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(V, ρ) INVEXITY AND NON-SMOOTH MULTIOBJECTIVE PROGRAMMING (*)

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Abstract. – *The concept of (V, ρ) invexity has been introduced for non-smooth vector functions and is used to establish duality results for multiobjective programs.* © Elsevier, Paris

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Résumé. – *Le concept de (V, ρ) -invexité est introduit pour les fonctions vectorielles non lisses, et est utilisé pour établir des résultats de dualité pour les programmes à plusieurs objectifs.* © Elsevier, Paris

Mots clés : (V, ρ) -invexité, dualité, programmation multiobjectif.

1. INTRODUCTION

Hanson [6] introduced the concept of invexity as a very broad generalization of convexity. Jeyakumar [8] introduced ρ -invex functions and studied various results for a single objective non-linear programming problem. Mond and Jeyakumar [9] have introduced the notion of V -invexity for vector function f and discussed its application to a class of multiobjective programming problems. Jeyakumar [9] established the equivalence between saddle points and optima, and duality theorems for a class of non-smooth non-convex problems in which functions are locally Lipschitz and satisfying invex type conditions of Hanson and Craven.

Recently, Bector *et al.* [2] developed sufficient optimality conditions and established duality results under V -invexity type of assumptions on the objective and constraint functions.

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In all the above references the authors worked under differentiability assumptions. In the present paper, we have defined (V, ρ) invexity for non-smooth functions. Duality results for multiobjective programmes are established under these restrictions.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND DEFINITIONS

Here we consider the following multiobjective non-linear program:

$$(VOP) \text{ Minimize } [f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_p(x)]$$

Subject to:

$$g_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (1)$$

$$x \in X \quad (2)$$

where functions

$$f_i : R^n \rightarrow R \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$g_j : R^n \rightarrow R \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and X is an open subset of R^n . Also $f_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, p, g_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ are locally Lipschitz functions around a point of X .

DEFINITION 1: A feasible point $\bar{x} \in X$ is said to be efficient solution for (VOP) if there is no other feasible solution x such that for some $r \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$

$$f_r(x) < f_r(\bar{x})$$

and

$$f_i(x) \leq f_i(\bar{x}) \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, p \quad i \neq r$$

DEFINITION 2: Let X be an open subset of R^n , the function $h : X \rightarrow R$ is locally Lipschitz around $x \in X$ if there exists a positive constant k and a positive number ε such that

$$|h(x_1) - h(x_2)| \leq K \|x_1 - x_2\| \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in x + \varepsilon B$$

where $x + \varepsilon B$ is the open ball of radius ε about x .

DEFINITION 3: [4] If $h : X \rightarrow R$, the directional derivative of h at $x \in X$ in the direction of $v \in R^n$ denoted by $h'(x; v)$ is defined as follows:

$$h'(x, v) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(x + \lambda v) - h(x)}{\lambda}.$$

DEFINITION 4: [4] If $h : X \rightarrow R$ is locally Lipschitz around $x \in X$, the generalized derivative of h at $x \in X$ in the direction of $v \in R^n$, denoted by $h^0(x, v)$ is given by

$$h^0(x; v) = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \sup_{y \rightarrow x} \left[\frac{h(y + \lambda v) - h(y)}{\lambda} \right].$$

The Lipschitz condition on the function guarantees that the above limit is a well defined quantity as $|h^0(x; v)| \leq K \|v\|$ where K is a Lipschitz constant.

DEFINITION 5: [4] The generalized gradient of h at $x \in X$, denoted by $\partial h(x)$ is defined as follows

$$\partial h(x) = [\xi \in R^n : h^0(x; v) \geq \xi^T v \quad \forall v \in R^n].$$

DEFINITION 6: [4] The function $h : X \rightarrow R$ is said to be regular at $x \in X$ provided that

- (i) For all v , the usual one-sided directional derivative $h'(x; v)$ exists.
- (ii) For all v , $h'(x, v) = h^0(x; v)$.

Now, we introduce the following definitions:

A vector function $f : X \rightarrow R^p$ is locally Lipschitz around $u \in X$ if every component f_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$, is locally Lipschitz around $u \in X$.

DEFINITION 7: A vector function $f : X \rightarrow R^p$, locally Lipschitz at $u \in X$, is said to be (V, ρ) -invex at u if there exist functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$, a real number ρ and $\theta_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ such that for all $x \in X$ and for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ $f_i(x) - f_i(u) \geq \theta_i(x, u) \xi_i^T \eta(x, u) + \rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2$ for every $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

If

(7a) $\rho > 0$, then the function is strongly V -invex at u

(7b) $\rho = 0$ then the function is V -invex at u

(7c) $\rho < 0$ then the function is weakly V -invex at u

(7d) $\forall x \in X, x \neq u$ and for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$

$$f_i(x) - f_i(u) > \theta_i(x, u) \xi_i^T \eta(x, u) + \rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2$$

for every $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ then f is called strictly (V, ρ) invex at u .

DEFINITION 8: A vector function $f : X \rightarrow R^p$ locally Lipschitz at $u \in X$, is said to be (V, ρ) pseudoinvex at u if there exist functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$, a real number ρ and $\phi_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^T \eta(x, u) + \rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) f_i(x) \geq \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) f_i(u)$$

for every $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

If

(8a) $\rho > 0$, then the function is strongly V -pseudoinvex at u

(8b) $\rho = 0$ then the function is V -pseudoinvex at u

(8c) $\rho < 0$, then the function is weakly V -pseudoinvex at u

(8d) $\forall x \in X, x \neq u$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^T \eta(x, u) \geq -\rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) f_i(x) > \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) f_i(u)$$

for every $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ then the function is strictly (V, ρ) pseudoinvex at u .

DEFINITION 9: A vector function $f : X \rightarrow R^p$, locally Lipschitz at $u \in X$, is said to be (V, ρ) quasiinvex at u if there exist functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$,

a real number ρ , $\phi_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) f_i(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) f_i(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^T \eta(x, u) \leq -\rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2$$

for every $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$

(9a) $\rho > 0$ then the function is strongly V -quasiinvex at u

(9b) $\rho = 0$ then the function is V -quasiinvex at u

(9c) $\rho < 0$ then the function is weakly V -quasiinvex at u

If f is (V, ρ) invex at each $u \in X$ then the function is (V, ρ) invex on X . Similar is the definition of other functions.

It is evident that every (V, ρ) invex function is both (V, ρ) pseudoinvex and (V, ρ) quasiinvex with $\theta_i = 1/\phi_i$ and

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) = 1.$$

From the definitions it is clear that every strictly (V, ρ) -pseudoinvex function on X is (V, ρ) -quasiinvex on X .

Example 1: Let f_1 and f_2 be real valued functions defined on an interval $X_0 = [-1, 1]$ as follows:

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} -6x^2 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \text{ and } f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 7x^2 + 9x^6 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Here,

$$\partial f_1(0) = \partial f_2(0) = \{\xi : 0 \leq \xi \leq 1\}$$

Define

$$\eta : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R \text{ as}$$

$$\eta(x, u) = 1 - 2x^2 + u$$

$$\psi : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R \quad \text{as}$$

$$\psi(x, u) = \sqrt{1 - 2(x^2 + u^2)}$$

$$\phi_1 : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R \quad \text{as}$$

$$\phi_1(x, u) = x^2 + 1$$

and

$$\phi_2 : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R \quad \text{as}$$

$$\phi_2(x, u) = u^2 + 1.$$

For $\rho = 1$, the vector function $f(x) = [f_1(x), f_2(x)]$ is (V, ρ) pseudoinvex at $u = 0$ but not (V, ρ) quasiinvex as at $u = 0$ and $x = -\sqrt{1/3}$.

$$\phi_1(x, u) f_1(x) + \phi_2(x, u) f_2(x) = \phi_1(x, u) f_1(u) + \phi_2(x, u) f_2(u)$$

but

$$(\xi_1 + \xi_2) \eta(x, u) + \rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 > 0$$

for every $\xi_1 \in \partial f_1(0)$ and $\xi_2 \in \partial f_2(0)$

Hence one can say that there exist non differentiable functions which are (V, ρ) pseudoinvex but not (V, ρ) quasiinvex.

Example 2: Let f_1 and f_2 be real valued functions defined on an interval $X_0 = (-1, 1)$ as follows:

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = \begin{cases} -3x^2 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Here,

$$\partial f_1(0) = \partial f_2(0) = \{\xi : 0 \leq \xi \leq 1\}$$

Define

$$\eta : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R \quad \text{as}$$

$$\eta(x, u) = x^2 - 1 + u$$

$$\psi : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R \quad \text{as}$$

$$\psi(x, u) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1 - u^2}$$

$$\phi_1 : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\} \quad \text{as}$$

$$\phi_1(x, u) = x^2 + 1$$

and

$$\phi_2 : X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\} \quad \text{as}$$

$$\phi_2(x, u) = u^2 + 1.$$

For $\rho = 1$, the function is (V, ρ) quasiinvex at $u = 0$ but f is not (V, ρ) pseudoinvex as at $u = 0$, $x = -1$

$$\xi \eta(x, u) + \rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 = 0 \quad \text{for every } \xi_1 \in \partial f_1(0) \text{ and } \xi_2 \in \partial f_2(0)$$

but

$$\phi_1(x, u) f_1(x) + \phi_2(x, u) f_2(x) < \phi_1(x, u) f_1(u) + \phi_2(x, u) f_2(u)$$

Thus there exists a class of non differentiable functions which are (V, ρ) quasiinvex but not (V, ρ) pseudoinvex.

LEMMA 1: [3] \bar{x} is an efficient solution for (VOP) is and only if \bar{x} solves

$$P_r(\bar{x}) \quad \text{Minimize} \quad f_r(x)$$

Subject to

$$f_i(x) \leq f_i(\bar{x}) \quad i \neq r, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$g_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

for each $r = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

The following scalar optimization problem:

$$(P1) \quad \text{Minimize } p(x) \\ \text{Subject to}$$

$$g_j(x) \leq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

where

$$p : R^n \rightarrow R \quad g_j : R^n \rightarrow R \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

are locally Lipschitz around \bar{x} and regular at \bar{x} , for $s \in R^m$ is associated to the following problem:

$$(P2) \quad \text{Minimize } p(x) \\ \text{Subject to}$$

$$g_j(x) \leq s_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

by using the following definition:

DEFINITION 13: [12] Problem (P1) is said to be calm at $\bar{x} \in R^n$ if for all sequences $x^k \rightarrow \bar{x}$ with $s^k \rightarrow 0$ such that x^k is feasible for (P2) with $s = s^k$, we have

$$\frac{p(\bar{x}) - p(x^k)}{\|s^k\|} \leq M \quad \text{for some constant } M.$$

Noting again that if \bar{x} is an efficient solution of (VOP), then by Lemma 1, \bar{x} solves $P_i(\bar{x})$ for all $i \in P$, the following result holds:

THEOREM 1: (Necessary Conditions) [4, Proposition 6.4.4]. If $P_i(\bar{x})$ is calm at \bar{x} for at least one i , say $i = r$ then $\exists \hat{\lambda}_i \in R_+, i = 1, 2, \dots, p, i \neq r$ $\hat{y} \in R_+^m$ such that

$$0 \in \partial f_r(\bar{x}) + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq r}}^p \hat{\lambda}_i \partial f_i(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{y}_j \partial g_j(x)$$

$$\hat{y}_j g_j(\bar{x}) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

where $i \in P, P = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$.

3. WOLFE VECTOR DUALITY

In this section we obtain weak and strong duality relations between (VOP) and the following Wolfe vector dual:

(D₁VOP) Maximize $[f_1(u) + y^T g(u), \dots, f_p(u) + y^T g(u)]$
Subject to

$$0 \in \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \partial f_i(u) + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \partial g_j(u) \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda^T e = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$y \geq 0, \quad \lambda \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda \in R^p, \quad y \in R^m$$

and where $e = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in R^p$.

THEOREM 2: (Weak Duality) *For all feasible x for (VOP) and all feasible (u, λ, y) for (D₁VOP), if any one of the following holds with $\rho \geq 0$.*

(a) $[\lambda_1 f_1(\cdot), \lambda_2 f_2(\cdot), \dots, \lambda_p f_p(\cdot)]$ and

$$[\lambda_1 y^T g(\cdot), \lambda_2 y^T g(\cdot), \dots, \lambda_p y^T g(\cdot)]$$

are (V, ρ)-pseudoinvex at u for common $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$ and $\phi_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ and $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

(b) $[\lambda_1 f_1(\cdot), \lambda_2 f_2(\cdot), \dots, \lambda_p f_p(\cdot)]$ and

$$[\lambda_1 y^T g(\cdot), \lambda_2 y^T g(\cdot), \dots, \lambda_p y^T g(\cdot)]$$

are strictly (V, ρ)-quasiinvex at u for common $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$ and $\phi_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ and $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ then the following cannot hold:

$$f_i(x) \leq f_i(u) + y^T g(u) \quad \text{for all } i \in P, \quad i \neq r \quad (6)$$

$$f_r(x) < f_r(u) + y^T g(u) \quad \text{for some } r \in P. \quad (7)$$

Proof: Since (u, λ, y) is feasible for (D₁ VOP) therefore from (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\in \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \partial f_i(u) + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \partial g_j(u) \\
 \Rightarrow \quad 0 &= \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \xi_i + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \beta_j
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i \in P$ and $\beta_j \in \partial g_j(u)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

Using vector notation (8) can be rewritten as

$$0 = \lambda^T \xi + y^T \beta. \tag{9}$$

Now, contrary to the result of the theorem, let (6) and (7) hold.

As x is feasible for (VOP) and $y \geq 0$, (6) and (7) imply.

$$f_i(x) + y^T g(x) \leq f_i(u) + y^T g(u) \quad \forall i \in P, \quad i \neq r \tag{10}$$

and

$$f_r(x) + y^T g(x) < f_r(u) + y^T g(u) \quad \text{for some } r \in P \tag{11}$$

Now from (10) and (11), in case hypothesis (a) holds, there exists a real number ρ , functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$ and $\phi_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) [\lambda_i [f_i(x) + y^T g(x)]] < \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) \{\lambda_i [f_i(u) + y^T g(u)]\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i [\xi_i + y^T \beta] \right\}^T \eta(x, u) < -2\rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 \tag{12}$$

for $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ and $\beta_j \in \partial g_j(u)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ using $\lambda^T e = 1$, (12) can be rewritten as

$$(\lambda^T \xi + y^T \beta)^T \eta(x, u) < -2\rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 \tag{13}$$

As $\rho \geq 0$, using it in (13)

$$(\lambda^T \xi + y^T \beta)^T \eta(x, u) < 0$$

a contradiction to (9).

Again from (10) and (11), when hypothesis (b) holds, there exist a real number ρ , functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$ and $\phi_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) [\lambda_i [f_i(x) + y^T g(x)]] \leq \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i(x, u) \{\lambda_i [f_i(u) + y^T g(x)]\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i [\xi_i + y^T \beta] \right\}^T \eta(x, u) < -2\rho |\psi(x, u)|^2 \quad (14)$$

for $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ and $\beta_j \in \partial g_j(u)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Again using $\lambda^T e = 1$ and $\rho \geq 0$ relation (14) can be rewritten as

$$(\lambda^T \xi + y^T \beta)^T \eta(x, u) < 0 \quad (15)$$

a contradiction to (9).

Hence the proof of the theorem is complete.

COROLLARY 1: Let $(\bar{u}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ be a feasible solution for (D_1VOP) such that $\bar{y}^T g(\bar{u}) = 0$ and assume that \bar{u} is feasible (VOP) . If the weak duality theorem holds between (VOP) and (D_1VOP) then \bar{u} is efficient for (VOP) and $(\bar{u}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is efficient for (D_1VOP) .

THEOREM 3: (Strong Duality). Let \bar{x} be a feasible solution for (VOP) and assume that

- (i) \bar{x} is an efficient solution for (VOP) .
- (ii) for at least one $i \in P$, problem $P_i(\bar{x})$ is calm at \bar{x} then there exist $\bar{\lambda} \in R_+^p$, $\bar{y} \in R_+^m$ such that $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is feasible for (D_1VOP) . and $\bar{y}^T g(\bar{x}) = 0$.

Further if weak duality theorem 2 holds between (VOP) and (D_1VOP) . then $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is efficient for (D_1VOP) .

Proof: Since \bar{x} is efficient for (VOP) from Lemma 1, \bar{x} solves $P_i(\bar{x})$ is calm at \bar{x} for at least one i , say for $i = r$, it therefore follows from Theorem 1 that there exists $\hat{\lambda}_i \in R_+$, $i \in P$, $i \neq r$ $\hat{y} \in R_+^m$ such that

$$0 \in \partial f_r(\bar{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\lambda}_i \partial f_i(\bar{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{y}_j \partial g_j(\bar{x})$$

$$\hat{y}_j g_j(\bar{x}) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Set

$$\bar{\lambda}_i = \frac{\hat{\lambda}_i}{1 + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq r}}^p \hat{\lambda}_i}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_r = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq r}}^p \hat{\lambda}_i} \quad \text{for all } j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

It follows that $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is feasible to (D_1VOP) and $\bar{y}^T g(\bar{x}) = 0$.

Efficiency of $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ for (D_1VOP) follows from Corollary 1.

4. MOND-WEIR VECTOR DUALITY

In this section duality results are established between (VOP) and the following Mond-Weir dual of the problem (VOP) :

(D_2VOP) Maximize $[f_1(u), \dots, f_p(u)]$

Subject to

$$0 \in \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \partial f_i(u) + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \partial g_j(u) \quad (16)$$

$$\lambda^T g(u) \geq 0 \quad (17)$$

$$\lambda^T e = 1 \quad (18)$$

$$y \geq 0 \quad \lambda \geq 0 \quad (19)$$

THEOREM 4: (Weak Duality). *Let x be feasible for (VOP) (u, λ, y) be feasible for $(D_2 VOP)$ and $(y_1 g_1, \dots, y_m g_m)$ is (V, ρ) quasiinvex at u with respect to η, ψ , with $\rho \geq 0$ and if any one of the following holds.*

(i) $(\lambda_1 f_1, \dots, \lambda_p f_p)$ is strictly (V, ρ') -pseudoinvex at u with respect to same η, ψ and $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ and $\rho' \geq 0$.

(ii) $(\lambda_1 f_1, \dots, \lambda_p f_p)$ is (V, ρ') pseudoinvex at u with respect to same η, ψ , and $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ and $\rho' \geq 0$

then the following cannot hold:

$$f_i(x) \leq f_i(u) \quad \text{for all } i \in P, \quad i \neq r \quad (20)$$

$$f_r(x) < f_r(u) \quad \text{for some } r \in P. \quad (21)$$

Proof: Since x is feasible for (VOP) and (u, λ, y) is feasible for $(D_2 VOP)$ therefore from (16)

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \xi_i + \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \beta_j \quad (22)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i &\in \partial f_i(u) & i = 1, 2, \dots, p \\ \beta_j &\in \partial g_j(u) & j = 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} g_j(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{and as } y_j \geq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ y_j g_j(x) \leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Using (17) and (23) we get

$$y_j g_j(x) \leq y_j g_j(u) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (24)$$

Now as $(y_j g_j, \dots, y_m g_m)$ is (V, ρ) quasiinvex at u with respect to η, ψ there exists a real number $\rho, \eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$ and $\phi_j : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_j y_j g_j(x) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_j y_j g_j(u) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j \beta_j)^T \eta(x, u) &\leq -\rho \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

for $\beta_j \in \partial g_j(u)$ $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. As $\rho \geq 0$. Using it in (25)

$$\sum_{j=1}^m (y_j, \beta_j)^T \eta(x, u) \leq 0 \quad (26)$$

For (22) and (26) implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p (\lambda_i, \xi_i)^T \eta(x, u) \geq 0 \quad (27)$$

Now contrary to the results of the theorem, let (20) and (21) hold

From (20) and (21) and $\lambda_i \geq 0$, in case (a) holds, there exist functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$, a real number ρ' and $\delta_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^p \delta_i(x, u) \lambda_i f_i(x) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^p \delta_i(x, u) \lambda_i f_i(u) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p (\lambda_i \xi_i)^T \eta(x, u) &< -\rho' \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

for $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ which implies

$$\sum (\lambda_i \xi_i)^T \eta(x, u) < 0 \quad (\text{as } \rho' \geq 0)$$

a contradiction to (27).

Again, from (20) and (21) in case hypothesis (b) holds, there exist functions $\eta, \psi : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$, a real number ρ' and $\delta_i : X \times X \rightarrow R^+ \setminus \{0\}$ such that for all $x \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^p \delta_i(x, u) \lambda_i f_i(x) &< \sum_{i=1}^p \delta_i(x, u) \lambda_i f_i(u) \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p (\lambda_i \xi_i)^T \eta(x, u) &< -\rho' \|\psi(x, u)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for $\xi_i \in \partial f_i(u)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

Again we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p (\lambda_i \xi_i)^T \eta(x, u) < 0 \quad (\text{as } \rho' \geq 0)$$

a contradiction to (27).

This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 2: *Assume weak duality holds between (VOP) and (D_2 VOP). If $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is feasible to (D_2 VOP) such that \bar{u} is feasible for (VOP) then \bar{u} is efficient for (VOP) and $(\bar{u}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is efficient for (D_2 VOP).*

THEOREM 5: (Strong Duality). *Let \bar{x} be feasible for (VOP) and assume*

(a) \bar{x} is efficient for (VOP)

(b) *for at least one $i \in P$, problem $P_i(x)$ is calm at \bar{x} then there exist $\bar{\lambda} \in R_+^p, \bar{y} \in R_+^m$ such that $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is feasible for (D_2 VOP).*

Further if also weak duality theorem 4 holds between (VOP) and (D_2 VOP) then $(\bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{y})$ is efficient for (D_2 VOP).

Proof: The proof runs on the lines as that of theorem 3 and is hence omitted.

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