

**REMARKS ON THE KKM PROPERTY  
FOR OPEN-VALUED MULTIMAPS  
ON GENERALIZED CONVEX SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space and  $Y$  a Hausdorff space. Then  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y) \subset \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$ , where  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa$  is an admissible class (due to Park) and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  denotes the class of multimaps having the KKM property for open-valued multimaps. This new result is used to obtain a KKM type theorem, matching theorems, a fixed point theorem, and a coincidence theorem.

## 1. Introduction

The KKM theory of generalized convex spaces (or  $G$ -convex spaces) has been developed mainly by the second author and followed by a number of other authors; for the literature, see the references at the end of the present paper.

In this paper, our main aims are to improve one of our earlier results [11, Theorem 11] and to obtain some of its applications. In fact, let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a Hausdorff space, and  $G : D \multimap Y$  an open-valued multimap. If an admissible map  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y)$  (due to Park [2-4]) satisfies  $F(A) \subset G(A)$  for all finite subset  $A$  of  $D$ , then the family  $\{G(z)\}_{z \in D}$  of values of  $G$  has the finite intersection property. In [11], this was proved under the restriction that  $Y$  is  $T_1$  and regular.

Section 2 deals with preliminaries taken from a recent work of the second author [9]. In Section 3, we prove our main result and apply it to obtain a generalized form of a KKM theorem, matching theorems for closed [resp. open] valued multimaps, a fixed point theorem, and a coincidence theorem.

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## 2. The KKM theorem for $G$ -convex spaces

A *multimap* (or simply, a *map*)  $F : X \multimap Y$  is a function from a set  $X$  into the power set of  $Y$ ; that is, a function with the *values*  $F(x) \subset Y$  for  $x \in X$  and the *fibers*  $F^{-}(y) := \{x \in X \mid y \in F(x)\}$  for  $y \in Y$ . For  $A \subset X$ , let  $F(A) := \bigcup \{F(x) \mid x \in A\}$ . Throughout this paper, we assume that multimaps have nonempty values otherwise explicitly stated or obvious from the context.

For topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , a multimap  $F : X \multimap Y$  is said to be *upper semicontinuous* (u.s.c.) [resp. *lower semicontinuous* (l.s.c.)] if for each closed [resp. open] set  $B \subset Y$ ,  $F^{-}(B) := \{x \in X \mid F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$  is closed [resp. open] in  $X$ .

Let  $\langle D \rangle$  denote the set of all nonempty finite subsets of a set  $D$ .

A *generalized convex space* or a  *$G$ -convex space*  $(X, D; \cdot)$  consists of a topological space  $X$ , a nonempty set  $D$ , and a multimap  $\cdot : \langle D \rangle \multimap X$  such that for each  $A \in \langle D \rangle$  with its cardinal  $|A| = n + 1$ , there exists a continuous function  $\phi_A : \Delta_n \rightarrow A := (\cdot A)$  such that  $J \in \langle A \rangle$  implies  $\phi_A(\Delta_J) \subset \Delta_J := (\cdot J)$ . In certain cases, we may assume  $\phi_A(\Delta_n) = A$ .

Note that  $\Delta_n$  is an  $n$ -simplex with vertices  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n$ , and  $\Delta_J$  the face of  $\Delta_n$  corresponding to  $J \in \langle A \rangle$ ; that is, if  $A = \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $J = \{a_{i_0}, a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_k}\} \subset A$ , then  $\Delta_J = \text{co}\{v_{i_0}, v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k}\}$ .

In case to emphasize  $X \supset D$ ,  $(X, D; \cdot)$  will be denoted by  $(X \supset D; \cdot)$ .

For a  $G$ -convex space  $(X \supset D; \cdot)$ , a subset  $Y \subset X$  is said to be  *$G$ -convex* if for each  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ ,  $N \subset Y$  implies  $\Delta_N \subset Y$ .

Examples of  $G$ -convex spaces can be found in [5, 6, 8] and references therein.

For a  $G$ -convex space  $(X, D; \cdot)$ , a multimap  $F : D \multimap X$  is called a *KKM map* if

$$\Delta_N \subset F(N) \quad \text{for each } N \in \langle D \rangle.$$

The following is a KKM theorem for  $G$ -convex spaces [5, 6]:

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $(X, D; \cdot)$  be a  $G$ -convex space and  $F : D \multimap X$  a map such that*

- (1)  $F$  has closed [resp. open] values; and
- (2)  $F$  is a KKM map.

*Then  $\{F(z)\}_{z \in D}$  has the finite intersection property.*

*Further, if*

- (3)  $\bigcap_{z \in M} \overline{F(z)}$  is compact for some  $M \in \langle D \rangle$ ,

then we have

$$\bigcap_{z \in D} \overline{F(z)} \neq \emptyset.$$

REMARK. There have appeared several variations of Theorem 2.1; see [6, 12].

Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space and  $Y$  a topological space. A multimap  $F : X \multimap Y$  is said to have *the KKM property* if, for any map  $G : D \multimap Y$  with closed [resp. open] values satisfying

$$F(A) \subset G(A) \quad \text{for all } A \in \langle D \rangle,$$

the family  $\{G(z)\}_{z \in D}$  has the finite intersection property. We denote

$$\mathfrak{K}(X, Y) := \{F : X \multimap Y \mid F \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

Some authors use the notation  $KKM(X, Y)$ . Note that  $1_X \in \mathfrak{K}(X, X)$  by Theorem 2.1. Moreover, if  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous single-valued map or if  $F : X \multimap Y$  has a continuous selection, then it is easy to check that  $F \in \mathfrak{K}(X, Y)$ . Note that there are many known selection theorems due to Michael and others.

From now on,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$  denote  $\mathfrak{K}$  the class  $\mathfrak{K}$  for closed-valued maps  $G$ , and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{O}$  for open-valued maps  $G$ .

From Theorem 2.1, we derived the following basic coincidence theorem in [7]:

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a topological space,  $S : D \multimap Y$ ,  $T : X \multimap Y$ , and  $F \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(X, Y)$ . Suppose that*

- (1)  $S$  has open values;
- (2) for each  $y \in F(X)$ ,  $M \in \langle S^-(y) \rangle$  implies  $M \subset T^-(y)$ ; and
- (3)  $\overline{F(X)} \subset S(N)$  for some  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ .

Then  $F$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point  $x_* \in X$ ; that is,  $F(x_*) \cap T(x_*) \neq \emptyset$ .

Theorem 2.2 is applied in [7] to the Fan–Browder theorem,  $\omega$ -spaces, and  $\omega$ -connected spaces.

Similarly, for the class  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{O}(X, Y)$ , we have the following basic coincidence theorem in [9]:

**THEOREM 2.2'.** *Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a topological space,  $S : D \multimap Y$ ,  $T : X \multimap Y$ , and  $F \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{O}(X, Y)$ . Suppose that*

- (1)  $S$  has closed values;
- (2) for each  $y \in F(X)$ ,  $M \in \langle S^-(y) \rangle$  implies  $M \subset T^-(y)$ ; and
- (3)  $Y = S(N)$  for some  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ .

Then  $F$  and  $T$  have a coincidence point  $x_* \in X$ ; that is,  $F(x_*) \cap T(x_*) \neq \emptyset$ .

REMARK. It would be possible to replace the class  $\mathfrak{K}$  in this paper by the so-called  $S$ -KKM class introduced by some authors. However, we will not do this in the present paper.

By putting  $X = Y$  and  $F = 1_X$  in Theorems 2.2 and 2.2', we have a general form of the Fan–Browder theorem for  $G$ -convex spaces:

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space, and  $S : D \multimap X$ ,  $T : X \multimap X$  two maps satisfying

- (1) for each  $z \in D$ ,  $S(z)$  is open [resp. closed];
- (2) for each  $y \in X$ ,  $M \in \langle S^-(y) \rangle$  implies  $M \subset T^-(y)$ ; and
- (3)  $X = S(N)$  for some  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ .

Then  $T$  has a xed point  $x_0 \in X$ ; that is,  $x_0 \in T(x_0)$ .

Theorem 2.3 is obtained in [7] and applied to various forms of the Fan–Browder theorem, the Ky Fan intersection theorem, and the Nash equilibrium theorem for  $G$ -convex spaces.

From Theorem 2.3, we deduced the following in [9]:

THEOREM 2.3'. Let  $(X \supset D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space and  $A : X \multimap X$  be a multimap such that  $A(x)$  is  $-$ convex for each  $x \in X$ . If there exist  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n \in D$  and nonempty open [resp. closed] subsets  $G_i \subset A^-(z_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i$ , then  $A$  has a xed point.

A *polytope* is a nite dimensional compact convex subset of a t.v.s. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. An *admissible class*  $\mathfrak{A}_c^k(X, Y)$  of maps  $T : X \multimap Y$  is one such that, for each compact subset  $K$  of  $X$ , there exists a map  $S \in \mathfrak{A}_c(K, Y)$  satisfying  $S(x) \subset T(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ ; where  $\mathfrak{A}_c$  is consisting of nite composites of maps in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , and  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a class of maps satisfying the following properties:

- (i)  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains the class  $\mathbb{C}$  of (single-valued) continuous functions;
- (ii) each  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c$  is upper semicontinuous and compact-valued; and
- (iii) for each polytope  $P$ , each  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c(P, P)$  has a xed point, where the intermediate spaces of composites are suitably chosen for each  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Examples of  $\mathfrak{A}$  are continuous functions  $\mathbb{C}$ , the Kakutani maps  $\mathbb{K}$  (with convex values and codomains are convex spaces), the Aronszajn maps  $\mathbb{M}$  (with  $R_\delta$  values), the acyclic maps  $\mathbb{V}$  (with acyclic values), the Powers maps  $\mathbb{V}_c$ , the O'Neil maps  $\mathbb{N}$  (continuous with values of one

or  $m$  acyclic components, where  $m$  is fixed), the approachable maps  $\mathbb{A}$  (whose domains and codomains are subsets of uniform spaces), admissible maps of Grniewicz,  $\sigma$ -selectional maps of Haddad and Lasry, permissible maps of Dzedzej, and others. Further,  $\mathbb{K}_c^+$  due to Lassonde,  $\mathbb{V}_c^+$  due to Park *et al.*, and approximable maps  $\mathbb{A}^\kappa$  due to Ben-El-Mechaiekh and Idzik are examples of  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa$ . For the literature, see [2-4]. Many other careless authors mistook  $\mathfrak{A}$  for  $\mathcal{U}$ .

LEMMA 2.4. *Let  $(X, D; \cdot)$  be a  $G$ -convex space and  $Y$  a Hausdorff space. Then  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y) \subset \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(X, Y)$ .*

This is given as [11, Corollary]. In the same paper, we showed that  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y) \subset \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$  whenever  $Y$  is  $T_1$  regular [11, Theorem 11] in view of the following [11, Lemma]:

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $(X, D; \cdot)$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $|D| = n + 1$ ,  $Y$  a regular space, and  $F : X \multimap Y$  a compact-valued u.s.c. map. If  $G : D \multimap Y$  is an open-valued map such that*

- (1) *for each  $J \in \langle D \rangle$ ,  $F(\cdot_J) \subset G(J)$  [or  $F(\phi_D(\cdot_J)) \subset G(J)$ ];*

*then there is a closed-valued map  $H : D \multimap Y$  such that  $H(x) \subset G(x)$  for all  $x \in D$ ; and*

- (2)  *$F(\phi_D(\cdot_J)) \subset H(J)$  for each  $J \subset D$ ;*

*where  $\cdot_J$  is the face of  $\cdot_n$  corresponding to  $J$  and  $\phi_D : \cdot_n \rightarrow \cdot_D$  a continuous map such that  $\phi_D(\cdot_J) \subset \cdot_J$ .*

In [11], it was assumed thoroughly that  $D \subset X$ , which is now redundant in our present definition of  $(X, D; \cdot)$ .

### 3. Main results

Now we show that regularity of  $Y$  in [11, Theorem 11] can be eliminated, or that  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$  can be replaced by  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  in Lemma 2.4, as follows:

THEOREM 3.1. *Let  $(X, D; \cdot)$  be a  $G$ -convex space and  $Y$  a Hausdorff space. Then  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y) \subset \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y)$  and  $G : D \multimap Y$  an open-valued multimap satisfying  $F(\cdot_A) \subset G(A)$  for all  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ . Let  $A$  have  $n + 1$  elements. Then  $\phi_A(\cdot_n) \subset \cdot_A$ , where  $\phi_A : \cdot_n \rightarrow \cdot_A$  is a continuous function such that  $J \in \langle A \rangle$  implies  $\phi_A(\cdot_J) \subset \cdot_J$  in the definition of  $G$ -convex spaces. Since  $\phi_A(\cdot_n)$  is compact and  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y)$ , there exists a map  $F' \in \mathfrak{A}_c(\phi_A(\cdot_n), Y)$  such that  $F'(x) \subset F(x)$  for  $x \in \phi_A(\cdot_n)$ . Note that

$F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle)) \subset F(\langle A \rangle) \subset G(A)$ . Since  $F'$  is u.s.c. and compact-valued,  $F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle))$  is Hausdorff and compact, hence is normal and regular. Moreover,

$$F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle)) \subset \bigcup_{a \in A} G(a) \cap F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle)) = G'(A),$$

where  $G' : A \multimap F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle))$  is dened by  $G'(a) := G(a) \cap F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle))$  for all  $a \in A$ . Note that  $G'$  has (relatively) open values such that, for each  $J \in \langle A \rangle$ ,

$$F'(\phi_A(\langle J \rangle)) \subset F(\langle J \rangle) \subset G(J) \Rightarrow F'(\phi_A(\langle J \rangle)) \subset G'(J).$$

Define a map  $\psi : \langle A \rangle \multimap \phi_A(\langle n \rangle)$  by  $\psi(J) := \phi_A(\langle J \rangle)$  for each  $J \in \langle A \rangle$ . Then  $(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle), A; \psi)$  is a  $G$ -convex space. Therefore, by Lemma 2.5, there is a closed-valued map  $H : A \multimap F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle))$  such that  $H(a) \subset G'(a)$  for all  $a \in A$  and

$$F'(\phi_A(\langle J \rangle)) \subset H(J) \text{ for each } J \in \langle A \rangle.$$

Note that  $F'\phi_A \in \mathfrak{A}_c(\langle n, F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle)) \rangle) \subset \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(\langle n, F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle)) \rangle)$  and hence, by the definition of the class  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\{H(a)\}_{a \in A}$  has the finite intersection property. Since

$$\emptyset \neq \bigcap_{a \in A} H(a) \subset \bigcap_{a \in A} G'(a) = [\bigcap_{a \in A} G(a)] \cap F'(\phi_A(\langle n \rangle)),$$

we conclude that  $\bigcap_{a \in A} G(a) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $A \in \langle D \rangle$  is arbitrary,  $\{G(z)\}_{z \in D}$  has the finite intersection property. Therefore, we conclude that  $F \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$ .  $\square$

Theorem 3.1 can be restated as follows:

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $(X, D; \cdot)$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a Hausdorff space,  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^k(X, Y)$ , and  $G : D \multimap Y$  such that*

- (1) *for each  $x \in D$ ,  $G(x)$  is open; and*
- (2) *for any  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ ,  $F(\langle N \rangle) \subset G(N)$ .*

*Then  $\{G(x) \mid x \in D\}$  has the finite intersection property.*

Theorem 3.2 improves [11, Theorem 11], where  $Y$  is assumed to be  $T_1$  and regular.

Some of other results in earlier works of the authors mentioned in the end of [11, Theorem 11] can be also improved. For example, a KKM type theorem [10, Theorem 6] can be stated as follows:

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ ,  $Y$  a topological space,  $G : A \multimap Y$  a map, and  $F \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$ . Suppose that*

- (1) *for each  $x \in A$ ,  $G(x)$  is open in  $Y$ ; and*
- (2) *for any  $N \in \langle A \rangle$ ,  $F( N) \subset G(N)$ .*

*Then  $F( A) \cap \bigcap \{G(a) \mid a \in A\} \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose the conclusion does not hold. Then  $F( A) \subset S(A)$  where  $S(x) = F( A) \setminus G(x)$  for  $x \in A$ . Define a map  $' : A \multimap A$  by  $'(J) := J \cap A$  for each  $J \in \langle A \rangle$ , then  $(A, A; ')$  is a  $G$ -convex space. Then conditions (1) and (3) in Theorem 2.2' are satisfied for  $((A, A; ')$ ,  $F( A))$  instead of  $((X, D; )$ ,  $Y)$ . Let  $H : F( A) \multimap A$  and  $T : A \multimap F( A)$  be defined by  $H(y) := \bigcup \{ 'M \mid M \in \langle S^-(y) \rangle \}$  for  $y \in F( A)$  and  $T(x) := H^-(x)$  for  $x \in A$ . Then (2) in Theorem 2.2' is satisfied, hence  $T$  and  $F$  have a coincidence point  $x_0 \in A$ ; that is,  $T(x_0) \cap F(x_0) \neq \emptyset$ . For  $y \in T(x_0) \cap F(x_0)$ , we have  $x_0 \in T^-(y) = \bigcup \{ 'M \mid M \in \langle S^-(y) \rangle \}$ , and hence there exists a finite set  $M \subset S^-(y) \subset A$  such that  $x_0 \in 'M$ . Since  $M \in \langle S^-(y) \rangle$  implies  $y \in S(x)$  for all  $x \in M$ , we have  $y \in F(x_0) \cap \bigcap \{S(x) \mid x \in M\}$ . Therefore,  $\emptyset \neq F( 'M) \cap \bigcap \{S(x) \mid x \in M\} \subset F( M) \cap \bigcap \{S(x) \mid x \in M\}$ ; that is,  $F( M) \not\subset G(M)$ . This contradicts (2). This completes our proof.  $\square$

The following is a matching theorem:

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a topological space,  $F \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$ , and  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ . Let  $S : A \multimap Y$  be a map such that*

- (1)  *$S$  has closed values; and*
- (2)  *$S(A) = Y$ .*

*Then there exists a  $B \in \langle A \rangle$  such that  $F( B) \cap \bigcap \{S(b) \mid b \in B\} \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that the conclusion does not hold. Define a map  $G : A \multimap Y$  by  $G(a) := Y \setminus S(a)$  for  $a \in A$ . Then each  $G(a)$  is open and for each  $B \in \langle A \rangle$ ,

$$F( B) \subset \bigcup_{b \in B} Y \setminus S(b) = \bigcup_{b \in B} G(b) = G(B).$$

Since  $F \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(X, Y)$ , the family  $\{G(a)\}_{a \in A}$  has the finite intersection property. Therefore  $\bigcap \{G(a) \mid a \in A\} \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $S(A) \neq Y$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

REMARK. A particular form of Theorem 3.4 is given by Balaj [1, Lemma 1].

We have another matching theorem:

THEOREM 3.4'. Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a topological space,  $F \in \mathfrak{RC}(X, Y)$ , and  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ . Let  $T : A \multimap Y$  be a map such that

- (1)  $T$  has open values; and
- (2)  $T(A) = Y$ .

Then there exists  $B \in \langle A \rangle$  such that  $F( B) \cap \bigcap \{T(b) \mid b \in B\} \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that the conclusion does not hold. Dene a map  $G : A \multimap Y$  by  $G(a) := Y \setminus T(a)$  for  $a \in A$ . Then each  $G(a)$  is closed and, for each  $B \in \langle A \rangle$ ,

$$F( B) \subset \bigcup_{b \in B} Y \setminus T(b) = \bigcup_{b \in B} G(b) = G(B).$$

Since  $F \in \mathfrak{RC}(X, Y)$ , the family  $\{G(a)\}_{a \in A}$  has the finite intersection property. Therefore,  $\bigcap \{G(a) \mid a \in A\} \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $T(A) \neq Y$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

REMARK. Note that Theorem 3.4' generalizes a result of Balaj [1, Lemma 7], which is a particular case of Theorem 3.4' for  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y)$ ,  $X = D = Y$  and  $F = 1_X$ .

The following is a new type of fixed point theorems:

THEOREM 3.5. Let  $(X, D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Y$  a topological space,  $F \in \mathfrak{RD}(X, Y)$ , and  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ . Let  $G : A \multimap Y$  and  $T : Y \multimap Y$  be two maps. Suppose that

- (1)  $F( B) \subset G(B)$  for each  $B \in \langle A \rangle$ ;
- (2) for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $T(y) \supset G(x)$  for some  $x \in A$ ; and
- (3) for each  $z \in G(A)$ ,  $T^-(z)$  is closed.

Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Dene  $S : A \multimap Y$  by

$$S(x) := \{y \in Y \mid G(x) \subset T(y)\} \text{ for } x \in A.$$

Then

$$S(x) = \{y \in Y \mid y \in T^-(z) \text{ for all } z \in G(x)\} = \bigcap_{z \in G(x)} T^-(z)$$



and hence each  $S(x)$  is closed by (3). Moreover, for each  $y \in Y$ , there is an  $x \in A$  such that  $G(x) \subset T(y)$  by (2), and hence  $y \in S(x)$ . This shows  $Y = S(A)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 3.4, there exist a  $B \in \langle A \rangle$  and a  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $y_0 \in F(B) \subset G(B)$  and  $y_0 \in S(b)$  for all  $b \in B$ . This implies  $G(B) \subset T(y_0)$  and hence  $y_0 \in F(B) \subset G(B) \subset T(y_0)$ .  $\square$

REMARK. Note that Balaj [1, Theorem 2] is Theorem 3.5 for a  $T_1$  regular space  $Y$  and  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^k(X, Y)$ . From Theorem 3.5, we can also improve [1, Theorems 3, 4, 6 and Corollary 5].

Finally, in this section, we give a simple proof of the following generalization of a coincidence theorem in Balaj [1, Theorem 8]:

THEOREM 3.6. *Let  $(X \supset D; )$  be a  $G$ -convex space,  $Z$  a nonempty set, and  $F, T : X \multimap Z$  two maps such that*

- (1) *for each  $y \in X$ , the set  $\{x \in X \mid F(x) \cap T(y) \neq \emptyset\}$  is  $\text{-convex}$ ;*
- (2) *for each  $z \in F(X)$ ,  $T^-(z)$  is open; and*
- (3)  *$X = \bigcup_{x \in N} \{y \in X \mid F(x) \cap T(y) \neq \emptyset\}$  for some  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ .*

*Then there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap T(x_0) \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Define a map  $G : X \multimap X$  by

$$G(y) := \{x \in X \mid F(x) \cap T(y) \neq \emptyset\} \text{ for } y \in X.$$

Then each  $G(y)$  is  $\text{-convex}$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} G^-(x) &= \{y \in X \mid F(x) \cap T(y) \neq \emptyset\} \\ &= \{y \in X \mid y \in T^-(z) \text{ for some } z \in F(x)\} \\ &= \bigcup_{z \in F(x)} T^-(z) \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in X$ . Then  $G^-(x)$  is open as a union of open sets. By (3),  $G^-(N) = X$  for some  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ . Therefore, by the Fan-Browder fixed point theorem for a  $G$ -convex spaces (Theorems 2.3 and 2.3'),  $G$  has a fixed point  $x_0 \in X$ ; that is,  $F(x_0) \cap T(x_0) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

REMARK. The other results in [1, Theorems 9 and 10] are simple consequences of Theorem 3.6.

We note that our new results may have a large number of particular cases because of the abstract nature of the generalized convex space theory, and the readers could easily find such cases.

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