

## PRE-VECTOR VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES

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Existence theorems for pre-vector variational inequalities are established under different conditions on the operator  $T$  and the function  $\eta$ . As an application, we establish the existence of a weak minimum of an optimisation problem on  $\eta$ -invex functions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, let  $X, Z$  be Banach spaces,  $(Y, D)$  be an ordered Banach spaces, ordered by a closed convex cone  $D$ . Let  $L(X, Y)$  be the space of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ ,  $E \subseteq X$  and  $C \subseteq Z$  be nonempty sets,  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be a function,  $V : E \rightarrow 2^C$  and  $G : E \rightarrow 2^E$  be set-valued maps. We consider the following three problems:

PRE-VVIP. Find  $\bar{x} \in E$  such that

$$\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(y, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } y \in E,$$

where  $T$  is a map from  $E$  to  $L(X, Y)$ .

PRE-QVVIP. Find  $\bar{x} \in E, \bar{y} \in V(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\langle H(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \eta(y, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } y \in G(\bar{x}),$$

where  $H$  is a map from  $E \times C$  to  $L(X, Y)$ .

The Pre-VVIP has some relation with vector optimisation problems of  $\eta$ -invex function.

$$(P) \quad V\text{-min } f(x) \text{ subject to } x \in E,$$

where  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\eta$ -invex function [8].

It is easy to see that if  $\bar{x} \in E$ , and  $T(\bar{x})$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $f$  at  $\bar{x}$ , and if  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of Pre-VVIP, then  $\bar{x}$  is a weak-minimum of (P).

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Hence sufficient conditions for the existence theorem of Pre-VVIP are also sufficient conditions for the existence of the weak minimum of (P). Therefore the study of Pre-VVIP is important in research concerning vector optimisation problems of  $\eta$ -invex functions.

In [7], F.Giannessi first introduced vector variational inequalities in a finite dimensional Euclidean space. Since then, many results have been obtained on the vector-variational inequality and vector complementary problems [2, 3, 4, 13]. In [2, 3, 13], Cheng, Yang and Cheng, considered the case  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$  in Pre-VIIP and Pre-QVVIP. In [11], Parida, Sahoo and Kumar considered the case  $Y = R$ ,  $D = R_+$  and  $X = R^n$  in Pre-VVIP. If  $X = R^n$ ,  $Y = R$ ,  $D = R_+$ ,  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$ , then Pre-VVIP reduces to the well-known Hartman and Stampacchia variational inequality problem [9]. If  $X = R^n$ ,  $Z = R^m$ ,  $Y = R$ ,  $D = R_+$ ,  $G(x) = E$  for all  $x \in E$ , then the Pre-Quasi VVIP reduces to the problem studied by Parida and Sen [10].

In this paper, we investigate existence theorems for Pre-VVIP, Pre-QVVIP and as a consequence of our results, we establish sufficient conditions for the existence theorem of a weak minima [3] of the problem (P).

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Through this paper, let  $D^*$  be the polar cone of  $D$ . Let  $x, y \in Y$ . We denote  $x \leq y$  if  $y - x \in D$  and  $x \not\leq y$  if  $y - x \notin \text{int}D$ . If  $D$  is a pointed, closed, convex cone and  $D$  induces a partial order in  $Y$ , then  $(Y, D)$  is called an ordered topological vector space.

**DEFINITION 1:** Let  $T : X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$ ,  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow X$ . Then  $T$  is said to be  $\eta$ -monotone if  $\langle T(x), \eta(x, y) \rangle - \langle T(y), \eta(x, y) \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**DEFINITION 2:** [8] Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be Fréchet differentiable on  $X$ . Then  $f$  is said to be  $\eta$ -invex on  $X$  if there exists a function  $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$f(y) - f(x) \geq \langle Df(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle,$$

where  $Df(x)$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ .

**DEFINITION 3:** Let  $T : E \subseteq X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$ . Then  $T$  is said to be pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous if for all  $x, y \in E$ , the map  $t \rightarrow \langle T(x + t(y - x)), \eta(y, x) \rangle$  is continuous at  $t = 0$ .

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

**LEMMA 1.** Let  $E \subseteq X$  be a non-empty convex subset and  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be a map with  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in E$ . Suppose that  $T : E \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  is  $\eta$ -monotone

and pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous and the map  $\langle T(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is convex with respect to  $u \in E$ . Then the following two problems are equivalent.

- (a) Find  $x \in E$  such that  $\langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $y \in E$ .
- (b) Find  $x \in E$  such that  $\langle T(y), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $y \in E$ .

PROOF: (a) That implies (b) follows immediately from the  $\eta$ -monotonicity of  $T$ . Conversely, if (b) holds for each  $x \in E$ , then

$$(1) \quad \langle T(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, \eta(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, x)) \rangle \not\leq 0, \text{ for all } y \in E.$$

Since  $\langle T(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is convex with respect to  $u$  and  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ , it follows that

$$(2) \quad \langle T(x + \lambda(y - x), \eta(x + \lambda(y - x), x)) \rangle \leq \lambda \langle T(x + \lambda(y - x), \eta(y, x)) \rangle \text{ for all } 0 < \lambda < 1.$$

(1) and (2) imply

$$(3) \quad \langle T(x + \lambda(y - x), \eta(y, x)) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } \lambda \in (0, 1).$$

Since  $T$  is pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous, it follows from (3) that

$$\langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } y \in E.$$

Hence (a) is true. □

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $\text{int}D \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{int}D^* \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $E$  be a nonempty, compact convex set in  $X$ ,  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be a map,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in E$ . Suppose  $T : E \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  is  $\eta$ -monotone, pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous and  $\langle T(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is convex with respect to  $u$ , and for each fixed  $y \in E$ ,  $\eta(y, x)$  is continuous with respect to  $x$  on  $E$ . Then there exists  $\bar{x} \in E$  such that

$$\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in E.$$

PROOF: For each fixed  $y \in E$ , let  $F_1(y) = \{x \in E \mid \langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0\}$ . Then  $F_1 : E \rightarrow 2^E$ . We prove that  $F_1$  is a KKM map [12]. If this is not the case, there exists a finite set  $A = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq E$  such that  $\text{cov}A \not\subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n F_1(x_i)$ , where  $\text{cov}A$  denotes the convex hull of  $A$ . Hence there exist  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$  and  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$  such that  $x \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n F_1(x_i)$ . Then  $x \notin F_1(x_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence  $\langle T(x), \eta(x_i, x) \rangle < 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Since  $\eta(x, x) = 0$  and  $T(x) \in L(X, Y)$ , it follows that

$$0 = \langle T(x), \eta(x, x) \rangle \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \langle T(x), \eta(x_i, x) \rangle < 0.$$

This leads to a contradiction. Hence  $F_1$  is a KKM map.

Let  $F_2(y) = \{x \in E \mid \langle T(y), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0\}$ .

Since  $T$  is  $\eta$ -monotone, it is easy to see that  $F_2$  is also a KKM map on  $E$ . By Lemma 1

$$\bigcap_{y \in E} F_1(y) = \bigcap_{y \in E} F_2(y).$$

Since for each fixed  $y \in E$ , we have  $T(y) \in L(X, Y)$  and  $\eta(y, x)$  is continuous with respect to  $x \in E$  and  $Y \setminus (-\text{int } D)$  is closed, it follows that  $F_2(y)$  is a compact subset in  $E$ . By the F-KKM theorem [5].

$$\bigcap_{y \in E} F_1(y) = \bigcap_{y \in E} F_2(y) \neq \phi.$$

Hence there exists  $\bar{x} \in E$  such that

$$\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in E.$$

□

**LEMMA 2.** Let  $E \subseteq X$  be a nonempty convex set and  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be a map with  $\eta(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in E$ . Suppose  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n) : E \rightarrow L(X, R^n)$  is  $\eta$ -monotone and pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous. Suppose further that for fixed  $x, y \in E$  and for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , the map  $\langle T_i(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is strongly quasiconvex with respect to  $u \in E$  and  $R^n$  is ordered by  $R_+^n = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n\}$ . Then the following two problems are equivalent.

- (a) Find  $x \in E$  such that  $\langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $y \in E$ .
- (b) Find  $x \in E$  such that  $\langle T(y), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $y \in E$ .

**PROOF:** That (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) is the same as Lemma 1. Conversely, suppose (b) holds. Then there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $\langle T(y), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $y \in E$ . Let  $y \in E$ ,  $y \neq x$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then  $\langle T(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x), \eta(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, x) \rangle \not\leq 0$ . Hence there exists  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that

$$\langle T_i(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x), \eta(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, x) \rangle \geq 0.$$

Since  $\langle T_i(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is strongly quasiconvex with respect to  $u \in E$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle T_i(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x), \eta(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, x) \rangle \\ &< \max\{\langle T_i(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x), \eta(y, x) \rangle, \langle T_i(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x), \eta(x, x) \rangle\} \\ &= \max\{\langle T_i(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x), \eta(y, x) \rangle, 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\langle T_i(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, \eta(y, x)) \rangle > 0$ , and  $\langle T(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)x, \eta(y, x)) \rangle \not\leq 0$ . Then following the same argument as Lemma 1, we can show that

$$\langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } y \in E. \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $E \subseteq X$  be a nonempty convex set in  $E$ ,  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be a function, and for each fixed  $y \in E$ , let the map  $\eta(y, x)$  be a continuous function of  $x$  on  $E$  which,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in E$ . Suppose that  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n) : E \rightarrow L(X, R^n)$  is  $\eta$ -monotone and pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous. For fixed  $x, y \in E$  and for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , suppose  $\langle T_i(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is strongly quasiconvex with respect to  $u$ . Suppose further that there exists a compact convex subset  $K$  of  $E$  such that for each  $y \in E \setminus K$  there exists  $x \in K$  with  $\langle T(y), \eta(x, y) \rangle < 0$ . Then there exists a  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that  $\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $x \in E$ .

By Lemma 2 and with the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can show that for every compact set  $M \subseteq E$  there exists an  $\bar{x} \in M$  such that  $\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(x, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $x \in M$ . For each  $y \in E$ , let

$$K(y) = \{x \in K, \langle T(x), \eta(y, x) \rangle \not\leq 0\}.$$

Since  $T : E \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  is continuous and  $Y \setminus \text{int}D$  is a closed set, it follows that the set  $K(y)$  is closed in  $K$  and hence compact. Let  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\} \subseteq E$  and let  $A = \text{cov}[K \cup \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}]$ . Thus  $A$  is a compact and convex set in  $E$ , so there exists an  $\bar{x} \in E$  such that

$$\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(y, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } y \in A.$$

Now  $\bar{x} \in K$ , for otherwise, there exists a  $y \in K$  such that  $\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(y, \bar{x}) \rangle < 0$ , which contradicts (4). Since  $\langle T(\bar{x}), \eta(y, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $x \in A$ , it follows that  $\bar{x} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m K(y_i)$ . Thus the family of closed subsets  $\{K(y) : y \in E\}$  has the finite intersection property. Since  $K$  is compact, it follows that  $\bigcap_{y \in E} K(y) \neq \emptyset$ . So there exists an  $x_0 \in K(y)$  for all  $y \in E$ . Therefore there exists a  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $\langle T(x_0), \eta(y, x_0) \rangle \not\leq 0$  for all  $y \in E$ .

**LEMMA 3.** [1] Let  $G : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  and  $W$  be a real valued function defined on  $X \times Y$ ,  $V(x) = \sup_{y \in G(x)} W(x, y)$  and  $M(x) = \{y \in G(x) \mid V(x) = W(x, y)\}$ . Suppose that

- (a)  $W$  is continuous on  $X \times Y$ .
- (b)  $G$  is continuous [1] with compact values [1].

Then the set-valued map  $M$  is upper semi-continuous [1].

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $E$  be a nonempty compact convex set in  $X$  and  $C$  a compact convex set in  $Y$ . Let  $V : E \rightarrow 2^C$  be upper semicontinuous, convex and closed valued and let  $\phi : E \times C \times E \rightarrow R$  be continuous. Suppose that

- (a)  $\phi(x, y, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in E$ ,

- (b) For each fixed  $(x, y) \in E \times C$ ,  $\phi(x, y, u)$  is quasiconvex with respect to  $u \in E$ .
- (c)  $G : E \rightarrow 2^E$  is continuous with compact convex values.

Then there exists  $\bar{x} \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $\bar{y} \in V(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in G(\bar{x}).$$

PROOF: For each  $(x, y) \in E \times Y$ , let

$$\pi(x, y) = \{s \in G(x) \mid \phi(x, y, s) = \min_{u \in G(x)} \phi(x, y, u)\}.$$

Then it follows from Lemma 3 that  $\pi(x, y)$  is upper semicontinuous. Since  $\phi(x, y, u)$  is quasiconvex with respect to  $u$ , it follows that  $\pi(x, y)$  is a convex subset of  $E$ . The set-valued function  $F : E \times C \rightarrow 2^E \times 2^C$  is defined by  $F(x, y) = \{(\pi(x, y), V(x))\}$ . Then  $F$  is nonempty, convex closed and upper semicontinuous. By the generalised Kakutani fixed point theorem [6], there exists  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in E \times C$  such that  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in F(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ . Hence there exist a  $\bar{x} \in G(\bar{x})$  and a  $\bar{y} \in V(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, x) \geq \phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{x}) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in G(\bar{x}). \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 4.** Let  $E$  be a nonempty convex set in  $X$  and  $C$  a closed convex set in  $Y$ . Let  $V : E \rightarrow 2^C$  be an upper semicontinuous closed and convex valued map and let  $\phi : E \times C \times E \rightarrow R$  be a continuous function. Suppose that

- (a)  $\phi(x, y, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in E$ .
- (b) For each fixed  $(x, y) \in E \times C$ ,  $\phi(x, y, u)$  is quasiconvex with respect to  $u \in E$ .
- (c) There exists nonempty compact convex set  $K \subseteq E$  such that for each  $(x, y) \in E \times C$  with  $x \notin K$ , there exists  $u \in K$  such that  $\phi(x, y, u) < 0$ .

Then there exist a  $\bar{x} \in K$ , and a  $\bar{y} \in V(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, u) \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in E.$$

PROOF: Let  $M$  be a compact and convex subset of  $C$ . For each  $u \in E$ , let  $K(u) = \{x \in K \mid \text{there exists } y \in V(x) \cap M \text{ such that } \phi(x, y, u) \geq 0\}$ . It is easy to see that  $K(u)$  is a closed subset of  $K$ . Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m \in E$  and  $W(x) = V(x) \cap M$  and  $A = \text{conv}(K \cup \{u_1, \dots, u_m\})$ . Then  $A$  is a compact and convex subset of  $E$ . By Theorem 3, there exist  $x_0 \in A$ ,  $y_0 \in W(x_0) = V(x_0) \cap M$  such that  $\phi(x_0, y_0, u) \geq 0$  for all  $u \in A$ . By the assumption (c), we see that  $x_0 \in K$  and  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m K(u_i)$ . Thus the collection  $\{K(u) : u \in E\}$  of closed sets in  $K$  has the finite intersection property.

We have  $\bigcap_{u \in E} K(u) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence there exists  $\bar{x} \in K(u)$  for all  $u \in E$ . This shows that there exist  $\bar{x} \in K$  and  $\bar{y} \in V(\bar{x}) \cap M \subset V(\bar{x})$  such that  $\phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, u) \geq 0$  for all  $u \in E$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $E$  be a nonempty compact convex set in  $X$  and  $C$  be a closed convex set in  $Z$ . Let  $V : E \rightarrow 2^C$  be an upper semicontinuous closed convex valued map,  $H : E \times C \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be continuous and  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be continuous functions. Suppose that*

- (a)  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ .
- (b) *There exists  $0 \neq y^* \in D^*$  such that for each  $(x, y) \in E \times C$ , the function  $\langle y^* \circ H(x, y), \eta(u, x) \rangle$  is quasiconvex with respect to  $u \in E$ .*
- (c)  $G : E \rightarrow 2^E$  is continuous with compact values.

*Then there exist  $\bar{x} \in G(\bar{x})$  and  $\bar{y} \in V(\bar{x})$  such that*

$$\langle H(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \eta(u, \bar{x}) \rangle \not\leq 0 \text{ for all } u \in G(\bar{x}).$$

**PROOF:** Let  $\phi(x, y, u) = \langle y^* \circ H(x, y), \eta(u, x) \rangle$ . Then the theorem follows from Theorem 3 and the assumption  $0 \neq y^* \in D^*$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $E$  be a nonempty compact convex set in  $R^n$ , and  $C$  be a nonempty convex set in  $R^m$ . Let  $V : E \rightarrow 2^C$  be an upper semicontinuous, convex and closed valued map, let  $H : E \times C \rightarrow R^n$  and  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be continuous functions. Suppose that*

- (a)  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ .
- (b) *For each  $(x, y) \in E \times C$ , the function  $\langle H(x, y), \eta(u, x) \rangle$  is quasiconvex in  $u$ .*
- (c)  $G : E \rightarrow 2^E$  is continuous with compact values.

*Then there exist  $\bar{x} \in G(\bar{x})$ ,  $\bar{y} \in V(\bar{x})$  such that*

$$\langle H(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \eta(u, \bar{x}) \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in G(\bar{x}).$$

**PROOF:** If we let  $X = R^n$ ,  $Y = R$ ,  $Z = R^m$ , then  $H : E \times C \rightarrow L(X, Y) = L(R^n, R) = R^n$  and the Corollary follows immediately from Theorem 5.  $\square$

**REMARK.** If  $G(x) = E$  for all  $x \in E$ , then Corollary 1 reduces to Theorem 2 [11].

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $E$  be a nonempty, convex set in  $X$ ,  $\text{int}D = \emptyset$  and  $\text{int}D^* \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\eta : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be a function,  $\eta(x, x) = 0$ ,  $\eta(x, y) = -\eta(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in E$  and for each fixed  $y \in E$ , let  $\eta(y, x)$  be continuous with respect to  $x \in E$ . Suppose that  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  is  $\eta$ -invex on  $E$  with  $T(x)$  be the Fréchet derivative of  $f$  at  $x$ . Suppose that  $T$  is pre- $v$ -hemicontinuous on  $E$  and  $\langle T(x), \eta(u, y) \rangle$  is convex with respect to  $u \in E$ . Then there exists a  $\bar{x} \in E$  such that  $\bar{x}$  is a weak minimum of problem (P).*

PROOF: Let  $x, y \in E$ . Since  $f$  is  $\eta$ -invex in  $E$  it is easy to see that  $T$  is  $\eta$ -monotone. Then by Theorem 1 and the  $\eta$ -invexity of  $f$ , there exists  $\bar{x} \in E$  such that  $\bar{x}$  is a weak minimum of (P).  $\square$

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