

Extensions of Continuous Selections

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Notation

- Selections whose domain is $[X]^n$ or $[X]^{\leq n}$ will be called n -continuous selections or $\leq n$ -continuous selections respectively.
- We write $a \rightarrow_f x$ when $x \in a \in \text{dom}(f)$ and $f(a) = x$.

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Theorem (folklore)

Let $n \in \omega$ and f be a choice function over $[X]^n$. f is a n -continuous selection if and only if for every $\vec{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in [X]^n$, there exist $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{x_1}, \dots, U_{x_n}\} \subseteq \tau$ such that:

- For every $i \leq n$, $x_i \in U_{x_i}$.
- If $i \neq j$ then $U_i \cap U_j = \emptyset$.
- $\mathcal{U} \rightrightarrows_f U_i$ if and only if $\vec{x} \rightarrow_f x_i$.

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Definition (isomorphisms of selections)

Let $n \in \omega$, and f, g be n -continuous selections over spaces X and Y respectively. We say $\theta : X \rightarrow Y$ is an isomorphism from f to g if and only if it is bijective for every $a \in [X]^n$, it happens that $\theta[f(a)] = g(\theta[a])$

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Lemma

Let $2 \leq n \in \omega$, and f be a n - continuous selection over X . If k is such that $n \leq k$ and $x \in [X]^k$, then

$$P_n^k(x) := \{y \in [X]^k \mid f|_{[y]^n} \text{ is isomorphic to } f|_{[x]^n}\}$$

is clopen in $[X]^k$.

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Lemma

If p is a prime number and f is a $\leq p$ - continuous selection over X , then for every $p \leq k$ such that p does not divide k and for every $x \in [X]^k$ $f|_{[x]^p}$ is not regular.

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X admits a n -continuous selection for every $n \in \omega$ if and only if it admits a p -continuous selection for every prime number.

The center of the problem

The real remaining question is: What can you say about $P_n^k(x)$ when $f|_{[x]^n}$ is regular?. In fact, here is where most of topological part of the problem really starts and the word selection loses importance.

Thanks for you attention