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## A TOPOLOGICAL DEGREE FOR A\*-PROPER MAPPINGS ACTING FROM A BANACH SPACE INTO ITS DUAL

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**Abstract.** In this paper we define a topological degree for a class of operators  $T: X \to X^*$ , where X is a separable Banach space. This class generalizes the class of mappings of type (S<sub>1</sub>). We define a projectionally complete scheme for  $(X, X^*)$ . We use the Browder-Petryshyn method and Galerkin approximations.