

**FIXED POINT THEOREMS, SECTION  
PROPERTIES AND MINIMAX  
INEQUALITIES ON  $K$ - $G$ -CONVEX SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. In [11] Kim obtained fixed point theorems for maps defined on some “locally  $G$ -convex” subsets of a generalized convex space. Theorem 2 in Kim’s article determines us to introduce, in this paper, the notion of  $K$ - $G$ -convex space. In this framework we obtain fixed point theorems, section properties and minimax inequalities.

### 1. Introduction

Motivated by the well-known works of Horvath [7, 8, 9], there have appeared many generalizations of the concept of convex subset of a topological vector space. The most general one seems to be that of *generalized convex space* or  *$G$ -convex space* introduced by Park and Kim [15], which extends many of topological spaces having generalized convexity structures.

In [11, Theorem 1] Kim extends the fixed point theorem of Kakutani-Fan-Glicksberg to maps defined on some “locally  $G$ -convex” subsets of  $G$ -convex spaces. Kim’s result determines us to introduce, in this paper, the notion of  $K$ - $G$ -convex space. In this framework we obtain a fixed point theorem for the composite of two Kakutani maps. Using this, we get a new fixed point theorem, section properties and minimax inequalities. A part of our results seem to be new even in the classical case (when the  $K$ - $G$ -convex space is a convex subset of a locally convex topological vector space), although they are closely related to some known results.

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Let us recall the terminology from [11] needed in the sequel. For a set  $A$  let  $|A|$  denote the cardinality of  $A$  and  $\langle A \rangle$  the set of all nonempty finite subsets of  $A$ . Let  $\Delta_n$  denote the standard  $n$ -simplex, that is,

$$\Delta_n = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : u = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i(u) e_i, \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i(u) = 1 \right\},$$

where  $e_i$  is the  $i$ -th unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

A *generalized convex space* or a *G-convex space*  $(X; \Gamma)$  consists of a topological space  $X$  and a map  $\Gamma : \langle X \rangle \rightarrow X$  satisfying:

- (i)  $A, B \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $A \subset B$  implies  $\Gamma_A = \Gamma(A) \subset \Gamma_B$ ; and
- (ii) for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$  with  $|A| = n + 1$  there exists a continuous function  $\Phi_A : \Delta_n \rightarrow \Gamma_A$  such that  $J \in \langle A \rangle$  implies  $\Phi_A(\Delta_J) \subset \Gamma_J$ .

Here  $\Delta_J$  denotes the face of  $\Delta_n$  corresponding to  $J \in \langle A \rangle$ ; that is, if  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}\}$  and  $J = \{a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_k}\}$  then  $\Delta_J = \text{co}\{e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_k}\}$ .

Note that  $\Gamma_A$  does not need contain  $A$ , for  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ .

If for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $\Gamma_A$  is assumed to be contractible, then  $(X; \Gamma)$  becomes an *H-space* [1, 2, 3] or a *c-space* [7, 8, 9]. There is a lot of other examples of *G-convex spaces*, see [15].

For an *G-convex space*  $(X; \Gamma)$  a subset  $C$  of  $X$  is said to be *G-convex* if  $A \in \langle C \rangle$  implies  $\Gamma_A \subset C$ . For a nonempty subset  $S$  of  $X$ , the *G-convex hull* of  $S$ , is denoted and defined by

$$G\text{-co}S = \bigcap \{Y : S \subset Y \subset X \text{ and } Y \text{ is } G\text{-convex}\}.$$

In [11] Kim defines two types of subsets of an *G-convex space*. An *G-convex space* which, in Kim's terminology, is of type II will be called in this paper an *K-G-convex space*. More exactly and *K-G-convex space* is an *G-convex space*  $(X; \Gamma)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is *G-convex*; and
- (ii) for any compact *G-convex* subset  $A$  of  $X$  and each open neighborhood  $V$  of  $A$  there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $A$  such that  $G\text{-co}U \subset V$ .

Every convex subset  $X$  of a locally convex vector topological space is an *K-G-convex space* by putting  $\Gamma_A = \text{co}A$ , where  $\text{co}$  denotes the convex hull in the usual sense.

Let  $I$  be a nonempty finite index set. For each  $i \in I$ , let  $(X_i; \Gamma^i)$  be an *K-G-convex space* and  $X = \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ . Define  $\Gamma : \langle X \rangle \rightarrow X$  by

$$\Gamma_A = \prod_{i \in I} \Gamma_{A_i}^i,$$

where  $A_i = p_i(A)$  and  $p_i : X \rightarrow X_i$  is the canonical projection. Then  $(X; \Gamma)$  becomes an  $K$ - $G$ -convex space with the product topology (see [16]).

A map (or a multifunction)  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function from a set  $X$  into the power set  $2^Y$  of  $Y$ , that is, a function with the values  $Tx \subset Y$  for  $x \in X$  and the fibers  $T^{-1}y = \{x \in X : y \in Tx\}$  for  $y \in Y$ . Given two maps  $S : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $T : Y \rightarrow Z$  the composite  $T \circ S : X \rightarrow Z$  is defined by  $(T \circ S)x = T(Sx) = \cup\{Ty : y \in Sx\}$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. A continuous selection  $p : X \rightarrow Y$  of a map  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous function such that  $p(x) \in Tx$  for all  $x \in X$ . A map  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be upper semicontinuous (u.s.c.) if for each closed set  $F \subset Y$  the lower inverse of  $F$  under  $T$ , that is  $T^{-1}(F) = \{x \in X : Tx \cap F \neq \emptyset\}$ , is a closed subset of  $X$  or, equivalently, if for each open set  $G \subset Y$  the upper inverse of  $G$  under  $T$ , that is  $T^{+1}(G) = \{x \in X : Tx \subset G\}$ , is an open subset of  $X$ . Note that if  $Y$  is compact Hausdorff and  $Tx$  is closed for each  $x \in X$ , then  $T$  is upper semicontinuous if and only if the graph of  $T$ , that is  $\{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in Tx\}$ , is closed in  $X \times Y$ . Recall also that the composite and the product of two u.s.c. maps are u.s.c., too.

Throughout this paper, we assume that any topological space is Hausdorff.

## 2. Fixed points for composite maps in $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces

If  $X$  is a topological space and  $(Y; \Gamma)$  an  $G$ -convex space we define the classes of maps  $\widehat{K}(X, Y)$  and  $K(X, Y)$  as follows:

$T \in \widehat{K}(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow T$  is u.s.c. with compact  $G$ -convex values.

$T \in K(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow T \in \widehat{K}(X, Y)$  and  $Tx \neq \emptyset$  for each  $x \in X$ .

We remark that in a special case the class  $K(X, Y)$  was considered for the first time by Kakutani [10]. For this reason a map  $T \in K(X, Y)$  is called a *Kakutani map*.

The following result established in [11, Theorem 2] is the starting point of our investigations. It extends to  $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces the classical Kakutani-Fan-Glicksberg fixed point theorem.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma)$  be a compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex space. Then any  $T \in K(X, X)$  has a fixed point.*

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma_1)$ ,  $(Y; \Gamma_2)$  be two compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces. Then for every two maps  $S \in K(X, Y)$ ,  $T \in K(Y, X)$  the composite  $T \circ S$  has a fixed point.*

*Proof.* Consider the diagram

$$X \times Y \xrightarrow{p} Y \times X \xrightarrow{T \times S} X \times Y,$$

where  $p(x, y) = (y, x)$  and  $[T \times S](y, x) = Ty \times Sx$ . It is easy to see that  $[T \times S] \circ p \in K(X \times Y, X \times Y)$ . By Theorem 2.1, the map  $[T \times S] \circ p$  has a fixed point, i.e., for some  $(x_0, y_0) \in X \times Y$  we have  $(x_0, y_0) \in (T \times S)(y_0, x_0)$ . Hence  $x_0 \in Ty_0$ ,  $y_0 \in Sx_0$  and consequently,  $x_0 \in (T \circ S)x_0$ .  $\square$

Since any fixed point for the composite  $T \circ S$  is a coincidence point for the maps  $T$  and  $S^{-1}$ , Theorem 2.2 generalizes Granas and Liu [4, Theorem 5.1].

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma_1)$ ,  $(Y; \Gamma_2)$  be two compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces, and  $S \in K(X, Y)$ . Let  $T : Y \rightarrow X$  be a map having one of the following properties:*

- (i)  $T$  has a continuous selection.
- (ii) There exists a map  $R : Y \rightarrow X$  such that
  - (ii<sub>1</sub>)  $G - \text{co}(Ry) \subset Ty$  for each  $y \in Y$ ;
  - (ii<sub>2</sub>)  $Y = \cup \{\text{Int}R^{-1}x : x \in X\}$ .
- (iii)  $T$  has nonempty  $G$ -convex values and open fibers.

Then  $T \circ S$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Clearly (iii) implies (ii) and by assertion (i) of Theorem 1 in [12] it follows that (ii) implies (i). Therefore it suffices to prove that  $T \circ S$  has a fixed point if  $T$  has a continuous selection  $p$ . Since  $p \in K(Y, X)$ , by Theorem 2.2 there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \in (p \circ S)x_0$ , whence  $x_0 \in (T \circ S)x_0$ .  $\square$

### 3. Selection properties, minimax inequalities

As a direct consequence of Theorem 2.2 we have:

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma_1)$ ,  $(Y; \Gamma_2)$  be two compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces and  $M, N$  be two open subsets of  $X \times Y$  such that  $M \cup N = X \times Y$ . Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{y \in Y : (x, y) \notin M\}$  is  $G$ -convex.
- (ii) For each  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{x \in X : (x, y) \notin N\}$  is  $G$ -convex.

Then at least one of the following assertions holds:

- (a) There exists a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \times Y \subset M$ .
- (b) There exists a point  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $X \times \{y_0\} \subset N$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M' = (X \times Y) \setminus M$  and  $N' = (X \times Y) \setminus N$ . Define  $S : X \rightarrow Y, T : Y \rightarrow X$  by putting

$$\begin{aligned} Sx &= \{y \in Y : (x, y) \in M'\}, \\ Ty &= \{x \in X : (x, y) \in N'\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M'$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ , each  $Sx$  is closed in  $Y$  and the graph of  $S$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ . Hence  $S$  is u.s.c. and by (i) it follows that  $S \in \widehat{K}(X, Y)$ . Similarly we can prove that  $T \in \widehat{K}(Y, X)$ .

Suppose that both assertions (a) and (b) are not true. Then for each  $x \in X$  there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $(x, y) \in M'$ , that is  $S \in K(X, Y)$  and similarly  $T \in K(Y, X)$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $T \circ S$  has a fixed point, or equivalently there exists  $(x_0, y_0) \in X \times Y$  such that  $y_0 \in Sx_0$  and  $x_0 \in Ty_0$ . Then  $(x_0, y_0) \in M' \cap N'$  which contradicts  $M \cup N = X \times Y$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma_1), (Y; \Gamma_2)$  be two compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces and  $N$  be an open subset of  $X \times Y$  satisfying:*

- (i) *There exists a map  $T \in K(X, Y)$  such that  $\text{graph} T \subset M$ .*
- (ii) *For each  $y \in Y, \{x \in X : (x, y) \notin N\}$  is  $G$ -convex.*

*Then there exists a point  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $X \times \{y_0\} \subset N$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the set

$$M = X \times Y \setminus \text{graph} T$$

Since  $T \in K(X, Y)$  it readily follows that:

$$\begin{cases} M \text{ is an open subset of } X \times Y; \\ \text{for each } x \in X, \{y \in Y : (x, y) \notin M\} \text{ is } G\text{-convex}; \\ \text{for each } x \in X, \{x\} \times Y \not\subset M. \end{cases}$$

Moreover  $M \cup N = X \times Y$ . The conclusion follows from Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.3.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma)$  be a compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex space and  $M$  be an open subset of  $X \times X$  satisfying:*

- (i)  $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in X\} \subset M$ .
- (ii) *For each  $x \in X, \{y \in X : (x, y) \notin M\}$  is  $G$ -convex.*

*Then there exists a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \times X \subset M$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 3.1 with  $Y = X, N = X \times X \setminus \Delta$  and observe that the assertion (b) in the conclusion of this theorem cannot take place.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma_1), (Y; \Gamma_2), M, N$  be as in Theorem 3.1. Suppose that for each  $x \in X$  there exists an open subset (possibly empty)  $O_x$  of  $Y$  such that:*

(iii) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $O_x \subset \{y \in Y : (x, y) \notin N\}$ .

(iv)  $\cup_{x \in X} O_x = Y$ .

Then there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_0\} \times Y \subset M$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to prove that under conditions (iii) and (iv) the assertion (b) of the conclusion of Theorem 3.1 does not hold.

Since  $Y$  is compact there exists a finite set  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}\} \subset X$  such that  $Y = \cup_{i=1}^{n+1} O_{x_i}$ . Let  $\{\alpha_i : 1 \leq i \leq n+1\}$  be a continuous partition of unity subordinated to the open covering  $\{O_{x_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n+1\}$  of the compact  $Y$ , that is,

$$\begin{cases} \text{for each } i, \alpha_i : Y \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ is continuous;} \\ \alpha_i(y) > 0 \Rightarrow y \in O_{x_i}; \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i(y) = 1 \text{ for each } y \in Y. \end{cases}$$

Define a continuous map  $p : Y \rightarrow \Delta_n$  by

$$p(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i(y) e_i$$

(recall that the  $e_i$  are vertices of  $\Delta_n$ ). Let  $J(y) = \{x_i \in A : \alpha_i(y) > 0\}$ . Then  $p(y) \in \Delta_{J(y)}$ . By the definition of  $G$ -convex space, there exists a continuous function  $\Phi_A : \Delta_n \rightarrow \Gamma_A$  such that  $\Phi_A(\Delta_J) \subset \Gamma_J$  for each  $J \in \langle A \rangle$ . Therefore

$$(*) \quad (\Phi_A \circ p)(y) \in \Phi_A(\Delta_{J(y)}) \subset \Gamma_{J(y)}.$$

For each  $x_i \in J(y)$  we have  $y \in O_{x_i}$ , hence by (iii),  $(x_i, y) \notin N$ . Since the sets  $\{x \in X : (x, y) \notin N\}$  are  $G$ -convex (see condition (ii) in Theorem 3.1), from (\*) we get

$$((\Phi_A \circ p)(y), y) \notin N \text{ for each } y \in Y.$$

Hence  $X \times \{y\} \not\subset N$  for each  $y \in Y$ . □

Let  $(X; \Gamma)$  be an  $G$ -convex space. A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  will be called  $G$ -quasiconcave if for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  the set  $\{x \in X : f(x) \geq \lambda\}$  is  $G$ -convex and  $G$ -quasiconvex if  $-f$  is  $G$ -quasiconcave.

**THEOREM 3.5.** Let  $(X; \Gamma_1)$ ,  $(Y; \Gamma_2)$  be two compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex spaces, and  $f, g : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  two functions satisfying:

- (i)  $f \leq g$ .
- (ii)  $f$  is upper semicontinuous and  $g$  is lower semicontinuous on  $X \times Y$ .
- (iii) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is  $G$ -quasiconcave on  $Y$ .
- (iv) For each  $y \in Y$ ,  $g(\cdot, y)$  is  $G$ -quasiconvex on  $X$ .

Then, given any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta < \alpha$ , at least one of the following assertions holds:

- (a) There exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $f(x_0, y) < \alpha$  for each  $y \in Y$ .
- (b) There exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $g(x, y_0) > \beta$  for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 3.1 with the sets:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : f(x, y) < \alpha\}, \\ N &= \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : g(x, y) > \beta\}. \end{aligned}$$

From the hypothesis (i)-(iv) it follows readily that  $M, N$  are open in  $X \times Y$ ,  $M \cup N = X \times Y$  and assumptions (i) and (ii) of Theorem 3.1 are verified. The desired result follows now from Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

It would be of some interest to compare the next minimax inequality with Theorem 18 of Park [14].

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *Under the hypothesis of Theorem 3.5 the following inequality holds:*

$$\inf_{x \in X} \max_{y \in Y} f(x, y) \leq \sup_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} g(x, y).$$

*Proof.* First let us observe that if  $f$  is upper semicontinuous on  $X \times Y$ , then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is also an upper semicontinuous function of  $y$  on  $Y$  and therefore its maximum  $\max_{y \in Y} f(x, y)$  on the compact set  $Y$  exists. Similarly  $\inf_{x \in X} g(x, y)$  can be replaced by  $\min_{x \in X} g(x, y)$ .

Suppose the conclusion were false and choose two real numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} g(x, y) < \beta < \alpha < \inf_{x \in X} \max_{y \in Y} f(x, y).$$

We prove that neither the assertion (a) nor the assertion (b) of the conclusion of Theorem 3.5 cannot take place.

If (a) happens, then

$$\inf_{x \in X} \max_{y \in Y} f(x, y) \leq \max_{y \in Y} f(x_0, y) \leq \alpha, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

If (b) happens, then

$$\sup_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} g(x, y) \geq \min_{x \in X} g(x, y_0) \geq \beta, \text{ a contradiction again.} \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $X, Y, f, g$  be as in Theorem 3.5. If  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map with nonempty values then the following inequality holds:*

$$\inf_{y \in T x} f(x, y) \leq \sup_{y \in Y} \min_{x \in X} g(x, y).$$

*Proof.* We may assume that  $\inf_{y \in Tx} f(x, y) > -\infty$ . Apply Theorem 3.5 with the case  $\alpha = \inf_{y \in Tx} f(x, y)$ ,  $\beta = \inf_{y \in Tx} f(x, y) - \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrarily fixed. Since the values of  $T$  are nonempty, the assertion (a) of the conclusion of Theorem 3.5 cannot take place. It follows that there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that

$$\min_{x \in X} g(x, y_0) > \inf_{y \in Tx} f(x, y) - \varepsilon.$$

Clearly this implies the desired minimax inequality.  $\square$

Close results in topological vector spaces have been obtained by Granas and Liu [5, Theorem 7.1] and Ha [6, Theorem 1]. In both mentioned results  $T$  is a Kakutani map while in our theorems  $T$  is only a map with nonempty values.

In [14, Theorem 13] Park extends to  $G$ -convex spaces Fan's minimax inequality. The next result can be considered as a variant of Park's result.

**COROLLARY 3.8.** *Let  $(X; \Gamma)$  be a compact  $K$ - $G$ -convex space and  $f, g : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  two functions satisfying:*

- (i)  $f \leq g$ .
- (ii)  $f$  is upper semicontinuous and  $g$  is lower semicontinuous on  $X \times X$ .
- (iii) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is  $G$ -quasiconcave.
- (iv) For each  $y \in X$ ,  $g(\cdot, y)$  is  $G$ -quasiconvex.

Then we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} f(x, y) \leq \sup_{y \in X} \min_{x \in X} g(x, x).$$

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 3.7 with  $X = Y$ ,  $Tx = \{x\}$ .  $\square$

**REMARK.** All the results obtained in this paper are applications of Theorem 2.1. For this reason they remain true in other particular compact  $G$ -convex spaces for which Theorem 2.1 holds. For instance they remain true in compact  $\Phi$ -spaces (see [13, Theorem 4]), and in any  $LC$ -space for which every singleton is  $G$ -convex (see [13, Theorem 5]).

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