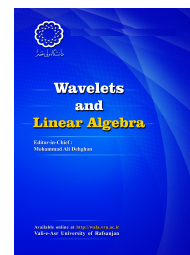


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## Some results on functionally convex sets in real Banach spaces

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### ABSTRACT

We use of two notions functionally convex (briefly, F-convex) and functionally closed (briefly, F-closed) in functional analysis and obtain more results. We show that if  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  is a family F-convex subsets with non empty intersection of a Banach space  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$  is F-convex. Moreover, we introduce new definition of notion F-convexiy.

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### 1. Introduction

In [5], M. Eshahgi, H. R. Reisi and A. R. Moazzen introduced two new notions in functional analysis. By defining functionally convex (briefly, F-convex) and functionally closed (briefly, F-

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closed) sets, they improved some basic theorems in functional analysis. Among other things, the Krein-Milman theorem has been generalized on finite dimensional Banach spaces. Hence, they have proved that, the set of extreme points of every bounded,  $F$ -convex and  $F$ -closed subset of a finite dimensional space is nonempty. Additionally, they partially proved the famous Chebyshev open problem (which asks whether or not every Chebyshev set in a Hilbert space is convex?). Hence, they have shown that, if  $A$  is a Chebyshev subset of a Hilbert space and the metric projection  $P_A$  is continuous, then  $A$  is  $F$ -convex

From now on, we suppose that all normed spaces and Banach spaces are real.

**Definition 1.1.** [5] In a normed space  $X$ , we say that  $K(\subseteq X)$  is functionally convex (briefly,  $F$ -convex) if for every bounded linear transformation  $T \in B(X, \mathbb{R})$ , the subset  $T(K)$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is convex.

**Proposition 1.2.** [5] If  $T$  is a bounded linear mapping from a normed space  $X$  into a normed space  $Y$ , and  $K$  is  $F$ -convex in  $X$ , then  $T(K)$  is  $F$ -convex in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 1.3.** [5] Let  $A, B$  be two  $F$ -convex subsets of a normed space  $X$  and  $\lambda$  be a real number, then

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}, \text{ and } \lambda A = \{\lambda.a : a \in A\}$$

are  $F$ -convex.

**Proposition 1.4.** [5] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $F$ -convex subsets of a linear space  $X$ , which have nonempty intersection. Then  $A \cup B$  is  $F$ -convex.

**Definition 1.5.** [5] Let  $X$  be a normed space and let  $A \subseteq X$ .  $A$  is functionally closed (briefly,  $F$ -closed), if  $f(A)$  is closed for all  $f \in X^*$ .

Note that every compact set is  $F$ -closed. Also, every closed subset of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $F$ -closed. In  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ , the set  $A = \{(x, y) : x, y \geq 0\}$  is (non-compact)  $F$ -closed whereas, the set  $A = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  is closed but it is not  $F$ -closed (by taking  $f(x, y) = x + \sqrt{2}y$ , the set  $f(A)$  is not closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). By taking  $A = \{(x, y) : 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$  a nonconvex  $F$ -closed and  $F$ -convex set is obtained. Also, the set  $B = \{(x, y) : x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}], y \geq \tan(x)\}$  is a closed convex set which is not  $F$ -closed. On the other hand,  $A = \{(x, y) : 1 < x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$  is a non-compact and  $F$ -closed set. The two last examples show that weakly closed( weakly compact) and  $F$ -closed sets are different.

*Remark 1.6.* Note that we can not reduce definition of  $F$ -convexity to a basis of  $X^*$ , in the sence that a set in  $X$  is  $F$ -convex whenever its image under elements of a basis is convex. For instance, by taking the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the set

$$\begin{aligned} A = & \{(0, \alpha) : \alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q} \cap [-\sqrt{2}, 1]\} \cup \{(\beta, 1) : \beta \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, \sqrt{2}]\} \\ & \cup \{(r, -\sqrt{2}) : r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, \sqrt{2}]\} \cup \{(\sqrt{2}, s) : s \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [-\sqrt{2}, 1]\} \\ & \cup \{(0, 1), (0, \sqrt{2}), (\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}), (\sqrt{2}, 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

$p_x(x, y) = x$  and  $p_y(x, y) = y$ , projections on axis, is a base for  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $P_x(A) = [0, 1]$  also,  $p_y(A) = [-\sqrt{2}, 1]$  but  $f(x, y) = x + y$  is an element of  $X^*$  and  $f(A)$  is not convex.

In [5], we prove the following theorem, which help us to find a big class of F-convex sets.

**Theorem 1.7.** *Every arcwise connected subset of a normed space X is F-convex.*

*Remark 1.8.* The converse of the above theorem is not valid. Hence, by taking  $S = \{(x, \sin(\frac{1}{x}) : 0 < x \leq 1\}$ , the set  $\bar{S}$  which is called the sine's curve of topologist is connected and so for any linear functional  $f \in (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})^*$ , the set  $f(\bar{S})$  is an interval. Thus,  $\bar{S}$  is an F-convex set which is not arcwise connected.

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we show, how construct new subset F-convex one of given ones.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let A, B be subsets of Banach space X. If A is F-convex and  $A \subset B \subset \bar{A}$  then, B is F-convex.*

*Proof.* For every  $f \in X^*$ , we have  $f(A) \subseteq f(B) \subseteq f(\bar{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ . Hence, by assumption,  $f(\bar{A})$  is an interval. This completes the proof. □

*Remark 2.2.* In contrary the case of convex sets, interior of an F-convex set, necessarily is not F-convex. For instance, take  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  and let  $B = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ . Then if A is all elements surrounded by B and  $B + \frac{1}{2}$  is F-convex, but the interior of A is not F-convex. Since, by taking f as projection on x-axis we have  $f(A^\circ) = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ , which is not convex.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be collection of F-convex subsets in Banach space X. If  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \neq \phi$  then,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$  is F-convex.*

*Proof.* For each  $f \in X^*$  and  $\alpha \in I$ , we know,  $f(A_\alpha)$  is an interval and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} f(A_\alpha) \neq \phi$ . Thus,  $f(\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} f(A_\alpha)$  is convex. □

We know that, if  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a collection of connected subsets in X, A is connected and  $A \cap A_\alpha \neq \phi$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ , then  $A \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha)$  is connected. Now, we have the following theorem;

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a collection of F-convex subsets in Banach space X. If A is F-convex and  $A \cap A_\alpha \neq \phi$  for evrey  $\alpha \in I$ , then  $A \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha)$  is F-convex.*

*Proof.* For evrey  $f \in X^*$  and all  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $f(A_\alpha)$  and  $f(A)$  are intervals such that  $f(A) \cap f(A_\alpha) \neq \phi$ . Therefore,  $f(A \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha)) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} f(A_\alpha) \cup f(A)$  is interval for evrey  $f \in X^*$ . So,  $A \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha)$  is F-convex. □

We know that, if  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a collection of connected subsets in X such that  $A_n \cap A_{n+1} \neq \phi$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  is connected. Now, we have the following theorem;

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a collection of F-convex subsets in Banach space X. If  $A_n \cap A_{n+1} \neq \phi$  for evrey  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  is F-convex.*

*Proof.* For evrey  $f \in X^*$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(A_n)$  is interval and  $f(A_n) \cap f(A_{n+1}) \neq \phi$ . Therefore,  $f(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f(A_n)$  is interval for evrey  $f \in X^*$ . So,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$  is F-convex. □

Let  $A$  be a subset of linear space  $X$ . We define an equivalence relation on  $A$  as:  $x \sim y$  if and only if both lie in a  $F$ -convex subset of  $A$ . The relation  $\sim$  actually is an equivalence relation. For transitivity, note that if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then there are weakly convex subsets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $x, y \in A$  and  $y, z \in B$ . Proposition 1.4 asserts that  $A \cup B$  is  $F$ -convex subset of  $X$  and so  $x \sim z$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $(X_i, \|\cdot\|_i)$  be norm linear spaces, then  $A_i \subset X_i$  are  $F$ -convex if and only if,  $\prod_{i=1}^n A_i$  is  $F$ -convex in  $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i$  equipped by the norm*

$$\|(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|_i^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

*Proof.* We Know that

$$\left( \prod_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^* = \oplus_{i=1}^n X_i^*.$$

So, for every  $g \in \left( \prod_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^*$  there are unique  $f_i \in X_i^*, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that,  $g = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i$ . Now we have

$$g\left(\prod_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(A_i).$$

Since, every  $A_i$  is  $F$ -convex so,  $f_i(A_i)$  and their sum is an interval. Conversely, for every  $f_i \in X_i^*$ , taking  $g = 0 + 0 + \dots + f_i + \dots + 0$ , we have  $f(A_i) = g\left(\prod_{i=1}^n A_i\right)$  so,  $A_i$  is  $F$ -convex.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of the norm linear space  $X$ . If  $A \subset Y$  is  $F$ -convex then,  $A$  is  $F$ -convex in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . There exists subspace  $Y^\perp$  of  $X$  such that  $X = Y \oplus Y^\perp$ . Thus, for every  $f \in X^*$  we have,  $f|_Y \in Y^*$ . Now, if  $A$  is  $F$ -convex in  $Y$ , Therefore,  $f(A) = f|_Y(A) + f(Y^\perp)$ . By assumption,  $f|_Y(A)$  is  $F$ -convex also, since  $Y^\perp$  is a subspace, so  $Y^\perp$  is  $F$ -convex in  $X$ . Thus, By using 1.3  $f(A)$  is  $F$ -convex in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $A$  be a subset of linear space  $X$ . Let  $\frac{A}{\sim} = \{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be the set of all equivalence classes. For each  $\alpha \in I, A_\alpha$  is called  $F$ -convex component of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $A$  be a subset of linear space  $X$ . The  $F$ -convex components of  $A$  are disjoint  $F$ -convex subsets of  $A$  whose their union is  $A$ , such that any non empty  $F$ -convex subset of  $A$  contains only one of them.*

*Proof.* Being equivalence classes, the  $F$ -convex component of  $A$  are disjoint and their union is  $A$ . Each  $F$ -convex subset of  $A$  contains only one of them. For if,  $A$  intersects the components  $A_1, A_2$  of  $A$  say, in points  $x_1, x_2$  respectively, then  $x_1 \sim x_2$ . this means  $A_1 = A_2$ . To show the  $F$ -convex component  $B$  is  $F$ -convex, choose a point  $x$  of  $B$ . For each  $y \in B$ , we know that  $x_1 \sim x_2$ , so there is a  $F$ -convex subset  $A_y$  containing  $x, y$ . By the result just proved  $A_y \subset A$ . thus,  $B = \bigcup_{y \in A} A_y$ . Since subsets  $A_y$  are  $F$ -convex and the point  $x$  is in their intersection, by 2.3  $B$  is  $F$ -convex.  $\square$

*Remark 2.10.* Let  $A$  be a subset of linear space  $X$ .  $A$  is  $F$ -convex if and only if it has one  $F$ -convex component.

In the following theorem, for a subset  $A$  of a Banach space  $X$ , a necessary and sufficient condition for  $F$ -convexity is proved.

*Theorem 2.11.* Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A \subseteq X$  is  $F$ -convex if and only if

$$co(A) \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in X^*} A + Ker(f).$$

*Proof.* The set  $A \subseteq X$  is  $F$ -convex iff for all  $f \in X^*$ , the element  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(a_i)$  belongs to  $f(A)$  which,  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ,  $a_i \in A$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$ . This is equivalent that for all  $f \in X^*$ , there is  $a \in A$  such that  $a - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i a_i \in Ker(f)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.12.* Note that in special case  $X = \mathbb{R}$ , since every nonzero functional is one to one so we have  $\bigcap_{f \in X^*} A + Ker(f) = A$ . Thus  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is  $F$ -convex iff  $co(A) \subseteq A$ . Also, we have  $A \subseteq co(A)$ . Then we obtain  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is  $F$ -convex iff  $A$  is convex.

Let  $X$  be a vector space. A hyperplane in  $X$  (through  $x_0 \in X$ ) is a set of the form  $H = x_0 + Ker(f) \subseteq X$ , where  $f$  is a non-zero linear functional on  $X$ . Equivalently,  $H = f^{-1}(\gamma)$ , where  $\gamma = f(x_0)$ . So, we have

$$\bigcap_{f \in X^*} A + Ker(f) = \bigcap_{f \in X^*} \bigcup_{a \in A} a + Ker(f) = \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A)).$$

Hence,  $A \subseteq X$  is  $F$ -convex if and only if

$$co(A) \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A)).$$

*Proposition 2.13.* Let  $A$  be a subset of Banach space  $X$ . The set  $U = \bigcap_{B \in \Gamma} \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(B))$  is  $F$ -convex, where  $\Gamma = \{B : A \subseteq B, B \text{ is } F\text{-convex}\}$ .

*Proof.* By discussion ago, we have  $co(B) \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(B))$ . Intersecting on all  $B \in \Gamma$ , implies that

$$co(A) = \bigcap_{B \in \Gamma} co(B) \subseteq U \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(co(A)))$$

On the other hand, for every  $g \in X^*$ ,

$$g(co(A)) \subseteq g(U) \subseteq g(g^{-1}(g(co(A)))) \subseteq g(co(A))$$

Hence, for every  $g \in X^*$ ,  $g(U) = g(co(A))$ . So  $U$  is  $F$ -convex.  $\square$

*Theorem 2.14.* [3] If  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are disjoint closed convex subsets of a locally convex linear topological space  $X$ , and if  $K_1$  is compact, then there exist constants  $c$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , and a continuous linear functional  $f$  on  $X$ , such that

$$f(K_2) \leq c - \epsilon < c \leq f(K_1).$$

Lemma 2.15. [5] If  $A$  is a subset of a Banach space  $X$ , then

$$\bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq \overline{co}(A)$$

Corollary 2.16. [5] Let  $A$  be an  $F$ -closed subset of a Banach space  $X$ . Then  $A$  is  $F$ -convex if and only if

$$\overline{co}(A) = \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A)).$$

Corollary 2.17. A compact subset  $A$  in a Banach space  $X$  is convex if and only if  $A$  is  $F$ -convex and  $X^*$  separates  $A$  and every element of  $X - A$ .

*Proof.* If  $A$  is a compact convex subset of  $X$ , then by Theorem 2.14, the assertion holds. Conversely, assume that  $A$  is a compact  $F$ -convex subset of  $X$ . Hence,  $\overline{co}(A) = \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A))$ . On the other hand, there is  $f \in X^*$  such that for every  $x \in X - A$ , we have  $f(x) < f(A)$ . This implies that  $x$  is outside of  $f^{-1}(f(A))$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$  and  $\overline{co}(A) = A$ .  $\square$

Remark 2.18. If  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then by Riesz representation theorem for every  $f \in X^*$ , there exists a unique  $z \in X$  such that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x) = \langle x, z \rangle$ , the inner product of  $x$  and  $z$ . Then

$$Ker(f) = \{x \in X : \langle x, z \rangle = 0\} \doteq z^\perp.$$

In this case, we have

$$\bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A)) = \bigcap_{f \in X^*} A + Ker(f) = \bigcap_{z \in X} A + z^\perp. \tag{2.1}$$

Thus, in a Hilbert space  $X$ , every  $F$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $F$ -convex iff

$$\overline{co}(A) = \bigcap_{z \in X} A + z^\perp.$$

Corollary 2.19. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $F$ -closed and  $F$ -convex subsets of a Banach space  $X$  which have nonempty intersection. Then

$$\overline{co}(A \cup B) = \overline{co}(A) \cup \overline{co}(B).$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 1.4,  $A \cup B$  is  $F$ -convex. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{co}(A \cup B) &= \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A \cup B)) \\ &= \left( \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A)) \right) \cup \left( \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(B)) \right) \\ &= \overline{co}(A) \cup \overline{co}(B). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

*Corollary 2.20.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $F$ -closed and  $F$ -convex subsets of a Banach space  $X$ . Then

$$\overline{co}(A + B) = \overline{co}(A) + \overline{co}(B).$$

*Proof.* Obviously, we have

$$\overline{co}(A + B) \subseteq \overline{co}(A) + \overline{co}(B).$$

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $\overline{co}(A) + \overline{co}(B)$ . Then there are  $x_1 \in \overline{co}(A)$  and  $x_2 \in \overline{co}(B)$  such that  $x = x_1 + x_2$ . Then for every  $f \in X^*$ , we have  $f(x_1) \in f(A)$  and  $f(x_2) \in f(B)$ . This implies that  $f(x_1 + x_2) \in f(A + B)$  and hence,  $x \in f^{-1}(f(A + B))$ . It follows that

$$\overline{co}(A) + \overline{co}(B) \subseteq \bigcap_{f \in X^*} f^{-1}(f(A + B)) = \overline{co}(A + B).$$

Note that if  $A$  and  $B$  are  $F$ -convex and  $F$ -closed then,  $A + B$  is  $F$ -closed. □

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