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## The Optimality Conditions for Cone-Preinvex Set-Valued Functions\*

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**Abstract:** This paper deals with the minimization problems of cone-preinvex set-valued functions in the topological vector space. The optimality conditions for vector optimization of cone-preinvex set-valued functions are obtained.

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Many results of the optimality conditions for set-valued functions have been obtained in recent years, for example, Li<sup>[1]</sup>, ZhongFei Li and GuangYa Chen<sup>[2]</sup>, etc. The notion of preinvex for scalar-valued functions was introduced into literature by Weir<sup>[3]</sup> and Weir<sup>[4]</sup> by relaxing the convexity assumption on the domain set of the functions. Davinder Bhatia<sup>[5]</sup> had extended the class of cone-convex set-valued functions to the class of cone-preinvex set-valued functions. A fractional programming problem involving set-valued functions has been considered.

Motivated by Li<sup>[1]</sup>, in the present paper, we will establish a necessary and sufficient optimality condition and some necessary optimality conditions for cone-preinvex set-valued functions in the topological vector space.

### 1 Notion and Preliminary Results

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological vector spaces. A set-valued function  $F$  from  $X$  into  $Y$  is a function that associates a unique subset of  $Y$  with each point of  $X$ . Equivalently,  $F$  can be viewed as a function from  $X$  into the power set of  $Y$ , i. e.  $F: X \rightarrow 2^Y$ .

The domain of  $F: X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is given by

$$D(F) = \{x \in X \mid F(x) \neq \emptyset\}$$

For  $E \subseteq X$ ,  $F: E \rightarrow 2^Y$ , denote,  $F(E) = \bigcup_{x \in E} F(x)$ .

A subset  $\Gamma$  of  $Y$  is said to be a cone if  $\lambda\xi \in \Gamma$  for every  $\xi \in \Gamma$ , and  $\lambda > 0$ . A convex cone is one for which  $\lambda_1\xi_1 + \lambda_2\xi_2 \in \Gamma$  for each  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \Gamma$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ . A pointed cone is one for which  $\Gamma \cap (-\Gamma) = \{0\}$ , where 0 is the zero element of  $Y$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a pointed convex cone with  $\text{int } \Gamma \neq \emptyset$ .

Then we define three cone orders with respect to  $\Gamma$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 \leq_r \xi_2 & \text{ iff } \xi_2 - \xi_1 \in \Gamma, \\ \xi_1 \leq_{r'} \xi_2 & \text{ iff } \xi_2 - \xi_1 \in \Gamma \setminus \{0\}, \\ \xi_1 < \xi_2 & \text{ iff } \xi_2 - \xi_1 \in \text{int } \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

The set of all the weak  $\Gamma$ -minimal points and weak  $\Gamma$ -maximal points of a set  $A$  in  $Y$  are defined

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as:

$$W - \text{Min}_r A = \{y_0 \in A \mid \text{there exists no } y \in A \text{ for which } y <_r y_0\},$$

$$W - \text{Max}_r A = \{y_0 \in A \mid \text{there exists no } y \in A \text{ for which } y_0 <_r y\}.$$

If  $y_0 \in A$  is a weak minima of  $A$  with respect to cone  $\Gamma$ , then it is denoted by  $y_0 \in W - \text{Min}_r A$ .

The polar cone  $\Gamma^*$  of  $\Gamma$  is defined as:

$$\Gamma^* = \{y^* \in Y^* \mid \langle y, y^* \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } y \in \Gamma\}.$$

The following result is due to Wang and Li<sup>[5]</sup>.

**Lemma 1.1** If  $\Gamma \in Y$  is a pointed convex cone with  $\text{int } \Gamma \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$(1) \Gamma + \text{int } \Gamma \subset \text{int } \Gamma,$$

$$(2) \langle y, y^* \rangle > 0 \text{ for any } y^* \in \Gamma^* \setminus \{0\} \text{ and } y \in \text{int } \Gamma.$$

**Definition 1.1**<sup>[5]</sup> Let  $E \subset X$  be a convex set and  $F: E \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a set-valued function and  $\Gamma$  be a pointed convex cone in  $Y$ . Then  $F$  is said to be  $\Gamma$ -convex on  $E$  if for every  $x_1, x_2 \in E, t \in [0, 1]$ .

$$tF(x_1) + (1-t)F(x_2) \subset F(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) + \Gamma.$$

We define a new class of set-valued functions, called a preinvex set-valued function.

**Definition 1.2**<sup>[5]</sup> Let  $E$  be a subset of  $X, F: E \rightarrow 2^Y$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a pointed convex cone in  $Y$ .  $F$  is said to be  $\Gamma$ -preinvex on  $E$  if there exists a function  $\eta$  defined on  $X \times X$  and values in  $X$  such that for any  $x_1, x_2 \in E, t \in [0, 1]$ .

$$tF(x_1) + (1-t)F(x_2) \subset F(x_2 + t\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Gamma.$$

It is implicit in the above definition that for  $x_1, x_2 \in E$ , and  $t \in [0, 1], x_2 + t\eta(x_1, x_2) \in E$ , we call such a set  $E$  to be an invex set with respect to  $\eta$ .

This definition generalizes the class of set-valued functions, as in the case where  $F$  is a  $\Gamma$ -convex function on  $E$ ; then by taking  $x_1 - x_2 = \eta(x_1, x_2)$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in E, F$  becomes  $\Gamma$ -preinvex. However, the converse need not be true, that is, a  $\Gamma$ -preinvex set-valued function need not be  $\Gamma$ -convex.

The following theorem characterizes the generalized Farkas-Minkowski type theorem for preinvex set-valued functions.

**Theorem 1.1**<sup>[5]</sup> Let  $E$  be an invex subset of  $X$  (with respect to a function  $\eta: X \times X \rightarrow X$ ). If the set-valued function  $F: E \rightarrow 2^Y$  is  $\Gamma$ -preinvex and  $G: E \rightarrow 2^Z$  is  $\Lambda$ -preinvex (with respect to some function  $\eta$ ), where  $\Gamma$  and  $\Lambda$  are pointed convex cones in topological vector spaces  $Y$  and  $Z$ , respectively, then exactly one of the following statements is true:

(1) there exists  $x \in E$  such that

$$F(x) \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) \neq \emptyset$$

$$G(x) \cap (-\text{int } \Lambda) \neq \emptyset$$

(2) there exists  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  in  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$  such that for every  $x \in E$ ,

$$\langle y^*, F(x) \rangle + \langle z^*, G(x) \rangle \geq 0.$$

The proof is given in [5].

**Corollary 1.2** If in Theorem 1.1, we assume further that there exists  $x^* \in E$  such that  $G(x^*) \cap (-\text{int } \Lambda) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $y^* \neq 0$ .

Let  $Y, Z$  be ordered topological vector spaces with pointed convex cones  $\Gamma$  and  $\Lambda$ , respectively, the topological interiors of which are both nonempty. Then the product space  $Y \times Z$  is also an ordered topological vector space with a pointed convex cones  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ . We shall introduce below two common lemmas for the topological interior and the polar cone of  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ .

**Lemma 1.2**  $\text{int}(\Gamma \times \Lambda) = \text{int } \Gamma \times \text{int } \Lambda$ .

**Lemma 1.3**  $(\Gamma \times \Lambda)^* = \Gamma^* \times \Lambda^*$ .

The proofs of the two above Lemmas are easy.

## 2 Optimality Conditions

Let  $X$  be a topological vector space, and  $A, D$  be an invex subset of  $X$  (with respect to a function  $\eta: X \times X \rightarrow X$ ). Let  $Y, Z$  be ordered topological vector spaces with pointed convex cones  $\Gamma$  and  $\Lambda$ , respectively, the topological interiors of which are both nonempty. Let  $F: X \rightarrow 2^Y, G: X \rightarrow 2^Z$  be set-valued functions from  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $Z$ , respectively.

In this paper, we consider the following two classes of the optimization problems of set-valued functions

$$\min_{x \in A} F(x) \quad (P1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{x \in D} F(x) \\ & \text{s. t. } G(x) \cap (-\Lambda) \neq \emptyset \quad (P2) \end{aligned}$$

The feasible set of problem (P2) is defined by

$$K = \{x \in D \mid G(x) \cap (-\Lambda) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

**Remark 1** Clearly,  $y_0 \in W\text{-Min}_r A$  iff  $(A - y_0) \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) = \emptyset$ , where  $A - y_0 = \{y - y_0 \mid y \in A\}$ .

**Definition 2.1** A point  $x_0 \in A$  is said to be a weak efficient solution of (P1) if  $\exists y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that  $y_0 \in W\text{-Min}_r F(A)$ .

**Definition 2.2** A point  $x_0 \in K$  is said to be a weak efficient solution of (P2) if  $\exists y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that  $y_0 \in W\text{-Min}_r F(K)$ .

Clearly,  $x_0 \in A$  is a weak efficient solution of (P1) iff  $\exists y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that

$$[F(A) - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) = \emptyset.$$

and  $x_0 \in K$  is a weak efficient solution of (P2) iff  $\exists y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that

$$[F(K) - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) = \emptyset.$$

First, we consider the optimality condition for problem (P1).

**Theorem 2.1** Suppose that  $F(x)$  is  $\Gamma$ -preinvex on  $A$ , and that  $x_0 \in A$ . Then  $x_0$  is a weak efficient solution of (P1) iff there exists  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ , and  $y^* \in \Gamma^*$ , with  $y^* \neq 0$  such that

$$\inf \langle F(A), y^* \rangle = \langle y_0, y^* \rangle.$$

*Proof.* Necessity. By Definition 2.1, there exists  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that  $y_0 \in W\text{-Min}_r F(A)$ , i. e.  $[F(x) - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) = \emptyset$ , for all  $x \in A$ . It is clear that  $F(x) - y_0$  is also  $\Gamma$ -preinvex on  $A$ , for  $F(x)$  is  $\Gamma$ -preinvex on  $A$ . Thus, using Theorem 2.1, there exists  $y^* \in \Gamma^*$ , with  $y^* \neq 0$  such that

$$\langle F(A) - y_0, y^* \rangle \geq 0, \text{ i. e. } \langle F(A), y^* \rangle \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle.$$

However,  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ , therefore,  $\inf \langle F(A), y^* \rangle = \langle y_0, y^* \rangle$ .

**Sufficiency.** It follows directly from Theorem 1.1.

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Now, we establish the optimality of (P2). Let

$$H(x) = F(x) \times G(x), x \in X.$$

Then  $H$  is a set-valued function from  $X$  to product space  $Y \times Z$  which is an ordered topological vector space with pointed convex cone  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$  with a nonempty topological interior.

**Theorem 2.2** Suppose the following:

- 1)  $x_0 \in K$  is a weak efficient solution of (P2),

(2)  $G(x)$  is  $\Lambda$ -preinvex on  $D$  and  $H(x)$  is  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ -preinvex on  $K$ .

Then there exists  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ , and  $y^* \in \Gamma^*$ ,  $z^* \in \Lambda^*$ , with  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \inf [ \langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle ] &= \langle y_0, y^* \rangle, \\ \inf \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. According to Definition 2.2,  $\exists y_0 \in F(x_0)$  such that

$$[F(K) - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) = \emptyset. \quad (1)$$

For any  $x \in X$ , we have  $[F(x) - y_0] \times G(x) = F(x) \times G(x) - (y_0, 0)$ . Let  $H^*(x) = H(x) - (y_0, 0)$ , Since  $H$  is  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ -preinvex on  $K$ , of course,  $H^*$  is also  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ -preinvex on  $K$ . We have that

$$H^*(x) \cap [-\text{int}(\Gamma \times \Lambda)] = \emptyset, \text{ for all } x \in K. \quad (2)$$

Suppose not. Then  $\exists x' \in K$  such that  $H^*(x') \cap [-\text{int}(\Gamma \times \Lambda)] \neq \emptyset$ . Hence, it follows by Lemma 1.2 that  $[F(x') - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) \neq \emptyset$ . Which contradicts (1). Therefore (2) holds. Thus, by Theorem 1.1 and Lemma 1.3,  $\exists y^* \in \Gamma^*$ ,  $z^* \in \Lambda^*$ , with  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that

$$\langle H^*(x), (y^*, z^*) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for any } x \in K,$$

It follows that

$$\langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle, \text{ for any } x \in K, \quad (3)$$

Due to  $x_0 \in K$ , consequently  $\exists p \in G(x_0)$  such that  $p \in (-\Lambda)$ . But  $z^* \in \Lambda^*$ , which implies that  $\langle p, z^* \rangle \leq 0$ . On the other hand, to take  $x = x_0$  in (3), we may get  $\langle y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle p, z^* \rangle \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle$ .

It follows that  $\langle p, z^* \rangle \geq 0$ . So  $\langle p, z^* \rangle = 0$ . Thus, we have  $\langle y_0, y^* \rangle \in \langle F(x_0), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle$ .

Hence, it follows from (3) that  $\inf [ \langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle ] = \langle y_0, y^* \rangle$ .

Take again  $x = x_0$  in (3), we may get

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

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

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**Corollary 2.1** Suppose the following:

- 1)  $x_0 \in K$  is a weak efficient solution of (P2),
- 2)  $D$  be an invex subset of  $X$  (with respect to a function  $\eta: X \times X \rightarrow X$ ).  $F$  and  $G$  are  $\Gamma$ -preinvex and  $\Lambda$ -preinvex on  $D$ , respectively. Then  $\exists y_0 \in (F(x_0))$ , and  $y^* \in \Gamma^*$ ,  $z^* \in \Lambda^*$ , with  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \inf [ \langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle ] &= \langle y_0, y^* \rangle, \\ \inf \langle G(x_0), z^* \rangle &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let  $x_1, x_2 \in D, \lambda \in [0, 1]$ . According to assumption 2), with respect to the same function  $\eta: X \times X \rightarrow X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)F(x_2) &\subset F(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Gamma, \\ G(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)G(x_2) &\subset G(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Clearly,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda[F(x_1) \times G(x_1)] + (1 - \lambda)[F(x_2) \times G(x_2)] &= [F(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)F(x_2)] \\ &\quad \times [G(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)G(x_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (4), we get

$$\lambda H(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)H(x_2) \subset [F(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Gamma] \times [G(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Lambda]. \quad (5)$$

But the right-hand member of (5) is same as the set  $F(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) \times G(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Gamma$

$\times \Lambda$ . Hence it follows from (5) that  $\lambda H(x_1) + (1-\lambda)H(x_2) \subset H(x_2 + \lambda\eta(x_1, x_2)) + \Gamma \times \Lambda$ , i. e.  $H(x)$  is  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ -preinvex on  $D$ . Now it is clear that feasible set  $K$  is invex, it follows that  $H$  is  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ -preinvex on  $K$ .

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We can similarly show the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3** Suppose the following:

- 1)  $x_0 \in K$  is a weak efficient solution of (P2),
- 2)  $H(x)$  is  $\Gamma \times \Lambda$ -preinvex on  $D$ ,
- 3)  $[F(D \setminus K) - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) = \emptyset$ , where  $y_0$  is as in Theorem 2.1.

Then  $\exists y^* \in \Gamma^*, z^* \in \Lambda^*$ , with  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that

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

**Theorem 2.4** Suppose the following:

- 1)  $x_0 \in K$ ,
- 2)  $y_0 \in F(x_0)$ , and  $(y^*, z^*) \in \Gamma^* \times \Lambda^*$ , with  $(y^*, z^*) \neq (0, 0)$  such that
 
$$\inf [\langle F(x), y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle] \geq \langle y_0, y^* \rangle,$$
- 3)  $x' \in D$  such that  $G(x') \cap (-\text{int } \Lambda) = \emptyset$ .

Then  $x_0$  is a weak efficient solution of (P2).

**Proof.** By assumption 2), we have  $\langle F(x) - y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle G(x), z^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in D$ . (6)

First, we prove that  $y^* \neq 0$ . Suppose not, i. e.  $y^* = 0$ . Hence it follows from (6) that

$$\langle G(x), z^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in D. \quad (7)$$

By assumption 3), there exists  $u \in G(x')$  such that  $-u \in \text{int } \Lambda$ , let  $z \in Z$ , then  $\exists \lambda_0 > 0$  such that  $-u + \lambda_0 z \in \Lambda$  and  $-u - \lambda_0 z \in \Lambda$ . since  $z^* \in \Lambda^*$ , thus

$$\langle -u + \lambda_0 z, z^* \rangle \geq 0 \text{ and } \langle -u - \lambda_0 z, z^* \rangle \geq 0. \quad (8)$$

From (7), we can get that  $\langle u, z^* \rangle \geq 0$ , hence it follows from (8) that  $\langle z, z^* \rangle = 0$ , this implies that  $z^* = 0$ , in contradiction to assumption (2), so  $y^* \neq 0$ . If  $x_0$  is not a weak efficient solution of (P2), then  $\exists x' \in K$  such that  $[F(x') - y_0] \cap (-\text{int } \Gamma) \neq \emptyset$ , hence  $\exists t \in F(x')$  such that  $t - y_0 \in (-\text{int } \Gamma)$ . Since  $y^* \in \Gamma^*$  and  $y^* \neq 0$ , using Lemma 1.1, we obtain

$$\langle t - y_0, y^* \rangle < 0 \quad (9)$$

Due to  $x' \in K$ , this implies that there exists  $q \in G(x')$  such that  $q \in (-\Lambda)$ , it follows that

$$\langle q, z^* \rangle \leq 0 \quad (10)$$

Adding (10) to (9), we get  $\langle t - y_0, y^* \rangle + \langle q, z^* \rangle < 0$ , which contradicts (6). thus  $x_0$  is a weak efficient solution of (P2).

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## 锥—准不变凸集值映射的最优性条件

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**摘要:**研究了拓扑向量空间中的锥—准不变凸集值映射的极小值问题,得到了锥—准不变凸集值映射的最优性充要条件。

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