

II.2 Multifunctions admitting unrestricted continuation

Definition. Let \mathbf{f} be an analytic multifunction in a domain Ω .

- Let $G \subset \Omega$ be a domain. We say that \mathbf{f} **admits unrestricted continuation in G** if whenever $(f, D) \in \mathbf{f}$ satisfies $D \subset G$ and $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow G$ is a continuous curve such that $\gamma(0)$ is the center of D , then (f, D) admits an analytic continuation along γ in G .
- If \mathbf{f} admits unrestricted continuation in Ω , we say just that \mathbf{f} **admits unrestricted continuation**.

Theorem 3. *Let \mathbf{f} be an analytic multifunction in a domain Ω , which admits unrestricted continuation. Then there exists $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, such that \mathbf{f} is precisely p -valued.*

Theorem 4. *Nečt' \mathbf{f} be a singlevalued analytic multifunction in a domain Ω . Then*

- *there is $f \in H(\text{dom}(\mathbf{f}))$ such that*

$$\mathbf{f} = \{(f, D) : D \text{ is a disc such that } D \subset \text{dom}(\mathbf{f})\},$$

and

- *\mathbf{f} admits unrestricted continuation in $\text{dom}(\mathbf{f})$.*

Lemma 5. *Let \mathbf{f} be an analytic multifunction in a domain Ω , which admits unrestricted continuation in a domain $G \subset \Omega$. Let $(f, D) \in \mathbf{f}$ satisfy $D \subset G$ and let γ_1, γ_2 be continuous curves defined on $[0, 1]$ with values in G such that $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0)$ is the center of D and $\gamma_1(1) = \gamma_2(1)$. Further suppose that there is a continuous mapping $H : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow G$ such that*

- $H(s, 0) = \gamma_1(s)$ for $s \in [0, 1]$,
- $H(s, 1) = \gamma_2(s)$ for $s \in [0, 1]$,
- $H(0, t) = \gamma_1(0)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$,
- $H(1, t) = \gamma_1(1)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$.

Then the function elements which are analytic continuation of (f, D) along γ_1 in G are the same as the function elements which are analytic continuation of (f, D) along γ_2 in G .

Theorem 6 (monodromy theorem). *Let Ω be a simply connected domain. Then any analytic multifunction in Ω which admits unrestricted continuation is singlevalued.*