

# Duality Theorems for Non-Convex Mixed Integer Programming Problems

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider maximin and minimax nonlinear mixed integer programming problems which are not symmetric in the duality sense. Under generalized conditions which involve increasing and decreasing functions, we compare the supremum infimum of the maximin problem with the infimum supremum of the minimax problem. The weak duality theorem for minimax and symmetric dual nonlinear mixed integer programming problem is derived as a particular case. The earlier results on minimax and symmetric duality in nonlinear mixed integer programming are thus generalized for monotonic functions. The results equally hold for strong pseudo convex and strong pseudo concave functions.

**Keywords:** Non linear Programming, Mixed integer Programming, Duality Theorems, Reproducing Cone, Monotonic functions, Strong pseudo convex functions

## 1 Introduction

Nonlinear dual problems are formulated basing on the conjugate functions[1], Lagrangian multipliers[2], minimax type [3], symmetric type [4]. We have presented the weak, the strong and the converse duality results for general non symmetric and minimax type problems using increasing and decreasing functions on a reproducing cone. Strong pseudo convex and strong pseudo concave functions equally satisfy the theorems on arbitrary cones.

Our results generalize the works of [5] and [6] who proved the same results under stronger assumptions on the cone and the functions. Convex and concave functions are considered in [5] on the non-negative orthant as the cone. The extension of these results to any arbitrary cone is presented in [6]. The results were further modified by [7] by assuming the functions to be pseudo-convex and pseudo concave. We have generalized the results with additional feasibility conditions in this presentation.

Classic results in nonlinear programming which cover duality and mixed integer programming can be seen in [8-12]. Recent developments in this area is vividly presented in[13-16]. Nonlinear mixed integer programming applied to different real life models are presented in [17-27]. The motivating results for our work are based on the most important analysis of symmetric duality in [28, 29].

### 1.1 Notations and terminologies

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be arbitrary sets of integers belonging to  $\mathbb{R}^{n_1}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{m_1}$  respectively. Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be reproducing cones with vertices at the origin with nonempty interiors in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-n_1}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{m-m_1}$  respectively. The polar of  $C$  is defined as

$$C_i^* = \{x^t z \leq 0 \text{ for } x \in C_i \text{ where } x^t \text{ is the transpose of } x, i=1,2\}$$

Some of the components of  $x$  and  $y$  which belong to arbitrary sets of integers are being constrained. Let the first  $n_1$  components of  $x$  and the first  $m_1$  components of  $y$  ( $0 \leq n_1 \leq n, 0 \leq m_1 \leq m$ ) arbitrarily be integers.

$$\text{Let } (x, y) = (x^1, x^2, y^1, y^2), x^1 = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_1}) \text{ and } y^1 = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{m_1})$$

Let  $K(x, y)$  be a twice differentiable real valued function defined on an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  containing  $S \times T$  where  $S = U \times C_1$  and  $T = V \times C_2$ .  $\nabla_{x^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  denotes the gradient vector of  $K$  with respect to  $x^2$  at the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .  $\nabla_{y^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  is defined similarly.  $\nabla_{x^2 x^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  denotes the Hessian matrix of second partial derivatives with respect to  $x^2$  evaluated at  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .  $\nabla_{x^2 y^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ ,  $\nabla_{y^2 x^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  and  $\nabla_{y^2 y^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  and defined similarly. We say that  $K$  is increasing / decreasing on  $C_1 \times C_2$  iff  $K$  is increasing in  $x^2$  for each  $x^1, y$  and decreasing in  $y^2$  for each  $x$  and  $y^1$  i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} K(x^2, y) &\geq K(x^1, y) \text{ for each } x^1, (y \in C_2) \text{ and} \\ K(x, y^2) &\leq K(x, y^1) \text{ for each } y^1 (x \in C_1) \text{ respectively.} \end{aligned}$$

## 2. The Problems

Consider the following pair of nonlinear mixed integer programming problems:

$$\begin{aligned} (P_0) \quad & \text{Max}_{x^2} \text{Max}_{x^2 y} f = K(x, y) - \lambda(y^2)^t \nabla y^2 k(x, y) \\ & \text{such that } x^2 \in U, (x^2, y) \in C_1 \times T, \nabla_{y^2} K(x, y) \in C_2^*, \lambda \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (D_0) \quad & \text{Max}_{y^2} \text{Max}_{x, y^2} g = K(x, y) - \mu(x^2)^t \nabla_{x^2} K(x, y) \\ & \text{such that } y^1 \in V, (x, y^2) \in S \times C_2, \nabla_{x^2} K(x, y) \in C_1^*, \mu \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

The set of feasible solutions of (P<sub>0</sub>) and (D<sub>0</sub>) are

$$P_1 = \{(x, y) \mid x^1 \in U, (x^2, y) \in C_1 \times T, \nabla_{y^2} K(x, y) \in C_2^*, \lambda \geq 1\}$$

$$D_1 = \{(x, y) \mid y^2 \in V, (x^2, y) \in S \times C_2, \nabla_{x^2} K(x, y) \in C_1^*, \mu \geq 1\}$$

respectively.

When the cone is the nonnegative orthant we see that for  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  the problems (P<sub>0</sub>), (D<sub>0</sub>) reduce to the pair of problems (D), (P) of [5]. When the cone is arbitrary the pair of problems considered by [6] becomes a particular case of (P<sub>0</sub>), (D<sub>0</sub>).

## 3 Main Results

Our results have been derived under general assumptions of

- (i)  $K(x, y)$  is increasing /decreasing on  $C_1 \times C_2$
- (ii)  $K(x, y)$  is separable with respect to  $x^1$  or  $y^1$ , and
- (iii) the existence of the feasible sets  $P_1$  and  $D_1$  having the properties: if  $(x, y) \in P_1$  and  $(u, v) \in D_1$  then  $x^2 - u^2 \in C_1$  and  $v^2 - y^2 \in C_2$  where  $C$  and  $C$  are reproducing cones.

**Theorem. 1** (Weak Duality).

The sup inf of  $f(x, y)$  is greater than or equal to the inf sup of  $g(x, y)$  for any  $(x, y) \in P_1$  and all  $(x, y) \in D_1$ .

$$\text{Proof: Let } z_1 = \max_{x^1} \min_{x^2 y} \{f \mid (x, y) \in P_1\}, w_1 = \max_{y^1} \min_{x, y^2} \{f \mid (x, y) \in P_1\} \quad (3.1)$$

Since  $K(x, y)$  is separable with respect to  $x^1$ , we have

$$K(x, y) = K^1(x^1) + K^2(x^2, y) \quad (3.2)$$

The same holds if  $K(x, y)$  is separable with respect to  $y^1$ . Then  $z_1$  can be written as

$$z_1 = \max_{x^1} \min_{x^2, y} \left\{ K^1(x^1) + K^2(x^2, y) - \lambda(y^2)^t \nabla_{y^2} (K^1(x^1) + K^2(x^2, y)) \right. \\ \left. | \nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) \in C_2^*, (x^2, y) \in C_1 \times T, \lambda \geq 1 \right\}$$

or  $z_1 = \max_{x^1} \min_{x^2, y} (K^1(x^1) + f_2(y^1))$  (3.3)

$$\text{where } f_2(y^1) = \text{Min}_{x^2, y^2} \left\{ K^2(x^2, y) - \lambda(y^2)^t \nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) | \nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) \in C_2^* \right. \\ \left. (x^2, y^2) \in C_1 \times C_2, \lambda \geq 1 \right\}$$
 (3.4)

$$\text{Similarly, } w_1 \text{ can be written as } w_1 = \min_{y^1} \max_{x, y^2} (K^1(x^1) + g_2(y^1))$$
 (3.5)

$$\text{where } g_2(y^1) = \max_{x^2, y^2} \left\{ K^2(x^2, y) - \mu(x^2)^t \nabla_{x^2} K^2(x^2, y) \right. \\ \left. | -\nabla_{x^2} K^2(x^2, y) \in C_1^*, (x^2, y^2) \in C_1 \times C_2, \mu \geq 1 \right\}$$
 (3.6)

Let  $(x, y) \in P_1$  and  $(u, v) \in D_1$ .

It is sufficient to show that  $f_2(y^1) \geq g_2(v_1)$ .

Since  $x^2 - u^2 \in C_1$  and  $-\nabla_{u^2} K^2(u^2, v) \in C_1^*$ ,

$$\text{we have, } -\nabla_{u^2} K^2(u^2, v)(x^2 - u^2) \geq 0 \text{ i.e., } \nabla_{u^2} K^2(u^2, v)(x^2 - u^2) \geq 0$$
 (3.7)

Similarly since  $v^2 - y^2 \in C_2$  and  $\nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) \in C_2^*$ , we obtain

$$\nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y)(v^2 - y^2) \leq 0$$
 (3.8)

Since  $K$  is increasing/decreasing on  $C_1 \times C_2$  by using (3.7) and (3.8)

$$\text{we have } K^2(x^2, v) \geq K^2(u^2, v)$$
 (3.9)

$$\text{and } K^2(x^2, v) \leq K^2(u^2, v)$$
 (3.10)

$$\text{From (3.9) and (3.10) it follows that } K^2(x^2, y) \geq K^2(u^2, v)$$
 (3.11)

Since  $u^2 \in C_1$ ,  $-\nabla_{u^2} K^2(u^2, v) \in C_1^*$  and  $\mu \geq 1$ , we have

$$\mu(u^2)^t \nabla_{u^2} K^2(u^2, v) \leq 0$$
 (3.12)

Similarly, since  $y^2 \in C_2$ ,  $\nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) \in C_2^*$  and  $\lambda \geq 1$ , we obtain

$$-\lambda(y^2)^t \nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) \geq 0$$
 (3.13)

Using (3.12) and (3.13) in (3.11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{K}^2(x^2, y) - \lambda(y^2)^t \nabla_{y^2} \mathbf{K}^2(x^2, y) \geq \mathbf{K}^2(u^2, v) + \mu(v^2)^t \nabla_{u^2} \mathbf{K}^2(u^2, v) \\ \Rightarrow & \quad f_2(y^1) \geq g_2(v^1) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

Before proving the forward duality theorem we state a proposition.

#### 4 Proposition 1

Let  $X$  be a convex set with nonempty interior in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $C$  be a reproducing cone in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , having nonempty interior. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real and vector valued functions respectively defined on  $X$ . Consider the problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize } f(z) \\ & \text{subject to } z = x, \quad g(z) \in C \end{aligned}$$

If  $z^0$  solves the problem then there exists a nonzero  $(q_0, q)$  such that  $(q_0 \nabla f(z_0) + \nabla^t g(z_0) q)^t (z - z_0) \geq 0$

for each  $z \in X$  and  $q_0 \geq 0, q \in C^*$  and  $q^t g(z_0) = 0$ .

$q_0$  need not be positive always. However,  $q_0 \geq 0$  under suitable constraint qualifications.

#### Theorem. 2 (Forward Duality)

If  $K(x, y)$  is twice differentiable in  $x^2$  and  $y^2$ ,  $\nabla_{y^2 y^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  is negative definite and  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  is a solution of  $(P_0)$  the following statements hold:

- (1)  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  is a solution of  $(D_0)$
- (2)  $\text{Min}_{x^1} \text{Max}_{x^2, y} \{f \mid (x, y) \in P_1\} = \text{Min}_{y^1} \text{Max}_{x, y^2} \{g \mid (x, y) \in D_1\}$
- (3)  $\bar{y}_2 \nabla_{y^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bar{x}_2 \nabla_{x^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0$

**Proof:** For a given  $y^1$ , (3.4) and (3.6) are a pair nonlinear programs of the type of [28] when  $\lambda = \mu = 1$ . We follow their approach and use the above proposition with  $z = (x^2, y^2)$ ,  $X = C_1 \times C_2$ ,  $C = C_2^*$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \mathbf{K}^2(x^2, y) - \mu(y^2)^t \nabla_{y^2} \mathbf{K}^2(x^2, y) \\ g(z) &= \nabla_{y^2} \mathbf{K}^2(x^2, y) \end{aligned}$$

Hence if  $z_0$  solves the problem, there exists a nonzero  $(q_0, q)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( q_0 \nabla_{x^2}^t \mathbf{K}^2(\bar{x}^2, y^2) - q_0 \lambda (\bar{y}^2)^t \nabla_{y^2 x^2} \mathbf{K}^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) + q^t \nabla_{y^2 x^2} \mathbf{K}^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) \right) (x^2 - \bar{x}^2) \\ & + \left( q_0 (1 - \lambda) \nabla_{y^2}^t \mathbf{K}^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) + \left( -q_0 \lambda (\bar{y}^2)^t + q^t \right) \nabla_{y^2 y^2} \mathbf{K}^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}^2) \right) (y^2 - \bar{y}^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

for each  $(x^2, y^2) \in C_1 \times C_2$  and  $q_0 \geq 0, q \in (C_2^*)^* = C_2$

$$\text{(Since } C_2 \text{ is a closed convex cone) and } q^t \nabla_{y^2} K^2(x^2, y) = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

We claim that  $q_0 > 0$ .

To show this let  $x^2 = \bar{x}^2$  in (3.14), then we get

$$q_0(1-\lambda) \nabla_{y^2}^t K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y})(y^2 - \bar{y}^2) + (-\lambda q_0(y^2)^t + q^t) \nabla_{y^2 y^2} K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y})(y^2 - \bar{y}^2) \geq 0 \quad (3.16)$$

for each  $y^2 \in C_2$ . If  $q_0 = 0$  and  $y^2 = \bar{y}^2 + q$ , we have from (3.16)

$q^t \nabla_{y^2 y^2} K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) q \leq 0$  which by negative definiteness of  $\nabla_{y^2 y^2} K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}^2)$  implies

that  $q = 0$ , but this is impossible since  $(q_0, q) \neq 0$ , and therefore  $q_0 > 0$ . Let

$q = \lambda q_0 \bar{y}^2$ . From (3.16) we have

$$q_0(1-\lambda) \nabla_{y^2}^t K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) y^2 - (1-\lambda) \nabla_{y^2}^t K^2(\bar{x}^2, y) \frac{q}{\lambda} \geq 0$$

$$\text{or } q_0(1-\lambda) \nabla_{y^2}^t K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) y^2 \geq 0$$

by using (3.15), which is always true as  $\lambda \geq 1$  and  $q_0 > 0$ .

If  $q \neq \lambda q_0 \bar{y}^2$  it is verified that  $y^2 = \frac{q}{(\lambda q_0)} \in C_2$  and the relation (3.16) is not valid.

By putting  $y^2 = \bar{y}^2$  in (3.14) we get  $\nabla_{x^2}^t K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y})(x^2 - \bar{x}^2) \geq 0$  for each  $x^2 \in C_1$ .

Let  $x^2 \in C_1$  then  $\bar{x}^2 + x^2 \in C_1$  so that the last inequality implies that

$$(x^2)^t \nabla_{x^2} K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}) \geq 0 \quad \text{i.e., } -\nabla_{x^2} K^2(\bar{x}^2, \bar{y}^2) \in C_1^*$$

By setting  $x^2 = 0$  and  $x^2 = \bar{x}^2$

- (1)  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  solves  $(P_0)$
- (2)  $\min_{x^1} \max_{x^2, y} \{f \mid (x, y) \in P_1\} = \min_{y^1} \max_{x, y^2} \{g \mid (x, y) \in D_1\}$
- (3)  $\bar{x}_2 \nabla_{x^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bar{y}_2 \nabla_{y^2} K(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = 0$

The proof of theorem 3 involves arguments similar to that of theorem 2.

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper we have presented a pair of non-convex mixed integer programming problems which are generally non-symmetric from duality point of view but reduce to a pair of symmetric dual nonlinear mixed integer programs under particular conditions. For this general formulation, we have established the weak, forward and converse duality theorems considering increasing and decreasing functions with an additional feasibility conditions. The results are also given for strong pseudo convex functions.

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