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A VERSION OF FARKAS'S LEMMA IN VECTOR SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider the generalized vector equilibrium problems in the setting of vector spaces. Then we establish a set-valued version of Farkas's lemma in the setting of real ordered vector spaces. By using it, we give several optimality conditions for solutions of generalized vector equilibrium problems.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A large number of research papers have been published on different aspects of vector equilibrium problems, see, for example [1] and the references therein. Some of the generalizations of vector equilibrium problems are listed below.

$$\text{Find } x \in K \text{ such that } F(x, y) \subseteq Y \setminus (-\text{int } C), \quad \forall y \in K, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\text{Find } x \in K \text{ such that } F(x, y) \not\subseteq -\text{int } C, \quad \forall y \in K, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{Find } x \in K \text{ such that } F(x, y) \cap Y \setminus (-\text{int } C) \neq \emptyset \quad \forall y \in K, \quad (1.3)$$

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$$\text{Find } x \in K \text{ such that } F(x, y) \subseteq C, \quad \forall y \in K, \quad (1.4)$$

where K is nonempty set, $F : K \times K \rightrightarrows Y$ is a set-valued mapping with nonempty values, and C is a convex cone in a topological vector space Y with nonempty interior, denoted by $\text{int } C$. These problems are called generalized vector equilibrium problems (in short, GVEP). Clearly the solution set of (1.1) is a subset of (1.2) and the solution set of (1.2) is a subset of (1.3). It is worth to mention that GVEP are the tools to study vector optimization problems for nondifferentiable and nonconvex vector-valued functions. Section 2 contains notations, definitions and preliminary results which will be used in the sequel. In Section 3, we first establish a set-valued version of Farakas lemma in the setting of ordered vector spaces. Then by using it, we give several optimality conditions for a solution of generalized vector equilibrium problems in the setting of vector spaces.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND FORMULATIONS

All vector spaces in this paper are real. Let X, Y and Z be ordered vector spaces and $P \subseteq Y$ and $Q \subseteq Z$ be pointed convex cones. We denote by Y^* and Z^* the algebraic dual spaces of Y and Z , respectively. If A is a nonempty subset of Y , then the generated cone of A is defined as $\text{cone } A = \bigcup_{\lambda \geq 0} \lambda A = \{\lambda a : \lambda \geq 0, a \in A\}$. The algebraic dual cone P^* and strictly dual cone $P^\#$ of P are defined as

$$P^* = \{y^* \in Y^* : \langle y^*, p \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } p \in P\},$$

and

$$P^\# = \{y^* \in Y^* : \langle y^*, p \rangle > 0, \forall p \in P \setminus \{0\}\},$$

where $\langle y^*, p \rangle$ denotes the value of the linear functional y^* at the point p , and 0 denotes the zero vector of the corresponding vector space.

The algebraic interior of A , denoted by $\text{cor } A$, is defined as

$$\text{cor } A = \{a \in A : \forall y \in Y, \exists \delta_0 > 0, \forall \delta \in [0, \delta_0], a + \delta y \in A\}.$$

Let Y be a topological vector space and A be a nonempty subset of Y . Then the topological interior of A , denoted by $\text{int } A$, is a subset of $\text{cor } A$.

Lemma 2.1. [2] *Let A be a nonempty convex subset of a topological vector space X such that $\text{int } A \neq \emptyset$. Then the following assertions hold.*

- (a) $\text{int } A = \text{cor } A$.
- (b) $\text{cl } A = \text{cl}(\text{int } A)$ and $\text{int } A = \text{int}(\text{cl } A)$, where $\text{cl } A$ denotes the closure of the set A .

Definition 2.2. (GWVEP) A vector $x \in K$ satisfying

$$F(x, y) \not\subseteq -\text{cor } P$$

for all $y \in K$, is called a weakly efficient solution to the VEP.

Definition 2.3. (GVEP) A vector $x \in K$ is called a globally efficient solution to the VEP if there exists a pointed convex cone $H \subset Y$ with $P \setminus \{0\} \subset \text{cor } H$ such that

$$F(x, K) \cap ((-H) \setminus \{0\}) = \emptyset$$

where $F(x, K) = \bigcup_{y \in K} F(x, y)$.

Definition 2.4. (HGVEP) A vector $x \in K$ is called a Henig efficient solution to the VEP if there exists an algebraic open set U containing 0 with $U \subset V_B$ satisfying

$$\text{cone } F(x, K) \cap (-\text{cor } P_U(B)) = \emptyset.$$

Definition 2.5. (SGVEP) A vector $x \in K$ is called a superefficient solution to the VEP if for each algebraic open set V of 0, there exists an algebraic open set U of 0 satisfying

$$\text{cone } F(x, K) \cap (U - P) \subset V$$

Clearly,

$$\text{cone } F(x, K) \cap (-\text{cor } P_U(B)) \subset \text{cone } F(x, K) \cap (U - P).$$

3. OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS

Let X be a vector space, Y and Z be ordered vector spaces, $P \subseteq Y$ and $Q \subseteq Z$ be pointed convex cones, $K \subseteq X$ be a nonempty set, and $F : K \rightrightarrows Y$ and $G : K \rightrightarrows Z$ be set-valued mappings with nonempty values. Define

$$\langle F(x), y^* \rangle = \{\langle y, y^* \rangle : y \in F(x)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle F(K), y^* \rangle = \bigcup_{x \in K} \langle F(x), y^* \rangle.$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) <_P y_0 & \text{ if and only if } y <_P y_0, \quad \forall y \in F(x), \\ F(x) \leq_P y_0 & \text{ if and only if } y \leq_P y_0, \quad \forall y \in F(x). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.1. (*Generalized Farkas-Minkowski Theorem*) Let K be a nonempty convex subset of X . If $F : K \rightrightarrows Y$ is P -convex, $G : K \rightrightarrows Z$ is Q -convex, and the system

$$\begin{cases} F(x) <_P 0, \\ G(x) <_Q 0, \end{cases}$$

has no solution in K , then there exists nonzero element $(y^*, z^*) \in P^* \times Q^*$ such that for all $x \in K$,

$$\langle y^*, F(x) \rangle + \langle z^*, G(x) \rangle \geq 0,$$

$$\text{that is, } \langle y^*, y \rangle + \langle z^*, z \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } y \in F(x), z \in G(x),$$

where $F(x) <_P 0$ and $G(x) <_Q 0$ mean that $F(x) \subset -\text{cor}P$ and $G(x) \subset -\text{cor}Q$, respectively.

Let $F : K \times K \rightrightarrows Y$ be a set-valued mapping and P is a convex cone in Y . Assume that $G : K \rightrightarrows Z$ is a set-valued mapping with nonempty values and Q is a convex cone in Z . We introduce the following condition which is needed in the sequel.

(Assumption C) For all $x \in K$, $F(x, x) = 0$ and $F(x, y)$ is P -convex in y ; G is Q -concave and there exists $x_0 \in K$ such that $G(x_0) \subset \text{cor}Q$.

We note that if G is Q -concave on K , then the set $N = \{x \in K : G(x) \subset Q\}$ is convex.

By using Theorem 3.1 we present the following result which is a set-valued version of Theorem 3.1 in [2].

Theorem 3.2. *Suppose that the Condition C is satisfied and $\text{cor}P \neq \emptyset$. If $x \in K$ is a solution of (GWVEP) then there exists $(p^*, q^*) \in P^* \setminus \{0\} \times (-Q)^*$ such that $\langle q^*, G(x) \rangle = 0$ and*

$$\langle p^*, F(x, x) \rangle + \langle q^*, G(x) \rangle = \min_{y \in K} [\langle p^*, F(x, y) \rangle + \langle q^*, G(y) \rangle].$$

The converse is true when the range of G is a subset of Q , that is, $G(K) \subseteq Q$.

Theorem 3.3. *Assume that the Condition C is satisfied, and that P has a base B . Then $x \in N$ is a solution of (HGVEP) if and only if there exists $(p^*, q^*) \in P^\Delta(B) \times -Q^*$ such that $\langle q^*, G(x) \rangle = 0$ and*

$$\langle p^*, F(x, x) \rangle + \langle q^*, G(x) \rangle = \min_{y \in K} [\langle p^*, F(x, y) \rangle + \langle q^*, G(y) \rangle].$$

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