

# Extensions of KKM theorem: $L^*$ – operators, $L^*$ – operators, and Colorful KKM.

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An  $L^*$ –operator on a topological space  $X$  is any multifunction  $\Lambda : [X]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \exp(X)$  satisfying the following condition: (\*) If  $A \in [X]^{<\omega}$  and  $\{U_x : x \in A\}$  is an open cover of  $X$ , then there exists a  $B \subseteq A$  such that  $\Lambda(B) \cap \bigcap \{U_x : x \in B\} \neq \emptyset$ . The convex hull operator on any topological vector space is an  $L^*$ –operator ( in fact, it is a different version of the celebrated KKM theorem in disguise ). The convex hull operator is also  $n$ –continuous for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . We show, among others, that any metrizable continuum admitting a 2–continuous  $L^*$ –operator must be locally connected and unicoherent. If it is also one-dimensional, then it has the fixed point property.

$L^*$ –spaces are convexity structures induced by  $L^*$ –operators. We analyze some relationships between K-simplicial structures,  $L$ –structures, and  $L^*$ –spaces. A question due to H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh is answered by showing that K-simplicial structures coincide with  $L$ –structures provided they are  $T_1$ . We construct new examples distinguishing  $L^*$ –structures from  $L$ –structures and we also characterize absolute retracts in terms of  $L$ –structures.

Colorful KKM is a colorful version of KKM theorem. We show it holds true for families of corner simplices.

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