

## Optimality Conditions of Vector Set-Valued Optimization Problem Involving Relative Interior

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### Abstract

Firstly, a generalized weak convexlike set-valued map involving the relative interior is introduced in separated locally convex spaces. Secondly, a separation property is established. Finally, some optimality conditions, including the generalized Kuhn-Tucker condition and scalarization theorem, are obtained.

### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  be three separated locally convex spaces, and let  $0$  denote the zero element for every space. Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of  $Y$ . The generated cone of  $K$  is defined as  $\text{cone}(K) = \{\lambda a \mid a \in K, \lambda \geq 0\}$ . A cone  $K \subseteq Y$  is said to be **pointed** if  $K \cap (-K) = \{0\}$ . A cone  $K \subseteq Y$  is said to be **nontrivial** if  $K \neq \{0\}$  and  $K \neq Y$ .

Let  $Y^*$  and  $Z^*$  stand for the topological dual space of  $Y$  and  $Z$ , respectively. From now on, let  $C$  and  $D$  be nontrivial pointed closed-convex cones in  $Y$  and  $Z$ , respectively. The topological dual cone  $C^+$  and strict topological dual cone  $C^{+i}$  of  $C$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} C^+ &= \{y^* \in Y^* \mid \langle y, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in C\}, \\ C^{+i} &= \{y^* \in Y^* \mid \langle y, y^* \rangle > 0, \forall y \in C \setminus \{0\}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $\langle y, y^* \rangle$  denotes the value of the linear continuous functional  $y^*$  at the point  $y$ . The meanings of  $D^+$  and  $D^{+i}$  are similar.

Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of  $Y$ . We denote by  $\text{cl}(K)$ ,  $\text{int}(K)$ , and  $\text{aff}(K)$  the closed hull, topological interior, and affine hull of  $K$ , respectively.

**Definition 1.1** Let  $K$  be a subset of  $Y$ . The **relative interior** of  $K$  is the set  $\text{ri}(K) = \{x \in K \mid \exists U, \text{ a neighborhood of } x, \text{ such that } U \cap \text{aff}(K) \subseteq K\}$ . (2)

Now, we give some basic properties about the relative interior.

**Lemma 1.2** Let  $K$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Let  $k_0 \in K$ ,  $\bar{k} \in \text{ri}(K)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ . Then, (a)  $\alpha \text{ri}(K) = \text{ri}(\alpha K)$ ;

(b) if  $K$  is convex, then  $(1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda\bar{k} \in \text{ri}(K)$ . (3)

**Proof** (a) Since  $\alpha \text{aff}(K) = \text{aff}(\alpha K)$ , it is clear that  $\alpha \text{ri}(K) = \text{ri}(\alpha K)$ .

(b) Since  $\bar{k} \in \text{ri}(K)$ , there exists  $V$ , a neighborhood of  $0$ , such that

$$(\bar{k} + V) \cap \text{aff}(K) \subseteq K. \quad (4)$$

By (4), we have

$$(\lambda\bar{k} + \lambda V) \cap (\lambda \text{aff}(K)) \subseteq \lambda K. \quad (5)$$

It follows from (5) that

$$((1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda\bar{k} + \lambda V) \cap ((1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda \text{aff}(K)) \subseteq (1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda K. \quad (6)$$

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It is clear that

$$(1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda \text{aff}(K) = \text{aff}(K). \tag{7}$$

Since  $K$  is convex, we have

$$(1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda K \subseteq K. \tag{8}$$

By (6), (7), and (8), we obtain

$$\left( (1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda \bar{k} + \lambda V \right) \cap \text{aff}(K) \subseteq K, \tag{9}$$

which implies that

$$(1-\lambda)k_0 + \lambda \bar{k} \in \text{ri}(K). \tag{10}$$

**Remark 1.3** By Lemma 1.2, if  $K$  is a convex cone, then  $\text{ri}(K) \cup \{0\}$  is a convex cone.

**Lemma 1.4** If  $K$  is a convex cone of  $Y$ , then

$$K + \text{ri}(K) \subseteq \text{ri}(K). \tag{11}$$

**Proof** If  $\text{ri}(K) = \emptyset$ , it is clear that the conclusion holds. If  $\text{ri}(K) \neq \emptyset$ , we have

$$K + \text{ri}(K) = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} K + \frac{1}{2} \text{ri}(K) \right) \subseteq 2\text{ri}(K) = \text{ri}(2K) = \text{ri}(K), \tag{12}$$

where Lemma 1.2(b) is used in the first inclusion relation and Lemma 1.2(a) is used in the second equality.

**Lemma 1.5** Let  $K \subseteq Y$  be a closed-convex set with  $\text{ri}(K) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $0 \notin \text{ri}(K)$ , then there exists  $y^* \in Y^* \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\langle k, y^* \rangle \geq 0$  for each  $k \in K$ .

## 2. Separation Property

From now on, we suppose that  $\text{ri}(C) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{ri}(D) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  and  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a set-valued map on  $A$ . Write  $F(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} F(x)$ .

**Definition 2.1** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . A set valued map  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  is called **C-convexlike** on  $A$  if the set  $F(A) + C$  is convex.

**Definition 2.2** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . A set-valued map  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  is called **C-weak convexlike** on  $A$  if the set  $F(A) + \text{ri}(C)$  is convex.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . A set-valued map  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  is called **generalized C-weak convexlike** on  $A$  if the set  $\text{cone}(F(A)) + \text{ri}(C)$  is convex.

Now, we consider the following two systems.

**System 1:** There exists  $x_0 \in A$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap (-\text{ri}(C)) \neq \emptyset$ .

**System 2:** There exists  $y^* \in C^+ \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\langle y, y^* \rangle \geq 0$ , for all  $y \in F(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ .

(i) Suppose that  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  is generalized  $C$ -weak convexlike on  $A$  and  $\text{ri}(\text{cl}(\text{cone}F(A) + \text{ri}(C))) = \text{ri}(\text{cone}F(A) + \text{ri}(C)) \neq \emptyset$ . If System1 has no solution, then System 2 has solution.

(ii) If  $y^* \in C^{+i}$  is a solution of System2, then System1 has no solution.

**Proof** (i) Firstly, we assert that  $0 \notin \text{cone}(F(A)) + \text{ri}(C)$ . Otherwise, there exist  $x_0 \in A, \alpha \geq 0$  such that  $0 \in \alpha F(x_0) + \text{ri}(C)$ .

**Case 1.** If  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $0 \in \text{ri}(C)$ . Thus, there exists  $U$ , a neighborhood of  $0$ , such

$$U \cap \text{aff}(C) \subseteq C. \tag{13}$$

Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $U$  is symmetric. It follows from (13) that

$$U \cap (-\text{aff}(C)) \subseteq (-C). \tag{14}$$

It is clear that  $\text{aff}(C)$  is a linear subspace of  $Y$ . Therefore,  $\text{aff}(C) = -\text{aff}(C)$ . By (14), we have

$$U \cap \text{aff}(C) \subseteq (-C). \tag{15}$$

By (13) and (15), we obtain

$$U \cap \text{aff}(C) \subseteq C \cap (-C). \tag{16}$$

Since  $C$  is nontrivial, there exists  $\bar{c} \in C \setminus \{0\}$ . By the absorption of  $U$ , there exists  $\lambda$ , a sufficiently small positive number, such that

$$\lambda \bar{c} \in U \cap \text{aff}(C) \subseteq C \cap (-C), \tag{17}$$

which contradicts that  $C$  is pointed.

**Case 2.** If  $\alpha > 0$ , there exists  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that  $-y_0 \in \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \text{ri}(C) \subseteq \text{ri}(C)$ , which contradicts

$F(x) \cap (-\text{ri}(C)) = \emptyset$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

Therefore, our assertion is true. Thus, we obtain

$$0 \notin \text{ri}(\text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(A)) + \text{ri}(C))). \tag{18}$$

Since  $F$  is generalized  $C$ -weak convexlike on  $A$ ,  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(A)) + \text{ri}(C))$  is a closed-convex set. By Lemma 1.5, there exists  $y^* \in Y^* \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\langle y, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in \text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(A)) + \text{ri}(C)). \tag{19}$$

So,  $\langle \alpha F(x) + c, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in A, c \in \text{ri}(C), \alpha \geq 0$ . (20)

Letting  $\alpha = 0$  in (20), we obtain

$$\langle c, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall c \in \text{ri}(C). \tag{21}$$

We assert that  $y^* \in C^+$ . Otherwise, there exists  $c' \in C$  such that  $\langle c', y^* \rangle < 0$ , hence,

$\langle \theta c', y^* \rangle < 0$ , for all  $\theta > 0$ . By Lemma 1.4, we have

$$\theta c' + c \in \text{ri}(C), \forall c \in \text{ri}(C). \tag{22}$$

It follows from (21) that

$$\langle \theta c' + c, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall \theta > 0, c \in \text{ri}(C). \tag{23}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\theta \langle c', y^* \rangle + \langle c, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall \theta > 0, c \in \text{ri}(C). \tag{24}$$

On the other hand, (24) does not hold when  $\theta > -\frac{\langle c, y^* \rangle}{\langle c', y^* \rangle} \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $\langle c, y^* \rangle \geq 0$ , for all

$c \in C$ , that is,  $y^* \in C^+$ .

Letting  $\alpha = 1$  in (20), we have

$$\langle F(x) + c, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in A, c \in \text{ri}(C). \tag{25}$$

Taking  $c_0 \in \text{ri}(C), \lambda_n > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = 0$ , we have

$$\langle F(x) + \lambda_n c_0, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{26}$$

Limiting (26), we obtain  $\langle F(x), y^* \rangle \geq 0$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

(ii) Since  $y^* \in C^+$  is a solution of System 2, we have

$$\langle y, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in F(A). \tag{27}$$

Now, we suppose that System1 has solution. Then, there exists  $x_0 \in A$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap (-\text{ri}(C)) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus, there exists  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that  $-y_0 \in \text{ri}(C)$ . It is clear that  $-y_0 \neq 0$ . So, we have

$$\langle y_0, y^* \rangle < 0, \tag{28}$$

which contradicts (27).

### 3. Optimality Conditions

Let  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  and  $G: A \rightarrow 2^Z$  be two set-valued maps from  $A$  to  $Y$  and  $Z$ , respectively. Now, we consider the following vector optimization problem of set-valued maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & F(x) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & -G(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset. \end{aligned} \tag{VP}$$

The feasible set of (VP) is defined by

$$S = \{x \in A \mid -G(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset\}. \tag{29}$$

Now, we define

$$\begin{aligned} W\text{Min}(F(S), C) &= \{y_0 \in F(S) \mid y_0 - y \notin \text{ri}(C), \forall y \in F(S)\}, \\ P\text{Min}(F(S), C) &= \{y_0 \in F(S) \mid (-C) \cap \text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(S) + C - y_0)) = \{0\}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

**Definition 3.1** A point  $x_0$  is called a **weakly efficient solution** of (VP) if  $x_0 \in S$  and  $F(x_0) \cap W\text{Min}(F(S), C) \neq \emptyset$ . A point pair  $(x_0, y_0)$  is called a **weak minimizer** of (VP) if  $y_0 \in F(x_0) \cap W\text{Min}(F(S), C)$ .

**Definition 3.2** A point  $x_0$  is called a **Benson properly efficient solution** of (VP) if  $x_0 \in S$  and  $F(x_0) \cap P\text{Min}(F(S), C) \neq \emptyset$ . A point pair  $(x_0, y_0)$  is called a **Benson proper minimizer** of (VP) if  $y_0 \in F(x_0) \cap P\text{Min}(F(S), C)$ .

Let  $I(x) = F(x) \times G(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ . It is clear that  $I$  is a set-valued map from  $A$  to  $Y \times Z$ , where  $Y \times Z$  is a separated local convex space with nontrivial pointed closed-convex cone  $C \times D$ . The topological dual space of  $Y \times Z$  is  $Y^* \times Z^*$ , and the topological dual cone of  $C \times D$  is  $C^+ \times D^+$ .

By Definition 2.3, we say that the set-valued map  $I: A \rightarrow 2^{Y \times Z}$  is generalized  $C \times D$ -weak convexlike on  $A$  if  $\text{cone}I(A) + \text{ri}(C \times D)$  is a convex set of  $Y \times Z$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $ri(\text{cl}(\text{cone } I^*(A) + ri(C \times D))) = ri(\text{cone } I^*(A) + ri(C \times D)) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that the following conditions hold:

(i)  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a weak minimizer of (VP);

(ii)  $I^*(x)$  is generalized  $C \times D$ -weak convexlike on  $A$ , where

$I^*(x) = (F(x) - y_0) \times G(x)$ . Then, there exists  $(y^*, z^*) \in C^+ \times D^+$  with

$(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{x \in A} (\langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle) &= \langle y_0, y^* \rangle, \\ \inf \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

**Proof** According to Definition 3.1, we have

$$(y_0 - F(S)) \cap ri(C) = \emptyset. \tag{32}$$

It is clear that  $I^*(x) = I(x) - (y_0, 0)$ , for all  $x \in A$ . We assert that

$$-I^*(x) \cap ri(C \times D) = \emptyset, \forall x \in A. \tag{33}$$

Otherwise, there exists  $\bar{x} \in A$  such that

$$-I^*(\bar{x}) \cap ri(C \times D) \neq \emptyset. \tag{34}$$

It is easy to check that  $ri(C \times D) = ri(C) \times ri(D)$ .

Therefore,  $-I^*(\bar{x}) \cap (ri(C) \times ri(D)) \neq \emptyset$ . (35)

By (35), we obtain  $(y_0 - F(\bar{x})) \cap ri(C) \neq \emptyset$ , (36)

$$-G(\bar{x}) \cap ri(D) \neq \emptyset. \tag{37}$$

It follows from (37) that  $\bar{x} \in S$ . Thus, by (36), we have

$$(y_0 - F(S)) \cap ri(C) \neq \emptyset, \tag{38}$$

which contradicts (32). Therefore, (33) holds.

By Theorem 2.4, there exists  $(y^*, z^*) \in C^+ \times D^+$  with  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that

$$\langle I^*(x), (y^*, z^*) \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in A. \tag{39}$$

That is,

$$\langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle, \forall x \in A. \tag{40}$$

Since  $x_0 \in S$ , there exists  $p \in G(x_0)$  such that  $-p \in D$ .

Because  $z^* \in D^+$ , we obtain  $\langle p, z^* \rangle \leq 0$ .

On the other hand, taking  $x = x_0$  in (40), we get

$$\langle y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle p, z^* \rangle \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle. \tag{41}$$

It follows that  $\langle p, z^* \rangle \geq 0$ . So,  $\langle p, z^* \rangle = 0$ . Thus, we have

$$\langle y_0, y^* \rangle \in \langle F(x_0), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle. \tag{42}$$

Therefore, it follows from (40) and (42) that

$$\inf_{x \in A} (\langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle) = \langle y_0, y^* \rangle. \tag{43}$$

Finally, taking again  $x = x_0$  in (40), we obtain

$$\langle y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle. \tag{44}$$

So,  $\langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle \geq 0$ . We have shown that there exists  $p \in G(x_0)$  such that  $\langle p, z^* \rangle = 0$ .

Thus, we have

$$\inf \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle = 0. \tag{45}$$

**Theorem 3.4** Suppose that the following conditions hold:

(i)  $x_0 \in S$ ;

(ii) there exist  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$  and  $(y^*, z^*) \in C^{+i} \times D^+$  such that

$$\inf_{x \in A} (\langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle) \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle. \tag{46}$$

Then,  $x_0$  is a weakly efficient solution of (VP).

**Proof** By condition (ii), we have

$$\langle F(x) - y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in A. \tag{47}$$

Suppose to the contrary that  $x_0$  is not a weakly efficient solution of (VP).

Then, there exists  $x' \in S$  such that  $(y_0 - F(x')) \cap \text{ri}(C) \neq \emptyset$ .

Therefore, there exists  $t \in F(x')$  such that  $y_0 - t \in \text{ri}(C) \subseteq C \setminus \{0\}$ .

Thus, we obtain

$$\langle t - y_0, y^* \rangle < 0. \tag{48}$$

Since  $x' \in S$ , there exists  $q \in G(x')$  such that  $-q \in D$ .

Hence, 
$$\langle q, z^* \rangle \leq 0. \tag{49}$$

Adding (48) to (49), we have

$$\langle t - y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle q, z^* \rangle < 0, \tag{50}$$

which contradicts (47). Therefore,  $x_0$  is a weakly efficient solution of (VP).

The following example will be used to illustrate Theorem 3.4.

**Example 3.5** Let  $X = Y = Z = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $C = D = \{(y_1, 0) \mid y_1 \geq 0\}$ , and  $A = \{(1, 0), (1, 2)\}$ . The set-valued map  $F: A \rightarrow 2^Y$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F(1, 0) &= \{(y_1, y_2) \mid y_1 \geq 1, y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 2\}, \\ F(1, 2) &= \{(y_1, y_2) \mid y_1 \leq 2, 1 \leq y_2 \leq y_1\}. \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

The set-valued map  $G: A \rightarrow 2^Z$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G(1, 0) &= \{(y_1, y_2) \mid -1 \leq y_1 \leq 0, y_2 = 0\}, \\ G(1, 2) &= \{(y_1, y_2) \mid -1 \leq y_1 \leq 0, 0 \leq y_2 \leq 1\}. \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

Let  $x_0 = (1, 0)$ ,  $y_0 = (1, 1) \in F(x_0)$ ,  $\langle (y_1, y_2), y^* \rangle = y_1 + y_2$ , and  $\langle (y_1, y_2), z^* \rangle = -y_1$ .

It is clear that all conditions of Theorem 3.4 are satisfied.

Therefore, (1,0) is a weakly efficient solution of (VP).

Now, we consider the following scalar optimization problem  $(VP)_\varphi$  of (VP):

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \langle F(x), \varphi \rangle \\ \text{subject to} \quad & x \in S, \end{aligned} \tag{VP}_\varphi$$

where  $\varphi \in Y^* \setminus \{0\}$ .



**Definition 3.6** If  $x_0 \in S, y_0 \in F(x_0)$  and

$$\langle y_0, \varphi \rangle \leq \langle y, \varphi \rangle, \forall y \in F(S), \tag{53}$$

then  $x_0$  and  $(x_0, y_0)$  are called a **minimal solution** and a **minimizer** of  $(VP)_{\varphi}$ , respectively.

**Lemma 3.7** Let  $U_1, U_2 \subset Y$  be two closed-convex cones such that  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \{0\}$ . If  $U_2$  is pointed and locally compact, then  $(-U_1^+) \cap U_2^+ \neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.8** If  $V$  is a subset of  $Y$ , then

(i)  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) = \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)),$

(ii)  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) = \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + C)).$

**Proof** (i) If  $V = \emptyset$ , it is obvious that

$$\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) = \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)). \tag{54}$$

If  $V \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $c \in \text{ri}(C)$ . It is clear that

$$\lambda c \in \text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C), \forall \lambda \in (0, +\infty). \tag{55}$$

Letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  in (55), we have

$$0 \in \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)). \tag{56}$$

Now, we will show that

$$\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C)) \subseteq (\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \cup \{0\}. \tag{57}$$

Let  $y \in \text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))$ .

**Case 1.** If  $y = 0$ , then  $y \in (\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \cup \{0\}$ .

**Case 2.** If  $y \neq 0$ , there exist  $\alpha > 0, v \in V$ , and  $\bar{c} \in \text{ri}(C)$  such that

$$y = \alpha(v + \bar{c}) = \alpha v + \alpha \bar{c} \in \text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C) \subseteq (\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \cup \{0\}. \tag{58}$$

Therefore, (57) holds. Since  $Y$  is separated, by (56) and (57), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) &\subseteq \text{cl}((\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \cup \{0\}) \\ &= \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \cup \text{cl}\{0\} \\ &= \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \cup \{0\} \\ &= \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)). \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

That is,  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)).$  (60)

Using the technique of Lemma 2.1 in [2], we easily obtain

$$\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))). \tag{61}$$

So,  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)).$  (62)

By (60) and (62), we have  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) = \text{cl}(\text{cone}V + \text{ri}(C)).$

(ii) It is obvious that

$$\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + C)). \tag{63}$$

We will show that

$$\text{cone}(V + C) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))). \tag{64}$$

It is clear that (64) holds if  $V = \emptyset$ . Now, we suppose that  $V \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $y \in \text{cone}(V + C)$ , then there exist  $\lambda \geq 0, v \in V$ , and  $c \in C$  such that

$$y = \lambda(v + c). \tag{65}$$

Since  $\text{ri}(C) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $c_0 \in \text{ri}(C)$ . It follows from Lemma 1.4 that

$$\frac{\lambda}{\alpha} c_0 + y = \lambda \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} c_0 + c + v \right) \in \text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C)), \forall \alpha > 0. \tag{66}$$

Letting  $\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$  in (66), we have

$$y \in \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))), \quad (67)$$

which implies that (64) holds. By (64), we obtain

$$\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + C)) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))). \quad (68)$$

By (63) and (68), we have

$$\text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + \text{ri}(C))) = \text{cl}(\text{cone}(V + C)). \quad (69)$$

**Theorem 3.9** Suppose that the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $C \subseteq Y$  is locally compact;
- (ii)  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a Benson proper minimizer of (VP);
- (iii)  $F - y_0$  is generalized  $C$ -weak convexlike on  $S$ .

Then, there exists  $\varphi \in C^{+i}$  such that  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a minimizer of  $(VP)_\varphi$ .

**Proof** By condition (ii), we have

$$(-C) \cap \text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(S) + C - y_0)) = \{0\}. \quad (70)$$

By Lemma 3.8 and condition (iii), we obtain that  $\text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(S) + C - y_0))$  is a closed-convex cone.

Thus, condition of Lemma 3.7 are satisfied. Therefore, there exists  $\varphi \in C^{+i}$  such that

$$\varphi \in (\text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(S) + C - y_0)))^+. \quad (71)$$

Since  $F(S) - y_0 \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{cone}(F(S) + C - y_0))$ , we obtain

$$\langle y - y_0, \varphi \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in F(S). \quad (72)$$

That is,  $\langle y, \varphi \rangle \geq \langle y_0, \varphi \rangle, \forall y \in F(S). \quad (73)$

So,  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a minimizer of  $(VP)_\varphi$ .

### Conclusion

In this paper, our results are very useful to form Lagrange multipliers rule and establish duality theory.

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