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SOME REMARKS ON THE DARBOUX PROPERTY  
FOR MULTIVALUED FUNCTIONS

The present paper deals with certain properties of multivalued functions which coincides with the Darboux property in the case of a single valued function. The results contained here generalize that of Joanna Czarnowska and Grażyna Kwiecińska [1] which were established in the case of real multivalued functions.

**Notations and definitions**

Let  $X, Y$  be Hausdorff spaces,  $P(Y)$  be the family of the nonempty subsets of  $Y$  and  $C(Y)$  the family of the nonempty and closed subsets of  $Y$ . A function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  is called a multivalued function and for such a function and any set  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset Y$ , we denote by

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \bigcup\{F(x) \mid x \in A\}, \\ F^+(B) &= \{x \in X \mid F(x) \subset B\}, \\ F^-(B) &= \{x \in X \mid F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  is a multivalued function,  $E \subset X$  is a subset of  $X$  and  $x \in \overline{E}$ , we say that a point  $y \in Y$  is a limit point of  $F$  with respect to the set  $E$  and the point  $x \in \overline{E}$  if for every  $V \in V(y)$  and  $U \in V(x)$ , there exists  $x' \neq x$ ,  $x' \in U \cap E$  and  $y' \in F(x')$  such that  $y' \in V$ , and we write  $y \in L_F(E, x)$ . If  $X$  is locally arcwise connected, we denote by  $L_F(x) = \bigcap L_F(E, x)$ , where the intersection is taken over all arcs  $E \subset X$  such that  $x$  is an endpoint of  $E$ .

As in [2], we say that the multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has the Darboux property (briefly has property  $D$ ) if for every connected set  $E \subset X$ , it results that  $F(E)$  is connected in  $Y$ .

If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space, a continuous injective map  $\gamma : (0, 1) \rightarrow X$  is called an open arc. The points  $x_1, x_2$  from  $X$  are the endpoints of  $\gamma$  if  $x_1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \gamma(t)$  and  $x_2 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \gamma(t)$ .

If  $A_1, A_2, B$  are mutually disjoint subsets from  $X$ , we say that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated in  $X$  by  $B$  if  $X \setminus B \subset Q_1 \cup Q_2$ , where  $Q_1, Q_2$  are open disjoint sets from  $X$  and  $A_1 \subset Q_1, A_2 \subset Q_2$ .

We introduce now the following definitions concerning various generalizations of the Darboux property for multivalued functions:

A multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has property  $D_0$  if we cannot find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in \overline{E}$ ,  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$ ,  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $y_1 \in A_1, y_2 \in A_2$ .

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A multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has property  $D_2$  if we cannot find an open arc  $\gamma : (0, 1) \rightarrow X$  with endpoints  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  such that for every  $y \in F(x_2)$ , there exists  $A_y, B_y$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_y \cup B_y$  and  $y_1 \in A_y, y \in B_y$ , where  $E = \text{Im } \gamma$ .

A multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has property  $D_3$  if we cannot find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in \overline{E}$ ,  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $y_1 \in A_1, F(x_2) \subset A_2$ .

A multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has property  $D_4$  if we cannot find an open arc  $\gamma : (0, 1) \rightarrow X$  with endpoints  $x_1$  and  $x_2, y_1 \in F(x_1)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(\text{Im } \gamma) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $y_1 \in A_1, F(x_2) \subset A_2$ .

A multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has property  $D'_0$  if we cannot find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in E$ ,  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$ ,  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1, y_2 \in A_2$ . In other words,  $F$  has property  $D'_0$  if we cannot find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in E$ ,  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  and  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are separated by  $Y \setminus F(E)$  in  $Y$ .

A multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  has property  $D'_1$  if we cannot find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in E$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  such that for every  $y \in F(x_2)$ ,  $y_1$  and  $y$  are separated by  $Y \setminus F(E)$  in  $Y$ .

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**Remark 1.** It is obvious that property  $D'_0$  is equivalent with property  $D$  and also that properties  $D_0$  implies properties  $D$ . We have the following implications:

$$\begin{aligned} D_i &\Rightarrow D'_i \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \\ D_0 &\Rightarrow D_1 \Rightarrow D_3 \Rightarrow D_4, \\ D_0 &\Rightarrow D_1 \Rightarrow D_2 \Rightarrow D_4, \\ D'_0 &\Rightarrow D'_1 \Rightarrow D'_3 \Rightarrow D'_4, \\ D'_0 &\Rightarrow D'_1 \Rightarrow D'_2 \Rightarrow D'_4. \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow C(R)$ , defined by  $F(x) = x$  for  $x \in (0, 1)$  and  $F(0) = [-1, 0]$ ,  $F(1) = [1, 2]$ . Then  $F$  has property  $D'_i$  but not  $D_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $F$  is upper semicontinuous.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $E \subset X$  be connected and  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  a continuous multivalued function and suppose that there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $F(x)$  is a connected set. Then  $F(E)$  is connected.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F(E)$  is not connected and let  $A_1, A_2$  be open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $F(E) \cap A_i \neq \emptyset$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Suppose that  $F(x) \cap A_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Then, since  $F(x)$  is connected, it means that  $F(x) \cap A_1 = \emptyset$ . Using the fact that  $F(x) \subset F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ , we deduce that  $F(x) \subset A_2$ , i.e.  $F^+(A_2) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $F(E) \cap A_1 \neq \emptyset$ , this implies that  $E \cap F^-(A_1) \neq \emptyset$ . We will show that  $E \subset F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2)$ . Indeed, if  $z \in E$ , then  $F(z) \subset A_1 \cap A_2$ . In the case  $F(z) \cup A_1 \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $z \in E \cap F^-(A_1)$  and if  $F(z) \cap A_1 = \emptyset$ , we obtain that  $F(z) \subset A_2$ , hence  $z \in E \cap F^+(A_2)$ . Now we will show that  $E \cap F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2) = \emptyset$ . Indeed, if there is  $z \in E \cap F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2)$ , then  $F(z) \cap A_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $F(z) \subset A_2$ , which is a contradiction, since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . We showed that  $E \subset F^-(A_1) \cup F^+(A_2)$ ,  $F^-(A_1) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ ,  $F^+(A_2) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ ,  $E \cap F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2) = \emptyset$  and  $F^-(A_1)$ ,  $F^+(A_2)$  are open in  $X$ , which gives a contradiction, since  $E$  is connected. This ends the proof.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be a continuous multivalued function. Then  $F$  has property  $D_3$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F$  does not satisfy property  $D_3$ . Therefore we can find a connected set  $E \subset X$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \subset \overline{E}$ ,  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1$  and  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ . Now  $x_2 \in F^+(A_2)$  is an open set from  $X$ , hence, using the fact that  $x_2 \in \overline{E}$ , we conclude that  $E \cap F^+(A_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Also  $x_1 \in F^-(A_1)$  and  $F^-(A_1)$  is an open set, hence we deduce that  $E \cap F^-(A_1) \neq \emptyset$ . As in Theorem 1, we see that  $E \subset F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2)$  and that  $E \cap F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2) = \emptyset$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $E$  is connected and proves our claim.

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow P(R)$ ,

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} & \text{for } x \in (0, 1) \\ \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{0\} & \text{for } x = 0, 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $F$  is continuous but  $F$  has not property  $D_2$ .

THEOREM 3. Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be a lower semicontinuous multivalued function such that  $F(x)$  is connected for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $F$  has property  $D_0$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $F$  does not satisfy property  $D_0$ . Then we can find connected  $E \subset X$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in \overline{E}$ ,  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$ ,  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1$ ,  $y_2 \in A_2$ . Since for every  $x \in E$   $F(x) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $F(x)$  are connected, we have  $F^-(A_i) \cap E = F^+(A_i) \cap E$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $x_i \in F^-(A_i) \cap \overline{E}$ , it results that  $F^-(A_i) \cap E \neq \emptyset$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . As before, we have  $E \subset F^-(A_1) \cup F^+(A_2)$  and  $E \cap F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2) = \emptyset$ . Now,  $E = (F^-(A_1) \cap E) \cup (F^+(A_2) \cap E) = (F^-(A_1) \cap E) \cup (F^-(A_2) \cap E)$  and  $F^-(A_1) \cap F^-(A_2) \cap E = F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2) \cap E = \emptyset$ , which represents a contradiction, since  $E$  is connected. This ends the proof.

Similarly we can prove:

THEOREM 4. Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be an upper semicontinuous multivalued function such that  $F(x)$  is connected for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $F$  has property  $D$ .

Using now Theorem 3, Theorem 4 and Remark 1, we obtain:

THEOREM 5. Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be an upper (lower) semicontinuous multivalued function such that  $F(x)$  is connected for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $F$  has property  $D$ .

THEOREM 6. Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be a multivalued function such that  $Y$  is a regular topological space. Then, if  $X$  is arcwise connected and  $F$  has property  $D_4$ , then we have  $F(x) \subset L_F(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ . If  $F$  has property  $D_3$ , then  $F(\overline{E}) \subset \overline{F(E)}$  for every connected  $E \subset X$ , and for every closed set  $B \subset Y$ , the connected components of  $F^+(B)$  are closed.

Proof. Suppose that  $F$  has property  $D_3$ . We shall prove first that for every connected set  $E \subset X$ , we have  $F(\overline{E}) \subset \overline{F(E)}$ . It is obvious, if  $E$  reduces to a point, in the other case, let  $x \in \overline{E}$ . If there exists  $y \in F(x)$  such that  $y \notin \overline{F(E)}$ , let  $V \in V(y)$  be such that  $\overline{V} \cap \overline{F(E)} = \emptyset$ . Taking

$A_1 = V, A_2 = C\bar{V}$  we see that  $x \in \bar{E}, y \in F(x) \cap A_1$ , so for every  $x' \neq x, x' \in E$ , we have  $F(x') \subset F(E) \subset A_2$ . Since  $F$  has property  $D_3$ , we obtained a contradiction. We finally proved that  $F(\bar{E}) \subset \bar{F(E)}$  if  $F$  has property  $D_3$  and it is obvious that if  $F$  has property  $D_4$ , then  $F(\bar{E}) \subset \bar{F(E)}$  for every arc  $E \subset X$ .

Now, if  $B \subset Y$  is closed and  $E$  is a component of  $F^+(B)$ , it results that  $F(E) \subset B$ , hence  $F(\bar{E}) \subset \bar{F(E)} \subset \bar{B} = B$ , which implies that  $\bar{E} \subset F^+(B)$  and hence that  $E = \bar{E}$ , q.e.d.

Suppose now that  $F$  has property  $D_4$  and let  $x \in X$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an arc in  $X$  such that  $x$  is an endpoint of  $\gamma$  and let  $E$  be a subarc of  $\gamma$  with an endpoint  $x$  as well. Then  $F(x) \subset F(\bar{E}) \subset \bar{F(E)}$  and since  $E$  may be arbitrarily chosen, it follows that  $F(x) \subset L_F(\gamma, x)$  for every arc  $\gamma$  such that  $x$  is an endpoint of  $\gamma$ . We finally obtained that if  $F$  has property  $D_4$  then  $F(x) \subset L_F(x)$ , q.e.d.

**Remark 2.** Let  $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow C(R)$  be as in Example 1. We see that  $F$  is upper semicontinuous and has property  $D'_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ , but  $F^+([\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}]) = (0, 1)$  which is not closed in  $[0, 1]$ . Also,  $L_F(1) = \{1\}$  and  $F(1) = [1, 2]$ , hence  $F(1) \not\subset L_F(1)$ .

**THEOREM 7.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be lower and upper first class mapping such that for every closed set  $B \subset Y$  and every closed arc  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ , both the sets  $F^+(B) \cap \text{Im } \gamma$  and  $F^-(B) \cap \text{Im } \gamma$  have closed components. Then  $F$  has property  $D_4$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F$  does not satisfy property  $D_4$ . Then we can find an open arc  $\gamma : (0, 1) \rightarrow X$  with endpoints  $x_1$  and  $x_2, y_1 \in F(x_1)$  and  $A_1, A_2$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(\text{Im } \gamma) \subset A_1 \cup A_2, y_1 \in A_1$  and  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ . Now,  $x_1 \in F^-(A_1) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}$  and  $x_1 \notin F^+(A_2) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}$ ,  $x_2 \in (F^+(A_2) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}) \setminus (F^-(A_1) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma})$ ,  $\text{Im } \gamma \subset F^-(A_1) \cup F^+(A_2)$  and  $F^-(A_1) \cap F^+(A_2) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\text{Fr } A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset, \text{Fr } A_2 \cap A_1 = \emptyset$ , we obtain that  $F^-(\bar{A}_1) \cap \text{Im } \gamma = F^-(A_1) \cap \text{Im } \gamma$  and  $F^+(\bar{A}_2) \cap \text{Im } \gamma = F^+(A_2) \cap \text{Im } \gamma$ . We also see that  $(F^-(\bar{A}_1) \cap \text{Im } \gamma) \cup \{x_1\} = F^-(\bar{A}_1) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}, F^+(\bar{A}_2) \cap \text{Im } \gamma = (F^+(\bar{A}_2) \cap \text{Im } \gamma) \cup \{x_2\}$ , hence we obtain that  $F^-(\bar{A}_1) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma} = (F^-(\bar{A}_1) \cap \text{Im } \gamma) \cup \{x_1\} = (F^-(A_1) \cap \text{Im } \gamma) \cup \{x_1\} = F^-(A_1) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}$  and that  $F^+(\bar{A}_2) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma} = (F^+(\bar{A}_2) \cap \text{Im } \gamma) \cup \{x_2\} = (F^+(A_2) \cap \text{Im } \gamma) \cup \{x_2\} = F^+(A_2) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}$ . If we denote by  $B_1 = F^-(A_1) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}$  and  $B_2 = F^+(A_2) \cap \bar{\text{Im } \gamma}$ , then  $\bar{\text{Im } \gamma} = B_1 \cup B_2, B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset, B_1$  and  $B_2$  are  $F_\sigma$ -sets and all their components are compact, which contradicts with Lemma 2 from [1].

**Remark 3.** If  $I \subset R$  is an interval and  $F : I \rightarrow P(R)$  is a real multivalued function, we see that  $F$  has property  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  if and only

if the following condition holds: "For every  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$ , there exists  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $(y_1, y_2) \subset F((x_1, x_2))$ ". We also have that  $F : I \rightarrow P(R)$  has property  $D'_1$  or  $D'_2$  if and only if the following condition holds: "For every  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$ , there exists  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $[y_1, y_2] \subset F([x_1, x_2])$ ".

**THEOREM 8.** *Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be a multivalued function. Then if  $F(x)$  are compact for every  $x \in X$  property of  $D_3$  implies  $D_1$  and property  $D_4$  implies  $D_2$ .*

*If  $F(x)$  are compact or they have finitely many connected components for every  $x \in X$ , then property  $D'_3$  implies  $D'_1$  and property  $D'_4$  implies property  $D'_2$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F(x)$  are compact for every  $x \in X$  and that  $F$  has property  $D_3$  but no property  $D_1$ . Then we can find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in \bar{E}$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  such that for every  $y \in F(x_2)$ , we can find  $A_y, B_y$  open disjoint sets from  $Y$  such that  $F(E) \subset A_y \cup B_y$ ,  $y_1 \in A_y$  and  $y \in B_y$ . Since  $F(x_2)$  is compact and  $F(x_2) \subset \bigcup_{y \in F(x_2)} B_y$ , we can find  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_j \in F(x_2)$  such that  $F(x_2) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^j B_{z_k}$ . Taking

$$A_1 = \bigcap_{k=1}^j A_{z_k}, \quad A_2 = \bigcup_{k=1}^j B_{z_k}$$

we see that  $A_1, A_2$  are open and disjoint sets,  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $y_1 \in A_1$ ,  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ , which gives a contradiction, since  $F$  has property  $D_3$ .

In the same way we prove that if  $F(x)$  is compact for every  $x \in X$  and  $F$  has property  $D_4$  then  $F$  has property  $D_2$ .

Suppose now that  $F(x)$  are compact or they have finitely many connected components for every  $x \in X$ . If  $F$  has property  $D'_3$  but no property  $D'_1$ , then we can find  $E \subset X$  connected,  $x_1, x_2 \in E$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  such that for every  $y \in F(x_2)$  there are  $A_y, B_y$  open disjoint sets such that  $F(E) \subset A_y \cup B_y$ ,  $y_1 \in A_y$  and  $y \in B_y$ . Now, if  $F(x_2)$  is compact, we obtain as before a contradiction. If  $F(x_2)$  has finitely many components, say  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_j$ , we choose  $z_k \in C_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, j$ . Since  $C_k \subset F(x_2) \subset F(E) \subset A_{z_k} \cup B_{z_k}$ ,  $C_k$  is connected and  $z_k \in C_k \cap B_{z_k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, j$ , it follows that  $C_k \subset B_{z_k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, j$ . Taking again  $A_1 = \bigcap_{k=1}^j A_{z_k}$ ,  $A_2 = \bigcup_{k=1}^j B_{z_k}$  we see that  $A_1, A_2$  are open and disjoint sets with  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1$  and  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ , what contradicts with property  $D'_3$  on  $F$ .

In the same way we prove that if  $F(x)$  are compact or they have finitely many components for every  $x \in X$  then if  $F$  has property  $D'_4$  it has property  $D'_2$  as well.

Using now Theorem 2 and Theorem 8, we obtain:

**THEOREM 9.** *Let  $F : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  be a continuous multivalued function. Then, if  $F(x)$  are compact for every  $x \in X$ ,  $F$  has property  $D_1$  and if  $F(x)$  is compact or it has finitely many components for every  $x \in X$ ,  $F$  has property  $D'_1$ .*

**Remark 4.** If  $F : X \rightarrow C(R)$  is such that  $F$  has property  $D_3$  then it possesses property  $D_1$ .

Indeed, suppose that  $F$  does not possess property  $D_1$ . Then we can find connected  $E \subset X$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in \overline{E}$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$  such that for every  $y \in F(x_2)$ , there exists  $c_y \in (y_1, y) \setminus F(E)$ . We see that  $y_1 \notin F(x_2)$  so we may suppose that  $F(x_2) \cap (y_1, \infty) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $F(x_2)$  is closed, we can find a point  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $y_1 < y_2$  and  $(y_1, y_2) \cap F(x_2) = \emptyset$ , hence we can pick a point  $b \in (y_1, y_2) \setminus F(E)$ . Now, if  $F(x_2) \cap (-\infty, y_1) = \emptyset$ , we take  $A_1 = (-\infty, b)$ ,  $A_2 = (b, \infty)$  and we see that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1$ ,  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ , which is a contradiction, since  $F$  has property  $D_3$ . If  $F(x_2) \cap (-\infty, y_1) \neq \emptyset$ , then using again the fact that  $F(x_2)$  is closed, we can find  $y_3 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $y_3 < y_1$  and  $(y_3, y_1) \cap F(x_2) = \emptyset$ . Hence we can pick  $a \in (y_3, y_1) \setminus F(E)$ . Taking  $A_1 = (a, b)$  and  $A_2 = (-\infty, a) \cap (b, \infty)$  we see that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1$  and  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ , which is a contradiction, since  $F$  has property  $D_3$ . Now, if  $F(x_2) \cap (y_1, \infty) = \emptyset$ , it results that  $F(x_2) \cap (-\infty, y_1) \neq \emptyset$ . Using again the fact that  $F(x_2)$  is a closed set, we can find  $y_4 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $y_4 < y_1$  and  $(y_4, y_1) \cap F(x_2) = \emptyset$ , hence we can pick  $c \in (y_4, y_1) \setminus F(E)$ . We can now take  $A_1 = (c, \infty)$  and  $A_2 = (-\infty, c)$  and we see that  $F(E) \subset A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $y_1 \in A_1$  and  $F(x_2) \subset A_2$ , which is a contradiction, since  $F$  has property  $D_3$ .

In the same way we prove that if  $F : X \rightarrow C(R)$  is a multivalued function with property  $D_4$ , then  $F$  has property  $D_2$ .

Using Theorem 2, we obtain:

**THEOREM 10.** *Let  $F : X \rightarrow C(R)$  be a continuous multivalued function. Then  $F$  has property  $D_1$ .*

**Remark 5.** Using Remark 3, we see that a continuous real multivalued function  $F : I \rightarrow C(R)$ , where  $I \subset R$  is an interval, satisfies the following condition:

“For every  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and  $y_1 \in F(x_1)$ , there exists  $y_2 \in F(x_2)$  such that  $(y_1, y_2) \subset F((x_2, x_2))$ ”.

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