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*Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Krein-Milman Type Conclusions.*

Convex structures and notions of extreme subsets are used to provide necessary and sufficient conditions for Krein-Milman type conclusions. Suppose that  $C$  is a convex set. We prove: 1. Any collection of pairwise disjoint, extreme subsets of  $C$  can be enlarged to a collection whose convex hull is  $C$  iff every collection  $\mathcal{E}$  of pairwise disjoint, extreme subsets of  $C$  satisfies either  $C = \text{con}(\cup\mathcal{E})$  or there exists a nonempty extreme subset  $E$  of  $C$  that is disjoint from  $\cup\mathcal{E}$ . 2. Assume the parts of the previous statement hold. Then  $C$  is the convex hull of its minimal extreme subsets iff there exists a topology for  $C$  that satisfies every nonempty extreme subset of  $C$  contains a nonempty, closed, compact, extreme subset of  $C$ . 3. Assume the parts of the previous statements hold. All of the minimal extreme subsets of  $C$  are singletons iff every nonempty extreme subset of  $C$  contains a singleton that is an extreme subset of  $C$ .

Topologies are constructed in which extreme subsets are closed. If  $X$  satisfies the hypotheses of the Krein-Milman theorem then, using the collection of closed, convex(in the usual sense) subsets as a convex structure and one these topologies, we obtain the conclusion of the Krein-Milman theorem. (Received December 16, 2009)