



NON-LINEAR DUAL PROGRAMMING UNDER THE CONCEPT OF B-CONVEXITY

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Abstract: This paper consists of various duality theorems for nonlinear programming problems under B-convexity assumptions.

1. Introduction: Recently Bector and Singh [2] have introduced B - vex functions which are weaker than convex functions and more recently Bector, Suneja and Lalitha [8] have introduced Pseudo b - vex and quasi b - vex functions which are weaker than pseudo convex and quasi convex functions respectively. P. Kanniappan & P. Pandian [7] introduced b-vexity is non-linear programming duality. R.B. Patel introduced duality for non-linear fractional programming involving generalized semilocally B-vex functions. Vasile Preda and Anton Bata to rescu [10] introduced duality for minimax generalized Bvex programming involving n-set functions. But they have not considered the recently developed concepts like B-convex duality. Hence in this paper an attempt is made to fill the gap in the aim of research. This paper consists various duality theorem for non-linear programming problem under B-convexity assumptions.

2.1 Definition : The function f is said to be B - convex at $u \in X$. w.r.t.

$b(\alpha, u)$ and $(x - u)$ if $\alpha x \in X$.

$$b(x, u) [f(x) - f(u)] (x - u)^t \leq f(u)$$

2.2 Definition : The function f is said to be quasi b-convex at $u \in X$ with

respect to $b(x, u)$ and $(x - u)$ if $\alpha x \in X$.

$$f(x) \leq f(u) \leq b(x, u) \leq (x, u) \leq f(u) \leq 0$$

2.3 Definition : The function f is said to be strictly quasi b - convex at $u \in X$ with respect to $b(x, u)$

and $(x - u)$ if $x \in X$, and $x = u$.

$$f(x) \geq f(u) + b(x, u)(x - u)^t \geq f(u) < 0$$

2.4 Definition : The function f is said to be semistrictly quasi b -convex at $u \in X$ with respect to

$b(x, u)$ and $(x - u)$ if $x \in X$.

$$f(x) < f(u) + b(x, u)(x - u)^t \geq f(u) < 0$$

The connection b/u b -convex and quasi b -convex function is that every

b -convex function is quasi b -convex but the converse is not true. We can easily see that every b -

convex function with respect to $b(x, u)$, with $b(x, u) > 0$ is semi strictly quasi b -convex with respect

to the same $b(x, u)$. However the converse is not true.

Example : Let $x = \{-1, 1\}$ define $f : x \in \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(x) = x + x^3 \text{ and } b : X \times X \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ by}$$

$$(x - u) = 0$$

$$b(x, u) = -1 \quad x, u \in 0$$

$$= -xu, \quad xu < 0$$

Then f is semi strictly quasi b -convex with respect to $b(x, u)$ but not b -convex with respect to b

(x, u) because for

$$x = \frac{-1}{7}, \quad u = \frac{-1}{2}, \text{ we can see that}$$

$$b(x, u) [f(x) - f(u)] < (x - u)^t \geq f(u)$$

Every semi strictly quasi b -convex with respect to $b(x, u)$ is quasi b -convex with respect to

same $b(x, u)$ but the converse is not true.

This is demonstrated by the following example.

Example :

Let $x = (-1, 1)$. Define $f : x \in \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = x^3$ and

define $b : X \times X \times \mathbb{R}^+$ by

$$b(x, u) = \lambda(x - u) \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$b(x, u) = \lambda(x - u), \quad \lambda > 0 \quad (x - u) = 0$$

Then f is quasi b -convex with respect to $b(x, u)$ but it is not semi strictly quasi b -convex with respect

to $b(x, u)$ because for $x = 0$ and $u = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$b(x, u) = \lambda(x - u) \quad \lambda > 0 \quad f(u) = 0 \text{ and } f(x) < f(u)$$

3 Formulation :**3.1 Primal Formulation :**

Let us assume that the function f, g & h are differentiable on X .

Consider the following non-linear programming problem

$$(P) \quad \text{minimize } f(x)$$

$$x \in X$$

$$\text{Subject to } g(x) \leq 0$$

3.2 Dual Formulation :

$$(D) \quad \text{Maximize } f(u)$$

$$u \in X$$

$$\text{Subject to } \lambda f(u) + \sum y^t g(u) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$y^t g(u) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$x = 0 \quad (3)$$

If f is convex with respect to $b_0(x, u)$ and $(x - u)$ and each component g_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ is b -convex

w.r.t. $b_j(x, u)$ and $(x - u)$ on x with $b_0(x, u) > 0$, then (D) is dual to P.

4. Feasibility :

The following feasible terminology is used in duality theorems.

(i) A point $x \in X$ is said to be (P) - feasible optimal if x is a feasible (optimal) 0 0 solution of the primal problem (P).

(ii) The value of the objective function for the problem (P) at a point x is called as 0 (P) - objective value at x . 0

5 Duality Theorems :

5.1 : (Weak duality theorem) : Let x be (P) - feasible and (u, y) be D - feasible. If f is semi strictly quasi b -convex at u with respect to (x, u) and $y^t g$ is strictly quasi b -convex at u with respect to $b(x, u)$ \forall feasible (x, u, y) then $f(x) \geq f(u)$.

Proof : If $x = u$, the results is trival

suppose $x \neq u$

Since x is (P) - feasible and (u, y) is D - feasible, we have

$$y^t g(x) - y^t g(u) \geq 0$$

By strictly quasi b -convexity of $y^t g$ at u

We have

$$b(x, u) (x - u)^t \geq y^t g(u) < 0$$

From (7) we have

$$b(x, u) (x - u)^t \geq f(u) > 0$$

By semi strict quasi b - convexity of f at u , we have

$f(x) \geq f(u)$

Hence the theorem

5.2 Strong Duality Theorem :

Let x be (P) - optimal and let g satisfy a constraint qualification at x . Then $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that (x, y) is D - feasible and the p - objective value at x is equal to the D - objective value at (x, y) . If for every feasible (x, u, y) , the function f is semi strictly quasi b - convex at u w.r.t. $b(x, u)$ and ytg is strictly quasi b-convex at u with respect to $b(x, u)$ then (x, y) is (D) - optimal.

Proof :

Since x is (P) optimal and g satisfies a constraint qualification at x by Kuhn Tucker condition, $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\exists f(x) + \sum y_i (g_i(x) = 0)$$

$$y_i g_i(x^0) = 0$$

$$y_i \geq 0$$

(x, y) is D - feasible and P - objective value at x_0 is equal to D - objective value at (x, y) .

Suppose (x, y) is not D - optimal then \exists a D - feasible (u, y) such that

$$f(u, y) > f(x, u) \quad (4)$$

Then \exists a (D) - feasible and (u, y) is D - feasible by weak duality

$$f(x) \geq f(u)$$

which is a contradiction to (4)

Then (x, y) is D - optimal

Hence the theorem.

6 Converse Duality Theorem :

Theorem 6.1 Converse duality :

Let (x, y) be D - optimal and let the $n \times n$ Hessian matrix.

$$\nabla^2 f(x) + \nabla^2 y^t g(x)$$

be + ve or -ve definite and the vector $\nabla f(x) = 0$

If for all feasible x, u, y , f is semi strictly quasi b - convex at u w.r.t. (x, u) and yt

g is strictly quasi b - convex at u w.r.t. $b(x, u)$. Then x is (P) - optimal.

Proof : Since (x, y) is (D) optimal then by Fritz-John theorem $\rho \in \mathbb{R}, v \in \mathbb{R}^n,$

$q \in \mathbb{R}$ and $S \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$\rho \nabla f(x) + \nabla v^t [f(x) + \nabla y^t g(x)] + q \nabla^t y g(x) = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

$$\nabla^t f(x) = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla^t \nabla g(x) + qg(x) + S = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$q y^t g(x) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\nabla^t (9)$$

$$\nabla s = 0$$

$$(\rho, q, s) \geq 0 \quad (10)$$

$$(\rho, q, v, s) = 0 \quad (11)$$

Multiplying (7) by y^t , we have

$$\nabla^t \nabla y^t g(x) + q y^t g(x) + y^t s = 0$$

From (8) and (9) we get

$$\nabla^t \nabla y^t g(x) = 0 \quad (12)$$

Multiplying (5) by v^t we have

$$p v^t [f(x) + v^t [p^2 f(x) + p^2 y^t g(x)]] v = 0 \quad 0 \quad 0$$

$$+ q v^t [y^t g(x)] = 0 \quad 0$$

From (6) and (12) we get

$$v^t [p^2 f(x) + p^2 y^t g(x)] v = 0 \quad 0 \quad 0$$

Since the Hessian Matrix is positive or negative definite $v = 0$ since $v = 0$, (5)

becomes

$$p [f(x_0) + q [y_0^t g(x_0)] = 0 \text{ From (5) we have}$$

$$p [f(x_0) + q [-f(x_0)] = 0$$

$$\text{which implies } (p - q) [f(x_0)] = 0$$

$$\text{Since } [f(x_0)] = 0, \text{ we have } p = q$$

$$\text{Suppose } p = 0 \text{ then } q = 0 \text{ and } s = 0 \text{ by (7)}$$

$$[(p, q, v, s) = 0 \text{ which is a contradiction to (11)}$$

$$\text{Thus } p \neq 0, \text{ since } p = q, q \neq 0 \text{ and from (4.10), } q > 0$$

$$\text{Since } v = 0, q > 0 \text{ and } s \neq 0 \text{ from (4.7) we have}$$

$$g(x_0) \neq 0$$

x_0 is (p) feasible. From the theorem of weak duality x_0 is (p) - optimal.

Hence the theorem.

6.2 Theorem (Strict converse duality theorem) :

Let x_0 be (P) - optimal and let g satisfy a constraint qualification at x_0 . If (u_0, y_0) is (D) - optimal f is strictly quasi b - convex at u_0 with respect to $b_0(x, u)$ and $y_0^t g$ is strictly quasi b - convex at u_0 w.r.t. $b(x, u)$, then $x_0 = u_0$ and $\inf (P) = \text{SUP} (D)$.

Proof : Since x_0 is (P) - Primal, g satisfies a constraint qualification at x_0 , by KhunTukkar conditions.

\exists a $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that (x_0, y) is (D) - feasible.

Suppose $x_0 \neq u_0$

Since x_0 is (P) - feasible and (u_0, y_0) is (D) - feasible, we have

$$b(x_0, u_0)(x_0 - u_0)^t \exists y_0^t g(u_0) < 0 \quad (13)$$

By the feasibility of (u_0, y_0) , we have from (13)

$$b(x_0, u_0)(x_0 - u_0)^t \exists f(u_0) > 0$$

Since $b(x_0, u_0) \geq 0$ and $b_0(x_0, u_0) \geq 0$, we have

$$b_0(x_0, u_0)(x_0 - u_0)^t \exists f(u_0) \geq 0$$

By strict quasi b - convexity of f at u_0 ,
We have

$$f(x_0) > f(u_0)$$

This contradicts that (u_0, y_0) is a D - optimal.

Then $x_0 = u_0$ and clearly $\infimum (P) = \text{Supremum} (D)$.

Hence the theorem

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