

## Variational inequality and complementarity problem in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space

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**Abstract.** *The purpose of this paper is to study variational inequality and complementarity problem in a locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space.*

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Let  $X$  be a real locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space (lc Htvs) with a continuous seminorm  $p$  and let  $X^*$  be its dual. Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X^*$  a mapping. Let  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow X$ .

**Definition 1.**  *$T$  is said to be*

- (i)  $\eta$ -monotone if  $(Tx - Ty, \eta(x, y)) \geq 0, \forall x, y \in K,$
- (ii) strictly  $\eta$ -monotone if  $(Tx - Ty, \eta(x, y)) > 0, \forall x, y \in K, x \neq y,$
- (iii) strongly  $\eta$ -monotone if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$(Tx - Ty, \eta(x, y)) \geq C[p(\eta(x, y))]^2,$$

- (iv)  $\eta$ -coercive if  $(Tx, Ty)/p(\eta(x, x)) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $p(\eta(x, x)) \rightarrow \infty.$

We consider the nonlinear variational inequality (NVI) which is defined as follows:

$$x \in K : (Tx, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0 \forall y \in K. \quad (1)$$

Another NVI can be stated as follows:

$$x \in K : (Ty, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0 \forall y \in K. \quad (2)$$

Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  denote the solutions of (1) and (2) respectively. These can be generalized as follows:

$$x \in K : (Tx - Sx, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0 \forall y \in K \quad (3)$$

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$$x \in K : (Ty - Sy, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0 \forall y \in K. \quad (4)$$

We have

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\eta$  is antisymmetric and  $T$  is strictly  $\eta$ -monotone, then  $S_1$  is empty or singleton.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $x_1, x_2 \in S_1$ . Then

$$(Tx, \eta(x_2, x_1)) \geq 0, \quad (5)$$

and  $(Tx_2, \eta(x_1, x_2)) \geq 0$ . From (1),  $\eta$  is antisymmetric. We have  $(Tx_1, \eta(x_1, x_2)) \leq 0$ . Hence  $(Tx_1 - Tx_2, \eta(x_1, x_2)) \leq 0$ . Because  $T$  is strictly  $\eta$ -monotone, this is impossible unless  $x_1 = x_2$  and this completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $T$  be  $\eta$ -monotone and semicontinuous,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\eta$  positive homogeneous. Then  $S_1 = S_2$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in S_1$ . Since  $T$  is  $\eta$ -monotone,  $(Ty, \eta(y, x)) \geq (Tx, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in S_2$ . Let  $x \in S_2$ . Let  $y \in K$ . Since  $K$  is convex, for  $0 < t < 1$ ,  $y_t = (1-t)x + ty = x - t(y-x) \in K$ . Hence  $(Ty_t, \eta(y_t, x)) \geq 0$ . But  $\eta(y_t, x) = -t\eta(y, x)$ . Now letting  $t \rightarrow 0$  we get  $(Tx, -\eta(y, x)) \geq 0$ . Thus  $x \in S_1$  and this completes the proof.  $\square$

We introduce the concept of the complementarity problem (CP) in real lchTvs. Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone in  $X$ . Let  $K^*$  be the subset of  $X^*$  defined by  $K^* = \{y \in X^* : (y, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0 \forall x \in K\}$ . Then  $x \in K, Tx \in K^*, (Tx, \eta(x, x)) = 0$  will be called the generalised complementarity problem (GCP). Let  $C$  denote the set of all solutions of GCP.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex cone,  $\eta$  is antisymmetric, then  $S_1 = C$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in S_1$ . Take  $y = x$ . Then  $(Tx, \eta(x, x)) \geq 0$ . Since  $\eta$  is antisymmetric  $(Tx, \eta(x, x)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow (Tx, \eta(x, x)) = 0$ . Thus  $x \in C$  and hence  $S_1 \subset C$ . Clearly  $C \subset S_1$  and this completes the proof.  $\square$

We shall now prove the existence theorem for variational inequality in lchTvs. For this purpose we need the following results which are due to Tarafdar[2].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty compact and convex subset of a Hausdorff tvs  $X$  and  $S: K \rightarrow P(K)$  be a multivalued mapping such that*

- (i) *for each  $x \in K$ ,  $Sx$  is a nonempty convex subset of  $K$ ,*
- (ii) *for each  $y \in K$ ,  $S_y^{-1} = \{x \in K : y \in Sx\}$  contains an open subset  $U_y$  of  $K$  where  $U_y$  may be empty.*
- (iii)  $\bigcup \{U_y : y \in K\} = K$ .

*Then there exists an element  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $x_0$  belongs to  $Sx_0$ .*

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of lchTvs  $X$  and let  $T: K \rightarrow X^*$  be strongly  $\eta$ -monotone. Let  $\eta$  be continuous. Suppose  $\eta$  satisfies  $\eta(y, x) = \eta(y, z) + \eta(z, x)$ . Then NVI(1) has a solution in  $K$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose NVI has no solution in  $K$ . Then for each  $x \in K$ , there exists a  $y \in K$  such that  $(Tx, \eta(y, x)) < 0$ . Define a multivalued map  $F: K \rightarrow P(K)$  by  $F(x) = \{y \in K : (Tx, \eta(y, x)) < 0\}$ . Clearly  $F(x)$  is nonempty and convex for each  $x \in K$ . It follows that  $F^{-1}(y) = \{x \in K : (Tx, \eta(y, x)) < 0\}$ . Since  $T$  is strongly  $\eta$ -monotone, for each  $y \in K$ , the complement of  $F^{-1}(y)$  is in  $K$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} (F^{-1}(y))^c &= K - F^{-1}(y) = \{x \in K : (Tx, \eta(y, x)) \geq 0\} \\ &\subseteq \{x \in K : (Ty, \eta(y, x)) \geq C[(p(\eta)(y, x))^2]\} = H(y). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that  $H(y)$  is convex. We now show that  $H(y)$  is relatively closed in  $K$ . For this purpose, let  $\{x_\alpha\}$  be a Moore-Smith sequence in  $H(y)$ . Then  $(Ty, \eta(y, x_\alpha)) \geq C[p(\eta(y, x_\alpha))]^2$ . Let  $x_\alpha \rightarrow x \in K$ . We claim that  $x \in H(y)$ . Since  $\eta$  is continuous,  $\eta(X \times X)$  is dense in  $X$ ,  $p$  is a continuous seminorm. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (Ty, \eta(y, x)) &= (Ty, \eta(y, x_\alpha)) + (Ty, \eta(x_\alpha, x)) \\ &\geq C[p(\eta(y, x_\alpha))]^2 + (Ty, \eta(x_\alpha, x)) \\ &\geq C[p(\eta(y, x_\alpha))]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies x \in H(y)$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} K - H(y) &= \{x \in K : (Ty, \eta(y, x)) < C(p(\eta(y, x)))^2\} \\ &\subseteq \{x \in K : (Tx, \eta(y, x)) < 0\} \\ &= F^{-1}(y). \end{aligned}$$

This implies for each  $y \in K$  there is an element  $x \in K$  such that  $\bigcup(K - H(y)) = K$ . But by Lemma 1, there exists an element  $x \in K$  such that  $x \in F(x)$ , which means  $0 > (Tx, \eta(x, x)) = 0$ . This contradiction completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $D$  be a nonempty compact, convex subset of  $X$  and  $F : D \rightarrow Y = X^*$ . The following existence theorem on variational inequality was established by Karamardian [1].

**Proposition 1.** *Let the mapping  $(u, v) \rightarrow (u, F(v))$  be continuous on  $D \times D$ . Then there exists a point  $\bar{x} \in D$  such that for all  $x \in D$ ,  $(x - \bar{x}, F(\bar{x})) \geq 0$ .*

We now obtain the following theorem on the complementarity problem, by using the results of Karamardian stated above.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $K$  be a closed and convex cone in  $X$  and let  $F : K \rightarrow Y = X^*$  be such that*

- (i) *the mapping  $(u, v) \rightarrow (u, F(v))$  is continuous on  $K \times K$ ,*
- (ii) *there exists  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that  $F(\bar{x}) \in \text{int}K^*$ .*

*Then there exists  $x \in K$  such that  $\bar{x} \in K$ ,  $F(\bar{x}) \in K^*$  and  $(\bar{x}, F(\bar{x})) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $u \in K$  define

$$\begin{aligned} D_u &= \{x \in D : \langle x, Fx \rangle \leq \langle u, Fx \rangle\} \\ D_u^0 &= \{x \in D : \langle x, Fx \rangle < \langle u, Fx \rangle\} \\ S_u &= \{x \in D : \langle x, Fx \rangle = \langle u, Fx \rangle\}. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $u \in K$ ,  $D_u$  is convex. From the continuity assumption it follows that  $D_u$  is a closed subset of the compact convex set  $D$  for each  $u \in K$  and hence is compact. Thus for each  $u \in K$ ,  $D_u$  is a nonempty, compact, convex set in  $X$ , therefore by Proposition 1 it follows that for each  $u \in K$ , there is  $x_u \in D_u$  such that

$$\langle y - x_u, Fx_u \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } y \in D_u. \quad (6)$$

Since  $0 \in D_u$ ,  $\langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle \leq 0$ .

**Case1:** Let  $x_u \in D_u^0$ . Then there is a  $\lambda > 1$  such that  $\lambda x_u \in S_u \subset D_u$ . Then we have  $\langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle < \langle \lambda x_u, Fx_u \rangle = \lambda \langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle$ . Since  $\langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle \leq 0$ , it is impossible unless  $\langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle = 0$ . Thus (6) holds.

**Case2.** Let  $x_u \in S_u$  for all  $u \in K$ . Let  $u \in K$  be such that  $Fx_u \in \text{int}K^*$ . Then  $\langle u, Fx_u \rangle > 0$ . By the hypothesis there is  $x \in K$  such that  $Fx \in \text{int}K^*$ . Thus for this  $x$  we have  $\langle x, Fx \rangle > 0$ . Choose  $u$  such that  $\langle u, Fx \rangle > \langle x, Fx \rangle > 0$ . Thus  $x \in D_u^0$ . Now  $x_u \in S_u$ . Hence  $\langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle = \langle u, Fx_u \rangle > 0$ . This contradicts  $\langle x_u, Fx_u \rangle \leq 0$  and thus case 2 cannot occur and this completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Observe that in the above theorem  $Du$  is convex and (compact) if  $D$  is convex and (compact):  $Du$  need not be convex if  $D$  is any compact (non-convex) set. For example, take  $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F(x) = \sin x$ ,  $D = [\frac{\pi}{4}, 2\pi]$ . Then

$$Du = \{x \in D : \langle x, Fx \rangle \leq \langle u, Fx \rangle\} = \{x : x \sin x \leq u \sin x\}.$$

For  $u = \pi/2$ ,  $Du = [\pi/4, \pi/2] \cup [\pi, 2\pi]$  which is not convex.

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