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A STAND-ALONE ANALYSIS OF QUASIDENSITY

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Abstract. In this paper, we consider the "quasidensity" of a subset of the product of a Banach space and its dual, and give a connection between quasidense sets and sets of "type (NI)". We discuss "coincidence sets" of certain convex functions and prove two sum theorems for coincidence sets. We obtain new results on the Fitzpatrick extension of a closed quasidense monotone multifunction. The analysis in this paper is self-contained, and independent of previous work on "Banach SN spaces".

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we suppose that E is a nonzero real Banach space with dual E^* . In [19], we defined the *quasidensity* of a subset of $E \times E^*$. This was actually a special case of the concept of the r_L -density of a subset of a *Banach SN space* that had been previously defined in [18], and the analysis in [19] was heavily dependent on [18]. The purpose of this paper is to give a development of the properties of quasidensity that is independent of [18]. This paper also contains many results that did not appear in [19].

In Section 2, we discuss proper convex functions on a Banach space and their Fenchel conjugates and biconjugates. We also introduce the (well known) canonical map from a Banach space into its *bidual*, which we denote by $\hat{}$. In Theorems 2.1 and 2.3 and Lemma 2.2, we discuss some subtler properties of proper convex functions that are not necessarily lower semicontinuous. These subtler properties will be used in Theorem 4.11.

In Section 3, we discuss Banach spaces of the form $E \times E^*$. For this kind of Banach space, there is a (not so well known) canonical map from the space into its *dual*, which we denote by L (see (3.1)). We define the *quasidensity* of of a subset of $E \times E^*$ (or, equivalently, of a multifunction from E into E^*) in Definition 3.1. The definition of quasidensity does not require monotonicity, though there is a rich theory of the interaction of quasidensity and monotonicity which we will discuss in Sections 6–12 — the definition of *monotonicity* does not actually appear until Section 6. Lemma 3.3, Theorem 3.5 and Corollaries 3.7 and 3.9 contain useful results on quasidensity without a monotonicity assumption. In particular, Theorem 3.5 says that L "preserves quasidensity", and we establish in Corollary 3.7 that every quasidense set is of *type* (NI), a concept that has been extensively studied over the past two decades. We will return to this issue below. We mention in Example 3.2 that the subdifferential of a proper, convex,

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lower semicontinuous function on E is quasidense. This result is generalized in [20] to certain more general subdifferentials of nonconvex functions.

In Section 4, we initiate the theory of the *coincidence sets* of certain convex functions. The basic idea is that we consider a proper convex function, f, on $E \times E^*$ that dominates the canonical bilinear form, q_L , and the corresponding coincidence set is the set on which f and q_L coincide. (The "q" in this notation stands for "quadratic".) The main results in this section (and the pivotal results of this paper) are Theorem 4.4 (the primal condition for quasidensity), Theorem 4.8 (the dual condition for quasidensity) and Theorem 4.11 (the theorem of the three functions). As we observed above, the definition of monotonicity is not used explicitly before Section 6, but monotonicity is hiding below the surface because, as we shall see in Lemma 6.2, coincidence sets are monotone.

In Section 5, we investigate the coincidence sets of the partial episums of a pair of convex functions. This analysis will lead to the two sum theorems for quasidense maximally monotone multifunctions that we will establish in Theorem 7.3 and Theorem 9.1.

We start our explicit discussion of monotonicity in Section 6. We prove in Theorem 6.1 that every closed, monotone quasidense multifunction is maximally monotone. On the other hand, we give examples of varying degrees of abstraction in Example 8.8 and Theorems 10.3, 11.4(b) and 12.3 of maximally monotone linear operators that are not quasidense. The link between Section 4 and Section 6 is provided by Lemma 6.2, in which we give a short proof of the result first established by Burachik–Svaiter and Penot that coincidence sets are monotone. So suppose that $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ is monotone and $G(S) \neq \emptyset$. In Definition 6.3, we define the function, $\theta_S: E^* \times E^{**} \to]-\infty, \infty]$, by adapting Definition 3.8. The well known *Fitzpatrick function*, φ_S , is defined in Definition 6.4 by $\varphi_S = \theta_S \circ L$. There is a short history of the Fitzpatrick function in Remark 6.5. Now let S be maximally monotone. Then we prove in Theorem 6.7 that S is quasidense if, and only if, $\varphi_S^* \geq q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, and we prove in Theorem 6.12 that S is quasidense if, and only if, $\theta_S \geq q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. These two results enable us to give two partial converses to Theorem 6.1 in Corollaries 6.8 and 6.13, namely that if S is maximally monotone and surjective then S is quasidense and that if E is reflexive and S is maximally monotone multifunction S is quasidense exactly when it is of type (NI).

In Section 7, we prove the *Sum theorem with domain constraints* that was established in [18]. It is important to realize that we do not merely give sufficient conditions for a sum theorem for a pair of maximally monotone multifunctions to hold. In fact, we prove that, under the given conditions, the sum of a pair of *closed, monotone and quasidense* multifunctions is again *closed, monotone and quasidense*.

In Section 8, we discuss the *Fitzpatrick extension* of a closed, monotone and quasidense multifunction. This will be needed for our analysis of the *Sum theorem with range constraints* that will be the topic of Section 9. If $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ is closed, monotone and quasidense then the Fitzpatrick extension, $S^{\mathbb{F}}: E^* \rightrightarrows E^{**}$, of S is defined formally in terms of φ_S^* in (8.1), and we give two other characterization of $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ in (8.2). We prove in Theorem 8.2 that $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is maximally monotone, but we will see in Example 8.8, Theorems 11.4(b) and 12.3 that it may fail to be quasidense. (It is observed in Remark 8.4, that $(y^*, y^{**}) \in G(S^{\mathbb{F}})$ exactly when (y^{**}, y^*) is in the *Gossez extension of* G(S). $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is defined in rather an abstract fashion, but we give a situation in Theorem 8.5 in which we can give a more explicit description of $S^{\mathbb{F}}$. Theorem 8.5 was obtained by analyzing some results of Bueno and Svaiter on *linear* multifunctions, which we will discuss in greater detail in Section 11. Theorem 8.5 does *not* have any linearity assumptions, but Theorem 8.7 is an application to linear maps.

In Section 9, we prove the Sum theorem with range constraints that was first established in [18].

In Section 10, we discuss a slight modification of an example due to Bueno and Svaiter of a non-quasidense maximally monotone skew linear operator from a subspace of c_0 into ℓ_1 . In Section 11 we discuss a procedure due to Bueno and Svaiter for constructing quasidense linear maps from a Banach

space into its dual with a non-quasidense Fitzpatrick extension. In Section 12, we give a specific example of the construction of Section 11, a map from c_0 into ℓ_1 .

Given a maximally monotone multifunction, there are a number of conditions that are equivalent to its quasidensity. Broadly speaking, they separate into two classes, depending on whether or not they use the bidual in their definition.

Conditions that do not use the bidual include the *negative alignment condition* (see [18, Theorem 11.6, p. 1045]), two "fuzzy" criteria for quasidensity (in which an element of E^* is replaced by a nonempty $w(E^*, E)$ —compact convex subset of E^* , or an element of E is replaced by a nonempty $w(E, E^*)$ —compact convex subset of E — see [19, Section 8, pp. 14–17]) and the *type* (FP) condition (see [19, Section 10, pp. 20–22]).

There are many classes of maximally monotone multifunctions coinciding with those of type (FP) in the literature that *do* require the bidual in their definitions. We mention *type* (*D*), *dense type*, *type* (*ED*) and *Type* (*NI*). These equivalences have been known for some time. See [19, Introduction, pp. 6–7] for a discussion of these with references to the sources of these results.

The bidual is not mentioned explicitly in the *statements* of Theorem 5.2, Corollary 6.8 or Theorem 7.3, but our *proofs* of all of these results ultimately depend on the bidual at one point or another. This raises the fascinating question whether there are proofs of any of these results that do not depend on the bidual. This seems to be quite a challenge. Another similar challenge is to find a proof that does not depend on the bidual of the fact that a maximally monotone multifunction is quasidense if, and only if, it is of type (FP). Of course, such a proof could not go through the equivalence of both of these classes of multifunctions with those of type (NI).

It was proved in [18, Theorem 11.9, pp. 1045–1046] that every closed, monotone quasidense multifunction is of *type (ANA)*. It was also proved in [19, Theorem 7.2, p. 14 and Theorem 8.5, pp. 16–17] that every closed, monotone quasidense multifunction is of *type (FPV)*, and *strongly maximal*. These observations lead to the three interesting problems of finding maximally monotone multifunctions that fail to be in any of these three classes.

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All vector spaces in this paper are *real*.

2. FENCHEL CONJUGATES

We start off by introducing some Banach space notation. If X is a nonzero Banach space and $f \colon X \to]-\infty,\infty]$, we write dom f for $\{x \in X \colon f(x) \in \mathbb{R}\}$. dom f is the *effective domain* of f. We say that f is *proper* if dom $f \neq \emptyset$. We write $\mathscr{PC}(X)$ for the set of all proper convex functions from X into $]-\infty,\infty]$ and $\mathscr{PCLPC}(X)$ for the set of all proper convex lower semicontinuous functions from X into $]-\infty,\infty]$. We write X^* for the dual space of X (with the pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \colon X \times X^* \to \mathbb{R}$). If $f \in \mathscr{PC}(X)$, then, as usual, we define the *Fenchel conjugate*, f^* , of f to be the function on X^* given by

$$f^*(x^*) := \sup_{x} \left[x^* - f \right] = \sup_{x \in X} \left[\langle x, x^* \rangle - f(x) \right]. \tag{2.1}$$

 X^{**} stands for the bidual of X (with the pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \colon X^* \times X^{**} \to \mathbb{R}$). If $g \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(X^*)$ then, according to (2.1), we define the Fenchel conjugate, g^* , of g to be the function on X^{**} given by

$$g^*(x^{**}) := \sup_{X^*} [x^{**} - g] = \sup_{x^* \in X^*} [\langle x^*, x^{**} \rangle - g(x^*)].$$

So, if $f \in \mathcal{PCLSC}(X)$ and we interpret f^{**} to mean $(f^*)^*$, then f^{**} is the function on X^{**} given by

$$f^{**}(x^{**}) := \sup_{x^* \in X^*} \left[\langle x^*, x^{**} \rangle - f^*(x^*) \right]. \tag{2.2}$$

If $x \in X$, we write \hat{x} for the canonical image of x in X^{**} , that is to say

$$(x, x^*) \in X \times X^* \Longrightarrow \langle x^*, \widehat{x} \rangle = \langle x, x^* \rangle$$

If $g: X \to]-\infty, \infty]$, we write epi g for the *epigraph* of g,

$$\{(x,\lambda)\in X\times\mathbb{R}:\ g(x)\leq\lambda\}.$$

If $h \in \mathcal{PC}(X)$, the *lower semicontinuous envelope* of h, \overline{h} , is defined by $\operatorname{epi} \overline{h} = \overline{\operatorname{epi} h}$. See [23, p. 62]. Of course, to make this definition legitimate, some effort has to be made to show that $\overline{\operatorname{epi} h}$ is the epigraph of a function. Since $\operatorname{epi} \overline{h}$ is closed, \overline{h} is lower semicontinuous. It is worth pointing out that if h is a discontinuous linear functional then $\overline{h} = -\infty$ on X.

Theorem 2.1. Let $h \in \mathscr{PC}(X)$. Let $k \colon X \to]-\infty,\infty]$ be lower semicontinuous and $k \le h$ on X. Then $k \le \overline{h} \le h$ on X and $\overline{h}^* \le h^*$ on X^* . It follows from this that $\overline{h} \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(X)$ and $\overline{h}^* = h^*$ on X^* .

Proof. We know from [23, Theorem 2.2.6(i), p. 62] that \overline{h} is convex. It follows from the hypotheses that $\operatorname{epi} h \subset \operatorname{epi} k$ and $\operatorname{epi} k$ is closed in $X \times \mathbb{R}$. Consequently, $\operatorname{epi} h \subset \operatorname{epi} \overline{h} = \overline{\operatorname{epi} h} \subset \operatorname{epi} k$, from which $k \leq \overline{h} \leq h$ on X, as required.

If $x^* \in X^*$ and $h^*(x^*) \in \mathbb{R}$ then the Fenchel-Young inequality implies that $x^* - h^*(x^*) \leq h$ on X, so $\operatorname{epi} h \subset \operatorname{epi} \left(x^* - h^*(x^*)\right)$. Since $x^* - h^*(x^*)$ is continuous, $\operatorname{epi} \left(x^* - h^*(x^*)\right)$ is closed, thus $\operatorname{epi} \overline{h} = \overline{\operatorname{epi} h} \subset \operatorname{epi} \left(x^* - h^*(x^*)\right)$, from which $\overline{h} \geq x^* - h^*(x^*)$ on X. It follows easily that $\overline{h}^*(x^*) \leq h^*(x^*)$. Of course, this inequality persists even if $h^*(x^*) = \infty$, and so we have proved that $\overline{h}^* \leq h^*$ on X^* . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

The main tool in the proof of Theorem 2.1 was epigraphical analysis. The drawback of this method is that the definition of \overline{h} is not very intuitive. We now discuss a more explicit geometric method of obtaining the function required for Theorem 4.11, which we can actually express as a biconjugate. The preliminary work is done in Lemma 2.2 below, which is of independent interest.

We shall use Rockafellar's version of the Fenchel duality theorem (which originally appeared in Rockafellar, [13, Theorem 3(a), p. 85]) in the following form: Let $p, u \in \mathcal{PC}(X)$ and u be continuous. Then

$$(p+u)^*(0) = \min_{x^* \in X^*} \left[p^*(x^*) + u^*(-x^*) \right]. \tag{2.3}$$

We could have used instead König's sandwich theorem, a simple application of the Hahn–Banach theorem, see [8, Theorem 1.7, p. 112].

Lemma 2.2. Let $p \in \mathscr{PC}(X)$. Let $s: X \to]-\infty, \infty]$ be lower semicontinuous, $s \leq p$ on X and s(0) > 0. Then:

- (a) There exists $K \in [0, \infty]$ such that $p + K ||\cdot|| \ge 0$ on X.
- (b) There exists $x^* \in X^*$ such that $p^*(x^*) < 0$.

Proof. (a) Since the result is obvious if $p \ge 0$ on X, we can and will suppose that there exists $w \in E$ such that p(w) < 0. Let $\theta \in \mathbb{R}, \theta < s(w)$. It follows that $\theta < s(w) \le p(w) < 0$. Since s is lower semicontinuous, there exists $m \ge 1$ such that $\inf_{y \in X, \ s(y) \le 0} \|y\| \ge \frac{1}{m}$ and $\inf_{z \in X, \ s(z) \le \theta} \|z - w\| \ge \frac{1}{m}$. Let $\alpha := p(w) - \theta > 0$. Let $y \in X$. We will show that

$$p(y) + \alpha m^2 ||w|| ||y|| - \theta m ||y|| \ge 0.$$
 (2.4)

This gives the desired result, with $K := \alpha m^2 ||w|| - \theta m$.

Case 1. $(p(y) \ge 0)$ In this case, (2.4) is obvious since $\alpha > 0$ and $\theta < 0$.

Case 2. $(\theta \le p(y) < 0)$ In this case, s(y) < 0, and so $||y|| \ge \frac{1}{m}$. Hence $m||y|| - 1 \ge 0$. Again since $\alpha > 0$ and $\theta < 0$,

$$p(y) + \alpha m^2 ||w|| ||y|| - \theta m ||y|| \ge \theta - \theta m ||y|| = (-\theta)(m ||y|| - 1) \ge 0,$$

which gives (2.4).

Case 3. $(p(y) < \theta)$ Let $\beta := \theta - p(y) > 0$. β (unlike α) depends on y. Here, the convexity of p and the fact that s < p on X imply that

$$s\left(\frac{\alpha y + \beta w}{\alpha + \beta}\right) \le p\left(\frac{\alpha y + \beta w}{\alpha + \beta}\right) \le \frac{\alpha p(y) + \beta p(w)}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{\alpha(\theta - \beta) + \beta(\alpha + \theta)}{\alpha + \beta} = \theta.$$

Thus, from the choice of *m* again,

$$\frac{\alpha(\|y\| + \|w\|)}{\alpha + \beta} \ge \left\| \frac{\alpha(y - w)}{\alpha + \beta} \right\| = \left\| \frac{\alpha y + \beta w}{\alpha + \beta} - w \right\| \ge \frac{1}{m}.$$

This is equivalent to the statement $\alpha m||w|| + \alpha m||y|| - \alpha - \beta \ge 0$. Substituting $\beta = \theta - p(y)$, we see that

$$p(y) \ge \theta + \alpha - \alpha m \|w\| - \alpha m \|y\|. \tag{2.5}$$

We still have $m||y||-1 \ge 0$, and also $\alpha m||w||-\theta-\alpha=\alpha m||w||-p(w)>0$. It follows that $(\alpha m||w||-\theta-\alpha)(m||y||-1)\ge 0$. Equivalently,

$$\alpha m^2 ||w|| ||y|| - \theta m ||y|| \ge \alpha m ||y|| + \alpha m ||w|| - \theta - \alpha.$$

(2.4) now follows by adding this to (2.5).

Now let $u := K \| \cdot \|$. From (a), $p + u \ge 0$ on X, and so $(p + u)^*(0) \le 0$. (2.3) now gives $x^* \in X^*$ such that $p^*(x^*) + u^*(-x^*) \le 0$. Since u(0) = 0, $u^*(-x^*) \ge 0$, and thus we obtain (b).

Theorem 2.3. Let $h \in \mathscr{PC}(X)$. Let $k \colon X \to]-\infty,\infty]$, be lower semicontinuous and $k \le h$ on X. For all $x \in X$, let $f(x) := \sup_{x^* \in X^*} \left[\langle x, x^* \rangle - h^*(x^*) \right]$, i.e., $f(x) := h^{**}(\widehat{x})$. Then:

- (a) $f \ge k$ on X, and so $f: X \to]-\infty, \infty]$.
- (b) $f \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(X)$ and $f^* = h^*$ on X^* .

Proof. (a) Let $x \in X$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lambda < k(x)$. Let $p(y) := h(y+x) - \lambda$ and $s(y) := k(y+x) - \lambda$, so $s(0) = k(x) - \lambda > 0$. Lemma 2.2(b) now gives $x^* \in X^*$ such that $p^*(x^*) \le 0$. It is easily seen that this is equivalent to the statement that $\langle x, x^* \rangle - h^*(x^*) \ge \lambda$. (a) now follows by letting $\lambda \to k(x)$.

(b) From the Fenchel–Young inequality, for all $x^* \in X^*$, $x^* - h^*(x^*) \le h$ on X, thus $f \le h$ on X, and so $f \in \mathscr{PCLPC}(X)$ and $f^* \ge h^*$ on X^* . On the other hand, for all $x^* \in X^*$, $f \ge x^* - h^*(x^*)$ on X, i.e., $x^* - f \le h^*(x^*)$ on X thus, for all $x^* \in X^*$, $f^*(x^*) = \sup_X \left[x^* - f \right] \le h^*(x^*)$ on X. Thus $f^* = h^*$ on X^* , completing the proof of (b).

3.
$$E \times E^*$$
, q_L , r_L AND QUASIDENSITY

Now let E be nonzero Banach space. For all $(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$, let $||(x, x^*)|| := \sqrt{||x||^2 + ||x^*||^2}$, and represent $(E \times E^*)^*$ by $E^* \times E^{**}$, under the pairing

$$\langle (x, x^*), (y^*, y^{**}) \rangle := \langle x, y^* \rangle + \langle x^*, y^{**} \rangle.$$

Define the linear map $L: E \times E^* \to E^* \times E^{**}$ by

$$L(x, x^*) := (x^*, \widehat{x}).$$
 (3.1)

Then

for all
$$a, b \in E \times E^*$$
, $\langle a, Lb \rangle = \langle b, La \rangle$.

We define the even real functions q_L and r_L on $E \times E^*$ by $q_L(x,x^*) := \langle x,x^* \rangle$ and

$$r_L(x,x^*) := \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x^*\|^2 + \langle x, x^* \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \|(x,x^*)\|^2 + q_L(x,x^*). \tag{3.2}$$

For all
$$(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$$
, $|q_L(x, x^*)| = |\langle x, x^* \rangle| \le ||x|| ||x^*|| \le \frac{1}{2} ||(x, x^*)||^2$, so $0 \le r_L \le ||\cdot||^2$ on $E \times E^*$. (3.3)

We note for future reference that,

for all
$$b, c \in E \times E^*$$
, $q_L(b-c) = q_L(b) + q_L(c) - \langle b, Lc \rangle$. (3.4)

Definition 3.1. Let $A \subset E \times E^*$. We say that A is *quasidense* (in $E \times E^*$) if

$$c \in E \times E^* \implies \inf r_L(A - c) \le 0 \iff \inf r_L(A - c) = 0.$$
 (3.5)

(The " \iff " above follows since $r_L \ge 0$.) In longhand, (3.5) can be rewritten:

$$(x, x^*) \in E \times E^* \Longrightarrow \inf_{(s, s^*) \in A} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|s - x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|s^* - x^*\|^2 + \langle s - x, s^* - x^* \rangle \right] \le 0.$$
 (3.6)

Example 3.2 (Subdifferentials). Let $f: E \to]-\infty, \infty]$ be proper, convex and lower semicontinuous and ∂f be the usual subdifferential. Then $G(\partial f)$ is quasidense. There is an "elementary" proof of this in [19, Theorem 4.6]. There is also a more sophisticated proof based on Theorem 4.8 below in [18, Theorem 7.5, p. 1033]. We shall see in Theorem 6.1 below that this result generalizes Rockafellar's maximal monotonicity theorem.

In fact, the "elementary" proof mentioned above can be generalized to some more general subdifferentials for non–convex functions. See Simons–Wang, [20, Definition 2.1, p. 633] and [20, Theorem 3.2, pp. 634–635].

The dual norm on $E^* \times E^{**}$ is given by $\|(y^*,y^{**})\| := \sqrt{\|y^*\|^2 + \|y^{**}\|^2}$. Define the linear map $\widetilde{L} \colon E^* \times E^{**} \to E^{**} \times E^{***}$ by $\widetilde{L}(x^*,x^{**}) := (x^*,\widehat{x^*})$. Then $q_{\widetilde{L}}(y^*,y^{**}) := \langle y^*,y^{**} \rangle$ and $r_{\widetilde{L}}(y^*,y^{**}) := \frac{1}{2}\|y^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|y^{**}\|^2 + \langle y^*,y^{**} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\|(y^*,y^{**})\|^2 + q_{\widetilde{L}}(y^*,y^{**})$.

One can easily verify the following generalization of (3.4):

$$c \in E \times E^*$$
 and $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**} \Longrightarrow q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^* + Lc) = q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) + \langle c, c^* \rangle + q_L(c)$. (3.7)

Lemma 3.3 below gives a very nice relationship between L and quasidensity. It is the first of two preliminary results leading to the main result of this section, Theorem 3.5.

Lemma 3.3. $L(E \times E^*)$ is quasidense in $E^* \times E^{**}$. In other words:

$$c^* \in E^* \times E^{**} \implies \inf_{c \in E \times E^*} r_{\widetilde{I}}(Lc - c^*) = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

In longhand, this can be rewritten: for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$,

$$\inf_{(x,x^*)\in E\times E^*} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|y^* - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|y^{**} - \widehat{x}\|^2 + \langle y^* - x^*, y^{**} - \widehat{x} \rangle \right] = 0.$$
 (3.9)

Proof. Let $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$. For all $\varepsilon > 0$, the definition of $\|y^{**}\|$ provides $z^* \in E^*$ such that $\|z^*\| \le \|y^{**}\|$ and $\langle z^*, y^{**} \rangle \le -\|y^{**}\|^2 + \varepsilon$, from which $\|\frac{1}{2}\|z^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|y^{**}\|^2 + \langle z^*, y^{**} \rangle \le \|y^{**}\|^2 + \langle z^*, y^{**} \rangle \le \varepsilon$. So

$$\begin{split} 0 & \leq \inf_{(x,x^*) \in E \times E^*} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|y^* - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|y^{**} - \widehat{x}\|^2 + \langle y^* - x^*, y^{**} - \widehat{x} \rangle \right] \\ & = \inf_{(x,z^*) \in E \times E^*} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|z^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|y^{**} - \widehat{x}\|^2 + \langle z^*, y^{**} - \widehat{x} \rangle \right] \\ & \leq \inf_{z^* \in E^*} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|z^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|y^{**}\|^2 + \langle z^*, y^{**} \rangle \right] \leq 0. \end{split}$$

This establishes (3.9), and hence (3.8).

Lemma 3.4. Let $b \in E \times E^*$ and $b^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Then

$$q_{\widetilde{L}}(Lb+b^*) \le r_L(b) + r_{\widetilde{L}}(b^*). \tag{3.10}$$

Let $a, c \in E \times E^*$ and $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Then

$$q_{\widetilde{I}}(La-c^*) \le r_L(a-c) + r_{\widetilde{I}}(Lc-c^*).$$
 (3.11)

Proof. From (3.7),

$$r_{L}(b) + r_{\widetilde{L}}(b^{*}) - q_{\widetilde{L}}(Lb + b^{*})$$

$$= q_{L}(b) + \frac{1}{2} ||b||^{2} + q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^{*}) + \frac{1}{2} ||b^{*}||^{2} - q_{L}(b) - \langle b, b^{*} \rangle - q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^{*})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} ||b||^{2} + \frac{1}{2} ||b^{*}||^{2} - \langle b, b^{*} \rangle \ge \frac{1}{2} ||b||^{2} + \frac{1}{2} ||b^{*}||^{2} - ||b|| ||b^{*}|| \ge 0.$$

This completes the proof of (3.10), and (3.11) follows from (3.10) with b := a - c and $b^* := Lc - c^*$

We have the following fundamental result:

Theorem 3.5. Let $A \subset E \times E^*$ and A be quasidense in $E \times E^*$. Then, for all $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$, $\inf q_{\widetilde{L}}(L(A) - c^*) \leq 0$.

Proof. Let $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then, from Lemma 3.3 and Definition 3.1, there exist $c \in E \times E^*$ and then $a \in A$ such that $r_{\widetilde{L}}(Lc - c^*) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ and $r_L(a - c) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$. From (3.11), $q_{\widetilde{L}}(La - c^*) < \varepsilon$.

The following definition was made in [14, Definition 10, p. 183]:

Definition 3.6. Let $A \subset E \times E^*$. Then A is of type (NI) if,

for all
$$(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$$
, $\inf_{(s,s^*) \in A} \langle s^* - y^*, \widehat{s} - y^{**} \rangle \le 0.$ (3.12)

In our current notation, (3.12) can be rephrased as

for all
$$c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$$
, $\inf_{a \in A} q_{\widetilde{I}}(La - c^*) \le 0$. (3.13)

"(NI)" stands for "negative infimum". We note that A is not constrained to be monotone in this definition.

Corollary 3.7. *Let* $A \subset E \times E^*$ *and* A *be quasidense in* $E \times E^*$. *Then* A *is of type (NI).*

There is another way of viewing Theorem 3.5. In order to explain this, we introduce the function Θ_A . (Compare [18, Definition 6.2, p. 1029].)

Definition 3.8. Let $A \subset E \times E^*$ and $A \neq \emptyset$. We define the function $\Theta_A : E^* \times E^{**} \to]-\infty, \infty]$ by:

$$\text{ for all } c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}, \quad \Theta_A(c^*) := \sup_A \left[c^* - q_L \right] = \sup_{a \in A} \left[\langle a, c^* \rangle - q_L(a) \right].$$

In longhand: for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$,

$$\Theta_A(y^*, y^{**}) := \sup_{(s, s^*) \in A} \left[\langle s, y^* \rangle + \langle s^*, y^{**} \rangle - \langle s, s^* \rangle \right].$$

Corollary 3.9. Let $A \subset E \times E^*$ and A be quasidense in $E \times E^*$. Then $\Theta_A \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$.

Proof. Let $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Then, from Definition 3.8 and (3.7),

$$\begin{split} \Theta_{A}(c^*) - q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) &= \sup_{a \in A} \left[\langle a, c^* \rangle - q_L(a) - q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) \right] \\ &= -\inf_{a \in A} \left[q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) - \langle a, c^* \rangle + q_L(a) \right] \\ &= -\inf_{a \in A} q_{\widetilde{L}}(La - c^*). \end{split}$$

The result now follows since, from Theorem 3.5, $\inf_{a \in A} q_{\widetilde{i}}(La - c^*) \le 0$.

Remark 3.10. Corollary 3.9 will be used in Lemma 4.7, Theorem 6.12 and Theorem 11.3. The converses of Corollaries 3.7 and 3.9 are true for maximally monotone sets. (See Theorem 6.12). We give an example where the converse of Corollary 3.7 fails without the hypothesis of maximal monotonicity in Example 3.12 below. Example 3.12 depends on the following simple fact:

Fact 3.11. Let E be reflexive, S: $E
Arr E^*$, D(S) = E and A := G(S). Then A is of type (NI).

Proof. Let $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Since E is reflexive, there exists $s \in E$ such that $\widehat{s} = y^{**}$. Since D(S) = E and G(S) = A, there exists $s^* \in E^*$ such that $(s, s^*) \in A$. Since $\langle s^* - y^*, \widehat{s} - y^{**} \rangle = \langle s^* - y^*, 0 \rangle = 0$, A is of type (NI).

Example 3.12. Let $E = \mathbb{R}$. If $(s, s^*), (x, x^*) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ then

$$r_L((s,s^*) - (x,x^*)) = \frac{1}{2} ||s - x||^2 + \frac{1}{2} ||s^* - x^*||^2 + \langle s - x, s^* - x^* \rangle$$

= $\frac{1}{2} (s - x)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (s^* - x^*)^2 + (s - x)(s^* - x^*)$
= $\frac{1}{2} (s + s^* - x - x^*)^2$

Let $A := \{(\lambda, -\lambda) : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ and $(x, x^*) := (1, 0) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ then, for all $(s, s^*) \in A$, $r_L((s, s^*) - (1, 0)) = \frac{1}{2}(s - s - 1 - 0)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$. Thus A is not quasidense. However, from Fact 3.11, A is of type (NI).

4. QUASIDENSE SETS DETERMINED BY THE COINCIDENCE SETS OF CONVEX FUNCTIONS

Definition 4.1. If $f \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*)$ and $f \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, we write coinc[f] for the "coincidence set"

$$\{b \in E \times E^* \colon f(b) = q_L(b)\}.$$

The notation " M_f " has been used for this set in the literature. We have avoided the " M_f " notation because it lead to superscripts and subscripts on subscripts, and consequently makes the analysis harder to read. If g is a proper, convex function on $E^* \times E^{**}$ and $g \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, we write dcoinc[g] for the "dual coincidence set"

$$\{b^* \in E^* \times E^{**}: g(b^*) = q_{\widetilde{I}}(b^*)\}.$$

Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3 lead to the main result of the section, Theorem 4.4:

Lemma 4.2 (A boundedness result). Let X be a nonzero real Banach space and $g \in \mathscr{PC}(X)$. Suppose, further, that $\inf_{x \in X} \left[g(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 \right] = 0$, $y, z \in X$, $g(y) + \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 \le 1$ and $g(z) + \frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2 \le 1$. Then $\|y\| \le \|z\| + \sqrt{8}$.

Proof. We have $\frac{1}{8} [||y|| - ||z||]^2 = \frac{1}{4} ||y||^2 + \frac{1}{4} ||z||^2 - \frac{1}{8} [||y|| + ||z||]^2$ and

$$0 \le g\left(\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}z\right) + \frac{1}{2}\|\frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}z\|^2 \le \frac{1}{2}g(y) + \frac{1}{2}g(z) + \frac{1}{8}[\|y\| + \|z\|]^2.$$

Thus, by addition,

$$\frac{1}{8} \left[\|y\| - \|z\| \right]^2 \le \frac{1}{2} g(y) + \frac{1}{2} g(z) + \frac{1}{4} \|y\|^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|z\|^2 \le \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

This gives the required result.

Lemma 4.3. *Let* $b, d \in E \times E^*$. *Then:*

$$r_L(b+d) \le r_L(b) + 2||b||||d|| + r_L(d) \le ||b||^2 + 2||b||||d|| + r_L(d).$$

Proof. Let $b = (x, x^*)$ and $d = (z, z^*)$. From the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, we have

$$||x|| ||z|| + ||x^*|| ||z^*|| \le \sqrt{||x||^2 + ||x^*||^2} \sqrt{||z||^2 + ||z^*||^2} = ||b|| ||d||.$$

From the triangle inequality, we have

$$||x+z||^2 \le (||x|| + ||z||)^2 = ||x||^2 + 2||x|| ||z|| + ||z||^2$$

and

$$||x^* + z^*||^2 \le (||x^*|| + ||z^*||)^2 = ||x^*||^2 + 2||x^*|| ||z^*|| + ||z^*||^2.$$

Thus

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{2} \|b+d\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \|x+z\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x^*+z^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 + \|x\| \|z\| + \frac{1}{2} \|z\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x^*\|^2 + \|x^*\| \|z^*\| + \frac{1}{2} \|z^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 + \|b\| \|d\| + \frac{1}{2} \|d\|^2. \end{split}$$

Also, from (3.4) with c := -d and the fact that ||Ld|| = ||d||,

$$q_L(b+d) = q_L(b) + \langle b, Ld \rangle + q_L(d) \le q_L(b) + ||b|| ||d|| + q_L(d).$$

The result now follows by addition, (3.2) and (3.3).

Theorem 4.4 (Primal condition for quasidensity). Let $f \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times E^*)$ and $f \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$. For all $c, b \in E \times E^*$, let

$$f_c(b) := f(b+c) - \langle b, Lc \rangle - q_L(c) = (f - q_L)(b+c) + q_L(b) \ge q_L(b). \tag{4.1}$$

(The first expression shows that $f_c \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times E^*)$.) Then (a) \iff (b):

- (a) coinc[f] is quasidense.
- (b) For all $c \in E \times E^*$, $\inf_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[f_c(b) + \frac{1}{2} ||b||^2 \right] \le 0$.

Proof. Let A := coinc[f]. Let $c \in E \times E^*$. Since $f_c = q_L$ on A - c,

$$\inf_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[f_c(b) + \frac{1}{2} ||b||^2 \right] \le \inf_{b \in A - c} \left[f_c(b) + \frac{1}{2} ||b||^2 \right]$$

$$= \inf_{b \in A - c} \left[q_L(b) + \frac{1}{2} ||b||^2 \right]$$

$$= \inf_{b \in A - c} r_L(b) = \inf_{r_L(A - c)} q_L(b) = 0,$$

and so it follows that (a) \Longrightarrow (b).

Suppose now that (b) is satisfied and $c \in E \times E^*$. Let $c_0 := c$, so that $\inf_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[f_{c_0}(b) + \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 \right] \le 0$. From (4.1), $f_{c_0} + \frac{1}{2} \| \cdot \|^2 \ge q_L + \frac{1}{2} \| \cdot \|^2 \ge 0$ on $E \times E^*$, so in fact $\inf_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[f_{c_0}(b) + \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 \right] = 0$. From Lemma 4.2, there exists $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f_{c_0}(b) + \frac{1}{2}||b||^2 \le 1 \implies ||b|| \le M.$$
 (4.2)

Let $0 \le \varepsilon < 1$. Let $1 \ge \varepsilon_1 \ge \varepsilon_3 \ge \varepsilon_3 \cdots > 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_n \le \varepsilon$. We now define inductively $c_1, c_2, \cdots \in E \times E^*$. Suppose that $n \ge 0$ and c_n is known. By hypohesis, $\inf_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[f_{c_n}(b) + \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 \right] \le 0$, and so there exists $b_n \in E \times E^*$ such that $f_{c_n}(b_n) + \frac{1}{2} \|b_n\|^2 \le \varepsilon_{n+1}^2$. Let $c_{n+1} := b_n + c_n$. This completes the inductive construction.

Since $b_n = c_{n+1} - c_n$, we now have c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots , such that,

for all
$$n \ge 0$$
, $f_{c_n}(c_{n+1} - c_n) + \frac{1}{2} ||c_{n+1} - c_n||^2 \le \varepsilon_{n+1}^2$. (4.3)

From (4.1), $f_{c_n}(c_{n+1}-c_n) = (f-q_L)(c_{n+1}) + q_L(c_{n+1}-c_n)$ and so,

for all
$$n \ge 0$$
, $(f - q_L)(c_{n+1}) + r_L(c_{n+1} - c_n) \le \varepsilon_{n+1}^2$.

Since $f \ge q_L$ and, from (3.3), $r_L \ge 0$ on $E \times E^*$, this implies that,

for all
$$n \ge 0$$
, $(f - q_L)(c_{n+1}) \le \varepsilon_{n+1}^2$ and $r_L(c_{n+1} - c_n) \le \varepsilon_{n+1}^2$. (4.4)

We now prove that,

for all
$$n \ge 1$$
, $||c_{n+1} - c_n|| \le \sqrt{10}\varepsilon_n$. (4.5)

Let $n \ge 1$. Since f is convex, (4.4) gives

$$2f(\frac{1}{2}c_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2}c_n) \le f(c_{n+1}) + f(c_n) \le q_L(c_{n+1}) + \varepsilon_{n+1}^2 + q_L(c_n) + \varepsilon_n^2.$$

Since $f \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$ and $\varepsilon_{n+1}^2 \le \varepsilon_n^2$, it follows that

$$2q_L(\frac{1}{2}c_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2}c_n) - q_L(c_{n+1}) - q_L(c_n) \le 2\varepsilon_n^2.$$

Thus, from the quadraticity of q_L , $\frac{1}{2}q_L(c_{n+1}+c_n)-q_L(c_{n+1})-q_L(c_n) \leq 2\varepsilon_n^2$. Since $q_L(c_{n+1})+q_L(c_n)=\frac{1}{2}q_L(c_{n+1}+c_n)+\frac{1}{2}q_L(c_{n+1}-c_n)$, we see that

$$-q_L(c_{n+1}-c_n)\leq 4\varepsilon_n^2.$$

From (4.4), $q_L(c_{n+1}-c_n) + \frac{1}{2}||c_{n+1}-c_n||^2 = r_L(c_{n+1}-c_n) \le \varepsilon_{n+1}^2$. Thus

for all
$$n \ge 1$$
, $\frac{1}{2} ||c_{n+1} - c_n||^2 \le 4\varepsilon_n^2 + \varepsilon_{n+1}^2 \le 5\varepsilon_n^2$.

Thus we obtain (4.5). We will also need an estimate for $||c_1 - c_0||$. This is not covered by (4.5). Now (4.5) used the inequality $f(c_n) \le q_L(c_n) + \varepsilon_n^2$. A similar analysis for $||c_1 - c_0||$ is unlikely, because we have no knowledge about $f(c_0)$ — there is no *a priori* reason why $f(c_0)$ should even be finite. This issue is partially resolved by (4.7) below.

It follows from (4.5) that $\lim_{n\to\infty} c_n$ exists. Let $a_{\varepsilon} := \lim_{n\to\infty} c_n$. Clearly, $a_{\varepsilon} - c_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_{n+1} - c_n)$ and so, from (4.5),

$$||a_{\varepsilon} - c_{1}|| = ||\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_{n+1} - c_{n})||$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ||c_{n+1} - c_{n}|| \leq \sqrt{10} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_{n} \leq 4\varepsilon.$$
(4.6)

From (4.4), the lower semicontinuity of f, and the continuity of q_L , $f(a_{\varepsilon}) \leq q_L(a_{\varepsilon})$, and so $a_{\varepsilon} \in \text{coinc}[f]$. We must now estimate $r_L(a_{\varepsilon} - c)$. (4.3) with n = 0 gives $f_{c_0}(c_1 - c_0) + \frac{1}{2}||c_1 - c_0||^2 \leq \varepsilon_1^2 \leq 1$ and so, from (4.2),

$$||c_1 - c|| = ||c_1 - c_0|| \le M. \tag{4.7}$$

Furthermore, (4.4) with n = 0 gives

$$r_L(c_1 - c) = r_L(c_1 - c_0) \le \varepsilon_1^2 \le \varepsilon.$$
 (4.8)

From Lemma 4.3 with $b = a_{\varepsilon} - c_1$ and $d = c_1 - c$, (4.6), (4.7) and (4.8),

$$r_L(a_{\varepsilon} - c) \le ||a_{\varepsilon} - c_1||^2 + 2||a_{\varepsilon} - c_1|| ||c_1 - c|| + r_L(c_1 - c)$$

$$\le 16\varepsilon^2 + 8\varepsilon M + \varepsilon \le 16\varepsilon + 8\varepsilon M + \varepsilon = (17 + 8M)\varepsilon.$$

Letting $\varepsilon \to 0$, we see that $\inf r_L(\operatorname{coinc}[f] - c) \le 0$. Thus $\operatorname{coinc}[f]$ is quasidense, and (a) holds. \square

Remark 4.5. An inspection of the above proof shows that we have, in fact, proved that if coinc[f] is quasidense then coinc[f] satisfies the stronger condition that, for all $c \in E \times E^*$, there exists $K_c \ge 0$ such that

$$\inf \left\{ r_L(a-c) : a \in \operatorname{coinc}[f], \|a-c\| \le K_c \right\} \le 0.$$

It is clear from (4.1) that, for all $b, c \in E \times E^*$, $(f_c - q_L)(b) = (f - q_L)(b + c)$. In light of this, the result of Lemma 4.6 below is very pleasing:

Lemma 4.6. Let $f \in \mathcal{PCLPC}(E \times E^*)$ and f_c be as in (4.1). Then, for all $c \in E \times E^*$ and $b^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$, $(f_c^* - q_{\widetilde{L}})(b^*) = (f^* - q_{\widetilde{L}})(b^* + Lc)$.

Proof. From (4.1), the substitution d = b + c, (3.4) and (3.7),

$$\begin{split} (f_c{}^*-q_{\widetilde{L}})(b^*) &= \sup_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[\langle b, b^* \rangle - (f-q_L)(b+c) - q_L(b) - q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^*) \right] \\ &= \sup_{d \in E \times E^*} \left[\langle d-c, b^* \rangle - (f-q_L)(d) - q_L(d-c) - q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^*) \right] \\ &= \sup_{d \in E \times E^*} \left[\langle d, b^* \rangle - f(d) + q_L(d) - q_L(d-c) - \langle c, b^* \rangle - q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^*) \right] \\ &= \sup_{d \in E \times E^*} \left[\langle d, b^* + Lc \rangle - f(d) - q_L(c) - \langle c, b^* \rangle - q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^*) \right] \\ &= f^*(b^* + Lc) - q_{\widetilde{L}}(b^* + Lc). \end{split}$$

This gives the required result.

Lemma 4.7. Let $f \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*)$, $f \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$ and $\operatorname{coinc}[f]$ be quasidense. Then $f^* \geq q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$.

Proof. Let A := coinc[f]. Let $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Then, since $f = q_L$ on A,

$$f^*(c^*) = \sup_{E \times E^*} \left[c^* - f \right] \ge \sup_{A} \left[c^* - f \right] = \sup_{A} \left[c^* - q_L \right].$$

Thus, from Definition 3.8 and Corollary 3.9, $f^*(c^*) \ge \Theta_A(c^*) \ge q_{\widetilde{I}}(c^*)$.

Theorem 4.8 (Dual condition for quasidensity). Let $f \in \mathcal{PCLPC}(E \times E^*)$ and $f \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$. Then coinc[f] is quasidense $\iff f^* \geq q_{\widetilde{I}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$.

Proof. By virtue of Lemma 4.7, we only have to prove the implication (\Leftarrow). So assume that $f^* \geq q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. Let $c \in E \times E^*$. Let $f_c \in \mathscr{PCLPC}(E \times E^*)$ be as in (4.1). From Lemma 4.6, $f_c^* \geq q_{\widetilde{L}} \geq -\frac{1}{2}\|\cdot\|^2$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, thus $f_c^* + \frac{1}{2}\|\cdot\|^2 \geq 0$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. From (2.3), $\inf_{b \in E \times E^*} \left[f_c(b) + \frac{1}{2}\|b\|^2 \right] \leq 0$. Thus, from Theorem 4.4, coinc[f] is quasidense, as required.

Definition 4.9. Let $f \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*)$. We define the function $f^{@}$ on $E \times E^*$ by $f^{@} := f^* \circ L$. Explicitly, for all $a \in E \times E^*$,

$$f^{@}(a) := \sup_{E \times E^{*}} \left[La - f \right] = \sup_{b \in E \times E^{*}} \left[\langle b, La \rangle - f(b) \right]. \tag{4.9}$$

Lemma 4.10 will be used in Theorem 4.11, Lemma 6.14 and Theorem 6.15.

Lemma 4.10. Let $f, f^{@} \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^{*}), f \geq q_{L} \text{ and } f^{@} \geq q_{L} \text{ on } E \times E^{*}.$ Then $\operatorname{coinc}[f] \subset \operatorname{coinc}[f^{@}].$

Proof. Let $a \in \text{coinc}[f]$, $b \in \text{dom } f$, $\lambda, \mu > 0$ and $\lambda + \mu = 1$. Then

$$\lambda \mu q_L(a) = \mu q_L(a) - \mu^2 q_L(a) = \mu f(a) - \mu^2 q_L(a)$$

$$\geq f(\lambda b + \mu a) - \lambda f(b) - \mu^2 q_L(a)$$

$$\geq q_L(\lambda b + \mu a) - \lambda f(b) - \mu^2 q_L(a)$$

$$= \lambda^2 q_L(b) + \lambda \mu \langle b, La \rangle - \lambda f(b).$$

Dividing by λ and letting $\lambda \to 0$, we see that $q_L(a) \ge \langle b, La \rangle - f(b)$. If we now take the supremum over b and use (4.9), we see that $q_L(a) \ge f^{@}(a)$. Consequently, $a \in \text{coinc}[f^{@}]$.

The important thing about the next result is that *h* is *not* required to be lower semicontinuous.

Theorem 4.11 (The theorem of the three functions). Let $h \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*)$,

$$h \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^* \text{ and } h^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**}.$$
 (4.10)

Then $h^{@} \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$ and $coinc[h^{@}]$ is closed and quasidense.

Proof. From (4.10), $h^@=h^*\circ L \geq q_{\widetilde{L}}\circ L = q_L$ on $E\times E^*$, as required. From Theorem 2.1 or Theorem 2.3 with $k=q_L$, there exists $f\in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E\times E^*)$ such that $f\geq q_L$ on $E\times E^*$ and $f^*=h^*\geq q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^*\times E^{**}$, from which $f^@=h^@\geq q_L$ on $E\times E^*$. Thus Theorem 4.8 and Lemma 4.10 imply that coinc[f] is quasidense and coinc[f] ⊂ coinc[$f^@$]. Consequently, coinc[$f^@$] is quasidense. Since $f^@=h^@$ on $E\times E^*$, coinc[$h^@$] is quasidense also. Since q_L is continuous and $h^@$ is lower semicontinuous, coinc[$h^@$] is closed. □

5. THE COINCIDENCE SETS OF PARTIAL EPISUMS

Let E and F be nonzero Banach spaces and $f,g \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times F)$. Then we define the functions $f \oplus_2 g$ and $f \oplus_1 g$ by

$$(f \oplus_2 g)(x, y) := \inf_{\eta \in F} \left[f(x, y - \eta) + g(x, \eta) \right]$$

$$(5.1)$$

and

$$(f \oplus_1 g)(x,y) := \inf_{\xi \in E} \left[f(x - \xi, y) + g(\xi, y) \right].$$

We substitute the symbol \oplus_2^e for \oplus_2 and \oplus_1^e for \oplus_1 if the infimum is *exact*, that is to say, can be replaced by a minimum. Lemma 5.1 below first appeared in Simons–Zălinescu [21, Section 4, pp. 8–10], and appeared subsequently in [15, Section 16, pp. 67–69]. It was later generalized in [16, Theorem 9, p. 882] and [17, Corollary 5.4, pp. 121–122]. We will be applying Lemmas 5.1 and 5.3 below with $F := E^*$. We define the projection maps π_1 and π_2 by $\pi_1(x,y) := x$ and $\pi_2(x,y) := y$ ($(x,y) \in E \times F$).

Lemma 5.1. Let $f,g \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times F)$, $f \oplus_2 g \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times F)$ and

$$\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \left[\pi_1 \operatorname{dom} f - \pi_1 \operatorname{dom} g \right] \text{ be a closed subspace of } E.$$

Then $(f \oplus_2 g)^* = f^* \oplus_1^e g^*$ on $E^* \times F^*$.

Theorem 5.2. Let $f,g \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times E^*)$, $f,g \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$,

$$\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \left[\pi_1 \operatorname{dom} f - \pi_1 \operatorname{dom} g \right] \text{ be a closed subspace of } E, \tag{5.2}$$

and $\operatorname{coinc}[f]$ and $\operatorname{coinc}[g]$ be quasidense. Then $(f \oplus_2 g)^{@} \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, $\operatorname{coinc}[(f \oplus_2 g)^{@}]$ is closed and quasidense, and

$$(y, y^*) \in \operatorname{coinc}[(f \oplus_2 g)^{@}] \iff$$

$$\operatorname{there\ exist\ } u^*, v^* \in E^* \ \operatorname{such\ that}$$

$$(y, u^*) \in \operatorname{coinc}[f^{@}], \ (y, v^*) \in \operatorname{coinc}[g^{@}] \ \operatorname{and\ } u^* + v^* = y^*.$$

$$(5.3)$$

Proof. Let $h := f \oplus_2 g$. Since $f, g \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, for all $(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$,

$$\begin{split} h(x,x^*) &= \inf_{\xi^* \in E^*} \left[f(x,x^* - \xi^*) + g(x,\xi^*) \right] \\ &\geq \inf_{\xi^* \in E^*} \left[q_L(x,x^* - \xi^*) + q_L(x,\xi^*) \right] \\ &= \inf_{\xi^* \in E^*} \left[\langle x,x^* - \xi^* \rangle + \langle x,\xi^* \rangle \right] \\ &= \langle x,x^* \rangle = q_L(x,x^*). \end{split}$$

From (5.2), $\pi_1 \operatorname{dom} f \cap \pi_1 \operatorname{dom} g \neq \emptyset$, and so there exist $x_0 \in E$, $y_0^* \in E^*$ and $z_0^* \in E^*$ such that $(x_0, y_0^*) \in \operatorname{dom} f$ and $(x_0, z_0^*) \in \operatorname{dom} g$. It now follows from (5.1) that

$$(f \oplus_2 g)(x_0, y_0^* + z_0^*) \le f(x_0, y_0^*) + g(x_0, z_0^*) < \infty.$$

To sum up:

$$h \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*) \text{ and } h \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^*.$$
 (5.4)

Note that we do not assert in (5.4) that $h \in \mathcal{PCLSC}(E \times E^*)$. Since coinc[f] and coinc[g] are quasidense, Lemma 4.7 implies that

$$f^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**} \quad \text{and} \quad g^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**},$$
 (5.5)

from which

$$f^{@} \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^* \quad \text{and} \quad g^{@} \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^*.$$
 (5.6)

From Lemma 5.1 and (5.5), for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$,

$$h^{*}(y^{*}, y^{**}) = \min_{z^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[f^{*}(y^{*} - z^{*}, y^{**}) + g^{*}(z^{*}, y^{**}) \right]$$

$$\geq \inf_{z^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[\langle y^{*} - z^{*}, y^{**} \rangle + \langle z^{*}, y^{**} \rangle \right] = \langle y^{*}, y^{**} \rangle = q_{\widetilde{L}}(y^{*}, y^{**}).$$
(5.7)

Thus $h^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, and so (5.4) and Theorem 4.11 imply that $h^@ \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$ and coinc[$h^@$] is closed and quasidense, as required.

We now establish (5.3). If $(y, y^*) \in E \times E^*$ and we use (5.6) and specialize (5.7) to the case when $y^{**} = \widehat{y}$, we obtain

$$h^{@}(y,y^{*}) = h^{*}(y^{*},\widehat{y}) = \min_{z^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[f^{@}(y,y^{*} - z^{*}) + g^{@}(y,z^{*}) \right]$$

$$\geq \inf_{z^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[\langle y,y^{*} - z^{*} \rangle + \langle y,z^{*} \rangle \right] = \langle y,y^{*} \rangle = q_{L}(y,y^{*}).$$
(5.8)

If $(y, y^*) \in \text{coinc}[h^@]$, then this provides $v^* \in E^*$ such that

$$f^{(0)}(y, y^* - v^*) + g^{(0)}(y, v^*) = \langle y, y^* - v^* \rangle + \langle y, v^* \rangle.$$

Let $u^* := y^* - v^*$. Then $u^* + v^* = y^*$ and $f^{@}(y, u^*) + g^{@}(y, v^*) = \langle y, u^* \rangle + \langle y, v^* \rangle$. From (5.6), $(y, u^*) \in \text{coinc}[f^{@}]$ and $(y, v^*) \in \text{coinc}[g^{@}]$. This completes the proof of the implication (\Longrightarrow) of (5.3). If, conversely, there exist $u^*, v^* \in E^*$ such that $(y, u^*) \in \text{coinc}[f^{@}]$, $(y, v^*) \in \text{coinc}[g^{@}]$ and $u^* + v^* = y^*$ then, from (5.8),

$$h^{(0)}(y,y^*) \le f^{(0)}(y,u^*) + g^{(0)}(y,v^*) = \langle y,u^* \rangle + \langle y,v^* \rangle = \langle y,y^* \rangle.$$

It now follows from (5.8) that $(y, y^*) \in \text{coinc}[h^@]$. This completes the proof of the implication (\Leftarrow) of (5.3), and thus the proof of Theorem 5.2.

By interchanging the roles of \oplus_2 and \oplus_1 in the statement of Lemma 5.1, we can prove the following result:

Lemma 5.3. Let $f,g \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times F)$, $f \oplus_1 g \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times F)$ and

$$\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \left[\pi_2 \operatorname{dom} f - \pi_2 \operatorname{dom} g \right]$$
 be a closed subspace of F .

Then $(f \oplus_1 g)^* = f^* \oplus_2^e g^*$ on $E^* \times F^*$.

Theorem 5.4. Let $f,g \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times E^*)$, $f,g \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$,

$$\bigcup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \left[\pi_2 \operatorname{dom} f - \pi_2 \operatorname{dom} g \right] \text{ be a closed subspace of } E^*, \tag{5.9}$$

and $\operatorname{coinc}[f]$ and $\operatorname{coinc}[g]$ be quasidense. Then $(f \oplus_1 g)^@ \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, $\operatorname{coinc}[(f \oplus_1 g)^@]$ is closed and quasidense and,

$$(y, y^{*}) \in \operatorname{coinc}[(f \oplus_{1} g)^{@}] \iff \\ \operatorname{there\ exist}\ u^{**}, v^{**} \in E^{**}\ \operatorname{such\ that} \\ (y^{*}, u^{**}) \in \operatorname{dcoinc}[f^{*}], \ (y^{*}, v^{**}) \in \operatorname{dcoinc}[g^{*}]\ \operatorname{and}\ u^{**} + v^{**} = \widehat{y}. \end{cases}$$
(5.10)

Proof. Let $h := f \oplus_1 g$. By interchanging the variables in the proofs already given of (5.4) and (5.5) in Theorem 5.2, we can prove that,

$$h \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*) \text{ and } h \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^*$$
 (5.11)

and

$$f^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**} \quad \text{and} \quad g^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**}.$$
 (5.12)

From Lemma 5.3 and (5.12), for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$,

$$h^{*}(y^{*}, y^{**}) = \min_{z^{**} \in E^{**}} \left[f^{*}(y^{*}, y^{**} - z^{**}) + g^{*}(y^{*}, z^{**}) \right]$$

$$\geq \inf_{z^{**} \in E^{**}} \left[\langle y^{*}, y^{**} - z^{**} \rangle + \langle y^{*}, z^{**} \rangle \right] = \langle y^{*}, y^{**} \rangle = q_{\widetilde{L}}(y^{*}, y^{**}).$$
(5.13)

Thus $h^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, and so (5.11) and Theorem 4.11 imply that $h^@ \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$ and coinc $[h^@]$ is closed and quasidense, as required. If we now let $(y,y^*) \in E \times E^*$ and specialize (5.13) to the case when $y^{**} = \widehat{y}$, we obtain

$$h^{@}(y,y^{*}) = \min_{z^{**} \in E^{**}} \left[f^{*}(y^{*},\widehat{y} - z^{**}) + g^{*}(y^{*},z^{**}) \right]$$

$$\geq \inf_{z^{**} \in E^{**}} \left[\langle y^{*},\widehat{y} - z^{**} \rangle + \langle y^{*},z^{**} \rangle \right] = \langle y,y^{*} \rangle = q_{L}(y,y^{*}).$$
(5.14)

We now establish (5.10). If $(y, y^*) \in \text{coinc}[h^@]$ then (5.14) provides $v^{**} \in E^{**}$ such that

$$f^*(y^*, \widehat{y} - v^{**}) + g^*(y^*, v^{**}) = \langle y^*, \widehat{y} - v^{**} \rangle + \langle y^*, v^{**} \rangle.$$

Let $u^{**} := \widehat{y} - v^{**}$. Then we have $u^{**} + v^{**} = \widehat{y}$ and $f^*(y^*, u^{**}) + g^*(y^*, v^{**}) = \langle y^*, u^{**} \rangle + \langle y^*, v^{**} \rangle$. From (5.12), $(y^*, u^{**}) \in \text{dcoinc}[f^*]$ and $(y^*, v^{**}) \in \text{dcoinc}[g^*]$. This completes the proof of the implication (\Longrightarrow)

of (5.10). If, conversely, there exist $u^{**}, v^{**} \in E^{**}$ such that $(y^*, u^{**}) \in \text{dcoinc}[f^*], (y^*, v^{**}) \in \text{dcoinc}[g^*]$ and $u^{**} + v^{**} = \hat{y}$ then, from (5.14),

$$h^{@}(y,y^{*}) \leq f^{*}(y^{*},u^{**}) + g^{*}(y^{*},v^{**}) = \langle y^{*},u^{**} \rangle + \langle y^{*},v^{**} \rangle = \langle y^{*},\widehat{y} \rangle = \langle y,y^{*} \rangle.$$

It now follows from (5.14) that $(y, y^*) \in \text{coinc}[h^@]$. This completes the proof of the implication (\Leftarrow) of (5.10), and thus the proof of Theorem 5.4.

6. MONOTONE SETS AND MULTIFUNCTIONS

Let $\emptyset \neq A \subset E \times E^*$. It is easy to see that

A is monotone if, and only if, for all
$$a, b \in A$$
, $q_L(a-b) \ge 0$ (6.1)

if, and only if,
$$L(A)$$
 is a monotone subset of $E^* \times E^{**}$. (6.2)

Theorem 6.1 (Quasidensity and maximality). *Let A be a closed, quasidense monotone subset of* $E \times E^*$. *Then A is maximally monotone.*

Proof. Let $c \in E \times E^*$ and $A \cup \{c\}$ be monotone. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, and choose $a \in A$ so that $r_L(a-c) < \varepsilon$. Since $q_L(a-c) \ge 0$, it follows that

$$\frac{1}{2}||a-c||^2 \le \frac{1}{2}||a-c||^2 + q_L(a-c) = r_L(a-c) < \varepsilon.$$

Letting $\varepsilon \to 0$ and using the fact that A is closed, one has $c \in A$.

The following important property of coincidence sets was first proved in Burachik-Svaiter, [4, Theorem 3.1, pp. 2381–2382] and Penot, [11, Proposition 4(h) \Longrightarrow (a), pp. 860–861]. Here, we give a short proof using the criterion for monotonicity that appeared in (6.1).

Lemma 6.2. Let $f \in \mathscr{PC}(E \times E^*)$ and $f \geq q_L$ on $E \times E^*$. Then coinc[f] is monotone.

Proof. Let $a, b \in \text{coinc}[f]$. Then

$$\frac{1}{4}q_L(a-b) = \frac{1}{2}q_L(a) + \frac{1}{2}q_L(b) - \frac{1}{4}q_L(a+b)
= \frac{1}{2}f(a) + \frac{1}{2}f(b) - \frac{1}{4}q_L(a+b)
\ge f(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)) - q_L(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)) \ge 0.$$

This establishes (6.1) and completes the proof of Lemma 6.2.

In order to simplify some notation in the sequel, if $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$, we will say that S is *closed* if its graph, G(S), is closed in $E \times E^*$, and we will say that S is *quasidense* if G(S) is quasidense in $E \times E^*$.

Our analysis depends on the following definition:

Definition 6.3 (The definition of θ_S). Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be a monotone multifunction and $G(S) \neq \emptyset$. We define the function $\theta_S \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E^* \times E^{**})$ by $\theta_S := \Theta_{G(S)}$. (See Definition 3.8.) Explicitly:

for all
$$c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$$
, $\theta_S(c^*) := \sup_{G(S)} [c^* - q_L]$. (6.3)

In longhand, for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$

$$\theta_{S}(y^{*}, y^{**}) := \sup_{(s, s^{*}) \in G(S)} \left[\langle s, y^{*} \rangle + \langle s^{*}, y^{**} \rangle - \langle s, s^{*} \rangle \right]. \tag{6.4}$$

We now show how θ_S determines the *Fitzpatrick function*, φ_S , that acts on $E \times E^*$ (rather than on $E^* \times E^{**}$).

Definition 6.4 (The definition of φ_S). Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be a monotone multifunction and $G(S) \neq \emptyset$. We define the function $\varphi_S \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times E^*)$ by

$$\varphi_{S} = \theta_{S} \circ L. \tag{6.5}$$

Explicitly,

for all
$$b \in E \times E^*$$
, $\varphi_S(b) := \sup_{G(S)} [Lb - q_L]$ (6.6)

$$= q_L(b) - \inf q_L(G(S) - b). \tag{6.7}$$

In longhand, for all $(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$,

$$\varphi_{S}(x,x^{*}) := \sup_{(s,s^{*}) \in G(S)} \left[\langle s, x^{*} \rangle + \langle x, s^{*} \rangle - \langle s, s^{*} \rangle \right]. \tag{6.8}$$

Remark 6.5. The Fitzpatrick function was originally introduced in the Banach space setting in [5, (1988)], but lay dormant until it was rediscovered by Martínez-Legaz and Théra in [10, (2001)]. It had been previously considered in the finite-dimensional setting by Krylov in [9, (1982)]. The generalization of the Fitzpatrick function to *Banach SN spaces* can be found in [18, Definition 6.2, p. 1029].

Lemma 6.6. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be maximally monotone. Then:

$$\varphi_S \in \mathscr{PCLSC}(E \times E^*), \quad \varphi_S \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^* \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{coinc}[\varphi_S] = G(S).$$
 (6.9)

Proof. If $b \in E \times E^*$ and $\varphi_S(b) \le q_L(b)$ then (6.7) gives $\inf q_L(G(S) - b) \ge 0$. From the maximality, $b \in G(S)$ and so we derive from the monotonicity that $\inf q_L(G(S) - b) = 0$, from which $\varphi_S(b) = q_L(b)$. Since φ_S is obviously convex and lower semicontinuous, this completes the proof of (6.9).

We now come to the " φ_S^* criterion" for a maximally monotone set to be quasidense.

Theorem 6.7. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be maximally monotone. Then:

S is quasidense
$$\iff \varphi_S^* \ge q_{\widetilde{I}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**}.$$
 (6.10)

Proof. This is immediate from (6.9) and Theorem 4.8.

Corollary 6.8 (First partial converse to Theorem 6.1). Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be maximally monotone and surjective. Then S is quasidense.

Proof. Suppose that $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Let $x \in S^{-1}y^*$. Then, from (6.9),

$$\varphi_{S}^{*}(y^{*}, y^{**}) \geq \langle x, y^{*} \rangle + \langle y^{*}, y^{**} \rangle - \varphi_{S}(x, y^{*})
= \langle x, y^{*} \rangle + \langle y^{*}, y^{**} \rangle - \langle x, y^{*} \rangle
= \langle y^{*}, y^{**} \rangle = q_{\widetilde{I}}(y^{*}, y^{**}).$$

It now follows from (6.10) that S is quasidense.

Remark 6.9. Once one knows the (highly nontrivial) result that a maximally monotone multifunction is quasidense if, and only if, it is *of type (FP)*, or *locally maximally monotone*, see [19, Theorem 10.3, p. 21], then Corollary 6.8 follows from Fitzpatrick–Phelps, [6, Theorem 3.7, pp. 67–68].

In Theorem 6.12, we will give the " θ_S criterion" for a maximally monotone set to be quasidense. We start with a preliminary lemma of independent interest, which will be used in Corollary 11.7. Lemma 6.11 raises the following problem:

Problem 6.10. Is there a maximally monotone multifunction $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ such that $\varphi_S^* \neq \theta_S$?

Lemma 6.11. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be maximally monotone. Then:

$$\varphi_{S}^{*} > \theta_{S} \text{ on } E^{*} \times E^{**}. \tag{6.11}$$

If, further,

$$\operatorname{dom} \varphi_S \subset G(S) \tag{6.12}$$

then

$$\varphi_S^* = \theta_S \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**}. \tag{6.13}$$

Proof. Let $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$. From (6.9) and (6.3),

$$\varphi_{S}^{*}(c^{*}) = \sup_{E \times E^{*}} [c^{*} - \varphi_{S}] \ge \sup_{G(S)} [c^{*} - \varphi_{S}] = \sup_{G(S)} [c^{*} - q_{L}] = \theta_{S}(c^{*}),$$

which gives (6.11). Now suppose that (6.12) is satisfied. If $b \in E \times E^* \setminus \text{dom } \varphi_S$ then $\langle b, c^* \rangle - \varphi_S(b) = -\infty \le \theta_S(c^*)$. If, on the other hand, $b \in \text{dom } \varphi_S$ then (6.12) implies that $b \in G(S)$, and so (6.9) gives $\varphi_S(b) = q_L(b)$. Thus, using (6.3), $\langle b, c^* \rangle - \varphi_S(b) = \langle b, c^* \rangle - q_L(b) \le \theta_S(c^*)$. Combining these two observations, we see that,

for all
$$b \in E \times E^*$$
, $\langle b, c^* \rangle - \varphi_S(b) \leq \theta_S(c^*)$.

Taking the supremum over $b \in E \times E^*$, $\varphi_S^*(c^*) \le \theta_S(c^*)$. Thus $\varphi_S^* \le \theta_S$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, and (6.13) follows from (6.11).

Theorem 6.12. *Let* $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ *be maximally monotone. Then:*

S is quasidense
$$\iff \theta_S \ge q_{\widetilde{L}} \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**}.$$
 (6.14)

Proof. If *S* is quasidense then G(S) is a quasidense subset of $E \times E^*$ and so, from Corollary 3.9, $\theta_S = \Theta_{G(S)} \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. If, conversely, $\theta_S \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$ then, from (6.11), $\varphi_S^* \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$, and it follows from Theorem 6.7 that *S* is quasidense.

Corollary 6.13 (Second partial converse to Theorem 6.1). Let E be reflexive and S: $E
Arr E^*$ be maximally monotone. Then S is quasidense.

Proof. Suppose that $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Choose $y \in E$ such that $\widehat{y} = y^{**}$. Then $(y^*, y^{**}) = (y^*, \widehat{y}) = L(y, y^*)$ and so, from (6.5) and (6.9),

$$\theta_S(y^*, y^{**}) = \theta_S \circ L(y, y^*) = \varphi_S(y, y^*) \ge q_L(y, y^*) = q_{\widetilde{L}}(y^*, y^{**}).$$

It now follows from Theorem 6.12 that S is quasidense.

We end this section by giving a result in Theorem 6.15 that will be used in our discussion of the Fitzpatrick extension in Section 8. We start with a preliminary lemma.

Lemma 6.14. *Let* $S: E \Rightarrow E^*$ *be maximally monotone. Then:*

$$\varphi_S^{@} \ge \varphi_S \ge q_L \text{ on } E \times E^* \quad and \quad \operatorname{coinc}[\varphi_S^{@}] = G(S).$$
 (6.15)

$$\theta_S^{@} \ge \varphi_S^* \ge \theta_S \text{ on } E^* \times E^{**}.$$
 (6.16)

Proof. It follows by composing (6.11) with L and using Definition 4.9 and (6.5) that $\varphi_S^@ \ge \varphi_S$ on $E \times E^*$. Furthermore, (6.9) implies that $\varphi_S \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$ and $G(S) = \text{coinc}[\varphi_S] \supset \text{coinc}[\varphi_S^@]$. Lemma 4.10 implies that $\text{coinc}[\varphi_S] \subset \text{coinc}[\varphi_S^@]$, which completes the proof of (6.15).

For all $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$, $\theta_S^{@}(c^*) = \sup_{E^* \times E^{**}} [\widetilde{L}c^* - \theta_S]$. Thus, from (6.5),

$$\theta_{S}^{(0)}(c^{*}) \ge \sup_{b \in E \times E^{*}} \left[\langle Lb, \widetilde{L}c^{*} \rangle - \theta_{S}(Lb) \right]$$

$$= \sup_{b \in E \times E^{*}} \left[\langle b, c^{*} \rangle - \varphi_{S}(b) \right] = \varphi_{S}^{*}(c^{*}),$$

which gives the first inequality in (6.16), and the second inequality in (6.16) has already been established in (6.11).

Theorem 6.15. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be maximally monotone and quasidense. Then $\operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S] = \operatorname{dcoinc}[\varphi_S^*] = \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S^@]$.

Proof. From (6.16) and (6.14), $\theta_S^@ \ge \varphi_S^* \ge \theta_S \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. It follows that $\operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S^@] \subset \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S] \subset \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S]$. However, if we apply Lemma 4.10 (to $E^* \times E^{**}$ instead of $E \times E^*$), we see that $\operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S] \subset \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S^@]$. This gives the desired result.

Problem 6.16. Theorem 6.15 leads to the question: if S is maximally monotone and $\theta_S^{@} \ge q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$ then is S necessarily quasidense?

7. SUM THEOREM WITH DOMAIN CONSTRAINTS

Notation 7.1. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$. In what follows, we write

$$D(S) := \{x \in E : Sx \neq \emptyset\} = \pi_1 G(S) \text{ and } R(S) := \bigcup_{x \in E} Sx = \pi_2 G(S).$$

We will use the following computational rules in the sequel:

Lemma 7.2. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be closed, quasidense and monotone. Then

$$D(S) \subset \pi_1 \text{dom } \varphi_S \quad and \quad R(S) \subset \pi_2 \text{dom } \varphi_S.$$
 (7.1)

Proof. This is immediate from Theorem 6.1 and (6.9).

Theorem 7.3 (Sum theorem with domain constraints). Let $S,T: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be closed, quasidense and monotone. Then (a) \Longrightarrow (b) \Longrightarrow (c) \Longrightarrow (d):

- (a) $D(S) \cap \text{int} D(T) \neq \emptyset$ or $\text{int} D(S) \cap D(T) \neq \emptyset$.
- (b) $\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda [D(S) D(T)] = E$.
- (c) $\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \left[\pi_1 \operatorname{dom} \varphi_S \pi_1 \operatorname{dom} \varphi_T \right]$ is a closed subspace of E.
- (d) S+T is closed, quasidense and monotone.

Proof. It is immediate from (7.1) that (a) \Longrightarrow (b) \Longrightarrow (c). Now suppose that (c) is satisfied. From Theorem 6.1, S and T are maximally monotone, and so (6.9) and (6.15) imply that the functions $\varphi_S, \varphi_T \in \mathscr{PCLPC}(E \times E^*), \ \varphi_S, \varphi_T \geq q_L \ \text{on} \ E \times E^*, \ \text{coinc}[\varphi_S] = \text{coinc}[\varphi_S^@] = G(S) \ \text{and} \ \text{coinc}[\varphi_T] = \text{coinc}[\varphi_T^@] = G(T), \text{ and we can apply Theorem 5.2 with } f := \varphi_S \ \text{and } g := \varphi_T.$

Thus $(\varphi_S \oplus_2 \varphi_T)^@ \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, $\operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_2 \varphi_T)^@]$ is closed and quasidense, and $(y,y^*) \in \operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_2 \varphi_T)^@]$ if, and only if, there exist $u^*, v^* \in E^*$ such that $(y,u^*) \in G(S)$, $(y,v^*) \in G(T)$ and $u^* + v^* = y^*$. This is exactly equivalent to the statement that $(y,y^*) \in G(S+T)$. Finally, it is obvious that S+T is monotone.

Remark 7.4. Theorem 7.3 above has applications to the classification of maximally monotone multifunctions. See [19, Theorems 7.2 and 8.1]. Theorem 7.3 can also be deduced from Voisei–Zălinescu [22, Corollary 3.5, p. 1024].

8. THE FITZPATRICK EXTENSION

Definition 8.1 (The Fitzpatrick extension). Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be a closed quasidense monotone multifunction. We now introduce the *Fitzpatrick extension*, $S^{\mathbb{F}}: E^* \rightrightarrows E^{**}$, of S. From Theorem 6.1 and (6.9), coinc[φ_S] = G(S), and so we see from Theorem 4.8 that $\varphi_S^* \geq q_{\widetilde{L}}$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. Using our current notation, the multifunction $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ was defined in [19, Definition 5.1] by

$$G(S^{\mathbb{F}}) := \operatorname{dcoinc}[\varphi_S^*]. \tag{8.1}$$

(There is a more abstract version of this in [18, Definition 8.5, p. 1037].) From Theorem 6.15, we can also write

$$G(S^{\mathbb{F}}) = \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S] = \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S^{@}].$$
 (8.2)

The word *extension* is justified by the fact that $L(a) \in G(S^{\mathbb{F}}) \iff a \in G(S)$. Indeed, from (8.2), (6.5) and (6.9),

$$L(a) \in G(S^{\mathbb{F}}) \iff \theta_{S}(L(a)) = q_{\widetilde{L}}(L(a))$$

$$\iff \varphi_{S}(a) = q_{L}(a) \iff a \in G(S).$$
(8.3)

Theorem 8.2. Let $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be closed, quasidense and monotone. Then $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is maximally monotone.

Proof. From Lemma 6.2 (applied to the function φ_S^* on $E^* \times E^{**}$), $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is monotone. Now let $c^* \in E^* \times E^{**}$ and, for all $a^* \in G(S^{\mathbb{F}})$, $q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^* - a^*) \geq 0$. From (8.3), for all $a \in G(S)$, $q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^* - L(a)) \geq 0$. Now (3.7) gives $q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^* - L(a)) = q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) - \langle a, c^* \rangle + q_L(a)$ and so, for all $a \in G(S)$, $q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) \geq \langle a, c^* \rangle - q_L(a)$. Taking the supremum over a and using (6.3), $q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*) \geq \theta_S(c^*)$. From Theorem 6.12, $\theta_S(c^*) = q_{\widetilde{L}}(c^*)$, and so $c^* \in \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S]$. Thus, from (8.2), $c^* \in G(S^{\mathbb{F}})$. This completes the proof of the maximal monotonicity of $S^{\mathbb{F}}$.

Remark 8.3. It is interesting to speculate (see [18, Problem 12.7, p. 1047]) whether $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is actually quasidense. We shall see in Example 8.8, Theorems 11.4(b) and 12.3 that this is not generally the case. However, it is the case in one important situation. We observed in Example 3.2 that if $f : E \to]-\infty,\infty]$ is proper, convex and lower semicontinuous then $\partial f : E \rightrightarrows E^*$ is quasidense. However, it was shown in [19, Theorem 5.7] that $(\partial f)^{\mathbb{F}} = \partial (f^*)$, so the multifunction $(\partial f)^{\mathbb{F}} : E^* \rightrightarrows E^{**}$ is quasidense.

Remark 8.4. It follows from (8.2) that $y^{**} \in S^{\mathbb{F}}(y^*)$ exactly when (y^{**}, y^*) is in the *Gossez extension* of G(S) (see [7, Lemma 2.1, p. 275]).

Our next result gives a situation in which we can obtain an explicit description of $S^{\mathbb{F}}$, as well as inverse of the operation $S \mapsto S^{\mathbb{F}}$. Theorem 8.5 is an extension to the nonlinear case of [2, Theorem 2.1, pp. 297–298]. It will be important in our construction of examples.

Theorem 8.5. Let $T: E^* \rightrightarrows E^{**}$ and $R(T) \subset \widehat{E}$. Let $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$, i.e., $S: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ is defined by $G(S) = L^{-1}G(T)$. Then:

- (a) $G(T) \subset L(G(S))$. (The opposite inclusion is trivially true.)
- (b) Suppose in addition that T is maximally monotone. Then S is maximally monotone.
- (c) Suppose in addition that T is maximally monotone and $D(T) = E^*$. Then S is maximally monotone and quasidense, and $S^{\mathbb{F}} = T$. Put another way, for multifunctions like T, $G^{-1}L^{-1}G$ is the inverse of $\cdot^{\mathbb{F}}$.

Proof. (a) Let $(y^*, y^{**}) \in G(T)$. Since $R(T) \subset \widehat{E}$, there exists $y \in E$ such that $y^{**} = \widehat{y}$. But then $(y^*, y^{**}) = L(y, y^*)$, and so $(y, y^*) \in L^{-1}\{(y^*, y^{**})\} \subset L^{-1}G(T) = G(S)$, from which $(y^*, y^{**}) = L(y, y^*) \in L(G(S))$.

- (b) Now let $b_1,b_2\in G(S)$. Then $Lb_1,Lb_2\in G(T)$, and so $q_{\widetilde{L}}(Lb_1-Lb_2)\geq 0$. Equivalently, $q_L(b_1-b_2)\geq 0$. Thus S is monotone. We now prove that S is maximally monotone. To this end, let $c\in E\times E^*$ and $\inf q_L\big(G(S)-c\big)\geq 0$. Equivalently, $\inf q_{\widetilde{L}}\big(L\big(G(S)\big)-Lc\big)\geq 0$. From (a), $\inf q_{\widetilde{L}}\big(G(T)-Lc\big)\geq 0$. The maximal monotonicity of T now implies that $Lc\in L\big(G(S)\big)$. Since L is injective, $c\in G(S)$. Thus S is maximally monotone.
- (c) Let $y^* \in E^* = D(T)$. Arguing as in (a), there exist $y^{**} \in E^{**}$ and $y \in E$ such that $L(y, y^*) = (y^*, y^{**}) \in L(G(S))$. Since L is injective, $(y, y^*) \in G(S)$. Thus $R(S) = E^*$, and the quasidensity of S follows from (b) and Corollary 6.8. (8.3) and (a) now imply that that $G(S^{\mathbb{F}}) \supset L(G(S)) \supset G(T)$, and the assumed maximal monotonicity of T now gives $S^{\mathbb{F}} = T$, as required.

The following result appears in Phelps–Simons, [12, Corollary 2.6, p. 306]. We do not know the original source of the result. We almost certainly learned about it by personal communication with Robert Phelps. We give a proof for completeness.

Fact 8.6. Let $T: E \to E^*$ be monotone and linear. Then T is maximally monotone.

Proof. Let $(y, y^*) \in E \times E^*$ and, for all $x \in E$, $\langle x - y, Tx - y^* \rangle \ge 0$. We first prove that, for all $z \in E$ and for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\lambda \langle z, Ty - y^* \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle z, Tz \rangle \ge 0. \tag{8.4}$$

To this end, let $z \in E$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. By direct computation,

$$\lambda \langle z, Ty - y^* \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle z, Tz \rangle = \langle y + \lambda z - y, T(y + \lambda z) - y^* \rangle.$$

(8.4) now follows from our assumption, with $x = y + \lambda z$. From (8.4), for all $z \in E$, the quadratic expression $\lambda \mapsto \lambda \langle z, Ty - y^* \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle z, Tz \rangle$ attains a minimum at $\lambda = 0$ so, from elementary calculus, for all $z \in E$, $\langle z, Ty - y^* \rangle = 0$. Consequently, $Ty - y^* = 0 \in E^*$. Thus $y^* = Ty$. This completes the proof of the maximal monotonicity of T.

Theorem 8.7 will be applied in Example 8.8 and Theorem 11.4.

Theorem 8.7. Let $T: E^* \to E^{**}$ be a monotone linear map and $R(T) \subset \widehat{E}$. Let $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$. Then *S* is maximally monotone and quasidense, and $S^{\mathbb{F}} = T$.

Proof. Fact 8.6 (with E replaced by E^*) implies that T is maximally monotone. The result now follows from Theorem 8.5(c).

Example 8.8. Let $E = c_0$, and define $T: E^* = \ell_1 \to E^{**} = \ell_\infty$ by $(Tx)_n = \sum_{k > n} x_k$. T is the "tail operator". Let $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$. It was proved in [18, Example 7.10, pp. 1034–1035] that T is not quasidense. Thus, from Theorems 8.2 and 8.7, S is maximally monotone and quasidense, but $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is maximally monotone and not quasidense. This example answers in the negative the question posed in [18, Problem 12.7, p. 1047] as to whether the Fitzpatrick extension of a quasidense maximally monotone multifunction is necessarily quasidense. S can be represented in matrix form by

$$\begin{pmatrix} (Sx)_1 \\ (Sx)_2 \\ (Sx)_3 \\ (Sx)_4 \\ (Sx)_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix},$$

and $D(S) = \{x \in c_0: \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i - x_{i+1}| < \infty \}.$

9. SUM THEOREM WITH RANGE CONSTRAINTS

Theorem 9.1 below has applications to the classification of maximally monotone multifunctions. See [19, Theorems 8.2 and 10.3].

Theorem 9.1 (Sum theorem with range constraints). Let $S,T: E \rightrightarrows E^*$ be closed, quasidense and *monotone. Then* (a) \Longrightarrow (b) \Longrightarrow (c) \Longrightarrow (d):

- (a) $R(S) \cap \operatorname{int} R(T) \neq \emptyset$ or $\operatorname{int} R(S) \cap R(T) \neq \emptyset$.
- (b) $\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \left[R(S) R(T) \right] = E^*$.
- (c) $\bigcup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \left[\pi_2 \operatorname{dom} \varphi_S \pi_2 \operatorname{dom} \varphi_T \right]$ is a closed subspace of E^* .
- (d) The multifunction $E \rightrightarrows E^*$ defined by $y \mapsto (S^{\mathbb{F}} + T^{\mathbb{F}})^{-1}(\widehat{y})$ is closed, quasidense and monotone. (e) If, further, $R(T^{\mathbb{F}}) \subset \widehat{E}$, then the parallel sum $(S^{-1} + T^{-1})^{-1}$ is closed, monotone and quasidense.

Proof. It is immediate (using (7.1)) that (a) \Longrightarrow (b) \Longrightarrow (c). Now suppose that (c) is satisfied. From Theorem 6.1, S and T are maximally monotone, and so (6.9) implies that φ_S , $\varphi_T \in \mathscr{PCLYC}(E \times E^*)$, $\varphi_S, \varphi_T \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, coinc $[\varphi_S] = G(S)$ and coinc $[\varphi_T] = G(T)$, and we can apply Theorem 5.4 with

 $f := \varphi_S$ and $g := \varphi_T$. Thus $(\varphi_S \oplus_1 \varphi_T)^@ \ge q_L$ on $E \times E^*$, $\operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_1 \varphi_T)^@]$ is closed and quasidense, and $(y, y^*) \in \operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_1 \varphi_T)^@]$ if, and only if, there exist $u^{**}, v^{**} \in E^{**}$ such that

$$(y^*, u^{**}) \in \text{dcoinc}[\varphi_S^*], (y^*, v^{**}) \in \text{dcoinc}[\varphi_T^*] \text{ and } u^{**} + v^{**} = \widehat{y}.$$
 (9.1)

From (8.1), this is equivalent to the statement: " $u^{**} \in S^{\mathbb{F}}(y^*)$, $v^{**} \in T^{\mathbb{F}}(y^*)$ and $u^{**} + v^{**} = \hat{y}$ ", that is to say, " $\hat{y} \in (S^{\mathbb{F}} + T^{\mathbb{F}})(y^*)$ ". This gives (d).

(e) Now suppose that $R(T^{\mathbb{F}}) \subset \widehat{E}$ and $(y,y^*) \in \operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_1 \varphi_T)^{@}]$. Then the element v^{**} in (9.1) is actually in \widehat{E} , and so there exists $v \in E$ such that $\widehat{v} = v^{**} \in T^{\mathbb{F}}(y^*)$. (8.3) now implies that $(v,y^*) \in G(T)$, that is to say $v \in T^{-1}y^*$. From (9.1) again, $u^{**} = \widehat{y-v}$, and a repetition of the argument above gives $y-v \in S^{-1}y^*$. Consequently, we have $y=v+(y-v) \in (S^{-1}+T^{-1})y^*$, that is to say $y^* \in (S^{-1}+T^{-1})^{-1}y$. Thus we have proved that $\operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_1 \varphi_T)^{@}] \subset G((S^{-1}+T^{-1})^{-1})$ On the other hand, from (8.3) and (9.1), we always have $G((S^{-1}+T^{-1})^{-1}) \subset \operatorname{coinc}[(\varphi_S \oplus_1 \varphi_T)^{@}]$, completing the proof of (e).

10. Another maximally monotone non-quasidense multifunction

In Bueno–Svaiter, [3, Proposition 1, pp. 84–85] an example is given of a maximally monotone skew linear operator from a subspace of c_0 into ℓ_1 which is maximally monotone but not of type (D), thus answering in the negative a conjecture of J. Borwein. As observed in [19, Remark 10.4, pp. 21–22], a maximally monotone multifunction is of type (D) if, and only if, it is quasidense, so the Bueno–Svaiter example provides a maximally monotone non–quasidense multifunction on c_0 . In this section, we discuss a slight modification of this multifunction. Ironically, it is easier to establish the non–quasidensity than the maximal monotonicity.

Definition 10.1. If (x_n) is a real sequence such that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k$ is convergent, we define the *tail sequence* of x, $(t(x)_n)$, by, for all $n \ge 1$, $t(x)_n = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} x_k$. Clearly

$$t(x) \in c_0$$
 and, for all $j \ge 1$, $x_j = t(x)_j - t(x)_{j+1}$.

Let

$$K := \left\{ x = (x_i)_{i \ge 1} : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} |t(x)_p + t(x)_{p+1}| < \infty \right\}.$$
 (10.1)

K is a vector subspace of c_0 . Let $x \in K$. For all $j \ge 1$, let

$$(Sx)_j := -t(x)_j - t(x)_{j+1}. (10.2)$$

Clearly, $Sx \in \ell_1$. S can be represented in matrix form by

$$\begin{pmatrix} (Sx)_1 \\ (Sx)_2 \\ (Sx)_3 \\ (Sx)_4 \\ (Sx)_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & -2 & -2 & \cdots \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}. \tag{10.3}$$

If $x \in K$ then $t(x)_1 = 0$ and so, for all $k \ge 1$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} x_j(Sx)_j = \sum_{j=1}^{k} (t(x)_j - t(x)_{j+1}) (-t(x)_j - t(x)_{j+1})
= t(x)_{k+1}^2 - t(x)_1^2 = t(x)_{k+1}^2.$$
(10.4)

Letting $k \to \infty$ in (10.4), for all $x \in K$,

$$\langle x, Sx \rangle = \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{k} x_j (Sx)_j = \lim_{k \to \infty} t(x)_{k+1}^2 = 0.$$
 (10.5)

If $x \in c_0 \setminus K$, we define $Sx := \emptyset$. Thus $S: c_0 \Rightarrow \ell_1$ is at most single-valued, linear and skew and D(S) = K. If $i \ge 1$, write $e^{(i)}$ for the sequence $(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$, with the 1 in the *i*th place.

Lemma 10.2. Let $j \geq 1$. Then

$$e^{(j)} - e^{(j+1)} \in K$$
 and $S(e^{(j)} - e^{(j+1)}) = e^{(j)} + e^{(j+1)}$.

In other words,

$$(e^{(j)} - e^{(j+1)}, e^{(j)} + e^{(j+1)}) \in G(S).$$

Proof. Let $x := e^{(j)} - e^{(j+1)}$. It is easily seen that $t(x) = -e^{(j+1)}$. So, for all $p \ge 1$,

$$(Sx)_p = e^{(j+1)}_p + e^{(j+1)}_{p+1} = \begin{cases} 0+0=0 & \text{if } p < j; \\ 0+1=1 & \text{if } p = j; \\ 1+0=1 & \text{if } p = j+1; \\ 0+0=0 & \text{if } p > j+1. \end{cases}$$

This gives the desired result. Alternatively, we can simply subtract the (j+1)st column from the jth column of the matrix in (10.3).

Theorem 10.3. *S is skew and maximally monotone but not quasidense.*

Proof. From (10.5), S is skew. Now let $(x, x^*) \in c_0 \times \ell_1$ and,

for all
$$z \in K$$
, $\langle z - x, Sz - x^* \rangle \ge 0$. (10.6)

From (10.5), $\langle z, Sz \rangle = 0$, and so (10.6) reduces to $\langle x, Sz \rangle + \langle z, x^* \rangle \leq \langle x, x^* \rangle$. Since *K* is a vector space, this implies that

$$\langle x, x^* \rangle \ge 0$$
 and, for all $z \in K$, $\langle x, Sz \rangle = -\langle z, x^* \rangle$. (10.7)

Lemma 10.2 and (10.7) imply that, for all $j \ge 1$,

$$x_j + x_{j+1} = \langle x, e^{(j)} + e^{(j+1)} \rangle = -\langle e^{(j)} - e^{(j+1)}, x^* \rangle = -x_j^* + x_{j+1}^*.$$

Consequently, for all $n \ge 1$,

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2n-1} + x_{2n} = -x_1^* + x_2^* + \dots - x_{2n-1}^* + x_{2n}^*$$

Adding x_{2n+1} to both sides of this equation,

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2n-1} + x_{2n} + x_{2n+1} = -x_1^* + x_2^* + \dots - x_{2n-1}^* + x_{2n}^* + x_{2n+1}^*.$$

Using the fact that $x \in c_0$, $x^* \in \ell_1$ and a simple interleaving argument, we see that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^i x_i^*$. Since we now know that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$ is convergent, we can use the notation of Definition 10.1. Thus

$$t(x)_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^i x_i^*. \tag{10.8}$$

Let $j \ge 1$. Using the same argument as above but starting the summation at i = j instead of i = 1, $t(x)_j = -x_j^* + x_{j+1}^* - + \cdots$. Replacing j by j+1, $t(x)_{j+1} = -x_{j+1}^* + x_{j+2}^* - + \cdots$ and so, by addition, $x_j^* = -t(x)_j - t(x)_{j+1}$. From (10.2), $x_j^* = (Sx)_j$. So $Sx = x^* \in \ell_1$. Furthermore,

$$\langle x, x^* \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i x_i^* = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (t(x)_i - t(x)_{i+1}) (-t(x)_i - t(x)_{i+1}) = -t(x)_1^2,$$

and (10.7) now gives $t(x)_1 = 0$. Thus, from (10.1), $x \in K$ and $(x, x^*) \in G(S)$. This completes the proof of the maximal monotonicity of S.

We now prove that *S* is not quasidense. To this end, let $x \in K$. Then, from (10.2), $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j} (Sx)_{j} = (t(x)_{1} + t(x)_{2}) - (t(x)_{2} + t(x)_{3}) + (t(x)_{3} + t(x)_{4}) \cdots = t(x)_{1} = 0$, thus

$$(Sx)_1 = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} (-1)^j (Sx)_j$$
, from which $|(Sx)_1| \le \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} |(Sx)_j|$.

Thus $2|(Sx)_1| \le \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |(Sx)_j| = ||Sx||_1$. Since $(Sx)_1 = -t(x)_1 - t(x)_2 = t(x)_1 - t(x)_2 = x_1$, $||Sx||_1^2 \ge 4x_1^2$. From (10.5), $\langle x - e^{(1)}, Sx \rangle = \langle x, Sx \rangle - (Sx)_1 = -x_1$, and so

$$r_L((x,Sx) - (e^{(1)},0)) = \frac{1}{2} ||x - e^{(1)}||_{\infty}^2 + \frac{1}{2} ||Sx||_1^2 + \langle x - e^{(1)}, Sx \rangle$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} (x_1 - 1)^2 + 2x_1^2 - x_1 \geq \frac{5}{2} x_1^2 - 2x_1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} (x_1 - \frac{2}{5})^2 + \frac{1}{10} \geq \frac{1}{10}.$$

This completes the proof that *S* is not quasidense.

Remark 10.4. As we observed above, $D(S) = K \neq c_0$. Also, the quasidense operator, $S: c_0 \rightrightarrows \ell_1$ defined in Example 8.8 has $D(S) \neq c_0$. This leads to the following problem.

Problem 10.5. Is every maximally monotone multifunction $S: c_0 \rightrightarrows \ell_1$ such that $D(S) = c_0$ quasidense?

It is natural to ask whether Theorem 8.5(b) can be used to establish the maximal monotonicity of S in Theorem 10.3. Theorem 10.7 below shows that this is impossible. We now give a preliminary lemma:

Lemma 10.6. Let $S: c_0 \rightrightarrows \ell_1$ be as in Definition 10.1 and Theorem 10.3, $(x, x^*) \in G(S)$ and $\omega^{**} := (-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots) \in \ell_{\infty}$. Then $\langle x^*, \omega^{**} \rangle = 0$.

Proof. $(x,x^*) \in c_0 \times \ell_1$ and, from (10.1) and (10.2), $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = 0$ and, for all $j \ge 1$, $x_j^* := -t(x)_j - t(x)_{j+1}$. Thus, for all $j \ge 1$,

$$-x_{j}^{*} + x_{j+1}^{*} = t(x)_{j} + t(x)_{j+1} - t(x)_{j+1} - t(x)_{j+2} = x_{j} + x_{j+1}.$$

Consequently,

$$\langle x^*, \omega^{**} \rangle = (-x_1^* + x_2^*) + (-x_3^* + x_4^*) + (-x_5^* + x_6^*) + \dots$$

= $(x_1 + x_2) + (x_3 + x_4) + (x_5 + x_6) + \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = 0.$

This gives the desired result.

Theorem 10.7. Let S be as in Theorem 10.3 and Theorem 10.3, $T: \ell_1 \rightrightarrows \ell_{\infty}$, $R(T) \subset \widehat{c_0}$ and $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$. Then T is not maximally monotone.

Proof. Let $(y^*, y^{**}) \in G(T)$. From the proof of Theorem 8.5(a), there exists $(y, y^*) \in G(S)$ such that $\widehat{y} = y^{**}$, and Lemma 10.6 implies that $\langle y^*, \omega^{**} \rangle = 0$. From (10.5), $\langle y^*, y^{**} \rangle = \langle y, y^* \rangle = \langle y, Sy \rangle = 0$, from which $\langle y^* - 0, y^{**} - \omega^{**} \rangle = \langle y^*, y^{**} \rangle - \langle y^*, \omega^{**} \rangle = 0$. Thus $(0, \omega^{**})$ is monotonically related to G(T). However, $\omega^{**} \notin \widehat{c_0} \supset R(T)$, and so $(0, \omega^{**}) \notin G(T)$. This completes the proof of Theorem 10.7.

11. THE BUENO-SVAITER CONSTRUCTION

In Example 8.8, we gave an example of a quasidense maximally monotone multifunction with a non-quasidense Fitzpatrick extension. In this section, we give a construction, due to Bueno and Svaiter, that produces another example of a similar phenonemon. Definition 11.1 is patterned after Bueno, [1, Theorem 2.7, pp. 13–14]. It would be interesting to find a scheme that includes both the example of Example 8.8, and also examples of the kind considered in this section.

Definition 11.1. Let E be a Banach space and $e^{**} \in E^{**} \setminus \widehat{E}$. We define $k \colon E^* \to \mathbb{R}$ by $k(y^*) = \langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle^2$. k is a convex, continuous function on E^* . Let $T \colon E^* \to E^{**}$ be a linear map and $R(T) \subset \widehat{E}$. Suppose that

for all
$$x^* \in E^*$$
, $\langle x^*, Tx^* \rangle = k(x^*) \ge 0$. (11.1)

In what follows, "lin" stands for "linear hull of".

Lemma 11.2. dom $k^* = lin\{e^{**}\}$ and, for all $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $k^*(2\mu e^{**}) = \mu^2$.

Proof. If $z^{**} \not\in \text{lin}\{e^{**}\}$ then, from a well known algebraic result, there exists $z^* \in E^*$ so that $\langle z^*, e^{**} \rangle = 0$ but $\langle z^*, z^{**} \rangle \neq 0$. Thus, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, $k^*(z^{**}) \geq \langle \lambda z^*, z^{**} \rangle - \langle \lambda z^*, e^{**} \rangle^2 = \lambda \langle z^*, z^{**} \rangle$, and by taking λ large and of the appropriate sign, $k^*(z^{**}) = \infty$. Thus $\text{dom}\, k^* \subset \text{lin}\, \{e^{**}\}$. If now $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ then $k^*(2\mu e^{**}) = \sup_{y^* \in E^*} \left[2\mu \langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle - \langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle^2 \right]$. Since $e^{**} \neq 0$, as y^* runs through E^* , $\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle$ runs through \mathbb{R} , and so (by elementary calaculus or completing the square) $k^*(2\mu e^{**}) = \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \left[2\mu \lambda - \lambda^2 \right] = \mu^2$.

Theorem 11.3. *T is not quasidense.*

Proof. We start off by proving that

If
$$z^{***} \in E^{***}$$
, $\langle \widehat{E}, z^{***} \rangle = \{0\}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\theta_T(e^{**}, \lambda z^{***}) = \frac{1}{4}$. (11.2)

To this end, let z^{***} and λ be as in (11.2). From (11.1) and the definition of T, for all $x^* \in E^*$, $\langle x^*, Tx^* \rangle = k(x^*)$, and (6.4) and Lemma 11.2 give

$$\theta_{T}(e^{**}, \lambda z^{***}) = \sup_{x^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[\langle x^{*}, e^{**} \rangle + \lambda \langle Tx^{*}, z^{***} \rangle - \langle x^{*}, Tx^{*} \rangle \right]$$

$$= \sup_{x^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[\langle x^{*}, e^{**} \rangle + 0 - k(x^{*}) \right] = k^{*}(e^{**}) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

This completes the proof of (11.2). If T were quasidense then, from (11.2) and Corollary 3.9, if $z^{***} \in E^{***}$ and $\langle \widehat{E}, z^{***} \rangle = \{0\}$ then, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\frac{1}{4} = \theta_T(e^{**}, \lambda z^{***}) \ge \langle e^{**}, \lambda z^{***} \rangle = \lambda \langle e^{**}, z^{***} \rangle.$$

Letting $\lambda \to \pm \infty$, $\langle e^{**}, z^{***} \rangle = 0$. So we would have $\langle e^{**}, z^{***} \rangle = 0$ whenever $\langle \widehat{E}, z^{***} \rangle = \{0\}$. Since \widehat{E} is a closed subspace of E^{**} , it would follow that $e^{**} \in \widehat{E}$, violating the assumption in Definition 11.1.

Theorem 11.4. Let $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$ (see Theorem 8.5). Then:

- (a) S is maximally monotone and quasidense, and $S^{\mathbb{F}} = T$.
- (b) $S^{\mathbb{F}}$ is maximally monotone but not quasidense.

Proof. (a) is immediate from Definition 11.1 and Theorem 8.7, and (b) is immediate from Theorem 8.2, (a) and Theorem 11.3. \Box

For the rest of this section, we shall consider some of the more technical properties of θ_S , with $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$ as in Theorems 8.5 and 11.4. We now give a preliminary lemma:

Lemma 11.5. For all
$$x^*, y^* \in E^*$$
, $\langle y^*, Tx^* \rangle = \langle x^*, 2\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - Ty^* \rangle$.

Proof. We have

$$\langle y^*, Tx^* \rangle + \langle x^*, Ty^* \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle x^* + y^*, Tx^* + Ty^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle x^* - y^*, Tx^* - Ty^* \rangle$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} k(x^* + y^*) - \frac{1}{2} k(x^* - y^*) = 2 \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle \langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle.$$

The result follows easily from this.

Theorem 11.6. Let $(y^*, y^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}$. Then

$$(y^*, y^{**}) \in \text{dom } \theta_S \iff 2\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - Ty^* + y^{**} \in \text{lin}\{e^{**}\}.$$
 (11.3)

It follows that dom θ_S is a linear subpace of $E^* \times E^{**}$. Furthermore, for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in \text{dom } \theta_S$, there exists a unique value of $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$2\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - Ty^* + y^{**} = 2\mu e^{**}, \text{ and then } \theta_S(y^*, y^{**}) = \mu^2.$$
 (11.4)

Proof. It follows from (6.4) and (11.1) that

$$\theta_S(y^*, y^{**}) = \sup_{x^* \in E^*} \left[\langle y^*, Tx^* \rangle + \langle x^*, y^{**} \rangle - k(x^*) \right].$$

Thus, from Lemma 11.5,

$$\theta_{S}(y^{*}, y^{**}) = \sup_{x^{*} \in E^{*}} \left[\langle x^{*}, 2\langle y^{*}, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - Ty^{*} + y^{**} \rangle - k(x^{*}) \right]$$
$$= k^{*} \left(2\langle y^{*}, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - Ty^{*} + y^{**} \right).$$

(11.3) now follows from Lemma 11.2. Since $e^{**} \neq 0$, for all $(y^*, y^{**}) \in \text{dom } \theta_S$ there exists a unique $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $2\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - Ty^* + y^{**} = 2\mu e^{**}$, and the rest of (11.4) follows from another application of Lemma 11.2.

Corollary 11.7. dom $\varphi_S = G(S)$ and $\theta_S = \varphi_S^*$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$.

Proof. Let $(x,x^*) \in \text{dom } \varphi_S$. From (6.5), $(x^*,\widehat{x}) \in \text{dom } \theta_S$. Theorem 11.6 now gives a unique value of $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $2\langle x^*,e^{**}\rangle e^{**}-Tx^*+\widehat{x}=2\mu e^{**}$. Thus $\widehat{E}\ni\widehat{x}-Tx^*=2\big(\mu-\langle x^*,e^{**}\rangle\big)e^{**}$. From Definition 11.1, $e^{**}\notin\widehat{E}$, and so $\mu-\langle x^*,e^{**}\rangle=0$, from which $\widehat{x}-Tx^*=0$. It follows that $(x,x^*)\in G(S)$. Thus dom $\varphi_S\subset G(S)$. The result now follows from Lemma 6.11.

Since *S* is quasidense, it follows from Theorem 6.15 that

$$\operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S] = \operatorname{dcoinc}[\varphi_S^*] = \operatorname{dcoinc}[\theta_S^@]. \tag{11.5}$$

Of course, we know the first equality in (11.5) from Corollary 11.7. The second equality in (11.5) leads naturally to the conjecture that $\theta_S^{@} = \varphi_S^*$ on $E^* \times E^{**}$. As we show in Theorem 11.8 below, this conjecture fails in a spectacular way. This raises the question of finding the exact value of dom $\theta_S^{@}$.

Theorem 11.8. Since $e^{**} \neq 0$, there exists $y^* \in E^*$ so that $\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle = 1$. Define $y^{**} \in E^{**}$ by $y^{**} := Ty^* - 2e^{**}$. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\theta_S(\lambda y^*, \lambda y^{**}) = 0$$
, in particular, $\varphi_S^*(y^*, y^{**}) = \theta_S(y^*, y^{**}) = 0$. (11.6)

but

$$\theta_{S}^{@}(y^{*}, y^{**}) = \infty.$$
 (11.7)

Proof. We note that $2\langle \lambda y^*, e^{**} \rangle e^{**} - T\lambda y^* + \lambda y^{**} = \lambda (2e^{**} - Ty^* + y^{**}) = 0$, so (11.6) follows from (11.4). Let $\lambda < 0$. From (4.9) and (11.6),

$$\theta_{S}^{(0)}(y^*, y^{**}) = \sup_{(x^*, x^{**}) \in E^* \times E^{**}} \left[\left\langle (x^*, x^{**}), (y^{**}, \widehat{y^*}) \right\rangle - \theta_{S}(x^*, x^{**}) \right]$$

$$\geq \left\langle \lambda y^*, y^{**} \right\rangle + \left\langle y^*, \lambda y^{**} \right\rangle - \theta_{S}(\lambda y^*, \lambda y^{**}) = 2\lambda \left\langle y^*, y^{**} \right\rangle.$$

However, $\langle y^*, y^{**} \rangle = \langle y^*, Ty^* - 2e^{**} \rangle = \langle y^*, Ty^* \rangle - 2\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle$. It now follows from (11.1) that $\langle y^*, y^{**} \rangle = \langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle^2 - 2\langle y^*, e^{**} \rangle = 1 - 2 = -1$, and so $\theta_S^{@}(y^*, y^{**}) \ge -2\lambda$, and we obtain (11.7) by letting $\lambda \to -\infty$.

12. A SPECIFIC NON-QUASIDENSE FITZPATRICK EXTENSION

If $x^* \in \ell_1$ and $j \ge 1$, let $\tau_j := \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} x_i^*$. Define the linear map $T: \ell_1 \to \ell_{\infty}$ by

for all
$$j \ge 1$$
, $(Tx^*)_j = \tau_j + \tau_{j+1}$. (12.1)

Clearly $R(T) \subset \widehat{c_0}$. Let $e^{**} := (1, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \in \ell_{\infty} \setminus \widehat{c_0}$.

Remark 12.1. T can be represented by

$$\begin{pmatrix} (Tx^*)_1 \\ (Tx^*)_2 \\ (Tx^*)_3 \\ (Tx^*)_4 \\ (Tx^*)_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \\ x_4^* \\ x_5^* \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Lemma 12.2. For all $x^* \in \ell_1$, $\langle x^*, Tx^* \rangle = \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle^2 \ge 0$.

Proof. Let $j \ge 1$. Then $x_j^*(Tx^*)_j = (\tau_j + \tau_{j+1})(\tau_j - \tau_{j+1}) = \tau_j^2 - \tau_{j+1}^2$. Since $x^* \in \ell_1$, $\lim_{k \to \infty} \tau_k = 0$. Thus

$$\textstyle \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_{j}^{*}(Tx^{*})_{j} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{k} x_{j}^{*}(Tx^{*})_{j} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{k} (\tau_{j}^{2} - \tau_{j+1}^{2}) = \tau_{1}^{2},$$

as required.

Theorem 12.3. Let $S = G^{-1}L^{-1}G(T)$. Then S is maximally monotone and quasidense, and $S^{\mathbb{F}} = T$ is maximally monotone but not quasidense.

Proof. This is immediate from Lemma 12.2 and Theorem 11.4.

Remark 12.4. In this case we can give a direct proof that T is not quasidense. For all $x^* \in \ell_1$, $Tx^* \in \widehat{c_0}$ and so $||Tx^* - e^{**}||_{\infty} \ge 1$, and $\langle x^*, Tx^* - e^{**} \rangle = \langle x^*, Tx^* \rangle - \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle = \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle^2 - \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle$. Thus

$$r_L((x^*, Tx^*) - (0, e^{**})) = \frac{1}{2} ||x^*||_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} ||Tx^* - e^{**}||_{\infty}^2 + \langle x^*, Tx^* - e^{**} \rangle$$

$$\geq 0 + \frac{1}{2} + \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle^2 - \langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} (2\langle x^*, e^{**} \rangle - 1)^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus *T* is not quasidense.

Remark 12.5. Let $x \in c_0$ and $x^* \in \ell_1$. Note that $\tau \in c_0$. If $(x, x^*) \in G(S)$ then, for all $j \ge 1$, $x_j = \tau_j + \tau_{j+1}$. It follows that $x_j - x_{j+1} = \tau_j - \tau_{j+2} = x_j^* + x_{j+1}^*$. Thus $x_j^* = (x_j^* + x_{j+1}^*) - (x_{j+1}^* + x_{j+2}^*) \pm \dots = (x_j - x_{j+1}) - (x_{j+1} - x_{j+2}) \pm \dots$ It follows that S can be represented in matrix form on the appropriate domain by

$$\begin{pmatrix} (Sx)_1 \\ (Sx)_2 \\ (Sx)_3 \\ (Sx)_4 \\ (Sx)_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & -2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}.$$

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