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## RECESSION METHODS IN MONOTONE VARIATIONAL HEMIVARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES

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Dedicated to Professor Ky Fan on his eightieth birthday

## 1. Introduction, notations and definitions

Throughout the paper we use standard notations except special symbols introduced when they are defined. All spaces considered are Banach spaces whose norms are always denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ . For any space V we consider its dual space  $V^*$  equipped with the strong topology. We denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  the duality pairing between V and  $V^*$ . Let  $f: V \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  be an *extended-real-valued* function. Identifying extended-real-valued functions with their epigraphs

epi 
$$f = \{(x, \alpha) \mid x \in V, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \alpha \geq f(x)\}$$

is a standard tool in convex analysis and in one-sided optimization theory. Also, those functions with closed epigraphs are precisely the lower semicontinuous functions on V, and as usual,

$$\operatorname{dom} f := \{ x \in V \mid f(x) < \infty \}.$$

We say that f is proper if dom f is nonempty. In this case  $\limsup f(x)$  and  $\liminf f(x)$  denote the upper and lower limits of such (scalar) functions in the classical sense. Depending on context, the symbols  $x \xrightarrow{s} y$  and  $x \xrightarrow{} y$  mean,

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