

Erratum: Qualitative properties of certain piecewise deterministic Markov processes

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There is a mistake in the proof of Theorem 3.4 which was pointed out to us by Alessandra Faggionato. The definition of the set G_t does not make sense and should be modified as follows.

Let L be a common Lipschitz constant for the fields $\{F^i, i \in E\}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. For all y let

$$G_t(y) = \{v \in \{F^i(y), i \in E\} : \langle v - \dot{\eta}(t), y - \eta(t) \rangle < L \|y - \eta(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon\}.$$

Claim 1. $G_t(y)$ is a nonempty closed set.

Proof. For all y and t there exists $i \in E$ such that

$$\langle F^i(\eta(t)) - \dot{\eta}(t), y - \eta(t) \rangle \leq 0$$

because $\dot{\eta}(t) \in \text{co}\{F^i(\eta(t)) : i \in E\}$. Thus

$$\langle F^i(y) - \dot{\eta}(t), y - \eta(t) \rangle \leq \langle F^i(y) - F^i(\eta(t)), y - \eta(t) \rangle \leq L \|y - \eta(t)\|^2 < L \|y - \eta(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon.$$

Being finite, $G_t(y)$ is closed. □

Claim 2. The set valued map $(t, y) \mapsto G_t(y)$ is (a) uniformly bounded, (b) lower semicontinuous in y , and (c) measurable in t .

Proof. (a) is obvious since F^i are bounded; (b) follows from the continuity of the F^i (and the definition of l.s.c. for multivalued map). (c) Measurability follows from the fact that for each given y , and each given $v \in \{F^i(y), i \in E\}$ the set $\{t : \langle v - \dot{\eta}(t), y - \eta(t) \rangle < L \|y - \eta(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon\}$ is measurable (and the definition of multivalued measurable maps). □

By Theorem 3.2 in [26], there exists a solution to $\dot{y} \in G_t(y)$ with $y(0) = \eta(0) = x$. Hence,

$$\langle \dot{y}(t) - \dot{\eta}(t), y(t) - \eta(t) \rangle \leq L \|y(t) - \eta(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon$$

so that, by Gronwall's inequality

$$\|y(t) - \eta(t)\|^2 \leq (e^{2Lt} - 1) \frac{\varepsilon}{L}.$$

The rest of the proof remains unchanged.