Correction in Approximations of upper and lower probabilities by measurable selections

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There is an error in the proof of Theorem 8(2) in [5]¹: the equality

$$P^*(A) = \sup\{P^*(K) : K \subseteq A \text{ compact}\} \ \forall A \in \beta_d \tag{1}$$

cannot be applied because [3, Lemma A3] is only applicable when X is a Polish space. In fact, Eq. (1) does not even hold in general when P is a precise probability measure on a separable metric space, because it need not be tight [1]. Below we give an alternative proof.

Theorem 1. Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) be a probability space, (X, d) a separable metric space and $\Gamma : \Omega \to \mathcal{P}(X)$ a compact random set. Then $P^*(A) = \max \mathcal{P}(\Gamma)(A)$ and $P_*(A) = \min \mathcal{P}(\Gamma)(A) \ \forall A \in \beta_d$.

Proof: For any closed subset C of X, the multivalued mapping

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{C} &: \Omega \to \mathcal{P}(X) \\ & \omega \hookrightarrow \begin{cases} \Gamma(\omega) \cap C & \text{ if } \omega \in \Gamma^{*}(C) \\ \Gamma(\omega) & \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

is strongly measurable when Γ is. As a consequence, we can apply [2, Theorem III.8] to deduce that it has measurable selections, whence

$$P^*(C) = \max \mathcal{P}(\Gamma)(C)$$

for every closed set C. Now, by [4, Proposition 2], it holds that

$$P^*(A) = \sup\{P^*(C) : C \subseteq A \text{ closed}\} \ \forall A \in \beta_d.$$

Applying [5, Proposition 6], we deduce that $P^*(A) = \max \mathcal{P}(\Gamma)(A)$ for every $A \in \beta_d$. The result for P_* follows by conjugacy.

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