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**ON THE TOPOLOGICAL DEGREE AND ITS  
APPLICATIONS IN SOME NONLINEAR BOUNDARY  
VALUE PROBLEMS**

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**Abstract**

. The aim of this thesis is to study certain essential properties of the topological degree for compact perturbations of identity or the compact perturbation relative to a Fredholm operator of index zero. This theoretical part which will occupy the first part of the thesis will start with reminders on the topological degree of Brouwer and of Leray - Schauder and its fundamental properties. The second part will be entirely devoted to the applications of this tool to the resolution of nonlinear boundary value problems associated with ordinary differential equations or fractional.

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## **1-Introduction**

the topological degree is a powerful method for solving non linear boundary value problem. For instance, the fixed point theorems : of Brouwer and of Schauder are proven using degree theory. this paper will present some essential properties of the topological degree of Brouwer and Leray Schauder and its various applications in the resolution of nonlinear BVP.

## **2- Definitions and preliminaries**

### **2-1 Construction of Brouwer Degree**

**Definition :** Let  $\Omega$  be open and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f \in C^1(\Omega)$  if  $y \notin f(\partial\Omega)$  and  $J_f(y) \neq 0$ , then we define:

$$\deg(f, \Omega, y) = \sum_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} \text{sgn} J_f(x)$$

Where  $\deg(f, \Omega, y) = 0$  if  $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem** : Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open bounded subset and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous mapping. If  $y \notin f(\partial\Omega)$ , then there exists an integer  $\deg(f, \Omega, y)$  satisfying the following properties :

(1) **(Normality)**  $\deg(I, \Omega, y) = 1$  if and only if  $y \in \Omega$  where  $I$  denotes the identity mapping

(2) **(Solvability)** If  $\deg(f, \Omega, 0) \neq 0$  then  $f(x) = 0$  has a solution in  $\Omega$ .

(3) **(Homotopy)** if  $f_t(x) : [0, 1] \times \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuous and  $y \notin f_t(\partial\Omega)$  then  $\deg(f_t, \Omega, y)$  does not depend on  $t \in [0, 1]$

(4) **(Additivity)** Suppose that  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  are two disjoint open subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $y \notin f(\Omega \setminus \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2)$ :

$$\deg(f, \Omega, y) = \deg(f, \Omega_1, y) + \deg(f, \Omega_2, y)$$

### Brouwer fixed point theorem

Let  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset and  $f: C \rightarrow C$  be a continuous mapping. Then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

## 2-2 Construction of Leray Schauder Degree

### Compact mapping

**Definition**: Let  $E$  be a real normed space. A mapping  $T: D(T) \subset E \rightarrow E$  called compact if  $T$  maps every bounded subset of  $D(T)$  to a relatively compact subset in  $E$ .  $T$  is said to be completely continuous if  $T$  is continuous and compact.

**Lemma** : Let  $E$  be a real Banach space,  $\Omega \subset E$  be an open bounded subset and  $T: \Omega \rightarrow E$  be a continuous compact mapping. Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a finite dimensional space  $F$  and a continuous mapping  $T_\varepsilon : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow F$  such that

$$\|T_\varepsilon(x) - T(x)\| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } x \in \overline{\Omega}$$

**Definition** : Let  $E$  be a real Banach space,  $\Omega \subset E$  be an open bounded set and  $T: \Omega \rightarrow E$  be an continuous compact mapping now if  $y \notin (I-T)(\partial\Omega)$  we define :

$$\deg(I-T, \Omega, y) = \deg(I-T_\varepsilon, \Omega, y)$$

**Theorem** : The Leray Schauder degree has a following properties :

(1) **(Normality)**  $\deg(I, \Omega, y) = 1$  if and only if  $y \in \Omega$  where  $I$  denotes the identity mapping

(2) **(Solvability)** If  $\deg(I-T, \Omega, 0) \neq 0$  then  $Tx = x$  has a solution in  $\Omega$

(3) **(Homotopy)** If  $T_t(x) : [0, 1] \times \Omega \rightarrow E$  is continuous compact and  $T_t(x) \neq x$  then  $\deg(I-T, \Omega, 0)$  does not depend on  $t \in [0, 1]$

**Theorem (Schauder fixed point)** : Let  $C \subset E$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset and  $T: E \rightarrow E$  be a continuous compact mapping. Then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

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