



## CONTINUITY OF YOSIDA APPROXIMANTS CORRESPONDING TO GENERAL DUALITY MAPPINGS

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  be a real locally uniformly convex Banach space and  $X^*$  be the dual space of  $X$ . Let  $\varphi : \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$  be a strictly increasing and continuous function such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(r) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , and let  $J_\varphi$  be the duality mapping of  $X$  corresponding to  $\varphi$ . We will prove that for every  $R > 0$  and every  $x_0 \in X$  there exists a nondecreasing function  $\psi = \psi(R, x_0) : \mathbf{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$  such that  $\psi(0) = 0$ ,  $\psi(r) > 0$  for  $r > 0$ , and  $\langle x^* - x_0^*, x - x_0 \rangle \geq \psi(\|x - x_0\|)\|x - x_0\|$  for all  $x$  satisfying  $\|x - x_0\| \leq R$  and all  $x^* \in J_\varphi x$  and  $x_0^* \in J_\varphi x_0$ . This result extends the previous results of Prüß and Kartsatos who studied the normalized duality mapping  $J$  (with  $\varphi(r) = r$ ) for uniformly convex and locally uniformly Banach spaces, respectively. As an application, we give a concise proof of the continuity of the Yosida approximants  $A_\lambda^\varphi$  and resolvents  $J_\lambda^\varphi$  of a maximal monotone operator  $A : X \supset D(A) \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  on  $(0, \infty) \times X$  for an arbitrary  $\varphi$  when  $X$  is reflexive and both  $X$  and  $X^*$  are locally uniformly convex. We then present an example of pseudomonotone homotopy involving  $A_\lambda^\varphi$  on which the Browder degree is invariant. We also discuss examples of positively homogeneous maximal monotone operators to which the theory developed herein is applicable.

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