

# Some remarks on linear set-valued differential equations

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**Abstract.** The article discusses various definitions of the derivative of a set-valued mapping and their properties. Also, a linear set-valued differential equation is considered and the existence of solutions for this equation with Hukuhara derivative, Plotnikov-Skripnik derivative and Bede-Gal derivative is investigated.

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## 1. Introduction

The set-valued differential, integral and discrete-time equations and inclusions are an important part of the theory of set-valued analysis, and they are high-valued for the control theory and its applications, as well as for fuzzy differential equations. They were first studied in 1969 by F.S. de Blasi and F. Iervolino [5]. Later, set-valued differential equations have been studied by many scientists due to their applications in many areas. A lot of results on the theory of set-valued differential, integral and discrete-time equations and inclusions can be found in the following books and articles [6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 36, 30, 38, 41, 42, 44] and references therein.

In this article first we consider some definitions of the derivative of a set-valued mapping (Hukuhara derivative [11], Plotnikov-Skripnik derivative [32] and Bede-Gal derivative [1, 19, 20, 46, 47]) and some of their properties. Next, we consider a linear set-valued differential equation with different derivatives that were previously discussed and study the existence of solutions for these equations.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R$  be the set of real numbers and let  $R^n$  denote the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space ( $n \geq 2$ ). We denote by  $comp(R^n)$  and  $conv(R^n)$  the set of nonempty compact subsets of  $R^n$  and the set of nonempty convex and compact subsets of  $R^n$ , respectively. For two given sets  $X, Y \in comp(R^n)$  and  $\lambda \in R$ , the Minkowski sum and scalar multiple are defined by

$$X + Y = \{x + y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda X = \{\lambda x \mid x \in X\}.$$

We consider the Hausdorff distance  $h : comp(R^n) \times comp(R^n) \rightarrow R_+ \cup \{0\}$  given by

$$h(X, Y) = \min\{r \geq 0 \mid X \subset Y + B_r(0), Y \subset X + B_r(0)\},$$

where  $B_r(0) = \{x \in R^n \mid \|x\| \leq r\}$  is the closed ball with radius  $r$  centered at the origin ( $\|x\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm).

**Lemma 2.1.** [39, 40] *The following properties hold:*

- 1)  $(conv(R^n), h)$  is a complete metric space,
- 2)  $h(A + C, B + C) = h(A, B)$ ,
- 3)  $h(\lambda A, \lambda B) = |\lambda|h(A, B)$  for all  $A, B, C \in conv(R^n)$  and  $\lambda \in R$ .

However,  $comp(R^n)$  and  $conv(R^n)$  are not linear spaces since they do not contain inverse elements for the addition, and therefore difference is not well defined, i.e. if  $A \in comp(R^n)$  and  $A \neq \{a\}$ , then  $A + (-1)A \neq \{0\}$ . As a consequence, alternative formulations for difference have been suggested [7, 11, 28, 39]. One of these alternatives is the Hukuhara difference [11].

**Definition 2.2.** [11] Let  $X, Y \in conv(R^n)$ . A set  $Z \in conv(R^n)$  such that  $X = Y + Z$  is called a Hukuhara difference (H-difference) of the sets  $X$  and  $Y$  and is denoted by  $X \overset{H}{\underline{H}} Y$ .

In this case  $X \overset{H}{\underline{H}} X = \{0\}$  and also  $(A + B) \overset{H}{\underline{H}} B = A$  for any  $A, B \in conv(R^n)$ . Also, we note that  $X \overset{H}{\underline{H}} Y \neq X + (-1)Y$ .

**Remark 2.3.** Let  $A, B \in conv(R^n)$ . Then the following statements are true:

- 1) if the H-difference  $A \overset{H}{\underline{H}} B$  exists, then  $diam(A) \geq diam(B)$ ;
- 2) if  $n = 1$  and  $diam(A) \geq diam(B)$ , then the H-difference  $A \overset{H}{\underline{H}} B$  exists;
- 3) if  $n \geq 2$  and  $diam(A) \geq diam(B)$ , then the H-difference  $A \overset{H}{\underline{H}} B$  may not exist. For example, if  $A = \{a \in R^n \mid |a_i| \leq 2, i = \overline{1, n}\}$  and  $B = \{b \in R^n \mid \|b\| \leq 1\}$ , then  $A \overset{H}{\underline{H}} B$  does not exist.

The properties of this difference are studied in detail in [11, 15, 16, 22, 31, 30, 39].

M. Hukuhara introduced the concept of H-differentiability [11] for set-valued functions by using the H-difference.

Let  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R^n)$  be a set-valued mapping;  $(t_0 - \Delta, t_0 + \Delta) \subset [0, T]$  be a  $\Delta$ -neighborhood of a point  $t_0 \in [0, T]$ ;  $\Delta > 0$ .

For any  $t \in (t_0 - \Delta, t_0 + \Delta)$  consider the following Hukuhara differences  $X(t) \overset{h}{\underline{h}} X(t_0)$ ,  $t \geq t_0$ , and  $X(t_0) \overset{h}{\underline{h}} X(t)$ ,  $t \geq t_0$  if these differences exist.

**Definition 2.4.** [11] We say that the mapping  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R^n)$  has Hukuhara derivative (H-derivative)  $D_H X(t_0)$  at a point  $t_0 \in [0, T]$ , if there exists an element  $D_H X(t_0) \in conv(R^n)$  such that the limits

$$\lim_{t \downarrow t_0} \frac{1}{t - t_0} (X(t) \overset{h}{-} X(t_0)) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \uparrow t_0} \frac{1}{t_0 - t} (X(t_0) \overset{h}{-} X(t)) \tag{2.1}$$

exist in the topology of  $conv(R^n)$  and are equal to  $D_H X(t_0)$ .

The properties of Hukuhara derivative are studied in detail in [8, 11, 15, 22, 31, 30, 39]. Here, we mention some of them.

**Theorem 2.5.** [11] *If the mapping  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R^n)$  is H-differentiable on  $[0, T]$ , then*

$$X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t D_H X(s) ds,$$

where the integral is understood in the sense of [11].

**Corollary 2.6.** *If the mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is H-differentiable on  $[0, T]$ , then  $diam(X(\cdot))$  is a non-decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ .*

**Remark 2.7.** The inverse statement is not true. For, example. Let  $X(\cdot) : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(R^2)$  be such that  $X(t) = A(t)C(t)$ , where  $A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is a rotation matrix,  $C(t) = \{x \in R^2 \mid |x_i| \leq t, i = 1, 2\}$  is square. Obviously,  $diam(X(t)) = \sqrt{2}t$ . However, the mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is not H-differentiable on  $[0, 1]$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** *If the function  $diam(X(\cdot))$  is a decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ , then the mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is not H-differentiable on  $[0, T]$ .*

In order to overcome these shortcomings of this approach, other types of derivatives for set-valued functions have been explored.

The first alternative of the derivative for set-valued mappings have been introduced by H.T. Banks, M.Q. Jacobs [7] and J.N.Tyurin [45]. According to the Radström's embedding theorem [40] there is a real normed linear space  $\mathcal{B}$  and an isometric mapping  $\pi : conv(R^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  is a space of equivalence classes (see [7, 39, 40]). Then, taking advantage of this embedding theorem, a set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is said to be  $\pi$ -differentiable at  $t_0$  if  $\pi \circ X(\cdot)$  is differentiable at  $t_0$ . Some properties of this derivative and its connection with other derivatives for set-valued mappings can be found in [7, 9, 18, 21, 37, 39]. However, the  $\pi$ -derivative of a set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  may be an element of the space  $\mathcal{B}$ , which does not have a comparable set in the space  $conv(R^n)$  (examples, see [15, 22, 31, 30]).

In [28, 31, 30] the definition of the T-derivative that generalizes the H-derivative and reminds outwardly the  $\pi$ -derivative was introduced. However, its use had difficulty when writing the corresponding set-valued differential equation.

Later, A.V. Plotnikov and N.V. Skripnik took advantage of some approaches that were used in [28] and introduced a new definition of a derivative.

**Definition 2.9.** [32] Let  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow \text{conv}(R^n)$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . We say that  $X(\cdot)$  has a Plotnikov-Skripnik derivative (PS-derivative)  $D_{ps}X(t) \in \text{conv}(R^n)$  at  $t \in (0, T)$ , if for all  $\Delta > 0$  that are sufficiently close to 0, the H-differences and the limits exist in at least one of the following expressions:

$$(i) \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t + \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t - \Delta)) = D_{ps}X(t)$$

or

$$(ii) \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t + \Delta)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t - \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = D_{ps}X(t)$$

or

$$(iii) \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t + \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t - \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = D_{ps}X(t)$$

or

$$(iv) \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t + \Delta)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t - \Delta)) = D_{ps}X(t).$$

The properties of this derivative were obtained in [32, 33, 34, 35]. Here, we mention some of them.

**Remark 2.10.** If the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is H-differentiable then it is PS-differentiable and  $D_{ps}X(t) = D_HX(t)$ .

**Remark 2.11.** If the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is PS-differentiable on  $I$  and  $\text{diam}X(\cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function on  $[0, T]$  then the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is H-differentiable and  $D_{ps}X(t) = D_HX(t)$ .

**Remark 2.12.** There exist set-valued mappings that are PS-differentiable but not H-differentiable.

**Example 2.13.** The set-valued mapping  $X(t) = B_{|t|}(0)$  is PS-differentiable on  $R$  and its PS-derivative  $D_{ps}X(t) \equiv B_1(0)$ . It is obvious that the given set-valued mapping is H-differentiable only on the interval  $(0, +\infty)$  and  $D_HX(t) = B_1(0)$ . On the interval  $(-\infty, 0)$  it is not H-differentiable as its diameter on this interval decreases.

**Theorem 2.14.** [32] *If the mapping  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow \text{conv}(R^n)$  is PS-differentiable on  $[0, T]$ , then for all  $t \in [0, T]$*

(i) *if function  $\text{diam}(X(t))$  is a non-decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ , then*

$$X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t D_{ps}X(s) ds;$$

(ii) *if function  $\text{diam}(X(t))$  is a decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ , then*

$$X(t) = X(0) \overset{H}{-} \int_0^t D_{ps}X(s) ds.$$

Later, M.T. Malinowski [19, 20], H. Vu and L.S. Dong [46], H. Vu and N. Van Hoa [47] and Ş.E. Amrahov, A. Khastan, N. Gasilov and A.G. Fatullayev [1] adapted the concept of the Bede-Gal derivative [3, 4, 10, 43] for interval-valued mappings on set-valued mappings, that is, such that  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow \text{conv}(R^n)$ , and studied its properties [47].

**Definition 2.15.** [1, 46] Let  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R^n)$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . We say that  $X(\cdot)$  has a Bede-Gal derivative (BG-derivative)  $D_{bg}X(t) \in conv(R^n)$  at  $t \in (0, T)$ , if for all  $\Delta > 0$  that are sufficiently close to 0, the H-differences and the limits exist in at least one of the following expressions:

- (i)  $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t + \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t - \Delta)) = D_{bg}X(t)$   
or
- (ii)  $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} (-\Delta)^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t + \Delta)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} (-\Delta)^{-1}(X(t - \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = D_{bg}X(t)$   
or
- (iii)  $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t + \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} (-\Delta)^{-1}(X(t - \Delta) \overset{H}{-} X(t)) = D_{bg}X(t)$   
or
- (iv)  $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} (-\Delta)^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t + \Delta)) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \Delta^{-1}(X(t) \overset{H}{-} X(t - \Delta)) = D_{bg}X(t).$

**Remark 2.16.** In the article [19, 20] M.T. Malinowski considered set-valued mappings that satisfy condition (ii) and called this derivative a second type Hukuhara derivative.

**Remark 2.17.** If the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is H-differentiable on  $[0, T]$  it is BG-differentiable on  $[0, T]$  and  $D_{bg}X(t) = D_HX(t)$ .

**Remark 2.18.** If the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is BG-differentiable on  $[0, T]$  and  $diamX(\cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function on  $[0, T]$  then the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is H-differentiable and  $D_{bg}X(t) = D_HX(t)$ .

**Remark 2.19.** There exist set-valued mappings that are BG-differentiable but not H-differentiable.

**Example 2.20.** [1] The set-valued mapping  $X(t) = B_{|t|}(0)$  is BG-differentiable on  $R$  and its BG-derivative  $D_{bg}X(t) \equiv B_1(0)$ . It is obvious that the given set-valued mapping is H-differentiable only on the interval  $(0, +\infty)$  and  $D_HX(t) = B_1(0)$ . On the interval  $(-\infty, 0)$  it is not H-differentiable as its diameter on this interval decreases.

**Theorem 2.21.** [1] *If the mapping  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R^n)$  is BG-differentiable on  $[0, T]$ , then for all  $t \in [0, T]$*

(i) *if function  $diam(X(t))$  is a non-decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ , then*

$$X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t D_{bg}X(s)ds;$$

(ii) *if function  $diam(X(t))$  is a decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ , then*

$$X(t) = X(0) \overset{H}{-} (-1) \int_0^t D_{bg}X(s)ds.$$

**Remark 2.22.** By Remarks 2.10 and 2.17, if the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is H-differentiable on  $[0, T]$  then it is BG-differentiable on  $[0, T]$  and PS-differentiable on  $[0, T]$  as well as  $D_HX(t) = D_{ps}X(t) = D_{bg}X(t)$ .

**Remark 2.23.** By Remarks 2.13 and 2.20, we see that the set-valued mapping  $X(t) = B_{|t|}(0)$  is BG-differentiable on  $R$  and PS-differentiable on  $R$  as well as  $D_{bg}X(t) \equiv D_{ps}X(t) \equiv B_1(0)$  for all  $t \in R$ .

**Remark 2.24.** There exist set-valued mappings  $X(\cdot)$  such that  $D_{bg}X(t) \neq D_{ps}X(t)$  for any  $t$ .

**Example 2.25.** Let  $X : [0, 2] \rightarrow conv(R^2)$  and  $X(t) = B_{|1-t|}(g(t))$ , where  $g(t) = (t + 1, t + 1)^T$  (see Figure 1).

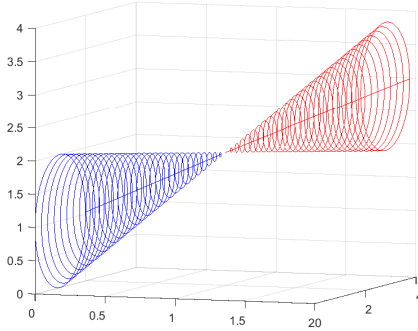


Figure 1:  $X(t), t \in [0, 2]$

The set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is BG-differentiable on  $(0, 2)$  and its BG-derivative  $D_{bg}X(t) \equiv B_1(a)$ , where  $a = (1, 1)^T$ . However, the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is PS-differentiable on  $(0, 1)$  and its PS-derivative  $D_{ps}X(t) \equiv B_1(b) \neq D_{bg}X(t)$ , where  $b = (-1, -1)^T$ . Also, the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is PS-differentiable on  $(1, 2)$  and its PS-derivative  $D_{ps}X(t) \equiv B_1(a) = D_{bg}X(t)$ , where  $a = (1, 1)^T$ . As well as the PS-derivative  $D_{ps}X(t)$  at the point  $t = 1$  does not exist (see Figure 2 and Figure 3).

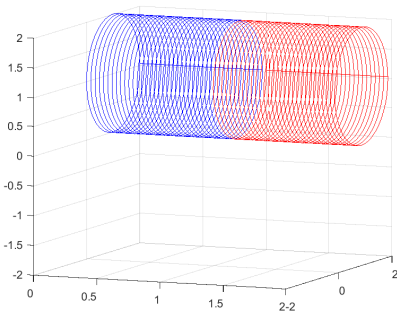


Figure 2:  $D_{bg}X(t), t \in [0, 2]$

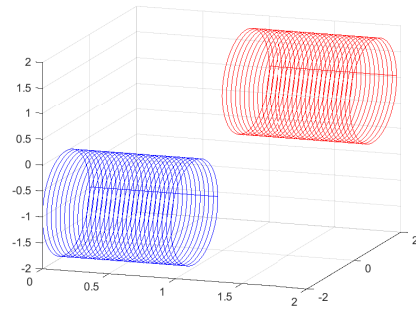


Figure 3:  $D_{ps}X(t), t \in [0, 2]$

**Example 2.26.** Let  $X : [0, 2] \rightarrow conv(R^2)$  such that

$$X(t) = \begin{cases} \{x \in R^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq t, x_2 \geq 0\}, & t \in [0, 1], \\ \{x \in R^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 2 - t, x_2 \geq 0\}, & t \in (1, 2] \end{cases}$$

(see Figure 4).

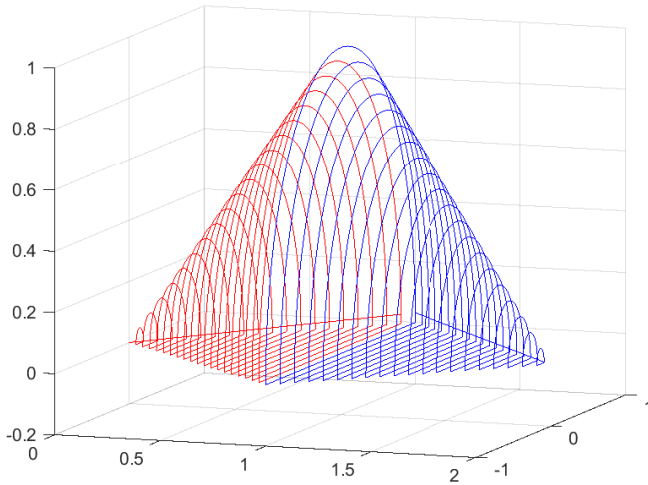


Figure 4:  $X(t), t \in [0, 2]$

The set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is PS-differentiable on  $(0, 2)$  and its PS-derivative  $D_{ps}X(t) \equiv \{x \in R^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1, x_2 \geq 0\}$ . However, the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is BG-differentiable on  $(0, 1)$  and its BG-derivative  $D_{bg}X(t) \equiv D_{ps}X(t)$ . Also, the set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is BG-differentiable on  $(1, 2)$  and its BG-derivative  $D_{bg}X(t) \equiv (-1)D_{ps}X(t)$ . As well as the BG-derivative  $D_{bg}X(t)$  at the point  $t = 1$  does not exist (see Figure 5 and Figure 6).

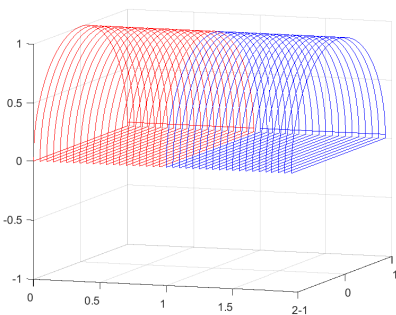


Figure 5:  $D_{ps}X(t), t \in [0, 2]$

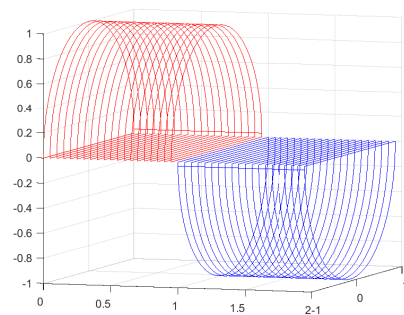


Figure 6:  $D_{bg}X(t), t \in [0, 2]$

### 3. Linear set-valued differential equations

In this section, we consider linear set-valued differential equations

$$DX(t) = aX(t), \quad X(0) = X_0, \tag{3.1}$$

where  $a \in R$ ,  $X : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R^n)$  is a set-valued mapping,  $DX(t)$  is one of the previously considered derivatives ( $D_HX(t), D_{ps}X(t), D_{bg}(t)$ ) of the set-valued mapping  $X(t)$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A set-valued mapping  $X(\cdot)$  is called a solution of (3.1) if it is continuously differentiable and satisfies system (3.1) everywhere on  $[0, T]$ .

As known, linear Hukuhara differential equation

$$D_HX(t) = aX(t), \quad X(0) = X_0, \tag{3.2}$$

has a unique solution on the interval  $[0, T]$  [22, 31]. It's also obvious that function  $diam(X(t))$  is a non-decreasing function on  $[0, T]$ .

**Remark 3.2.** [5, 22, 31] If  $a \geq 0$  then  $X(t) = e^{at}X_0$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

**Remark 3.3.** [38] System (3.2) may not be equivalent to the following system of interval-valued differential equations with the Hukuhara derivative

$$\begin{cases} D_HX_1(t) = aX_1(t), & X_1(0) = X_{01}, \\ \dots & \dots \\ D_HX_n(t) = aX_n(t), & X_n(0) = X_{0n}, \end{cases} \tag{3.3}$$

where  $X_i : [0, T] \rightarrow conv(R)$  is a interval-valued mapping,  $X_{0i}$  is the projection of the set  $X_0$  on the axis  $0x_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ .

If  $X(\cdot)$  is a solution of (3.2) and  $X_i(\cdot), i = \overline{1, n}$  are solutions of (3.3), then  $X(t) \subset X_1(t) \times \dots \times X_n(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

If  $X_0 = X_{01} \times \dots \times X_{0n}$  then system (3.2) is equivalent to system (3.3).

We demonstrate this by the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let

$$D_HX(t) = X(t), \quad X(0) = B_1(0), \quad t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.4}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} D_HX_1(t) = X_1(t), & X_1(0) = X_{01} = [-1, 1], \\ D_HX_2(t) = X_2(t), & X_2(0) = X_{02} = [-1, 1], \end{cases} \tag{3.5}$$

where  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(R^2)$  is a set-valued mapping,  $X_i : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(R)$  is an interval-valued mapping,  $X_{0i}$  is the projection of the set  $X_0$  on the axis  $0x_i, i = \overline{1, 2}$ .

The set-valued mapping  $X(t) = B_{e^t}(0)$  is a solution of Hukuhara differential equation (3.4). The interval-valued mappings  $X_i(t) = [-e^t, e^t], i = 1, 2$  are solutions of the system of Hukuhara differential equations (3.5). It's obvious that  $X(t) \subset X_1(t) \times X_2(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  (see Figure 7). However, if  $X(0) = \{x \in R^2 \mid |x_i| \leq 1, i = 1, 2\}$  is a square, then  $X_0 \equiv X_{01} \times X_{02}$  and  $X(t) \equiv X_1(t) \times X_2(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  (see Figure 8).

Now, we consider linear differential equation (3.1) with PS-derivative and BG-derivative. By [1, 32, 33, 34, 35], this set-valued differential equation (3.1) has at least one solution. Moreover, one of these solutions (the one whose diameter is a non-decreasing function) coincides with the solution of the corresponding differential equation (3.2).

We will show it by the following example.



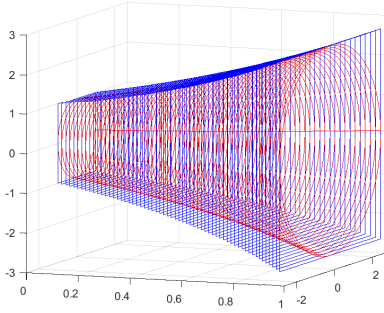


Figure 7:  
 $X(t) \subset X_1(t) \times X_2(t), t \in [0, 1]$

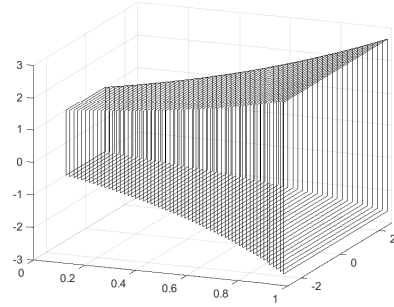


Figure 8:  
 $X(t) \equiv X_1(t) \times X_2(t), t \in [0, 1]$

**Example 3.5.** Let

$$DX(t) = X(t), X(0) = B_1(0), t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.6}$$

where  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is a set-valued mapping,  $DX(t)$  is one of the previously considered derivatives ( $D_H X(t), D_{ps} X(t), D_{bg}(t)$ ) of the set-valued mapping  $X(t)$ .

The set-valued mapping  $X(t) = B_{e^t}(0)$  is a solution of Hukuhara differential equation (3.6) (see Figure 9).

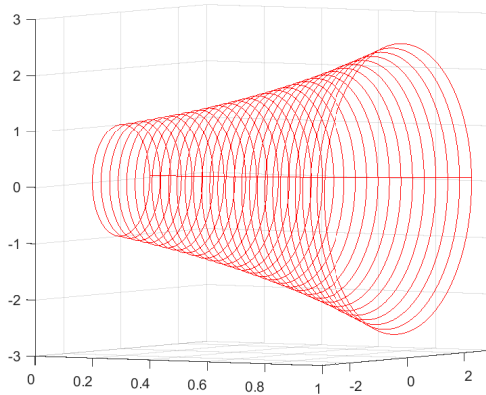


Figure 9:  $X(t), t \in [0, 1]$

Set-valued mappings  $X_1(t) = B_{e^t}(0)$  and  $X_2(t) = B_{e^{-t}}(0)$  are solutions of differential equation (3.6) with PS-derivative and BG-derivative (see Figure 10 and Figure 11).

In this case, solutions of differential equations with PS-derivative will be solutions of the differential equation with BG-derivative and vice versa. For the first solution  $X_1(\cdot)$  the function  $diam(X_1(t))$  is an increasing function on  $[0, 1]$ . For the second solution  $X_2(\cdot)$  the function  $diam(X_2(t))$  is a decreasing function on  $[0, 1]$ . Also, the

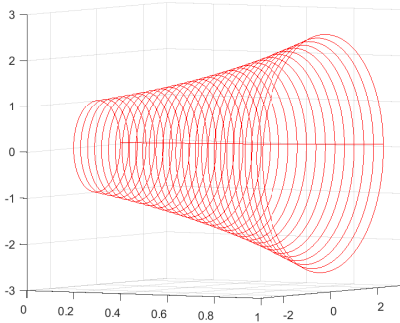


Figure 10:  $X_1(t), t \in [0, 1]$

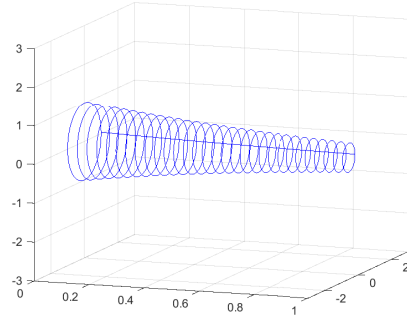


Figure 11:  $X_2(t), t \in [0, 1]$

first solution  $X_1(\cdot)$  is the solution of the Hukuhara differential equation, i.e.  $X(t) = X_1(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Solutions  $X_1(\cdot)$  and  $X_2(\cdot)$  will be called basic solutions.

We also note that set-valued mappings

$$Y_1(t) = \begin{cases} B_{e^{t}}(0), & t \in [0, 0.5] \\ B_{e^{1-t}}(0), & t \in [0.5, 1] \end{cases} \quad Y_2(t) = \begin{cases} B_{e^{-t}}(0), & t \in [0, 0.5] \\ B_{e^{t-1}}(0), & t \in [0.5, 1] \end{cases}$$

are the solutions of differential equation (3.6) with PS-derivative and BG-derivative (see Figure 12 and Figure 13).

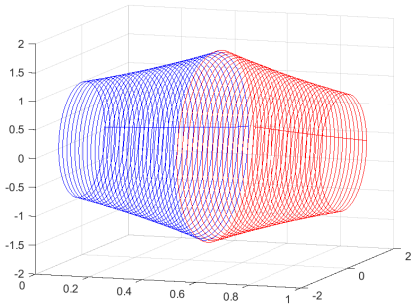


Figure 12:  $Y_1(t), t \in [0, 1]$

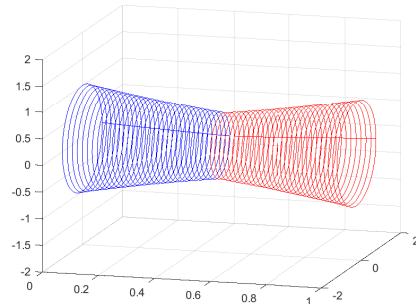


Figure 13:  $Y_2(t), t \in [0, 1]$

It is obvious that in this example such solutions can be built infinitely many. These solutions will be called mixed solutions. For these mixed solutions  $Y(\cdot)$ , the diameter function  $diam(Y(\cdot))$  is not increasing or decreasing over the entire interval. We also note that the shape of the cross section of solutions corresponds to the shape of the initial set.

Later in this article we will consider only the basic solutions.

The question arises: Do such equations always have two basic solutions?

Consider the following examples when  $a = 1$  ( $a > 0$ ).

**Example 3.6.** Let

$$D_{ps}X(t) = X(t), X(0) = K, t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.7}$$

where  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(R^2)$  is a set-valued mapping,

$$K = \{x \in R^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1, x_2 \geq 0\}.$$

This differential equation with PS-derivative has two basic solutions  $X_1(\cdot)$  and  $X_2(\cdot)$  (see Figure 14 and Figure 15).

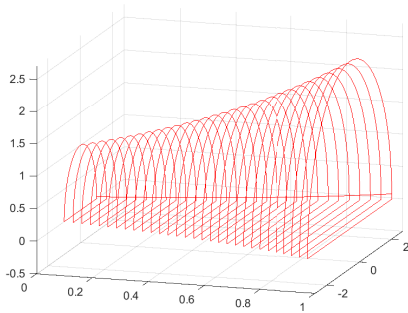


Figure 14:  $X_1(t), t \in [0, 1]$

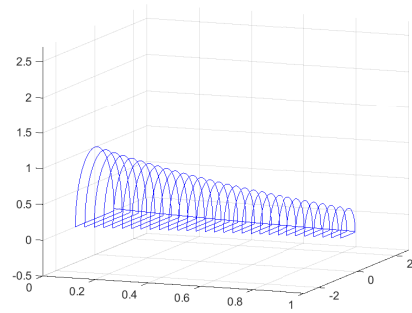


Figure 15:  $X_2(t), t \in [0, 1]$

**Example 3.7.** Let

$$D_{bg}X(t) = X(t), X(0) = K, t \in [0, 1]. \tag{3.8}$$

This differential equation with BG-derivative has only one basic solution, which coincides with the solution of the Hukuhara differential equation and the first basic solution  $X_1(\cdot)$  of the differential equation with the PS-derivative (see Figure 14).

There will be no second solution because there is no set-valued mapping that satisfies the corresponding integral equation (since the set  $K$  is not a centrally symmetric set, the Hukuhara difference does not exist)

$$X(t) = K \overset{H}{-} (-1) \int_0^t D_{bg}X(s)ds = K \overset{H}{-} (-1) \int_0^t X(s)ds.$$

Now, we consider the same examples when  $a = -1$  ( $a < 0$ ).

**Example 3.8.** Let

$$D_{bg}X(t) = (-1)X(t), X(0) = K, t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.9}$$

where  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(R^2)$  is a set-valued mapping,

$$K = \{x \in R^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1, x_2 \geq 0\}.$$

This differential equation with BG-derivative has two basic solutions  $X_1(\cdot)$  and  $X_2(\cdot)$  (see Figure 16 and Figure 17).

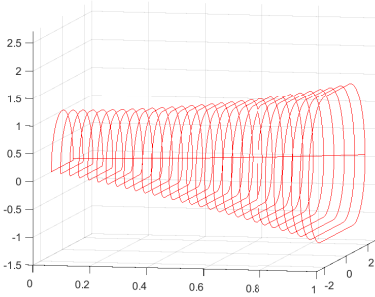


Figure 16:  $X_1(t), t \in [0, 1]$

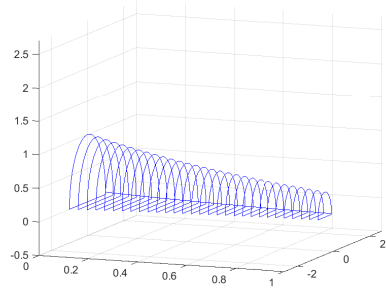


Figure 17:  $X_2(t), t \in [0, 1]$

**Example 3.9.** Let

$$D_{ps}X(t) = (-1)X(t), X(0) = K, t \in [0, 1]. \tag{3.10}$$

This differential equation with PS-derivative has only one basic solution, which coincides with the solution of the Hukuhara differential equation and the first basic solution  $X_1(\cdot)$  of the differential equation with the BG-derivative.

There will be no second basic solution because there is no set-valued mapping that satisfies the corresponding integral equation (the Hukuhara difference does not exist)  $X(t) = K \underline{H} \int_0^t D_{ps}X(s)ds = K \underline{H}(-1) \int_0^t X(s)ds$ .

Next, we consider the same examples when  $X_0$  is such that H-difference  $X_0 \underline{H}(-1)X_0$  exists ( $X_0$  is centrally symmetric set [7]).

**Example 3.10.** Let

$$D_{bg}X(t) = X(t), X(0) = P, t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.11}$$

$$D_{ps}X(t) = X(t), X(0) = P, t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.12}$$

where  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow conv(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is set-valued mapping,  $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq x_1 - 2 \leq 4, 1 \leq x_2 - 2 \leq 3\}$ .

Each differential equation will have two basic solutions  $X_1^{bg}(\cdot), X_2^{bg}(\cdot)$  and  $X_1^{ps}(\cdot), X_2^{ps}(\cdot)$  (see Figures 18,19 and Figures 20,21).

**Example 3.11.** Let

$$D_{bg}X(t) = (-1)X(t), X(0) = P, t \in [0, 1], \tag{3.13}$$

$$D_{ps}X(t) = (-1)X(t), X(0) = P, t \in [0, 1]. \tag{3.14}$$

Also, each differential equation will have two basic solutions  $X_1^{bg}(\cdot), X_2^{bg}(\cdot)$  and  $X_1^{ps}(\cdot), X_2^{ps}(\cdot)$  (see Figures 22, 23 and Figures 24, 25).

**Remark 3.12.** It's obvious that the basic solution  $X_2^{ps}(\cdot)$  of differential equation (3.12) coincides with the basic solution  $X_2^{bg}(\cdot)$  of differential equation (3.13). Also, the basic solution  $X_2^{bg}(\cdot)$  of differential equation (3.11) coincides with the basic solution  $X_2^{ps}(\cdot)$

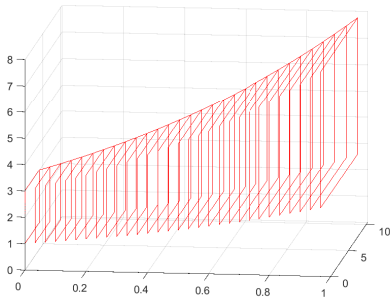


Figure 18:  $X_1^{bg}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

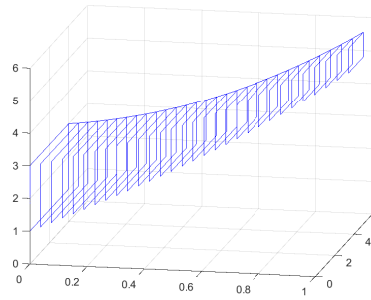


Figure 19:  $X_2^{bg}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

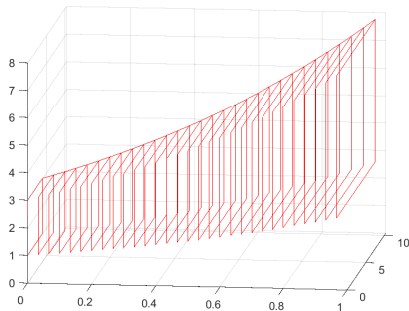


Figure 20:  $X_1^{ps}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

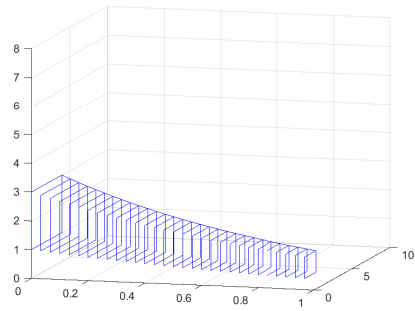


Figure 21:  $X_2^{ps}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

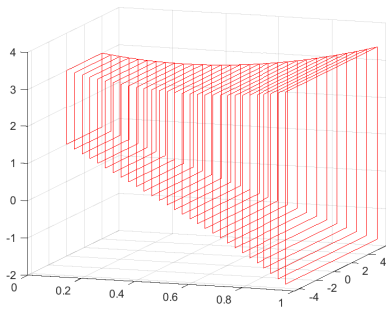


Figure 22:  $X_1^{bg}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

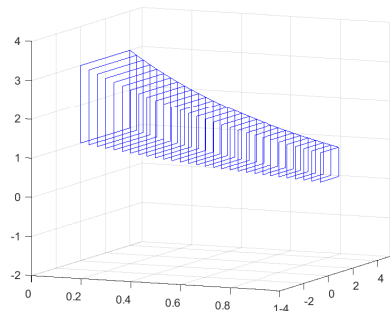


Figure 23:  $X_2^{bg}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

of differential equation (3.14). This is confirmed by integral equations that correspond to differential equations (3.11), (3.12), (3.13) and (3.14):

$$X_2^{bg}(t) = P \frac{H}{-1} \int_0^t X_2^{bg}(s) ds, \tag{3.15}$$

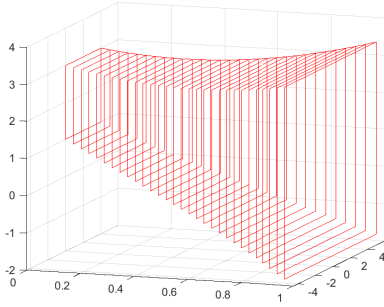


Figure 24:  $X_1^{ps}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

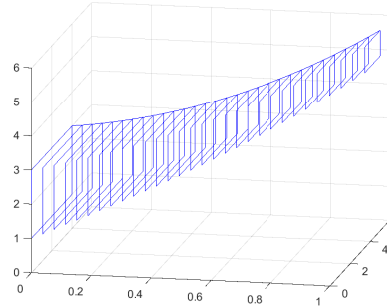


Figure 25:  $X_2^{ps}(t), t \in [0, 1]$

$$X_2^{ps}(t) = P \frac{H}{-1} \int_0^t X_2^{ps}(s) ds, \tag{3.16}$$

$$X_2^{bg}(t) = P \frac{H}{-1} \int_0^t (-1) X_2^{bg}(s) ds = P \frac{H}{-1} \int_0^t X_2^{bg}(s) ds, \tag{3.17}$$

$$X_2^{ps}(t) = P \frac{H}{-1} \int_0^t (-1) X_2^{ps}(s) ds = P \frac{H}{-1} \int_0^t X_2^{ps}(s) ds. \tag{3.18}$$

**Remark 3.13.** If the differential equation with the PS-derivative (BG-derivative) has two basic solutions and we write the corresponding system of interval-valued differential equations the PS-derivative (BG-derivative) similar to (3.3), then Remark 3.3 will be satisfied. However, we note that this system will always have two basic solutions (even when the original equation has only one basic solution).

Based on all above stated, we can make the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.14.** For system (3.1) the following statements are true:

- 1) if  $H$ -difference  $X_0 \frac{H}{-1} X_0$  exists, then differential equation (3.1) with PS(BG)-derivative has two basic solutions;
- 2) if  $H$ -difference  $X_0 \frac{H}{-1} X_0$  does not exist, then
  - a) if  $a > 0$ , then differential equation (3.1) with PS-derivative has two basic solutions and differential equation (3.1) with BG-derivative has one basic solution;
  - a) if  $a < 0$ , then differential equation (3.1) with BG-derivative has two basic solutions and differential equation (3.1) with PS-derivative has one basic solution.

### 4. Conclusion

In the article it is shown that linear set-valued differential equations have significant differences from ordinary and interval-valued linear differential equations. In these equations, the number of solutions may depend on the form (shape) of the initial

set, the considered derivative and the coefficient in the right-hand side. We also note that in articles [32, 33, 34, 35, 42], the authors considered a new type of differential equations with PS-derivative, in which no more than one solution can exist.

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