

# GENERALIZED VECTOR-VALUED VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES AND FUZZY EXTENSIONS

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Recently, Giannessi [9] firstly introduced the vector-valued variational inequalities in a real Euclidean space. Later Chen et al. [5] intensively discussed vector-valued variational inequalities and vector-valued quasi variational inequalities in Banach spaces. They [4–8] proved some existence theorems for the solutions of vector-valued variational inequalities and vector-valued quasi-variational inequalities. Lee et al. [14] established the existence theorem for the solutions of vector-valued variational inequalities for multifunctions in reflexive Banach spaces.

On the other hand, Chang and Zhu [3] investigated the existence theorems of vector-valued variational inequalities for fuzzy mappings in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector spaces, which were the fuzzy extensions of some theorems in [12, 20, 22, 24]. Lee et al. [13] obtained the fuzzy generalizations of new results of Kim and Tan [11], and they [14] established the fuzzy extensions of their existence theorems. The noncompact cases of the existence theorems of vector-valued variational inequalities for multifunctions or fuzzy mappings in Banach spaces obtained by Lee et al. [14] was considered by Park et al. [19].

In this paper, we establish the existence theorems of the following more generalized vector-valued variational inequalities (GVVI) for multifunctions than inequalities in [14] by using variable dominated cones,

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and obtain the fuzzy extensions of our existence theorems. In section 2, we establish the existence theorems for (GVVI) under the upper-semicontinuity of the multifunction  $T$ , and obtain the existence theorems for (GVVI), by using the  $P$ -monotonicity and  $V$ -hemicontinuity of  $T$ , under the coercivity condition in Banach spaces. Also we obtain the existence theorems for (GVVI) in reflexive Banach spaces. In section 3, the fuzzy analogues of our results in section 2 are dealt with.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and  $D$  a nonempty convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Y)}$  be a multifunction, where  $L(X, Y)$  is the space of all continuous linear operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ . Let  $\{C(x)|x \in D\}$  be a family of convex cones in  $Y$  such that  $Int C(x) \neq \emptyset, \forall x \in D$ , where  $Int$  denotes the interior.

Consider the following generalized vector-valued variational inequality :

(GVVI) Find  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that

$$\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0),$$

where  $\langle s_0, y \rangle$  denotes the evaluation of  $s_0$  at  $y$ .

When  $T$  is an operator from  $X$  into  $L(X, Y)$ , (GVVI) reduces to the following vector-valued variational inequality (VVI) considered by Chen [4].

(VVI) Find  $x_0 \in D$  such that  $\langle T(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$  for all  $x \in D$ .

When for every  $x \in D, C(x) = C$ , where  $C$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int C \neq \emptyset$ , (GVVI) [respectively, (VVI)] reduces to the following vector-valued variational inequalities (GVVI)' [resp., (VVI)'] investigated by Park et al. [19] and Lee et al. [14] [resp., Chen et al. [5, 7, 8], Yang [23]].

(GVVI)' Find  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$  there exists an  $s_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that

$$\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C.$$

(VVI)' Find  $x_0 \in D$  such that  $\langle T(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C$  for all  $x \in D$ .

The above inequality (VVI)' is a generalization of the following classic scalar-valued variational inequality (VI). When  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $C(x) = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\forall x \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the (VVI)' collapses to the (VI).

(VI) Find  $x_0 \in D$  such that  $\langle f(x_0), x - x_0 \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a given operator.

Now we give the definition of a KKM multifunction.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $D$  be a subset of a topological vector space  $X$ . Then a multifunction  $G : D \rightarrow 2^X$  is called *KKM* if for each nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $D$ ,  $co N \subset G(N)$ , where  $co$  denotes the convex hull and  $G(N) = \bigcup \{Gx : x \in N\}$ .

A *convex space*  $X$  is a nonempty convex set (in a vector space) with any topology that induces the Euclidean topology on the convex hulls of its finite subsets. Thus, a convex subset  $D$  of a topological vector space  $X$  with the relative topology is automatically a convex space. For details of the convex space, see Lassonde [12].

We need the following particular form of the generalized KKM theorems due to Park [16-18], which will be used in the proof of our main results.

THEOREM 1. Let  $X$  be a convex space,  $K$  a nonempty compact subset of  $X$ , and  $G : X \rightarrow 2^X$  a KKM multifunction. Suppose that

- (1) for each  $y \in X$ ,  $G(y)$  is closed ; and
- (2) for each nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $X$ , there exists a compact convex subset  $L_N$  of  $X$  such that  $N \subset L_N$  and  $L_N \cap \bigcap \{G(y) : y \in L_N\} \subset K$ .

Then we have

$$K \cap \bigcap \{G(y) : y \in X\} \neq \emptyset.$$

In particular, if  $X = K$ , that is,  $X$  is a compact convex space, then the condition (2) is obviously held, and hence in this case, without the condition (2), it is true that  $\bigcap \{G(y) : y \in X\} \neq \emptyset$ .

## 2. Existence Theorems

First, we give the following definitions for the existence theorems for (GVVI).

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $F$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$ .

1.  $F$  is said to be *closed* at  $x \in X$  if for each sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converging to  $x$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converging to  $y$  such that  $y_n \in F(x_n)$  for all  $n$ , we have  $y \in F(x)$ .  $F$  is said to be *closed* if it is closed at every  $x \in X$ .

2.  $F$  is said to be *upper semi-continuous* at  $x \in X$  if for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $F(x)$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $F(z) \subset V$  for all  $z \in N(x)$ .  $F$  is said to be *upper semi-continuous* if it is upper semi-continuous at every  $x \in X$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two normed spaces,  $T : X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  an operator, and  $P$  a nonempty closed convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ .

1.  $T$  is said to be  *$P$ -monotone* if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\langle T(x) - T(y), x - y \rangle \in P$ .

2.  $T$  is said to be  *$P$ -pseudomonotone* if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\langle T(x), y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } P$  implies that  $\langle T(y), y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } P$ .

3.  $T$  is said to be  *$V$ -hemicontinuous* if for any  $x, y, z \in X$ , the mapping  $\alpha \mapsto \langle T(x + \alpha y), z \rangle$  is continuous at  $0^+$ .

DEFINITION 2.3. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two normed spaces,  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Y)}$  a multifunction, and  $P$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ .

1.  $T$  is said to be  *$P$ -monotone* if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $s \in T(x)$  and  $t \in T(y)$ ,  $\langle s - t, x - y \rangle \in P$ .

2.  $T$  is said to be  *$P$ -pseudomonotone* if for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\langle s, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } P$  for some  $s \in T(x)$  implies that  $\langle t, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } P$  for some  $t \in T(y)$ .

3.  $T$  is said to be *V-hemicontinuous* if for any  $x, y \in X, \alpha > 0$  and  $t_\alpha \in T(x + \alpha y)$ , there exists a  $t_0 \in T(x)$  such that for any  $z \in X, \langle t_\alpha, z \rangle \mapsto \langle t_0, z \rangle$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$ .

REMARK. 1. Definition 2.3 is a generalization of Definition 2.2.

2. We can easily prove that the  $P$ -monotonicity implies the  $P$ -pseudomonotonicity.

Now we prove the following existence theorems for (GVVI) in Banach spaces.

THEOREM 2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $D$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D, C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-Int C(x))$  for any  $x \in D$ .

Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Y)}$  is upper semi-continuous and compact-valued. Suppose that  $T(D)$  is contained in a compact subset of  $L(X, Y)$ .

Then (GVVI) is solvable.

Furthermore, the solution set of (GVVI) is a compact subset of  $D$ .

*Proof.* Define a multifunction  $F_1 : D \rightarrow 2^D$  by

$$F_1(y) = \{x \in D : \langle s, y - x \rangle \notin -Int C(x) \text{ for some } s \in T(x)\}$$

for  $y \in D$ . Then  $F_1$  is a KKM multifunction on  $D$ .

In fact, suppose that  $N = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset D, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1, \alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \notin F_1(N)$ . Then for any  $s \in T(x)$ , we have  $\langle s, x_i - x \rangle \in -Int C(x), i = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle s, x \rangle &= \langle s, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle s, x_i \rangle \\ &\in \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle s, x_i \rangle - Int C(x) \\ &= \langle s, x \rangle - Int C(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $0 \in Int C(x)$ , which contradicts the assumption  $C(x) \neq Y$ . Therefore,  $F_1$  is a KKM multifunction on  $D$ . We claim that  $F_1$  is

closed-valued. In fact, let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $F_1(y)$  converging to  $x_* \in D$  for any fixed  $y \in D$ . Since  $x_n \in F_1(y)$  for all  $n$ , there exists an  $s_n \in T(x_n)$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \langle s_n, y - x_n \rangle \in W(x_n) \quad \text{for all } n.$$

On the other hand, by assumption  $\overline{T(D)}$  is compact.

Hence without loss of generality, we can assume that there exists a  $s_* \in L(X, Y)$  such that  $s_n$  converges to  $s_*$ . Since  $T$  is upper semi-continuous and compact-valued,  $T$  is closed[1], so  $s_* \in T(x_*)$ . Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \langle s_n, y - x_n \rangle - \langle s_*, y - x_* \rangle \| \\ & \leq \| \langle s_n, x_* - x_n \rangle \| + \| \langle s_n - s_*, y - x_* \rangle \| \\ & \leq \| s_n \| \cdot \| x_* - x_n \| + \| s_n - s_* \| \cdot \| y - x_* \|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{s_n\}$  is bounded in  $L(X, Y)$ ,  $\langle s_n, y - x_n \rangle$  converges to  $\langle s_*, y - x_* \rangle$ . By (2.1) and the closedness of  $W$ , we have  $\langle s_*, y - x_* \rangle \in W(x_*)$ . Consequently, there exists an  $s_* \in T(x_*)$  such that  $\langle s_*, y - x_* \rangle \notin -Int C(x)$ .

Hence  $F_1(y)$  is closed. Therefore, by Theorem 1 there exists an  $x_0 \in \bigcap \{F_1(y) : y \in D\}$ . Thus there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ . It is clear that the solution set of (GVVI),  $\bigcap \{F_1(y) : y \in D\}$  is compact.

The following theorem shows that (GVVI) is solvable under a coercivity condition in Banach spaces.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $D$  a nonempty convex subset of  $X$  and  $K$  a nonempty compact subset of  $X$ . Let  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-Int C(x))$  for any  $x \in D$ , and  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Y)}$  a multifunction.*

Suppose that

- (1)  $T$  is  $P$ -monotone, compact-valued and  $V$ -hemicontinuous.
- (2) for each nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $D$ , there exists a nonempty compact convex subset  $L_N$  of  $D$  such that  $N \subset L_N$  and for each

$x \in L_N \setminus K$  there exists a  $y \in L_N$  such that  $\langle t, y - x \rangle \in -Int C(x)$  for all  $t \in T(y)$ .

Then (GVVI) is solvable.

*Proof.* Define a multifunction  $F_1 : D \rightarrow 2^D$  by

$$F_1(y) = \{x \in D : \langle s, y - x \rangle \notin -Int C(x) \text{ for some } s \in T(x)\} \text{ for } y \in D.$$

Then by the same argument as the proof in Theorem 2,  $F_1$  is a KKM multifunction on  $D$ . Define a multifunction  $F_2 : D \rightarrow 2^D$  by

$$F_2(y) = \{x \in D : \langle t, y - x \rangle \notin -Int C(x) \text{ for some } t \in T(y)\}$$

for  $y \in D$ . Then  $F_2$  is also a KKM multifunction on  $D$ . In fact, for any  $x \in F_1(y)$ , there exists an  $s \in T(x)$  such that  $\langle s, y - x \rangle \notin -Int C(x)$ . By the  $P$ -monotonicity of  $T$ ,

$$\langle s - t, y - x \rangle \in -P \subset -C(x)$$

for any  $t \in T(y)$ . Hence for any  $t \in T(y)$   $\langle t, y - x \rangle \notin -Int C(x)$  and thus  $x \in F_2(y)$ . Hence  $F_1(y) \subset F_2(y)$  for any  $y \in D$ . Therefore  $F_2$  is also a KKM multifunction on  $D$ . We claim that  $F_2$  is closed-valued. Indeed, for any fixed  $y \in D$ , let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $F_2(y)$  which converges to  $x_* \in D$ . Since  $x_n \in F_2(y)$  for each  $n$ , there exists a  $t_n \in T(y)$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \langle t_n, y - x_n \rangle \in W(x_n) \quad \text{for all } n.$$

Since  $T(y)$  is compact, we may assume that  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to some  $t_* \in T(y)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\langle t_n, y - x_n \rangle - \langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle\| &= \|\langle t_n, x_* - x_n \rangle + \langle t_n - t_*, y - x_* \rangle\| \\ &\leq \|\langle t_n, x_* - x_n \rangle\| + \|\langle t_n - t_*, y - x_* \rangle\| \\ &\leq \|t_n\| \cdot \|x_* - x_n\| + \|t_n - t_*\| \cdot \|y - x_*\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is bounded in  $L(X, Y)$ ,  $\langle t_n, y - x_n \rangle$  converges to  $\langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle$ . By (2.2) and the closedness of  $W$  we have  $\langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle \in W(x_*)$ . Hence  $\langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle \notin -Int C(x_*)$ , whence we have  $x_* \in F_2(y)$ .

Further, note that assumption (2) implies that, for each  $x \in L_N \setminus K$  there exists a  $y \in L_N$  such that  $x \notin F_2(y)$ . Hence  $L_N \cap \bigcap \{F_2(y) : y \in L_N\} \subset K$ . Therefore, the condition (2) of Theorem 1 holds. Thus, by Theorem 1, there exists an  $x \in K \cap \bigcap \{F_2(y) : y \in D\}$ . Then for any  $y \in D$ , there exists a  $t_y \in T(y)$  such that  $\langle t_y, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x)$ . By the convexity of  $D$ , for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a  $t_\alpha \in T(\alpha y + (1 - \alpha)x)$  such that  $\langle t_\alpha, \alpha(y - x) \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x)$ . Dividing by  $\alpha$ , we have  $\langle t_\alpha, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x)$ . By the  $V$ -hemicontinuity of  $T$ , there exists a  $t_0 \in T(x)$  such that  $\langle t_0, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x)$ . Hence  $x \in \bigcap \{F_1(y) : y \in D\}$ . Thus  $\bigcap \{F_1(y) : y \in D\} \neq \emptyset$ . Consequently, there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ .

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *In Theorem 3, if  $D$  is closed, then the coercivity (2) can be replaced by the following without affecting its conclusion :*

(2)' *there exist a nonempty compact subset  $K$  of  $D$  and a  $y \in K$  such that  $\langle t, y - x \rangle \in -\text{Int } C(x)$  for  $x \in D \setminus K$  and  $t \in T(y)$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that (2)' implies (2). In fact, for any nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $D$ , we let  $L_N = \text{co}(N \cup (K \cap D)) \subset D$ . By (2)', for any  $x \in L_N \setminus K \subset D \setminus K$ , there exists a  $y \in (K \cap D) \subset L_N$  such that  $\langle t, y - x \rangle \in -\text{Int } C(x)$  for all  $t \in T(y)$ . Hence (2) holds.

For  $D = K$ , Theorem 3 reduces to the following corollary ;

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $D$  a nonempty compact convex subset of  $X$ ,  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-\text{Int } C(x))$  for any  $x \in X$ , and  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Y)}$  a multifunction. If  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Y)}$  is  $P$ -monotone, compact-valued and  $V$ -hemicontinuous, then (GVVI) is solvable.*

Now we prove the following existence theorem for (GVVI) in reflexive Banach spaces.

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $D$  a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex*



cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a weakly closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-\text{Int } C(x))$  for any  $x \in D$ , and  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X,Y)}$  a multifunction.

If  $T$  is  $P$ -monotone, compact-valued and  $V$ -hemicontinuous, then (GVVI) is solvable.

*Proof.* Define a multifunction  $F_1 : D \rightarrow 2^D$  by

$$F_1(y) = \{x \in D : \langle s, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x) \text{ for some } s \in T(x)\} \text{ for } y \in D.$$

Then by the same argument as the proof in Theorem 2,  $F_1$  is a KKM multifunction on  $D$ . Define a multifunction  $F_2 : D \rightarrow 2^D$  by

$$F_2(y) = \{x \in D : \langle t, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x) \text{ for some } t \in T(y)\}$$

for  $y \in D$ . Then by the same argument as the proof in Theorem 3,  $F_1(y) \subset F_2(y)$  for any  $y \in D$ , and hence  $F_2$  is also a KKM multifunction on  $D$ . Now we claim that  $F_2$  is weakly closed-valued. Indeed, for any fixed  $y \in D$ , let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $F_2(y)$  which converges weakly to  $x_* \in D$ . Since  $x_n \in F_2(y)$  for each  $n$ , there exists a  $t_n \in T(y)$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \langle t_n, y - x_n \rangle \in W(x_n) \quad \text{for all } n.$$

Since  $T(y)$  is compact, we may assume that  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to some  $t_* \in T(y)$ . Note that for any  $q \in Y^*$ , where  $Y^*$  is the topological dual of  $Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |q(\langle t_n, y - x_n \rangle - \langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle)| \\ & \leq |q(\langle t_n - t_*, y - x_n \rangle)| + |q(\langle t_*, x_* - x_n \rangle)| \\ & \leq \|q\| \|t_n - t_*\| \|y - x_n\| + |(q \circ t_*)(x_* - x_n)| \\ & \leq \|q\| \|t_n - t_*\| (\|y\| + \|x_n\|) + |(q \circ t_*)(x_* - x_n)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_n \in D$  for all  $n$  and  $D$  is bounded,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is bounded. Since  $\|t_n - t_*\| \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\|q\| \|t_n - t_*\| (\|y\| + \|x_n\|) \rightarrow 0.$$

On the other hand, since  $q \circ t_*$  is continuous and linear from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$|(q \circ t_*)(x_* - x_n)| \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently,

$\{\langle t_n, y - x_n \rangle\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges weakly to  $\langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle$ . By (2.3) and the weak closedness of  $W$  we have  $\langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle \in W(x_*)$ . Hence  $\langle t_*, y - x_* \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_*)$ , whence we have  $x_* \in F_2(y)$ .

Since  $D$  is a closed, bounded and convex subset of a reflexive Banach space  $X$ ,  $D$  is weakly compact. Thus, by Theorem 1, there exists an  $x \in \bigcap \{F_2(y) : y \in D\}$ . It follows from the  $V$ -hemicontinuity of  $T$  that there exists a  $t_0 \in T(x)$  such that  $\langle t_0, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x)$ . Hence  $x \in \bigcap \{F_1(y) : y \in D\}$ . Thus  $\bigcap \{F_1(y) : y \in D\} \neq \emptyset$ . Consequently, there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ .

REMARK. When  $C(x)$  is a constant cone in Theorem 4, we can show that (GVVI)' is solvable under the  $P$ -pseudomonotonicity of  $T$  [14].

When  $T$  is a single-valued mapping, we can obtain the following corollary from Theorem 4.

COROLLARY 2.3 [4]. *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $Y$  a Banach space,  $D$  a nonempty bounded, closed and convex subset of  $X$ .  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W$  be a weakly closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-\text{Int } C(x))$  for any  $x \in X$ , and  $T : X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  an operator. If  $T : X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  is  $P$ -monotone, and  $V$ -hemicontinuous, then (VVI) is solvable.*

REMARK. Note that for  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  and  $C = \mathbb{R}_+$ , corollaries extend or reduce to the well-known scalar valued variational inequalities due to Hartman and Stampacchia [10], Browder [2], Stampacchia [21], Mosco [15] and many others.

### 3. Fuzzy Extensions

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two normed spaces and  $\mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  the collection of all fuzzy sets on  $L(X, Y)$ . A mapping  $F$  from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  is called a fuzzy mapping.

If  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  is a fuzzy mapping, then  $F(x), x \in X$  (denoted by  $F_x$ ), is a fuzzy set in  $\mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  and  $F_x(s), s \in L(X, Y)$ , is the degree of membership of  $s$  in  $F_x$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  and  $\beta \in [0, 1]$ . Then the set  $(A)_\beta = \{s \in L(X, Y) : A(s) \geq \beta\}$  is said to be a  $\beta$ -cut of  $A$ .

DEFINITION 3.1 [25]. A fuzzy set  $A$  on  $L(X, Y)$  is *compact* if for each  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ ,  $(A)_\beta$  is compact in  $L(X, Y)$ .

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two normed spaces,  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  a fuzzy mapping, and  $P$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ .

1.  $F$  is said to be *P-monotone* if for any  $x, y \in X$  and  $s, t \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_x(s) > 0$  and  $F_y(t) > 0, \langle s - t, x - y \rangle \in F$ .

2.  $F$  is said to be *P-pseudomonotone* if for any  $x, y \in X$  and  $\beta \in (0, 1], \langle s, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } P$  for some  $s \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_x(s) \geq \beta$  implies that  $\langle t, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{Int } P$  for some  $t \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_y(t) \geq \beta$ .

3.  $F$  is said to be *hemicontinuous* if for any  $x, y \in X$  and  $t_\alpha \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x+\alpha y}(t_\alpha) \geq \beta$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$ , there exists  $t_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_x(t_0) \geq \beta$  such that for any  $z \in X, \langle t_\alpha, z \rangle \rightarrow \langle t_0, z \rangle$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$ .

4.  $F$  is said to be *closed* at  $x_0 \in X$  if for each open subset  $V$  of  $L(X, Y)$  such that if  $F_{x_0}(s) \geq \beta$  where  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ , then  $s \in V$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  such that if  $x \in N(x_0)$  and  $F_x(s) \geq \beta$ , then  $s \in V$ .  $F$  is called *closed* if it is closed at each point of  $X$ .

Now we can easily obtain fuzzy analogues of Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 respectively.

THEOREM 5. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $D$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D, C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-\text{Int } C(x))$  for any  $x \in D$ , and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  a

fuzzy mapping such that there exists a real number  $\beta \in (0, 1]$  such that for each  $x \in X, (F_x)_\beta$  is a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . Suppose that  $F$  is closed, and for each  $x \in X, F_x$  is a compact fuzzy set on  $L(X, Y)$ .

If  $\bigcup_{x \in D} (F_x)_\beta$  is contained in a compact subset of  $L(X, Y)$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ .

*Proof.* Define a multifunction  $\tilde{F} : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Y)}$  by for any  $x \in X, \tilde{F}(x) = (F_x)_\beta$ . Let  $x_1 \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set such that  $\tilde{F}(x_1) \subset V$ , then  $s \in V$  for any  $s \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_1}(s) \geq \beta$ . By the closedness of  $F$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(x_1)$  of  $x_1$  such that if  $x \in N(x_1)$  and  $F_x(s) \geq \beta$ , then  $s \in V$ , that is, there exists a neighborhood  $N(x_1)$  of  $x_1$  such that  $x \in N(x_1)$  implies  $\tilde{F}(x) \subset V$ . Hence  $\tilde{F}$  is upper semi-continuous. Since for each  $x \in X, F_x$  is a compact fuzzy set on  $L(X, Y)$ , then  $\tilde{F}(x)$  is compact. By Theorem 2, we know that there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in \tilde{F}(x_0)$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ . Hence there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ .

**THEOREM 6.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $D$  a nonempty convex subset of  $X$ , and  $K$  a nonempty compact subset of  $X$ . Let  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D, C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-Int C(x))$  for any  $x \in X$ , and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  a fuzzy mapping such that there exists a real number  $\beta \in (0, 1]$  such that for each  $x \in X, (F_x)_\beta$  is a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . Suppose that

(1)  $F$  is  $P$ -monotone, hemicontinuous, and for each  $x \in X, F_x$  is a compact fuzzy set on  $L(X, Y)$ .

(2) for each nonempty finite subset  $N$  of  $D$ , there exists a nonempty compact convex subset  $L_N$  of  $D$  such that  $N \subset L_N$  and for each  $x \in L_N \setminus K$  there exists a  $y \in L_N$  such that  $\langle t, y - x \rangle \in -Int C(x)$  for all  $t \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_y(t) \geq \beta$ .

Then there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ .

*Proof.* Define a multifunction  $\tilde{F} : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Y)}$  by  $\tilde{F}(x) = (F_x)_\beta$

for any  $x \in X$ . It follows from the  $P$ -monotonicity of  $F$  that for any  $x, y \in X$ , for any  $s \in \tilde{F}(x)$  and  $t \in \tilde{F}(y)$ ,  $\langle s-t, x-y \rangle \in P$ . This implies that  $\tilde{F}$  is  $P$ -monotone. The  $V$ -hemicontinuity of  $\tilde{F}$  is easily proved and the compactness of  $\tilde{F}(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  is proved similarly as in the proof of Theorem 5. Condition (2) implies that assumption (2) in Theorem 3 is satisfied for the multifunction  $\tilde{F}$ . By Theorem 3 there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in \tilde{F}(x_0)$  such that  $\langle s_0, x-x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ . Hence there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x-x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ .

**COROLLARY 3.1.** *In Theorem 6, if  $D$  is closed, then the coercivity (2) can be replaced by the following without affecting its conclusion :*

(2)'' *there exist a nonempty compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  and a  $y \in K \cap D$  such that  $\langle t, y-x \rangle \in -Int C(x)$  for all  $t \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_y(t) \geq \beta$  and  $x \in D \setminus K$ .*

*Proof.* It is proved similarly as in the proof of Corollary 2.1.

For  $D = K$ , Theorem 6 reduces to the following corollary :

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $D$  a nonempty compact convex subset of  $X$ ,  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-Int C(x))$  for any  $x \in D$ , and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  a fuzzy mapping such that there exists a real number  $\beta \in (0, 1]$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $(F_x)_\beta$  is a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . If  $F$  is  $P$ -monotone, hemicontinuous, and for each  $x \in X, F_x$  is a compact fuzzy set on  $L(X, Y)$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$  there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x-x_0 \rangle \notin -Int C(x_0)$ .*

Now we obtain the following fuzzy extension of Theorem 4.

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $D$  a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $Int C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$*

a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a weakly closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-\text{Int } C(x))$  for any  $x \in X$ , and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  a fuzzy mapping such that there exists a real number  $\beta \in (0, 1]$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $(F_x)_\beta$  is a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . If  $F$  is  $P$ -monotone, hemicontinuous, and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $F_x$  is a compact fuzzy set on  $L(X, Y)$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ .

*Proof.* Define a multifunction  $\tilde{F} : X \rightarrow 2^{L(X, Y)}$  by  $\tilde{F}(x) = (F_x)_\beta$  for any  $x \in X$ . It follows from the  $P$ -monotonicity of  $F$  that for any  $x, y \in X$ , for any  $s \in \tilde{F}(x)$  and  $t \in \tilde{F}(y)$ ,  $\langle s - t, x - y \rangle \in P$ . This implies that  $\tilde{F}$  is  $P$ -monotone. The  $V$ -hemicontinuity of  $\tilde{F}$  is easily proved and the compactness of  $\tilde{F}(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  is proved similarly as in the proof of Theorem 5. Consequently by Theorem 4 there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in \tilde{F}(x_0)$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ . Hence there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$ , there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ .

**COROLLARY 3.3.** Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  a Banach space. Let  $D$  be a nonempty bounded, closed and convex subset of  $X$ , and  $C : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multifunction such that for each  $x \in D$ ,  $C(x)$  is a convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } C(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $C(x) \neq Y$ , and  $P := \bigcap_{x \in D} C(x)$  a nonempty convex cone in  $Y$  with  $\text{Int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $W : D \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a weakly closed multifunction defined by  $W(x) = Y \setminus (-\text{Int } C(x))$  for any  $x \in D$ , and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(L(X, Y))$  a fuzzy mapping such that there exists a real number  $\beta \in (0, 1]$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $(F_x)_\beta$  is a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . If  $F$  is  $P$ -monotone, hemicontinuous, and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $F_x$  is a compact fuzzy set on  $L(X, Y)$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in D$  such that for each  $x \in D$  there exists an  $s_0 \in L(X, Y)$  with  $F_{x_0}(s_0) \geq \beta$  such that  $\langle s_0, x - x_0 \rangle \notin -\text{Int } C(x_0)$ .

**REMARK.** When  $C(x)$  is a constant cone in Corollary 3.3, we can show that the result of Corollary 3.3 holds under  $P$ -pseudomonotonicity of  $F$  [14].

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