

# On Selections of Some Generalized Set-Valued Inclusions



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**Abstract** We present some results on the existence of a unique selection of a set-valued function satisfying some generalized set-valued inclusions.

## 1 Introduction

For a nonempty set  $Y$  we denote by  $\mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$  the family of all nonempty subsets of  $Y$ . In a linear normed space  $Y$  we define the following families of sets:

$$ccl(Y) := \{A \in \mathfrak{F}_0(Y) : A \text{ is closed and convex set}\},$$

$$cclz(Y) := \{A \in \mathfrak{F}_0(Y) : A \text{ is closed and convex set containing } 0\},$$

$$ccz(Y) := \{A \in \mathfrak{F}_0(Y) : A \text{ is compact and convex set containing } 0\}.$$

The diameter of a set  $A \in \mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$  is defined by

$$\delta(A) := \sup \{\|a - b\| : a, b \in A\}.$$

Let  $K$  be a nonempty set. We say that a set-valued function  $F : K \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$  is with bounded diameter if the function  $K \ni x \mapsto \delta(F(x)) \in \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Finally recall that a selection of a set-valued map  $F : K \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$  is a single-valued map  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  with the property  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ .

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Smajdor [1] and Gajda and Ger [2] proved that if  $(S, +)$  is a commutative semigroup with zero and  $Y$  is a real Banach space, then  $F : S \rightarrow ccl(Y)$  is a subadditive set-valued function; i.e.,

$$F(x + y) \subset F(x) + F(y), \quad x, y \in S,$$

with bounded diameter admits a unique additive selection (i.e., a unique mapping  $f : S \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  and  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x, y \in S$ ). In 2001, Popa [3] proved that if  $K \neq \emptyset$  is a convex cone in a real vector space  $X$  (i.e.,  $sK + tK \subseteq K$  for all  $s, t \geq 0$ ) and  $F : K \rightarrow ccl(Y)$  (where  $Y$  is a real Banach space) is a set-valued function with bounded diameter fulfilling the inclusion

$$F(\alpha x + \beta y) \subset \alpha F(x) + \beta F(y), \quad x, y \in K,$$

for  $\alpha, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta \neq 1$ , then there exists exactly one additive selection of  $F$ .

Set-valued functional equations have been investigated by a number of authors and there are many interesting results concerning this problem (see [4–14]).

We determine the conditions for which a set-valued function  $F : K \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$  satisfying one of the following inclusions

$$\sigma_{y,z}F(\alpha x) + 8\alpha^{-1}F(x) \subseteq 2\alpha^{-1}(\sigma_yF(x) + \sigma_zF(x)) + 4\alpha F(x),$$

$$\sigma_{y,z}F(\alpha x) + 8F(x) \subseteq 2(\sigma_yF(x) + \sigma_zF(x)) + 4\alpha^2F(x),$$

$$\sigma_{y,z}F(\alpha x) + 8\alpha F(x) \subseteq 2\alpha(\sigma_yF(x) + \sigma_zF(x)) + 4\alpha^3F(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{y,z}F(\alpha x) + 4\alpha^2(2F(x) + F(y) + F(z)) &\subseteq 2\alpha^2(\sigma_yF(x) + \sigma_zF(x)) \\ &\quad + 2\sigma_zF(y) + 4\alpha^4F(x) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$  and any fixed positive integers  $\alpha > 1$  admits a unique selection satisfying the corresponding functional equation. Here  $\sigma_yF(x)$  denotes  $\sigma_yF(x) = F(x + y) + F(x - y)$ , and  $\sigma_{y,z}F(x)$  denotes  $\sigma_{y,z}F(x) = \sigma_z(\sigma_yF(x)) = \sigma_zF(x + y) + \sigma_zF(x - y)$ .

## 2 Selections of Set-Valued Mappings

In what follows we give some notations and present results which will be used in the sequel.

**Definition 1** Let  $X$  be a real vector space. For  $A, B \in \mathfrak{F}_0(X)$ , the (Minkowski) addition is defined as

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

and the scalar multiplication as

$$\lambda A = \{\lambda a : a \in A\}$$

for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 1 (Nikodem [15])** Let  $X$  be a real vector space and let  $\lambda, \mu$  be real numbers. If  $A, B \in \mathfrak{F}_0(X)$ , then

$$\lambda(A + B) = \lambda A + \lambda B,$$

$$(\lambda + \mu)A \subseteq \lambda A + \mu A.$$

In particular, if  $A$  is convex and  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$ , then

$$(\lambda + \mu)A = \lambda A + \mu A.$$

**Lemma 2 (Rådström’s Cancellation Law)** Let  $Y$  be a real normed space and  $A, B, C \in \mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$ . Suppose that  $B \in ccl(Y)$  and  $C$  is bounded. If  $A + C \subseteq B + C$ , then  $A \subseteq B$ .

The above law has been formulated by Rådström [16], but the proof given there is valid in topological vector spaces (see [17, 18]).

**Corollary 1** Let  $Y$  be a real normed space and  $A, B, C \in \mathfrak{F}_0(Y)$ . Assume that  $A, B \in ccl(Y)$ ,  $C$  is bounded, and  $A + C = B + C$ . Then  $A = B$ .

Nikodem and Popa in [9] and Piszczek in [12] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** Let  $K$  be a convex cone in a real vector space  $X$ ,  $Y$  a real Banach space and  $\alpha, \beta, p, q > 0$ . Consider a set-valued function  $F : K \rightarrow ccl(Y)$  with bounded diameter fulfilling the inclusion

$$F(\alpha x + \beta y) \subset pF(x) + qF(y), \quad x, y \in K.$$

If  $\alpha + \beta < 1$ , then there exists a unique selection  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  of  $F$  satisfying the equation

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) = pf(x) + qf(y), \quad x, y \in K.$$

If  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ , then  $F$  is single valued.

The case of  $p + q = 1$  was investigated by Popa in [14], Inoan and Popa in [5]. By means of the inclusion relation, Park et al. [7, 11] investigated the approximation of some set-valued functional equations.

We now present some examples. A constant function  $F : K \rightarrow ccl(Y)$ ,  $F(x) = M$  for  $x \in K$ , where  $K \subseteq X$  is a cone and  $M \in ccl(Y)$  is fixed, satisfies the equation

$$F(\alpha x + \beta y) = pF(x) + qF(y), \quad x, y \in K,$$

and each constant function  $f : K \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f(x) = m$  for  $x \in K$ , where  $m \in M$  is fixed, satisfies

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) = pf(x) + qf(y), \quad x, y \in K.$$

The set-valued function  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow ccl(\mathbb{R})$  given by

$$F(x) = [x - 1, x + 1], \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

satisfies the equation

$$F\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) = \frac{F(x) + F(y)}{2}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

and each function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(x) = x + c, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $c \in [-1, 1]$  is fixed, is a selection of  $F$  and satisfies

$$f\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) = \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In the rest of this paper, unless otherwise explicitly stated, we will assume that  $(K, +)$  is a commutative group,  $Y$  is a real Banach space, and  $k$  is a positive integer less than or equal to 3.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $F : K \rightarrow cclz(Y)$  be a set-valued function with bounded diameter.*

(1) *If*

$$\alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{y,z} F(\alpha x) + 8F(x) \subseteq 2(\sigma_y F(x) + \sigma_z F(x)) + 4\alpha^2 F(x), \quad (2)$$

*for all  $x, y, z \in K$ , then there exists a unique selection  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  of  $F$  such that, for all  $x, y \in K$ , (i)  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  if  $k = 1$ ; (ii)  $\sigma_y f(x) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$  if  $k = 2$ ; (iii)  $\sigma_y f(2x) = 2\sigma_y f(x) + 12f(x)$  if  $k = 3$ .*

(2) If

$$2(\sigma_y F(x) + \sigma_z F(x)) + 4\alpha^2 F(x) \subseteq \alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{y,z} F(\alpha x) + 8F(x) \tag{3}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ , then  $F$  is single-valued.

**Proof**

(1) Letting  $y = z = 0$  in (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha^{2-k} (F(\alpha x) + F(\alpha x) + F(\alpha x) + F(\alpha x)) + 8F(x) \\ &\subseteq 2(F(x) + F(x) + F(x) + F(x)) + 4\alpha^2 F(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Since the set  $F(x)$  is convex, we can conclude from Lemma 1 that

$$4\alpha^{2-k} F(\alpha x) + 8F(x) \subseteq 8F(x) + 4\alpha^2 F(x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Using the Rådström’s cancelation law, one obtains

$$F(\alpha x) \subseteq \alpha^k F(x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $\alpha^n x$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , in the last inclusion, we see that

$$\alpha^{-k(n+1)} F(\alpha^{n+1} x) \subseteq \alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Thus  $(\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is a decreasing sequence of closed subsets of the Banach space  $Y$ . We also get

$$\delta(\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)) = \alpha^{-kn} \delta(F(\alpha^n x))$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Now since  $\sup_{x \in K} \delta(F(x)) < +\infty$ , we get that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \delta(\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)) = 0$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x) =: f(x)$$

is a singleton. Thus we obtain a function  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  which is a selection of  $F$ .

We will now prove that  $f$  for  $m = 1, 2$ , and  $3$  is additive, quadratic, and cubic, respectively. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^{2-k(n+1)} \sigma_{\alpha^n y, \alpha^n z} F(\alpha^{n+1} x) + 8\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x) \\ & \subseteq 2\alpha^{-kn} (\sigma_{\alpha^n y} F(\alpha^n x) + \sigma_{\alpha^n z} F(\alpha^n x)) + 4\alpha^{-kn+2} F(\alpha^n x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the definition of  $f$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{y,z} f(\alpha x) + 8f(x) \\ & = \alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{\alpha^n y, \alpha^n z} \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^{n+1} x) + 8 \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x) \\ & = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} (\alpha^{2-k(n+1)} \sigma_{\alpha^n y, \alpha^n z} F(\alpha^{n+1} x) + 8\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)) \\ & \subseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} (2\alpha^{-kn} (\sigma_{\alpha^n y} F(\alpha^n x) + \sigma_{\alpha^n z} F(\alpha^n x)) + 4\alpha^{-kn+2} F(\alpha^n x)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ . Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{y,z} f(\alpha x) + 8f(x) - 2\sigma_y f(x) - 2\sigma_z f(x) - 4\alpha^2 f(x)\| \\ & \leq \delta (2\alpha^{-kn} (\sigma_{\alpha^n y} F(\alpha^n x) + \sigma_{\alpha^n z} F(\alpha^n x)) + 4\alpha^{-kn+2} F(\alpha^n x)) \\ & = 2\delta (\alpha^{-kn} \sigma_{\alpha^n y} F(\alpha^n x)) + 2\delta (\alpha^{-kn} \sigma_{\alpha^n z} F(\alpha^n x)) + 4\alpha^2 \delta (\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)) \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ . Thus

$$\alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{y,z} f(\alpha x) = 2(\sigma_y f(x) + \sigma_z f(x)) + 4(\alpha^2 - 2)f(x) \quad (4)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ . Setting  $x = y = z = 0$  in (4), we have  $f(0) = 0$ . Putting  $y = 0$  in (4) and using  $f(0) = 0$ , one gets

$$\alpha^{2-k} \sigma_z f(\alpha x) = \sigma_z f(x) + 2(\alpha^2 - 1)f(x)$$

for all  $x, z \in K$ . Based on Theorem 2.1 of [19] (also see [20, 21]), we conclude that, for all  $x, y \in K$ , if  $k = 1$ , then  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ , if  $k = 2$ , then  $\sigma_y f(x) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$  and if  $k = 3$ , then  $\sigma_y f(2x) = 2\sigma_y f(x) + 12f(x)$ .

Next, let us prove the uniqueness of  $f$ . Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are selections of  $F$ . We have  $(kn)^k f(x) = f(knx) \in F(knx)$  and  $(kn)^k g(x) = g(knx) \in F(knx)$  for all  $x \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (kn)^k \|f(x) - g(x)\| & = \|(kn)^k f(x) - (kn)^k g(x)\| \\ & = \|f(knx) - g(knx)\| \\ & \leq 2\delta(F(knx)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows from  $\sup_{x \in K} \delta(F(x)) < +\infty$  that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ .

- (2) Letting  $y = z = 0$  in (3) and using the Rådström’s cancelation law, one gets  $F(x) \subseteq \alpha^{-k} F(\alpha x)$  for all  $x \in K$ . Hence,

$$F(x) \subseteq \alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x) \subseteq \alpha^{-k(n+1)} F(\alpha^{n+1} x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . It follows that  $(\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is an increasing sequence of sets in the Banach space  $Y$ . It follows from  $\sup_{x \in K} \delta(F(x)) < +\infty$  that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \delta(\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \alpha^{-kn} \delta(F(\alpha^n x)) = 0$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Then, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $x \in K$ ,  $\alpha^{-kn} F(\alpha^n x)$  is single-valued and

$$\alpha^{2-k} \sigma_{y,z} F(\alpha x) = 2(\sigma_y F(x) + \sigma_z F(x)) + 4(\alpha^2 - 2) F(x)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ . By adopting the method used in case (1), we see that, for all  $x, y \in K$ , if  $k = 1$ , then  $F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y)$ , if  $k = 2$ , then  $\sigma_y F(x) = 2F(x) + 2F(y)$  and if  $k = 3$ , then  $\sigma_y F(2x) = 2\sigma_y F(x) + 12F(x)$ .

**Theorem 3** Let  $F : K \rightarrow cclz(Y)$  be a set-valued function with bounded diameter.

- (1) If  $F$  satisfies the inclusion (1), then there exists a unique selection  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  of  $F$  such that  $\sigma_y f(2x) = 4\sigma_y f(x) + 24f(x) - 6f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in K$ .  
 (2) If

$$\begin{aligned} &2\alpha^2(\sigma_y F(x) + \sigma_z F(x)) + 2\sigma_z F(y) + 4\alpha^4 F(x) \\ &\subseteq \sigma_{y,z} F(\alpha x) + 4\alpha^2(2F(x) + F(y) + F(z)) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ , then  $F$  is single-valued.

**Proof**

- (1) Letting  $y = z = 0$  in (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &F(\alpha x) + F(\alpha x) + F(\alpha x) + F(\alpha x) + 4\alpha^2(2F(x) + F(0) + F(0)) \\ &\subseteq 2\alpha^2(F(x) + F(x) + F(x) + F(x)) + 2(F(0) + F(0)) + 4\alpha^4 F(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Hence, from the convexity of  $F(x)$  and Lemma 1, we see from that

$$F(\alpha x) + 2\alpha^2 F(x) + 2\alpha^2 F(0) \subseteq 2\alpha^2 F(x) + F(0) + \alpha^4 F(x) \tag{6}$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Setting  $x = 0$  in (6), we have

$$(4\alpha^2 + 1) F(0) \subseteq (\alpha^4 + 2\alpha^2 + 1) F(0),$$

and using the Rådström's cancelation law, one obtains

$$\{0\} \subseteq F(0). \tag{7}$$

Again applying (6) and the Rådström's cancelation law, one gets

$$F(\alpha x) + (2\alpha^2 - 1)F(0) \subseteq \alpha^4 F(x) \tag{8}$$

for all  $x \in K$ . It follows from (7) and (8) that

$$F(\alpha x) \subseteq F(\alpha x) + (2\alpha^2 - 1)F(0) \subseteq \alpha^4 F(x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Hence

$$\alpha^{-4(n+1)} F(\alpha^{n+1}x) \subseteq \alpha^{-4n} F(\alpha^n x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . In the same way as in Theorem 2, we obtain a function  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  which is a selection of  $F$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{y,z} f(\alpha x) &= 2\alpha^2 \left( \sigma_y f(x) + \sigma_z f(x) + 2(\alpha^2 - 2) f(x) \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \sigma_z f(y) - 2(\alpha^2) f(y) \right) - 4\alpha^2 f(z) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ . Setting  $x = y = z = 0$  in (9), we have  $f(0) = 0$ . Putting  $y = 0$  in (9) and using  $f(0) = 0$ , one gets

$$\sigma_z f(\alpha x) = \alpha^2 \sigma_z f(x) + 2\alpha^2(\alpha^2 - 1)f(x) + 2(1 - \alpha^2)f(z)$$

for all  $x, z \in K$ . Based on Theorem 2.1 of [22], we conclude that  $f$  is quartic; i.e.,  $\sigma_y f(2x) = 4\sigma_y f(x) + 24f(x) - 6f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in K$ .

- (2) Letting  $y = z = 0$  in (5) and using the convexity of  $F(x)$  and the Rådström's cancelation law, we obtain

$$\alpha^4 F(x) + F(0) \subseteq F(\alpha x) + 2\alpha^2 F(0)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Substituting  $x, y,$  and  $z$  by zero in (5) yields

$$F(0) \subseteq \{0\}.$$



From the last two inclusions, it follows that

$$\alpha^4 F(x) \subseteq F(\alpha x) + (2\alpha^2 - 1)F(0) \subseteq F(\alpha x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . Hence,

$$F(x) \subseteq \alpha^{-4n} F(\alpha^n x) \subseteq \alpha^{-4(n+1)} F(\alpha^{n+1} x)$$

for all  $x \in K$ . In the same way, as in Theorem 2, we deduce that  $F$  is single-valued and  $\sigma_y F(2x) = 4\sigma_y F(x) + 24F(x) - 6F(y)$  for all  $x, y \in K$ .

### 3 Set-Valued Dynamics and Applications

In this section we present a few applications of the results presented in the previous sections.

**Theorem 4** *If  $W \in ccz(Y)$  and  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  satisfies*

$$\alpha\sigma_{y,z} f(\alpha x) - 2\sigma_y f(x) - 2\sigma_z f(x) + 4(2 - \alpha^2) f(x) \in W \tag{10}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ , then there exists a unique function  $T : K \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \alpha\sigma_{y,z} T(\alpha x) = 2(\sigma_y T(x) + \sigma_z T(x)) + 4(\alpha^2 - 2) T(x), \\ T(x) - f(x) \in \frac{1}{4(\alpha^2 - \alpha)} W \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ .

**Proof** Let  $F(x) := f(x) + \frac{1}{4\alpha(\alpha-1)} W$  for  $x \in K$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\sigma_{y,z} F(\alpha x) + 8F(x) &= \alpha\sigma_{y,z} f(\alpha x) + 8f(x) + \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} W \\ &\subseteq 2\sigma_y f(x) + 2\sigma_z f(x) + 4\alpha^2 f(x) + \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} W + W \\ &= 2\left(\sigma_y f(x) + \frac{1}{2\alpha(\alpha-1)} W\right) + 2\left(\sigma_z f(x) + \frac{1}{2\alpha(\alpha-1)} W\right) \\ &\quad + 4\alpha^2 \left(f(x) + \frac{1}{4\alpha(\alpha-1)} W\right) \\ &= 2(\sigma_y F(x) + \sigma_z F(x)) + 4\alpha^2 F(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$ . Now, according to Theorem 2 with  $k = 1$ , there exists a unique function  $T : K \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\alpha\sigma_{y,z}T(\alpha x) = 2(\sigma_yT(x) + \sigma_zT(x)) + 4(\alpha^2 - 2)T(x)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in K$  and  $T(x) \in F(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ .

**Corollary 2** *Suppose  $W \in ccz(Y)$  and  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  satisfies (10) for all  $x, y, z \in K$ . Then there exists a unique additive function  $T : K \rightarrow Y$  such that, for all  $x \in K$ ,*

$$T(x) - f(x) \in \frac{1}{4(\alpha^2 - \alpha)}W.$$

We recall that a semigroup  $(S, +)$  is called left (right) amenable if there exists a left (right) invariant mean on the space  $B(S, \mathbb{R})$  of all real bounded functions defined on  $S$ . By a left (right) invariant mean we understand a linear functional  $M$  satisfying

$$\inf_{x \in S} f(x) \leq M(f) \leq \sup_{x \in S} f(x),$$

and

$$M({}_a f) = M(f) \quad (M(f_a) = M(f))$$

for all  $f \in B(S, \mathbb{R})$  and  $a \in S$ , where  ${}_a f$  ( $f_a$ ) is the left (right) translate of  $f$  defined by  ${}_a f(x) = f(a + x)$ , ( $f_a(x) = f(x + a)$ ),  $x \in S$ . If, on the space  $B(S, \mathbb{R})$ , there exists a real linear functional which is simultaneously a left and right invariant mean, then we say that  $S$  is two-sided amenable or just amenable.

One can prove that every Abelian semigroup is amenable. For the theory of amenability see, for example, Greenleaf [23]. Finally, let us see a result in [24].

**Theorem 5** *Let  $(S, +)$  be a left amenable semigroup and let  $X$  be a Hausdorff locally convex linear space. Let  $F : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_0(X)$  be set-valued function such that  $F(s)$  is convex and weakly compact for all  $s \in S$ . Then  $F$  admits an additive selection if, and only if, there exists a function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  such that*

$$f(s + t) - f(t) \in F(s) \tag{11}$$

for all  $s, t \in S$ .

As a consequence of the above theorem, we have the following corollaries.

**Corollary 3** *Let  $(S, +)$  be a left amenable semigroup and let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space. In addition, let  $\rho : S \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $g : S \rightarrow X$  be arbitrary functions. Then there exists an additive function  $a : S \rightarrow X$  such that*

$$\| a(s) - g(s) \| \leq \rho(s) \tag{12}$$

for all  $s \in S$ , if, and only if, there exists a function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\| f(s + t) - f(t) - g(s) \| \leq \rho(s) \quad (13)$$

for all  $s, t \in S$ .

**Proof** Define a set valued map  $F : S \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_0(X)$  by

$$F(s) = \{x \in X : \| x - g(s) \| \leq \rho(s)\}$$

for all  $s \in S$ . Then, due to the reflexivity of  $X$ ,  $F$  has weakly compact nonempty convex values. It follows from (12) that  $a$  is a selection of  $F$ , and (13) is equivalent to (11). Now, the result follows from Theorem 5.

**Corollary 4 (Ger [25])** *Let  $(S, +)$  be a left amenable semigroup, let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space, and let  $\rho : S \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be an arbitrary function. If the function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $\| f(s + t) - f(s) - f(t) \| \leq \rho(s)$  for all  $s, t$  in  $S$ , then there exists an additive function  $a : S \rightarrow X$  such that  $\| f(s) - a(s) \| \leq \rho(s)$  holds for all  $s$  in  $S$ .*

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