

## A NOTE ON MULTI-VALUED MAPPINGS

Gökhan Temizel and İsmet Karaca

ABSTRACT. We introduce some notions for multi-valued mappings such as  $m$ -act, transitively  $mG$ -space,  $m$ -orbit, and  $m$ -stabilizer. Some algebraic topological properties are given for multivalued functions.

### 1. Introduction

When we look at the past periods, it has been seen that single-valued mappings are insufficient to reach some desired results. For this reason, a new concept called multi-valued mappings have been introduced. It is possible to think of multi-valued mappings as generalizations of single-valued mappings. Multi-valued mappings are associated to a point in the domain to a set in the image. Today, it is possible to see studies on these mappings in various areas such as statistics, economy, optimal control theory and calculus of variation.

One of the studies on multi-valued mappings is about continuity. The reason for this is that the concept of continuity is one of the most significant topics in the field of algebraic topology. The definition of continuity of multi-valued mappings is introduced for specific cases by [7], [8], and [26]. All of these definitions separately generalize the concept of continuity to multi-valued mappings and are equivalent to each other. Kuratowski [13] revealed the notions of lower semi-continuity and upper semi-continuity in his work. In the following years, studies on the continuity of multi-valued functions continued. In his article, Strother [24] examined the relationship between the definitions of continuity that emerged as a result of these studies.

---

2010 *Mathematics Subject Classification.* Primary 54C15; Secondary 54C60, 55Q05, 55P10.

*Key words and phrases.* multi-valued mapping,  $m$ -homeomorphism, multi-homotopy,  $m$ -act, transitive  $mG$ -space,  $m$ -orbit,  $m$ -stabilizer.

Supported by TÜBİTAK .

Communicated by Dusko Bogdanic.

Many subjects have been studied using multi-valued mappings. Kakutani's article [9] is one of the most significant. In this article, Brouwer Fixed Point Theorem has been studied. Michael [14] created a topology using non-empty closed subsets. With the help of this topology, Michael managed to generalize many properties valid for single-valued mappings. Strother [22] has studied on the fixed point theorem and given definitions of fixed point and trace for multi-valued mappings. Also, the notion of homotopy been generalized to multi-valued mappings and is called multi-homotopy. The most important article about multi-homotopy is the article of Strother [23]. In this article, the concept of multi-homotopy is defined and some of its properties are given. In addition, Ponomarev [16] has studied on the fundamental properties of multi-valued mappings and many applications on the topological space he defined on closed sets. In another work, he [17] discovered properties that are preserved under multi-valued mappings. Also, Rhee [19] has generalized some theorems from homotopy theory to multi-valued mappings. Ozkan and Karaca [11] have introduced a notion of multi-category and a notion homeomorphism using the multi category.

In the first part of this article, some definitions and properties used in proofs are given. We have introduced some notions such as  $m$ -act,  $mG$ -space, transtive  $mG$ -space,  $m$ -orbit, and  $m$ -stabilizer. Also, we give some new properties about these notions. In short, our goal in this article is to generalize the properties about single-valued mappings to multi-valued mappings.

## 2. Preliminaries

All of the topological spaces used in this article are Hausdorff topological spaces and Greek alphabet letters are used to represent multi-valued mappings. Assume that  $P$  is a non-empty space and  $Q$  is any space. If  $\alpha(p)$  is a subset of  $Q$  for every element  $p \in P$ , then  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is said to be a multi-valued mapping. It is possible to say that single-valued mappings are a special case of multi-valued mappings. Also, considering that  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  maps  $p \in P$  to the set in  $\mathcal{P}(Q)$ , it can be said that  $\alpha$  behaves like a single-valued mapping.  $R(\alpha) = \bigcup_{p \in P} \alpha(p)$  is the *range* of a multi-valued mapping  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  by [2]. Also, we get

$$\alpha(P_0) = \bigcup_{p \in P_0}$$

for each  $P_0 \subset P$  from [3]. If  $\alpha(p) \cap \alpha(p') = \emptyset$  when  $p \neq p'$  for any  $p, p' \in P$ ,  $\alpha$  is called *injective (one-to-one)* from [2]. If  $R(\alpha) = Q$ ,  $\alpha$  is called *surjective (onto)*. If  $\alpha(p)$  is closed (open) in  $Q$  for each  $p \in P$ ,  $\alpha$  becomes *closed valued (open valued)* by [5]. It is the *composition* of  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  and  $\beta : Q \rightrightarrows R$  represented as  $\beta \circ \alpha : P \rightrightarrows R$  and, is defined as  $(\beta \circ \alpha)(p) = \beta(\alpha(p)) = \bigcup_{q \in \alpha(p)} \beta(q)$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two spaces. If  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$ ,  $p \mapsto \alpha(p)$  is an injective multi-valued mapping, then  $f : P \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$ ,  $p \mapsto \alpha(p)$  is one-to-one single-valued mapping.*

PROOF. If  $\alpha$  is an one-to-one multi-valued mapping, then for all  $p_1, p_2 \in P$  such that  $p_1 \neq p_2$ ,  $\alpha(p_1) \cap \alpha(p_2) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f(p_1) = \alpha(p_1)$  and  $f(p_2) = \alpha(p_2)$ ,  $f(p_1) \neq f(p_2)$ . Thus  $f$  is one-to-one single-valued mapping.  $\square$

The next lemma was created by Strother [23] on the continuous of multi-valued mappings.

LEMMA 2.1. Let  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  be a multi-valued mapping and  $\alpha(p)$  be closed in  $Q$  for each  $p \in P$ .  $\alpha$  is continuous if and only if the following situations are provided.

- (i) There exists an open set  $U$  of  $P$  with  $p_0 \in U$  such that  $\alpha(p) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $p \in U$ , when  $p_0 \in P$ ,  $V$  is open in  $Q$  and  $\alpha(p_0) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .
- (ii) There exists an open set  $U$  with  $p_0 \in U$  such that  $\alpha(p) \subset V$  for all  $p \in U$ , when  $p_0 \in P$ ,  $V$  is open in  $Q$  and  $\alpha(p_0) \subset V$ .

The first case in the above Lemma 2.1 is called *the lower semi-continuity*, and the second case is called *the upper semi-continuity*. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  are compact topological spaces and  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is a continuous multi-valued mapping. Then  $\alpha$  is closed [21]

LEMMA 2.2. [21] If  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  and  $\beta : Q \rightrightarrows R$  are continuous and  $P, Q$ , and  $R$  are compact, then  $\beta \circ \alpha$  is continuous.

Assume that  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is a multi-valued mapping. If  $P_0 \subset P$ , then  $\alpha|_{P_0}$  is defined by  $\alpha|_{P_0}(p) = \alpha(p)$  for all  $p \in P_0$  and called *the restriction of  $\alpha$  to  $P_0$* . Also  $\alpha|_{P_0}$  is continuous, when  $\alpha$  is continuous [21]. The multi-valued mapping  $\text{id}_P : P \rightrightarrows P$ ,  $\text{id}_P(p) = \{p\}$  is said to be the *identical multi-valued mapping* of the set  $P$ . A mapping  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is called *constant multi-valued mapping* if  $\alpha(p) = Q_0$ , for all  $p \in P$ , where  $Q_0$  is a fixed closed subset of  $Q$  [2].

Let  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  be a mapping. For any  $Q_0 \subset Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^-(Q_0) &= \{p \in P \mid \alpha(p) \cap Q_0 \neq \emptyset\} \\ \alpha^+(Q_0) &= \{p \in P \mid \alpha(p) \subset Q_0\} \end{aligned}$$

from [5]. We can defined two multi-valued function. These are  $\alpha^- : Q \rightrightarrows P$ ,  $q \mapsto \alpha^-(q)$  and  $\alpha^+ : Q \rightrightarrows P$ ,  $q \mapsto \alpha^+(q)$ .  $\alpha^-$  will be considered the inverse of a multi-valued mapping[3]. Also,  $\alpha^-(q)$  is called the *m-fiber* of  $q$  for each  $q \in Q$ .

PROPOSITION 2.2. [5] Assume that  $P$  and  $Q$  are topological spaces,  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is a multi-valued map, and  $\text{Dom}(\alpha) = P$ . In this case, the situations given below are equivalent to each other.

- (i)  $\alpha$  is upper semi-continuous;
- (ii) For each open set  $V \subset Q$ ,  $\alpha^+(V) \subset P$  is open;
- (iii) For each closed set  $K \subset Q$ ,  $\alpha^-(K) \subset P$  is closed.

PROPOSITION 2.3. [5] Assume that  $P$  and  $Q$  are topological spaces,  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is a multi-valued map, and  $\text{Dom}(\alpha) = P$ . In this case, the situations given below are equivalent to each other.

- (i)  $\alpha$  is lower semi-continuous;
- (ii) For each open set  $V \subset Q$ ,  $\alpha^-(V) \subset P$  is open;

(iii) For each closed set  $K \subset Q$ ,  $\alpha^+(K) \subset P$  is closed.

In the next lemmas, it is mentioned under which conditions the composition of multi-valued mappings  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^-$  and  $\alpha^+$  will give the identical multi-valued mapping.

LEMMA 2.3. [25] If  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is one-to-one,  $\alpha^- \circ \alpha = id_P$ .

LEMMA 2.4. [12] If  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is onto, for all  $p \in P$   $\alpha(p) \neq \emptyset$  and there is  $p \in P$  such that  $\alpha(p) \subset \{q\}$  for all  $q \in Q$ , then  $\alpha \circ \alpha^+ = id_B$ .

Now, we give the definition of  $m$ -homeomorphism.

DEFINITION 2.1. [10] Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two topological spaces. Let  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  be injective and surjective.  $\alpha$  is called an  $m$ -homeomorphism when  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha^-$  are continuous.

LEMMA 2.5. [10] Let  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  be compact topological spaces. If  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  and  $\beta : Q \rightrightarrows R$  are  $m$ -homeomorphisms, then  $\beta \circ \alpha : P \rightrightarrows R$  is an  $m$ -homeomorphism.

### 3. Generalizing some properties in algebraic topology to multi-valued mappings

In this part of the article, the definitions and properties in the field of algebraic topology will be generalized to multi-valued functions. Firstly, we will give some definitions.

DEFINITION 3.1. [23] Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be topological spaces. Let  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  and  $\beta : P \rightrightarrows Q$  are multi-valued mappings. If there exists  $\gamma : P \times I \rightrightarrows Q$  such that,  $\gamma(p, 0) = \alpha(p)$ ,  $\gamma(p, 1) = \beta(p)$  and it is continuous, we can say that  $\alpha$  is  $m$ -homotopic to  $\beta$ . If two multi-valued mappings  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $m$ -homotopic to each other, it is denoted by  $\alpha \simeq_m \beta$ .

If  $\mu : I \rightrightarrows P$  is continuous, then it is called an  $m$ -path for any topological space  $P$ . If  $P_0$  is a maximal  $m$ -pathwise connected subset of  $P$ , then it is called an  $m$ -pathwise component of  $P$ . We say that  $\alpha$  is null  $m$ -homotopic, if  $\alpha$  is  $m$ -homotopic to a constant multi-valued mapping. Let  $I^n$  be a product of unit intervals. We define

$$MQ(n, P, P_0) = \{\alpha : I^n \rightrightarrows P \mid \alpha \text{ is continuous and } \alpha(t) = P_0 \text{ for all } t \in B^{n-1}\}$$

for each topological space  $P$ ,  $P_0 \subset P$  closed and,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  [23].

The subset  $B^{n-1}$  of  $I^n$  consists of points  $(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ . In this situation, some of the coordinates is zero or one and. Moreover, we can say that  $B^{n-1}$  is the boundary of  $I^n$ .

THEOREM 3.1. [10] The  $m$ -homotopy relation is an equivalence relation.

PROPOSITION 3.1. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be topological spaces. Assume that  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$ ,  $p \mapsto Q_0$  and  $\beta : P \rightrightarrows Q$ ,  $p \mapsto Q_1$  are constant multi-valued mappings such that  $Q_0, Q_1 \subset Q$  are closed. If  $\alpha \simeq_m \beta$ , then there is an  $m$ -path between  $Q_0$  and  $Q_1$

PROOF. If  $\alpha \simeq_m \beta$ , then there is an  $m$ -homotopy mapping  $\gamma : P \times I \rightrightarrows Q$  such that  $\gamma(p, 0) = \alpha(p)$  and  $\gamma(p, 1) = \beta(p)$ . Since  $\gamma$  is continuous,  $\gamma|_{\{p_0\} \times I}$  is continuous for any  $p_0 \in P$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma|_{\{p_0\} \times I}(p_0, 0) &= \alpha(p_0) = Q_0, \\ \gamma|_{\{p_0\} \times I}(p_0, 1) &= \alpha(p_0) = Q_1. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\gamma|_{\{p_0\} \times I}$  is an  $m$ -path between  $Q_0$  and  $Q_1$ . □

DEFINITION 3.2. [23] Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \in MQ(n, P, P_0)$ . Define  $\gamma = \alpha * \beta$  by

$$\gamma(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \begin{cases} \alpha(2t_1, \dots, t_n) & \text{if } 0 \leq t_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \beta(2t_1 - 1, \dots, t_n) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t_1 \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

$[\alpha]$  is a class of mappings such that mappings in this class are homotopic to mapping  $\alpha$  relative to  $(B^{n-1}, P_0)$ . Also,  $[\alpha] * [\beta] = [\alpha * \beta]$ . Moreover,  $\gamma$  is well-defined and continuous.

PROPOSITION 3.2. Let  $P_0, P_1$  and,  $P_2$  be closed subsets of a topological sapce  $P$ . If  $\alpha : I \rightrightarrows P$  is an  $m$ -path from  $P_0$  to  $P_1$  and  $\beta : I \rightrightarrows P$  is an  $m$ -path from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ , then  $\overline{\alpha * \beta} = \overline{\beta} * \overline{\alpha}$ .

PROOF.  $\overline{\alpha * \beta}(t) = \alpha * \beta(1 - t)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha * \beta(1 - t) &= \begin{cases} \alpha(2(1 - t)) & \text{if } 0 \leq 1 - t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \beta(2(1 - t) - 1) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq 1 - t \leq 1, \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \alpha(2 - 2t) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \\ \beta(1 - 2t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $(\overline{\beta} * \overline{\alpha})(t) = \overline{\beta}(t) * \overline{\alpha}(t) = \beta(1 - t) * \alpha(1 - t)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(1 - t) * \alpha(1 - t) &= \begin{cases} \beta(1 - 2t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \alpha(1 - 2t - 1) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1, \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \beta(1 - 2t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \alpha(2 - 2t) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\overline{\alpha * \beta} = \overline{\beta} * \overline{\alpha}$ . □

PROPOSITION 3.3. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be compact topological spaces. Assume that  $P_0 \subset P$  is closed and  $\sigma_P : P \rightrightarrows P$ ,  $p \mapsto P_0$  is a constant multi-valued mapping. If  $id_P \simeq_m \sigma_P$  and  $Q$  is an  $m$ -pathwise connected topological space, then any two mappings from  $P$  to  $Q$  is  $m$ -homotopic.

PROOF. If  $id_P \simeq_m \sigma_P$ , then there is an  $m$ -homotopy mapping  $\gamma : P \times I \rightrightarrows Q$  such that  $\gamma(p, 0) = id_P(p)$  and  $\gamma(p, 1) = \sigma_P(p)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a continuous multi-valued mapping. Then,  $\alpha \circ \sigma : P \times I \rightrightarrows Q$  is continuous and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \circ \gamma(p, 0) &= \alpha(\gamma(p, 0)) = \alpha(id_P(p)) = \alpha(p), \\ \alpha \circ \gamma(p, 1) &= \alpha(\gamma(p, 1)) = \alpha(\sigma_P(p)) = \alpha(P_0) = Q_0 = \sigma_{Q_0}(p). \end{aligned}$$

Namely,  $\alpha$  is null  $m$ -homotopic. Given that  $Q_1 \subset Q$  is closed. Since  $Q$  is an  $m$ -pathwise connected topological space, there is an  $m$ -path  $\mu : I \rightrightarrows Q$  such that  $\mu(0) = Q_0$  and  $\mu(1) = Q_1$ . We can define that  $\theta : P \times I \rightrightarrows Q$ ,  $(p, t) \mapsto \mu(t)$ .  $\theta$  is continuous, because of continuity of  $\mu$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(p, 0) &= \mu(0) = Q_0 = \sigma_{Q_0}(P) \quad \text{and} \\ \theta(p, 1) &= \mu(1) = Q_1 = \sigma_{Q_1}(P),\end{aligned}$$

two constant multi-valued mappings are  $m$ -homotopic. We know that any multi-valued mapping is  $m$ -homotopic to constant multi-valued mapping. So, two multi-valued mappings from  $P$  to  $Q$  is  $m$ -homotopic.  $\square$

**DEFINITION 3.3. [25]** *Assume that  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is a continuous multi-valued mapping and  $P$  and  $Q$  are topological spaces. Assume that  $U$  is an open subset in  $Q$ . If  $\alpha^{-1}(U)$  is an union of  $D_i$  in  $P$ ,  $D_i$ 's are disjoint sets and,  $\alpha|_{D_i} : D_i \rightrightarrows U$  is an  $m$ -homeomorphism for every  $i$ , then  $U$  is called an evenly  $m$ -covered by  $\alpha$ . In this situation,  $D_i$  is called  $m$ -sheets.*

**DEFINITION 3.4. [25]** *Assume that  $\alpha : P \rightrightarrows Q$  is continuous,  $P$  is an  $m$ -pathwise connected space and  $Q$  is a topological space. If  $U = U_q$  is an open neighborhood  $q$  and it is evenly  $m$ -covered by  $\alpha$ , then for every  $q \in Q$ , then  $(P, \alpha)$  is an  $m$ -covering space of  $Q$ . In this situation,  $\alpha$  is said to be an  $m$ -covering projection, and  $U = U_q$  is said to be an  $m$ -admissible.*

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $(P, \alpha)$  be an  $m$ -covering space of  $Q$ , let  $R$  be a connected space, and let  $\beta : (R, \{r_0\}) \rightrightarrows (Q, Q_0)$  be a continuous multi-valued mapping. Given  $p_0$  in the  $m$ -fiber over  $Q_0$ , there is at most one continuous  $\tilde{\beta} : (R, \{r_0\}) \rightrightarrows (P, P_0)$  with  $\alpha \circ \tilde{\beta} = \beta$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume that there exists a continuous mapping

$$\beta' : (R, \{r_0\}) \rightrightarrows (P, P_0)$$

such that  $\alpha \circ \beta' = \beta$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \{r \in R \mid \tilde{\beta}(r) = \beta'(r)\} \quad \text{and} \\ B &= \{r \in R \mid \tilde{\beta}(r) \neq \beta'(r)\}.\end{aligned}$$

In this situation,  $R = A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Let  $a \in A$  and  $U$  be an  $m$ -admissible neighborhood of  $\beta(a)$ . Let  $S$  be an  $m$ -sheet of  $U$  such that  $\tilde{\beta}(a) \in S$ .  $W = \tilde{\beta}^+(S) \cap \beta'^+(S) \subset R$  is an open neighborhood of  $a$ . If  $w \in W$ , then  $\tilde{\beta}(w) \in S$  and  $\beta'(w) \in S$ . Since  $\alpha \circ \tilde{\beta} = \beta$  and  $\alpha \circ \beta' = \beta$ ,  $\alpha \circ \tilde{\beta}(w) = \alpha \circ \beta'(w)$ . Also, we know that,  $\alpha|_S$  is an  $m$ -homeomorphism. Thus,

$$(\alpha|_S)^{-1} \circ (\alpha|_S \circ \tilde{\beta}(w)) = (\alpha|_S)^{-1} \circ (\alpha|_S \circ \beta'(w)) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\alpha}(w) = \beta'(w).$$

Namely,  $w \in A$ . So,  $A$  is open. Let  $b \in B$  and  $V$  be  $m$ -admissible neighborhood of  $\beta(b)$ . Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be  $m$ -sheets of  $V$  such that  $\tilde{\beta}(b) \in S$  and  $\beta'(b) \in S'$ .  $W = \tilde{\beta}^+(S) \cap \beta'^+(S') \subset R$  is an open neighborhood of  $b$ . If  $w \in W$ , then  $\tilde{\beta}(w) \in S$  and  $\beta'(w) \in S'$ . Since  $S \cap S' = \emptyset$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}(w) \neq \beta'(w)$ . Namely,  $w \in B$ . So,  $B$  is open.

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are open subsets,  $R$  is connected and  $r_0 \in A, B = \emptyset$ . Consequently, we obtain  $\tilde{\beta} = \beta'$ .  $\square$

DEFINITION 3.5. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $Q$  be a topological space. Then  $G$   $m$ -acts on  $Q$  if there is a continuous multi-valued mapping  $\alpha : G \times Q \rightrightarrows Q$ , denoted by  $(g, q) \mapsto \alpha(g, q)$ , such that  $\alpha((g * g'), q) = \alpha(g, \alpha(g', q))$  and  $\alpha(1, q) = \{q\}$  for all  $q \in Q$  and  $g, g' \in G$  (here  $1$  is the identity element of  $G$ ).

We call  $Q$  an  $mG$ -space if  $G$   $m$ -acts on  $Q$ . One says  $G$   $m$ -acts transitively on  $Q$  if, for each  $q, q' \in Q$ , there exists  $g \in G$  with  $\alpha(g, q) = \{q'\}$ ; call  $Q$  a transitive  $mG$ -space in this case.

DEFINITION 3.6. Let  $G$   $m$ -act on a space  $Q$ , and let  $q \in Q$ . Then the  $m$ -orbit of  $q$  is

$$m - O(q) = \{\alpha(g, q) \mid g \in G\} \subset \mathcal{P}(Q),$$

and the  $m$ -stabilizer of  $q$  is

$$m - G_q = \{g \in G \mid \alpha(g, q) = \{q\}\}.$$

LEMMA 3.2. If  $G$   $m$ -acts transitively on a space  $Q$ , then  $\bigcup_{A \in m - O(q)} A = Q$  for every  $q \in Q$ .

PROOF. Assume that  $G$   $m$ -acts transitively on a space  $Q$ . Then, there is  $g \in G$  and a continuous mapping  $\alpha : G \times Q \rightrightarrows Q$  such that  $\alpha(g, q) = \{q'\}$  for all  $q, q' \in Q$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} m - O(q) &= \{\alpha(g, q) \mid g \in G\} \\ &= \{\{q'\} \mid q' \in Q\} \cup \{\alpha(g, q) \mid g \in G \text{ and } m(\alpha(g, q)) \neq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we obtain  $\bigcup_{A \in m - o(q)} A = Q$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 3.3. Assume that a group  $G$   $m$ -acts on a topological space  $Q$  and  $q \in Q$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : m - O(q) &\rightrightarrows G/m - Gq \\ \alpha(g, q) &\mapsto g * m - Gq \end{aligned}$$

is one-to-one.

PROOF. For all  $\alpha(g_1, q), \alpha(g_2, q) \in m - O(q)$  such that  $\alpha(g_1, q) \neq \alpha(g_2, q)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\alpha(g_1, q)) &= g_1 * m - Gq = \{g_1 * h \mid h \in m - Gq\} \\ \phi(\alpha(g_2, q)) &= g_2 * m - Gq = \{g_2 * h \mid h \in m - Gq\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $k \in \phi(\alpha(g_1, q)) \cap \phi(\alpha(g_2, q))$ . There are  $h_1, h_2 \in m - Gq$  such that  $k = g_1 * h_1$  and  $k = g_2 * h_2$ . So,  $\alpha(k, q) = \alpha((g_1 * h_1), q)$  and  $\alpha(k, q) = \alpha((g_2 * h_2), q)$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha((g_1 * h_1), q) &= \alpha((g_2 * h_2), q) \\ \alpha(g_1, F(h_1, q)) &= \alpha(g_2, \alpha(h_2, q)) \\ \alpha(g_1, \{q\}) &= \alpha(g_2, \{q\}). \end{aligned}$$

It is a contradiction. So,  $\phi(\alpha(g_1, q)) \cap \phi(\alpha(g_2, q)) = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $\phi$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 3.4. Assume that a group  $G$   $m$ -acts on topological space  $Q$  and  $q \in Q$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : m - O(q) &\rightarrow G/m - Gq \\ \alpha(g, q) &\mapsto g * m - Gq\end{aligned}$$

is a surjective single-valued mapping.

PROOF. For all  $g * m - Gq$ , there is  $\alpha(g, q) \in m - O(q)$  such that  $\phi(\alpha(g, q)) = g * m - Gq$ . So,  $\phi$  is a surjective single-valued mapping.  $\square$

LEMMA 3.4. Assume that a group  $G$   $m$ -acts on a topological space  $Q$  and  $q \in Q$ . In this case,  $|m - O(q)| = [G : m - Gq]$ .

PROOF.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : m - O(q) &\rightarrow G/m - Gq \\ \alpha(g, q) &\mapsto g * m - Gq\end{aligned}$$

is an one-to-one and surjective single-valued mapping. Thus,

$$|m - O(q)| = [G : m - Gq].$$

$\square$

### Acknowledgments

The first author is granted as a fellowship by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey TUBITAK2211-A. The second author is thankful to the Azerbaijan State Agrarian University for all their hospitality and generosity during his stay.

### References

1. M. R. Adhikari, *Basic Algebraic Topology and Its Applications*, Springer India, Kolkata, 2016, 1–615.
2. M. C. Anisiu, *Point-to-set-mappings. Continuity*. Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Mathematics, Research Seminars, preprint 3, 1981, 1–100.
3. C. J. R. Borges, *A study of multi-valued functions*, Pacific J. Math. **23** (3), (1967) 451–461.
4. C. E. Capel and W. L. Strother, *Multi-valued functions and partial order* Portugal Math. **17** (1958), 41–47.
5. A. Geletu, *Introduction to Topological Spaces and Set-Valued Maps*, Lectures Notes, 2006, 1–126.
6. L. Gorniewicz, *Topological fixed point theory of multi-valued mappings*, Springer Science and Business Media, Torun, 1999, 1–548.
7. L. S. Hill, *Properties of certain aggregate functions*, Amer. J. Math. **49** (1927), 419–432.
8. W. Hurewicz, *Über stetige blinder von punktmengen*, K. Akad. Wet. Amsterdam Proc. **29** (1926), 1014–1017.
9. S. Kakutani, *A generalization of Brouwer's fixed point theorem*, Duke Math. J. **8** (3) (1941), 457–459.
10. I. Karaca, H. S. Denizalti, and G. Temizel, *On Classification of Multi-Valued Functions using Multi-Homotopy*, J. Int. Math. Virtual Inst. **11**(1) (2021), 161–188.
11. I. Karaca and M. Ozkan, *Homotopy Extension Property for multi-Functions*, Mathematica Moravica **27**, No. 1 (2023), 1–12.



12. I. Karaca and G. Temizel, *Some Properties for Multi-valued Mappings in Topology*, preprint (2023).
13. K. Kuratowski, *Les fonctions semi-continues dans l'espace des ensembles fermes*, Fund. Math. **18** (1933), 148–159.
14. E. Michael, *Topologies on spaces of subsets*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **71** (1951), 152–182.
15. J. R. Munkres, *Topology*, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1987, 1–537.
16. V. I. Ponomarev, *A new space of closed sets and multi-valued continuous mappings of bicom-pacta*, Amer. Math. Soc. Transl. **38 (2)** (1964), 95–118.
17. V. I. Ponomarev, *Properties of topological spaces preserved under multivalued continuous mappings*, Amer. Math. Soc. Transl. **38 (2)** (1964), 119–140.
18. V. I. Ponomarev, *On the extension of multi-valued mappings of topological spaces to their compactifications*, Amer. Math. Soc. Transl. **38 (2)** (1964), 141–158.
19. C. J. Rhee, *Homotopy Functors Determined by Set-Valued Maps*, Math. Z. **113** (1970), 154–158.
20. E. H. Spanier, *Algebraic Topology*, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1966, 1–548.
21. R. E. Smithson, *Some general properties of multi-valued functions*, Pacific J. Math. **15 (2)** (1965), 681–703.
22. W. L. Strother, *On an open question concerning fixed points*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **4** (1953), 988–993.
23. W. L. Strother, *Multi-Homotopy*, Boletim da Sociedade de S. Paulo **10** (1954) 87–120.
24. W. L. Strother, *Continuous multi-valued functions* Dissertation, Tulane University, (1951).
25. G. Temizel and I. Karaca, *Topological Properties of Multi-Valued Functions*, Filomat **36 20** (2022), 6979–6990.
26. W. A. Wilson, *On the structure of a continuum limited and irreducible between two points* Amer. J. Math. **48** (1926) 147–168.

Received by editors 29.5.2023; Revised version 21.7.2023; Available online 25.9.2023.

GÖKHAN TEMIZEL, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, EGE UNIVERSITY, İZMİR, TURKEY  
Email address: gokhantemizel@yahoo.com

İSMET KARACA, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, EGE UNIVERSITY, İZMİR, TURKEY  
Email address: ismet.karaca@ege.edu.tr

DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN ECONOMICS, AZERBAIJAN STATE AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY, GENÇE,  
AZERBAIJAN  
Email address: ismet.karaca@ege.edu.tr