# $\varepsilon$-SIMULTANEOUS APPROXIMATIONS OF DOWNWARD SETS 

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#### Abstract

We prove some results on characterization of $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximations of downward sets in vector lattice Banach spaces. Also, we give some results about simultaneous approximations of normal sets.


## 1. Introduction

The theory of best simultaneous approximation has been studied by many authors (for example, $[2,9]$ ). Singer $[8]$ introduced the concept of $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximation. Best simultaneous approximation is a generalization of best approximation and $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximation in a sense is a generalization of best simultaneous approximation. Most studies about best simultaneous approximation have been done on convex sets. However, convexity is sometimes a very restrictive assumption. Here, we shall prove some results on characterization of $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximations of downward sets in vector lattice Banach spaces.

There are many spaces along with an order $\leq$. The $L^{p}$ and $C(X)$ spaces are some examples. The notion of an order in a vector space facilitates the study of the spaces in an abstract setting. First, let us give some basic preliminaries concerning vector lattices (see [1, 3]).

[^0]Definition 1.1. A lattice $(L, \leq)$ is said to be conditionally complete if it satisfies one of the following equivalent conditions:
(1) Every non-empty lower bounded set admits an infimum.
(2) Every non-empty upper bounded set admits an supremum.
(3) There exists a complete lattice $\bar{L}:=L \cup\{\perp, \top\}$, which we call the minimal completion of $L$, with bottom element $\perp$ and top element $\top$, such that $L$ is a sublattice of $\bar{L}$, infL $=\perp$ and $\sup L=\top$.

A (real) vector lattice $(X, \leq,+,$.$) is a set X$ endowed with a partial order $\leq$ such that $(X, \leq)$ is a lattice, with a binary operation + and a scalar product. A vector lattice $(X, \leq,+$, .) such that $(X, \leq)$ is a conditionally complete lattice is called conditionally complete vector lattice. A conditionally complete lattice Banach space $X$ is a real Banach space that is a conditionally complete vector lattice and $|x| \leq|y|$ implies $\|x\| \leq\|y\|$, for all $x, y \in X$.

Let $X$ be a normed space. For a non-empty subset $W$ of $X$ and a nonempty bounded set $S$ in $X$, define $d(S, W)=\inf _{w \in W} \sup _{s \in S}\|s-w\|$. An element $w_{0} \in W$ is called a best simultaneous approximation to $S$ from $W$, if $d(S, W)=\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\|$. The set of all best simultaneous approximation to $S$ from $W$ will be denoted by $S_{W}(S)$.
Definition 1.2. Let $X$ be a normed space, $W$ a subset of $X$ and $S$ a bounded set in $X$. An element $w_{0} \in W$ is called $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximation, if

$$
\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\| \leq d(S, W)+\varepsilon
$$

The set of all $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximations to $S$ from $W$ will be denoted by $S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$.

One advantage of considering the set $S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$, instead of the set $S_{W}(S)$, is that the set $S_{W, \epsilon}(S)$ is always nonempty, for all $\varepsilon>0$.

If for each bounded set $S$ in $X$ there exists at least one best simultaneous approximation to $S$ from $W$, then $W$ is called a simultaneous proximinal subset of $X$. If for each bounded set $S$ in $X$ there exists a unique best simultaneous approximation to $S$ from $W$, then $W$ is called a simultaneous Chebyshev subset of $X$.

Here, we study best simultaneous approximations in conditionally complete lattice Banach spaces with a strong unit 1. Recall that an
element $\mathbf{1} \in X$ is called a strong unit, if for each $x \in X$ there exists $\lambda>0$ such that $x \leq \lambda \mathbf{1}$ (see [1]). We assume that $X$ contains a strong unit 1. By using the strong unit 1, we can define a norm on $X$ by $\|x\|=\inf \{\lambda>0:|x| \leq \lambda \mathbf{1}\}$, for all $x \in X$. Also, we define

$$
\begin{equation*}
B(S, r):=\{y \in X: \sup S-r \mathbf{1} \leq y \leq i n f S+r \mathbf{1}\}, \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $r>0$ and $S$ is a bounded set in $X$. It is clear that $B(S, r)$ is a closed convex subset of $X$. We also have

$$
\begin{equation*}
|x| \leq\|x\| \mathbf{1}, \text { for all } x \in X \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is well known that $X$ equipped with this norm is a conditionally complete lattice Banach space. Recall that a subset $W$ of an ordered set $X$ is said to be downward whenever for each $w \in W$ and $x \in X$ with $x \leq w$, we can conclude that $x \in W$. For each subset $W$ of a normed space $X$, define the polar set of $W$ by

$$
W^{0}:=\left\{f \in X^{*}: f(w) \leq 0, \text { for all } w \in W\right\}
$$

where $X^{*}$ is the dual space of $X$. If $X$ is a lattice and there exists the least element of $W$, then we denote it by $\min W$. Let $\varphi: X \times X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi(x, y):=\sup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq x+y,\} \text { for all } x, y \in X \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\mathbf{1}$ is a strong unit, the set $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq x+y\}$ is non-empty and bounded from above by $\|x+y\|$. Clearly, this set is closed. It follows from the definition of $\varphi$ that the function enjoys the following properties:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\infty<\varphi(x, y) \leq\|x+y\|, \text { for all } x, y \in X \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

(1.5) $\varphi(x, y) \mathbf{1} \leq x+y$, for all $x, y \in X$
(1.6) $\varphi(x, y)=\varphi(y, x)$, for all $x, y \in X$
$(1.7) \varphi(x,-x)=\sup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq x-x=0\}=0$, for all $x \in X$.
For each $y \in X$, define the function $\varphi_{y}: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{y}(x):=\varphi(x, y), \text { for all } x \in X \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

A function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called topical if it is increasing. The function $\varphi_{y}$ defined by (1.8) is topical and Lipschitz continuous (see [5]). In fact, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\varphi_{y}(x)-\varphi_{y}(z)\right| \leq\|x-z\|, \text { for all } x, z \in X \tag{1.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also, the function $\varphi$, defined by (1.3), is continuous.

## 2. $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximations of downward sets

Let $X$ be a conditionally complete lattice Banach space with a strong unit 1. In this section, we prove some results about $\varepsilon$-simultaneous approximation of downward sets. We start with the following results for easy citation.

Lemma 2.1. [4] Let $W$ be a downward subset of $X$ and $x \in X$. Then, the following statements are true:
(1) If $x \in W$, then $x-\epsilon \mathbf{1} \in \operatorname{int} W$, for all $\varepsilon>0$,
(2) We have int $W=\{x \in X: x+\varepsilon \mathbf{1} \in W$, for some $\varepsilon>0\}$.

Lemma 2.2. [4] Let $W$ be a downward subset of $X$ and $S$ be an arbitrary bounded subset of $X$. If $r=d(S, W)$, then $w_{0}=\sup S-r 1 \in S_{W}(S)$ and is the least element of $S_{W}(S)$. Thus, $W$ is a simultaneous proximinal subset of $X$.

Lemma 2.3. [5] Let $W$ be a closed downward subset of $X, y_{0} \in b d W$ and $\varphi$ be the function defined by (1.3). Then, $\varphi\left(w,-y_{0}\right) \leq 0$, for all $w \in W$.

Let $W$ be a closed subset of $X$ and $S$ be a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap W=\phi$. In addition, suppose that $w_{0} \in \operatorname{int} W \cap S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$. Thus, there exists $\alpha>0$ such that

$$
V=\left\{y \in X:\left\|y-w_{0}\right\|<\alpha\right\} \subset W
$$

Lemma 2.4. Let $\alpha$ be as above. Then, $\alpha \leq \varepsilon$.
Proof. Assume that $r=d(S, W)$ and $\varepsilon<\alpha$. Let $\varepsilon_{0}=\frac{\alpha}{r+\alpha}, s \in S$ and

$$
w_{s}=w_{0}+\varepsilon_{0}\left(s-w_{0}\right)
$$

Note that $\left\|w_{s}-w_{0}\right\|=\varepsilon_{0}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\| \leq \varepsilon_{0}(r+\varepsilon)=\alpha \frac{r+\varepsilon}{r+\alpha}<\alpha$, because $\frac{r+\varepsilon}{r+\alpha}<1$ and $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\| \leq r+\varepsilon$. Then, $w_{s} \in V$, for all $s \in S$ and

$$
r=d(S, W) \leq \sup _{t \in S}\left\|t-w_{s}\right\|, \text { for all } s \in S
$$

Thus, $r \leq \inf _{s \in S} \sup _{t \in S}\left\|t-w_{s}\right\|$. On the other hand, we have

$$
\left\|t-w_{s}\right\|=\left\|\left(t-w_{0}\right)-\varepsilon_{0}\left(s-w_{0}\right)\right\|, \text { for all } t, s \in S
$$

This implies that

$$
r \leq \inf _{s \in S} \sup _{t \in S}\left\|t-w_{s}\right\|=\inf _{s \in S} \sup _{t \in S}\left\|\left(t-w_{0}\right)-\varepsilon_{0}\left(s-w_{0}\right)\right\|
$$

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$\leq \sup _{t \in S}\left\|\left(t-w_{0}\right)-\varepsilon_{0}\left(t-w_{0}\right)\right\|=\left(1-\varepsilon_{0}\right) \sup _{t \in S}\left\|t-w_{0}\right\| \leq\left(1-\varepsilon_{0}\right)(r+\varepsilon)<r$.
This contradiction completes the proof.
By using Lemma 2.4, it is easy to prove the following result.
Proposition 2.5. Let $W$ be a closed subset of $X$ and $S$ be a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap W=\phi$. Then, $S_{W, \varepsilon}(S) \subset V=\{w-$ $\alpha \mathbf{1}$ : for some $w \in b d W$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq \varepsilon\}$.
Corollary 2.6. Let $W$ be a closed subset of $X$ and $S$ be a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap W=\phi$. Then, $S_{W}(S) \subset b d W$.

Proposition 2.7. Let $W$ be a closed downward subset of $X$, and $S$ be a bounded subset of $X$. Then, there exists the least element $w_{0}:=$ $\min S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$.

Proof. Put $r:=d(S, W)$ and $w_{0}=\sup S-(r+\varepsilon) \mathbf{1} \leq \sup S-r \mathbf{1}$. By Lemma 2.2, $\sup S-r \mathbf{1} \in W$. Since $W$ is a downward set, $\sup S-(r+$ $\epsilon) \mathbf{1} \in W$. Therefore, $w_{0} \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$, and so $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\| \leq r+\varepsilon$. Thus, $w \leq w_{0}$, for all $w \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$. Hence, $w_{0}:=\min S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$.
Proposition 2.8. Let $W$ be a closed downward subset of $X, S$ be a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap W=\phi, w_{0} \in S_{w, \varepsilon}(S)$ and $\varphi$ be the function defined by (1.3). Then, $\varphi\left(w,-w_{0}\right) \leq \varepsilon$, for all $w \in W$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.5, there exist $y_{0} \in b d W$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq \varepsilon$ such that $w_{0}=y_{0}-\alpha \mathbf{1}$. By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi\left(w,-w_{0}\right) & =\varphi\left(w, \alpha \mathbf{1}-y_{0}\right) \\
& =\sup \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq w+\alpha \mathbf{1}-y_{0}\right\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}:(\lambda-\alpha) \mathbf{1} \leq w-y_{0}\right\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\beta+\alpha \in \mathbb{R}: \beta \mathbf{1} \leq w-y_{0}\right\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\beta \in \mathbb{R}: \beta \mathbf{1} \leq w-y_{0}\right\}+\alpha \\
& =\varphi\left(w,-y_{0}\right)+\alpha \leq \varepsilon
\end{aligned}
$$

This completes the proof.
Theorem 2.9. Let $W$ be a closed downward subset of $X, S$ be a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap W=\phi, y_{0} \in W, r_{0}=\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-y_{0}\right\|$ and $\varphi$ be the function defined by (1.3). Then, the following statements are equivalent:
(1) $y_{0} \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$.
(2) There exists $l \in X$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi(w, l) \leq \varepsilon \leq \varphi(y, l), \text { for all } w \in W, y \in B\left(S, r_{0}\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, if (2.1) holds with $l=-y_{0}$, then $y_{0}=\min S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$.
Proof. (1) $\Longrightarrow(2)$. Suppose that $y_{0} \in S_{W, \epsilon}(S)$. Then, $r_{0}=\sup _{s \in S} \| s-$ $y_{0} \| \leq r+\epsilon$, where $r=d(S, W)$. Since $W$ is a closed downward subset of $X$, by Lemma 2.2, the least element $\sup S-r \mathbf{1}$ of $S_{W}(S)$ exists. Let $w_{0}:=\sup S-\left(r_{0}+\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1}$. Note that $r \leq r_{0} \Rightarrow\left(-r_{0}-\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1} \leq-r_{0} \mathbf{1} \leq-r \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow \sup S-\left(r_{0}+\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1} \leq \sup S-r \mathbf{1}$.
By Lemma 2.2, we get $w_{0} \in W$. Let $l=-w_{0}$ and $y \in B\left(S, r_{0}\right)$ be arbitrary. Thus, by using (1.1), we have $-r_{0} \mathbf{1} \leq y-\sup S$. This implies

$$
-r_{0} \in\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}: \alpha \mathbf{1} \leq y-\sup S\}
$$

Hence, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi(y, l) & =\sup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq y+l\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq y-w_{0}\right\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}: \lambda \mathbf{1} \leq y-\left(\sup S-\left(r_{0}+\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1}\right)\right\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}:\left(\lambda-r_{0}-\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1} \leq y-\sup S\right\} \\
& =\sup \left\{\alpha+r_{0}+\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}: \alpha \mathbf{1} \leq y-\sup S\right\} \\
& =\sup \{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}: \alpha \mathbf{1} \leq y-\sup S\}+r_{0}+\varepsilon \\
& \geq-r_{0}+\varepsilon+r_{0}=\varepsilon
\end{aligned}
$$

On the other hand, since $w_{0} \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$, by using Proposition 2.8, we get $\varphi\left(w,-w_{0}\right) \leq \varepsilon$, for all $w \in W$. Therefore, $\varphi(w, l) \leq \varepsilon$.
$(2) \Longrightarrow(1)$. Assume that there exists $l \in X$ such that $\varphi(w, l) \leq \varepsilon \leq$ $\varphi(y, l)$, for all $w \in W$ and $y \in B\left(S, r_{0}\right)$. Since $B\left(S, r_{0}\right)=\{y \in X$ : $\left.\sup S-r_{0} \mathbf{1} \leq y \leq \inf S+r_{0} \mathbf{1}\right\}$, sup $S-r_{0} \mathbf{1} \in B\left(S, r_{0}\right)$. Thus, we get $\varphi\left(\sup S-r_{0} \mathbf{1}, l\right) \geq \varepsilon \geq 0$. By definition of $\varphi$, we have $\varphi(\sup S, l) \geq r_{0}$. Hence, by using (1.5), we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{0} \mathbf{1} \leq \varphi(\sup S, l) \mathbf{1} \leq \sup S+l \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, $-\sup S \leq l-r_{0} \mathbf{1}$. Now, let $w \in W$ and $t_{w}=\varphi(w,-\sup S) \mathbf{1}+$ $\sup S \in X$. By (1.5), $\varphi(w,-\sup S) \mathbf{1} \leq w-\sup S$. Since $W$ is a downward set and $w \in W, t_{w} \in W$ and so $\varphi\left(t_{w}, l\right) \leq \varepsilon$. Since $\varphi\left(t_{w},.\right)$ is
topical, by using (2.2), we have

$$
\varphi\left(t_{w},-\sup S\right) \leq \varphi\left(t_{w}, l-r_{0} \mathbf{1}\right)=\varphi\left(t_{w}, l\right)-r_{0} \leq \varepsilon-r_{0} .
$$

Since $\varphi(.,-\sup S)$ is topical and $t_{w}=\varphi(w,-\sup S) \mathbf{1}+\sup S$, from (1.7) we get

$$
\begin{gathered}
\varepsilon-r_{0} \geq \varphi\left(t_{w},-\sup S\right)=\varphi(\varphi(w,-\sup S) \mathbf{1}+\sup S,-\sup S) \\
\quad=\varphi(w,-\sup S)+\varphi(\sup S,-\sup S)=\varphi(w,-\sup S)
\end{gathered}
$$

Now, by using (1.7) and Lipschitz continuity of $\varphi_{-\sup S}:=\varphi(.,-\sup S)$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon+r_{0} \leq & |\varphi(w,-\sup S)| \\
& =|\varphi(\sup S,-\sup S)-\varphi(w,-\sup S)| \\
& \leq\|\sup S-w\|
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, $-\varepsilon+r_{0} \leq|\sup S-w|\left|\leq \sup _{s \in S}\right| s-w \mid$, for all $w \in W$ and so we obtain $-\varepsilon+r_{0} \leq r=d(S, W)$. Consequently, $r_{0} \leq r+\varepsilon$ and $y_{0} \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$. Finally, suppose that (2.1) holds with $l=-y_{0}$. Then, by the implication $(1) \Longrightarrow(2)$, we have $y_{0} \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$. Let $w_{1} \in S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$ be arbitrary. If $r_{1}=\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{1}\right\|$, then by the implication $(1) \Longrightarrow$ (2) we have $\varphi(w, l) \leq \varepsilon \leq \varphi(y, l)$, for all $w \in W$ and $y \in B\left(S, r_{1}\right)$, where $l=-\sup S+\left(r_{1}+\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1}$. Since $y_{0} \in W, \varphi\left(y_{0}, l\right)=\varphi\left(y_{0},-\sup S+\left(r_{1}+\right.\right.$ $\varepsilon) \mathbf{1}) \leq \varepsilon$. Thus, from definition of $\varphi$, we get $y_{0}-\sup S+\left(r_{1}+\varepsilon\right) \mathbf{1} \leq \varepsilon \mathbf{1}$. Hence, $y_{0} \leq \sup S-r_{1} \mathbf{1}$. Therefore, $\sup S-r_{1} \mathbf{1} \leq w_{1}$ and so $y_{0} \leq w_{1}$. Thus, $y_{0}=\min S_{W, \varepsilon}(S)$.

Here, we recall that a downward set $W$ is called strictly downward, if for each boundary point $w_{0}$ of $W$, the inequality $w_{0}<w$ implies $w \notin W$. For example, the level sets of a continuous strictly increasing real function give rise to strictly downward sets ([5, 6, 7]).

Theorem 2.10. Let $W$ be a closed downward subset of $X$ and $S$ be a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap W=\phi$. Then, the following statements are equivalent:
(1) $W$ is a strictly downward subset of $X$.
(2) $W$ is a simultaneous Chebyshev subset of $X$.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Since $W$ is downward set, by using Lemma 2.2, $W$ is simultaneous proximinal. We claim $S_{W}(S)=\left\{\sup S-r^{\prime} \mathbf{1}\right\}$, where $r^{\prime}=d(S, W)$. Let there exist $w_{0} \in S_{W}(S)$ such that $w_{0} \neq \sup S-r^{\prime} \mathbf{1}$. In this case, by Corollary 2.6, $\sup S-r^{\prime} \mathbf{1} \in b d W$. Also, by Lemma
$2.2, \sup S-r^{\prime} \mathbf{1}<w_{0}$. Since $W$ is a strictly downward set, this implies that $w_{0} \notin W$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $W$ is a simultaneous Chebyshev set of $X$.
$(2) \Rightarrow(1)$. Let $W$ be a simultaneous Chebyshev subset of $X$. If $W$ is not a strictly downward, then there exists $w_{0} \in b d W$, such that $w_{0}<w$, for all $w \in W$. Let $r \geq\left\|w-w_{0}\right\|>0$. It follows from (1.2) that

$$
w-w_{0} \leq\left|w-w_{0}\right| \leq\left\|w-w_{0}\right\| \mathbf{1} \leq r \mathbf{1}
$$

and so $w \leq w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}$. Let $S=\left\{w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}\right\}$. Then, $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\|=$ $\|r \mathbf{1}\|=r$. We claim that $d(S, W)=r$. Suppose that this does not hold. Then, there exists $y \in W$ such that $\left\|w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}-y\right\|<r$ (note that $w_{0}+r \mathbf{1} \neq y$, because if $w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}=y \in W$, then by Lemma 2.1, $w_{0} \in$ int $W$, which is a contradiction). Thus, there exists $r_{0} \in(0, r)$ such that $\left\|w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}-y\right\| \leq r_{0}$. Hence, by using (1.2), we have $w_{0}+r \mathbf{1} \leq y+r_{0} \mathbf{1}$, and so

$$
w_{0}+\lambda_{0} \mathbf{1} \leq y, \text { where } \lambda_{0}=\left(r-r_{0}\right)>0
$$

Since $W$ is a downward set and $y \in W, w_{0}+\lambda_{0} \mathbf{1} \in W$. Hence, by Lemma 2.1, $w_{0} \in \operatorname{int} W$. This is a contradiction. Therefore, $d(S, W)=$ $r=\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-w_{0}\right\|$, that is, $w_{0} \in S_{W}(S)$. On the other hand, we have $w<w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}$. Since $w_{0}<w$, we have $0 \leq\left(w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}\right)-w<w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}-w_{0}=$ $r$ 1. Hence,

$$
\sup _{s \in S}\|s-w\|=\left\|w_{0}+r \mathbf{1}-w\right\| \leq\|r \mathbf{1}\|=r=d(S, W) \leq \sup _{s \in S}\|s-w\| .
$$

Thus, $\sup _{s \in S}\|s-w\|=d(S, W)$, and so $w \in S_{W}(S)$, where $w \neq w_{0}$. This is impossible, because $W$ is a simultaneous Chebyshev subset of $X$.

## 3. Downward hulls and simultaneous approximation

As known, the downward hull $U_{*}$ of the set $U \subseteq X$ is the intersection of all downward sets containing $U$. Recall that a subset $G$ of the positive cone

$$
X^{+}=\{x \in X: x \geq 0\}
$$

is called normal whenever $g \in G, x \in X^{+}$and $x \leq g$ imply that $x \in G$. For a subset $A$, we shall use the notation $A^{+}=\left\{a^{+}: a \in A\right\}$, where $a^{+}=\sup (a, 0)$. We also use the notation $a^{-}=-\inf (a, 0)$.

Remark 3.1. Let $W$ be a downward set, $S$ be a bounded subset such that $S \cap W=\phi, w \in W$ and $s \in S$. If $0 \leq w-s$, then $s<w$, and so
$s \in W$, which is a contradiction. After here, we suppose that $0 \leq s-w$, for all $w \in W$ and $s \in S$.

We start with the following result for easy citation.
Proposition 3.2. [4] Let $G$ be a a normal subset of $X^{+}$and $G_{*} \subset X$ be the downward hull of $G$. Then, the following statements hold:
(1) $G_{*}=\left\{x \in X: x^{+} \in G\right\}$.
(2) $G=G_{*} \cap X^{+}$.
(3) $G$ is closed if and only if $G_{*}$ is closed.
(4) $\left(G_{*}\right)^{+}=G$.

Proposition 3.3. Let $S$ be a bounded set of $X, G$ be a normal subset of $X^{+}$and $G_{*}$ be the downward hull of the set $G$. If $S \cap G_{*}=\phi$, then, for each $g \in G_{*}$, we have

$$
\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\|s-g\| .
$$

Proof. Let $s \in S$ and $g=g^{+}-g^{-}$. Then, $s-g^{+} \leq s-g$ and by Remark 3.1, $s-g^{+} \geq 0$. Therefore, $s-g^{+}=\left|s-g^{+}\right| \leq|s-g|$. It follow that $\left\|s-g^{+}\right\| \leq\|s-g\|$, for all $s \in S$. Hence, for each $g \in G_{*}$, we obtain $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\|s-g\|$.
Proposition 3.4. Let $G$ be a normal subset of $X^{+}$. Then, $G$ is a simultaneous proximinal subsets of $X$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.2, $G_{*}$ is simultaneous proximinal. Thus, $S_{G_{*}}(S) \neq \phi$ for all bounded subsets $S$ with $S \cap G_{*}=\phi$. If $g_{0} \in S_{G_{*}}(S)$, then $g_{0} \in G_{*}$ and $g_{0}^{+} \in G$, by Proposition 3.2. By using Proposition 3.3, for each $g \in G_{*}$, we have

$$
\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g_{0}^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g_{0}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\|s-g\| .
$$

Since $g_{0} \in S_{G_{*}}(S)$ and $G \subset G_{*}, \sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g_{0}^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\|s-g\|$, for all $g \in G$. Therefore, $g_{0}^{+} \in S_{G}(S)$.

In the following corollaries, $G$ is a normal subset of $X^{+}, S$ is a bounded subset of $X$ such that $S \cap G_{*}=\phi$, where $G_{*}$ is the downward hull of $G$.

Corollary 3.5. $S_{G_{*}}(S)=S_{G}(S)$.
Proof. Let $g \in S_{G_{*}}(S)$. By Proposition 3.3, $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S} \| s-$ $g \|$, for all $g \in G_{*}$. Since $G \subseteq G_{*}$, by using Proposition 3.2, we have $g^{+} \in G_{*}$. Thus, again by using Proposition 3.2, $g^{+}=g$, and so $S_{G_{*}}(S) \subseteq S_{G}(S)$. Now, let $g_{0} \in G_{*}$ and $g_{0} \notin S_{G_{*}}(S)$. Then, there
exists $g \in G_{*}$ such that $\sup _{s \in S}\|s-g\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g_{0}\right\|$. By using Proposition 3.3, we obtain $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\|s-g\|$. Hence, we get $\sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g^{+}\right\| \leq \sup _{s \in S}\left\|s-g_{0}\right\|$. Since $g^{+} \in G, g_{0} \notin S_{G}(S)$.

Corollary 3.6. $d\left(S, G_{*}\right)=d(S, G)$.
Proof. Since $G \subseteq G_{*}, d\left(S, G_{*}\right) \leq d(S, G)$. The equality holds by Proposition 3.3.

Corollary 3.7. $\min S_{G_{*}}(S)=\min S_{G}(S)$.
Proof. By Lemma 2.2, $w_{0}=\min S_{G_{*}}(S)$ exists. Now, the equality follows from Corollary 3.5.
Corollary 3.8. $G$ is simultaneous proximinal.
Proof. The result follows from Lemma 2.2 and Corollary 3.5.

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