

**THE BEST APPROXIMATION AND AN  
EXTENSION OF A FIXED POINT  
THEOREM OF F.E. BROWDER**

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**ABSTRACT** In this paper, the KKM principle has been used to obtain a theorem on the best approximation of a continuous function with respect to an affine map. The main result provides extensions of some well-known fixed point theorems.

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Let  $E$  be a locally convex topological vector space and  $C$  a non-empty subset of  $E$ . A mapping  $p : C \times E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a convex map iff for each fixed  $x \in C$ ,  $p(x, \cdot) : E \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a convex function. For  $x \in C$ , the inward set  $I_C(x) = \{x + r(y - x) : y \in C, r > 0\}$ . Browder [1] proved the following extension of the Schauder's fixed point theorem.

**THEOREM 1. (Browder).** *Let  $C$  be a compact, convex subset of  $E$  and  $f : C \rightarrow E$  a continuous map. If  $p : C \times E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous convex map satisfying*

*(1) for each  $x \neq f(x)$ , there exists a  $y \in I_C(x)$  with  $p(x, f(x) - y) < p(x, f(x) - x)$ , then  $f$  has a fixed point.*

It may be stated that the importance of Theorem 1 stems from  $p$  being a continuous convex map instead of a continuous seminorm on  $E$ . In this paper, we use the KKM principle to obtain a result on the 'best approximation' that yields Theorem 1 with relaxed hypothesis on compactness.

Let  $X$  be a non-empty subset of  $E$ . Recall that a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^E$  is a KKM map if  $F(x) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $x \in X$ , and for any finite subset  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq X$ ,  $C_0(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(x_i)$  :  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where  $C_0(A)$  denotes the convex hull of  $A$ . Observe that if  $F$  is a KKM map, then  $x \in F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ .

It is shown by Fan [2] that if  $F : X \rightarrow 2^E$  is a closed valued KKM map, then the family  $\{F(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property.

As an immediate consequence of the above result, we have:

**LEMMA 2.** *If  $X$  is a non-empty compact, convex subset of  $E$  and  $F : X \rightarrow 2^E$  is a closed valued KKM map, then  $\bigcap \{F(x) : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ .*

**PROOF.** Define a map  $G : X \rightarrow 2^X$  by

$$G(x) = F(x) \cap X.$$

Then  $G(x)$  is a nonempty compact subset of  $X$  and  $G$  is a KKM map. Consequently, by [2],  $\{G(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. Since  $X$  is compact, it follows that  $\cap\{G(x) : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ , and hence,  $\cap\{F(x) : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

The following lemma is essentially due to Kim [3]. We give a proof for completeness.

**Note:** In the following,  $C_0(A)$ : stands for the closed convex hull of  $A$ .

**LEMMA 3.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are compact, convex subsets of  $E$ , then  $C_0(A \cup B)$  is a compact, convex subset of  $E$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $A$  and  $B$  are convex, it follows  $C_0(A \cup B) = \{\lambda x + \mu y : x \in A, y \in B, \lambda, \mu \in [0, 1] \text{ and } \lambda + \mu = 1\}$ . Clearly,  $C_0(A \cup B)$  is a closed and convex subset of  $E$ . To show that  $C_0(A \cup B)$  is compact, let  $C = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times A \times B$  and  $D = \{\lambda x + \mu y : x \in A, y \in B, \lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]\}$ . Then  $C$  is a compact subset of  $Y = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times E \times E$  in the product topology on  $Y$ . Further, the mapping  $f : Y \rightarrow E$  defined by  $f(\lambda, \mu, x, y) = \lambda x + \mu y$  being continuous, it follows that  $D = f(C)$  is a compact subset of  $E$  and, hence,  $C_0(A \cup B) \subseteq D$  is compact.  $\square$

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $X$  be a non-empty convex subset of  $E$  and  $F : X \rightarrow 2^E$  a closed valued KKM map. If there exists a compact, convex set  $S \subseteq X$  such that  $\cap\{F(x) : x \in S\}$  is non-empty and compact, then  $\cap\{F(x) : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $C = \cap\{F(x) : x \in S\}$ . Then  $C$  is non-empty and a compact subset of  $E$ . To prove the lemma, it suffices to show that the family  $\{F(x) \cap C : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. To prove this, let  $A$  be a finite subset of  $X$ . Then  $C_0(A)$  is compact and by Lemma 3,  $D = C_0(S \cup C_0(A))$  is a compact and convex subset of  $X$ . Consequently, by Lemma 2,  $\cap\{F(x) : x \in D\} \neq \emptyset$ . This implies that  $\cap\{F(x) \cap C : x \in A\} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,  $\{F(x) \cap C : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. Since  $C$  is compact and  $F(x)$  is closed for each  $x \in X$ , it follows that  $\cap\{F(x) \cap C : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ . This implies that  $\cap\{F(x) : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $X$  be a non-empty convex subset of  $E$  and  $p : X \times E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a convex map. A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is a  $p$ -affine map iff for each triple  $\{x, x_1, x_2\} \subseteq X, y \in E$ , and  $\lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + \mu = 1$ ,

$$p(x, y - g(\lambda x_1 + \mu x_2)) \leq \max\{p(x, y - g(x_i)) : i = 1, 2\}.$$

**Note:** If  $g$  is linear or affine in the sense of Prolla [4], then  $p$  being convex, it follows that  $g$  is  $p$ -affine in the above sense. It is immediate that if  $g$  is  $p$ -affine, then for any finite set  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq X$  and  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$ ,

$$p(x, y - g(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i)) \leq \max\{p(x, y - g(x_i)) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

for each  $x \in X, y \in E$ .  $\square$

The following is the main result of this paper.

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $X$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $E$  and  $p : X \times E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a continuous convex map. Let  $f : X \rightarrow E$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be continuous mappings with  $g$   $p$ -affine. Suppose there exist a compact, convex set  $S \subseteq X$  and a compact set  $K \subseteq X$  such that*

(2) *for each  $y \in X \setminus K$  there exists an  $x \in S$  such that  $p(y, f(y) - g(y)) > p(y, f(y) - g(x))$ . Then there exists a  $u \in X$  that satisfies*

(3)  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = \inf\{p(u, f(u) - g(x)) : x \in X\} = \inf\{p(u, f(y) - z) : z \in cl I_X(g(u))\}$ .

**PROOF.** We first prove the left equality. For this, we define a mapping  $G : X \rightarrow 2^X$  by

$$G(x) = \{y \in X : p(y, f(y) - g(y)) \leq p(y, f(y) - g(x))\}.$$

Clearly,  $x \in G(x)$  and it follows that  $G(x)$  is closed for each  $x \in X$ . We show that  $G$  is a KKM map. Let  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$ ,  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$ ,  $x_i \in X$  for each  $i$ . Suppose  $y \notin \cup\{G(x_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$p(y, f(y) - g(y)) > p(y, f(y) - g(x_i)).$$

This implies that  $p(y, f(y) - g(y)) = p(y, f(y) - g(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i)) \leq \max\{p(y, f(y) - g(x_i)), i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} < p(y, f(y) - g(y))$ . This inequality is impossible and, consequently,  $y \in \cup\{G(x_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , that is,  $G$  is a closed valued map. Now, since  $S$  is a compact convex subset of  $X$ , it follows by Lemma 2 that  $C = \cap\{G(x) : x \in S\}$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ . We show that  $C \subseteq K$ . Suppose  $y \in C$  and assume that  $y \in X \setminus K$ . Then by hypothesis there exists an  $x \in S$  such that  $p(y, f(y) - g(y)) > p(y, f(y) - g(x))$ . This implies that  $y \notin G(x)$  for an  $x \in S$  and, hence,  $y \notin C$ , contradicting the initial supposition. Thus,  $C \subseteq K$  and, hence,  $\cap\{G(x) : x \in S\}$  is a nonempty compact subset of  $K$ . Hence by Lemma 4,  $\cap\{G(x) : x \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ . If  $u \in \cap\{G(x) : x \in X\}$ , then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) \leq p(u, f(u) - g(x))$ . Further, since  $u \in X$ , it follows that  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = \inf\{p(u, f(u) - g(x)) : x \in X\}$ . This proves the first equality in (3). To prove right side of the equality in (3) we first show that for each  $z \in I_X(g(u)) \setminus X$ ,  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) \leq p(u, f(u) - z)$ . Now  $z \in I_X(g(u)) \setminus X$  implies that there is a  $y \in X$  and  $r > 1$  such that  $y = \frac{1}{r}z + (1 - \frac{1}{r})g(u)$ . Hence, by the first equality and  $p$  being convex, it follows that  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) \leq p(u, f(u) - y) \leq \frac{1}{r}p(u, f(u) - z) + (1 - \frac{1}{r})p(u, f(u) - g(u))$ , that is,  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) \leq p(u, f(u) - z)$  for each  $z \in I_X(g(u)) \setminus X$ . Since the last inequality is also true for any  $z \in X$ , it follows that  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) \leq p(u, f(u) - z)$  for each  $z \in I_X(g(u))$ . Further, since the functions  $f, g$ , and  $p$  are continuous and  $g(u) \in I_X(g(u))$ , it follows that  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = \inf\{p(u, f(u) - z) : z \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(u)))\}$ . This proves the second equality in (3).  $\square$

As a simple consequence of Theorem 2, we have

**COROLLARY 6.** *Suppose  $X$  is a compact, convex subset of  $E$ ,  $p : X \times E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a continuous convex function and  $f : X \rightarrow E$  a continuous function. Then for any continuous  $p$ -affine map  $g : X \rightarrow X$ , there exists a  $u \in X$  that satisfies (3). Further,*

- (i) if  $f(x) \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(x)))$  for each  $x \in X$  then  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = 0$ ,
- (ii) if for each  $x \in X$ , with  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  there exists a  $y \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(x)))$  such that  $p(x, f(x) - y) < p(x, f(x) - g(x))$ , then  $f(u) = g(u)$ .

**PROOF.** Set  $S = K = X$  in Theorem 5. Since  $X \setminus K = \emptyset$ , condition (2) in Theorem 5 is satisfied. Hence, there is a  $u \in X$ , that satisfies (3). Clearly, (i) implies  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = 0$ . To prove (ii), suppose  $f(u) \neq g(u)$ . Then by hypothesis  $p(u, f(u) - z) < p(u, f(u) - g(u))$  for some  $z \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(u)))$ . The last inequality contradicts (3). Hence,  $f(u) = g(u)$ .  $\square$

It may be remarked that if  $g$  is the identity mapping of  $X$ , then Corollary 6 yields Browder's Theorem 1 and also extends a recent result of Sehgal, Singh, and Gastl [5] if  $f$  therein is a single valued map.

For the next result, let  $\mathbf{P}$  denote the family of nonnegative continuous convex functions on  $X \times E$ . Note if  $p_1$  and  $p_2 \in \mathbf{P}$ , then so is  $p_1 + p_2$ . Also, if  $p$  is a continuous seminorm on  $E$ , then  $p$  generates a nonnegative continuous convex function on  $X \times E$  defined by  $\hat{p}(x, y) = p(y)$ . A mapping  $g : X \rightarrow X$  is  $\mathbf{P}$  affine if it is  $p$ -affine for each  $p \in \mathbf{P}$ .

The result below is an extension of an earlier result of Fan.

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $X$  be a compact, convex subset of  $E$  and  $f : X \rightarrow E$  a continuous function. Then for any continuous  $\mathbf{P}$  affine map  $g : X \rightarrow X$ ,*

- (4) either  $f(u) = g(u)$  for some  $u \in X$ ,

(5) or there exists a  $p \in \mathbf{P}$  and a  $u \in X$  with  $0 < p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = \inf\{p(u, f(u) - z) : z \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(u)))\}$ .

In particular, if  $f(x) \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(x)))$  for each  $x$ , then (5) holds.

**PROOF.** It follows by Theorem 5 that for each  $p \in \mathbf{P}$  there is a  $u = u_p \in X$  such that  $p(u, f(u) - gu) = \inf\{p(u, f(u) - z) : z \in \text{cl}(I_X(g(u)))\}$ . If for some  $p$ ,  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) > 0$ , then (5) is true. Suppose then,  $p(u_p, f(u_p) - g(u_p)) = 0$  for each  $p \in \mathbf{P}$ . Set  $A_p = \{u \in X : p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = 0\}$ . Then  $A_p$  is a nonempty compact subset of  $X$ . Furthermore, the family  $\{A_p : p \in \mathbf{P}\}$  has the finite intersection property. Consequently, there is a  $u \in X$  that satisfies

(6)  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) = 0$  for each  $p \in \mathbf{P}$ .

If  $f(u) \neq g(u)$ , then since  $E$  is separated, there exists a continuous seminorm  $p$  on  $E$  such that  $p(f(u) - g(u)) \neq 0$  and, hence,  $p(u, f(u) - g(u)) > 0$ , contradicting (6). Thus,  $f(u) = g(u)$ . Hence, (5) holds in the alternate case.  $\square$

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