

## Extremal selections of multifunctions generating a continuous flow

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**Abstract.** Let  $F : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  be a continuous multifunction with compact, not necessarily convex values. In this paper, we prove that, if  $F$  satisfies the following Lipschitz Selection Property:

(LSP) *For every  $t, x$ , every  $y \in \overline{\text{co}}F(t, x)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a Lipschitz selection  $\phi$  of  $\overline{\text{co}}F$ , defined on a neighborhood of  $(t, x)$ , with  $|\phi(t, x) - y| < \varepsilon$ ,*

then there exists a measurable selection  $f$  of  $\text{ext } F$  such that, for every  $x_0$ , the Cauchy problem

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has a unique Carathéodory solution, depending continuously on  $x_0$ .

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $F : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  be a continuous multifunction with compact, not necessarily convex values. If  $F$  is Lipschitz continuous, it was shown in [5] that there exists a measurable selection  $f$  of  $F$  such that, for every  $x_0$ , the Cauchy problem

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has a unique Carathéodory solution, depending continuously on  $x_0$ .

In this paper, we prove that the above selection  $f$  can be chosen so that  $f(t, x) \in \text{ext } F(t, x)$  for all  $t, x$ . More generally, the result remains valid if  $F$  satisfies the following Lipschitz Selection Property:

(LSP) *For every  $t, x$ , every  $y \in \overline{\text{co}}F(t, x)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a Lipschitz selection  $\phi$  of  $\overline{\text{co}}F$ , defined on a neighborhood of  $(t, x)$ , with  $|\phi(t, x) - y| < \varepsilon$ .*

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We remark that, by [10, 12], every Lipschitz multifunction with compact values satisfies (LSP). Another interesting class for which (LSP) holds consists of those continuous multifunctions  $F$  whose values are compact and have convex closure with nonempty interior. Indeed, for any given  $t, x, y, \varepsilon$ , choosing  $y' \in \text{int } \overline{\text{co}}F(t, x)$  with  $|y' - y| < \varepsilon$ , the constant function  $\phi \equiv y'$  is a local selection from  $\overline{\text{co}}F$  satisfying the requirements.

In the following,  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is an open set,  $\overline{B}(0, M)$  is the closed ball centered at the origin with radius  $M$ ,  $\overline{B}(D, MT)$  is the closed neighborhood of radius  $MT$  around the set  $D$ , while  $\mathcal{AC}$  is the Sobolev space of all absolutely continuous functions  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , with norm  $\|u\|_{\mathcal{AC}} = \int_0^T (|u(t)| + |\dot{u}(t)|) dt$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $F : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  be a bounded continuous multifunction with compact values, satisfying (LSP). Assume that  $F(t, x) \subseteq \overline{B}(0, M)$  for all  $t, x$  and let  $D$  be a compact set such that  $\overline{B}(D, MT) \subset \Omega$ . Then there exists a measurable function  $f$  with*

$$(1.1) \quad f(t, x) \in \text{ext } F(t, x) \quad \forall t, x,$$

such that, for every  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$ , the Cauchy problem

$$(1.2) \quad \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

has a unique Carathéodory solution  $x(\cdot) = x(\cdot, t_0, x_0)$  on  $[0, T]$ , depending continuously on  $t_0, x_0$  in the norm of  $\mathcal{AC}$ .

Moreover, if  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and a Lipschitz continuous selection  $f_0$  of  $\overline{\text{co}}F$  are given, then one can construct  $f$  with the following additional property: Denoting by  $y(\cdot, t_0, x_0)$  the unique solution of

$$(1.3) \quad \dot{y}(t) = f_0(t, y(t)), \quad y(t_0) = x_0,$$

for every  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$  one has

$$(1.4) \quad |y(t, t_0, x_0) - x(t, t_0, x_0)| \leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

The proof of the above theorem, given in Section 3, starts with the construction of a sequence  $f_n$  of directionally continuous selections from  $\overline{\text{co}}F$  which are piecewise Lipschitz continuous in the  $(t, x)$ -space. For every  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  in a class of Lipschitz continuous functions, we then show that the composed maps  $t \rightarrow f_n(t, u(t))$  form a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathcal{L}^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$  converging pointwise almost everywhere to a map of the form  $f(\cdot, u(\cdot))$ , taking values within the extreme points of  $F$ . This convergence is obtained through an argument which is considerably different from previous works. Indeed, it relies on a careful use of the likelihood functional introduced in [4], interpreted here as a measure of “oscillatory nonconvergence” of a set of derivatives.

Among various corollaries, Theorem 1 yields an extension, valid for the wider class of multifunctions with the property (LSP), of the following results, proved in [7], [5] and [8], respectively.

- (i) Existence of selections from the solution set of a differential inclusion, depending continuously on the initial data.
- (ii) Existence of selections from a multifunction, which generate a continuous flow.
- (iii) Contractibility of the solution sets of  $\dot{x} \in F(t, x)$  and  $\dot{x} \in \text{ext } F(t, x)$ .

These consequences, together with an application to bang-bang feedback controls, are described in Section 4. Topological properties of the set of solutions of nonconvex differential inclusions have been studied in [3, 6] with the technique of directionally continuous selections and in [8, 9, 13] using the method of Baire category.

**2. Preliminaries.** As customary,  $\bar{A}$  and  $\overline{\text{co}} A$  denote here the closure and the closed convex hull of  $A$  respectively, while  $A \setminus B$  indicates a set-theoretic difference. The Lebesgue measure of a set  $J \subset \mathbb{R}$  is  $m(J)$ . The characteristic function of a set  $A$  is written as  $\chi_A$ .

In the following,  $\mathcal{K}_n$  denotes the family of all nonempty compact convex subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , endowed with Hausdorff metric. A key technical tool used in our proofs will be the function  $h : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{K}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$  defined by

$$(2.1) \quad h(y, K) \doteq \sup \left\{ \left( \int_0^1 |w(\xi) - y|^2 d\xi \right)^{1/2}; w : [0, 1] \rightarrow K, \int_0^1 w(\xi) d\xi = y \right\}$$

with the understanding that  $h(y, K) = -\infty$  if  $y \notin K$ . Observe that  $h^2(y, K)$  can be interpreted as the maximum variance among all random variables supported inside  $K$  whose mean value is  $y$ . The following results were proved in [4]:

LEMMA 1. *The map  $(y, K) \mapsto h(y, K)$  is upper semicontinuous in both variables; for each fixed  $K \in \mathcal{K}_n$  the function  $y \mapsto h(y, K)$  is strictly concave down on  $K$ . Moreover, one has*

$$(2.2) \quad h(y, K) = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad y \in \text{ext } K,$$

$$(2.3) \quad h^2(y, K) \leq r^2(K) - |y - c(K)|^2,$$

where  $c(K)$  and  $r(K)$  denote the Chebyshev center and the Chebyshev radius of  $K$ , respectively.

Remark 1. By the above lemma, the function  $h$  has all the qualitative properties of the Choquet function  $d_F$  considered, for example, in [9,

Proposition 2.6]. It could thus be used within any argument based on Baire category. Moreover, the likelihood functional

$$L(u) \doteq \left( \int_0^T h^2(\dot{u}(t), F(t, u(t))) dt \right)^{1/2}$$

provides an upper bound to the distance  $\|\dot{v} - \dot{u}\|_{\mathcal{L}^2}$  between derivatives, for solutions of  $\dot{v} \in F(t, v)$  which remain close to  $u$  uniformly on  $[0, T]$ . This additional quantitative property of the function  $h$  will be a crucial ingredient in our proof.

For the basic theory of multifunctions and differential inclusions we refer to [1]. As in [2], given a map  $g : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , we say that  $g$  is *directionally continuous* along the directions of the cone  $\Gamma^N = \{(s, y) ; |y| \leq Ns\}$  if

$$g(t, x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g(t_k, x_k)$$

for every  $(t, x)$  and every sequence  $(t_k, x_k)$  in the domain of  $g$  such that  $t_k \rightarrow t$  and  $|x_k - x| \leq N(t_k - t)$  for every  $k$ . Equivalently,  $g$  is  $\Gamma^N$ -continuous iff it is continuous w.r.t. the topology generated by the family of all half-open cones of the form

$$(2.4) \quad \{(s, y) ; \hat{t} \leq s < \hat{t} + \varepsilon, |y - \hat{x}| \leq N(s - t)\}$$

with  $(\hat{t}, \hat{x}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . A set of the form (2.4) will be called an  $N$ -cone.

Under the assumptions on  $\Omega, D$  made in Theorem 1, consider the set of Lipschitzean functions

$$Y \doteq \{u : [0, T] \rightarrow \bar{B}(D, MT) ; |u(t) - u(s)| \leq M|t - s| \forall t, s\}.$$

The Picard operator of a map  $g : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{P}^g(u)(t) \doteq \int_0^t g(s, u(s)) ds, \quad u \in Y.$$

The distance between two Picard operators will be measured by

$$(2.5) \quad \|\mathcal{P}^f - \mathcal{P}^g\| = \sup \left\{ \left| \int_0^t [f(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))] ds \right| ; t \in [0, T], u \in Y \right\}.$$

The next lemma will be useful in order to prove the uniqueness of solutions of the Cauchy problems (1.2).

LEMMA 2. *Let  $f$  be a measurable map from  $[0, T] \times \Omega$  into  $\bar{B}(0, M)$ , with  $\mathcal{P}^f$  continuous on  $Y$ . Let  $D$  be compact, with  $\bar{B}(D, MT) \subset \Omega$ , and assume that the Cauchy problem*

$$(2.6) \quad \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

*has a unique solution, for each  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$ .*

Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  with the following property. If  $g : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \overline{B}(0, M)$  satisfies  $\|\mathcal{P}^g - \mathcal{P}^f\| \leq \delta$ , then for every  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$ , any solution of the Cauchy problem

$$(2.7) \quad \dot{y}(t) = g(t, y(t)), \quad y(t_0) = x_0, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

has distance  $< \varepsilon$  from the corresponding solution of (2.6). In particular, the solution set of (2.7) has diameter  $\leq 2\varepsilon$  in  $\mathcal{C}^0([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Proof.** If the conclusion fails, then there exist sequences of times  $t_\nu, t'_\nu$ , maps  $g_\nu$  with  $\|\mathcal{P}^{g_\nu} - \mathcal{P}^f\| \rightarrow 0$ , and couples of solutions  $x_\nu, y_\nu : [0, T] \rightarrow \overline{B}(D, MT)$  of

$$(2.8) \quad \dot{x}_\nu(t) = f(t, x_\nu(t)), \quad \dot{y}_\nu(t) = g_\nu(t, y_\nu(t)), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

with

$$(2.9) \quad x_\nu(t_\nu) = y_\nu(t_\nu) \in D, \quad |x_\nu(t'_\nu) - y_\nu(t'_\nu)| \geq \varepsilon \quad \forall \nu.$$

By taking subsequences, we can assume that  $t_\nu \rightarrow t_0, t'_\nu \rightarrow \tau, x_\nu(t_0) \rightarrow x_0$ , while  $x_\nu \rightarrow x$  and  $y_\nu \rightarrow y$  uniformly on  $[0, T]$ . From (2.8) it follows that

$$(2.10) \quad \left| y(t) - x_0 - \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y(s)) ds \right| \leq |y(t) - y_\nu(t)| + |x_0 - y_\nu(t_0)| \\ + \left| \int_{t_0}^t [f(s, y(s)) - f(s, y_\nu(s))] ds \right| + \left| \int_{t_0}^t [f(s, y_\nu(s)) - g_\nu(s, y_\nu(s))] ds \right|.$$

As  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ , the right hand side of (2.10) tends to zero, showing that  $y(\cdot)$  is a solution of (2.6). By the continuity of  $\mathcal{P}^f$ ,  $x(\cdot)$  is also a solution of (2.6), distinct from  $y(\cdot)$  because

$$|x(\tau) - y(\tau)| = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} |x_\nu(\tau) - y_\nu(\tau)| = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} |x_\nu(t'_\nu) - y_\nu(t'_\nu)| \geq \varepsilon.$$

This contradicts the uniqueness assumption, proving the lemma.

**3. Proof of the main theorem.** Observing that  $\text{ext } F(t, x) = \text{ext } \overline{\text{co}}F(t, x)$  for every compact set  $F(t, x)$ , it is clearly not restrictive to prove Theorem 1 under the additional assumption that all values of  $F$  are convex. Moreover, the bounds on  $F$  and  $D$  imply that no solution of the Cauchy problem

$$\dot{x}(t) \in F(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

with  $x_0 \in D$ , can escape from the set  $\overline{B}(D, MT)$ . Therefore, it suffices to construct the selection  $f$  on the compact set  $\Omega^\dagger \doteq [0, T] \times \overline{B}(D, MT)$ . Finally, since every convex-valued multifunction satisfying (LSP) admits a globally defined Lipschitz selection, it suffices to prove the second part of the theorem, with  $f_0$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  assigned.

We shall define a sequence of directionally continuous selections of  $F$ , converging a.e. to a selection from  $\text{ext } F$ . The basic step of our constructive procedure will be provided by the next lemma.

LEMMA 3. Fix any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $S$  be a compact subset of  $[0, T] \times \Omega$  and let  $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous selection of  $F$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad h(\phi(t, x), F(t, x)) < \eta \quad \forall (t, x) \in S,$$

with  $h$  as in (2.1). Then there exists a piecewise Lipschitz selection  $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $F$  with the following properties:

(i) There exists a finite covering  $\{\Gamma_i\}_{i=1, \dots, \nu}$ , consisting of  $\Gamma^{M+1}$ -cones, such that, if we define the pairwise disjoint sets  $\Delta^i \doteq \Gamma_i \setminus \bigcup_{l < i} \Gamma_l$ , then on each  $\Delta^i$  the following holds:

(a) There exist Lipschitzian selections  $\psi_j^i : \overline{\Delta^i} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, n$ , such that

$$(3.2) \quad g|_{\Delta^i} = \sum_{j=0}^n \psi_j^i \chi_{A_j^i},$$

where each  $A_j^i$  is a finite union of strips of the form  $([t', t''] \times \mathbb{R}^n) \cap \Delta^i$ .

(b) For every  $j = 0, \dots, n$  there exists an affine map  $\varphi_j^i(\cdot) = \langle a_j^i, \cdot \rangle + b_j^i$  such that

$$(3.3) \quad \varphi_j^i(\psi_j^i(t, x)) \leq \varepsilon, \quad \varphi_j^i(z) \geq h(z, F(t, x)), \quad \forall (t, x) \in \overline{\Delta^i}, \quad z \in F(t, x).$$

(ii) For every  $u \in Y$  and every interval  $[\tau, \tau']$  such that  $(s, u(s)) \in S$  for  $\tau \leq s < \tau'$ , the following estimates hold:

$$(3.4) \quad \left| \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} [\phi(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))] ds \right| \leq \varepsilon,$$

$$(3.5) \quad \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} |\phi(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))| ds \leq \varepsilon + \eta(\tau' - \tau).$$

Remark 2. Thinking of  $h(y, K)$  as a measure for the distance of  $y$  from the extreme points of  $K$ , the above lemma can be interpreted as follows. Given any selection  $\phi$  of  $F$ , one can find a  $\Gamma^{M+1}$ -continuous selection  $g$  whose values lie close to the extreme points of  $F$  and whose Picard operator  $\mathcal{P}^g$ , by (3.4), is close to  $\mathcal{P}^\phi$ . Moreover, if the values of  $\phi$  are near the extreme points of  $F$ , i.e. if  $\eta$  in (3.1) is small, then  $g$  can be chosen close to  $\phi$ . The estimate (3.5) will be a direct consequence of the definition (2.1) of  $h$  and of Hölder's inequality.

Remark 3. Since  $h$  is only upper semicontinuous, the two assumptions  $y_\nu \rightarrow y$  and  $h(y_\nu, K) \rightarrow 0$  do not necessarily imply  $h(y, K) = 0$ . As a consequence, the a.e. limit of a convergent sequence of approximately extremal selections  $f_\nu$  of  $F$  need not take values inside  $\text{ext } F$ . To overcome this difficulty, the estimates in (3.3) provide upper bounds for  $h$  in terms of the affine maps  $\varphi_j^i$ . Since each  $\varphi_j^i$  is continuous, limits of the form  $\varphi_j^i(y_\nu) \rightarrow \varphi_j^i(y)$  will be straightforward.

Proof of Lemma 3. For every  $(t, x) \in S$  there exist values  $y_j(t, x) \in F(t, x)$  and coefficients  $\theta_j(t, x) \geq 0$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t, x) &= \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j(t, x) y_j(t, x), & \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j(t, x) &= 1, \\ h(y_j(t, x), F(t, x)) &< \varepsilon/2. \end{aligned}$$

By the concavity and the upper semicontinuity of  $h$ , for every  $j = 0, \dots, n$  there exists an affine function  $\varphi_j^{(t,x)}(\cdot) = \langle a_j^{(t,x)}, \cdot \rangle + b_j^{(t,x)}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_j^{(t,x)}(y_j(t, x)) &< h(y_j(t, x), F(t, x)) + \varepsilon/2 < \varepsilon, \\ \varphi_j^{(t,x)}(z) &> h(z, F(t, x)) \quad \forall z \in F(t, x). \end{aligned}$$

By (LSP) and the continuity of each  $\varphi_j^{(t,x)}$ , there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $(t, x)$  together with Lipschitzian selections  $\psi_j^{(t,x)} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that, for every  $j$  and every  $(s, y) \in \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$(3.6) \quad |\psi_j^{(t,x)}(s, y) - y_j(t, x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4T},$$

$$(3.7) \quad \varphi_j^{(t,x)}(\psi_j^{(t,x)}(s, y)) < \varepsilon.$$

Using again the upper semicontinuity of  $h$ , we can find a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}'$  of  $(t, x)$  such that

$$(3.8) \quad \varphi_j^{(t,x)}(z) \geq h(z, F(s, y)) \quad \forall z \in F(s, y), (s, y) \in \mathcal{U}', j = 0, \dots, n.$$

Choose a neighborhood  $\Gamma_{t,x}$  of  $(t, x)$ , contained in  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{U}'$ , such that, for every point  $(s, y)$  in the closure  $\bar{\Gamma}_{t,x}$ , one has

$$(3.9) \quad |\phi(s, y) - \phi(t, x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4T}.$$

It is not restrictive to assume that  $\Gamma_{t,x}$  is an  $(M + 1)$ -cone, i.e. it has the form (2.4) with  $N = M + 1$ . By the compactness of  $S$  we can extract a finite subcovering  $\{\Gamma^i ; 1 \leq i \leq \nu\}$ , with  $\Gamma_i \doteq \Gamma_{t_i, x_i}$ . Define  $\Delta^i \doteq \Gamma_i \setminus \bigcup_{j < i} \Gamma_j$  and set  $\theta_j^i = \theta_j(t_i, x_i)$ ,  $y_j^i = y_j(t_i, x_i)$ ,  $\psi_j^i = \psi_j^{(t_i, x_i)}$ ,  $\varphi_j^i = \varphi_j^{(t_i, x_i)}$ . Choose

an integer  $N$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad N > \frac{8M\nu^2T}{\varepsilon}$$

and divide  $[0, T]$  into  $N$  equal subintervals  $J_1, \dots, J_N$ , with

$$(3.11) \quad J_k = [t_{k-1}, t_k), \quad t_k = \frac{kT}{N}.$$

For each  $i, k$  such that  $(J_k \times \mathbb{R}^n) \cap \Delta^i \neq \emptyset$ , we then split  $J_k$  into  $n+1$  subintervals  $J_{k,0}^i, \dots, J_{k,n}^i$  with lengths proportional to  $\theta_{k,0}^i, \dots, \theta_{k,n}^i$ , by setting

$$J_{k,j}^i = [t_{k,j-1}, t_{k,j}), \quad t_{k,j} = \frac{T}{N} \left( k + \sum_{l=0}^j \theta_{k,l}^i \right), \quad t_{k,-1} = \frac{Tk}{N}.$$

For any point  $(t, x) \in \overline{\Delta^i}$  we now set

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{cases} g^i(t, x) \doteq \psi_j^i(t, x) \\ \bar{g}^i(t, x) = y_j^i \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \in \bigcup_{k=1}^N J_{k,j}^i.$$

The piecewise Lipschitz selection  $g$  and a piecewise constant approximation  $\bar{g}$  of  $g$  can now be defined as

$$(3.13) \quad g = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} g^i \chi_{\Delta^i}, \quad \bar{g} = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \bar{g}^i \chi_{\Delta^i}.$$

By construction, recalling (3.7) and (3.8), the conditions (a), (b) in (i) clearly hold.

It remains to show that the estimates in (ii) hold as well. Let  $\tau, \tau' \in [0, T]$  and  $u \in Y$  be such that  $(t, u(t)) \in S$  for every  $t \in [\tau, \tau']$ , and define

$$E^i = \{t \in I; (t, u(t)) \in \Delta^i\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, \nu.$$

From our previous definition  $\Delta^i \doteq \Gamma_i \setminus \bigcup_{j < i} \Gamma_j$ , where each  $\Gamma_j$  is an  $(M+1)$ -cone, it follows that every  $E^i$  is the union of at most  $i$  disjoint intervals. We can thus write

$$E^i = \left( \bigcup_{J_k \subset E^i} J_k \right) \cup \widehat{E}^i,$$

with  $J_k$  given by (3.11) and

$$(3.14) \quad m(\widehat{E}^i) \leq \frac{2iT}{N} \leq \frac{2\nu T}{N}.$$

Since

$$(3.15) \quad \phi(t_i, x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j^i y_j^i,$$



the definition of  $\bar{g}$  in (3.12), (3.13) implies

$$\int_{J_k} [\phi(t_i, x_i) - \bar{g}(s, u(s))] ds = m(J_k) \left[ \phi(t_i, x_i) - \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j^i y_j^i \right] = 0.$$

Therefore, from (3.9) and (3.6) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{J_k} [\phi(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))] ds \right| \\ & \leq \left| \int_{J_k} [\phi(s, u(s)) - \phi(t_i, x_i)] ds \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \int_{J_k} [\phi(t_i, x_i) - \bar{g}(s, u(s))] ds \right| + \left| \int_{J_k} [\bar{g}(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))] ds \right| \\ & \leq m(J_k) \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{4T} + 0 + \frac{\varepsilon}{4T} \right] = m(J_k) \frac{\varepsilon}{2T}. \end{aligned}$$

The choice of  $N$  in (3.10) and the bound (3.14) thus imply

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} [\phi(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))] ds \right| & \leq 2Mm \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{\nu} \widehat{E}^i \right) + (\tau' - \tau) \frac{\varepsilon}{2T} \\ & \leq 2M\nu \frac{2\nu T}{N} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

proving (3.4).

We next consider (3.5). For a fixed  $i \in \{1, \dots, \nu\}$ , let  $E^i$  be as before and define

$$\xi_{-1} = 0, \quad \xi_j = \sum_{l=0}^j \theta_l^i, \quad w^i(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^n y_j^i \chi_{[\xi_{j-1}, \xi_j]}.$$

Recalling (3.15), the definition of  $h$  at (2.1) and Hölder's inequality together imply

$$\begin{aligned} h(\phi(t_i, x_i), F(t_i, x_i)) & \geq \left( \int_0^1 |\phi(t_i, x_i) - w^i(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{1/2} \\ & \geq \int_0^1 |\phi(t_i, x_i) - w^i(\xi)| d\xi \\ & = \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j^i |\phi(t_i, x_i) - y_j^i|. \end{aligned}$$

Using this inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{J_k} |\phi(t_i, x_i) - \bar{g}(s, u(s))| ds &= m(J_k) \sum_{j=0}^n \theta_j^i |\phi(t_i, x_i) - y_j^i| \\ &\leq m(J_k) \cdot h(\phi(t_i, x_i), F(t_i, x_i)) \leq \eta m(J_k), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, by (3.9) and (3.6),

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{J_k} |\phi(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\leq \int_{J_k} |\phi(s, u(s)) - \phi(t_i, x_i)| ds + \int_{J_k} |\bar{g}(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{J_k} |\phi(t_i, x_i) - \bar{g}(s, u(s))|, \\ &\leq m(J_k) \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{4T} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4T} + \eta \right] = m(J_k) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2T} + \eta \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using again (3.14) and (3.10), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} |\phi(s, u(s)) - g(s, u(s))| ds &\leq (\tau' - \tau) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2T} + \eta \right) + 2M\nu \frac{2\nu T}{N} \\ &\leq \varepsilon + (\tau' - \tau)\eta. \end{aligned}$$

which finishes the proof of Lemma 3.

Using Lemma 3, given any continuous selection  $\tilde{f}$  of  $F$  on  $\Omega^\dagger$ , and any sequence  $(\varepsilon_k)_{k \geq 1}$  of strictly positive numbers, we can generate a sequence  $(f_k)_{k \geq 1}$  of selections from  $F$  as follows.

To construct  $f_1$ , we apply the lemma with  $S = \Omega^\dagger$ ,  $\phi = f_0$ ,  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1$ . This yields a partition  $\{A_1^i; i = 1, \dots, \nu_1\}$  of  $\Omega^\dagger$  and a piecewise Lipschitz selection  $f_1$  of  $F$  of the form

$$f_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_1} f_1^i \chi_{A_1^i}.$$

In general, at the beginning of the  $k$ th step we are given a partition of  $\Omega^\dagger$ , say  $\{A_k^i; i = 1, \dots, \nu_k\}$ , and a selection

$$f_k = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_k} f_k^i \chi_{A_k^i},$$

where each  $f_k^i$  is Lipschitz continuous and satisfies

$$h(f_k(t, x), F(t, x)) \leq \varepsilon_k \quad \forall (t, x) \in \overline{A_k^i}.$$

We then apply Lemma 3 separately to each  $A_k^i$ , choosing  $S = \overline{A_k^i}$ ,  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_k$ ,  $\phi = f_k^i$ . This yields a partition  $\{A_{k+1}^i; i = 1, \dots, \nu_{k+1}\}$  of  $\Omega^\dagger$  and functions of the form

$$f_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_{k+1}} f_{k+1}^i \chi_{A_{k+1}^i}, \quad \varphi_{k+1}^i(\cdot) = \langle a_{k+1}^i, \cdot \rangle + b_{k+1}^i,$$

where each  $f_{k+1}^i : \overline{A_{k+1}^i} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a Lipschitz continuous selection from  $F$ , satisfying the following estimates:

$$(3.16) \quad \varphi_{k+1}^i(z) > h(z, F(t, x)) \quad \forall (t, x) \in A_{k+1}^i,$$

$$(3.17) \quad \varphi_{k+1}^i(f_{k+1}^i(t, x)) \leq \varepsilon_{k+1} \quad \forall (t, x) \in A_{k+1}^i,$$

$$(3.18) \quad \left| \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} [f_{k+1}(s, u(s)) - f_k(s, u(s))] ds \right| \leq \varepsilon_{k+1},$$

$$(3.19) \quad \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} |f_{k+1}(s, u(s)) - f_k(s, u(s))| ds \leq \varepsilon_{k+1} + \varepsilon_k(\tau' - \tau),$$

for every  $u \in Y$  and every  $\tau, \tau'$ , as long as the values  $(s, u(s))$  remain inside a single set  $A_k^i$ , for  $s \in [\tau, \tau']$ .

Observe that, according to Lemma 3, each  $A_k^i$  is closed-open in the finer topology generated by all  $(M + 1)$ -cones. Therefore, each  $f_k$  is  $\Gamma^{M+1}$ -continuous. By Theorem 2 in [2], the substitution operator  $\mathcal{S}^{f_k} : u(\cdot) \mapsto f_k(\cdot, u(\cdot))$  is continuous from the set  $Y$  defined in (2.5) into  $\mathcal{L}^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ . The Picard map  $\mathcal{P}^{f_k}$  is thus continuous as well.

Furthermore, there exists an integer  $N_k$  with the following property. Given any  $u \in Y$ , there exists a finite partition of  $[0, T]$  with nodes  $0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_{n(u)} = T$ , with  $n(u) \leq N_k$ , such that, as  $t$  ranges in any  $[\tau_{l-1}, \tau_l]$ , the point  $(t, u(t))$  remains inside one single set  $A_k^i$ . Otherwise stated, the number of times the curve  $t \mapsto (t, u(t))$  crosses a boundary between two distinct sets  $A_k^i, A_k^j$  is smaller than  $N_k$ , for every  $u \in Y$ . The construction of the  $A_k^i$  in terms of  $(M + 1)$ -cones implies that all these crossings are transversal. Since the restriction of  $f_k$  to each  $A_k^i$  is Lipschitz continuous, it is clear that every Cauchy problem

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_k(t, x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0,$$

has a unique solution, depending continuously on the initial data  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$ .

From (3.18), (3.19) and the property of  $N_k$  it follows that

$$(3.20) \quad \left| \int_0^t [f_{k+1}(s, u(s)) - f_k(s, u(s))] ds \right| \leq \sum_{l=1}^L \left| \int_{\tau_{l-1}}^{\tau_l} [f_{k+1}(s, u(s)) - f_k(s, u(s))] ds \right| \leq N_k \varepsilon_{k+1},$$

where  $0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_L = t$  are the times at which the map  $s \mapsto (s, u(s))$  crosses a boundary between two distinct sets  $A_k^i, A_k^j$ . Since (3.20) holds for every  $t \in [0, T]$ , we conclude that

$$(3.21) \quad \|\mathcal{P}^{f_{k+1}} - \mathcal{P}^{f_k}\| \leq N_k \varepsilon_{k+1}.$$

Similarly, for every  $u \in Y$  one has

$$(3.22) \quad \left\| f_{k+1}(\cdot, u(\cdot)) - f_k(\cdot, u(\cdot)) \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)} \\ \leq \sum_{l=1}^{n(u)} \int_{\tau_{l-1}}^{\tau_l} |f_{k+1}(s, u(s)) - f_k(s, u(s))| ds \\ \leq \sum_{l=1}^{n(u)} [\varepsilon_{k+1} + \varepsilon_k(\tau_l - \tau_{l-1})] \leq N_k \varepsilon_{k+1} + \varepsilon_k T.$$

Now consider the functions  $\varphi_k : \mathbb{R}^n \times \Omega^\dagger \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$(3.23) \quad \varphi_k(y, t, x) \doteq \langle a_k^i, y \rangle + b_k^i \quad \text{if } (t, x) \in A_k^i.$$

From (3.16), (3.17) it follows that

$$(3.24) \quad \varphi_k(y, t, x) \geq h(y, F(t, x)) \quad \forall (t, x) \in \Omega^\dagger, y \in F(t, x),$$

$$(3.25) \quad \varphi_k(f_k(t, x), t, x) \leq \varepsilon_k \quad \forall (t, x) \in \Omega^\dagger.$$

For every  $u \in Y$ , (3.18) and the linearity of  $\varphi_k$  in  $y$  imply

$$(3.26) \quad \left| \int_0^T [\varphi_k(f_{k+1}(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) - \varphi_k(f_k(s, u(s)), s, u(s))] ds \right| \\ \leq \sum_{l=1}^{n(u)} \max\{|a_k^1|, \dots, |a_k^{\nu_k}|\} \left| \int_{\tau_{l-1}}^{\tau_l} [f_{k+1}(s, u(s)) - f_k(s, u(s))] ds \right| \\ \leq N_k \max\{|a_k^1|, \dots, |a_k^{\nu_k}|\} \varepsilon_{k+1}.$$

Moreover, for every  $l \geq k$ , from (3.19) it follows that

$$(3.27) \quad \int_0^T \left| \varphi_k(f_{l+1}(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) - \varphi_k(f_l(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) \right| ds \\ \leq \max\{|a_k^1|, \dots, |a_k^{\nu_k}|\} \int_0^T |f_{l+1}(s, u(s)) - f_l(s, u(s))| ds \\ \leq \max\{|a_k^1|, \dots, |a_k^{\nu_k}|\} \cdot (N_l \varepsilon_{l+1} + \varepsilon_l T).$$

Observe that all of the above estimates hold regardless of the choice of the  $\varepsilon_k$ . We now introduce an inductive procedure for choosing the constants  $\varepsilon_k$ ,

which will yield the convergence of the sequence  $f_k$  to a function  $f$  with the desired properties.

Given  $f_0$  and  $\varepsilon_0$ , by Lemma 2 there exists  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that, if  $g : \Omega^\dagger \rightarrow \bar{B}(0, M)$  and  $\|\mathcal{P}^g - \mathcal{P}^{f_0}\| \leq \delta_0$ , then, for each  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$ , every solution of (2.7) remains  $\varepsilon_0$ -close to the unique solution of (1.3). We then choose  $\varepsilon_1 = \delta_0/2$ .

By induction on  $k$ , assume that the functions  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  have been constructed, together with the linear functions  $\varphi_l^i(\cdot) = \langle a_l^i, \cdot \rangle + b_l^i$  and the integers  $N_l$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, k$ . Let the values  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_k > 0$  be inductively chosen, satisfying

$$(3.28) \quad \delta_l \leq \delta_{l-1}/2, \quad l = 1, \dots, k,$$

and such that  $\|\mathcal{P}^g - \mathcal{P}^{f_l}\| \leq \delta_l$  implies that for every  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$  the solution set of (2.7) has diameter  $\leq 2^{-l}$ , for  $l = 1, \dots, k$ . This is possible again because of Lemma 2. For  $k \geq 1$  we then choose

$$(3.29) \quad \varepsilon_{k+1} \doteq \min \left\{ \frac{\delta_k}{2N_k}, \frac{2^{-k}}{N_k}, \frac{2^{-k}}{N_k \max\{|a_l^i|; 1 \leq l \leq k, 1 \leq i \leq \nu_l\}} \right\}.$$

Using (3.28), (3.29) in (3.21), with  $N_0 \doteq 1$ , we now obtain

$$(3.30) \quad \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \|\mathcal{P}^{f_{k+1}} - \mathcal{P}^{f_k}\| \leq \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} N_k \frac{\delta_k}{2N_k} \leq \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \frac{2^{p-k} \delta_p}{2} \leq \delta_p$$

for every  $p \geq 0$ . From (3.22) and (3.29) we further obtain

$$(3.31) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_{k+1}(\cdot, u(\cdot)) - f_k(\cdot, u(\cdot))\|_{\mathcal{L}^1} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( N_k \frac{2^{-k}}{N_k} + \frac{2^{1-k}T}{N_k} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2^{-k} + 2^{1-k}T) \leq 1 + 2T. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$(3.32) \quad f(t, x) \doteq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(t, x)$$

for all  $(t, x) \in \Omega^\dagger$  at which the sequence  $f_k$  converges. By (3.31), for every  $u \in Y$  the sequence  $f_k(\cdot, u(\cdot))$  converges in  $\mathcal{L}^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n)$  and a.e. on  $[0, T]$ . In particular, considering the constant functions  $u \equiv x \in \bar{B}(D, MT)$ , by Fubini's theorem we conclude that  $f$  is defined a.e. on  $\Omega^\dagger$ . Moreover, the substitution operators  $\mathcal{S}^{f_k} : u(\cdot) \mapsto f_k(\cdot, u(\cdot))$  converge to the operator  $\mathcal{S}^f : u(\cdot) \mapsto f(\cdot, u(\cdot))$  uniformly on  $Y$ . Since each  $\mathcal{S}^{f_k}$  is continuous,  $\mathcal{S}^f$  is also continuous. Clearly, the Picard map  $\mathcal{P}^f$  is continuous as well. By (3.30)

we have

$$\|\mathcal{P}^f - \mathcal{P}^{f_k}\| \leq \sum_{k=p}^{\infty} \|\mathcal{P}^{f_{k+1}} - \mathcal{P}^{f_k}\| \leq \delta_p \quad \forall p \geq 1.$$

Recalling the property of  $\delta_p$ , this implies that, for every  $p$ , the solution set of (2.7) has diameter  $\leq 2^{-p}$ . Since  $p$  is arbitrary, for every  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$  the Cauchy problem can have at most one solution. On the other hand, the existence of such a solution is guaranteed by Schauder's theorem. The continuous dependence of this solution on the initial data  $t_0, x_0$ , in the norm of  $\mathcal{AC}$ , is now an immediate consequence of uniqueness and of the continuity of the operators  $\mathcal{S}^f, \mathcal{P}^f$ . Furthermore, for  $p = 0$ , (3.30) yields  $\|\mathcal{P}^f - \mathcal{P}^{f_0}\| \leq \delta_0$ . The choice of  $\delta_0$  thus implies (1.4).

It now remains to prove (1.1). Since every set  $F(t, x)$  is closed, it is clear that  $f(t, x) \in F(t, x)$ . For every  $u \in Y$  and  $k \geq 1$ , by (3.24)–(3.27) the choices of  $\varepsilon_k$  at (3.29) yield

$$\begin{aligned} (3.33) \quad & \int_0^T h(f(s, u(s)), F(s, u(s))) ds \\ & \leq \int_0^T \varphi_k(f(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) ds \\ & \leq \int_0^T \varphi_k(f_k(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) ds \\ & \quad + \left| \int_0^T [\varphi_k(f_{k+1}(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) - \varphi_k(f_k(s, u(s)), s, u(s))] ds \right| \\ & \quad + \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} \int_0^T |\varphi_k(f_{l+1}(s, u(s)), s, u(s)) - \varphi_k(f_l(s, u(s)), s, u(s))| ds \\ & \leq 2^{1-k}T + 2^{-k} + \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} (2^{-l} + 2^{1-l}T). \end{aligned}$$

Observing that the right hand side of (3.33) approaches zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that

$$\int_0^T h(f(t, u(t)), F(t, u(t))) dt = 0.$$

By (2.2), given any  $u \in Y$ , this implies  $f(t, u(t)) \in \text{ext } F(t, u(t))$  for almost every  $t \in [0, T]$ . By possibly redefining  $f$  on a set of measure zero, this yields (1.1).

**4. Applications.** Throughout this section we make the following assumptions:

(H)  $F : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \bar{B}(0, M)$  is a bounded continuous multifunction with compact values satisfying (LSP), while  $D$  is a compact set such that  $\bar{B}(D, MT) \subset \Omega$ .

An immediate consequence of Theorem 1 is

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let the hypotheses (H) hold. Then there exists a continuous map  $(t_0, x_0) \mapsto x(\cdot, t_0, x_0)$  from  $[0, T] \times D$  into  $\mathcal{AC}$  such that*

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t, t_0, x_0) \in \text{ext } F(t, x(t, t_0, x_0)) & \forall t \in [0, T], \\ x(t_0, t_0, x_0) = x_0 & \forall t_0, x_0. \end{cases}$$

Another consequence of Theorem 1 is the contractibility of the sets of solutions of certain differential inclusions. We recall here that a metric space  $X$  is contractible if there exist a point  $\tilde{u} \in X$  and a continuous mapping  $\Phi : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\Phi(v, 0) = \tilde{u}, \quad \Phi(v, 1) = v, \quad \forall v \in X.$$

The map  $\Phi$  is then called a *null homotopy* of  $X$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let the assumptions (H) hold. Then, for any  $\bar{x} \in D$ , the sets  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}^{\text{ext}}$  of solutions of*

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) = \bar{x}, \quad \dot{x}(t) \in F(t, x(t)), \quad t \in [0, T], \\ x(0) = \bar{x}, \quad \dot{x} \in \text{ext } F(t, x(t)), \quad t \in [0, T], \end{aligned}$$

are both contractible in  $\mathcal{AC}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a selection from  $\text{ext } F$  with the properties stated in Theorem 1. As usual, we denote by  $x(\cdot, t_0, x_0)$  the unique solution of the Cauchy problem (1.2). Define the null homotopy  $\Phi : \mathcal{M} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by

$$\Phi(v, \lambda)(t) \doteq \begin{cases} v(t) & \text{if } t \in [0, \lambda T], \\ x(t, \lambda T, v(\lambda T)) & \text{if } t \in [\lambda T, T]. \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 1,  $\Phi$  is continuous. Moreover, setting  $\tilde{u}(\cdot) \doteq u(\cdot, 0, \bar{x})$ , we obtain

$$\Phi(v, 0) = \tilde{u}, \quad \Phi(v, 1) = v, \quad \Phi(v, \lambda) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{M},$$

proving that  $\mathcal{M}$  is contractible. We now observe that, if  $v \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{ext}}$ , then  $\Phi(v, \lambda) \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{ext}}$  for every  $\lambda$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{ext}}$  is contractible as well.

Our last application is concerned with feedback controls. Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  compact, and let  $g : [0, T] \times \Omega \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous function. By a well-known theorem of Filippov [11], the solutions of the control system

$$(4.1) \quad \dot{x} = g(t, x, u), \quad u \in U,$$

correspond to the trajectories of the differential inclusion

$$(4.2) \quad \dot{x} \in F(t, x) \doteq \{g(t, x, \omega); \omega \in U\}.$$

In connection with (4.1), one can consider the “relaxed” system

$$(4.3) \quad \dot{x} = g^\#(t, x, u^\#), \quad u^\# \in U^\#,$$

whose trajectories are precisely those of the differential inclusion

$$\dot{x} \in F^\#(t, x) \doteq \overline{\text{co}}F(t, x).$$

The control system (4.3) is obtained by defining the compact set

$$U^\# \doteq U \times \dots \times U \times \Delta_n = U^{n+1} \times \Delta_n,$$

where

$$\Delta_n \doteq \left\{ \theta = (\theta_0, \dots, \theta_n); \sum_{i=0}^n \theta_i = 1, \theta_i \geq 0 \forall i \right\}$$

is the standard simplex in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , and by setting

$$g^\#(t, x, u^\#) = g^\#(t, x, (u_0, \dots, u_n, (\theta_0, \dots, \theta_n))) \doteq \sum_{i=0}^n \theta_i f(t, x, u_i).$$

Generalized controls of the form  $u^\# = (u_0, \dots, u_n, \theta)$  taking values in the set  $U^{n+1} \times \Delta_n$  are called *chattering controls*.

**COROLLARY 3.** *Consider the control system (4.1), with  $g : [0, T] \times \Omega \times U \rightarrow \overline{B}(0, M)$  Lipschitz continuous. Let  $D$  be a compact set with  $\overline{B}(D; MT) \subset \Omega$ . Let  $u^\#(t, x) \in U^\#$  be a chattering feedback control such that the mapping*

$$(t, x) \mapsto g^\#(t, x, u^\#(t, x)) \doteq f_0(t, x)$$

*is Lipschitz continuous.*

*Then for every  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  there exists a measurable feedback control  $\bar{u} = \bar{u}(t, x)$  with the following properties:*

- (a) *for every  $(t, x)$ , one has  $g(t, x, \bar{u}(t, x)) \in \text{ext } F(t, x)$ , with  $F$  as in (4.2),*
- (b) *for every  $(t_0, x_0) \in [0, T] \times D$ , the Cauchy problem*

$$\dot{x}(t) = g(t, x(t), \bar{u}(t, x(t))), \quad x(t_0) = x_0,$$

*has a unique solution  $x(\cdot, t_0, x_0)$ ,*

- (c) *if  $y(\cdot, t_0, x_0)$  denotes the (unique) solution of the Cauchy problem*

$$\dot{y} = f_0(t, y(t)), \quad y(t_0) = x_0,$$

*then for every  $(t_0, x_0)$  one has*

$$|x(t, t_0, x_0) - y(t, t_0, x_0)| < \varepsilon_0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

**Proof.** The Lipschitz continuity of  $g$  implies that the multifunction  $F$  in (4.2) is Lipschitz continuous in the Hausdorff metric, hence it satisfies



(LSP). We can thus apply Theorem 1, and obtain a suitable selection  $f$  of ext  $F$ , in connection with  $f_0, \varepsilon_0$ . For every  $(t, x)$ , the set

$$W(t, x) \doteq \{\omega \in U; g(t, x, \omega) = f(t, x)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$$

is a compact nonempty subset of  $U$ . Let  $\bar{u}(t, x) \in W(t, x)$  be the lexicographic selection. Then the feedback control  $\bar{u}$  is measurable, and it is trivial to check that  $\bar{u}$  has all the required properties.

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