

DUALITY FOR MULTIOBJECTIVE FRACTIONAL VARIATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH GENERALIZED INVEXITY*

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ABSTRACT. A multiobjective fractional variational problem (*FVP*) is considered. By establishing the multiobjective nonfractional variational problem (*NFVP*) equivalent to (*FVP*), we formulate the Mond-Weir type dual problem (*FVD*) of (*FVP*) and prove some duality theorems for (*FVP*) under generalized invexity assumptions.

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1. Introduction

Duality theorems for fractional minimization problems have been of much interest in the past ([1],[4],[5],[8]). Recently there has been of growing interest in studying duality for multiobjective (fractional) variational and control problems ([2], [7], [10]). Using the parametric equivalence, Bector et al. [1] formulated a dual program for a multiobjective fractional program having continuously differentiable convex functions.

In this paper, a multiobjective fractional variational problem (*FVP*) is considered. By establishing the multiobjective nonfractional variational problem (*NFVP*) equivalent to (*FVP*), we formulate the Mond-Weir type dual problem (*FVD*) of (*FVP*), and prove weak, strong and converse duality theorems for (*FVP*) under generalized invexity assumptions.

2. Notations and Preliminaries

The following conventions for vectors in R^n will be used:

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$$\begin{aligned}
x \leq y &\iff x_i \leq y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \\
x < y &\iff x_i < y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \\
x \leq y &\iff x_i \leq y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \text{ but } x \neq y; \\
x \not\leq y &\text{ is the negation of } x \leq y.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $I = [a, b]$ be a real interval and $f : I \times R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R^p$, $g : I \times R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R^p$ and $h : I \times R^n \times R^n \rightarrow R^m$ be continuously differentiable functions.

Let $C(I, R^n)$ denote the space of piecewise smooth functions x with norm $\|x\| = \|x\|_\infty + \|Dx\|_\infty$, where the differentiable operator D is given by

$$u = Dx \iff x(t) = \alpha + \int_a^t u(s)ds,$$

where α is a given boundary value.

Consider the following multiobjective fractional variational problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
(FVP) \quad \text{Minimize} \quad & \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t))dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t))dt} := \left(\frac{\int_a^b f^1 dt}{\int_a^b g^1 dt}, \dots, \frac{\int_a^b f^p dt}{\int_a^b g^p dt} \right) \\
\text{subject to} \quad & x(a) = \alpha, x(b) = \beta, \\
& h(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) \leq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Assume that $g^i(t, x, \dot{x}) > 0$ and $f^i(t, x, \dot{x}) \geq 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, p$.

Let X denote the set of all feasible solutions of (FVP).

Definition 1. A point $x^* \in X$ is said to be an efficient solution of (FVP) if for all $x \in X$,

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x})dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x})dt} \not\leq \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*)dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*)dt}$$

Now we define the pseudo-invex and the quasi-invex functionals as follows

Definition 2. The functional $\int_a^b f$ is (strictly) pseudo-invex at (u, \dot{u}) w.r.t. η if there exists $\eta(t, x, u)$ with $\eta(t, x, x) = 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_a^b [\eta(t, x, u)f_x(t, u, \dot{u}) + (D\eta(t, x, u))f_{\dot{x}}(t, u, \dot{u})]dt \geq 0 \\
\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x})dt & \geq (>) \int_a^b f(t, u, \dot{u})dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Definition 3. The functional $\int_a^b f$ is (strictly) quasi-*invex* at (u, \dot{u}) w.r.t. η if there exists $\eta(t, x, u)$ with $\eta(t, x, x) = 0$ such that

$$\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \leq \int_a^b f(t, u, \dot{u}) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b [\eta(t, x, u) f_x(t, u, \dot{u}) + (D\eta(t, x, u)) f_{\dot{x}}(t, u, \dot{u})] dt \leq (<) 0.$$

Also we consider the following multiobjective nonfractional variational problem:

$$(NFVP) \quad \text{Minimize } v = (v_1, \dots, v_p)$$

$$\text{subject to } x(a) = \alpha, \quad x(b) = \beta,$$

$$\int_a^b [f(t, x, \dot{x}) - vg(t, x, \dot{x})] dt \leq 0, \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0,$$

where $f - vg := (f^1 - v_1g^1, \dots, f^p - v_pg^p)$.

We establish an equivalent relationship between (FVP) and $(NFVP)$.

Lemma 1. If x^* is an efficient solution of (FVP) , then (x^*, v^*) is an efficient solution of $(NFVP)$, where $v^* = \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}$.

Proof. Suppose that (x^*, v^*) is not efficient for $(NFVP)$. Then there exists (x, v) such that

$$v \leq \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt},$$

$$\int_a^b [f(t, x, \dot{x}) - vg(t, x, \dot{x})] dt \leq 0, \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0.$$

Thus $\frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \leq \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}$. Hence x^* is not efficient for (FVP) .

Lemma 2. If (x^*, v^*) is an efficient solution of $(NFVP)$, then x^* is an efficient solution of (FVP) .

Proof. Suppose that x^* is not efficient for (FVP) . Then there exists x such that

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x})dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x})dt} \leq \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*)dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*)dt}, \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0.$$

By the feasibility of (x^*, v^*) , we obtain

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x})dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x})dt} \leq v^*. \quad (1)$$

Let $v = \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x})dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x})dt}$. Then (x, v) is a feasible solution of $(NFVP)$. Thus, from (1), (x^*, v^*) is not efficient for $(NFVP)$. \square

Remark 1. I. By Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, $(NFVP)$ is equivalent to (FVP) .

II. If (x^*, v^*) is an efficient solution of $(NFVP)$, then by the definition of efficiency,

$$v^* = \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*)dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*)dt}.$$

Now, taking the Mond-Weir [11] type dual of $(NFVP)$, we formulate our dual problem of (FVP) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (FVD) \quad & \text{Maximize} \quad v = (v_1, \dots, v_p) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad u(a) = \alpha, u(b) = \beta, \\ & \quad \tau^T \{f_x - v g_x\} + \mu^T h_x = D[\tau^T \{f_{\dot{x}} - v g_{\dot{x}}\} + \mu^T h_{\dot{x}}], \\ & \quad \int_a^b \tau^T (f - v g) dt \geq 0, \\ & \quad \mu^T h \geq 0, \\ & \quad \tau > 0, \quad \mu \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tau \in R^p$ and $\mu : I \rightarrow R^m$ is a piecewise smooth function.

Let Y denote the set of all feasible solutions of (FVD) .

3. Duality Theorems

In this section, we establish the weak, strong and converse duality theorems for (FVP) .

Lemma 3 ([3]). x^* is an efficient solution of (FVP) if and only if for all $k = 1, \dots, p$, x^* solves (FVP_k) , where (FVP_k) is the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (FVP_k) \quad & \text{Minimize} \quad \frac{\int_a^b f_k(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b g_k(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \\
 & \text{subject to} \quad x(a) = \alpha, \quad x(b) = \beta, \\
 & \quad \frac{\int_a^b f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b g_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \leq \frac{\int_a^b f_i(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}{\int_a^b g_i(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt} \\
 & \quad \text{for all } i \neq k, \\
 & \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, p.
 \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3, we can prove the following Kuhn-Tucker type necessary optimality theorem for (FVP) by the method similar to the proof in Theorem 3.4 of [6].

Theorem 1. Let x^* be an efficient solution of (FVP) . Assume that x^* satisfies the Slater's constraint qualification [9] for (FVP_k) , $k = 1, \dots, p$. Then there exist $\tau^* \in R^p$, $v^* \in R^p$ and a piecewise smooth function $\mu^* : I \rightarrow R^m$ such that

$$\tau^{*T}(f_x^* - v^* g_x^*) + \mu^{*T} h_x^* = D[\tau^{*T}(f_x^* - v^* g_x^*) + \mu^{*T} h_x^*],$$

$$\int_a^b (f^* - v^* g^*) dt = 0, \quad \mu^{*T} h^* = 0, \quad \tau^* > 0, \quad \mu^* \geq 0.$$

Theorem 2 (Weak Duality). Let $x \in X$ and $(u, \tau, \mu, v) \in Y$. Assume that

- I. $\int_a^b \tau^T (f - vg)$ is quasi-invex and $\int_a^b \mu^T h$ is strictly pseudo-invex, or
- II. $\int_a^b \tau^T (f - vg)$ is pseudo-invex and $\int_a^b \mu^T h$ is strictly quasi-invex at (u, \dot{u}) w.r.t. η . Then

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \not\leq (v_1, \dots, v_p)$$

Proof. I. Suppose to the contrary that

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \leq (v_1, \dots, v_p).$$

Then for all $\tau > 0$,

$$\int_a^b \tau^T \{f(t, x, \dot{x}) - vg(t, x, \dot{x})\} dt < 0$$

and from the feasible condition, we have

$$\int_a^b \tau^T \{f(t, x, \dot{x}) - vg(t, x, \dot{x})\} dt < \int_a^b \tau^T \{f(t, u, \dot{u}) - vg(t, u, \dot{u})\} dt$$

By the quasi-invexity of $\int_a^b \tau^T (f - v^T g)$,

$$\int_a^b [\eta(t, x, u) \{\tau^T (f_x - vg_x)\} + (D\eta(t, x, u)) \{\tau^T (f_{\dot{x}} - vg_{\dot{x}})\}] dt \leq 0.$$

By the feasibility of (u, τ, μ, v) and integration by parts, the above inequality becomes

$$- \int_a^b \eta(t, x, u) \{\mu^T h_x - D\mu^T h_{\dot{x}}\} dt \leq 0. \quad (2)$$

Since $\int_a^b \mu^T h(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \leq \int_a^b \mu^T h(t, u, \dot{u}) dt$, by the strict pseudo-invexity of $\int_a^b \mu^T h$ and integration by parts,

$$\int_a^b \eta(t, x, u) \{\mu^T h_x - D\mu^T h_{\dot{x}}\} dt < 0,$$

which is contradiction to (2).

II. By the method similar to the proof in I, the result holds. \square

Theorem 3 (Strong Duality). Let x^* be an efficient solution of (FVP) . Assume that x^* satisfies a constraint qualification [9] for (FVP_k) , $k =$

1, \dots , p . If assumptions of Theorem 2 hold, then there exist $\tau^* \in R^p$, $v^* \in R^p$ and a piecewise smooth function $\mu^* : I \rightarrow R^m$ such that $(x^*, \tau^*, \mu^*, v^*)$ is an efficient solution of (FVD)

Proof. By Theorem 1, there exist $\tau^* \in R^p$, $v^* \in R^p$ and a piecewise smooth function $\mu^* : I \rightarrow R^m$ such that $(x^*, \tau^*, \mu^*, v^*)$ is an feasible solution of (FVD) and $v^* = \frac{\int_a^b f(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}{\int_a^b g(t, x^*, \dot{x}^*) dt}$. By Theorem 2, $(x^*, \tau^*, \mu^*, v^*)$ is an efficient solution of (FVD). \square

For the converse duality, we make the assumption that Z denotes the space of the piecewise differentiable function $x : I \rightarrow R^n$ for which $x(a) = 0 = x(b)$ equipped with the norm $\|x\| = \|x\|_\infty + \|Dx\|_\infty + \|D^2x\|_\infty$.

(FVD) may be rewritten in the following form :

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize} && -v \\ & \text{subject to} && u(a) = \alpha, \quad u(b) = \beta, \\ & && \theta(t, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \mu, \tau, v) = 0, \\ & && \int_a^b \tau^T (f - vg) dt \geq 0, \\ & && \mu^T h \geq 0, \quad \tau > 0, \quad \mu \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta = \tau^T (f_x - vg_x) + \mu^T h_x - D [\tau^T (f_{\dot{x}} - vg_{\dot{x}}) + \mu^T h_{\dot{x}}]$ with $\ddot{u} = D^2u(t)$.

Consider $\theta(\cdot, u(\cdot), \dot{u}(\cdot), \ddot{u}(\cdot), \mu(\cdot), \tau, v)$ as defining a map $\psi : Z \times W \times R^p \times R^p \rightarrow A$, where W is the space of piecewise differentiable function $\mu : I \rightarrow R^m$ and A is a Banach space.

Theorem 4 (Converse Duality). Let $(u^*, \tau^*, \mu^*, v^*)$ be an efficient solution of (FVD). Assume that

- I. the Fréchet derivative ψ' have a (weak*) closed range,
- II. f, g and h are twice continuously differentiable,
- III. $f_{\dot{x}}^i - v_i g_{\dot{x}}^i - D (f_x^i - v_i g_x^i)$, $i = 1, \dots, p$, is linearly independent, and
- IV. $(\beta(t)^T \theta_x - D\beta(t)^T \theta_{\dot{x}} + D^2\beta(t)^T \theta_{\ddot{x}}) \beta(t) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \beta(t) = 0, \quad t \in I$.

Then u^* is an efficient solution of (FVP).

Proof. Since $(u^*, \tau^*, \mu^*, v^*)$, with $u^* \in Z$ and ψ' having a (weak*) closed range, is an efficient solution, there exist $\alpha \in R^p$, $\gamma \in R$, $\delta \in R$, $\epsilon \in R^p$,

and piecewise smooth functions $\omega : I \rightarrow R^m$ and $\beta : I \rightarrow R^n$ satisfying the following Fritz John conditions

$$(\beta^T \theta_x - D\beta^T \theta_{\dot{x}} + D^2\beta^T \theta_{\ddot{x}}) + \delta (\mu^T h_x - D\mu^T h_{\dot{x}}) + \gamma \tau^T \{(f_x - v g_x) - D(f_{\dot{x}} - v g_{\dot{x}})\} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\beta^T \{(f_x - v g_x) - D(f_{\dot{x}} - v g_{\dot{x}})\} + \gamma (f - v g) + \epsilon = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\beta^T (h_x - Dh_{\dot{x}}) + D\beta^T h_{\dot{x}} + \delta h + \omega = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\alpha_i - \beta^T (\tau_i g_x^i - D\tau_i g_{\dot{x}}^i) - \gamma \tau_i g^i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \quad (6)$$

$$\gamma \tau^T (f - v^T g) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\delta \mu^T h = 0$$

$$\epsilon^T \tau = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\omega^T \mu = 0$$

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon, \omega) \geq 0 \quad (9)$$

By feasibility of $(u^*, \tau^*, \mu^*, v^*)$, from (3), we get

$$(\gamma - \delta) \tau^T \{(f_x - v g_x) - D(f_{\dot{x}} - v g_{\dot{x}})\} + (\beta^T \theta_x - D\beta^T \theta_{\dot{x}} + D^2\beta^T \theta_{\ddot{x}}) = 0. \quad (10)$$

Multiplying (4) by τ and using (7) and (8), we have

$$[\tau^T \{(f_x - v g_x) - D(f_{\dot{x}} - v g_{\dot{x}})\}] \beta = 0.$$

Multiplying (10) by β and using the above equation, (10) becomes

$$(\beta^T \theta_x - D\beta^T \theta_{\dot{x}} + D^2\beta^T \theta_{\ddot{x}}) \beta = 0,$$

which along with hypothesis IV gives

$$\beta = 0. \quad (11)$$

Equations (10) and (11) now yield

$$(\gamma - \delta) \tau^T \{(f_x - v g_x) - D(f_{\dot{x}} - v g_{\dot{x}})\} = 0,$$

which along with hypothesis III and $\tau > 0$ yields

$$\gamma = \delta.$$

We claim that $\gamma = \delta > 0$. If $\gamma = \delta = 0$, then from (4), (5) and (6), we have $\alpha = \epsilon = \omega = 0$. Thus $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon, \omega) = 0$, which contradicts (9). Therefore from (5) and (7), u^* is feasible for (FVP) and by Theorem 2, u^* is efficient for (FVP) . \square

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