# THE TOPOLOGICAL DEGREE OF A-PROPER MAPPING IN THE MENGER PN-SPACE (II)

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In the paper "The topological degree of A-proper mapping in the Menger PN-space (I)", the new concept of A-proper topological degree has been given. Now, utilising the new concept, we give the corresponding definitions of convex A-proper,  $P_*$ -compact and  $P_{\gamma}$ -compact in Menger PN-space. As an application of these new concepts, we prove the existence of solution for some equations.

### 1. Introduction

In this paper, utilising A-proper properties, we discuss the existence of solution for some equations. For the sake of convenience, we recall some definitions and properties of PN-space.

DEFINITION 1: (Chang [1].) A probabilistic normed space (shortly a PN-space) is an ordered pair (E,F), where E is a real linear space, F is a mapping of E into D (D is the set of all distribution functions. We shall denote the distribution function F(x) by  $F_x$ ,  $F_x(t)$  denotes the value  $F_x$  for  $t \in R$ .) satisfying the following conditions:

- (PN-1)  $F_x(0) = 0$ ;
- (PN-2)  $F_x(t) = H(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $x = \theta$ , where H(t)=0 when  $t \leq 0$ , and H(t)=1 when t > 0;
- (PN-3) For all  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $F_{\alpha x}(t) = F_x(t/|\alpha|)$ ;
- (PN-4) For any  $x, y \in E$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in R$ , if  $F_x(t_1) = 1$  and  $F_y(t_2) = 1$ , then we have  $F_{x+y}(t_1 + t_2) = 1$ .

**LEMMA 1.** (Chang [1].) Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a Menger PN-space with a continuous t-norm  $\Delta$ , then  $x_n \subset E$  is said to be convergent to  $x \in E$  if for any t > 0, we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{x_n-x}(t) = H(t)$ .

**Lemma 2.** The generalised topological degree  $\operatorname{Deg}(f,\Omega,p)$  has the following properties:

(i)  $Deg(I, \Omega, p) = 1, \forall p \in \Omega$ , where I is an identity operator;

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- (ii) If  $Deg(f, \Omega, p) \neq \{0\}$ , then the equation f(x) = p has a solution in  $\Omega$ ;
- (iii) If  $L: [0,1] \times \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is continuous and for any fixed  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $L(t,.): \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is an A-proper mapping satisfying

$$\lim_{t\to t_0}\inf_{x\in\overline{\Omega}}F_{L(t,x)-L(t_0,x)}(\varepsilon)=H(\varepsilon),\quad\forall\varepsilon>0.$$

Let  $p \notin h_t(\partial\Omega)$ ,  $0 \leqslant t \leqslant 1$ , where  $h_t(x) = L(t,x)$ , then we have

$$Deg(h_t, \Omega, p) = Deg(h_0, \Omega, p), \quad \forall \ 0 \le t \le 1;$$

(iv) If  $\Omega_0$  is an open subset of  $\Omega$  and  $p \notin f(\overline{\Omega} \setminus \Omega_0)$ , then we have

$$\operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega, p) = \operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega_0, p);$$

(v) If  $\Omega_{(1)}$  and  $\Omega_{(2)}$  are two disjoint open subsets of  $\Omega$  and

$$p \notin f(\overline{\Omega} \setminus (\Omega_{(1)} \cup \Omega_{(2)})),$$

then

$$\operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega, p) \subseteq \operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega_{(1)}, p) + \operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega_{(2)}, p).$$

If either  $Deg(f, \Omega_{(1)}, p)$  or  $Deg(f, \Omega_{(2)}, p)$  is single-valued, then

$$\mathrm{Deg}(f,\Omega,p)=\mathrm{Deg}(f,\Omega_{(1)},p)+\mathrm{Deg}(f,\Omega_{(2)},p);$$

- (vi) If  $p \notin f(\partial \Omega)$ , then  $Deg(f, \Omega, p) = Deg(f p, \Omega, \theta)$ ;
- (vii) If p varies on every connected component of  $E \setminus f(\partial \Omega)$ , then  $Deg(f, \Omega, p)$  is a constant.

### 2. MAIN RESULTS

**LEMMA 3.** Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space,  $\Delta$  is a continuous t-norm, and  $f: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is an A-proper mapping. Then  $\lambda f$  is also an A-proper mapping  $(\lambda \neq 0)$ .

PROOF: For any sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}\in\overline{\Omega}_{n_k}$ , we have

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} F_{Q_{n_k}\lambda f(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}(y)}(t) = H(t) \qquad \forall \ t>0.$$

Because  $y \in E$ , E is a linear space and  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then we have  $y/\lambda \in E$ . Hence the above is equal to

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}F_{Q_{n_k}f(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}(y/\lambda)}(t/\lambda)=H(t)=H(t/\lambda)$$

Because f is an A-proper mapping, then by the definition, there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_i}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $x_{n_{k_i}} \to x \in \overline{\Omega}$ ,  $f(x) = y/\lambda$ . So  $\lambda f(x) = y$ . Therefore  $\lambda f$  is an A-proper mapping.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space,  $\Delta$  be a continuous t-norm,  $f: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  be an A-proper mapping,  $C: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  be a continuous compact mapping, and (f+C)(x) = f(x) + C(x). Then f+C is an A-proper mapping.

PROOF: If for any sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}\in\overline{\Omega}_{n_k}$ , we have

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} F_{Q_{n_k}\left(C(x_{n_k})+f(x_{n_k})\right)-Q_{n_k}(y)}(t) = H(t) \qquad \forall t>0$$

Because C is a continuous compact mapping and  $x_{n_k} \in \overline{\Omega}_{n_k} \subset \overline{\Omega}$ , then there exists a subsequence (shortly, we assume that it is  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  itself) such that  $C(x_{n_k}) \to y_0 \in E$ . Because  $Q_{n_k}$  is continuous and linear, then we have  $Q_{n_k}C(x_{n_k}) \to Q_{n_k}(y_0)$ . Because

$$\begin{split} F_{Q_{n_k}f(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}(y-y_0)}(t) &= F_{Q_{n_k}f(x_{n_k})+Q_{n_k}C(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}C(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}(y-y_0)}(t) \\ &\geqslant \Delta\bigg(F_{Q_{n_k}f(x_{n_k})+Q_{n_k}C(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}y}\Big(\frac{t}{2}\Big), F_{Q_{n_k}y_0-Q_{n_k}C(x_{n_k})}\Big(\frac{t}{2}\Big)\bigg), \end{split}$$

taking limit between the two sides, we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} F_{Q_{n_k} f(x_{n_k}) - Q_{n_k} (y - y_0)}(t) = H(\frac{t}{2}) = H(t).$$

By the A-proper properties of f, there must exist a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_i}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $x_{n_{k_i}} \to x \in \overline{\Omega}$  and  $f(x) = y - y_0$ . By the continuity of C, we have  $C(x_{n_{k_i}}) \to C(x)$ . Therefore  $C(x) = y_0$  and f(x) + C(x) = y. Hence f + C is an A-proper mapping.

LEMMA 5. I is an A-proper mapping.

PROOF: If for any sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}\in\overline{\Omega}_{n_k}$ , we have  $\lim_{k\to\infty}F_{Q_{n_k}I(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}(y)}$  (t)=H(t), then  $\lim_{k\to\infty}\left(Q_{n_k}(x_{n_k})-Q_{n_k}(y)\right)=0$ . Because  $Q_nx\to x$ ,  $(n\to\infty)$ , then we have  $\lim_{k\to\infty}(x_{n_k}-y)=0$  that is,  $\lim_{k\to\infty}x_{n_k}=y$ , hence there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_i}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $x_{n_{k_i}}\to y$ . Because I(y)=y, then I is an A-proper mapping.

**LEMMA** 6. A and B are two nonempty number sets. If for any  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , we have x < y, then  $SupA \le \inf B$ . In particular, when  $A = \{a\}$  the conclusion still holds.

PROOF: It is obvious.

THEOREM 1. Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space,  $\Delta$  be a continuous t-norm,  $f: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  be an A-proper mapping,  $C: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  be a continuous compact mapping and (f-C)(x) = f(x) - C(x),  $p \notin f(\partial \Omega)$ ,  $p \notin C(\partial \Omega)$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda \in R$ ,  $x \in \partial \Omega$ ,  $F_{f(x)+\lambda C(x)}(\varepsilon) \geqslant F_p(\varepsilon)$ . Then  $\mathrm{Deg}(f, \Omega, p) = \mathrm{Deg}(C, \Omega, p)$ .

PROOF: Let L(t,x) = tf(x) + (1-t)C(x). Because f and C are continuous, then L(t,x) is also continuous. Because f is an A-proper mapping, by Lemma 3, tf is an A-proper mapping. Because C is continuous and compact, then (1-t)C is still continuous

and compact. By Lemma 4, tf(x) + (1-t)C(x) is an A-proper mapping. Because f is an A-proper mapping and C is continuous and compact, then f - C is continuous and bounded. Hence when  $t \to t_0$ , we have  $t(f(x) - C(x)) \to t_0(f(x) - C(x))$ . Hence

$$\lim_{t\to t_0} F_{t(f(x)-C(x))-t_0(f(x)-C(x))}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon), \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \forall x \in \overline{\Omega}.$$

Then for any  $\lambda > 0$ , we have  $F_{t(f(x)-C(x))-t_0(f(x)-C(x))}(\varepsilon) > 1-\lambda$   $(t \to t_0)$ . By Lemma 6, we have  $\inf_{x \in \overline{\Omega}} F_{t(f(x)-C(x))-t_0(f(x)-C(x))}(\varepsilon) \geq 1-\lambda$ . By the arbitrariness of  $\lambda$ , we have

$$\inf_{x\in\overline{\Omega}}F_{t(f(x)-C(x))-t_0(f(x)-C(x))}(\varepsilon)=1\ (t\to t_0).$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{t\to t_0}\inf_{x\in\overline{\Omega}}F_{t(f(x)-C(x))-t_0(f(x)-C(x))}(\varepsilon)=H(\varepsilon).$$

Next, we prove  $p \notin h_t(\partial\Omega)$ . Using reduction to absurdity, we assume there exist  $x_0 \in \partial\Omega$  and  $t_0 \in [0,1]$  such that  $h_{t_0}(x_0) = p$ . Because  $p \notin f(\partial\Omega)$ , then  $t_0 \neq 1$ . Because  $p \notin C(\partial\Omega)$ , then  $t_0 \neq 0$ . Hence  $t_0 \in (0,1)$ . By  $p = t_0 f(x_0) + (1-t_0)C(x_0)$ , we have  $p/t_0 = f(x_0) + (1-t_0)/(t_0)C(x_0)$ . Taking  $\lambda = (1-t_0)/(t_0)$ , we have

$$F_{f(x_0) + \lambda C(x_0)}(\varepsilon) = F_{f(x_0) + (1-t_0)/(t_0)C(x_0)}(\varepsilon) = F_{(p/t_0)}(\varepsilon) = F_p(\varepsilon t_0) < F_p(\varepsilon).$$

It contradicts known conditions. Hence we have  $p \notin h_t(\partial\Omega)$ . By the Lemma 2 (iii), we have  $\operatorname{Deg}(h_1, \Omega, p) = \operatorname{Deg}(h_0, \Omega, p)$ . Hence  $\operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega, p) = \operatorname{Deg}(C, \Omega, p)$ .

DEFINITION 2: Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space.  $\Delta$  is a continuous t-norm.  $\Omega$  is the bounded open set of E:

- (i) If for any  $\lambda \geqslant 0$ ,  $f + \lambda I : \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is A-proper, then f is called  $P_*$ -compact mapping;
- (ii) For given  $\gamma > 0$ , if for any  $\lambda \geqslant \gamma$ ,  $f \lambda I : \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is A-proper, then f is called  $P_{\gamma}$ -compact mapping.

DEFINITION 3: Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space.  $\Delta$  is a continuous t-norm.  $\Omega$  is a bounded open neighbourhood of E, which is symmetric about  $\theta \in \Omega$ .  $f: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is said to be a convex A-proper mapping, if for  $L: [0,1] \times \overline{\Omega} \to E$ , we have  $L(t,x) = h_t(x) = (1/1+t)f(x) - (t/1+t)f(-x)$  is A-proper.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space.  $\Delta$  is a continuous t-norm.  $\Omega$  is a bounded open set of E,  $f: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is a  $P_*$ -compact mapping,  $\theta \in \Omega$ , we assume that  $F_{x-f(x)}(\varepsilon) > F_x(\varepsilon), \forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall x \in \partial \Omega$ , then there must exist an  $x^* \in \Omega$  such that  $f(x^*) = \theta$ .

PROOF: Let  $h_t(x) = L(t,x) = (1-t)f(x) + tx$ , then  $L: [0,1] \times \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is continuous. When  $t \neq 1$ , we have  $h_t = (1-t)f + tI = (1-t)(f+(t/1-t)I)$ . Because  $(t/1-t) \geq 0$ , by the  $P_*$ -compact property of f,  $h_t: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is A-proper. Because  $h_1 = I$  is A-proper,

then for any  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $h_t$  is A-proper. Because f is a  $P_*$ -compact mapping, then f(x) is bounded. Because  $\overline{\Omega}$  is a bounded closed set, I(x) is bounded. Hence f(x)-x is bounded. Thus for any  $t, t_0 \in [0,1]$ ,  $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ , when  $t \to t_0$ , we have  $t(f(x)-x) \to t_0(f(x)-x)$ . Thus  $\lim_{t \to t_0} F_{t(f(x)-x)-t_0(f(x)-x)}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon)$ . By Lemma 6, we have

$$\lim_{t\to t_0}\inf_{x\in\overline{\Omega}}F_{t(f(x)-x)-t_0(f(x)-x)}(\varepsilon)=H(\varepsilon).$$

In the following, we prove  $\theta \notin h_t(\partial \Omega)$   $(t \in [0,1])$ . Assuming there exist an  $x_0 \in \partial \Omega$  and a  $t_0 \in [0,1]$  such that  $h_{t_0}(x_0) = \theta$  that is,  $(1-t_0)f(x_0) + t_0x_0 = \theta$ . Because  $\theta \in \Omega$ , then  $t_0 \neq 1$ . Thus

$$f(x_0) = (t_0/t_0 - 1)x_0, \ F_{x_0 - f(x_0)}(\varepsilon) = F_{x_0 - (t_0/t_0 - 1)x_0}(\varepsilon) = F_{(1/1 - t_0)x_0}(\varepsilon) = F_{x_0}((1 - t_0)\varepsilon).$$

Because  $t_0 \in [0,1)$ , then  $(1-t_0)\varepsilon \leqslant \varepsilon$ . By the properties of distribution function, we have  $F_{x_0}((1-t_0)\varepsilon) \leqslant F_{x_0}(\varepsilon)$ . It contradicts known conditions. Thus  $\theta \notin h_t(\partial\Omega)$ . By the Lemma 2 (iii), we have

$$\operatorname{Deg}(f, \Omega, \theta) = \operatorname{Deg}(h_0, \Omega, \theta) = \operatorname{Deg}(h_1, \Omega, \theta) = \operatorname{Deg}(I, \Omega, \theta) = \{1\}.$$

Therefore, there exists an  $x^* \in \Omega$  such that  $f(x^*) = \theta$ .

THEOREM 3. Let  $(E, F, \Delta)$  be a projected complete Menger PN-space.  $\Delta$  is a continuous t-norm.  $\Omega$  is a bounded open neighbourhood of E, which is symmetric about  $\theta \in \Omega$ . If  $f: \overline{\Omega} \to E$  is an A-proper mapping and

$$f(-x) = -f(x), \ f(x) \neq \theta, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega,$$

then there exists an  $x_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $f(x_0) = \theta$ .

PROOF: Because f(-x) = -f(x), then f(-x) + f(x) = 0. Because  $Q_{n_k}$  is continuous and linear, then  $Q_{n_k}(f(-x) + f(x)) = 0$  and  $Q_{n_k}f(-x) = -Q_{n_k}f(x)$ . Hence  $Q_{n_k}f$  is an odd mapping. By the properties of topological degree in finite dimensional space,  $\deg(Q_{n_k}f,\Omega_{n_k},\theta)$  is an odd integer (see Chang [2]). By the definition  $\operatorname{Deg}(f,\Omega,\theta) = \{\gamma \in Z^* \mid \text{there exists a subsequence } \{n_k\} \text{ of } \{n\} \text{ such that } \deg_R(Q_{n_k}f,\Omega_{n_k},\theta) \to \gamma\}$ , then there exists an  $x_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $f(x_0) = \theta$ .

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