

GENERALIZED TOPOLOGICAL TRANSVERSALITY  
AND MAPPINGS OF MONOTONE TYPE

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**REZUMAT.** — Transversalitate topologică generalizată și aplicații de tip monoton. În lucrare se demonstrează o teoremă de existență de tip Browder [2]. Noutatea constă în faptul că în locul condiției de coercivitate se impune o condiție de semn, mai generală. Demonstrația se bazează pe teorema de transversalitate topologică generalizată, obținută în [4]. Această notă constituie un addendum la lucrările [4] și [5].

In this paper a Browder's type result [2] is proved by using our generalized topological transversality theorem given in [4] (see also [5]). We show that the coercivity condition assumed by Browder can be replaced by a more general sign condition. This note is an addendum to our previous paper [4] and [5].

**1. The generalized topological transversality principle.** Let  $K$  be a normed topological space,  $X$  and  $A$  two proper closed subsets of  $K$ ,  $A \subset X$ ,  $A \neq X$  and consider a nonvoid class of mappings.

$$\mathcal{A}_A(X, K) \subset \{f: X \rightarrow K; \text{Fix}(f) \cap A = \emptyset\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\text{Fix}(f)$  stands for the set of all fixed points of  $f$ . The mappings in  $\mathcal{A}_A(X, K)$  are said to be *admissible*.

An admissible mapping  $f$  is said to be *essential* if

$$f' \in \mathcal{A}_A(X, K), f|_A = f'|_A \text{ imply } \text{Fix}(f') \neq \emptyset. \quad (2)$$

Otherwise,  $f$  is said to be *inessential*.

Also consider an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathcal{A}_A(X, K)$  and assume that the following conditions are satisfied for  $f$  and  $f'$  in  $\mathcal{A}_A(X, K)$ :

(a) if  $f|_A = f'|_A$  then  $f \sim f'$ ;

(h) if  $f \sim f'$  then there is  $h: [0, 1] \times X \rightarrow K$

such that  $h(0, \cdot) = f'$ ,  $h(1, \cdot) = f$ ,

$\text{cl}(\cup\{\text{Fix}(h(t, \cdot)); t \in [0, 1]\}) \cap A = \emptyset$  and  $h(\eta(\cdot), \cdot)$  is admissible for any  $\eta \in C(X; [0, 1])$  satisfying  $\eta(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in A$ .

We now state the generalized topological transversality theorem.

**PROPOSITION 1.** *If  $f$  and  $f'$  are admissible mappings and  $f \sim f'$ , then  $f$  and  $f'$  are both essential or both inessential.*

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The next proposition is useful in order to establish the essentiality of certain admissible mappings. It is formulated in terms of fixed point structures.

By a *fixed point structure* on a certain space  $K$  we mean a pair  $(S, M)$  where  $S$  is a class of nonempty subsets of  $K$  and  $M$  is a mapping attaching to each  $D \in S$  a family  $M(D)$  of mappings from  $D$  into  $D$  having, each of them, at least one fixed point.

PROPOSITION 2. *Let  $(S, M)$  be a fixed point structure on the normal topological space  $K$  and let  $f_0 \in \mathcal{A}_A(X, K)$ . If for every  $f \in \mathcal{A}_A(X, K)$  satisfying  $f|_A = f_0|_A$ , there exist  $D_f \in S$  and  $\tilde{f} \in M(D_f)$  such that*

$$f|_{X \cap D_f} = \tilde{f}|_{X \cap D_f}$$

and

$$\text{Fix } (\tilde{f}) \setminus X = \emptyset,$$

then  $f_0$  is essential.

The proofs of Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 and some applications can be found in the papers [4] and [5].

The aim of this paper is to give another application of Proposition 1.

**2. The fixed point structure.** Now we describe the fixed point structure which will be used in the next section.

Let  $E$  be a real reflexive Banach space which is normed so that  $E$  and its dual  $E^*$  are locally uniformly convex and let  $J: E \rightarrow E^*$  be the duality mapping. Set

$$S = \{D; S \text{ is a nonvoid bounded closed convex subset of } E\} \tag{3}$$

and for each  $D \in S$ ,

$$M(D) = \{(J + T)^{-1}(J - N): D \rightarrow D(T); T \subset D \times E^* \text{ is}$$

maximal monotone in  $E \times E^*$  and  $N: D \rightarrow E^*$  is

$$\text{pseudomonotone, bounded and demicontinuous}\}. \tag{4}$$

Recall that a mapping  $N: D \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be *pseudomonotone* if, for any sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $D$  for which  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\limsup \langle N(x_n), x_n - x \rangle \leq 0$ , we have  $\langle N(x), x - y \rangle \leq \liminf \langle N(x_n), x_n - y \rangle$  for all  $y \in D$ . Also,  $N$  is said to be of *type  $(S_+)$*  if for any sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $D$  for which  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\limsup \langle N(x_n), x_n - x \rangle \leq 0$ , it follows  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

LEMMA 1. *The pair  $(S, M)$  given by (3) and (4) is a fixed point structure on  $E$ .*

This statement is just a Browder's result [2] (see also [6, Theorem 32 A]). Nevertheless, we will insert here its proof.

*Proof of Lemma 1.* We have to show that each mapping in  $M(D)$  has at least one fixed point, i.e., there exists at least one solution to

$$x_0 \in D(T), 0 \in N(x_0) + T(x_0). \tag{5}$$

We will first solve (5) under the assumption that  $N$  is of type  $(S_+)$ : In view of the maximal monotonicity of  $T$  in  $E \times E^*$ , (6) is equivalent to:

$$x_0 \in D, \langle x^* + N(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

for all  $(x, x^*) \in T$ .

For any finite - dimensional subspace  $Y$  of  $E$  with  $Y \cap D \neq \emptyset$ , we look for a solution  $y$  to

$$y \in Y \cap D, \langle x^* + N(y), x - y \rangle \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

for all  $(x, x^*) \in T$  with  $x \in Y$ .

Since  $N$  is demicontinuous, a solution to (7) exists in view of Debrunner-Flor's lemma (see [6, Proposition 2.17]). Thus, the set

$$V_Y = \{(y, -N(y)) \in D \times E^*; \langle x^* + N(y), x - y \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for} \\ \text{all } (x, x^*) \in T \text{ with } x \in Y\}$$

is nonempty. Clearly, the family  $\{V_Y\}$  has the finite intersection property; thus the family of weak-compact sets  $\{\text{w-cl}(V_Y)\}$ ,  $Y \cap D \neq \emptyset$ , has a nonvoid intersection. Let  $(x_0, x_0^*)$  an element of its intersection.

Note that, due to the maximal monotonicity of  $T$ , there exists  $(z_0, z_0^*) \in T$  such that

$$\langle z_0^* - x_0^*, z_0 - x_0 \rangle \leq 0. \quad (8)$$

Now, for an arbitrary  $(x, x^*) \in T$ , we choose  $Y$  such that  $x, x_0$  and  $z_0$  belong to  $Y$  and we take a sequence  $(y_n, -N(y_n))$  in  $V_Y$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow x_0$  and  $-N(y_n) \rightarrow x_0^*$ . We have

$$\langle z^* + N(y_n), z - y_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad (9)$$

for all  $(z, z^*) \in T$  with  $z \in Y$ .

From (9) we get

$$\langle N(y_n), y_n - w \rangle = \langle N(y_n), y_n - z \rangle + \langle N(y_n), z - w \rangle \leq \\ \leq \langle z^*, z - y_n \rangle + \langle N(y_n), z - w \rangle \quad (10)$$

for all  $(z, z^*) \in T$  with  $z \in Y$  and  $w \in E$ .

Taking  $w = x_0, z = z_0, z^* = z_0^*$  we obtain

$$\langle N(y_n), y_n - x_0 \rangle \leq \langle z_0^*, z_0 - y_n \rangle + \langle N(y_n), z_0 - x_0 \rangle,$$

whence, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and taking into account (8), we get

$$\limsup \langle N(y_n), y_n - x_0 \rangle \leq 0.$$

This, since  $N$  is supposed of type  $(S_+)$ , implies that  $y_n \rightarrow x_0$ . Consequently,  $x_0^* = -N(x_0)$  and passing to limit in (10) with  $w = z = x$  and  $z^* = x^*$  we obtain just (6). This proves the solvability of (5) in case  $N$  is of type  $(S_+)$ .

Finally, for  $N$  pseudomonotone, use the fact that  $N + \varepsilon J$  is of type  $(S_+)$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , in order to deduce the existence of an  $y_\varepsilon$  solution to

$$0 \in N(x_\varepsilon) + \varepsilon J(x_\varepsilon) + T(x_\varepsilon)$$

and letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , find a solution to (5). This step is well known and we omit the details. The lemma is thus proved.

The existence of a solution to (5) is known even if  $D$  is unbounded, but under the additional hypothesis that  $N$  is coercive with respect to 0 (see [2, p. 92] or [6, Theorem 32. A]). In what follows we shall prove, via Proposition 1, that the coercivity of  $N$  may be replaced by a more general sign condition.

**3. Application of the generalized transversality theorem.** The main result of this note is the following proposition.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $E$  be a real reflexive Banach space,  $K$  an unbounded closed convex subset of  $E$ ,  $T \subset K \times E^*$  maximal monotone in  $E \times E^*$  with  $(0, 0) \in T$  and let  $N : K \rightarrow E^*$  be a bounded demicontinuous pseudomonotone mapping such that there exists  $r > 0$  so that*

$$\langle N(x), x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in K \text{ with } \|x\| = r. \tag{11}$$

Then there exists  $x \in D(T)$  a solution to

$$0 \in N(x) + T(x).$$

*Remark.* Condition (11) is less restrictive than the coercivity condition:

$$\langle N(x), x \rangle > 0 \text{ for all } x \in K \text{ with } \|x\| \geq r.$$

Under the coercivity condition on  $N$ , Theorem 1 was proved in [2, p. 92].

*Proof of Theorem 1.* The same argument as in the proof of Lemma 1, allows us, setting  $N + \epsilon J (\epsilon > 0)$  in place of  $N$ , to assume that  $N$  is of type  $(S_+)$  and in addition, that the inequality in (11) is strict.

We shall succeed two steps:

1) *Application of Proposition 1.* Consider the class

$$\mathcal{A}_A(K_r, K) = \{(J + T)^{-1} \circ \eta_\lambda(J - N) : K_r \rightarrow D(T) ; \eta_\lambda \in C(K_r ; [0, 1]), \\ \eta_\lambda(x) = \lambda \text{ for } x \in A\}$$

where  $A = \{x \in K ; \|x\| = r\}$  and for each  $R > 0$  we denote

$$K_R = \{x \in K ; \|x\| \leq R\}.$$

Note that the mappings in  $\mathcal{A}_A(K_r, K)$  can not have fixed points in  $A$  because, in view of (11), the inclusion

$$(\lambda - 1) J(x) - \lambda N(x) \in T(x)$$

is false for all  $x \in A$ .

Also define an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{A}_A(K_r, K)$  by setting

$$(J + T)^{-1} \circ \eta_\lambda(J - N) \sim (J + T)^{-1} \circ \eta_{\lambda'}(J - N)$$

if and only if

$$\lambda = \lambda' \text{ or } \{\lambda, \lambda'\} = \{0, 1\}, \text{ in case } J - N \not\equiv 0 \text{ on } A \\ \text{always, in case } J - N \equiv 0 \text{ on } A.$$

Since  $(J + T)^{-1}$  is one-to-one, condition (a) is satisfied. In order to verify condition (h), set

$$h(t, \cdot) = (J + T)^{-1} \circ [(1 - t)\eta_{\lambda'} + t\eta_{\lambda}](J - N). \quad \begin{matrix} t \in [0, 1] \\ \eta(x) = \lambda \end{matrix}$$

Clearly,  $h(\eta(\cdot), \cdot) \in \mathcal{A}_A(K_r, K)$  for each  $\eta \in C(K_r; [0, 1])$  satisfying  $\eta(x) = \lambda$  for all  $x \in A$ . Also, by (11), the sets  $A$  and  $Z = \cup \{\text{Fix } h(t, \cdot)\}; t \in [0, 1$  are disjoint. It remains only to show that  $Z$  is closed. For this, let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $Z$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ . We have  $h(t_n, x_n) = x_n$  for some  $t_n \in [0, 1$ . We may assume  $t_n \rightarrow t_0$ . Setting  $(x_n)$  be

$$\mu_n = (1 - t_n)\eta_{\lambda'}(x_n) + t_n\eta_{\lambda}(x_n) \text{ and } \mu_0 = (1 - t_0)\eta_{\lambda'}(x_0) + t_0\eta_{\lambda}(x_0),$$

we thus have

$$\langle -(1 - \mu_n)J(x_n) - \mu_n N(x_n) - x^*, x_n - x \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $(x, x^*) \in T$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the demicontinuity of  $J$  and  $N$  we get

$$\langle -(1 - \mu_0)J(x_0) - \mu_0 N(x_0) - x^*, x_0 - x \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $(x, x^*) \in T$ , i.e.,  $h(t_0, x_0) = x_0$ , as desired.

Therefore, Proposition 1 can be applied. But

$$(J + T)^{-1}(J - N) \sim (J + T)^{-1} \circ 0(J - N) \equiv 0.$$

Hence, in order that the mapping  $(J + T)^{-1}(J - N)$  have a fixed point, it is sufficient to prove that the null operator is essential in  $\mathcal{A}_A(K_r, K)$ .

2) *Use of the fixed point structure.* We shall now prove that the null operator is essential, i.e., each mapping

$$f = (J + T)^{-1} \circ \eta_{\lambda}(J - N) \quad J - N \neq 0$$

satisfying  $f \equiv 0$  on  $A$ , has at least one fixed point. Remark that if  $J - N \equiv 0$  on  $A$ , then  $\lambda$  must be zero, while if  $J - N \equiv 0$  on  $A$ , then  $\lambda$  is any number in  $[0, 1]$ . To do this, for any fixed  $R \geq r$  we consider the mapping

$$f_R = (J + T_R)^{-1} \circ \tilde{\eta}(J - N) : K_R \rightarrow K_R,$$

where  $T_R \subset K_R \times E^*$  is maximal monotone in  $E \times E^*$  and  $T|_{K_R} \subset T_R$  (see [1, Theorem 1.4]) and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}(x) &= \eta_{\lambda}(x), \text{ if } x \in K_r, & (12) & (12) \\ &0, \text{ if } x \in K_R \setminus K_r. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $K_R \in S$ . We shall prove that  $f_R \in M(K_R)$ , i.e., the mapping

$$\tilde{N} : K_R \rightarrow E^*, \tilde{N} = J + \tilde{\eta}(N - J) \quad (13) \quad (13)$$

is pseudomonotone, bounded and demicontinuous. The last two properties are immediate. To prove its pseudomonotonicity, consider any sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $K_R$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and

$$\limsup \langle N(x_n), x_n - x \rangle \leq 0. \tag{14}$$

According to (13), we have

$$\min\{\langle J(x_n), x_n - x \rangle, \langle N(x_n), x_n - x \rangle\} \leq \langle N(x_n), x_n - x \rangle. \tag{15}$$

Now, from (14) and (15) and since  $J$  and  $N$  are both of type  $(S_+)$ , it easily follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Hence,  $\tilde{N}$  is of type  $(S_+)$  and since  $\tilde{N}$  is also demicontinuous, it follows that  $\tilde{N}$  is pseudomonotone (see [6, Proposition 27.6]). Therefore,  $f_R \in M(K_R)$  and according to Lemma 1, there exists a fixed point  $x_R \in K_R$  for  $f_R$ . Moreover, by (12),  $x_R \in K_r$ . Since  $f_R(x_R) = x_R$ ,

$$\langle z^* + \tilde{N}(x_R), z - x_R \rangle \geq 0 \tag{16}$$

for all  $(z, z^*) \in T_R$  and in particular, for all  $(z, z^*) \in T$ , with  $z \in K_R$ . Now let  $(R_n)$  be an increasing sequence such that  $R_n \rightarrow \infty$  and denote  $x_n = x_{R_n}$ . We may assume

$$x_n \rightarrow x_0 \in K \text{ and } \tilde{N}(x_n) \rightarrow x_0^* \in E^*.$$

Choose a pair  $(z_0, z_0^*) \in T$  such that

$$\langle z_0^* + x_0^*, z_0 - x_0 \rangle \leq 0. \tag{17}$$

Now for an arbitrary pair  $(x, x^*) \in T$ , there is  $n_0$  such that  $x_0, z_0, x \in K_{R_n}$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . From (16), we get

$$\langle \tilde{N}(x_n), x_n - w \rangle \leq \langle z^*, z - x_n \rangle + \langle \tilde{N}(x_n), z - w \rangle \tag{18}$$

for all  $(z, z^*) \in T$  with  $z \in K_{R_n}$  and  $w \in E$ .

Taking  $w = x_0, z = z_0, z^* = z_0^*$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (17), we get

$$\limsup \langle \tilde{N}(x_n), x_n - x_0 \rangle \leq 0$$

whence, since  $\tilde{N}$  is of type  $(S_+)$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  and

$x_0^* = \tilde{N}(x_0)$ . Clearly,  $x_0 \in K_r$  and

$\tilde{N}(x_0) = J(x_0) + \eta_\lambda(x_0)(N(x_0) - J(x_0))$ . Finally, passing to limits in (18) with

$w = z = x$  and  $z^* = x^*$ , we obtain

$$\langle x^* + J(x_0) + \eta_\lambda(x_0)(N(x_0) - J(x_0)), x - x_0 \rangle \geq 0.$$

Consequently,  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $f$  and the proof is complete.

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