

## GENERALIZED BI-QUASI-VARIATIONAL-LIKE INEQUALITIES ON NON-COMPACT SETS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we prove some existence results of solutions for a new class of generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities (GBQVLI) for  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I operators defined on non-compact sets in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector spaces. To obtain our results on GBQVLI for  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I operators, we use Chowdhury and Tan's generalized version of Ky Fan's minimax inequality as the main tool.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $E, F$  be topological spaces and let  $g : E \rightarrow 2^F$  be a multi-valued mapping.

The mapping  $g$  is said to be *upper semi-continuous* on  $E$  if, for all  $x_0 \in E$  and for each open set  $G$  in  $F$  with  $g(x_0) \subset G$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $N(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  such that  $g(x) \subset G$  for all  $x \in N(x_0)$ . The mapping  $g$  is said to be *lower semi-continuous* on  $E$  if, for all  $x_0 \in E$  and for each open set  $G$  in  $F$  with  $g(x_0) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $N(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  such that  $g(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in N(x_0)$ . The mapping  $g$  is said to be *continuous* on  $E$  if  $g$  is both upper semi-continuous and lower semi-continuous on  $E$ .

Note that a multi-valued mapping  $g$  is upper semi-continuous (resp., lower semi-continuous) if the inverse image of a closed set (resp., an open set) is closed (resp., open), where, if  $A \subset E$ , then the set

$$g(A) = \cup_{x \in A} g(x) = \{y \in F : g^{-1}(y) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$

is called the *image* of  $A$  under  $g$ . If  $B \subset F$ , the set

$$g^{-1}(B) = \cup_{y \in B} g^{-1}(y) = \{x \in E : g(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$$

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is called the *inverse image* of  $B$  under  $g$ .

Let  $E$  be a topological vector space over the field  $\Phi$ ,  $F$  be a vector space over  $\Phi$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional. For each  $x_0 \in E$ , for each nonempty subset  $A$  of  $E$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$W(x_0; \varepsilon) = \{y \in F : |\langle y, x_0 \rangle| < \varepsilon\}$$

and

$$U(A; \varepsilon) = \{y \in F : \sup_{x \in A} |\langle y, x \rangle| < \varepsilon\}.$$

Let  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$  be the topology on  $F$  generated by the family

$$\{W(x_0; \varepsilon) : x_0 \in E, \varepsilon > 0\}$$

as a subbase for the neighborhood system at 0 and let  $\delta\langle F, E \rangle$  be the topology on  $F$  generated by the family

$$\{U(A; \varepsilon) : A \text{ is a nonempty compact subset of } E, \varepsilon > 0\}$$

as a base for the neighborhood system at

We note then that  $F$ , when equipped with the topology  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$  or the topology  $\delta\langle F, E \rangle$ , becomes a locally convex topological vector space, but not necessarily a Hausdorff topological vector space. Furthermore, for a net  $\{y_\alpha\}$  in  $F$  and  $y \in F$ , we have the following:

- (1)  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$  in  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$  if and only if  $\langle y_\alpha, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle y, x \rangle$  for each  $x \in E$ ;
- (2)  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$  in  $\delta\langle F, E \rangle$  if and only if  $\langle y_\alpha, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle y, x \rangle$  uniformly for each  $x \in A$ , where  $A$  is a nonempty compact subset of  $E$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty subset of  $E$ . A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is said to be *monotone* with respect to the bilinear functional  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  if, for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\forall u \in T(x)$  and  $\forall w \in T(y)$ ,

$$Re\langle w - u, y - x \rangle \geq 0.$$

*Remark 1.1.* (1) When  $F = E^*$ , the vector space of all continuous linear functionals on  $E$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the usual pairing between  $E^*$  and  $E$ , then the monotonicity notion coincides with the usual definition, i.e.,

$$Re\langle Ty - Tx, y - x \rangle \geq 0$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ , when  $T : X \rightarrow E^*$  is single-valued, and

$$Re\langle w - u, y - x \rangle \geq 0$$

for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\forall u \in T(x)$  and  $\forall w \in T(y)$ , when  $T : X \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  is set-valued.

(2) A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is monotone if and only if its graph  $G(T) = \{(x, y) : y \in T(x)\}$  is a monotone subset of  $X \times F$ , i.e., for all  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in G(T)$ ,

$$Re\langle y_2 - y_1, x_2 - x_1 \rangle \geq 0.$$

In 1989, Shih and Tan [30] introduced the following problem:  
Let  $E$  and  $F$  be vector spaces over  $\Phi$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional and  $X$  be a nonempty subset of  $E$ .

If  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  and  $M, T : X \rightarrow 2^F$ , then the *generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality problem* (GBQVI) for the triple  $(S, M, T)$  is as follows:

Find  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

$$(1) \hat{y} \in S(\hat{y});$$

$$(2) \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in S(\hat{y}) \text{ and } f \in M(\hat{y}).$$

If  $T$  is a single-valued mapping, then a generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality problem will be called a *bi-quasi-variational inequality problem*.

We have the following special cases of the problem (GBQVI):

Suppose the  $E$  is a topological vector space,  $F = E^*$ , the vector space of all continuous linear functionals on  $E$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the usual duality pairing between  $E^*$  and  $E$ .

(I) If  $T = 0$ , then a generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality problem for  $(S, M, 0)$  becomes a generalized quasi-variational inequality problem:

Find  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

$$(1) \hat{y} \in S(\hat{y});$$

$$(2) \operatorname{Re}\langle f, \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in S(\hat{y}) \text{ and } f \in M(\hat{y}).$$

This problem was studied by Chan and Pang [7] in the finite-dimensional case and, by Shih and Tan [31], in the infinite-dimensional case.

(II) If  $T = 0$  and  $M$  is single-valued, then a generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality problem for  $(S, M, 0)$  becomes a *quasi-variational inequality problem*:

Find  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}), \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

This problem was introduced by Bensoussan and Lions in 1973 in connection with impulse control (see Aubin [1], Baiocchi and Capelo [3], Bensoussan and Lions [4]).

(III) If  $S(x) = X$ ,  $M = 0$  and  $T$  is single-valued, then a generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality problem becomes a *variational inequality problem*:

Find  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle T(\hat{y}), \hat{y} - x \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

This problem was introduced by Stampacchia [32].

(IV) If  $S(x) = X$  and  $M = 0$ , then a generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality problem becomes a *generalized variational inequality problem*:

Find  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$  and  $w \in T(\hat{y})$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle w, \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(x)$ .

This problem was studied by Browder [6] and Yen [34].

Also, Shih and Tan proved the following theorems:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $E$  be a locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of  $E$  and  $F$  be a topological vector space over  $\Phi$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional which is continuous on compact subsets of  $F \times X$ . Suppose that*

- (a)  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is an upper semi-continuous mapping such that each  $S(x)$  is closed convex;
- (b)  $M : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a monotone mapping with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ;
- (c)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is an upper semi-continuous mapping such that each  $T(x)$  is compact;
- (d) the set

$$\Sigma = \{y \in X : \sup_{x \in S(y)} \sup_{f \in M(x)} \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle f - w, y - x \rangle > 0\}$$

is open in  $X$ .

Then there exists a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

- (1)  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ;
- (2)  $\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re} \langle f - w, \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  and  $f \in M(x)$ .

In addition, if  $M$  is lower semi-continuous along the line segments in  $X$  to the topology  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$  on  $F$ , then

- (3)  $\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re} \langle f - w, \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  and  $f \in M(\hat{y})$ .

Moreover, if  $S(x) = X$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $E$  is not required to be locally convex and, if  $T \equiv 0$ , then the continuity assumption on  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  can be weakened to the assumption that, for each  $f \in F$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto \langle f, x \rangle$  is continuous on  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $E$  be a locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of  $E$  and  $F$  be a topological vector space over  $\Phi$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional which is continuous on  $X$  and let  $F$  equip with the topology  $\delta\langle F, E \rangle$ . Suppose that*

- (a)  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is an upper semi-continuous mapping such that each  $S(x)$  is closed convex;
- (b)  $M : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a monotone mapping with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and lower semi-continuous;
- (c)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is an upper semi-continuous mapping such that each  $T(x)$  is compact.

Then there exists a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

- (1)  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ;
- (2)  $\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re} \langle f - w, \hat{y} - x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  and  $f \in M(\hat{y})$ .

*Remark 1.2.* Since the results of Shih and Tan, some authors have obtained many results on generalized (quasi-)variational inequalities, generalized (quasi-)variational-like inequalities and generalized bi-quasi-variational inequalities in topological vector spaces (see [9–24]).

In this paper, we obtain some existence results for solutions for a new class of generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities (GBQVLI) for  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators defined on non-compact sets in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector spaces. In fact, the generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities (GBQVLI) are the extensions of the generalized bi-quasi-variational inequalities (GBQVI) which was first introduced by Shih and Tan [31] in 1989.

## 2. Preliminaries

In 2010, Chowdhury and Tan [17] obtained the generalized bi-quasi-variational inequalities for quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators on non-compact sets. As we have mentioned above, we are going to obtain some results for solutions for a new class of generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities (GBQVLI) for  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators on non-compact sets. For this, we now introduce the following definition of generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequality (GBQVLI):

Let  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be a set-valued mapping,  $M, T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  be two set-valued mappings and  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be a single-valued mapping. The *generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequality problem* (GBQVLI) is as follows:

Find a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  and a point  $\hat{w} \in T(\hat{y})$  such that

- (1)  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ;
- (2)  $Re(f - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x)) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  and  $f \in M(\hat{y})$ ;

or

Find a point  $\hat{y} \in X$ , a point  $\hat{w} \in T(\hat{y})$  and a point  $\hat{f} \in M(\hat{y})$  such that

- (1)  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ;
- (3)  $Re(\hat{f} - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x)) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

If  $\eta(\hat{y}, x) = \hat{y} - x$ , then the generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequality (GBQVLI) is equivalent to the generalized bi-quasi-variational inequality (GBQVI) introduced by Chowdhury and Tan in [14] and Shih and Tan in [31].

Now, we first introduce the following definition of  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone (resp., strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone) type I operators which is a slight modification of the quasi-pseudomonotone (resp., strongly quasi-pseudomonotone) type I operators (see Definition 1.1 in [15] given by Chowdhury and Tan in 2010):

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $E$  be a topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  be a non-empty subset of  $E$  and  $F$  be a topological vector space over  $\Phi$  which is equipped with the  $\sigma(F, E)$  topology. Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional. Consider the following four mappings:

- (1)  $M : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a multi-valued mapping;
- (2)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a multi-valued mapping;
- (3)  $h : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a single-valued mapping;
- (4)  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is a single-valued mapping.

Then the mapping  $T$  is said to be an  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I (resp., strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I) operator if, for each  $y \in X$  and net  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  in  $X$  converging to  $y$  (resp., weakly to  $y$ ) with

$$\limsup_{\alpha} [\inf_{f \in M(y)} \inf_{u \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - u, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y)] \leq 0,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{\alpha} [\inf_{f \in M(x)} \inf_{u \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - u, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x)] \\ & \geq \inf_{f \in M(x)} \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Remark 2.1.* The above operator  $T$  reduces to an  $h$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I (resp., strongly  $h$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I) operator due to Chowdhury and Tan in [17] if  $T$  is an  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I (resp., strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I) operator with  $\eta(x, y) = x - y$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and, for some  $h' : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x, y) = h'(x) - h'(y)$  for all  $x, y \in E$ .

Also,  $T$  reduces to a quasi-pseudomonotone type I (resp., strongly quasi-pseudomonotone type I) operator due to Chowdhury and Tan in [15] if  $T$  is an  $h$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I (resp., strongly  $h$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I) operator with  $h \equiv 0$ .

*Remark 2.2.* (1) When  $M \equiv 0$  and  $T$  is replaced by  $-T$ , an  $h$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operator is reduced to an  $h$ -pseudomonotone (or an  $h$ -demi-monotone) operator defined in [10].

(2) The  $h$ -pseudomonotone (or  $h$ -demi-monotone) operators defined in [10] are slightly more general than the definition of  $h$ -pseudomonotone operators given in [13].

(3) Later, in the year 2000, Chowdhury renamed the above  $h$ -pseudomonotone (or  $h$ -demi-monotone) operators as *pseudomonotone type I operators* [8]. The pseudomonotone type I operators are set-valued generalization of the classical (single-valued) pseudomonotone operators with slight variations. The classical definition of a single-valued pseudomonotone operator was introduced by Brézis et al. in [5].

(4) The authors first introduced quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators in [15, Definition 1.1] as a generalization of pseudomonotone type I operators.

We state the following result given in [17]:

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a non-empty subset of a topological vector space  $E$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow E^*$  and  $M : X \rightarrow E^*$  be two single-valued maps. Suppose that the operator  $T$  is monotone, and both  $M$  and  $T$  are continuous maps from the relative weak topology on  $X$  to the weak\* topology on  $E^*$ . Then  $T$  is both quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly quasi-pseudomonotone type I operator.*

For the proof, see in [17, pp. 424–425].

The following result justifies the validity of an  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I operators:

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a non-empty subset of a topological vector space  $E$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow E^*$  and  $M : X \rightarrow E^*$  be two single-valued maps. Suppose that  $h : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a real valued function such that for each  $y \in X$ ,  $h(\cdot, y)$  is continuous and  $h(X \times X)$  is bounded. Let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be a continuous mapping.*

*Further suppose that the operators  $T$  and  $M$  are  $\eta$ -monotone (i.e., for each  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $Re\langle T(y) - T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \geq 0$  (respectively,  $Re\langle M(y) - M(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \geq 0$ )), and also both  $M$  and  $T$  are continuous mappings from the relative weak topology on  $X$  to the weak\* topology on  $E^*$ . Then  $T$  is both  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I operator.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a net in  $X$  and  $y \in X$  with  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$  (respectively,  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$  weakly) and that

$$\limsup_{\alpha} Re\langle M(y) - T(y_\alpha), \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y) \leq 0.$$

Let  $x \in X$  be arbitrarily fixed. Then

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \limsup_{\alpha} [Re\langle M(x) - T(y_\alpha), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x)] \\ & \geq \limsup_{\alpha} [Re\langle M(x) - T(y_\alpha), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle] + \liminf_{\alpha} h(y_\alpha, x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M$  and  $T$  are  $\eta$ -monotone, we have

$$Re\langle (M(x) - T(y_\alpha)) - (M(x) - T(y)), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle \geq 0.$$

Thus we have

$$Re\langle M(x) - T(y_\alpha), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle \geq Re\langle M(x) - T(y), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle.$$

Hence, we have,

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \limsup_{\alpha} [Re\langle M(x) - T(y_\alpha), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle] \\ & \geq \limsup_{\alpha} [Re\langle M(x) - T(y), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from equations (2.1) and (2.2) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{\alpha} [Re\langle M(x) - T(y_\alpha), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x)] \\ & \geq \limsup_{\alpha} [Re\langle M(x) - T(y), \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle] + \liminf_{\alpha} h(y_\alpha, x) \\ & = Re\langle M(x) - T(y), \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Consequently,  $T$  is both  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I and strongly  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I operator.  $\square$

In this paper, we obtain some general theorems on solutions for a new class of generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities for  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators defined on non-compact spaces in topological vector spaces. To obtain these results, we mainly use the following generalized version of Ky Fan's minimax inequality [27] due to Chowdhury and Tan [10] which was stated and proved as Theorem 2.1 in [16] and is a slight modification of Theorem 1 in [10]:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $E$  be a topological vector space,  $X$  be a nonempty convex subset of  $E$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  denote the family of all non-empty finite subsets of  $X$  and  $f : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$  be such that*

(a) *for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and fixed  $x \in co(A)$ ,  $y \mapsto f(x, y)$  is lower semi-continuous on  $co(A)$ ;*

(b) *for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and  $y \in co(A)$ ,  $\min_{x \in A} f(x, y) \leq 0$ ;*

(c) *for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and  $x, y \in co(A)$ , every net  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  in  $X$  converging to  $y$  with  $f(tx + (1-t)y, y_\alpha) \leq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $f(x, y) \leq 0$ ;*

(d) *there exist a nonempty closed and compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  and  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $f(x_0, y) > 0$  for all  $y \in X \setminus K$ .*

*Then there exists  $\hat{y} \in K$  such that  $f(x, \hat{y}) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  is said to be *0-diagonally concave* (in short, 0-DCV) in the second argument [26] if, for any finite set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset X$  and  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \phi(y, x_i) \leq 0$ , where  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$ .

Let  $E$  be a topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $F$  be a vector space over  $\Phi$  and  $X$  be a non-empty subset of  $E$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional. Throughout this paper,  $\Phi$  denotes either the real field  $\mathbb{R}$  or the complex field  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Now, we state the following definition given in [25]:

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X, E, F$  be the sets defined above and  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$ ,  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$ ,  $g : X \rightarrow E$  be mappings.

(1) The mappings  $T$  and  $\eta$  are said to have *0-diagonally concave relation* (in short, 0-DCVR) if the function  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  defined by

$$\phi(x, y) = \inf_{w \in T(x)} \operatorname{Re} \langle w, \eta(x, y) \rangle$$

is 0-DCV in  $y$ ;

(2) The mappings  $T$  and  $g$  are said to have *0-diagonally concave relation* if  $T$  and  $\eta(x, y) = g(x) - g(y)$  have the 0-DCVR.

We first state the following result which is Lemma 1 of Shih and Tan in [25, pp. 334–335]:

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a nonempty subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space  $E$  and  $S : X \rightarrow 2^E$  be an upper semi-continuous mapping such that  $S(x)$*



is a bounded subset of  $E$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then, for each continuous linear functional  $p$  on  $E$ , the functional  $f_p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f_p(y) = \sup_{x \in S(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle p, x \rangle$$

is upper semi-continuous, i.e., for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set

$$\{y \in X : f_p(y) = \sup_{x \in S(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle p, x \rangle < \lambda\}$$

is open in  $X$ .

The following result is Lemma 3 of Takahashi in [33, pp. 177] (see also Lemma 3 in [31, pp. 71–72]):

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces,  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be non-negative and continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be lower semi-continuous. Then the functional  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by*

$$F(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  is lower semi-continuous.

The following result, which was stated and proved as Lemma 2.2 in [16], follows from slight modification of Lemma 3 of Chowdhury and Tan given in [10]:

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $E$  be a Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}(E)$  and  $X = \operatorname{co}(A)$  where  $\operatorname{co}(A)$  denotes the convex hull of  $A$ . Let  $F$  be a vector space over  $\Phi$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \phi$  be a bilinear functional such that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  separates points in  $F$ . We equip  $F$  with the  $\sigma(F, E)$ -topology. Suppose that, for each  $w \in F$ ,  $x \mapsto \operatorname{Re}\langle w, x \rangle$  is continuous. Let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be continuous. Let  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  be upper semi-continuous from  $X$  into  $2^F$  such that each  $T(x)$  is  $\sigma(F, E)$ -compact. Let  $f : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by*

$$f(x, y) = \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle w, \eta(y, x) \rangle$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Suppose that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is continuous on the (compact) subset  $[\cup_{y \in X} T(y)] \times \eta(X \times X)$  of  $F \times E$ . Then, for each fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $y \mapsto f(x, y)$  is lower semi-continuous on  $X$ .

For completeness we include the proof here given in [16]:

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  be given and let  $x \in X = \operatorname{co}(A)$  be arbitrarily fixed. Let  $A_\lambda = \{y \in X : f(x, y) \leq \lambda\}$ . Suppose that  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a net in  $A_\lambda$  and  $y_0 \in \operatorname{co}(A) = X$  such that  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y_0$ . Then for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,

$$\lambda \geq f(x, y_\alpha) = \inf_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle.$$

Since  $F$  is equipped with the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -topology, for each  $x \in E$ , the function  $w \mapsto \operatorname{Re}\langle w, x \rangle$  is continuous. Also,  $\eta(y_\alpha, x) \rightarrow \eta(y_0, x)$  because  $\eta(\cdot, x)$  is continuous. By the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -compactness of  $T(y_\alpha)$ , there exists  $w_\alpha \in T(y_\alpha)$  such that

$$\lambda \geq \inf_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle w_\alpha, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle.$$

Since  $T$  is upper semi-continuous from  $X = \operatorname{co}(A)$  to the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -topology on  $F$ ,  $X$  is compact, and each  $T(z)$  is  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -compact,  $\cup_{z \in X} T(z)$  is also  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -compact by Proposition 3.1.11 of Aubin and Ekeland [2]. Thus there is a subnet  $\{w_{\alpha'}\}_{\alpha' \in \Gamma'}$  of  $\{w_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  and  $w_0 \in \cup_{z \in X} T(z)$  such that  $w_{\alpha'} \rightarrow w_0$  in the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -topology. Again, as  $T$  is upper semi-continuous with the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -closed values,  $w_0 \in T(y_0)$ .

Suppose that  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  and let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n t_i = 1$  such that  $y_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i a_i$ . For each  $\alpha' \in \Gamma'$ , let  $t_1^{\alpha'}, t_2^{\alpha'}, \dots, t_n^{\alpha'} \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^{\alpha'} = 1$  such that  $y_{\alpha'} = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i^{\alpha'} a_i$ . Since  $E$  is Hausdorff and  $y_{\alpha'} \rightarrow y_0$ , we must have  $t_i^{\alpha'} \rightarrow t_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\geq \operatorname{Re}\langle w_{\alpha'}, \eta(y_{\alpha'}, x) \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle w_{\alpha'}, \eta\left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^{\alpha'} a_i, x\right) \rangle \\ (2.1) \quad &\rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\langle w_0, \eta\left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i a_i, x\right) \rangle \\ &= \operatorname{Re}\langle w_0, \eta(y_0, x) \rangle \geq \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle w, \eta(y_0, x) \rangle = f(x, y_0), \end{aligned}$$

where (2.1) is true since  $\eta(\cdot, x)$  is continuous on  $X$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is continuous on the compact subset  $[\cup_{y \in X} T(y)] \times \eta(X \times X)$  of  $F \times E$ .

Hence  $y_0 \in A_\lambda$ . Thus  $A_\lambda$  is closed in  $X = \operatorname{co}(A)$  for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore  $y \mapsto f(x, y)$  is lower semi-continuous on  $X$ .  $\square$

By a slight modification of Lemma 4.2 in [12], we obtain below a further modification of the result given in [24, Lemma 2.3]:

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $E$  be a topological vector over  $\phi$ ,  $X$  a nonempty convex subset of  $E$  and  $F$  a vector space over  $\phi$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional such that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  separates points in  $F$ . We equip  $F$  with the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -topology such that for each  $w \in F$ , the function  $x \mapsto \operatorname{Re}\langle w, x \rangle$  is continuous. Let  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  be such that for each fixed  $y \in X$ ,  $\eta(\cdot, y)$  is continuous and for each fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $\eta(x, \cdot)$  is affine. Let  $h : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping such that for each fixed  $y \in X$ ,  $h(\cdot, y)$  is lower semi-continuous and convex on  $\operatorname{co}(A)$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ , and for each fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $h(x, \cdot)$  is concave, and  $h(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ , and  $T$  and  $\eta$  have the 0-DCVR.*

*Suppose that  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is a mapping,  $M : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a lower semi-continuous mapping along line segments in  $X$  to the  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -topology on  $F$  and  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is an upper hemi-continuous mapping along line segments in  $X$ .*

Suppose further that there exists  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ,  $S(\hat{y})$  is convex and

$$\inf_{f \in M(x)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \leq h(x, \hat{y})$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ . Then

$$\inf_{f \in M(\hat{y})} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \leq h(x, \hat{y})$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

For completeness we give the detailed proof below:

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$\inf_{f \in M(x)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \leq h(x, \hat{y}) \text{ for all } x \in S(\hat{y}).$$

Let  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  be arbitrarily fixed. Let  $z_t = tx + (1-t)\hat{y} = \hat{y} - t(\hat{y} - x)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $z_t \in S(\hat{y})$  as  $S(\hat{y})$  is convex.

Let  $L = \{z_t : t \in [0, 1]\}$ . Thus for every  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\inf_{f \in M(z_t)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, z_t) \rangle \leq h(z_t, \hat{y}).$$

Since for each  $y \in S(\hat{y})$ ,  $h(\cdot, y)$  is convex and for each  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ ,  $h(x, \cdot)$  is affine, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{f \in M(z_t)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, tx + (1-t)\hat{y}) \rangle \\ & \leq h(tx + (1-t)\hat{y}, \hat{y}) \leq t(h(x, \hat{y})) + (1-t)h(\hat{y}, \hat{y}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ ; thus we have,

$$\inf_{f \in M(z_t)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} [\operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, t\eta(\hat{y}, x) + (1-t)\eta(\hat{y}, \hat{y}) \rangle] \leq t(h(x, \hat{y}));$$

therefore we have,

$$\inf_{f \in M(z_t)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} t[\operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle] \leq t(h(x, \hat{y})).$$

This implies that  $\inf_{f \in M(z_t)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \leq h(x, \hat{y})$  for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Since  $T$  is upper hemi-continuous on  $L$ , and  $M$  is lower semi-continuous on  $L$ , the function  $f_{\eta(\hat{y}, x)} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ , defined by

$$f_{\eta(\hat{y}, x)}(z_t) = \inf_{f \in M(z_t)} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \text{ for each } z_t \in L,$$

is lower semi-continuous on  $L$ . Thus the set

$$A = \{z_t \in L : f_{\eta(\hat{y}, x)}(z_t) \leq h(x, \hat{y})\}$$

is closed in  $L$ . Now  $z_t \rightarrow \hat{y}$  in  $L$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ . Since  $z_t \in A$  for all  $t \in (0, 1]$  we have  $\hat{y} \in A$ . Hence  $f_{\eta(\hat{y}, x)}(\hat{y}) = \inf_{f \in M(\hat{y})} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle f - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \leq h(x, \hat{y})$ . Since  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  is arbitrary, we have

$$\inf_{f \in M(\hat{y})} \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle \leq h(x, \hat{y}) \text{ for all } x \in S(\hat{y}). \quad \square$$

We need the following Kneser's minimax theorem in [28, pp. 2418–2420] (see also Aubin [1, pp. 40–41]):

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $X$  be a nonempty convex subset of a vector space and  $Y$  be a nonempty compact convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space. Suppose that  $f$  is a real-valued function on  $X \times Y$  such that, for each fixed  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $y \mapsto f(x, y)$ , i.e.,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is lower semi-continuous and convex on  $Y$  and, for each fixed  $y \in Y$ , the map  $x \mapsto f(x, y)$ , i.e.,  $f(\cdot, y)$  is concave on  $X$ . Then*

$$\min_{y \in Y} \sup_{x \in X} f(x, y) = \sup_{x \in X} \min_{y \in Y} f(x, y).$$

### 3. Generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities

In this section, we obtain and prove some existence theorems for the solutions to the generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities for  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators  $T$  with non-compact domain in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector spaces. Our results extend and generalize the corresponding results in [31].

We first establish the following result:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  be a nonempty para-compact convex and bounded subset of  $E$  and  $F$  a Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional which is continuous on compact subsets of  $F \times X$ . Suppose that*

- (a)  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is upper semi-continuous such that each  $S(x)$  is compact and convex;
- (b)  $h : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and  $h(X \times X)$  is bounded;
- (c)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is an  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I (respectively, strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I) operator and is upper semi-continuous such that each  $T(x)$  is compact (respectively, weakly compact) and convex and  $T(X)$  is strongly bounded;
- (d)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$ , and  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  have the 0-DCVR and  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is convex and continuous;
- (e)  $M : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a linear mapping in  $X$  (and is therefore single-valued for each  $x \in X$ );
- (f) for each fixed  $y \in X$ ,  $x \mapsto h(x, y)$ , i.e.,  $h(\cdot, y)$  is lower semi-continuous on  $\text{co}(A)$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and, for each fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $h(x, \cdot)$  and  $\eta(x, \cdot)$  are concave, and  $\eta(x, \cdot)$  is affine and  $h(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ ;
- (g) the set

$$\Sigma = \{y \in X : \sup_{x \in S(y)} (\inf_{w \in T(y)} \text{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x)) > 0\}$$

is open in  $X$ .

Suppose further that there exist a nonempty closed and compact (respectively, weakly closed and weakly compact) subset  $K$  of  $X$  and a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $x_0 \in K \cap S(y)$  and  $\inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + h(y, x_0) > 0$  for all  $y \in X \setminus K$ .

Then there exists a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

- (1)  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ;
- (2) there exists a point  $\hat{w} \in T(\hat{y})$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

Moreover, if  $S(x) = X$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $E$  is not required to be locally convex and, if  $T \equiv 0$ , then the continuity assumption on  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  can be weakened to the assumption that, for each  $f \in F$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto \langle f, x \rangle$  is continuous (resp., weakly continuous) on  $X$ .

*Proof.* We divide the proof into three steps:

Step 1. There exists a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$  and

$$\sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} [\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x)] \leq 0.$$

Suppose the contrary. Then for each  $y \in X$ , either  $y \notin S(y)$  or there exists  $x \in S(y)$  such that

$$\inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) > 0,$$

that is, for each  $y \in X$ , either  $y \notin S(y)$  or  $y \in \Sigma$ .

If  $y \notin S(y)$ , then, by a separation theorem for convex sets in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector spaces, there exist  $p \in E^*$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}\langle p, x \rangle < \alpha < \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y \rangle$  for all  $x \in S(y)$ . Therefore,

$$\sup_{x \in S(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle p, x \rangle \leq \alpha < \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y \rangle.$$

Hence we have,  $\operatorname{Re}\langle p, y \rangle - \sup_{x \in S(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle p, x \rangle > 0$ . Let

$$\gamma(y) = \sup_{x \in S(y)} \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x),$$

$$V_0 := \{y \in X \mid \gamma(y) > 0\} = \Sigma$$

and, for each  $p \in E^*$ , set

$$V_p := \{y \in X : \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y \rangle - \sup_{x \in S(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle p, x \rangle > 0\}.$$

Then  $X = V_0 \cup \bigcup_{p \in E^*} V_p$ . Since each  $V_p$  is open in  $X$  by Lemma 2.1 and  $V_0$  is open in  $X$  by hypothesis,  $\{V_0, V_p : p \in E^*\}$  is an open covering for  $X$ . Since  $X$  is para-compact, there is a continuous partition of unity  $\{\beta_0, \beta_p : p \in E^*\}$  for  $X$  subordinated to the open cover  $\{V_0, V_p : p \in E^*\}$  (see Theorem VIII, 4.2 of Dugundji in [23]), that is, for each  $p \in E^*$ ,  $\beta_p : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\beta_0 : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  are continuous functions such that, for each  $p \in E^*$ ,  $\beta_p(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in X \setminus V_p$ ,  $\beta_0(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in X \setminus V_0$ ,  $\{\operatorname{support} \beta_0, \operatorname{support} \beta_p : p \in E^*\}$  is locally finite

and  $\beta_0(y) + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) = 1$  for each  $y \in X$ . Note that, for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ ,  $h$  is continuous on  $co(A)$  (see [29, Corollary 10.1.1, p. 83]).

Define a function  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\phi(x, y) = \beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right] + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x \rangle$$

for each  $x, y \in X$ . Then we have the following:

(1) Since  $E$  is Hausdorff, for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and fixed  $x \in co(A)$ , the mapping

$$y \mapsto \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x)$$

is lower semi-continuous (resp., weakly lower semi-continuous) on  $co(A)$  by Lemma 2.6 and the fact that  $h$  is continuous on  $co(A)$  and therefore the map

$$y \mapsto \beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right]$$

is lower semi-continuous (resp., weakly lower semi-continuous) on  $co(A)$  by Lemma 2.5. Also, for each fixed  $x \in X$ ,

$$y \mapsto \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x \rangle$$

is continuous on  $X$ . Hence, for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and fixed  $x \in co(A)$ , the mapping  $y \mapsto \phi(x, y)$  is lower semi-continuous (resp., weakly lower semi-continuous) on  $co(A)$ .

(2) For each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and  $y \in co(A)$ ,  $\min_{x \in A} \phi(x, y) \leq 0$ . Indeed, if this were false, then, for some  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and  $y \in co(A)$  (say  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$ ), we have  $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \phi(x_i, y) > 0$ . Then, for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$\beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x_i) - w, \eta(y, x_i) \rangle + h(y, x_i) \right] + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x_i \rangle > 0$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \phi(y, y) \\ &= \beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i) - w, \eta(y, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i) \rangle + h(y, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i \rangle \\ &= \beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i M(x_i) - w, \eta(y, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i) \rangle + h(y, \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\beta_0(y)) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_i) - w, \eta(y, x_i) \rangle + h(y, x_i) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y - x_i \rangle > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

(3) Suppose that  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ ,  $x, y \in \operatorname{co}(A)$  and  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a net in  $X$  converging to  $y$  (resp., weakly to  $y$ ) with  $\phi(tx + (1-t)y, y_\alpha) \leq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Case (1):  $\beta_0(y) = 0$ .

Note that  $\beta_0(y_\alpha) \geq 0$  for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $\beta_0(y_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $T(X)$  is strongly bounded and  $\{y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a bounded net, it follows that

$$(3.1) \quad \limsup_{\alpha} [\beta_0(y_\alpha) \left( \min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x) \right)] = 0.$$

Also, we have

$$\beta_0(y) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right] = 0.$$

Thus it follows from (3.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\limsup_{\alpha} [\beta_0(y_\alpha) \left( \min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x) \right)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*}^n \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y - x \rangle \\ (3.2) \quad &= \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y - x \rangle \\ &= \beta_0(y) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y - x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

When  $t = 1$ , we have  $\phi(x, y_\alpha) \leq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , i.e.,

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &\beta_0(y_\alpha) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - x \rangle \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Therefore, by (3.3), we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} &\limsup_{\alpha} [\beta_0(y_\alpha) \min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x)] \\ &\quad + \liminf_{\alpha} \left[ \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - x \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \limsup_{\alpha} [\beta_0(y_\alpha) \min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x)] \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - x \rangle] \leq 0$$

and thus, by (3.4),

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_\alpha [\beta_0(y_\alpha) \min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, x) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, x)] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y - x \rangle] \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (3.2) and (3.4), we have  $\phi(x, y) \leq 0$ .

Case (2):  $\beta_0(y) > 0$ .

Since  $\beta_0(y_\alpha) \rightarrow \beta_0(y)$ , there exists  $\lambda \in \Gamma$  such that  $\beta_0(y_\alpha) > 0$  for all  $\alpha \geq \lambda$ . When  $t = 0$ , we have  $\phi(y, y_\alpha) \leq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta_0(y_\alpha) [\inf_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y)] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - y \rangle] \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and thus

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \limsup_\alpha [\beta_0(y_\alpha) (\inf_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y)) \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - y \rangle] \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows from (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_\alpha [\beta_0(y_\alpha) (\inf_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y))] \\ & + \liminf_\alpha [\sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - y \rangle] \\ & \leq \limsup_\alpha [\beta_0(y_\alpha) (\inf_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y))] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - y \rangle] \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\liminf_\alpha [\sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_\alpha) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, y_\alpha - y \rangle] = 0$ , we have

$$(3.6) \quad \limsup_\alpha [\beta_0(y_\alpha) (\min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y))] \leq 0.$$

Since  $\beta_0(y_\alpha) > 0$  for all  $\alpha \geq \lambda$ , it follows that

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \beta_0(y) \limsup_\alpha [\min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y)] \\ & = \limsup_\alpha [\beta_0(y_\alpha) (\min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y))]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\beta_0(y) > 0$ , by (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$\limsup_\alpha [\min_{w \in T(y_\alpha)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(y) - w, \eta(y_\alpha, y) \rangle + h(y_\alpha, y)] \leq 0.$$



Since  $T$  is an  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I (respectively, strongly  $(\eta-h)$ -quasi-pseudo-monotone type I) operator, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{\alpha} \left[ \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right] \\ & \geq \min_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $\beta_0(y) > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta_0(y) \left[ \limsup_{\alpha} \left( \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right) \right] \\ & \geq \beta_0(y) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta_0(y) \left[ \limsup_{\alpha} \left( \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right) \right] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x \rangle \\ (3.8) \quad & \geq \beta_0(y) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

When  $t = 1$ , we have  $\phi(x, y_{\alpha}) \leq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta_0(y_{\alpha}) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_{\alpha}) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y_{\alpha} - x \rangle \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and so, by (3.8),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \geq \limsup_{\alpha} \left[ \beta_0(y_{\alpha}) \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_{\alpha}) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y_{\alpha} - x \rangle \\ & \geq \limsup_{\alpha} \left[ \beta_0(y_{\alpha}) \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right] \\ & + \liminf_{\alpha} \left[ \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y_{\alpha}) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y_{\alpha} - x \rangle \right] \\ (3.9) \quad & = \beta_0(y) \left[ \limsup_{\alpha} \left\{ \min_{w \in T(y_{\alpha})} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y_{\alpha}, x) \rangle + h(y_{\alpha}, x) \right\} \right] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x \rangle \\ & \geq \beta_0(y) \left[ \min_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re} \langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) \right] \\ & + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) \operatorname{Re} \langle p, y - x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have  $\phi(x, y) \leq 0$ .

(4) By hypothesis, there exist a nonempty compact and therefore closed (respectively, weakly closed and weakly compact) subset  $K$  of  $X$  and a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that

$$x_0 \in K \cap S(y), \quad \inf_{w \in T(y)} [Re\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + h(y, x_0)] > 0$$

for all  $y \in X \setminus K$ . Thus it follows that, for all  $y \in X \setminus K$ ,

$$\beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} Re\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + h(y, x_0) \right] > 0$$

whenever  $\beta_0(y) > 0$ , and  $Re\langle p, y - x_0 \rangle > 0$  whenever  $\beta_p(y) > 0$  for  $p \in E^*$ . Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x_0, y) &= \beta_0(y) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y)} Re\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + h(y, x_0) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(y) Re\langle p, y - x_0 \rangle > 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $y \in X \setminus K$ . (If  $T$  is a strongly  $(\eta$ - $h$ )-quasi-pseudo-monotone type I operator, we equip  $E$  with the weak topology.) Thus  $\phi$  satisfies all the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1. Hence, by Theorem 1.1, there exists a point  $\hat{y} \in K$  such that  $\phi(x, \hat{y}) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , i.e.,

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} &\beta_0(\hat{y}) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} Re\langle M(x) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(\hat{y}) Re\langle p, \hat{y} - x \rangle \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

On the other hand suppose for the above  $\hat{y} \in X$ , there exists  $\hat{x} \in S(\hat{y})$  such that

$$\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} Re\langle M(\hat{x}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, \hat{x}) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, \hat{x}) > 0,$$

Then

$$\beta_0(\hat{y}) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} Re\langle M(\hat{x}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, \hat{x}) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, \hat{x}) \right] > 0$$

whenever  $\beta_0(\hat{y}) > 0$ .

Also if  $\beta_p(\hat{y}) > 0$  for all  $p \in E^*$ , then  $\hat{y} \in V_p$  and hence

$$Re\langle p, \hat{y} \rangle - \sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} Re\langle p, x \rangle > 0.$$

Therefore,  $Re\langle p, \hat{y} \rangle > \sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} Re\langle p, x \rangle \geq Re\langle p, \hat{x} \rangle$ . Hence,  $Re\langle p, \hat{y} - \hat{x} \rangle > 0$ .

Then

$$\beta_p(\hat{y}) Re\langle p, \hat{y} - \hat{x} \rangle > 0$$

whenever  $\beta_p(\hat{y}) > 0$  for all  $p \in E^*$ .

Since  $\beta_p(\hat{y}) > 0$  for all  $p \in E^*$ , we have

$$\beta_0(\hat{y}) \left[ \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} Re\langle M(\hat{x}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, \hat{x}) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, \hat{x}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{p \in E^*} \beta_p(\hat{y}) \operatorname{Re}\langle p, \hat{y} - \hat{x} \rangle > 0$$

which contradicts (3.10). Therefore Step 1 is proved. Hence we have shown that there exist a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$  and

$$\sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} [ \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) ] \leq 0.$$

Step 2.  $\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

From Step 1, we have

$$\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y}), \quad \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ . Since  $S(\hat{y})$  is a convex subset of  $X$  and  $M$  is linear and so continuous along line segments in  $X$ , by Lemma 2.7, we have

$$\inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

Step 3. There exists a point  $\hat{w} \in T(\hat{y})$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

From Step 2 we have,

$$(3.11) \quad \sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} [ \inf_{w \in T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) ] \leq 0$$

i.e.,

$$\sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} [ \inf_{(M(\hat{y}), w) \in M(\hat{y}) \times T(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) ] \leq 0$$

where  $M(\hat{y}) \times T(\hat{y})$  is a  $\sigma(F, E)$ -compact convex subset of the Hausdorff topological vector space  $F \times F$  and  $S(\hat{y})$  is a convex subset of  $X$ .

Let us set  $Q = M(\hat{y}) \times T(\hat{y})$  and define the mapping  $g : S(\hat{y}) \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x, q) = g(x, (M(\hat{y}), w)) = \operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x)$  for each  $x \in S(\hat{y})$  and each  $q = (M(\hat{y}), w) \in Q = M(\hat{y}) \times T(\hat{y})$ . Then, for each fixed  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ , the mapping  $(M(\hat{y}), w) \mapsto g(x, (M(\hat{y}), w))$  is lower semi-continuous from the relative product topology on  $Q$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and also convex on  $Q$ . Clearly, for each fixed  $q = (M(\hat{y}), w) \in Q$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto g(x, q) = g(x, (M(\hat{y}), w))$  is concave on  $S(\hat{y})$ .

So, we can apply Keneser's Minimax Theorem (Theorem 2.8) and obtain the following:

$$\min_{(M(\hat{y}), w) \in Q} \sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} g(x, (M(\hat{y}), w)) = \sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} \min_{(M(\hat{y}), w) \in Q} g(x, (M(\hat{y}), w)).$$

Hence, by (3.11), we obtain

$$\min_{(M(\hat{y}), w) \in Q} \sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - w, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0.$$

Since  $Q = M(\hat{y}) \times T(\hat{y})$  is compact, there exists  $(M(\hat{y}), \hat{w}) \in M(\hat{y}) \times T(\hat{y})$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in S(\hat{y})} [Re\langle M(\hat{y}) - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x)] \leq 0$$

Therefore we have shown that

$$Re\langle M(\hat{y}) - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ . In other words, there exists a point  $\hat{w} \in T(\hat{y})$  with

$$Re\langle M(\hat{y}) - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

We observe from the above proof that the requirement that  $E$  need to be locally convex is needed when and only when the separation theorem is applied to the case  $y \notin S(y)$ . Thus, if  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is the constant mapping  $S(x) = X$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $E$  is not required to be locally convex.

Finally, if  $T \equiv 0$ , in order to show that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $y \mapsto \phi(x, y)$  is lower semi-continuous (resp., weakly lower semi-continuous), Lemma 2.6 is no longer needed and the weaker continuity assumption on  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  that, for each  $f \in F$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto \langle f, x \rangle$  is continuous (resp., weakly continuous) on  $X$  is sufficient. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now, we establish our last result of this section:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $E$  be a locally convex Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  be a nonempty para-compact convex and bounded subset of  $E$  and  $F$  a Hausdorff topological vector space over  $\Phi$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : F \times E \rightarrow \Phi$  be a bilinear functional which is continuous on compact subsets of  $F \times X$ . Suppose that*

(a)  $S : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is a continuous mapping such that each  $S(x)$  is compact and convex;

(b)  $h : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and  $h(X \times X)$  is bounded;

(c)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is an  $(\eta$ - $h$ )-quasi-pseudo-monotone type I (respectively, strongly  $(\eta$ - $h$ )-quasi-pseudo-monotone type I) operator and is upper semi-continuous such that each  $T(x)$  is compact and convex (respectively, weakly compact and convex, i.e.,  $\sigma\langle F, E \rangle$ -compact and convex) and  $T(X)$  is strongly bounded;

(d)  $T : X \rightarrow 2^F$  and  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  have the 0-DCVR and  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow E$  is convex and continuous;

(e)  $M : X \rightarrow 2^F$  is a continuous linear mapping in  $X$  and for each  $y \in \Sigma = \{y \in X : \sup_{x \in S(y)} [\inf_{w \in T(y)} Re\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x)] > 0\}$ ,

$$\inf_{w \in T(y)} Re\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x) > 0$$

for some point  $x \in S(y)$ .

(f) for each fixed  $y \in X$ ,  $x \mapsto h(x, y)$ , i.e.,  $h(\cdot, y)$  is lower semi-continuous on  $co(A)$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  and, for each fixed  $x \in X$ ,  $h(x, \cdot)$  and  $\eta(x, \cdot)$  are concave, and  $\eta(x, \cdot)$  is affine and  $h(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ ;

(g) for each open subset  $U$  of  $X$  and  $x, y \in U$ ,  $\eta(x, y) = x - y$  and there exists  $h' : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(x, y) = h'(x) - h'(y)$ ;

Suppose further that there exist a nonempty closed and compact (respectively, weakly closed and weakly compact) subset  $K$  of  $X$  and a point  $x_0 \in X$  such that

$$x_0 \in K \cap S(y), \quad \inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, x_0) \rangle + h(y, x_0) > 0$$

for all  $y \in X \setminus K$ .

Then there exists a point  $\hat{y} \in X$  such that

(1)  $\hat{y} \in S(\hat{y})$ ;

(2) there exists a point  $\hat{w} \in T(\hat{y})$  with  $\operatorname{Re}\langle M(\hat{y}) - \hat{w}, \eta(\hat{y}, x) \rangle + h(\hat{y}, x) \leq 0$

for all  $x \in S(\hat{y})$ .

Moreover, if  $S(x) = X$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $E$  is not required to be locally convex.

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2 in [14]. For the completeness, we include the proof here.

*Proof.* The proof will follow from Theorem 3.1 if we can show that the set

$$\Sigma = \{y \in X : \sup_{x \in S(y)} [\inf_{w \in T(y)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x) - w, \eta(y, x) \rangle + h(y, x)] > 0\}$$

is open in  $X$ . To show that  $\Sigma$  is open in  $X$ , we start as follows:

Let  $y_0 \in \Sigma$  be an arbitrary point. We show that there exists an open neighbourhood  $N_0$  of  $y_0$  in  $X$  such that  $N_0 \subset \Sigma$ . Now, by the hypothesis (e),  $M$  is a continuous linear mapping on  $X$  and at some point  $x_0$  in  $S(y_0)$  we have

$$\inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_0, x_0) \rangle + h(y_0, x_0) > 0.$$

Let

$$\alpha := \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_0, x_0) \rangle + h(y_0, x_0).$$

Thus  $\alpha > 0$ . Again, let

$$W := \{w \in F : \sup_{z_1, z_2 \in X} |\langle w, z_1 - z_2 \rangle| < \alpha/6\}.$$

Then  $W$  is an open neighbourhood of 0 in  $F$  and so  $U_1 := T(y_0) + W$  is an open neighbourhood of  $T(y_0)$  in  $F$ . Since  $T$  is upper semi-continuous at  $y_0$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $N_1$  of  $y_0$  in  $X$  such that  $T(y) \subset U_1$  for all  $y \in N_1$ .

Let  $U_2 := M(x_0) + W$ , then  $U_2$  is an open neighbourhood of  $M(x_0)$  in  $F$ . Since  $M$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , and therefore upper semi-continuous at  $x_0$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $V_1$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that  $M(x) \in U_2$  for all  $x \in V_1$ .

Since the mapping  $x \mapsto \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + h(x_0, x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $V_2$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that

$$|\inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(x_0, x) \rangle + h(x_0, x)| < \frac{\alpha}{6} \text{ for all } x \in V_2.$$

Let  $V_0 := V_1 \cap V_2$ . Then  $V_0$  is an open neighborhood of  $x_0$  in  $X$ . Since  $x_0 \in V_0 \cap S(y_0) \neq \emptyset$  and  $S$  is lower semi-continuous at  $y_0$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $N_2$  of  $y_0$  in  $X$  such that  $S(y) \cap V_0 \neq \emptyset$  for all  $y \in N_2$ .

Since the mapping  $y \mapsto \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, y_0) \rangle + h(y, y_0)$  is continuous at  $y_0$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $N_3$  of  $y_0$  in  $X$  such that

$$\left| \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y, y_0) \rangle + h(y, y_0) \right| < \frac{\alpha}{6} \text{ for all } y \in N_3.$$

Let  $N_0 := N_1 \cap N_2 \cap N_3$ . Then  $N_0$  is an open neighborhood of  $y_0$  in  $X$  such that for each  $y_1 \in N_0$ , we have the following:

- (1)  $T(y_1) \subset U_1 = T(y_0) + W$  as  $y_1 \in N_1$ ;
- (2)  $S(y_1) \cap V_0 \neq \emptyset$  as  $y_1 \in N_2$ ; so we can choose any  $x_1 \in S(y_1) \cap V_0$ ;
- (3)  $\left| \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_1, y_0) \rangle + h(y_1, y_0) \right| < \frac{\alpha}{6}$  as  $y_1 \in N_3$ ;
- (4)  $M(x_1) \in U_2 = M(x_0) + W$  as  $x_1 \in V_1$ ;
- (5)  $\left| \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(x_0, x_1) \rangle + h(x_0, x_1) \right| < \frac{\alpha}{6}$  as  $x_1 \in V_2$ .

Hence, using the assumption (g) of the theorem and by (1)-(5) above, we can obtain the following by omitting the details:

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{w \in T(y_1)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_1, x_1) \rangle + h(y_1, x_1) \\ \geq & \inf_{[w \in T(y_0) + W]} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_1, x_1) \rangle + h(y_1, x_1) \\ \geq & \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_1, x_1) \rangle + h(y_1, x_1) \\ & + \inf_{w \in W} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_1, x_1) \rangle \\ \geq & \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, y_1 - y_0 \rangle + h'(y_1) - h'(y_0) \\ & + \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, y_0 - x_0 \rangle + h'(y_0) - h'(x_0) \\ & + \inf_{w \in T(y_0)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, x_0 - x_1 \rangle + h'(x_0) - h'(x_1) \\ & + \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0), y_1 - x_1 \rangle + \inf_{w \in W} \operatorname{Re}\langle -w, y_1 - x_1 \rangle \\ \geq & -\frac{\alpha}{6} + \alpha - \frac{\alpha}{6} - \frac{\alpha}{6} - \frac{\alpha}{6} \\ = & \frac{\alpha}{3} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have

$$\sup_{x \in S(y_1)} \left[ \inf_{w \in T(y_1)} \operatorname{Re}\langle M(x_0) - w, \eta(y_1, x) \rangle + h(y_1, x) \right] > 0$$

since  $x_1 \in S(y_1)$ . Hence  $y_1 \in \Sigma$  for all  $y_1 \in N_0$ . Therefore,  $y_0 \in N_0 \subset \Sigma$ . But  $y_0$  was arbitrary. Consequently,  $\Sigma$  is open in  $X$ .

Thus all the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Hence, the conclusion follows from Theorem 3.1. This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 3.1.* (1) Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 in this paper are the extensions of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3 in [17], respectively, for generalized bi-quasi-variational-like inequalities (GBQVLI).

(2) The first paper on generalized bi-quasi-variational inequalities was written by Shih and Tan in 1989 in [31] and the results were obtained on compact sets where the set-valued mappings were either lower semi-continuous or upper semi-continuous. Our present paper is another extension of the original work in [31] using  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators on non-compact spaces. The  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators are generalizations of pseudomonotone type I operators introduced first in [10].

(3) In all our results on generalized bi-quasi-variational inequalities, if the operators  $M \equiv 0$  and the operator  $T$  is replaced by  $-T$ , then we obtain results on generalized quasi-variational inequalities which generalize the corresponding results in the literature (see [30]).

(4) The results on generalized bi-quasi-variational inequalities given in [21] were obtained for set-valued quasi-semi-monotone and bi-quasi-semi-monotone operators and the corresponding results in [19] were obtained for set-valued upper-hemi-continuous operators introduced in [24]. Our results in this paper are also further extensions of the corresponding results in [21] and [9] using set-valued  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I and strongly  $(\eta, h)$ -quasi-pseudomonotone type I operators on non-compact spaces.

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