

## VARIATIONAL RELATION PROBLEMS IN LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES

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**Abstract.** Let  $A, B$  and  $Y$  be nonempty sets,  $S_1 : A \rightrightarrows A$ ,  $S_2 : A \rightrightarrows B$ ,  $T : A \times B \rightrightarrows Y$  be set-valued mappings with nonempty values and  $R(a, b, y)$  be a relation linking elements  $a \in A, b \in B$  and  $y \in Y$ . In [1] Luc established existence theorems for solutions of the following problem: find  $\bar{a} \in A$  such that  $\bar{a}$  is a fixed point of  $S_1$  and  $R(\bar{a}, b, y)$  holds for all  $b \in S_2(\bar{a})$  and  $y \in T(\bar{a}, b)$ . In this paper the same problem is investigated in locally convex Hausdorff topological vector spaces. Significant particular cases (quasivariational inclusion problems, quasivariational intersection problems, quasioptimization problems) will be also discussed.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $A, B$  and  $Y$  be nonempty sets,  $S_1 : A \rightrightarrows A$ ,  $S_2 : A \rightrightarrows B$ ,  $T : A \times B \rightrightarrows Y$  be set-valued mappings with nonempty values and  $R(a, b, y)$  be a relation linking elements  $a \in A, b \in B$  and  $y \in Y$ . In a general setting  $R$  is a subset of the product space  $A \times B \times Y$ . In practice, it is often given by a system of inequalities of real functions or a system of inclusions or intersections of set-valued mappings on  $A \times B \times Y$ . The following variational relation problem was recently introduced by Luc [1] (see also Khanh and Luc [2], Lin and Wang [3], Lin and Ansari [4], Luc et al. [5] for further studies) as a model for many problems in optimization, equilibrium theory, variational inclusions or variational inequalities:

(VR) Find  $\bar{a} \in A$  such that

(i)  $\bar{a} \in S_1(\bar{a})$ ;

(ii)  $R(\bar{a}, b, y)$  holds for all  $b \in S_2(\bar{a})$  and  $y \in T(\bar{a}, b)$ .

In [1] two existence results are established for solutions of the variational relation problem (VR) when  $A = B$  is a nonempty compact convex set in a