## 48. On the Ranges of the Increasing Mappings

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Let E be a real Banach space, G be an open subset and  $\overline{G}$  be the closure of G. In [3] (cf. [4] and [5]), we gave the following definitions:

A mapping  $f: \overline{G} \rightarrow E$  is said to be  $(\delta_0)$ -increasing at  $a \in G$  if f satisfies the following two conditions:

1°.  $||x|| < \delta_0$  implies  $a + x \in G$ ;

2°.  $f(a+x)-f(a) \neq \alpha x$  if  $\alpha \leq 0$  and  $0 < ||x|| < \delta_0$ .

A mapping  $f: \overline{G} \rightarrow E$  is said to be  $(\varepsilon_0, \delta_0)$ -uniformly increasing at  $a \in G$  if f satisfies the following conditions:

1°.  $||x|| < \delta_0$  implies  $a + x \in G$ ;

3°.  $||f(a+x)-f(a)-\alpha x|| \ge \varepsilon_0 ||x||$  if  $\alpha \le 0$  and  $0 < ||x|| < \delta_0$ .

It is evident that, if a mapping  $f: \overline{G} \to E$  is  $(\varepsilon_0, \delta_0)$ -uniformly increasing at a, then f is  $(\delta_0)$ -increasing at a.

The following two facts immediately follow from the above definitions.

Theorem 1. If a mapping  $f: E \rightarrow E$  is  $(\infty)$ -increasing at every point of E, then f is one-to-one.

Theorem 2. If a mapping  $f: E \rightarrow E$  is  $(\varepsilon_0, \infty)$ -uniformly increasing at every point of E, then, for any non-positive number  $\alpha$ , the range of  $f(x) - \alpha x$  is closed.

A mapping  $f: \overline{G} \to E$  is said to be a completely continuous vector field on  $\overline{G}$  if f is continuous on  $\overline{G}$  and the image  $F(\overline{G})$  by the mapping F(x)=x-f(x) is contained in a compact set. We shall say that f is a completely continuous vector field on E if it is a completely continuous vector field on any closed ball  $\overline{B}(r)=\{x\in E \mid ||x||\leq r\}$ .

Then, we can prove the following

Theorem 3. Let  $f: E \rightarrow E$  be a mapping. Suppose that

4°. f is  $(\varepsilon_0, \infty)$ -uniformly increasing at every point of E;

5°. f is a completely continuous vector field on E.

Then, the mapping f is onto, one-to-one and bicontinuous.

**Proof.** Theorem 1 and the condition  $4^{\circ}$  imply that f is one-toone. Theorem 2 and the condition  $4^{\circ}$  imply that f(E) is closed. We have only to prove that f(E) is open.

Assume that  $y_0 \in f(E)$ , namely,  $y_0 = f(x_0)$  for some  $x_0 \in E$ . There

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