

# Measure and Helly's Intersection Theorem for Convex Sets

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**Summary.** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha\}$  be a uniformly bounded collection of compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Katchalski extended Helly's theorem by proving for finite  $\mathcal{F}$  that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \geq d$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq n$ , if and only if the intersection of any  $f(n, d)$  elements has dimension at least  $d$  where  $f(n, 0) = n + 1 = f(n, n)$  and  $f(n, d) = \max\{n + 1, 2n - 2d + 2\}$  for  $1 \leq d \leq n - 1$ . An equivalent statement of Katchalski's result for finite  $\mathcal{F}$  is that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that the intersection of any  $f(n, d)$  elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  contains a  $d$ -dimensional ball of measure  $\delta$  where  $f(n, 0) = n + 1 = f(n, n)$  and  $f(n, d) = \max\{n + 1, 2n - 2d + 2\}$  for  $1 \leq d \leq n - 1$ . It is proven that this result holds if the word finite is omitted and extends a result of Breen in which  $f(n, 0) = n + 1 = f(n, n)$  and  $f(n, d) = 2n$  for  $1 \leq d \leq n - 1$ . This is applied to give necessary and sufficient conditions for the concepts of "visibility" and "clear visibility" to coincide for continua in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  without any local connectivity conditions.

**1. Introduction.** Katchalski [6] significantly generalized Helly's intersection theorem on convex sets by proving the theorem stated in the abstract. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha\}$  be a uniformly bounded collection of compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $0 \leq d \leq n$ ,  $j$  is a positive integer and  $\delta > 0$ . The collection  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to have *property*  $(j, d, \delta)$  if any  $j$  elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  contain a common closed  $d$ -dimensional ball of radius  $\delta$ . Breen [2] proved that if  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a uniformly bounded collection of compact convex sets then  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \geq d$  if and only if for some  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  has property  $(i(n, d), d, \delta)$  where  $i(n, d) = 2n$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq n - 1$ , and  $i(n, 0) = i(n, n) = n + 1$ . Two of the main tools she employed were Katchalski's theorem [6] and an intersection result of Falconer [5].

Our proof was in part motivated by an alternative proof for finite  $\mathcal{F}$  outlined by Katchalski in [6] using the Bonnice-Klee theorem [1]. If  $\mathcal{F} =$

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$\{F_\alpha\}$  is a uniformly bounded collection of compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *H-closed* provided  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed in the sense of the Hausdorff metric. If  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  the cone generated by  $F$  is defined as the set  $\{\lambda x \mid \lambda \geq 0 \text{ and } x \in F\}$  and will be denoted by  $\text{cone } F$ ; note that  $\text{cone } F$  is not necessarily closed. The symbol  $C(\mathcal{F})$  denotes  $\{\text{cone } F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . If  $r > 0$  the symbol  $B(x, r)$  denotes the closed ball of radius  $r$  with center  $x$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{C_\alpha\}$  be a collection of closed convex cones with apex  $0_v$  (the origin) in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $1 \leq d \leq n$ ,  $j$  is a positive integer,  $\delta > 0$ , and  $r > 0$ . The symbol  $\mathcal{B}_r(\mathcal{C})$  denotes  $\{B_\alpha \mid B_\alpha = C_\alpha \cap B(0_v, r), C_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}\}$ . Also,  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to have *property*  $(j, d, \delta, r)$  if  $\mathcal{B}_r(\mathcal{C})$  has property  $(j, d, \delta)$ . If  $j$  is a positive integer and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a family of sets then  $\mathcal{F}^j$  is defined as  $\{\bigcap \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{F}, |\mathcal{A}| = j\}$ . Also, if  $F$  is a compact convex set,  $\text{rad}_j(F)$  denotes the nonnegative number with the property that  $F$  contains a closed  $j$ -dimensional convex ball of radius  $\text{rad}_j(F)$  and for any  $\kappa > 0$  the set  $F$  does not contain a  $j$ -dimensional ball of radius  $\text{rad}_j(F) + \kappa$ .

We shall make explicit use of the following result of Falconer [5].

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha\}$  be a uniformly bounded H-closed collection of compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) < n$  then there exist  $F_{\alpha_1}, \dots, F_{\alpha_k}$  such that  $\dim(\bigcap_{j=1}^k F_{\alpha_j}) = q < n$  where  $k \leq 2(n - q)$ .*

Two linear flats  $I$  and  $J$  each of dimension 1 or more will be called *skew* if  $I \cap J = \emptyset$  and whenever  $I_1 \subset I$  and  $J_1 \subset J$  are flats of dimension 1 or more then no translate  $I_1$  is contained in  $I_2$  and vice versa. Two convex sets  $S$  and  $L$  each of dimension 1 or more will be called *skew* if there exist two skew linear flats  $I$  and  $J$  with  $S \subset I$  and  $L \subset J$ . We shall need the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Let  $L \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be an  $n - 3$ -dimensional subspace and let  $F \subset L$  be a convex set with  $0_v \in F$  and  $1 \leq \dim F \leq n - 3$ . Let  $S$  be a convex set  $S$  of dimension 2 which is skew to  $L$ . Let  $G = \text{conv}(S \cup F)$  and suppose that  $1 \leq m \leq n - 3$ . If  $\dim F = m$  then  $\dim G = m + 3$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $n = 4$ . Then  $m = 1$ . Since  $S$  is skew to  $L$ ,  $S$  does not intersect  $L$  nor is  $S$  parallel to any nontrivial flat of  $L$ , and since  $\dim S = 2$  we have  $\dim G \geq 3$ . We claim  $\dim G \geq 4$ . Suppose not. Then  $\dim G = 3$  and if  $I$  is the linear flat generated by  $S$  then  $\dim I = 2$  and so either  $I$  must intersect  $L$  or be parallel to a flat in  $L$ , each of which is a contradiction. Thus  $\dim G = 4$ . Thus the assertion is true for  $n = 4$ . We now suppose that it is true for  $n$  and prove it for  $n + 1$ . If  $m = 1$  then  $G$  is contained in a copy of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and the same argument as the one just given yields the assertion. Without loss of generality we may suppose that  $2 \leq m \leq n - 2$ . Thus if  $2 \leq m \leq n - 3$  then  $G$  is contained in a copy of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the induction hypothesis gives the assertion. Thus we may suppose  $m = n - 2$ . The same

argument as given in the first sentence gives  $\dim G \geq n$ . If  $\dim G = n$  then if  $J$  is the  $n - 2$ -dimensional subspace space generated by  $F$  and if  $I$  is the 2-dimensional linear flat generated by  $S$  then in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  either  $I$  must intersect  $J$  or be parallel to a flat in  $J$ , each of which is a contradiction. Thus  $\dim G = n + 1 = (n - 2) + 3 = m + 3$  and the assertion follows. ■

## 2. The intersection of cones and convex sets

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha\}$  be a uniformly bounded collection of  $H$ -closed compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 2$ , with  $0_v \in \bigcap \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \geq d \geq 2$  if and only if  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) \geq d \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is immediate; we consider the sufficiency. Let  $k = \dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) \geq 2$  and define  $j = n - \dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) = n - k$ . We first establish the assertion in the case of  $j = 0$ , i.e.  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) = k = n$ . Suppose that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) < n$ . Then by Proposition 1 of Falconer there exist  $F_{\alpha_1}, \dots, F_{\alpha_k}$  such that  $\dim(\bigcap_{j=1}^k F_{\alpha_j}) = q < n$ . Note that  $\bigcap C(\mathcal{F}) \subseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^k C(F_{\alpha_j}) = C(\bigcap_{j=1}^k F_{\alpha_j})$ , which implies that  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) < \dim(\bigcap_{j=1}^k C(F_{\alpha_j})) = \dim(\bigcap_{j=1}^k F_{\alpha_j}) < n$ , a contradiction. Thus the assertion is true for  $d = n, n = 2$ , and we may suppose that  $k < n$  and  $n \geq 3$ .

Let  $P(j)$  be the conclusion of the theorem for  $j$ ; the last paragraph shows that  $P(0)$  is true. We now suppose that  $P(j)$  is true and prove that  $P(j + 1)$  is true. Since  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) \geq 2$  we may choose a hyperplane  $L$  with  $0_v \in L$  such that  $L$  does not support  $\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})$ . In particular,  $L$  cannot support any element of  $\mathcal{F}$ , which implies by a routine argument that  $L \cap \mathcal{F}$  is  $H$ -closed and that if  $\mathcal{F}^L = L \cap \mathcal{F}$  then  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F}^L)) = k - 1 \geq 1$ . Let  $V$  denote the subspace generated by  $\bigcap C(\mathcal{F}^L)$ . Regarding  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , since  $1 \leq k - 1 \leq (n + 1) - 3$  we may choose a compact convex set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  of dimension 2 which is skew to  $V$ . Define  $\mathcal{G} = \{\text{conv}(\{S\} \cup F_\alpha^L) \mid F_\alpha^L \in \mathcal{F}^L\}$ . Note that if  $M = \text{conv}(S \cup \bigcap C(\mathcal{F}^L))$  then  $M \subset \bigcap C(\mathcal{G})$ . Since  $S$  is skew to  $V \subset L$  and  $1 \leq k - 1 \leq (n + 1) - 3$  we see by applying Proposition 2 in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  that  $\dim M = ((k - 1) + 3) = k + 2$  and so  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{G})) \geq \dim M \geq k + 2$ . Since

$$(n + 1) - \dim \left( \bigcap C(\mathcal{G}) \right) = (n + 1) - (k + 2) = n - k - 1 \leq n - k = j,$$

the induction hypothesis on  $j$  applied in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  gives  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{G}) \geq k + 2$ .

We next assert that  $\bigcap \mathcal{G} = \text{conv}(S \cup \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L)$ . This follows if we show that  $\bigcap \mathcal{G} \subset \text{conv}(S \cup \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L)$ . Let  $x \in \bigcap \mathcal{G}$ . If  $x \in S \cup \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L$  we are done; if not then for each  $F_\alpha^L, F_\beta^L$  there exist positive scalars  $\lambda_\alpha, \lambda_\beta$  less than 1 and points  $s_\alpha, s_\beta$  in  $S, f_\alpha \in F_\alpha^L$  and  $f_\beta \in F_\beta^L$  with

$$x = \lambda_\alpha s_\alpha + (1 - \lambda_\alpha) f_\alpha = \lambda_\beta s_\beta + (1 - \lambda_\beta) f_\beta.$$

Thus  $\lambda_\alpha s_\alpha - \lambda_\beta s_\beta = (1 - \lambda_\beta)f_\beta - (1 - \lambda_\alpha)f_\alpha$ . Since  $S$  is skew to  $V$ , both  $\lambda_\alpha s_\alpha - \lambda_\beta s_\beta$  and  $(1 - \lambda_\beta)f_\beta - (1 - \lambda_\alpha)f_\alpha$  equal  $0_v$ . Note that  $f_\alpha \neq 0_v$  for all  $\alpha$ : if one  $f_\beta = 0_v$  then  $f_\alpha = 0_v$  for all  $\alpha$  and then  $x = 0_v$  and so  $x \in \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L$ , a contradiction as  $x \notin S \cup \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L$ . Thus  $f_\alpha$  and  $f_\beta$  are positive scalar multiples of each other for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and as  $\mathcal{F}^L$  is  $H$ -closed we may produce a set  $F_\theta^L \in \mathcal{F}^L$  where  $\|f_\theta\| = \inf \|f_\alpha\| > 0$  over all  $\alpha$  and  $x = \lambda_\theta s_\theta + (1 - \lambda_\theta)f_\theta$  with  $f_\theta \in (\bigcap \mathcal{F}^L)$  and the assertion follows.

Let  $s = \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}^L)$ . Note that  $s \geq 1$ , for if  $s = 0$  then since  $\bigcap \mathcal{G} = \text{conv}(S \cup \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L)$  and  $\dim S = 2$  we see that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{G}) = 3$ , which is a contradiction as  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{G}) \geq k + 2 \geq 4$ . Further, as  $1 \leq s = \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}^L) \leq \dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F}^L)) = k - 1$  and  $1 \leq k - 1 \leq (n + 1) - 3$ , we see by applying Proposition 2 in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  that  $k + 2 \leq \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{G}) = \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}^L) + 3 = s + 3$  and so  $s \geq d - 1$  and  $s = \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}^L) \geq k - 1$ . Thus we may choose a nontrivial closed line segment  $h = [0_v, x] \subset \bigcap \mathcal{F}^L \subset \bigcap C(\mathcal{F})$ , and as  $\dim(\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})) \geq 2$  we may choose a hyperplane  $L_1 \neq L$  with  $0_v \in L_1, h \cap L_1 = 0_v$  and such that  $L_1$  does not support  $\bigcap C(\mathcal{F})$ . Repeating for  $L_1$  the same construction done for  $L$  gives  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}^{L_1}) \geq k - 1$ . The latter together with the facts that  $h \subset \bigcap C(\mathcal{F})$  and  $h \cap L_1 = 0_v$  implies that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \geq k$ , which establishes the theorem. ■

### 3. The intersection of convex sets

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha\}$  be a uniformly bounded collection of compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \geq d, 0 \leq d \leq n$ , if and only if for some  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  has property  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  where  $f(n, 0) = n + 1$  and  $f(n, d) = \max\{n + 2, 2n - 2d + 2\}$  for  $1 \leq d \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is immediate; we consider the sufficiency. We proceed by induction on  $n$ . If  $n \leq 2, d = 1$ , or  $d = n$  the conclusion follows from the results of Breen [2] and Falconer [5] respectively. Thus we may suppose that  $n \geq 3$  and  $d \geq 2$ . Without loss of generality by Helly's theorem [11] we may assume that  $0_v \in \bigcap \mathcal{F}$ . For each  $F_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$  let  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha$  be the set of all closed half-spaces  $H^+$  containing  $F_\alpha$ . It is well known that  $F_\alpha = \bigcap \mathcal{H}_\alpha$  [8] and therefore if  $\mathcal{H} = \{H^+ \mid H^+ \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha, F_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}\}$  then  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \bigcap \mathcal{H}$ . As  $\mathcal{F}$  has property  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  so does  $\mathcal{H}$ . As  $\mathcal{F}$  is uniformly bounded we may enclose the closure of  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}$  in the interior of a cube  $I$ . Then the family  $\mathcal{P}$  of polytopes which is the closure of the family  $\{H^+ \cap I \mid H^+ \in \mathcal{H}\}$  in the Hausdorff metric, has property  $(f(n, d), d, \delta), \bigcap \mathcal{F} = \bigcap \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P}$  is  $H$ -closed, and each element of  $C(\mathcal{P})$  is closed since it is a polytope [7]. Since  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{F}) \geq \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{P})$  and  $\bigcap \mathcal{P} \subset \bigcap \mathcal{F}$ , to prove the theorem it suffices to prove  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{P}) \geq d$ . Therefore, without loss of generality, we suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an  $H$ -closed family of polytopes, and each element of  $\mathcal{C} = C(\mathcal{F})$  is closed. By a corollary of the Bonnice–Klee theorem [1, p. 11],  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{C}) \geq 1$ .

Recall that  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_r(\mathcal{C}) = \{B_\alpha \mid B_\alpha = C_\alpha \cap B(0_v, r), C_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}\}$  and that if  $r = 2 \cdot \text{diam}(\bigcup \mathcal{F})$  then  $\mathcal{B}$  has property  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  as does its closure  $\mathcal{K}$ . Since  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{C}) = \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{K})$  we see that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{K}) \geq 1$ . Thus we may choose a point  $u \in \text{relint}(\bigcap \mathcal{K})$ . We may then choose a hyperplane  $H$  with  $u \in H$ ,  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \not\subseteq H$ , with  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$  intersecting both open half-spaces of  $H$  and  $H$  does not support  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$ . Note that  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \subset E_\beta$  for any  $E_\beta \in \mathcal{K}^{f(n, d)}$ . Since  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \not\subseteq H$ , each  $E_\beta \in \mathcal{K}^{f(n, d)}$  must intersect at least one of the open half-spaces of  $H$  since if not then  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \subset E_\beta \subset H$ , a contradiction. But then  $E_\beta$  must intersect both the open half-spaces of  $H$  since if not then  $H$  supports  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$ , a contradiction. This together with the hypothesis that  $\mathcal{K}$  has property  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  implies that  $\dim(H \cap E_\beta) \geq d - 1 \geq 1$ .

Suppose that  $\theta_\beta = \text{rad}_{d-1}(H \cap E_\beta)$  and let  $\theta = \inf\{\theta_\beta \mid E_\beta \in \mathcal{K}^{f(n, d)}\}$ . We next assert that  $\theta > 0$ . Suppose that  $\theta = 0$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{E_{\beta_i}\}$  in  $\mathcal{K}^{f(n, d)}$  such that  $\theta_{\beta_i} \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and for each  $i$ ,  $E_{\beta_i} = K_{\alpha(1, \beta_i)} \cap K_{\alpha(2, \beta_i)} \cap \dots \cap K_{\alpha(f(n, d), \beta_i)}$ . Without loss of generality (avoiding subsequences) we may suppose that  $E_{\beta_i} \rightarrow Q$  for some compact convex set  $Q$ . Since for each  $i$ ,  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \subset E_{\beta_i}$ , we have  $\bigcap \mathcal{K} \subset Q$  and so  $Q$  must intersect both open half-spaces of  $H$  since  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$  does. Further, since  $\mathcal{K}$  has property  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$ , each  $E_{\beta_i}$  contains some closed  $d$ -dimensional ball of radius  $\delta$ ; a standard argument in the Hausdorff metric then shows that  $Q$  must contain a closed  $d$ -dimensional ball of radius  $\delta$ . Thus  $\dim Q \geq d$ . Since  $Q$  must intersect both open half-spaces of  $H$  we have  $\dim(Q \cap H) \geq d - 1 \geq 1$  and by a routine argument  $E_{\beta_i} \cap H \rightarrow Q \cap H$ . Since  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta_{\beta_i} = \text{rad}_{d-1}(H \cap E_{\beta_i})$ , and  $E_{\beta_i} \cap H \rightarrow Q$ , we must have  $\dim(Q \cap H) \leq d - 2$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\theta = \inf_i \theta_i > 0$ .

Now  $\theta > 0$  implies that if  $\mathcal{K}_1 = \{H \cap K_\alpha \mid K_\alpha \in \mathcal{K}\}$  then  $\mathcal{K}_1$  has property  $(f(n, d), d - 1, \theta)$ . Since  $f(n - 1, d - 1) \leq f(n, d)$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_1$  has property  $(f(n - 1, d - 1), d - 1, \theta)$ . The induction hypothesis applied in the hyperplane  $H$  yields  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{K}_1) \geq d - 1 \geq 1$ . Since  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}_1 = H \cap \bigcap \mathcal{K}$  and  $\bigcap \mathcal{K}$  intersects both open half-spaces of  $H$ , this implies that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{K}) \geq d \geq 2$ . Then since  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{C}) = \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{B}) \geq \dim(\bigcap \mathcal{K})$  we see that  $\dim(\bigcap \mathcal{C}) \geq d \geq 2$  and an application of Theorem 3 establishes the theorem.

**4. The equivalence of visibility and clear visibility.** If  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a nonempty set, the symbols  $S(x)$ ,  $\text{conv } S$ , and  $\text{Ker } S$  denote, respectively,  $\{y \mid [x, y] \subset S\}$ , the convex hull of  $S$ , and  $\{x \mid [x, y] \subset S \ \forall y \in S\}$ . If  $A \subset S$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $A_\varepsilon$  denote all points in  $S$  whose distance from  $A$  is less than  $\varepsilon$ . If  $K$  is a nonempty subset of  $S$  and  $x \in S$ , and  $\text{conv}(\{x\} \cup K) \subset S$ , we say that  $x$  is *visible* via  $S$  from  $K$ . Suppose  $0 \leq d \leq n$ ,  $j$  is a positive integer and  $\delta > 0$ .  $A$  is said to be  $(j, d, \delta)$  *visible* if given a set  $K$  of  $j$  elements of  $A$ , each point of  $K$  is visible via  $S$  from a common  $d$ -dimensional ball  $B_K$  of radius  $\delta$

contained in  $S$ . Moreover,  $A$  is said to be  $(j, d)$  clearly visible if given a set  $K$  of  $j$  elements of  $A$  there exists a relatively open subset  $O_K$  of  $S$  containing  $K$  such that each point of  $O_K$  is visible via  $S$  from a common  $d$ -dimensional ball  $B_K$  contained in  $S$ . Finally,  $A$  is said to be  $(j, d, \delta)$  clearly visible if given a set  $K$  of  $j$  elements of  $A$  there exists a relatively open subset  $O_K$  of  $S$  containing  $K$  such that each point of  $O_K$  is visible via  $S$  from a common  $d$ -dimensional ball  $B_K$  of radius  $\delta$  contained in  $S$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a nonconvex continuum. Then  $S$  being  $(j, d)$  clearly visible is equivalent to  $S$  being  $(j, d, \delta)$  visible for some  $\delta > 0$  if and only if  $j \geq f(n, d)$  where  $f(n, 0) = n+1$  and  $f(n, d) = \max\{n+2, 2n-2d+2\}$  for  $1 \leq d \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* We first demonstrate the sufficiency. To prove the equivalence of the two visibility conditions it suffices to show that  $S$  being  $(j, d, \delta)$  visible for some  $\delta > 0$  implies  $S$  being  $(j, d)$  clearly visible since  $(j, d)$  clear visibility of  $S$  always implies  $(j, d, \delta)$  visibility of  $S$  for some  $\delta > 0$  (Breen [3] or Stavrakas [9, Theorem 3]). Since  $j \geq f(n, d)$ ,  $S$  is  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  visible. This coupled with Theorem 4 shows that  $\dim(\bigcap\{\text{conv}(S(x)) \mid x \in S\}) \geq d$  and Krasnosel'skiĭ's lemma [11] yields  $\bigcap\{\text{conv}(S(x)) \mid x \in S\} \subset \text{Ker } S$ , which implies that  $\dim(\text{Ker } S) = d$ . This immediately implies the  $(j, d)$  clear visibility of  $S$  for any  $j \geq 1$ .

To prove the necessity, it suffices to construct a continuum  $S$  for which  $j < f(n, d)$  such that  $S$  is  $(j, d, \delta)$  visible for some  $\delta > 0$  and  $S$  is not  $(j, d)$  clearly visible. To do this in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  let  $S = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{[0_v, x_n] \mid x_1 = (1, 0), x_n = (1, 1/n), n = 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Note that  $1 < f(2, 1) = 4$ ,  $S$  is  $(1, 1, 1/2)$  visible, but  $0_v$  is not clearly visible from any one-dimensional subset of  $S$  and so in particular  $S$  is not  $(1, 1)$  clearly visible. ■

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a nonconvex continuum with points of local nonconvexity  $Q$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (A)  $S$  is  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  visible for some  $\delta > 0$ .
- (B)  $\dim(\text{Ker } S) = d$ .
- (C)  $S$  is  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  clearly visible for some  $\delta > 0$ .
- (D)  $Q_\varepsilon$  is  $(f(n, d), d)$  clearly visible for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .
- (E)  $Q$  is  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  clearly visible for some  $\delta > 0$ .
- (F)  $Q_\varepsilon$  is  $(f(n, d), d, \delta)$  visible for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ .

*Proof.* The implications (B) $\Rightarrow$ (C), (C) $\Rightarrow$ (D) and (D) $\Rightarrow$ (E) are immediate. The implication (E) $\Rightarrow$ (F) is established in Stavrakas [9, Theorem 3]. The implication (A) $\Rightarrow$ (B) was established in the first paragraph of the last proof. To prove (F) $\Rightarrow$ (A) we note that in Stavrakas [10] it is proven that  $\bigcap\{\text{conv}(S(x)) \mid x \in Q_\varepsilon\} = \bigcap\{\text{conv}(S(x)) \mid x \in S\}$  and so the hypothe-

sis (F) coupled with the same argument in the first paragraph of the proof of Theorem 5 yields the conclusion (B), which immediately implies (A). ■

We remark that examples given in Breen [3] illustrate for each  $d \geq 1$  that the number  $f(n, d)$  is best possible in the sense that the above theorem fails if  $f(n, d)$  is replaced by a smaller integer. We remark that J. Cel [4] has used a generalized form of Krasnosel'skii's lemma to represent starshaped sets in normed linear spaces.

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