

# ON A SURJECTIVITY FOR THE SUM OF TWO MAPPINGS OF MONOTONE TYPE

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## Abstract

In this paper the sum  $(T+S)$  of two nonlinear mappings is considered, where  $T$  is maximal monotone or generalized pseudomonotone and  $S$  is generalized pseudomonotone or of type  $(M)$ . By using the concepts of  $T$ -boundedness,  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone mappings and mappings of type  $T-(M)$  introduced by the author, it is proved that  $(T+S)$  is of type  $(M)$ . A new surjectivity result for multivalued pseudo  $A$ -proper mappings is given. As a consequence, it is obtained that the coercive mappings of type  $(M)$  whose effective domain contains a dense linear subspace are surjectivity. In particular, the author answers affirmatively a part of Browder's question (see [1], p. 70).

It makes an important sense to study the surjectivity for the sum of two mappings of monotone type in the theory of monotone operators and its applications. Let  $X$  be a real Banach space,  $X^*$  its dual space, and let  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a maximal monotone mapping. Browder posed the following open question<sup>[1]</sup>: Suppose that  $S$  is a bounded finitely continuous  $T$ -pseudomonotone mapping from  $X$  to  $X^*$  and  $(T+S)$  is coercive; is it then true that  $(T+S)$  is surjective? Hess and the author have researched into this question using different methods<sup>[2,3]</sup>. In addition, if  $T$  is weakly closed and  $S$  is of type  $(M)$ , until now the best results on the surjectivity for  $(T+S)$  belong to [4, 5]. When studying a surjectivity for the sum  $(T+S)$  of two mappings of monotone type, all authors restricted  $T$  and  $S$  respectively, but did not make a connection between properties of  $T$  and  $S$  themselves. By the above reasons, we have introduced the notions on  $T$ -boundedness,  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone mappings and mappings of type  $T-(M)$  in [6]. We have proved that the quasi-bounded mapping  $S$  must be  $T$ -bounded and that generalized pseudomonotone mappings and  $T$ -pseudomonotone mappings in Browder's sense  $S$  must be  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone, if  $T$  is maximal monotone. This paper is a continuation of [6]. In the first section of this paper, we shall simplify the sum of some mappings of monotone type by means of the notion on  $T$ -boundedness: The sum of two generalized pseudomonotone mappings is reduced to one; and the sum of a weakly

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closed mapping and a mapping of type  $(M)$  is reduced to a mapping of type  $(M)$ . In the second section of this paper, we shall first prove that quasi-bounded multivalued mappings of type  $(M)$  are weakly  $A$ -proper, and then give a surjectivity result for this kind of mappings. This not only extends a result in [7] but also answers affirmatively a part of Browder's question. It should be noted that the mappings studied here are not defined everywhere.

## § 1. On the Sum of Two Mappings of Monotone Type

Let the spaces  $X$  and  $X^*$  be as before and let  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a mapping. We denote by  $D(T)$  and  $G(T)$  the effective domain and the graph of  $T$  and denote by " $\rightarrow$ " and " $\rightharpoonup$ " strong and weak convergences, respectively.  $\mathcal{N}$  denotes the collection of all natural numbers. We consider the following hypotheses on the mappings:

$(m_1)$  For each  $x \in D(T)$ ,  $Tx$  is a nonempty bounded closed convex set of  $X^*$ ;

$(m_2)$  For any  $[x_n, f_n] \in G(T)$  ( $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ), if  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  in  $X$ ,  $f_n \rightharpoonup f_0$  in  $X^*$  with  $x_0 \in X$  and  $f_0 \in X^*$  and

$$\overline{\lim}_n (f_n, x_n - x_0) \leq 0,$$

then  $[x_0, f_0] \in G(T)$ . If, in addition, the assertion  $(f_n, x_n) \rightarrow (f_0, x_0)$  holds, too, then we say that  $T$  satisfies the hypothesis  $(m'_2)$ ;

$(m_3)$  For each finite dimensional subspace  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $T$  is upper semicontinuous as a mapping from  $F$  into  $2^{X^*}$  relative to the weak topology of  $X^*$ ;

$(m_4)$  For any  $[x_n, f_n] \in G(T)$  ( $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ), if  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  in  $X$ ,  $f_n \rightharpoonup f_0$  in  $X^*$  with  $x_0 \in X$  and  $f_0 \in X^*$ , then  $[x_0, f_0] \in G(T)$ .

The mapping  $T$  is said to be of type  $(M)$ , generalized pseudomonotone or weakly closed, respectively, if it satisfies  $(m_1)$ , and,  $(m_3)$  in addition, a corresponding hypothesis among  $(m_2)$ ,  $(m'_2)$  or  $(m_4)$ . It was known that maximal monotone  $\Rightarrow$  generalized pseudomonotone  $\Rightarrow$  of type  $(M)$   $\Leftarrow$  weakly closed. Obviously, if  $T$  and  $S$  satisfy  $(m_2)$  and  $(m_3)$ , then their sum must be so. Thus, in order to show  $(T+S)$  is some one of these types, it suffices to prove that  $(T+S)$  satisfies the respective condition among  $(m_2)$ ,  $(m'_2)$  and  $(m_4)$ . As to the concepts for the quasi-boundedness of a mapping and the normalized dual map, see [4].

**Definition 1**<sup>[6]</sup>. Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $X^*$  its dual space, and let mappings  $T, S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  and  $\Omega \subset D(T) \cap D(S) \neq \emptyset$ . A mapping  $S$  is said to be  $T$ -bounded on  $\Omega$  if for any bounded sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset \Omega$  when  $f_n + g_n \rightarrow h$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), where  $f_n \in Tx_n$ ,  $g_n \in Sx_n$  ( $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ) and  $h \in X^*$ ,  $\{g_n\}$  is bounded.

Clearly, if  $T$  is a bounded mapping (zero mapping), then arbitrary mappings  $S$  are  $T$ -bounded (0-bounded) on the effective domain  $D(S)$ . We have proved that if

a mapping  $S$  is quasi-bounded, then  $S$  must be  $T$ -bounded on  $D(T) \cap D(S)$  with respect to any monotone mapping  $T^{(3)}$ . Thus,  $T$ -boundedness is a very weak concept.

**Definition 2<sup>(3)</sup>.** Let spaces  $X$  and  $X^*$  be as in Definition 1, and mappings  $T, S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  with  $D(T) \cap D(S) \neq \phi$ . A mapping  $S$  is said to be  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone if for any sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset D(T) \cap D(S)$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x_0, g_n \rightarrow g_0$  and  $\{f_n\}$  is bounded such that

$$\overline{\lim}_n (f_n + g_n, x_n - x_0) \leq 0,$$

where  $f_n \in Tx_n, g_n \in Sx_n (n \in \mathcal{N})$ , we have  $[x_0, g_0] \in G(S)$  and  $(g_n, x_n) \rightarrow (g_0, x_0) (n \rightarrow \infty)$ .  $S$  is said to be of type  $T-(M)$  if we do not require  $(g_n, x_n) \rightarrow (g_0, x_0)$ .

According to Definition 2, a generalized pseudomonotone mapping (a mapping of type  $(M)$ ) in [4] must be 0-generalized pseudomonotone (0-of type  $(M)$ ), where 0 is the zero mapping.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $X$  be a real Banach space,  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  generalized pseudomonotone. Suppose that  $\{x_n\} \subset D(T), x_n \rightarrow x_0$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f_0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$  with  $f_n \in Tx_n (n \in \mathcal{N})$ . Then

$$\underline{\lim}_n (f_n, x_n - x_0) \geq 0. \tag{1}$$

*Proof* If the inequality (1) does not hold, then

$$\underline{\lim}_n (f_n, x_n - x_0) < 0. \tag{2}$$

By hypotheses,  $\{(f_n, x_n - x_0)\}$  is a bounded numerical sequence. It follows that there exists its subsequence  $\{(f_{n_j}, x_{n_j} - x_0)\}$  such that

$$\lim_j (f_{n_j}, x_{n_j} - x_0) = \underline{\lim}_n (f_n, x_n - x_0) < 0. \tag{3}$$

Since  $T$  is generalized pseudomonotone, we obtain  $(f_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) \rightarrow (f_0, x_0)$ . This fact contradicts (3). Q. E. D.

Lemma 1 extends Lemma 1 in [6].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  be a real reflexive Banach space,  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  generalized pseudomonotone. Suppose that  $S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is generalized pseudomonotone or  $T$ -pseudomonotone (in the Browder's sense in [1]) (of type  $(M)$ ) and  $D(T) \cap D(S) \neq \phi$ . Then  $S$  is  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone (of type  $T-(M)$ ).

*Proof* We shall show only the case when  $S$  is generalized pseudomonotone and  $T$ -pseudomonotone. If  $S$  is of type  $(M)$ , the argument is similar. Let  $\{x_n\} \subset D(T) \cap D(S)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0, g_n \rightarrow g_0$  and  $\{f_n\}$  is bounded with  $f_n \in Tx_n, g_n \in Sx_n (n \in \mathcal{N})$  and

$$\overline{\lim}_n (f_n + g_n, x_n - x_0) \leq 0. \tag{4}$$

Since  $X$  is reflexive and  $\{f_n\}$  is bounded, there exist  $f_0 \in X$  and its subsequence  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f_0 (j \rightarrow \infty)$ . (4) implies

$$\underline{\lim}_j (f_{n_j}, x_{n_j} - x_0) + \overline{\lim}_j (g_{n_j}, x_{n_j} - x_0) \leq 0.$$

Since  $S$  is either generalized pseudomonotone or  $T$ -pseudomonotone, we have  $[x_0, g_0]$

$\in G(S)$  and  $(g_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) \rightarrow (g_0, x_0) (j \rightarrow \infty)$ . Indeed, in the course of the above proof we have shown that to every subsequence  $\{(g_{n_j}, x_{n_j})\}$  of  $\{(g_n, x_n)\}$  there exists its subsequence  $\{(g_{n_{j(k)}}, x_{n_{j(k)}})\}$  which converges to  $(g_0, x_0)$ . Therefore,  $(g_n, x_n) \rightarrow (g_0, x_0) (n \rightarrow \infty)$ . Q. E. D.

**Corollary 1.** *Theorem 1 in [6].*

In general, the sum of two generalized pseudomonotone mappings need not be generalized pseudomonotone, but we have

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be a real reflexive Banach space,  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  generalized pseudomonotone. Suppose that  $S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is  $T$ -bounded and  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone. Then  $(T+S)$  is generalized pseudomonotone on  $D(T) \cap D(S)$ .*

*Proof* Let  $\{x_n\} \subset D(T) \cap D(S)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0, f_n + g_n \rightarrow h$  with  $f_n \in Tx_n, g_n \in Sx_n (n \in \mathcal{N})$  and  $h \in X^*$  and

$$\overline{\lim}_n (f_n + g_n, x_n - x_0) \leq 0. \quad (5)$$

Since  $S$  is  $T$ -bounded,  $\{f_n\}$  and  $\{g_n\}$  are bounded. We may assume  $g_n \rightarrow g_0$  in  $X^*$  and  $f_n \rightarrow h - g_0$  in  $X^* (j \rightarrow \infty)$ . Because of (5) and the fact that  $S$  is  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone, we have  $[x_0, g_0] \in G(S)$  and  $(g_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) \rightarrow (g_0, x_0) (j \rightarrow \infty)$ . Hence, the inequality (5) becomes

$$\overline{\lim}_j (f_{n_j}, x_{n_j} - x_0) \leq 0.$$

Now, we conclude  $[x_0, h - g_0] \in G(T)$  and  $(f_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) \rightarrow (h - g_0, x_0)$  since  $T$  is generalized pseudomonotone. Therefore, we obtain  $[x_0, h] \in G(T+S)$  and  $(f_{n_j} + g_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) \rightarrow (h, x_0) (j \rightarrow \infty)$ . By the same reason as in the proof of Theorem 1, we find  $(f_n + g_n, x_n) \rightarrow (h, x_0) (n \rightarrow \infty)$ . Q. E. D.

In combination with Theorem 1, we have

**Corollary 1.** *If  $T$  is generalized pseudomonotone and  $S$  is  $T$ -bounded generalized pseudomonotone or  $T$ -pseudomonotone, then  $(T+S)$  is generalized pseudomonotone.*

Corollary 1 eliminates the assumptions of the boundedness on  $T$  and  $D(T) = X$  in Lemma in [5, p. 212].

**Corollary 2.** *If  $T$  is generalized pseudomonotone and  $S$  is  $T$ -bounded generalized pseudomonotone or  $T$ -pseudomonotone which are multivalued and satisfy condition  $(m_1)$ , suppose that there exists a dense linear subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  which is contained in  $D(T)$  and  $(T+S)$  is quasi-bounded and coercive, then  $R(T+S) = X^*$ .*

*Proof* By Corollary 1,  $(T+S)$  is generalized pseudomonotone. Therefore,  $R(T+S) = X^*$  by Theorem 5 in [8].

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a maximal monotone mapping and  $S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  a quasi-bounded finitely continuous  $T$ -pseudomonotone which satisfies condition  $(m_1)$ . If  $(T+S)$  is coercive, then  $(T+S)$  is surjective.*

*Proof* Since  $D(T) = D(S) = X, T$  is quasi-bounded and  $0 \in \text{Int } D(T)$ .

Therefore,  $(T+S)$  is quasi-bounded. By Corollary 2,  $(T+S)$  is surjective.

**Remark 1.** If  $0 \in \text{Int } D(T)$ ,  $T$  is quasi-bounded. The assumption that  $D(T) = D(S) = X$  in Corollary 3 can be changed to  $D(T+S) = X$ . (see Corollary 2).

**Remark 2.** In general case,  $(T+S)$  is coercive but is not certainly surjective. For example, let  $T, S: R^1 \rightarrow R^1$  satisfy the assumption that for any  $x$  in  $R^1$ ,  $Tx=0$  and  $Sx=x$  for any  $x \in D(S) = R^1_+ \cup \{0\}$ . It is known easily that  $T$  is bounded maximal monotone,  $S$  is bounded  $T$ -pseudomonotone, and  $(T+S)$  is coercive. But  $R(T+S) = R^1_+ \cup \{0\} \neq R^1$ . Corollaries 2 and 3 are pointed out by my post graduate Min Lequan.

In a similar fashion to the proof of Theorem 2 we obtain the following

**Theorem 3.** Let  $X$  be a real reflexive Banach space,  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  weakly closed. Suppose that a mapping  $S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is  $T$ -bounded and of type  $T$ -( $M$ ). Then  $(T+S)$  is of type ( $M$ ).

In combination with Theorem 1, we have

**Corollary 1.** If  $T$  is a weakly closed and maximal monotone mapping and  $S$  is a  $T$ -bounded mapping of type ( $M$ ), then  $(T+S)$  is of type ( $M$ ).

When  $T$  is generalized pseudomonotone (in particular, maximal monotone), Theorem 1 unifies two notions that  $S$  is generalized pseudomonotone and  $T$ -pseudomonotone by  $T$ -generalized pseudomonotone mappings. The assumptions in Corollary 1 of Theorem 2 is simpler than ones in Theorem 1 in [8]. Since a generalized pseudomonotone mapping must be of type ( $M$ ), in order to study a surjectivity for the sum  $(T+S)$  of two mappings of monotone type, by Theorems 2 and 3, it suffices to consider a surjectivity for a mapping of type ( $M$ ).

## § 2. Results of a Surjectivity

In what follows we always assume that  $X$  is a real separable reflexive Banach space. For this kind of space, there is an injective approximation scheme  $\Gamma = (\{X_n\}, \{X_n^*\}; \{P_n\}, \{Q_n\})$  for  $(X, X^*)$ , where  $\{X_n\}$  is an increasing sequence of finite dimensional subspaces of  $X$  and  $\rho(x, X_n) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) for each  $x \in X$ ,  $P_n: X_n \rightarrow X$  is the injection mapping and  $Q_n = P_n^*$  is the dual mapping of  $P_n$ . This scheme is assumed in this paper. For the concepts on a weakly (pseudo)  $A$ -proper mapping with respect to an injective approximation scheme, see [9, 10]. Let  $\Omega \subset X$  and  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ . We write  $\Omega_n = \Omega \cap X_n$  and  $T_n = Q_n T P_n$ .

The following theorem gives a very general result that mappings of monotone type are weakly  $A$ -proper.

**Theorem 4.** Let a mapping  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be of type ( $M$ ) and quasi-bounded. Then  $T$  is weakly  $A$ -proper with respect to an injective approximation scheme  $\Gamma = (\{X_n\},$

$\{X_n^*\}; \{P_n\}, \{Q_n\}$  on  $D(T)$ .

*Proof* Let  $x_{n_j} \in D(T) \cap X_{n_j}$  with  $\{x_{n_j}\}$  bounded and  $h_{n_j} \in T_{n_j}x_{n_j}$  ( $j \in \mathcal{N}$ ) satisfy

$$\|h_{n_j} - Q_{n_j}P\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (j \rightarrow \infty) \tag{6}$$

for some  $p \in X^*$ . Since  $P_{n_j}: X_{n_j} \rightarrow X$  is an injection mapping and  $T_{n_j} = Q_{n_j}TP_{n_j}$ , we may take  $f_{n_j} \in T_{n_j}x_{n_j}$  such that  $h_{n_j} = Q_{n_j}f_{n_j}$ . Hence, (6) becomes

$$\|Q_{n_j}f_{n_j} - Q_{n_j}p\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (j \rightarrow \infty). \tag{7}$$

Since  $\|Q_{n_j}\| \leq 1$  ( $j \in \mathcal{N}$ ), from (7) we know that  $\{Q_{n_j}f_{n_j}\}$  is bounded. Hence, by the quasi-boundedness of  $T$  and

$$(f_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) = (f_{n_j}, P_{n_j}x_{n_j}) = (Q_{n_j}f_{n_j}, x_{n_j}) \leq \|Q_{n_j}f_{n_j}\| \|x_{n_j}\| \leq M_1 \|x_{n_j}\|,$$

where  $M_1 = \sup_j \|Q_{n_j}f_{n_j}\|$ , we see that  $\{f_{n_j}\}$  is bounded.

For fixed  $X_n$  and each  $x$  in  $X_n$ , we have  $x_{n_j} - x \in X_n$ , as  $n_j > n$ . Consequently, (7) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |(f_{n_j} - p, x_{n_j} - x)| &= |(f_{n_j} - p, P_{n_j}(x_{n_j} - x))| \leq \|Q_{n_j}f_{n_j} - Q_{n_j}p\| \cdot \|x_{n_j} - x\| \\ &\leq (M + \|x\|) \|Q_{n_j}f_{n_j} - Q_{n_j}p\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (j \rightarrow \infty), \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where  $M = \sup_j \|x_{n_j}\|$ . Indeed, to each  $x \in X$ , since  $\rho(x, X_n) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), we have

from (8) and the boundedness of  $\{f_{n_j}\}$

$$(f_{n_j} - p, x_{n_j} - x) \rightarrow 0 \quad (j \rightarrow \infty). \tag{9}$$

Since  $X$  is reflexive and  $\{x_{n_j}\}$  is bounded, we may assume some of its subsequence  $x_{n_{j(k)}} \rightarrow x_0 \in X$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ). Setting  $x = x_0$  in (9), we obtain

$$(f_{n_{j(k)}} - p, x_{n_{j(k)}} - x_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty). \tag{9'}$$

(9) and (9') imply  $(f_{n_{j(k)}} - p, x_0 - x) \rightarrow 0$ . This means  $f_{n_{j(k)}} \rightarrow p$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ). We have also from (9)

$$(f_{n_{j(k)}}, x_{n_{j(k)}} - x_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty). \tag{10}$$

Since  $T$  is of type  $(M)$ , we obtain, by (10),  $[x_0, p] \in \mathcal{G}(T)$ , i. e.,  $x_0 \in D(T)$  and  $p \in Tx_0$ . Thus,  $T$  is weakly A-proper. Q. E. D.

By Theorems 2 and 3 in the first section, we obtain

**Corollary 1.** *Theorem 2 in [6]*

To show a surjectivity of weakly A-proper mappings, we shall need the following

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be weakly A-proper, and let  $\Omega (\subset D(T))$  be a bounded set of  $X$  and  $p \in X^*$  and  $p \in T(\Omega)$ . Then there exist  $n_0 \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that*

$$\rho(Q_n p, T_n(\Omega_n)) \geq \alpha \quad \text{as } n \geq n_0.$$

In particular,  $Q_n p \in T_n(\Omega_n)$  ( $n \geq n_0$ ).

*Proof* If the assertion is false, there exist  $\{\varepsilon_j\}$ ,  $\varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0$  and  $n_j \rightarrow \infty$  such that

$$\inf_{h \in T_{n_j}(\Omega_{n_j})} \|h - Q_{n_j}p\| = \rho(Q_{n_j}p, T_{n_j}(\Omega_{n_j})) < \varepsilon_j \quad (j \in \mathcal{N}).$$

It follows that there exist  $x_{n_j} \in \Omega_{n_j} (\subset \Omega)$  and  $h_{n_j} \in T_{n_j}x_{n_j}$  such that

$$\|h_{n_j} - Q_{n_j}p\| < \varepsilon_{n_j} \rightarrow 0 \quad (j \rightarrow \infty).$$

Since  $T$  is pseudo A-proper, there exists  $x_0 \in \Omega$  satisfying  $p \in Tx_0$ . This fact contradicts

$p \in T(\Omega)$ .

Q. E. D.

**Theorem 5** (Theorem 3 in [6]). *Let  $\Omega \subset X$  be a bounded set,  $0 \in \Omega$  and let  $\Omega_n$  be an open symmetric set about the origin of  $X_n$  for each  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is pseudo A-proper with respect to an injective approximation scheme  $\Gamma = (\{X_n\}, \{X_n^*\}, \{P_n\}, \{Q_n\})$  on  $\bar{\Omega}$  and that for each  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  it satisfies the following*

- (i)  $T_n x$  is a compact convex set of  $X_n^*$  for each  $x \in \bar{\Omega}_n$ ;
- (ii)  $T_n: \bar{\Omega}_n \subset X_n \rightarrow 2^{X_n^*}$  is upper semicontinuous;
- (iii) to each  $p \in X^*$ ,  
 $(f_n, x) \geq (Q_n p, x)$  as  $x \in \partial \Omega_n$  and  $f_n \in T_n x$ .

Then there is  $x_0 \in \bar{\Omega}$  such that  $p \in T x_0$ .

*Proof* Let  $J: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be the normalized dual map. It is known easily that  $J_n = Q_n J P_n$  is also the normalized dual map from  $X_n$  to  $X_n^*$  for each  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ . Hence, when  $x \in X_n$  and  $g_n \in J_n x$ , we have  $(g_n, x) = \|x\|^2$ . Thus, in virtue of the hypothesis (iii), when  $x \in \partial \Omega_n$  (according to the assumption on  $\Omega_n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ),  $f_n \in T_n x$  and  $0 \leq t < 1$  for each  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|t(f_n - Q_n p) + (1-t)g_n\| &\geq \frac{1}{\|x\|} (t(f_n - Q_n p) + (1-t)g_n, x) \\ &= \frac{t}{\|x\|} (f_n - Q_n p, x) + (1-t)\|x\| \\ &\geq (1-t)\|x\| > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

We are going to show that the equation  $Q_n p \in T_n x$  has a solution on  $\bar{\Omega}_n$  for all  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ . Assume the contrary, then the equation  $Q_{n_0} p \in T_{n_0} x$  has no solution on  $\bar{\Omega}_{n_0}$  for some  $n_0 \in \mathcal{N}$ . Consequently, we have

$$\|f_{n_0} - Q_{n_0} p\| > 0 \text{ as } x \in \partial \Omega_{n_0} \text{ and } f_{n_0} \in T_{n_0} x.$$

This together with (11) shows that for all  $x \in \partial \Omega_{n_0}$  and  $0 \leq t < 1$ ,

$$0 \in t(T_{n_0} x - Q_{n_0} p) + (1-t)J_{n_0} x.$$

In accordance with the hypohese (i) and (ii) of this theorem and the homotopy invariance of the Cellina-Lasota topological degree<sup>[11]</sup>, we obtain

$$\text{deg}_{L.S.}(T_{n_0} x - Q_{n_0} p, \Omega_{n_0}, 0) = \text{deg}_{L.S.}(J_{n_0}, \Omega_{n_0}, 0) = \{1\} \neq \{0\}.$$

Hence, there exist  $x_n \in \Omega_n \subset \bar{\Omega}_n$  such that  $Q_n p \in T_n x_n$ . This contradicts the fact that the equation  $Q_{n_0} p \in T_{n_0} x$  has no solution on  $\bar{\Omega}_{n_0}$ . Therefore, to each  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $Q_n p \in T_n(\bar{\Omega}_n)$ . Since  $T$  is pseudo A-proper on  $\bar{\Omega}$ , the equation  $p \in T x$  is solvable on  $\bar{\Omega}$  by Lemma 2.

Q. E. D.

**Corollary 1.** *Let a mapping  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be of type (M) and quasibounded. Suppose that there exists a dense linear subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  such that  $D(T) \supset X_0$ . Suppose further that  $T$  is coercive, i. e.,*

$$\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(f, x)}{\|x\|} = +\infty \text{ as } [x, f] \in G(T).$$

Then  $\{x | p \in T x\}$  is a nonvoid weakly sequential compact set of  $X$  for any  $p \in X^*$ , in

particular,  $R(T) = X^*$ .

*Proof* Since  $X_0$  is a dense linear subspace of a separable space  $X$ , there exists an increasing sequence of finite dimensional subspace of  $X: X_1 \subset X_2 \subset \dots \subset X_n \subset \dots$  such that  $X_0 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ ,  $\dim X_n = n$  and  $\overline{X_0} = X$ . So, we obtain an injective approximation scheme  $\Gamma = (\{X_n\}, \{X_n^*\}; \{P_n\}, \{Q_n\})$  by  $\{X_n\}$ . Since  $T$  is of type  $(M)$  and quasi-bounded,  $T$  is weakly  $A$ -proper with respect to  $\Gamma$  on  $D(T)$  and moreover it is pseudo  $A$ -proper. By the hypothesis  $(m_1)$  on mappings of type  $(M)$  and the reflexivity of  $X$ ,  $T_n x = Q_n T P_n x$  is a compact convex set of  $X_n^*$  for each  $x \in D(T)$  ( $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ). Since the strong topology and the weak topology are equivalent in a finite dimensional space,  $T_n: X_n \rightarrow 2^{X_n^*}$ , by the hypothesis  $(m_3)$ , is upper semicontinuous. Let  $p \in X^*$ , By the coercivity of  $T$  there exists a closed ball  $B(0, r_p)$  such that  $(f-p, x) > 0$  as  $x \in \partial B(0, r_p) \cap D(T)$ ,  $f \in Tx$ . We are going to show that the condition (iii) of Theorem 5 is satisfied. In fact, write  $B_n(0, r_p) = B(0, r_p) \cap X_n$ . Suppose  $x \in \partial B_n(0, r_p)$  and  $f_n \in T_n x$ . By  $x \in X_n$ , we obtain  $(p, x) = (p, P_n x) = (Q_n p, x)$ . By  $f_n \in T_n x$ , there is  $f \in Tx$  such that  $f_n = Q_n f$ . Hence, by  $Q_n^* = P_n$ , we obtain

$$(f_n, x) = (Q_n f, x) = (f, Q_n^* x) = (f, x) > (p, x) = (Q_n p, x).$$

By Theorem 5, we have  $R(T) = X^*$ . As for the fact that  $\{x | p \in Tx\}$  is a weakly sequential compact set of  $X$ , it is deduced easily from the coercivity.

Q. E. D.

**Corollary 2.** *Suppose that mappings  $T$  and  $S$  satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 2 or Corollary 1 to Theorem 3, and suppose further that there exists a dense linear subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  such that  $D(T) \cap D(S) \supset X_0$  and  $(T+S)$  is quasibounded coercive. Then  $R(T+S) = X^*$ . Milojevic' (Theorem 2.1 in [10]) gave a result similar to Theorem 5, there a projectionally complete scheme is assumed by him. But a general separable reflexive Banach space does not always have that scheme. Besides, he required that  $\Omega$  is a bounded open set, whereas we require only that  $D(T)$  contain a dense linear subspace of  $X$ . Our methods of the proof are different from those in [10]. Corollary 1 extends Theorem 5.2.3. in [7] to multivalued case and the hypothesis on the boundedness of a mapping is weakend. Corollary 2 gives a partially affirmative answer to a Browder's question.*

The stronger results can be obtained by using Yosida approximations, for example

**Theorem 6** (Theorem 5 in [6]). *Let  $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be maximal monotone and strongly quasi-bounded, and let  $S: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be quasi-bounded generalized pseudomonotone. Suppose that there exists a dense linear subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  such that  $D(S) \supset X_0$ . Suppose further that  $S$  is coercive in the following sense, i. e., there is a real function  $O(r): R_+ \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $O(0) = 0$  and  $O(r) \rightarrow +\infty (r \rightarrow +\infty)$  such that*

$$(g, x) \geq C(\|x\|)\|x\| \quad \text{as } [x, g] \in G(S). \tag{12}$$

Then  $R(T+S) = X^*$ .

*Proof* Since  $X$  is reflexive, we may assume that  $X$  and  $X^*$  are strictly convex by renormed theorem due to Asplund<sup>[12]</sup>. Hence, the normalized dual maps  $J$  and  $J^{-1}$  are singlevalued. We take  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0, \varepsilon_n > 0 (n \in \mathcal{N})$ . Making Yosida approximations  $T_{\varepsilon_n} = (T^{-1} + \varepsilon_n J^{-1})^{-1}$  of  $T$ , we see that  $T_{\varepsilon_n}$  is a bounded maximal monotone and singlevalued operator and  $D(T_{\varepsilon_n}) = X$ . Hence, the mapping  $S$  is  $T_{\varepsilon_n}$ -bounded. By Corollary 1 to Theorem 2,  $(T_{\varepsilon_n} + S)$  is generalized pseudomonotone. Obviously, it is quasi-bounded. Let  $p \in X^*$ . From Theorem 5 there exists  $x_{\varepsilon_n} \in D(S)$  such that

$$p \in (T_{\varepsilon_n} + S)x_{\varepsilon_n}.$$

Take  $g_{\varepsilon_n} \in Sx_{\varepsilon_n}$  such that

$$T_{\varepsilon_n}x_{\varepsilon_n} + g_{\varepsilon_n} = p. \tag{13}$$

We know easily that there exists  $r_p > 0$  such that  $\|x_{\varepsilon_n}\| \leq r_p$  for all  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  by the coercivity of  $S$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $x_{\varepsilon_n} \rightarrow x_0 \in X$ . We write  $T_n = T_{\varepsilon_n}, g_n = g_{\varepsilon_n}, x_n = x_{\varepsilon_n}$  and  $u_n = x_n - J^{-1}T_n x_n$ . By the definition of Yosida approximations,  $T_n x_n \in Tu_n$ . Now, we are going to show that  $\{T_n x_n\}$  is bounded.  $\varepsilon_n T_n x_n = J(x_n - u_n)$  implies that  $\varepsilon_n (T_n x_n, x_n - u_n) = \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \geq 0 (n \in \mathcal{N})$ . Hence, by this inequality, (12) and (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (T_n x_n, u_n) &\leq (T_n x_n, x_n) = (p - g_n, x_n) \\ &\leq \|p\| r_p. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from strongly quasi-boundedness of  $T$  that  $\{T_n x_n\}$  is bounded (see [8]). We know from (13) that  $\{g_n\}$  is bounded, too. We may assume  $g_n \rightarrow g_0 \in X^*$ . We have from (13)  $T_n x_n \rightarrow p - g_0$ . Since  $J$  is a bounded mapping, from  $J(x_n - u_n) = \varepsilon_n T_n x_n$  we obtain  $\|x_n - u_n\| = \varepsilon_n \|T_n x_n\| \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$ . Thus,  $u_n \rightarrow x_0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$ .

Finally, we want to show  $[x_0, g_0] \in G(S)$  and  $[x_0, p - g_0] \in G(T)$ . If so, we will complete the proof of Theorem 6. In virtue of Lemma 1, we find

$$\varliminf_n (T_n x_n, x_n - x_0) = \varliminf_n (T_n x_n, u_n - x_0) - \lim_n (T_n x_n, u_n - x_n) \geq 0.$$

By  $T_n x_n + g_n = p, x_n \rightarrow x_0$  and the above inequality, we get

$$\varliminf_n (g_n, x_n - x_0) \leq \lim_n (T_n x_n + g_n, x_n - x_0) - \varliminf_n (T_n x_n, x_n - x_0) \leq 0.$$

Since  $S$  is generalized pseudomonotone,  $[x_0, g_0] \in G(S)$  and  $(g_n, x_n - x_0) \rightarrow 0$ . It follows from  $(T_n x_n + g_n, x_n - x_0) \rightarrow 0$  and  $u_n - x_n \rightarrow 0$  that

$$(T_n x_n, u_n - x_0) = (T_n x_n + g_n, u_n - x_0) + (g_n, u_n - x_n) + (g_n, x_n - x_0) \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty). \tag{14}$$

We remember  $T_n x_n \in Tu_n$  and  $T_n x_n \rightarrow p - g_0$ . Since a maximal monotone mapping  $T$  must be generalized pseudomonotone, we obtain from (14)  $[x_0, p - g_0] \in G(T)$ , i. e.,  $p \in (T+S)x_0$ .

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