

## MULTIOBJECTIVE SUBSET PROGRAMMING PROBLEMS INVOLVING GENERALIZED $D$ -TYPE I UNIVEX FUNCTIONS

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We introduce new classes of generalized convex  $n$ -set functions that we call  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-quasi type-I univex,  $d$ -strong pseudo-quasi type-I univex and  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo type-I univex functions. We focus on multiobjective subset programming problem. Sufficient optimality conditions are obtained under the assumptions involving such functions. Duality results are also established for Mond-Weir and general Mond-Weir type dual problems in which the functions involved satisfy appropriate generalized  $d$ -type-I univexity conditions. The results obtained in this paper present a refinement and improvement of previously known results in the literature.

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### 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $R^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space and  $R_+^n$  its positive orthant. The following conventions for vectors in  $R^n$  will be followed throughout this paper:  $x \geq y \Leftrightarrow x_k \geq y_k, k=1,2,\dots,n$ ;  $x \geq y \Leftrightarrow x_k \geq y_k, k=1,2,\dots,n$  and  $x \neq y$ ;  $x > y \Leftrightarrow x_k > y_k, k=1,2,\dots,n$ . We write  $x \in R_+^n$  iff  $x \geq 0$ . 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

$$d(S, T) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \mu^2(S_k \Delta T_k) \right]^{1/2}, \quad S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n) \in A^n, \quad T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n) \in A^n,$$

where  $\Delta$  stands for symmetric difference; thus,  $(A^n, d)$  is a pseudometric space. For  $h \in L_1(X, A, \mu)$  and  $Z \in A$  with characteristic function  $\chi_Z \in L_\infty(X, A, \mu)$ , the integral  $\int_Z h d\mu$  will be denoted by  $\langle h, \chi_Z \rangle$ .

We next define the notions of differentiability for  $n$ -set functions. This was originally introduced by Morris [6] for set functions, and subsequently extended by Corley [1] to  $n$ -set functions.

A function  $\phi: A \rightarrow R$  is said to be differentiable at  $S^0 \in A$  if there exists  $D\phi(S^0) \in L_1(X, A, \mu)$ , called the derivative of  $\phi$  at  $S^0$  and  $\psi: A \times A \rightarrow R$  such that  $\phi(S) = \phi(S^0) + \langle D\phi(S^0), I_S - I_{S^0} \rangle + \psi(S, S^0)$

for each  $S \in A$ , where  $\psi(S, S^0)$  is  $o(d(S, S^0))$ , that is,  $\lim_{d(S, S^0) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi(S, S^0)}{d(S, S^0)} = 0$ .

A function  $F: A^n \rightarrow R$  is said to have a partial derivative at  $S^0 = (S_1^0, S_2^0, \dots, S_n^0)$  with respect to its  $p^{\text{th}}$  argument if the function

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

has derivative  $D\phi(S_k^0)$  and we define  $D_k F(S^0) = D\phi(S_k^0)$ . If  $D_k F(S^0)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , all exist, then we put  $DF(S^0) = (D_1 F(S^0), D_2 F(S^0), \dots, D_n F(S^0))$ .

A function  $F: A^n \rightarrow R$  is said to be differentiable at  $S^0$  if there exist  $DF(S^0)$  and  $\psi: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R$  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  $S \in A^n$ .

Consider the nonlinear multiobjective subset programming problem

$$(P) \text{ Minimize } F(S) = [F_1(S), F_2(S), \dots, F_p(S)]$$

$$\text{subject to } G_j(S) \leq 0, j \in M, S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n) \in A^n,$$

where  $A^n$  is the  $n$ -fold product of a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $A$  of subsets of a given set  $X$ ,  $F_i, i \in P = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  and  $G_j, j \in M = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  are real-valued functions defined on  $A^n$ . Let  $X_0 = \{S \in A^n : G_j(S) \leq 0, j \in M\}$  be the set of all feasible solutions to (P).

*Definition 1.1.* A feasible solution  $S^0$  to (P) is said to be an efficient solution to (P) if there exists no other feasible solution  $S$  to (P) such that  $F(S) \leq F(S^0)$ .

*Definition 1.2.* A feasible solution  $S^0$  to (P) is said to be a weakly efficient solution to (P) if there exists no other feasible  $S(S \neq S^0)$  to (P) such that  $F(S) < F(S^0)$ .

Along the lines of Jayswal and Kumar [2], we now define several classes of  $n$ -set functions, that we call  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-quasi type-I univex,  $d$ -strong pseudo-quasi type-I univex and  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo type-I univex functions.

*Definition 1.3.* We say that the pair of functions  $(F, G)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $S^0 \in A^n$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ , if there exist  $\eta: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R^n$ ,  $\gamma_i: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $\delta_j: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , nonnegative functions  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ , also defined on  $A^n \times A^n$ , and  $\phi_0: R \rightarrow R$ ,  $\phi_1: R \rightarrow R$ , such that for all  $S \in X_0$  the implications

$$\begin{aligned} & b_0(S, S^0) \phi_0 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i(S, S^0) F_i(S) - \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i(S, S^0) F_i(S^0) \right] \leq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k(S, S^0) \langle D_k F_i(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle < 0, \\ & -b_1(S, S^0) \phi_1 \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j(S, S^0) G_j(S^0) \right] \leq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k(S, S^0) \langle D_k G_j(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

do hold.

*Definition 1.4.* We say that the pair of functions  $(F, G)$  is  $d$ -strong pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $S^0 \in A^n$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ , if there exist  $\eta: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R^n$ ,  $\gamma_i: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $\delta_j: A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,

nonnegative functions  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ , also defined on  $A^n \times A^n$ , and  $\phi_0 : R \rightarrow R, \phi_1 : R \rightarrow R$ , such that for all  $S \in X_0$  the implications

$$\begin{aligned} & b_0(S, S^0) \phi_0 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i(S, S^0) F_i(S) - \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i(S, S^0) F_i(S^0) \right] \leq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k(S, S^0) \langle D_k F_i(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle \leq 0, \\ & -b_1(S, S^0) \phi_1 \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j(S, S^0) G_j(S^0) \right] \leq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k(S, S^0) \langle D_k G_j(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

do hold.

*Definition 1.5.* We say that the pair of functions  $(F, G)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo type-I univex at  $S^0 \in A^n$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p), \delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ , if there exists  $\eta : A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R^n, \gamma_i : A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R_+ \setminus \{0\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, p, \delta_j : A^n \times A^n \rightarrow R_+ \setminus \{0\}, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , nonnegative functions  $b_0$  and  $b_1$ , also defined on  $A^n \times A^n$ , and  $\phi_0 : R \rightarrow R, \phi_1 : R \rightarrow R$ , such that for all  $S \in X_0$  the implications

$$\begin{aligned} & b_0(S, S^0) \phi_0 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i(S, S^0) F_i(S) - \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i(S, S^0) F_i(S^0) \right] \leq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k(S, S^0) \langle D_k F_i(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle < 0, \\ & -b_1(S, S^0) \phi_1 \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_j(S, S^0) G_j(S^0) \right] \leq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k(S, S^0) \langle D_k G_j(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle < 0 \end{aligned}$$

do hold.

*Remark 1.6.* The above definitions extend to  $n$ -set functions the concept of weak strictly pseudo-quasi- $d$ - $V$ -type-I univex, strong pseudo-quasi- $d$ - $V$ -type-I univex and weak strictly pseudo- $d$ - $V$ -type-I univex of Jayswal and Kumar [2]. They also extend to univexity the concept of  $d$ -weak strictly-pseudoquasi-type-I,  $d$ -strong-pseudoquasi-type-I and  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-type-I of Mishra *et al.* [5].

## 1. SUFFICIENT OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS

The theorem below gives sufficient optimality conditions for a weakly efficient solution to (P) under the assumptions of generalized  $d$ -type-I univexity introduced in Section 1.

**Theorem 2.1.** (Sufficient optimality conditions). *Let  $S^0$  be a feasible solution to (P). Assume that there exist  $\lambda_i^0 \geq 0, i \in P, \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^0 = 1$  and  $\mu_j^0 \geq 0, j \in M_0 = \{j \in M : G_j(S^0) = 0\}$ , such that*

$$\langle D_k(\lambda^0 F)(S^0) + D_k(\mu^0 G)(S^0), I_{S_k} - I_{S_k^0} \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $S \in A^n$  Moreover, assume any one of the conditions below.

(S1)  $\lambda > 0$  and  $(F, \mu G)$  is  $d$ -strong pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $S^0$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ ;

(S2)  $(F, \mu G)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $S^0$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ ;

(S3)  $(F, \mu G)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo type-I univex at  $S^0$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ ;

with  $\eta$  satisfying  $\eta^T \alpha < 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_k < 0$  for at least one  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Further, assume that for  $r \in R$  we have

$$r \leq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_0(r) \leq 0, r \leq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_1(r) \leq 0$$

and

$$b_0(S, S^0) > 0, b_1(S, S^0) \geq 0, \forall S \in X_0.$$

Then  $S^0$  is a weakly efficient solution to (P).

*Definition 2.1.* A feasible solution  $S^0$  is said to be a regular feasible solution if there exists  $\hat{S} \in A^n$  such that

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

The following result below will be needed in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1** (Zalmai [7], Theorem 3.2). Let  $S^0$  be a regular efficient (or weakly efficient) solution to (P) and assume that  $F_i, i \in P$  and  $G_j, j \in M$  are differentiable at  $S^0$ . Then there exist

$\lambda \in R_+^p$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i = 1$ , and  $\mu \in R_+^m$  such that

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

$$\mu_j G_j(S^0) = 0, \quad j \in M.$$

### 3. MOND-WEIR DUALITY

In this section, we associate the problem (P) with the Mond-Weir dual problem (MD):

**(MD)** maximize  $F(T)$  subject to

$$\left\langle D_k(\lambda F)(T) + D_k(\mu G)(T), I_{S_k} - I_{T_k} \right\rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall S \in A^n,$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \mu_j G_j(T) \geq 0,$$

$$\lambda_i \geq 0, \quad i \in P \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i = 1,$$

$$\mu_j \geq 0, \quad j \in M \text{ and } T \in A^n.$$

**Theorem 3.1** (Weak duality). Let  $S$  and  $(T, \lambda, \mu)$  be feasible solutions to (P) and (MD), respectively. Assume any one of the conditions below

(WD1)  $\lambda > 0$  and  $(F, \mu G)$  is  $d$ -strong pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $T$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ ;

(WD2)  $(F, \mu G)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $T$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ ;

(WD3)  $(F, \mu G)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo type-I univex at  $T$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$ ;

with  $\eta$  satisfying  $\eta^T \alpha < 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_k < 0$  for at least one  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Further, assume that for  $r \in R$  we have

$$r \leq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_0(r) \leq 0, r \leq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_1(r) \leq 0$$

and  $b_0(S, S^0) > 0, b_1(S, S^0) \geq 0, \forall S \in X_0$ .

Then  $F(S) \leq F(T)$  cannot hold.

**Theorem 3.2** (Strong duality). Let  $S^0$  be a regular weakly efficient solution to (P). Then there exist  $\lambda^0 \in R^p, \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^0 = 1$ , and  $\mu^0 \in R^m$  such that  $(S^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0)$  is a feasible solution to (MD) while the values of the objective functions of (P) and (MD) are equal at  $S^0$  and  $(S^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0)$ , respectively. Furthermore, if the conditions of weak duality Theorem 3.1 also hold, for each feasible solution  $(T, \lambda, \mu)$  to (MD), then  $(S^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0)$  is a weakly efficient solution to (MD).

#### 4. GENERALIZED MOND-WEIR DUALITY

In this section, we associate the problem (P) with the generalized Mond-Weir dual problem (GMD):

**(GMD)** maximize  $F(T) + \sum_{j \in J_0} \mu_j G_j(T)e$  subject to

$$\langle D_k(\lambda F)(T) + D_k(\mu G)(T), I_{S_k} - I_{T_k} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall S \in A^n,$$

$$\sum_{j \in J_\alpha} \mu_j G_j(T) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \alpha \leq r,$$

$$\lambda \geq 0, \mu \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i = 1,$$

where  $e = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in R^p$  and  $J_\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha \leq r$  is a partition of  $M$ , with  $J_s \cap J_t = \emptyset$  for  $s \neq t$  and

$$\bigcup_{s=0}^r J_s = M.$$

**Theorem 4.1** (Weak duality). Let  $S$  and  $(T, \lambda, \mu)$  be feasible solutions to (P) and (GMD) respectively. Assume any one of the conditions below.

(GWD1)  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\left( F(\cdot) + \sum_{j \in J_0} \mu_j G_j(\cdot)e, \sum_{j \in J_\alpha} \mu_j G_j(\cdot) \right)$  is  $d$ -strong pseudo-quasi type-I univex at

$T$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p)$ ,  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$  for any  $\alpha, 1 \leq \alpha \leq r$ ;

(GWD2)  $\left( F(\cdot) + \sum_{j \in J_0} \mu_j G_j(\cdot) e, \sum_{j \in J_\alpha} \mu_j G_j(\cdot) \right)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo-quasi type-I univex at  $T$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p), \delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$  for any  $\alpha, 1 \leq \alpha \leq r$ ;

(GWD3)  $\left( F(\cdot) + \sum_{j \in J_0} \mu_j G_j(\cdot) e, \sum_{j \in J_\alpha} \mu_j G_j(\cdot) \right)$  is  $d$ -weak strictly pseudo type-I univex at  $T$  with respect to  $b_0, b_1, \phi_0, \phi_1, \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_p), \delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m)$  and  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)$  for any  $\alpha, 1 \leq \alpha \leq r$ ; with  $\eta$  satisfying  $\eta^T \alpha < 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_k < 0$  for at least one  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Further, assume that for  $r \in R$  we have

$$r \leq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_0(r) \leq 0, r \leq 0 \Rightarrow \phi_1(r) \leq 0$$

and

$$b_0(S, S^0) > 0, b_1(S, S^0) \geq 0, \forall S \in X_0.$$

Then  $F(S) \leq F(T) + \sum_{j \in J_0} \mu_j G_j(T) e$  cannot holds.

**Theorem 4.2** (Strong duality). Let  $S^0$  be a regular weakly efficient solution to (P). Then there exist  $\lambda^0 \in R^p, \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^0 = 1$  and  $\mu^0 \in R^m$ , such that  $(S^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0)$  is a feasible solution to (GMD) and  $\mu_{J_0} G_{J_0}(S^0) = 0$ , while the values of the objective functions of (P) and (GMD) are equal at  $S^0$  and  $(S^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0)$ , respectively. Furthermore, if the conditions of weak duality Theorem 4.1 also hold for each feasible solution  $(T, \lambda, \mu)$  to (GMD), then  $(S^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0)$  is a weakly efficient solution to (GMD).

The proofs will appear in [3].

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