

SOME TOPOLOGICAL AND MIXED MINIMAX THEOREMS

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Abstract. Some noncompact topological and mixed minimax theorems involving compactly locally upward and finitely weakly downward functions are proved.

1. Introduction

Let X and Y be nonempty sets and let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. A minimax theorem is a theorem that the following equality holds:

$$(*) \quad \inf_Y \sup_X f(x, y) = \sup_X \inf_Y f(x, y).$$

The usual conditions for a minimax theorem are that f is “convex” in one variable and “concave” in other variables plus certain topological conditions on X and (or) Y and f . The following are some nonlinear concavity-convexity conditions of the function f that have been used in minimax theorems.

(I) Concavity of the function f on X :

(C_{*}) X is a topological space and Y is a set. For any finite subset A of Y and any r in \mathbf{R} , the set

$$\bigcap_{y \in A} \{x : x \in X, f(x, y) \geq r\}$$

is connected or empty in X .

(S_{*}) X is an interval space [22] and Y is a set. For any $x_1, x_2 \in X$ and for all $x \in [x_1, x_2]$,

$$f(x, y) \geq \min \{f(x_1, y), f(x_2, y)\}$$

for all $y \in Y$.

Recall that an interval space is a topological space X with a mapping $[\cdot, \cdot] : X \times X \rightarrow \{\text{connected subsets of } X\}$ such that $x_1, x_2 \in [x_1, x_2] = [x_2, x_1]$ for all $x_1, x_2 \in X$.

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(D) X and Y are nonempty sets. f is downward [19] on X , that is, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$, there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that for all $y \in Y$,

$$(A) \quad f(x_0, y) \geq \min \{ f(x_1, y), f(x_2, y) \}$$

and for all $y \in \{ y \in Y : |f(x_1, y) - f(x_2, y)| \geq \varepsilon \}$,

$$(B) \quad f(x_0, y) \geq \min \{ f(x_1, y), f(x_2, y) \} + \delta.$$

(D_{*}) X and Y are nonempty sets. f is weakly downward [4, 1, 2] on X , that is, for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$, there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that for all $y \in Y$, (A) holds, and for all $y \in \{ y \in Y : f(x_1, y) \neq f(x_2, y) \}$,

$$(C) \quad f(x_0, y) > \min \{ f(x_1, y), f(x_2, y) \}.$$

(II) Convexity of the function f on Y :

(C^{*}) X is a nonempty set and Y is a topological space. For any finite subset A of X and any r in \mathbf{R} , the set

$$\bigcap_{x \in A} \{ y : y \in Y, f(x, y) \leq r \}$$

is connected or empty in Y .

(S^{*}) X is a nonempty set and Y is an interval space. For any $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ and all $y \in [y_1, y_2]$,

$$f(x, y) \leq \max \{ f(x, y_1), f(x, y_2) \} \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

(U) X and Y are nonempty sets. f is upward [19] on Y , that is, $-f$ is downward on Y .

(U^{*}) X and Y are nonempty sets. f is weakly upward [4, 1, 2] on Y , that is, $-f$ is weakly downward on Y .

Under certain topological conditions on X , Y and f , any combination of convexity-concavity from (I) and (II) yields a minimax theorem.

In fact, the minimax theorems involving the conditions (C_{*})–(C^{*}) were given by König in [12, 13], and by Ricceri in [17]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions (C_{*})–(S^{*}) (or (S_{*})–(C^{*})) were given by Cheng-Lin in [3]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions (D_{*})–(S^{*}) (or (S_{*})–(U^{*})) were given by Cheng-Lin in [2]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions (D)–(C^{*}) (or (C_{*})–(U)) were given by Simons in [18]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions (D)–(U) were given by Simons in [19]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions (D_{*})–(C^{*}) (or (C_{*})–(U^{*})) were given by Cheng-Lin-Yu in [1]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions

$(D_*)-(U^*)$ were given by Cheng-Lin-Yu in [1], by Domokos in [4] and by Kindler in [10]; the minimax theorems involving the conditions $(D_*)-(U)$ (or $(D)-(U^*)$) were given by Kindler [10].

The cases that have not been given are minimax theorems involving the following two sets of conditions:

- (i) $(D)-(S^*)$ (or $(S_*)-(U)$);
- (ii) $(S_*)-(S^*)$.

In this paper, we shall give two minimax theorems (Theorems 2 and 3 in Section 3) under weaker conditions than the condition (i) or (ii), and give a slight generalization (Theorem 1 in Section 3) of Kindler's minimax theorem involving the condition $(D_*)-(U)$. In our theorems, it is not required that the space X or Y is compact.

2. Preliminaries

DEFINITION. Let X and Y be two nonempty set. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function.

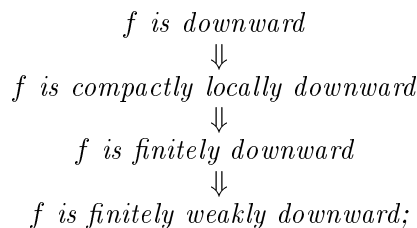
(FD $_*$) f is said to be *finitely weakly downward* [10] on X , if, for every x_1, x_2 in X and every finite subset A of Y , there exists x_0 in X such that for all $y \in A$, (A) holds, and for all $y \in \{y \in A : f(x_1, y) \neq f(x_2, y)\}$, (C) holds.

(FD) f is said to be *finitely downward* on X , if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every x_1, x_2 in X and every finite subset A of Y , there exists x_0 in X such that for all $y \in A$, (A) holds, and for all $y \in \{y \in A : |f(x_1, y) - f(x_2, y)| \geq \varepsilon\}$, (B) holds.

(CLD) f is called *compactly locally downward* on X , if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every x_1, x_2 in X and every compact subset K of Y (where Y is required to be a topological space), there exists x_0 in X such that for all $y \in Y$, (A) holds, and for all $y \in \{y \in K : |f(x_1, y) - f(x_2, y)| \geq \varepsilon\}$, (B) holds.

It is easy to see that the following conclusion is true:

LEMMA 1. *Let X and Y be two nonempty sets. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function. Then, on X ,*



and

$$\begin{array}{c} f \text{ is weakly downward} \\ \Downarrow \\ f \text{ is finitely weakly downward.} \end{array}$$

Similarly, f may be defined as *finitely weakly upward*, *finitely upward*, or *compactly locally upward* on Y . The corresponding statement of Lemma 1 also holds.

For convenience, for any finite subset A of Y and any $r \in \mathbf{R}$, we denote

$$U^r(A) = \bigcap_{y \in A} \{x \in X : f(x, y) \geq r\}.$$

A family \mathcal{H} of subsets of X is said to be pseudoconnected [20] if for any H_0, H_1, H_2 in \mathcal{H} , $H_0 \cap H_1 \neq \emptyset \neq H_0 \cap H_2$ and $H_0 \subset H_1 \cup H_2$ imply that $H_1 \cap H_2 \neq \emptyset$.

LEMMA 2. *Let X be a topological space and let Y be a nonempty set. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $U^r(y)$ is a compact subset of X for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$. Suppose that one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

(FD $_*$) f is finitely weakly downward on X ;

(S $_*$) X is an interval space and for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$ and for all $x \in [x_1, x_2]$,

$$(D) \quad f(x, y) \geq \min \{f(x_1, y), f(x_2, y)\} \quad \text{for all } y \in Y.$$

Then for any finite subset A of Y and any r in \mathbf{R} , the family $\{U^r(y) \cap U^r(A)\}_{y \in Y}$ is pseudoconnected.

PROOF. Suppose that $A \subset Y$ is finite and $r \in \mathbf{R}$. Let y_0, y_1, y_2 in Y such that

$$U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(A) \subset U^r(y_1) \cup U^r(y_2),$$

$$U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(y_1) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset, \quad U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(y_2) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset$$

and

$$U^r(y_1) \cap U^r(y_2) \cap U^r(A) = \emptyset.$$

Let $D = U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(A)$ and $D_i = D \cap U^r(y_i)$, $i = 1, 2$. Then

$$(1) \quad D \subset D_1 \cup D_2, \quad D_1 \neq \emptyset \neq D_2$$

and

$$(2) \quad D_1 \cap D_2 = \emptyset.$$

Since $U^r(y)$ is compact for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$, D_1 and D_2 are compact subsets in X and $f(\cdot, y)$ is usc (upper semicontinuous) on X , there exists $x_i \in D_i$, $i = 1, 2$, such that

$$f(x_1, y_2) = \max_{x \in D_1} f(x, y_2) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_2, y_1) = \max_{x \in D_2} f(x, y_1).$$

By (2), $x_1 \notin D_2$ and $x_2 \notin D_1$. Hence $f(x_1, y_1) \geq r > f(x_2, y_1)$ and $f(x_2, y_2) \geq r > f(x_1, y_2)$.

(a) Suppose that condition (FD_{*}) is satisfied. Let $F = \{y_0, y_1, y_2\} \cup A$. Then for x_1, x_2 in X , there exists x_0 in X such that for all $y \in F$, (A) holds, and for all $y \in \{y \in F : f(x_1, y) \neq f(x_2, y)\}$, (C) holds.

Since $x_i \in D_i$ ($i = 1, 2$), by (A) and (1), $x_0 \in D \subset D_1 \cup D_2$. If $x_0 \in D_2$, then by (C),

$$f(x_0, y_1) > \min \{f(x_1, y_1), f(x_2, y_1)\} = f(x_2, y_1).$$

This contradicts the maximality of $f(x_2, y_1)$ in D_2 . Similarly, if $x_0 \in D_1$, we get a contradiction with the maximality of $f(x_1, y_2)$ in D_1 . Therefore $U^r(y_1) \cap U^r(y_2) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset$. This completes the proof that the family $\{U^r(y) \cap U^r(A)\}_{y \in Y}$ is pseudoconnected for all finite subsets A in Y and $r \in \mathbf{R}$.

(b) Suppose that the condition (S_{*}) is satisfied. Take $x_i \in D_i$, $i = 1, 2$. For any $x \in [x_1, x_2]$, we have (D). Hence $[x_1, x_2] \subset D \subset D_1 \cup D_2$. Since D_i , $i = 1, 2$, are closed and $[x_1, x_2]$ is connected, this contradicts (2). Hence $U^r(y_1) \cap U^r(y_2) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset$ and the family $\{U^r(y) \cap U^r(A)\}_{y \in Y}$ is pseudo-connected for all finite $A \subset Y$ and all $r \in \mathbf{R}$. \square

REMARK. Under the condition (S_{*}), it is only required that $U^r(y)$ is closed for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$ in the proof of Lemma 2.

3. Main results

THEOREM 1. *Let X be a topological space and Y be a nonempty set. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $U^r(y)$ is a compact subset of X for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$. Suppose that*

(CLU) *f is compactly locally upward on Y , that is, $-f$ is compactly locally downward on Y ;*

(FD_{*}) *f is finitely weakly downward on X .*

Then () holds.*

PROOF. Since $U^r(y)$ is compact for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in R$, it suffices to prove that for any finite subset Y_0 of Y ,

$$(3) \quad \sup_X \inf_{Y_0} f(x, y) \geq \inf_Y \sup_X f(x, y).$$

We verify (3) by induction on the cardinality of Y_0 .

It is clear that (3) holds when $\text{card } Y_0 = 1$. Suppose that (3) is true when $\text{card } Y_0 \leq n$. For Y_0 with $\text{card } Y_0 = n + 1$, let $Y_0 = \{y_1, y_2\} \cup A$ where $\text{card } A = n - 1$. For any $y \in Y$, we have that (3) holds for $\{y\} \cup A$. Hence

$$\inf_{y \in Y} \sup_X \inf_{\{y\} \cup A} f(x, y) \geq \inf_Y \sup_X f(x, y).$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and let $r = \inf_{y \in Y} \sup_X \inf_{\{y\} \cup A} f(x, y) - 2\varepsilon$. Then for any $y \in Y$, there exists $x \in U^{r+\varepsilon}(\{y\} \cup A) \subset U^{r+\varepsilon}(y) \cap U^r(A)$. Hence for all $y \in Y$,

$$(4) \quad r + \varepsilon \leq \sup_{x \in U^r(A)} f(x, y) < +\infty.$$

Let $h(y) = \sup_{x \in U^r(A)} f(x, y)$, $y \in Y$. By (4), $r \leq \inf_{y \in Y} h(y)$. Since f is compactly locally upward on Y , for $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ with the properties in (CLU).

We claim that there exist z_1, z_2 in Y such that

$$(5) \quad U^r(z_i) \cap U^r(A) \subset U^r(y_i)$$

and for all $y \in Y$,

$$(6) \quad h(y) \leq h(z_i) - \delta \implies U^r(y) \cap U^r(A) \not\subset U^r(z_i).$$

In fact, if y_i satisfies (6), take $z_i = y_i$. For any $z^1 \in Y$ satisfying (5) there exists $z^2 \in Y$ such that $h(z^2) \leq h(z^1) - \delta$ and $U^r(z^2) \cap U^r(A) \subset U^r(z^1)$. Then z^2 satisfies (5). Take $z_i = z^2$ if z^2 also satisfies (6). Continuing the process, we get, for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$

$$h(z^1) \geq h(z^2) + \delta \geq \dots \geq h(z^n) + n\delta.$$

Since $\inf_{y \in Y} h(y) \geq r$, the process must stop at some n . Take $z_i = z^n$.

Let $K = [U^r(y_1) \cup U^r(y_2)] \cap U^r(A)$. For $z_1, z_2 \in Y$ and the compact subset $K \subset X$, choose $y_0 \in Y$ as in the condition (CLU), i.e.,

$$f(x, y_0) \leq \max \{ f(x, z_1), f(x, z_2) \} \quad \forall x \in X$$

and

$$f(x, y_0) \leq \max \{ f(x, z_1), f(x, z_2) \} - \delta$$

$$\forall x \in \{ x \in K : |f(x, z_1) - f(x, z_2)| \geq \varepsilon \}.$$

Hence

$$(7) \quad U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(A) \subset [U^r(z_1) \cap U^r(A)] \cup [U^r(z_2) \cap U^r(A)].$$

Next, we prove that

$$(8) \quad U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(z_1) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset.$$

Take $x_0 \in U^{r+\varepsilon}(y_0) \cap U^r(A) \subset U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(A)$. If $f(x_0, z_1) \geq r$ then $x_0 \in U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(z_1) \cap U^r(A)$. If $f(x_0, z_1) < r < r + \varepsilon \leq f(x_0, y_0) \leq f(x_0, z_2)$, this implies that

$$x_0 \in \{ x \in K : |f(x, z_1) - f(x, z_2)| \geq \varepsilon \}.$$

By (CLU)

$$h(z_2) - \delta \geq f(x_0, z_2) - \delta = \max \{ f(x_0, z_1), f(x_0, z_2) \} - \delta \geq f(x_0, y_0).$$

Since

$$h(y_0) = \sup_{x \in U^r(A)} f(x, y_0) = \sup_{x \in U^r(A) \cap U^{r+\varepsilon}(y_0)} f(x, y_0),$$

it follows that

$$h(z_2) - \delta \geq h(y_0).$$

By (6)

$$U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(A) \not\subset U^r(z_2).$$

Now (8) follows from (7).

Similarly, we can prove that

$$(9) \quad U^r(y_0) \cap U^r(z_2) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset.$$

From (7),(8),(9) and Lemma 2, it follows that $U^r(z_1) \cap U^r(z_2) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset$. Hence $U^r(y_1) \cap U^r(y_2) \cap U^r(A) \neq \emptyset$ by (5). Let $x \in U^r(y_1) \cap U^r(y_2) \cap U^r(A)$. Then $\inf_{\{y_1, y_2\} \cup A} f(x, y) \geq r$. Hence $\sup_X \inf_{Y_0} f(x, y) \geq r$. Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, it follows that

$$\sup_X \inf_{Y_0} f(x, y) \geq \inf_{y \in Y} \sup_X \inf_{\{y\} \cup A} f(x, y) \geq \inf_Y \sup_X f(x, y). \quad \square$$

COROLLARY 1 [10]. *Let X be a compact space and let Y be a nonempty set. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $f(\cdot, y)$ is usc on X for all $y \in Y$. Suppose that (U) and (FD $_*$) hold*
Then () holds.*

PROOF. Since the condition that $f(\cdot, y)$ is usc on the compact space X for any $y \in Y$ implies that $U^r(y)$ is compact for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$, and (U) implies (CLU) by Lemma 1, Corollary 1 follows from Theorem 1. \square

Similarly, it is clear that the next Corollary 2 follows from Theorem 1.

COROLLARY 2 [19]. *Let X be a compact space and let Y be a nonempty set. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $f(\cdot, y)$ is usc on X for all $y \in Y$. Suppose that (U) and (D) hold.*
Then () holds.*

THEOREM 2. *Let X be a topological space and let Y be an interval space. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $U^r(y)$ is a compact subset of X for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$, and $f(x, \cdot)$ is lsc (lower semicontinuous) on any interval of Y for any x in X . Suppose that (S *) and (FD $_*$) hold.*
Then () holds.*

PROOF. Since f is finitely weakly downward on X , by Lemma 2, it follows that the family $\{U^r(y) \cap U^r(A)\}_{y \in Y}$ is pseudoconnected for all finite subsets A of Y and all $r \in \mathbf{R}$. Theorem 2 follows by using the same argument as the proof of Theorem given in [2]. \square

COROLLARY 3. *Let X be a compact space and let Y be an interval space. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $f(\cdot, y)$ is usc on X for any y in Y and $f(x, \cdot)$ is lsc on any interval of Y for any x in X . Suppose that (S *) and (FD) hold.*
Then () holds.*

THEOREM 3. *Let X and Y be two interval spaces. Let $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function such that $U^r(y)$ is a closed subset of X for any $y \in Y$ and $r \in \mathbf{R}$, $U^{r_0}(y_0)$ is a compact subset of X for some $y_0 \in Y$ and $r_0 < \inf_{Y} \sup_{X} f(x, y)$, and $f(x, \cdot)$ is lsc on any interval of Y for all x in X . Suppose that (S *) and (S $_*$) hold.*
Then () holds.*

PROOF. By Lemma 2 and Remark, the condition (S $_*$) implies that the family $\{U^r(y) \cap U^r(A)\}_{y \in Y}$ is pseudoconnected for all finite subsets A of Y and for all $r \in \mathbf{R}$. Theorem 3 is proved as the proof of Theorem 2. \square

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