious that if  $S$  is upper almost continuous (lower almost continuous) at  $x_0 \in X$  then for any open set  $U \subset Y$  such that  $x_0 \in S^+(U)$  ( $x_0 \in S^-(U)$ ) there exists an open set  $V \subset X$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $S^+(U)$  ( $S^-(U)$ ) is dense in  $V$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $Y$  be a regular space. Let  $S$  be upper quasicontinuous and lower almost continuous. Then  $S$  is lower semicontinuous.

**Proof.** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Suppose  $S$  not to be lower semicontinuous at  $x_0$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $x_0 \in S^-(V)$  and  $x_0 \notin \text{Int } S^-(V)$ . Therefore there exist a  $y \in S(x_0) \cap V$  and an open set  $V_1$  in  $Y$  such that  $y \in V_1 \subset \bar{V}_1 \subset V$ . Then  $x_0 \in \text{Int } S^-(V_1)$  since  $S$  is lower almost continuous at  $x_0$  and  $x_0 \in S^-(V_1)$ . That implies the existence of a  $z \in \text{Int } \overline{S^-(V_1)}$  for which  $z \in X - S^-(V) = S^+(Y - V) \subset S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1)$ . The upper continuity of  $S$  at  $z$  gives that  $z \in \text{Int } S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1)$ . So we have  $S(\text{Int } S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1)) \subset Y - \bar{V}_1$  and that implies  $\text{Int } S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1) \cap S^-(\bar{V}_1) = \emptyset$ . But, that is a contradiction since  $z \in \text{Int } S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1)$ ,  $z \in \text{Int } S^-(\bar{V}_1)$  and  $\text{Int } S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1) \cap S^-(\bar{V}_1) \subset \text{Int } S^+(Y - \bar{V}_1) \cap S^-(\bar{V}_1) = \emptyset$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** (See [6]) Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $Y$  be a regular space. Let  $S$  be upper semicontinuous and lower almost continuous. Then  $S$  is lower semicontinuous.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a single-valued function. Let  $Y$  be a regular space. Let  $f$  be quasicontinuous and almost continuous. Then  $f$  is continuous.

**Remark 2.11.** Proposition 2.8. is not valid if we omit the assumption of regularity of  $Y$ .

**Example 2.12.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$  with the usual topology  $\mathcal{O}$ . Let  $Y = [0, 1]$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \left\{ A: A \subset Y, A \in \mathcal{O} \text{ or } A = G - \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, G \in \mathcal{O} \right\}$ .  $\mathcal{G}$  is a base of some topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $Y$ .  $Y$  with topology  $\mathcal{T}$  is not regular.

The identity from  $X$  into  $Y$  is quasicontinuous and almost continuous, but is not continuous.

**Proposition 2.13.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $Y$  be a normal space. Let  $S$  be lower quasicontinuous on  $X$  and upper almost continuous at  $x_0$ . Let  $S(x_0)$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $S$  is upper semicontinuous at  $x_0$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $S$  not to be upper semicontinuous at  $x_0$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  such that  $x_0 \in S^+(V)$  and  $x_0 \notin \text{Int } S^+(V)$ . Since  $Y$  is a normal space and  $S(x_0) \subset V$ , there exists an open set  $V_1$  in  $Y$  such that  $S(x_0) \subset V_1 \subset \bar{V}_1 \subset V$ . The upper almost continuity of  $S$  at  $x_0$  and  $S(x_0) \subset V_1$  imply that  $x_0 \in \text{Int } \bar{S}^+(V_1)$ . Since  $x_0 \notin \text{Int } S^+(V)$  and  $S^+(V_1) \subset S^+(V)$ , there exists a  $z \in \text{Int } \bar{S}^+(V_1)$  such that  $z \notin S^+(V) = X - S^-(Y - V)$ . That implies that  $z \in S^-(Y - \bar{V}_1)$  since  $S^-(Y - V) \subset S^-(Y - \bar{V}_1)$ . From the lower continuity of  $S$  at  $z$  we have  $z \in \text{Int } S^-(Y - \bar{V}_1)$ . So we have proved that  $z \in \text{Int } S^+(\bar{V}_1) \cap \text{Int } S^-(Y - \bar{V}_1)$ . But, that is contradiction, because  $(\text{Int } S^-(Y - \bar{V}_1) \cap S^+(\bar{V}_1)) \subset (X - S^+(\bar{V}_1)) \cap S^+(\bar{V}_1) \subset (X - S^+(\bar{V}_1)) \cap (\bar{V}_1) = \emptyset$ .

**Remark 2.14.** Proposition 2.13. remains valid if  $Y$  is regular and  $S(x_0)$  is compact.

**Proposition 2.15.** Let  $X, Y$  be uniform spaces. Let  $Y$  be a complete pseudometric space. Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $G(S) = \{(x, y): y \in S(x)\}$  be a closed set in  $X \times Y$ . Let  $S$  be uniformly lower almost continuous. Then  $S$  is uniformly lower semicontinuous.

**Proposition 2.15.** is a consequence of Lema 6.36. in [8].

**Corollary 2.16.** Let  $X, Y$  be uniform spaces. Let  $Y$  be a complete pseudometric space. Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost continuous graph-closed relation. Let  $S$  be uniformly lower almost continuous. Then  $S$  is continuous.

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.15.  $S$  is lower semicontinuous and by Proposition 2.13.  $S$  is upper semicontinuous, that is,  $S$  is continuous. ( $Y$  is normal.  $S(x)$  is a closed set for any  $x \in X$ . 6.A in [8].)

### 3. Almost continuous linear relations

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be vector spaces over a field  $K$  ( $K = \mathbb{R}$  or  $K = \mathbb{C}$ ).

**Definition 3.1.** A relation  $S$  from  $X$  into  $Y$  is said to be linear if  $S(x) + S(y) \subset S(x + y)$  and  $\lambda S(x) \subset S(\lambda x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\lambda \in K$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $f$  defined on the domain of a relation  $S$  is called a selection for  $S$  if  $f \subset S$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** (See [2].) Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Then  $S(0) = \{y \in Y: (0, y) \in S\}$  is a vector subspace of  $Y$  and  $S(x + y) = S(x) + S(y)$ ,  $S(\lambda x) = \lambda S(x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $0 \neq \lambda \in K$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** (See [2].) Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation and  $f$  be a selection for  $S$ . Then  $S(x) = f(x) + S(0)$  for all  $x \in X$ . If  $S(x) \cap S(y) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $S(x) = S(y)$ .

**Proposition 3.5.** (See [2].) Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Then there exists a linear selection  $f$  for  $S$ .

In what follows  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological vector spaces.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Let  $S$  be upper almost continuous (lower almost continuous) at  $x_0$ . Then  $S$  is upper almost continuous (lower almost continuous).

**Proof.** We prove the case of upper almost continuity, the other case being similar.

First we prove that  $S$  is upper almost continuous at 0. Let  $U$  be an open set such that  $S(0) \subset U$ . Let  $y_0 \in S(x_0)$ . Then  $S(x_0) \subset y_0 + U$ .

Upper almost continuity at  $x_0$  implies that  $x_0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^+(y_0 + U)}$ , i.e.  $\text{Int } \overline{S^+(y_0 + U)} - x_0$  is an open neighbourhood of 0. We prove that  $S^+(U + y_0) - x_0 \subset S^+(U)$ .

Let  $v \in S^+(U + y_0) - x_0$ . Then  $v = a - x_0$  and  $S(a) \subset U + y_0$ , i.e.  $S(v) = S(a) - S(x_0) = S(a) - y_0 + S(0) = S(a) - y_0 \subset U + y_0 - y_0 = U$ , also  $v \in S^+(U)$ .  $S^+(U + y_0) - x_0 \subset S^+(U)$  implies  $\text{Int } (S^+(U + y_0) - x_0) \subset \text{Int } S^+(U)$ . Since  $\text{Int } (S^+(U + y_0) - x_0) = \text{Int } \overline{S^+(U + y_0)} - x_0$ ,  $\text{Int } \overline{S^+(U)}$  is a neighbourhood of 0. To prove that upper almost continuity at 0 implies upper almost continuity at point  $x \in X$  is analogous.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $S$  be upper almost continuous. Then  $S$  is lower almost continuous.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.6. it suffices to prove that  $S$  is lower almost continuous at 0.

Let  $V \subset Y$  be an open set such that  $S(0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . The set  $S(0) + V$  is open in  $Y$  and  $S(0) \subset S(0) + V$ . (Let  $y \in S(0)$ . Let  $y_0 \in S(0) \cap V$ . Then  $y = (y - y_0) + y_0$ , where  $y_0 \in V$  and  $y - y_0 \in S(0) - S(0) \subset S(0)$ , i.e.  $y \in S(0) + V$ ).

The upper almost continuity of  $S$  at 0 implies that  $0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^+(S(0) + V)}$ . For each  $x$  of  $S^+(S(0) + V)$  we have  $S(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , i.e.  $x \in S^-(V)$ , since  $y - a \in S(x) \cap V$  if  $y \in S(x)$ ,  $y = a + v$ , where  $a \in S(0)$  and  $v \in V$ . Thus we have proved that  $S^+(S(0) + V) \subset S^-(V)$ . This implies that  $0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^+(S(0) + V)} \subset \text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)}$  and the lower almost continuity of  $S$  at 0.

Now we prove theorems 3.8. and 3.11. These theorems are given in [10] without the proof.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $X$  be a space of the second category. The  $S$  is lower almost continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $0_y$  be a zero in  $X$  and  $0_x$  be a zero in  $Y$ . First we prove that  $0_x \in \text{Int } S^-(U)$  for any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $0_y$ . There exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $0_y$  such that  $V + V \subset U$  and  $\lambda V \subset V$  for any  $\lambda$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

$Y = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} nV$ , i.e.,  $X = S^-(Y) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} nS^-(V)$ . Since  $X$  is a space of the second category,  $\text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y \in \text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)}$ . Then  $\text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)} - y$  is an open neighbourhood of  $0_x$ .

Let  $v \in S(V)$ . Then  $S^-(V) - y \subset S^-(V) - S^-(\{v\}) \subset S^-(V - v)$ . Since  $V$  is a neighbourhood of  $0_y$ , there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $v \in \lambda V$ . Hence  $S^-(V - v) \subset S^-(V - \lambda V) \subset S^-((\lambda + 1)(V - V)) \subset S^-((\lambda + 1)U) \subset (\lambda + 1)S^-(U)$ . Since  $\text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)} - y = \text{Int } (\overline{S^-(V)} - y)$  and  $S^-(V) - y \subset (\lambda + 1)S^-(U)$ ,  $0_x \in \text{Int } (\lambda + 1)S^-(U)$ , i.e.  $0_x \in \text{Int } S^-(U)$ . Now we prove that  $S$  is lower almost continuous. By Proposition 3.6. it suffices to prove that  $S$  is lower almost continuous at  $0_x$ . Let  $G \subset Y$  be an open set such that  $S(0_x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y_0 \in S(0_x) \cap G$ .  $G - y_0$  is a neighbourhood of  $0_x$ . Hence  $0_x \in \text{Int } S^-(G - y_0)$ . Since  $y_0 \in S(0_x)$ ,  $S^-(G - y_0) \subset S^-(G)$  and  $0_x \in \text{Int } S^-(G)$ .

**Remark 3.9.** The assumption on  $X$  is essential.

**Example 2.10.** Let  $C = C[0, 1]$  denote the set of all real-valued continuous functions  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  and define  $\varrho(f, g) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)|$ . The space is a complete metric space.

Next consider the same set  $C$ , but take for metric function  $\sigma(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx$ . The space  $(C, \sigma)$  is of first category in itself.

Let  $X = (C, \sigma)$  and  $Y = (C, \varrho)$ . Let  $I$  be the identity from  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Then  $I$  is linear relation, but  $I$  is not almost continuous.

(Let  $U = \{f \in Y: \varrho(f, 0) < 1\}$ . For any neighbourhood  $V$  of  $0$  in  $X$  there exists a nonempty open set  $G \subset V$  such that  $G \cap I^-(U) = \emptyset$ . Let  $V$  be a neighbourhood of  $0$  in  $X$ . There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{f \in X: \sigma(f, 0) < \varepsilon\} \subset V$ . Let

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{on } \left[0, \frac{\varepsilon}{4}\right] \\ -\frac{8}{\varepsilon}x + 4 & \text{on } \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{4}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right] \\ 0 & \text{on } \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1\right]. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } |f| < 1 \quad \text{then} \quad \int_0^1 |g(x) - f(x)| dx \geq \int_0^{\varepsilon/4} |g(x) - f(x)| dx \geq \int_0^{\varepsilon/4} (|g(x)| -$$

$-|f(x)| dx = \int_0^{\varepsilon/4} |g(x)| dx - \int_0^{\varepsilon/4} |f(x)| dx > 2 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{4} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4} = \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ . Hence no element of the  $\frac{\varepsilon}{4}$  — neighbourhood of  $g$  in  $X$  belongs to  $I^-(U)$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be locally convex spaces. Let  $X$  be a barrelled space ([7]). The  $S$  is lower almost continuous.

**Proof.** It suffices to prove that  $0_x \in \text{Int } \overline{S^-(U)}$  for any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $0_y$ . Let  $U$  be a neighbourhood of  $0_y$ . There exists a base  $\mathcal{U}$  of absolutely convex absorbing neighbourhoods of  $0_y$ . Hence there exists  $V \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V \subset U$ . Linearity of  $S$  implies that  $S^-(V)$  is an absolutely convex absorbing set. Hence  $\overline{S^-(V)}$  is closed absolutely convex absorbing set in  $X$ .  $X$  is a barrelled space, i.e.  $\overline{S^-(V)}$  is a neighbourhood of  $0_x$ . So  $0_x \in \text{Int } \overline{S^-(V)} \subset \text{Int } \overline{S^-(U)}$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $Y$  be a normed vector space. Let  $S(0)$  be a closed set in  $Y$  and  $S(0) \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $S$  is upper almost continuous if and only if the set  $\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\}$  is dense in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let the set  $\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\}$  be dense in  $X$ . We prove that  $S$  is upper almost continuous. It suffices to prove that  $S$  is upper almost continuous at 0.

Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  such that  $S(0) \subset V$ . Since  $\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\} \subset S^+(V)$  and  $X = \overline{\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\}}$ ,  $X \subset \overline{S^+(V)}$ , i.e.  $S$  is upper almost continuous at 0.

Let  $S$  be upper almost continuous. We prove that the set  $\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\}$  is dense in  $X$ .

First we prove that there exists an open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $S(0) \subset V$  and  $(y + S(0)) \cap (Y - V) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $y \notin S(0)$ .

Put  $V = \bigcup_{u \in S(0)} B(u, e^{-\|u\|^2})$ , where  $B(x, r) = \{y \in Y: \|x - y\| < r\}$  ( $\|x\|$  denotes the norm of  $x$  in  $Y$ ).  $V$  is an open set in  $Y$  and  $S(0) \subset V$ .

Let  $x \notin S(0)$ . Denote  $a = \inf_{u \in S(0)} \|x - u\|$ .

If  $a \geq 1$ , then  $x \notin V$  and so  $(x + S(0)) \cap (Y - V) \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $a < 1$ . Take  $u \in S(0)$  such that  $\|u\| > \sqrt{-\ln a} + 1 + \|x\|$ .

Hence  $\|u + x\| \geq \|u\| - \|x\| > \sqrt{-\ln a} + 1$ . We prove that  $u + x \notin V$ . Suppose the contrary. Then there exists  $v \in S(0)$  such that  $u + x \in B(v, e^{-\|v\|^2})$ , i.e.  $\|u + x - v\| < e^{-\|v\|^2}$ . Since  $(v - u) \in S(0)$   $\|u + x - v\| \geq a$ . Hence  $a < e^{-\|v\|^2}$ , i.e.  $\|v\| < \sqrt{-\ln a}$ .

Then  $\|u + x\| = \|u + x - v + v\| \leq \|u + x - v\| + \|v\| < e^{-\|v\|^2} + \sqrt{-\ln a} < 1 + \sqrt{-\ln a}$ , contrary to the hypothesis. Take the set  $V$ . Then  $\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\} = S^+(V)$ . Let  $x_0 \in S^+(V)$  and let  $S(x_0) = S(0)$ . Then

$S(x_0) \cap S(0) = \emptyset$  and there exists a  $y_0 \in S(x_0) - S(0)$ . Since  $y_0 \notin S(0)$ , then  $S(x_0) - V = (y_0 + S(0)) \cap (Y - V) \neq \emptyset$ . So we have  $x_0 \in S^+(V)$ .  $S^+(V)$  is the vector subspace of  $X$ . Upper almost continuity of  $S$  at 0 implies that  $0 \in \text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)}$ . Since  $\overline{S^+(V)}$  is a vector subspace of  $X$ ,  $\text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)}$  is also a vector subspace of  $X$ . For each  $x \in X$  there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $x \in \lambda \text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)} = \text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)}$ . Therefore  $X = \text{Int } \overline{S^+(V)} = \{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\}$ .

**Remark 3.13.** The assumption that  $Y$  is a normed vector space may not be omitted.

**Example 3.14.** Consider the set  $B = B[a, b]$  of all real-valued bounded functions  $f$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , and define  $p_1(f) = \sup_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x)|$ . It is evident that  $(B, p_1)$  is a normed vector space. Next consider the set  $L = L[a, b]$  of Lebesgue-integrable functions on  $[a, b]$ , and define  $p_2(f) = \int_a^b |f(t)| dt$ . Then  $p_2$  is semi-norm, but  $p_2$  is not a norm.

Let  $X = \{f: [a, b] \rightarrow R, f \text{ being a bounded Lebesgue-integrable function}\}$  be a subspace of  $(B, p_1)$  and let  $Y = (L, p_2)$ .

Define  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  as follows:  $S(x) = x + C$ , where  $C = \left\{f \in Y: \int_a^b |f(t)| dt = 0\right\}$ .

It is easy to verify that  $S(0) = C$  is a closed set in  $Y$  and  $S$  is an upper semicontinuous linear relation, i.e.  $S$  is upper almost continuous. (Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  such that  $S(0) \subset V$ . There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{f \in Y: p_2(f) <$

$< \varepsilon\} \subset V$ . Then  $\left\{f \in X: p_1(f) < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}\right\} \subset S^+(V)$ .) But  $\{x \in X: S(x) = S(0) = C\} = \{x \in X: x \in C\}$  is not dense in  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.15.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $Y$  be a normed vector space. Let  $S(0)$  be a closed set in  $Y$  and  $S(0) \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $S$  is upper semicontinuous if and only if  $S(x) = S(0)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

**Corollary 3.16.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $Y$  be a normed vector space and  $S(0) \neq \{0\}$ . Let  $G(S) = \{(x, y): y \in S(x)\}$  be a closed set in  $X \times Y$ . If  $S$  is upper almost continuous, then  $S$  is upper semicontinuous.

**Proof.** Put  $L = \{x \in X: S(x) = S(0)\}$ .  $L$  is a closed set in  $X$ , since  $G(S)$  is a closed set in  $X \times Y$ . The upper almost continuity of  $S$  and Theorem 3.12 imply that  $L$  is dense in  $X$ . Hence  $L = X$ .

**Proposition 3.17.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost continuous selection for  $S$ . Then  $S$  is lower almost continuous.

**Proof.** It suffices to prove that  $S$  is lower almost continuous at 0. Let  $U$  be an open set in  $Y$  such that  $S(0) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . By Proposition 3.4  $S(x) = f(x) + S(0)$  for every  $x \in X$ . There exists  $v \in S(0)$  such that  $(f(0) + v) \in U$ . Almost continuity of  $f$  implies that  $0 \in \text{Int } f^{-1}(U - v)$ . It holds  $f^{-1}(U - v) \subset S^-(U)$  since for each  $x \in f^{-1}(U - v)$  we have  $f(x) + v \in (f(x) + S(0)) \cap U = S(x) \cap U$ . So  $0 \in \text{Int } S^-(U)$ .



$\overline{S^-(U)}$  and  $S$  is lower almost continuous at 0. By Proposition 3.6  $S$  is lower almost continuous.

**Remark 3.18.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $S$  fulfil the assumptions of Proposition 3.17. Then  $S$  need not be upper almost continuous.  $S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $S(x, y) = (x, y) + S(0, 0)$ , where  $S(0, 0) = \{(x, 0), x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .  $f(x, y) = (x, y)$  is a continuous selection for  $S$  but  $S$  is not upper almost continuous.

**Proposition 3.19.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. If  $S$  is lower semicontinuous (lower almost continuous), then  $S$  is uniformly lower semicontinuous (uniformly lower almost continuous) by the natural uniformities on  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**Proof.** We prove the case of lower semicontinuity, the other case being similar. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the uniformity in  $X$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  the uniformity in  $Y$ ,  $S$  lower semicontinuous and  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ . There exists an open set  $G \subset Y$  such that  $0 \in G$ ,  $G = -G = \{-y: y \in G\}$  and  $\{(x, y): (x - y) \in G\} \subset V$ . Hence  $G \subset V[0]$ . The lower semicontinuity of  $S$  at 0 implies that  $0 \in \text{Int } S^-(G) = \text{Int } S^-(-G) = -\text{Int } S^-(G)$ . Let  $U = \{(x, y): x - y \in \text{Int } S^-(G)\}$ . Then  $U[0] \subset S^-(V[0])$  since for each  $x \in U[0] = \text{Int } S^-(G)$  there exists a  $t \in S(x) \cap G \subset S(x) \cap V[0]$ . Hence  $U[x] \subset S^-(V[y])$  for any  $(x, y) \in S$ . Let  $(x, y) \in S$ . Then  $V[y] \supset G[y] = G + y$  and  $U[x] = \text{Int } S^-(G) + x$ . For each  $v \in U[x]$  we have:  $v = h + x$ , where  $h \in \text{Int } S^-(G)$  and  $S(v) = S(h) + S(x)$ . Then  $h \in S^-(G)$  implies the existence of  $u \in S(h) \cap G$  and  $u + y \in (S(h) + S(x)) \cap (G + y) = S(v) \cap (G + y)$ . Therefore  $v \in S^-(G + y) \cap S^-(V[y])$ . Thus  $S$  is uniformly lower semicontinuous.

**Theorem 3.20.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $Y$  be a complete vector pseudo-metric space. Let  $G(S) = \{(x, y): y \in S(x)\}$  be a closed set in  $X \times Y$ . Let  $S$  be lower almost continuous. Then  $S$  is uniformly lower semicontinuous.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.19.  $S$  is uniformly lower almost continuous and by Proposition 2.15.  $S$  is uniformly lower semicontinuous. Theorem 3.20 can be also obtained as a consequence of a more general assertion in paper [4], [9].

**Theorem 3.21.** Let  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear relation. Let  $Y$  be a complete vector pseudometric space. Let  $G(S) = \{(x, y): y \in S(x)\}$  be a closed set in  $X \times Y$ . Let  $S$  be almost continuous. Then  $S$  is continuous.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.19.  $S$  is uniformly lower almost continuous and by Corollary 2.16.  $S$  is continuous.

**Remark 3.21.** It is sufficient to suppose in 3.21 that  $S$  is upper almost continuous. (See Proposition 3.7.).

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### NEJAKÉ VLASTNOSTI SKORO SPOJITÝCH LINEÁRNYCH RELÁCIÍ

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Práca sa zaoberá skoro spojitostou lineárnych relácií. Študuje sa zhora skoro spojitost' a zdola skoro spojitost' lineárnych relácií. Je daná charakterizácia zhora skoro spojitých lineárnych relácií pre istý typ priestorov. Zhora skoro spojitá lineárna relácia s uzavretým grafom je za istých predpokladov spojitá.

## РЕЗЮМЕ

### НЕКОТОРЫЕ СВОЙСТВА ПОЧТИ НЕПРЕРЫВНЫХ ЛИНЕЙНЫХ ОТНОШЕНИЙ

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Эта статья занимается почти непрерывностью линейных отношений. Здесь изучается почти непрерывность сверху и снизу. В статье дана характеристика сверху почти непрерывных линейных отношений для некоторых пространств. В некоторых пространствах сверху почти непрерывное линейное отношение со замкнутым графиком непрерывное.

