

## PREDA-MITITELU DUALITY FOR MULTIOBJECTIVE VARIATIONAL PROBLEMS

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*Folosind condiţii de eficienţă normală, în această lucrare, introducem un dual tip Preda-Mititelu pentru o problemă variaţională multiobiectiv. Apoi, folosind ipoteze de  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvexitate, enunţăm şi demonstrăm teoreme de dualitate slabă, directă şi reciprocă.*

*Based on the normal efficiency conditions for a multiobjective variational problem, in this work we consider a Preda-Mititelu type dual, and under some assumptions of  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvexity, weak, direct and converse duality theorems are introduced and proved.*

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### 1. Introduction and problem statement

The first result on the necessity of optimal solutions of scalar variational problems was established by Valentine [18] in 1937. The papers of Mond and Hanson [10], Mond, Chandra and Husain [11], Mond and Husain [12], Preda [16] developed the duality of the scalar variational problems involving convex and generalized convex functions. Mukherjee and Purnachandra [13], established weak efficiency conditions and developed different types of dualities for multiobjective variational problems under various types of generalized convex functions. Kim and Kim [2] used the efficiency property of the nondifferentiable multiobjective variational problems in duality theory.

In this work, we use the notion of normal efficient solution introduced by Mititelu [5] and establish certain new results of Preda-Mititelu duality type [3], [15] for multiobjective variational problems using  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvexity assumptions.

For related but different results obtained by other authors on this topic, we address the reader to [14] by Ariana Pitea, C. Udrişte and Șt. Mititelu.

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space, consider the vectors  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . We recall that the relations  $v = w$ ,  $v < w$ ,  $v \leq w$ ,  $v \leq w$  are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v = w &\Leftrightarrow v_i = w_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; & v < w &\Leftrightarrow v_i < w_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; \\ v \leq w &\Leftrightarrow v_i \leq w_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; & v \leq w &\Leftrightarrow v \leq w \text{ and } v \neq w. \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $I = [a, b]$  be a real interval and  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_p): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_m): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $h = (h_1, \dots, h_q): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  be two times differentiable functions.

Consider a vector-valued function  $f(t, x, \dot{x})$ , where  $t \in I$ ,  $x: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$ . Denote by  $f_x$  and  $f_{\dot{x}}$  the  $p \times n$  matrices of first-order partial derivatives with respect to  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  respectively, that is  $f_x = (f_{1x}, f_{2x}, \dots, f_{px})'$  and  $f_{\dot{x}} = (f_{1\dot{x}}, f_{2\dot{x}}, \dots, f_{p\dot{x}})'$ , with

$$f_{ix} = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_n} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad f_{i\dot{x}} = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{x}_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{x}_n} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

By analogy,  $g_x$ ,  $h_x$  and  $g_{\dot{x}}$ ,  $h_{\dot{x}}$  denote the  $p \times n$ ,  $n \times n$ ,  $q \times n$  matrices of the first order partial derivatives of  $g$  and  $h$  respectively, with respect to  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$ .

Let  $X$  denote the space of piecewise smooth (continuously differentiable) functions  $x$  with the norm  $\|x\| = \|x\|_\infty + \|Dx\|_\infty$ , where the differential operator  $D = \frac{d}{dt}$  is given by  $u = Dx \Leftrightarrow x(t) = x(a) + \int_a^t u(s)ds$ , excepting the discontinuities, where  $x(a)$  is a given boundary value.

*Important note.* To simplify the presentation, in our subsequent theory, we shall set

$$\pi_x(t) = (t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)), \quad \pi_{x^0}(t) = (t, x^0(t), \dot{x}^0(t)), \quad \pi_y(t) = (t, y(t), \dot{y}(t)).$$

Introduce the following multiobjective variational problem

$$(MP) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min \int_a^b f(\pi_x(t))dt = \left( \int_a^b f_1(\pi_x(t))dt, \dots, \int_a^b f_p(\pi_x(t))dt \right) \\ \text{subject to} \\ x(a) = a_0, \quad x(b) = b_0, \\ g(\pi_x(t)) \leqq 0, \quad h(\pi_x(t)) = 0, \quad t \in I, \end{array} \right.$$

and denote

$$\mathcal{D} = \{x \in X \mid x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0, g(\pi_x(t)) \leqq 0, h(\pi_x(t)) = 0, \forall t \in I\}$$

the set of all feasible solutions of problem (MP).

## 2. Previous results

In this section, we recall some definitions and auxiliary results that will be needed later in our discussion of efficiency conditions and Preda-Mititelu duality [3], [15] for problem (MP).

**Definition 2.1.** ([1]) A feasible solution  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$  is an *efficient solution* of problem (MP) if there is no  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $x \neq x^0$ , such that

$$\int_a^b f(\pi_x(t))dt \leq \int_a^b f(\pi_{x^0}(t))dt.$$

For problem (MP) we quote the following result of efficiency

**Theorem 2.1.** (NECESSARY EFFICIENCY CONDITIONS FOR (MP)) ([3], [?]) *Let  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$  be an efficient solution of problem (MP). Then there exist a vector  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  which satisfy*

$$(MV) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda^0' f_x(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + \mu^0(t)' g_x(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + \nu^0(t)' h_x(\pi_{x^0}(t)) \\ = \frac{d}{dt} [\lambda^0' f_{\dot{x}}(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + \mu^0(t)' g_{\dot{x}}(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + \nu^0(t)' h_{\dot{x}}(\pi_{x^0}(t))] \\ \mu^0(t)' g(\pi_{x^0}(t)) = 0, \quad \mu_i(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in I, \\ \lambda^0 \geq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

**Definition 2.2.**  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$  is called *normal efficient solution* of problem (MP) if  $\lambda^0 \geq 0$ , or equivalent if  $e' \lambda^0 = 1$ , where  $e = (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

Now, let us consider  $\rho$  be a real number and  $b: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a functional. Denote

$$H(x) = \int_a^b h(\pi_x(t)) dt.$$

**Definition 2.3.** The function  $H$  is *(strictly)  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex* at the point  $x^0$  if there exist vector functions  $\eta: I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ , with  $\eta(\pi_x(t)) = 0$  for  $x(t) = x^0(t)$ , and  $\theta: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that for any  $x$  ( $x \neq x^0$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) \leq H(x^0) &\Rightarrow b(x, x^0) \int_a^b [\eta' h_x(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + (D\eta)' h_{\dot{x}}(\pi_{x^0}(t))] dt \\ (<) &\leq -\rho b(x, x^0) \|\theta(x, x^0)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.4.** The function  $H$  is *monotonic  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex* at the point  $x^0$  if there exist vector functions  $\eta: I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  with  $\eta(\pi_x(t)) = 0$  for  $x(t) = x^0(t)$ , and  $\theta: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that for any  $x$  ( $x \neq x^0$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) = H(x^0) &\Rightarrow b(x, x^0) \int_a^b [\eta' h_x(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + (D\eta)' h_{\dot{x}}(\pi_{x^0}(t))] dt \\ &= -\rho b(x, x^0) \|\theta(x, x^0)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Multiobjective Preda-Mititelu duality for (MP)

Let  $\{J_1, \dots, J_r\}$  be a partition of the set  $J = \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\{S_1, \dots, S_r\}$  a partition of  $S = \{1, \dots, q\}$ . Consider the functions  $y \in X$  and the piecewise nonsmooth functions  $\mu: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ . The Lagrangian associated to (MP) is

$$L(\pi_y(t)) = f(\pi_y(t)) + [\mu(t)' g(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)' h(\pi_y(t))] e,$$

where  $L = (L_1, \dots, L_p)$  and for  $i = \overline{1, p}$ ,

$$L_i(\pi_y(t)) = f_i(\pi_y(t)) + \mu(t)' g(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)' h(\pi_y(t)).$$

The multiobjective dual Preda-Mititelu problem [3], associated to (MP), is the next multiobjective variational problem:

$$(MPD) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Maximize } \int_a^b L(\pi_y(t))dt = \left( \int_a^b L_1(\pi_y(t)), \dots, \int_a^b L_p(\pi_y(t))dt \right) \\ \text{subject to} \\ y(a) = y_0, \quad y(b) = b_0, \\ \lambda' f_y(\pi_y(t)) + \mu(t)' g_y(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)' h_y(\pi_y(t)) \\ = \frac{d}{dt} \{ \lambda' f_y(\pi_y(t)) + \mu(t)' g_y(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)' h_y(\pi_y(t)) \} \\ \mu_{J_\alpha}(t)' g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_y(t)) \geq 0, \quad \nu_{S_\alpha}(t) h_{S_\alpha}(\pi_y(t)) = 0, \quad \alpha = \overline{1, r}, \quad t \in I, \\ \lambda \geq 0, \quad e' \lambda = 1, \quad \mu(t) \geq 0, \quad t \in I. \end{array} \right.$$

We denote by  $\varpi(x)$  the value of problem (MP) at  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and by  $\delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  the value of dual (MPD) at  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is the domain of (MPD). We assume that the elements of  $\Delta$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are corresponding.

**Theorem 3.1. (WEAK DUALITY)** *Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$ . Assume satisfied the following conditions:*

- a) For each  $i = \overline{1, p}$ , the integral  $\int_a^b L_i(\pi_x(t))dt$  is strictly  $(\rho_i, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .
- b)  $\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \rho_i \geq 0$ .

Then  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is false.

*Proof.* We proceed by reductio ad absurdum. Suppose there exist points  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$  such that  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$ . Hence,

$$\int_a^b f(\pi_x(t))dt \leq \int_a^b L(\pi_y(t))dt,$$

or componentwise

$$\int_a^b f_i(\pi_x(t))dt \leq \int_a^b L_i(\pi_y(t))dt, \quad i = \overline{1, p}. \quad (3.1)$$

But  $\mu(t)' g(\pi_x(t)) \leq 0$ , and  $\nu(t)' h(\pi_x(t)) = 0$ ,  $\forall t \in I$ . Using (3.1), we obtain

$$\int_a^b [f_i(\pi_x(t)) + \mu(t)' g(\pi_x(t)) + \nu(t)' h(\pi_x(t))]dt \leq \int_a^b L_i(\pi_y(t))dt, \quad i = \overline{1, p},$$

that is

$$\int_a^b L_i(\pi_x(t))dt \leq \int_a^b L_i(\pi_y(t))dt, \quad i = \overline{1, p}. \quad (3.2)$$

According to hypothesis a), for  $i = \overline{1, p}$ , (3.2) implies

$$b(x, y) \int_a^b \eta' [L_{iy}(\pi_y(t)) + D\eta' L_{iy}(\pi_y(t))]dt < -\rho b(x, y) \|\theta(x, y)\|^2. \quad (3.3)$$

Multiplying (3.3) by  $\lambda_i \geqq 0$ ,  $e' \lambda = 1$  and summing after  $i$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} b(x, y) \int_a^b \eta' [\lambda' L_y(\pi_y(t)) + (D\eta') \lambda' L_{\dot{y}}(\pi_y(t))] dt \\ < - \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \rho_i \right) b(x, y) \|\theta(x, y)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $b(x, y) > 0$  and taking into account the first constraint of dual (MPD), this inequality becomes

$$0 < -\|\theta(x, y)\|^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \rho_i \right),$$

which gets  $0 < 0$ , that is false.

**Corollary 3.1.** (WEAK DUALITY) *Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$ . Suppose:*

- a) *the integral  $\int_a^b \lambda' L(\pi_x(t)) dt$  is strictly  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .*
- b)  $\rho \geqq 0$ .  
*Then  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is false.*

**Theorem 3.2.** (WEAK DUALITY) *Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$ . Assume satisfied the following conditions:*

- a) *For each  $i = \overline{1, p}$ , and  $t \in I$ ,*

$$f_i(\pi_x(t)) \leqq f_i(\pi_y(t)) \Rightarrow \int_a^b [\eta' f_{ix}(\pi_y(t)) + (D\eta)' f_{ix}(\pi_y(t))] dt \leqq 0.$$

- b) *For each  $\alpha = \overline{1, r}$ , either*

(b1) *all the integrals  $\int_a^b [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)' g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_x(t)) + \nu_{K_\alpha}(t)' h_{K_\alpha}(\pi_x(t))] dt$  are  $(\rho_\alpha, b)$ -quasiinvex (and one of them being strictly  $(\rho_\alpha, b)$ -quasiinvex) at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ ;*

$$(c1) \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_\alpha \geqq 0;$$

or

(b2) *all the integrals  $\int_a^b \mu_{J_\alpha}(t)' g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_x(t)) dt$  are  $(\rho_{1\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex (one of them being strictly  $(\rho_{1\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex) at  $y$  and integrals  $\int_a^b \nu_{K_\alpha}(t)' h_{K_\alpha}(\pi_x(t)) dt$  are monotonic  $(\rho_{2\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$ , all with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ ;*

$$(c2) \sum_{\alpha=1}^r (\rho_{1\alpha} + \rho_{2\alpha}) \geqq 0.$$

*Then  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is false.*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove the version with hypotheses (a)+(b1)+(c1). We proceed by contradiction. Suppose there exist  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$  such that

$\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$ , therefore for all  $i = \overline{1, p}$ , we have

$$\int_a^b f(\pi_x(t)) dt \leq \int_a^b L(\pi_y(t)) dt,$$

or componentwise

$$\int_a^b f_i(\pi_x(t)) dt \leq \int_a^b L_i(\pi_y(t)). \quad (3.4)$$

But  $\mu(t)'g(\pi_x(t)) \leq 0$ ,  $\nu(t)'h(\pi_x(t)) = 0$ ,  $\forall t \in I$  and from (3.4) it follows

$$\int_a^b L_i(\pi_x(t)) dt \leq \int_a^b L_i(\pi_y(t)) dt, \quad i = \overline{1, p}. \quad (3.5)$$

From the constraints of  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\Delta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)'g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_x(t)) + \nu_{S_\alpha}(t)'h_{S_\alpha}(\pi_x(t))] dt \\ & \leq \int_a^b [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)'g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_y(t)) + \nu_{S_\alpha}(t)'h_{S_\alpha}(\pi_y(t))] dt \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

and according to b), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & b(x, y) \int_a^b \eta [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)'(g_{J_\alpha})_x(\pi_y(t)) + \nu_{S_\alpha}(t)'(h_{S_\alpha})_x(\pi_y(t))] dt \\ & + b(x, y) \int_a^b D\eta' [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)'(g_{J_\alpha})_x(\pi_y(t)) + \nu_{S_\alpha}(t)'(h_{S_\alpha})_x(\pi_y(t))] dt \\ & \leq -\rho_\alpha b(x, y) \|\theta(x, y)\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Summing side by side after  $\alpha = \overline{1, r}$  in (3.6) and (3.7), and a), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [f_i(\pi_x(t)) + \mu(t)'g(\pi_x(t)) + \nu(t)'h(\pi_x(t))] dt \\ & \leq \int_a^b [f_i(\pi_y(t)) + \mu(t)'g(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)'h(\pi_y(t))] dt, \end{aligned}$$

(that is (3.5)), which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & b(x, y) \int_a^b \eta [f_{ix}(\pi_y(t)) + \mu(t)'g_x(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)'h_x(\pi_y(t))] dt \\ & + b(x, y) \int_a^b D\eta' [f_{i\dot{x}}(\pi_y(t)) + \mu(t)'g_{\dot{x}}(\pi_y(t)) + \nu(t)'h_{\dot{x}}(\pi_y(t))] dt \\ & < - \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_\alpha \right) b(x, y) \|\theta(x, y)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

or, shortly,

$$\int_a^b \{ \eta [L_{ix}(\pi_y(t)) + (D\eta') [\lambda' L_{i\dot{x}}(\pi_y(t))] ] \} dt < - \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_\alpha \right) b(x, y) \|\theta(x, y)\|^2, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $b(x, y) > 0$ . Therefore, from (3.5) with  $x(t) \neq y(t)$  and (3.8) we see that integrals  $\int_a^b L_i(t, x(t), \mu(t), \nu(t)) dt$ ,  $i = \overline{1, p}$ , are strictly  $\left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_{\alpha}, b \right)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .

Multiplying (3.8) by  $\lambda_i$  and summing after  $i = \overline{1, p}$ , we obtain

$$\int_a^b \left\{ \eta [\lambda' L_x(\pi_y(t)) + (D\eta')[\lambda' L_{\dot{x}}(\pi_y(t))]] \right\} dt < - \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_{\alpha} \right) b(x, y) \|\theta(x, y)\|^2.$$

Taking into account the first constraint of problem (MPD), the above relation becomes  $0 < -\|\theta(x, y)\|^2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho'_{\alpha} \right)$  and with (c1), it follows  $0 < 0$ , that is false. According to Theorem 3.1, the supposition made at the beginning is false.

**Corollary 3.2.** (WEAK DUALITY) *Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta$  and assume satisfied the following conditions:*

a) *For all  $t \in I$ , we have*

$$\lambda' f(\pi_x(t)) \leq \lambda' f(\pi_y(t)) \Rightarrow \int_a^b [\eta \lambda' f_x(\pi_y(t)) + (D\eta)' \lambda' f_{\dot{x}}(\pi_y(t))] dt \leq 0.$$

b) *For each  $\alpha = \overline{1, r}$ , either*

(b1) *all the integrals  $\int_a^b [\mu_{J_{\alpha}}(t)' g_{J_{\alpha}}(\pi_x(t)) + \nu_{K_{\alpha}}(t)' h_{K_{\alpha}}(\pi_x(t))] dt$  are  $(\rho_{\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex (and one of them being strictly  $(\rho_{\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex) at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ ;*

$$(c1) \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_{\alpha} \geq 0;$$

or

(b2) *all the integrals  $\int_a^b \mu_{J_{\alpha}}(t)' g_{J_{\alpha}}(\pi_x(t)) dt$  are  $(\rho_{1\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex (one of them being strictly  $(\rho_{1\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex) at  $y$  and integrals  $\int_a^b \nu_{K_{\alpha}}(t)' h_{K_{\alpha}}(\pi_x(t)) dt$  are monotonic  $(\rho_{2\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$ , all with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ ;*

$$(c2) \sum_{\alpha=1}^r (\rho_{1\alpha} + \rho_{2\alpha}) \geq 0.$$

*Then  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is false.*

*Proof.* It follows from the proof of Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.3.** (WEAK DUALITY) *Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \Delta'$  and assume satisfied the following conditions:*

a) *For  $i = \overline{1, p}$ ,  $\alpha = \overline{1, p}$ , the implication holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(\pi_x(t)) \leq f_i(\pi_y(t)) \Rightarrow \\ \int_a^b \left\{ \eta [\mu_{\alpha}(t)' g_{J_{\alpha}y}(\pi_y(t)) + \nu_{S_{\alpha}}(t)' h_{S_{\alpha}\dot{y}}(\pi_y(t))] \right. \\ \left. + (D\eta)' [\mu_{\alpha}(t)' g_{J_{\alpha}y}(\pi_y(t)) + \nu_{S_{\alpha}}(t)' h_{S_{\alpha}\dot{y}}(\pi_y(t))] \right\} dt \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

b) For each  $\alpha = \overline{1, r}$ , either

(b1) all the integrals  $\int_a^b [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)'g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_x(t)) + \nu_{K_\alpha}(t)'h_{K_\alpha}(\pi_x(t))dt$  are  $(\rho_\alpha, b)$ -quasiinvex (and one of them being strictly  $(\rho_\alpha, b)$ -quasiinvex) at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ ;

$$(c1) \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_\alpha \geqq 0;$$

or

(b2) all the integrals  $\int_a^b \mu_{J_\alpha}(t)'g_{J_\alpha}(\pi_x(t))dt$  are  $(\rho_{1\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex (one of them being strictly  $(\rho_{1\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex) at  $y$  and integrals  $\int_a^b \nu_{K_\alpha}(t)'h_{K_\alpha}(\pi_x(t))dt$  are monotonic  $(\rho_{2\alpha}, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$ , all with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ ;

$$(c2) \sum_{\alpha=1}^r (\rho_{1\alpha} + \rho_{2\alpha}) \geqq 0.$$

Then  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is false.

*Proof.* The first constraint of (MPD) and Theorem 3.2 are used.

**Theorem 3.3.** (DIRECT DUALITY) Let  $x^0$  be a normal efficient solution for (MP) and suppose satisfied the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1. Then there are  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and the piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  such that  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  is an efficient solution to dual (MPD) and  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

*Proof.* According to Theorem 2.1 and Definition 2.3 conditions (MV) are satisfied. Also  $\nu^0(t)'h(\pi_{x^0}(t)) = 0$ . Then  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0) \in \Delta$ . Moreover,

$$\int_a^b f(\pi_{x^0}(t))dt = \int_a^b [f(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + \mu^0(t)'g(\pi_{x^0}(t)) + \nu^0(t)'h(\pi_{x^0}(t))]dt = 0,$$

that is  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** (DIRECT DUALITY) Let  $x^0$  a normal efficient solution for (MP) and suppose satisfied the hypotheses of Corollary 3.1. Then there are  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and the piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  such that  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  is an efficient solution to dual (MPD) and  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** (DIRECT DUALITY) Let  $x^0$  a normal efficient solution for (MP) and suppose satisfied the hypotheses of Theorem 3.2. Then there are  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and the piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  such that  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  is an efficient solution to dual (MPD) and  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

**Corollary 3.5.** (DIRECT DUALITY) Let  $x^0$  a normal efficient solution for (MP) and suppose satisfied the hypotheses of Corollary 3.2. Then there are  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and the piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  such that  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  is an efficient solution to dual (MPD) and  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** (DIRECT DUALITY) Let  $x^0$  a normal efficient solution for (MP) and suppose satisfied the hypotheses of Corollary 3.3. Then there are  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and the piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  such that  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  is an efficient solution to dual (MPD) and  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** (CONVERSE DUALITY) *Let  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  be an efficient solution of the dual (MPD) and suppose satisfied the following conditions:*

i)  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

ii) *For each  $i = \overline{1, p}$  integrals  $\int_a^b L_i(\pi_x(t))dt$  are strictly  $(\rho_i, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $x^0$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .*

*Then  $x^0$  is an efficient solution to (MP). Moreover,  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

*Proof.* On the contrary, suppose that  $x^0$  is not an efficient solution to (MP) and then we shall find a contradiction. Then, there exists  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  such that,  $\varpi(x) \leq \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ . Following the proof of Theorem 3.1 with  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  instead of  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$ , we obtain

$$0 < -\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \rho_i\right) \|\theta(x, x^0)\|^2,$$

which yields  $0 < 0$ . Consequently, supposition above made is false.

**Corollary 3.7.** (CONVERSE DUALITY) *Let  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  be an efficient solution of the dual (MPD) and suppose satisfied the following conditions:*

i)  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

ii) *Integral  $\int_a^b \lambda' L(\pi_x(t))dt$  is strictly  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $x^0$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$  and  $\rho \geq 0$ .*

*Then  $x^0$  is an efficient solution to (MP). Moreover,  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

**Theorem 3.6.** (CONVERSE DUALITY) *Let  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  be an efficient solution of the dual (MPD) and suppose satisfied the following conditions:*

i)  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

ii) *The hypotheses a)-b) of Theorem 3.2 hold for  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) = (x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

*Then  $x^0$  is an efficient solution to (MP). Moreover,  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

**Corollary 3.8.** (CONVERSE DUALITY) *Let  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  be an efficient solution of the dual (MPD) and suppose satisfied the following conditions:*

i)  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

ii) *The hypotheses a)-b) of Corollary 3.2 hold for  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) = (x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

*Then  $x^0$  is an efficient solution to (MP). Moreover,  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

**Corollary 3.9.** (CONVERSE DUALITY) *Let  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  be an efficient solution of the dual (MPD) and suppose satisfied the following conditions:*

i)  $x^0 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

ii) *The hypotheses a)-b) of Corollary 3.3 hold for  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu) = (x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

*Then  $x^0$  is an efficient solution to (MPD) and  $\varpi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

#### 4. Conclusion

Based on the normal efficiency conditions for a multiobjective variational problem, we introduced a Preda-Mititelu type dual, and under some assumptions of  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvexity, weak, direct and converse duality theorems are introduced and proved. The present study completes several results included in [3] and [14]. For other advances on this subject, the reader is encouraged to study [1]÷[18].

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