# ON ZALMAI'S SEMIPARAMETRIC DUALITY MODEL FOR MULTIOBJECTIVE FRACTIONAL PROGRAMMING WITH *n*-SET FUNCTIONS

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New duality results for a semiparametric duality model are given for a fractional programming problem involving n-set functions.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES**

We consider the frame of optimization theory for *n*-set [2,5,8]. For formulating and proving various duality results, we use the class of generalized convex *n*-set functions called  $(F,b,\varphi,\rho,\theta)$ -univex functions, which were defined in Zalmai [11]. Until now, *F* was assumed to be a sublinear function in the third argument. In our approach, we suppose that *F* is a convex function in the third argument, as in Preda *et al.* [7,8] and Bătătorescu *et al.* [1].

Let  $(X, A, \mu)$  be a finite atomless measure space with  $L_1(X, A, \mu)$  separable, and let *d* be the pseudometric on  $A^n$  defined by

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

where  $R = (R_1, \dots, R_n)$ ,  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_n) \in A^n$  and  $\Delta$  stands for symmetric difference. Thus,  $(A^n, d)$  is a pseudometric space.

For  $h \in L_1(X, A, \mu)$  and  $T \in A$  with indicator (characteristic) function  $\chi_T \in L_{\infty}(X, A, \mu)$ , the integral  $\int hd\mu$  is denoted by  $\langle h, \chi_T \rangle$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [4] A function  $f : A \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to be differentiable at  $S^* \in A$  if there exist  $Df(S^*) \in L_1(X, A, \mu)$ , called the derivative of f at  $S^*$ , and  $V_f : A \times A \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(S) = F(S^{*}) + \left\langle Df(S^{*}), \chi_{S} - \chi_{S^{*}} \right\rangle + V_{f}(S, S^{*})$$

for each  $S \in A$ , where  $V_f(S, S^*)$  is  $o(d(S, S^*))$ , that is,

$$\lim_{d(S,S^{0})\to 0}\frac{V_{f}(S,S^{*})}{d(S,S^{*})}=0.$$

**Definition 1.2.** [2] A function  $g: A^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to have a partial derivative at  $S^* = (S_1^*, ..., S_n^*) \in A^n$ with respect to its *i*-th argument if the function  $f(S_i) = g(S_1^*, ..., S_{i-1}^*, S_i, S_{i+1}^*, ..., S_n^*)$  has derivative  $Df(S_i^*)$ ,  $i \in \underline{n} = \{1, 2, ..., n\}.$ 

We define  $D_i g(S^*) = Df(S_i^*)$  and write  $Dg(S^*) = (D_1 g(S^*), \dots, D_n g(S^*))$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [2] A function  $g: A^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to be differentiable at  $S^*$  if there exist  $Dg(S^*)$  and  $W_g: A^n \times A^n \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$G(S) = G(S^*) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle D_i G(S^*), \chi_{S_i} - \chi_{S_i^*} \right\rangle + W_G(S, S^*),$$

where  $W_G(S, S^*)$  is  $o(d(S, S^*))$  for all  $S \in A^n$ .

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

$$\mathbb{R}^{q}_{+} = \{ x = (x_{1}, \dots, x_{q}) \in \mathbb{R}^{q} : x_{j} \ge 0, \ j = 1, \dots, q \}$$

For any vectors  $x = (x_1, ..., x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, ..., y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we put  $x \leq y$  iff  $x_i \leq y_i$ , for each  $i \in \underline{n} = \{1, 2, ..., n\}; x \leq y$  iff  $x \leq y$ , with  $x \neq y; x < y$  iff  $x_i < y_i$ , for each  $i \in n = \{1, 2, ..., n\}; x \leq y$  means the negation of  $x \leq y$ . Clearly,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  iff  $x \geq 0$ .

In this paper, we consider the multiobjective fractional subset programming problem

(P) 
$$\min \Phi(S) = \left(\frac{f_1(S)}{g_1(S)}, \frac{f_2(S)}{g_2(S)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(S)}{g_p(S)}\right)$$

subject to

$$h_j(S) \leq 0, \quad j \in \underline{q} = \{1, 2, \dots, q\}, \quad S \in A^n,$$

where  $A^n$  is the *n*-fold product of the  $\sigma$ -algebra A of subsets of a given set X,  $f_i : A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g_i : A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i \in \underline{p} = \{1, 2, ..., p\}$ , and  $h_j : A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j \in \underline{q}$ , such that  $g_i(S) > 0$  for each  $i \in \underline{p}$  and all  $S \in \mathcal{P}$ . We denoted by  $\mathcal{P} = \{S \in A^n : h_i(S) \leq 0, j \in q\}$  the set of all feasible solutions to (P).

**Definition 1.4.** A feasible solution  $S^0 \in \mathcal{P}$  is said to be an efficient solution to (P) if there exists no other feasible solution  $S \in \mathcal{P}$  such that

$$\left(\frac{f_1(S)}{g_1(S)}, \frac{f_2(S)}{g_2(S)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(S)}{g_p(S)}\right) \le \left(\frac{f_1(S^0)}{g_1(S^0)}, \frac{f_2(S^0)}{g_2(S^0)}, \dots, \frac{f_p(S^0)}{g_p(S^0)}\right)$$

In the following we consider  $F: A^n \times A^n \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and a differentiable function  $f: A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ . The definitions below unify the concepts of  $(F, \rho)$ -convexity,  $(F, \rho)$ -pseudoconvexity,  $(F, \rho)$ -quasiconvexity from Preda [6] and univexity, pseudounivexity, quasiunivexity from Mishra [3].

Let  $b: A^n \times A^n \to \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\theta: A^n \times A^n \to A^n \times A^n$  such that  $S \neq S^* \Rightarrow \theta(S, S^*) \neq (0,0), \varphi: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , and a real number  $\rho$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [11] A function f is said to be (strictly)  $(F, b, \varphi, \rho, \theta)$  – univex at S<sup>\*</sup> if

$$\varphi(F(S) - F(S^*))(>) \ge F(S, S^*; b(S, S^*) DF(S^*)) + \rho d^2 \left(\theta(S, S^*)\right)$$

for each  $S \in A^n$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [11] A function f is said to be (strictly)  $(F, b, \varphi, \rho, \theta)$ -pseudounivex at  $S^*$  if

$$F(S,S^*; b(S,S^*)Df(S^*)) \ge -\rho d^2(\theta(S,S^*)) \implies \varphi(f(S) - f(S^*)) (>) \ge 0$$

for each  $S \in A^n$ ,  $S \neq S^*$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [11] A function f is said to be (prestrictly)  $(F, b, \varphi, \rho, \theta)$ -quasiunivex at  $S^*$  if

$$\varphi(f(S) - f(S^*)) (<) \leq 0 \Rightarrow F(S, S^*; b(S, S^*) Df(S^*)) \leq -\rho d^2 \Big( \theta(S, S^*) \Big)$$

for each  $S \in A^n$ .

For problem (P), Zalmai [10] gave the necessary conditions for efficiency below.

**Theorem 1.1.** Assume that  $f_i$ ,  $g_i$ ,  $i \in p$ , and  $h_i$ ,  $j \in q$ , are differentiable at  $S^* \in A^n$ , and that for each  $i \in p$  there exists  $\hat{S}_i \in A^n$ , such that

$$h_j(S^*) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left\langle \mathcal{D}_k h_j(S^*), \chi_{\hat{S}_k} - \chi_{S_k^*} \right\rangle < 0, j \in \underline{q} ,$$

and for each  $l \in p \setminus \{i\}$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left\langle g_{i}(S^{*}) \mathcal{D}_{k} f_{l}(S^{*}) - f_{i}(S^{*}) \mathcal{D}_{k} g_{l}(S^{*}), \chi_{\hat{S}_{k}} - \chi_{S_{k}^{*}} \right\rangle < 0.$$

If  $S^*$  is an efficient solution to (P), then there exists  $u^* \in U = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^p : u > 0, \sum_{i=1}^p u_i = 1\}$  and  $v^* \in \mathbb{R}_+^q$ 

such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{p} u_{i}^{*} [g_{i}(S^{*}) D_{k} f_{i}(S^{*}) - f_{i}(S^{*}) D_{k} g_{i}(S^{*})] + \sum_{j=1}^{q} v_{j}^{*} D_{k} h_{j}(S^{*}), \chi_{S_{k}} - \chi_{S_{k}^{*}} \right\rangle \geq 0, \qquad (1)$$

for all  $S \in A^{n}$ ,  $v_{i}^{*}h_{i}(S^{*}) = 0, j \in q$ .

We shall refer to an efficient solution  $S^*$  to (P) satisfying the first two conditions in Theorem 1.1 for some  $\hat{S}_i$ ,  $i \in \underline{p}$ , as a *normal* efficient solution.

## 2.THE DUALITY MODEL AND DUALITY RESULTS

In this section we present a general duality model for (P). Here we use two partitions of the index sets q and p, respectively.

Let  $\{I_0, I_1, ..., I_k\}$  be a partition of the index set <u>p</u> and  $\{J_0, J_1, ..., J_m\}$  a partition of the index set <u>q</u> such that  $K = \{0, 1, ..., k\} \subset M = \{0, 1, ..., m\}$ , and, for fixed S, u and v, and  $t \in K$  let the function  $\Omega_t(S; \cdot, u, v) \colon A^{\mathsf{n}} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$\Omega_t(S,T,u,v) = \sum_{i \in I_t} u_i \left[ f_i(S) g_i(T) - f_i(T) g_i(S) \right] + \sum v_j h_i(T)$$

We associate with problem (P) the dual problem

(D) 
$$\max \delta(T, u, v) = \left(\frac{f_1(T)}{g_1(T)}, \frac{f_2(T)}{g_2(T)}, \cdots, \frac{f_p(T)}{g_p(T)}\right)$$

subject to

$$F\left(S,T;b(S,T)\sum_{i=1}^{p} u_{i}\left[G_{i}\left(T\right)DF_{i}\left(T\right)-F_{i}\left(T\right)DG_{i}\left(T\right)\right]+\sum_{j=1}^{q} v_{j}Dh_{j}\left(T\right)\right)x \ge 0 \ \forall S \in A^{t}$$
$$\sum_{j \in J_{i}} v_{j}h_{j}\left(T\right) \ge 0, \ t \in M$$
$$T \in A^{n}, \ u \in U, \ v \in \mathbb{R}^{q}_{+}.$$

In the following we consider a convex function  $F(S,T;\cdot): L_1(X,A,\mu) \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $\Lambda_t(\cdot,v^*): A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Lambda_t(T,v^*) = \sum_{j \in J_t} v_j^* h_j(T), t \in M$ .

The result below establishes several versions of weak duality related to problems (P) and (D).

**Theorem 2.1** (Weak duality). Let S and (T,u,v) be arbitrary feasible solutions to (P) and (D), respectively, and assume that any one of the following sets of hypotheses is satisfied:

(a) (i)  $2k\Omega_t(\cdot, T, u, v)$  is strictly  $(F, b, \varphi_t, \rho_t, \theta)$  – pseudounivex at  $T, \varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in K$ ;

(ii)  $2(m-k)\Lambda_t(\cdot,v)$  is  $(F,b,\varphi_t,\rho_t,\theta)$ -quasiunivex at T,  $\varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in M \setminus K$ ;

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{t \in \mathbf{K}} \rho_t + \sum_{t \in \mathbf{M} \in \mathbf{K}} \frac{\rho_t}{m - k} \ge 0;$$

(b) (i)  $2k\Omega_t(\cdot, T, u, v)$  is prestrictly  $(F, b, \varphi_t, \rho_t, \theta)$  – quasiunivex at  $T, \varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in K$ ;

(ii)  $2(m-k)\Lambda_t(\cdot,v)$  is strictly  $(F,b,\varphi_t,\rho_t,\theta)$  – pseudounivex at T,  $\varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in M \setminus K$ ;

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{t \in \mathbf{K}} \rho_t + \sum_{t \in \mathbf{M} \setminus \mathbf{K}} \frac{\rho_t}{m - k} \ge 0;$$

(c) (i)  $2k\Omega_t(\cdot,T,u,v)$  is prestrictly  $(F,b,\varphi_t,\rho_t,\theta)$  – quasiunivex at  $T, \varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in K$ ;

(ii)  $2(m-k)\Lambda_t(\cdot,v)$  is  $(F,b,\varphi_t,\rho_t,\theta)$ -quasiunivex at T,  $\varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in M \setminus K$ ;

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{t \in \mathbf{K}} \rho_t + \sum_{t \in \mathbf{M} \setminus \mathbf{K}} \frac{\rho_t}{m - k} \ge 0;$$

(d) (i)  $3k_1\Omega_t(\cdot, T, u, v)$  is strictly  $(F, b, \overline{\varphi}_t, \overline{\rho}_t, \theta)$ -pseudounivex at T for each  $t \in K_1$ ,  $\overline{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\overline{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in K_1$ ,  $3k_2\Omega_t(\cdot, T, u, v)$  is prestrictly  $(F, b, \overline{\varphi}_t, \overline{\rho}_t, \theta)$ -quasiunivex at T for each  $t \in K_2$ ,  $\overline{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\overline{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in K_2$ , where  $\{K_1, K_2\}$  is a partition of K, with  $K_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $K_2 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $k_1 = |K_1|$ ,  $k_2 = |K_2|$ ;

(ii)  $3(m-k)\Lambda_t(\cdot,v)$  is  $(F,b,\varphi_t,\rho_t,\theta)$  – quasiunivex at T,  $\varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in M \setminus K$ ;

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{k_1} \sum_{t \in K_1} \rho_t + \frac{1}{k_2} \sum_{t \in K_2} \rho_t + \sum_{t \in M \setminus K} \frac{\rho_t}{m - k} \ge 0;$$

(e) (i)  $3k\Omega_t(\cdot,T,u,v)$  is prestrictly  $(F,b,\varphi_t,\rho_t,\theta)$  – quasiunivex at  $T, \varphi_t$  is increasing, and  $\varphi_t(0) = 0$ for each  $t \in K$ ;

(ii)  $\Im(m_1 - k_1) \Lambda_t(\cdot, v)$  is strictly  $(F, b, \tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{\rho}_t, \theta)$  – pseudounivex at T for each  $t \in (M \setminus K)_1$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\tilde{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in (M \setminus K)_1$ ,  $3(m_2 - k_2) \Lambda_t(\cdot, v)$  is  $(F, b, \tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{\rho}_t, \theta) - quasiunivex$  at T for each  $t \in (M \setminus K)_2$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\tilde{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in (M \setminus K)_2$ , where  $\{(M \setminus K)_1, (M \setminus K)_2\}$ is a partition of  $M \setminus K$ , with  $(M \setminus K)_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $m_1 = |(M \setminus K)_1|$ ,  $(M \setminus K)_2 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $m_2 = |(M \setminus K)_2|$ ;

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{t \in K} \rho_t + \sum_{t \in (MK)_1} \frac{\rho_t}{m_1 - k_1} + \sum_{t \in (MK)_2} \frac{\rho_t}{m_2 - k_2} \ge 0$$

(f) (i)  $4k_1\Omega_t(\cdot,T,u,v)$  is strictly  $(F,b,\overline{\varphi}_t,\overline{\rho}_t,\theta)$  – pseudounivex at  $T, \overline{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\overline{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$ for each  $t \in K_1$ ,  $4k_2\Omega_t(\cdot, T, u, v)$  is prestrictly  $(F, b, \overline{\rho}_t, \overline{\rho}_t, \theta)$  – quasiunivex at  $T, \overline{\rho}_t$  is increasing and,  $\overline{\varphi}_{t}(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in K_{2}$ , where  $\{K_{1}, K_{2}\}$  is a partition of K, with  $K_{1} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $K_{2} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $k_{1} = |K_{1}|$ ,  $k_2 = |\mathbf{K}_2|;$ 

(ii)  $4(m_1 - k_1)\Lambda_t(\cdot, v)$  is strictly  $(F, b, \tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{\rho}_t, \theta)$  – pseudounivex at  $T, \tilde{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\tilde{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in (M \setminus K)_1$ ,  $4(m_2 - k_2)\Lambda_t(\cdot, v)$  is  $(F, b, \tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{\rho}_t, \theta) - quasiunivex$  at  $T, \tilde{\varphi}_t$  is increasing, and  $\tilde{\varphi}_t(0) = 0$  for each  $t \in (M \setminus K)_2$ , where  $\{(M \setminus K)_1, (M \setminus K)_2\}$  is a partition of  $M \setminus K$ , with  $(\mathbf{M} \setminus \mathbf{K})_1 \neq \emptyset, \ m_1 = |(\mathbf{M} \setminus \mathbf{K})_1|, \ (\mathbf{M} \setminus \mathbf{K})_2 \neq \emptyset, \ m_2 = |(\mathbf{M} \setminus \mathbf{K})_2|;$ 

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{k_{1}} \sum_{t \in K_{1}} \rho_{t} + \frac{1}{k_{2}} \sum_{t \in K_{2}} \rho_{t} + \sum_{t \in (M \setminus K)_{1}} \frac{\rho_{t}}{m_{1} - k_{1}} + \sum_{t \in (M \setminus K)_{2}} \frac{\rho_{t}}{m_{2} - k_{2}} \ge 0;$$
  
(iv)  $K_{1} \neq \emptyset$  or  $(M \setminus K)_{1} \neq \emptyset$  or  
 $\frac{1}{k_{1}} \sum_{t \in K_{1}} \rho_{t} + \frac{1}{k_{2}} \sum_{t \in K_{2}} \rho_{t} + \sum_{t \in (M \setminus K)_{1}} \frac{\rho_{t}}{m_{1} - k_{1}} + \sum_{t \in (M \setminus K)_{2}} \frac{\rho_{t}}{m_{2} - k_{2}} > 0;$   
en  $\Phi(S) \leq \delta(T + y)$ 

The  $(S) \leq \delta(T, u, v)$ 

**Theorem 2.2**. (Strong duality). Let  $S^* \in \mathcal{P}$  be a normal efficient solution to (P), let  $F(S, S^*; Df(S^*)) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left\langle D_k f(S^*), \chi_{S_k} - \chi_{S_k^*} \right\rangle \text{ for any differentiable function } f: A^n \to \mathbb{R} \text{ and } S \in A^n, \text{ and } S \in A$ assume that any one of the sets of hypotheses specified in Theorem 2.1. holds for all feasible solutions to (D). Then there exist  $u^* \in U$  and  $v^* \in \mathbb{R}_+^q$  such that  $(S^*, u^*, v^*)$  is an efficient solution of (D) and  $\Phi(S^*) = \delta(S^*, u^*, v^*).$ 

Remark 2.1. Using Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, and tehniques from [5] and [10], we can also obtain a strict converse duality result.

For a detailed presentation of these results, the reader is referred to [9].

#### **3. CONCLUSIONS**

We have obtained duality results for a dual model of Zalmai [10], replacing the assumption of sublinearity by that of convexity. Similar results can be obtained for the other dual models from [10]. Also, almost all results of this type present in the literature can be extended to the case where F is not necessarily sublinear.

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