

Implicit Function Theorems for Nondifferentiable Mappings¹

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Abstract. Sufficient conditions are given for a mapping to be γ -G inverse differentiable. Constrained implicit function theorems for γ -G inverse differentiable mappings are obtained, where the constraint is taken to be either a closed convex cone or a closed subset. A theorem without assuming the γ -G inverse differentiability in a finite-dimensional space is also presented.

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1. Introduction

This paper is concerned with the concept of γ -G inverse differentiability as defined in Ref. 1 and with implicit function theorems for γ -G inverse differentiable mappings.

It is known that the classical implicit function theorems and open-mapping theorems need the (single-valued) function to be Fréchet differentiable and the derivative to be surjective. Although the Fréchet differentiability can be verified readily in some applications and has received much attention, these results cannot be applied if the function is not Fréchet differentiable or is set-valued. Recently, there have been many publications concerning nonFréchet differentiable problems in which several alternatives to the Fréchet differentiability are used. The first alternative is naturally the Gâteaux differentiability (see Refs. 2–5). The second alternative is to consider set-valued derivatives, including strict prederivatives (Refs. 6 and 7) and high-order set-valued derivatives (Ref. 8). A further alternative is the weak Gâteaux inverse derivative defined by Welsh in Ref. 9 and its general-

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ization, the γ -G inverse derivative, given by the authors of Ref. 1. These concepts are used in Refs. 1, 9 to study the openness of nonlinear operators and in Ref. 1 to analyze the controllability of certain nonlinear systems. The results obtained show that the γ -G inverse differentiability has some potential significance.

In this paper, first we provide new sufficient conditions for a mapping to possess a γ -G inverse derivative (here, we extend the definition to include set-valued mappings). It is shown that many differentiability conditions used for open-mapping or implicit function theorems, including linear approximation and the set-valued derivative, lead to the γ -G inverse differentiability. Then, we apply this differentiability concept and Ekeland's variational principle to consider the implicit function problem for set-valued mappings. The results obtained cannot be derived from the open-mapping theorems obtained in Ref. 1 due to the setting. We present also a theorem in finite-dimensional spaces without using the γ -G inverse differentiability.

2. γ -Gâteaux Inverse Differentiability

Given a metric space X with metric d , let

$$B_X = \{x \in X : d(x, 0) < 1\}$$

and

$$B_X(x_0, \alpha) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) < \alpha\}, \quad \text{for } x_0 \in X, \alpha \geq 0.$$

If $D, D_0 \subset X$, let \bar{D} denote the closure of D , let $d(x_0, D)$ denote the distance between x_0 and D , let $H(D_0, D)$ denote the Hausdorff distance between D and D_0 , and let $\chi(D)$ denote the Hausdorff measure of noncompactness of D . We recall that $H(D_0, D)$ and $\chi(D)$ are defined respectively as (see Ref. 10)

$$H(D_0, D) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in D} d(x, D_0), \sup_{x \in D_0} d(x, D) \right\},$$

$$\chi(D) = \inf \left\{ \varepsilon > 0 : D \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_X(x_i, \varepsilon), n > 0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in D \right\}.$$

For two normed spaces X, Y , we let $\mathbb{L}(X, Y)$ denote the space of all bounded linear operators from X to Y endowed with the operator norm.

Definition 2.1. Let X, Y be normed spaces, let $F : \text{Dom}(F) \subset X \rightarrow 2^Y$ be a set-valued mapping, and let $x_0 \in \text{Dom}(F)$, $\gamma \geq 0$. We say that F possesses a γ -Gâteaux inverse derivative $\Gamma(x_0) : Y \rightarrow X$ at x_0 if, for every $y \in Y$ and sufficiently small $h > 0$ with $x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y \in \text{Dom}(F)$, we have

$$F(x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y) + h\gamma\|y\|\bar{B}_Y \supset F(x_0) + hy + o(h). \quad (1)$$

Here, $o(\cdot) : (0, \infty) \mapsto Y$ is a single-valued mapping and, $\|o(h)\|/h \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. $\Gamma(x_0)$ is said to be the γ -G inverse derivative of F at x_0 .

This notion was introduced first in Ref. 1 for single-valued functions, as a relaxation of the Gâteaux inverse differentiability of Welsh (Ref. 9) and therefore as a relaxation of the invertibility of the Gâteaux derivative. In this section, we will concentrate on giving sufficient conditions for a mapping to be γ -G inverse differentiable.

We are usually interested in the case where $\gamma < 1$, but such an assumption will be not made here explicitly.

Consider the case when the function is Gâteaux (or Fréchet) differentiable and the derivative is locally or globally invertible, as is often required in studying open-mapping and implicit function theorems. Then, the 0-Gâteaux inverse derivative is the inverse of the Gâteaux derivative and the local or global invertibility of the derivative implies that the inverse of the derivative is bounded in a certain sense. So, the γ -G inverse derivative should satisfy a boundedness condition to make it applicable.

Recall that a mapping f (say) is said to be positively homogeneous if

$$f(kx) = kf(x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \text{Dom}(f), k > 0.$$

Proposition 2.1. Let X, Y be normed spaces, let $P \subset X$ be a cone, let $L : P \rightarrow Y$ be a positively homogeneous operator, and let $c > 0, \gamma \geq 0$ be such that

$$B_Y \subset L(P \cap cB_X) + \gamma B_Y. \tag{2}$$

Suppose that $F : D \rightarrow 2^Y$ is a set-valued mapping with $D = \text{Dom}(F) \subset X$ and that $\alpha \geq 0, x_0 \in P \cap D, \varepsilon > 0$ are such that

$$F(x_0) \subset F(x) - L(x - x_0) + \alpha \|x - x_0\| \overline{B}_Y, \quad \text{for all } x \in D \cap B_X(x_0, \varepsilon_0). \tag{3}$$

Then, for each $\lambda > 1, F$ has a $\lambda(\gamma + \alpha c) - G$ inverse derivative $\Gamma(x_0)$ at x_0 such that

$$\Gamma(x_0)B_Y \subset P \quad \text{and} \quad \|\Gamma(x_0)y\| \leq \lambda c \|y\|, \quad \text{for all } y \in Y. \tag{4}$$

In addition, if P is convex, then condition (3) can be replaced by

$$F(x_0) \subset F(x) - L(x - x_0) + \alpha \|x - x_0\| \overline{B}_Y, \quad \text{for all } x \in P \cap D \cap B_X(x_0, \varepsilon_0). \tag{5}$$

Proof. Let $\lambda > 1$ be given. Then, for each $y \in Y, (2)$ implies that there exist $u_y = u(\lambda, y) \in P \cap B_X$ and $v_y = v(\lambda, y) \in B_Y$ such that

$$y = \lambda \|y\| L(cu_y) + \lambda \|y\| \gamma v_y = \lambda c \|y\| L(u_y) + \lambda \gamma \|y\| v_y. \tag{6}$$

For each $y \in Y$, let

$$\Gamma(x_0)y = \lambda c\|y\|u_y,$$

where $u_y \in P \cap B_X$ satisfies (6); in the case where there are several such points, we fix one so that $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a well-defined mapping from Y to X . Since $u_y \in P \cap B_X$ and P is a cone, we see that (4) is satisfied.

Suppose that $y \in Y$ and $h > 0$ is so small that

$$x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y \in D \cap B_X(x_0, \varepsilon_0).$$

From (6) and the homogeneity of L , it follows that

$$L(\Gamma(x_0)y) = \lambda c\|y\|L(u_y) = y - \lambda\gamma\|y\|v_y.$$

So, by (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_0) + hy &= F(x_0) + L(h\Gamma(x_0)y) + h\lambda\gamma\|y\|v_y \\ &\subset F(x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y) + h\alpha\|\Gamma(x_0)y\|\overline{B}_Y + h\lambda\gamma\|y\|B_Y \\ &\subset F(x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y) + h\lambda(\Gamma + \alpha c)\|y\|\overline{B}_Y. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a $\lambda(\gamma + \alpha c)$ -G inverse derivative of F at x_0 .

Now, we suppose that P is a convex cone. Since $x_0 \in P$ and $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a mapping into P , we see $x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y \in P$ for all $y \in Y$ and $h > 0$. Consequently, we can use (5), instead of (3), to prove that $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a $\lambda(\gamma + \alpha c)$ -G inverse derivative of F at x_0 . □

In the case where F is single-valued, (3) can be rewritten as

$$\|F(x) - F(x_0) - L(x - x_0)\| \leq \alpha\|x - x_0\|.$$

In addition, if α can be taken to be arbitrarily small, then L will be the linear approximation used in Ref. 10. Generally, L is an approximation to F with relative error bounded by α , so we may call it α -approximation. The next result shows that this α -approximation could be a subset of bounded linear operators.

Proposition 2.2. Let X be a normed space, let Y be a Banach space, let $P \subset X$ be a closed convex cone, let $\mathbb{L} \subset (X, Y)$ be a bounded convex subset, and let $c > 0$ be such that

$$B_Y \subset L(P \cap cB_X), \quad \text{for each } L \in \mathcal{L}. \tag{7}$$

Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function and that $x_0 \in P$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ are such that

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \in \mathcal{L}(x - x_0) + \alpha\|x - x_0\|\overline{B}_Y, \quad \text{for all } x \in P \cap B_X(x_0, \varepsilon_0). \tag{8}$$

Then, for each $\lambda > 1$ and $\gamma > \chi(\mathcal{L})$, f possesses a $\lambda c(\gamma + \alpha) - G$ inverse derivative $\Gamma(x_0)$ at x_0 and (4) is satisfied.

Proof. Since $\gamma > \chi(\mathcal{L})$, there exist $L_1, \dots, L_n \in \mathcal{L}$ such that

$$\mathcal{L} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{\mathbb{L}(X,Y)}(L_i, \gamma).$$

Let

$$\mathcal{T} = \text{co}\{L_1, \dots, L_n\}.$$

Then, $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{L}$ is a compact convex subset of $\mathbb{L}(X, Y)$ and

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \in \mathcal{T}(x - x_0) + (\alpha + \gamma)\|x - x_0\|B_Y, \quad \text{for all } x \in P \cap B_X(x_0, \varepsilon_0). \tag{9}$$

Let $\lambda > 1$ be given and let $y \in Y$. From (7), it follows that, for each $L \in \mathcal{T}$,

$$R_y(L) := \{x \in B_X(0, \lambda c\|y\|) \cap P : Lx - y = 0\}$$

is nonempty. It is standard to check that $R_y(L)$ is also closed and convex. By Proposition 1.5.1 in Ref. 11, $R_y(\cdot)$ is lower semicontinuous as a set-valued mapping. By Lemma 1.2.1 in Ref. 10, there exists a continuous operator $L \mapsto x(L, y) \in R_y(L)$ that is,

$$y = Lx(L, y), \quad x(L, y) \in P, \quad \|x(L, y)\| \leq \lambda c\|y\|.$$

Since P is a cone, there exists $k > 0$ such that

$$x_0 + hx(L, y) \in P \cap B_X(x_0, \varepsilon_0), \quad \text{for each } h \in [0, k] \text{ and each } L \in \mathcal{T}.$$

By our assumptions, there exists $S \in \mathcal{T}$ such that

$$\|f(x_0 + hx(L, y)) - f(x_0) - hSx(L, y)\| \leq (\alpha + \gamma)\|hx(L, y)\|, \tag{10}$$

for all $h \in [0, k]$.

Let

$$\Phi(L) = \{S \in \mathcal{T} : S \text{ satisfies (10)}\}.$$

From the compactness of \mathcal{T} and (9), it follows that Φ is a well defined and compact set-valued mapping on \mathcal{T} . To prove that Φ is upper semicontinuous, we suppose that $D \subset \mathbb{L}(X, Y)$ is a closed subset and $L_n \in \Phi^{-1}(D)$ with $L_n \rightarrow L$. Then, there exists $S_n \in \mathcal{T} \cap D$ such that

$$\|f(x_0 + hx(L_n, y)) - f(x_0) - hS_nx(L_n, y)\| \leq (\alpha + \gamma)\|hx(L_n, y)\|, \tag{10}$$

for all $h \in [0, k]$.

We may suppose that $S_n \rightarrow S \in \mathcal{T} \cap D$, due to the compactness of \mathcal{T} and closedness of D . Since $L \mapsto x(L, y)$ is continuous, we have

$$\|f(x_0 + hx(L, y)) - f(x_0) - hS_n x(L, y)\| \leq (\alpha + \gamma)\|hx(L, y)\|, \quad \text{for all } h \in [0, k].$$

which implies that $L \in \Phi^{-1}(D)$. So, $\Phi^{-1}(D)$ is closed; therefore, Φ is upper semi-continuous. Applying the Kakutani fixed-point theorem (Ref. 10, Theorem 24.4), we see that there exists $L_y \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $L_y \in \Phi(L_y)$, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(x_0 + hx(L_y, y)) - f(x_0) - hL_y x(L_y, y)\| \\ &\leq (\alpha + \gamma)\|hx(L_y, y)\| \leq \lambda c(\alpha + \gamma)h\|y\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all $h \in [0, k]$ Since $L_y x(L_y, y) = y$, there exists $w_y \in B_Y$ such that

$$f(x_0 + hx(L_y, y)) = f(x_0) + hy + h\lambda c(\alpha + \gamma)\|y\|w_y. \tag{11}$$

For each $y \in Y$ there may be several $x(L_y, y)$ with $x(\cdot, \cdot)$ and L_y as above; we fix one arbitrarily so that $y \mapsto \Gamma(x_0)y := x(L_y, y)$ is a well-defined mapping from Y to X . From (11), we see that $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a $\lambda c(\alpha + \gamma)$ -G inverse derivative of f at x_0 . Obviously, (4) is satisfied. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 2.1. If f has a strict prederivative $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{L}(X, Y)$ at x_0 , that is,

$$f(x_1) \in f(x_2) + \mathcal{A}(x_1 - x_2) + \varepsilon\|x_1 - x_2\|B_Y, \quad \text{for all } x_1, x_2 \in \text{Dom}(f),$$

then (8) is satisfied. This strict prederivative assumption was used in Ref. 7 together with condition (7) for implicit function problems, where $P = X$.

Proposition 2.3. Let X, Y be normed spaces and let $P \subset X$ be a cone. Suppose that $f: \text{Dom}(f) \subset X \rightarrow Y$ is a single-valued function which is Gâteaux differentiable at x_0 with Gâteaux derivative $Df(x_0)$. Suppose that there exist $c > 0, \gamma \geq 0$ such that

$$B_Y \subset Df(x_0)(P \cap cB_X) + \gamma B_Y. \tag{12}$$

Then, for each $\lambda > 1$, f possesses a $\lambda\gamma$ -G inverse derivative $\Gamma(x_0)$ at x_0 satisfying (4).

Proof. Let $\lambda > 1$ be given. From (12), it follows that, for each $y \in Y$, there exists $v_y \in B_X \cap P, w_y \in B_Y$ such that

$$y = Df(x_0)(c\lambda\|y\|v_y) + \gamma\lambda\|y\|w_y. \tag{13}$$

Let

$$\Gamma(x_0)y = c\lambda\|y\|v_y,$$

where for each $y \in Y$, we fix a point v_y in $B_X \cap P$ satisfying (13) so that $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a well-defined operator from Y to X . By the definition of $D f(x_0)$ and (13), we see that

$$f(x_0 + h\Gamma(x_0)y) = f(x_0) + hy + h\lambda\gamma\|y\|(-w_y) + o(h);$$

that is, $\Gamma(x_0)$ is a $\lambda\gamma$ -G inverse derivative of f at x_0 . Since $v_y \in B_X$, (4) is satisfied. □

3. Implicit Function Theorems

In this section, we use the concept of γ -G inverse differentiability to derive some constrained implicit function theorems. We remark that open-mapping theorems were obtained in Ref. 1 in terms of γ -G inverse differentiability. Although open-mapping theorems and implicit function theorems are often equivalent to each other, the results presented below cannot be derived from those of Ref. 1, even when the mappings involved are all single-valued.

The mappings considered here are of the form $F(x, u) + G(x, u)$, with both F and G set-valued. The γ -G inverse differentiability assumption is imposed only on the mapping $x \mapsto F(x, u)$, while $x \mapsto G(x, u)$ is assumed to be locally Lipschitz; that is, there exists $l > 0$ and a neighborhood \mathcal{U} of each x such that

$$G(x_1, u) \subset G(x_2, u) + ld(x_1, x_2)\overline{B}, \quad \text{for all } x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{U}.$$

We recall (Ref. 11) that a mapping \mathcal{F} is said to be pseudo-Lipschitz around $(x, y) \in \text{Graph}(\mathcal{F})$, the graph of \mathcal{F} , with constant l if there exist neighborhoods \mathcal{U} of x and \mathcal{V} of y such that

$$\mathcal{F}(x_1) \cap \mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{F}(x_2) + ld(x_1, x_2)\overline{B}_z, \quad \text{for all } x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{U}.$$

We shall be imposing the following conditions.

- (H1) X, Y are Banach spaces, U is a metric space, and $K \subset \Omega \subset X$.
- (H2) $F, G : \overline{\Omega} \times U \rightarrow 2^Y$ are two set-valued mappings with bounded and closed values, and $x_0 \in K, u_0 \in U$ are such that

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow u_0} d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) = 0. \tag{14}$$

- (H3) For each $u \in B_U(u_0, r), x \mapsto G(x, u)$ is ε - δ -usc and Lipschitz with constant k when restricted to $K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$, where $r, \delta > 0, k \geq 0$ are given.

We consider first the case when the mapping $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ is only closed or is ε - δ -usc and the constraint is a closed convex cone. The same problem with noncone constraint will be considered later.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\Omega = K$ be a closed convex cone. Suppose that F, G satisfy (H1)–(H3) and (F1)–(F2) below:

- (F1) For each $u \in B_U(u_0, r)$, $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ is either a closed single-valued mapping or an ε - δ -usc set-valued mapping.
- (F2) For each $u \in B_U(u_0, r)$, $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ possesses a γ - G inverse derivative $\Gamma_u(x)$ at each $x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$ such that

$$\|\Gamma_u(x)y\| \leq M\|y\|, \quad \text{for all } y \in B_Y, x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta) \tag{15}$$

$$\Gamma_u(x)B_Y \subset K, \quad \text{for all } x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta), \tag{16}$$

where $\gamma \geq 0, M > 0$, and $\gamma + kM < 1$

Let

$$\eta = \sup \left\{ r_1 \in (0, r] : \sup_{u \in B_U(u_0, r_1)} d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) < \left[\frac{(1 - \gamma - kM)}{M} \right] \delta \right\}. \tag{17}$$

Then, for each $u \in B_U(u_0, \eta)$, there exists $x_u \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$ such that

$$0 \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{u \rightarrow u_0} x_u = x_0.$$

In addition, if $u \mapsto F(x, u)$ is locally Lipschitz at u_0 with constant l uniformly in $x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$, then the (constrained) implicit mapping

$$W(u) := \{x \in K : 0 \in F(x, u) + G(x, u)\}$$

is pseudo-Lipschitz around (u_0, x_0) with constant $lM/(1 - \gamma - kM)$.

Proof. From (14), it follows that the number η given in (17) is well defined. Let $u \in B_U(u_0, \eta)$ be given. Then, there exists $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, (1 - \gamma - kM)/M)$ such that

$$d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) < \varepsilon_0 \delta. \tag{18}$$

Define a new metric d_0 on K by

$$d_0(x_1, x_2) = \max\{\|x_1 - x_2\|, \theta\|F(x_1, u) - F(x_2, u)\|\}, \quad \text{for } x_1, x_2 \in K.$$

□

If $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ is a closed single-valued mapping, then $\theta > 0$ is taken to satisfy $\theta(1 + \gamma) < M$; if $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ is an ε - δ -usc set-valued mapping, then $\theta = 0$. By (F1), the space K endowed with the metric d_θ is complete and is denoted

by K_θ in the following. From our assumptions, it follows that $F(\cdot, u) + G(\cdot, u)$ is ε - δ -usc from K_θ to Y ; therefore, the function

$$V(x) := d(0, F(x, u) + G(x, u))$$

is lower semicontinuous (see Ref. 12). For a given $\varepsilon \in (\varepsilon_0(1 - \gamma - kM)/M)$, by applying the Ekeland variational principle (Theorem 3.3.1 in Ref. 11) to the function $V(x)$ in the space K_θ , we obtain $x_u \in K_0$ such that

$$V(x_u) \leq V(x) + \varepsilon d_\theta(x, x_u), \quad \text{for all } x \in K_\theta, \tag{19}$$

$$d_\theta(x_u, x_0) \leq [V(x_0) - V(x_u)]/\varepsilon. \tag{20}$$

(18) and (20) imply that

$$\|x_u - x_0\| \leq d_\theta(x_u, x_0) \leq \varepsilon_0 \delta / \varepsilon < \delta;$$

therefore,

$$x_u \in K \cap B_x(x_0, \delta).$$

Next, we prove that

$$0 \in F(x_0, u) + G(x_u, u).$$

If this claim is not true, then

$$a := d(0, F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u)) > 0.$$

Let $\beta > 0$ be so small that

$$kM + \varepsilon M + \gamma + \beta < 1.$$

For each $h > 0$, by the definition of $d(0, F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u))$, there exists $y := y(h) \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u)$, $y \neq 0$, such that

$$\|y\| \leq d(0, F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u)) + h\beta = V(x_u) + h\beta.$$

By (16),

$$z = \Gamma_u(x_u)(-y/\lambda\|y\|), \quad \text{with } \lambda > 1,$$

is well defined and

$$z \in K, \quad \|z\| \leq M/\lambda.$$

Since K is a convex cone, $x_u + hz \in K$. Replacing x in (19) by $x_u + hz$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_u) &\leq V(x_u + hz) + \varepsilon d_\theta(x_u + hz, x_u) \\ &\leq d(0, F(x_u + hz, u) + G(x_u, u)) + H_Y(G(x_u + hz, u), G(x_u, u)) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \max\{h\|z\|, \theta\|F(x_u + hz, u) - F(x_u, u)\|\} \\ &\leq d(0, F(x_u + hz, u) + h(\gamma/\lambda)\overline{B}_Y + G(x_u, u)) + H_Y(\{0\}, h(\gamma/\lambda)\overline{B}_Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ H_Y(G(x_u + hz, u), G(x_u, u)) \\
 &+ \varepsilon \max\{h\|z\|, \theta\|F(x_u + hz, u) - F(x_u, u)\|\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Here, $H_Y(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes the Hausdorff distance on Y . By Definition 2.1, we have

$$F(x_u + hz, u) + h(\gamma/\lambda)B_Y \supset F(x_u, u) + h(-y/\lambda\|y\|) + o(h).$$

Suppose that h is small enough so that $h < \lambda a$ (so $h < \lambda\|y\|$) and $x_u + hz \in B_x(x_0, \delta)$. As G is Lipschitz in x , $\lambda > 1$ and $y \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u)$, from (21) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(x_u) &\leq d(0, F(x_u, u) - hy/\lambda\|y\| + o(h) + G(x_u, u)) + h\gamma \\
 &\quad + kh\|z\| + \varepsilon h \max\{M/\lambda, \theta + \theta\|o(h)\|/h + \theta_\gamma\} \\
 &\leq \|(1 - h/\lambda\|y\|)y\| + \|o(h)\| + h\gamma + khM/\lambda \\
 &\quad + \varepsilon h \max\{M/\lambda, \theta + \theta\|o(h)\|/h + \theta_\gamma\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(x_u) &\leq V(x_u) + h\beta - h/\lambda + \|o(h)\| + h\gamma + khM/\lambda \\
 &\quad + \varepsilon h \max\{M/\lambda, \theta + \theta\|o(h)\|/h + \theta_\gamma\};
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$1/\lambda \leq \beta + \|o(h)\|h + kM/\lambda + \gamma + \varepsilon \max\{M/\lambda, \theta + \theta\|o(h)\|/h + \theta_\gamma\}.$$

By letting $\lambda \rightarrow 1, h \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &\leq \beta + kM + \gamma + \varepsilon \max\{M, \theta(1 + \gamma)\} \\
 &= \beta + kM + \gamma + kM + \gamma + \varepsilon M < 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$0 \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u).$$

From (14) and (20), we see also that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_u - x_0\| &\leq d_\theta(x_u, x_0) \\
 &\leq (1/\varepsilon)d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } u \rightarrow u_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

In addition, if $u \mapsto F(x, u) + G(x, u)$ is locally Lipschitz at u_0 with constant $l > 0$, then $u \mapsto F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)$ is ε - δ -usc near u_0 and therefore is closed when restricted to a closed neighborhood of u_0 . So, (14) implies $(u_0, x_0) \in \text{Graph}(W)$. We fix a number $r_1 \in (0, \eta)$. Then,

$$\sup_{u \in B_U(u_0, r_1)} d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) < [(1 - \gamma - kM)/M]\delta;$$

therefore, there exists $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, (1 - \gamma - kM)/M)$ such that

$$d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) < \varepsilon_0\delta, \quad \text{for all } u \in B_U(u_0, r_1).$$

Let $r_2 > 0$ be small enough such that $u \mapsto F(x, u) + G(x, u)$ is Lipschitz with constant l when restricted to $B_U(u_0, r_2)$ and $r_2 < \min\{\delta\varepsilon_0/\Lambda l, r_1\}$. Let d_U denote the metric of the space U . For all given $u, u_1 \in B_U(u_0, r_2)$, we claim that

$$W(u_1) \cap B_X(x_0, \delta/2) \subset W(u) + [lM/(1 - \gamma - kM)]d_U(u, u_1)\overline{B}_X. \tag{22}$$

In fact, for a given $\bar{x} \in W(u_1) \cap B_X(x_0, (1/2)\delta)$ and a given $\varepsilon \in (\varepsilon_0, (1 - \gamma - kM)/M)$, by applying the Ekeland variational principle, we see that there exists $\hat{x} \in K$ satisfying (19) with the same θ and

$$\|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\| \leq d_\theta(\hat{x}, \bar{x}) \leq (1/\varepsilon)d(0, F(\bar{x}, u) + G(\bar{x}, u)).$$

Noting that $0 \in F(\bar{x}, u_1) + G(\bar{x}, u)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\| &\leq (1/\varepsilon)H_Y(F(\bar{x}, u) + G(\bar{x}, u), F(\bar{x}, u_1) + G(\bar{x}, u_1)) \\ &\leq ld_U(u, u_1)/\varepsilon \\ &< 2lr_2/\varepsilon, \end{aligned} \tag{23a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{x} - x_0\| &\leq \|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\| + \|\bar{x} - x_0\| \\ &\leq 2lr_2/\varepsilon + \delta/2 < \delta. \end{aligned} \tag{23b}$$

Hence, $\hat{x} \in B_X(x_0, \delta)$; therefore, $0 \in F(\hat{x}, u) + G(\hat{x}, u) = 0$ or $\hat{x} \in W(u)$ as shown above. Moreover, from (23), it follows that

$$d(\bar{x}, W(u)) \leq \|\bar{x} - \hat{x}\| \leq (l/\varepsilon)d_U(u, u_1)$$

or

$$\bar{x} \in W(u) + (l/\varepsilon)d_U(u, u_1)\overline{B}_X.$$

Since $\bar{x} \in W(u_1) \cap B_X(x_0, \delta/2)$ is arbitrary, we see that

$$W(u_1) \cap B_X(x_0, \delta/2) \subset W(u) + (l/\varepsilon)d_U(u, u_1)\overline{B}_X.$$

Since $\varepsilon \in (\varepsilon_0, (1 - \gamma - kM)/M)$ is arbitrary, it can be replaced by $(1 - \gamma - kM)/M$ in the above inclusion, which gives (22). Hence, W is pseudo-Lipschitz around (u_0, x_0) with constant, $lM/(1 - \gamma - kM)$. □

Next, we consider the case when the constraint is a closed subset. In this case, both $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ and $x \mapsto G(x, u)$ should be locally Lipschitz, but a condition made on the γ -G inverse derivative is less strict.

Theorem 3.2. Let $K \subset X$ be a closed subset and let Ω be a neighborhood of K . Suppose that F, G satisfy (H1)–(H3) and (F3)–(F5) below.

- (F3) For each $u \in B_U(u_0, r)$ and each $x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$, $F(x, u) + G(x, u)$ has a minimum point; that is, there exists $y \in F(x, u) + G(x, u)$ such that $\|y\| = d(0, F(x, u) + G(x, u))$.

- (F4) For each $u \in B_U(u_0, r)$, $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ is ε - δ -usc and, when restricted to $\Omega \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$, is Lipschitz with constant k_1 .
- (F5) For each $u \in B_U(u_0, r)$, the mapping $x \mapsto F(x, u)$ possesses a γ - G inverse derivative $\Gamma_u(x)$ at each $x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$ and there exist $\mu \in [0, 1)$, $M > 0$ such that

$$0 \leq \mu(k_1 + k)M + kM + \gamma < 1,$$

$$\|\Gamma_u(x)y\| \leq M\|y\|, \quad \text{for } y \in B_Y \text{ and } x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta),$$

$$\Gamma_u(x)B_Y \subset T_K(x) + \mu\Gamma_u(x)B_Y, \quad \text{for } x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta), \tag{24}$$

where $T_K(x) := \{v \in X : \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-1}d(x + hv, K) = 0\}$ is the tangent cone of K at x .

Let

$$\eta = \sup \left\{ r_1 \leq r : \sup_{u \in B_U(u_0, r_1)} d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) < \left[\frac{[1 - \gamma - \mu(k_1 + k)M - kM]}{(1 + \mu)M} \right] \delta \right\}.$$

Then, for each $u \in B_U(u_0, \eta)$, there exists $x_u \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$ such that

$$0 \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{u \rightarrow u_0} x_u = x_0.$$

In addition, if $u \mapsto F(x, u) + G(x, u)$ is locally Lipschitz at u_0 with constant l uniformly in $x \in K \cap B_X(x_0, \delta)$, then the constrained implicit mapping W defined in Theorem 3.1 is pseudo-Lipschitz with constant $l(1 + \mu)M/[1 - \mu(k_1 + k)M - kM - \gamma]$.

Proof. Let $u \in B_U(u_0, \eta)$. Then, by our assumptions, there exists $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, (1 - \gamma - kM)/M)$ such that

$$d(0, F(x_0, u) + G(x_0, u)) < \varepsilon_0\delta. \tag{25}$$

Let $\varepsilon \in (\varepsilon_0, (1 - \mu(k_1 + k)M - kM - \gamma)/(1 + \mu)M)$. Similarly to the proof of Theorem 3.1, by applying the Ekeland variational principle to the function

$$V(x) := d(0, F(x, u) + G(x, u))$$

in the metric space K , we see that there exists $x_u \in K$ such that

$$V(x_u) \leq V(x) + \varepsilon\|x - x_u\|, \quad \text{for all } x \in K, \tag{26}$$

$$\|x_u - x_0\| \leq (1/\varepsilon)V(x_0) \leq (1/\varepsilon)\varepsilon_0\delta < \delta. \tag{27}$$

Suppose that $0 \notin F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u)$. By assumption (F3), there exists $y \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u)$, $y \neq 0$, such that $\|y\| = V(x_u)$. Let

$$z = \Gamma_u(x_u)(-y/\lambda\|y\|), \text{ with } \lambda > 1.$$

Then, our assumptions (24) and (27) imply that there exists $y \in B_Y$ By such that $z \in T_K(x_u) + \mu\Gamma_u(x_u)y$. By Proposition 4.1 of Ref. 12, there exist $v_n \in Y$, $h_n \rightarrow 0$ such that

$$u_n \rightarrow z - \mu\Gamma_u(x_u)y, \quad x_u + h_nv_n \in K.$$

Clearly, $\{z\} \cup \{v_n\}$ is bounded. We may suppose that

$$x_u + h_nz, x_u + h_nv_n \in \Omega \cap B_X(x_0, \delta).$$

Substituting $x = x_u + h_nv_n$ into (26) and using our Lipschitz assumptions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_u) &\leq V(x_u) + \varepsilon h_n \|v_n\| \\ &\leq d(0, F(x_u + h_nz, u) + G(x_u, u)) + H_Y(G(x_u + h_nv_n, u), G(x_u, u)) \\ &\quad + H_Y(F(x_u + h_nz, u), F(x_u + h_nv_n, u)) + \varepsilon h_n \|v_n\| \\ &\leq d(0, F(x_u + h_nz, u) + G(x_u, u) + h_n(\gamma/\lambda)\overline{B}_Y) \\ &\quad + h_n\gamma/\lambda + k_1 h_n \|z - v_n\| + (k + \varepsilon)h_n \|v_n\|. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

By the definition of γ -G inverse derivative and using the same method as used in Theorem 3.1 (with $\beta = \theta = 0$), we have

$$V(x_u) \leq V(x_u) - h_n/\lambda + h_n\gamma + k_1 h_n \|z - v_n\| + (k + \varepsilon)h_n \|v_n\| + \|o(h_n)\|,$$

for each sufficiently large n . This shows that

$$1/\lambda \leq k_1 \|z - v_n\| + (k + \varepsilon)\|v_n\| + \gamma + \|o(h_n)\|/h_n.$$

By letting $\lambda \rightarrow 1$, $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq k_1 \|\mu\Gamma_u(x_u)y\| + \gamma + (k + \varepsilon)\|z - \mu\Gamma_u(x_u)y\| \\ &\leq \mu k_1 M \|y\| + \gamma + (k + \varepsilon)\|z\| + (k + \varepsilon)\mu M \|y\| \\ &\leq \mu(k_1 + k)M + kM + \varepsilon(1 + \mu)M + \gamma < 1. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$0 \in F(x_u, u) + G(x_u, u).$$

The remainder of the proof is the same as that in Theorem 3.1. □

If the constraint K in Theorem 3.2 is convex, then

$$\Gamma_u(x)B_Y \subset \overline{T_K(x)} = T_K(x);$$

that is, (24) holds also with $\mu = 0$. So, in this case, we can choose μ in (24) arbitrarily and the definition of η could be replaced by $\eta = 0$.

Using the above theorems and the sufficient conditions obtained in Section 2, some concise implicit function or open-mapping theorems can be obtained. In Particular, if we apply Proposition 2.2, the corollary will be a generalization to the corresponding result in Ref. 7.

To close the paper, we give a theorem in the case where X is finite dimensional and both F, G are single-valued. For the proof, we need the following proposition which is indicated by Theorem 2.1 in Ref. 13, although $Y = \mathbb{R}$ in Ref. 13; therefore, its proof is omitted.

Proposition 3.1. See Ref. 13 Suppose that $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow Y$ is locally Lipschitz and Gâteaux differentiable at x_0 . Then, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|f(x_0 + v) - f(x_0) - Df(x_0)v\| \leq \varepsilon \|v\|, \quad \text{for all } v \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ with } \|v\| \leq \delta.$$

Theorem 3.3. Suppose that $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \times U \rightarrow Y$ are continuous functions and satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) $x \mapsto f(x, u_0)$ is locally Lipschitz, Fréchet differentiable at x_0 with derivative $D_1 f(x_0, u_0)$.
- (ii) $f(x, u) + g(x, u) \in \text{range}(D_1 f(x_0, u_0))$ for all (x, u) in a neighborhood \mathcal{W} of (x_0, u_0) .
- (iii) $v \mapsto D_1 f(x_0, u_0)v$ is Lipschitz invertible and the Lipschitz constant of the inverse is M .
- (iv) There exist $k, k_1, \geq 0$, such that $kM < 1$, such that

$$\|g(x, u) - g(x_0, u_0)\| \leq k \|x - x_0\| + k_1 \|u - u_0\|, \quad \text{for all } (x, u) \in \mathcal{W}.$$

Then, for each neighborhood \mathcal{V} of x_0 , there exists a neighborhood \mathcal{U} of u_0 and a function $\phi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ such that

$$f(\phi(u), u) + g(\phi(u), u) = f(x_0, u_0) + g(x_0, u_0), \quad \text{for every } u \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Proof. Without loss of generality, let

$$f(x_0, u_0) = g(x_0, u_0) = 0.$$

Let

$$\eta = 1 - kM \quad \text{and} \quad P = D_1 f(x_0, u_0).$$

From Proposition 3.1 and our assumptions, it follows that there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$x_0 + \alpha \bar{B} \subset \mathcal{V} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f(x_0 + x, u_0) - Px\| \leq (\eta/3M)\alpha, \quad \text{for } x \in \alpha \bar{B}. \quad (29)$$

The compactness of $\alpha \bar{B}$ implies that there exists $\beta \in (0, \eta\alpha/6Mk_1)$ such that

$$\|f(x_0 + x, u) - f(x_0 + x, u_0)\| \leq (\eta/3M)\alpha, \quad \text{for all } x \in \alpha \bar{B}, u \in B_U(u_0, \beta). \quad (30)$$

By our assumption (iv), for any $x \in \alpha \bar{B}, u \in B_U(u_0, \beta)$, we have

$$\|g(x_0 + x, u)\| = \|g(x_0 + x, u) - g(x_0, u_0)\| \leq k\alpha + k_1\beta. \quad (31)$$

Now, let $u \in B_U(u_0, \beta)$ be given and let

$$N_u(x) = x - P^{-1}(f(x_0 + x, u) + g(x_0 + x, u)), \quad \text{for each } x \in \alpha \bar{B}.$$

By the Lipschitz property of P^{-1} and our assumption (ii), we see that N_u is a well-defined continuous operator on \mathbb{R}^n . (29)–(31) imply that, for each $x \in \alpha \bar{B}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|N_u(x)\| &\leq \|P^{-1}Px - P^{-1}(f(x_0 + x, u_0) + g(x_0 + x, u_0))\| \\ &\quad + \|P^{-1}(f(x_0 + x, u_0) + g(x_0 + x, u_0)) - P^{-1}(f(x_0 + x, u) \\ &\quad + g(x_0 + x, u))\| \\ &\leq \|P^{-1}Px - P^{-1}f(x_0 + x, u_0)\| \\ &\quad + \|P^{-1}f(x_0 + x, u_0) - P^{-1}(f(x_0 + x, u_0) + g(x_0 + x, u_0))\| \\ &\quad + M\|f(x_0 + x, u_0) + g(x_0 + x, u_0) - f(x_0 + x, u) - g(x_0 + x, u)\| \\ &\leq M\|Px - f(x_0 + x, u_0)\| + M\|g(x_0 + x, u)\| \\ &\quad + M\|f(x_0 + x, u_0) - f(x_0 + x, u)\| + M\|g(x_0 + x, u_0) \\ &\quad - g(x_0 + x, u)\| \\ &\leq M(\eta/3M)\alpha + Mk\alpha + Mk_1\beta + M(\eta/3M)\alpha + Mk_1\beta \\ &\leq \alpha(\eta + kM) \\ &= \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

That is N_u maps \bar{B} into itself. So, N_u has fixed point $x_u \in \bar{B}$; therefore,

$$P^{-1}(f(x_0 + x_u, u) + g(x_0 + x_u, u)) = 0.$$

By letting

$$\phi(u) = x_0 + x_u,$$

we obtain

$$f(\phi(u), u) + g(\phi(u), u) = P(0) = 0.$$

This completes the proof. □

Remark 3.1. If $g(x, u) \equiv 0$ and $U = \mathbb{R}^m$, $Y = \mathbb{R}^n$, we obtain the main result of Ref. 3. We remark that, in Ref. 3, an extra condition such as (ii) should be imposed to ensure that the operator N_u is well defined. We notice also that the Gateaux differentiability and the Lipschitz requirement for the derivative, as made in Ref. 3, imply the Frechet differentiability.

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