

## A VECTOR EXTENSION TO BEHERA AND PANDA'S GENERALIZATION OF MINTY'S LEMMA

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In this paper, we consider a generalized result of Behera and Panda for Minty's lemma, and obtain an existence theorem of solution to vector variational-type inequality.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Giannessi<sup>6</sup> was the first to introduce the vector variational inequality in a finite-dimensional Euclidean space in 1966, which is the vector-valued version of the variational inequality of Hartman and Stampacchia<sup>8</sup>. Later on, many authors (see, Chen *et al.*<sup>3 & 4</sup>, Konnov *et al.*<sup>10</sup>, Lee *et al.*<sup>12, 13, 14</sup>, Lee *et al.*<sup>16, 17</sup>, Park *et al.*<sup>20</sup>, Siddiqi *et al.*<sup>21</sup> and Yu<sup>22</sup>) have investigated vector variational inequalities in abstract spaces.

Minty<sup>18</sup> proved the linearization lemma, which played a useful role in variational inequalities. In fact, the classical Minty's inequality and Minty's lemma have been shown to be an important tool in the regularity results of the solution for a generalized non-homogeneous boundary value problem<sup>1</sup> and, when the operator is a gradient, also a minimum principle for convex optimization problems<sup>9</sup>. On the other hand, vector variational inequality is closely related to vector optimization problem. Giannessi<sup>7</sup> established the equivalence between a differentiable convex vector optimization problem and a vector variational inequality can be an efficient tool for studying vector optimization problems. Moreover, using a vector variational-like inequality, Lee *et al.*<sup>15</sup> proved existence theorems for solutions of nondifferentiable invex optimization problems.

Recently, Behera and Panda<sup>2</sup> obtained a nonlinear generalization of Minty's lemma. Furthermore they applied the result to obtain a solution of a certain variational-like inequality.

In 1999, Lee *et al.*<sup>12</sup> obtained a vector version of Minty's lemma using Nadler's result<sup>19</sup>, and with their result they considered two kinds of vector variational-like inequalities for multifunctions under certain new pseudomonotonicity condition and certain new hemicontinuity condition, respectively, different from conditions in [14 & 21].

In this paper, we first consider a generalized result of Behera and Panda for Minty's lemma by extending to the vector case under traditional pseudomonotonicity and traditional hemicontinuity

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conditions. And then with the result, we consider the existence of solutions to some vector variational-type inequalities.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X, Y$  be topological vector spaces,  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T: K \rightarrow L(X, Y), \theta: K \times K \rightarrow X, \eta: K \times K \rightarrow Y$  be operators, where  $L(X, Y)$  is the space of all linear continuous operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ . Let  $\{C(x): x \in K\}$  be a family of closed convex cones in  $Y$  and  $int$  denotes the interior. We define a relation  $\leq_{C(x)}$  in  $Y$  by the convex cone  $C(x)$ <sup>11</sup>; for  $y_1, y_2 \in Y, y_1 \leq_{C(x)} y_2$  if and only if  $y_2 - y_1 \in C(x)$ .

An operator  $T: K \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  is said to be finite dimensional continuous<sup>2</sup> if for every finite dimensional subspace  $M$  of  $X$ , the operator  $T: K \cap M \rightarrow Y$  is weakly continuous.

Let  $T: K \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be an operator.  $T$  is said to be hemicontinuous<sup>22</sup> if for any  $x, y \in K, \alpha \in [0, 1]$ , the mapping

$$\alpha \mapsto \langle T(\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)x), y - x \rangle$$

is continuous.

A mapping  $f: K \rightarrow Y$  is convex<sup>11</sup> if for every  $x_1, x_2 \in K$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq_{C(x)} \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2),$$

i.e.,

$$\lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2) - f(x_2) - f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \in C(x).$$

Let  $K$  be a subset of a topological vector space  $X$ . Then a mapping  $T: K \rightarrow 2^X$  is called Knaster-Kuratowski-Mazurkiewicz (in short, KKM) mapping<sup>13</sup> if for each nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $K, co N \subset F(N)$ , where  $co$  denotes the convex hull and  $F(N) = \bigcup \{F(x): x \in N\}$ .

The following theorem will be used to prove our main theorem in the next section.

**Theorem 2.1** (Fan<sup>5</sup>) — *Let  $K$  be an arbitrary nonempty subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space. Let a set-valued mapping  $T: K \rightarrow 2^X$  be a KKM-mapping such that  $F(x)$  is closed for all  $x \in K$  and compact for at least one  $x \in K$ . Then*

$$\bigcap_{x \in K} F(x) \neq \emptyset.$$

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

Now we consider a vector generalization of Behera and Panda's result for Minty's lemma.

**Theorem 3.1** — *Let  $X, Y$  be topological vector spaces. Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $X$  and  $\{C(x): x \in K\}$  be a family of closed convex cones in  $Y$ . Let a set-valued mapping  $W: K \rightarrow 2^Y$ , defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus int C(x)$ , have a closed graph. Assume that  $T: K \rightarrow L(X, Y), \theta: K \times K \rightarrow X$  and  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow Y$  are operators such that —*

(1)  $\langle T(y), \theta(y, y) \rangle + \eta(y, y) \in C(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in K$ .

(2) The operator

$$y \mapsto \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x)$$

of  $K$  into  $Y$  is finite dimensional continuous (or at least hemicontinuous) for all  $x \in K$ .

(3) The operator

$$x \mapsto \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x)$$

of  $K$  into  $Y$  is convex for all  $y \in K$ .

(4)  $\langle T(x), \theta(y, x) \rangle + \eta(x, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x)$ ,

for all  $y \in K$  implies

$$\langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x) \notin \text{int } C(x), \text{ for all } y \in K.$$

Then the following are equivalent :

(a) there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\langle T(x_0), \theta(y, x_0) \rangle + \eta(x_0, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0), \text{ for all } y \in K; \text{ and}$$

(b) there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\langle T(y), \theta(x_0, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_0) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0), \text{ for all } y \in K.$$

**PROOF :** Suppose there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $\langle T(x_0), \theta(y, x_0) \rangle + \eta(x_0, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0)$  for all  $y \in K$ , then by the condition (4), we have  $\langle T(y), \theta(x_0, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_0) \notin \text{int } C(x_0)$ . Conversely, suppose there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $\langle T(y), \theta(x_0, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_0) \notin \text{int } C(x_0)$  for all  $y \in K$ . For any arbitrary  $x \in K$ , let  $y_t = tx + (1-t)x_0$ ,  $t \in (0, 1)$  then  $y_t \in K$ , since  $K$  is convex. Thus,

$$\langle T(y_t), \theta(x_0, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x_0) \notin \text{int } C(x_0). \quad \dots (3.1)$$

On the other hand, by convexity of the operator,

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(y_t, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, y_t) \} \\ & \leq_{C(x_0)} t \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(x, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x) \} + (1-t) \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(x_0, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x_0) \}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & t \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(x, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x) \} + (1-t) \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(x_0, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x_0) \} \\ & \quad - \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(y_t, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, y_t) \} \in C(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

By condition (1), it follows that

$$t \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(x, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x) \} + (1-t) \{ \langle T(y_t), \theta(x_0, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x_0) \} \in C(x_0).$$

Now, we show that  $\langle T(y_t), \theta(x, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x) \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ . In fact, suppose that  $\langle T(y_t), \theta(x, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x) \in -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ , then  $\langle T(y_t), \theta(x_0, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x_0) \in \text{Int } C(x_0)$ , which contradicts (3.1). Thus, we have

$$\langle T(y_t), \theta(x, y_t) \rangle + \eta(y_t, x) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0). \quad \dots (3.2)$$

Since the operator

$$y \mapsto \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x)$$

of  $K$  into  $Y$  is finite dimensional continuous (or at least hemicontinuous), taking the limit as  $t$  approaches to  $0^+$  in (3.2), we get

$$\langle T(x_0), \theta(x, x_0) \rangle + \eta(x_0, x) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0).$$

Since  $x$  is arbitrary, hence

$$\langle T(x_0), \theta(y, x_0) \rangle + \eta(x_0, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0).$$

*Corollary 3.2* — When  $X$  is a reflexive real Banach space,  $L(X, Y) = X^*$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C(x) = \mathbb{R}^+$ , if  $\eta$  is a zero functional, then we obtain Theorem 4.1 in [2] as a corollary.

Next we apply Theorem 3.1 to prove the existence of a solution to the following vector variational-type inequality.

**Theorem 3.3** — Let  $X$  be a reflexive real Banach space and  $Y$  a topological vector space,  $K$  a nonempty closed convex and bounded subset of  $X$  and  $\{C(x) : x \in K\}$  a family of closed convex cones in  $Y$ . Let a set-valued mapping  $W : K \rightarrow 2^Y$ , defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus \{-\text{int}C(x)\}$ , have a closed graph. Assume that  $T : K \rightarrow L(X, Y)$ ,  $\theta : K \times K \rightarrow X$  and  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  are operators such that —

(1) the operator

$$x \mapsto \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x)$$

of  $K$  into  $Y$  is convex for all  $y \in K$ ;

(2) the operator

$$x \mapsto \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x)$$

of  $K$  into  $Y$  is continuous for all  $y \in K$ ; and

(3)  $\langle T(x), \theta(y, x) \rangle + \eta(x, y) \notin -\text{int } X(x)$ , for all  $y \in K$  implies  $\langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x) \notin \text{int } C(x)$ , for all  $y \in K$ .

Then there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\langle T(y), \theta(x_0, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_0) \notin \text{int } C(x_0),$$

for all  $y \in K$ .

Moreover if the following conditions hold

(4)  $\langle T(y), \theta(y, y) \rangle + \eta(y, y) \in C(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in K$  and

(5) the operator

$$y \mapsto \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x)$$

of  $K$  into  $Y$  is finite dimensional continuous (or at least hemicontinuous) for all  $x \in K$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\langle T(x_0), \theta(y, x_0) \rangle + \eta(x_0, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0), \text{ for all } y \in K.$$

PROOF : Define a set-valued mapping  $F : K \rightarrow 2^K$  by

$$F(y) := \{x \in K : \langle T(x), \theta(y, x) \rangle + \eta(x, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x)\}$$

for all  $y \in K$ . Then  $F$  is a KKM-mapping on  $K$ . In fact, suppose that  $F$  is not a KKM-mapping,

then there exists  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  in  $K$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1, \alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \notin$

$\bigcup_{j=1}^n F(x_j)$ , for any  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus

$$\left\langle T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right), \theta \left( x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) \right\rangle + \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, x_j \right) \in -\text{int } C(x), \quad \dots (3.3)$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . On the other hand, by convexity of the operator,

$$\left\{ \left\langle T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right), \theta \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) \right\rangle + \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j x_j \right) \right\} \\ \leq_{C(x)} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \beta_j \left\langle T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right), \theta \left( x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) \right\rangle + \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, x_j \right) \right\}$$

where

$\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j = 1, \beta_j \geq 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . So, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \beta_j \left\langle T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right), \theta \left( x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) \right\rangle + \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, x_j \right) \right\}$$

$$- \left\{ \left\langle T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right); \theta \left( x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) \right\rangle + \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j x_j \right) \right\} \in C(x).$$

Thus,

$$\left\langle T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right); \theta \left( x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) \right\rangle + \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, x_j \right) \in C(x),$$

which contradicts to (3.3). Hence  $F$  is a KKM-mapping. Define another set-valued mapping  $E: K \rightarrow 2^K$  by

$$E(y) := \{ x \in K : \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x) \notin \text{int } C(x) \}$$

for all  $y \in K$ , then  $F(y) \subset E(y)$ . Indeed, if  $x \in F(y)$ , then  $\langle T(x), \theta(y, x) \rangle + \eta(x, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x)$  for all  $y \in K$ . By the condition (3), we have  $\langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x) \notin \text{int } C(x)$  for all  $y \in K$ , thus  $x \in E(y)$ . Therefore,  $E$  is also a KKM-mapping on  $K$ . Now we claim that  $E(y)$  is closed for all  $y \in K$ . In fact, let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $E(y)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Since  $x_n \in E(y)$ , we have

$$\langle T(y), \theta(x_n, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_n) \notin \text{int } C(x_n).$$

So,

$$- \{ \langle T(y), \theta(x_n, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_n) \} \in W(x_n).$$

Since  $W$  has a closed graph,

$$- \{ \langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x) \} \in W(x).$$

Thus,

$$\langle T(y), \theta(x, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x) \notin \text{int } C(x).$$

Hence,  $x \in E(y)$ ,  $E(y)$  is a closed subset of  $K$ . Since  $K$  is weakly compact,  $E(y)$  is weakly compact for each  $y \in K$ . Thus by Theorem 2.1,

$$\bigcap_{y \in K} E(y) \neq \emptyset.$$

i.e., there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $\langle T(y), \theta(x_0, y) \rangle + \eta(y, x_0) \notin \text{int } C(x_0)$ , for all  $y \in K$ .

Moreover, if (4) and (5) hold, then by Theorem 3.1, there exists an  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $\langle T(x_0), \theta(y, x_0) \rangle + \eta(x_0, y) \notin -\text{int } C(x_0)$ , for all  $y \in K$ .

**Corollary 3.4** — When  $L(X, Y) = X^*$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C(x) = \mathbb{R}^+$ , if  $\eta$  is a zero functional, then we obtain Theorem 5.1 in [2] as corollary.

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