



Second-Order Symmetric Duality for Multiple Objectives Nonlinear Programming Under Generalizations of Cone-Preinvexity Functions

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Abstract

In this article, we present generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions and study a pair of second-order symmetric solutions for multiple objective nonlinear programming problems under these generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions. In addition, we establish and prove the theorems of weak duality, strong duality, strict converse duality, and self-duality by assuming the skew-symmetric functions under these generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions. Finally, we provide four nontrivial numerical examples to demonstrate that the results of the weak and strong duality theorems are true.

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1 Introduction

Weir and Mond [21] introduced symmetric and self-dual for multiple objective nonlinear programming (MONLP) problems. Mond and Weir [17] introduced duality to the MONLP problems with pseudo-convexity and pseudo-concavity. Kim [13, 14] presented symmetric duality for these (MONLP) problems under pseudo-invexity functions. Devi [1] introduced symmetric programs involving η -bonvexity functions for these problems. Mishra [15] studied these programming problems under F-convexity. Yang [22] introduced converse duality for these programming problems under cone constraints. Seema [18] presented symmetric duality for these programming problems under cone-invex. Kassem [8–11] studied these programming problems under cone-invexity and (K, F)-pseudo-convexity functions. Suneja et al. [19] studied these programming problems with cone constraints. Dubey et al. [3–7] reported

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higher-order symmetric duality for non-differentiable fractional programming under cone constraints. Kassem [12] studied the second-order symmetric duality in vector optimization involving (K, η) -pseudobonvexity functions.

The article presents generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions and studies a pair of second-order symmetric multiple objective nonlinear programming (MONLP) problems under these generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions. In addition, we establish and prove duality theorems and a self-duality theorem for these (MONLP) problems under these generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions. Finally, four nontrivial numerical examples are given to show that the results of the weak and strong duality theorems are true.

2 Notations and Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 [14] The set X is called an invex at the point $u \in X$ with respect to $(w. r. t.)\eta : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$ if $\forall x \in X$ we have $u + \lambda \eta(x, u) \in X, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

If it X is invex for all $u \in X$, the set X is invex w. r. t. $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$.

Definition 2.2 [14] The invex set X is called an invex cone, if $x \in X, \lambda \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda x \in X$.

Definition 2.3 The function $f(x)$ is said to have a K -preinvexity w. r. t. $\eta : X \times X \rightarrow R^n$, if $\forall x, y \in R^n$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ we have.

$$\lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda) f(y) - f(y + \lambda \eta(x, y)) \in K.$$

Where K is define as a closing invex cone.

Let us consider the following general (MONLP) problems:

$$(MONLP)^1 \quad K - \min f_i(x), i = 1, 2, ..p$$

$$\text{subject to } x \in X = \{x \in C : -g_j(x) \in Q, j = 1, 2, ...m\}$$

where $C \subset R^n, K$ and Q are closed invex cones and $f_i : R^n \rightarrow R^p, g_j : R^n \rightarrow R^m$.

Definition 2.4 [15] The point $\bar{x} \in X$ is a weak minimum for the $(MONLP)^1$ problem, if $f(\bar{x}) - f(x) \notin \text{int } K \forall x \in X$.

Definition 2.5 [18] The positive cone K^* is.

$$K^* = \{z \in R^p : x^T z \geq 0 \forall x \in K\}.$$

Let us consider a pair of second-order symmetric duality $(MONLP)^1$ problems in the following form:

$$(MONLP) : \quad K - \min f(x, y) - [y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)]e - [y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)]p$$

$$\text{subject to } (x, y) \in C_1 \times C_2,$$

$$-\nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y) - p^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y) \in C_2^*,$$

$$\lambda, p \in K^*, e \in \text{int } K, \lambda^T e = 1,$$

$$(MONLD) : \quad K - \max f(u, v) - [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)]e - [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)]r$$

subject to $(u, v) \in C_1 \times C_2$,

$$\nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v) + r^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v) \in C_1^*,$$

$$\lambda, r \in K^*, e \in \text{int } K, \lambda^T e = 1,$$

where $f : R^n \times R^m \rightarrow R^p$ is a twice-differentiable function, these C_1^*, C_2^* are positive cones for closed invex cones C_1, C_2 , respectively, $\nabla_x(\lambda^T f)(x, y), \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)$ and $\nabla_{xx}(\lambda^T f)(x, y), \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)$ the gradients and Hessian matrices for $(\lambda^T f)(x, y)$ w. r. t. x, y , respectively.

3 Study the Second-Order Symmetric Duality Theorems

Theorem 3.1 (Weak Duality) *Assume the points (x, y, λ, p) and (u, v, λ, r) are feasible for the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems, respectively, and.*

- (i) *The function $f(\cdot, y)$ is a K -Preinvexity w. r. t. x for a fixed y .*
- (ii) *For a fixed x , the function $-f(x, \cdot)$ is a K -Preinvexity w. r. t. y , and.*
- (iii)
$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta(x, u) & (v - y) \\ -(x - u) & -\eta(v, y) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_u f(u, v) \\ \nabla_y f(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \geq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$f(u, v) - [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)]e - [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r]e - f(x, y) + [y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)]e + [y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)p]e \notin \text{int } K.$$

Proof Assume the inverse. That is,

$$f(u, v) - [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)]e - [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r]e - f(x, y) + [y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)]e + [y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)p]e \in \text{int } K$$

Because it $\lambda \in K^*$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda^T f(u, v) - \lambda^T [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)]e - \lambda^T [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r]e - \lambda^T f(x, y) + \lambda^T [y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)]e \\ &+ \lambda^T [y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)p]e \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\lambda^T f(u, v) - \lambda^T f(x, y) - [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)] - [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r] + [y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)] \\ &+ [y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)p] \geq 0 \text{ as } \lambda^T e = 1. \end{aligned} \tag{*}$$

Because the function $f(\cdot, y)$ is a K -preinvexity w. r. t. x for fixed $y = v$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda f(x, v) + (1 - \lambda) f(u, v) - f(u + \lambda \eta(x, u), v) \in K, \quad \lambda \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \\ &(f(x, v) - f(u, v)) - \left(\frac{f(u + \lambda \eta(x, u), v) - f(u, v)}{\lambda} \right) \in K \end{aligned}$$

Using the mean-valued theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &f(x, v) - f(u, v) - \eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v) \in K \Rightarrow \text{for } \lambda \in K^* \\ &\lambda^T f(x, v) - \lambda^T f(u, v) \geq \lambda^T \eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Since function $-f(x, \cdot)$ is a K -preinvexity w. r. t. y for fixed x ,

$$\lambda^T f(x, y) - \lambda^T f(x, v) \geq -\lambda^T \eta(v, y) \nabla_y f(x, y) \tag{2}$$

When we add the inequalities (1) and (2) together, we get a

$$\lambda^T f(x, y) - \lambda^T f(u, v) \geq \lambda^T \eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v) - \lambda \eta(v, y) \nabla_y f(x, y) \tag{3}$$

Because of assumption (iii), we have

$$\eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v) \geq -(v - y) \nabla_y f(x, y); \quad -(x - u) \nabla_u f(u, v) \geq \eta(v, y) \nabla_y f(x, y)$$

By adding the above inequalities,

$$\eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v) - \eta(v, y) \nabla_y f(x, y) \geq (x - u) \nabla_u f(u, v) - (v - y) \nabla_y f(x, y).$$

Then a relationship (3) is formed.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda f(x, y) - \lambda f(u, v) - x^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v) + u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v) \\ - y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y) + v^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y) \geq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

From the feasibility of the points (x, y, λ, p) and (u, v, λ, r) for the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems, respectively, we have

$$-\nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y) \geq p^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y), \quad \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v) \geq -r^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v) \tag{5}$$

Substituting (5) into (4), we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^T f(x, y) - y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y) - y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)p - \lambda^T f(u, v) \\ + u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v) + u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

That contradicts (*). Then the proof is complete.

To illustrate the results of this weak duality theorem, we introduce the following example:

Example 3.1.1 Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned} K = \{(x, y) \in R^2 : |y| \leq x, x \geq 0\}, f(x, y) = (x^3 - y^3, x^3), C_1 = C_2 = R_+, \\ \lambda f(x, v) + (1 - \lambda)f(u, v) - f(x + \lambda\eta(x, u), v) = (\lambda x^3 - \lambda u^3 + u^3 - (x + \lambda\eta(x, u))^3, \\ \lambda x^3 - \lambda u^3 + u^3 - (x + \lambda\eta(x, u))^3). \end{aligned}$$

There is $f(\cdot, y)$ a K -preinvexity function w. r. t. x for fixed y . In addition, there is $-f(x, \cdot)$ a K -preinvexity function w. r. t. y for fixed x

Furthermore, the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems take the form:

$$(MONLP) 1 : \quad K - \min (x^3 - y^3, x^3) + 3\lambda_1 y^3(e_1, e_2) + 6\lambda_1 y^2 p(e_1, e_2)$$

$$\text{subject to } x \geq 0, y \geq 0,$$

$$3\lambda_1 y^2 + 6\lambda_1 y p \geq 0$$

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in K^* = K, (e_1, e_2) \in \text{int } K,$$

$$\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 = 1,$$

and

$$(MONLD) 1 : \quad K - \max (u^3 - v^3, u^3) - 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3(e_1, e_2) - 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2 r(e_1, e_2)$$

$$\text{subject to } u \geq 0, v \geq 0,$$

$$3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2 + 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)ur \geq 0,$$

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in K^* = K, \quad (e_1, e_2) \in \text{int } K,$$

$$\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 = 1.$$

Assume the points (x, y, λ, p) and (u, v, λ, r) are feasible for (MONLP)1 and (MONLD)1, problems, respectively.

Because $f(\cdot, y)$ is a K -preinvexity function w. r. t. x , we obtain

$$f(x, v) - f(u, v) - \eta(x, u)\nabla_u f(u, v) \in K \Rightarrow$$

$$(x^3 - u^3 - 3u^2\eta(x, u), x^3 - u^3 - 3u^2\eta(x, u)) \in K.$$

Furthermore, because $-f(x, \cdot)$ is a K -preinvexity function w. r. t. y , we get

$$(v^3 - y^3 - 3y^2\eta(v, y), 0) \in K.$$

where $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in K^* = K, (e_1, e_2) \in \text{int } K$ we have

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(x^3 - u^3 - 3u^2\eta(x, u)) \geq 0 \text{ and } \lambda_1(v^3 - y^3 - 3y^2\eta(v, y)) \geq 0.$$

Add the above two inequalities together, and we get

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(x^3 - u^3) + \lambda_1(v^3 - y^3) \geq 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2\eta(x, u) + 3\lambda_1y^2\eta(v, y) \geq 0.$$

If we have the functions $\eta(x, u) = x - u, \eta(v, y) = v - y,$

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(x^3 - u^3) + \lambda_1(v^3 - y^3) + 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3 + 3\lambda_1y^3 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2x - 3\lambda_1y^2v \geq 0$$

Since the points (x, y, λ, p) and (u, v, λ, r) are feasible for (MONLP)1 and (MONLD)1 problems, respectively, we get

$$-3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2 \leq 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)ur \text{ and } -3\lambda_1y^2 \leq 6\lambda_1yp \Rightarrow$$

$$-3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2x \leq 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2r \text{ and } -3\lambda_1y^2v \leq 6\lambda_1y^2p.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(x^3 - u^3) + \lambda_1(v^3 - y^3) + 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3 + 3\lambda_1y^3 \\ &+ 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2r + 6\lambda_1y^2p \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{**}$$

Because $e = (e_1, e_2) \in \text{int } K, \lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 = 1,$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} &(u^3 - v^3, u^3) - 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3(e_1, e_2) + 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2r(e_1, e_2) - (x^3 - y^3, x^3) \\ &+ 3\lambda_1y^3(e_1, e_2) + 6\lambda_1y^2p(e_1, e_2) \notin \text{int } K. \end{aligned} \tag{***}$$

Because $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda_1(u^3 - x^3 + y^3 - v^3 - 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3e_1 - 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2re_1 - 3\lambda_1y^3e_1 - 6\lambda_1y^2pe_1) \\ &+ \lambda_2(u^3 - x^3 - 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3e_2 - 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2re_2 - 3\lambda_1y^3e_2 - 6\lambda_1y^2pe_2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} &(u^3 - x^3)(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + \lambda_1(y^3 - v^3) - 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2) \\ &- 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2r(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2) - 3\lambda_1y^3(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2) - 6\lambda_1y^2p(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(u^3 - x^3) + \lambda_1(y^3 - v^3) - 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3 - 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2r - 3\lambda_1y^3 - 6\lambda_1y^2p \geq 0$$

Or

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(x^3 - u^3) + \lambda_1(v^3 - y^3) + 3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^3 + 6(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2r + 3\lambda_1y^3 + 6\lambda_1y^2p < 0$$

That contradicts (**) and shows that the results of the duality theorem are weak.

Example 3.1.2 Let $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : |y| \geq x, x \geq 0\}$, $C_1, C_2 = R_+$, $f(x, y) = (x^2, y^2 - x^2)$. In addition, the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems become the forms:

$$\begin{aligned} (MONLP)2: \quad & K - \min (x^2, y^2 - x^2) - 2\lambda_2y(e_1, e_2) - 2\lambda_2p(e_1, e_2) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad -2\lambda_2y - 2\lambda_2p \geq 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (MONLD)2: \quad & K - \max (u^2, v^2 - u^2) - 2u^2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(e_1, e_2) - 2u(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)r (e_1, e_2) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad 2(1 - 2\lambda_2)(u + r) \geq 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad u \geq 0, v \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Assume the inverse of the weak duality theorem, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda^T f(u, v) - \lambda^T f(x, y) - [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)] - [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r] \\ & \quad + [y^T \nabla_y(\lambda^T f)(x, y)] + [y^T \nabla_{yy}(\lambda^T f)(x, y)p] \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ & \lambda^T (u^2, v^2 - u^2) - \lambda^T (x^2, y^2 - x^2) - \lambda^T u^T (2u, -2u) - \lambda^T u^T (2, -2)r + \lambda^T y^T (0, 2y) \\ & \quad + \lambda^T y^T (0, 2)p \geq 0 \tag{**} \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(0, y)$ is a K -preinvexity w. r. t. x for fixed $y = v$ and $-f(x, 0)$ is a K -preinvexity w. r. t. y for fixed x , we get

$$\lambda^T f(x, y) - \lambda^T f(u, v) \geq \lambda^T \eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v) - \lambda^T \eta(v, y) \nabla_y f(x, y)$$

That indicates.

$$\lambda^T (x^2, y^2 - x^2) - \lambda^T (u^2, v^2 - u^2) \geq \lambda^T \eta(x, u) (2u, -2u) - \lambda^T \eta(v, y) (0, 2y) \tag{I''}$$

By using assumption (ii), we have

$$\eta(x, u) \nabla_u f(u, v) - \eta(v, y) \nabla_y f(x, y) \geq (x - u) \nabla_u f(u, v) - (v - y) \nabla_y f(x, y)$$

Therefore, the relationship (I'') gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda^T (x^2, y^2 - x^2) - \lambda^T (u^2, v^2 - u^2) - \lambda^T x^T (2u, -2u) + \lambda^T u^T (2u, -2u) \\ & \quad - \lambda^T y^T (0, 2y) + \lambda^T v^T (0, 2y) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the feasibility points (x, y, λ, p) , (u, v, λ, r) for the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems, respectively, we have

$$-\lambda^T (0, 2y) \geq \lambda^T p^T (0, 2), \quad \lambda^T (2u, -2u) \geq -\lambda^T r^T (2, -2)$$

We substitute into (3) to get

$$\lambda^T (x^2, y^2 - x^2) - \lambda^T y^T (0, 2y) - \lambda^T y^T (0, 2)p - \lambda^T (u^2, v^2 - u^2)$$

$$+ \lambda^T u^T (2u, -2u) + \lambda^T u^T (2, -2)r \geq 0$$

This contradicts (*), then the proof is complete.

Lemma 3.1 Yang [22] *If there is x^* a weak minimum for the (MONLP) problem, then there $\alpha^* \in K^*$, $\beta^* \in Q^*$ cannot be both zeros such that.*

$$(\alpha^{*T} \nabla f(x^*)^T + \beta^{*T} \nabla g(x^*)^T)(x - x^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in X,$$

$$\beta^{*T} g(x^*) = 0.$$

Theorem 3.2 (Strong Duality) *Assume the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{p})$ is a weak minimum for the (MONLP) problem with a fix $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$, $r = \bar{r}$ and that:*

- (i) $[\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \nabla_y\{\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p}\}]$ is negative definite,
- (ii) $\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ is nonsingular, and
- (iii) The assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are correct.

Then, with equal values of objective functions for the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems, it point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ is feasible to solve the (MONLD) problem.

Proof Because the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{p})$ is a weak minimum for the (MONLP) problem, Lemma 3.1, states that there exists $\alpha \in K^*$, $\beta \in (C_2^*) = C_2$, $(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0, (x, y) \in C_1 \times C_2$, $\lambda, p \in K^*$ such that.

$$\begin{aligned} & [\alpha \nabla_x f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_{yx}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \\ & + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_x\{\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p}\}](x - \bar{x}) \\ & + [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T \nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}) \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \\ & + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_y\{\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p}\}](y - \bar{y}) \\ & + [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T \nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_{yy} f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p}](\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \\ & + [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})](p - \bar{p}) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\beta[\nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{p}^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})] = 0 \tag{7}$$

We claim that $\alpha \neq 0$, if a substitute is used $y \in C_2, x = \bar{x} \in C_1, \lambda = \bar{\lambda} \in K^*$ and $p = \bar{p} \in K^*$ the inequality (6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T \nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}) \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \\ & + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_y\{\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p}\}](y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

If $\alpha = 0$ and belongs to K^* and when $y = \beta + \bar{y} \in C_2$ we have.

$$\beta [\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \nabla_y\{\nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p}\}]\beta \geq 0.$$

We can conclude from assumption (i) that we obtained that $\beta = 0$ this is not possible since, $(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0$ as a result, $\alpha \neq 0$.

When we substitute $x = \bar{x}, y = \bar{y}$ and $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ in (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})](p - \bar{p}) \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in K^* \Rightarrow \\ & (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we know from assumption (ii) that.

$$\beta = (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} \tag{9}$$

If we put $y = \bar{y}$, $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ and $p = \bar{p}$ in (6), we get

$$\alpha \nabla_x f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})(x - \bar{x}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})(x - \bar{x}) = 0 \quad \forall x \in C_1. \tag{10}$$

That implies

$$x, \bar{x} \in C_1, \quad x + \bar{x} \in C_1 \Rightarrow x \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0 \tag{11}$$

The following is obtained by differentiating the relationship (11) w. r. t.x

$$x \nabla_{xx}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{r}^T \nabla_{xx}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in C_1^*$$

This means it point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ is feasible to solve the (MONLD) problem.

If we put $x = 0$, $x = \bar{x}$ in (10), we get $\bar{x}^T \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0$.

From the differential w. r. t.x, we get

$$\bar{x}^T \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + x^T \nabla_{xx}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{r} = 0 \tag{I}$$

Substituting Eq. (9) into Eq. (8) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T \nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})](y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ & \{\nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) - [\nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{p}^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})]\}(y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

As a result of (7), and because $\beta \neq 0$ we obtained

$$\nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})(y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in C_2 \Rightarrow \tag{13}$$

$$\forall y, \bar{y} \in C_1, \quad y + \bar{y} \in C_1 \Rightarrow y \nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq 0 \tag{14}$$

We get the following result by differentiating the above inequality w. r. t.y

$$y \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{p}^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in C_2^*$$

When we put $y = 0$ and $y = \bar{y}$ in (13) and (14) respectively, we get

$$\bar{y}^T \nabla_y f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0.$$

From the differential equation w. r. t.y, we get the following when put $y = p$.

$$y^T \nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + y^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p} = 0 \tag{II}$$

Thus, from (I) and (II), the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems are equal in the values of objective functions.

To show that the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{p})$ is the weak maximum for the (MONLD) problem; otherwise, there exists a feasible point $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & f(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) - \bar{u}^T \nabla_u(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v})e - (\bar{u}^T \nabla_{uu}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v})\bar{r})e - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{x}^T \nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})e \\ & + (\bar{x}^T \nabla_{xx}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p})e \in \text{int } K \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\nabla_x(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{x}^T \nabla_{xx}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{y}^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

We got

$$f(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) - \bar{u}^T \nabla_u(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v})e - (\bar{u}^T \nabla_{uu}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v})\bar{r})e - f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) + \bar{y}^T \nabla_y(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})e + (\bar{y}^T \nabla_{yy}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\bar{p})e \in \text{int } K \tag{III}$$

This contradicts the weak duality theorem.

The following example illustrates the results of the strong duality theorem.

Example 3.2.1 Let the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{p})$ be a weak minimum for the (MONLP)1 problem. Then, based on Lemma 3.1, there exists.

$\alpha \in K^*, \beta \in (C_2^*) = C_2, (\alpha, \beta) \neq 0, (x, y) \in C_1 \times C_2, \lambda, p \in K^*$ such a thing as

$$\begin{aligned} & [\alpha(3x^2, 3x^2)](x - \bar{x}) + [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(-3y^2, 0) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}](-6\lambda_1 y, 0) \\ & + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(-6\lambda_1, 0)\bar{p}](y - \bar{y}) + [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(-3y^2, 0) \\ & + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(-6\lambda_1 y, 0)\bar{p}](\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) + [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T - (6\lambda_1 y, 0)](p - \bar{p}) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Equation (7) takes the form of

$$\beta [(-3\lambda_1 y^2, 0) + (-6\lambda_1 y, 0)\bar{p}] = 0 \tag{16}$$

If we put it $\alpha \neq 0, x = \bar{x} \in C_1, \lambda = \bar{\lambda} \in K^*$ and $p = \bar{p} \in K^*$ this way $\forall y \in C_2$, the inequality (15) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(-3y^2, 0) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p})(-6\lambda_1 y, 0) \\ & + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(-6\lambda_1, 0)\bar{p}](y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

If $\alpha = 0 \in K^*$ and put $y = \beta + \bar{y} \in C_2 \Rightarrow$

We get from (i) that

$$\beta = 0, (\alpha, \beta) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha \neq 0$$

We get the following by substituting $x = \bar{x}, y = \bar{y}, \lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ in relation (13).

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(-6\lambda_1 y, 0)](p - \bar{p}) \geq 0 \forall p \in K^* \Rightarrow \\ & (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(-6\lambda_1 y, 0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

In addition, from (ii), we obtain

$$\beta = (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} \tag{18}$$

In addition, when we substitute $y = \bar{y}, \lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ and $p = \bar{p}$ in relation (13), we get an

$$\alpha(3x^2, 3x^2)(x - \bar{x}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (3x^2, 3x^2)(x - \bar{x}) \geq 0 \forall x \in C_1$$

For each $x, \bar{x} \in C_1, x + \bar{x} \in C_1 \Rightarrow x(3x^2, 3x^2) \geq 0$.

Then, by differentiating this inequality w. r. t. x , we obtain

$$x(6\lambda_1 x, 6\lambda_2 x) + (3\lambda_1 x^2, 2\lambda_2 x^2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (3\lambda_1 x^2, 3\lambda_2 x^2) + r(6\lambda_1 x, 6\lambda_2 x) \in C_1$$

That shows the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ is feasible for the (MONLD) problem.

Furthermore, if we put $x = 0, x = \bar{x}$, we get $\bar{x}^T(3\lambda_1x^3, 3\lambda_2x^3) + x(6\lambda_1x, 6\lambda_2x)\bar{r} = 0$. Substituting (16) into (15), we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(-3y^2, 0) - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}^T(-6\lambda_1y, 0)](y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\
 & \{(-3y^2, 0) - [(-3\lambda_1y^2, 0) + \bar{p}^T(-6\lambda_1y, 0)]\}(y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \tag{19}
 \end{aligned}$$

Because $\beta \neq 0$ (16) implies

$$(-3y^2, 0)(y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in C_2 \tag{20}$$

For each $y, \bar{y} \in C_1, y + \bar{y} \in C_1 \Rightarrow$

$$y(-3\lambda_1y^2, 0) \geq 0 \tag{21}$$

By differentiating the above inequality w. r. t. y , we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & y(-6\lambda_1y, 0) + (-3\lambda_1y^2, 0) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\
 & (-3\lambda_1y^2, 0) + \bar{p}^T(-6\lambda_1y, 0) \in C_2
 \end{aligned}$$

When we put $y = 0, y = \bar{y}$ in (17) and (19), respectively, we obtain. $\bar{y}^T(-3y^2, 0) = 0$.

Then comes the differential w. r. t. y we get for $y = p$

$$y^T(-3\lambda_1y^2, 0) + y^T(-6\lambda_1y, 0)\bar{p} = 0 \tag{22}$$

Therefore, the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems have equal objective function values.

To demonstrate that point is the weak maximum for the (MONLD) problem; otherwise, there exists a feasible point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (u^3 - v^3, u^3) - \bar{u}^T(3\lambda_1u^2, 3\lambda_2u^2)e - \bar{u}^T(6\lambda_1u, 6\lambda_2u)re - (x^3 - y^3, x^3) + x(3\lambda_1x^2, 3\lambda_2x^2)e \\
 & + \bar{x}^T(6\lambda_1x, 6\lambda_2x)\bar{p}e \in \text{int. } K
 \end{aligned}$$

If $p = r = 1$ we have

$$(u^3 - v^3 - 3\lambda_1u^3 - 6\lambda_1u^2 - x^3 + y^3 - 3\lambda_1y^3 - 6\lambda_1y^2, u^3 - 3\lambda_2u^3 - 6\lambda_2u^2 - x^2) \in \text{Int. } K$$

That contradicts the theorem.

Example 3.2.2 Assume the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{p})$ is a weak minimum for the (MONLP)2 problem; then, according to Lemma 3.1, there exists.

$\alpha \in K^*, \beta \in (C_2^*), (\alpha, \beta) \neq 0, (x, y) \in C_1 \times C_2, \lambda, p \in K^*$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \beta^T[(2x, -2x)](x - \bar{x}) + [(\alpha^T - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(0, 2y) + (\beta^T - \alpha^T e)\bar{y} - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}](0, 2\lambda_2)](y - \bar{y}) \\
 & + [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(0, 2y) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(0, 2)\bar{p}](\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \\
 & + [(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(0, 2\lambda_2)](p - \bar{p}) \geq 0 \tag{6''}
 \end{aligned}$$

Also, Eq. (7) takes the form:

$$\beta[(0, 2\lambda_2y) + \bar{p}^T(0, 2\lambda_2)] = 0 \tag{7''}$$

When we put $x = \bar{x} \in C_1, \lambda = \bar{\lambda} \in K^*, p = \bar{p} \forall y \in C_2$, then inequality (6'') becomes.

$$[(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(0, 2y) + (\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p})(0, 2\lambda_2)] \geq 0 \tag{8''}$$

If $\alpha = 0 \in K^*$, $y = \beta + \bar{y} \in C_2$ we get

$$\beta(0, 2\lambda_2) \geq 0$$

Using assumption (i), we obtain $\beta = 0$.

This has not been possible since $(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0$ then $\alpha \neq 0$.

And if we put $x = \bar{x}$, $y = \bar{y}$, $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ it into Eq. (6''), we get

$$[(\beta - (\alpha^T e)\bar{y})^T(0, 2\lambda_2)](p - \bar{p}) \geq 0 \quad \forall p \in K^*$$

Therefore, we obtained the following from assumption (ii),

$$\beta = (\alpha^T e)\bar{y} \tag{9''}$$

When we put $y = \bar{y}$, $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$, $p = \bar{p}$ in inequality (6''), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(2x, -2x)(x - \bar{x}) &\geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ (2x, -2x)(x - \bar{x}) &= 0 \quad \forall x \in C_1 \end{aligned} \tag{10''}$$

Furthermore, for each

$$\begin{aligned} x, \bar{x} \in C_1, \quad x + \bar{x} \in C_1 &\Rightarrow \\ x(2\lambda_1 x, -2\lambda_2 x) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{11''}$$

When we differentiate the above equation w. r. t. x , we get

$$(2\lambda_1, -2\lambda_2) + (2\lambda_1 x, -2\lambda_2 x) = 0$$

This implies its point a feasible for the (MONLD)2 problem.

If we put $x = 0$, $x = \bar{x}$ in Eq. (10''), we get

$$\bar{x}(2\lambda_1 x, -2\lambda_2 x) = 0$$

Differentiating this equation w. r. t. x , we obtain.

$$\bar{x}(2\lambda_1 x, -2\lambda_2 x) + x(2\lambda_1, -2\lambda_2)r = 0 \tag{I''}$$

Substituting from (9'') into (8'') yields

$$\begin{aligned} [(\alpha - (\alpha^T e)\bar{\lambda})^T(0, 2\bar{y}) - (\alpha^T e)\bar{p}^T(0, 2\lambda_2)](y - \bar{y}) &\geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ \{(0, 2\bar{y}) - [(0, 2\lambda_2\bar{y}) + \bar{p}^T(0, 2\lambda_2)]\}(y - \bar{y}) &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{12''}$$

Since $\beta \neq 0$ Eq. (7'') takes the form.

$$(0, 2\bar{y})(y - \bar{y}) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in C_2 \tag{13''}$$

For each y , $\bar{y} \in C_1$, $y + \bar{y} \in C_1$, we have.

$$\bar{y}(0, 2\lambda_2\bar{y}) \geq 0 \tag{14''}$$

By differentiable w. r. t. y , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}(0, 2\bar{\lambda}_2) + (0, 2\lambda_2\bar{y}) &\geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ (0, 2\bar{\lambda}_2\bar{y}) + \bar{p}(0, 2\lambda_2) &\in C_2^* \end{aligned}$$

When we put $y = 0$, $y = \bar{y}$ in the inequalities (13'') and (14''), respectively, we get

$$\bar{y}(0, 2\bar{\lambda}_2\bar{y}) = 0$$

By differentiable w. r. t. y , we obtain for $y = p$.

$$\bar{y}^T(0, 2\bar{\lambda}_2\bar{y}) + \bar{y}^T(0, 2\bar{\lambda}_2)\bar{p} = 0 \tag{II''}$$

Therefore, from (I)'' and (II)'', the (MONLP)2 and (MONLD)2 problems are equal-value objective functions.

To demonstrate that this point is the weak maximum for the (MONLD)2 problem, otherwise, there exists a feasible point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ such that

$$(u^2, v^2 - u^2) - \bar{u}^T(2\lambda_1u, -2\lambda_2u)e - \bar{u}^T(2\lambda_1, -2\lambda_2)re - (x^2, y^2 - x^2) + \bar{x}^T(2\lambda_1x, -2\lambda_2x)e + \bar{x}^T(2\lambda_1, -2\lambda_2)\bar{p}e \in \text{int. } K$$

This contradicts the theorem, so the proof is complete.

Theorem 3.3 (Strict Converse Duality). *Assume that there is $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ a weak maximum for the (MONLD) problem with a fix $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}, p = \bar{p}$ and that:*

- (i) $[\nabla_{uu}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) + \nabla_u\{\nabla_{uu}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v})\bar{r}\}]$ is positive definite,
- (ii) $\nabla_{uu}(\bar{\lambda}^T f)(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$ is nonsingular, in addition to.
- (iii) Theorem 3. 1, assumptions are held.

Then, for the (MONLP) problem, the point $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ is feasible, and the value objective functions for the (MONLP) and (MONLD) problems have the same value.

The proof is similar to Theorem 3. 2.

4 Self-duality

Mathematical programming is called self-dual if it is formally identical to its dual (see Mishra [15, 16] and Kassem [12]), i.e., the dual can be recast in the form of a primal.

Definition 4.1 The function $f(x, y)$ is skew-symmetrical if $\forall x, y$ we have $f(x, y) = -f(y, x)$.

Assume the function f is skew-symmetric, $m = n, p = r$ and $C_1 = C_2$.

We rewrite the (MONLD) problem as the following minimization problem:

$$(MONLD') : K - \min -f(u, v) + [u^T \nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v)]e + [u^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v)r]e$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{subject to } (u, v) \in C_1 \times C_2, \\ &\nabla_u(\lambda^T f)(u, v) + r^T \nabla_{uu}(\lambda^T f)(u, v) \in C_1^*, \\ &\lambda, r \in K^*, e \in \text{int } K, \lambda^T e = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\nabla_u f(u, v) = -\nabla_v f(v, u)$ and $\nabla_{uu} f(u, v) = -\nabla_{vv} f(v, u)$ then, the above (MONLD') problem has taken the form:

$$(MONLD')_1 : K - \min f(v, u) - [u^T \nabla_v(\lambda^T f)(v, u)]e - [u^T \nabla_{vv}(\lambda^T f)(v, u)r]e$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{subject to } (v, u) \in C_2 \times C_1, \\ &-\nabla_v(\lambda^T f)(v, u) - r^T \nabla_{vv}(\lambda^T f)(v, u) \in C_2^*, \\ &\lambda, r \in K^*, e \in \text{int } K, \lambda^T e = 1. \end{aligned}$$

This means the (MONLD') problem is formally identical to the (MONLP) problem, that is, the objective and constraint functions are identical. Therefore, the problem is self-dual.

Then, the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{p})$ of feasibility for the (MONLP) problem implies the point $(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{\lambda}, \bar{r})$ of feasibility for the (MONLD) problem and vice versa.

Theorem 4.1 (Self-Duality) *If the point $(x_0, y_0, \lambda_0, r_0)$ is jointly optimal for the self-dual problem, then there exists a point $(y_0, x_0, \lambda_0, r_0)$ such that.*

$$\begin{aligned} & f(y_0, x_0) - (y_0^T \nabla_y (\lambda_0^T f)(y_0, x_0))e - (y_0^T \nabla_{yy} (\lambda_0^T f)(y_0, x_0)r_0)e \\ &= f(x_0, y_0) - (x_0^T \nabla_x (\lambda_0^T f)(x_0, y_0))e - (x_0^T \nabla_{xx} (\lambda_0^T f)(x_0, y_0)r_0)e \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proof As shown above, the problem $(MONLD')$ is formally identical to the $(MONLP)$ problem. Then the point $(x_0, y_0, \lambda_0, r_0)$ is optimal for the $(MONLD')$ problem, which implies the point $(y_0, x_0, \lambda_0, r_0)$ is optimal for the $(MONLP)$ problem. From the symmetric duality and the $(MONLD')$ problem, we derive the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & f(y_0, x_0) - (y_0^T \nabla_y (\lambda_0^T f)(y_0, x_0))e - (y_0^T \nabla_{yy} (\lambda_0^T f)(y_0, x_0)r_0)e \\ &= f(x_0, y_0) - (x_0^T \nabla_x (\lambda_0^T f)(x_0, y_0))e - (x_0^T \nabla_{xx} (\lambda_0^T f)(x_0, y_0)r_0)e \\ &= -f(y_0, x_0) + (y_0^T \nabla_y (\lambda_0^T f)(y_0, x_0))e + (y_0^T \nabla_{yy} (\lambda_0^T f)(y_0, x_0)r_0)e \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

5 Special Cases

1. Using $\eta(x, u) = x - u$, $\eta(v, y) = v - y$ and $p = r = 0$ the $(MONLP)$ and $(MONLD)$ problems are related to the problems studied in [13].
2. If we put $p = r = 0$ and the objective functions do not contain the terms $y^T \nabla_y (\lambda^T f)(x, y)$, $u^T \nabla_u (\lambda^T f)(u, v)$, then the $(MONLP)$ and $(MONLD)$ problems are reduced to the problems studied in [12].

6 Conclusions

In this work, we presented generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions and studied a pair of second-order symmetric dualities for the $(MONLP)$ problems under these generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions. In addition, we established and proved the weak duality, strong duality, strict converse duality, and self-duality theorems under these generalizations of the cone-preinvexity functions. Finally, four nontrivial numerical examples are presented to show that the results of the weak and strong duality theorems are true.

In the future, I will study this idea for higher-order fractional vector optimization problems.

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