

Global Lagrange Theory

(a) Formulation of the Problem Let $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}$ be real normed vector spaces, let $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{X}$ be an arbitrary set being not necessarily open or a subspace, and let $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{Y}$ be an order cone with dual cone \mathcal{K}_d in the dual space \mathcal{Y}_d of \mathcal{Y} , cf. § 1.10. Further, let

$$f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad g : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}, \quad h : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z},$$

be three mappings and consider the general *minimum problem* (MP)

$$\{f(x); x \in \mathcal{C}, -g(x) \in \mathcal{K}, h(x) = 0\} = \min! \quad (1)$$

with feasible set $\mathcal{S} = \{x \in \mathcal{C}, -g(x) \in \mathcal{K}, h(x) = 0\}$ and LAGRANGE function

$$L : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{Y}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d \ni (x, y, z) \mapsto L(x, y, z) = f(x) \pm y \circ g(x) + z \circ h(x) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The sign of y is positive in the present minimum problem and negative in the corresponding maximum problem; cf. § 3.2(b). The problem (1) is called *convex* again if \mathcal{C} , f convex, g \mathcal{K} -convex, and h *affine linear*. For $-g(x) \in \mathcal{K}$ we write briefly $g(x) \leq 0$ and observe that, in the present situation, the LAGRANGE multipliers y and z are elements of the dual spaces \mathcal{Y}_d and \mathcal{Z}_d , resp. may be canonically identified with elements of these spaces. Altogether we are faced with the following constellation:

mapping:	f	g	h
range:	\mathbb{R}	\mathcal{Y}	\mathcal{Z}
order cone:	$\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$	\mathcal{K}	$\mathcal{L} = \{0\}$
dual elements:	$\varrho \in \mathbb{R}$	$y \in \mathcal{Y}_d$	$z \in \mathcal{Z}_d$

The equality restrictions $h(x) = 0$ may *not* be replaced by double inequalities because we have to suppose sometimes that the interior $\text{int}(\mathcal{K})$ of \mathcal{K} is not empty. In slight generalization, the restrictions differ from each other by the two order cones \mathcal{K} and \mathcal{L} according to

$$g(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{K}}{\leq} 0, \quad \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset, \quad h(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\leq} 0, \quad \text{int}(\mathcal{L}) = \emptyset.$$

Definition 1 (1°) *The minimum problem (MP) is called G-, H-, F-differentiable if the mappings f, g, h are GATEAUX-, HADAMARD-, resp. FRÉCHET-differentiable in an open superset of \mathcal{C} .*

(2°) *The problem (MP) is convex if $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{X}$ is a convex set, $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a convex mapping, $g : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ a \mathcal{K} -convex mapping, and $h : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ a affine linear mapping.*

The fundamental Theorem 3.2 now reads:

Theorem 1 *Let $(x^*, y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ be a triple such that*

$$x^* = \arg \min_{\max} \{f(x^*) \pm y^* \circ g(x^*) + z^* \circ h(x^*), x \in \mathcal{C}\}, \quad (2)$$

and let $x^ \in \mathcal{S}$ as well as $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$. Then*

$$x^* = \arg \min_{\max} \{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0\}.$$

Proof. For all $x \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^*) &= f(x^*) \pm y^* \circ g(x^*) + z^* \circ h(x^*) \\ &\stackrel{\leq}{\geq} f(x) \pm y^* \circ g(x) + z^* \circ h(x) \stackrel{\leq}{\geq} f(x). \end{aligned}$$

□

Accordingly the candidates for maximum and minimum points can be found by (2) at the same time.

Let the extremal problem be F-differentiable then (2) yields the necessary condition

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in \mathcal{C} : \nabla_x L(x^*, y^*, z^*)(x - x^*) &\geq 0 \quad (\text{minimum problem}), \\ \forall x \in \mathcal{C} : \nabla_x L(x^*, y^*, z^*)(x - x^*) &\leq 0 \quad (\text{maximum problem}), \\ \forall x \in \mathcal{C} : \nabla_x L(x^*, y^*, z^*)(x - x^*) &= 0 \quad (\text{if } \mathcal{C} \text{ open in } \mathcal{X}, \text{ e.g. } \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{X}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The condition (3) is sufficient for (2) if the minimum problem is convex resp. the maximum problem is concave since the associated LAGRANGE function L then is in x convex resp. concave on the convex set \mathcal{C} ; cf. Lemma 1.25.

(b) (Primal) Lagrange Problem (LP)

Find a triple $(x^*, y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ so that

$$\boxed{(x^*, y^*, z^*) = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \sup\{L(x, y, z), y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d\}}, \quad (4)$$

Let us first summarize some properties of the LAGRANGE function:

Lemma 1 (Lemma 3.3) (1°) Let $x \in \mathcal{S}$ and $y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ so that $y^* \circ g(x) = 0$ (e.g. $y^* = 0$). Then

$$\forall z \in \mathcal{Z}_d : f(x) = L(x, y^*, z) = \max\{L(x, y, z), y \in \mathcal{K}_d\}.$$

(2°) Let the order cone \mathcal{K} in \mathcal{Y} be closed and let conversely $\max_{(y,z) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z)$ exist for some $x \in \mathcal{C}$. In other words let, for some $x \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\exists (y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d : L(x, y^*, z^*) = \max\{L(x, y, z), y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d\},$$

then x is feasible, $x \in \mathcal{S}$, and moreover $y^* \circ g(x) = 0$.

$$(3^\circ) \quad \mathcal{S} = \emptyset \iff \forall x \in \mathcal{C} : \sup\{L(x, y, z), y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d\} = \infty.$$

Proof. (See [Krabs], § 2.1 for $h = 0$).

(1°) Let $x \in \mathcal{S}$ then $g(x) \leq 0$ and $h(x) = 0$, hence

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{K}_d \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{Z}_d : y \circ g(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad z \circ h(x) = 0,$$

which proves the assertion.

(2°) By assumption, for $x \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{K}_d \quad \forall z \in \mathcal{Z}_d : y^* \circ g(x) + z^* \circ h(x) \geq y \circ g(x) + z \circ h(x). \quad (5)$$

(2.1°) Let $0 = z \in \mathcal{Z}_d$. By (5) we have $y^* \circ g(x) \geq 0$ for $y = 0$. But, on the other side, $y \circ g(x) \leq 0$ for all $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$, else we have a contradiction to (4) since with $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ also $\alpha y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ for all $\alpha \geq 0$. Therefore $g(x) \leq 0$ by the cone corollary, since \mathcal{K} closed. Setting $y = y^*$ we

obtain together $y^* \circ g(x) = 0$.

(2.2°) Let $0 = y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ then $h(x) = 0$ because $z \in \mathcal{Z}_d$ arbitrary. (If $h(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\leq} 0$ with a closed cone \mathcal{L} , the assertion follows in the same way as in (2.1°). Altogether x is feasible.

(3°) Let \mathcal{S} be non-empty then by (1°) for $x \in \mathcal{S}$

$$f(x) = \sup_{(y,z) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z) < \infty.$$

If \mathcal{S} empty and $x \in \mathcal{C}$, $-g(x) \notin \mathcal{K}$ or $h(x) \neq 0$.

(3.1°) Let $-g(x) \notin \mathcal{K}$ then, by Lemma 1.20, there exists a $y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ such that $y^* \circ g(x) > 0$. Since $\alpha y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ for $\alpha \geq 0$ we obtain $\sup_{y \in \mathcal{K}_d} L(x, y, z) = \infty$.

(3.2°) Let $h(x) \neq 0$ then $\sup_{z \in \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z) = \infty$.

□

Corollary 1 *Let the order cone $\mathcal{K} \subset Y$ be closed and $x \in \mathcal{C}$. Then x feasible, $x \in \mathcal{S}$, and $y^* \circ g(x) = 0$ if and only if*

$$L(x, y^*, z^*) = \text{Max}_{(y,z) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z). \quad (6)$$

Proof. Let (6) then the assertion follows from Lemma 1(2°); the other direction follows from Lemma 1(1°).

Theorem 2 *(Theorem 3.12, LAGRANGE problem sufficient) Let the order cone $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{Y}$ be closed and let $(x^*, y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ be a solution of (LP) then x^* is a solution of the minimum problem (MP).*

Proof. Let (x^*, y^*, z^*) be a solution of (LP) then $x^* \in \mathcal{C}$ and

$$L(x^*, y^*, z^*) = \max_{y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x^*, y, z)$$

($\sup_{y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z)$ is not necessarily attained for all $x \in \mathcal{C}$ but by assumption for x^*). Then x^* feasible by Lemma 1(2°) and $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$. By Lemma 1(1°),

$$(L(x^*, y^*, z^*) =) f(x^*) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \sup_{y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z) \quad \square.$$

Lemma 2 *Let \mathcal{K} be closed. Then the minimum problem (MP) (1) and the LAGRANGE problem (LP) (3) are equivalent in the sense that if x^* solution of (MP) and (\tilde{x}^*, y^*, z^*) solution of (LP), then $x^* = \tilde{x}^*$.*

Note that this result is an *equivalence theorem* which says nothing about the *existence* of the resp. solutions.

Proof. (1°) Let x^* be a solution of (MP). Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^*) &:= \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \{f(x), g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0\} \\ &= \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0} \sup_{y \geq 0, z} \{f(x) + y \circ g(x) + z \circ h(x)\}, \\ &= \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \sup \{L(x, y, z), y \in \mathcal{K}_d, z \in \mathcal{Z}_d\} \text{ (Lemma 1(1°))} \\ &=: L(x^*, y^*, z^*). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore (x^*, y^*, z^*) is solution of (LP).

(2°) (Same as proof of Theorem 2.) Let (x^*, y^*, z^*) be a solution of (LP) then $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$

and x^* feasible by Lemma 1(2°). Also $f(x^*) = L(x^*, y^*, z^*)$ by Lemma 1(1°), and the same conclusions of (6) hold in converse direction therefore x^* is solution of (MP). \square

(c) Saddlepoint Problems In the following both results let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be arbitrary sets and

$$f : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \ni (x, y) \mapsto f(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}$$

an arbitrary function.

Definition 2 A pair $(x^*, y^*) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ is a saddlepoint of f if

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{A}, \forall y \in \mathcal{B} : f(x^*, y) \leq f(x^*, y^*) \leq f(x, y^*). \quad (8)$$

Lemma 3 The function f has a saddlepoint in $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ if and only if

$$\max_{y \in \mathcal{B}} \inf_{x \in \mathcal{A}} f(x, y) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{A}} \sup_{y \in \mathcal{B}} f(x, y). \quad (9)$$

Here, max instead sup says that the supremum is actually attained.

Proof. [Ekeland].

To the minimum problem (1) we associate the following *saddlepoint problem* (SPP) where again $\mathcal{K}_d \subset \mathcal{Y}$ is the order cone:

Find a *saddlepoint* $(x^*, y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ such that

$$\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}' : L(x^*, y, z) \leq L(x^*, y^*, z^*) \leq L(x, y^*, z^*). \quad (10)$$

Theorem 3 ((SPP) sufficient.) Let the order cone \mathcal{K} be closed. If (x^*, y^*, z^*) is a saddle point, i.e. a solution of (10), then x^* is a minimum point, i.e. a solution of (1).

Proof. (a1) For $z = z^*$ we obtain from the left inequality in (10)

$$y \circ g(x^*) \leq y^* \circ g(x^*). \quad (11)$$

But $y + y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ for all $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ because \mathcal{K}_d is convex. Writing $y + y^*$ for y in (11) we obtain

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{K}_d : y \circ g(x^*) \leq 0.$$

By the Cone Corollary we thus obtain $g(x^*) \leq 0$ which implies $y^* \circ g(x^*) \leq 0$. Setting $y = 0$ in (11) we obtain $y^* \circ g(x^*) \geq 0$ hence together $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$.

(a2) For $y = y^*$ in the left inequality of (10) we obtain $(z - z^*) \circ h(x^*) \leq 0$. As $z - z^* \in \mathcal{Z}_d$ is arbitrary we then find that $h(x^*) = 0$. Thus x^* is a feasible point.

(b) For feasible x we obtain from the right inequality in (10) using (a)

$$f(x^*) + 0 \leq f(x) + y^* \circ g(x) \leq f(x)$$

because $y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$. Hence x^* is a minimum point. \square

(d) Dual Lagrange Problem (DLP) Find a triple $(x^*, y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ such that

$$L(x^*, y^*, z^*) = \max_{(y, z) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d} \inf_{x \in \mathcal{C}} L(x, y, z). \quad (12)$$

Corollary 2 (Equivalence) Let the order cone $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{Y}$ be closed and let the LAGRANGE function L have a saddlepoint. Then the primal and the dual LAGRANGE problem (LP) and (DLP) are equivalent,

$$L(x^*, y^*, z^*) = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \sup_{(y, z) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d} L(x, y, z) = \max_{(y, z) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d} \inf_{x \in \mathcal{C}} L(x, y, z),$$

and $L(x^*, y^*, z^*) = f(x^*)$ if $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$.

(e) Necessary Conditions The proof of the *existence* of the above used LAGRANGE multipliers is much more difficult and needs besides the convexity of the problem also further regularity assumptions on the equality constraints $h(x) = 0$.

Definition 3 Let the vector space \mathcal{Y} be normed, $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{Y}$ the (convex) order cone with non-empty interior, $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$, and let $g : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Y$ \mathcal{K} -convex.

(1°) g satisfies the SLATER condition (S) if

$$\mathcal{A} := \{x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) < 0\} \neq \emptyset.$$

(2°) g satisfies the KARLIN condition (K) if

$$\mathcal{B} := \{y \in \mathcal{K}_d : y \circ g(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}\} = \{0\}.$$

or, in other words,

$$\forall 0 \neq y \in \mathcal{K}_d \exists x \in \mathcal{C} : y \circ g(x) < 0.$$

$\neg(S)$ is the condition $\mathcal{A} = \emptyset$ and $\neg(K)$ is the condition $\mathcal{B} \neq \{0\}$. The following theorem says that either (S) holds or $\neg(K)$ but never both. Therefore it is sometimes called the *basic alternative theorem*.

Theorem 4 Adopt the assumption of definition 3 then the SLATER condition (S) and the KARLIN condition (K) are equivalent.

Proof. Cf. e.g. [Craven78], § 2.5.

(1°) Let $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and $y \in \mathcal{B}$. From $g(x) < 0$ and $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ we then obtain by the Cone Corollary that $y = 0$.

(2°) We prove $\neg(S) \implies \neg(K)$. Let $\mathcal{W} \subset Y$ be defined by

$$\mathcal{W} = g(\mathcal{C}) + \text{int}(\mathcal{K}).$$

(i) \mathcal{W} is open:

$$x \in \mathcal{C}, k \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \implies w = g(x) + k \in \mathcal{W}.$$

Because $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$, there exists an open ball \mathcal{N} such that $k + \mathcal{N} \subset \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$ hence $w + \mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{W}$. Therefore \mathcal{W} is open.

(ii) \mathcal{W} is convex: Let $w_i = g(x_i) + k_i \in \mathcal{W}$, $x_i \in \mathcal{C}$, $k_i \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$, $i = 1, 2$, let $0 < \lambda < 1$ and $x = \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2$. Then $x \in \mathcal{C}$ because \mathcal{C} is convex. Let

$$\begin{aligned} u &:= (1 - \lambda)w_1 + \lambda w_2 \\ &= (1 - \lambda)(w_1 - g(x_1)) + \lambda(w_2 - g(x_2)) \\ &\quad + [(1 - \lambda)g(x_1) + \lambda g(x_2) - g(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2)] + g(x) \end{aligned}$$

then $[\dots] \geq 0$ hence $[\dots] \in \mathcal{K}$ because g is \mathcal{K} -convex, and

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \lambda)(w_1 - g(x_1)) &= (1 - \lambda)k_1 \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}), \\ \lambda(w_2 - g(x_2)) &= \lambda k_2 \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}). \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$u \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) + \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) + \mathcal{K} + g(x) = \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) + g(x)$$

hence $u = (1 - \lambda)w_1 + \lambda w_2 \in \mathcal{W}$ and therefore \mathcal{W} is a convex set.

(iii) $0 \notin \mathcal{W}$: From $\neg(S)$ we obtain $\{x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) < 0\} = \emptyset$. Let $0 \in \mathcal{W}$, then there exist $x \in \mathcal{C}$ and $k \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$ with $0 = g(x) + k$. This equation yields $k = -g(x) > 0$ hence $g(x) < 0$ in

contradiction to assumption.

(iv) Applying the Separation Theorem to $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{W}$ and $\mathcal{D} = \{0\}$, there exists a $0 \neq y \in Y'$ such that

$$0 = y(0) \leq \inf_{w \in \mathcal{W}} y(w) \leq y(w), \quad w \in \mathcal{W}.$$

Hence there exists a $0 \neq y \in Y_d$ with $y(\mathcal{W}) \subset \mathbb{R}_+$.

(v) $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$: Let $x_0 \in \mathcal{C}$ and $k \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$. Then there exists an open ball \mathcal{N} containing zero such that $k + \mathcal{N} \subset \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$. For λ sufficiently large we obtain $\lambda^{-1}g(x_0) \in \mathcal{N}$ hence

$$k - \lambda^{-1}g(x_0) \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \implies \lambda(k - \lambda^{-1}g(x_0)) \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}),$$

because \mathcal{K} is a cone. Therefore $p = \lambda k - g(x_0) \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$ if λ is sufficiently large which yields $\lambda k = g(x_0) + p \in \mathcal{W}$ and thus

$$\forall k \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K}) : \lambda^{-1}y(\lambda k) = y(k) \geq 0,$$

by (iv). As y is continuous we also have $y(k) \geq 0$ for all $k \in \mathcal{K} \subset \overline{\text{int}(\mathcal{K})}$. Therefore $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$.

(vi) The above defined $0 \neq y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ satisfies $y \circ g(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ hence $\neg(K)$: For $x \in \mathcal{C}$ and $k \in \text{int}(\mathcal{K})$ we obtain $w = g(x) + \varepsilon k \in \mathcal{W}$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$ by definition of \mathcal{W} . Therefore

$$y(g(x)) = y(w) - \varepsilon y(k) \geq 0 - \varepsilon y(k) \rightarrow 0, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

We thus have $y \circ g(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{C}$. \square

The assumption $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$ implies that $\text{int}(\mathcal{W}) \neq \emptyset$ and thus Theorem 4 can also be proved by application of EIDELHEIT's separation theorem.

By applying the basic alternative theorem we now show that the existence of a saddlepoint is also necessary for the existence of a solution of the minimum problem (1) in the case where the problem is convex and no equality restrictions $h(x) = 0$ occur:

Theorem 5 ((SPP) necessary, $h = 0$) *Let the minimum problem (1) be convex and $h \equiv 0$. Suppose that*

(1°) $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$,

(2°) g satisfies the KARLIN condition.

If

$$x^* = \arg \min \{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0\}$$

then

$$\exists 0 \neq y^*, \forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d : L(x^*, y) \leq L(x^*, y^*) \leq L(x, y^*). \quad (13)$$

where $L(x, y) = f(x) + y \circ g(x)$, and moreover $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$.

Proof. Cf. e.g. [Craven78], § 2.5. The set

$$\mathcal{P} := \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R} \times Y$$

defines a convex cone with $\emptyset \neq \text{int}(\mathcal{P}) \subset \text{int}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}) \times \mathcal{K}$. Moreover, we have $f(x) \geq f(x^*)$ for every feasible x hence $-(f(x) - f(x^*)) \notin \text{int}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$. Let the mapping G be defined by

$$G : \mathcal{C} \supset x \mapsto (f(x) - f(x^*), g(x))$$

then G is \mathcal{P} -convex and \neg SLATER holds for G :

$$\{x \in \mathcal{C} : -G(x) \in \text{int}(\mathcal{P})\} = \emptyset.$$

Therefore also \neg KARLIN is fulfilled for G , i.e., there exists a $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^*, y^*) \in \mathcal{P}_d = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{K}_d$ such that

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{C} : \varrho^*(f(x) - f(x^*)) + y^* \circ g(x) \geq 0. \quad (14)$$

If $\varrho^* = 0$ then $y^* \neq 0$ and (14) yields

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{C} : y^* \circ g(x) \geq 0.$$

which contradicts the KARLIN condition. Therefore $\varrho^* \neq 0$ and we may write $\varrho^* = 1$ after possible division by ϱ^* . If the complement condition $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$ holds then (14) yields the right inequality of the (SPP) (13). For $x = x^*$ however we obtain from (14) that $y^* \circ g(x^*) \geq 0$. But $g(x^*) \leq 0$ and $y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ hence $y^* \circ g(x^*) \leq 0$ and the complement condition is fulfilled. The left inequality of the (SPP) (13) holds, too, because $y \circ g(x^*) \leq 0$ for $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$. \square

(f) The generalization of the basic alternative Theorem 4 and of theorem 5 by incorporating affin linear side conditions $h(x) = 0$ makes some difficulties because the trivial cone $\{0\}$ has an empty interior. [Kirsch et al.] develop an own theory and abandon the requirement for *closed* separating hyperplane. F.JOHN generalizes the above result by studying the ‘‘primal functional’’ which is also of interest in duality theory. We follow here the latter way.

Recall that $\mathcal{R} := \mathcal{P} + \mathcal{Q} := \{r = p + q, p \in \mathcal{P}, q \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ for some subsets of a vector space. If \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} are convex then also $\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{Q}$ is convex and

$$\text{int}(\mathcal{P}) \neq \emptyset \implies \text{int}(\mathcal{R}) \neq \emptyset$$

as shown in the proof of Theorem 4. Define the sets

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= g(\mathcal{C}) + \mathcal{K} = \{g(x) + k, x \in \mathcal{C}, k \in \mathcal{K}\}, \\ \mathcal{A} &= (g, f)(\mathcal{C}) + (\mathcal{K} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}) = \{(g(x) + k, f(x) + \alpha), x \in \mathcal{C}, k \in \mathcal{K}, \alpha \geq 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

the primal functional

$$\begin{aligned} \omega : \Gamma \ni u \mapsto \omega(u) &:= \inf\{w, (u, w) \in \mathcal{A}\} \\ &= \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, \exists k \in \mathcal{K} : g(x) + k = u\}, \end{aligned}$$

and the set

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(u, w) \in Y \times \mathbb{R}, u \leq 0, w \leq \omega(0)\}.$$

Then, in particular, $(g(x), f(x)) \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{C}$, and ω is the boundary of \mathcal{A} . We assemble some properties in the following auxiliary result:

Lemma 4 *Let the minimum problem $\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0\} = \min!$, be convex and let $\omega(0)$ exist finitely. Then*

- (i) Γ is convex.
- (ii) ω is convex and weakly monotone decreasing.
- (iii) \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are convex.
- (iv) $\text{int}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$.
- (v) $\mathcal{A} \cap \text{int}(\mathcal{B}) = \emptyset$.

Proof [Luenber69], §8.3; [Kosmol] §9.3. All assertions are rather obvious besides the first assertion of (ii). For this proof let $u, v \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &:= \{x \in \mathcal{C}, \exists k \in \mathcal{K} : g(x) \leq \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v\}, \\ \mathcal{Q} &:= \{x \in \mathcal{C}, \exists x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{C}, \exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathcal{K} : \\ &\quad g(x_1) + k_1 = u, g(x_2) + k_2 = v, x = \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

If $x \in \mathcal{Q}$ then there exist $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{C}$ such that

$$g(x) = g(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda g(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)g(x_2) \leq \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v$$

therefore $x \in \mathcal{Q} \implies x \in \mathcal{P}$ and thus $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{P}$. Now

$$\omega(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) = \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{P}\} \leq \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{Q}\}.$$

But f is convex hence

$$f(x) = f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2)$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{Q}\} \\ & \leq \inf\{\lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2), x_1 \in \mathcal{C}, g(x_1) \leq u, x_2 \in \mathcal{C}, g(x_2) \leq v\} \\ & = \lambda \inf\{f(x_1), x_1 \in \mathcal{C}, g(x_1) \leq u\} + (1 - \lambda) \inf\{f(x_2), x_2 \in \mathcal{C}, g(x_2) \leq v\} \\ & = \lambda \omega(u) + (1 - \lambda)\omega(v). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

By and large, the following result is the same as Theorem 5 but allows a generalization to additional affine linear side conditions.

Theorem 6 (F. JOHN) *Let the minimum problem (1) be convex, let $h \equiv 0$, and let $\omega(0)$ exist finitely.*

(i) *If $\text{int}(\mathcal{A}) \neq \emptyset$ then there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^*, y^*) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{K}_d$ such that*

$$\varrho^* \omega(0) = \inf\{\varrho^* f(x) + y^* \circ g(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}. \quad (15)$$

(ii) *If $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$ and the SLATER condition is satisfied then (15) holds with $\varrho^* = 1$ and $0 \neq y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$.*

(iii) *If moreover x^* is a solution of the minimum problem then x^* minimizes also (15) and*

$$y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0.$$

Proof. [Luenberger69], § 8.3; [Kosmol], § 9.3.

(i) The convex sets \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} satisfy the assumption of EIDELHEIT's separation theorem thus there exists a closed separating hyperplane. This is equivalent to the existence of a pair $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^*, y^*) \in (\mathbb{R} \times Y)_d = \mathbb{R} \times Y_d$ such that

$$\forall (u_1, w_1) \in \mathcal{B}, \forall (u_2, w_2) \in \mathcal{A}: \varrho^* w_1 + y^* \circ u_1 \leq \varrho^* w_2 + y^* \circ u_2. \quad (16)$$

By the shape of \mathcal{B} we obtain $\varrho^* \geq 0$ and $y^* \geq 0$: $\varrho^* < 0$ contradicts (16) because w_2 may be arbitrarily large. Also, if $y^* \circ u_1 > 0$ for some $u_1 < 0$ then

$$y^* \circ n u_1 = n y^* \circ u_1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

may be arbitrarily large, contradicting (16), too. So, $y^* \circ u \leq 0$ for all $u < 0$ yielding $y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ by the cone inclusion theorem. Because $(0, \omega(0)) \in \mathcal{B}$ and $(g(x), f(x)) \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{C}$ we have

$$\varrho^* \omega(0) \leq \inf\{\varrho^* f(x) + y^* \circ g(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}. \quad (17)$$

If $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence of feasible points with $\lim f(x_n) = \omega(0)$ then

$$\inf\{\varrho^* f(x) + y^* \circ g(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\} \leq \lim \varrho^* f(x_n) = \varrho^* \omega(0).$$

because $y^* \circ g(x_n) \leq 0$. This proves (i).

(ii) If $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$ then $\text{int}(\mathcal{A}) \neq \emptyset$ and the assumption of EIDELHEIT's Separation Theorem is fulfilled and assertion (i) holds. But the SLATER condition yields the existence of some $x_0 \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $g(x_0) < 0$. Then $y \circ g(x_0) < 0$ for all $0 \neq y \in \mathcal{K}_d$ by the cone corollary. But $\varrho^* = 0$ implies $y^* \neq 0$ and then in (16)

$$0 = y^* \circ 0 \leq y^* \circ g(x_0),$$

contradicting $y^* \circ g(x_0) < 0$. Therefore we now have $\varrho^* > 0$ and assertion (ii) follows after division by ϱ^* .

(iii) If x^* solves the minimum problem then we obtain from (17) using $\varrho^* = 1$ and $y^* \geq 0$

$$\omega(0) \leq f(x^*) + y^* \circ g(x^*) \leq f(x^*) = \omega(0)$$

yielding both parts of assertion (iii). \square

The proof of (ii) shows that the SLATER condition may be replaced by the somewhat weaker condition

$$\exists x \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall 0 \neq y \in \mathcal{K}_d : y \circ g(x) < 0.$$

However, the following somewhat stronger result holds for \mathcal{A} :

Lemma 5 *Let $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}$, $\text{int}(g(\mathcal{D})) \neq \emptyset$ or $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$ and let $f(\mathcal{D}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. Then $\text{int}(\mathcal{A}) \neq \emptyset$.*

Proof. [Kosmol], § 9.3. The interval $(\sup f(\mathcal{D}), \infty) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is open and nonempty by assumption. But $\text{int}(g(\mathcal{D}) + \mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$ by assumption hence also the set $\mathcal{G} := (g(\mathcal{D}) + \mathcal{K}) \times \{(\sup f(\mathcal{D}), \infty)\} \subset Y \times \mathbb{R}$ has a nonempty interior. But $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{A}$ holds because

$$(g(x) + k, \beta) = (g(x) + k, f(x) + (\beta - f(x))) \in \mathcal{A}$$

for every $(g(x) + k, \beta) \in \mathcal{G}$ observing $\beta - f(x) \geq 0$. \square

Theorem 6 and Lemma 5 together yield the following useful result:

Corollary 3 [Kosmol], § 9.3, *Folgerung.* *Let the minimum problem (1) be convex, let $h \equiv 0$, and let $\omega(0)$ exist finitely.*

(1°) *Let there exist a set $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}$ such that*

(1°)(i) *f is bounded from above on \mathcal{D} ,*

(1°)(ii) *$\text{int}(g(\mathcal{D})) \neq \emptyset$ or $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$.*

Then there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^, y^*) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{K}_d$ such that*

$$\varrho^* \omega(0) = \inf \{ \varrho^* f(x) + y^* \circ g(x), x \in \mathcal{C} \}. \quad (18)$$

(2°) *If moreover*

$$\exists x \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \forall 0 \neq y \in \mathcal{K}_d : y \circ g(x) < 0.$$

then (18) holds with $\varrho^ = 1$ und $0 \neq y^* \in \mathcal{K}'$.*

(c) *If moreover x^* is a solution of the minimum problem then x^* minimizes also (18) and*

$$y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0.$$

(g) Linear Constraints

Lemma 6 *Let \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z} be BANACH spaces. Let $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex and continuous, $0 \neq h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ linear and continuous, $h(\mathcal{X})$ closed and $b \in h(\mathcal{X})$. Further, let*

$$\omega := \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}, h(x) - b = 0\} \quad (19)$$

exist finitely.

(1°) *There exists a $z^* \in \mathcal{Z}_d$ such that*

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + z^* \circ (h(x) - b), x \in \mathcal{X}\}. \quad (20)$$

(2°) *If the infimum in (19) is attained at a point x^* with $h(x^*) - b = 0$ then the infimum of (20) is also attained in x^* and moreover*

$$z^* \circ (h(x^*) - b) = 0. \quad (21)$$

(3°) *If conversely the infimum of (20) is attained at a point x^* such that $h(x^*) = b$ then also the infimum of (19) is attained at x^* .*

Proof. [Kosmol], §9.4. By assumption $h(\mathcal{X})$ is closed hence a BANACH space. Let $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{X}$ be an open bounded ball. Then f is bounded on \mathcal{D} because f is continuous. $h(\mathcal{D}) \subset h(\mathcal{X})$ is an open subset by the Open-Mapping-Theorem being bounded also. Because $h(\mathcal{X})$ is a vector space and $b \in h(\mathcal{X})$, also $g(\mathcal{D}) = h(\mathcal{D}) - b \subset h(\mathcal{X})$ and $\text{int}(g(\mathcal{D})) = g(\mathcal{D}) \neq \emptyset$ where $\text{int}(g(\mathcal{D}))$ is now the interior of $g(\mathcal{D})$ relative $h(\mathcal{X})$. Thus the assumptions of Corollary 3 are fulfilled for the BANACH space $h(\mathcal{X})$ instead of \mathcal{Y} and consequently there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^*, z^*)$ with $z^* \in h(\mathcal{X})_d$ and

$$\varrho^* \omega = \inf\{\varrho^* f(x) + z^* \circ (h(x) - b), x \in \mathcal{X}\}. \quad (22)$$

If $\varrho^* = 0$ then $z^* \neq 0$ and then from (22)

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{X} : z^* \circ (h(x) - b) \geq 0$$

in contradiction to the fact that $h \neq 0$ and $h(\mathcal{X})$ is a vector space. Therefore $\varrho^* \neq 0$ and we may choose $\varrho^* = 1$. By the theorem of HAHN-BANACH z^* can be continued to Z_d retaining its properties.

Part (3°) follows in the same way as in Theorem 6. \square

We also may write Lemma 6 in the following form using an affin linear mapping h :

Corollary 4 *Let \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z} be BANACH spaces, $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex and continuous, $0 \neq h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ affin linear and continuous, $h(\mathcal{X})$ closed and $0 \in h(\mathcal{X})$. Further, let*

$$\omega := \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}, h(x) = 0\}$$

exist finitely. Then there exists a $z^ \in \mathcal{Z}_d$ such that*

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + z^* \circ h(x), x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

If moreover

$$x^* = \arg \min\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}, h(x) = 0\}$$

then

$$x^* = \arg \min\{f(x) + z^* \circ h(x), x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

and vice versa (and $z^ \circ h(x^*) = 0$ in a trivial way).*

Definition 4 Let $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{X}$ arbitrary sets.

(1°) Let $x \in \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D}$ then x is called interior point of \mathcal{C} relative to \mathcal{D} if there is a neighborhood of x in \mathcal{D} being also neighborhood of x in \mathcal{C} :

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall u \in \mathcal{D} : \|u - x\| \leq \varepsilon \implies u \in \mathcal{C}.$$

(2°) $\text{aff}(\mathcal{C})$ is the smallest affine subspace of \mathcal{X} containing \mathcal{C} .

Lemma 7 Let the minimum problem (1),

$$\{f(x); x \in \mathcal{C}, h(x) = 0\} = \min!,$$

be convex (h affine linear). Suppose that,

(i) $\inf f(\mathcal{C})$ exists finitely,

(ii) $h : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_m$ finite-dimensional,

(iii) $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$.

Then there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^*, z^*) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_m$ such that

$$\varrho^* \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, h(x) = 0\} = \inf\{\varrho^* f(x) + z^* h(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

If moreover $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$ is interior point relative to $\text{aff}(h(\mathcal{C}))$ then $\varrho^* \neq 0$.

Proof. [Kosmol] § 9.5. Let $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ be the smallest affin linear subspace containing $h(\mathcal{C})$ and $\mathcal{K} = \{0\}$. Because $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$, \mathcal{U} is a proper subspace with a basis z_1, \dots, z_k . Writing $z_0 = 0$ there exist $x_i \in \mathcal{C}$, $i = 0, \dots, k$, with $z_i = h(x_i)$. For the convex hull $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}$ of these points we obtain:

(a) f is bounded on \mathcal{D} : For $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k \in [0, 1]$ with $\alpha_0 + \dots + \alpha_k = 1$ we have

$$f\left(\sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i x_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i f(x_i) \leq \text{Max}\{|f(x_i)|, i = 0, \dots, k\}.$$

(b) $\text{int } h(\mathcal{D}) \neq \emptyset$: $h(\mathcal{D})$ is the convex hull of $0, z_1, \dots, z_k$ because h is affin linear and $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$. As z_1, \dots, z_k is a basis of \mathcal{U} , $\text{int } h(\mathcal{D})$ is not empty in the vector space \mathcal{U} . Accordingly, the assumption of Corollary 3 is fulfilled for \mathcal{U} instead of Y and there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (\varrho^*, z^*) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U}_d \subset \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$ such that

$$\varrho^* \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, h(x) = 0\} = \inf\{\varrho^* f(x) + z^{*T} h(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

If $\varrho^* = 0$ then $z^* \neq 0$ and this equation yields

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{C} : 0 \leq z^{*T} h(x).$$

This inequality however contradicts $0 \neq z^* \in \mathcal{U}_d$ if $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$ is an interior point relative to the linear span \mathcal{U} of $h(\mathcal{C})$. \square

(h) Mixed Constraints

Theorem 7 (Existence) Let the minimum problem (1),

$$\{f(x); x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0\} = \min!,$$

be convex (h affine linear), let $\mathcal{G} = \{x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0\}$. Suppose that

(1°) $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$,

(2°) $h : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow Z = \mathbb{R}^m$,

(3°)(i) $\exists x \in \mathcal{C} : g(x) < 0$ and $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$ is interior point relative to $\text{aff}(h(\mathcal{C}))$

or

(3°)(ii) $0 \in h(\mathcal{C})$ is interior point relative to $\text{aff}(h(\mathcal{C}))$ and $\exists x \in \mathcal{C} : g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0$.

$$(4^\circ) \quad \omega := \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0\} \quad (23)$$

exists finitely.

Then there exists a pair $(y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ with $y^* \neq 0$ such that

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + y^* \circ g(x) + z^* \circ h(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}. \quad (24)$$

If the infimum of (23) is attained at a feasible x^* then x^* minimizes also (24) and $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$.

Proof. for (3°)(ii). Let $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} = \{x \in \mathcal{C}, h(x) = 0\}$. By Theorem 6 there exists a $0 \neq y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \inf\{f(x), x \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}, g(x) \leq 0\} \\ &= \inf\{f(x) + y^* \circ g(x), x \in \mathcal{C}, h(x) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Because of the regularity assumption (3°)(ii) there exists a $z^* \in \mathbb{R}^m$ by Lemma 7 such that

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + y^* \circ g(x) + z^{*T} h(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

For (3°)(i). Let $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} = \{x \in \mathcal{C}, g(x) \leq 0\}$. By Lemma 7 there exists a $z^* \in \mathbb{R}_m$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \inf\{f(x), x \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}, h(x) = 0\} \\ &= \inf\{f(x) + z^* h(x), x \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}\}. \end{aligned}$$

FARKAS' Theorem, applied to the convex function

$$f_1 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_1(x) = f(x) + z^* \circ h(x),$$

supplies a $y^* \in \mathcal{K}_d$ such that

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + z^* h(x), x \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}\} = \inf\{f(x) + z^* h(x) + y^* \circ g(x), x \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

The last assertion follows in the same way as part (iii) of Theorem 6. \square

Theorem 8 ((SPP) necessary in convex problems) *Adopt the assumptions of Theorem 7. Then there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ such that*

$$\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d : L(x^*, y, z) \leq L(x^*, y^*, z^*) \leq L(x, y^*, z^*)$$

and $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$.

Because of Theorem 7, only the left inequality has to be verified. But it is equivalent to $y \circ g(x^*) \leq y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$ and is thus true because $y \geq 0$ and $g(x^*) \leq 0$. \square

Consider now the augmented minimum problem

$$\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0, r(x) = 0\} = \min.$$

Theorem 9 *Suppose that*

- (i) \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z} are BANACH spaces, \mathcal{Y} is normed with order cone $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{Y}$,
- (ii) $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex, $g : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is \mathcal{K} -convex,
- (iii) $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is affine linear,
- (iv) $r : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ is affine linear and continuous,
- (v) $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$,
- (vi) $\exists x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) < 0, h(x) = 0, r(x) = 0$,
- (vii) $r(\mathcal{X})$ closed,
- (viii)

$$\omega := \inf\{f(x), x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x) \leq 0, h(x) = 0, r(x) = 0\} \quad (25)$$

exists finitely.

Then there exists a triple $(y^, z^*, w^*) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathbb{R}_m \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ with $y^* \neq 0$ such that*

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + y^* \circ g(x) + z^* \circ h(x) + w^* \circ r(x), x \in \mathcal{X}\} \quad (26)$$

If moreover x^ is a solution of (25) then x^* also minimizes (26) and $y^* \circ g(x^*) = 0$.*

Proof. Let now $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, r(x) = 0\}$ then we obtain by Theorem 7

$$\omega = \inf\{f(x) + y^* \circ g(x) + w^* \circ h(x), x \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}\}$$

The assertion then follows by Corollary 4 for $F = f + y^* \circ g + w^* \circ h$ instead of f . The last part follows in the same way as part (c) in Theorem 6. \square

Theorem 10 *((SPP) necessary in convex problems) Adopt the assumptions of Theorem 9 and let $h = 0$ Then there exists a pair $(0, 0) \neq (y^*, z^*) \in \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d$ such that*

$$\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{K}_d \times \mathcal{Z}_d : L(x^*, y, z) \leq L(x^*, y^*, z^*) \leq L(x, y^*, z^*)$$

and $y^ \circ g(x^*) = 0$.*

Proof. The assertion follows from Theorem 9 by setting $h = 0$. The left inequality is proved as in Theorem 8.

The results concerning affine linear and mixed constraints are due to [Kosmol].