

## MULTIVALUED MIXED QUASI-VARIATIONAL-LIKE INEQUALITIES

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper introduces a class of multivalued mixed quasi-variational-like inequalities and shows the existence of solutions to the class of quasi-variational-like inequalities in reflexive Banach spaces.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The importance of applications of variational inequalities to many areas, for examples, optimization problems, differential equations, equilibrium problems in nonlinear analysis is known in many researches (see [1, 5, 10, 11] and references therein). Parida and Sen [7] firstly posed variational-like inequalities and Aubin and Ekeland [1] also firstly introduced quasi-variational inequalities. Recently, Verma [9] introduced a class of monotone nonlinear variational inequalities and considered the existence of solutions. Very recently, Cho et al. [2], Fang et al. [4] and Huang et al. [6] generalized and improved the results of Verma [9] to a class of nonlinear quasi-variational-like inequalities.

This paper introduces a new class of generalized quasi-variational-like inequalities and, generalizes and improves the results of Cho et al. [2]. In the proof, some wrong part of the proof in [2] is corrected.

Let  $X$  be a real Banach space with dual space  $X^*$  and  $K$  a nonempty convex closed subset of  $X$ . Denote  $\langle \ell, x \rangle = \ell(x)$ , for all  $\ell \in X^*$  and  $x \in X$ . Let  $S, T : K \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be two multivalued mappings,  $N : X^* \times X^* \rightarrow X^*$  and  $g : K \rightarrow X^*$  be mappings.

Recently, the following nonlinear mixed quasi-variational-like inequality was studied by Cho et al. [2].

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For any  $\ell \in X^*$ , find  $u \in K$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} \langle N(x, y) - \ell, v - u \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0, \text{ for all } v \in K.$$

Also, recently the following quasi-variational-like inequality was considered by Fang et al. [4].

For any  $\ell \in X^*$ , find  $u \in K$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad \sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} \langle x - y - \ell, \eta(v, u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0, \text{ for all } v \in K.$$

For single-valued mappings  $S$  and  $T$ , the following quasi-variational-like inequality was studied by Huang et al. [6].

For any  $\ell \in X^*$ , find  $u \in K$  such that

$$(1.3) \quad \langle N(S(u), T(u)) - \ell, \eta(v, u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0, \text{ for all } v \in K.$$

In this paper, we consider the following generalized quasi-variational-like inequality;

For any  $\ell \in X^*$ , find  $u \in K$  such that

$$(1.4) \quad \sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} \langle (g(u) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0,$$

for all  $v \in K$ , where  $G : K \rightarrow K$  is a mapping.

**Definition 1.1.** A mapping  $S : K(\subset X) \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is said to be  $G$ - $\varphi$ - $p$ -monotone with respect to the first argument of a mapping  $N : X^* \times X^* \rightarrow X^*$  if there exist a function  $\varphi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ , a mapping  $G : K \rightarrow K$  and a constant  $p > 1$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad \langle N(x, \cdot) - N(y, \cdot), G(u) - G(v) \rangle \geq \varphi(\|G(u) - G(v)\|) \|G(u) - G(v)\|^p,$$

for all  $u, v \in K$ ,  $x \in S(u)$  and  $y \in S(v)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A mapping  $T : K(\subset X) \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is said to be  $G$ - $\psi$ - $p$ -monotone with respect to the second argument of a mapping  $N : X^* \times X^* \rightarrow X^*$  if there exist a function  $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ , a mapping  $G : K \rightarrow K$  and a constant  $p > 1$  such that

$$(1.6) \quad \langle N(\cdot, x) - N(\cdot, y), G(u) - G(v) \rangle \geq -\psi(\|G(u) - G(v)\|) \|G(u) - G(v)\|^p,$$

for all  $u, v \in K$ ,  $x \in T(u)$  and  $y \in T(v)$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A mapping  $g : K(\subset X) \rightarrow X^*$  is said to be  $G$ - $\phi$ - $p$ -relaxed Lipschitzian if there exist a function  $\phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ , a mapping  $G : K \rightarrow K$  and

a constant  $p > 1$  such that

$$(1.7) \quad \langle g(v) - g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle \geq \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p, \text{ for all } u, v \in K.$$

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. A mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is said to be lower semi-continuous at  $x \in X$  if for any  $y \in F(x)$  and for any net  $\{x_\alpha\}$  in  $X$  converging to  $x$ , there exists a subnet  $\{x_\beta\} \subset \{x_\alpha\}$  and  $y_\beta \in F(x_\beta)$  for each  $\beta$  such that  $\{y_\beta\}$  converging to  $y$ .

**Definition 1.5** ([8]). A mapping  $g : K \rightarrow X^*$  is said to be hemi-continuous if for all  $u, v, z \in K$ , the mapping  $t \rightarrow \langle g(u + tv), z \rangle$  is continuous on  $[0,1]$ . A mapping  $T : K \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is said to be lower hemi-continuous if for all  $u, v, z \in K$ , the multivalued mapping

$$t \rightarrow \langle T(u + tv), z \rangle$$

is lower semi-continuous on  $[0,1]$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Now, we consider two kinds of variational inequalities, whose solution sets are the same.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $X^*$  be its dual and  $K$  be a nonempty convex closed subset of  $X$ , let  $g : K \rightarrow X^*$  be a hemi-continuous mapping satisfying (1.7) and also let  $S$  and  $T : K \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be lower semi-continuous multivalued mappings satisfying (1.5) and (1.6), respectively, where for functions  $\varphi, \psi, \phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  satisfying  $\varphi(t) + \phi(t) > \psi(t)$  for all  $t > 0$ ,  $\varphi + \phi - \psi$  is bounded in  $[0, \delta]$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . In addition, suppose that  $G : K \rightarrow K$  is an affine mapping,  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is a proper convex functional and  $N : X^* \times X^* \rightarrow X^*$  is continuous with respect to the weak\* topology of  $X$ . Let a multivalued mapping  $v \mapsto \{N(z, w) \in X^* : z \in S(v), w \in T(v)\}$  be lower hemi-continuous. Then for any  $\ell \in X^*$ ,  $u \in K$  is a solution of problem (1.4) if and only if  $u \in K$  is a solution of the following problem: Find  $u \in K$  such that*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\ & \geq (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) \\ & \quad + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|)) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in K, z \in S(v)$  and  $w \in T(v)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that the problem (1.4) holds. Since mappings  $S, T$  and  $g$  satisfy (1.5) (1.6) and (1.7), respectively, then for all  $u, v \in K$ ,  $x \in S(u)$ ,  $z \in S(v)$ ,  $y \in T(u)$  and  $w \in T(v)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\
&= \langle -\ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle g(v), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle N(z, w), G(v) - G(u) \rangle \\
&\quad + f(v) - f(u) \\
&= \langle -\ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle - \langle N(x, w) - N(z, w), G(v) - G(u) \rangle \\
&\quad - \langle N(x, y) - N(x, w), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle N(x, y), G(v) - G(u) \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle g(v) - g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\
&= \langle -\ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle N(x, w) - N(z, w), G(u) - G(v) \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle N(x, y) - N(x, w), G(u) - G(v) \rangle + \langle N(x, y), G(v) - G(u) \rangle \\
&\quad + \langle g(v) - g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\
&\geq \langle (g(u) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) + (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) \\
&\quad - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|))\|G(v) - G(u)\|^p.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } A = \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u)$$

$$B = \langle (g(u) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u)$$

$$C = (\varphi - \psi + \phi)(\|G(v) - G(u)\|)\|G(v) - G(u)\|^p.$$

Taking suprema on both sides of the following inequality;

$$A \geq B + C,$$

we have

$$A = \sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} A \geq \sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} (B + C) = \sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} B + C.$$

Since  $\sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} B \geq 0$  for all  $v \in K$  from (1.4),  $A \geq C$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\
&\geq (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|))\|G(v) - G(u)\|^p
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in K$ ,  $z \in S(v)$  and  $w \in T(v)$ .

Conversely, suppose that (2.1) holds, without loss of generality, choose a point  $v \in K$  such that  $f(v) < +\infty$  and so  $f(u) < +\infty$ . Letting  $v_n = (1 - \frac{1}{n})u + \frac{1}{n}v$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $v_n \in K$ .

For any  $x \in S(u)$  and  $y \in T(u)$ , since the mapping  $v \mapsto \{N(z, w) \in X^* : z \in S(v), w \in T(v)\}$  is lower hemi-continuous, the mapping  $v \mapsto g(v)$  is hemi-continuous and  $v_n \rightarrow u$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{v_{n_j}\} \subset \{v_n\}$  and there are  $z_{n_j} \in S(v_{n_j}), w_{n_j} \in T(v_{n_j})$  such that for any  $\tau \in X$

$$(2.2) \quad z_{n_j} \rightarrow x, w_{n_j} \rightarrow y, \langle g(v_{n_j}) + N(z_{n_j}, w_{n_j}), \tau \rangle \rightarrow \langle g(u) + N(x, y), \tau \rangle$$

as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . By the affinity of  $G$ ,  $G(v_n) = (1 - \frac{1}{n})G(u) + \frac{1}{n}G(v_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence it follows from (2.1) that

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle g(v_{n_j}) + N(z_{n_j}, w_{n_j}) - \ell, G(v_{n_j}) - G(u) \rangle + f(v_{n_j}) - f(u) \\ & \geq (\varphi(\|G(v_{n_j}) - G(u)\|) - \psi(\|G(v_{n_j}) - G(u)\|) \\ & \quad - \phi(\|G(v_{n_j}) - G(u)\|)) \|G(v_{n_j}) - G(u)\|^p \\ & = \left(\frac{1}{n_j}\right)^p \left( \varphi\left(\frac{1}{n_j}\|G(v) - G(u)\|\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{n_j}\|G(v) - G(u)\|\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \phi\left(\frac{1}{n_j}\|G(v) - G(u)\|\right) \right) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is convex and  $v_{n_j} = (1 - \frac{1}{n_j})u + \frac{1}{n_j}v$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) - f(u) &= n_j \left( \left(1 - \frac{1}{n_j}\right) f(u) + \frac{1}{n_j} f(v) - f(u) \right) \\ &\geq n_j f\left( \left(1 - \frac{1}{n_j}\right) u + \frac{1}{n_j} v \right) - n_j f(u) \\ &= n_j f(v_{n_j}) - n_j f(u) \\ &= n_j (f(v_{n_j}) - f(u)), \end{aligned}$$

from (2.3), it follows that

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle (g(v_{n_j}) + N(z_{n_j}, w_{n_j})) - \ell, G(v_{n_j}) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\ & \geq \left(\frac{1}{n_j}\right)^{p-1} \left( \varphi\left(\frac{1}{n_j}\|G(v) - G(u)\|\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{n_j}\|G(v) - G(u)\|\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \phi\left(\frac{1}{n_j}\|\eta(v, u)\|\right) \right) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (2.2) and (2.4) that

$$\langle (g(u) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0$$

for all  $v \in K, x \in S(u), y \in T(u)$ . □

From Theorem 2.1, we have the following theorem, the main result of Cho et al. [2] as a corollary.

**Corollary 2.2** ([2]). *Let  $G$  be the identity mapping,  $g \equiv 0$ ,  $\phi \equiv 0$  and  $N(x, y) = x - y$  for  $x, y \in X^*$  in Theorem 2.1. Then for any  $\ell \in X^*$ ,  $u \in K$  is a solution of*

$$\sup_{x \in S(u), y \in T(u)} \langle N(x, y) - \ell, v - u \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in K$$

*if and only if  $u \in K$  is a solution of*

$$\langle N(z, w) - \ell, v - u \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq (\varphi\|v - u\|) - \psi(\|v - u\|)\|v - u\|^p$$

*for all  $v \in K$ ,  $z \in S(v)$  and  $w \in T(v)$ .*

For the next result, we need the following KKM mapping and Fan-KKM Theorem.

**Definition 2.1** ([10]). Let  $X$  be a topological vector space. A mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is called a KKM mapping if for any  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset X$ ,

$$\text{co}\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(x_i).$$

**Fan-KKM Theorem 2.3** ([3]). *Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of a topological vector space  $X$  and  $F : K \rightarrow 2^X$  be a KKM-mapping. If  $F(x)$  is closed in  $Y$  for every  $x$  in  $K$  and there exists at least a point  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $F(x_0)$  is compact, then*

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

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a real reflexive Banach space,  $X^*$  be its dual space and  $K$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $S, T, g, N, G, \varphi, \psi$  and  $\phi$  be the same as those in Theorem 2.1. Suppose that the mappings  $\varphi - \psi + \phi, \eta$  are continuous and  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is a proper convex lower semi-continuous. Then the problem (1.4) has a solution. Moreover if  $G$  is injective, then the solution is unique.*

*Proof.* We first prove the existence of a solution of the problem (1.4). Define two multivalued mappings  $F, H : K \rightarrow 2^K$  by, for any  $\ell \in X^*$ ,

$$F(v) = \{u \in K : \langle (g(u) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0, \\ \text{for some } x \in S(u), \text{ some } y \in T(u)\}$$

for all  $v \in K$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} H(v) &= \{u \in K : \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\ &\geq (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) \\ &\quad + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|)) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p, \text{ for all } z \in S(v), w \in T(v)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in K$ . □

We show that  $F$  is a KKM-mapping. Assume that  $F$  is not a KKM-mapping. Then there exists  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subset K$  and  $t_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n t_i = 1, v = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i v_i \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(v_i).$$

For any  $z \in S(u)$  and  $w \in T(u)$ , by the definition of  $F$ , we have

$$\langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v_i) - G(v) \rangle + f(v_i) - f(v) < 0$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(v) \rangle \\ &= \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G\left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i v_i\right) - G(v) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v_i) - G(v) \rangle < \sum_{i=1}^n t_i (f(v) - f(v_i)) \\ &= f(v) - \sum_{i=1}^n t_i f(v_i) \\ &\leq f(v) - f(v) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. This implies that  $F$  is a KKM-mapping. Now we prove that  $F(v) \subset H(v)$  for all  $v \in K$ . Let  $u \in F(v)$ , then there exist  $x \in S(u), y \in T(u)$  such that

$$\langle (g(u) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \geq 0.$$

Since the mappings  $g, S$  and  $T$  satisfy (1.7), (1.5) and (1.6) respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\ &= \langle -\ell, G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle N(x, w) - N(z, w), G(u) - G(v) \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle N(x, y) - N(x, w), G(u) - G(v) \rangle + \langle N(x, y), G(v) - G(u) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \langle g(v) - g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + \langle g(u), G(v) - G(u) \rangle + f(v) - f(u) \\
& \geq (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|)) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p \\
& \quad + \langle (g(u) + N(x, y) - \ell, G(v) - G(u)) + f(v) - f(u) \\
& \geq (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|) + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u)\|)) \|G(v) - G(u)\|^p,
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in K$ ,  $z \in S(v)$  and  $w \in T(v)$ . This implies that  $u \in H(v)$  and so  $H$  is also a KKM-mapping.

On the other hand, from the assumption, it follows that  $H(v)$  is weakly closed for all  $v \in K$ . Since  $K$  is bounded closed convex, we know that  $K$  is weakly compact and so  $H(v)$  is weakly compact in  $K$  for all  $v \in K$ . It follows from Fan-KKM Theorem that

$$\bigcap_{v \in K} H(v) \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence for any  $\ell \in X^*$  there exists a point  $u_0 \in K$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle (g(v) + N(z, w)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u_0) \rangle + f(v) - f(u_0) \\
& \geq (\varphi(\|G(v) - G(u_0)\|) - \psi(\|G(v) - G(u_0)\|) \\
& \quad + \phi(\|G(v) - G(u_0)\|)) \|G(v) - G(u_0)\|^p,
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in S(v)$ ,  $w \in T(v)$  for all  $v \in K$ . Thus

$$\langle (g(u_0) - N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u_0) \rangle + f(v) - f(u_0) \geq 0,$$

for all  $v \in K$ , for some  $x \in S(v)$  and for some  $y \in T(v)$ , which shows that  $u_0$  is a solution of (1.4).

Let  $u_1$  and  $u_2 \in K$  be solutions of the problem (1.4). Since

$$k_1(v) := \sup_{\substack{x \in S(u_1) \\ y \in T(u_1)}} \langle (g(u_1) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u_1) \rangle + f(v) - f(u_1) \geq 0, \text{ for each}$$

fixed  $v \in K$  and

$$k_2(v) := \sup_{\substack{x \in S(u_2) \\ y \in T(u_2)}} \langle (g(u_2) + N(x, y)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u_2) \rangle + f(v) - f(u_2) \geq 0 \text{ for each}$$

fixed  $v \in K$ , by the definition of supremum, for any positive number  $\varepsilon$ , there exist  $x_1 \in S(u_1)$  and  $y_1 \in T(u_1)$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad k_1(v) - \varepsilon < \langle (g(u_1) + N(x_1, y_1)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u_1) \rangle + f(v) - f(u_1) \leq k_1(v)$$

and, there exist  $x_2 \in S(u_2)$  and  $y_2 \in T(u_2)$  such that

$$(2.6) \quad k_2(v) - \varepsilon < \langle (g(u_2) + N(x_2, y_2)) - \ell, G(v) - G(u_2) \rangle + f(v) - f(u_2) \leq k_2(v)$$



Setting  $v = u_2$  in (2.5) and  $v = u_1$  in (2.6) and adding, we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_1(u_2) + k_2(u_1) - 2\varepsilon &< \langle g(u_1) - g(u_2) + N(x_1, y_1) - N(x_2, y_2), G(u_2) - G(u_1) \rangle \\ &\leq k_1(u_2) + k_2(u_1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary,

$$(2.7) \quad \langle g(u_1) - g(u_2) + N(x_1, y_1) - N(x_2, y_2), G(u_2) - G(u_1) \rangle = k_1(u_2) + k_2(u_1) \geq 0.$$

By (1.5), (1.6) and (1.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle g(u_1) - g(u_2) + N(x_1, y_1) - N(x_2, y_2), G(u_2) - G(u_1) \rangle \\ &= \langle g(u_1) - g(u_2), G(u_2) - G(u_1) \rangle + \langle N(x_1, y_1) - N(x_2, y_1), G(u_2) - G(u_1) \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle N(x_2, y_1) - N(x_2, y_2), G(u_2) - G(u_1) \rangle \\ &= -\langle g(u_1) - g(u_2), G(u_1) - G(u_2) \rangle - \langle N(x_1, y_1) - N(x_2, y_1), G(u_1) - G(u_2) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle N(x_2, y_1) - N(x_2, y_2), G(u_1) - G(u_2) \rangle \\ &\leq (-\phi(\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|) - \varphi(\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|)) \\ &\quad + \psi(\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|) \|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|^p \\ &= -(\phi(\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|) + \varphi(\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|)) \\ (2.8) \quad &- \psi(\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|) \|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Due to the inequality  $\phi(t) + \varphi(t) > \psi(t)$  for all  $t > 0$ , it follows from (2.7) and (2.8) that  $\|G(u_1) - G(u_2)\|^p = 0$ .

Since  $G$  is injective,  $u_1 = u_2$ . Hence (1.4) has a unique solution.  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.** Theorem 2.4 also improves and extends Theorem 2.4 of [2].

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