

## ON VECTOR QUASIVARIATIONAL-LIKE INEQUALITY

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Recently, Giannessi [1] introduced a vector variational inequality for vector-valued functions in an Euclidean space. Since then, Chen et al. [2-6], Lee et al. [7], and Yang [8] have intensively studied vector variational inequalities for vector-valued functions in abstract spaces. In particular, Lee et al. [9,10] have obtained the existence theorem for solutions of generalized vector variational inequalities for set-valued maps with vector values in abstract spaces. Very recently, Yang [11] has established the existence theorem of a vector variational-like inequality for vector-valued functions and obtain the relationship between a vector optimization problem and a vector variational-like inequality.

Our motivation of this paper is to obtain existence theorems for solutions of vector quasivariational-like inequalities for vector-valued functions.

Let  $E$  be a topological vector space and  $C$  a nonempty, compact and convex subset of  $E$ ,  $Y$  a topological vector space with a convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$  and  $P \neq Y$ , where  $\text{int}$  denotes the interior. Let  $T : C \rightarrow L(E, Y)$  be a function where  $L(E, Y)$  is the space of all linear continuous functions from  $E$  into  $Y$ ,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  a function and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$  a set-valued map.

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We will use the following conventions ; for any  $x, y \in Y$ ,

1.  $x \leq_P y$  if and only if  $x - y \in -P$ .
2.  $x \leq_P y$  if and only if  $x - y \in -P \setminus \{0\}$ .
3.  $x \not\leq_P y$  if and only if  $x - y \notin -P \setminus \{0\}$ .
4.  $x <_P y$  if and only if  $x - y \in -int P$ .
5.  $x \not<_P y$  if and only if  $x - y \notin -int P$ .

Consider the following vector quasivariational-like inequality ( $VQV - LI$ ) :

$$(VQV - LI) : \text{Find } \bar{x} \in C \text{ such that } \bar{x} \in K(\bar{x}) \text{ and} \\ \langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq_P 0 \text{ for any } x \in K(\bar{x}).$$

and the following weak vector quasivariational-like inequality ( $WVQV - LI$ ) :

$$(WVQV - LI) : \text{Find } \bar{x} \in C \text{ such that } \bar{x} \in K(\bar{x}) \text{ and} \\ \langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not<_P 0 \text{ for any } x \in K(\bar{x}).$$

where  $\langle s, y \rangle$  denotes the evaluation of  $s$  at  $y$ .

We notice that ( $WVQV - LI$ ) is a weak form of ( $VQV - LI$ ).

When  $Y = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P = \mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n) : C \rightarrow L(E, \mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $T_i : C \rightarrow L(E, \mathbb{R})$  for each  $i$ ,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$ , and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$ , ( $WVQV - LI$ ) reduce to the following vector variational-like inequality ( $VV - LI$ ) investigated by Yang [11];

$$(VV - LI) : \text{Find } \bar{x} \in C \text{ such that} \\ (\langle T_1(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle, \dots, \langle T_n(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle) \not<_P 0 \text{ for any } x \in K(\bar{x}).$$

When  $E = \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $C \subset E$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $P = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $T : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$ , ( $VQV - LI$ ) and ( $WVQV - LI$ ) reduce to the following quasivariational-like inequality ( $QV - LI$ ) investigated by Parida et al. [12].

$$(QV - LI) : \text{Find } \bar{x} \in C \text{ such that } \bar{x} \in K(\bar{x}) \text{ and} \\ T(\bar{x})^t \eta(x, \bar{x}) \geq 0 \text{ for any } x \in K(\bar{x}).$$

When  $E = \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $C \subset E$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P = \mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n) : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ ,  $\eta(x, \bar{x}) = x - \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and for each  $x \in C$ ,  $K(x) \equiv C$ ,  $(VQV - LI)$  becomes the following vector variational inequality  $(VVI)$  introduced by Giannessi [1].

$(VVI)$  : Find  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that there is no  $x \in C$  such that

$$\langle T_i(\bar{x}), x - \bar{x} \rangle \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \quad \langle T_i(\bar{x}), x - \bar{x} \rangle \neq 0$$

for at least one  $i$ .

Our purpose of this paper is to obtain the existence theorems of solutions for  $(VQV - LI)$  and  $(WVQV - LI)$  by the scalarization method and obtain the relationship between a vector optimization problem and a vector variational-like inequality. In Section 2, we prove a generalized Ky Fan inequality and the existence theorems of solutions for  $(VQV - LI)$  and  $(WVQV - LI)$  by the scalarization method. In Section 3, we establish the relationship between a vector optimization problem and a vector variational-like inequality.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $F$  be a set valued map from a topological space  $E$  into a topological space  $Y$ .

1.  $F$  is said to be upper semicontinuous (shortly u.s.c.) at  $x_0 \in E$  if for every open set  $V$  containing  $F(x_0)$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) \subset V$  for all  $x \in N(x_0)$ .  $F$  is called u.s.c. on  $E$  if  $F$  is u.s.c. at every  $x_0 \in E$ .
2.  $F$  is said to closed if the graph of  $F : \{(x, y) : y \in F(x)\}$  is closed.
3.  $F$  is said to be lower semicontinuous (shortly l.s.c.) at  $x_0 \in E$  if for every open set  $V$  which intersects  $F(x_0)$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in N(x_0)$ .  $F$  is called l.s.c. on  $E$  if  $F$  is l.s.c. at every  $x_0 \in E$ .
4.  $F$  is said to be continuous on  $E$  if  $F$  is u.s.c. and l.s.c.

The following theorem is a generalized form of Kakutani's fixed point theorem in [13, p.218].

THEOREM 1.1. Let  $E$  be a locally convex topological vector space and  $C$  a nonempty compact convex subset of  $E$ . If  $F : C \rightarrow 2^C$  is u.s.c.

such that for each  $x \in C$ ,  $F(x)$  is a nonempty compact convex subset of  $C$ , then there exists  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that  $\bar{x} \in F(\bar{x})$ .

## 2. Existence Theorems

First, we give definitions for the existence theorems for vector quasi-variational-like inequalities.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $E$  be a vector space and  $C$  a convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $Y$  be a topological vector space with a closed convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$  and  $P \neq Y$  and  $g : C \rightarrow Y$  a function.

1.  $g$  is said to be  $P$ -convex if for any  $x, y \in C$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$g(\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)x) \leq_P \alpha g(y) + (1 - \alpha)g(x).$$

2. [14, 15]  $g$  is said to be natural quasi  $P$ -convex if for any  $x, y \in C$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$g(\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)x) \in \text{co}\{g(y), g(x)\} - P.$$

REMARK 2.1. 1. Every  $P$ -convex function is natural quasi  $P$ -convex.  
 2.  $g$  is natural quasi  $P$ -convex if and only if there exists  $\mu \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$g(\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)x) \leq_P \mu g(y) + (1 - \mu)g(x).$$

LEMMA 2.1 [16]. Let  $Y$  be a topological vector space with dual space  $Y^*$  and  $P$  a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Then we have

$$\text{int } P = \{x \in Y : \langle x^*, x \rangle > 0 \text{ for all } x^* \in P^* \setminus \{0\}\}.$$

Also if  $Y$  is a reflexive locally convex topological vector space with dual space  $Y^*$  and  $P$  is a closed and convex cone with  $\text{int } P^* \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$\text{int } P^* = \{x^* \in Y^* : \langle x^*, x \rangle > 0 \text{ for all } x \in P \setminus \{0\}\},$$

where  $P^* = \{x^* \in Y^* : \langle x^*, x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in P\}$ .

The following lemma is the special case of Theorem 1 in Chang et al. [17]. However, for the completeness, we prove it by using the results of Aubin [18].

LEMMA 2.2. Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a locally convex topological vector space  $E$ ,  $G : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$  a set-valued map, where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the real number system. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied;

- (1) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $G(x, x) \geq 0$ ;
- (2)  $G$  is continuous on  $C \times C$ ;
- (3) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $G(x, \cdot)$  is quasiconvex;
- (4)  $K$  is continuous on  $C$ ;
- (5) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $K(x)$  is compact and convex.

Then there exists  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that  $\bar{x} \in K(\bar{x})$  and  $0 \leq G(\bar{x}, y)$  for any  $y \in K(\bar{x})$ .

*Proof.* As in [12], for each  $x \in C$ , define a set-valued map  $V : C \rightarrow 2^C$  by for any  $x \in C$ ,

$$V(x) = \left\{ s \in K(x) : G(x, s) = \inf_{y \in K(x)} G(x, y) \right\}.$$

Then, since for each  $x \in C$ ,  $G(x, \cdot)$  is continuous and  $K(x)$  is compact, then  $V(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $V(x)$  is compact. By (3), for each  $x \in C$ ,  $V(x)$  is convex. By the conditions (2) and (4), and Theorem 3 in [18, p.70],  $V$  is u.s.c.. By Theorem 1.1, there exists  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that  $\bar{x} \in V(\bar{x})$ . Thus there exists  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that  $\bar{x} \in K(\bar{x})$  and  $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}) \leq G(\bar{x}, y)$  for any  $y \in K(\bar{x})$ . By the condition (1), we have

$$0 \leq G(\bar{x}, y) \text{ for any } y \in K(\bar{x}).$$

Now we prove existence theorems for  $(VQV - LI)$  and  $(WVQV - LI)$  by the scalarization method.

THEOREM 2.1. Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a locally convex topological vector space  $E$ ,  $Y$  a reflexive locally convex topological vector space with a closed convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P^* \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $T : C \rightarrow L(E, Y)$  be a function,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  a function and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$  a set-valued map. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied;

- (1) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $0 \leq_P \langle T(x), \eta(x, x) \rangle$ ;

- (2)  $\langle T(\cdot), \eta(\cdot, \cdot) \rangle$  is continuous on  $C \times C$ ;
- (3) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\langle T(x), \eta(\cdot, x) \rangle$  is natural quasi  $P$ -convex;
- (4)  $K$  is continuous on  $C$ ;
- (5) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $K(x)$  is compact and convex.

Then the vector quasivariational-like inequality (VQV-LI) is solvable.

*Proof.* Define a function  $G : C \times C \rightarrow Y$  by for any  $x, y \in C$

$$G(x, y) = \langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle.$$

Choose  $s \in \text{int } P^*$  and define  $g(x, y) = (s \cdot G)(x, y)$  for any  $x, y \in C$ . Then  $g : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . By (1), for each  $x \in C$ ,  $g(x, x) \geq 0$ . By (2),  $g$  is continuous. By (3) and Remark 1.1, for each  $x \in C$ ,  $g(x, \cdot)$  is quasiconvex. Hence by Lemma 2.2, there exists  $\bar{x} \in K(\bar{x})$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad g(\bar{x}, y) \geq 0 \text{ for any } y \in K(\bar{x})$$

If there exists  $y^* \in K(\bar{x})$  such that  $G(\bar{x}, y^*) \leq_P 0$ , by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(s \cdot G)(\bar{x}, y^*) < 0,$$

which contradicts (2.1). Hence we have

$$G(\bar{x}, y) \not\leq_P 0 \text{ for any } y \in K(\bar{x}).$$

Thus, we have

$$\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq_P 0 \text{ for any } x \in K(\bar{x}).$$

By Theroem 2.1, we can obtain the following corollary;

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ ,  $Y$  a reflexive Banach space with a closed convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P^* \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $T : C \rightarrow L(E, Y)$  be a function,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  a function and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$  a set-valued map. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied;*

- (1) the conditions (1), (3), (4) and (5) of Theorem 2.1 hold;
- (2)  $T$  is continuous and  $\eta$  is continuous.

Then the vector quasivariational-like inequality ( $VQV - LI$ ) is solvable.

*Proof.* Let  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$  be a sequence in  $C \times C$  converging to  $(x, y)$ . By (2), there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|\eta(y_n, x_n)\| \leq M$  for sufficiently large  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \langle T(x_n), \eta(y_n, x_n) \rangle - \langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \| \\ &= \| \langle T(x_n) - T(x), \eta(y_n, x_n) \rangle + \langle T(x), \eta(y_n, x_n) - \eta(y, x) \rangle \| \\ &\leq \|T(x_n) - T(x)\| \|\eta(y_n, x_n)\| + \|T(x)\| \|\eta(y_n, x_n) - \eta(y, x)\| \\ &\leq M \|T(x_n) - T(x)\| + \|T(x)\| \|\eta(y_n, x_n) - \eta(y, x)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence all the conditions of Theorem 2.1 hold. By Theorem 2.1, the result of Corollary 2.1 holds.

By choosing  $s \in P^* \setminus \{0\}$  and using the similar method in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can obtain the following theorem;

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a locally convex topological vector space  $E$ ,  $Y$  a locally convex topological vector space with a closed convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$  and  $P \neq Y$ . Let  $T : C \rightarrow L(E, Y)$  be a function,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  a function and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$  a set-valued map. If all the conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied, then the weak vector quasivariational-like inequality ( $WVQV - LI$ ) is solvable.*

By the method similar to the proof of Corollary 2.1, we can obtain the following corollary from Theorem 2.2.

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ ,  $Y$  a Banach space with a closed convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$  and  $P \neq Y$ . Let  $T : C \rightarrow L(E, Y)$  be a function,  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  a function and  $K : C \rightarrow 2^C$  a set-valued map. If all the conditions of Corollary 2.1 are satisfied, then the weak quasivariational-like inequality ( $WVQV - LI$ ) is solvable.*

**REMARK 2.2.** Corollary 2.2 is a generalization of Theorem 3.3 in Yang [11].

### 3. Vector Optimization Problem

Now, we give the relationship between a vector optimization problem and a vector variational-like inequality.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $Y$  a Banach space with a closed convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$  and  $P \neq Y$ , and  $C$  a subset of  $E$ .

DEFINITION 3.1 [19, 20, 21]. 1. A set  $C$  is said to be  $\eta$ -connected if for any  $x, y \in C$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x + \alpha\eta(y, x) \in C$

2. A function  $g : E \rightarrow Y$  is said to be preinvex over a  $\eta$ -connected subset  $C$  of  $E$  w.r.t.  $\eta$  if  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  is a function and for any  $x, y \in C$  and any  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$g(x + \alpha\eta(y, x)) \leq_P \alpha g(y) + (1 - \alpha)g(x).$$

3. A linearly Gâteaux differentiable function  $g : E \rightarrow Y$  is said to be invex over a  $\eta$ -connected subset  $C$  of  $E$  w.r.t.  $\eta$  if  $\eta : C \times C \rightarrow E$  is a function and for any  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$\langle g'(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \leq_P g(y) - g(x),$$

where  $g'$  is the Gâteaux derivative of  $g$  at  $x$ .

PROPOSITION 3.1. Let  $g : E \rightarrow Y$  be a linearly Gâteaux differentiable function. If  $g$  is preinvex over  $C$  w.r.t.  $\eta$ , then  $g$  is invex over  $C$  w.r.t.  $\eta$ .

*Proof.* Since  $g$  is preinvex, we have, for any  $x, y \in C$

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x + \alpha\eta(y, x)) - g(x)}{\alpha} \leq_P g(y) - g(x).$$

Hence we have

$$\langle g'(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \leq_P g(y) - g(x).$$

REMARK 3.1. Proposition 3.1 is the infinite-dimensional version of Theorem 2 in Ben-Israel and Mond [21].

Let  $C$  be a nonempty  $\eta$ -connected subset of  $E$ . Consider the following vector optimization problem;

$$(P) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{Minimize} & g(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C. \end{array}$$

where  $g : C \rightarrow Y$  is a linearly Gâteaux differentiable function. We say that  $\bar{x}$  is a weak minimum of  $(P)$  if for any  $x \in C$ ,  $g(x) \not\prec_P g(\bar{x})$ .

THEOREM 3.1. Let  $T(\bar{x}) = g'(\bar{x})$  for any  $x \in C$  and  $g$  invex over  $C$  w.r.t.  $\eta$ . If  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of a vector variational-like inequality  $(VV - LI)$ : Find  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that for any  $x \in C$ ,  $\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\prec_P 0$ , then  $\bar{x}$  is a weak minimum of  $(P)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of  $(VV - LI)$ , we have

$$\langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\prec_P 0 \text{ for any } x \in C. \quad (3.1)$$

Since  $g$  is invex,  $g(x) - g(\bar{x}) - \langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \geq_P 0$  for any  $x \in C$ . Hence  $\bar{x}$  is a weak minimum of  $(P)$ . In fact, suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that  $g(z) <_P g(\bar{x})$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & - \langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(z, \bar{x}) \rangle \\ &= g(z) - g(\bar{x}) - \langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(z, \bar{x}) \rangle + g(\bar{x}) - g(z) \\ &\in P + \text{int } P \\ &= \text{int } P. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(z, \bar{x}) \rangle <_P 0$ , which contradicts (3.1).

THEOREM 3.2. If  $\bar{x} \in C$  is a weak minimum of  $(P)$ , then  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of a vector variational-like  $(VV - LI)$ : Find  $\bar{x} \in C$  such that  $\langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\prec_P 0$  for any  $x \in C$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\bar{x} \in C$  is a weak minimum of  $(P)$ ,  $g(x) - g(\bar{x}) \in Y \setminus (-\text{int } P)$  for any  $x \in C$ . Hence  $[g(\bar{x} + \alpha\eta(x, \bar{x})) - g(\bar{x})] / \alpha \in Y \setminus (-\text{int } P)$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Thus  $\langle g'(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\prec_P 0$  for any  $x \in C$ .

REMARK 3.2. Theorem 3.1 and 3.2 are the infinite-dimensional versions of results in Yang [10].

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