

# ON MINIMAX INEQUALITY AND GENERALIZED QUASI-VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY IN $H$ -SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we give a new minimax theorem and two new existence theorems of solutions for generalized quasi-variational inequalities in  $H$ -spaces. Our results improve and develop some famous results.

## 1. Preliminaries

In this paper, our subject is to establish a Sion type minimax theorem and two existence theorems of solutions for generalized quasi-variational inequalities. Our results improve and develop some famous results. In order to establish our main results, we first give some concepts and notations.

To begin with we explain the notion of a  $H$ -space and some related notions.

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  the family of all nonempty finite subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\Gamma_A$  be a family of nonempty contractible subsets of  $X$  indexed by  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  such that  $\Gamma_A \subset \Gamma_{A'}$  whenever  $A \subset A'$ . The pair  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  is called a  $H$ -space. Given a  $H$ -space  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$ , a nonempty

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subset  $D$  of  $X$  is called  $H$ -convex (resp. weak  $H$ -convex) if  $\Gamma_A \subset D$  (resp.  $D \cap \Gamma_A$  is nonempty contractible) for each nonempty finite subset  $A$  of  $D$ . For a nonempty subset  $K$  of  $X$ , we define the  $H$ -convex hull of  $K$ , denoted by  $H - \text{co } K$  as

$$H - \text{co } K = \bigcap \{D \subset X : D \text{ is } H\text{-convex and } D \supset K\}$$

(see also, [11–13]).

In this paper, all topological spaces are assumed to be Hausdorff. Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, we denote by  $2^X$  the family of all subsets of  $X$ . If  $A \subset X$ , we shall denote by  $\text{cl } A$  the closure of  $A$  and by  $\text{int } A$  the interior of  $A$ . If  $A$  is a nonempty subset of a topological vector space  $E$ , we shall denote by  $\text{co } A$  the convex hull of  $A$  and by  $\text{cl}(\text{co } A)$  the closed convex hull of  $A$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be two topological spaces,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  a multivalued mapping and  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$  a function.

- (1)  $T$  is said to be upper semicontinuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $T(x) \subset V$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $T(z) \subset V$  for each  $z \in U$ ;
- (2) ([32])  $T$  is said to have local intersection property if  $x \in X$  such that  $T(x) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists an open neighborhood  $N(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $\bigcap_{z \in N(x)} T(z) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (3)  $T$  is said to have open lower sections if for each  $y \in Y$ , the set  $T^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : y \in T(x)\}$  is open in  $X$ ;
- (4) ([31])  $f(x, y)$  is said to be  $W$ -lower (or,  $W$ -upper) semicontinuous in  $y$  if for each  $y \in Y$  and each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\{x \in X : f(x, y) > r\} \neq \emptyset$  (or,  $\{x \in X : f(x, y) < r\} \neq \emptyset$ ), there exists  $x' \in X$  such that  $y \in \text{int}\{z \in Y : f(x', z) > r\}$  (or,  $y \in \text{int}\{z \in Y : f(x', z) < r\}$ ).

Obviously, if  $f(x, y)$  is lower (upper) semicontinuous in  $y$ , then  $f(x, y)$  is  $W$ -lower (upper) semicontinuous in  $y$ . But, the converse is not true.

**Example 1.** Let  $X = Y = (0, +\infty)$ . The function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x + y \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x + y < 1. \end{cases}$$

**Example 2.** Let  $X = Y = (0, +\infty)$ . The function  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$g(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y + 1 & \text{if } x + y \geq 1 \\ x + y & \text{if } x + y < 1. \end{cases}$$

In the above two examples, both  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y)$  are  $W$ -lower semi-continuous in  $y$ , but neither  $f(x, y)$  nor  $g(x, y)$  are lower semicontinuous in  $y$ . Moreover, if  $T$  has open lower sections, then  $T$  has local intersection property.

A family  $\{D_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  of some subsets of a topological space  $X$  is called closed (resp. open) transfer complete if  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin D_{\alpha_0}$  (resp.  $x \in D_{\alpha_0}$ ) for some  $\alpha_0 \in I$ , then there exists  $\alpha' \in I$  such that  $x \notin \text{cl}(D_{\alpha'})$  (resp.  $x \in \text{int}(D_{\alpha'})$ ). Obviously, if  $\{D_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  is a family of some closed (resp. open) subsets of  $X$ , then it is closed (resp. open) transfer complete. But, the converse is not true.

**Example 3.** Let  $X = (0, 1/4) \cup (1/3, 1)$ ,  $Y = [0, 2]$  and  $A = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : x < y \leq 2\}$ . For any  $x \in X$ , let  $A[x] = \{y \in Y : (x, y) \in A\} = (x, 2]$ . Obviously,  $A[x]$  is not closed in  $Y$ , but the family  $\{A[x] : x \in X\}$  is closed transfer complete (see also, Example 2 in [31]).

A multivalued mapping  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^X$  is said to be transfer closed valued if the family  $\{T(y) : y \in Y\}$  is closed transfer complete.

Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  be a  $H$ -space and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function.  $f$  is called  $H$ -quasi-convex (or,  $H$ -quasi-concave) if for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set

$$\{x \in X : f(x) \leq r\} \text{ (or, } \{x \in X : f(x) \geq r\})$$

is  $H$ -convex.

Let  $X, Y$  be two sets and  $A$  a nonempty subset of  $X \times Y$ . For each  $x \in X$  and each  $y \in Y$ , we denote

$$A[x] = \{y \in Y : (x, y) \in A\}, \quad A[y] = \{x \in X : (x, y) \in A\},$$

which are called the sections of  $A$ .

## 2. Main results

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  and  $(Y, \{\Gamma'_B\})$  are two  $H$ -spaces and  $K$  a nonempty compact subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $G, F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $S, T : Y \rightarrow 2^X$  are multivalued mappings such that

- (i) for each  $x \in K$ ,  $G(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $H - \text{co } G(x) \subset F(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $G$  has local intersection property on  $K$ ,
- (iii) for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $H - \text{co } S(y) \subset T(y) \subset K$  and  $S$  has nonempty values on each nonempty compact subset of  $Y$ ,
- (iv)  $S$  has local intersection property.

Then there exists a point  $x_0 \in X$  and a point  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $x_0 \in T(y_0)$  and  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.2 of [28], there exists a continuous selection  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  of  $F|_K$  such that  $f = g \circ \psi$ , where  $g : \Delta_n \rightarrow Y$  and  $\psi : K \rightarrow \Delta_n$  are continuous mappings,  $n$  is some positive integer and  $\Delta_n$  is the standard  $n$ -dimensional simplex. Since  $\Delta_n$  is compact and  $g : \Delta_n \rightarrow Y$  is continuous,  $g(\Delta_n)$  is a compact subset of  $Y$ . Again, by Theorem 2.2 of [28], there exists a continuous selection  $h : g(\Delta_n) \rightarrow K$  of  $T|_{g(\Delta_n)}$ . Consequently,  $\psi \circ h \circ g : \Delta_n \rightarrow \Delta_n$  is continuous and hence there exists a point  $u_0 \in \Delta_n$  such that  $\psi \circ h \circ g(u_0) = u_0$ . Let  $g(u_0) = y_0$  and  $x_0 = h(y_0)$ . Then  $x_0 \in T(y_0)$  and  $y_0 = g(u_0) = g \circ \psi[h(y_0)] = f[h(y_0)] = f(x_0) \in F(x_0)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now, we shall prove the following minimax theorem and existence theorems of solutions for generalized quasi-variational inequalities.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  and  $(Y, \{\Gamma'_B\})$  be two  $H$ -spaces and  $X$  be compact. Suppose the functions  $f, g : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (i)  $f(x, y) \leq g(x, y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ ,
- (ii) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is  $H$ -quasiconcave,
- (iii)  $f(x, y)$  is  $W$ -lower semicontinuous in  $x$ ,
- (iv)  $g(\cdot, y)$  is  $H$ -quasiconvex,
- (v)  $g(x, y)$  is  $W$ -upper semicontinuous in  $y$ ,

then

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

**Proof.** If

$$\inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} f(x, y) > \sup_{y \in Y} \inf_{x \in X} g(x, y)$$

then there exist real numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  such that

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

For each  $y \in Y$ , let

$$S(y) = \{x \in X : g(x, y) < \beta\}, \quad T(y) = \{x \in X : g(x, y) \leq \beta\}.$$

Then  $S(y) \neq \emptyset$  and  $H - \text{co } S(y) \subset T(y)$  since  $\beta > \sup_{y \in Y} \inf_{x \in X} g(x, y)$  and  $g(\cdot, y)$  is  $H$ -quasiconvex. Consequently, for each  $y \in Y$ , the set  $\{x \in X : g(x, y) < \beta\} \neq \emptyset$ , and hence there is a point  $x' \in X$  such that  $y \in \text{int}\{z \in Y : g(x', z) < \beta\}$  by (v), i.e. there exists an open neighborhood  $N(y)$  of  $y$  such that  $x' \in \bigcap_{z \in N(y)} S(z)$ . It shows that  $S : Y \rightarrow 2^X$  has local intersection property.

For each  $x \in X$ , let  $G(x) = \{y \in Y : f(x, y) > \alpha\}$ ,  $F(x) = \{y \in Y : f(x, y) \geq \alpha\}$ . Then  $H - \text{co } G(x) \subset F(x)$  by (ii). Since  $\inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} f(x, y) > \alpha$ ,  $G(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in X$ . Consequently, for each  $x \in X$ , the set

$\{y \in Y : f(x, y) > \alpha\} \neq \emptyset$ , and hence there exists a point  $y' \in Y$  such that  $x \in \text{int}\{z \in X : f(z, y') > \alpha\}$  by (iii) so that there is an open neighborhood  $N(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $N(x) \subset \{z \in X : f(z, y') > \alpha\}$ , i.e.  $y' \in \bigcap_{z \in N(x)} G(z)$ . It shows that the mapping  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  has local intersection property.

By virtue of Lemma 1, there exist a point  $x_0 \in X$  and a point  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $x_0 \in T(y_0)$  and  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ . It implies  $g(x_0, y_0) \leq \beta$  and  $f(x_0, y_0) \geq \alpha$ . Consequently,  $\alpha \leq \beta$  by (i). It contradicts the choices of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Therefore,

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

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Since  $W$ -lower semicontinuity (respectively,  $W$ -upper semicontinuity) is weaker than lower semicontinuity (respectively, upper semicontinuity), our Theorem 2 not only generalizes Theorem 3.4 and Corollary 3.5 in Sion [26] to  $H$ -spaces, but also weakens upper semicontinuity and lower semicontinuity conditions. Moreover, Theorem 2 is different from the minimax theorems in [3], [4], [9], [16–18] and [23].

In order to research the existence of solutions for generalized quasi-variational inequalities, we give the following lemmas:

**Lemma 3.** Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  and  $(Y, \{\Gamma'_B\})$  be two  $H$ -spaces. Let  $M, N$  be two subsets of  $X \times Y$  such that

- (i) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $H - \text{co}\{y \in Y : (x, y) \notin M\} \subset \{y \in Y : (x, y) \notin N\}$ ,
- (ii) the family  $\{M[y] : y \in Y\}$  of sections of  $M$  is closed transfer complete.

Suppose that there exist a subset  $Q$  of  $N$  and a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that

- (iii) for each  $y \in Y$ , the section  $Q[y] \cap K$  is nonempty  $H$ -convex,
- (iv) the family  $\{Q[x] : x \in K\}$  is open transfer complete.

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

**Proof.** For each  $x \in X$ , let  $G(x) = Y \setminus M[x]$ ,  $F(x) = Y \setminus N[x]$ . Then  $G : K \rightarrow 2^Y$  has local intersection property and  $H - \text{co} G(x) \subset F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  by (i) and (ii). For each  $y \in Y$ , let  $T(y) = Q[y] \cap K$ . Then  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^K$  is a multivalued mapping with nonempty  $H$ -convex values. Consequently, for each  $y \in Y$ , there exists a point  $x \in Q[y] \cap K$ , and hence  $y \in Q[x]$ . By (iv) there exists a point  $x' \in K$  such that  $y \in \text{int} Q[x']$ , and thus there is an open neighborhood  $N(y)$  of  $y$  such that  $N(y) \subset Q[x']$ , i.e.  $x' \in \bigcap_{z \in N(y)} T(z)$ . It shows that  $T : Y \rightarrow 2^K$  has local intersection property. Suppose  $G(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in K$ . By virtue of Lemma 1, there exist a point  $x_0 \in K$  and a point  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $x_0 \in T(y_0)$  and  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ , i.e.

$(x_0, y_0) \in Q \subset N$  and  $(x_0, y_0) \notin N$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore, there exists a point  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $G(x_0) = \emptyset$ , and hence  $M[x_0] = Y$ , i.e.  $\{x_0\} \times Y \subset M$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  and  $(Y, \{\Gamma'_B\})$  be two  $H$ -spaces and  $Y$  is compact. If  $F, G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  are two multivalued mappings such that

- (i)  $G(x) \subset F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ ,
- (ii) for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $X \setminus F^{-1}(y)$  is  $H$ -convex,
- (iii) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $F(x)$  is transfer closed valued,
- (iv)  $G$  has local intersection property and  $G(x)$  is nonempty  $H$ -convex for all  $x \in X$ ,

then  $\bigcap_{x \in X} F(x) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M = \{(y, x) \in Y \times X : y \in F(x)\}$ ,  $N = \{(y, x) \in Y \times X : y \in G(x)\}$ . Then  $N \subset M$  by (i) and for each  $y \in Y$ , the set

$$\{x \in X : (y, x) \notin M\} = \{x \in X : y \notin F(x)\} = X \setminus F^{-1}(y)$$

is  $H$ -convex by (ii). Since the section  $M[x] = F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ , the family  $\{M[x] : x \in X\}$  is closed transfer complete by (iii). By (iv) we know that  $N[x] = G(x)$  is nonempty  $H$ -convex for each  $x \in X$  and for each  $y \in Y$  and each  $x \in N[y] = G^{-1}(y)$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $O(x)$  of  $x$  and a point  $y' \in Y$  such that  $y' \in \bigcap_{z \in O(x)} G(z)$  and thus  $x \in \text{int } G^{-1}(y') = \text{int } N[y']$  so that the family  $\{N[y] : y \in Y\}$  is open transfer complete. By virtue of Lemma 3, there exists a point  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $\{y_0\} \times X \subset M$ , i.e.  $y_0 \in \bigcap_{x \in X} F(x)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** Lemma 4 is different from other  $H$ -KKM-type theorems (see also, [10–13]). The following we apply it to study quasi-variational inequalities.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  and  $(Y, \{\Gamma'_B\})$  be two  $H$ -spaces and  $X$  is compact,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is an upper semicontinuous multivalued mapping with nonempty compact weak  $H$ -convex values. If the function  $\varphi : X \times Y \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (i) for each  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ ,  $\varphi(x, y, \cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous and  $H$ -quasiconvex,
- (ii) for each  $(x, z) \in X \times X$ ,  $\varphi(x, \cdot, z)$  is  $H$ -quasiconcave,
- (iii) for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a point  $y \in T(x)$  such that  $\varphi(x, y, x) \geq 0$ ,
- (iv) for each  $z \in X$ ,  $\varphi(x, y, z)$  is upper semicontinuous in  $(x, y)$ ,

then there exist a point  $\bar{x} \in X$  and a point  $\bar{y} \in T(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, x) \geq 0$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** First, we prove that there exists a point  $\bar{x} \in X$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in T(\bar{x})} \varphi(\bar{x}, y, x) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

If this conclusion is false, then for each  $u \in X$ , there a point  $z \in X$  such that

$$\sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, z) < 0.$$

Let  $S(u) = \{v \in X : \sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, v) < 0\}$ . Then  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is a multivalued mapping with nonempty values. For each  $u \in X$  and each finite subset  $A = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $S(u)$ , we have

$$\sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, v_i) < 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence there is a real number such that

$$\sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, v_i) < r < 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Consequently, for each  $v \in \Gamma_A$  and each  $w \in T(u)$ , by (i),

$$(u, w, v) \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \varphi(u, w, v_i) < r,$$

and thus,

$$\sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, v) \leq r < 0,$$

i.e.  $v \in S(u)$ . It shows that  $S(u)$  is  $H$ -convex. Since again  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is an upper semicontinuous multivalued mapping with nonempty compact values and  $\varphi(u, w, v)$  is upper semicontinuous in  $(u, w)$ , by virtue of Proposition 21 in [1, P119] we know that  $\sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, v)$  is upper semicontinuous in  $u$ . Consequently, for each  $v \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S^{-1}(v) &= \{u \in X : v \in S(u)\} \\ &= \{u \in X : \sup_{w \in T(u)} \varphi(u, w, v) < 0\} \end{aligned}$$

is open. By Corollary 2.3 in [28], there exists a point  $\bar{u} \in X$  such that  $\bar{u} \in S(\bar{u})$ , i.e.  $\sup_{w \in T(\bar{u})} \varphi(\bar{u}, w, \bar{u}) < 0$ . It contradicts (iii). Therefore, there exists a point  $\bar{x} \in X$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in T(\bar{x})} \varphi(\bar{x}, y, x) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

By (iv) and the compactness of  $T(\bar{x})$ , for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a point  $y(x) \in T(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\varphi(\bar{x}, y(x), x) \geq 0.$$

For each fixed  $\varepsilon < 0$ , set  $G(x) = \{y \in T(\bar{x}) : \varphi(\bar{x}, y, x) > \varepsilon\}$ ,  $F(x) = \{y \in T(\bar{x}) : \varphi(\bar{x}, y, x) \geq \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ . Then  $G, F : X \rightarrow 2^{T(\bar{x})}$  are two multivalued mappings with nonempty values and  $G(x) \subset F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ . Since  $T(\bar{x})$  is a compact weak  $H$ -convex subset of  $Y$ ,  $(T(\bar{x}), \{T(\bar{x}) \cap \Gamma'_B\})$  is a compact  $H$ -space and the multivalued mapping  $G : X \rightarrow 2^{T(\bar{x})}$  has  $H$ -convex values by (ii). For each  $y \in T(\bar{x})$ ,

$$G^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : y \in G(x)\} = \{x \in X : \varphi(\bar{x}, y, x) > \varepsilon\}$$

is open in  $X$  (and hence  $G$  has local intersection property) and

$$X \setminus F^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : \varphi(\bar{x}, y, x) < \varepsilon\}$$

is  $H$ -convex by (i). Obviously,  $F(x)$  is closed in  $T(\bar{x})$  by (iv). By virtue of Lemma 4, there exists a point  $y_\varepsilon \in \bigcap_{x \in X} F(x)$ , i.e.  $y_\varepsilon \in T(\bar{x})$  and  $\inf_{x \in X} \varphi(\bar{x}, y_\varepsilon, x) \geq \varepsilon$ . Since  $T(\bar{x})$  is compact, we may assume  $y_\varepsilon \rightarrow \bar{y} \in T(\bar{x})$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ). Consequently,  $\inf_{x \in X} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, x) \geq 0$  by (iv), i.e.  $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.** In Theorem 5, if  $X$  is a nonempty compact convex subset of a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space  $E$ ,  $Y = E^*$  (the conjugate space of  $E$ ) and  $\varphi(x, y, z) = \langle y, x - z \rangle$  (by Lemma B of [20],  $\varphi$  is continuous), then Theorem 5 reduces to Theorem 6 in Browder [2].

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  and  $(Y, \{\Gamma'_B\})$  be two  $H$ -spaces and  $X$  is compact,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is an upper semicontinuous multivalued mapping with nonempty compact weak  $H$ -convex values. If functions  $\varphi, \psi : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (i)  $\varphi(x, y)$  is lower semicontinuous and  $H$ -quasiconvex in  $x$ ,
- (ii)  $\varphi(x, \cdot)$  is upper semicontinuous and  $H$ -quasiconcave,
- (iii) for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a point  $y \in T(x)$  such that  $\psi(x, y) \geq c$  ( $c$  is a constant),
- (iv)  $\psi(x, y) \leq \varphi(x, y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ ,

then there exist a point  $\bar{x} \in X$  and a point  $\bar{y} \in T(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\varphi(x, \bar{y}) \geq c$$

for all  $x \in X$ .



**Proof.** For each  $x \in X$ , let

$$S(x) = \{z \in X : \max_{y \in T(x)} \varphi(z, y) < c\},$$

$$H(x) = \{z \in X : \sup_{y \in T(x)} \psi(z, y) < c\},$$

Then  $S, H : X \rightarrow 2^X$  are two multivalued mappings with  $S(x) \subset H(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  by (iv). Since  $\varphi(z, y)$  is  $H$ -quasiconvex in  $z$ , the set

$$S(x) = \bigcap_{y \in T(x)} \{z \in X : \varphi(z, y) < c\}$$

is  $H$ -convex. Let  $f(z, x) = \max_{y \in T(x)} \varphi(z, y)$ . For each fixed  $z \in X$  and each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$D = \{x \in X : f(z, x) \geq r\}.$$

If  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  is a net in  $D$  such that  $x_\alpha \rightarrow u$ , then

$$f(z, x_\alpha) \geq r, \quad \forall \alpha \in I,$$

i.e.

$$\max_{y \in T(x_\alpha)} \varphi(z, y) \geq r, \quad \forall \alpha \in I.$$

Consequently, for each  $\alpha \in I$ , there exists a point  $y_\alpha \in T(x_\alpha)$  such that  $\varphi(z, y_\alpha) \geq r$ . By Proposition 1 in [21], there exists a point  $v \in T(u)$  and a subnet  $\{y_\beta\}$  of  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  such that  $y_\beta \rightarrow v$ . By (ii)  $\varphi(z, v) \geq r$ , and hence  $\max_{y \in T(u)} \varphi(z, y) \geq r$ , i.e.  $f(z, u) \geq r$ , i.e.  $u \in D$ . Hence  $D$  is closed. Consequently,  $f(z, x)$  is upper semicontinuous in  $x$ . Hence for each  $z \in X$ ,  $S^{-1}(z) = \{x \in X : f(z, x) < c\}$  is open.

If  $S(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in X$ , there exists a point  $\bar{u} \in X$  such that  $\bar{u} \in H(\bar{u})$  by Corollary 2.3 in [28], i.e.  $\sup_{y \in T(\bar{u})} \psi(\bar{u}, y) < c$ . It contradicts (iii). Therefore, there exists a point  $\bar{x} \in X$  such that  $S(\bar{x}) = \emptyset$ , i.e.

$$\max_{y \in T(\bar{x})} \varphi(x, y) \geq c, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

For each  $\varepsilon < c$ , let  $G(x) = \{y \in T(\bar{x}) : \varphi(x, y) > \varepsilon\}$ ,  $F(x) = \{y \in T(\bar{x}) : \varphi(x, y) \geq \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ . Then  $G, F : X \rightarrow 2^{T(\bar{x})}$  are two multivalued mappings with nonempty values and  $G(x) \subset F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ . Since  $T(\bar{x})$  is a compact weak  $H$ -convex subset of  $Y$ ,  $(T(\bar{x}), \{T(\bar{x}) \cap \Gamma'_B\})$  is a compact  $H$ -space and the multivalued mapping  $G : X \rightarrow 2^{T(\bar{x})}$  has  $H$ -convex values by (ii). For each  $y \in T(\bar{x})$ ,

$$G^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : y \in G(x)\} = \{x \in X : \varphi(x, y) > \varepsilon\}$$

is open in  $X$  (and hence  $G$  has local intersection property) and

$$X \setminus F^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : \varphi(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$$

is  $H$ -convex by (i). Obviously,  $F(x)$  is closed in  $T(\bar{x})$  by (ii). By virtue of Lemma 4, there exists a point  $y_\varepsilon \in \bigcap_{x \in X} F(x)$ , i.e.  $y_\varepsilon \in T(\bar{x})$  and

$\inf_{x \in X} \varphi(x, y_\varepsilon) \geq \varepsilon$ . Since  $T(\bar{x})$  is compact, we may assume  $y_\varepsilon \rightarrow \bar{y} \in T(\bar{x})$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow c$ ). Consequently,  $\inf_{x \in X} \varphi(x, \bar{y}) \geq c$  by (ii), i.e.  $\varphi(x, \bar{y}) \geq c$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.** Theorem 6 improves and develops Theorem 5.7.1 of [5].

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