

## SEMICONTINUITY PROPERTIES OF THE STRONG BEST COAPPROXIMATION OPERATOR

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**Summary.** Let  $E$  be a normed linear space and  $G$  a linear subspace of  $E$ . This paper is concerned with a study of the semicontinuity properties of the set-valued strong best coapproximation operator. Some necessary and sufficient conditions in order that this operator is upper semicontinuous (lower semicontinuous) and upper ( $K$ )-semicontinuous (lower ( $K$ )-semicontinuous) have been provided. Certain conditions, which suffice to ensure that this operator is upper semicontinuous (lower semicontinuous), have been included. A related operator has been defined and its semicontinuity properties have been analysed.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $E$  be a normed linear space and  $G$  a linear subspace of  $E$ . The present paper is devoted to a study of the semicontinuity properties of the set-valued operator  $R_{S,G}: x \rightarrow R_{S,G}(x)$ , defined on the subset  $\text{dom } R_{S,G} = \{x \in E : R_{S,G}(x) \neq \emptyset\}$  of  $E$ , where  $R_{S,G}(x) = \{g_0 \in G : \|g_0 - g\| + r\|x - g_0\| \leq \|x - g\| \text{ for each } g \in G\}$  ( $x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G}$ ,  $0 < r \leq 1$ ). This study is analogous to the investigations made by Blatter et al. [1], Godini [6, 7], Morris [8], Deutsch et al. [2] and Singer [13, 14] in the case of the semicontinuity properties of the set-valued metric projection.

The mapping  $R_{S,G}: x \rightarrow R_{S,G}(x)$  of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$  into the collection  $2^G$  of all non-empty closed subsets of  $G$  is called the set-valued projection of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$  onto  $G$ .

Recall that, if  $E$  and  $G$  are two metric spaces, then a mapping  $\mathfrak{A}: E \rightarrow 2^G$  is called upper semicontinuous (u. s. c.), respectively, lower semicontinuous (l. s. c.), if the set  $\{x \in E : \mathfrak{A}(x) \subset M\}$  is open for each open subset  $M$  of  $G$ , respectively, closed for each closed subset  $M$  of  $G$ , or, equivalently, if the set  $\{x \in E : \mathfrak{A}(x) \cap N \neq \emptyset\}$  is closed for each closed subset  $N$  of  $G$ , respectively, open for each open subset  $N$  of  $G$ .  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called upper ( $K$ )-semicontinuous (u. ( $K$ )-s. c.), respectively, lower ( $K$ )-semicontinuous (l. ( $K$ )-s. c.), if the relations  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $g_n \in \mathfrak{A}(x_n)$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $g_n \rightarrow g_0$  imply  $g_0 \in \mathfrak{A}(x)$ , respectively, if the relations  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $g_0 \in \mathfrak{A}(x)$  imply the existence of a sequence  $\{g_n\}_1^\infty$  with  $g_n \in \mathfrak{A}(x_n)$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that  $g_n \rightarrow g_0$ .

If  $A$  is a subset of  $E$ , we denote by  $\mathfrak{A}(A) = U\{\mathfrak{A}(x) : x \in A\}$ .

**2. Upper Semicontinuity of  $R_{S,G}$ .** In this section some conditions, under which the operator  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c., are given.

Proposition 2.1. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c., if any one of the following conditions holds:

- (1)  $\dim G < \infty$ ;
- (2)  $\dim E/G < \infty$ ;
- (3)  $G$  is boundedly compact;
- (4)  $R_{S,G}^{-1}(0) = \{x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G} : 0 \in R_{S,G}(x)\}$  is boundedly compact.

Proposition 2.2. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$  such that  $R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$  is boundedly compact. Then

- (1)  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c.;
- (2) For each  $x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G}$ , the set  $R_{S,G}(x)$  is compact.

Remark. If  $\dim G < \infty$  and  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c., then  $G$  is boundedly compact.

Next some results, concerning the characterization of upper semicontinuity of the operator  $R_{S,G}$ , are provided.

Proposition 2.3. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$  of finite codimension. Then  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c. if and only if  $R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$  is boundedly compact.

Proposition 2.4. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c. if and only if for each closed subset  $N$  of  $G$ ,  $N + R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$  is closed.

The following theorem is analogous to Theorem 1 [14].

Theorem 2.1. *Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$  such that  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c. Then for each  $x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G}$ , the set  $R_{S,G}(x)$  is compact.*

Next, it is shown that the converse of Theorem 2.1 holds, when  $G$  is a hyperplane.

Theorem 2.2. *Let  $G$  be a hyperplane in a normed linear space  $E$  such that for each  $x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G}$  the set  $R_{S,G}(x)$  is compact. Then  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c.*

The following theorem is an analogue to Theorem 1 [6].

Theorem 2.3. *Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c.;
- (2) (a) For each compact subset  $A$  of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$ , the subset  $R_{S,G}(A) = \bigcup \{R_{S,G}(x) : x \in A\}$  is compact in  $G$ ;
- (b) The relations  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $g_0 \in R_{S,G}(x_n)$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) imply  $g_0 \in R_{S,G}(x)$ .

We now provide one result, pertaining to the upper (K)-semicontinuity of  $R_{S,G}$ .

Proposition 2.5. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then

- (1)  $R_{S,G}$  is u. (K)-s. c.;
- (2) For each compact subset  $A$  of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$ , the subset  $R_{S,G}(A)$  is closed in  $G$ .

Definition. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . A set-valued mapping  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}/G$  into  $2^{R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)}$  is defined by  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G) = x - R_{S,G}(x) = \{x - g_0 : g_0 \in R_{S,G}(x)\}$  ( $x + G \in \text{dom } R_{S,G}/G$ ).

The mapping  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G} : \text{dom } R_{S,G}/G \rightarrow 2^{R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)}$  is well defined, as  $R_{S,G}(x+g) = R_{S,G}(x) + g$  ( $g \in G$ ). It can be easily seen that  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+g) \subset 2^{R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G)$  is a non-empty closed subset of  $R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$ . Since  $R_{S,G}(x) \neq \emptyset$  for every

$x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G) \neq \emptyset$ . Further  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G) \subset R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$ , since for every  $g_0 \in R_{S,G}(x)$ ,  $0 \in R_{S,G}(x-g_0)$  and hence  $x-g_0 \in R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$ .

Now it will be proved that  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G)$  is closed. Let  $y_n \in \mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G)$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . Then there exists  $g_n \in R_{S,G}(x)$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ) such that  $y_n = x - g_n$ . Since  $y_n \rightarrow y$ ,  $\{g_n\}$  is bounded and  $R_{S,G}(x)$  is closed,  $g_n \rightarrow g' \in R_{S,G}(x)$ , which shows that  $x - g' \in \mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(x+G)$  is closed.

Statements, analogous to Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 2.1, can be established in the case of  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$ .

The following results deal with necessary and sufficient conditions in order that  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  is u. s. c.

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  is u. s. c. if and only if for each compact subset  $A \subset \text{dom } R_{S,G}/G$  the subset  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}(A)$  is a compact subset of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}/G$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  is u. s. c. if and only if for each closed subset  $C$  of  $R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$ ,  $C+G$  is closed.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is u. s. c. if and only if  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  is u. s. c.

**3. Lower Semicontinuity of  $R_{S,G}$ .** Obviously, an analogue to Proposition 2.1 can be proved in this context. The following lemma is an effective tool in proving the subsequent theorem.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is l. s. c., if it is l. (K)-s. c.

The next theorem spells out a condition under which the operator  $R_{S,G}$  is l. s. c.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a hyperplane in a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is l. s. c.

The following theorem is analogous to Theorem 2.4.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is l. s. c. if and only if  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  is l. s. c.

Next, we shall give some equivalent conditions for the lower semicontinuity of  $R_{S,G}$  to exist.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1)  $R_{S,G}$  is l. s. c.;
- (2) For each open subset  $D$  of  $G$ ,  $D + R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$  is an open subset of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$ ;
- (3) For each open subset  $C$  of  $R_{S,G}^{-1}(0)$ ,  $C + G$  is an open subset of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$ ;
- (4) For each subset  $N$  of  $G$

$$\overline{\{x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G} : R_{S,G}(x) \subset N\}} \subset \{x \in \text{dom } R_{S,G} : R_{S,G}(x) \subset \bar{N}\}.$$

- (5) For each relatively compact subset  $A$  of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$

$$R_{S,G}(\bar{A}) \subset \overline{R_{S,G}(A)}.$$

- (6) For each subset  $A$  of  $\text{dom } R_{S,G}$

$$R_{S,G}(\bar{A}) \subset \overline{R_{S,G}(A)}.$$

With regard to the lower  $(K)$ -semicontinuity the following is valid.

Proposition 3.2. Let  $G$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then  $R_{S,G}$  is  $l.(K)$ -s. c. if and only if  $\mathcal{V}_{S,G}$  is  $l.(K)$ -s. c.

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