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# A note on the topological transversality theorem for acyclic maps

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## Abstract

A new topological transversality theorem is presented for acyclic maps. The analysis relies on Urysohn's Lemma and the fact that the unit sphere is contractible in infinite dimensional normed linear spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

This work establishes a topological transversality theorem of Granas type [5] for multivalued acyclic maps. The proof differs from that given for Kututani maps [5,6] and relies on the fact that in a infinite dimensional normed linear space there exists a retraction from the unit ball to the unit sphere [1].

For the remainder of this section we look at the results in [1,3]. Let  $E = (E, \|\cdot\|)$  be an infinite dimensional normed linear space with  $B = \{x \in E : \|x\| < 1\}$  and  $S = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$ . From [1,3] we know that there exists a Lipschitz (Lipschitz constant  $k_0$  say) retraction  $r$  from  $\overline{B}$  onto  $S$ . Next fix  $R > 0$  and let  $B_R = \{x \in E : \|x\| < R\}$  and  $S_R = \{x \in E : \|x\| = R\}$ . Also let

$$r_1(x) = \frac{x}{R} \quad \text{and} \quad r_2(x) = Rx,$$

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so  $r_1 : \overline{B_R} \rightarrow \overline{B}$  and  $r_2 : S \rightarrow S_R$ . It is easy to check that  $r_R = r_2 r_1 : \overline{B_R} \rightarrow S_R$  is a Lipschitz retraction (Lipschitz constant  $k_0$ ) from  $\overline{B_R}$  onto  $S_R$ . Now let  $U$  be an open convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in U$ . Then there exists  $R > 0$  with  $B_R \subseteq U$ . Let

$$r_3(x) = \frac{x}{\max\{1, \mu_1(x)\}}, x \in E \quad \text{and} \quad r_4(x) = \frac{x}{\mu_2(x)}, x \in E \setminus \{0\}$$

where  $\mu_1$  is the Minkowski functional on  $\overline{B_R}$  and  $\mu_2$  is the Minkowski functional on  $\overline{U}$ . Notice  $r_3 : \overline{U} \rightarrow \overline{B_R}$  and  $r_4 : S_R \rightarrow \partial U$ . Then  $r_4 r_R r_3 : \overline{U} \rightarrow \partial U$  is a continuous retraction from  $\overline{U}$  onto  $\partial U$ .

## 2. Topological transversality

Let  $E$  be an infinite dimensional normed linear space and  $U$  an open convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in U$ .

**Definition 2.1.** We let  $F \in M(\overline{U}, E)$  denote the set of all upper semicontinuous compact maps  $F : \overline{U} \rightarrow AC(E)$ ; here  $AC(E)$  denotes the family of nonempty, compact, acyclic [4] subsets of  $E$ .

**Definition 2.2.** We let  $F \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  if  $F \in M(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $x \notin F(x)$  for  $x \in \partial U$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A map  $F \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  is essential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  if for every  $G \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $G|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  there exists  $x \in U$  with  $x \in G(x)$ . Otherwise  $F$  is inessential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .

**Definition 2.4.**  $F, G \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  are homotopic in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ , written  $F \cong G$  in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ , if there exists an upper semicontinuous compact map  $N : \overline{U} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow AC(E)$  such that  $N_t(u) = N(u, t) : \overline{U} \rightarrow AC(E)$  belongs to  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $N_0 = F$  with  $N_1 = G$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Notice that  $\cong$  is an equivalence relation in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $E$  be an infinite dimensional normed linear space and  $U$  an open convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in U$ . Suppose that  $F \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $F$  is inessential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ ;
- (ii) there exists a map  $G \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $x \notin G(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$  and  $F \cong G$  in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .

**Proof.** To show that (i) implies (ii) let  $G \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $G|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  and  $x \notin Gx$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$ . From Section 1 we know there exists a continuous retraction  $r : \overline{U} \rightarrow \partial U$ . Let the map  $F^*$  be given by  $F^*(x) = F(r(x))$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$ . Of course  $F^*(x) = G(r(x))$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$  since  $G|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$ . With

$$H(x, \lambda) = G(2\lambda r(x) + (1 - 2\lambda)x) = G \circ j(x, \lambda) \quad \text{for } (x, \lambda) \in \overline{U} \times \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

(here  $j : \overline{U} \times [0, \frac{1}{2}] \rightarrow \overline{U}$  is given by  $j(x, \lambda) = 2\lambda r(x) + (1 - 2\lambda)x$ ) it is easy to see that

$$G \cong F^* \text{ in } M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E); \tag{2.1}$$

notice that if there exists  $x \in \partial U$  and  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  with  $x \in H_\lambda(x)$  then since  $r(x) = x$  we have  $x \in G(2\lambda x + (1 - 2\lambda)x) = G(x)$ , a contradiction. Similarly with

$$Q(x, \lambda) = F((2 - 2\lambda)r(x) + (2\lambda - 1)x) \quad \text{for } (x, \lambda) \in \overline{U} \times \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$$

it is easy to see that

$$F^* \cong F \text{ in } M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E). \tag{2.2}$$

Combining (2.1) and (2.2) gives  $G \cong F$  in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .

We next show that (ii) implies (i). Let  $N : \overline{U} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow AC(E)$  be an upper semicontinuous, compact map with  $N_t \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $N_1 = F$  with  $N_0 = G$ . Let

$$B = \{x \in \overline{U} : x \in N(x, t) \text{ for some } t \in [0, 1]\}.$$

If  $B = \emptyset$  then in particular  $x \notin N(x, 1)$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$  so  $F$  is inessential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ . So it remains to consider the case when  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Clearly  $B$  is closed (and in fact compact). Also since  $B \cap \partial U = \emptyset$  there exists a continuous  $\mu : \overline{U} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $\mu(\partial U) = 1$  and  $\mu(B) = 0$ . Define a map  $J : \overline{U} \rightarrow AC(E)$  by  $J(x) = N(x, \mu(x))$ . It is clear that  $J$  is an upper semicontinuous, compact map. Also  $J|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  since if  $x \in \partial U$  then  $J(x) = N(x, 1) = F(x)$ . In addition note that  $x \notin J(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$  since if  $x \in J(x)$  for some  $x \in \overline{U}$  then  $x \in B$  and so  $\mu(x) = 0$ , i.e.  $x \in N(x, 0) = G(x)$ , a contradiction. Thus  $J \in M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $J|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  and  $x \notin J(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$ . As a result  $F$  is inessential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .  $\square$

Theorem 2.1 immediately yields the following continuation theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $E$  be an infinite dimensional normed linear space and  $U$  an open convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in U$ . Suppose that  $F$  and  $G$  are two maps in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $F \cong G$  in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ . Then  $F$  is essential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  if and only if  $G$  is essential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .*

To complete our discussion we now supply an example of an essential map (this is called a normalization property).

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $E$  be an infinite dimensional normed linear space and  $U$  an open convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in U$ . Then the zero map is essential in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $G : \overline{U} \rightarrow AC(E)$  be a map in  $M_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, E)$  with  $G|_{\partial U} = \{0\}$ . We must show that there exists  $x \in U$  with  $x \in G(x)$ . Let

$$J(x) = \begin{cases} G(x), & x \in \overline{U} \\ \{0\}, & x \in E \setminus \overline{U}. \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $J : E \rightarrow AC(E)$  is an upper semicontinuous, compact map. Now [4, p. 161] guarantees that  $J$  has a fixed point  $x \in E$ . In fact  $x \in U$  since  $0 \in U$ . Hence  $x \in G(x)$  and we are finished.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** It is also possible to combine the homotopy and normalization properties to obtain a Leray–Schauder alternative [5–8].

Next we discuss maps with values in a cone. Let  $E = (E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space (not necessarily infinite dimensional) and let  $C \subseteq E$  be a cone (i.e.  $C$  is a closed, convex, invariant under multiplication by nonnegative real numbers and  $C \cap (-C) = \{0\}$ ). Fix  $R > 0$  and let

$$B_R = \{x \in C : \|x\| < R\} \quad \text{and} \quad S_R = \{x \in C : \|x\| = R\}.$$

**Definition 2.5.** We let  $F \in CM(\overline{B_R}, C)$  denote the set of all upper semicontinuous compact maps  $F : \overline{B_R} \rightarrow AC(C)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** We let  $F \in CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  if  $F \in CM(\overline{B_R}, C)$  with  $x \notin F(x)$  for  $x \in S_R$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A map  $F \in CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  is essential in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  if for every  $G \in CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  with  $G|_{S_R} = F|_{S_R}$  there exists  $x \in B_R$  with  $x \in G(x)$ . Otherwise  $F$  is inessential in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$ .

**Definition 2.8.**  $F, G \in CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  are homotopic in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$ , written  $F \cong G$  in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$ , if there exists an upper semicontinuous compact map  $N : \overline{B_R} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow AC(C)$  such that  $N_t(u) = N(u, t) : \overline{B_R} \rightarrow AC(C)$  belongs to  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $N_0 = F$  with  $N_1 = G$ .

Essentially the same reasoning as in Theorem 2.1 (once one realizes that there exists a continuous retraction  $r : \overline{B_R} \rightarrow S_R$  (see [2])) establishes the next result.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $E$  be a normed linear space,  $C \subseteq E$  a cone and  $R > 0$ . Suppose  $F$  and  $G$  are two maps in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  with  $F \cong G$  in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$ . Then  $F$  is essential in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$  if and only if  $G$  is essential in  $CM_{S_R}(\overline{B_R}, C)$ .

**Remark 2.3.** The analogue of Theorem 2.3 is also immediate in this case.

### 3. Generalizations

In this section we generalize the topological transversality theorem of Section 2. We discuss in particular a subclass of the  $\mathcal{U}_c^k$  maps of Park [7]. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Hausdorff topological vector spaces. Recall that a polytope  $P$  in  $X$  is any convex hull of a nonempty finite subset of  $X$ . Given a class  $\mathcal{X}$  of maps,  $\mathcal{X}(X, Y)$  denotes the set of maps  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  (the nonempty subsets of  $Y$ ) belonging to  $\mathcal{X}$ , and  $\mathcal{X}_c$  the set of finite compositions of maps in  $\mathcal{X}$ . A class  $\mathcal{U}$  of maps is defined by the following properties:

- (i)  $\mathcal{U}$  contains the class  $\mathcal{C}$  of single-valued continuous functions;
- (ii) each  $F \in \mathcal{U}_c$  is upper semicontinuous and compact valued; and
- (iii) for any polytope  $P$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{U}_c(P, P)$  has a fixed point, where the intermediate spaces of composites are suitably chosen for each  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Definition 3.1.**  $F \in \mathcal{U}_c^k(X, Y)$  if for any compact subset  $K$  of  $X$ , there is a  $G \in \mathcal{U}_c(K, Y)$  with  $G(x) \subseteq F(x)$  for each  $x \in K$ .

Recall that  $\mathcal{U}_c^k$  is closed under compositions. In this section we will consider a subclass  $\mathcal{A}$  of the  $\mathcal{U}_c^k$  maps. The following condition will be assumed throughout this section:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for Hausdorff topological spaces } X_1, X_2 \text{ and } X_3, \\ \text{if } F \in \mathcal{A}(X_1, X_3) \text{ and } f \in \mathcal{C}(X_2, X_1), \\ \text{then } F \circ f \in \mathcal{A}(X_2, X_3). \end{array} \right. \quad (3.1)$$

In this section  $X$  is an infinite dimensional normed linear space,  $Y$  a topological vector space and  $U$  an open convex subset of  $X$  with  $0 \in U$ . Also  $L : \text{dom } L \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  will be a linear (not necessarily continuous) single-valued map; here  $\text{dom } L$  is a vector subspace of  $X$ . Finally  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  will be a linear, continuous single-valued map with  $L + T : \text{dom } L \rightarrow Y$  an isomorphism (i.e. a linear homeomorphism); for convenience we say  $T \in H_L(X, Y)$ .

A multivalued map  $F : \overline{U} \rightarrow 2^Y$  is said to be  $(L, T)$  upper semicontinuous if  $(L + T)^{-1}F : \overline{U} \rightarrow K(X)$  is an upper semicontinuous map; here  $K(X)$  denotes the family of nonempty, compact subsets of  $X$ .  $F : \overline{U} \rightarrow 2^Y$  is said to be  $(L, T)$  compact if  $(L + T)^{-1}F : \overline{U} \rightarrow K(X)$  is a compact map.

**Definition 3.2.** We let  $F \in D(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  if  $(L + T)^{-1}F \in \mathcal{A}(\overline{U}, X)$  and  $F : \overline{U} \rightarrow 2^Y$  is an  $(L, T)$  upper semicontinuous,  $(L, T)$  compact map.

**Definition 3.3.**  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  denotes the maps  $F \in D(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $Lx \notin F(x)$  for  $x \in \partial U \cap \text{dom } L$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A map  $F \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  is essential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  if for every map  $G \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $G|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  we have that there exists  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$  with  $Lx \in G(x)$ . Otherwise  $F$  is inessential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ , i.e. there exists  $G \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $G|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  and  $Lx \notin G(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Two maps  $F, G \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  are homotopic in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ , written  $F \cong G$  in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ , if there exists an  $(L, T)$  upper semicontinuous,  $(L, T)$  compact mapping  $N : \overline{U} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow 2^Y$  such that  $N_t(u) = N(u, t) : \overline{U} \rightarrow 2^Y$  belongs to  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $N_0 = F$  with  $N_1 = G$ .

The following condition will be assumed throughout this section:

$$\cong \text{ is an equivalence relation in } D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T). \tag{3.2}$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $X, Y, U, L$  and  $T$  be as above and assume that (3.1) and (3.2) hold. Suppose  $F \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $F$  is inessential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ ;
- (ii) there exists a map  $G \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $Lx \notin G(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$  and  $F \cong G$  in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ .

**Proof.** To show that (i) implies (ii) let  $G \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $G|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  and  $Lx \notin G(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$ . Also let  $r$  be as in Theorem 2.1 and  $F^*(x) = F(r(x)) = G(r(x))$  for  $x \in \overline{U}$ . Let

$$H(x, \lambda) = G(2\lambda r(x) + (1 - 2\lambda)x) = G \circ j(x, \lambda) \quad \text{for } (x, \lambda) \in \overline{U} \times \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

where  $j : \overline{U} \times [0, \frac{1}{2}] \rightarrow \overline{U}$  is given by  $j(x, \lambda) = 2\lambda r(x) + (1 - 2\lambda)x$ . Clearly  $H$  is an  $(L, T)$  upper semicontinuous,  $(L, T)$  compact map. In addition, assumption (3.1) guarantees that  $(L + T)^{-1}H \in \mathcal{A}(\overline{U} \times [0, \frac{1}{2}], X)$ . Now if there exists  $x \in \partial U \cap \text{dom } L$  and  $\lambda \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  with  $Lx \in H_\lambda(x)$  then since  $r(x) = x$  we have  $Lx \in Gx$ , a contradiction. Consequently

$$G \cong F^* \text{ in } D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T). \tag{3.3}$$

Similarly with

$$Q(x, \lambda) = F((2 - 2\lambda)r(x) + (2\lambda - 1)x) \quad \text{for } (x, \lambda) \in \overline{U} \times \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$$

we have

$$F^* \cong F \text{ in } D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T). \tag{3.4}$$

Now (3.2)–(3.4) imply  $G \cong F$  in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ .

We next show that (ii) implies (i). Let  $N : \overline{U} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow 2^Y$  denote the  $(L, T)$  upper semicontinuous,  $(L, T)$  compact map with  $N_t \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and with  $N_1 = F$  and  $N_0 = G$

[in particular  $Lx \notin N_t(x)$  for  $x \in \partial U \cap \text{dom } L$  and for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ]. Let

$$B = \{x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L : Lx \in N(x, t) \text{ for some } t \in [0, 1]\}.$$

Of course, it is immediate that

$$B = \{x \in \overline{U} : x \in (L + T)^{-1}(N_t + T)(x) \text{ for some } t \in [0, 1]\}.$$

If  $B = \emptyset$  then  $F$  is inessential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ . So it remains to consider the case when  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Now  $B$  is closed and  $\partial U \cap B = \emptyset$  so there exists a continuous function  $\mu : \overline{U} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $\mu(\partial U) = 1$  and  $\mu(B) = 0$ . Define a map  $J$  by  $J(x) = N(x, \mu(x)) = N \circ j(x)$  where  $j : \overline{U} \rightarrow \overline{U} \times [0, 1]$  is given by  $j(x) = (x, \mu(x))$ . Clearly  $J$  is an  $(L, T)$  upper semicontinuous,  $(L, T)$  compact map. Also from (3.1) we know that  $(L + T)^{-1}J \in \mathcal{A}(\overline{U}, X)$ . Note also that  $J|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$ . Finally  $Lx \notin J(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$  since if  $Lx \in J(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$  then  $x \in B$  and so  $\mu(x) = 0$  (i.e.  $Lx \in G(x)$ ), a contradiction. Thus  $J \in D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $J|_{\partial U} = F|_{\partial U}$  and  $Lx \notin J(x)$  for  $x \in \overline{U} \cap \text{dom } L$ . As a result  $F$  is inessential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  and we are finished.  $\square$

Now (3.2) together with Theorem 3.1 yields the following continuation theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $X, Y, U, L$  and  $T$  be as above and assume that (3.1) and (3.2) hold. Suppose  $F$  and  $G$  are two maps in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  with  $F \cong G$  in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ . Then  $F$  is essential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$  if and only if  $G$  is essential in  $D_{\partial U}(\overline{U}, Y; L, T)$ .*

**Remark 3.1.** If  $L = I$  and  $T = 0$  the results in this section improve on those in Section 2. In this case also we could discuss maps in  $\mathcal{A}(\overline{U}, C)$  where  $\overline{B}_R$  and  $C$  are as defined in Section 2.

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