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1. Introduction. Zolezzi [1] was interested in the following problem : How to perturb the coefficients of a plant in order to the corresponding solutions converge to the solution of the initial problem. He solved this problem and gave many characterizations ((A) - (K) in our paper). Some of this characterizations are given in terms of convergence of sets and functions in the sense of Mosco, or G-convergence. After that Lucchetti and Mignanego [2] and Bennati [3] were interested in generalizing the results of Zolezzi. So, Lucchetti and Mignanego obtained that (C)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (D) for strongly smooth E-spaces and  $F(x,y) = (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) / p$ ,  $p > 1$  (instead of  $p = 2$  as in [1]), while Bennati showed some equivalences from [1] remain valid, in Hilbert spaces, for a larger class of functions. In this paper it is shown that all the equivalences established by Zolezzi remain valid for more general spaces and functions. Our results do not cover the ones in [2] (see also Remark 4), but show that the essentially new implications proved by Bennati are valid in a more general context. We also give a characterization of the convergence of sets in the sense of Mosco which

is just Theorem 1 in [4] for Hilbert spaces and also generalizes the one of Sonntag [5].

## 2. Notations. Definitions. Preliminary Results.

Throughout this paper  $X, Y$  denote real Banach spaces,  $X^*, Y^*$  are their topological duals,  $L(X, Y)$  is the Banach space of continuous linear operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ ; if  $L \in L(X, Y)$ ,  $L^*$  denotes the adjoint of  $L$  and  $\text{gph } L$  denotes the graph of  $L$ , i.e.,  $\text{gph } L = \{(x, Lx) \in X \times Y : x \in X\}$ . If  $x^* \in X^*$  and  $x \in X$  then  $\langle x, x^* \rangle$  denotes  $x^*(x)$ .  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightharpoonup$  denote the strong and weak convergence, respectively. We shall also use the following notations:  $S(x, r) = \{y \in X : \|y - x\| < r\}$ ,  $\bar{S}(x, r) = \{y \in X : \|y - x\| \leq r\}$ ;  $S_X = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$ . The Banach space  $X$  is strictly convex iff  $\forall x, y \in S_X, x \neq y : \|x + y\| < 2$ ,  $X$  is locally uniformly convex iff  $\forall x \in S_X \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall y \in S_X, \|y - x\| \geq \varepsilon : \|y + x\| \leq 2(1 - \delta)$ ,  $X$  is uniformly convex iff  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x, y \in S_X, \|y - x\| \geq \varepsilon : \|y + x\| \leq 2(1 - \delta)$ ,  $X$  is smooth if  $\forall x \in S_X \exists x^* \in S_{X^*}$  unique:  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = 1$  ( $\Leftrightarrow$  the norm of  $X$  is Gateaux differentiable on  $X \setminus \{0\}$ ), and  $X$  is strongly smooth iff the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable on  $X \setminus \{0\}$ , where  $M \setminus N = \{x \in M : x \notin N\}$ .  $X$  has property (h) if  $x_n \rightharpoonup x, \|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$  then  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , and  $X$  is an E-space if  $X$  is reflexive, strictly convex and has property (h).  $R, R_+, \bar{R}_+$  denote the reals, the nonnegative reals and  $R_+ \cup \{\infty\}$  respectively, while  $N$  and  $N^*$  denote the nonnegative and positive integers, respectively.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow R \cup \{\infty\}$ . The domain of  $f$  is  $\text{dom } f = \{x \in X : f(x) < \infty\}$ , the epigraph of  $f$  is the set  $\text{epi } f = \{(x, \alpha) \in X \times R : f(x) \leq \alpha\}$ ;  $f$  is proper if  $\text{dom } f \neq \emptyset$  ( $\emptyset$  - the empty set). The proper function  $f$  is convex if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y) \quad \forall x, y \in \text{dom } f, x \neq y, \forall \lambda \in ]0, 1[.$$



and  $f$  is strictly convex if in the above inequality  $\leq$  is replaced by  $<$ . The subdifferential of the convex function  $f$  at  $\bar{x} \in \text{dom } f$  is the set

$$\partial f(\bar{x}) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x - \bar{x}, x^* \rangle \leq f(x) - f(\bar{x}) \quad \forall x \in X\},$$

while for  $\bar{x} \notin \text{dom } f$ ,  $\partial f(\bar{x}) = \emptyset$ . It is known (see [6]) that  $\partial f(\bar{x})$  is a  $w^*$ -closed convex subset of  $X^*$  which is nonempty and  $w^*$ -compact if  $f$  is continuous and finite at  $\bar{x}$ . The conjugate of the proper function  $f : X \rightarrow R \cup \{\infty\}$  is

$$f^* : X^* \rightarrow R \cup \{\infty\}, \quad f^*(x^*) = \sup \{\langle x, x^* \rangle - f(x) : x \in X\}.$$

If  $f : X \rightarrow R \cup \{\infty\}$  is a proper function then  $f^{**} = f$  iff  $f$  is a lower semicontinuous (l.s.c.) convex function. The indicator of the set  $U \subset X$  is the function  $I_U : X \rightarrow R \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $I_U(x) = 0$  if  $x \in U$  and  $I_U(x) = \infty$  if  $x \notin U$ .  $I_U$  is l.s.c. and convex iff  $U$  is closed and convex.

Let  $\varphi : R_+ \rightarrow R_+$ ;  $\varphi$  is non decreasing if  $t_1, t_2 \in R_+$ ,  $t_1 \leq t_2 \Rightarrow \varphi(t_1) \leq \varphi(t_2)$  and  $\varphi$  is increasing if  $t_1, t_2 \in \text{dom } \varphi$ ,  $t_1 < t_2 \Rightarrow \varphi(t_1) < \varphi(t_2)$ . For a nondecreasing function  $\varphi : R_+ \rightarrow R_+$  we put  $\varphi_+(t) = \lim_{\tau \downarrow t} \varphi(\tau)$ ,  $\varphi_-(t) = \lim_{\tau \uparrow t} \varphi(\tau)$  and  $\varphi_-(0) = 0$ . Let

$$\Delta = \{\delta : R_+ \rightarrow R_+ : \delta \text{ is nondecreasing, } \delta(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0\}.$$

Note that if  $\delta \in \Delta$  and  $\delta(t_k) \rightarrow 0$  then  $t_k \rightarrow 0$ .

Let now  $f : X \rightarrow R \cup \{\infty\}$  be a proper l.s.c. convex function;  $f$  is uniformly convex at  $\bar{x} \in \text{dom } f$  if there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  such that

$$f\left(\frac{x+\bar{x}}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} f(\bar{x}) - \delta(\|x - \bar{x}\|), \quad \forall x \in \text{dom } f,$$

$f$  is uniformly convex if there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  such that

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} f(y) - \delta(\|x - y\|) \quad \forall x, y \in \text{dom } f,$$

and  $f$  is uniformly convex on the convex set  $U \subset X$  if  $f + I_U$  is uniformly convex.

Let  $\varphi: R_+ \rightarrow \bar{R}_+$  a nondecreasing function such that

$$a = \sup \{x : \varphi(x) < \infty\} > 0. \quad (1)$$

We associate to  $\varphi$  the following mappings :

$$\psi: R_+ \rightarrow \bar{R}_+, \quad \psi(x) = \int_0^x \varphi(t) dt, \quad (2)$$

$$f: X \rightarrow \bar{R}_+, \quad f(x) = \psi(\|x\|), \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}, \quad \phi(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \\ = \|x\| \|x^*\|, \varphi(\|x\|) \leq \|x^*\| \leq \varphi(\|x\|)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

It is known (see [7]) that  $\psi$  is a l.s.c. convex function,  $\psi$  is increasing iff  $\psi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0 (\Leftrightarrow \varphi(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0)$ ; therefore  $f$  is <sup>a</sup> l.s.c. convex function.  $\phi$  is the duality mapping associated to  $\varphi$ . The conjugate of  $\psi$  is  $\psi^*: R_+ \rightarrow \bar{R}_+$ ,

$$\psi^*(x) = \sup \{tx - \psi(t) : t \in R_+\}.$$

Concerning the above mappings we have the following results we shall need in the sequel.

Theorem A. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\varphi, \psi, f, \phi$  as above. Then :

(i) the right hand side derivative of  $\psi^*$  is given by  $\psi_{+}^{*'}(t) = \max \{ \tau \geq 0 : \varphi_{-}(\tau) \leq t \};$

(ii)  $[\psi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0] \Leftrightarrow [\varphi(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0] \Leftrightarrow \psi_{+}^{*'}(0) = 0;$

(iii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\psi(t)}{t} = \infty \Leftrightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = \infty \Leftrightarrow \psi_{+}^{*'}(t) < \infty \forall t \in R_+ \\ \Leftrightarrow \text{dom } \psi^* = R_+;$

(iv)  $\varphi$  is increasing  $\Leftrightarrow \psi_{+}^{*'}$  is continuous;

(v)  $\partial f(x) = \phi(x) \quad \forall x \in X;$

(vi)  $f^*(x^*) = \psi^*(\|x^*\|) \quad \forall x^* \in X^*;$

(vii)  $f$  is Gateaux differentiable on  $\text{int}(\text{dom } f) = S(0, a) \Leftrightarrow$

$\phi$  is single-valued on  $S(0, a) \Leftrightarrow$



$\varphi$  is continuous on  $[0, a[$  and  $X$  is smooth  $\Leftrightarrow$   
(if  $X$  is reflexive)

$\varphi$  is continuous on  $[0, a[$  and  $X^*$  is strictly convex ;

If  $X$  is reflexive and one of the above conditions is verified then

$$x_n, x \in S(0, a), \quad x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow \phi(x_n) \rightarrow \phi(x),$$

so that, if  $X^*$  is an E-space then  $\phi$  is continuous on  $S(0, a)$ .

(viii)  $f$  is strictly convex  $\Leftrightarrow$

$\varphi$  is strictly convex and  $X$  is strictly convex  $\Leftrightarrow$

$\varphi$  is increasing and  $X$  is strictly convex;

(ix)  $\phi$  is onto  $\Leftrightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = \infty$  and  $X$  is reflexive ;

(x)  $f$  is uniformly convex at any  $x \in S(0, a) \Leftrightarrow$

$\varphi$  is increasing and  $X$  is locally uniformly convex;

(xi)  $f$  is uniformly convex on  $S(0, M)$ ,  $\forall M \in ]0, a[ \Leftrightarrow$

$\varphi$  is increasing and  $X$  is uniformly convex;

(xii) suppose  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is increasing with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = \infty$  ; then

$\phi^{-1}$  is single-valued and uniformly continuous on bounded sets  $\Leftrightarrow$

$X$  is uniformly convex.

(xiii) Let  $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  be uniformly convex on the convex set  $U \subset X$ ; then there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  such that

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle y-x, x^* \rangle + \delta(\|y-x\|) \quad \forall x, y \in U, \quad x^* \in \partial f(x).$$

For the proof of this theorem see [8].

Consider now  $X, Y$  Banach spaces,  $L \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ ,  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  a l.s.c. convex functions and the following optimization problems :

$$(P) \quad \min_{x \in X} F(x, Lx),$$

$$(D) \quad \max_{y^* \in Y^*} -F^*(L^*y^*, -y^*),$$

called the primal and dual problem, respectively. Denote the value of problem (P) by  $\inf P$ , and, when it is attained, by  $\min P$ . Analogously for (D).

Theorem B. Suppose for some  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $(x_0, L x_0) \in \text{dom } F$  and  $F(x_0, \cdot)$  is continuous at  $L x_0$ . Then

$$\inf P = \max D. \quad (5)$$

Moreover,  $\bar{x}$  is a solution for (P) and  $\bar{y}^*$  is a solution for (D) iff

$$(L^* \bar{y}^*, -\bar{y}^*) \in \partial F(\bar{x}, L \bar{x}). \quad (6)$$

In the case  $F(x, y) = f(x) + g(y)$ ,  $f, g$  being l.s.c. convex functions (therefore  $F^*(x^*, y^*) = f^*(x^*) + g^*(y^*)$ ), if there exists  $x_0 \in \text{dom } f$  such that  $g$  is finite and continuous at  $L x_0$ , then (5) is valid and  $\bar{x}$  is solution for (P) and  $\bar{y}^*$  is solution for (D) iff

$$L^* \bar{y}^* \in \partial f(\bar{x}) \text{ and } -\bar{y}^* \in \partial g(L \bar{x}). \quad (7)$$

For the proof see [9], even in a more general setting.

We remember that  $f(\bar{x}) \leq f(x) \forall x \in X \iff 0 \in \partial f(\bar{x})$ .

Let now  $S_n \subset X$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; we say that  $(S_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  converges in the sense of Mosco at  $S_0$ , written  $S_n \xrightarrow{M} S_0$ , if

$$\forall x \in S_0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad \exists x_n \in S_n : x_n \rightarrow x, \quad (8)$$

and

$$x_{n_k} \in S_{n_k}, x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \implies x \in S_0. \quad (9)$$

If  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we say that  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  converges in the sense of Mosco at  $f_0$ , written

$f_n \xrightarrow{M} f_0$ , if  $\text{epi } f_n \xrightarrow{M} \text{epi } f_0$ . This one turns to be equivalent to the followings :

$$\forall x \in \text{dom } f_0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad \exists x_n \in \text{dom } f_n : f_n(x_n) \rightarrow f_0(x), \quad (10)$$

and



$$x_{n_k} \in \text{dom } f_{n_k}, x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \Rightarrow \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) \geq f_0(x). \quad (11)$$

We say that  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  is G-convergent at  $f_0$ , written  $f_n \xrightarrow{G} f_0$ , if

$$\inf(f_n + \langle \cdot, \hat{x}^* \rangle) \rightarrow \inf(f_0 + \langle \cdot, \hat{x}^* \rangle) \quad \forall \hat{x}^* \in X^*. \quad (12)$$

For these definitions see [1].

3. Results. Throughout this section  $(L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L(X, Y)$  is a sequence satisfying

$$\|L_n\| \leq C \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (13)$$

$\varphi_1 : R_+ \rightarrow \bar{R}_+$  is an increasing function such that  $\varphi_1(a_1) = \infty$ , where  $a_1 = \sup(\text{dom } \varphi_1)$ , and  $\varphi_2 : R_+ \rightarrow R_+$  is a nondecreasing function. In establishing the results we shall also use other assumptions on  $X, Y, \varphi_1, \varphi_2$ , which will be made later. To  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  we associate  $\psi_1, \psi_2, f_1 : X \rightarrow \bar{R}_+$  and  $f_2 : Y \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $\phi_1 : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  and  $\phi_2 : Y \rightarrow 2^{Y^*}$ , defined by (2), (3), (4) respectively. Let define for every  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in X \times Y$

$$F_{\hat{x}, \hat{y}} = F : X \times Y \rightarrow \bar{R}_+, F(x, y) = f_1(x - \hat{x}) + f_2(y - \hat{y}), \quad (14)$$

and

$$I_{n, \hat{x}, \hat{y}} = I_n : X \rightarrow \bar{R}_+, I_n(x) = F(x, L_n x). \quad (15)$$

For the pair  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  we consider the problems

$$(P_n) \quad \min_{x \in X} I_n(x);$$

$$(D_n) \quad \max_{y^* \in Y^*} -J_n(y^*),$$

where

$$J_n(y^*) = F^*(L_n^* y^*, -y^*) = (f_1^*(L_n^* y^*) + f_2^*(-y^*) + \langle L_n \hat{x} - \hat{y}, y^* \rangle) \quad (16)$$

Suppose  $X$  is strictly convex and reflexive; then  $(P_n)$  has an unique solution  $\bar{x}_n = \bar{x}_n(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  which is characterized by

$$0 \in \phi_1(\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}) + L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}). \quad (17)$$

(For this one take into account that  $\bar{x}_n$  is solution iff  $0 \in \partial I_n(\bar{x}_n)$  and the rules for the calculus of subdifferentials in [9]. From Theorem B we know that  $(D_n)$  has at least one solution. If  $Y^*$  is strictly convex and  $\psi_2$  is continuous (so that  $\psi_2^*$  is strictly convex) then  $(D_n)$  has an unique solution  $\bar{y}_n^* = \bar{y}_n^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  given by

$$\bar{y}_n^* = -\phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}). \quad (18)$$

With the above notations consider the following possible conditions upon  $(L_n)_{n \in N}$  and  $(I_n)_{n \in N}$ .

$$(A) \text{ gph } L_n \xrightarrow{M} \text{ gph } L_0;$$

$$(B) L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x \quad \forall x \in X \quad \text{and} \quad x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow L_n x_n \rightarrow L_0 x;$$

$$(C) L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x \quad \forall x \in X \quad \text{and} \quad L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^* \quad \forall y^* \in Y^*;$$

$$(D) \bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0 \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(E) I_n \xrightarrow{M} I_0 \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(F) I_n(x_n) - \min I_n \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0 \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(G) F(x_n, y_n) - \min I_n \rightarrow 0, \quad y_n - L_n x_n \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0 \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(H) I_n \xrightarrow{G} I_0 \quad \text{and} \quad I_n(x) \rightarrow I_0(x) \quad \forall x \in X, \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(I) I_n \xrightarrow{G} I_0 \quad \text{and} \quad I_n(\bar{x}_0) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0) \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(J) \liminf \min I_n \geq \min I_0, \quad \limsup I_n(\bar{x}_0) \leq I_0(\bar{x}_0), \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(K) \bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0, \quad L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup \min I_n \leq \min I_0, \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(L) \bar{y}_n^* \rightarrow \bar{y}_0^*, \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(M) I_n \xrightarrow{G} I_0, \quad L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x \quad \forall x \in X, \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y});$$

$$(N) \min I_n \rightarrow \min I_0, \quad L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x \quad \forall x \in X, \quad \forall (\hat{x}, \hat{y}).$$

For  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  fixed we denote by  $(D')$  the condition

$$\bar{x}_n(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \rightarrow \bar{x}_0(\hat{x}, \hat{y}). \quad \text{Analogously for conditions } (E') - (N'),$$



$(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  being the same in all these conditions.

Before seeing the various implications between conditions (A) - (N), let us give a characterization of the convergence of sets in the sense of Mosco.

Theorem 1. Let  $S_n \subset X$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be closed convex sets and suppose  $X$  and  $X^*$  are E-spaces. Then the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i)  $S_n \xrightarrow{M} S_0$ ,
- (ii)  $p_n(x) \rightarrow p_0(x) \quad \forall x \in X$ ,
- (iii)  $\text{dist}(x, S_n) \rightarrow \text{dist}(x, S_0) \quad \forall x \in X$ ,

where  $p_n(x) \in S_n$  is the element of best approximation for  $x$  by elements of  $S_n$  (which exists and is unique in our case) and  $\text{dist}(x, S_n) = \|x - p_n(x)\|$ .

Proof. Consider  $\Phi$  the duality mapping corresponding to  $\Psi(t) = t$ . By Theorem A, in the present conditions,  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi^{-1}$  are single-valued and continuous. Then for  $x \in X$ ,  $p_n(x)$  is characterized by

$$\langle p_n(x) - y, \Phi(x - p_n(x)) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in S_n. \quad (19)$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Take  $x \in S_0$ ; then  $S_n \ni p_n(x) \rightarrow p_0(x) = x$ . Therefore (8) is verified. Let now  $S_{n_k} \ni x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$ . Then, from (19),

$$\langle p_{n_k}(x_0) - x_{n_k}, \Phi(x_0 - p_{n_k}(x_0)) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall k.$$

But  $x_0 - p_{n_k}(x_0) \rightarrow x_0 - p_0(x_0)$ , so that  $\Phi(x_0 - p_{n_k}(x_0)) \rightarrow \Phi(x_0 - p_0(x_0))$  and  $p_{n_k}(x_0) - x_{n_k} \rightarrow p_0(x_0) - x_0$ . Therefore

$$\langle p_0(x_0) - x_0, \Phi(x_0 - p_0(x_0)) \rangle = -\|x_0 - p_0(x_0)\|^2 \geq 0,$$

which shows that  $x_0 = p_0(x_0) \in S_0$  and (9) is verified.

(Note we used only that  $X$  is strictly convex and  $X^*$  is an E-space).

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Let  $x \in X$  and take  $x_n \in S_n$ ,  $\|x_n - x\| = \text{dist}(x, S_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From (8) there exist  $y_n \in S_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow x_0$ . Therefore

$$\text{dist}(x, S_0) = \lim \|y_n - x\| \geq \limsup \|x_n - x\| = \limsup \text{dist}(x, S_n).$$

Take  $\|x_{n_k} - x\| \rightarrow A$ ; we can suppose  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow y \in S_0$ . Then  $x_{n_k} - x \rightarrow y - x$ , so that

$$A = \lim \|x_{n_k} - x\| \geq \|y - x\| \geq \text{dist}(x, S_0).$$

Therefore  $\text{dist}(x, S_n) \rightarrow \text{dist}(x, S_0) \quad \forall x \in X$ .

(Note we used only the reflexivity of  $X$ ).

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). a)  $x \in S_0$ ; then  $S_n \ni p_n(x) \rightarrow x = p_0(x)$ .

Therefore  $\forall x \in S_0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^* \exists x_n \in S_n : x_n \rightarrow x$ .

b) Take  $x \notin S_0$ . For  $p_0(x) \in S_0$  there exist  $x_n \in S_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , such that  $x_n \rightarrow p_0(x)$ . Then, taking into account (19), we have

$$\langle x - x_n, \phi(x - p_n(x)) \rangle \geq \|x - p_n(x)\|^2 = (\text{dist}(x, S_n))^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Take  $\phi(x - p_{n_k}(x)) \rightarrow x^*$ . Then, taking the limit in the above inequalities, we get

$$\langle x - p_0(x), x^* \rangle \geq \|x - p_0(x)\|^2, \quad (20)$$

so that  $\|x^*\| \geq \|x - p_0(x)\|$ . On the other hand  $\|x^*\| \leq$

$$\leq \liminf \|\phi(x - p_{n_k}(x))\| = \liminf \|x - p_{n_k}(x)\| =$$

$= \|x - p_0(x)\|$ , so that  $\|x^*\| = \|x - p_0(x)\|$ . Hence, in (20)

we have just equality. Therefore  $x^* = \phi(x - p_0(x))$  and

$$\phi(x - p_n(x)) \rightarrow \phi(x - p_0(x)). \text{ Since } \|\phi(x - p_n(x))\| \rightarrow$$

$$\|\phi(x - p_0(x))\| \text{ we obtain that } \phi(x - p_n(x)) \rightarrow \phi(x - p_0(x)).$$

But  $\phi^{-1}$  is continuous, so that  $x - p_n(x) \rightarrow x - p_0(x)$ , i.e.,

$$p_n(x) \rightarrow p_0(x) \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Remark 1. If  $X$  is a Hilbert space, Theorem 1 is just



[4, Theorem 1]. For  $X$  and  $X^*$  uniformly convex the equivalence of (i) and (ii) is proved in [5]. R. Lucchetti communicated me that Zolezzi had shown the implication (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) if  $X$  (and therefore  $X^*$ ) is a strongly smooth E-space.

Let us study the various implications between (A) - (N). Firstly we have.

Remark 2. It is obvious that we always have :  $(M') \Rightarrow (N') \Rightarrow (J')$  ;  $(M') \Rightarrow (H') \Rightarrow (I') \Rightarrow (J')$  ;  $(F') \Rightarrow (D')$  and  $(G') \Rightarrow (D')$ .

Theorem 2. Suppose  $X, Y$  are reflexive and  $X^*$  has property (h). Then  $(A) \Leftrightarrow (B) \Leftrightarrow (C)$ .

Proof.  $(A) \Rightarrow (B)$ . Let  $x \in X$ ;  $(x, L_0 x) \in \text{gph } L_0$  so that there exists  $(x_n) \subset X$  such that  $(x_n, L_n x_n) \rightarrow (x, L_0 x)$ . Therefore  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $L_n x_n \rightarrow L_0 x$ , so that, taking into account (13),  $L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x$ . Let now  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ; then  $(x_n)$  is bounded so that, by (13),  $(L_n x_n)$  is bounded. Take  $L_{n_k} (x_{n_k}) \rightarrow y$ ; hence  $(x_{n_k}, L_{n_k} (x_{n_k})) \rightarrow (x, y)$ , so that  $(x, y) \in \text{gph } L_0$ , i.e.,  $y = L_0 x$ . Therefore  $L_n x_n \rightarrow L_0 x$ .

$(B) \Rightarrow (C)$ . We must show  $L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^*$  for  $y^* \in Y^*$ . We have  $\langle x, L_n^* y^* \rangle = \langle L_n x, y^* \rangle \rightarrow \langle L_0 x, y^* \rangle = \langle x, L_0^* y^* \rangle$  for every  $x \in X$ . Therefore  $L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^*$ . Since  $X^*$  is reflexive there exist  $x_n \in S_X$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|L_n^* y^*\| = \langle x_n, L_n^* y^* \rangle = \langle L_n x_n, y^* \rangle$ . Take  $A = \limsup \|L_n^* y^*\|$  and  $(x_{n_k})$  such that  $\|L_{n_k}^* y^*\| \rightarrow A$ ; we can suppose  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x \in \bar{S}(0, 1)$ . By hypothesis  $L_{n_k} x_{n_k} \rightarrow L_0 x$ , so that  $\|L_{n_k}^* y^*\| = \langle x_{n_k}, L_{n_k}^* y^* \rangle = \langle L_{n_k} x_{n_k}, y^* \rangle \rightarrow A = \langle L_0 x, y^* \rangle \leq \|L_0^* y^*\|$ . Since the norm is w-l.s.c. we have  $\liminf \|L_n^* y^*\| \geq \|L_0^* y^*\|$ . Therefore  $\|L_n^* y^*\| \rightarrow \|L_0^* y^*\|$ . Since  $L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^*$  and  $X^*$  has property (h) it follows that  $L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^* \quad \forall y^* \in Y^*$ .

(C)  $\Rightarrow$  (A). Let  $(x, L_0 x) \in \text{gph } L_0$ ; then  $\text{gph } L_n \ni (x, L_n x) \rightarrow (x, L_0 x)$ . Let now  $(x_{n_k}, L_{n_k} x_{n_k}) \rightarrow (x, y)$ , i.e.,  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ ,  $L_{n_k} x_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ . Then for  $y^* \in Y^*$ .

$$\langle L_{n_k} x_{n_k}, y^* \rangle = \langle x_{n_k}, L_{n_k}^* y^* \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, L_0^* y^* \rangle = \langle L_0 x, y^* \rangle.$$

Therefore  $L_{n_k} x_{n_k} \rightarrow L_0 x$ , so that  $y = L_0 x$ , i.e.,  $(x, y) \in \text{gph } L_0$ .

The proof is complete

Theorem 3. Suppose  $X$  is an E-space.

(i) (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (D), (E), (H) - (K), (M), (N),

(ii) (K')  $\Rightarrow$  (D').

(iii) Furthermore, if  $Y^*$  is an E-space and  $\Psi_2$  is continuous, then (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (L).

Proof. (i) (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (D). Fix  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ . It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) + \Psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|) &\leq \Psi_1(\|x - \hat{x}\|) + \\ &+ \Psi_2(\|L_n x - \hat{y}\|) \quad \forall x \in X, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

so that

$$\Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) + \Psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|) \leq \Psi_2(\|L_n \hat{x} - \hat{y}\|). \quad (22)$$

Therefore  $(\bar{x}_n)$  is bounded. Let  $\bar{x}_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$ . Then, from (B),

$L_{n_k} \bar{x}_{n_k} \rightarrow L_0 x_0$ . Since  $f_1, f_2$  are w - l.s.c., taking the lower limit in (21) for  $n = n_k, k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\Psi_1(\|x_0 - \hat{x}\|) + \Psi_2(\|L_0 x_0 - \hat{y}\|) \leq \Psi_1(\|x - \hat{x}\|) + \Psi_2(\|L_0 x - \hat{y}\|) \quad \forall x \in X,$$

so that  $x_0 = \bar{x}_0$ . Therefore  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0$ . Writing (21) for  $x = \bar{x}_0$ , we have

$$\Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) \leq \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|) + \Psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}\|) - \Psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|),$$

so that, taking the upper limit, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) &\leq \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|) + \Psi_2(\|L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}\|) - \Psi_2(\|L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}\|) \\ &= \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtained  $\lim \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) = \Psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|)$ . But  $\Psi_1$  is



increasing and continuous, so that  $\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\| \rightarrow \|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|$ , which together  $\bar{x}_n - \hat{x} \rightarrow \bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}$  imply  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .

(B)  $\Rightarrow$  (N), (K). We just obtained  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ , which implies  $L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0$ , so that by the continuity of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , we have  $\min I_n \rightarrow \min I_0$ .

In the same way, if we replace  $I_n$  by  $I_n + \langle \cdot, x^* \rangle$ ,  $x^* \in X^*$ , we obtain that  $\min(I_n + \langle \cdot, x^* \rangle) \rightarrow \min(I_0 + \langle \cdot, x^* \rangle)$ , i.e.  $I_n \xrightarrow{G} I_0$ . So we have (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (M). Thus, taking into account.

Remark 2, we must only show (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (E). So, let  $x \in X$ ; then  $(x, L_n x) \rightarrow (x, L_0 x)$ , so that, by the continuity of  $f_2$ ,  $I_n(x) \rightarrow I_0(x)$ . Let now  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ ; then  $L_{n_k} x_{n_k} \rightarrow L_0 x$ , so that  $\liminf I_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) \geq I_0(x)$ . Therefore  $I_n \xrightarrow{M} I_0$ .

(ii) (K')  $\Rightarrow$  (D'). Since  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ ,  $L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf I_n(\bar{x}_n) &= \liminf (\psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) + \psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|)) \\ &\geq \liminf \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) + \liminf \psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|) \\ &\geq \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|) + \psi_2(\|L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}\|) = I_0(\bar{x}_0). \end{aligned}$$

But, by hypotheses,  $\limsup I_n(\bar{x}_n) \leq I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ , so that  $I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Therefore,  $\liminf \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) = \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|)$  and  $\liminf \psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|) = \psi_2(\|L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}\|)$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) &= \limsup [I_n(\bar{x}_n) - \psi_2(\|L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}\|)] = \\ &= I_0(\bar{x}_0) - \psi_2(\|L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}\|) = \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|), \end{aligned}$$

so that  $\psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) \rightarrow \psi_1(\|\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}\|)$ , and, as above,  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .

(iii) Suppose  $Y^*$  is an E-space and  $\psi_2$  is continuous. Then, as noted at the beginning of the section,  $(D_n)$  has an unique solution  $\bar{y}_n^* = -\phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y})$ . But  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ , so that  $L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0$ . Since  $Y^*$  is an E-space, by Theorem A,  $\phi_2$  is continuous. Therefore

$$\bar{y}_n^* = -\phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) \rightarrow -\phi_2(L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}) = \bar{y}_0^*.$$

Theorem 4. Suppose  $X$  is uniformly convex. Then  $(E') \Rightarrow (D')$ ;  $(J') \Rightarrow (D')$ ;  $(E') \Rightarrow (F')$ . Furthermore, if  $Y^*$  is an  $E$ -space and  $\psi_2$  is continuous, then  $(B) \Rightarrow (G)$ .

Proof.  $(E') \Rightarrow (D')$ . Let  $(E')$  be verified for  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ . Taking into account (22) and (13) we have that  $\psi_1(\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\|) \leq M_1$  for some  $M_1 > 0$ . Therefore, there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\| \leq M < a_1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (23)$$

Since  $I_n \xrightarrow{M} I_0$ , there exists  $(x_n) \subset X$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  such that  $I_n(x_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ , which implies  $\limsup I_n(\bar{x}_n) \leq I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . We can suppose  $(x_n)$  also satisfies (23). Let now  $\bar{x}_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$ ; then  $\liminf I_{n_k}(\bar{x}_{n_k}) \geq I_0(x_0) \geq I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Therefore  $x_0 = \bar{x}_0$ ,  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Since  $X$  is uniformly convex,  $I_1$  is uniformly convex on  $\bar{S}(0, M)$  so that  $I_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  are equi-uniformly convex on  $S(\hat{x}, M)$ . Therefore there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  such that

$$I_n(x_n) \geq I_n(\bar{x}_n) + \delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (24)$$

But  $\lim I_n(x_n) = \lim I_n(\bar{x}_n) = I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ , so that  $\delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|) \rightarrow 0$  which implies  $x_n - \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  it follows  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .

$(E') \Rightarrow (F')$ . We saw above that  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Since  $I_n(x_n) - I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow 0$ , it follows that  $I_n(x_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . There exists  $M \in ]0, a_1[$  such that

$$\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\| \leq M, \quad \|x_n - \hat{x}\| \leq M, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus, for some  $\delta \in \Delta$  we have (24). Therefore  $x_n - \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$  which together with  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  imply  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .

$(J') \Rightarrow (D')$ . Since  $I_n(\bar{x}_n) \leq I_n(\bar{x}_0)$ , it follows, from the hypotheses, that  $I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$  and  $I_n(\bar{x}_0) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . As above, for some  $\delta \in \Delta$  we have

$$I_n(\bar{x}_0) \geq I_n(\bar{x}_n) + \delta(\|\bar{x}_0 - \bar{x}_n\|), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

which implies  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .



Suppose, furthermore, that  $Y^*$  is an E-space and  $\varphi_2$  is continuous, and show (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (G). Fix  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  and take  $\bar{x}_n$  the (unique) solution of  $(P_n)$  and  $\bar{y}_n^*$  the (unique) solution of  $(D_n)$ . From Theorem 3 we have  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $\bar{y}_n^* \rightarrow \bar{y}_0^*$ . It is obvious that  $(I_n(\bar{x}_n))$  is bounded which implies  $(F(x_n, y_n))$  is so. But  $0 \leq \psi_1(\|x_n - \hat{x}\|) \leq F(x_n, y_n)$ , so that there exists  $M \in ]0, a_1[$ , such that

$$\|\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}\| \leq M, \|x_n - \hat{x}\| \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, taking into account Theorem A (xiii), there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  such that

$$f_1(x_n - \hat{x}) \geq f_1(\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}) + \langle x_n - \bar{x}_n, L_n^* \bar{y}_n^* \rangle + \delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|), \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

since, by Theorem B,  $L_n^* \bar{y}_n^* \in \partial f_1(\bar{x}_n - \hat{x})$ . On the other hand, since  $-\bar{y}_n^* \in \partial f_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y})$ , we have

$$f_2(y_n - \hat{y}) \geq f_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) + \langle y_n - L_n \bar{x}_n, -\bar{y}_n^* \rangle.$$

Adding the above inequalities, we get

$$F(x_n, y_n) \geq I_n(\bar{x}_n) + \langle L_n x_n - y_n, \bar{y}_n^* \rangle + \delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Taking into account that  $L_n x_n - y_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\bar{y}_n^* \rightarrow \bar{y}_0^*$ ,  $F(x_n, y_n) - I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow 0$  we obtain, as above,  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ . The proof is complete.

Theorem 5. (i) Suppose  $X$  is strictly convex,  $X^*$  is an E-space,  $Y$  has property (h),  $Y^*$  is uniformly convex,  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  are continuous,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_2(t) = \infty$  and  $\varphi_2(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$ . Then (D)  $\Rightarrow$  (C).

(ii) Suppose  $X$  is uniformly convex,  $X^*$  has property (h),  $Y$  is an E-space,  $Y^*$  is strictly convex,  $\varphi_{1+}(0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi_2$  is increasing and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_2(t) = \infty$ . Then (L)  $\Rightarrow$  (C).

Proof. (i) Note that in our conditions  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are single-valued mappings,  $\phi_1$  is continuous on  $\text{dom } \phi_1 = S(0, a_1)$

and onto and  $\phi_2$  is onto and uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $Y$  (see Theorem A). So, by (17), for  $\bar{x}_n = \bar{x}_n(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ , we have

$$\phi_1(\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}) + L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) = 0. \quad (25)$$

Let us show that

$$L_n^* \phi_2(L_n x + y) \rightarrow L_0^* \phi_2(L_0 x + y) \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y. \quad (26)$$

Since  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $\phi_1$  is continuous, from (25), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) &= -\phi_1(\bar{x}_n - \hat{x}) \rightarrow -\phi_1(\bar{x}_0 - \hat{x}) = \\ &= L_0^* \phi_2(L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) - L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y})\| &\leq C \|\phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) - \\ &- \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y})\|. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

On the other hand  $(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are bounded and

$$\|(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) - (L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y})\| \leq C \|\bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_0\|. \quad (29)$$

Since  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $\phi_2$  is uniformly continuous on bounded sets, it follows from (28) and (29) that

$$L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_n - \hat{y}) - L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (30)$$

From (27) and (30) we get

$$L_n^* \phi_2(L_n \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}) \rightarrow L_0^* \phi_2(L_0 \bar{x}_0 - \hat{y}).$$

But  $\forall x \in X, \hat{y} \in Y \exists \hat{x} \in X$  such that  $x = \bar{x}_0(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ . Indeed take  $\hat{x}$  such that  $\phi_1(x - \hat{x}) + L_0^* \phi_2(L_0 x - \hat{y}) = 0$ , which exists since  $\phi_1$  is onto. So we obtained that (26) is true. Taking now  $x = 0$  in (26) we have  $L_n^* \phi_2(y) \rightarrow L_0^* \phi_2(y) \quad \forall y \in Y$ . But  $\phi_2$  is onto, so that

$$L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^* \quad \forall y^* \in Y^*. \quad (31)$$

Let now  $x \in X$  and take  $y = 0$  in (26). Then



$$L_n^* \Phi_2(L_n x) \rightarrow L_0^* \Phi_2(L_0 x),$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, L_n^* \Phi_2(L_n x) \rangle &= \langle L_n x, \Phi_2(L_n x) \rangle = \|L_n x\| \varphi_2(\|L_n x\|) \rightarrow \\ \langle x, L_0^* \Phi_2(L_0 x) \rangle &= \langle L_0 x, \Phi_2(L_0 x) \rangle = \|L_0 x\| \varphi_2(\|L_0 x\|). \end{aligned}$$

Since the function  $0 \leq t \rightarrow t \varphi_2(t)$  is continuous and increasing, it follows that  $\|L_n x\| \rightarrow \|L_0 x\|$ . On the other hand

$$\langle L_n x, y^* \rangle = \langle x, L_n^* y^* \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, L_0^* y^* \rangle = \langle L_0 x, y^* \rangle, \forall y^* \in Y^*,$$

so that  $L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x$ . Since  $Y$  has property (h), we get  $L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x$ , which together with (31) show that (C) is valid.

(ii) In our conditions, taking into account Theorem A,  $\Phi_2^{-1} : Y^* \rightarrow Y$  is a single-valued continuous mapping,  $\Phi_1^{-1} : X^* \rightarrow X$  is a single-valued mapping, uniformly continuous on bounded sets and  $(D_n)$  has an unique solution  $\bar{y}_n^* = \bar{y}_n^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  characterized by

$$L_n(\hat{x} + \Phi_1^{-1}(L_n^* \bar{y}_n^*)) + \Phi_2^{-1}(\bar{y}_n^*) - \hat{y} = 0. \quad (32)$$

It follows easily that for  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  fixed,  $(\bar{y}_n^*)$  is bounded. As in (i) we obtain that

$$L_n(\hat{x} + \Phi_1^{-1}(L_n^* \bar{y}_0^*)) \rightarrow L_0(\hat{x} + \Phi_1^{-1}(L_0^* \bar{y}_0^*)). \quad (33)$$

It is obvious that  $\forall \hat{x} \in X, y^* \in Y^* \exists \hat{y} \in Y$  such that  $\bar{y}_0^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = y^*$ .

Thus, from (33), we get

$$L_n(x + \Phi_1^{-1}(L_n^* y^*)) \rightarrow L_0(x + \Phi_1^{-1}(L_0^* y^*)) \quad \forall x \in X, y^* \in Y^*. \quad (34)$$

Taking  $y^* = 0$  in (34) we obtain  $L_n x \rightarrow L_0 x \quad \forall x \in X$ , while, taking in (34)  $x = 0$ , we get

$$L_n \Phi_1^{-1}(L_n^* y^*) \rightarrow L_0 \Phi_1^{-1}(L_0^* y^*), \forall y^* \in Y^*.$$

As in the proof of part (i) we obtain that  $L_n^* y^* \rightarrow L_0^* y^* \quad \forall y^* \in Y^*$ , so that (C) is verified.

Summarizing the results of Theorems 2-5 we have

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Theorem 6. Suppose the following conditions are verified :

$X, Y^*$  are uniformly convex,  $X^*, Y$  are E-spaces,  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  are continuous and increasing,  $\varphi_{1-}(a_1) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_2(t) = \infty$ . Then the conditions (A) - (N) are pairwise equivalent. (By our conventions  $\varphi_{1-}(0) = \varphi_{2-}(0) = 0$  so that  $\varphi_{1+}(0) = \varphi_{2+}(0) = 0$ .)

Remark 3. The equivalence of conditions (A) - (K) was obtained by Zolezzi [1] for  $X, Y$  Hilbert spaces and  $\varphi_1(t) = \varphi_2(t) = t$ .

Remark 4. We obtained that (C)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (D) if  $X, X^*$  are E-spaces,  $Y$  has property (h) and  $Y^*$  is uniformly convex,  $\varphi_1$  as in Theorem 6 and  $\varphi_2 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous, nondecreasing,  $\varphi_2(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_2(t) = \infty$ . Lucchetti and Mignanego [2] obtained the same equivalence when  $X, Y$  are strongly smooth E-spaces and  $\varphi_1(t) = \varphi_2(t) = t^{p-1}$ ,  $p > 1$ . We are not convinced that condition  $Y^*$  - uniformly convex can be weakened, even for such  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$ .

Let us observe that condition (D) can be written in the following form

$$(D) \quad x_n(F) \rightarrow \bar{x}_0(F) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_1,$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{F_{\hat{x}, \hat{y}} : \hat{x} \in X, \hat{y} \in Y\}$ . The conditions (E) - (N) may be written in a similar way. So as we pointed in Remark 3, Zolezzi proved the equivalences of (A) - (K) for  $X, Y$  Hilbert spaces and taking instead of  $\mathcal{F}_1$  the class  $\mathcal{F}_0$  obtained from  $\mathcal{F}_1$  in the case  $\varphi_1(t) = \varphi_2(t) = t^2$ . Bennati [3] was interested in generalizing the results of Zolezzi taking a larger class of functions and keeping  $X, Y$  Hilbert spaces. More exactly, Bennati considered the class  $\mathcal{F}$  of functions  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which

satisfy the following conditions :

$$F \text{ is convex and continuous,} \quad (35)$$



$$F\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} F(x_1, y_1) + \frac{1}{2} F(x_2, y_2) - \frac{1}{4} \gamma \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, y_1, y_2 \in Y, \quad (36)$$

$\gamma \in ]0, 1[$  being the same for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F \text{ is Fréchet differentiable with respect to } y \text{ and} \\ X \times Y \ni (x, y) \rightarrow \nabla_y F(x, y) \text{ is continuous.} \end{array} \right. \quad (37)$$

Remark 5. Bennati showed the equivalences (A)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (C)

$\Leftrightarrow$  (D)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (E)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (L) where the conditions (D), (E), (L) are taken for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}$  the essentially new implications are (C)  $\Rightarrow$  (D), (E), (L).

In what follows we consider  $X$  a reflexive Banach space and  $Y$  a Banach space,  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a continuous convex function, strictly convex with respect to  $x$ , i.e.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(\lambda(x_1, y_1) + (1-\lambda)(x_2, y_2)) \leq \lambda F(x_1, y_1) + (1-\lambda) F(x_2, y_2) \\ \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, x_1 \neq x_2, y_1, y_2 \in Y, \lambda \in ]0, 1[. \end{array} \right. \quad (38)$$

For such a function we want to see what kind of assumptions we must impose such that (B) implies some of conditions (D') - (N'), where  $(L_n) \subset L(X, Y)$  satisfies (13) and  $I_n(x) = F(x, L_n x)$ . Remark that (38) assures that  $I_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  are strictly convex. We shall deal with one or many of the following conditions.

Firstly consider the following generalization of (36) :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists \delta \in \Delta, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\delta(t)}{t} = \infty \text{ such that} \\ F\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} F(x_1, y_1) + \frac{1}{2} F(x_2, y_2) - \\ - \delta(\|x_1 - x_2\|) \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, y_1, y_2 \in Y, \end{array} \right. \quad (39)$$

or, less restrictive,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall M > 0 \exists \delta \in \Delta \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in S(0, M), y_1, y_2 \in Y : \\ F\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} F(x_1, y_1) + \frac{1}{2} F(x_2, y_2) - \delta(\|x_1 - x_2\|). \end{array} \right. \quad (40)$$

We also consider the following coercivity conditions :

$$\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{y \in \bar{S}(0, c\|x\|)} F(x, y) = \infty \quad (41)$$

and

$$\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\|x\|} \inf_{y \in \bar{S}(0, c\|x\|)} F(x, y) = \infty, \quad (42)$$

where  $c > 0$  is the constant from (13).

As in [7] we can show that if  $F$  satisfies (39) then there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\delta(t)}{t} = \infty$  such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(x, y) \geq F(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \langle x - \bar{x}, x^* \rangle + \langle y - \bar{y}, y^* \rangle + \delta(\|x - \bar{x}\|) \\ \forall x, \bar{x} \in X, y, \bar{y} \in Y, (x^*, y^*) \in \partial F(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \end{array} \right. \quad (43)$$

and, if  $F$  satisfies (40) then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall M > 0 \exists \delta \in \Delta \quad \forall x, \bar{x} \in S(0, M), y, \bar{y} \in Y, (x^*, y^*) \in \partial F(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) : \\ F(x, y) \geq F(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \langle x - \bar{x}, x^* \rangle + \langle y - \bar{y}, y^* \rangle + \delta(\|x - \bar{x}\|). \end{array} \right. \quad (44)$$

Taking in (43)  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (0, 0)$  and  $(x_0^*, y_0^*) \in \partial F(0, 0)$  we get that  $F$  satisfies (42). Now, taking  $L \in L(X, Y)$  and  $I(x) = F(x, Lx)$ , if  $F$  satisfies (39), then

$$I(x) \geq I(\bar{x}) + \langle x - \bar{x}, x^* \rangle + \delta(\|x - \bar{x}\|) \quad \forall x, \bar{x} \in X, x^* \in \partial I(\bar{x}), \quad (45)$$

and, if  $F$  satisfies (40) then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall M > 0 \exists \delta \in \Delta \quad \forall x, \bar{x} \in S(0, M), x^* \in \partial I(\bar{x}) : \\ I(x) \geq I(\bar{x}) + \langle x - \bar{x}, x^* \rangle + \delta(\|x - \bar{x}\|). \end{array} \right. \quad (46)$$

We can now formulate the following result.

Theorem 7. Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $Y$  a Banach space,  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a continuous convex function satisfying

(38),  $(L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L(X, Y)$ , satisfying (13),  $I_n(x) = F(x, L_n x)$ .



- (i)  $(B) \Rightarrow (E')$
- (ii) if  $F$  satisfies (41) then  $(B) \Rightarrow (J'), (K'), (N')$  ;
- (iii) if  $F$  satisfies (42) then  $(B) \Rightarrow (H'), (I'), (M')$  ;
- (iv) if  $F$  satisfies (40) and (41) then  $(E') \Rightarrow (D'), (F')$  ;
- (v) if  $F$  satisfies (37), (40), (41) then  $(B) \Rightarrow (L')$ .

Furthermore, if (41) holds with  $c$  replaced by some  $\alpha > c$  then  $(B) \Rightarrow (G')$ .

Proof. (i) By the continuity of  $F$  we have  $\lim I_n(x) = \lim F(x, L_n x) = F(x, L_0 x) = I_0(x) \quad \forall x \in X$ . Take now  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ ; then, from (B), we have  $L_{n_k} x_{n_k} \rightarrow L_0 x$ , which, by the w-lower semicontinuity of  $F$  implies  $\liminf (I_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) = \liminf F(x_{n_k}, L_{n_k} x_{n_k}) \geq F(x, L_0 x) = I_0(x)$ . Therefore  $I_n \xrightarrow{M} I_0$ .

(ii) It is obvious that  $F(\bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{x}_n) = I_n(\bar{x}_n) \leq I_n(0) = F(0, 0)$ , so that, from (41), we get that  $(\bar{x}_n)$  is bounded. By (i) we have  $I_n(\bar{x}_0) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$  so that  $\limsup I_n(\bar{x}_n) \leq I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Take  $\bar{x}_{n_k} \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ . Then  $\liminf I_{n_k}(\bar{x}_{n_k}) \geq I_0(\bar{x}_0) \geq I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Therefore  $x_0 = \bar{x}_0$ ,  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ ,  $\lim I_n(\bar{x}_n) = I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . Once again, by (B) it follows  $L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0$ . Hence  $(B) \Rightarrow (J'), (K'), (N')$ .

(iv)  $(E') \Rightarrow (D')$ . From (41) we have that  $(\bar{x}_n)$  is bounded.

Since  $I_n \xrightarrow{M} I_0$ , there exists  $(x_n) \subset X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$  and  $I_n(x_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$ . As in (ii) it follows that  $I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow I_0(\bar{x}_0)$  and  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ . Taking  $M/2 \geq \|x_n\|, \|\bar{x}_n\| \quad \forall n \in N$ , from (40) it follows that (46) holds for very  $n \in N$ , i.e.

$$I_n(x_n) \geq I_n(\bar{x}_n) + \delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|), \quad \forall n \in N. \quad (47)$$

Taking the limit it follows that  $x_n - \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$  which shows that  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .

$(E') \Rightarrow (F')$ . In our conditions  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ . On the other hand, (47) is true, so that  $x_n - \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$ , which implies  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ .

(v) (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (L'). We saw in part (iv) that  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ . The solutions  $\bar{y}_n^*$  of the dual problems  $(D_n)$  (which exists by Theorem B) verify

$$(L_n^* \bar{y}_n^*, -\bar{y}_n^*) \in \partial F(\bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{x}_n),$$

so that, from (37), we have that

$$\bar{y}_n^* = -\nabla_y F(\bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{x}_n).$$

This one shows that  $(D_n)$  has unique solution. From (B) it follows that  $L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow L_0 \bar{x}_0$ , so that, by the continuity of  $\nabla_y F$ , we get

$$\bar{y}_n^* = -\nabla_y F(\bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{x}_n) \rightarrow -\nabla_y F(\bar{x}_0, L_0 \bar{x}_0) = \bar{y}_0^*.$$

(B)  $\Rightarrow$  (G'). Take  $F(x_n, y_n) - I_n(\bar{x}_n) \rightarrow 0$  so that  $y_n - L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $I_n(\bar{x}_n)$  is bounded, it follows that  $(F(x_n, y_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded. Suppose  $(x_n)$  is not bounded. Taking a subsequence, if necessary, we can suppose that  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since  $y_n - L_n \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$  there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|y_n - L_n \bar{x}_n\| \leq M$ , so that  $\|y_n\| \leq M + c\|x_n\| \leq \alpha \|x_n\|$  for  $n$  sufficiently large.

Therefore  $F(x_n, y_n) \geq \inf_{y \in S(0, \alpha \|x_n\|)} F(x_n, y)$  which implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n, y_n) = \infty$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $(x_n)$  is bounded.

From (40) there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  such that (44) holds. Since

$$(L_n^* \bar{y}_n^*, -\bar{y}_n^*) \in \partial F(\bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{x}_n), \text{ from (44), we get}$$

$$F(x_n, y_n) \geq F(\bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{x}_n) + \langle x_n - \bar{x}_n, L_n \bar{y}_n^* \rangle + \langle y_n - L_n \bar{x}_n, -\bar{y}_n^* \rangle + \delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|) = F(x_n, L_n \bar{x}_n) + \langle L_n \bar{x}_n - y_n, \bar{y}_n^* \rangle + \delta(\|x_n - \bar{x}_n\|).$$

Taking the limit and using the hypotheses and  $\bar{y}_n^* \rightarrow \bar{y}_0^*$ , proved above, we obtain  $x_n - \bar{x}_n \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\bar{x}_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ , we get  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}_0$ . The proof is complete.

(iii) For  $x^* \in X^*$  take  $\tilde{F}(x, y) = F(x, y) + \langle x, x^* \rangle$ . If  $F$  satisfies (42) then  $\tilde{F}$  also satisfies (42), and therefore (41). Applying (ii) for  $\tilde{F}$  we obtain that (H'), (I'), (M') hold.



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