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## SEMI-NORMAL STRUCTURE AND BEST PROXIMITY PAIR RESULTS IN CONVEX METRIC SPACES

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ABSTRACT. A new geometric notion on a nonempty and convex pair of subsets of a convex metric space X, called semi-normal structure, is introduced and used to investigate the existence of best proximity pairs for a new class of mappings, called strongly noncyclic relatively C-nonexpansive. We also study the structure of minimal sets of strongly noncyclic relatively C-nonexpansive mappings in the setting of convex metric spaces.

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