

# On Generalized Vector Variational-Like Inequality Problem

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## Abstract

*In this paper, we introduce the concepts of relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotonicity and relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotonicity-type mappings. Using the KKM techniques, we obtain the existence of solutions for generalized vector variational-like inequalities with relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type mappings in reflexive Banach spaces. The results presented in this paper generalize, unify and improve a number of previously known results.*

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## 1 Introduction

Vector variational inequalities were initially introduced and considered by Giannessi [5] in a finite-dimensional Euclidean space in 1980, which is generalization of a scalar variational inequality to the vector case by virtue of multi-criterion consideration. Later on vector variational inequalities and their generalizations have been investigated and applied in various directions; see for example [1,2,7,9,10,12,13] and references therein. In recent years, many authors proposed several important generalizations of monotonicity such as

pseudomonotonicity, relaxed monotonicity, relaxed  $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -monotonicity, quasi-monotonicity and semimonotonicity and applied to establishing existence results for vector variational inequality problems; see for example [2,4,6,8,17].

Recently in 1997, Verma [17] studied a class of variational inequalities with relaxed monotone operators. Very recently in 2003, Fang *et al.* [4] introduced a new concept of relaxed  $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -monotone mappings and obtained the existence of solutions for variational-like inequalities with relaxed  $\eta$ - $\alpha$ -monotone mappings in reflexive Banach spaces.

Inspired and motivated by Verma [17] and Fang *et al.* [4], in this paper we introduce the concept of relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone and relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type set-valued mappings. Further, we consider generalized vector variational-like inequality problem involving relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type set-valued mappings. Furthermore, by using the KKM techniques, we established some existence results for this generalized vector variational-like inequalities involving relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type mappings in reflexive Banach spaces. Our results are the generalization of many existing works of [4,11,16-17].

## 2 Problem Formulations

Throughout the paper unless otherwise specified, let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two Banach spaces and let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  and  $N$  a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ , where  $L(X, Y)$  denotes the space of all linear continuous mappings from  $X$  into  $Y$ . Let  $P : K \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a set-valued mapping such that for each  $x \in K$ ,  $P(x)$  is closed, pointed and convex cone with  $\text{int } P(x) \neq \emptyset$ . An ordered Banach space  $(Y, P)$  is a real Banach space  $Y$  with an ordering defined by a cone  $P \subseteq Y$  with an apex at the origin in the form of

$$x \leq y \Leftrightarrow y - x \in P$$

Let  $M : K \times N \rightarrow L(X, Y)$ ,  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow X$  and  $f : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  are bi-mappings and  $T : K \rightarrow 2^N$  be a set-valued mapping. In this paper we consider following *generalized vector variational-like inequality problem* (in short, GVVLP): Find  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$  there exists an  $u \in T(x)$  satisfying that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

### Some special cases of (GVVLIP)

- (I) If  $f$  is zero mapping, then (GVVLIP) reduces to the problem of finding  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$ ,  $\exists u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

which was introduced and studied by Ansari *et al.* [1], that generalizes some kinds of vector variational inequalities considered by many authors; see for details [1, 9-11,13].

- (II) If  $K=N$  and  $M(x, u) = Au$ , where  $A : K \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  then (GVVLIP) reduces to the problem of finding  $x \in K$ , such that for all  $y \in K$ ,  $\exists u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle Au, \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int } P(x),$$

which has been studied by Usman *et al.* [16].

- (III) If  $f$  is zero mapping,  $K = N$ ,  $M(x, u) = u$ , and  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$ ,  $\forall x, y \in K$ , then (GVVLIP) reduces to the problem of finding  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$ ,  $\exists u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle u, y - x \rangle \notin -\text{int } P(x),$$

which has been studied by Lee *et al.* [12].

- (IV) If  $f$  is zero mapping, let  $K = \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $N = \mathbf{R}^m$ ,  $Y = \mathbf{R}^l$  and let  $L : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^l$  be such that  $M(x, u) = L'(x, u)$ ,  $\forall (x, u) \in K \times K$ , where  $L'$  denotes the Frechet derivative of  $L$  at  $x$  and let  $T : K \rightarrow 2^N$  is defined by  $T(x) := \{y \in N : L(x, z) - L(x, y) \notin -\text{int } \mathbf{R}_+^l, \forall z \in N\}$  then above (GVVLIP) reduces to problem of finding  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$ ,  $\exists u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle L(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle \notin -\text{int } \mathbf{R}_+^l,$$

which has been studied by Kazmi [7] in finding out the weak saddle point of non convex mapping  $L$ .

Throughout the paper, unless otherwise specified, let  $P_- = \bigcap_{x \in K} P(x)$  is a closed, convex, solid and pointed cone. Now we recall the following concepts and results which are needed in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1** A mapping  $f : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

(a)  $P_-$ -convex in first argument, if for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in K$ ,

$$f(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2, y) \leq_{P_-} \alpha f(x_1, y) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2, y);$$

(b)  $P_-$ -concave, if  $-f$  is  $P_-$ -convex.

**Definition 2.2** [3] Let  $K$  be a subset of a topological vector space  $X$ . A mapping  $T : K \rightarrow 2^X$  is called Knaster-Kuratowski-Mazurkiewie mapping (KKM mapping), if for each nonempty finite subset  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset K$ , we have  $Co\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n T(x_i)$ .

**Lemma 2.3** [2] Let  $(Y, P)$  be an ordered Banach space with a closed, pointed and convex cone  $P$  with  $int P \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\forall x, y, z \in Y$ , we have

(i)  $y - z \in int P$  and  $y \notin int P \Rightarrow z \notin int P$ ;

(ii)  $y - z \in -P$  and  $y \notin -int P \Rightarrow z \notin -int P$ .

**Theorem 2.4 (KKM-Fan Theorem)** [3] Let  $K$  be a subset of a topological vector space  $X$  and let  $F : K \rightarrow 2^X$  be a KKM mapping. If for each  $x \in K$ ,  $F(x)$  is closed and for atleast one  $x \in K$ ,  $F(x)$  is compact, then

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

We have following fixed point theorem which play an important role in establishing existing theorem for (GVVLIP).

**Theorem 2.5** [15] Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space  $X$  and let  $S : K \rightarrow 2^K$  be a set-valued mapping such that

(i) for each  $x \in K$ ,  $S(x)$  is a nonempty convex subset of  $K$ ;

(ii) for each  $y \in K$ ,  $S^{-1}(y) := \{x \in K : y \in S(x)\}$  contains an open subset  $O_y$  of  $K$ , where  $O_y$  may be empty;

(iii)  $\bigcup_{y \in K} O_y = K$ ;

(iv)  $K$  contains a nonempty subset  $K_0$  contained in a compact subset  $K_1$  of  $K$  such that the set  $D = \bigcap_{y \in K_0} O_y^c$  is compact, where  $D$  may be empty and  $O_y^c$  denotes complement of  $O_y$  in  $K_0$ .

Then  $\exists x_0 \in K$  such that  $x_0 \in S(x_0)$ .

### 3 Existence results for (GVVLIP)

First, we define the following concepts.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $M : K \times N \rightarrow L(X, Y)$ ,  $f : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  and  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow X$  be mappings, let  $T : K \rightarrow 2^N$  be the set-valued mapping and let  $\alpha : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that  $\alpha(tz) = t^p\alpha(z)$ ,  $\forall z \in X$  for all  $t > 0$  and a constant  $p > 1$ . Then  $T$  is said to be

- (a) relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone, if for every pair of points  $x, y \in K$  and for all  $u \in T(x)$ ,  $v \in T(y)$ , we have

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int}P(x) \text{ implies}$$

$$\langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int}P(x);$$

- (b) relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type, if for every pair of points  $x, y \in K$  and for all  $u \in T(x)$ , we have

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int}P(x) \text{ implies}$$

$$\langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int}P(x), \text{ for some } v \in T(y)$$

**Remark 3.2** (I) (a) implies (b) but not conversely.

(II) If  $\alpha \equiv 0$ ,  $f(y, x) = f(y) - f(x)$ ,  $M(x, u) = u$  and  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$ ,  $\forall x, y \in K$ , then we obtain Definition 2.1 (iii) and (vi) in [9], respectively.

(III) If  $\alpha \equiv 0$ ,  $f(y, x) = f(y) - f(x)$ ,  $L(X, Y) = X^*$ ,  $Y = \mathbf{R}$  and  $P(x) = \mathbf{R}^+$ ,  $\forall x \in K$ , then we obtain Definition 2.1 (i) in [14].

**Definition 3.3** Let  $M : K \times N \rightarrow L(X, Y)$ ,  $f : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  and  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow X$  are bi-mappings and let  $T : K \rightarrow 2^N$  be a set-valued mapping. Then  $T$  is said to be  $M$ - $\eta$ -hemicontinuous if, for any  $x, y \in K$ ,  $u_n \in T(x + ny)$ ,  $\exists u_0 \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle M(x + ny, u_n), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \rightarrow \langle M(x, u_0), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \text{ as } n \rightarrow 0^+.$$

Now, we give Minty's-type lemma for (GVVLIP).

**Lemma 3.4** Let  $X$  be real reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  be a Banach space. Let  $K \subset X$  be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of  $X$  and  $N$  a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . Let  $P : K \rightarrow 2^Y$  be such that for each  $x \in K$ ,  $P(x)$  is a proper, closed, convex cone with  $\text{int}P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $M : K \times N \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be a mapping and  $f : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  is  $P$ -convex in first argument with  $f(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in K$ . Suppose following conditions hold

- (i)  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow X$  is a mapping such that  $\eta(x, x) = 0, \forall x \in K$ ;
- (ii) for any fixed  $x \in K, u \in T(x)$  the mapping  $y \rightarrow \langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle$  is  $P_-$ -convex;
- (iii)  $T : K \rightarrow 2^N$  be  $M$ - $\eta$ -hemicontinuous and relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P_-$ -pseudomonotone-type mapping.

Then following two problems are equivalent:

- (A) Find  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$ , there exists an  $u \in T(x)$  satisfying that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int} P(x). \quad (3.1)$$

- (B) Find  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$ , there exists an  $v \in T(y)$  satisfying that

$$\langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int} P(x). \quad (3.2)$$

**Proof.** Let  $x \in K$  be a solution of problem (3.1), therefore there exists  $u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int} P(x).$$

Since  $T$  is relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P_-$ -pseudomonotone-type, which implies that there exists  $v \in T(y)$  such that

$$\langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int} P(x).$$

Conversely, suppose that there exists  $x \in K$  such that

$$\langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int} P(x) \quad \forall y \in K, v \in T(y).$$

For any given  $y \in K$ , we know that  $y_t := (1 - t)x + ty \in K, \forall t \in (0, 1)$ , as  $K$  is convex.

Since  $x \in K$  is a solution of problem (3.2), so for each  $v_t \in T(y_t)$  it follows that

$$\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(y_t, x) \rangle + f(y_t, x) - \alpha(y_t - x) \notin -\text{int} P(x). \quad (3.3)$$

$$\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta((1 - t)x + ty, x) \rangle + f((1 - t)x + ty, x) - \alpha(t(y - x)) \notin -\text{int} P(x).$$

As  $f$  is  $P_-$ -convex in first argument, we have

$$f((1 - t)x + ty, x) \leq_{P(x)} (1 - t)f(x, x) + tf(y, x) = tf(y, x). \quad (3.4)$$

By using the conditions (i) and (ii) on  $\eta$ , it follows

$$\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(y_t, x) \rangle = \langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta((1 - t)x + ty, x) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq_{P(x)} (1-t)\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(x, x) \rangle + t\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(y, x) \rangle \\ &\leq_{P(x)} t\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(y, x) \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

It follows from inclusions (3.3)-(3.5) and Lemma 2.3, that for  $t > 0$  and  $p > 1$

$$t\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(y, x) \rangle + tf(y, x) - t^p\alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

$$\langle M(y_t, v_t), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - t^{p-1}\alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

Since  $T$  is  $M$ - $\eta$ -hemicontinuous and  $p > 1$ , there exists  $u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ . This completes the proof.

Now, we have following existence theorem for (GVVLIP).

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $X$  be real reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  be a Banach space. Let  $K \subset X$  be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of  $X$  and  $N$  a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . Let  $P : K \rightarrow 2^Y$  be such that for each  $x \in K$ ,  $P(x)$  is a proper, closed, convex cone with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $M : K \times N \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be a mapping,  $\alpha : X \rightarrow Y$  is weakly lower semicontinuous and  $P_-$ -convex mapping. Suppose following conditions hold:*

- (i) *The set-valued mapping  $W : K \rightarrow 2^Y$  defined as  $W(x) = Y \setminus \{-\text{int } P(x)\}$  such that graph of  $W$  is weakly closed in  $X \times Y$ ;*
- (ii)  *$\eta : K \times K \rightarrow X$  is continuous in second argument such that  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in K$ ;*
- (iii)  *$f : K \times K \rightarrow Y$  is lower semicontinuous and  $P_-$ -convex in second and first arguments, respectively, with  $f(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in K$ ;*
- (iv) *for any fixed  $x \in K$  and  $u \in T(x)$ , the mapping  $y \rightarrow \langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle$  is  $P_-$ -convex;*
- (v)  *$T : K \rightarrow 2^N$  be  $M$ - $\eta$ -hemicontinuous and relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P_-$ -pseudomonotone-type mapping with compact-values.*

*Then (GVVLIP) is solvable.*

**Proof.** Let  $F_1, F_2 : K \rightarrow 2^X$  be two set-valued mappings such that for any  $y \in K$ ,

$$F_1(y) = \{x \in K : \exists u \in T(x) \text{ such that } \langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int } P(x)\}.$$

$$F_2(y) = \{x \in K : \exists v \in T(y) \text{ such that } \langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int } P(x)\}.$$

We claim that  $F_1$  is KKM mapping. Indeed, let  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ . Suppose that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n F_1(x_i)$ . Then, for any  $u \in T(x)$ ,

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(x_i, x) \rangle + f(x_i, x) \in -\text{int } P(x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle M(x, u), \eta(x, x) \rangle + f(x, x) \\ &= \langle M(x, u), \eta(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, x) \rangle + f(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, x) \\ &\leq_{P_-} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i [\langle M(x, u), \eta(x_i, x) \rangle + f(x_i, x)] \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $0 \in -\text{int } P(x)$ , which is not possible for a pointed cone and thus our claim is verified.

Next, we prove that  $F_1(y) \subset F_2(y)$  for each  $y \in K$ . For any given  $y \in K$ , let  $x \in F_1(y)$  then there exists  $u \in T(x)$  such that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

Since  $T$  is relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type, we have

$$\langle M(y, v), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) - \alpha(y - x) \notin -\text{int } P(x).$$

i.e.,  $x \in F_2(y)$ . It follows that  $F_1(y) \subset F_2(y)$  for each  $y \in K$ . Hence  $F_2$  is also a KKM mapping.

Now, we claim that  $F_2(y)$  is weakly closed in  $K$  for each  $y \in K$ . Indeed, let  $\{x_n\} \subset F_2(y)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0 \in K$ . Since  $x_n \in F_2(y)$ , there exists  $v_n \in T(y)$  such that

$$\langle M(y, v_n), \eta(y, x_n) \rangle + f(y, x_n) - \alpha(y - x_n) \notin -\text{int } P(x_n),$$

i.e.,  $\langle M(y, v_n), \eta(y, x_n) \rangle + f(y, x_n) - \alpha(y - x_n) \in Y \setminus \{-\text{int } P(x_n)\} \in W(x_n)$ .

Since  $T(y)$  is compact,  $\{v_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence in  $T(y)$  without loss of generality, we can assume that there exists  $v_0 \in T(y)$  such that  $v_n \rightarrow v_0$ . Since graph of  $W$  is weakly closed,  $T$  is continuous,  $f$  and  $\alpha$  are lower semicontinuous, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle M(y, v_n), \eta(y, x_n) \rangle + f(y, x_n) - \alpha(y - x_n) &\rightarrow \\ \langle M(y, v_0), \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + f(y, x_0) - \alpha(y - x_0) &\in W(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $x_0 \in F_2(y)$  and hence  $F_2(y)$  is closed. Since  $K$  is closed, bounded and convex subset of a reflexive Banach space  $X$ , then  $K$  is weakly compact.  $F_2(y)$



is also weakly compact because  $F_2(y) \in K$ . Hence by KKM-Fan Theorem 2.4, we have

$$\bigcap_{y \in K} F_2(y) \neq \emptyset.$$

By Lemma 3.4, we have

$$\bigcap_{y \in K} F_1(y) \neq \emptyset.$$

Consequently, there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that for each  $y \in K$  and  $u_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that

$$\langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + f(y, x_0) \notin -\text{int } P(x_0).$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.6** *Let  $X$  be real reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  be a Banach space. Let  $K \subset X$  be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of  $X$  and  $N$  a nonempty subset of  $L(X, Y)$ . Let  $P : K \rightarrow 2^Y$  be such that for each  $x \in K$ ,  $P(x)$  is a proper, closed, convex cone with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $M : K \times N \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be a mapping,  $\alpha : X \rightarrow Y$  is weakly lower semicontinuous and  $P$ -convex mapping. Let the conditions (i)-(v) of Theorem 3.5 hold and also the following conditions hold:*

- (vi) *For each  $x \in K$ ,  $\exists x_0 \in K$ , such that  $u_0 \in T(x_0)$  and  $\langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + f(x_0, x) - \alpha(x_0 - x) \notin -\text{int } P(x)$ ;*
- (vii) *There exists a nonempty set  $K_0$  contained in a compact and convex subset  $K_1$  of  $K$  such that*

$$D := \bigcap_{x_0 \in K_0} \bigcap_{u_0 \in T(x_0)} \{x \in K : \langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + f(x_0, x) - \alpha(x_0 - x) \in W(x)\}.$$

*Then (GVVLIP) is solvable.*

**Proof.** Suppose on contrary that (GVVLIP) admits no solution, then for each  $x_0 \in K$ , there exists  $u_0 \in T(x_0)$  and  $x \in K$  such that

$$\langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x, x_0) \rangle + f(x, x_0) \in -\text{int } P(x_0)$$

then the set

$$F(x_0) := \{x \in K : \exists u_0 \in T(x_0) \text{ such that } \langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x, x_0) \rangle + f(x, x_0) \in -\text{int } P(x_0)\},$$

is nonempty. We claim that the set  $F(x_0)$  is convex. Indeed, let  $x_1, x_2 \in F(x_0)$  and let  $m, n \geq 0$  be such that  $m + n = 1$  then  $\exists u_0 \in T(x_0)$  such that

$$m[\langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x_1, x_0) \rangle + f(x_1, x_0)] \in m(-\text{int } P(x_0)) = -\text{int } P(x_0)$$

$$n[\langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x_2, x_0) \rangle + f(x_2, x_0)] \in n(-\text{int } P(x_0)) = -\text{int } P(x_0)$$

Since  $\eta(\cdot, x_0)$  and  $f(\cdot, x)$  are  $P$ -convex, then from preceding two inclusions, we have  $mx_1 + nx_2 \in F(x_0)$ , i.e., the set  $F(x_0)$  is convex for each  $x_0 \in K$ . Thus  $F : K \rightarrow 2^K$  is a nonempty and convex set-valued mapping. Now  $F^{-1}(x_0) := \{x \in K : x_0 \in F(x_0)\}$

$$= \{x \in K : \exists u \in T(x) \text{ such that } \langle M(x, u), \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + f(x_0, x) \in -\text{int } P(x)\}$$

$$[F^{-1}(x_0)]^c = \{x \in K : \exists u \in T(x), \langle M(x, u), \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + f(x_0, x) \notin -\text{int } P(x)\}$$

Since  $T$  is relaxed  $M$ - $\eta$ - $\alpha$ - $P$ -pseudomonotone-type mapping, therefore above inclusion implies that

$$\subseteq \{x \in K : \exists u_0 \in T(x_0), \langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + f(x_0, x) - \alpha(x_0 - x) \notin -\text{int } P(x)\}$$

$$= \{x \in K : \exists u_0 \in T(x_0), \langle M(x_0, u_0), \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + f(x_0, x) - \alpha(x_0 - x) \in Y \setminus (-\text{int } P(x))\}$$

$$=: B(x_0) \subseteq K.$$

Since  $\alpha$ ,  $f(\cdot, x)$  are  $P$ -convex and  $\eta(\cdot, x)$  is affine, we can easily show that  $B(x_0)$  is convex. Also lower semicontinuity of  $f(\cdot, x)$ , continuity of  $\eta(x_0, \cdot)$  and closeness of  $Y \setminus (-\text{int } P(x))$  yield the relatively closeness of  $B(x_0)$ .

Hence, for each  $x_0 \in K$ ,  $O_{x_0} := [B(x_0)]^c$  is a relatively open subset of  $K$ . Now, by assumption (vi), it follows that  $\bigcup_{x_0 \in K} O_{x_0}$ . Finally from assumption (vii)

$$D = \bigcap_{x_0 \in K_0} \bigcap_{u_0 \in T(x_0)} B(x_0) = \bigcap_{x_0 \in K_0} \bigcap_{u_0 \in T(x_0)} O^c(x_0)$$

is compact or empty. Hence from fixed point Theorem 2.5, there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $x_0 \in F(x_0)$ , i.e.,  $0 \in -\text{int } P(x)$ , which is not possible for a pointed cone. Hence (GVVLIP) admits a solution. This completes the proof.

## 4 Open Problem

It is of further research effort to study and establish existence results for the strong generalized vector variational-like inequality problem, i.e., to find  $x \in K$  such that for all  $y \in K$  there exists an  $u \in T(x)$  satisfying that

$$\langle M(x, u), \eta(y, x) \rangle + f(y, x) \notin -P(x) \setminus \{0\}.$$

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