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**Abstract:** We show that the minimal convex-valued weak\* usco correspondences form a suitable generalization of maximal monotone operators. Using these correspondences, we develop Fitzpatrick's result about generic continuity of monotone operators and characterize closed convex sets with the Radon-Nikodým property.

**Key words:** Asplund space, Baire space, Banach space, convex analysis, convex function, maximal monotone operator, minimal convex-valued weak\* usco correspondence, strongly weak\* exposed point, subdifferential map, support function, sublinear functional, weak\* dentable set.

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0. Introduction

The minimal convex valued weak\* usco correspondences have been introduced in [16] to prove that a Banach space is in the Stegall class  $\mathcal{S}$  [27] whenever there is a weak\* lower semi-continuous rotund function on its dual. In the present paper we use these correspondences to develop the following theorem due to S. Fitzpatrick.

**0.1. Theorem [9].** Let  $X$  be a real Banach space and let  $K$  be a closed linear subspace of the dual Banach space  $X^*$  such that every bounded subset of  $K$  is weak\* dentable. Let  $T$  be a monotone

operator on  $X$  and  $D$  be an open subset of  $X$ . If  $Tx \neq \emptyset$  for  $x$  in  $D$  and  $K \cap Tx \neq \emptyset$  for  $x$  in a dense subset of  $D$ , then  $T$  is single-valued and norm to norm upper semicontinuous at each point of a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$ .

Basic properties of minimal convex-valued weak\* usco correspondences are given in Section 1. Their connection with convex analysis is described in Section 2. Main results are contained in Section 3. Closed convex sets with the Radon-Nikodým property are characterized in Section 4 (Corollary 4.4).

Here a closed convex subset  $K$  of a Banach space is said to have the Radon-Nikodým property (abbreviated RNP) if every closed convex bounded subset of  $K$  is the closed convex hull of its strongly exposed points [4].

Theorems 2.11, 3.5 and 3.15 form a skeleton of the present paper.

Theorem 2.11 is suggested by the works of P. S. Kenderov [20] and J. P. R. Christensen and P. S. Kenderov [7].

Theorem 3.5 generalizes Theorem 0.1 on account of Theorem 2.1 and the "three convex sets lemma" [25, Lemma 2.2], [4, Thm. 4.3.1 ( $w^*$ )].

Theorem 3.15 is suggested by the works [3], [23], [24], [8], [25] due to E. Bishop, I. Namioka, R. R. Phelps and J. B. Collier. Many results of these works are analysed in Giles' book [12].

Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 4.4 have been preliminarily communicated in [17].

### 1. Weak\* convex-valued usco correspondences

Throughout the paper it will be assumed that  $D$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces. In applications  $D$  will be a Baire space (i. e. every open nonempty subset of  $D$  is of the second Baire category) and  $Y$  will be of the form  $(X^*, w^*)$ , where  $X^*$  is a dual Banach space and  $w^*$  is its weak\* topology.

We define the set  $m(D, Y)$  writing  $F \in m(D, Y)$  if and only if  $F$  is a set-valued correspondence assigning a nonempty subset  $F(d)$  of  $Y$  to each point  $d \in D$ . The set  $m(D, Y)$  will be considered as a partially ordered set with order  $\leq$ , defining, for  $E, F \in m(D, Y)$ ,  $E \leq F$  if and only if  $E(d) \subset F(d)$  holds whenever  $d \in D$ . For  $F \in m(D, Y)$ ,  $G \subset D$  and  $M \subset Y$  we put

$$F(G) := \bigcup \{ F(d) : d \in G \},$$

$$(1) \quad F^{-1}(M) := \{ d \in D : M \cap F(d) \neq \emptyset \}.$$

According to [7] we denote by  $USCO(D, Y)$  the set of all usco correspondences [7] from  $D$  into  $Y$ , therefore,  $F \in USCO(D, Y)$  if and only if  $F \in m(D, Y)$  and  $F$  is an upper semicontinuous compact-valued correspondence.

We define  $usco(D, Y)$  to be the set of all minimal elements (relative to order  $\leq$ ) of the set  $USCO(D, Y)$ . Minimal usco correspondences have been used, for instance, in [6], [7], [21], [26], [27] and [16].

1.1. Theorem [7]. Let  $Y$  be a Hausdorff space and  $F$  be in  $USCO(D, Y)$ . Then there exists a correspondence  $E \in usco(D, Y)$  having the property  $E \leq F$ .

Minimal usco correspondences can be characterized by the following way.

1.2. Theorem [16]. Let  $Y$  be a Hausdorff space and  $F$  be in  $USCO(D, Y)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $F \in usco(D, Y)$ .
- (ii) The implication  $G \subset F^{-1}(M) \Rightarrow F(G) \subset M$  is satisfied whenever  $G$  is an open subset of  $D$  and  $M$  is a closed subset of  $Y$ .
- (iii) For every pair  $[G, V]$ , where  $G$  is open in  $D$ ,  $V$  is open in  $Y$  and  $V \cap F(G) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $U$  with the properties

$$\emptyset \neq U \subset G, \quad F(U) \subset V.$$

In what follows it will be considered a real Banach space  $X \neq \{0\}$ . We denote by  $X^*$  the corresponding dual Banach space and by  $w^*$  the weak\* topology for the set  $X^*$ .

For any set  $M \subset X^*$  we write  $\bar{M}$ ,  $\bar{M}^*$  and  $\overline{co}^* M$  for the norm closure, weak\* closure and weak\* closed convex hull of the set  $M$ , respectively.

1.3. Definition [16]. The weak\* convexification of a correspondence  $F \in m(D, X^*)$  is the correspondence  $co F \in m(D, X^*)$  defined by the formula

$$(co F)(d) := \overline{co}^* F(d) \text{ whenever } d \in D.$$

1.4. Proposition [16].  $F \in USCO(D, (X^*, w^*)) \Rightarrow co F \in USCO(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Accordingly to [16] we define

$$USCOC(D, (X^*, w^*)) := \{ F \in USCO(D, (X^*, w^*)) : co F = F \}.$$

Thus,  $F \in USCOC(D, (X^*, w^*))$  holds if and only if, using the weak\* topology,  $F$  is a convex-valued usco correspondence from  $D$  into  $X^*$ .

We denote by  $uscoc(D, (X^*, w^*))$  the set of all minimal elements (relative to order  $\cong$ ) of the set  $USCOC(D, (X^*, w^*))$ .

1.5. Theorem [16]. Let  $F$  be in  $USCOC(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Then there exists a correspondence  $E \in uscoc(D, (X^*, w^*))$  with the property  $E \cong F$ .

There is a characterization of the set  $uscoc(D, (X^*, w^*))$  similar to Theorem 1.2.

1.6. Theorem [16]. Let  $F$  be in  $USCOC(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ .
- (ii) The implication  $G \subset F^{-1}(M) \Rightarrow F(G) \subset M$  is satisfied whenever  $G$  is an open subset of  $D$  and  $M$  is a weak\* closed convex subset of  $X^*$ .
- (iii) For every pair  $[G, M]$ , where  $G$  is an open subset of  $D$ ,  $M$  is a weak\* closed convex subset of  $X^*$  and  $F(G) \cap (X^* \setminus M) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $U$  with the properties

$$\emptyset \neq U \subset G, \quad F(U) \subset X^* \setminus M.$$

- (iv) For every pair  $[G, H]$ , where  $G$  is an open subset of  $D$ ,  $H$  is a weak\* open halfspace in  $X^*$  and  $F(G) \cap H \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $U$  with the properties

$$\emptyset \neq U \subset G, \quad F(U) \subset H.$$

1.7. Corollary [16].  $F \in \text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*)) \Rightarrow \text{co } F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ .

1.7'. Corollary [16]. If  $E \in \text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ ,  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  and  $E \cong F$ , then  $\text{co } E = F$ .

Theorem 1.1 and Corollaries 1.7 and 1.7' tell us that the weak\* convexification maps the set  $\text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  onto the set  $\text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ .

1.8. Corollary [7]. Let  $D$  be a Baire space and  $F$  be in  $\text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Then the correspondence  $F$  is openly locally bounded on  $D$ , that is, for every open nonempty subset  $G$  of  $D$  there is an open nonempty subset  $U$  of  $G$  such that the set  $F(U)$  is bounded.

1.8'. Corollary. Let  $D$  be a Baire space and  $F$  be in  $\text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Then the correspondence  $F$  is openly locally bounded on  $D$ .

Proof. Following the idea due to J. P. R. Christensen

and P. S. Kenderov [ 7 ], we take in consideration an open nonempty set  $G \subset D$  and the corresponding dual unit ball  $B$  of  $X^*$  (being a weak\* compact barrel in  $X^*$ ). As  $X^* = \bigcup \{n B : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G &= G \cap D = G \cap F^{-1}(X^*) = G \cap F^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} n B\right) = \\ &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (G \cap F^{-1}(n B)). \end{aligned}$$

The set  $G$  endowed with the relativized topology is a Baire space and each set  $G \cap F^{-1}(n B)$  is closed in  $G$ . Therefore there are an open set  $U$  and a natural number  $n$  with  $\emptyset \neq U \subset G \cap F^{-1}(n B)$ . We have  $\emptyset \neq U \subset G$  and  $U \subset F^{-1}(n B)$ . It follows  $F(U) \subset n B$  by virtue of Condition (ii) of Theorem 1.6.

We note that Corollary 1.8, too, is a consequence of Corollary 1.8' on account of Corollary 1.7.

1.9. Definition. Let  $F$  be in  $m(D, X^*)$ . Then the set  $C(F, D, X^*)$  is defined as follows :  $d \in C(F, D, X^*)$  if and only if  $d \in D$  and, using the norm topology of  $X^*$ ,  $F$  is upper semicontinuous and single-valued at  $d$ .

1.10. Proposition. Suppose  $F \in m(D, X^*)$  and  $d \in D$ . Then  $d \in C(F, D, X^*)$  if and only if there exists an  $x^* \in X^*$  such that for every norm neighbourhood  $V$  of the point  $0 \in X^*$  there exists an open set  $G \subset D$  with the properties  $d \in G$  and  $F(G) \subset x^* + V$ .

In what follows we fix a countable local basis  $\mathcal{V}$  for the norm topology of  $X^*$  formed by weak\* closed absolutely convex sets. For instance, it can be supposed

$$\mathcal{V} = \{n^{-1} B : n = 1, 2, \dots\},$$

where  $B$  is the dual unit ball in  $X^*$ .

The complete proof of the following technical lemma

is given in [16].

**1.11. Lemma.** Let  $F \in m(D, X^*)$  and  $G(F, V) := \bigcup \{ G \subset D : G \text{ is open and } F(G) - F(G) \subset V \}$  for each  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ . Then  $C(F, D, X^*) = \bigcap \{ G(F, V) : V \in \mathcal{V} \}$ .

**1.12. Remark.** As every set  $G(F, V)$  is open and  $\mathcal{V}$  is a countable family, the set  $C(F, D, X^*)$  always is a  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$ .

The following corollary can be regarded as a method to prove that  $C(F, D, X^*)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$ .

**1.13. Corollary.** Let  $D$  be a Baire space and let  $F$  be in  $m(D, X^*)$ . If for every pair  $[G, V]$ , where  $G$  is an open nonempty subset of  $D$  and  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ , there exists an open set  $U$  with the properties  $\emptyset \neq U \subset G$  and  $F(U) - F(U) \subset V$ , then  $C(F, D, X^*)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$ .

**Proof.** If  $G$  is an arbitrary open nonempty subset of  $D$  and  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ , then, by hypothesis, the open set  $G(F, V)$  meets  $G$  and hence  $G(F, V)$  is dense in  $D$ . Applying Baire Category Theorem and Lemma 1.11., we obtain the required result.

**1.14. Proposition** [16]. Let  $F$  be in  $usco(D, (X^*, w^*))$  (or in  $uscoc(D, (X^*, w^*))$ ),  $E$  be in  $m(D, X^*)$  and  $E \leq F$ . Then  $C(E, D, X^*) = C(F, D, X^*)$ .

**Proof.** Since the inclusion  $C(F, D, X^*) \subset C(E, D, X^*)$  is obvious, it suffices to prove the converse. Let  $d \in C(E, D, X^*)$ ,  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $x^* \in E(d)$ . Then there is an open set  $G \subset D$  with  $d \in G$  and  $E(G) \subset x^* + V$ . As  $E \leq F$ , it follows

$$G \subset F^{-1}(E(G)) \subset F^{-1}(x^* + V).$$

Now Condition (ii) of Theorem 1.2 (or Theorem 1.6) tells us that  $F(G) \subset x^* + V$ . Hence  $d \in C(F, D, X^*)$ , by Proposition 1.10.



## 2. Connection with convex analysis

Let  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be a convex function. The subdifferential map  $\partial f : X \rightarrow X^*$  is defined by setting  $\partial f(x) := \emptyset$  if  $f(x) \notin \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\partial f(x) := \bigcap \left\{ \left\{ x^* \in X^* : \langle h, x^* \rangle \leq f(x+h) - f(x) \right\} : h \in X \right\}$$

if  $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Here  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the pairing between  $X$  and  $X^*$ . If  $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  then the  $\varepsilon$ -subdifferential  $\partial_\varepsilon f(x)$  of  $f$  at the point  $x \in X$  is defined by

$$\partial_\varepsilon f(x) := \bigcap \left\{ \left\{ x^* \in X^* : \langle h, x^* \rangle \leq f(x+h) - f(x) + \varepsilon \right\} : h \in X \right\}.$$

If the function  $f$  is finite and continuous on an open set  $D \subset X$  then, according to Moreau's result [22], the restriction  $\partial f|_D$  of the subdifferential map  $\partial f$  to the set  $D$  belongs to  $\text{USCOC}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Now, using monotonicity of subdifferential maps and applying Kenderov's result [20] (for it, see the proof of Theorem 1.28 of [25], too), we see that the correspondence  $\partial f|_D$  satisfies Condition (iv) of Theorem 1.6.

Similarly, let us consider a maximal monotone operator  $T : X \rightarrow X^*$  having the property that  $Tx \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x$  in an open set  $D \subset X$ . Then, accordingly to Kenderov's results [18], [20], the restriction  $T|_D$  of  $T$  to  $D$  belongs to  $\text{USCOC}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  and satisfies Condition (iv) of Theorem 1.6 as well. Therefore it holds the following

**2.1. Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset of  $X$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  be a convex function finite and continuous on  $D$  and let  $T : X \rightarrow X^*$  be a maximal monotone operator such that  $Tx \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $x \in D$ . Then both correspondences  $\partial f|_D$  and  $T|_D$  belong to  $\text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ .

Let  $\{M_\lambda : \lambda \in (\Gamma, \leq)\}$  be a net of nonempty subsets of the dual Banach space  $X^*$  and  $x^* \in X^*$ . Then we write

$$\lim_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M_{\gamma} = x^*$$

if and only if for every  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  (see Section 1) there is a  $\gamma_0$  in  $\Gamma$  with  $\bigcup \{M_{\gamma} : \gamma_0 \leq \gamma \in \Gamma\} \subset x^* + V$ .

2.2. Theorem [2], [11]. Let  $f : X \rightarrow \bar{R}$  be a convex function finite and continuous on an open set  $D \subset X$ ,  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_0^* \in X^*$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) The Fréchet derivative  $f'(x_0)$  of  $f$  at  $x_0$  is  $x_0^*$ .
- (ii)  $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \partial_{\varepsilon} f(x_0) = x_0^*$ .
- (iii)  $x_0 \in C(\partial f | D, D, X^*)$  and  $x_0^* \in \partial f(x_0)$ .
- (iv) There exists a correspondence  $F \in \mathfrak{m}(D, X^*)$  such that

$$F \subseteq \partial f | D, \quad x_0 \in C(F, D, X^*) \text{ and } x_0^* \in F(x_0).$$

2.3. Remark. The equivalences (i)  $\iff$  (ii)  $\iff$  (iii) are due to E. Asplund and R. T. Rockafellar [2] and the implication (iv)  $\implies$  (i) is due to J. R. Giles [11]. The implication (iv)  $\implies$  (iii) follows from Theorem 2.1 and Proposition 1.14.

Let  $p : X \rightarrow R$  be a sublinear functional. It is a well-known fact [14] that, at any point  $x \in X$ , it holds

$$(2) \quad \partial p(x) = \{x^* \in \partial p(0) : \langle x, x^* \rangle = p(x)\}.$$

This relation can be modified as follows.

2.4. Proposition [16]. Let  $p : X \rightarrow R$  be a sublinear functional. Then for every pair  $[\varepsilon, x]$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ , it holds

$$\partial_{\varepsilon} p(x) = \{x^* \in \partial p(0) : \langle x, x^* \rangle \geq p(x) - \varepsilon\}.$$

If  $x \in X$  and  $M \subset X^*$ , then, following [14], we set

$$s(x | M) := \sup \{ \langle x, x^* \rangle : x^* \in M \} .$$

The function  $p$  defined on  $X$  by the formula

$$p(x) := s(x | M) \text{ whenever } x \in X$$

is called the support function of the set  $M$ .

The next theorem catalogizes some well-known facts about continuous sublinear functionals and support functions [13].

2.5. Theorem. Let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous sublinear functional and  $M$  be a bounded nonempty subset of  $X^*$ . Then

- (i)  $s(\cdot | M)$  is a continuous sublinear functional on  $X$ ,
- (ii)  $p = s(\cdot | \partial p(0))$  and
- (iii)  $p = s(\cdot | M) \Rightarrow \overline{co}^* M = \partial p(0)$ .

2.6. Definition [23]. Let  $M$  be a bounded nonempty subset of  $X^*$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the support function of the set  $M$ . Then the weak\* slice of the set  $M$  determined by  $x$  and  $\alpha$  is the set

$$S(M, x, \alpha) := \{ x^* \in M : \langle x, x^* \rangle > p(x) - \alpha \} .$$

In the proof of the following lemma we shall apply the well-known inclusion

$$M \cap G \subset \overline{M \cap G}$$

satisfied for any  $M \subset Y$  and any open  $G \subset Y$ .

2.7. Lemma. Let  $M$  be a convex bounded nonempty subset of  $X^*$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha$  and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the support function of  $M$ . Then

$$\partial_\varepsilon p(x) \subset \overline{S(M, x, \alpha)^*} \subset \partial_\alpha p(x).$$

Proof. Define

$$H_\alpha := \{ x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle > p(x) - \alpha \} ,$$

$$H^\varepsilon := \{ x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle \geq p(x) - \varepsilon \} .$$

According to Proposition 2.4 and Theorem 2.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\varepsilon p(x) &= \partial p(0) \cap H^\varepsilon = \overline{M}^* \cap H^\varepsilon \subset \overline{M}^* \cap H_\alpha \subset \\ &\subset \overline{M \cap H_\alpha}^* = \overline{S(M, x, \alpha)}^* \subset \overline{M}^* \cap \overline{H_\alpha}^* = \\ &= \overline{\partial p(0) \cap H_\alpha}^* = \partial p(0) \cap H^\alpha = \partial_\alpha p(x) . \end{aligned}$$

In [23] I. Namioka and R. R. Phelps gave the definition of strongly weak\* exposed points for weak\* compact convex subsets of dual Banach spaces. This definition can be slightly extended as follows.

2.8. Definition. Let  $M$  be a convex bounded nonempty subset of  $X^*$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$  and  $x^* \in X^*$ . Then the element  $x$  strongly exposes the set  $M$  at  $x^*$  if and only if it holds

$$\lim_{\alpha \downarrow 0} S(M, x, \alpha) = x^* .$$

A point  $x^* \in X^*$  is said to be a strongly weak\* exposed point of the set  $M$  provided that there is an element  $0 \neq x \in X$  strongly exposing the set  $M$  at  $x^*$ .

2.9. Proposition. Let  $M$  be a convex bounded nonempty subset of  $X^*$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$ ,  $x^* \in X^*$  and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the support function of the set  $M$ . Then the element  $x$  strongly exposes the set  $M$  at the point  $x^*$  if and only if  $p'(x) = x^*$ . Further, every strongly weak\* exposed point of  $M$  belongs to  $\overline{M}$ .

Proof. Consider the following relations:

$$(i) \quad \lim_{\alpha \downarrow 0} S(M, x, \alpha) = x^* ,$$

$$(ii) \lim_{\alpha \downarrow 0} \overline{S(M, x, \alpha)}^* = x^*,$$

$$(iii) \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \partial_\varepsilon p(x) = x^* \text{ and}$$

$$(iv) p'(x) = x^* .$$

As the family  $\mathcal{V}$  consists of weak\* closed subsets, (i) is equivalent to (ii). The equivalences (ii)  $\iff$  (iii) and (iii)  $\iff$  (iv) follow from Lemma 2.7 and Theorem 2.2, respectively. Further it follows from (i) that  $x^* \in \overline{M}$ .

**2.10. Lemma.** Let  $M$  be a convex bounded nonempty subset of  $X^*$ ,  $E$  be the set of all strongly weak\* exposed points of  $M$  and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the support function of  $M$ . Then

$$\{x \in X : x \neq 0 \text{ and } p'(x) \text{ exists}\} \subset \{x \in X : p(x) = s(x | E)\} .$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $0 \neq x \in X$  and  $p'(x)$  exists. Then  $p'(x) \in E$  and  $p'(x) \in \partial p(x)$  by Theorem 2.2. As  $E \subset \overline{M} \subset \overline{M}^*$  and  $s(\cdot | \overline{M}^*) = p$ , it follows from (2) that

$$p(x) = \langle x, p'(x) \rangle \leq s(x | E) \leq s(x | \overline{M}^*) = p(x) .$$

We close this section by the theorem proved firstly in [15] for subdifferential maps of continuous convex functions.

**2.11. Theorem.** Let  $F$  be in  $\text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  (or in  $\text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ ),  $G$  be an open nonempty subset of  $D$  such that the set  $F(G)$  is bounded and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the support function of the set  $F(G)$ . Then for every pair  $[\varepsilon, h]$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $0 \neq h \in X$ , there exists an open set  $U$  such that

$$\emptyset \neq U \subset G, \quad F(U) \subset \partial_\varepsilon p(h) .$$

**Proof.** Consider  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $0 \neq h \in X$  and define

$$H_\varepsilon := \{x^* \in X^* : \langle h, x^* \rangle > p(h) - \varepsilon\} .$$

Since  $F(G) \cap H_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$ , there is an open set  $U$  satisfying

$$\emptyset \neq U \subset G, \quad F(U) \subset F(G) \cap H_\varepsilon$$

on account of Condition (iii) of Theorem 1.2 (or Condition (iv) of Theorem 1.6). It follows from Theorem 2.5 and Proposition 2.4 that

$$F(G) \cap H_\varepsilon \subset \partial p(0) \cap H_\varepsilon \subset \partial_\varepsilon p(h).$$

### 3. Main result

In the present section we assume that  $K$  is a subset of the dual Banach space  $X^*$ .

3.1. Remark. According to (1) the following conditions are equivalent for any correspondence  $F \in m(D, X^*)$ .

- (i) The set  $F^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$ .
- (ii)  $F(U) \cap K \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $U$  is an open nonempty subset of  $D$ .
- (iii) There is a dense subset  $A$  of  $D$  satisfying  $F(d) \cap K \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $d \in A$ .

We recall that the family  $\mathcal{V}$  is a local basis for the norm topology of the dual Banach space  $X^*$  and it consists of weak\* closed absolutely convex sets.

3.2. Definition. We say that a continuous sublinear functional  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has arbitrarily small approximative subdifferentials provided that for each  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  there is a pair  $[\varepsilon, h]$  such that  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $0 \neq h \in X$  and  $\partial_\varepsilon p(h) - \partial_\varepsilon p(h) \subset V$ .

3.3. Definition. We say that a continuous sublinear functional  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $K$ -lower semicontinuous ( $K$ -l. s. c.) on  $X$  if there exists a subset  $M$  of the set  $K$  such that  $p = s(\cdot | M)$ .

3.4. Lemma. Suppose

- (i)  $F \in \text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  or  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ ,
- (ii)  $F^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$ ,
- (iii)  $G$  is an open nonempty subset of  $D$  and
- (iv) the set  $F(G)$  is bounded.

Then the support function  $p : X \rightarrow R$  of the set  $F(G)$  is  $K$  - lower semicontinuous on  $X$ .

Proof. Fix  $0 \neq h \in X$ . It suffices to prove

$$p(h) - \varepsilon \leq s(h | K \cap F(G)) \text{ whenever } \varepsilon > 0.$$

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . According to Theorem 2.11 there is an open set  $U$  such that  $\emptyset \neq U \subset G$  and

$$(3) \quad F(U) \subset \partial_\varepsilon p(h).$$

According to Remark 3.1 there exists an  $x^*$  in  $K \cap F(U)$ . Using (3) and Proposition 2.4, we obtain

$$p(h) - \varepsilon \leq \langle h, x^* \rangle \leq s(h | K \cap F(U)) \leq s(h | K \cap F(G)).$$

3.5. Theorem. Let  $D$  be a Baire space,  $F$  be in  $\text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  or in  $\text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  and let us suppose

- (i) the set  $F^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$  and
- (ii) every continuous sublinear functional  $p : X \rightarrow R$  being  $K$  - lower semicontinuous on  $X$  has arbitrarily small approximative subdifferentials.

Then  $C(F, D, X^*)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$ .

Proof. Let  $G$  be an open nonempty subset of  $D$  and  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ .

According to Corollary 1.13 it suffices to find an open set  $U$  with the properties

$$(4) \quad \emptyset \neq U \subset G, \quad F(U) - F(U) \subset V.$$

According to Corollary 1.8 or 1.8' there is an open set  $Q$  such that  $\emptyset \neq Q \subset G$  and the set  $F(Q)$  is bounded. Now let us set  $p := s(. | F(Q))$ . It follows from (i), Lemma 3.4 and Theorem 2.5 that  $p$  is a continuous sublinear functional being  $K$ -l. s. c. on  $X$ . It follows from (ii) that there is a pair  $[\varepsilon, h]$  such that  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $0 \neq h \in X$  and

$$(5) \quad \partial_\varepsilon p(h) - \partial_\varepsilon p(h) \subset V.$$

Theorem 2.11 tells us that there is an open set  $U$  such that  $\emptyset \neq U \subset Q$  and  $F(U) \subset \partial_\varepsilon p(h)$ . It follows from (5) that the set  $U$  satisfies (4).

3.6. Lemma. Let  $p : X \rightarrow R$  be a continuous sublinear functional. Then  $p$  is  $K$ -lower semicontinuous on  $X$  if and only if

$$(6) \quad p = s(. | K \cap \partial p(0)).$$

Proof. (6) implies that  $p$  is  $K$ -l. s. c. on  $X$ . Conversely, if  $p = s(. | M)$  and  $M \subset K$ , then, according to Theorem 2.5,  $M \subset K \cap \partial p(0)$  and

$$p = s(. | M) \leq s(. | K \cap \partial p(0)) \leq s(. | \partial p(0)) = p.$$

3.7. Lemma. Let  $p : X \rightarrow R$  be a continuous sublinear functional such that the set  $(\partial p)^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $X$ . Then  $p$  is  $K$ -lower semicontinuous on  $X$ .

Proof. According to Remark 3.1 there is a dense subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that for each  $x \in A$  there is an  $x^* \in K \cap \partial p(x)$ . According to (2) we have  $x^* \in K \cap \partial p(0)$  and  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = p(x)$ . This means that the continuous functionals  $p$  and  $s(. | K \cap \partial p(0))$  coincide on the dense set  $A$ ; therefore they coincide on  $X$  everywhere. According to Lemma 3.6  $p$  is  $K$ -l. s. c. on  $X$ .

3.8. Lemma. Let  $F \in m(D, X^*)$ ,  $d \in C(F, D, X^*)$  and  $x^* \in F(d)$ .



If the set  $F^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$ , then  $x^* \in \bar{K}$ .

Proof. Every norm neighbourhood of  $x^*$  contains a point of  $K$ .

3.9. Definition [23]. A bounded nonempty subset  $M$  of  $X^*$  is said to be weak\* dentable provided that for each  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  there exists a pair  $[\alpha, x]$  such that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$  and  $S(M, x, \alpha) - S(M, x, \alpha) \subset V$ .

3.10. Lemma. Let  $K$  be a convex subset of  $X^*$ . If every bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  is weak\* dentable then every continuous sublinear functional  $p : X \rightarrow R$  being  $K$ -lower semicontinuous on  $X$  has arbitrarily small approximative subdifferentials.

Proof. Let  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ . Suppose  $p : X \rightarrow R$  is a continuous sublinear functional having the property

$$p = s(\cdot | K \cap \partial p(0))$$

and take in consideration Lemma 3.6. The set  $M := K \cap \partial p(0)$  is a convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  and  $p = s(\cdot | M)$ . If every bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  is weak\* dentable, then there is a pair  $[\alpha, x]$  such that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$  and

$$S(M, x, \alpha) - S(M, x, \alpha) \subset V.$$

As  $V$  is a weak\* closed absolutely convex set, it holds

$$\overline{S(M, x, \alpha)^*} - \overline{S(M, x, \alpha)^*} \subset V.$$

Choose an  $\varepsilon$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon < \alpha$ . Lemma 2.7 tells us that  $\partial_\varepsilon p(x) \subset \overline{S(M, x, \alpha)^*}$  and hence  $\partial_\varepsilon p(x) - \partial_\varepsilon p(x) \subset V$ .

To convert Lemma 3.7, we firstly recall one result due to E. Bishop and R. R. Phelps.

3.11. Theorem [3]. Let  $M$  be a closed convex bounded nonempty

subset of  $X$ . Then there exists a dense subset  $A$  of  $X^*$  such that for each  $x^* \in A$  there is an  $x \in M$  with the property  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = \sup \{ \langle z, x^* \rangle : z \in M \}$ .

In what follows we shall assume that  $K$  is a closed convex subset of  $X^*$ . We denote by  $w^*|K$  the relativized weak\* topology for the set  $K$ .

The following definition is suggested by Theorem 3.11.

3.12. Definition. We shall say that the set  $K$  has the weak\* Bishop-Phelps property ( $w^*$ BPP) if for every  $w^*|K$  - closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  there exists a dense subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that for each  $x \in A$  there is an  $x^* \in X^*$  with the properties

$$(7) \quad x^* \in M, \quad \langle x, x^* \rangle = \sup \{ \langle x, z^* \rangle : z^* \in M \}.$$

3.13. Remark. Every weak\* closed convex subset of  $X^*$  has the  $w^*$ BPP. If  $K$  is a closed convex subset of a Banach space  $Z$  and  $Z^* = X$ , then the set  $K$  regarded as a closed convex subset of  $X^*$  has the  $w^*$ BPP by virtue of Theorem 3.11. It follows from Asplund's work [1] that, if  $X$  is an Asplund space, every closed convex subset of  $X^*$  has the  $w^*$ BPP.

3.14. Lemma. Let  $K$  have the  $w^*$ BPP and let  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous sublinear functional. If  $p$  is  $K$  - l. s. c. on  $X$  then the set  $(\partial p)^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $X$ .

Proof. Suppose  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous sublinear functional having the property  $p = s(.|K \cap \partial p(0))$ . Then the set  $M := K \cap \partial p(0)$  is a  $w^*|K$  - closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  and  $p = s(.|M)$ . Using (2) we see that the condition (7) can be expressed by  $x^* \in K \cap \partial p(x)$ . According to Definition 3.10 the set

$$\{ x \in X : K \cap \partial p(x) \neq \emptyset \} = (\partial p)^{-1}(K)$$

contains a dense subset of  $X$ .

**3.15. Theorem.** Let a closed convex subset  $K$  of the dual Banach space  $X^*$  have the weak\* Bishop-Phelps property. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) Every bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  is weak\* dentable.
- (ii) Every continuous sublinear functional  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  being  $K$  - lower semicontinuous on  $X$  has arbitrarily small approximative subdifferentials.
- (iii) The set  $C(F, D, X^*)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$  whenever  $D$  is a Baire space,  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$  and  $F^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$ .
- (iv) The set  $\{ x \in D : f'(x) \text{ exists} \}$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$  whenever  $D$  is an open subset of  $X$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is a convex function finite and continuous on  $D$  and  $(\partial f)^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$ .
- (v) Every continuous sublinear functional  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  being  $K$  - lower semicontinuous on  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable on a dense subset of  $X$ .
- (vi) Every  $w^* | K$  - closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  is the  $w^* | K$  - closed convex hull of its strongly weak\* exposed points.
- (vii) Every  $w^* | K$  - closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  has strongly weak\* exposed points.

Proof. The implication (i)  $\implies$  (ii) follows from Lemma 3.10, (ii)  $\implies$  (iii) follows from Theorem 3.5, (iii)  $\implies$  (iv) follows from Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, (iv)  $\implies$  (v) follows from Lemma 3.14 and (v)  $\implies$  (vii) is obvious. Thus it remains to prove the implications (v)  $\implies$  (vi) and (vii)  $\implies$  (i).

(v)  $\implies$  (vi): Let  $M$  be a  $w^* | K$  - closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$ ,  $E$  be the set of all strongly weak\* exposed

points of the set  $M$  and  $p := s(. | M)$ . Clearly

$$(8) \quad M = K \cap \overline{M}^*$$

It follows from (v) that the set  $\{x \in X : x \neq 0, p(x) \text{ exists}\}$  is dense in  $X$  and, according to Lemma 2.10, this set is contained in the closed set  $\{x \in X : p(x) = s(x | E)\}$ . Hence  $p = s(. | E)$  and  $\overline{co}^* E = \overline{M}^*$ . Now (8) implies

$$M = K \cap \overline{co}^* E.$$

As  $E \subset \overline{M} = M \subset K$ , the set  $K \cap \overline{co}^* E$  is the  $w^* | K$ -closed convex hull of  $E$ .

(vii)  $\implies$  (i): Suppose  $B$  is a bounded nonempty subset of  $K$  and  $V \in \mathcal{V}$ . Let  $M := K \cap \overline{co}^* B$ . Then, according to Theorem 2.5,

$$(9) \quad s(. | M) = s(. | B)$$

and  $M$  is a  $w^* | K$ -closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $K$ . It follows from (vii) that there exist elements  $\alpha$ ,  $x$  and  $x^*$  such that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $0 \neq x \in X$ ,  $x^* \in X$  and

$$(10) \quad S(M, x, \alpha) \subset x^* + 2^{-1} V.$$

It follows from Definition 2.6 and from (9) that  $S(B, x, \alpha) \subset S(M, x, \alpha)$ . According to (10) we have

$$S(B, x, \alpha) - S(B, x, \alpha) \subset V,$$

hence the set  $B$  is weak\* dentable.

#### 4. Some applications

In [7] J. P. R. Christensen and P. S. Kenderov proved that  $X$  is an Asplund space if and only if the set

$C(F, D, X^*)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$  whenever  $D$  is a Baire space and  $F \in \text{usco}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ . Setting

$$K = X^*$$

in Theorem 3.15 and taking in consideration the equivalence (iii)  $\iff$  (iv), we obtain the following

4.1. Corollary.  $X$  is an Asplund space if and only if the set  $C(F, D, X^*)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$  whenever  $D$  is a Baire space and  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^*, w^*))$ .

From the corollary the above Christensen-Kenderov result can be derived by applying of Theorem 1.1, Corollary 1.7 and Proposition 1.14. Further, Theorem 3.15 contains some characterizations of Asplund spaces which can be found in [23] and [25].

Now let us suppose that the Banach space  $X$  is of the form

$$X = Z^* ,$$

where  $Z$  is a Banach space. Setting  $K = Z$ , regarding  $K$  as a closed convex subset of  $X^*$  and taking in consideration Remark 3.13 and the equivalences (i)  $\iff$  (vi)  $\iff$  (vii), we have the following result due to R. R. Phelps:

4.2. Theorem [24]. The following conditions for a Banach space  $Z$  are equivalent.

- (i) Every bounded nonempty subset of  $Z$  is dentable.
- (ii) Every closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $Z$  is the closed convex hull of its strongly exposed points.
- (iii) Every closed convex bounded nonempty subset of  $Z$  has strongly exposed points.

As the properties of Theorem 4.2 characterize Banach spaces with the Radon-Nikodým property, it follows from the

Brøndsted-Rockafellar theorem [5] that the equivalence (iv)  $\iff$  (vi) of Theorem 3.15 gives Collier's characterization for Banach spaces with the RNP:

4.3. Theorem [8]. A Banach space  $Z$  has the Radon-Nikodým property if and only if the dual Banach space  $Z^*$  is a weak\* Asplund space.

Finally, taking in consideration the equivalence (iii)  $\iff$  (vi) of Theorem 3.15, we obtain the following characterization for closed convex sets with the RNP.

4.4. Corollary. A closed convex subset  $K$  of a Banach space  $Z$  has the Radon-Nikodým property if and only if, regarding  $K$  as a closed subset of the second dual Banach space  $Z^{**}$ , the set  $C(F, D, Z^{**})$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$  whenever  $D$  is a Baire space,  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (Z^{**}, w^*))$  and the set  $F^{-1}(K)$  is dense in  $D$ .

We know by [4, Theorem 5.8.1 (i)] that the Cartesian product  $X := \prod \{X_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  of Banach spaces  $X_i$  with the RNP has the same property. To see how the corollary works, we reprove this result. Thus, let  $D$  be a Baire space,  $F \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X^{**}, w^*))$  and let  $F^{-1}(X)$  be dense in  $D$ . Identifying  $X^{**}$  with  $\prod \{X_i^{**} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and taking in consideration that the natural projection  $p_i : X^{**} \rightarrow X_i^{**}$  is continuous relative to the weak\* topologies, we see that the correspondence  $F_i := p_i \circ F \in \text{USCOC}(D, (X_i^{**}, w^*))$  satisfies Condition (ii) from Theorem 1.6. Hence  $F_i \in \text{uscoc}(D, (X_i^{**}, w^*))$ . As

$$F_i^{-1}(X_i) = F^{-1}(p_i^{-1}(X_i)) \supset F^{-1}(X),$$

the set  $F_i^{-1}(X_i)$  is dense in  $D$ . Hence  $C(F_i, D, X_i^{**})$  is a dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $D$  and therefore the same holds for the set

$$C(F, D, X^{**}) = \bigcap \{ C(F_i, D, X_i^{**}) : 1 \leq i \leq n \} .$$

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