



## FROM *KKM* CLASS TO $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ CLASS OF MULTIMAPS

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**ABSTRACT.** This is to give a short history of our multimap classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  in the KKM theory. We show that many authors adopted or imitated the inadequate definition of the KKM class due to Chang and Yen in 1996. We list such works in chronological order and also introduce other works which extended the class properly. Our study on such history will improve the KKM theory in the new millennium.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The KKM theory, first called by the author in 1992, is the study on applications of equivalent formulations or generalizations of the KKM theorem due to Knaster, Kuratowski, and Mazurkiewicz in 1929. The KKM theorem is one of the most well-known and important existence principles and provides the foundations for many of the modern essential results in diverse areas of mathematical sciences. Since the theorem and its many equivalent formulations or extensions are powerful tools in showing the existence of solutions of a lot of problems in pure and applied mathematics, many scholars have been studying its further extensions and applications.

The KKM theory was first devoted to convex subsets of topological vector spaces mainly by Ky Fan and Granas, and later to the so-called convex spaces by Lassonde, to  $c$ -spaces by Horvath and others, to  $G$ -convex spaces mainly by the present author. Since then a large number of authors introduced imitations, modifications, and generalizations of  $G$ -convex spaces and published hundreds of papers. Motivated by this, in 2006-09, we proposed new concepts of abstract convex spaces and partial

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KKM spaces which are proper generalizations of  $G$ -convex spaces and adequate to establish the KKM theory properly.

Now the KKM theory becomes the study of abstract convex spaces due to ourselves in 2006 and we obtained a large number of new results in such frame. For the history of the KKM theory, see our previous article [Park 2017]. Moreover, applications of the KKM theory to equilibrium theory, variational inequalities, best approximations, economic theory, and many others can be seen in the references therein.

More early, motivated our works, Chang and Yen [1996] introduced the so-called KKM class of multimaps. According to Google Scholar in 2022, more than 171 papers have quoted the paper, and we noticed that most of these papers adopted or imitated the inadequate definition of the KKM class. This is mainly because such authors were ignorant of the fact that *the KKM theorem also holds for open-valued KKM maps*. This was discovered by W. K. Kim [1987] and Shih and Tan [1987]. Motivated by this, in order to improve the KKM theory, we replaced the KKM class by the modern classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KD}$  of multimaps.

This survey article is to give a history of the multimap classes KKM and  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KD}$  in the KKM theory, and to let the readers know that the usage of KKM class is not adequate. We show that many authors adopted or imitated the inadequate definition of the KKM class due to Chang and Yen [1996]. We list such works in chronological order and also introduce other works which extended the class properly. Our study on such history will improve the KKM theory in the new millennium.

Section 2 deals with preliminaries on abstract convex spaces. In Section 3, we introduce a short history of our multimap classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KD}$ . Section 4 deals with the literature on the KKM class due to Chang and Yen [1996] and many of its modifications or imitations appeared mainly in the new millennium. In Section 5, we introduce some articles concerned with our multimap classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KD}$ . Finally, Section 6 deals with some conclusion.

## 2. PRELIMINARY ON ABSTRACT CONVEX SPACES

The following is given by Park [2006], where  $\langle D \rangle$  denotes the collection of nonempty finite subsets of a set  $D$ :

**Definition 2.1.** An *abstract convex space*  $(E, D; \Gamma)$  consists of a nonempty set  $E$ , a nonempty set  $D$ , and a multimap  $\Gamma : \langle D \rangle \multimap E$  with nonempty values. We may denote  $\Gamma_A := \Gamma(A)$  for  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ .

When  $D \subset E$ , the space is denoted by  $(E \supset D; \Gamma)$ . In such case, a subset  $X$  of  $E$  is said to be  $\Gamma$ -convex if, for any  $A \in \langle X \cap D \rangle$ , we have  $\Gamma_A \subset X$ . In case  $E = D$ , let  $(E; \Gamma) := (E, E; \Gamma)$ .

Later we always assumed that  $E$  is a topological space in an abstract convex space  $(E, D; \Gamma)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(E, D; \Gamma)$  be an abstract convex space and  $Z$  a set. For a multimap  $F : E \multimap Z$  with nonempty values, if a multimap  $G : D \multimap Z$  satisfies

$$F(\Gamma_A) \subset G(A) := \bigcup_{y \in A} G(y) \quad \text{for all } A \in \langle D \rangle,$$

then  $G$  is called a *KKM map* with respect to  $F$ . A *KKM map*  $G : D \multimap E$  is a KKM map with respect to the identity map  $1_E$ .

A multimap  $F : E \multimap Z$  is called a  $\mathfrak{K}$ -map if, for any KKM map  $G : D \multimap Z$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{G(y)\}_{y \in D}$  has the finite intersection property. We denote

$$\mathfrak{K}(E, Z) := \{F : E \multimap Z \mid F \text{ is a } \mathfrak{K}\text{-map}\}.$$

Similarly, when  $Z$  is a topological space, a  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ -map is defined for closed-valued maps  $G$ , and a  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ -map for open-valued maps  $G$ . In this case, we have

$$\mathfrak{K}(E, Z) \subset \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, Z) \cap \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(E, Z).$$

Note that if  $Z$  is discrete then three classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ , and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  are identical. Some authors use the notation  $\text{KKM}(E, Z)$  instead of  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, Z)$ .

From now on, in this section, we give examples of abstract convex spaces  $(E, D; G)$  in the chronological order. For the most of the examples, we have  $1_E \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, E)$  [or  $1_E \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(E, E)$ ].

1. If  $E = \Delta_n$  is an  $n$ -simplex,  $D$  is the set of its vertices,  $\Gamma = \text{co}$  is the convex hull operation, then the celebrated KKM principle [1929] says that  $1_E \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, E)$ . In this case, note that  $1_E \notin \mathfrak{K}(E, E)$ . A simple example for  $n = 1$  is as follows: Let  $\Delta_1 := [0, 1]$ ,  $D := \{0, 1\}$ , and  $G(0) := [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $G(1) := (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . Then  $G$  is a KKM map, but  $G(0) \cap G(1) = \emptyset$ .
2. If  $D$  is a nonempty subset of a topological vector space  $E$  (not necessarily Hausdorff), Fan's KKM lemma [1961] says that  $1_E \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, E)$ .
3. Let  $E$  be a topological vector space with a neighborhood system  $\mathcal{V}$  of its origin. A subset  $X$  of  $E$  is said to be *almost convex* [Jeng et al. 2006] if for any  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  and for any finite subset  $A := \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  of  $X$ , there exists a subset  $B := \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  of  $X$  such that  $y_i - x_i \in V$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\text{co} B \subset X$ . By choosing  $\Gamma_A := B$  for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $(X; \Gamma)$  becomes a  $G$ -convex space and hence an abstract convex space.
4. If  $X$  is a subset of a vector space,  $D \subset X$  such that  $\text{co} D \subset X$ , and each  $\Gamma_A$  is the convex hull of  $A \in \langle D \rangle$  equipped with the Euclidean topology, then  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  becomes a *convex space* generalizing the one due to Lassonde [1983]. Note that any convex subset of a t.v.s. is a convex space, but not conversely. For a convex space  $(X, \text{co})$ , Lassonde showed that  $1_X \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(X, X)$ .
5. In the same year, Kim [1989] and Shih and Tan [1989] showed that  $1_E \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(E, E)$  when  $E$  is an  $n$ -simplex. Therefore, in general, we have

$$\mathfrak{K}(E, E) \subsetneq \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, E) \cap \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}(E, E).$$

6. A well-known subclass of  $G$ -convex spaces due to Horvath [1987-1993] can be generalized as follows: A  $G$ -convex space  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  is called a *c-space* (or an *H-space*) if each  $\Gamma_A$  is  $\omega$ -connected (that is,  $n$ -connected for all  $n \geq 0$ ) and  $\Gamma_A \subset \Gamma_B$  for  $A \subset B$  in  $\langle D \rangle$ . For a  $c$ -space  $(X, \Gamma)$ , Horvath showed that  $1_X \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(X, X)$ . In particular, Khamsi [1996] obtained  $1_X \in \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(X, X)$  for a hyperconvex metric space  $X$ .
7. In early 1990's, the author [1993] introduced the admissible class  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y)$  of multimaps  $X \multimap Y$  between topological spaces and showed that this class is contained in the class  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(X, Y)$  when  $X$  is a convex space and  $Y$  is a Hausdorff space [1994]. Motivated by this, Chang and Yen [1996] defined the KKM class of maps on convex subsets of topological vector spaces, and further, Chang et al. [1999] extended the KKM-class to S-KKM class. On the other hand, the author extended the  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa$ -class to the 'better' admissible  $\mathfrak{B}$ -class on convex spaces, supplied a large number of examples, and showed that, in the class of compact closed multimaps from convex spaces

to Hausdorff spaces, two subclasses  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{RC}$  coincide [1997]. Moreover, H. Kim [2005] showed that two classes KKM and  $s$ -KKM of multimaps from a convex space into a topological space are identical whenever  $s$  is surjective [this is the only case  $S$ -KKM is slightly meaningful].

8. A *generalized convex space* or a *G-convex space*  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  consists of a topological space  $X$ , a nonempty set  $D$ , and a multimap  $\Gamma : \langle D \rangle \multimap X$  such that for each  $A \in \langle D \rangle$  with the cardinality  $|A| = n + 1$ , 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,  $\Delta_n$  is the standard  $n$ -simplex with vertices  $\{e_i\}_{i=0}^n$ , 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  $\Delta_J = \text{co}\{e_{i_0}, e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}\}$ . It is possible to assume  $\Gamma(A) = \phi_A(\Delta_n)$ . We may write  $\Gamma_A = \Gamma(A)$  for each  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ . In case  $X \supset D$ , the  $G$ -convex space is denoted by  $(X \supset D; \Gamma)$ .

For details on  $G$ -convex spaces, see Park [2000-2003] and Park et al. [1993-2005], where basic theory was extensively developed and lots of examples of  $G$ -convex spaces were given.

9. For a  $G$ -convex space  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  and a topological space  $Z$ , we defined the classes  $\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{RC}, \mathfrak{RD}$  of multimaps  $F : X \multimap Z$ , and showed that  $1_X \in \mathfrak{RC}(X, X) \cap \mathfrak{RD}(X, X)$ . Moreover, we noted that if  $F : X \rightarrow Z$  is a continuous single-valued map or if  $F : X \multimap Z$  has a continuous selection, then  $F \in \mathfrak{RC}(X, Z) \cap \mathfrak{RD}(X, Z)$ . Furthermore, for a Hausdorff space  $Z$ , it is shown that  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Z) \subset \mathfrak{RC}(X, Z) \cap \mathfrak{RD}(X, Z)$  by H. Kim and the author [2005].
10. Usually, a *convexity space*  $(E, \mathcal{C})$  in the classical sense consists of a nonempty set  $E$  and a family  $\mathcal{C}$  of subsets of  $E$  such that  $E$  itself is an element of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under arbitrary intersection. For details, see Sortan [1984], where the bibliography lists 283 papers. For any subset  $X \subset E$ , its *CC-convex hull* is defined and denoted by  $\text{Co}_\mathcal{C}X := \bigcap \{Y \in \mathcal{C} \mid X \subset Y\}$ . We say that  $X$  is *C-convex* if  $X = \text{Co}_\mathcal{C}X$ . Now we can consider the map  $\Gamma : \langle E \rangle \multimap E$  given by  $\Gamma_A := \text{Co}_\mathcal{C}A$ . Then  $(E, \mathcal{C})$  becomes our abstract convex space  $(E; \Gamma)$ .

Notice that our abstract convex space  $(E \supset D; \Gamma)$  becomes a convexity space  $(E, \mathcal{C})$  for the family  $\mathcal{C}$  of all  $\Gamma$ -convex subsets of  $E$ .

11. For any metric space  $(M, d)$ , Amini et al. [2005] introduced a convexity structure similar to the one for hyperconvex metric space; see Khamsi [1996]. They defined an  $\mathcal{NR}$ -metric space  $(M, d)$  and showed that, for any subadmissible subset  $X$  of  $M$ ,  $1_X \in \mathfrak{RC}(X, X)$  holds. Here, subadmissible subsets are simply  $\Gamma$ -convex subsets.

Recall that, for a  $G$ -convex space  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  and a Hausdorff space  $Y$ , Park and Kim [1997] showed that an acyclic map  $F : X \multimap Y$  or, more generally, a map  $F \in \mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa(X, Y)$  belongs to the class  $\mathfrak{RC}$ . Amini et al. [2005] repeatedly claimed that they obtained this result in 2005. More early in Park [1994], the result was obtained for convex spaces and this is the origin of the study of the so-called KKM-class of multimaps.

12. Imitating the original definition of  $S$ -KKM maps of Chang et al. [1999], Amini et al. [2007] defined the  $S$ -KKM class for a classical convexity space  $(X, \mathcal{C})$  with a nonempty set  $Z$  and a topological space  $Y$  as follows: If  $S : Z \multimap X$ ,  $F : X \multimap Y$ , and  $G : Z \multimap Y$  are three multimaps satisfying

$$F(\text{Co}_\mathcal{C}(S(A))) \subset G(A) \text{ for each } A \in \langle Z \rangle,$$

then  $G$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}$ - $S$ -KKM map with respect to  $F$ . If the map  $F : X \multimap Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any  $\mathcal{C}$ - $S$ -KKM map  $G$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{\overline{G(z)} \mid z \in Z\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $F$  is said to have the  $S$ -KKM property with respect to  $\mathcal{C}$ . Amini et al. defined  $S\text{-KKM}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z, X, Y) := \{F : X \multimap Y \mid F \text{ has the } S\text{-KKM property with respect to } \mathcal{C}\}$ .

It should be noted that, by putting  $\Gamma_A := \text{Co}_{\mathcal{C}}(S(A))$  for each  $A \in \langle Z \rangle$ ,  $S\text{-KKM}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z, X, Y)$  becomes simply  $\mathfrak{RC}(X, Y)$ . Therefore, it should be eliminated the  $S$ -KKM class.

13. There were many imitations, modifications, or fake extensions of  $G$ -convex spaces like the so-called  $L$ -spaces, spaces having property (H),  $M$ -spaces,  $MC$ -spaces,  $FC$ -space,  $GFC$ -space, simplicial spaces,  $FWC$ -spaces, etc. They were all destroyed now.

### 3. MULTIMAP CLASSES IN THE KKM THEORY

We already introduced certain broad classes  $\mathfrak{RD}$  and  $\mathfrak{RC}$  of maps in several papers; see Park [2018]. Note that  $\mathfrak{RC}$  includes the KKM class introduced by Chang and Yen [1996] as a special case. With these concepts, some coincidence theorems and fixed point theorems were proved in abstract convex spaces by ourselves; see Park [2018].

Subclasses of multimaps in the KKM theory were appeared as follows:

- 1929 identity function — KKM
- 1961 identity function — Fan
- 1989 continuous function — Park
- 1991 acyclic map — Shioji, Park
- 1993 admissible map  $\mathfrak{A}_c$  — Park
- 1994 admissible map  $\mathfrak{A}_c^{\kappa}$  — Park
- 1996 the class  $KKM$  — Chang and Yen
- 1997 better admissible map  $\mathfrak{B}$  — Park
- 1997 KKM family  $\mathfrak{K}$  — Park
- 1998  $\mathfrak{B}^{\kappa}$  — Park
- 2003  $\mathfrak{RC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{RD}$  — Park
- 2004  $\mathfrak{B}^p$  — Park

Recall that W. K. Kim [1987] and Shih and Tan [1987] discovered that the well-known KKM theorem in 1929 also holds for open-valued multimaps. This open-valued KKM theorem has been generalized to various types of abstract convex spaces by the present author. Consequently, we introduced multimap classes  $\mathfrak{RC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{RD}$  in 2003.

Mutual relations of the classes  $\mathfrak{A}_c^{\kappa}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{RC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{RD}$  depend on the nature of the related abstract convex spaces; see the previous works of Park in 2006–2021.

Even after we defined these classes, many authors imitated or adopted the class  $KKM$  for two decades. Most of their results are mere copies of the classical ones; see Park [2021].

### 4. ON THE KKM CLASS OF MULTIMAPS

In this section, we introduce several ones among 171 papers stated in Google Scholar in 2021. Key statements in each paper are quoted in their original expressions, and, in most cases, certain comments by the present author are added.

**Chang and Yen [1996] — JMAA203**

Assume that  $X$  is a convex subset of a linear space and  $Y$  is a topological space. If  $S, T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mappings such that  $T(\text{co}A) \subset SA$  for each finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then we call  $S$  a generalized KKM mapping w.r.t.  $T$ , where  $\text{co}A$  denotes the convex hull of  $A$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a set-valued mapping such that if  $S : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a generalized KKM mapping w.r.t.  $T$  then the family  $\{\overline{Sx} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property (where  $\overline{Sx}$  denotes the closure of  $Sx$ ), then we say that  $T$  has the KKM property. Denote  $\text{KKM}(X, Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the KKM property}\}$

**Remark 4.1.** Generalized KKM mappings were first introduced by Park [1989], and followed by some others.

*Comments:* Note that the KKM class contains the admissible class  $\mathfrak{A}_c^\kappa$  due to Park. Later, we denoted KKM class by  $\mathfrak{K}$  in [Park 1997] and, extended it to the classes  $\mathfrak{KC}$  and  $\mathfrak{KD}$  for abstract convex spaces; see Section 3 of the present paper.

Chang-Yen's paper has 171 citations (see Google Scholar in 2022) and many peoples still use their obsolete generalized KKM classes. In Section 2 we gave some examples in the new millennium.

Chang-Yen's definition of generalized KKM mapping seems to be not elegant, and works only for closed-valued maps. Recall that more early there have appeared open-valued KKM maps in 1987. This is why we defined the classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KC}$ ,  $\mathfrak{KD}$  later.

**Lin, Ko, and Park** [1998] — Discuss. Math. Diff. Incl. 18

In this paper, a set-valued map with G-KKM property is defined and a min-max theorem for set-valued maps with G-KKM property on G-convex space is established. As a consequence of these results we verify coincidence theorem for set-valued maps with G-KKM property on G-convex spaces. Finally, we apply our results to the best approximation problem and fixed point problem.

**Chang, Huang, Jeng, and Kuo** [1999] — JMAA229

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $Y$  a nonempty convex set of a linear space, and  $Z$  a topological space. If  $S : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$ , and  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Z$  are three multifunctions satisfying

$$T(\text{co}S(A)) \subseteq F(A)$$

for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized  $S$ -KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the multifunction  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized  $S$ -KKM mapping  $F$  with respect to  $T$  the family  $\{\overline{Fx} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $S$ -KKM property. The class  $S\text{-KKM}(X, Y, Z)$  is defined to be the set  $\{T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z : T \text{ has the } S\text{-KKM property}\}$

*Comments:* Note that  $F$  can be assumed closed-valued, and no consideration on open-valued mappings is given.

**Agarwal and O'Regan** [2002] — DSA21

We also discuss KKM maps in this paper. Here again  $X$  is a convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $S, T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set valued maps such that  $T(\text{co}(A)) \subseteq S(A)$  for each finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then we say  $S$  is a generalized KKM map w.r.t.  $T$ .  $T$  is said to have the KKM

property if for any generalized KKM w.r.t.  $T$  map  $S : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$ , the family

$$\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in X\}$$

has the finite intersection property. We let

$$KKM(X, Y) = \{T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y : T \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

*Comments:* The Hausdorffness is redundant and  $S$  can be assumed closed-valued, and no consideration on open-valued mappings is given. From now on we will not repeat such comments.

**Lin, Ansari, and Wu [2003] — JOTA117**

Let  $X$  be a convex space, and let  $Y$  be a Hausdorff topological space. If  $S, T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  are multivalued maps such that

$$T(\text{co}N) \subseteq S(N), \text{ for each } N \in \langle X \rangle,$$

then  $S$  is said to be generalized KKM mapping w.r.t.  $T$  (Chang-Yen [1996]). The multivalued map  $T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  is said to have the KKM property (Chang-Yen [1996]) if  $S : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  is a generalized KKM mapping w.r.t.  $T$  such that the family  $\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property.

**Chen, Chang, and Yen [2004] — JKMS41**

We generalized the KKM property to the following form for a nearly-convex set  $X$ . Assume that  $X$  is a nearly-convex subset of a linear space and  $Y$  is a topological space. If  $T, S : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mapping such that  $T(\text{co}A \cap X) \subseteq S(A)$  for each finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then we call  $S$  a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ , where  $\text{co}(A)$  denotes the convex hull of  $A$ . Let  $\overline{T} : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  be a set-valued KKM mapping with respect to  $T$  then the family  $\{\overline{Sx} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property (where  $\overline{Sx}$  denotes the closure of  $Sx$ ), then we say that  $T$  has the KKM property. Denote

$$KKM(X, Y) = \{T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the KKM property}\}$$

**Remark 4.3.** Generalized KKM mappings were first introduced by Park [1989], and followed by some others.

*Comments:* Note that the above is the same one to Chang-Yen [1996] just replacing a convex subset by a nearly-convex subset.

**Shahzad [2004] — NA56**

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $X$  be a convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $S, T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued maps such that  $T(\text{co}(A)) \subseteq S(A)$  for each finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then we say that  $S$  is a generalized KKM map w.r.t.  $T$ . The map  $T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y$  is said to have the KKM property if for any generalized KKM w.r.t.  $T$  map  $S$ , the family  $\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. We let

$$KKM(X, Y) = \{T : X \longrightarrow 2^Y : T \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

*Comments:* Similarly, the author defined generalized  $S$ -KKM map w.r.t. some  $T$ .

**Zafarani [2004] — Liège73**

Chang and Yen [1996] made a systematic study of the class of the KKM mappings: Let  $X$  be a nonempty convex subset of a topological vector space and  $Y$  a

topological space. If  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two multivalued maps such that for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $F(\text{co}(A)) \subseteq G(A)$ , then  $G$  is said to be a generalized KKM mapping respect to  $F$ . Let  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multivalued mapping such that if  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ , then the family  $\{\text{cl}G(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. In this case, we say that  $F$  has the KKM property. We define  $KKM(X, Y) = \{F : X \rightarrow 2^Y : F \text{ has the KKM property}\}$

*Comments:* Many results on the KKM theory on various types of spaces are introduced. Zafarani's  $\Gamma$ -convex spaces are motivated by our G-convex spaces and the same to our original abstract convex spaces in 2006. But he did not establish any theory on his spaces. He adopted a KKM theorem, a very particular form of our KKM theorems. Many terms in this paper are obsolete; for example, the KKM class, the  $S$ -KKM class, and the generalized  $S$ -KKM class belong to our  $\mathfrak{RC}$  class in our abstract convex space theory. Zafarani introduced NR-metric spaces, which generalize hyperconvex metric spaces and are G-convex spaces.

**Amini, Fakhar, and Zafarani [2005] — NA60**

Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space and  $X$  a subadmissible subset of  $M$ . A multifunction  $G : X \multimap M$  is called a KKM mapping, if for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $\text{co}(A) \subset G(A)$ . More generally, if  $Y$  is a topological space and  $G : X \multimap Y$ ,  $F : X \multimap Y$  are two multifunctions such that for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $F(\text{co}(A)) \subseteq G(A)$ , then  $G$  is called a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ . If the multifunction  $F : X \multimap Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized KKM mapping  $G : X \multimap Y$  with respect to  $F$  the family  $\{\text{cl}G(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $F$  is said to have the KKM property. We define

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

*Comments:* On the surface, this is a very nice paper. However, the authors adopted inadequate terminology of Chang-Yen. For example, the class of KKM type mappings is  $\mathfrak{RC}$  in our works.

**Fakhar and Zafarani [2005] — JOTA126**

Let  $X$  be a convex subset of a t.v.s.  $E$  and let  $Y$  be a topological space. If  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two multivalued mappings such that, for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $T(\text{co}A) \subseteq \Gamma(A)$ , then  $\Gamma$  is said to be a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multivalued mapping such that, if  $\Gamma : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ , then the family  $\{\text{cl}\Gamma(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property; in this case, we say that  $T$  has the KKM property. Denote

$$KKM(X, Y) := \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y : T \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

**Fakhar and Zafarani [2005a] — Belgium 12**

Let  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  be a G-convex space and  $Y$  be a topological space. A multivalued map  $F : D \rightarrow 2^X$  is called a KKM map if for each  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ ,  $\Gamma(A) \subset \bigcup_{x \in A} F(x)$ . More generally if  $G : D \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two multivalued maps such that for any  $A \in \langle D \rangle$ ,  $F(\Gamma(A)) \subseteq G(A)$ , then  $G$  is said to be a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ . Let  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multivalued mapping such that if  $G : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ , then the family

$\{clG(x) : x \in D\}$  has the finite intersection property. In this case we say that  $F$  has the KKM property. We define

$$\mathfrak{K}(X, Y) := \{F : X \rightarrow 2^Y : F \text{ has the generalized KKM property}\}.$$

When  $X$  is a convex subset of a topological vector space, the class  $\mathfrak{K}(X, Y)$  was introduced and studied by Chang and Yen [1996]. This concept is further extended to G-convex spaces by Lin, Ko, and Park [1998].

*Comments:* The notation  $\mathfrak{K}$  was originally introduced by Park in 1997.

#### H. Kim [2005] — NA63

Let  $X$  be a convex subset of a vector space and  $Y$  a topological space. In 1996, Chang and Yen defined the following: A multimap  $T : X \multimap Y$  is said to have the KKM property if, for any map  $F : X \multimap Y$  with closed values satisfying

$$T(\text{co}N) \subset F(N) \text{ for all } N \in \langle X \rangle X,$$

the family  $\{F(x)\}_{x \in X}$  has the finite intersection property. We denote  $\text{KKM}(X, Y) := \{T : X \multimap Y \mid T \text{ has the KKM property}\}$ .

*Comments:* This is the first paper assuming closed-valued multimaps  $F$  in KKM.

#### Chen [2006] — JMAA323

*Comments:* Motivated by Amimi-Fakhar-Zafarni [2005], Chen established some fixed point theorems with domain as a nearly-subadmissible subset of a complete metric space  $(M, d)$  for a  $k$ -set contraction map, which does not need to be a compact map. He also deduces a generalization of the approximate fixed point theorem for the lower semicontinuous mappings on a metric space.

He defines a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ , a slightly modified definition of Chang-Yen [1996].

The main result is the following fixed point theorem for the  $k$ -set contraction.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(M, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $X$  be a nonempty bounded nearly subadmissible subset of  $M$ . If  $T \in \text{KKM}(X, X)$  is a  $k$ -set contraction,  $0 < k < 1$  and closed with  $T(X) \subset X$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $X$ .*

Since the KKM families  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  were introduced in 2003,  $\text{KKM}(X, X)$  can be replaced by more correct  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ .

Recall that any article adopting or imitating the  $\text{KKM}$  class of Chang-Yen [1996] is obsolete.

#### Jeng, Hsu, and Huang [2006]— JMAA319

Similar to Chang-Yen [1996] we now extend the concept of generalized KKM mapping in the following manner.

**Definition 4.5.** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are two nonempty subsets of a linear space  $E$ , and  $T, F : X \multimap Y$ . We say that  $F$  is a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$  if for any  $A = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$  there is  $B = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$  satisfying

- (a)  $\text{co}(B) \subseteq X$ , and
- (b)  $T(\text{co}\{y_i : i \in I\}) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} F(x_i)$  for any nonempty subset  $I$  of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

**Definition 4.6.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two nonempty subsets of a topological vector space  $E$ . If a multifunction  $T : X \multimap Y$  satisfies that for any generalized KKM mapping  $F : X \multimap Y$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{F(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the KKM property. The class

$\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  is defined to be the set

$$\{T : X \multimap Y : T \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

**Kuo, Huang, Jeng, and Shih** [2006]—FPTA2006

The concept of  $S$ -KKM property of Chang et al. [1999] can be extended to  $G$ -convex spaces.

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $(Y, D; \Gamma)$  a  $G$ -convex space and  $Z$  a topological space. If  $S : X \multimap D$ ,  $T : Y \multimap Z$  and  $F : X \multimap Z$  are three multimaps satisfying

$$T(\Gamma_{S(A)}) \subseteq F(A)$$

for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ , then  $F$  is called a  $S$ -KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the multimap  $T : Y \multimap Z$  satisfies that for any  $S$ -KKM mapping  $F$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{F(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $S$ -KKM property. The class  $S\text{-KKM}(X, Y, Z)$  is defined to be the set  $\{T : X \multimap Y : T \text{ has the } S\text{-KKM property}\}$ .

When  $D = Y$  is a nonempty convex subset of a linear space with  $\Gamma_B = \text{co}(B)$  for  $B \in \langle Y \rangle$ , the  $S$ -KKM( $X, Y, Z$ ) is just that as in Chang et al. [1999].

*Comments:* Now the  $S$ -KKM class is obsolete.

**Shahzad** [2006]—Simon Stevin

**Definition 4.8.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $Y$  a nonempty convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space and  $Z$  a topological space. If  $S : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$ ,  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Z$  are three set-valued maps such that  $T(\text{co}(S(A))) \subseteq F(A)$  for each nonempty finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized  $S$ -KKM map w.r.t.  $T$ . If the map  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Z$  is such that for any generalized  $S$ -KKM w.r.t.  $T$  map  $F$ , the family

$$\{\overline{F(x)} : x \in X\}$$

has the finite intersection property, then  $F$  is said to have the  $S$ -KKM property. The class

$$S\text{-KKM}(X, Y, Z) = \{T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z : T \text{ has the } S\text{-KKM property}\}.$$

*Comments:* Now the  $S$ -KKM class is obsolete.

**Amini, Fakhar, and Zafarani** [2007] — NA66

Like the work of Chang et al. [1999], we introduce the family of multifunctions with the  $S$ -KKM property as follows. Let  $Z$  be a nonempty set,  $(X, \mathcal{C})$  an abstract convex space, and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $S : Z \multimap X$ ,  $F : X \multimap Y$  and  $G : X \multimap Y$  are three multifunctions satisfying

$$F(\text{co}_{\mathcal{C}}(S(A))) \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in A} G(x)$$

for each  $A \in \langle Z \rangle$ , then  $G$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}$ - $S$ -KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ . If the multifunction  $F : X \multimap Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any  $\mathcal{C}$ - $S$ -KKM mapping  $G$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{\text{cl}G(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $F$  is said to have the  $S$ -KKM property with respect to  $\mathcal{C}$ . We define

$$S\text{-KKM}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z, X, Y) := \{F : X \multimap Y : F \text{ has } S\text{-KKM property with respect to } \mathcal{C}\}.$$

*Comments:* In this paper, we notice the following: (1) Here abstract convex spaces mean spaces having the routine convexity structure, (2) Chang-Yen's KKM class

[1996] should be replaced by the  $\mathfrak{RC}$  class. (3) The  $S$ -KKM class of Chang et al. [1999] is simply a  $\mathfrak{RC}$  class.

**Chen [2007]** — Sci. Math. Jpn. 2007

A  $G$ -convex space  $(X, D; \Gamma)$ , where  $D$  is a nonempty subset of  $X$ , is called an  $L$ -convex space in this paper.

**Definition 4.9.** Let  $X$  be an  $L$ -convex space,  $Y$  a topological space such that for each  $N \in \langle X \rangle$  with  $|N| = n + 1$ , there exists a continuous mapping  $\psi_N : \Delta_N \rightarrow X$ . If  $T, F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued function satisfying that  $T(\psi_N(\Delta_N)) \subset F(N)$  for each  $N \in \langle X \rangle$  with  $|N| = n + 1$ , then  $F$  is said to be a generalized  $R_{\psi_N}$ -KKM mapping with respect to  $T$  and  $\psi_N$ . Moreover, if the set-valued function  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized  $R_{\psi_N}$ -KKM mapping with respect to  $T$  and  $\psi_N$  the family  $\{\overline{F}x \mid x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $R_{\psi_N}$ -KKM property. The class  $R_{\psi_N}$ -KKM( $X, Y$ ) is defined to be the set  $\{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the } R_{\psi_N}\text{-KKM property}\}$ . (\* This  $\psi_N$  may be different from the  $\phi_N$  of the definition for the  $L$ -convex space.)

*Comments:* In the above definition of a class  $R_{\psi_N}$ -KKM( $X, Y$ ), the role of  $G$ -convex spaces (its author's  $L$ -convex spaces) is not clear. This remark also works all of Theorems 4–20 in this paper. Moreover, Theorems 21–23 in this paper are concerned with  $G$ -convex spaces and follow easily from the known results in the  $G$ -convex space theory.

**Chen and Chang [2007]** — JMAA329

Abstract: We first establish a fixed point theorem for a  $k$ -set contraction map on the family  $\text{KKM}(X, X)$ , which not needs to be a compact map. Next, we establish the matching theorems, coincidence theorems and minimax theorems on the family  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  and the  $\Phi$ -mapping.

**Al-Thagafi and Shahzad [2008]** — FPTA2008

Let  $T : A \rightarrow 2^B$ . We say that (e)  $T$  is an  $\mathfrak{A}_c^k$ -multimap if for every compact set  $K$  in  $A$ , there exists an  $\mathfrak{A}_c$ -multimap  $f : K \rightarrow 2^B$  such that  $f(x) \subseteq T(x)$  for each  $x \in K$ , (f)  $T$  is a  $\mathbf{K}$ -multimap (or Kakutani multimap) if  $T$  is upper semicontinuous with compact and convex values, (g)  $S : A \rightarrow 2^B$  is a generalized  $\mathbf{KKM}$ -multimap with respect to  $T$  if  $T(\text{co}D) \subseteq S(D)$  for each finite subset  $D$  of  $A$ , (h)  $T$  has the  $\mathbf{KKM}$  property if, whenever  $S : A \rightarrow 2^B$  is a generalized  $\mathbf{KKM}$  multimap w.r.t.  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in A\}$  has the finite intersection property; (i)  $T$  is a  $\mathbf{PK}$ -multimap if there exists a multimap  $g : A \rightarrow 2^B$  satisfying  $A = \bigcup \{\text{int } g^{-1}(y) : y \in B\}$  and  $\text{co}(g(x)) \subseteq T(x)$  for every  $x \in A$ .

**Balaj [2008]**—NA68

**Definition 4.10.** (See Chang-Yen [1996]) Let  $X$  be a convex subset of a topological vector space and  $Y$  be a topological space. If  $S, T : X \rightarrow Y$  are two maps such that

$$T(\text{co}A) \subseteq S(A) \text{ for each nonempty finite subset } A \text{ of } X,$$

then  $S$  is said to be *generalized KKM w.r.t.  $T$* . The map  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to have the *KKM property* if for each  $S : X \rightarrow Y$  which is a generalized KKM map w.r.t.  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property.

We denote by  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  the family of maps having the KKM property.

*Comments:* The author still follows the work of Chang-Yen [1996].

**Chang, Chen, and Huang [2008]**—TJM12

Recently, Amini, Fakhar and Zafarani [2005] introduced the class  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  in metric space, and get some results about fixed point theorems and matching theorem. In this work, we use the conception of J. C. Jeng, H. C. Hsu and Y. Y. Huang [2006] to define the KKM family on metric space. We establish a generalized KKM theorem in a hyperconvex metric space, and then we use this theorem to get a fixed point theorem, the matching theorem, the coincidence theorem, minimax inequality theorems and the variational inequality theorems.

Suppose  $X$  is a bounded subset of a metric space  $(M, d)$ . Then the admissible hull of  $X$  is defined by

$$\text{ad}(X) = \bigcap \{B \subset M : B \text{ is a closed ball in } M \text{ such that } X \subset B\}$$

**Definition 4.11.** Let  $X$  be a metric space,  $Y$  be a nonempty set, and  $Z$  be a hyperconvex metric space. If  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Z$ ,  $F : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$  are two set-valued mappings satisfying that for each  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\} \in \langle Y \rangle$ , there exists  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$  such that  $T(\text{ad}(\{x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}\})) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k F(y_{i_j})$ , for all  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Z$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized KKM mapping  $F : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{F(y) : y \in Y\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the KKM property. We denote

$$\text{KKM}(X, Z) = \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Z \mid T \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

**Chang, Chen, and Peng [2008]** — NA69

**Definition 4.12.** Let  $(M, d)$  be a metric space. A subset  $X$  of  $M$  is called admissible if it is an intersection of closed balls in  $M$ . The collection of all admissible subsets in  $M$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{A}(M)$ . The smallest admissible set containing a bounded subset  $X$  of  $M$  is called the admissible hull of  $X$  and denoted by  $\text{ad}(X)$ . So

$$\text{ad}(X) = \bigcap_{x \in M} B(x, r_x(X)),$$

where  $B(x, r_x(X))$  is the closed ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r_x(X) \geq 0$  and  $r_x(X) = \sup\{d(x, y) : y \in X\}$ .

**Definition 4.13.** Let  $M$  be a metric space and  $X \subset M$ . A set-valued mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^M$  is called a KKM map if

$$\text{ad}(\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(x_i),$$

for any  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ .

**Definition 4.14.** Let  $X$  be a metric space and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $F, T : X \rightarrow 2^M$  are two set-valued mappings such that for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $T(\text{ad}(A)) \subset F(A)$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized KKM mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{F(x) : x \in X\}$  has finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the KKM property. The class  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  is defined as the set  $\{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the KKM property}\}$ .

**Chen and Chang [2008]** — NA69

We first define the generalized  $g$ KKM mapping and the family  $g\text{KKM}(X, Y)$ .

**Definition 4.15.** Let  $X$  be a metric space, and  $Y$  a nonempty set. If  $F : Y \rightarrow 2^X$  is a set-valued mapping satisfying that for each  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\} \in \langle Y \rangle$ , there exists  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$  such that  $\text{ad}\{x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}\} \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k F(y_{i_j})$ , for all  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized  $_g$ KKM mapping.

**Definition 4.16.** Let  $X$  be a metric space,  $Z$  a nonempty set, and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $F : Z \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mappings satisfying that for each  $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\} \in \langle Z \rangle$ , there exists  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$  such that  $T(\text{ad}(\{x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}\})) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k F(z_{i_j})$ , for all  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized  $_g$ KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized  $_g$ KKM mapping  $F : Y \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{F}(z) : z \in Z\}$  has the finite-intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $_g$ KKM property. We denote

$${}_g\text{KKM}(X, Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the } {}_g\text{KKM property}\}.$$

**Agarwal, Balaj, and O'Regan [2009] — Appl.Anal.88**

We introduce the concept of a family of set-valued mappings generalized KKM w.r.t. other family of set-valued mappings. We then prove that if  $X$  is a nonempty compact convex subset of a locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space and  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are two families of self set-valued mappings of  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{S}$  is generalized KKM w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$ , under some natural conditions, the set-valued mappings  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  have a fixed point. Other common fixed point theorems and minimax inequalities of Ky Fan type are obtained as applications.

The following close concept is due to Lin and Chang [1998]: if  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $Y$  is a convex subset of a vector space and  $S, T : X \rightarrow Y$  are two set-valued mappings,  $S$  is called a  $T$ -KKM mapping if  $\text{co}(\bigcup_{i=1}^n T(x_i)) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n S(x_i)$ , for any nonempty finite subset  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  of  $X$ . Inspired by these concepts we introduce a new one, concerning two families of set-valued mappings.

**Definition 4.17.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $Y$  be a convex subset of a vector space and  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are two families of set-valued mappings with nonempty values from  $X$  into  $Y$ . We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  is *generalized KKM* w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$  if for any nonempty finite subfamily  $\{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$  of  $\mathcal{S}$  there exist  $T_1, \dots, T_n \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $\text{co}(\bigcup_{i \in I} T_i(x)) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i(x)$ , for each nonempty subset  $I$  of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and for all  $x \in X$ .

**Remark 4.18.** If  $Y$  is a convex subset of a topological vector space and  $\mathcal{S}$  is generalized KKM w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T}$ , then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{\overline{S}(x) : S \in \mathcal{S}\}$  has the finite intersection property.

*Comments:* No consideration on open-valued maps is given.

**Amini-Harandi, Farajzadeh, O'Regan, and Agarwal [2009] — NFAA14**

**Definition 4.19.** Let  $(E, D; \Gamma)$  be an abstract convex space and  $Z$  a set. For a multimap  $F : E \rightarrow Z$  with nonempty values, if a multimap  $G : D \rightarrow Z$  satisfies

$$F(\Gamma(A)) \subseteq G(A), \text{ for all } A \in \langle X \rangle,$$

then  $G$  is called a *KKM map* with respect to  $F$ . A *KKM map*  $G : D \rightarrow Z$  is a KKM map with respect to the identity map  $1_E$ . A multimap  $F : E \rightarrow Z$  is said to have the *KKM property* if, for a KKM map  $G : D \rightarrow Z$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{\overline{G}(x)\}_{x \in X}$  has the finite intersection property. We denote

$$\text{KKM}(E, Z) := \{F : E \rightarrow Z : F \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

*Comments:* The authors adopt abstract convex (uniform) spaces due to Park, but still imitate the KKM class of Chang-Yen [1996].

**Chen [2009] — NA71**

The generalized KKM property on a convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space that was introduced by Chang and Yen [1996], we now extended this class  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  to be the class  $\text{KKM}^*(X, Y)$  for the almost convex set  $X$ .

**Definition 4.20.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty almost convex subset of a topological vector space  $E$ , and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $T, F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mappings such that for each finite subset  $A$  of  $X$  and every neighborhood  $V$  of the origin  $0$  of  $E$ , there exists a convex-inducing mapping  $h_{A,V} : A \rightarrow X$  such that  $T(\text{co}(h_{A,V}(A))) \subset F(A)$ , then we call  $F$  a generalized  $\text{KKM}^*$  mapping with respect to  $T$ .

If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized  $\text{KKM}^*$  mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{Fx} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $\text{KKM}^*$  property. Denote

$$\text{KKM}^*(X, Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the } \text{KKM}^* \text{ property}\}.$$

*Comments:* Chang-Yen's class  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  is extended to the class  $\text{KKM}^*(X, Y)$  for the almost convex set  $X$ . No consideration on open-valued maps is given.

**Chen and Chang [2009] — FPTA2009**

In 1996, Chang and Yen introduced the family  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  on the topological vector spaces and got results about fixed point theorems, coincidence theorems, and its applications on this family. Later, Amini et al. [2005] introduced the following concept of the  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  property on a subadmissible subset of a metric space  $(M, d)$ .

Let  $X$  be an nonempty subadmissible subset of a metric space  $(M, d)$ , and let  $Y$  a topological space. If  $T, F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mappings such that for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle X$ ,  $T(A) \subset F(A)$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized  $\text{KKM}$  mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized  $\text{KKM}$  mapping  $F$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{Fx} : x \in X\}$  has finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $\text{KKM}$  property. The class  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  is denoted to be the set  $\{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y : T \text{ has the } \text{KKM} \text{ property}\}$ .

**Chen, Chang, and Chung [2009] — TJM13**

Chang and Yen [1996] introduced the family  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$ , and got some results about fixed point theorems, coincidence theorems and some applications on this family. In this paper, we establish some coincidence theorems, generalized variational inequality theorems and minimax inequality theorems for the family  $\text{KKM}^*(X, Y)$  and the generalized  $\Phi$ -mapping on a nonconvex set.

**Definition 4.21.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty almost-convex subset of a topological vector space  $E$ , and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $T, F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mappings such that for each finite subset  $A$  of  $X$  and every neighborhood  $V$  of the origin  $0$  of  $E$ , there exists a convex-inducing mapping  $h_{A,V} : A \rightarrow X$  such that  $T(h_{A,V}(A)) \subset F(A)$ , then we call  $F$  a generalized  $\text{KKM}^*$  mapping with respect to  $T$ .

If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized KKM\* mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{F}x : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the KKM\* property. Denote

$$KKM^*(X, Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the KKM}^* \text{ property}\}.$$

**Chang, Chen, and Chen** [2010] — NA72

Abstract: We first define the family  $2\text{-}_g\text{KKM}(X, Y)$  in a hyperconvex metric space, and then we get a  $2\text{-}_g\text{KKM}$  theorem and a fixed point theorem without compactness assumption. Next, by using the  $2\text{-}_g\text{KKM}$  theorem, we get the matching theorems, coincidence theorems, variational inequality theorems and minimax inequality theorems.

**Definition 4.22.** Let  $X$  be a metric space,  $Z$  a nonempty set, and  $Y$  a topological space. If  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $F : Z \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two set-valued mappings satisfying that for each  $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\} \in \langle Z \rangle$ , there exists  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$  such that  $T(ad(\{x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}\})) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k F(z_{i_j})$ , for all  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $F$  is called a generalized  $_g\text{KKM}$  mapping with respect to  $T$ . If the set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized  $_g\text{KKM}$  mapping  $F : Y \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{F}(z) : z \in Z\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $T$  is said to have the  $_g\text{KKM}$  property. We denote

$$_gKKM(X, Y) = \{T : X \rightarrow 2^Y \mid T \text{ has the } _g\text{KKM} \text{ property}\}$$

**Chen, Chang, and Huang** [2010] — AML23

Abstract: We use the conception of the abstract convexity to define the almost S-KKM $_c$  mapping, al-S-KKM $_c(X, Y, Z)$  family, and almost  $\Phi$ -spaces. In the setting of the almost  $\Phi$ -spaces, we establish some new fixed point theorems for the al-S-KKM $_c$  type set-valued mapping which is a generalized set contraction mapping. Our results generalize the results of Amini et al. [2007].

**Khamsi and Hussain** [2010] — NA73

Let  $M$  be a metric type space and  $X$  a subadmissible subset of  $M$ . A multifunction  $G : X \rightarrow 2^M$  is called a KKM mapping, if for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ , we have  $\overline{A} \subset G(A) = \bigcup\{G(a), a \in A\}$ . More generally, if  $Y$  is a topological space and  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two multifunctions such that for any  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ , we have  $F(\overline{A}) \subset G(A)$ , then  $G$  is called a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ . If the multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized KKM mapping  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $F$  the family  $\{\overline{G}(x), x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property, then  $F$  is said to have the KKM property. We define

$$KKM(X, Y) = \{F : X \rightarrow 2^Y, F \text{ has the KKM property}\}$$

**Turkoglu, Abuloha, and Abdeljawad** [2010] — NA72

Let  $(M, d)$  be a cone metric space and  $X$  a subadmissible subset of  $M$ . A multifunction  $G : X \rightarrow 2^M$ , is called a KKM mapping, if for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $Co(A) \subset G(A)$ .

If  $Y$  is a topological space and  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two multifunctions such that for every  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ ,  $F(Co(A)) \subset G(A)$ , then  $G$  is called a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $F$ . If the multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  satisfies the requirement that for any generalized KKM mapping  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{cl(G(x) : x \in X)\}$  has the finite intersection property (f.i.p.), then

$F$  is said to have the KKM property. We define

$$KKM(X, Y) = \{F : X \rightarrow 2^Y : F \text{ has the KKM property}\}.$$

**Balaj and Coroianu [2011] — BKMS48**

Assume that  $X$  is a convex subset of a vector space and  $Y$  is a topological space. If  $S, T : X \multimap Y$  are two set-valued mappings such that  $T(\text{co}A) \subseteq S(A)$  for each nonempty finite subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then we say that  $S$  is a KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ . A set-valued mapping  $T : X \multimap Y$  is said to have the KKM property if for any  $S : X \multimap Y$ , KKM mapping with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. Denote  $\mathbf{KKM}(X, Y) = \{T : X \multimap Y : T \text{ has the KKM property}\}$ .

**Cho, Delavar, Mohammadzadeh, and Roohi [2011] — JIneqAppl2011**

Let  $Y$  be a nonempty set,  $Z$  be a minimal space,  $s : Y \rightarrow D$  be a function and  $(X, D, \Gamma)$  be an abstract convex space. Let  $T : X \multimap Z$  and  $F : Y \multimap Z$  be two multimaps. we say that  $F$  is generalized  $s$ -KKM with respect to  $T$  if

$$T(\Gamma(s(A))) \subseteq F(A) \text{ for any } A \in \langle Y \rangle.$$

*Comments:* Minimal spaces can be made into topological spaces.

**Chaipunya and Kumam [2013] — JIA2013**

**Definition 4.23.** Let  $M$  be a circular metric space,  $X$  be a subadmissible subset of  $M$  and  $Y$  be a topological space. Let  $F, G : X \multimap Y$  be two multivalued maps. If for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$  we have  $F(\text{ad}(A)) \subset G(A)$ , then  $G$  is said to be a generalized KKM map with respect to  $F$ .

**Definition 4.24.** Let  $M$  be a circular metric space,  $X$  be a subadmissible subset of  $M$  and  $Y$  be a topological space. A multivalued map  $F : X \multimap Y$  is said to satisfy the KKM property if for any generalized KKM map  $G : X \multimap Y$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{\overline{G(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. In general, we write

$$KKM(X, Y) := \{F : X \multimap Y : F \text{ satisfy the KKM property}\}.$$

**Fakhar, Lotfipour, and Zafarani [2013] — JGO55**

We assume that  $X$  is a convex space,  $Y$  a Hausdorff topological space and  $Z$  a Hausdorff topological vector space. . . . Suppose that  $K \subseteq X$  and  $S : K \rightrightarrows X$  is a set-valued map, then  $S$  is called to be a KKM map if

$$\text{conv}A \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in A} S(x), \text{ for each } A \in \langle K \rangle.$$

Let  $T, H : X \rightrightarrows Y$  be set-valued maps. The set-valued map  $H$  is said to be a generalized KKM map with respect to (w.r.t.)  $T$  if  $T(\text{conv}A) \subseteq H(A)$ , for each  $A \in \langle X \rangle$ . The set-valued map  $T$  has the KKM property if the following statement is satisfied:

If  $S : X \rightrightarrows Y$  is a generalized KKM map w.r.t.  $T$ , then the family  $\{\text{cl}S(x) : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. The family of all set-valued maps  $T : X \rightrightarrows Y$  having the KKM property is denoted by  $\mathbf{KKM}(X, Y)$ . The class  $\mathbf{KKM}(X, Y)$  was introduced and studied by Chang and Yen [1996].

**Tang and Zhang [2014] — AAA2014**

**Definition 4.25.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $Y$  a nonempty convex subset of a linear space, and  $Z$  a topological space, and let  $S : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$ , and  $F :$

$X \rightarrow 2^Z$  be three multivalued mappings.  $F$  is said to be a  $\mathfrak{A}$ -KKM mapping with respect to  $T$  if, for any  $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$ , there exists  $y_i \in S(x_i) (i = 0, 1, \dots, n)$ , such that, for any  $\{y_{i_0}, \dots, y_{i_k}\} \subset \{y_0, \dots, y_n\}$ , one has

$$T(\text{co}\{y_{i_0}, \dots, y_{i_k}\}) \subset \bigcup_{j=0}^k F(x_{i_j}).$$

The multivalued mapping  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$  is said to have the  $\mathfrak{A}$ -KKM property, if, for any  $\mathfrak{A}$ -KKM mapping  $F$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{F(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. Let the set  $\{T : T \text{ has the } \mathfrak{A}\text{-KKM property}\}$  be denoted by  $\mathfrak{A}\text{-KKM}(X, Y, Z)$ .

*Comments:* What is the role of  $\mathfrak{A}$ ? Simply  $F$  could be closed-valued. Moreover, we can consider the case  $F$  is open-valued.

**S. Huang [2021]** — JNCA22(6)

Let  $M$  be a connected Riemannian manifold endowed with a Riemannian metric.

**Definition 4.26.** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be nonempty sets,  $Y$  a convex set in  $M$  and  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$  a multifunction. A multifunction  $S : X \rightarrow 2^Z$  is a generalized KKM mapping with respect to  $T$  if for any  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in \langle X \rangle$ , there is  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \in \langle Y \rangle$  such that

$$T(\text{co}\{y_i : i \in I\}) \subset \bigcup \{S(x_i) : i \in I\}, \quad \forall I \subset \{1, \dots, n\},$$

If  $Z$  is a topological space,  $T$  is said to have the KKM property if for any generalized KKM mapping  $S : X \rightarrow 2^Z$  with respect to  $T$ , the family  $\{\overline{S(x)} : x \in X\}$  has the finite intersection property. The collection of all multifunctions  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^Z$  with KKM property is denoted by  $\text{KKM}(X, Y, Z)$ .

**Final Remark for Section 4.** We can add up more and more examples on various types of modifications, imitations, or fake generalizations of G-convex spaces. But we will stop here.

## 5. ON THE CLASSES $\mathfrak{RC}$ AND $\mathfrak{RD}$ OF MULTIMAPS

In 1987, W. K. Kim [1987] and Shih and Tan [1987] independently discovered that the KKM theorem also holds for open-valued multimaps; see also Lassonde [1990]. Consequently, all papers in Section 4 and many others can be modified to corresponding open-valued versions.

Moreover, the KKM class of multimaps can be extended to the  $\mathfrak{RC}$ -class of multimaps, and new  $\mathfrak{RD}$ -class and  $\mathfrak{R}$ -class are derived for abstract convex spaces due to Park in the new millennium.

In this section, we introduce articles concerning such new classes and related topics.

**Park [1997]** — NA30

Chang and Yen [1996] extended the class  $\mathfrak{A}_c^k$  to multimap class  $KKM$  having the KKM property and obtained some generalized results in the KKM theory and fixed point theory. We improve their definition as follows:

Let  $(X, D)$  be a convex space,  $Y$  a Hausdorff space, and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$ . We say that  $T$  has the *KKM property* provided that the family  $\{Sx : x \in D\}$  has the finite intersection property whenever  $S : D \rightarrow Y$  has closed values and  $T(\text{co}N) \subset S(N)$

for each  $N \in \langle D \rangle$ . Let

$$T \in \mathfrak{K}(X, Y) \iff T : X \multimap Y \text{ has the KKM property.}$$

We will denote their class by  $\mathfrak{K}$ .

Let  $X$  be a convex space and  $Y$  a Hausdorff space. In this paper, we define a new “better” admissible class  $\mathfrak{B}$  of multimaps as follows:

$F \in \mathfrak{B}(X, Y) \iff F : X \multimap Y$  such that, for any polytope  $P$  in  $X$  and any continuous map  $f : F(P) \rightarrow P$ ,  $f(F|_P)$  has a fixed point.

Our new class contains the admissible class  $\mathfrak{A}_c^k$  due to the author and generalizes closed maps in *KKM* due to Chang and Yen [1996].

*Comments:* In this paper, we first used the notations  $\mathfrak{K}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Later we changed their meanings. Note that our  $\mathfrak{K}$  seems to be better than the *KKM* of Chang and Yen [1996].

**Park [1997a]** — MSR Hot-Line 1(9)

We give general Schauder type fixed point theorems for compact multimaps in the ‘better’ admissible class  $\mathfrak{B}$  defined on admissible convex subsets (in the sense of Klee) of a topological vector space not necessarily locally convex. Our new theorems subsume a large number of particular forms, and generalize them in terms of the involving spaces and the multimaps as well. We apply our new results to condensing maps.

**Park [1998]** — JKMS35(4)

We give general fixed point theorems for compact multimaps in the ‘better’ admissible class  $\mathfrak{B}^k$  defined on admissible convex subsets (in the sense of Klee) of a topological vector space not necessarily locally convex. Those theorems are used to obtain results for  $\Phi$ -condensing maps. Our new theorems subsume more than seventy known or possible particular forms, and generalize them in terms of the involving spaces and the multimaps as well. Further topics closely related to our new theorems are discussed and some related problems are given in the last section.

In 1998, we obtained the following:

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $E$  be a Hausdorff t.v.s. and  $X$  an admissible (in the sense of Klee) convex subset of  $E$ . Then any compact closed map  $F \in \mathfrak{B}(X, X)$  has a fixed point.*

In [1998], it was shown that Theorem subsumes more than sixty known or possible particular cases and generalizes them in terms of the involving spaces and multimaps as well. Later, further examples of maps in the class  $\mathfrak{B}$  were known.

**Park [2003]**— JNCA4

Let  $(X, D; \Gamma)$  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 [open] values satisfying

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

Some authors use the notation  $\text{KKM}(X, Y)$ . Note that  $1_X \in \mathfrak{K}(X, X)$ . . . .

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

**Park [2006]** — NAF11

We introduce basic results in the KKM theory on abstract convex spaces and the map classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}$ . We study the nature of Kakutani type maps,  $\mathfrak{B}$ -maps, and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ -maps in  $G$ -convex spaces; and show that generalizations of the key results in known works are consequences of the  $G$ -convex space theory and the new abstract convex space theory.

**Park [2007]** — NAF12

We study the mutual relations among multimap classes  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}$  on abstract or generalized convex spaces. We show also that the examples given by Jeng, Huang, and Zhang [2002] can be used to deduce more examples of  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ -maps and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ -maps. Finally, some historical remarks on classes  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are added.

**Park [2007a]** — NAF12(2)

Our principal aim is to introduce basic results in the KKM theory on abstract convex spaces and the map class  $\mathfrak{K}$  as in Park [2008b]. These are applied to simplify various modifications of the concept of generalized convex spaces. We discuss the nature of these modifications and criticize recently appeared so-called generalizations of our previous works due to other authors.

In Section 2, we introduce our new abstract convex spaces, KKM maps, and the map class  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$  [or  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ ] in [2008b], and, in Section 3, a few basic theorems in our KKM theory for those spaces given there. Section 4 deals with KKM type theorems for  $G$ -convex spaces, which are shown to be easily deduced from our new results on abstract convex spaces. Sections 5-8 are devoted to various modifications of  $G$ -convex spaces and KKM type maps appeared in the 21st century. We show that most of them are mere modifications without having any proper example or any applicability. Such modifications are, for examples,  $L$ -spaces, generalized  $R$ -KKM maps, pseudo  $H$ -spaces, and others.

**Park [2008b]** — JKMS45(1)

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $(E, D; \Gamma)$  be an abstract convex space and  $Z$  a set. For a multimap  $F : E \multimap Z$  with nonempty values, if a multimap  $G : D \multimap Z$  satisfies

$$F(\Gamma_A) \subset G(A) := \bigcup_{y \in A} G(y) \text{ for all } A \in \langle D \rangle$$

then  $G$  is called a *KKM map* with respect to  $F$ . A *KKM map*  $G : D \multimap E$  is a KKM map with respect to the identity map  $1_E$ .

A multimap  $F : E \multimap Z$  is called a  *$\mathfrak{K}$ -map* if, for a KKM map  $G : D \multimap Z$  with respect to  $F$ , the family  $\{G(y)\}_{y \in D}$  has the finite intersection property. We denote

$$\mathfrak{K}(E, Z) := \{F : E \multimap Z \mid F \text{ is a } \mathfrak{K}\text{-map}\}.$$

Similarly, when  $Z$  is a topological space, a  *$\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ -map* is defined for closed-valued maps  $G$ , and a  *$\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$ -map* for open-valued maps  $G$ . Note that if  $Z$  is discrete then three classes  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$ , and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  are identical. Some authors use the notation  $\text{KKM}(E, Z)$  instead of  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}(E, Z)$ .

**Park [2010]** — Tamkang41(1)

Abstract: Recent results in the KKM theory on abstract convex spaces and the related multimap classes  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{C}$  and  $\mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{D}$  are applied to deduce generalizations of results on KKM maps in metric spaces in Amini et al. [2007] and generalized KKM theorems on hyperconvex metric spaces in Chang et al. in [2008, 2008a].

**Yang, Huang, and Lee** [2011] — TJM15(1)

Park [2006] introduced a new concept of abstract convex spaces which include convex subsets of topological vector spaces, convex spaces,  $C$ -spaces and  $G$ -convex spaces as special cases. Park [2006] also introduced certain broad classes  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}$  of maps (having the KKM property). The class  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}(X, Y)$  includes the well-known class  $KKM(X, Y)$  introduced by Chang and Yen [1996] as a special case. With these new concepts, he obtained some coincidence theorems and fixed point theorems in abstract convex spaces. Very recently, Park [2008a-d] further studied KKM theory in abstract convex spaces with applications to fixed points, maximal elements, equilibria problems and other problems.

*Comments:*  $\mathfrak{R}$  should be  $\mathfrak{K}$ .

**Yang and Huang** [2012] — BKMS49(6)

A coincidence theorem for a compact  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}$ -map is proved in an abstract convex space. Several more general coincidence theorems for noncompact  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}$ -maps are derived in abstract convex spaces. Some examples are given to illustrate our coincidence theorems. As applications, an alternative theorem concerning the existence of maximal elements, an alternative theorem concerning equilibrium problems and a minimax inequality for three functions are proved in abstract convex spaces.”

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**Lu and Hu** [2013] — JFSA2013

The main purpose of this paper is to establish a new collectively fixed point theorem in noncompact abstract convex spaces. As applications of this theorem, we obtain some new existence theorems of equilibria for generalized abstract economies in noncompact abstract convex spaces.

*Comments:* The authors followed our works faithfully, but  $\mathfrak{K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{D}$  are denoted as  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{D}$ .

**Lu, Zhang, and Li** [2021] — AIMS Math.6(11)

Abstract: In this paper, by using the KKM theory and the properties of  $\Gamma$ -convexity and  $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{C}$ -mapping, we investigate the existence of collectively fixed points for a family with a finite number of set-valued mappings on the product space of noncompact abstract convex spaces.

## 6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we followed the original sources faithfully.

Some one said that the progress of mathematics often follows a standard path: the discovery of a new theorem, followed by a systematic exploration of that theorem.

(1) Two standard ways of exploring theorems are by weakening the hypotheses and strengthening the conclusion. Here new hypothesis should be carefully and properly chosen.

(2) Another way is to find similar situation or similar hypotheses to known results and follow the same conclusion. Here we see certain parallelism.

Note that most of papers mentioned in Section 4 are of such types (1) or (2) and variants of the same ones for G-convex spaces.

The papers listed in Section 5 are relatively new and mainly related abstract convex spaces. However some of their authors misused  $\mathfrak{A}$  instead of traditional  $\mathfrak{K}$ .

This survey is to help the authors to improve their works for the current KKM theory.

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