CHAIN RULES FOR CODERIVATIVES
OF MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS IN BANACH SPACES

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Abstract. Our basic object in this paper is to establish calculus rules for
coderivatives of multivalued mappings between Banach spaces. We consider
the coderivative which is associated to some geometrical approximate subdif-
ferential for functions.

1. Introduction

In his paper [12] B.S. Mordukhovich developed several calculus rules for coderiva-
tives of sum and composition of multivalued mappings (and also other opera-
tions). He has given many applications in optimization and control problems where
coderivatives of multivalued mappings have to be considered in a natural way, and
he has related the concept of coderivatives to the study of generalized equations.
All the results are proved for finite dimensional spaces and are strongly based on an
extremal principle for local extremal points of a system of two sets. This extremal
principle was introduced and used by the author in [10] to prove calculus rules for
subdifferentials of functions.

The aim of this paper is to establish calculus rules for coderivatives of multivalued
mappings between general Banach spaces. We consider the coderivatives which
are associated to some geometric approximate subdifferential for functions. This
concept of geometric approximate subdifferential has been discovered by Ioffe [2]-
[3], who showed that it is a good extension to the infinite dimensional setting of
the Mordukhovich subdifferential. Our method is quite simple and is completely
different from that of [12].

2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper X, Y and Z will be Banach spaces, X*, Y* and Z* their
topological duals equipped with the weak-star topology w*. We will denote by B_X
the closed unit ball of X and by d(·, S) the distance function to a subset S of X,

\[ d(x, S) = \inf_{u \in S} \|x - u\|. \]
We will write $x \overset{f}{\to} x_0$ and $x \overset{S}{\to} x_0$ to express $x \to x_0$ with $f(x) \to f(x_0)$ and $x \to x_0$ with $x \in S$, respectively, and we will denote by $\text{Gr}F$ the graph of a multivalued mapping $F : X \rightrightarrows Y$, i.e.,

$$\text{Gr}F = \{(x, y) : y \in F(x)\}.$$  

If not otherwise specified, the norm in a product of two Banach spaces is defined by $\|\langle a, b \rangle\| = \|a\| + \|b\|$.

We will use the notations in Ioffe [4]-[5].

Let $f : X \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be a lower semicontinuous function in a neighbourhood of $x_0 \in X$ with $f(x_0) < \infty$. The approximate subdifferential (see Ioffe [4]-[5]), which is an extension to the context of Banach spaces of the concept introduced by Mordukhovich [10]-[12] for finite dimensional spaces, is defined by

$$\partial_A f(x_0) = \bigcap_{L \in \mathcal{F}(X)} \limsup_{\overset{x \to x_0}{x \to L}} \partial^- f_{x+L}(x),$$

where

$$\partial^- f(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x^*, h \rangle \leq d^- f(x; h), \forall h \in X\},$$

$$d^- f(x; h) = \liminf_{\overset{u \to h}{t \downarrow 0}} (f(x + tu) - f(x)).$$

Here, for $S \subset X$, $f_S$ denotes the function defined by

$$f_S(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in S, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{F}(X)$ is the family of all finite dimensional subspaces of $X$, and

$$\limsup_{\overset{x \to x_0}{x \to L}} \partial^- f_{x+L}(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : x^* = w^* - \lim x_i^* - x_i \in \partial f_{x_i+L}(x_i), \ x_i \overset{f}{\to} x_0\},$$

that is, the set of $w^*$-limits of all such nets.

The approximate coderivative of a multivalued mapping $F : X \rightrightarrows Y$ at a point $(x_0, y_0)$ of its graph $\text{Gr}F$ is the multivalued mapping $D^*F(x_0, y_0) : Y^* \rightrightarrows X^*$ defined by

$$D^*F(x_0, y_0)(y^*) = \{x^* : \langle x^*, -y^* \rangle \in \mathbb{R}_+ \partial_A d(x_0, y_0; \text{Gr}F)\}.$$  

For the distance function and for

$$\partial^- f(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x^*, h \rangle \leq d^- f(x; h) + \varepsilon \|h\| \ \forall h\},$$

Ioffe [5] has given the following result.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let $C$ be a closed subset of $X$ containing $x_0$. Then

$$\partial_A d(x_0, C) = \bigcap_{L \in \mathcal{F}(X)} \limsup_{\overset{x \to x_0}{x \to L}} \partial^- d_{x+L}(x, C) \cap (1 + \varepsilon)B_X.$$  

Before stating Proposition 2.2, which will be one of the main tools of section 3, let us recall the following notion by Borwein and Strojwas [1]. A set $S \subset X$ is said to be compactly epi-Lipschitzian at $x_0 \in S$ if there exist $\gamma > 0$ and a $\|\cdot\|$-compact set $H \subset X$ such that

$$S \cap (x_0 + \gamma B_X) + t\gamma B_X \subset S - tH, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \gamma].$$
We recall also that, following Jourani and Thibault [9], a multivalued mapping
$F: X \rightrightarrows Y$ is partially coderivatively compact at $(x_0, y_0) \in \text{Gr}F$ if the following condition is satisfied:

$$
\begin{cases}
\text{if there exist nets } (x_i, y_i) \xrightarrow{GrF} (x_0, y_0) \text{ and } \\
(x_i^*, y_i^*) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \partial_A d(x_i, y_i, GrF) \text{ such that } \|x_i^*\| \to 0 \text{ and } y_i^* \to 0,
\end{cases}
$$

then $\|y_i^*\| \to 0$.

**Proposition 2.2 ([7]-[9]).** Let $C$ and $D$ be two closed subsets of $X$ with $x_0 \in C \cap D$. Consider the following assertions:

(a) $D$ is compactly epi-Lipschitzian at $x_0$ and $\partial_A d(x_0, C) \cap (-\partial_A d(x_0, D)) = \{0\}$;

(b) the multivalued mapping $F: X \rightrightarrows X$ defined by

$$
F(x) = \begin{cases}
-x + D & \text{if } x \in C, \\
\emptyset & \text{otherwise},
\end{cases}
$$

is partially coderivatively compact at $(x_0, 0)$, and $\text{ker} D^* F(x_0, 0) = \{0\}$;

(c) there exist $a > 0$ and $r > 0$ such that

$$
d(x, C \cap D) \leq a[d(x, C) + d(x, D)]
$$

for all $x \in x_0 + rB_X$;

(d) there exists $b > 0$ such that

$$
\partial_A d(x_0, C \cap D) \subset b[\partial_A d(x_0, C) + \partial_A d(x_0, D)].
$$

Then (a) $\implies$ (b) $\implies$ (c) $\implies$ (d).

3. Chain rules

In this section we are going to prove a general chain rule for multivalued mappings, and we will show how other formulas may be derived from it.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let $G: X \rightrightarrows Y$ and $F: Y \rightrightarrows Z$ be two multivalued mappings, and $(x_0, z_0) \in \text{Gr}F \circ G$. Suppose that the following assumptions are fulfilled:

i) For each $y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0)$ there are $a > 0$ and $r > 0$ such that

$$
d(x, y, z, GrG \times Z \cap X \times GrF) \leq a[d(x, y, GrG) + d(y, z, GrF)]
$$

for all $(x, y, z) \in (x_0 + y_0, z_0) + rB_{X \times Y \times Z}$;

ii) For any net $((x_i, z_i))$ of $\text{Gr}(F \circ G)$ converging to $(x_0, z_0)$ there exist some net $(y_i)$ with $y_i \in G(x_i) \cap F^{-1}(z_i)$ and some point $y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0)$ which is a cluster point of $(y_i)$.

Then for all $z^* \in Z^*$

$$
D^*(F \circ G)(x_0, z_0)(z^*) \subset \bigcup_{y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0)} D^*G(x_0, y_0) \circ D^*F(y_0, z_0)(z^*).
$$

**Proof.** Set $C = GrG \times Z$ and $D = X \times GrF$. We start by showing that

(3.1)

$$
\begin{cases}
\text{if } (x^*, z^*) \in \partial_A d(x_0, z_0, GrF \circ G) \text{ then there exists } y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \\
\text{such that } (x^*, 0, z^*) \in \partial_A d(x_0, y_0, z_0, C \cap D).
\end{cases}
$$

Fix any $(x^*, z^*) \in \partial_A d(x_0, z_0, GrF \circ G)$, and put $S = c(l(GrF \circ G))$. Then for each $L = L^1 \times L^2 \in F(X) \times F(Z)$, by Lemma 2.1, there are nets $(u_i, L, v_i, L)_i \xrightarrow{S} (x_0, z_0)$,
\( (\varepsilon_{i,L}) \rightarrow 0^+ \) with \( 2\varepsilon_{i,L} < 1 \), \( (x_{i,L}^*) \rightrightarrows x^* \) and \( (z_{i,L}^*) \rightrightarrows z^* \) such that for \( j := (i, L) \) in \( J := I \times \mathcal{F}(X) \times \mathcal{F}(Z) \)

\[
(x_j^*, z_j^*) \in \partial^- f(u_j, v_j) + L(u_j, v_j) \quad \text{and} \quad ||(x_j^*, z_j^*)|| \leq 1 + \varepsilon_j,
\]

where \( f(x, z) = d(x, z, S) \). So from Lemma 1 in [3] and Proposition 2.4.3 in [2], we get some \( r_j \in [0, \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon_j] \) such that the function

\[
(x, z) \mapsto f(x, z) - \langle x_j^*, x - u_j \rangle - \langle z_j^*, z - v_j \rangle
\]

attains a minimum at \( (u_j, v_j) \) over \( (u_j, v_j) + 3r_jB_X \times Z \). Take \( (x_j', z_j') \in \text{Gr}(F \circ G) \) with \( ||(x_j', z_j') - (u_j, v_j)|| \leq r_j^2 \). Choose by condition ii) some isotone mapping \( k \mapsto \alpha(k) = (i_k, L_k) \) from some direct set \( K \) into \( J \) (directed in the standard way) and some net \( y_j' \in G(x_j') \cap F^{-1}(z_j') \) with \( (y_{\alpha(k)}') \) converging to some \( y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \). Putting

\[
\varphi_j(x, y, z) = d(x, y, z, C \cap D) - \langle x_j^*, x - x_j' \rangle - \langle z_j^*, z - z_j' \rangle
\]

\[
+ 2\varepsilon_j(||x - x_j'|| + ||z - z_j'||) + 3d(x - x_j', z - z_j', L)
\]

for \( j = (i, L) \) and using (3.2), one obtains \( \varphi_j(x_j', y_j', z_j') \leq \varphi_j(x, y, z) + 7r_j^2 \) for all \( (x, y, z) \) in \( (x_j', y_j', z_j') + 2r_jB \). By Ekeland’s variational principle there exists \( (x_j, y_j, z_j) \) in \( (x_j', y_j', z_j') + r_jB \) such that for all \( (x, y, z) \) in \( (x_j', y_j', z_j') + 2r_jB \) one has

\[
\varphi_j(x_j, y_j, z_j) \leq \varphi_j(x, y, z) + 7r_j||x - x_j|| + ||y - y_j|| + ||z - z_j||.
\]

Therefore for \( s_k := 2\varepsilon_{\alpha(k)} + 7r_{\alpha(k)} \) one gets

\[
(x_{\alpha(k)}^*, 0, z_{\alpha(k)}^*) \in \partial_A d(x_{\alpha(k)}, y_{\alpha(k)}, z_{\alpha(k)}, C \cap D) + s_kB + (L_{\alpha(k)})^\perp \times \{0\} \times (L_{\alpha(k)})^\perp,
\]

and hence \( (x^*, 0, z^*) \in \partial_A d(x_0, y_0, z_0, C \cap D) \).

Consider now \( z^* \in Z^* \) and \( x^* \in D^*(F \circ G)(x_0, z_0)(z^*) \). Choose \( r > 0 \) such that \( r(x^*, -z^*) \in \partial_A d(x_0, y_0, Gr(F \circ G)) \). By (3.1) there exists \( y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \) such that \( r(x^*, 0, -z^*) \in \partial d(x_0, y_0, z_0, C \cap D) \). So the result follows by applying Proposition 2.2 and the obvious equalities

\[
\partial_A d(x_0, y_0, z_0, C) = \partial_A d(x_0, y_0, GrG) \times \{0\}
\]

and

\[
\partial_A d(x_0, y_0, z_0, D) = \{0\} \times \partial_A d(y_0, z_0, GrF).
\]

We consider an important corollary of Theorem 3.1 that gives more verifiable conditions.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let \( G : X \rightrightarrows Y \) and \( F : Y \rightrightarrows Z \) be two multivalued mappings with closed graphs. Suppose that, in addition to ii) in Theorem 3.1, the following assumptions are fulfilled:

i) For each \( y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \) the set \( GrF \) (or \( GrG \)) is compactly epi-Lipschitzian at \( (y_0, z_0) \) (resp. \( (x_0, y_0) \)).

ii) For all \( y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \)

\[
[y^* \in D^*F(y_0, z_0)(0) \text{ and } 0 \in D^*G(x_0, y_0)(y^*)] \implies y^* = 0.
\]

Then the conclusion of Theorem 3.1 is valid.
Proof. Set \( C = \text{Gr}G \times Z \) and \( D = X \times \text{Gr}F \) and consider the multivalued mapping \( M : X \times Y \times Z \rightrightarrows X \times Y \times Z \) defined by

\[
M(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 
-(x, y, z) + D & \text{if } (x, y, z) \in C, \\
\emptyset & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

The proof is concluded by applying Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 3.1.

Another consequence of this theorem is the following result concerning the convex case.

Corollary 3.3. Let \( G : X \rightrightarrows Y \) and \( F : Y \rightrightarrows Z \) be two multivalued mappings with closed and convex graphs. Suppose that condition ii) of Theorem 3.1 is satisfied and that

\[
0 \in \text{int}(\text{Gr}G \times Z - X \times \text{Gr}F).
\]

Then the conclusion of Theorem 3.1 is valid.

Proof. Consider the multivalued mapping \( M : X \times Y \times Z \rightrightarrows X \times Y \times Z \) defined by

\[
M(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 
-(x, y, z) + X \times \text{Gr}F & \text{if } (x, y, z) \in \text{Gr}G \times Z, \\
\emptyset & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

Then \( \text{Gr}M \) is closed and convex, and \( 0 \in \text{int} \Phi(X \times Y \times Z) \). So, by Proposition 4.2 in [9], \( M \) is partially coderivatively compact at all points \((x_0, y_0, z_0, 0)\) satisfying \( y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \), and the proof can be completed by applying Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 3.1.

Now we use Theorem 3.1 to obtain calculus rules for the sum of two multivalued mappings.

Theorem 3.4. Let \( F_1, F_2 : X \rightrightarrows Y \) be two multivalued mappings with closed graphs, and let \( z_0 \in F_1(x_0) + F_2(x_0) \). Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

i) \( \text{Gr}F_1 \) is compactly epi-Lipschitzian at all points \((x_0, z_0 - y_0) \in \text{Gr}F_1 \) with \( y_0 \in F_2(x_0) \).

ii) For any net \((x_i, z_i) \rightrightarrows (x_0, z_0)\) there exist convergent subnets \((v_{\alpha(j)})\) and \((w_{\alpha(j)})\) such that \( z_{\alpha(j)} = v_{\alpha(j)} + w_{\alpha(j)} \), \( v_{\alpha(j)} \in F_1(x_{\alpha(j)}) \) and \( w_{\alpha(j)} \in F_2(x_{\alpha(j)}) \).

iii) For all \( y_0 \in F_2(x_0) \) with \( z_0 - y_0 \in F_1(x_0) \),

\[
D^* F_1(x_0, z_0 - y_0)(0) \cap (-D^* F_2(x_0, y_0)(0)) = \{0\}.
\]

Then for \( A(x_0, z_0) = \{y_0 \in F_2(x_0) : z_0 - y_0 \in F_1(x_0)\} \) we have for all \( y^* \in Y^* \)

\[
D^* (F_1 + F_2)(x_0, z_0)(y^*) \subset \bigcup_{y_0 \in A(x_0, z_0)} D^* F_1(x_0, z_0 - y_0)(y^*) + D^* F_2(x_0, y_0)(y^*).
\]

The proof of this theorem will be derived from Theorem 3.1 and the following lemma.

Lemma 3.5. Let \( F_1, F_2 : X \rightrightarrows Y \) be two multivalued mappings, and consider the multivalued mappings \( F \) and \( G \) defined by

\[
F(x, y) = y + F_1(x), \quad G(x) = \{x\} \times F_2(x).
\]
Considered.
will be treated in a forthcoming paper.

By Lemma 3.5

Proof. Using the fact that \((u, y, v + y) \in GrF\) whenever \((u, v) \in GrF_1\), it is not
difficult to see that

\[
d(x, y, z, GrF) \leq d(x, z - y, GrF_1)
\]

for all \((x, y, z) \in X \times Y \times Y\). Then for each \((x, y, z) \in cl(GrG)\), \(f := d(., GrF)\) and
\(f_1 := d(., GrF_1)\) one has for any \((u, v, w) \in X \times Y \times Y\)

\[
d^-(f(x, y, z); u, v, w) \leq d^-(f_1(x, z - y; u, w - v)).
\]

So (3.3) easily follows from this inequality and Lemma 2.1.

As \(d(x, x, z, GrG) \leq 2d(x, z, GrF_2)\) for all \((x, z) \in X \times Y\) (as easily seen), one
obtains (3.4) in a similar way.

Proof of Theorem 3.4. Let \(F\) and \(G\) be as in Lemma 3.5. Then \(y \in (F_1 + F_2)(x)\)
iff \(y \in (F \circ G)(x)\). We easily show that \(F\) and \(G\) satisfy i), ii) and iii) of Theorem
3.1 with \(Y\) replaced by \(X \times Y\) and \(Z\) by \(Y\). So let

\[
y^* \in Y^* \quad \text{and} \quad x^* \in D^*(F_1 + F_2)(x_0, z_0)(y^*).
\]

Then, by Theorem 3.1, there exist

\[
(u_0, y_0) \in G(x_0) \cap F^{-1}(z_0) \quad \text{and} \quad (u^*, v^*) \in D^*F(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y^*)
\]
such that \(x^* \in D^*G(x_0, u_0, y_0)(u^*, v^*)\). Thus there exist \(r_1 > 0\) and \(r_2 > 0\) such
that

\[
r_1(u^*, v^*, -y^*) \in \partial A d(x_0, y_0, z_0, GrF)
\]

and

\[
r_2(x^*, -u^*, -v^*) \in \partial A d(x_0, u_0, y_0, GrG).
\]

By Lemma 3.5 \(r_1(u^*, -y^*) \in \partial A d(x_0, z_0 - y_0, GrF_1), v^* = y^*\) and

\[
2^{-1}r_2(x^* - u^*, -v^*) \in \partial A d(x_0, y_0, GrF_2)
\]

(because \(u_0 = x_0\)). So we obtain

\[
x^* - u^* \in D^* F_2(x_0, y_0)(y^*) \quad \text{and} \quad u^* \in D^* F_1(x_0, z_0 - y_0)(y^*). \quad \Box
\]

Note that these calculus rules can be used to obtain subdifferential calculus for
sums and compositions of mappings. This allows us to deduce the results in Ioffe
[3]-[5], Mordukhovich [10]-[12], Jourani and Thibault [8] and Jourani [6].

For other applications to calculus rules, the reader can easily use Theorem 3.1
to get estimates of the coderivative of a multivalued mapping given, for instance,
by \(f(x)F(x) := \{ f(x)y : y \in F(x) \}\), where \(f\) is a real-valued mapping defined on
\(X\) and \(F\) is a multivalued mapping from \(X\) into \(Y\). Many other examples can be
considered.

We give another important application in a simple setting. More general cases
will be treated in a forthcoming paper.
Corollary 3.6. Let $G : X \rightrightarrows Y$ be a multivalued mapping with closed graph and $g : Y \to \mathbb{R}^p$ a locally Lipschitzian mapping. Suppose that $G$ satisfies ii) of Theorem 3.1 for $F(y) = g(y) + \mathbb{R}_p^+$ and also that for any $y_0 \in G(x_0) \cap g^{-1}(z_0 - \mathbb{R}_p^+)$
\[ \mathbb{R}_p^+ \cap \text{ker} D^*G(x_0, y_0) \circ D^*g(y_0) = \{0\}. \]
Then there are $a > 0$ and $r > 0$ such that
\[ d(x, (g \circ G)^{-1}(z - \mathbb{R}_p^+)) \leq ad(z, g \circ G(x) + \mathbb{R}_p^+) \]
for all $x \in (x_0 + rB_X)$ and $z \in (z_0 + rB_{\mathbb{R}^p})$, with $d(z, g \circ G(x) + \mathbb{R}_p^+) \leq r$. (Here for a multivalued mapping $M$, $M^{-1}(S) = \{u : S \cap M(u) \neq \emptyset\}$.)

Proof. It suffices to apply Corollary 3.2 and Corollary 5.4 in [7].

After we completed this work, we received the paper [13] by Mordukhovich and Shao, which treats, by other methods in the spirit of [11] and [12], chain rules for limiting Fréchet coderivatives of multivalued mappings in Asplund spaces.

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