Corrigendum

Time consistent Markov policies in dynamic economies with quasi-hyperbolic consumers

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We would like to point out that Assumption 1 (page 90) is not sufficient for conclusions of the paper. Specifically, lemma 1 and all other theorems based on this lemma require two additional assumptions:

- $A(x) \subset A \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is compact and subcomplete sublattice valued with $A(0) = \{0\}$,
- $x \to A(x)$ is measurable.

The first missing condition is necessary to assure existence of the maximal and minimal selection of the argmax correspondence. Indeed only then the sentence:

Since A(x) is a subcomplete sublattice and \mathcal{V} a poset, we obtain by Topkis (1978) theorem that the extremal selections $(\overline{B} \text{ and } \underline{B})$ of the best reply $BR(V)(x) = \arg \max_{a \in A(x)} G(a, x, V)$ are decreasing on \mathcal{V}

is correct.

The second missing condition is necessary to assure that the extremal selections: \overline{B} and \underline{B} are measurable. Indeed, one additionally needs measurability of the correspondence $x \to A(x)$ to recall a Measurable Maximum Theorem and assure that BR is measurable. Then by standard arguments recalling Measurable Maximum Theorem one more time on the correspondence BR one obtains measurability of \overline{B} and \underline{B} . See Proposition 2 in Hopenhaym, Prescott (1992) or Lemma 5.3 in Balbus, Reffett, Wozny (2014) for details.

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