

# Stability in vector-valued and set-valued optimization<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we discuss the stability of the sets of efficient points of vector-valued and set-valued optimization problems when the data  $(E_n, f_n)$  (resp.  $(E_n, F_n)$ ) of the approximate problems converge to the data  $(E, f)$  (resp.  $(E, F)$ ) of the original problem in the sense of Painleve-Kuratowski or Mosco. Our results improve and generalize those obtained by Attouch and Riahi in Section 5 in [1].

**Key words:** Convergence of set sequence, Mosco convergence, Painlevé-Kuratowski convergence, cone extremization, stability

## 1. Introduction

In [1], Attouch and Riahi applied their Theorem 3.3 and established the stability result for the set of efficient points of a multiobjective optimization problem in finite dimensional space  $R^N$  under the pareto order. In this paper, we consider the stability of the sets of efficient points of vector-valued and set-valued maps in a Banach space  $Y$  under general cone order setting when the data  $(E_n, f_n)$  (resp.  $(E_n, F_n)$ ) of the approximate problems converge to the data  $(E, f)$  (resp.  $(E, F)$ ) of the original problem in the sense of Painleve-Kuratowski and Mosco (for details, see Section 2). Our results improve and generalize those in Section 5 in [1].

This paper is structured as follows. In Section 2, we present some concepts and notations. Section 3 is devoted to the stability results. Section 4 concludes the paper.

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## 2. Concepts and notations

In this section, we introduce some concepts and notations, which will be used in the sequel.

Throughout this paper, we assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are both Banach spaces.  $Y$  is partially ordered by a nontrivial, closed, pointed and convex cone  $C$ , i.e.,  $\forall y_1, y_2 \in Y, y_1 \leq_C y_2$  iff  $y_2 - y_1 \in C$ . Let  $C^* = \{l \in Y^* : l(c) \geq 0, \forall c \in C\}$  denote the positive polar cone of  $C$  and  $\text{int } C$  denote the interior of  $C$  if the interior of  $C$  is nonempty.

We first recall the Painlevé-Kuratowski convergence and Mosco convergence of a set sequence.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $Z$  be a first countable topological space. The Painlevé-Kuratowski convergence of a sequence of subsets  $\{D_n : n \in N\}$  of  $Z$  to a subset  $D$  of  $Z$  (i.e.,  $D_n \xrightarrow{P.K.} D$ ) means  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n \subset D \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n$  with

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n = \{x = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n : x_n \in D_n, \forall n \in N\}$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n = \{x = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} x_{n_k} : x_{n_k} \in D_{n_k}, \forall k, \{n_k\} \text{ a subsequence of } N\}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $Z$  be a normed space. We say that a sequence of subsets  $\{D_n\}$  of  $Z$  Mosco converges to  $D \subset Z$  if  $w - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n \subset D \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n$  with  $w - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} = \{x = w - \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} x_{n_k} : x_{n_k} \in D_{n_k}, \forall k, \{n_k\} \text{ a subsequence of } N\}$ , where  $x = w - \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} x_{n_k}$  stands for the weak convergence of  $x_{n_k}$  to  $x$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A vector-valued function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be lower semi-continuous (l.s.c.) with respect to (w.r.t.)  $C$  if  $\forall y \in Y, \{x \in X : f(x) \leq_C y\}$  is closed.

We use  $\text{ext}_C A$  to denote the set of maximal (efficient) points of  $A$ , i.e.,  $z \in \text{ext}_C A$  iff  $(z + C) \cap A = \{z\}$ .

We introduce a virtual element  $+\infty$  in  $Y$  meaning that  $+\infty - y \in C, \forall y \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.4.** We say a sequence of vector-valued functions  $f_n$  (defined on  $X$ ) Painlevé-Kuratowski (P.K. for short) (resp. Mosco (M for short)) converges to a vector-valued function  $f$  (defined on  $X$ ) if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{epi}(f_n) &= \{(x, y) : y \in f(x) + C\} \xrightarrow{P.K.} \text{epi}(f) \\ &= \{(x, y) : y \in f(x) + C\} \xrightarrow{M} \text{epi}(f). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.5.** We say a sequence of nonempty set-valued maps  $F_n$  (defined on  $X$ ) P.K.(M) converges to a nonempty set-valued map  $F$  (defined on  $X$ ) if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{epi}(F_n) &= \{(x, y) : y \in F_n(x) + C\} \xrightarrow{P.K.} \text{epi}(F) \\ &= \{(x, y) : y \in F(x) + C\} \xrightarrow{M} \text{epi}(F). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\{f_n : E_n \rightarrow Y, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of vector-valued functions and denote by  $\{(E_n, f_n) : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  the corresponding sequence pairs.  $f : E \rightarrow Y$ . we say  $(E_n, f_n)$  P.K.(M) converges to  $(E, f)$  if  $\bar{f}_n \xrightarrow{P.K.} \bar{f} (\bar{f}_n \xrightarrow{M} \bar{f})$ , where

$$\bar{f}_n(x) = \begin{cases} f_n(x), & \text{if } x \in E_n, \\ +\infty, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus E_n; \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{f}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } x \in E; \\ +\infty, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus E. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $\{F_n : E_n \rightarrow 2^Y, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of nonempty set-valued maps and denote by  $\{(E_n, F_n)\}$  the corresponding pairs.  $F : E \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a nonempty set-valued map. We say  $(E_n, F_n)$  P.K.(M) converges to  $(E, F)$  if  $\bar{F}_n \xrightarrow{P.K.} \bar{F}$ , where

$$\bar{F}_n(x) = \begin{cases} F_n(x), & \text{if } x \in E_n, \\ +\infty, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus E_n; \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{F}(x) = \begin{cases} F(x), & \text{if } x \in E, \\ +\infty, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus E. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a vector-valued function. We say  $f$  is bounded below if  $\exists y_0 \in Y$  such that  $f(X) - y_0 \subset C$ .

Let  $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$  be a sequence of vector-valued functions. We say  $f_n$  are uniformly bounded below if  $\exists y_0 \in Y$  such that  $f_n(X) - y_0 \subset C, \forall n \in N$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a set-valued map. We say that  $F$  is bounded below if  $\exists y_0 \in Y$  such that  $[F(X) - y_0] \subset C$ , where  $F(x) = \bigcup_{x \in X} F(x)$ .

Let  $F_n : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a sequence of set-valued maps. We say that  $F_n$  are uniformly bounded below if there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $[F_n(X) - y_0] \subset C$  for all  $n$ .

### 3. Stability of the set of efficient (minimal) points

This section presents the main results, which generalize the corresponding results in [1, Section 5]. We shall first state the results and then prove them one by one.

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset, -C \subset \{y \in Y : l(y) + \varepsilon \|y\| \leq 0\}$  for some  $l \in Y^*$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .  $(E_n, f_n), (E, f)$  are as defined in Definition 2.6.  $\forall n \in N, E_n$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X, f_n$  is l.s.c. w.r.t.  $C, E \subset X$  is nonempty closed.  $f$  is l.s.c. w.r.t.  $C$ .

In addition,

(a)  $\inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} l(f_n(x)) > -\infty;$

(b)  $(E_n, f_n) \xrightarrow{P.K.} (E, f);$

(c)  $\exists$  a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $E_n \subset K, \forall n \in N;$

(d)  $\forall \rho > 0, \exists$  a compact subset  $K_\rho$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball of  $Y$ .

Then  $\text{ext}_{-C} f(E)$  is nonempty and

$$\text{ext}_{-C} f(E) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n).$$

**Theorem 3.2.**  $C$  (without the assumption  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$ ),  $f_n, E_n, E, f$  are as in Theorem 3.1.  $\forall \lambda \in C^*$ ,  $\lambda(f_n)$  is l.s.c. on  $E_n$ .  $\lambda(f)$  is l.s.c. on  $E$ .

In addition,

(a)  $\inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} l(f_n(x)) > -\infty$ ;

(b)  $(E_n, f_n) \xrightarrow{P.K.} (E, f)$ ;

(c)  $\exists$  a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $E_n \subset K, \forall n \in N$ ;

(d)  $\forall \rho > 0, \exists$  a compact subset  $K_\rho$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball of  $Y$ .

Then  $\text{ext}_{-C} f(E)$  is nonempty and

$$\text{ext}_{-C} f(E) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n).$$

**Theorem 3.3.**  $X$  and  $Y$  are reflexive Banach spaces.  $C, E_n, f_n, E, f$  are as in Theorem 3.1.  $f_n, f$  are l.s.c. (with respect to the weak topology of  $X$ ) w.r.t.  $C$ .

In addition,

(a)  $\inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} l(f_n(x)) > -\infty$ ;

(b)  $(E_n, f_n) \xrightarrow{M} (E, f)$ ;

(c)  $\exists$  a bounded closed subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $E_n \subset K, \forall n \in N$ ;

(d)  $\forall \rho > 0, \exists$  a compact subset  $K_\rho$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball of  $Y$ .

Then  $\text{ext}_{-C} f(E)$  is nonempty and

$$\text{ext}_{-C} f(E) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n).$$

**Theorem 3.4.**  $X, Y, C$  (without the assumption  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$ ),  $E_n, E, f_n, f$  are as in Theorem 3.3  $\forall \lambda \in C^*$ ,  $\lambda(f_n), \lambda(f)$  are l.s.c. (with respect to the weak topology of  $X$ ).

In addition,

(a)  $\inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} l(f_n(x)) > -\infty$ ;

(b)  $(E_n, f_n) \xrightarrow{M} (E, f)$ ;

(c)  $\exists$  a bounded closed subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $E_n \subset K, \forall n \in N$ ;

(d)  $\forall \rho > 0, \exists$  a compact subset  $K_\rho$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball of  $Y$ .

Then  $\text{ext}_{-C} f(E)$  is nonempty and

$$\text{ext}_{-C} f(E) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n).$$

**Remark 3.1.**

(i) The condition  $-C \subset \{y \in Y : l(y) + \varepsilon \|y\| \leq 0\}$  for some  $l \in Y^*$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is equivalent to the statement that  $\exists l \in C^* \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\varepsilon$  such that  $l(c) \geq \varepsilon$  for any  $c \in C$  with  $\|c\| = 1$ . The latter is fulfilled when  $Y$  is a finite dimen-

sional space and  $C$  is a nontrivial, pointed, closed and convex cone. Note that Attouch and Riahi considered only the special case when  $Y = R^N$  and  $C = R_+^N$ . On the other hand, the following example shows that the condition  $-C \subset \{y \in Y : l(y) + \varepsilon\|y\| \leq 0\}$  for some  $l \in Y^*$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  can be satisfied when  $Y$  is infinite dimensional, which illustrates the fact that Theorem 3.1 (Theorem 3.3) does generalize the corresponding results in [1, Section 5].

**Example 3.1.** Let  $Y = l^1 = \{a = (a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots) : a_i \in R^1, \sum_{i=1}^\infty |a_i| < +\infty\}$ ,  $C = \{a = (a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots) : a_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $l = (1, 1, \dots) \in C^*$ . Then  $l(c) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty c_i = 1$  for any  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n, \dots) \in C$  such that  $\|c\|_{l^1} = 1$ . It follows that  $-C \subset \{y \in Y : l(y) + \varepsilon\|y\| \leq 0\}$ .

(ii) It is clear that if  $\bar{f}_n$  are uniformly bounded below (i.e., there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $f_n(x) - y_0 \in C, \forall x \in E_n, \forall n$ ), then (a) holds automatically.

(iii) Let  $Y = R^N, C = R_+^N$ . It is not hard to see that the conditions of Theorem 5.2 in [1] imply all the conditions in our Theorem 3.1. However, the Definition 5.1 in [1] is a stronger version of convergence than (b) in our Theorem 3.1. Therefore, our Theorem 3.1 improves Theorem 5.2 in [1].

We need the following lemmas to prove the theorems above.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 (or Theorem 3.2), we have*

$$(E_n, f_n) \xrightarrow{P.K.} (E, f) \Rightarrow f_n(E_n) + C \xrightarrow{P.K.} f(E) + C.$$

*Proof.* Firstly, we prove

$$f(E) + C \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(E_n) + C \tag{1}$$

$\forall y \in f(E)$  with  $y = f(x), \forall c \in C$ , then  $(x, y + c) \in \text{epi}(\bar{f})$ . Since  $\bar{f}_n \xrightarrow{P.K.} \bar{f}$ , we have  $\text{epi}(\bar{f}) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{epi}(\bar{f}_n)$ .

So  $\exists (x_n, y_n) \in \text{epi}(\bar{f}_n)$  with  $y_n = \bar{f}_n(x_n) + c_n$  such that  $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x, y + c)$ . Thus  $y_n \rightarrow y + C$ .

Obviously,  $x_n \in E_n$  when  $n$  is sufficiently large. Hence,  $y_n = \bar{f}_n(x_n) + c_n = f(x_n) + c_n \in f_n(E_n) + C$ , when  $n$  is sufficiently large, implying (1).

Secondly, We prove  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_n(E_n) + C) \subset f(E) + C$ .

For any  $x_{n_k} \in E_{n_k}, c_{n_k} \in C$  with  $f_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k} \in f_{n_k}(E_{n_k}) + C$  such that  $f_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ .

Now that  $\{x_{n_k}\} \subset K$  and  $K$  is a compact subset of  $X$ , we deduce that there exist a subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_j}}\}$  and  $x \in K$  such that  $x_{n_{k_j}} \rightarrow x$ . Noticing that  $y \neq +\infty$ , we obtain  $x \in E$ . So  $(x, y) \in \text{epi}(f)$ , i.e.,  $y \in f(E) + C$ . The proof is complete.

Similarly, we can prove the following Lemma 3.2.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.3 (or Theorem 3.4),*

$$(E_n, f_n) \xrightarrow{M} (E, f) \Rightarrow f_n(E_n) + C \xrightarrow{M} f(E) + C.$$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $E \subset X$  be nonempty compact.  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  is l.s.c. w.r.t.  $C$  on  $E$ . Then  $f(E) + C$  is nonempty closed and  $\text{ext}_{-C}[f(E) + C] = \text{ext}_{-C}f(E)$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $f(x_n) + c_n \in f(E) + C$  with  $x_n \in E$ ,  $c_n \in C$  such that

$$f(x_n) + c_n \rightarrow y \quad (2)$$

By the compactness of  $E$ , we get a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $x \in E$  such that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ . This combined with (2) yields  $f(x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ .

Arbitrarily fix an  $e \in \text{int } C$ , then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K_0$ , when  $k \geq K_0$ ,  $f(x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k} \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ . So  $f(x_{n_k}) \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ . By the l.s.c. of  $f$  w.r.t.  $C$ , we know that  $f(x) \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ , i.e.,  $f(x) - y - \varepsilon e \in -C$ . Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $f(x) - y \in -C$  (since  $-C$  is closed). Hence  $y \in f(x) + C \subset f(E) + C$ .

It is obvious that the relation  $\text{ext}_{-C}[f(E) + C] = \text{ext}_{-C}f(E)$  holds.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $E \subset X$  be nonempty compact. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be such that  $\forall \lambda \in C^*$ ,  $\lambda(f)$  is l.s.c. on  $E$ . Then  $f(E) + C$  is nonempty closed and  $\text{ext}_{-C}[f(E) + C] = \text{ext}_{-C}[f(E)]$ .*

*Proof.* We only show that  $f(E) + C$  is closed.

For any  $f(x_n) + c_n \in f(E) + C$  with  $x_n \in E, c_n \in C$  such that  $f(x_n) + c_n \rightarrow y$ . By the compactness of  $E$ , we have a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $x \in E$  such that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ . Moreover,  $f(x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ . Hence  $\lambda(f(x_{n_k})) + \lambda(c_{n_k}) \rightarrow \lambda(y), \forall \lambda \in C^*$ , implying  $\lambda(f(x)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(f(x_{n_k})) \leq \lambda(y) \forall \lambda \in C^*$ .

Thus  $f(x) \leq_C y$ , implying  $y \in f(x) + C \subset f(E) + C$ .

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* We simply apply Theorem 3.3 in [1] with  $C$  replaced by  $-C, D_n = f_n(E_n) + C, D = f(E) + C$ . By Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.3, we know that  $D_n, D$  are nonempty closed and  $D_n \xrightarrow{P.K.} D$ . In addition,  $\inf_{n \in N} \inf_{y \in D_n} l(y) \geq \inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} > -\infty$ . Moreover,  $\forall \rho > 0, (\text{ext}_{-C} D_n) \cap \rho B = (\text{ext}_{-C} f_n(E_n)) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ . So all the conditions of Theorem 3.3 in [1] hold, hence,  $\text{ext}_{-C}f(E) = \text{ext}_{-C}D \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{ext}_{-C}f(E) = \text{ext}_{-C}D \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C}D_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C}f(E_n)$ . The proof is completed.

Theorem 3.2 can be similarly proved.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$ . If  $E \subset X$  is nonempty, closed and bounded.  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  is l.s.c. (with respect to the weak topology of  $X$ ) on  $E$  w.r.t.  $C$ . Then  $f(E) + C$  is a nonempty closed set and  $\text{ext}_{-C}[f(E) + C] = \text{ext}_{-C}f(E)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is reflexive, we know that  $E$  is a weakly compact subset of  $X$ .

$\forall f(x_n) + c_n \in f(E) + C$  with  $x_n \in E, c_n \in C$  such that  $f(x_n) + c_n \rightarrow y$ .

By the weak compactness of  $E$ , we obtain a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $x \in E$  such that  $x_{n_k} \xrightarrow{w} x$ . Arbitrarily fix an  $e \in \text{int } C, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K_0 > 0$ , when  $k \geq K_0$ , we have  $f(x_{n_k}) + c_{n_k} \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ . Thus  $f(x_{n_k}) \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ . By the l.s.c. of  $f$  (w.r.t.  $C$  and the weak topology of  $X$ ), we have  $f(x) \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ . Hence,  $f(x) \leq_C y + \varepsilon e$ , i.e.,  $y \in f(x) + C \subset f(E) + C$ .

Similar to the proof of Lemma 3.4 (applying the weak topology of  $X$ ), we can prove Lemma 3.6.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space. If  $E \subset X$  is nonempty, closed and bounded,  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  is such that  $\forall \lambda \in C^*$ ,  $\lambda(f)$  is l.s.c. (with respect to the weak topology of  $X$ ) on  $E$ , then  $f(E) + C$  is nonempty closed and  $\text{ext}_{-C}[f(E) + C] = \text{ext}_{-C}f(E)$ .*

Applying our Lemma 3.2, Lemma 3.5 and Theorem 3.5 in [1], we can easily prove Theorem 3.3.

Applying our Lemma 3.2, Lemma 3.6 and Theorem 3.5 in [1], we can also prove Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $C \subset \{y \in Y : l(y) + \varepsilon\|y\| \leq 0\}$  for some  $l \in Y^*$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ .  $\forall n \in N$ ,  $E_n$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ ,  $F_n : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is u.s.c. nonempty compact-valued.  $E$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ ,  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is u.s.c. nonempty compact-valued. In addition,*

$$(a) \inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} \inf_{y \in F_n(x)} l(y) > -\infty;$$

$$(b) (E_n, F_n) \xrightarrow{M} (E, F);$$

$$(c) \exists \text{ a bounded closed subset } K \text{ of } X \text{ such that } E_n \subset K, \forall n \in N;$$

(d)  $\forall \rho > 0, \exists$  a compact subset  $K_\rho$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{ext}_{-C} F_n(E_n) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball of  $Y$ .

$$\text{Then } \text{ext}_{-C} F(E) \text{ is nonempty and } \text{ext}_{-C} F(E) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C} F_n(E_n).$$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $X, Y$  be reflexive Banach spaces.  $C, E_n, F_n, E, F$  are as in Theorem 3.5.  $F_n, F$  are u.s.c. (with respect to the weak topology of  $X$ ). In addition,*

$$(a) \inf_{n \in N} \inf_{x \in E_n} \inf_{y \in F_n(x)} l(y) > -\infty;$$

$$(b) (E_n, F_n) \xrightarrow{M} (E, F);$$

$$(c) \exists \text{ a bounded closed subset } K \text{ of } X \text{ such that } E_n \subset K, \forall n \in N;$$

(d)  $\forall \rho > 0, \exists$  a compact subset  $K_\rho$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{ext}_{-C} F_n(E_n) \cap \rho B \subset K_\rho$ , where  $B$  is the unit ball of  $Y$ .

$$\text{Then } \text{ext}_{-C} F(E) \text{ is nonempty and } \text{ext}_{-C} F(E) \subset \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{ext}_{-C} F_n(E_n).$$

**Remark 3.2.** If  $\overline{F_n}$  are uniformly bounded below (i.e. there exists  $y_0 \in Y$  such that  $[F_n(E_n) - y_0] \subset C, \forall n$ ), then (a) in Theorems 3.5 and 3.6 holds automatically.

The following lemmas are needed to prove Theorems 3.5, 3.6.

**Lemma 3.7.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.5,  $(E_n, F_n) \xrightarrow{P.K.} (E, F)$  implies  $F_n(E_n) + C \xrightarrow{P.K.} F(E) + C$ .*

**Lemma 3.8.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.6,  $(E_n, F_n) \xrightarrow{M} (E, F)$  implies  $F_n(E_n) + C \xrightarrow{M} F(E) + C$ .*

The proofs of Lemma 3.7, Lemma 3.8 are similar to those of Lemma 3.1, Lemma 3.2, respectively, we omit it.

**Lemma 3.9.** *Let  $E \subset X$  be nonempty compact. Let  $F : E \rightarrow 2^Y$  be u.s.c. nonempty compact-valued, then  $F(E) + C$  is nonempty closed and  $\text{ext}_{-C} F(E) = \text{ext}_{-C}[F(E) + C]$ .*

*Proof.* We only need to show that  $F(E) + C$  is closed.

$\forall y_n + c_n \in F(x_n) + C$  with  $y_n \in F(x_n)$  ( $x_n \in E$ ),  $c_n \in C$  and  $y_n + c_n \rightarrow y$ . We prove that  $y \in F(E) + C$  in the following two cases, respectively. (i)  $x_n \equiv x$  for some  $x \in X$  when  $n$  is sufficiently large.

Then  $y_n \in F(x)$ , when  $n$  is sufficiently large. By the compactness of  $F(x)$ , we get a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  and  $y' \in F(x)$  such that  $y_{n_k} \rightarrow y'$ . However,  $y_{n_k} + c_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ , so  $c_{n_k} \rightarrow y - y' \in C$ , i.e.,  $y \in F(x) + C \subset F(E) + C$ .

(ii)  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  whose elements are different from one another such that  $y_{n_k} \in F(x_{n_k})$ .

By the compactness of  $E$ , we obtain a subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_l}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  and  $x \in E$  such that  $x_{n_{k_l}} \rightarrow x$ . By the u.s.c. of  $F$  and the compactness of  $F(x)$ , we have a subsequence  $\{y_{n_{k_l}}\}$  of  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  and  $y' \in F(x)$  such that  $y_{n_{k_l}} \rightarrow y'$ . So  $c_{n_{k_l}} \rightarrow y - y' \in C$ , i.e.,  $y \in F(x) + C \subset F(E) + C$ . The proof is completed.

**Lemma 3.10.**  *$X$  is a reflexive space,  $E$  is a nonempty closed bounded subset of  $X$ .  $F : E \rightarrow 2^Y$  is an u.s.c. (w.r.t. the weak topology of  $X$ ) nonempty compact-valued map, then  $F(E) + C$  is nonempty closed and  $\text{ext}_{-C} F(E) = \text{ext}_{-C}[F(E) + C]$ .*

The proof of Lemma 3.10 is almost the same as that of Lemma 3.9, the only difference being that the weak topology of  $X$  should be applied.

The combination of our Lemma 3.7, Lemma 3.9 and Theorem 3.3 in [1] completes the proof of our Theorem 3.5.

The combination of our Lemma 3.8, Lemma 3.10 and Theorem 3.5 in [1] completes the proof of our Theorem 3.6.

#### 4. Conclusions

This paper considered the stability of vector-valued and set-valued optimization problems based on the concepts of Painleve-kuratowski and Mosco convergence of sets. The results generalized the corresponding results of Attouch and Riahi in [1, Section 5]. The generalization is threefold: the objective space  $Y$  is extended from finite dimensional to infinite dimensional; the dominating cone  $C$  is extended from  $R_+^N$  to a general ordering cone; the objective functions are extended to general vector-valued functions or set-valued maps. Further research, for example, the stability of the set of weakly efficient points (when the dominating cone  $C$  has nonempty interior) based on the concepts of Painleve-Kuratowski and Mosco convergence of sets can be expected.

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