

# On a time-dependent subdifferential evolution inclusion with a nonconvex upper-semicontinuous perturbation

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**Abstract.** We investigate the existence of local approximate and strong solutions for a time-dependent subdifferential evolution inclusion with a nonconvex upper-semicontinuous perturbation.

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## 1 Introduction

For a given family of convex lower-semicontinuous functions  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ , defined on a separable real Hilbert space  $X$  with range in  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and a family of multivalued operators  $(B(t, \cdot))_{t \in [0, T]}$  on  $X$ , we shall prove an existence theorem for evolution equations of type:

$$u'(t) + \partial f^t(u(t)) + B(t, u(t)) \ni 0, \quad t \in [0, T]. \quad (1)$$

For each  $t$ ,  $\partial f^t$  denotes the ordinary subdifferential of convex analysis. The operator  $B(t, \cdot) : X \rightrightarrows X$  is a multivalued perturbation of  $\partial f^t$ , dependent on the time  $t$ .

When the perturbation  $B(t, \cdot)$  is single valued and monotone, many existence, uniqueness and regularity results have been established, *see* Brezis [3] (if  $f^t$  is independent of

$t$ ), Attouch-Damlamian [2] and Yamada [18]. The study of case  $B(t, \cdot)$  nonmonotone and upper-semicontinuous with convex closed values has been developed under some assumptions of compactness on  $\text{dom } f^t = \{x \in X \mid f^t(x) < \infty\}$  the *effective domain of  $f^t$* . For example, Attouch-Damlamian [1] have studied the case  $f$  independent of time. Otani [15] has extended this result with more general assumptions (the convex function  $f^t$  depends on time). He has also studied the case where  $-B(t, \cdot)$  is the subdifferential of a lower semicontinuous convex function, see [14].

In this article, the operator  $B(t, \cdot)$  will be assumed upper-semicontinuous with compact values which are not necessary convex, and it is not assumed be a contraction map. Nevertheless,  $-B(t, \cdot)$  will be assumed cyclically monotone. Cellina and Staicu [7] have studied this type of inclusion when  $f^t$  and  $B(t, \cdot)$  are not dependent on  $t$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we recall some definitions and results on time-dependent subdifferential evolution inclusions and upper-semicontinuity of operators which will be used in the sequel. We also introduce the assumptions of our main result. In Section 3 we obtain existence of approximate solutions for the problem (1) and give properties of these solutions. In Section 4 we establish existence theorem for the problem (1). We particularly study two cases where the family  $(f^t)_t$  satisfies more restricted assumptions. Examples illustrate our results in Section 5.

## 2 Perturbed problem

Assume that  $X$  is a real separable Hilbert space. We denote by  $\|\cdot\|$  the norm associated with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and the topological dual space is identified with the Hilbert space. Let  $T > 0$  and  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of convex lower-semicontinuous (lsc, in short) proper functions on  $X$ . We will denote by  $\partial f^t$  the ordinary subdifferential of convex analysis.

**Definition 2.1** *A function  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  is said strong solution of*

$$u' + \partial f^t(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$$

if <sup>1</sup>:

- (i) *there exists  $\beta \in L^2(0, T; X)$  such that  $\beta(t) \in B(t, u(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*
- (ii)  *$u$  is a solution of  $\begin{cases} u'(t) + \partial f^t(u(t)) + \beta(t) \ni 0 & \text{for a.e. } t \in [0, T] \\ u(t) \in \text{dom } f^t & \text{for any } t \in [0, T]. \end{cases}$*

The aim result of this article is, for each  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ , the existence of a local strong solution  $u$  of  $u' + \partial f^t(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ , when the values of the upper-semicontinuous multiapplication  $B(t, \cdot)$  are not convex.

We shall consider the following assumption on  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ , see Kenmochi [10, 11]:

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<sup>1</sup>As usual,  $L^r(0, T; X)$  ( $T \in ]0, \infty[$ ) denotes the space of  $X$ -valued measurable functions on  $[0, T]$  which are  $r^{\text{th}}$  power integrable (if  $r = \infty$ , then essentially bounded). For  $r = 2$ ,  $L^2(0, T; X)$  is a Hilbert space, in which  $\|\cdot\|_{L^2(0, T; X)}$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2(0, T; X)}$  are the norm and the scalar product.

**(H<sub>0</sub>)**: for each  $r \geq 0$ , there are absolutely continuous real-valued functions  $h_r$  and  $k_r$  on  $[0, T]$  such that:

- (i)  $h'_r \in L^2(0, T)$  and  $k'_r \in L^1(0, T)$ ,
- (ii) for each  $s, t \in [0, T]$  with  $s \leq t$  and each  $x_s \in \text{dom } f^s$  with  $\|x_s\| \leq r$  there exists  $x_t \in \text{dom } f^t$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \|x_t - x_s\| \leq |h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^s(x_s)|^{1/2}) \\ f^t(x_t) \leq f^s(x_s) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^s(x_s)|). \end{cases}$$

or the slightly stronger assumption, see Yamada [18], denoted by **(H)**, when (ii) holds for any  $s, t$  in  $[0, T]$ .

The following existence theorem have been proved in [19]:

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $T > 0$  and  $\beta \in L^2(0, T; X)$ . Let  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ . If  $(H_0)$  holds, then the problem

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) + \partial f^t(u(t)) + \beta(t) \ni 0, & \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T] \\ u(t) \in \text{dom } f^t, & t \in [0, T] \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  which is absolutely continuous.

Furthermore, we have the following type of energy inequality, see [11, Chapter 1]: if  $\|u(t)\| < r$  for  $t \in [0, T]$ , then

$$f^t(u(t)) - f^s(u(s)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t \|u'(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t \|\beta(\tau)\|^2 d\tau + \int_s^t c_r(\tau) [1 + |f^\tau(u(\tau))|] d\tau \quad (2)$$

for any  $s \leq t$  in  $[0, T]$ , where  $c_r : \tau \mapsto 4|h'_r(\tau)|^2 + |k'_r(\tau)|$  is an element of  $L^1(0, T)$ .

Let us add a compactness assumption on each  $f^t$  by using the following definition:

**Definition 2.2** A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is said of compact type if the set  $\{x \in X \mid |f(x)| + \|x\|^2 \leq c\}$  is compact at each level  $c$ .

Denote by  $L_w^2(0, T; X)$  the space  $L^2(0, T; X)$  endowed with the weak topology. Under this compactness assumption on each  $f^t$ , the map

$$p : \begin{pmatrix} L_w^2(0, T; X) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{C}([0, T]; X) \\ \beta & \mapsto & u \end{pmatrix}$$

is continuous and maps bounded set into relatively compact sets following [9, proposition 3.3],  $\beta$  and  $u$  being defined in Theorem 2.1.

Recall the definition of upper-semicontinuity of operators.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two Hausdorff topological sets. A multivalued operator  $B : E_1 \rightrightarrows E_2$  is said upper-semicontinuous (**usc** in short) at  $x \in \text{Dom } B$  if for all neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}_2$  of the subset  $Bx$  of  $E_2$ , there exists a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}_1$  of  $x$  in  $E_1$  such that  $B(\mathcal{V}_1) \subset \mathcal{V}_2$ .

Furthermore, if  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are two Hausdorff topological spaces with  $E_2$  compact and  $B : E_1 \rightrightarrows E_2$  is a multivalued map with  $Bx$  closed for any  $x \in E_1$ , then  $B$  is usc if and only if the graph of  $B$  is closed in  $E_1 \times E_2$ . We introduce following conditions on the multifunction  $B : [0, T] \times X \rightrightarrows X$ :

(**B<sub>o</sub>**) : (i)  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t) \subset \text{Dom } B(t, \cdot)$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  
(ii) there exist nonnegative constants  $\rho, M$  such that  $\|x - u_0\| \leq \rho$  implies  $B(t, x) \subset M\mathbb{B}_X$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in \text{Dom } \partial f^t$ .

(**B**) :  
(i)  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t) \subset \text{Dom } B(t, \cdot)$  and the set  $B(t, x)$  is compact for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in \text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$ ,  
(ii) there exist a nonnegative real  $\rho$  and a convex lsc function  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\|x - u_0\| \leq \rho$  implies  $B(t, x) \subset -\partial\varphi(x)$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in \text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$ ,  
(iii) for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ , the restriction of  $B(t, \cdot)$  to  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$  is usc,  
(iv) for each  $r \geq 0$ , there is a nonnegative real-valued function  $g_r$  on  $[0, T]^2$  such that  
(a)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow s^-} g_r(t, s) = 0$ ,  
(b) for each  $s, t \in [0, T]$  with  $t \leq s$  and each  $x_s \in \text{Dom } \partial f^s$  and  $\beta_s \in B(s, x_s)$  with  $\|x_s\| \vee \|\beta_s\| \leq r$  there exists  $x_t \in \text{Dom } B(t, \cdot)$  and  $\beta_t \in B(t, x_t)$  satisfying

$$\|x_t - x_s\| \vee \|\beta_t - \beta_s\| \leq g_r(t, s).$$

By convexity, the function  $\varphi$  of (B)(ii) is  $M$ -Lipschitz continuous on some closed ball  $u_0 + \rho\mathbb{B}_X$  and the inclusion  $\partial\varphi(x) \subset M\mathbb{B}_X$  holds for any  $x \in u_0 + \rho\mathbb{B}_X$ . In fact, we could take  $\varphi$  with extended real values and  $u_0$  in the interior of the effective domain of  $\varphi$ . Thus, (B)(ii) implies (**B<sub>o</sub>**)(ii).

The condition (B)(ii) means that  $-B(t, \cdot)$  is cyclically monotone uniformly in  $t$ . An example is the multiapplication  $B(t, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in B(t, x) \iff \beta_1 \in \begin{cases} \{1\} & \text{if } x_1 < 0 \\ \{-1, 1\} & \text{if } x_1 = 0 \\ \{-1\} & \text{if } x_1 > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_n = 0$$

for any  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . When  $B(t, \cdot) = -\partial\psi^t$  with  $\psi^t : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  a lsc proper function, then  $\psi^t$  is convex if this operator is monotone and (B)(ii) is equivalent to the existence of a real constant  $\alpha_t$  with  $\psi^t = \varphi + \alpha_t$ . In this case we deal with the problem  $u' + \partial f^t(u) - \partial\varphi(u) \ni 0$ , see Otani [14] when  $f^t$  is not dependent on  $t$ . This

condition (ii) could be extended to a function  $\varphi^t$  which depends on the time  $t$ , and also with a nonconvex function: for example, a convex composite function, see [8].

The condition (B)(iii) is always satisfied if  $B(t, \cdot)$  or  $-B(t, \cdot)$  is a maximal monotone operator of  $X$ , and more generally if they are  $\phi$ -monotone of order 2.

The condition (B)(iv) is always satisfied if  $B(t, \cdot) = B : X \rightrightarrows X$  is not depending on the time  $t$ . It can also be written for any  $t \leq s$  in  $[0, T]$ :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow s_-} e(\text{gph}B(t, \cdot) \cap r\mathbb{B}_{X^2}, \text{gph}B(s, \cdot)) = 0,$$

$e$  standing for the excess between two sets. When  $B(t, \cdot)$  or  $-B(t, \cdot)$  is the subdifferential of a convex lsc function  $\psi^t$  which satisfies (H<sub>0</sub>), the condition (iv) is satisfied.

### 3 Existence of approximate solutions

For any real  $\lambda > 0$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ , the function  $f_\lambda^t$  shall denote the *Moreau-Yosida proximal function* of index  $\lambda$  of  $f^t$ , and we set

$$J_\lambda^t = (I + \lambda \partial f^t)^{-1}, \quad Df_\lambda^t = \lambda^{-1}(I - J_\lambda^t).$$

We first prove the approximate result of existence :

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of proper convex lsc functions on  $X$  with each  $f^t$  of compact type. Assume that (H) and (B<sub>o</sub>) are satisfied. For each  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ , there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T]$  such that  $u' + \partial f^t(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least an approximate solution  $x : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $x(0) = u_0$  in the following sense: there exist sequences  $(x_n)_n$  of absolutely continuous functions from  $[0, T_0]$  to  $X$ ,  $(u_n)_n$  and  $(\beta_n)_n$  of piecewise constant functions from  $[0, T_0]$  to  $X$  which satisfy:*

1. for a.e.  $t \in [0, T_0]$

$$\begin{cases} x'_n(t) + \partial f^t(x_n(t)) + \beta_n(t) \ni 0 \\ x_n(0) = u_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_n(t) \in B(\theta_n(t), u_n(t))$$

where  $0 \leq t - \theta_n(t) \leq 2^{-n}T$ ,

2. there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $n \geq N$ :

$$\forall t \in [0, T] \quad \|x_n(t) - u_0\| \leq \rho \quad \text{and} \quad \|\beta_n(t)\| \leq M,$$

3.  $(x_n)_n$  and  $(u_n)_n$  converge uniformly to  $x$  on  $[0, T_0]$ ,  $(\beta_n)_n$  converges weakly to  $\beta$  in  $L^2(0, T_0; X)$ ,  $(x'_n)_n$  converges weakly to  $x'$  in  $L^2(0, T_0; X)$  and  $x$  is the solution of  $x'(t) + \partial f^t(x(t)) + \beta(t) \ni 0$ ,  $x(0) = u_0$  on  $[0, T_0]$ .

### 3.1 Proof of Theorem 3.1

**Lemma 3.1** *We can find a set  $\{z_t : t \in [0, T]\}$  and  $\rho_0 > 0$  such that  $z_t \in \rho_0\mathbb{B}$ ,  $f^t(z_t) \leq \rho_0$  for every  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $z_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$  and  $r > 0$  such that  $r \geq \|z_0\| \vee |f^0(z_0)|$ . For all  $t \in [0, T]$ , there exists  $z_t \in \text{dom } f^t$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \|z_t - z_0\| \leq |h_r(t) - h_r(0)|(1 + |f^0(z_0)|^{1/2}) \\ f^t(z_t) \leq f^0(z_0) + |k_r(t) - k_r(0)|(1 + |f^0(z_0)|). \end{cases}$$

The lemma holds with  $\rho_0 = (r + \|h'_r\|_{L^1}(1 + r^{1/2})) \vee (r + \|k'_r\|_{L^1}(1 + r))$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** [18, Proposition 3.1]. *Let  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . The map  $t \mapsto J_\lambda^t x$  is continuous on  $[0, T]$ .*

**Proof.** From Kenmochi [11, Chapter 1, Section 1.5, Theorem 1.5.1], there is a nonnegative constant  $\alpha$  such that  $f^t(x) \geq -\alpha(\|x\| + 1)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . Thus,

$$f_\lambda^t(x) - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\|x - J_\lambda^t x\|^2 = f^t(J_\lambda^t x) \geq -\alpha(1 + \|J_\lambda^t x\|),$$

which implies

$$\|x - J_\lambda^t x\|^2 \leq 2\lambda\alpha(1 + \|J_\lambda^t x - x\| + \|x\|) + 2\lambda f_\lambda^t(x). \quad (3)$$

Since  $2\lambda f_\lambda^t(x) \leq 2\lambda f^t(z_t) + \|z_t - x\|^2 \leq 2\lambda\rho_0 + (\rho_0 + \|x\|)^2$  by Lemma 3.1, we can conclude:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{\|J_\lambda^t x\| \mid t \in [0, T], \lambda \in ]0, 1], x \in r\mathbb{B}\} &< \infty \\ \sup\{|f^t(J_\lambda^t x)| \mid t \in [0, T], x \in r\mathbb{B}\} &< \infty \end{aligned}$$

for any  $r > 0$ .

Let  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $r \geq \|J_\lambda^t x\|$ . By assumption (H<sub>0</sub>), for each  $s \in [0, T]$  with  $s \geq t$  there exists  $x_s \in \text{dom } f^s$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \|J_\lambda^t x - x_s\| \leq |h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|^{1/2}) \\ f^s(x_s) \leq f^t(J_\lambda^t x) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|). \end{cases}$$

Since  $\lambda^{-1}(x - J_\lambda^s x) \in \partial f^s(J_\lambda^s x)$ , we have

$$f^s(J_\lambda^s x) + \frac{1}{\lambda}\langle x - J_\lambda^s x, x_s - J_\lambda^s x \rangle \leq f^s(x_s) \leq f^t(J_\lambda^t x) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|).$$

Hence, for any  $s \geq t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\lambda}\langle x - J_\lambda^s x, J_\lambda^t x - J_\lambda^s x \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda}\langle x - J_\lambda^s x, J_\lambda^t x - x_s \rangle + f^t(J_\lambda^t x) - f^s(J_\lambda^s x) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|) \\ &\leq \|Df_\lambda^s(x)\| |h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|^{1/2}) + f^t(J_\lambda^t x) - f^s(J_\lambda^s x) \\ &\quad + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|). \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry it is true for any  $s \in [0, T]$ . In the same way for  $t, s$  in  $[0, T]$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \langle x - J_\lambda^t x, J_\lambda^s x - J_\lambda^t x \rangle \leq \|Df_\lambda^t(x)\| |h_r(t) - h_r(s)| (1 + |f^s(J_\lambda^s x)|^{1/2}) + f^s(J_\lambda^s x) - f^t(J_\lambda^t x) \\ + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)| (1 + |f^s(J_\lambda^s x)|).$$

Adding these two inequalities we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \|J_\lambda^s x - J_\lambda^t x\|^2 \leq [\|Df_\lambda^t(x)\| \vee \|Df_\lambda^s(x)\|] |h_r(t) - h_r(s)| (1 + |f^s(J_\lambda^s x)|^{1/2} \vee |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|^{1/2}) \\ + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)| (1 + |f^s(J_\lambda^s x)| \vee |f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|).$$

Since both  $\|Df_\lambda^t(x)\|$  and  $|f^t(J_\lambda^t x)|$  are bounded,  $t \mapsto J_\lambda^t x$  is continuous on  $[0, T]$ .  $\square$

By [11, Lemma 1.5.3], for  $r \geq \|u_0\| + 1$ ,  $M_1 \geq |f^0(u_0)| + \alpha r + \alpha + 1$  and  $T_1 \in ]0, T[$  such that

$$\left[ 1 + M_1 \exp \int_0^T |k'_r| \right] \int_0^{T_1} |h'_r| \leq 1,$$

there exists an absolutely continuous function  $v$  on  $[0, T_1]$  satisfying:

- \*  $v(0) = u_0$  and  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f^t(v(t)) \leq f^0(u_0)$
- \*  $\|v(t)\| \leq r$  for any  $t \in [0, T_1]$
- \* for any  $t \in [0, T_1]$ ,  $|f^t(v(t))| \leq M_1 + M_1 \exp \int_0^T |k'_r| \int_0^t |h'_r|$
- \* for almost any  $t \in [0, T_1]$ ,  $\|v'(t)\| \leq \left[ 1 + M_1 \exp \int_0^T |k'_r| \right] |h'_r(t)|$ .

For  $r \geq \|u_0\| + \rho$ , let us choose  $T_2 > 0$  such that

$$\left( |f^0(u_0)| + \frac{M^2}{2} T_2 + \int_0^{T_2} c_r(\tau) d\tau \right) \left( 1 + T_2 \exp \int_0^{T_2} c_r(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq |f^0(u_0)| + \rho.$$

Let  $r \geq (\|u_0\| \vee |f^0(u_0)|) + \rho + 1$  be fixed. Let us choose  $T_0 > 0$  small enough in order to have

$$(1 + r^{1/2})^2 T_0 \int_0^{T_0} |h'_r| \leq \frac{\rho^2}{32}, \quad T_0 \leq T_1 \wedge T_2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$M_T \sqrt{T_0} + [M + \alpha] T_0 + \left[ 1 + M_1 \exp \left( \int_0^T |k'_r| \right) \right] \int_0^{T_0} |h'_r(s)| ds \leq \frac{\rho}{4}$$

where  $M_T = 2 \left[ M_1 + M_1 \left( \exp \int_0^T |k'_r| \right) \int_0^T |h'_r(s)| ds + \alpha r + \alpha \right]^{1/2}$ .

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $\beta : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  be a measurable function with  $\|\beta(t)\| \leq M$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ . Then,

$$\forall t \in [0, T_0] \quad \|p(\beta)(t) - u_0\| \leq \frac{\rho}{2},$$

the map  $p$  being defined in Section 2.

**Proof.** The curve  $u = p(\beta)$  exists on  $[0, T]$  following Theorem 2.1. We have for a.e.  $t \in [0, T_0]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{2} \|u(t) - v(t)\|^2 &\leq f^t(v(t)) - f^t(u(t)) + [M + \|v'(t)\|] \|u(t) - v(t)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} M_T^2 + [M + \|v'(t)\| + \alpha] \|u(t) - v(t)\|. \end{aligned}$$

We thus obtain for any  $t \in [0, T_0]$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u(t) - v(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} M_T^2 T_0 + \int_0^t [M + \|v'(s)\| + \alpha] \|u(s) - v(s)\| ds.$$

Gronwall's lemma yields for any  $t \in [0, T_0]$

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t) - v(t)\| &\leq M_T \sqrt{T_0} + \int_0^t [M + \|v'(s)\| + \alpha] ds \\ &\leq M_T \sqrt{T_0} + [M + \alpha] T_0 + \left[ 1 + M_1 \exp \int_0^T |k'_r| \right] \int_0^{T_0} |h'_r(s)| ds \leq \frac{\rho}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\|v(t) - u_0\| \leq \int_0^t \|v'(s)\| ds \leq \left[ 1 + M_1 \exp \int_0^T |k'_r| \right] \int_0^{T_0} |h'_r(s)| ds \leq \frac{\rho}{4}.$$

By choice of  $T_0 > 0$ , we obtain  $\|u(t) - u_0\| \leq \rho/2$  for any  $t \in [0, T_0]$ . □

*For simplicity of notation, we now write  $T$  instead of  $T_0$ . We also assume that  $f^t(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in X$  with  $\|x - u_0\| \leq \rho$ , since we have  $f^t(x) \geq -\alpha(\|u_0\| + \rho + 1)$ .*

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that :

$$\alpha^2 2^{-6n} + 2^{-3n+1} \left[ r + (1+r) \left( \int_0^T |k'_r| + \alpha \right) \right] \leq \frac{\rho^2}{32}.$$

Let us set  $f_n^t = f_{2^{-3n}}^t$  and  $J_n^t = J_{2^{-3n}}^t$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a partition of  $[0, T]$ :

$$\mathcal{P} = \{0 = t_0^n < t_1^n < \dots < t_{2^n}^n = T\}$$

where  $t_k^n = k2^{-n}T$  for  $k = 0, \dots, 2^n$ .

Let us set  $u_0^n = J_n^{t_0^n} u_0$ . By assumption (B<sub>o</sub>)(i),  $B(t_0^n, u_0^n)$  is non empty and contains an element  $\beta_0^n$ . Let  $t \in [0, T]$ . Under the assumption (H<sub>0</sub>), there exists  $u_{n,t} \in \text{dom } f^t$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \|u_{n,t} - u_0\| \leq |h_r(t) - h_r(0)|(1 + r^{1/2}) \\ f^t(u_{n,t}) \leq r + |k_r(t) - k_r(0)|(1 + r). \end{cases}$$



Using the definition of the Moreau-Yosida approximate, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2^{3n}}{2} \|J_n^t u_0 - u_0\|^2 &= f_n^t(u_0) - f^t(J_n^t u_0) \\ &\leq f^t(u_{n,t}) + \frac{2^{3n}}{2} \|u_{n,t} - u_0\|^2 + \alpha \|J_n^t u_0 - u_0\| + \alpha(1 + \|u_0\|) \\ &\leq r + (1+r) \int_0^t |k'_r| + \frac{2^{3n}}{2} (1+r^{1/2})^2 t \int_0^t |h'_r|^2 + \alpha \|J_n^t u_0 - u_0\| + \alpha(1+r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by choice of  $r$ ,  $T$  and  $n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|J_n^t u_0 - u_0\| \\ &\leq \alpha 2^{-3n} + \sqrt{\alpha^2 2^{-6n} + 2r 2^{-3n} + 2(1+r) 2^{-3n} \left( \int_0^T |k'_r| + \alpha \right) + (1+\sqrt{r})^2 T \int_0^T |h'_r|^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\rho}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\|u_0^n - u_0\| \leq \rho/2$ . Under  $(B_o)$ (ii) it follows  $\|\beta_0^n\| \leq M$ . Let us set  $x_0^n = p(\beta_0^n)$ . By Lemma 3.3,

$$\forall t \in [0, T] \quad \|x_0^n(t) - u_0\| \leq \frac{\rho}{2}.$$

Let us set  $u_1^n = J_n^{t_1^n} x_0^n(t_1^n)$  and take  $\beta_1^n \in B(t_1^n, u_1^n)$ . Since  $J_n^{t_1^n}$  is 1-Lipschitz continuous, we have

$$\|u_1^n - u_0\| \leq \|x_0^n(t_1^n) - u_0\| + \|J_n^{t_1^n} u_0 - u_0\| \leq \rho.$$

Next,  $(B_o)$ (ii) implies  $\|\beta_1^n\| \leq M$ . We then set

$$\beta_1^n(t) = \begin{cases} \beta_0^n & \text{if } t \in [t_0^n, t_1^n[ \\ \beta_1^n & \text{if } t \in [t_1^n, T] \end{cases}$$

Let us set  $x_1^n = p(\beta_1^n)$ . By unicity and continuity of the curve it follows  $x_1^n(t) = x_0^n(t)$  if  $t \in [t_0^n, t_1^n]$ . Furthermore,  $\|\beta_1^n(t)\| \leq M$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . By Lemma 3.3,

$$\forall t \in [0, T] \quad \|x_1^n(t) - u_0\| \leq \frac{\rho}{2}.$$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Assume that there exists a map  $\beta_{k-1}^n : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  which is constant on each  $[t_{k-1}^n, t_k^n[$  with  $\|\beta_{k-1}^n(t)\| \leq M$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . Set  $x_{k-1}^n = p(\beta_{k-1}^n)$ . Then,

$$\forall t \in [0, T] \quad \|x_{k-1}^n(t) - u_0\| \leq \frac{\rho}{2}.$$

Let us set  $u_k^n = J_n^{t_k^n} x_{k-1}^n(t_k^n)$  and take  $\beta_k^n \in B(t_k^n, u_k^n)$ . Since

$$\|u_k^n - u_0\| \leq \|x_{k-1}^n(t_k^n) - u_0\| + \|J_n^{t_k^n} u_0 - u_0\| \leq \rho$$

we have  $\|\beta_k^n\| \leq M$ . We then set

$$\beta_k^n(t) = \begin{cases} \beta_{k-1}^n(t) & \text{if } t \in [t_0^n, t_k^n[ \\ \beta_k^n & \text{if } t \in [t_k^n, T] \end{cases}$$

Let us set  $x_k^n = p(\beta_k^n)$ . By unicity it follows  $x_k^n(t) = x_{k-1}^n(t)$  if  $t \in [0, t_k^n]$ . Furthermore,  $\|\beta_k^n(t)\| \leq M$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . By Lemma 3.3,

$$\forall t \in [0, T] \quad \|x_k^n(t) - u_0\| \leq \frac{\rho}{2}.$$

We then set

$$x_n := x_{2^n-1}^n = \sum_{k=0}^{2^n} x_k^n \chi_{[t_k^n, t_{k+1}^n[} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_n := \beta_{2^n-1}^n = \sum_{k=0}^{2^n} \beta_k^n \chi_{[t_k^n, t_{k+1}^n[},$$

where  $\chi_{[t_k^n, t_{k+1}^n[}(t) = 1$  if  $t \in [t_k^n, t_{k+1}^n[$ , and  $= 0$  otherwise. For all  $t \in [0, T[$ , there exists  $0 \leq k \leq 2^n$  with  $t \in [t_k^n, t_{k+1}^n[$  and we set

$$\theta_n(t) = t_k^n \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_n(T) = T.$$

So,  $x_n : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  is an absolutely continuous function and  $\beta_n : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  is a measurable map which satisfy for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$

$$\begin{cases} x_n'(t) + \partial f^t(x_n(t)) + \beta_n(t) \ni 0 \\ x_n(0) = u_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_n(t) \in B(\theta_n(t), u_n(t))$$

where we set  $u_n(t) = J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x_n(\theta_n(t))$ . By construct, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $n \geq N$ :

$$\forall t \in [0, T] \quad \|x_n(t) - u_0\| \leq \rho \quad \text{and} \quad \|\beta_n(t)\| \leq M.$$

A subsequence of  $(\beta_n)_n$ , again denoted by  $(\beta_n)_n$ , converges weakly to  $\beta$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$ . By continuity of the map  $p$ , the sequence  $x_n = p(\beta_n)$  converges uniformly to a curve  $x = p(\beta)$  on  $[0, T]$  and a subsequence of  $(x_n')_n$  converges weakly to  $x'$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$ .

In other words, the curve  $x$  is the solution of  $x'(t) + \partial f^t(x(t)) + \beta(t) \ni 0$ ,  $x(0) = u_0$  on  $[0, T]$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . We have

$$\|u_n(t) - x(t)\| \leq \|x_n(\theta_n(t)) - x(\theta_n(t))\| + \|x(\theta_n(t)) - x(t)\| + \|J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x(t) - x(t)\|. \quad (4)$$

Under the assumption  $(H_0)$ , there exists  $u_{n,t} \in \text{dom } f^{\theta_n(t)}$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \|u_{n,t} - x(t)\| \leq |h_r(\theta_n(t)) - h_r(t)|(1 + r^{1/2}) \\ f^{\theta_n(t)}(u_{n,t}) \leq r + |k_r(\theta_n(t)) - k_r(t)|(1 + r). \end{cases}$$

Using the definition of the Moreau-Yosida approximate, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2^{3n}}{2} \|J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x(t) - x(t)\|^2 &= f_n^{\theta_n(t)}(x(t)) - f^t(J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x(t)) \\ &\leq f_n^{\theta_n(t)}(u_{n,t}) + \frac{2^{3n}}{2} \|u_{n,t} - x(t)\|^2 + \alpha \|J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x(t) - x(t)\| + \alpha(1+r) \\ &\leq r + (1+r) \int_{\theta_n(t)}^t |k'_r| + \frac{2^{3n}}{2} (1+r^{1/2})^2 (t - \theta_n(t)) \int_{\theta_n(t)}^t |h'_r|^2 \\ &\quad + \alpha \|J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x(t) - x(t)\| + \alpha(1+r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\alpha 2^{-3n} + \sqrt{\alpha^2 2^{-6n} + 2r 2^{-3n} + 2(1+r) 2^{-3n} \left( \int_0^T |k'_r| + \alpha \right) + (1+r^{1/2})^2 2^{-n} \int_0^T |h'_r|^2} \|J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x(t) - x(t)\| \leq$$

and  $(J_n^{\theta_n(t)} x)_n$  converges uniformly to  $x$  on  $[0, T]$ . Since  $(x_n)_n$  converges uniformly to  $x$  on  $[0, T]$  and  $x$  is continuous on  $[0, T]$ , (4) assures the uniform convergence of  $(u_n)_n$  to  $x$  on  $[0, T]$ .

□

### 3.2 Properties of approximate solutions

**Lemma 3.4** *We have  $\|x(t)\| \vee |f^t(x(t))| \leq r$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Under the assumption (B)(ii), the element  $\beta(t)$  belongs to  $-\partial\varphi(x(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

**Proof.** By inequality (2), we have for any  $s \leq t$  in  $[0, T]$

$$f^t(x(t)) - f^s(x(s)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t \|x'(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq \frac{1}{2} M^2 T + \int_s^t c_r(\tau) [1 + |f^\tau(x(\tau))|] d\tau.$$

Since  $\|x(t) - u_0\| \leq \rho$ , we have assumed for simplicity that  $f^t(x(t)) \geq 0$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . Gronwall's lemma yields for any  $t \in [0, T]$

$$f^t(x(t)) \leq \left( f^0(u_0) + \frac{M^2}{2} T + \int_0^T c_r(\tau) d\tau \right) \left( 1 + T \exp \int_0^T c_r(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq |f^0(u_0)| + \rho. \quad (5)$$

by assumption on  $T$ .

Next,  $\beta_n(t)$  belongs to  $-\partial\varphi(u_n(t))$  with the uniform convergence of  $(u_n)_n$  to  $x$  on  $[0, T]$ .

Let us define  $\tilde{\varphi} : L^2(0, T; X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  by  $\tilde{\varphi}(u) = \int_0^T \varphi(u(t)) dt$ . It is known that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is proper lsc convex and

$$\alpha \in \partial\tilde{\varphi}(u) \iff \alpha(t) \in \partial\varphi(u(t)) \text{ for a.e. } t \in [0, T].$$

Thus,  $-\beta_n \in \partial\tilde{\varphi}(u_n)$ . Passing to the limit we obtain  $-\beta \in \partial\tilde{\varphi}(x)$ . Hence,  $\beta(t)$  belongs to  $-\partial\varphi(x(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ . □

**Lemma 3.5** For almost any  $t \in [0, T]$  we have  $f^t(x(t)) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f^t(x_n(t))$ . Furthermore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T f^t(x_n(t)) dt = \int_0^T f^t(x(t)) dt \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T (f^t)^*(y_n(t)) dt = \int_0^T (f^t)^*(y(t)) dt,$$

where we set  $y_n(t) = -x'_n(t) - \beta_n(t)$  and  $y(t) = -x'(t) - \beta(t)$  for a.e.  $t$  in  $[0, T]$ .

**Proof.** By lower semicontinuity of  $f^t$ , the inequality

$$f^t(x(t)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f^t(x_n(t))$$

holds for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . The maps  $v \mapsto \int_0^T f^t(v(t)) dt$  and  $w \mapsto \int_0^T (f^t)^*(w(t)) dt$  are proper lsc convex on  $L^2(0, T; X)$ . So,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T f^t(x_n(t)) dt \geq \int_0^T f^t(x(t)) dt \quad \text{and} \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T (f^t)^*(y_n(t)) dt \geq \int_0^T (f^t)^*(y(t)) dt.$$

But,  $f^t(x_n(t)) + (f^t)^*(y_n(t)) = \langle y_n(t), x_n(t) \rangle$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ , with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle y_n(t), x_n(t) \rangle dt = \int_0^T \langle y(t), x(t) \rangle dt.$$

□

**Lemma 3.6** We have the inequality

$$\int_0^T \langle \beta(s), x'(s) \rangle ds \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle \beta_n(s), x'_n(s) \rangle ds. \quad (6)$$

**Proof.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . The maps  $x_n$ ,  $\beta_n$  and  $u_n$  are constant on  $[t_k^n, t_{k+1}^n[$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1$ . Hence,

$$\int_0^T \langle \beta_n(s), x'_n(s) \rangle ds = \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \int_{t_k^n}^{t_{k+1}^n} \langle \beta_k^n, (x_k^n)'(s) \rangle ds = \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \langle \beta_k^n, x_k^n(t_{k+1}^n) - x_k^n(t_k^n) \rangle.$$

Since  $\beta_k^n \in -\partial\varphi(u_k^n)$  for any  $k = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \langle \beta_n(s), x'_n(s) \rangle ds &\geq \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \varphi(u_k^n) - \varphi(x_k^n(t_{k+1}^n)) - M \|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\| \\ &= \varphi(u_0^n) - \varphi(x_{2^n-1}^n(t_{2^n}^n)) + \sum_{k=1}^{2^n-1} \varphi(u_k^n) - \varphi(x_k^n(t_k^n)) - M \|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\| \\ &\geq \varphi(J_n^0 u_0) - \varphi(x_n(T)) - 2M \sum_{k=1}^{2^n-1} \|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|u_k^n - u_0\| \leq \|u_n(t_k^n) - x_n(t_k^n)\| + \rho/2 \leq \rho$  for  $n$  large enough, we have  $f^{t_k^n}(u_k^n) \geq 0$ . Furthermore, inequality (5) assures that  $f^{t_k^n}(x_k^n(t_k^n)) \leq f^0(u_0) + \rho \leq r$ . Using the definition of the Moreau-Yosida approximate, we obtain

$$\frac{2^{3n}}{2} \|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\|^2 = f^{t_k^n}(x_k^n(t_k^n)) - f^{t_k^n}(u_k^n) \leq r.$$

Thus,  $\|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\| \leq \sqrt{r2^{-3n+1}}$  and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2^n-1} \|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\| \leq \sqrt{r2^{-n+1}}.$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2^n-1} \|u_k^n - x_k^n(t_k^n)\| = 0.$$

By continuity of  $\varphi$  and convergence of  $(x_n)_n$  to  $x$ , we obtain

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle \beta_n(s), x'_n(s) \rangle ds \geq \varphi(u_0) - \varphi(x(T)).$$

Since  $\beta(s) \in -\partial\varphi(x(s))$  almost everywhere,  $\langle \beta(s), x'(s) \rangle = -(\varphi \circ x)'(s)$  holds for a.e.  $s$  and we obtain the inequality (6).  $\square$

## 4 Existence of strong solutions

We now prove the existence of strong solutions.

### 4.1 General case

Let us set

$$\Phi(x, y) = \int_0^T \langle y(t), x'(t) \rangle dt - f^T(x(T)) + f^0(u_0)$$

for any absolutely continuous function  $x : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  with  $x' \in L^2(0, T; X)$  and any function  $y \in L^2(0, T; X)$ .

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of proper convex lsc functions on  $X$  with each  $f^t$  of compact type which satisfies the assumption (H). Assume that for any sequence  $(x_n)_n$  in  $H^1(0, T; X)$  which converges uniformly to the absolutely continuous function  $x$  with the weak convergence of  $(x'_n)_n$  to  $x'$  in  $L^2$ , and for any  $(y_n)_n$  which converges weakly to  $y$  in  $L^2$  with  $y_n(t) \in \partial f^t(x_n(t))$  for almost all  $t$ , there exists  $n_k \rightarrow +\infty$  such that*

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \Phi(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \geq \Phi(x, y).$$

*Then, for each  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ , there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T[$  such that  $u' + \partial f^t(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least a strong solution  $u : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ .*

**Proof.** Consider  $x$  an approximate solution. We prove  $x'(t) + \partial f^t(x(t)) + B(t, x(t)) \ni 0$  for a.e.  $t$  in  $[0, T]$ . So, we begin by prove that  $(x'_n)_n$  converges strongly to  $x'$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$ .  
Step 1. - Let us set  $y_n(t) = -x'_n(t) - \beta_n(t)$  and  $y(t) = -x'(t) - \beta(t)$  for a.e.  $t$  in  $[0, T]$ . It is easy to see that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and almost any  $t \in [0, T]$ :

$$\|x'_n(t)\|^2 + \langle y_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle + \langle \beta_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|x'(t)\|^2 + \langle y(t), x'(t) \rangle + \langle \beta(t), x'(t) \rangle = 0.$$

The sequence  $(x'_n)_n$  converges weakly to  $x'$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$ . The strong convergence of  $(x'_n)_n$  to  $x'$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$  is equivalent to

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \|x'_n(t)\|^2 dt \leq \int_0^T \|x'(t)\|^2 dt.$$

From Lemma 3.6 it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \|x'_n(t)\|^2 dt &\leq -\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle y_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle dt - \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle \beta_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle dt \\ &\leq -\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle y_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle dt - \int_0^T \langle \beta(t), x'(t) \rangle dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_0^T \langle \beta(t), x'(t) \rangle dt = -\int_0^T \|x'(t)\|^2 dt + \int_0^T \langle y(t), x'(t) \rangle dt$ , it suffices to show that

$$\int_0^T \langle y(t), x'(t) \rangle dt \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle y_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle dt. \quad (7)$$

Step 2. - Under the assumption on  $\Phi$ , it follows by lower semicontinuity of  $f^T$  :

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle y_{n_k}(t), x'_{n_k}(t) \rangle dt \geq f^T(x(T)) - f^0(u_0) + \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \Phi(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \geq \int_0^T \langle y(t), x'(t) \rangle dt.$$

Step 3. - Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the negligible subset of  $[0, T]$  such that, for any  $t \in [0, T] \setminus \mathcal{N}$ , we have  $x'_n(t) + \partial f^t(x_n(t)) + \beta_n(t) \ni 0$ ,  $\beta_n(t) \in B(\theta_n(t), u_n(t))$  and  $(x'_n(t))_n$  converges to  $x'(t)$ . Since each  $f^t$  are of compact type, the sets  $X(t) := \text{cl}\{x_n(t) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$  and  $U(t) := \text{cl}\{u_n(t) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$  are compact in  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$ . Let  $r \geq M \vee (\rho + \|u_0\|)$ . Under the assumption (B)(iv), for each  $n \geq N$  and  $t \in [0, T]$  with  $t \neq \theta_n(t)$ , there exists  $z_n^t \in \text{Dom} B(t, \cdot)$  and  $\alpha_n^t \in B(t, z_n^t)$  satisfying

$$\|z_n^t - u_n(t)\| \vee \|\alpha_n^t - \beta_n(t)\| \leq g_r(\theta_n(t), t).$$

When  $t = \theta_n(t)$ , we simply take  $z_n^t = u_n(t)$  and  $\alpha_n^t = \beta_n(t)$ . Then,  $(z_n^t)_n$  converges to  $x(t)$  and  $Z(t) := \text{cl}\{z_n^t \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$  is compact in  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$ .

The restriction of  $B(t, \cdot)$  to  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$  being usc, the set  $\{B(t, z) \mid z \in Z(t)\}$  is compact in  $X$ . Hence,  $\Gamma(t) := \text{cl}\{\alpha_n^t \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$ , and thus  $\text{cl}\{\beta_n(t) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$ , are compact. So,  $Y(t) := \text{cl}\{y_n(t) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$  is compact in  $X$ .

Let us set  $F^t(x) = \partial f^t(x) \cap Y(t)$  and  $G^t(x) = B(t, x) \cap \Gamma(t)$  for any  $x \in \text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . The multimaps  $F^t$  and  $G^t$  are upper semicontinuous on  $\text{Dom}(\partial f^t)$  with compact values in  $X$ . Let us denote by  $e$  the excess between two sets. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(-x'_n(t), F^t(x(t)) + G^t(x(t))) &\leq d(y_n(t), F^t(x(t))) + d(\beta_n(t), G^t(x(t))) \\ &\leq e(F^t(x_n(t)), F^t(x(t))) + \|\beta_n(t) - \alpha_n^t\| + d(\alpha_n^t, G^t(x(t))) \\ &\leq e(F^t(x_n(t)), F^t(x(t))) + g_r(\theta_n(t), t) + e(G^t(z_n^t), G^t(x(t))). \end{aligned}$$

The upper-semicontinuity of  $F^t$  and  $G^t$  assures that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(-x'_n(t), F^t(x(t)) + G^t(x(t))) = 0.$$

Since  $(x'_n)_n$  converges to  $x'$  a.e. on  $[0, T]$ , the equality  $d(-x'(t), F^t(x(t)) + G^t(x(t))) = 0$  holds for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  and we obtain by closedness of  $F^t(x(t)) + G^t(x(t))$ :

$$-x'(t) \in F^t(x(t)) + G^t(x(t)) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [0, T].$$

Consequently,  $x$  is a local solution to  $x' + \partial f^t(x) + B(t, x) \ni 0$  with  $x(0) = u_0$ .  $\square$

## 4.2 Two particular cases

We consider two particular cases for which we can apply Theorem 4.1. These cases contains those of  $f^t$  not depending on  $t$ .

First,

**Corollary 4.1** *Let  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of proper convex lsc functions on  $X$  with each  $f^t$  of compact type. Let  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ . Assume that  $f^t = g \circ F^t$  where  $g$  is a proper convex lsc function on a Hilbert space  $Y$  and  $(F^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a family of differentiable maps from  $X$  to  $Y$  such that  $(DF^t)_t$  is equilipschitz continuous on a neighborhood of  $u_0$  and such that:*

1. *for each  $r \geq 0$ , there is absolutely continuous real-valued function  $b_r$  on  $[0, T]$  such that:*
  - (a)  $b'_r \in L^2(0, T)$ ,
  - (b) *for each  $s, t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\sup_{\|x\| \leq r} \|F^t(x) - F^s(x)\| \leq |b_r(t) - b_r(s)|$ ,*
2. *the qualification condition  $\mathbb{R}_+[\text{dom } g - F^0(u_0)] - DF^0(u_0)X = Y$  holds,*
3. *for each  $r \geq 0$ , there exists a negligible subset  $N$  of  $[0, T]$  such that the mapping  $t \mapsto F^t(x)$  admits a derivative  $\Delta^t(x)$  on  $[0, T] \setminus N$  for any  $x \in r\mathbb{B}_X$  and  $\Delta^t$  is continuous on  $r\mathbb{B}_X$  for any  $t \in [0, T] \setminus N$ ,*
4. *the mapping  $(t, x) \mapsto DF^t(x)$  is bounded on  $[0, T] \times r\mathbb{B}_X$  for each  $r > 0$  and it is continuous at  $t$  for each  $x$ .*

Assume that (H) and (B) are satisfied. Then, there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T]$  such that  $u' + \partial f^t(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least a strong solution  $u : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ .

Remark under assumption 1., the mapping  $t \mapsto F^t(x)$  is absolutely continuous and admits a derivative at a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  for each  $x$ . With the uniform inequality 1.(b), we can hope that the almost derivability of  $t \mapsto F^t(x)$  at  $t$  is uniform in  $x \in r\mathbb{B}_X$  thanks to the regularity of  $F^t$  at  $x$ . Illustrate the importance of differentiability of  $F^t$  by the following example :  $F(t, x) = h(t - x)$  where  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$  and the real function  $h$  is convex, Lipschitz continuous and non differentiable on  $[0, T]$ .

**Proof of Corollary 4.1.** Consider  $x : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  an approximate solution. Let us set  $y_n(t) = -x'_n(t) - \beta_n(t)$  and  $y(t) = -x'(t) - \beta(t)$  for a.e.  $t$  in  $[0, T]$ ,  $z_n(t) = F^t(x_n(t))$  and  $z(t) = F^t(x(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ . Then,  $z_n$  and  $z$  are absolutely continuous on  $[0, T]$ , thus are derivable at a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  and

$$z'_n(t) = \Delta^t(x_n(t)) + DF^t(x_n(t))x'_n(t) \quad , \quad z'(t) = \Delta^t(x(t)) + DF^t(x(t))x'(t).$$

Under the qualification condition, we have for any  $x \in X$

$$\partial f^t(x) = DF^t(x)^* \partial g(F^t(x)).$$

Let us write  $y_n(t) = DF^t(x_n(t))^* w_n(t)$  and  $y(t) = DF^t(x(t))^* w(t)$  where  $w_n(t) \in \partial g(z_n(t))$  and  $w(t) \in \partial g(z(t))$  for almost all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Hence,  $g \circ z_n$  and  $g \circ z$  are absolutely continuous with  $\langle w_n(t), z'_n(t) \rangle = (g \circ z_n)'(t)$  for almost all  $t \in [0, T]$ . So,

$$\langle y_n(t), x'_n(t) \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} (f^t \circ x_n)(t) - \langle w_n(t), \Delta^t(x_n(t)) \rangle.$$

and  $\Phi(x_n, y_n) = - \int_0^T \langle w_n(t), \Delta^t(x_n(t)) \rangle dt$ .

Let  $r \geq \|x_n(t)\| \vee \|x(t)\|$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ . By continuity of  $\Delta^t$  on  $r\mathbb{B}_X$ ,  $(\Delta^t(x_n(t)))_n$  converges to  $\Delta^t(x(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ . Next, for a.e.  $t$  and any  $x \in r\mathbb{B}_X$ , we have  $\|\Delta^t(x)\| \leq |b'_r(t)|$ . By Lebesgue's theorem  $\Delta(\cdot)(x_n(\cdot))$  converges to  $\Delta(\cdot)(x(\cdot))$  in  $L^2(0, T, Y)$ . Since a subsequence of  $(w_n)_n$  converges weakly to  $w$ , we can apply Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

For example, if  $F^t$  is the affine mapping  $x \mapsto A(t)x + b(t)$  where  $A(t) : X \rightarrow Y$  is linear continuous and  $b(t) \in Y$ , the assumption of Corollary 4.1 becomes :

1.  $b$  is absolutely continuous on  $[0, T]$  and there is absolutely continuous real-valued function  $a$  on  $[0, T]$  such that:
  - (a)  $a' \in L^2(0, T)$ ,
  - (b) for each  $s, t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\|A(t) - A(s)\| \leq |a(t) - a(s)|$ .
2. the qualification condition  $\mathbb{R}_+ \text{ dom } g - A(0)X = Y$  holds.



3. for each  $r \geq 0$ , there exists a negligible subset  $N$  of  $[0, T]$  such that  $A'(t)$  is continuous on  $r\mathbb{B}_X$  for any  $t \in [0, T] \setminus N$ .

Second, we use the conjugate of  $f^t$ .

**Lemma 4.1** *Let  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of proper convex lsc functions on  $X$  satisfying (H). Assume that :*

*for each  $r \geq 0$ , there exists a negligible subset  $N$  of  $[0, T]$  such that for any  $t \in [0, T] \setminus N$ , the mapping  $s \mapsto (f^s)^*(y)$  admits a derivative  $\dot{\gamma}(t, y)$  at  $t$  for any  $y \in \text{Dom } \partial(f^t)^*$ .*

*Let  $x : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  be an absolutely continuous function and  $y : [0, T] \rightarrow Y$  be such that  $y(t) \in \partial f^t(x(t))$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ . For almost all  $t \in [0, T]$ , we have*

$$\dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) + \frac{d}{dt} f^t(x(t)) = \langle y(t), x'(t) \rangle. \quad (8)$$

**Proof.** Let  $s$  and  $t$  be in  $[0, T] \setminus N$  where  $N$  is a suitable negligible subset of  $[0, T]$ . We have :

$$(f^s)^*(y(s)) - (f^t)^*(y(s)) \leq (f^s)^*(y(s)) - (f^t)^*(y(t)) - \langle y(s) - y(t), x(t) \rangle$$

since  $x(t) \in \partial(f^t)^*(y(t))$ . From  $f^t(x(t)) + (f^t)^*(y(t)) = \langle y(t), x(t) \rangle$ , we deduce

$$(f^s)^*(y(s)) - (f^t)^*(y(s)) \leq f^t(x(t)) - f^s(x(s)) + \langle y(s), x(s) - x(t) \rangle.$$

In the same way, for almost every  $t, s$  in  $[0, T]$  we have

$$(f^s)^*(y(s)) - (f^t)^*(y(s)) \leq f^t(x(t)) - f^s(x(s)) + \langle y(s), x(s) - x(t) \rangle.$$

Changing the role of  $s$  and  $t$ , we also have:

$$\begin{aligned} (f^t)^*(y(t)) - (f^s)^*(y(t)) &\leq f^s(x(s)) - f^t(x(t)) + \langle y(t), x(t) - x(s) \rangle \\ &\leq (f^t)^*(y(s)) - (f^s)^*(y(s)) + \langle y(t) - y(s), x(t) - x(s) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The function  $t \mapsto f^t(x(t))$  being absolutely continuous on  $[0, T]$ , see [11, Chapter 1], we obtain (8).  $\square$

The existence of  $\dot{\gamma}$  implies some regularity on the domain of  $(f^t)^*$ . For example, consider  $(f^t)^*(y) = h(t - y)$  where  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$  and the real function  $h$  is convex, Lipschitz continuous and non differentiable on  $[0, T]$ . Then, we can not apply above lemma. The domain of  $(f^t)^*$  changes with  $t$ . But, we can apply Corollary 4.1 since  $f^t(x) = tx + h^*(-x)$ . However, we have the absolute continuity of  $s \mapsto (f^s)^*(y)$  in the following sense :

**Proposition 4.1** *Let  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $y \in Y$ ,  $\eta > 0$  and  $r > 0$  such that if  $|t - s| \leq \eta$ , the set  $\partial(f^s)^*(y) \cap r\mathbb{B}_X$  is nonempty. Then,  $s \mapsto (f^s)^*(y)$  is absolutely continuous on  $]t - \eta, t + \eta[$ .*

**Proof.** 1) Lemma 3.1 with  $\beta = \rho_o$  assures that  $(f^t)^*(y) \geq \langle y, z_t \rangle - f^t(z_t) \geq -\|y\|\beta - \beta$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $y \in X$ . For  $y \in \partial f^t(x)$ , it follows

$$-\alpha(\|x\| + 1) \leq f^t(x) = \langle y, x \rangle - (f^t)^*(y) \leq \|y\|[\|x\| + \beta] + \beta.$$

So, there is a nonnegative constant  $\beta$  such that  $(f^t)^*(y) \geq -\beta(\|y\| + 1)$  for all  $y \in X$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ .

Furthermore, for each  $r > 0$ , there is a nonnegative constant  $c$  such that  $|f^t(x)| \leq c(\|y\| + 1)$  for all  $x \in r\mathbb{B}_X$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $y \in \partial f^t(x)$ .

2) Let  $t$  be fixed in  $[0, T]$  and  $y \in \partial f^t(x)$ . Let  $r \geq \|x\|$  and  $s \in [t, T]$ . Under the assumption  $(H_0)$ , there exists  $x_s \in \text{dom } f^s$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \|x - x_s\| \leq |h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(x)|^{1/2}) \\ f^s(x_s) \leq f^t(x) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(x)|). \end{cases}$$

By definition of conjugate of a convex function, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} (f^t)^*(y) - (f^s)^*(y) &\leq \langle y, x - x_s \rangle + f^s(x_s) - f^t(x) \\ &\leq \|y\||h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(x)|^{1/2}) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(x)|). \end{aligned}$$

We conclude thanks to 1):

$$\begin{aligned} (f^t)^*(y) - (f^s)^*(y) &\leq \|y\||h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(x)|^{1/2}) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^t(x)|) \\ &\leq \|y\||h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c\|y\|}) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + c + c\|y\|) \end{aligned}$$

3) Let  $y \in Y$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $s, t \in [0, T]$ . If the intersections of  $\partial(f^t)^*(y)$  and  $\partial(f^s)^*(y)$  with  $r\mathbb{B}_X$  are non empty, let  $x_s \in \partial(f^s)^*(y)$  and  $x_t \in \partial(f^t)^*(y)$  with  $r \geq \|x_s\| \vee \|x_t\|$ . Step 2) implies

$$\begin{aligned} |(f^s)^*(y) - (f^t)^*(y)| &\leq \\ \|y\||h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + |f^s(x_s)|^{1/2} \vee |f^t(x_t)|^{1/2}) &+ |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + |f^s(x_s)| \vee |f^t(x_t)|). \end{aligned}$$

By 1) we conclude:

$$|(f^s)^*(y) - (f^t)^*(y)| \leq \|y\||h_r(t) - h_r(s)|(1 + c^{1/2} + (c\|y\|)^{1/2}) + |k_r(t) - k_r(s)|(1 + c + c\|y\|).$$

□

**Corollary 4.2** *Let  $(f^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of proper convex lsc functions on  $X$  with each  $f^t$  of compact type. Assume that (H) and (B) are satisfied and that:*

1. *for each  $r \geq 0$ , there exists a negligible subset  $N$  of  $[0, T]$  such that for any  $t$  in  $[0, T] \setminus N$ , the mapping  $s \mapsto (f^s)^*(y)$  admits a derivative  $\dot{\gamma}(t, y)$  at  $t$  for any  $y \in \text{Dom } \partial(f^t)^*$ .*

2. for any  $(y_n)_n$  which converges weakly to  $y$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$  with  $y_n(t) \in \partial f^t(x_n(t))$  where  $(x_n)_n$  converges uniformly, there exists  $n_k \rightarrow +\infty$  such that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y_{n_k}(t)) dt \geq \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) dt.$$

Then, for each  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ , there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T]$  such that  $u' + \partial f^t(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least a strong solution  $u : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ .

The assumption 2. is true when  $\dot{\gamma}(t, \cdot)$  is lsc and convex on  $\text{Dom } \partial(f^t)^*$ .

**Proof.** Lemma 4.1 implies  $\Phi(x, y) = \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) dt$ . By assumption 2., we can apply Theorem 4.1. □

## 5 Examples of families $(f^t)_t$

### 5.1 Rafle

See Castaing, Valadier and Moreau [4, 17, 13]. Let  $(C(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$  a family of nonempty closed convex subsets of  $X$  whose intersection with bounded closed sets is compact. Consider the indicator function  $f^t = \delta_{C(t)}$  of  $C(t)$ . Assume that for each  $r \geq 0$ , there is an absolutely continuous real-valued function  $a_r$  on  $[0, T]$  such that:

- (i)  $a'_r \in L^2(0, T)$ ;
- (ii) for each  $s, t$  in  $[0, T]$ , we have  $e(C(s) \cap r\mathbb{B}_X, C(t)) \leq |a_r(s) - a_r(t)|$ .

Under the assumption (B), we can apply Theorem 4.1: *Assume that for any sequence  $(x_n)_n$  in  $H^1(0, T; X)$  which converges uniformly to the absolutely continuous function  $x$  with the weak convergence of  $(x'_n)_n$  to  $x'$  in  $L^2$ , and for any  $(y_n)_n$  which converges weakly to  $y$  in  $L^2$  with  $y_n(t) \in N_{C(t)}(x_n(t))$  for almost all  $t$ , there exists  $n_k \rightarrow +\infty$  such that*

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \langle x'_{n_k}(t), y_{n_k}(t) \rangle dt \geq \int_0^T \langle x'(t), y(t) \rangle dt.$$

Then, for each  $u_0 \in C(0)$ , there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T]$  such that  $u' + N_{C(t)}(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least a strong solution  $u : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ .

Corollary 4.1 becomes:

**Corollary 5.1** *Let  $u_0 \in C(0)$  and  $(F^t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  be a family of differentiable maps from  $X$  to an other Hilbert space  $Y$  such that  $(DF^t)_t$  is equipschitz continuous on a neighborhood of  $u_0$ . Assume that  $C(t) = (F^t)^{-1}(C)$ ,  $C$  being a nonempty closed convex set. Under the assumptions (B) and:*

1. for each  $r \geq 0$ , there is absolutely continuous real-valued function  $b_r$  on  $[0, T]$  such that:

- (a)  $b'_r \in L^2(0, T)$ ,
- (b) for each  $s, t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\sup_{\|x\| \leq r} \|F^t(x) - F^s(x)\| \leq |b_r(t) - b_r(s)|$ ,
- the qualification condition  $\mathbb{R}_+[C - F^0(u_0)] - DF^0(u_0)X = Y$  holds,
  - for each  $r \geq 0$ , there exists a negligible subset  $N$  of  $[0, T]$  such that the mapping  $t \mapsto F^t(x)$  admits a derivative  $\Delta^t(x)$  on  $[0, T] \setminus N$  for any  $x \in r\mathbb{B}_X$  and  $\Delta^t$  is continuous on  $r\mathbb{B}_X$  for any  $t \in [0, T] \setminus N$ ,
  - the mapping  $(t, x) \mapsto DF^t(x)$  is bounded on  $[0, T] \times r\mathbb{B}_X$  for each  $r > 0$  and it is continuous at  $t$  for each  $x$ ,

there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T]$  such that  $u' + N_{C(t)}(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least a strong solution  $u : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ .

On the other hand,  $(f^t)^*$  is the support function of  $C(t)$ , denoted by  $\sigma_{C(t)}$ . Moreau have proved in [13] that when  $C$  is absolutely continuous, the map  $t \mapsto \sigma_{C(t)}(y)$  is absolutely continuous on  $[0, T]$  for any  $y \in D$ , where  $D$  is the domain of  $\sigma_{C(t)}$  which is not dependent of  $t$ . Corollary 4.2 becomes:

**Corollary 5.2** Assume that (B) is satisfied and that:

- for each  $r \geq 0$ , there exists a negligible subset  $N$  of  $[0, T]$  such that for any  $t$  in  $[0, T] \setminus N$ , the mapping  $s \mapsto \sigma_{C(s)}(y)$  admits a derivative  $\dot{\gamma}(t, y)$  at  $t$  for any  $y \in \text{Dom } \partial\sigma_{C(t)}$ .
- for any  $(y_n)_n$  which converges weakly to  $y$  in  $L^2(0, T; X)$  with  $y_n(t) \in N_{C(t)}(x_n(t))$  where  $(x_n)_n$  converges uniformly, there exists  $n_k \rightarrow +\infty$  such that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y_{n_k}(t)) dt \geq \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) dt.$$

Then, for each  $u_0 \in \text{dom } f^0$ , there exists  $T_0 \in ]0, T]$  such that  $u' + N_{C(t)}(u) + B(t, u) \ni 0$  has at least a strong solution  $u : [0, T_0] \rightarrow X$  with  $u(0) = u_0$ .

By example, consider the affine map  $F^t(x) = a(t)x + b(t)$  where  $a(t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  is derivable nonincreasing at  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $b(t) \in Y$  is absolutely continuous at  $t \in [0, T]$ . We can apply both corollary 4.1 and 4.2 since

$$\dot{\gamma}(t, y) = \frac{-1}{a(t)^2} [a(t)\langle y, b'(t) \rangle + a'(t)(\sigma_C(y) - \langle y, b(t) \rangle)]$$

for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  and any  $y \in Y$ . So,  $\dot{\gamma}(t, \cdot)$  is convex l.s.c. on  $X$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y_n(t)) dt = \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) dt.$$

## 5.2 Viscosity

Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be a convex lsc proper function of compact type. Consider  $f^t(x) = f(x) + \frac{\varepsilon(t)}{2}\|x\|^2$  where  $\varepsilon$  is an absolutely continuous real-valued function on  $[0, T]$  with nonnegative values and  $\varepsilon' \in L^1(0, T)$ .

We can write  $f^t = g \circ F^t$  with  $g(x, r) = f(x) + r$  for any  $(x, r) \in X \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $F^t(x) = (x, \frac{\varepsilon(t)}{2}\|x\|^2)$  for any  $x \in X$ . By absolute continuity of  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\Delta^t$  exists and is continuous on  $X$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  and

$$\Delta^t(x) = (0, \frac{\varepsilon'(t)}{2}\|x\|^2).$$

Furthermore,

$$DF^t(x)y = (y, \varepsilon(t)\langle x, y \rangle)$$

and  $DF^t$  satisfies assumption 5. We can apply Corollary 4.1.

On the other hand,  $(f^t)^* = (f^*)_{\varepsilon(t)}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}^1$ -function on  $X$  and, for any  $y \in X$ , the map  $t \mapsto (f^t)^*(y)$  is absolutely continuous on  $[0, T]$  with for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$

$$\dot{\gamma}(t, y) = -\frac{\varepsilon'(t)}{2}\|D(f^t)^*(y)\|^2.$$

By definition of  $y_n$ ,  $x_n(t) = D(f^t)^*(y_n(t))$  holds for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence

$$\dot{\gamma}(t, y_n(t)) = -\frac{\varepsilon'(t)}{2}\|x_n(t)\|^2.$$

In the same way,

$$\dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) = -\frac{\varepsilon'(t)}{2}\|x(t)\|^2.$$

By uniform convergence of  $(x_n)_n$  to  $x$  on  $[0, T]$  it follows

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y_n(t)) dt = \int_0^T \dot{\gamma}(t, y(t)) dt.$$

We can apply Corollary 4.2.

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