

## GENERALIZED VECTOR QUASIVARIATIONAL-LIKE INEQUALITIES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce two kinds of generalized vector quasivariational-like inequalities for multivalued mappings and show the existence of solutions to those variational inequalities under compact and non-compact assumptions, respectively.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

A vector variational inequality problem was firstly introduced in a finite dimensional Euclidean space with its applications by Giannessi [9]. Later, many authors [1-6, 9, 10, 13-17, 21-25] have extensively studied the problem in infinite dimensional spaces under different assumptions. In particular, vector variational-like inequalities were considered in [1-2, 10, 13, 15] and vector quasivariational inequalities were considered in [3-6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 23-25].

In this paper we introduce two kinds of generalized vector quasivariational-like inequality problems for multivalued mappings and show the existence of solutions to our inequality problems.

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces, and  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  a multivalued mapping.

**Definition 1.1.**  $F$  is called upper semi-continuous (in short, u.s.c.) at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \subseteq V$  for all  $u \in U$ ;  $F$  is called u.s.c. on  $X$  if  $F$  is u.s.c. at every point of  $X$ .  $F$  is called lower semi-continuous (in short, l.s.c.) at  $x \in X$  if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , there is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $u \in U$ ;  $F$  is called l.s.c. on  $X$  if  $F$  is l.s.c. at every point of  $X$ .  $F$  is called continuous at  $x \in X$  if  $F$  is both u.s.c. and l.s.c. at  $x \in X$ .

**Lemma 1.1.**  $F$  is l.s.c. at  $x \in X$  if and only if for any  $y \in F(x)$  and for any net  $\{x_\alpha\}$  in  $X$  converging to  $x$ , there is a net  $\{y_\alpha\}$  such that  $y_\alpha \in F(x_\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha$ , and  $\{y_\alpha\}$  converges to  $y$ .

**Definition 1.2.**  $F$  is called closed if the graph  $G_r F = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in F(x)\}$  of  $F$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ , i.e., for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x_\alpha\} \subset X$  with  $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$  and each  $\{y_\alpha\} \subset Y$  with  $y_\alpha \in F(x_\alpha)$  and  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$ , then we have  $y \in F(x)$ .

**Definition 1.3.**  $F$  is called compact if  $F(X)$  is contained in some compact subset of  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $F^- : Y \rightarrow 2^X$  be a multivalued mapping defined by

$$x \in F^-(y) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad y \in F(x).$$

$F$  is said to have *open lower sections* if for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $F^-(y)$  is open in  $X$ .

In an ordered Hausdorff topological vector space  $Z$ , usually a closed convex pointed solid proper cone  $P$  in  $Z$  defines partial orders  $<$  and  $\leq$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 x <_P y & \text{ iff } x - y \in -\text{int}P \\
 x \leq_P y & \text{ iff } x - y \in -P
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $x, y \in Z$ . To an arbitrary subset  $C$  of  $Z$ , the orders can be extended by setting

$$\begin{aligned}
 C <_P 0 & \text{ iff } C \subseteq -\text{int}P \\
 C \leq_P 0 & \text{ iff } C \subseteq -P.
 \end{aligned}$$

A point  $z_0$  in a nonempty subset  $C$  of  $Z$  is called a *vector maximal point of  $C$*  [27] if the set  $\{z \in C : z_0 \leq_P z, z \neq z_0\} = \emptyset$ , which is equivalent to

$$C \cap (z_0 + P) = \{z_0\}.$$

The following simple fact needed in our research was first introduced by Luc;

**Lemma 1.2 [18]** Let  $C$  be a nonempty compact subset of an ordered Banach space  $Z$ . Then  $\max C \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\max C$  denotes the set of all vector maximal points of  $C$ .

## 2. Main results

Now we introduce  $P$ -convexity of a two variable function, which is an essential concept to our results.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a vector space  $X$ , and  $P$  a pointed, closed convex cone in a topological vector space  $Z$ , which has an apex at the origin and a nonempty interior  $\text{int}P$ . A multivalued mapping  $H : K \times K \rightarrow 2^Z$  is said to be  $P$ -convex with respect to the first variable if for  $x_1, x_2, y \in K, u_1 \in H(x_1, y), u_2 \in$

$H(x_2, y)$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , there exists  $u \in H(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2, y)$  such that

$$\lambda u_1 + (1 - \lambda)u_2 \in u + P.$$

Throughout this section,  $X, Y$  denote two Hausdorff topological vector spaces, and  $Z$  denotes an ordered Hausdorff topological vector space. Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $X$ ,  $D$  a nonempty subset of  $Y$  and  $\{C(x)|x \in K\}$  a family of solid convex cones in  $Z$ , that is, for each  $x \in K$ ,  $\text{int}C(x)$  is nonempty and  $C(x) \neq Z$ .  $L(X, Z)$  denotes the space of all continuous linear operators from  $X$  to  $Z$ . Let  $F : K \rightarrow 2^D$ ,  $G : K \rightarrow 2^K$ ,  $M : K \times D \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Z)}$  and  $H : K \times K \rightarrow 2^Z$  be multivalued mappings, and  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow X$  a mapping.

We consider the following two kinds of generalized vector quasivariational-like inequalities for multivalued mappings;

**(VQVLI)<sub>1</sub>** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that for each  $x \in K$  there exists  $\bar{s} \in F(\bar{x})$  satisfying the following inequality;

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x})$$

for any  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ , where

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle \geq \max_{s \in M(\bar{x}, \bar{s})} \langle s, \eta(x, z) \rangle$$

and  $\langle s, \eta(x, z) \rangle$  denotes the evaluation of a continuous linear operator  $s$  from  $X$  into  $Z$  at  $\eta(x, z)$ ,

**(VQVLI)<sub>2</sub>** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  and  $\bar{s} \in F(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x})$$

for  $x \in K$ ,  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ .

Putting  $H \equiv \bar{0}$  in **(VQVLI)<sub>1</sub>** and **(VQVLI)<sub>2</sub>**, we obtain the following vector quasivariational-like inequalities;

**(VQVLI)<sub>1</sub>'** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that for any  $x \in K$  there exists  $\bar{s} \in F(\bar{x})$  satisfying the following inequality;

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle \notin -intC(\bar{x})$$

for  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and

**(VQVLI)<sub>2</sub>'** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  and  $\bar{s} \in F(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle \notin -intC(\bar{x})$$

for  $x \in K$  and  $z \in G(\bar{x})$ .

By replacing  $Y, H : K \times K \rightarrow 2^Z$  and  $M : K \times D \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Z)}$  with  $Z, H : K \times K \rightarrow Z$  and  $S : K \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Z)}$ , respectively in **(VQVLI)<sub>1</sub>** and **(VQVLI)<sub>2</sub>**, we obtain the following vector variational-like inequalities for multivalued mappings;

**(VVLI)** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  satisfying the following inequality;

$$\max\langle S(\bar{x}), \eta(x, z) \rangle + H(x, \bar{x}) \notin -intC(\bar{x})$$

for  $x \in K$  and  $z \in G(\bar{x})$ .

Putting  $H \equiv \bar{0}$  and  $G(\bar{x}) = K$  in **(VVLI)**, we obtain the following vector variational-like inequalities for multivalued mappings, introduced and studied by Chang, Thompson and Yuan [2];

**(VVLI)'** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  satisfying the following inequality;

$$\max\langle S(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \notin -intC(\bar{x}) \quad \text{for } x \in K.$$

Putting  $Z = Y, \eta(x, z) = x - z$  and  $H = \bar{0}$ , and replacing  $M : K \times D \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Z)}$  with  $S : K \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  in **(VQVLI)<sub>1</sub>** and **(VQVLI)<sub>2</sub>**, we have the following variational inequality;

**(VVI)** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\langle S(\bar{x}), x - z \rangle \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x}) \quad \text{for } x \in K \text{ and } z \in G(\bar{x}).$$

Putting  $C(x) \equiv C$  for  $x \in K$  and  $\eta(x, y) = x - y$  in **(VVLI)'**, we obtain the following vector-valued variational inequality considered by Lee et al. [16];

Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that for each  $x \in K$ , there exists  $\bar{s} \in S(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\langle \bar{s}, x - \bar{x} \rangle \not\prec_{-\text{int}C} 0,$$

where  $x \not\prec_P y$  means  $x - y \notin P$ .

Putting  $Z = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $L(X, Z) = X^*$ , the dual of  $X$  and  $C(x) \equiv \mathbb{R}^+$ , the positive orchant for  $x \in K$  in **(VVLI)'**, we obtain the following scalar-valued variational inequality considered by Cottle and Yao [7], Isac [12], and Noor [19];

Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\sup_{u \in S(\bar{x})} \langle u, \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for } x \in K.$$

Replacing  $S : K \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Z)}$  with  $S : X \rightarrow L(X, Z)$  and putting  $\eta(x, z) = x - g(z)$ , where  $g : K \rightarrow K$  is a mapping, then **(VVLI)'** reduces to the following vector variational inequality **(VVI)** considered by Siddiqi et al. [22];

**(VVI)'** Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\langle S(\bar{x}), x - g(\bar{x}) \rangle \not\prec_{-\text{int}C(\bar{x})} 0, \quad \text{for } x \in K.$$

Putting  $G(x) = \{x\}$  for  $x \in K$  in **(VVI)** or  $g(x) = x$  for  $x \in K$  in **(VVI)'**, we obtain the following vector-valued variational inequality considered by Chen [3];

Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\langle S(\bar{x}), x - \bar{x} \rangle \not\prec_{-intC(\bar{x})} 0, \quad \text{for } x \in K.$$

Putting  $C(x) \equiv C$  and  $g(x) = x$  for  $x \in K$  in **(VVI)'**, we obtain the following vector-valued variational inequality considered by Chen et al. [3-5];

Find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\langle S(\bar{x}), x - \bar{x} \rangle \not\prec_{-intC} 0, \quad \text{for } x \in K.$$

Putting  $Z = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $C(x) \equiv \mathbb{R}^+$  for  $x \in K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $L(X, Z) = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\eta(x, y) = x - y$ , we obtain the following scalar-valued variational inequality considered by Hartman and Stampacchia [11]; find  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\langle S(\bar{x}), x - \bar{x} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for } x \in K.$$

### 2.1. Compact set case

When we consider the existence of solutions to **(VQVLI)<sub>1</sub>** for the compact set case, Ky Fan's Section Theorem in [8] is very useful and indispensable.

**Theorem 2.1 [8].** Let  $K$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $K \times K$  having the following properties

- (i)  $(x, x) \in A$  for all  $x \in K$ ;
- (**i**) for any  $x \in K$ , the set  $A_x := \{y \in K : (x, y) \in A\}$  is closed in  $K$ ;
- (**ii**) for any  $y \in K$ , the set  $A^y := \{x \in K : (x, y) \notin A\}$  is convex or empty in  $K$ .

Then there exists  $\bar{y} \in K$  such that  $K \times \{\bar{y}\} \subset A$ .

The following main theorem for the existence of solutions to  $(\mathbf{VQVLI})_1$  is for the compact set case.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $K$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of  $X$  and  $D$  a nonempty subset of  $Y$ . Let  $F : K \rightarrow 2^D$  be closed,  $G : K \rightarrow 2^K$  be l.s.c. and nonempty convex-valued,  $M : K \times D \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Z)}$  be nonempty compact-valued, and a multivalued mapping  $W : K \rightarrow 2^Z$  defined by  $W(x) = Z \setminus \{-intC(x)\}$ ,  $x \in K$ , closed. Let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be linear, and  $H : K \times K \rightarrow 2^Z$  be  $P$ -convex with respect to the first variable and l.s.c. with respect to the second, where  $P := \bigcap_{x \in K} C(x)$ .

Suppose further that

$$(1) \langle M(x, \cdot), \eta(x, \cdot) \rangle = 0 \text{ and } H(x, x) = \{0\} \text{ for all } x \in K;$$

(2)  $F$  is compact; and

(3)  $\max \langle M(y_\alpha, s_\alpha), \eta(x, z_\alpha) \rangle$  converges to  $\max \langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle$  provided that  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$ ,  $s_\alpha \rightarrow s$  and  $z_\alpha \rightarrow z$ .

Then  $(\mathbf{VQVLI})_1$  is solvable.

**Proof.** By the assumption that  $M$  is nonempty compact-valued, from the continuity of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ,  $\langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle$  is compact in  $Z$ . So we can define  $A = \{(x, y) \in K \times K : \text{there exists } s \in F(y) \text{ such that } \max \langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -intC(y) \text{ for any } z \in G(y) \text{ and } u \in H(x, y)\}$ . By the condition (1), it is easily shown that  $(x, x) \in A$  for all  $x \in K$ . Next,  $A_x = \{y \in K : (x, y) \in A\}$ ,  $x \in K$  is closed. In fact, let  $\{y_\alpha\}$  be a net in  $A_x$  such that  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$ . Then by Lemma 1.1, for any  $z \in G(y)$  there exists a net  $\{z_\alpha\}$  converging to  $z$  such that  $z_\alpha \in G(y_\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha$ . Also by the lower semi-continuity of  $H$  with respect to the second variable, for any  $u \in H(x, y)$  there exists a net  $\{u_\alpha\}$  converging to  $u$  such that  $u_\alpha \in H(x, y_\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha$ . Since  $y_\alpha \in A_x$  we can choose  $s_\alpha \in F(y_\alpha)$  such that

$$\max \langle M(y_\alpha, s_\alpha), \eta(x, z_\alpha) \rangle + u_\alpha \in W(y_\alpha)$$



for  $z_\alpha \in G(y_\alpha)$  and  $u_\alpha \in H(x, y_\alpha)$ . By the condition (2) and the closedness of  $F$ , we can assure the existence of limit  $s$  of  $\{s_\alpha\}$  such that  $s \in F(y)$ . Hence by the condition (3) and the closedness of  $W$ , we have

$$\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \in W(y)$$

for any  $z \in G(y)$  and  $u \in H(x, y)$ . Finally,  $A^y = \{x \in K : (x, y) \notin A\}$ ,  $y \in K$  is convex. Indeed, let  $x_1, x_2 \in A^y$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Then from the fact that  $(x_1, y) \notin A$ , for any  $s \in F(y)$  there exist  $z_1 \in G(y)$  and  $u_1 \in H(x_1, y)$  such that

$$\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_1, z_1) \rangle + u_1 \in -\text{int}C(y)$$

and from the fact that  $(x_2, y) \notin A$ , for any  $s \in F(y)$  there exist  $z_2 \in G(y)$  and  $u_2 \in H(x_2, y)$  such that

$$\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_2, z_2) \rangle + u_2 \in -\text{int}C(y).$$

Hence, for any  $s \in F(y)$  there exist  $u \in H(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2, y)$  and  $z := \lambda z_1 + (1 - \lambda)z_2 \in G(y)$  for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2, z) \rangle + u \\ &= \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2, \lambda z_1 + (1 - \lambda)z_2) \rangle + u \\ &= \max\langle M(y, s), \lambda \eta(x_1, z_1) + (1 - \lambda)\eta(x_2, z_2) \rangle + u \\ &\leq \lambda \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_1, z_1) \rangle + (1 - \lambda) \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_2, z_2) \rangle + u \\ &\in \lambda \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_1, z_1) \rangle + (1 - \lambda) \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_2, z_2) \rangle + \lambda u_1 \\ &\quad + (1 - \lambda)u_2 - P \\ &= \lambda(\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_1, z_1) \rangle + u_1) + (1 - \lambda)(\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x_2, z_2) \rangle \\ &\quad + u_2) - P \\ &\subseteq -\text{int}C(y) - \text{int}C(y) - C(y) \\ &= -\text{int}C(y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2 \in A^y$ , which shows that  $A^y$  is convex. Hence by Ky Fan's Section Theorem there exists  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$K \times \{\bar{x}\} \subset A,$$

which implies that for any  $x \in K$ , there exists  $\bar{s} \in F(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x})$$

for  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ . This completes the proof.

## 2.2. Noncompact set case

For considering the existence of solutions to  $(\mathbf{VQVLI})_2$  for noncompact set case, we use the following particular form of the generalized Ky Fan's Section Theorem due to Park [20].

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $X$  and  $A \subset K \times K$  satisfy the following conditions;

- (i)  $(x, x) \in A$ ,  $x \in K$ ;
- (ii)  $A_x = \{y \in K : (x, y) \in A\}$ ,  $x \in K$ , is closed;
- (iii)  $A^y = \{x \in K : (x, y) \in A\}$ ,  $y \in K$ , is convex or empty;
- (iv) there exists a nonempty compact subset  $B$  of  $K$  such that for each finite subset  $N$  of  $K$  there exists a nonempty compact convex subset  $L_N$  of  $K$  containing  $N$  such that

$$L_N \cap \{y \in K : (x, y) \in A \text{ for any } x \in L_N\} \subset B.$$

Then there exists a  $y_0 \in B$  such that  $K \times \{y_0\} \subset A$ .

In particular, if  $K = B$ , that is,  $K$  is a compact convex subset of  $X$ , then the condition (iv) is obviously true, thus the three conditions of Ky Fan's Section Theorem are sufficient to show the existence of  $y_0 \in K$  such that  $K \times \{y_0\} \subset A$ .

To show the existence of solutions to  $(\mathbf{VQVLI})_2$  for the noncompact set case, the following lemmas are essential .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $X$  and  $D$  be a nonempty subset of  $Y$ . Let  $f : K \rightarrow D$  be a continuous function,  $M : K \times D \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Z)}$  be nonempty compact-valued, and  $G : K \rightarrow 2^K$  a l.s.c. mapping with nonempty convex-values. Let a multivalued mapping  $W : K \rightarrow 2^Z$  defined by  $W(x) = Z \setminus \{-intC(x)\}$ ,  $x \in K$ , be closed. Let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be linear and  $H : K \times K \rightarrow 2^Z$   $P$ -convex with respect to the first variable and l.s.c. with respect to the second, where  $P = \bigcap_{x \in K} C(x)$ . Suppose further that

- (1)  $\langle M(x, \cdot), \eta(x, \cdot) \rangle = 0$  and  $H(x, x) = \{0\}$  for all  $x \in K$ ,
- (2)  $\max\langle M(y_\alpha, s_\alpha), \eta(x, z_\alpha) \rangle$  converges to  $\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle$  provided that  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$ ,  $s_\alpha \rightarrow s$  and  $z_\alpha \rightarrow z$ ;
- (3) there is a nonempty compact subset  $B$  of  $K$  such that for each nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $K$ , there is a nonempty compact convex subset  $L_N$  of  $K$  containing  $N$  such that for  $y \in L_N \setminus B$ , there exist  $x \in L_N$ ,  $z \in G(y)$  and  $u \in H(x, y)$  such that

$$\max\langle M(y, f(y)), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \in -intC(y).$$

Then there exists  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x})), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -intC(\bar{x})$$

for any  $x \in K$ ,  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A = \{(x, y) \in K \times K : \max\langle M(y, f(y)), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -intC(y) \text{ for any } z \in G(y) \text{ and } u \in H(x, y)\}$ . It is easily shown that  $(x, x) \in A$  for  $x \in K$  from the condition (2). And  $A_x = \{y \in K : (x, y) \in A\}$ ,  $x \in K$ , is closed. In fact, for any net  $\{y_\alpha\}$  in  $A_x$  converging to  $y$ , we have  $\max\langle M(y_\alpha, f(y_\alpha)), \eta(x, z_\alpha) \rangle + u_\alpha \notin -intC(y_\alpha)$  for any  $z_\alpha \in G(y_\alpha)$  and  $u_\alpha \in H(x, y_\alpha)$ . From Lemma 2.1 and the condition

(1),  $\max\langle M(y, f(y)), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(y)$  for any  $z \in G(y)$  and  $u \in H(x, y)$ , we have  $y \in A_x$ , showing the closedness of  $A_x$  for  $x \in K$ . By a similar method shown in the proof of Theorem 2.2, we can show that the set  $A^y = \{x \in K \mid (x, y) \notin A\}$ ,  $y \in K$ , is convex. Further note that the assumption (3) implies that for  $y \in L_N \setminus B$  there exists  $x \in L_N$  such that  $y \notin A_x$ . Hence the condition (iv) of Theorem 2.3 is satisfied. Hence there exists  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x})), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x})$$

for  $x \in K$ ,  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.5 [26].** Let  $X$  be a paracompact Hausdorff topological space and  $Y$  a topological vector space. Let  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multivalued mapping with nonempty convex-values. If  $F$  has open lower sections, then there exists a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for  $x \in X$ .

Now we consider the existence of solution to **(VQVLI)<sub>2</sub>**.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $K$  be a nonempty paracompact convex subset of  $X$  and  $D$  a nonempty convex subset of  $Y$ . Let  $F : K \rightarrow 2^D$  have nonempty convex-values and open lower sections,  $G : K \rightarrow 2^K$  be a l.s.c. mapping with nonempty convex-values,  $M : K \times D \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Z)}$  be nonempty compact-valued, and  $W : K \rightarrow 2^Z$  defined by  $W(x) = Z \setminus \{-\text{int}C(x)\}$ ,  $x \in K$ , closed. Let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow X$  be linear and  $H : K \times K \rightarrow 2^Z$  be  $P$ -convex with respect to the first variable and l.s.c. with respect to the second, where  $P = \bigcap_{x \in K} C(x)$ .

Suppose further that

$$(1) \langle M(x, \cdot), \eta(x, \cdot) \rangle = 0 \text{ and } H(x, x) = \{0\} \text{ for all } x \in K,$$

$$(2) \max\langle M(y_\alpha, s_\alpha), \eta(x, z_\alpha) \rangle \rightarrow \max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle \text{ provided that } y_\alpha \rightarrow y, s_\alpha \rightarrow s \text{ and } z_\alpha \rightarrow z,$$

(3)  $F$  is compact,

(4) there is a nonempty compact subset  $B$  of  $K$  such that for any nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $K$ , there is a nonempty compact convex subset  $L_N$  of  $K$  containing  $N$  such that for any  $y \in L_N \setminus B$ , there exist  $x \in L_N$ ,  $z \in G(y)$  and  $u \in H(x, y)$  such that

$$\max\langle M(y, s), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \in -\text{int}C(y)$$

for any  $s \in F(y)$ .

Then  $(\mathbf{VQVLI})_2$  is solvable, i.e., there exist  $\bar{x} \in K$  and  $\bar{s} \in F(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, \bar{s}), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x})$$

for any  $x \in K$ ,  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ .

**Proof.** Since  $F^-(y)$  is open in  $X$  for  $y \in D$ , by Lemma 2.5 there exists a continuous function  $f : K \rightarrow D$  such that  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for  $x \in K$ . So, by Lemma 2.4 there exists  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that

$$\max\langle M(\bar{x}, f(\bar{x})), \eta(x, z) \rangle + u \notin -\text{int}C(\bar{x})$$

for any  $x \in K$ ,  $z \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $u \in H(x, \bar{x})$ . This completes the proof.

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