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1. Introduction

In this note, there is given an alternative and simpler proof of the interesting Fabian theorem (see [3] and compare [4]) concerning the set of all points where a monotone multivalued mapping acting in Banach spaces is singlevalued and norm-to-norm upper semicontinuous. We show that if X is a Banach space and $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a monotone mapping with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$ such that T is singlevalued and hemiclosed at $u_0 \in D$, then T is norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous at u_0 . Moreover, we give another and simple proof of the fact that a subdifferential map of a convex continuous function is maximal monotone.

Recall that Kenderov [10], [11], proved the following important results: (i) If X is a Banach space which admits an equivalent norm such that its dual norm on X^* is rotund and $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is monotone with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$, then there exists a dense G_δ subset $C(f)$ of D such that T is singlevalued at the points of $C(f)$, where $C(f)$ is a set of all points of D , where the function f of the minimum modulus of T is continuous; (ii) A Banach space X is an Asplund space if and only if for each monotone mapping $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$, there exists a dense G_δ subset $D_0 \subset D$ such that T is singlevalued and norm-to-norm upper semicontinuous on D_0 .

Note that a rather different result has been proved by Kenderov and Robert [12]. A short survey of the recent results concerning the topological properties of monotone mappings is contained, among others, in [13].

2. Notions and notations

Let X be a normed linear space, X^* its dual, 2^{X^*} the system of all subsets of X^* , $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a mapping, $D(T) = \{u \in X: T(u) \neq \emptyset\}$ its domain, $G(T) = \{(u, u^*) \in X \times X^*: u \in D(T), u^* \in T(u)\}$ its graph in the space $X \times X^*$. Recall that a mapping $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is said to be: (i) monotone if for each $u, v \in D(T)$ and each $u^* \in T(u)$

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and $v^* \in T(v)$, there is $\langle u^* - v^*, u - v \rangle \geq 0$; (ii) maximal monotone (see [1]), if T is monotone and its graph $G(T)$ is not contained as a proper subset in the graph of any other monotone map; (iii) upper semicontinuous at $u_0 \in D(T)$, if for each open subset W of X^* such that $T(u_0) \subset W$, there exists an open neighborhood U of u_0 such that $T(u) \subset W$ for each $u \in U \cap D(T)$; (iv) locally bounded at $u_0 \in D(T)$, if there exists a neighborhood V of u_0 such that $T(V) = \{T(u): u \in V \cap D(T)\}$ is bounded in X^* ; (v) $T = \partial f$ is a subdifferential map on a convex subset $M \subset X$, if $f: M \rightarrow R$ is a convex continuous function and $M \ni u \rightarrow \partial f(u)$, where $\partial f(u) = \{u^* \in X^*: \langle u^*, v - u \rangle \leq f(v) - f(u) \text{ for each } v \in M\}$. We shall say that X^* is an (H) -space, if for each $(u_n^*) \subset X^*$, $u_n^* \rightarrow u^*$ weakly*, $u^* \in X^*$, $\|u_n^*\| \rightarrow \|u^*\|$, we have that $u_n^* \rightarrow u^*$ in the norm of X^* . For a given set $A \subset X$, $\text{int } A$, $\text{int}_a A$, denote the interior of A and the algebraic interior of A , respectively. Furthermore, we shall use the standard notions given in Diestel [2], Giles [7] and Phelps [14].

3. Maximal monotone mappings

Let X be a Banach space, $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a maximal monotone mapping with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$. According to Kenderov [10], we define a function $f: X \rightarrow R_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ by

$$(1) \quad f(u) = \inf \{ \|u^*\| : u^* \in T(u) \}, \quad u \in X.$$

Since $T(u)$ is weakly* closed for each $u \in D(T)$ and T is locally bounded on D , we have that $T(u)$ is weakly* compact for each $u \in D$ and hence $f(u) = \min \{ \|u^*\| : u^* \in T(u) \}$ for each $u \in D$. The function f is lower semicontinuous on X and finite on D and therefore f is continuous on a dense G_δ subset, say $C(f)$, of D .

Next, we shall use the following

Lemma 1 [6]. *Let X be a Banach space, $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a maximal monotone mapping with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$. If $u_0 \in C(f)$, $u_n \in D$, $u_n \rightarrow u_0$, $u_n^* \in T(u_n)$, $u_0^* \in T(u_0)$, then $\|u_n^*\| \rightarrow \|u_0^*\|$.*

Proof. Since T is norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous on D and the norm of X^* is weakly* lower semicontinuous, we have that $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n^*\| \geq \|u_0^*\|$. We shall prove

that $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n^*\| \leq \|u_0^*\|$. Suppose, on the contrary, that $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n^*\| > \|u_0^*\|$.

Without loss of generality one can assume that $\|u_n^*\| > \|u_0^*\| + \alpha$ for infinitely many indexes and some $\alpha > 0$. Choose $v_n \in X$, $\|v_n\| = 1$ such that $\langle u_n^*, v_n \rangle \geq \|u_n^*\| - n^{-1}$. Then $\langle u_n^*, v_n \rangle > \|u_0^*\| + \alpha - n^{-1}$ for each n . We have that $u_n + n^{-1}v_n \in D$ for sufficiently large n . Now, choose $v_n^* \in T(u_n + n^{-1}v_n)$ such that $\|v_n^*\| = f(u_n + n^{-1}v_n)$. By monotonicity of T , $\langle u_n^*, v_n \rangle \leq \langle v_n^*, v_n \rangle$. Therefore $f(u_0) + \alpha - n^{-1} \leq \|u_0^*\| + \alpha - n^{-1} < \langle u_n^*, v_n \rangle \leq \langle v_n^*, v_n \rangle \leq \|v_n^*\| = f(u_n + n^{-1}v_n)$, a contradiction to the fact that f is continuous at u_0 .

Under the assumptions of Theorem 1, the Fabian theorem ([3]) asserts that the set $C(T)$ of all points of D , where T is singlevalued and norm-to-norm upper semicontinuous, is a dense G_δ subset of D . In fact, Fabian has proved the following.

Theorem 1. *Let X be a Banach space which admits an equivalent norm on X such that X^* in its dual norm is a rotund (H)-space. If $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is maximal monotone with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$, then the set $C(T)$ of all points of D , where T is singlevalued and norm-to-norm upper semicontinuous, is equal to the dense G_δ subset $C(f)$ of D , where the function f defined by (1) is continuous in D .*

Proof. Assume that $\|\cdot\|$ is a dual norm on X^* such that $(X^*, \|\cdot\|)$ is a rotund (H)-space. First of all, the function f is continuous on a dense G_δ subset $C(f)$ of D . According to the Kenderov theorem, T is singlevalued at the points of a dense G_δ subset $C(f)$ of D . Let $u_0 \in C(f)$ be arbitrary, $(u_n) \subset D(T)$, $u_n \rightarrow u_0$ and $u_n^* \in T(u_n)$. Since T is norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous on D , we have that $u_n^* \rightarrow T(u_0)$ weakly* in X^* . By Lemma 1 and our hypothesis, we conclude that $u_n^* \rightarrow T(u_0)$ in the norm of X^* and therefore $u_0 \in C(T)$, which proves that $C(f) \subseteq C(T)$. Assume now that $u_0 \in C(T)$. Since f is lower semicontinuous on X , it is sufficient to prove that f is upper semicontinuous at u_0 . Let $(u_n) \subset D(T)$, $u_n \rightarrow u_0$, $u_n^* \in T(u_n)$. By our hypothesis for a given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an integer n_0 such that $\|u_n^* - T(u_0)\| \leq \varepsilon$ for each $n \geq n_0$. Moreover, $f(u_0) = \|T(u_0)\|$ and $f(u_n) \leq \|u_n^*\|$ for each n . Therefore $f(u_n) \leq \|u_n^*\| \leq \|T(u_0)\| + \varepsilon = \varepsilon + f(u_0)$ for each $n \geq n_0$. Hence $u_0 \in C(f)$ and therefore $C(f) = C(T)$, which completes the proof.

Let us remark that a Theorem 1 gives at once the following result. Let X be a Hilbert space, $T: X \rightarrow 2^X$ a strongly monotone mapping with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$. Then the set of all points of D , where T is singlevalued and norm-to-norm upper semicontinuous, is equal to the dense G_δ subset $C(f)$ of D , where the function f is defined by (1).

Corollary 1. *Let X be a Banach space which admits an equivalent norm such that X^* in its dual norm is a rotund (H)-space. Assume that $M \subseteq X$ is an open convex subset and that $\varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex continuous function on M . Then the set of all points of M , where φ is Fréchet differentiable, is equal to a dense G_δ subset $C(f)$ of M of the points of the continuity of the function $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ defined by $f(u) = \min \{\|u^*\|: u^* \in \partial\varphi(u)\}$, $u \in M$.*

Proof. First of all, $T = \partial\varphi$ is maximal monotone on M with $D(\partial\varphi) = M$ (see [1], [14]): Now, the result follows at once from Theorem 1 and the fact that φ is Fréchet differentiable at some $u_0 \in M$ if and only if T is singlevalued and norm-to-norm upper semicontinuous at u_0 (see [14], [5]).

Recall that a Banach space X satisfies the assumption of Theorem 1 if one of the following three conditions is fulfilled: (i) X is reflexive; (ii) X^* is separable; (iii) X and X^* are both weakly compact generated (see [2], [7]).

Definition 1. Let X be a normed linear space. A mapping $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is said to be hemiclosed at $u_0 \in \text{int}_a D(T)$ if for every $z \in X$ and each null-sequence of positive numbers (t_n) and $u_n^* \in T(u_n)$ such that $\|u_n^*\| \leq C$ for some constant $C > 0$, where $u_n = u_0 + t_n z$ and $u_n \in D(T)$ for sufficiently large n , then there exists a subnet $(u_{n_\alpha}^*)$ of (u_n^*) having the weak* limit point u_0^* , and $u_0^* \in T(u_0)$.

Proposition 1. Let X be a Banach space $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a monotone mapping with $D = \text{int } D(T) \neq \emptyset$. If T is singlevalued and hemiclosed at $u_0 \in D$, then T is norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous at u_0 .

Proof. Fix $z \in X$ and let (t_n) be a null-sequence of positive numbers. Then $u_n \in D$ for sufficiently large n , where $u_n = u_0 + t_n z$. Choose $u_n^* \in T(u_n)$. Since T is locally bounded on D , we conclude that there exist a subnet $(u_{n_\alpha}^*)$ of (u_n^*) and a point $u_0^* \in X^*$ such that $u_{n_\alpha}^* \rightarrow u_0^*$ weakly*. By our hypotheses, $u_0^* = T(u_0)$, and therefore the whole sequence (u_n^*) converges weakly* to $T(u_0)$. Now, using similar arguments as in Kato [8] for multivalued monotone mappings, we conclude that T is norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous at u_0 .

Definition 2. Let X be a normed linear space. We shall say that a mapping $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ has a property (P) at $u_0 \in D(T)$ if the following condition is satisfied: If $(u_\alpha) \subset D(T)$ is a net, $u_\alpha \rightarrow u_0$ in the norm of X , $u_\alpha^* \in T(u_\alpha)$ is such that $\|u_\alpha^*\| \leq C$ for some constant $C > 0$, then there exists a subnet $(u_{\alpha_j}^*)$ of (u_α^*) with the weak* limit point u_0^* such that $u_0^* \in T(u_0)$.

Lemma 2. Let X be a normed linear space, $T: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a mapping with $D(T) \subseteq X$. If T is locally bounded and possesses the property (P) at $u_0 \in D(T)$, then T is norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous at u_0 .

Proof: standard, compare [9].

Lemma 3 ([14, § 6]). Let X be a normed linear space, $M \subset X$ an open subset, $T: M \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ a monotone and norm-to-weak* upper semicontinuous mapping. If $T(u)$ is nonempty, convex and weak* closed for all $u \in M$, then T is maximal monotone in M .

Proposition 2. Let X be a Banach space, $M \subset X$ an open convex subset, $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a convex continuous function. Then the subdifferential map ∂f is maximal monotone in M .

Proof. Since ∂f is locally bounded on M (see [7]), according to Lemmas 2, 3, it suffices to prove that ∂f satisfies the condition (P) at the points of M . Indeed, let $u_0 \in M$ be arbitrary, $(u_n) \subset M$, $u_n \rightarrow u_0$ and $u_n^* \in \partial f(u_n)$. Then (u_n^*) is bounded and hence there exist a subnet $(u_{n_\alpha}^*)$ of (u_n^*) and a point $u_0^* \in X^*$ such that $u_{n_\alpha}^* \rightarrow u_0^*$ weakly* in X^* . We have $\langle u_{n_\alpha}^*, v - u_{n_\alpha} \rangle \leq f(v) - f(u_{n_\alpha})$ for each $v \in M$. Passing to the limit, we get that $\langle u_0^*, v - u_0 \rangle \leq f(v) - f(u_0)$, for each $v \in M$, i.e. $u_0^* \in \partial f(u_0)$, which finishes the proof.

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