

## MULTIOBJECTIVE NONLINEAR FRACTIONAL PROGRAMMING PROBLEMS INVOLVING GENERALIZED $d$ -TYPE-I $n$ -SET FUNCTIONS

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We establish duality results under generalized convexity assumption for a multiobjective nonlinear fractional programming problem involving generalized  $d$ -type-I  $n$ -set functions.

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### 1. PRELIMINARIE

In this section we introduce the notation and definitions which will be used throughout the paper.

Let  $\mathbb{R}^m$  be the  $m$ -dimensional Euclidean space and  $\mathbb{R}_+^m$  its positive orthant, i.e.

$$\mathbb{R}_+^m = \{x = (x_j) \in \mathbb{R}^m, x_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

For  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m), y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  we put  $x \leq y$  iff  $x_i \leq y_i$  for each  $i \in M = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ;  $x \leq y$  iff  $x_i \leq y_i$  for each  $i \in M$ , with  $x \neq y$ ;  $x < y$  iff  $x_i < y_i$  for each  $i \in M$ . We write  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  iff  $x \geq 0$ .

For an arbitrary vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and a subset  $J$  of the index set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we denote by  $x_J$  the vector with components  $x_j, j \in J$ .

Let  $(X, \Gamma, \mu)$  be a finite non-atomic measure space, and let  $d$  be the pseudometric on  $\Gamma^n$  defined by

$$d(S, T) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \mu^2(S_k \Delta T_k) \right]^{1/2}$$

for  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_n), T = (T_1, \dots, T_n) \in \Gamma^n$ , where  $\Gamma^n$  is the  $n$ -fold product of a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Gamma$  of subsets of a given set  $X$ , and  $\Delta$  denotes the symmetric difference. Thus  $(\Gamma^n, d)$  is a pseudometric space, which will serve as the domain for most of the functions that will be used in this paper.

For  $h \in L_1(X, \Gamma, \mu)$ , the integral  $\int_S h d\mu$  will be denoted by  $\langle h, I_S \rangle$ , where  $I_S$  is the indicator (characteristic) function of  $S \in \Gamma$ .

We next introduce the notion of differentiability for  $n$ -set functions. This was originally introduced by Morris [4] for set functions and subsequently extended by Corley [1] to  $n$ -set functions.

A function  $\varphi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be differentiable at  $S^0 \in \Gamma$  if there exists  $D\varphi(S^0) \in L_1(X, \Gamma, \mu)$ , called the derivative of  $\varphi$  at  $S^0$ , and  $\psi: \Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for each  $S \in \Gamma$ ,

$$\varphi(S) = \varphi(S^0) + \langle D\varphi(S^0), I_S - I_{S^0} \rangle + \psi(S, S^0)$$

where  $\psi(S, T)$  is  $o(d(S, S^0))$ , that is  $\lim_{d(S, S^0) \rightarrow 0} \psi(S, S^0)/d(S, S^0) = 0$ , and  $d$  is a pseudometric on  $\Gamma$  [4].

A function  $F : \Gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to have a partial derivative at  $S^0 = (S_1^0, \dots, S_n^0)$  with respect to its  $k$ -th argument,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , if the function

$$\varphi(S_k) = F(S_1^0, \dots, S_{k-1}^0, S_k, S_{k+1}^0, \dots, S_n^0)$$

has derivative  $D\varphi(S_k^0)$ , and we define  $D_k F(S^0) = D\varphi(S_k^0)$ . If the  $D_k F(S^0)$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , all exist, then we put  $DF(S^0) = (D_1 F(S^0), \dots, D_n F(S^0))$ . If  $H : \Gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $H = (H_1, \dots, H_m)$ , we put  $D_k H(S^0) = (D_k H_1(S^0))$ .

A function  $F : \Gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be differentiable at  $S^0$  if there exist  $DF(S^0)$  and  $\psi : \Gamma^n \times \Gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$F(S) = F(S^0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \langle D_k F(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle + \psi(S, S^0),$$

where  $\psi(S, S^0)$  is  $o[d(S, S^0)]$  for all  $S \in \Gamma^n$ .

A vector set function  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_p) : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is differentiable on  $\Gamma$  if all its component functions  $f_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , are differentiable on  $\Gamma$ .

Consider the multiobjective nonlinear fractional programming problem involving  $n$ -set functions.

$$(P) \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \left\{ F(S) = \left( \frac{F_1(S)}{G_1(S)}, \dots, \frac{F_p(S)}{G_p(S)} \right) \right\}, \\ & \text{subject to } H_j(S) \leq 0, \quad j \in M, \quad S = (S_1, \dots, S_n) \in \Gamma^n \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_i, G_i, i \in P = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ , and  $H_j, j \in M$  are differentiable real valued functions defined on  $\Gamma^n$  with

$$F_i(S) \geq 0 \text{ and } G_i(S) > 0, \text{ for all } i \in P.$$

The term “minimize” being in Problem (P) is for finding efficient, and weak efficient solutions. Let  $S_0 = \{S \mid S \in \Gamma^n, H(S) \leq 0\}$  be the set of all feasible solutions to (P), where  $H = (H_1, \dots, H_m)$ .

A feasible solution  $S^0$  to (P) is said to be an efficient solution to problem (P) if there exists no other feasible solution  $S$  to (P) such that  $F_i(S) \leq F_i(S^0)$ , for all  $i \in P$ , with strict inequality for at least  $i \in P$ .

A feasible solution  $S^0$  to (P) is said to be a weakly efficient solution to problem (P) if there exists no other feasible solution  $S$  to (P) such that  $F_i(S) < F_i(S^0)$ , for all  $i \in P$ .

Let  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_p, \rho'_1, \dots, \rho'_m, \rho, \rho'$  be real numbers and put  $\bar{\rho} = (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_p)$  and  $\bar{\rho}' = (\rho'_1, \dots, \rho'_m)$ . Also let  $\theta : \Gamma^n \times \Gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a function such that  $\theta(S, S^0) \neq 0$  for  $S \neq S^0$ .

Along the lines of Jeyakumar and Mond [2] and Suneja and Srivastava [7], Preda, Stancu-Minasian and Koller [5] defined new classes of  $n$ -set functions, called  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -type-I,  $(\rho, \rho', d)$ -quasi type-I,  $(\rho, \rho', d)$ -pseudo type-I,  $(\rho, \rho', d)$ -quasi-pseudo type-I,  $(\rho, \rho', d)$ -pseudo-quasi type-I.

**Definition 1.1.** [5] We say that  $(F, H)$  is of  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -type-I at  $S^0 \in \Gamma^n$  if there exist functions  $\alpha_i, \beta_j : \Gamma^n \times \Gamma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $i \in P$ ,  $j \in M$ , such that for all  $S \in S_0$ , we have

$$F_i(S) - F_i(S^0) \geq \alpha_i(S, S^0) \sum_{k=1}^n \left\langle D_k F_i(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \right\rangle + \rho_i \theta(S, S^0), \quad i \in P \quad (2)$$

and

$$-H_j(S_0) \geq \beta_j(S, S^0) \sum_{k=1}^n \left\langle D_k H_j(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \right\rangle + \rho'_j \theta(S, S^0), \quad j \in M. \quad (3)$$

We say that  $(S, H)$  is of  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -semistrictly type-I at  $S^0$  if in the above definition we have  $S \neq S^0$  and (2) is a strict inequality.

Now, we introduce

**Definition 1.2.** [8] A feasible solution  $S^0$  to (P) is said to be a regular feasible solution if there exists  $\hat{S} \in \Gamma^n$  such that

$$H_j(S^0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left\langle D_k H_j(S^0), I_{\hat{S}_k} - I_{S_k^0} \right\rangle < 0, \quad j \in M.$$

Now, for each  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p) \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$  we consider the parametric problem

$$(P_\lambda) \quad \text{minimize } (F_1(S) - \lambda_1 G_1(S), \dots, F_p(S) - \lambda_p G_p(S)).$$

subject to

$$H_j(S) \leq 0, \quad j \in M, \quad S = (S_1, \dots, S_n) \in \Gamma^n$$

It is well known that  $(P_\lambda)$  is closely related to problem (P).

The following lemma is well known in fractional programming.

**Lemma 1.3.** An  $S^0$  is an efficient solution to (P) if and only if it is an efficient solution to  $(P_{\lambda^0})$  with  $\lambda_i^0 = F_i(S^0) / G_i(S^0)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

In this paper, the proofs of the duality results for Problem (P) will invoke the following necessary optimality conditions (see Zalmai [8], Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 and Corley [1], Theorem 3.7.)

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $S^0$  be a regular efficient (or weakly efficient) solution to (P) and assume that  $F_i, G_i, i \in P$ , and  $H_j, j \in M$ , are differentiable at  $S^0$ . Then there exist  $u^0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^0 = 1$ ,  $v^0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  and  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^0 (D_k F_i(S^0) - \lambda_i^0 D_k G_i(S^0)) + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^0 D_k H_j(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \right\rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } S \in \Gamma^n, \quad (4)$$

$$u_i^0 (F_i(S^0) - \lambda_i^0 G(S^0)) \geq 0, \quad i \in P, \quad (5)$$

$$v_j^0 H_j(S^0) = 0, \quad j \in M. \quad (6)$$

## 2. DUALITY

In this section, in the differentiable case, based on the equivalence of (P) and  $P_\lambda$  a dual for  $P_\lambda$  is defined and some duality results in  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -type-I assumptions are stated. With  $P_\lambda$  we associate a dual stated as

$$(D) \quad \text{maximize } (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)$$

subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^n u_i \left\langle D_k F_i(T) - \lambda_i D_k G_i(T), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \right\rangle + \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n v_j \left\langle D_k H_j(T), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \right\rangle \geq 0, \quad S \in \Gamma^n, \quad (7)$$

$$u_i (F_i(T) - \lambda_i G(T)) \geq 0, \quad i \in P, \quad (8)$$

$$v_j H_j(T) \geq 0, \quad j \in M. \quad (9)$$

$$u \in \mathbb{R}_+^p, \quad \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}_+^m, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^p. \quad (10)$$

Let  $D_0$  be the set of feasible solutions to (D).

**Theorem 2.1.** (Weak duality). *Let  $(T, u, v, \lambda)$  be a feasible solution to problem (D) and assume that*

(i<sub>1</sub>) *for each  $i \in P$  and  $j \in M$ ,  $(F_i(\cdot) - \lambda_i G_i(\cdot), H_j(\cdot))$  is of  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -type-I at  $T$ .*

*We also assume that any of the following conditions hold:*

(i<sub>2</sub>)  $u_i > 0$  *for any  $i \in P$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{u_i \rho_i}{\alpha_i(S, T)} + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{v_j \rho_j}{\beta_j(S, T)} \geq 0$  and for some  $i \in P$  and  $j \in M$ ;*

$(F_i(\cdot) - \lambda_i G_i(\cdot), H_j(\cdot))$  *is of  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -semistrictly type-I at  $T$ ;*

(i<sub>3</sub>)  $\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{u_i \rho_i}{\alpha_i(S, T)} + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{v_j \rho_j}{\beta_j(S, T)} > 0$ .

*Then for any  $S \in S_0$  one cannot have*

$$\begin{aligned} F_i(S)/G_i(S) &\leq \lambda_i && \text{for any } i \in P, \\ F_j(S)/G_j(S) &\leq \lambda_j && \text{for some } j \in P \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $S^0$  and  $(S^0, u^0, v^0, \lambda^0)$  be feasible solutions to  $(P_{\lambda^0})$  and (D), respectively. If the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied, then  $S^0$  is an efficient solution to  $(P_{\lambda^0})$  and  $(S^0, u^0, v^0, \lambda^0)$  is an efficient solution to (D).*

**Theorem 2.3.** (Strong duality). *Let  $S^0$  be a regular efficient solution to (P). Then there exist  $u^0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^p u_i^0 = 1$ ,  $v^0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  and  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^p$ , such that  $(S^0, u^0, v^0, \lambda^0)$  is a feasible solution to (D).*

Further, if the conditions of the weak duality Theorem 2.1 also hold, then  $(S^0, u^0, v^0, \lambda^0)$  is an efficient solution to (D).

Now we give a strict converse duality theorem of Mangasarian type [3] for  $(P_{\lambda^0})$  and (D).

Theorem 2.4. (Strict converse duality). Let  $S^*$  and  $(S^0, u^0, v^0, \lambda^0)$  be efficient solutions to  $(P_{\lambda^0})$  and (D), respectively. Assume that

$$(j_1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^0 (F_i(S^*) - \lambda_i^0 G_i(S^*)) \leq \sum_{i=1}^p u_i^0 (F_i(S^0) - \lambda_i^0 G_i(S^0));$$

(j<sub>2</sub>) for any  $i \in P$  and  $j \in M$ ,  $(F_i(\cdot) - \lambda_i G_i(\cdot), H_j(\cdot))$  is of  $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho}', d)$ -semistrictly type -I at  $T$ ;

$$(j_3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{u_i \rho_i}{\alpha_i(S, T)} + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{v_j \rho'_j}{\beta_j(S, T)} > 0.$$

Then  $S^0 = S^*$ .

The proofs will appear in [6].

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