



## Maps that preserve left (right) $K$ -Cauchy sequences

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### Abstract

It is well-known that on quasi-pseudometric space  $(X, q)$ , every  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequence is left (or right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequence but the converse does not hold in general. In this article, we study a class of maps that preserve left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequences that we call left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular maps. Moreover, we characterize totally bounded sets on a quasi-pseudometric space in terms of maps that preserve left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequences and uniformly locally semi-Lipschitz maps.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, d')$  be a map between two metric spaces  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, d')$ . Then  $f$  is called *Cauchy sequentially-regular* (or *Cauchy continuous*) if  $(f(x_n))$  is a Cauchy sequence on  $(Y, d')$  whenever  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence on  $(X, d)$ . In [12], Snipes investigated the class of Cauchy sequentially-regular maps. He proved that a map  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, d')$  is uniformly continuous if and only if  $f$  preserves parallel sequences. Moreover, He characterized Cauchy sequentially-regular maps in terms of maps that preserve equivalent sequences.

In addition, Snipes observed that the class of Cauchy sequentially-regular maps from the metric space  $(X, d)$  into the metric space  $(Y, d')$  sits between the class of uniformly continuous maps from the metric space  $(X, d)$  into the metric space  $(Y, d')$  and the class of continuous maps from the metric space  $(X, d)$  into the metric space  $(Y, d')$ . He also proved that a map  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, d')$  is Cauchy sequentially regular whenever  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, d')$  is continuous and  $(X, d)$  is complete. Finally Snipes in [12] investigated extension maps of Cauchy sequentially-regular maps into a complete metric space.

After Snipes paper [12], the concept of Cauchy sequential regularity got an interest in the community of mathematicians. For instance in [8], Jain and Kundu proved that each Cauchy sequentially-regular map is uniformly continuous if and only if the completion of a

metric space  $(X, d)$  is a UC-space ( space on which each continuous function is uniformly continuous).

Furthermore, in [6], Di Maio et al. proved that a metric space is complete if and only if each continuous function defined on it is a Cauchy sequentially-regular map.

Moreover, in [2, 3], Beer, characterized Cauchy sequentially-regular maps in terms of a family on which they must be strongly uniformly continuous on totally bounded sets and uniformly continuous on totally bounded sets. Recently, Beer proved that on a metric space  $(X, d)$ , a subset  $B$  of  $X$  is totally bounded if and only its image  $f(B)$  is  $d'$ -bounded whenever  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, d')$  is Cauchy sequentially-regular map and  $(Y, d')$  is a metric space. In addition, he showed that a subset  $B$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  is totally bounded if and only if its image  $f(B)$  is bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  whenever  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, | \cdot |)$  is uniformly locally Lipschitz.

It is no doubt that uniform continuity and continuity plays an important role in the study of Cauchy sequentially-regular maps on metric spaces. Observe that for any two quasi-metric spaces  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$ . If a map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is quasi-uniformly continuous (or uniformly continuous), then  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is also uniformly continuous but the converse is not true, in general (see Example 3.3). It is well-know that on a quasi-pseudometric space, if a sequence is  $q^s$ -Cauchy, then it is left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequence but the converse is not true (see for instance [4, 13]). As might be expected these have led to the conjecture that the maps from a quasi-pseudometric space into another quasi-pseudometric space that preserve left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequences that we call *left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially regular maps* (see Definition 4.8) need to be studied carefully.

The aim of this paper is a careful study of the above-mentioned conjecture. Moreover, for map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$ , where  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  are quasi-pseudometric spaces, we study connections between left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially regular maps and  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequentially maps. We also show that a continuous map from a left (right) Smyth complete quasi-metric space into a quasi-pseudometric space is left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular. Finally, we characterize totally bounded sets on a quasi-pseudometric space in terms of left and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular maps and uniformly locally semi-Lipschitz maps which extend an important result due to Beer and Garrido ([1, Theorem 3.2]) in our settings.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we summarize some basic results on quasi-pseudometric spaces. For more details about quasi-pseudometric spaces we recommend the following articles [4, 7, 9, 13].

Let  $X$  be a set and  $q : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function. Then  $q$  is an *quasi-pseudometric* on  $X$  if

- (a)  $q(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (b)  $q(x, y) \leq q(x, z) + q(z, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

If  $q$  is a quasi-pseudometric on  $X$ , then the pair  $(X, q)$  is called an *quasi-pseudometric space*.

If the function  $q$  satisfies the condition

(c) for any  $x, y \in X, q(x, y) = 0 = q(y, x)$  implies  $x = y$  instead of condition (a), then  $q$  is called a  $T_0$ -quasi-metric on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, q)$  is called  $T_0$ -*quasi-metric space* (see for instance [9]).

Furthermore, if  $q$  is a quasi-pseudometric on  $X$ , then the function  $q^t : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $q^t(x, y) = q(y, x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  is also a quasi-pseudometric on  $X$  and it is called the *conjugate quasi-pseudometric* of  $q$ .

Note that for any  $q$  quasi-pseudometric on  $X$ , the function  $q^s$  defined by  $q^s(x, y) := \max\{q(x, y), q^t(x, y)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  is a pseudometric on  $X$ , usually called the *symmetrised* quasi-pseudometric of  $q$ .

If  $(X, q)$  is a quasi-pseudometric space. Then we associate the topology  $\tau(q)$  on  $X$  with respect to  $q$  where its base is given by the family  $\{D_q(x, \epsilon) : x \in X \text{ and } \epsilon > 0\}$  with  $D_q(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X : q(x, y) < \epsilon\}$ .

If  $A \subseteq X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , then the set  $D_q(A, \epsilon)$  is defined by

$$D_q(A, \epsilon) := \bigcup_{a \in A} D_q(a, \epsilon).$$

We say that a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is *q-totally bounded* provided that  $A$  is  $q^s$ -totally bounded, i.e. for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $F \subseteq A \subseteq D_{q^s}(F, \epsilon)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the collection of all finite subsets of  $X$  (see [14, Definition 5]).

In the sequel we denote by  $\mathcal{TB}_q(X)$  the collection of all  $q$ -totally bounded subsets of  $X$ .

It is well-known that  $\mathcal{TB}_q(X)$  forms a bornology on  $X$ , i.e.

- (a)  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$  whenever  $x \in X$ ,
- (b) if  $A \subseteq B$  with  $B \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ ,
- (c) if  $A, B \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ , then  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ .

It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{TB}_{q^s}(X) = \mathcal{TB}_{q^t}(X) = \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space. A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is called:

- (a) *left K-Cauchy* if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$q(x_k, x_m) < \epsilon \text{ whenever } n, k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } N \leq k \leq n.$$

- (b) *right K-Cauchy* if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$q^t(x_k, x_m) < \epsilon \text{ whenever } n, k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } N \leq k \leq n.$$

- (c)  $q^s$ -Cauchy if it is a Cauchy sequence in the symmetrised quasi-pseudometric  $q^s$ .

Note that if we want to emphasize the quasi-pseudometric  $q$  on  $X$ , we shall say that a sequence is *right q-K-Cauchy* and *left q-K-Cauchy*.

For a quasi-pseudometric space  $(X, q)$ . It well-known that these above three concepts are associated as follows:

$$q^s\text{-Cauchy} \implies \text{left } K\text{-Cauchy and } q^s\text{-Cauchy} \implies \text{right } K\text{-Cauchy.}$$

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $(X, q)$  be quasi-pseudometric space.

- (a) A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is *left q-K-Cauchy* if and only if  $(x_n)$  is *right  $q^t$ -K-Cauchy*.
- (b) A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy if and only if the sequence  $(x_n)$  is both *left q-K-Cauchy* and *right q-K-Cauchy*.

The following definition can be found for instance on [4].

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(X, q)$  be quasi-pseudometric space. We say that  $(X, q)$  is:

- (a) *bicomplete* if its associated pseudometric space  $(X, q^s)$  is complete, that is, every  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequence is  $q^s$ -convergent;
- (b) *sequentially left (right) K-complete* if every left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequence is  $q$ -convergent;
- (c) *sequentially left (right) Smyth complete* if every left (right)  $K$ -Cauchy sequence is  $q^s$ -convergent;

### 3. Uniformly continuous and semi-lipschitz maps

An *asymmetric norm* on a real vector space  $X$  is a function  $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying the conditions

- (1)  $\|x\| = \|-x\| = 0$  then  $x = 0$ ;
- (2)  $\|ax\| = a\|x\|$ ;
- (3)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ ,

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $a \geq 0$ . Then the pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called an *asymmetric normed space*.

The *conjugate asymmetric norm*  $|\cdot|$  of  $\|\cdot\|$  and the *symmetrisation norm*  $\|\cdot\|$  of  $|\cdot|$  are defined respectively by

$$|x| := \|-x\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\| := \max\{|x|, \|x\|\} \text{ for any } x \in X.$$

An asymmetric norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $X$  induces a quasi-metric  $q_{\|\cdot\|}$  on  $X$  defined by

$$q_{\|\cdot\|}(x, y) = \|x - y\| \text{ for any } x, y \in X.$$

If  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is normed lattice space, then the function  $|\cdot|$  defined by  $|x| := \|x^+\|$ , where  $x^+ = \max\{x, 0\}$  is an asymmetric norm on  $X$ .

A basic but interesting example we point out the asymmetric norm  $u$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  (considered as a real vector space) defined for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  by  $u(y) = y^+$ , where  $y^+ = \max\{y, 0\}$ , it follows that  $u^t(y) = \max\{-x, 0\} = y^-$  and  $u^s(y) = \max\{y^+, y^-\} = |x|$ . In addition, the asymmetric norm  $u$  induces the quasi-metric  $q_u$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $q_u(x, y) = (x - y)^+ = \max\{x - y, 0\}$  whenever  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The following is a well-known definition.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces. A map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is called *quasi-uniformly continuous* (or *uniformly continuous*) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $q(x, y) \leq \delta$ , then  $p(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) < \epsilon$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces. If the map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is uniformly continuous, then the function  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is uniformly continuous.

**Example 3.3.** We equip  $X = \mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$  with the quasi-metric  $q$  defined by  $q(x, y) = (y - x)^+$  for any  $x, y \in [0, \infty)$  and  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  is equipped with the  $T_0$ -quasi-metric  $p$  defined by  $p(x, y) = (y - x)^+$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

- (i) the function  $f(x) = -\sqrt{x}$  whenever  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is uniformly continuous from  $(\mathbb{R}_+, |\cdot|)$  into  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ .
- (ii) the function  $f(x) = -\sqrt{x}$  whenever  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is not uniformly continuous from  $(\mathbb{R}_+, q)$  into  $(\mathbb{R}, p)$ .

Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-metric space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be an asymmetric normed space. Then a map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is called *semi-Lipschitz* if there exists  $k \geq 0$  such that

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq kq(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X. \tag{3.1}$$

The number  $k$  satisfying (3.1) is called *semi-Lipschitz constant* for  $f$  and the map  $f$  is called  $k$ -semi-Lipschitz. For more details about semi-Lipschitz maps we recommend the reader to see [5].

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-metric space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be an asymmetric normed space. Then:

- (a) A map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is called *locally semi-Lipschitz* provided that for all  $x \in X$ , then there exists  $\delta(x) > 0$  such that  $f|_{D_q(x, \delta(x))}$  is semi-Lipschitz.

- (b) A function  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is called *uniformly locally semi-Lipschitz* provided that for all  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  ( $\delta$  does not depend to  $x$ ) such that  $f|_{D_q(x, \delta)}$  is semi-Lipschitz.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-metric space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be an asymmetric normed space. If function  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is locally semi-Lipschitz, then  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is locally semi-Lipschitz.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is locally semi-Lipschitz. Let  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\delta(x) > 0$  and  $k \geq 0$  such that for any

$$y, z \in D_{q^s}(x, \delta(x)) \subseteq D_q(x, \delta(x))$$

we have

$$\|f(y) - f(z)\| \leq kq(y, z) \leq kq^s(y, z) \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$\|f(z) - f(y)\| \leq kq(z, y) \leq kq^s(y, z). \quad (3.3)$$

Combining (3.2) and (3.3) for some  $k \geq 0$  we have

$$\|f(y) - f(z)\| \leq kq(y, z) \leq kq^s(y, z)$$

whenever  $y, z \in D_{q^s}(x, \delta(x))$ . Thus the function  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is locally semi-Lipschitz.  $\square$

**Remark 3.6.** Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-metric space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be an asymmetric normed space. If a function  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is locally semi-Lipschitz, then  $\varphi|_{D_q(x, \delta_x)}$  is continuous whenever  $x \in X$  and for some  $\delta_x > 0$ .

#### 4. Left (right) $K$ -Cauchy sequentially regular maps

**Definition 4.1** (compare [10, Definition 3.1 and Definition 3.4]). Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space. Let  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $X$ .

- (a) We say that the sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are *parallel* with respect to  $q$  (noted by  $(x_n) \parallel_q (y_n)$ ) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $q(x_n, y_n) < \epsilon$  whenever  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ .
- (b) We say that the sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are *equivalent* with respect to  $q$  (noted by  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$ ) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $q^s(x_k, y_n) < \epsilon$  whenever  $n, k \geq n_\epsilon$ .

Note that the concept of parallel sequences in quasi-pseudometric spaces is not new. For instance, in [10], Moshoko introduced concepts of parallel sequences and equivalent sequences in order to study extensions of maps that preserve  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequences in a quasi-pseudometric space  $(X, q)$ . But it is well-known that on a quasi-pseudometric space  $(X, q)$ , any  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy (right  $K$ -Cauchy), still the converse is not true in general. Our definitions of parallel and equivalent sequences are motivated from metric point of view of parallel and equivalent sequences (see [12]) and by the fact that parallel sequences are preserved by uniformly continuous maps and equivalent sequences are preserved by Cauchy-sequentially-regular maps. However, we are studying maps that preserve left  $K$ -Cauchy (right  $K$ -Cauchy) sequences. This explains why our Definition 4.1(2) is more general than [10, Definition 3.4]. We point out that in [7], Doitchinov introduced the concept of cosequence sequences which is similar to the concept of parallel sequences with connections to Cauchy sequences in a quasi-pseudometric space. From cosequence sequences, he defined equivalent sequences for a quasi-metric space satisfying some properties (that he called balanced quasi-metric space).

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space. Let  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $X$  and  $a \in X$ . If  $(x_n)$  is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $a$  and  $(y_n)$  is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $a$ , then  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Suppose that  $(x_n)$  is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $a$  and  $(y_n)$  is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $a$ . We show that  $(x_n) \equiv_{q^t} (y_n)$ . Then there exists  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n'_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$q^s(a, x_n) < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{if } n \geq n_\epsilon \tag{4.1}$$

and

$$q^s(y_n, a) < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{if } n \geq n'_\epsilon. \tag{4.2}$$

Let  $N = \max\{n_\epsilon, n'_\epsilon\}$ . If  $N \leq k, n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} q^s(x_k, y_n) &= q^s(y_n, x_k) \leq q^s(y_n, a) + q^s(a, x_k) \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$ . □

The following lemma is a consequence of the definition and Remark 2.2.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space. Let  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $X$ . If  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$ , then the sequence  $(x_n)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy.*

We leave the proof of the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space and  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be any two sequences in  $X$  and  $a \in X$ . If  $(x_n)$  is  $q$ -convergent to  $a$  and  $(y_n) \parallel_q (x_n)$ , then  $(y_n)$  is  $q$ -convergent to  $a$ .*

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space and  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  be any two sequences in  $X$ . It is true that  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$  if and only if the sequence  $(z_n)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy, where  $z_n := (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3, \dots)$ .*

**Proof.**  $(\Rightarrow)$  Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Suppose that  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$ . Then there exists  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$q^s(x_k, y_m) < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever } k, m \geq n_\epsilon.$$

It follows that the sequence  $z_n = (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3, \dots)$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequence. Hence the sequence  $z_n$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy.

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose that the sequence  $z_n = (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3, \dots)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy. Then the sequence  $z_n = (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3, \dots)$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy. Therefore, we have that  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$  by [12, Theorem 1 (4)]. □

The following proposition is obvious. Therefore, we omit the proof.

**Proposition 4.6** (compare [10, Theorem 3.2]). *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *The map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is uniformly continuous.*
- (2) *Whenever  $(x_n) \parallel_q (y_n)$  in  $X$  and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is a map, then  $(f(x_n)) \parallel_p (f(y_n))$  in  $Y$ .*

**Remark 4.7.** We point out that it is easy to find an example of two sequences which are parallel with respect to  $q$  but they are not parallel with respect to  $q^t$ .

**Definition 4.8.** Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces. A map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is called:

- (a) A *left  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular* if for any left  $K$ -Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$ , then the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy in  $Y$ .
- (b) A *right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular* if for any right  $K$ -Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$ , then the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy in  $Y$ .

**Proposition 4.9.** *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  be a map. Then we have that the map  $f$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular in  $X$  if and only if whenever  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$  in  $X$ , then  $(f(x_n)) \equiv_p (f(y_n))$  in  $Y$ .*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $f$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular. If  $(x_n) \equiv_q (y_n)$  in  $X$ , then it follows that the sequence  $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  by Lemma 4.5.

Thus the sequence  $(f(x_1), f(y_1), f(x_2), f(y_2), \dots)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequence in  $Y$  from the assumption on the map  $f$ . Hence  $(f(x_n)) \equiv_p (f(y_n))$  in  $Y$  by Lemma 4.5.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $f$  preserves equivalent sequences. Let  $(x_n)$  be a left  $K$ -Cauchy sequence and right  $K$ -Cauchy in  $X$ . Since  $(x_n) \equiv_q (x_n)$ , then we have that  $(f(x_n)) \equiv_p (f(x_n))$  in  $Y$ . Therefore, the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  be a map. Then the following hold.*

- (1) *If the map  $f$  is uniformly continuous, then  $f$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy (right  $K$ -Cauchy) sequentially-regular.*
- (2) *If the map  $f$  is right  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular, then  $f$  is continuous with respect to  $\tau(q^s)$  and  $\tau(p^s)$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Suppose that  $f$  is uniformly continuous. We only show that  $f$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially regular and for  $f$  right  $K$ -Cauchy will follow by symmetry. Let  $(x_n)$  be any left  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

Then there exists  $\delta > 0$  because  $f$  is uniformly continuous such that

$$q(x_k, x_n) < \delta \text{ whenever } N \leq k \leq n$$

for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  since  $(x_n)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . It follows that

$$p(f(x_k), f(x_n)) < \epsilon \text{ whenever } N \leq k \leq n$$

for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $(f(x_n))$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy in  $Y$ .

(2) Suppose that  $f$  is right  $K$ -Cauchy and right- $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular. If  $(x_n)$  be sequence in  $X$  such that  $(x_n)$  is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $a \in X$ . We show that the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is  $p^s$ -convergent to  $f(a)$ .

We consider the constant sequence  $(a)$  which is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $a$ . Then we have that  $(x_n) \equiv_q (a)$  by Lemma 4.2. It follows that the sequence  $(x_1, a, x_2, a, \dots)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy ( $q^s$ -Cauchy) in  $X$ .

From our assumption we have  $(f(x_1), f(a), f(x_2), f(a), \dots)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy ( $p^s$ -Cauchy) in  $Y$  with a convergent subsequence  $(f(a))$  which  $p^s$ -convergent to  $f(a)$ . Thus the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is  $p^s$ -convergent to  $f(a)$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.11** (compare [15, Example 1]). Let  $X = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{n : n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}\}$ . We equip  $X$  with the quasi-metric  $q$  defined by  $q(x, x) = 0$  for any  $x \in X$ ,  $q(0, 1/n) = 1/n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q(1/n, 1/m) = 1/n$  whenever  $n < m$ ,  $q(0, n) = 2^{-n}$  whenever  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ ,  $q(n, m) = |2^{-1} - 2^{-m}|$  whenever  $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$  and  $q(x, y) = 1$  otherwise.

It is easy to see that sequences  $(1/n)$  and  $(n)$  are left  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy in  $X$  and both are  $q$ -convergent to 0. If we consider the function  $g : (X, q) \rightarrow (X, q)$  defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1/n & \text{if } x = n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n & \text{if } x = 1/n \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}. \end{cases}$$

Then the function  $g$  preserves left  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequences since  $g((1/n)) = (n)$  and  $g((n)) = (1/n)$  and  $g$  is continuous.

**Theorem 4.12.** *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  be a uniformly continuous map. Then  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is left  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular if and only if  $f : (X, q^t) \rightarrow (Y, p^t)$  is right  $q^t$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular.*

**Proof.** We only prove the necessary condition and the sufficient condition follows by similar arguments. It is obvious that  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is uniformly continuous if and only if  $f : (X, q^t) \rightarrow (Y, p^t)$  is uniformly continuous.

Suppose that  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is left  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular and let  $(x_n)$  be a right  $q^t$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequence. Then the sequence  $(x_n)$  is left  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy in  $X$  by Remark 2.2 (1).

Moreover, the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is left  $p$ - $K$ -Cauchy in  $Y$  from the assumption. But the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is right  $p^t$ - $K$ -Cauchy in  $Y$  again by Remark 2.2 (1). Hence  $f : (X, q^t) \rightarrow (Y, p^t)$  is right  $q^t$ - $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.13.** *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces. If the uniformly continuous map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular, then  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequentially regular.*

**Proof.** Let  $(x_n)$  be a  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Then  $(x_n)$  is both left and right  $q$ - $K$ -Cauchy in  $X$  by Remark 2.2 (2).

Furthermore,  $(f(x_n))$  is both left and right  $p$ - $K$ -Cauchy in  $Y$  since  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is both left  $K$ -Cauchy and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular.

Moreover, the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is  $p^s$ -Cauchy by Remark 2.2 (2). Therefore, the uniformly continuous map  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.14.** *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  be a map. Then whenever  $(X, q)$  is left Smyth complete and the map  $f$  is continuous, then  $f$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, q)$  is left Smyth complete and the map  $f$  is continuous. If the sequence  $(x_n)$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy, then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $(x_n)$  is  $q^s$ -convergent to  $x$  by the left Smyth completeness of  $(X, q)$ .

Then, the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is  $p^s$ -convergent to  $f(x)$  since the map  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is continuous. Hence the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy. Therefore, the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  is left  $K$ -Cauchy by Remark 2.2(2).  $\square$

**Corollary 4.15.** *Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  be a map. Then whenever  $(X, q)$  is right Smyth complete and the map  $f$  is continuous, then  $f$  is right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially-regular.*

**Remark 4.16.** In Theorem 4.14, if we replace the left Smyth completeness by the sequentially left  $K$ -completeness, the theorem does not hold because for a sequence being left  $K$ -Cauchy does not guarantee the existence of the limit (see [13, Example 2]).

### 5. Total boundedness and left $K$ -Cauchy sequential regularity

Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space. An arbitrary subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called  $q$ -bounded if and only if there exists  $x \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $s > 0$  such that  $A \subseteq D_q(x, r) \cap D_{q^t}(x, s)$ . Note that one can replace  $D_q(x, r) \cap D_{q^t}(x, s)$  by  $D_q[x, r] \cap D_{q^t}[x, s]$ .



Note that the above definition is slightly different from [16]. In the sense of [16] a subset  $A$  of  $X$  can be  $q$ -bounded and not necessary  $q^t$ -bounded. Obviously in our context a subset  $A$  is  $q$ -bounded if and only if it is  $q^t$ -bounded. But  $q$ -boundedness (or  $q^t$ -boundedness) does not imply  $q^s$ -boundedness. Moreover, if  $q$  is an extended quasi-pseudometric on  $X$  (i.e. the distance between two point can be  $\infty$ ), then a subset  $B$  of  $X$  can be included in  $D_q(x, \epsilon)$  for some  $x \in X$  but its diameter  $\text{diam}(B) = \{q(y, z) : y, z \in B\} = \infty$  (see [16, p. 2022]).

Let  $\mathcal{B}_q(X)$  be the collection of all  $q$ -bounded subsets of  $X$  whenever  $(X, q)$  is quasi-pseudometric space. It is easy to see that

- (a) whenever  $x \in X$ , then  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{B}_q(X)$ ,
- (b) whenever  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}_q(X)$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{B}_q(X)$ ,
- (c) whenever  $A, B \in \mathcal{B}_q(X)$ , then  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{B}_q(X)$ .

It follows that  $\mathcal{B}_q(X)$  forms a bornology on  $X$  and this bornology is called the *quasi-metric bornology* determined by  $q$ . Furthermore, We have the following observations instead of the one observed in [11]

$$\mathcal{B}_{q^s}(X) = \mathcal{B}_q(X) \quad (5.1)$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}_{q^s}(X) = \mathcal{B}_{q^t}(X). \quad (5.2)$$

**Remark 5.1.** Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space and  $A \subseteq X$ . It is easy to see that:

- (i) If  $A \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{B}_q(X)$ .
- (ii) Whenever  $F$  is finite subset of  $X$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $(X, q)$  and  $(Y, p)$  be quasi-pseudometric spaces and  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  be a map. Then  $f|_T$  is uniformly continuous, whenever  $T \in \mathcal{TB}_q(X)$  if and only if  $f$  is Cauchy sequentially regular.

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $f : (T, q) \rightarrow (Y, p)$  is uniformly continuous with  $T$  is  $q^s$ -totally bounded. Let  $(x_n)$  be a  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequence. Then  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is  $q^s$ -totally bounded and  $f : (T, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is uniformly continuous. It follows that  $f$  is Cauchy sequentially regular from [2, Proposition 5.7(2)].

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Without loss of generality we suppose that  $f : (T, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, p^s)$  is not uniform continuous and  $T$  is  $q^s$ -totally bounded. Then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists two sequences  $(x_n), (t_n)$  in  $T$  such that

$$q^s(x_n, t_n) < \frac{1}{n} \text{ and } p^s(f(x_n), f(t_n)) \geq \epsilon \text{ for some } \epsilon > 0. \quad (5.3)$$

From the  $q^s$ -totally boundedness of  $T$ , suppose that the sequence  $(t_n)$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy, then the sequence  $(t_1, x_1, t_2, x_2, \dots)$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy but its image  $(f(t_1), f(x_1), f(t_2), f(x_2), \dots)$  under  $f$  is not  $p^s$ -Cauchy from (5.3).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $(X, q)$  be a quasi-pseudometric space and  $F$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . Then following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $F$  is  $q$ -totally bounded;
- (2) Whenever  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is an asymmetric normed space and the map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, q_{\|\cdot\|})$  is left and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially regular, then  $f(F) \in \mathcal{B}_{q_{\|\cdot\|}}(Y)$ ;
- (3) Whenever  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  is an asymmetric normed space and the map  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, q_{\|\cdot\|})$  is uniformly locally semi-Lipschitz, then  $f(F) \in \mathcal{B}_{q_{\|\cdot\|}}(Y)$ ;
- (4) Whenever the function  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, q_u)$  is uniformly locally semi-Lipschitz, then  $f(F)$  is  $q_u$ -bounded set  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\implies$  (2) Suppose  $f : (X, q) \rightarrow (Y, q_{\|\cdot\|})$  is left and right  $K$ -Cauchy sequentially regular and  $F$  is  $q$ -totally bounded. We have that  $f : (X, q^s) \rightarrow (Y, q_{\|\cdot\|})$  is  $q^s$ -Cauchy sequentially regular by Theorem 4.13. Since  $F$  is  $q^s$ -totally bounded as a  $q$ -totally bounded. Then  $f(F) \in \mathcal{B}_{q_{\|\cdot\|}}(Y)$  by [1, Theorem 3.2]. Thus from inclusion (5.1) we have  $f(F) \in \mathcal{B}_{q_{\|\cdot\|}}(Y)$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3) and (3)  $\implies$  (4) Follows from Lemma 3.5 and [1, Theorem 3.2].

(4)  $\implies$  (1) Suppose that  $F$  is not  $q$ -totally bounded. We show that there exists a semi-Lipschitz function  $g : (D_q(x, \delta), q) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, q_u)$  for any  $x \in X$  and some  $\delta > 0$ .

Since  $F$  is not  $q$ -totally bounded, then we have that

$$F \not\subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n D_{q^s}(f_k, \epsilon), \text{ where } f_k \in F \text{ whenever } k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . By induction, we construct a sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $F$  such that whenever  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $f_{n+1} \notin \bigcup_{k=1}^n D_{q^s}(f_k, \epsilon)$ .

It follows that the family  $\{D_{q^s}(f_n, \frac{\epsilon}{4}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is uniformly discrete. Furthermore, we have for any  $x \in X$ , there exists  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\emptyset \neq D_{q^s}(x, \epsilon/4) \cap D_{q^s}(f_{n'}, \epsilon/4) \subseteq D_q(x, \epsilon/4) \cap D_q(f_{n'}, \epsilon/4)$$

from [2, Proposition 3.8].

Let  $g$  be a function defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} n - \frac{4n}{\epsilon}q(f_n, x) & \text{if } x \in D_q(f_n, \epsilon/4) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that the function  $g$  is unbounded with respect to  $u$ . We now show that  $g$  is a semi-Lipschitz. Consider  $x, y \in D_q(f_n, \epsilon/4)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} q_u(g(x), g(y)) &= (g(x) - g(y))^+ = \left[ \left( n - \frac{4n}{\epsilon}q(f_n, x) \right) - \left( n - \frac{4n}{\epsilon}q(f_n, y) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{4n}{\epsilon}[q(f_n, y) - q(f_n, x)] \\ &\leq \frac{4n}{\epsilon}q(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have that the function  $g$  is semi-Lipschitz with  $k = \frac{4n}{\epsilon}$ . □

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