Equivariant extension operators

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In the category of topological spaces results about simultaneous extensions of continuous maps are well known. In [2] J. Dugundji established his famous extension theorem which is stated in the first two claims of the following simultaneous extension result.

Theorem 1 Let A be a closed subset of a metrizable space Z and V a locally convex topological vector space. Let C(Z, V) denote the locally convex vector space of all continuous maps $f : Z \to V$ endowed with the compact-open topology. Then there exists a linear operator $\varphi : C(A, V) \to C(Z, V)$ such that:

- 1. $\varphi(f)$ is an extension of f for every $f \in C(A, V)$,
- 2. $Im(\varphi(f)) \subset conv(Im(f)),$
- 3. φ is a linear homeomorphic embedding provided C(A, V) and C(Z, V) both carry the compact-open topology.

Here Im(f) stands for the image of the map f and conv denotes the convex hull. The last claim was proved by E. Michael [3, Theorem 7.1].

In this talk, we will explore a method for extending the above theorem to the category of G-spaces where G is a compact Lie group. We are going to present our new result about simultaneous extension operators recently published in [1].

Theorem 2 Let G be a compact Lie group, Z a metrizable G-space, A a closed invariant subset of Z, and V a locally convex linear G-space. There exists an invariant neighborhood X of A in Z and an equivariant linear operator

$$\Lambda: C(A, V) \to C(Z, V)$$

such that:

- 1. $\Lambda(f)$ is an extension of f for every $f \in C(A, V)$,
- 2. $Im(\Lambda(f)) \subset conv(Im(f) \cup \{0\}),$
- 3. $Im(\Lambda(f)|_X) \subset conv(Im(f)),$
- 4. A is a linear equivariant homeomorphic embedding provided C(A, V) and C(Z, V)both carry compact-open topology and the linear action defined by $gf(x) = g^{-1}f(gx)$.

We will also explain why in item 3 one cannot take X = Z.

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