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# Optimality Conditions and Duality for Nondifferentiable Multiobjective Programming Problems with ( $C \alpha \rho d$ )-Convexity\*

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**Abstract**: In this paper, we consider the following nondifferentiable multiobjective programming problem: (MP) min  $(f_1(x) + f_2(x) + f$ 

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#### 1 Introduction

Multiobjective programming has been extensivley studied over the past few decades due to it has many applications in such fields as the Internet, finance, biomedicine, management science, game theory and engineering. A large number of results have appeared in the literature<sup>[1-5]</sup>.

As is well-known, convexity plays an important role in the design and analysis of successful algorithms for solving optimization problems. However, the condition of convexity is too strong. Therefore, several classes of generalized convex functions have been introduced in the literature, such as invexity<sup>[7]</sup>, ( $V\rho$ )-invexity<sup>[3]</sup> ( $F\rho$ )-convexity<sup>[5]</sup>, F-convexity<sup>[8]</sup>, F-convexity<sup>[9]</sup>, ( $F\rho$ )-convexity<sup>[10]</sup>. Recently, Yuan<sup>[11]</sup> introduced a class of functions, which called ( $F\rho$ ) convex function and which includes ( $F\rho$ ) convexity<sup>[10]</sup>,  $F\rho$ )-convexity<sup>[10]</sup>,  $F\rho$ )-convexity<sup>[5]</sup> as special cases. Therefore, it is important to research the optimization conditions and duality results for multiobjective programming problems under conditions of ( $F\rho$ ) convexity.

In a recent paper [12], Mond and Schechter studied non-differentiable symmetric duality, in which the objective functions contain a support function. Based on the ideas of Mond and Schechter [12], Yang [6] studied generalized dual problems for a class of nondifferentiable multiobjective programs.

Inspired and motivated by  $^{[6,11]}$ , in this paper, we study a class of nondifferentiable multiobjective programming problems in which each component of the objective function contains a term involving the support function of a compact convex set. We obtain some sufficient optimality conditions and duality results for weakly efficient solutions of nondifferentiable multiobjective programming problems under the assumptions of  $(C \alpha \rho d)$ -convexity.

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### 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , be nonnegative orthant of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let X be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Assume that  $\alpha: X \times X \to \mathbb{R} + \{0\} \rho \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $d: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}_+$  satisfies  $d(x, x_0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = x_0$ . Let  $C: X \times X \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function satisfies  $C_{(x,x_0)}(0) = 0$  for any  $(x,x_0) \in X \times X$ .

**Definition** 1 A function  $C: X \times X \times \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}$  is said to be convex on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  if for any fixed  $(x x_0) \in X \times X$  and for any  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , one has

$$C_{(x x_0)}(\lambda y_1 + (1 - \lambda)y_2) \leq \lambda C_{(x x_0)}(y_1) + (1 - \lambda)C_{(x x_0)}(y_2), \forall \lambda \in (0, 1)$$

**Definition**  $2^{[12]}$  A differentiable function  $h: X \to \mathbf{R}$  is said to be  $(C_{\alpha}, \rho, d)$ -convex at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any  $x \in X$   $h(x_0) - h(x_0) \ge C_{(x_0)}(V_{\alpha}(x_0)) + \rho \frac{d(x_0)}{d(x_0)}$ .

The function h is said to be (  $C \alpha \rho d$ )-convex on X if it is (  $C \alpha \rho d$ )-convex at every point in X. In particular , h is said to be strongly (  $C \alpha \rho d$ )-convex on X if  $\rho > 0$ .

**Remark** 1 If the function C is sublinear with respect to the third argument. then the ( $C \alpha \rho d$ )-convexity is the same as the ( $F \alpha \rho d$ )-convexity introduced by Liang<sup>[6]</sup>.

**Remark** 2 Every ( $F \alpha \rho d$ )-convex function is ( $C \alpha \rho d$ )-convex. However, the converse is not true.

**Example** 1 Let  $X = \{x : \frac{7\pi}{4} \le x \le 2\pi \ \rho = -1 \ \rho(x \ x_0) = 1 \ \rho(x \ x_0) = \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2} \ \text{and} \ C(x \ x_0) = a^2(x - x_0) \}$  for any  $(x \ x_0) \in X \times X$ . Let  $h(x) = \cos^2 x$ . Obviously, the function C is not sublinear with respect to the third argument. Then, h is not  $(F \ \alpha \ \rho \ \beta)$ -convex at  $x_0 = \frac{7\pi}{4}$ . It is easy to prove that h is  $(C \ \alpha \ \rho \ \beta)$ -convex at  $x_0 = \frac{7\pi}{4}$ .

We consider the following multiobjective programming problem

(MP) min 
$$(f_1(x) + s(x | C_1)) f_2(x) + s(x | C_2) \dots f_p(x) + s(x | C_p))$$
  
s. t.  $h(x) \le 0$ 

where  $f_i : X \to \mathbf{R}$   $i = 1 \ 2 \ \dots \ p$  and  $h = (h_1 \ h_2 \ \dots \ h_m) : X \to \mathbf{R}^m$ , are continuously differentiable functions over X. Suppose that  $C_i$ , for each  $i \in \{1 \ 2 \ \dots \ p\}$ , is a compact convex set of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , and  $s(x \mid C_i)$  denotes the support function of  $C_i$  evaluated at x, defined by  $s(x \mid C_i) = \max\{x \ w \mid w \in C_i\}$ . Let  $S = \{x \in X \ h(x) \le 0\}$  be the set of all feasible solutions and let  $I(x) := \{j \ h(x) = 0\}$  for any  $x \in X$ .

Let  $k(x) = s(x \mid C_i)$  i = 1, 2, ..., p. Then  $k_i$  is a convex function and  $\partial k(x) = \{w \in C_i \mid w \mid x = s(x \mid C_i)\}$ , where  $\partial k_i$  is the subdifferentiable of  $k_i^{[7]}$ .

# 3 **Optimality Conditions**

In this section , we obtain some sufficient optimality conditions for a weakly efficient solutions of (MP) under the assumption of ( $C \alpha \rho d$ )-convexity.

**Theorem** 1 Let  $x_0 \in S$  be a feasible solution of (MP). Assume that there exist  $\lambda_i > 0$ , i = 1, 2, ..., p, and  $\mu_j \ge 0$  j = 1, 2, ..., m, such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} \mathbb{V}[f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i} x_{0}] + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \mathbb{V}[h_{j}(x_{0})] = 0$$
(1)

$$w_i \ x_0 = s(x_0 \mid C_i) \ w_i \in C_i \ i = 1 \ 2 \ \dots \ p$$
 (2)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_j h_j(x_0) = 0 \tag{3}$$

If  $f(\cdot) + w_i$ ,  $\cdot$ , (i = 1, 2, ..., p) is  $(C \alpha_i \rho_i d_i)$ -convex at  $x_0 h(\cdot) j = 1, 2, ..., m$ , is  $(C \beta_i m_j)$ 

 $\mathbf{c}_i$ )-convex at  $x_0$ , and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} \rho_{i} \frac{d_{i}(x x_{0})}{\alpha_{i}(x x_{0})} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \eta_{j} \frac{c_{j}(x x_{0})}{\beta_{i}(x x_{0})} \ge 0$$

$$(4)$$

then  $x_0$  is a weakly efficient solution of (MP).

**Proof.** Suppose that  $x_0$  is not a weakly efficient solution of (MP). Then , there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $f(x) + f(x) + f(x_0) + f(x$ 

By (2) and  $w_i$ ,  $x \leq s(x \mid C_i)$  for i = 1, 2, ..., p, one has

$$f(x) + w_i x \leq f(x) + f(x) + f(x_0) +$$

Since  $f(\cdot) + w_i$ ,  $\cdot$  (i = 1, 2, ..., p) is ( $C \alpha_i \rho_i d_i$ )-convex at  $x_0$  i. e.,

$$\left[\frac{f_{i}(x) + w_{i} x - (f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i} x_{0})}{\alpha_{i}(x x_{0})} \geqslant C_{(x x_{0})}(M[f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i} x_{0}]) + \rho_{i} \frac{d_{i}(x x_{0})}{\alpha_{i}(x x_{0})} \tag{6}$$

By the (  $C \beta_j \eta_j \rho_j$ )-convexity of  $h_j$   $\cdot$  ) i = 1, 2, ..., m) one has

$$\frac{h_{j}(x) - h_{j}(x_{0})}{\beta(x_{0})} \ge C_{(x_{0})}(\nabla h_{j}(x_{0})) + \eta_{j} \frac{c_{j}(x_{0})}{\beta(x_{0})}$$
(7)

Denote  $\tau = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_i + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_j$ . It is easy to see that  $\tau > 0$ . Multiplying both side of (6) by  $\frac{\lambda_i}{\tau}$  and of (7) by

 $\frac{\mu_j}{\tau}$  , respectively , and adding them and using the convexity of  $C_{(x,x_0)}(\,\cdot\,)$  , we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{\tau \alpha_{i}(x x_{0})} f_{i}(x) + w_{i} x - (f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i} x_{0})] + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} \frac{h_{j}(x) - h_{j}(x_{0})}{\beta_{j}(x x_{0})} \geqslant$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{\tau} (C_{(x x_{0})}(M[f_{i}(x_{0}) + w x_{0}])) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} C_{(x x_{0})}(N[f_{i}(x_{0}) + w x_{0}]) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} N[f_{i}(x_{0})] + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} C_{j}(N[f_{i}(x_{0}) + w x_{0}]) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} N[f_{i}(x_{0})] + \sum_{j=1}^{$$

This fact together with (1) and (4) yields

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{\tau_{\alpha_{i}}(x, x_{0})} f_{i}(x) + w_{i}(x) - (f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i}(x_{0})) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{i}}{\tau_{i}} \frac{h_{i}(x) - h_{i}(x_{0})}{\beta_{i}(x, x_{0})} \ge 0$$
 (8)

Since  $x_0$  is a feasible solution of (MF), it follows from (3) that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \frac{h_{j}(x) - h_{j}(x_{0})}{\beta(x_{0})} \le 0$$
 (9)

Combining (5) and (9) yields

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{\tau \alpha_{i}(x x_{0})} f_{i}(x) + w_{i} x - (f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i} x_{0}) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} \frac{h_{j}(x) - h_{j}(x_{0})}{\beta_{i}(x x_{0})} < 0,$$

which contradicts to (8). Therefore,  $x_0$  is a weakly efficient solution of (MP).

Corollary 1 Let  $x_0 \in S$  be a feasible solution of (MP). Assume that there exist  $\lambda_i > 0$  i = 1, 2, ..., p and  $\mu_i \ge 0$  i = 1, 2, ..., m, such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} \, \mathbb{V}[f_{i}(x_{0}) + w_{i} \, x_{0}] + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \, \mathbb{V}[h_{j}(x_{0}) = 0],$$

$$w_{i} \, x_{0} = s(x_{0} \mid C_{i}) \, w_{i} \in C_{i} \, i = 1, 2, \dots, p,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \mu_{j} h_{j}(x_{0}) = 0.$$

If  $f(\cdot) + w_i$ ,  $\cdot$  (i = 1, 2, ..., p), is strongly ( $C \alpha_i \rho_i d_i$ )-convex at  $x_0$ ,  $h_j(\cdot)$  (j = 1, 2, ..., m), is strongly ( $C \beta_j \eta_j \rho_j$ )-convex at  $x_0$ , then  $x_0$  is a weakly efficient solution of (MP).

**Proof.** We can easily check that (4) holds under the assumptions of the corollary.

# 4 Duality Results

In this section, we consider the following Mond-Weir type dual (MD) to the primal problem (MP)

$$\begin{cases}
\max \left( f_{1}(u) + w_{1} \mu_{-} \dots f_{p}(u) + w_{p} \mu_{-} \right) \\
\text{s. t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} \mathbb{M} f_{i}(u) + w_{i} \mu_{-} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \mathbb{M} h_{j}(u) = 0 \\
\sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} h_{j}(u) \geq 0 , \\
w := \left( w_{1} w_{2} \dots w_{p} \right) w_{i} \in C_{i} \ j = 1 \ 2 \dots p \ \mu \in X \\
\mu_{j} \geq 0 \ j = 1 \ 2 \dots m \ \lambda = \left( \lambda_{1} \lambda_{2} \dots \lambda_{p} \right) \in \Lambda^{+} \\
\Lambda^{+} = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{p}, \ \lambda_{i} > 0 \right\}
\end{cases} \tag{10}$$

where

**Theorem** 2 (Weak Duality) Let x and ( $u \lambda \mu \mu$ ) be the feasible solutions of (MP) and (MD), respectively. Assume that  $f(\cdot) + w_i$ , (i = 1, 2, ..., p), is ( $C \alpha_i \rho_i d_i$ )-convex at u, and  $h(\cdot) (j = 1, 2, ..., m)$ , is ( $C \beta_i \eta_i \rho_i$ )-convex at u. If

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} \rho_{i} \frac{d_{i}(x \mu)}{\alpha_{i}(x \mu)} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \eta_{j} \frac{c_{j}(x \mu)}{\beta_{j}(x \mu)} \ge 0$$
(11)

then the following cannot hold

$$(f_1(x) + s(x \mid C_1), \dots f_p(x) + s(x \mid C_p)) < (f_1(u) + w_1 \mu, \dots f_p(u) + w_p \mu)$$
 (12)

**Proof.** Let x and ( $u \lambda \mu \mu$ ) be the feasible solutions of (MP) and (MD), respectively. It follows that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} h_{j}(x) \leq 0 \leq \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} h_{j}(u)$$

Since  $h(\cdot)$  (j = 1, 2, ..., m) is ( $C \beta_i, \eta_i, c_i$ )-convex at u, one has

$$0 \ge \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \frac{h_{j}(x) - h_{j}(u)}{\beta_{j}(x \mu)} \ge \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} C_{(x \mu)}(\nabla h_{j}(u)) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \eta_{j} \frac{c_{j}(x \mu)}{\beta_{j}(x \mu)}$$
(13)

Now suppose , contrary to the results , that (12) holds. This together with  $s(x \mid C_i) \ge w_i x$  , i = 1, 2 , ... p , gives that

$$f_i(x) + w_i x \le f_i(x) + f_i(x) < f_i(u) + w_i \mu$$
 (14)

By the (  $C \alpha_i \rho_i d_i$  )-convexity of  $f(\cdot) + w_i$  ,  $i = 1 \ 2 \ \dots \ p$ 

$$\frac{\left[f(x) + w_i x - (f(u) + w_i \mu)\right]}{\alpha_i(x \mu)} \ge C_{(x \mu)}(M[f(u) + w_i \mu]) + \rho_i \frac{d_i(x \mu)}{\alpha_i(x \mu)} \tag{15}$$

Denote  $\tau = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j}$ . It follows from (10)—(11), (13)—(15) and the convexity of  $C_{(x \mu)}(\cdot)$  that  $0 > \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{j}}{\tau \alpha_{i}(x \mu)} f_{i}(x) + w_{i} x (f_{i}(u) + w_{i} \mu) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau \beta_{i}(x) - h_{j}(u)} \geqslant 0$ 

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{\tau} (C_{(x \mu)} (N[f(u) + w \mu])) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} C_{(x \mu)} (N[h_{j}(u)]) + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{j}}{\tau} \rho_{i} \frac{d(x \mu)}{\alpha(x \mu)} + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} \eta_{j} \frac{c(x \mu)}{\beta(x \mu)} \ge$$

$$C_{(x \mu)}\left(\frac{1}{\tau}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{p} \lambda_{i} \vee (f_{i}(u) + w_{i} \mu) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_{j} \vee h_{j}(u)\right]\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{\lambda_{i}}{\tau} \rho_{i} \frac{d_{i}(x \mu)}{\sigma(x \mu)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\mu_{j}}{\tau} \eta_{j} \frac{c_{j}(x \mu)}{\beta(x \mu)} \geqslant 0$$

which gives a contradiction. This completes the proof.

Corollary 2 (Weak Duality) Let x and ( $u \wedge w \mu$ ) be the feasible solutions of (MP) and (MD),

respectively. Assume that  $f_i(\cdot) + w_i$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $(i = 1 \ 2 \ \dots p)$ , is strongly  $(C \alpha_i \rho_i d_i)$ -convex at u, and  $h_j(\cdot)$ ,  $(j = 1 \ 2 \ \dots m)$ , is strongly  $(C \beta_j \eta_j c_j)$ -convex at u. Then the following cannot hold  $(f_i(x) + s(x \mid C_1) \dots f_p(x) + s(x \mid C_p)) < (f_i(u) + w_i \mu \dots f_p(u) + w_p \mu)$ 

**Proof.** We can easily check that (11) holds under the assumptions of the corollary.

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#### 运筹学与控制论

# 不可微多目标规划问题的最优性条件和对偶

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摘要:研究了如下的不可微多目标规划问题(MP) $\min(f_i(x)+\langle\!\langle x\mid C_1\rangle\!\rangle,f_2(x)+\langle\!\langle x\mid C_2\rangle\!\rangle,\dots f_p(x)+\langle\!\langle x\mid C_p\rangle\!\rangle)$ ,s. t.  $h(x)\leq 0$ ,其中函数  $f_i\mid X\to \mathbf{R}$ ,(i=1 2  $\dots$  p) 和  $h=(h_1$   $h_2$   $\dots$   $h_m$ )  $X\to \mathbf{R}^m$  在 X 上是连续可微的: $C_i(i\in\{1$  2  $\dots$   $p\}$ )是  $\mathbf{R}^n$  上的紧凸集, $(x\mid C_i)$ 表示集合  $C_i$  在 x 的支撑函数。在( $C_i$ 0、 $\alpha_i$ 0、 $\alpha_i$ 0、 $\alpha_i$ 0) 凸性的假设下,得到了不可微多目标规划问题弱有效解的 Kuhn-Tucher 型最优性充分条件。而且本文得到了原问题的 Mond-Weir 型对偶以及相应的对偶结果。本文所得结果推广了一些最新的结果。

关键词:不可微多目标规划问题:最优性条件:对偶:弱有效解 ( $C \alpha \rho d$ )-凸性

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