

## References

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This is a very important book. Consider a function  $u : X \times Y \rightarrow R$ .

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Dufour and Genadot recall the definition of a strongly coercive function from a paper of E. J. Blder ("Existence without explicit compactness in stochastic dynamic programming"). I will translate this here so that I can compare it directly with the definition of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -inf-compact function. Recall that  $u$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -inf-compact if

1.  $u$  is lower semi-continuous;
2. whenever  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \text{Gr}(\Phi)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u(x_n, y_n) < \infty$ , then there exists a subsequence  $(y_{n_k})_{k=1}^\infty \subseteq (y_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  such that  $y_{n_k} \rightarrow y \in \Phi(x)$ .

According to Dufour and Genadot,  $u$  is strongly coercive if whenever  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq \text{Gr}(\Phi)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} u(x_n, y_n) = \ell < \infty$ , there exists a subsequence  $(y_{n_k})_{k=1}^\infty \subseteq (y_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  such that  $y_{n_k} \rightarrow y \in \Phi(x)$  and  $u(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \leq \ell$ . We claim that these two definitions are equivalent.