

## On multivalued iteration semigroups

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**Abstract.** We will give a necessary and sufficient condition for the family  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  of multifunctions  $F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$ , where  $G$  is a continuous and additive multifunction, to be an iteration semigroup.

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In the paper Smajdor [10] showed that the condition

$$G + tG^2 = (I + tG) \circ G, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where  $I$  is the identical map and  $\circ$  denotes superposition, is a necessary and sufficient condition under which the family  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  of multifunctions  $F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$ , where  $G$  is a continuous and additive multifunction, is an iteration semigroup, with the assumption  $0 \in G(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ . We want to present another one without the assumption that  $0 \in G(x)$  and its correlation.

Throughout this paper all vector spaces are supposed to be real. Let  $X$  be a vector space. We define

$$A + B := \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}, \quad tA := \{ta : a \in A\},$$

where  $A, B \subset X$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

A subset  $K$  of  $X$  is called a *cone* if  $tK \subset K$  for all positive  $t$ . A cone is said to be *convex* if it is a convex set.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two vector spaces and let  $K \subset X$  be a convex cone. A set-valued function  $F: K \rightarrow n(Y)$ , where  $n(Y)$  denotes the family of all nonempty subsets of  $Y$ , is called *additive* if

$$F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in K$ . If additionally  $F$  satisfies

$$F(tx) = tF(x)$$

for all  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ , then  $F$  is linear.

Let  $c(Y)$  denote the family of all nonempty compact subsets of a normed space  $Y$ . The continuity of a multifunction with compact values denotes continuity with respect to the Hausdorff metric  $d$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be normed spaces and  $K$  be a closed convex cone in  $X$ . The norm  $\|F\|$  of a continuous additive multifunction  $F: K \rightarrow c(Y)$  is the smallest element of the set  $\{M > 0 : \|F(x)\| \leq M\|x\|, x \in K\}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space and let  $Y$  be a normed space. Suppose that  $F_n: K \rightarrow c(Y)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are continuous additive set-valued functions. If*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x) \quad \text{for } x \in K,$$

then  $F$  is continuous and additive.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $F$  is linear.

As  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent to  $F$ , the set

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n(x)$$

is bounded for every  $x \in K$ . By Theorem 3 in Ref. [12] there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that

$$\|F_n\| \leq M \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{1}$$

Moreover, by Lemma 5 in Ref. [11] there exists  $M_0 > 0$  such that

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) \leq M_0 \|F_n\| \|x - y\|, \quad x, y \in K. \tag{2}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x, y \in K$  and  $\|x - y\| < \frac{\epsilon}{3M_0M}$ . There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$d(F(x), F_n(x)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad d(F(y), F_n(y)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Thus, by (1) and (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x), F(y)) &\leq d(F(x), F_n(x)) + d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) + d(F_n(y), F(y)) \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $F$  is continuous.

**Lemma 2.** (Lemma 7 in Ref. [6]) *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space and let  $Y$  be a normed space. Suppose that  $F, F_n: K \rightarrow c(Y)$  are continuous additive set-valued functions. If*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x) \quad \text{for } x \in K,$$

then the sequence  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  uniformly converges to  $F$  on every  $D \in c(K)$ .

**Lemma 3.** (Lemma 4 in Ref. [8]) *Let  $D$  be a nonempty set and  $Y$  be a normed space. If  $F, F_n: D \rightarrow c(Y)$  are set-valued functions and the sequence  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  uniformly converges to  $F$  on  $D$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(D) = F(D).$$

**Lemma 4.** (Theorem 2 in Ref. [2]) *Let  $(X, \rho_X)$  and  $(Y, \rho_Y)$  be two metric spaces and let  $d_X$  and  $d_Y$  be the Hausdorff metrics derived from  $\rho_X$  and  $\rho_Y$ , respectively. If  $F: X \rightarrow n(Y)$  is a set-valued function and  $M$  is a positive constant such that*

$$d_Y(F(x), F(y)) \leq M\rho_X(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then

$$d_Y(F(A), F(B)) \leq Md_X(A, B)$$

for every nonempty subsets  $A, B$  of  $X$ .

The *superposition*  $G \circ F$  of two multifunctions  $F, G: K \rightarrow n(K)$  is defined as follows

$$(G \circ F)(x) = G(F(x)) = \bigcup_{y \in F(x)} G(y).$$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space. Suppose that  $F_n, F, G_n, G: K \rightarrow c(K)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are continuous additive set-valued functions. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_n(x) = G(x)$  for  $x \in K$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(G_n(x)) = F(G(x))$$

for  $x \in K$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $x \in K$ . From Lemma 5 in Ref. [11] and Lemma 4 there exists  $M_0 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_n(G_n(x)), F(G(x))) &\leq d(F_n(G_n(x)), F_n(G(x))) + d(F_n(G(x)), F(G(x))) \\ &\leq M_0 \|F_n\| d(G_n(x), G(x)) + d(F_n(G(x)), F(G(x))). \end{aligned}$$

By the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 1 there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that

$$\|F_n\| \leq M \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Moreover, by Lemma 2, the sequence  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly convergent to  $F$  on every nonempty compact subset of  $K$ . Thus, from Lemma 3,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(F_n(G_n(x)), F(G(x))) = 0.$$

Let  $K$  be a convex cone in a normed space and let  $cc(K)$  stand for the family of all compact convex members of  $n(K)$ . The *Hukuhara difference*  $A - B$

of  $A, B \in cc(K)$  is a set  $C \in cc(K)$  such that  $A = B + C$ . By Rådström's Cancellation Lemma [5] it follows that if this difference exists, then it is unique.

**Lemma 6.** (Lemma 3 in Ref. [7]) *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two normed vector spaces and let  $K$  be a closed convex cone in  $X$ . Assume that  $F: K \rightarrow cc(K)$  is a continuous additive set-valued function and  $A, B \in cc(K)$ . If there exists the difference  $A - B$ , then there exists  $F(A) - F(B)$  and  $F(A) - F(B) = F(A - B)$ .*

Let  $F, G: K \rightarrow cc(K)$ . We can define the multifunctions  $F + G$  and  $F - G$  on  $K$  as follows

$$(F + G)(x) := F(x) + G(x) \quad \text{for } x \in K$$

and

$$(F - G)(x) := F(x) - G(x)$$

if the Hukuhara differences  $F(x) - G(x)$  exist for all  $x \in K$ .

**Lemma 7.** (Lemma 2 in Ref. [4]) *For each set  $A \subset K$  the inclusion*

$$(F + G)(A) \subset F(A) + G(A)$$

*holds. Moreover, if there exist the Hukuhara difference  $F(A) - G(A)$  and the multifunction  $F - G$ , then*

$$F(A) - G(A) \subset (F - G)(A).$$

For a multifunction  $F: [a, b] \rightarrow cc(X)$  such that there exist the Hukuhara differences  $F(t) - F(s)$  as  $a \leq s \leq t \leq b$ , the *Hukuhara derivative* at  $t \in (a, b)$  is defined by the formula

$$DF(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(t+h) - F(t)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(t) - F(t-h)}{h},$$

whenever both of these limits exist with respect to the Hausdorff metric  $d$  in  $cc(K)$  derived from the norm in  $X$  (see Ref. [1]). Moreover,

$$DF(a) = \lim_{s \rightarrow a^+} \frac{F(s) - F(a)}{s - a}, \quad DF(b) = \lim_{s \rightarrow b^-} \frac{F(b) - F(s)}{b - s}.$$

**Lemma 8.** (Lemma 5 in Ref. [9]) *If  $F, G: [a, b] \rightarrow cc(X)$  are two differentiable multifunctions such that  $DF(t) = DG(t)$  for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $F(a) = G(a)$ , then*

$$F(t) = G(t) \quad \text{for } t \in [a, b].$$

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ . If a multifunction  $F: [a, b] \rightarrow cc(X)$  is continuous, then there exists the Riemann integral of  $F$  (see Ref. [1]). We need the following properties of the Riemann integral.

**Lemma 9.** ([1] p. 211) *If  $F: [a, b] \rightarrow cc(X)$  is continuous, then*

$$\left\| \int_a^b F(t) dt \right\| \leq \int_a^b \|F(t)\| dt.$$

**Lemma 10.** (Lemma 7 in Ref. [8]) *Let  $K$  be a convex cone in  $X$ . If  $F: K \rightarrow cc(X)$  is continuous and additive,  $G: [a, b] \rightarrow cc(K)$  is continuous, then*

$$\int_a^b F(G(t)) dt = F\left(\int_a^b G(t) dt\right).$$

**Lemma 11.** (Lemma 4 in Ref. [11]) *If  $F: [a, b] \rightarrow cc(X)$  is continuous and  $H(t) = \int_a^t F(u) du$ , then  $DH(t) = F(t)$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$ .*

**Lemma 12.** *If  $F: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow cc(X)$  is continuous, then*

$$\int_0^t \left( \frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} \int_0^u F(s) ds \right) du = \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} F(u) du \tag{3}$$

for  $t \geq 0$  and  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

*Proof.* For every nonnegative integer  $n$  we define

$$\phi_n(t) = d\left(\int_0^t \left(\frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} \int_0^u F(s) ds\right) du, \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} F(u) du\right), \quad t \geq 0.$$

For  $n = 0$

$$\phi_0(t) = d\left(\int_0^t \left(\int_0^u F(s) ds\right) du, \int_0^t (t-u)F(u) du\right), \quad t \geq 0$$

and according to Lemma 12 in Ref. [3], we have  $\phi_0 \equiv 0$ .

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and we suppose that  $\phi_i \equiv 0$  for all  $i \leq n$ . By the properties of the Riemann integral we obtain, for  $0 < k < 1$ , the following equalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{t+k} \left( \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_0^u F(s) ds \right) du \\ &= \int_0^t \left( \frac{(t-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_0^u F(s) ds \right) du + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{k^i}{i!} \int_0^t \left( \frac{(t-u)^{n+1-i}}{(n+1-i)!} \int_0^u F(s) ds \right) du \\ & \quad + \int_t^{t+k} \left( \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_0^u F(s) ds \right) du \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{t+k} \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} F(u) \, du \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} F(u) \, du \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \frac{k^i}{i!} \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^{n+2-i}}{(n+2-i)!} F(u) \, du + \int_t^{t+k} \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} F(u) \, du. \end{aligned}$$

Using the last equality and the induction assumption we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\phi_{n+1}(t+k) - \phi_{n+1}(t)}{k} \\ & \leq \left\| \frac{1}{k} \int_t^{t+k} \left( \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_0^u F(s) \, ds \right) du \right\| \\ & \quad + \left\| \frac{1}{k} \int_t^{t+k} \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} F(u) \, du \right\| + \left\| \int_0^t \frac{k^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} F(u) \, du \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\left\| \frac{1}{k} \int_t^{t+k} \left( \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_0^u F(s) \, ds \right) du \right\| \leq \frac{(t+k)k^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} M$$

and

$$\left\| \frac{1}{k} \int_t^{t+k} \frac{(t+k-u)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} F(u) \, du \right\| \leq \frac{k^{n+2}}{(n+3)!} M,$$

where  $M = \sup\{\|F(s)\| : 0 \leq s \leq t+1\}$ , it follows that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\phi_{n+1}(t+k) - \phi_{n+1}(t)}{k} \leq 0.$$

Moreover,  $\phi_{n+1}$  is continuous, nonnegative and  $\phi_{n+1}(0) = 0$ , whence applying the corollary from the Zygmund Lemma we obtain  $\phi_{n+1} \equiv 0$ . This means that (3) holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

Let  $K$  be a nonempty set. A family  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  of set-valued functions  $F_t : K \rightarrow n(K)$  is said to be an *iteration semigroup* if

$$F_t \circ F_s = F_{t+s}$$

for all  $t, s \geq 0$ .

Let  $K$  be a convex cone in a normed space. An iteration semigroup  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  of set-valued functions  $F_t : K \rightarrow cc(K)$  is called *differentiable* if all set-valued functions  $t \mapsto F_t(x)$ ,  $x \in K$ , have the Hukuhara derivative on  $[0, +\infty)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space. If  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  is a differentiable iteration semigroup of continuous additive multifunctions  $F_t : K \rightarrow cc(K)$  with  $F_0(x) = \{x\}$ , then*

- (i)  $DF_t(x) = F_t(G(x))$  for all  $x \in K$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , where  $DF_t(x)$  denotes the Hukuhara derivative of  $F_t(x)$  with respect to  $t$  and  $G(x) = DF_t(x)|_{t=0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_h(x) - x}{h}$  is continuous and additive,
- (ii)  $F_t(x) = x + \int_0^t F_u(G(x)) du$  for all  $x \in K$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,
- (iii) For all  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$

$$F_t(x) \subset \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x).$$

If additionally  $F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$  for  $t \geq 0$ , then

$$F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x).$$

*Proof.* (i) It follows immediately from Theorem 1 in Ref. [6] and Lemma 1.

(ii) Let us fix  $x \in K$ . We observe, by Lemmas 2 and 3, that  $t \mapsto F_t(G(x))$  is continuous, so it is integrable. According to (i) and Lemmas 8, 11 we get

$$F_t(x) = x + \int_0^t F_u(G(x)) du, \quad t \geq 0.$$

(iii) Let us fix  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ . At first we show the following inclusion

$$F_t(G(x)) \subset G(F_t(x)). \tag{4}$$

By Lemmas 2, 3, 6 and 7 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_t(G(x)) &= F_t \left( \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_h(x) - x}{h} \right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_t(F_h(x)) - F_t(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_h(F_t(x)) - F_t(x)}{h} \\ &\subset \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{F_h - I}{h} \right) (F_t(x)) \\ &= G(F_t(x)). \end{aligned}$$

From this, (ii) and Lemma 10 we have

$$F_t(x) = x + \int_0^t F_u(G(x)) du \subset x + G \left( \int_0^t F_u(x) du \right).$$

If we apply (ii) to  $F_u$  in the last inclusion, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} F_t(x) &\subset x + G \left( \int_0^t \left( x + \int_0^u F_s(G(x)) ds \right) du \right) \\ &\subset x + tG(x) + G^2 \left( \int_0^t \left( \int_0^u F_s(x) ds \right) du \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 12 we have

$$F_t(x) \subset x + tG(x) + G^2 \left( \int_0^t (t-u)F_u(x) du \right).$$

Repeating the same procedure we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_t(x) &\subset x + tG(x) + \frac{t^2}{2!}G^2(x) + \cdots + \frac{t^n}{n!}G^n(x) \\ &\quad + G^{n+1} \left( \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} F_u(x) du \right). \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

It remains to prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G^{n+1} \left( \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} F_u(x) du \right) = \{0\}. \tag{6}$$

There exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|F_u(x)\| \leq M$  for  $u \in [0, t]$ . Thus, by Lemma 9, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| G^{n+1} \left( \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} F_u(x) du \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \|G\|^{n+1} \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} \|F_u(x)\| du \\ &\leq \|G\|^{n+1} M \int_0^t \frac{(t-u)^n}{n!} du \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \|G\|^{n+1} M \frac{t^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \\ &= M \frac{(t\|G\|)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M \frac{(t\|G\|)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0$ , we have (6). Therefore, by (5),

$$F_t(x) \subset \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x).$$

By similar considerations the reader can prove that if  $F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$  for  $t \geq 0$ , then

$$F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x).$$

**Lemma 13.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space. If  $G: K \rightarrow cc(K)$  is a continuous additive multifunction and  $F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$ , then  $t \mapsto F_t(x)$ ,  $x \in K$ , is differentiable and*

$$DF_t(x) = G(F_t(x)), \quad x \in K, t \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* Let us fix  $x \in K$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and  $h > 0$ . We have the equalities

$$\frac{F_{t+h}(x) - F_t(x)}{h} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i!} \frac{(t+h)^i - t^i}{h} G^i(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \frac{(t+h)^i - t^i}{h} G^i(x).$$

We will show that the series  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \frac{(t+h)^i - t^i}{h} G^i(x)$  is uniformly convergent. Let  $h \in (0, 1)$  and let  $r$  be a positive number such that  $t + 1 \leq r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{i!} \frac{(t+h)^i - t^i}{h} G^i(x) \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{i!} \|G\|^i \|x\| ((t+h)^{i-1} + t(t+h)^{i-2} + \dots + t^{i-1}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{i!} \|G\|^i \|x\| ir^{i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\|G\|r)^{i-1}}{(i-1)!} \|G\| \|x\|$  is convergent, it follows that the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} \frac{(t+h)^i - t^i}{h} G^i(x)$  is uniformly convergent for  $h \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_{t+h}(x) - F_t(x)}{h} &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{i-1}}{(i-1)!} G^i(x) \\ &= G \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{i-1}}{(i-1)!} G^{i-1}(x) \right) = G(F_t(x)). \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way we obtain

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_t(x) - F_{t-h}(x)}{h} = G(F_t(x)).$$

Whence

$$DF_t(x) = G(F_t(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in K, t \geq 0.$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space and let  $G: K \rightarrow cc(K)$  be a continuous additive multifunction. Assume that  $F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$  for  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ . The family  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup if and only if*

$$F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t \tag{7}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that the family  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup. By Lemma 13 this family is differentiable and  $DF_t(x) = G(F_t(x))$  for  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ . On the other hand, from Theorem 1, we have  $DF_t(x) = F_t(G(x))$  for  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Thus,  $F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

Now, we assume that (7) holds. Let  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ . We observe that

$$F_t(G(x)) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i \right) (G(x)) \subset (I + tG)(G(x)) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^{i+1}(x)$$

and

$$G(F_t(x)) = G \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x) \right) = G(x) + tG^2(x) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^{i+1}(x).$$

Since  $F_t(G(x)) = G(F_t(x))$ , we have

$$G(x) + tG^2(x) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^{i+1}(x) \subset (I + tG)(G(x)) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^{i+1}(x).$$

Thus,

$$G(x) + tG^2(x) \subset (I + tG)(G(x)).$$

The inverse inclusion is obvious (see Lemma 7), therefore

$$G(x) + tG^2(x) = (I + tG)(G(x)).$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$G(F_t^n(x)) = F_t^n(G(x)) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $F_t^n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} F_t^n(F_s^n(x)) &= \left( \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{t^j}{j!} G^j \right) \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{s^i}{i!} G^i(x) \right) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{t^j s^i}{j! i!} G^{i+j}(x) \\ &= \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{q=0}^p \frac{t^{p-q} s^q}{(p-q)! q!} G^p(x) + R_n = \sum_{p=0}^n \frac{(t+s)^p}{p!} G^p(x) + R_n \\ &= F_{t+s}^n(x) + R_n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_n = \sum_{p=n+1}^{2n} \sum_{q=p-n}^n \frac{t^{p-q} s^q}{(p-q)! q!} G^p(x)$ . We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_n\| &\leq \sum_{p=n+1}^{2n} \sum_{q=p-n}^n \frac{t^{p-q} s^q}{(p-q)! q!} \|G\|^p \|x\| \\ &= \sum_{p=n+1}^{2n} \frac{1}{p!} (t+s)^p \|G\|^p \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \{0\}.$$

From Lemma 5 we get

$$F_t(F_s(x)) = F_{t+s}(x).$$

In the end we show the relation between our condition and the condition in Ref. [10].

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone with a nonempty interior in a Banach space. Assume that  $G: K \rightarrow cc(K)$  is a continuous additive multifunction and  $F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$  for  $x \in K$  and  $t \geq 0$ .*

1. *If  $F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$  for  $t \geq 0$ , then  $(I + tG) \circ G = G \circ (I + tG)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .*
2. *If  $(I + tG) \circ G = G \circ (I + tG)$  and  $0 \in G(x)$  for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x \in K$ , then  $F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$  for  $t \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* 1) It follows immediately from the proof of Theorem 2.

2) According to Theorem 1 in Ref. [10] the family  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  is an iteration semigroup. Thus, by Theorem 2 the equality

$$F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$$

holds for all  $t \geq 0$ .

*Example.* Let  $K = [0, +\infty)$  and let  $\{F_t : t \geq 0\}$  be a family of multifunctions  $F_t(x) = [xe^{at}, xe^{bt}]$ , as  $0 \leq a \leq b$ . Then this family is a differentiable iteration semigroup,  $F_t(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} G^i(x)$ , where  $G(x) = [ax, bx]$  and  $F_t \circ G = G \circ F_t$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

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