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# Semidefinite Multiobjective Mathematical Programming Problems with Vanishing Constraints Using Convexifiers

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we establish Fritz John stationary conditions for nonsmooth, nonlinear, semidefinite, multiobjective programs with vanishing constraints in terms of convexifier and introduce generalized Cottle type and generalized Guignard type constraints qualification to achieve strong  $S$ -stationary conditions from Fritz John stationary conditions. Further, we establish strong  $S$ -stationary necessary and sufficient conditions, independently from Fritz John conditions. The optimality results for multiobjective semidefinite optimization problem in this paper is related to two recent articles by Treanta in 2021. Treanta in 2021 discussed duality theorems for special class of quasiinvex multiobjective optimization problems for interval-valued components. The study in our article can also be seen and extended for the interval-valued optimization motivated by Treanta (2021). Some examples are provided to validate our established results.

**Keywords:** multiobjective programs with vanishing constraints; semidefinite programming; convexifiers; nonsmooth analysis; constraint qualifications



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## 1. Introduction

Nonlinear semidefinite programming problems (SDP) include several classes of optimization problems, such as linear programming, quadratic programming, second order cone programming [1], and semidefinite programming [2]. The nonlinear semidefinite programming problem has broad applications in system control [3], truss topology optimization [4], and other several fields. It has been at the center point of optimization research for the last two decades. For instance, in the release of library COMPluib [5], where 168 test examples on nonlinear semidefinite programs from various fields, such as control system design, academia, and many real-life based problems are collected.

In this paper, we consider the following semidefinite multiobjective mathematical programs with vanishing constraints ( $S - MMPVC$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} \min f(A) &= (f_1(A), \dots, f_p(A)) \\ \text{subject to } A &\in M = \{A \in \mathbb{M}_+^n : \mathcal{H}_i(A) \geq 0, \mathcal{G}_i(A) \mathcal{H}_i(A) \leq 0\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $M_+^n$  is set of  $n \times n$  positive semidefinite matrix,  $f_i : M_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, p$ ) and  $\mathcal{G}_i, \mathcal{H}_i : M_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ) are extended real-valued locally Lipschitz functions.

Nonlinear semidefinite programming problems consist of the nonlinear problems where vector variables are replaced by symmetric positive semidefinite matrices. Nonlinear SDPs have been studied extensively due to a wide range of applications, see for

instance, [6,7]. Shapiro [6] established first and second order necessary and sufficient optimality conditions under the convexity assumptions. Forsgren [8] extended those results for nonconvex semidefinite programming. Further, Sun et al. [7] and Sun [9] discussed the algorithmic approaches to solve nonlinear semidefinite programming problems. Yamashita and Yabe [10] introduced some numerical methods to solve nonlinear SDP and studied the algorithmic consequences. Recently, Golestani and Nobakhtian [11] proposed the generalized Abadie constraint qualification (GACQ) and established necessary and sufficient optimality conditions for nonlinear semidefinite programming problems using convexifiers.

Mathematical programs with vanishing constraints (MPVC) has many applications in truss topology optimization [12], pathfinding problem with logic communication constraints in robot motion planning [13], mixed integer nonlinear optimal control problems [14], scheduling problems with disjoint feasible regions in power generation dispatch [15] and many more fields of the current research [16–18]. Initially, mathematical programs with vanishing constraints (MPVC) was introduced by Achtziger and Kanzow in 2008. MPVC is closely related to an optimization problem known as mathematical programs with equilibrium constraints (MPEC), for more details on MPEC, we refer, [19–28].

Due to the constraints  $\mathcal{G}_i(z), \mathcal{H}_i(z) \leq 0$ , the feasible set may not be convex even disconnected, most of the basic constraint qualifications such as linearly independent constraint qualification and Mangasarian–Fromovitz constraint qualification do not hold, therefore, standard Karush–Kuhn–Tucker conditions are of no use in such cases. Several constraint qualifications and necessary optimality conditions have been established in [12] for mathematical programs with vanishing constraints. First order sufficient optimality conditions, as well as second order necessary and sufficient optimality conditions, have been discussed in [29] using generalized convexity for mathematical programs with vanishing constraints. In [30], various stationary conditions under weaker assumptions of constraint qualifications were derived. Further, Hoheisel and Kanzow [31] investigated necessary and sufficient optimality conditions through Abadie and Guignard type constraint qualifications for mathematical programs with vanishing constraints. For more details on the MPVC, we refer to [16,32,33] and the references therein.

Multiobjective optimization problems (MOP) plays a vital role in science, technology, business, economics, and many others field of daily demand, where optimal decisions need to be taken among many conflicting objectives and all objective functions to be optimized simultaneously. Effect of conflict on objectives leads to some change in the solution of (MOP) compared to the optimal solution of single-objective optimization problems. Therefore, weak efficient point (weak Pareto optimal solution), efficient point (Pareto optimal solution) like terms are coined for the solutions of (MOP). Initially, the concept of Pareto optimal solutions was given by Italian civil engineer and economist Vilfredo Pareto and was applied in the studies of economic efficiency and income distribution. Basic concept and literature on the solution of multiobjective optimization problems can be found [34,35]. Maeda [36] studied the strong KKT optimality conditions and differentiable functions. Preda and Chitescu [37] extends these results for semidifferentiable functions. Further, Li [38] discussed these results for the nonsmooth case. Recently, Lai et al. [39] proposed saddle point necessary and sufficient Pareto optimality conditions for multiobjective convex optimization problems. Treanta [40] established dual pair of multiobjective interval-valued variational control problems. Further, Treanta [41] discussed duality theorems for special class of quasiinvex multiobjective optimization problems for interval-valued components.

Since nonsmoothness in optimization is naturally generated from the mathematical formulation of real-world problems, therefore, proper effective way for solving these problems should be discovered. Even the solution of some smooth problems, sometimes requires the use of nonsmooth optimization techniques, in order to either make it easy or simplify its form. Thus, the field of nonsmooth optimization is an important branch of mathematical programming that is based on classical concepts of variational analysis and generalized derivatives. In recent years, research in nonsmooth analysis has focused on the growth of generalized subdifferentials that give sharp results and good calculus

rules for nonsmooth functions. It is convexifiers [42], that has been used to extend, unify, and sharpen the results in various aspects of optimization. Jeyakumar and Luc [43] provided a more sophisticated version of convexifiers by introducing the new notion of convexifiers which are the closed set but not necessarily bounded or convex. The new version of convexifiers consists only finitely many points so it is advantageous for application point of view. We have used the convexifier due to Jeyakumar and Luc [43] in our study.

Recently, Dorsch et al. [44] established a new result for nonlinear semidefinite programming (NLSDP) where almost all linear perturbations of a given NLSDP are shown to be nondegenerate. Semidefinite programming is a powerful framework from convex optimization that has striking potential for data science applications [45]. Sequential optimality conditions have played a vital role in unifying and extending global convergence results for several classes of algorithms for general nonlinear optimization, Andreani et al. [46] extended these concepts for nonlinear semidefinite programming. Andreani et al. [47] discussed simple extensions of constant rank-type constraint qualifications to semidefinite programming, which are based on the Approximate Karush–Kuhn–Tucker necessary optimality condition and on the application of the reduction approach.

Motivated by the above mentioned work, we propose some new constraints qualification to establish necessary and sufficient type optimality conditions for nonsmooth, nonlinear, semidefinite, multiobjective mathematical programs with vanishing constraints. The organization of this article is as follows: In Section 2, we recall some needful preliminaries and fundamental results. In Section 3, we establish Fritz John necessary optimality conditions and propose generalized Cottle and generalized Guignard type constraint qualification to establish strong Karush–Kuhn–Tucker necessary optimality conditions. Further, sufficient optimality conditions are also established under generalized convexity. Section 4, presents the conclusion of the paper, as well as some possible views towards future work.

## 2. Preliminaries

This section recalls needful notation, definitions, and preliminaries that will be used throughout the paper.  $\mathbb{M}^n$  is denoted as the space of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices. The notation  $A \succeq 0$  ( $A \succ 0$ ) means that  $A$  is a positive semidefinite matrix (positive definite matrix) and we denote by  $\mathbb{M}_+^n$  ( $\mathbb{M}_{++}^n$ ) the set of all positive semidefinite matrices (positive definite matrices). The inner product of the symmetric matrices  $P, Q \in \mathbb{M}^n$  is denoted by  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  and defined by  $\langle P, Q \rangle = \text{tr}(PQ)$  where  $\text{tr}(\cdot)$  denotes the summation of the diagonal elements of a square matrix. The inner product of  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted and defined by  $x^T y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ . The norm associated with matrix inner product is called the Frobenius norm  $\|P\|_F = \text{tr}(PP)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The vector space  $\mathbb{M}^n$  with this norm is a Hilbert space and  $\mathbb{M}_+^n$  is a closed convex cone in  $\mathbb{M}^n$ . The interior of the positive semidefinite matrices is the positive definite matrices, for more basics on matrices see [48,49]. For  $y, \mathfrak{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y \leq \mathfrak{z} &\iff y_i \leq \mathfrak{z}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \\ y \leq \mathfrak{z} &\iff y \leq \mathfrak{z}, \quad y \neq \mathfrak{z}, \\ y < \mathfrak{z} &\iff y_i < \mathfrak{z}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Some index sets are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \{A \in \mathbb{M}_+^n : \mathcal{H}_i(A) \geq 0, \mathcal{G}_i(A)\mathcal{H}_i(A) \leq 0\}, \quad \theta_i(A) = \mathcal{G}_i(A)\mathcal{H}_i(A), \\ \mathfrak{I}_f &= \{1, \dots, p\}, \quad \mathfrak{I}_f^k = \{1, \dots, p\} \setminus \{k\}, \quad \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{H}} := \{1, \dots, m\}, \\ Q &= \{A \in \mathbb{M}_+^n : f_i(A) \leq f_i(\bar{A}) \quad (i \in \mathfrak{I}_f), \quad \mathcal{H}_i(A) \geq 0, \mathcal{G}_i(A)\mathcal{H}_i(A) \leq 0\}, \\ Q^k &= \{A \in \mathbb{M}_+^n : f_i(A) \leq f_i(\bar{A}) \quad (i \in \mathfrak{I}_f^k), \quad \mathcal{H}_i(A) \geq 0, \mathcal{G}_i(A)\mathcal{H}_i(A) \leq 0\}, \quad \text{where } \bar{A} \in M, \\ \mathbb{R}_+^n &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \geq 0\}, \quad \mathbb{R}_{++}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x > 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{J}_0 &= \mathfrak{J}_0(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) = 0\}, \quad \mathfrak{J}_+ = \mathfrak{J}_+(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) > 0\}, \\
\mathfrak{J}_{0+} &= \mathfrak{J}_{0+}(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) = 0, \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) > 0\}, \\
\mathfrak{J}_{00} &= \mathfrak{J}_{00}(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) = 0, \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) = 0\}, \\
\mathfrak{J}_{0-} &= \mathfrak{J}_{0-}(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) = 0, \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) < 0\}, \\
\mathfrak{J}_{+0} &= \mathfrak{J}_{+0}(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) > 0, \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) = 0\}, \\
\mathfrak{J}_{+-} &= \mathfrak{J}_{+-}(\bar{A}) := \{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}} : \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) > 0, \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) < 0\}.
\end{aligned}$$

We discuss the solution concepts of  $S - MMPVC$  motivated by Miettinen [34].

**Definition 1.** A feasible point  $\bar{A}$  is said to be a weak efficient solution of  $S - MMPVC$  if there is no any  $A \in M$ , such that

$$f_i(A) < f_i(\bar{A}), \quad \forall i \in \mathfrak{J}_f.$$

**Definition 2.** A feasible point  $\bar{A}$  is said to be a local weak efficient solution of  $S - MMPVC$  if there exist a neighborhood  $\mathcal{N}(\bar{A})$  of  $\bar{A}$ , such that there is no any  $A \in M \cap \mathcal{N}(\bar{A})$ , for which

$$f_i(A) < f_i(\bar{A}), \quad \forall i \in \mathfrak{J}_f,$$

holds.

Given a nonempty subset  $M$  of  $\mathbb{M}^n$ , the closure, the convex hull and the convex cone (including the origin) generated by  $M$  are denoted by  $clM$ ,  $coM$ , and  $coneM$ , respectively. The negative and the strictly negative polar cone of  $M$  are defined respectively by

$$M^- := \{V \in \mathbb{M}^n : \langle V, \mathcal{W} \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \mathcal{W} \in M\}, \quad M^s := \{V \in \mathbb{M}^n : \langle V, \mathcal{W} \rangle < 0, \quad \forall \mathcal{W} \in M\}.$$

Contingent cone  $T(M, A)$  to  $M$  at point  $A \in clM$  are defined by

$$T(M, A) := \{V \in \mathbb{M}^n : \exists t_n \downarrow 0, V_n \rightarrow V \text{ such that } A + t_n V_n \in M \forall n\}.$$

The notion of semi-regular convexificators [43] will be used here. It is observed that for locally Lipschitz function many generalized subdifferential like Clarke subdifferential [50], Michel-Penot subdifferential [51], Mordukhovich subdifferential [52], and Treiman subdifferential [53] are examples of upper semi-regular convexificators.

Let  $f : \mathbb{M}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be an extended real-valued function and let  $A \in \mathbb{M}^n$  at which  $f$  is finite. The lower and upper Dini derivatives of  $f$  at  $A$  in the direction  $V \in \mathbb{M}^n$  are defined, respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned}
f^-(A; V) &:= \liminf_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{f(A + tV) - f(A)}{t}, \\
f^+(A; V) &:= \limsup_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{f(A + tV) - f(A)}{t}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we recall the definition of upper and lower semi-regular convexificators from [42,43].

**Definition 3.** Let  $f : \mathbb{M}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be an extended real-valued function and let  $A \in \mathbb{M}^n$  at which  $f$  is finite. The function  $f$  is said to admit an upper semi-regular convexificator  $\partial^* f(A) \subset \mathbb{M}^n$  at  $A$  if  $\partial^* f(A)$  is closed and for each  $V \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,

$$f^+(A; V) \leq \sup_{\xi \in \partial^* f(A)} \langle \xi, V \rangle.$$

The function  $f$  is said to admit a lower semi-regular convexificator  $\partial^* f(A) \subset \mathbb{M}^n$  at  $A$  if  $\partial^* f(A)$  is closed and for each  $V \in \mathbb{M}^n$

$$f^-(A; V) \geq \inf_{\zeta \in \partial^* f(A)} \langle \zeta, V \rangle.$$

**Definition 4.** Set  $\partial f(A)$  is said to be semi-regular convexificators if it satisfy both upper semi-regular convexificators, as well as lower semi-regular convexificators.

**Definition 5.** Let  $f : \mathbb{M}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be an extended real-valued function. Suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,  $f(A)$  is finite and admits a convexificator  $\partial^* f(A)$  at  $A$ .

- $f$  is said to be  $\partial^*$ -convex at  $A$  if, and only if, for all  $B \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,

$$f(B) - f(A) \geq \langle \zeta, B - A \rangle, \forall \zeta \in \partial^* f(A).$$

- $f$  is said to be strictly  $\partial^*$ -convex at  $A$  if, and only if, for all  $B \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,

$$f(B) - f(A) > \langle \zeta, B - A \rangle, \forall \zeta \in \partial^* f(A).$$

- $f$  is said to be  $\partial^*$ -pseudoconvex at  $A$  if, and only if, for all  $B \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,

$$f(B) < f(A) \implies \langle \zeta, B - A \rangle < 0, \forall \zeta \in \partial^* f(A).$$

- $f$  is said to be strictly  $\partial^*$ -pseudoconvex at  $A$  if, and only if, for all  $B (\neq A) \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,

$$\langle \zeta, B - A \rangle \geq 0 \implies f(B) > f(A) \forall \zeta \in \partial^* f(A).$$

- $f$  is said to be  $\partial^*$ -quasiconvex at  $A$  if, and only if, for all  $B \in \mathbb{M}^n$ ,

$$f(B) \leq f(A) \implies \langle \zeta, B - A \rangle \leq 0, \forall \zeta \in \partial^* f(A).$$

Now, we recall generalized version of Farkas’ lemma [54], which will play the vital role in the derivation of main result of this paper.

**Lemma 1.** (Farkas’ Lemma) Let  $h : \mathbb{M}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be convex functions. Then, the following system:

$$\begin{cases} h(A) < 0, \\ A \in \mathbb{M}_{++}^n. \end{cases}$$

has no solution if, and only if, there exists  $(\lambda, \mathcal{W}) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{M}^n$  with  $\lambda \geq 0, \mathcal{W} \preceq 0$  and  $(\lambda, \mathcal{W}) \neq (0, 0)$ , such that

$$\lambda^T h(A) + \langle \mathcal{W}, A \rangle \geq 0, \forall A \in \mathbb{M}^n.$$

### 3. Optimality Conditions

In this section, we deal with the traditional Fritz John necessary optimality conditions and propose some constraint qualifications to establish strong Karush–Kuhn–Tucker necessary optimality conditions, as well as sufficient optimality conditions for semidefinite multiobjective mathematical programs with vanishing constraints in terms of convexificators.

**Theorem 1.** (Fritz–John necessary optimality conditions) Let  $\bar{A}$  be a local weak efficient solution for  $(S - MMPVC)$ . Suppose that  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ) and  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_0$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}$ ), admit bounded upper semi-regular convexificators and for each  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_+$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_0 \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}$ ), is continuous. Then, there exist  $\bar{\lambda}_i^f \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}}$  free ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_0 \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}$ ),  $\bar{\mathcal{W}} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$  and not all multipliers along with  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}$  can be simultaneously zero, such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \langle \bar{A}, \bar{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = 0.$$

**Proof.** We have to show that

$$\left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s + \bar{A} \right) \cap \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} -\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s + \bar{A} \right) \cap \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \partial^* \theta_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s + \bar{A} \right) \cap M_{++}^n = \emptyset. \quad (2)$$

Suppose, on the contrary,

$$A \in \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s + \bar{A} \right) \cap \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} -\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s + \bar{A} \right) \cap \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \partial^* \theta_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s + \bar{A} \right) \cap M_{++}^n. \quad (3)$$

As,  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_f$ ),  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}$ ) and  $\theta_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ), admit bounded upper semi-regular convexificators, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} f_i^+(\bar{A}, A - \bar{A}) &< 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_f, \\ -\mathcal{H}_i^+(\bar{A}, A - \bar{A}) &< 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}, \\ \theta_i^+(\bar{A}, A - \bar{A}) &< 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there exists  $\tau > 0$  and  $t \in (0, \tau)$  such that

$$f_i(\bar{A} + t(A - \bar{A})) < f_i(\bar{A}), \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_f, \quad (4)$$

$$-\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A} + t(A - \bar{A})) < -\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}), \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}, \quad (5)$$

$$\theta_i(\bar{A} + t(A - \bar{A})) < \theta_i(\bar{A}), \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}. \quad (6)$$

The continuity of  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ) and  $\theta_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ) implies there exists  $\tau > 0$ , such that  $\forall t \in (0, \tau)$ ,

$$-\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A} + t(A - \bar{A})) < 0 \quad (i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}), \quad \theta_i(\bar{A} + t(A - \bar{A})) < 0 \quad (i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-}). \quad (7)$$

From (4)–(7) and the convexity of  $M_{++}^n$  we find the contradiction with the local weak efficient point of  $\bar{A}$ . Consider

$$\phi_i(A) = \sup_{\xi_i \in \partial^* f_i(\bar{A})} \langle \xi_i, A - \bar{A} \rangle, \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_f,$$

$$\psi_i(A) = \sup_{\eta_i \in -\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})} \langle \eta_i, A - \bar{A} \rangle, \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-},$$

$$\varphi_i(A) = \sup_{\zeta_i \in \partial^* \theta_i(\bar{A})} \langle \zeta_i, A - \bar{A} \rangle, \quad i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}.$$

Easily, we can see that  $\phi_i(\cdot)$ ,  $\psi_i(\cdot)$  and  $\varphi_i(\cdot)$  are convex functions. From (2), it follows that the following system has no solution

$$K = \begin{cases} \phi_i(A) < 0 & \text{if } i \in \mathbb{J}_f, \\ \psi_i(A) < 0 & \text{if } i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}, \\ \varphi_i(A) < 0 & \text{if } i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}, \\ M_{++}^n. \end{cases}$$

Farkas' Lemma 1 implies that there exist  $\bar{\lambda}_i^f \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_f$ ),  $\lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}$ ),  $\lambda_i^\theta \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ) and  $\bar{\mathcal{W}} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$  and not all multipliers along with  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}$  can be simultaneously zero, such that

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \phi_i(A) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \psi_i(A) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^\theta \varphi_i(A) - \langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, A \rangle \geq 0, \forall A \in \mathbb{M}^n. \tag{8}$$

The above inequality (8) implies that  $\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle \leq 0$ . Differently,  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}$  and  $\bar{A}$  are two elements in  $\mathbb{M}_+^n$ , hence  $\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0$ . Therefore,

$$v(A) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \phi_i(A) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \psi_i(A) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^\theta \varphi_i(A) - \langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, A \rangle,$$

is a convex function and  $v(\bar{A}) = 0$ . This implies  $0 \in \partial v(\bar{A})$ , where  $\partial v(\bar{A})$  is the subdifferential set for  $v$ . Hence,

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \partial \phi_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \partial \psi_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^\theta \partial \varphi_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\mathcal{W}}.$$

This implies,

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \partial^* \phi_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \partial^* \psi_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^\theta \partial^* \varphi_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\mathcal{W}}.$$

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) - \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^\theta \partial^* \theta_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) - \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^\theta [\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \partial^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) + \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}}. \tag{9}$$

For  $\lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ),  $\lambda_i^\theta = 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ), we obtain from (9)

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

where  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} - \lambda_i^\theta \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ),

$\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = \lambda_i^\theta = 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = \lambda_i^\theta \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ),

$\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = \lambda_i^\theta = 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ).

Thus, we have

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$\bar{\lambda}_i^f \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_f$ ),  $\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}}$  free ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}$ ),

$\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ).

□

**Definition 6.** The generalized Cottle constraint qualification (GCCQ) is said to satisfy at  $\bar{A}$  if

$$\left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f^c} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \cup \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right)$$

$$\bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \Big)^s \cap M_+^n \neq \emptyset, \forall k \in \mathfrak{I}_f. \tag{10}$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\bar{A}$  be a local weak efficient solution for  $(S - \text{MMPVC})$ . Suppose that  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_f$ ),  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_0$ ) and  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0}$ ) admit bounded upper semi-regular convexificators and  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_+$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{+-}$ ) are continuous. If (GCCQ) holds at  $\bar{A}$  then there exist  $\bar{\lambda}_i^f > 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_f$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}}, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \bar{\mathcal{W}} \in M_+^n$ , such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{I}_{+-}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{00}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free} \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+}),$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{I}_{+-}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0}).$$

**Proof.** Since  $\bar{A}$  is a local weak efficient solution, Theorem 1 implies that there exist  $\bar{\lambda}_i^f \geq 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_f$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{W}} \in M_+^n$ , such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{I}_{+-}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{00}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free} \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+}),$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{I}_{+-}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0}). \tag{11}$$

Without loss of generality, assume that  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , then there exist  $\zeta_i \in \text{cod} f_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{I}_f^1$ ),  $\eta_i \in \text{cod} \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}), \zeta_i \in \text{cod} \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A})$ , such that Equation (11) becomes

$$0 = \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_f^1} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \zeta_i + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \zeta_i - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \eta_i] - \bar{\mathcal{W}}.$$

it follows from (GCCQ), there exists  $A \in M_+^n$  such that

$$0 > \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_f^1} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \langle \zeta_i, A \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \langle \zeta_i, A \rangle - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \langle \eta_i, A \rangle] - \langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, A \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_f^1} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \zeta_i + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \zeta_i - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \eta_i] - \bar{\mathcal{W}}, A \right\rangle = 0.$$

This contradicts the assumption. Thus, we obtain  $\lambda_1^f > 0$ . Repeating the above process for each  $k \in \mathfrak{I}_f$  we find the required result.  $\square$

Now, we introduce more relaxed constraint qualifications than (GCCQ).

**Definition 7.** The generalized Guignard constraint qualification (GGCQ) is said to be hold at  $\bar{A}$  if

$$C = \text{cone} \text{co} \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right.$$

$$\left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_0 \cup \mathfrak{I}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right) - M_+^n \text{ is closed set and}$$

$$\left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_f} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{I}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right)$$



$$\left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap M_+^n \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^p \text{co}T(Q^i, \bar{A}).$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\bar{A}$  be any feasible solution to problem  $(S - \text{MMPVC})$ . Suppose that  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_f$ ),  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_0$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ), admit bounded upper semi-regular convexificators and for each  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_+$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_0 \cup \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ), are continuous. If  $C$  is closed and GCCQ holds at  $\bar{A}$ , then GGCQ holds at  $\bar{A}$ .

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, we assume that  $A$  satisfies GCCQ for  $k = 1$ .

$$A \in \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f^1} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right. \\ \left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap M_+^n \neq \emptyset. \tag{12}$$

Since all  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_f$ ),  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_0$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}$ ), admit bounded upper semi-regular convexificators, so we have

$$f_i^+(\bar{A}; A) < 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_f^1, \\ -\mathcal{H}_i^+(\bar{A}; A) < 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_0, \\ \mathcal{G}_i^+(\bar{A}; A) < 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}.$$

Since  $M_+^n$  is a convex cone, there exists  $\tau > 0$ , such that

$$f_i(\bar{A} + tA) < f_i(\bar{A}) \ (i \in \mathbb{J}_f^1), \ -\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A} + tA) < 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_0, \ \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A} + tA) < 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}, \\ \bar{A} + tA \in M_+^n \ \forall t \in (0, \tau). \tag{13}$$

On the other hand  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_+$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{J}_0 \cup \mathbb{J}_{+-}$ ) are a continuous. Therefore, there exists  $\tau > 0$ , such that

$$-\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A} + tA) < 0 \ (i \in \mathbb{J}_+), \ \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A} + tA) < 0 \ (i \in \mathbb{J}_0 \cup \mathbb{J}_{+-}) \ \bar{A} + tA \in M_+^n, \ t \in (0, \tau).$$

Thus,  $A \in T(Q^1, \bar{A})$ . Therefore, we have

$$\mathcal{A} = \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right. \\ \left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap M_+^n \\ = \text{cl} \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s \cap M_{++}^n \right) \\ \subset \text{cl} \left( \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f^1} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^s \cap M_{++}^n \right)$$

$$\subset clcoT(Q^1, \bar{A}) = coT(Q^1, \bar{A}).$$

Similarly, it can be proved that  $\mathcal{A} \subset coT(Q^i, \bar{A}), \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_f$ . Therefore

$$\left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} co\partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} co\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}} -co\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right. \\ \left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{0-} \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}} -co\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} co\partial^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap M_+^n \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^p coT(Q^i, \bar{A}).$$

□

We present an example to show that converse of the above Lemma (2) does not hold.

**Example 1.** Consider the problem

$$\min (f_1(A), f_2(A)), \text{ subject to } \mathcal{H}(A) = x_1 \geq 0, \mathcal{G}(A)\mathcal{H}(A) = x_3, x_1 \leq 0,$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2, \text{ where } f_1(A) = |x_1|, f_2(A) = |x_3|.$$

Feasible set  $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_1 \geq 0, x_1 x_3 \leq 0 \right\}$ . Since  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , is weak efficient solution for the considered problem. Now, we can find upper semi-regular convexificator of each functions at point  $\bar{A}$  as follows:

$$\partial^* f_1(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \partial^* f_2(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \\ \partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \partial^* \mathcal{G}(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$Q^1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_1 \geq 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0 \right\},$$

$$Q^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

So, we conclude that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 coT(Q^i, \bar{A}) \text{ and } \bigcup_{i=1}^2 co\partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} : t, s \in [-1, 1] \right\},$$

thus, we have

$$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^2 co\partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x_2 \\ x_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Since,

$$co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ then } \left( -co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) \right)^- = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^2 \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A})\right)^- \cap \left(-\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A})\right)^- \cap \mathbb{M}_+^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^2 \text{co}T(Q^i, \bar{A}).$$

Obviously,  $C = \text{cone cod}^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) - \mathbb{M}_+^2$  is closed set. Hence, (GGCQ) satisfied at  $\bar{A}$ .  
Now,

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f^1} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A})\right)^s = \left(\text{cod}^* f_2(\bar{A})\right)^s = \emptyset, \left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f^2} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A})\right)^s = \left(\text{cod}^* f_1(\bar{A})\right)^s = \emptyset,$$

which implies that

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f^k} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A})\right)^s \cap \left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \cup \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \cup \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \cup \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A})\right)^s \cap M_+^n = \emptyset, \forall k \in \mathfrak{J}_f.$$

Hence, GCCQ not satisfied.

Applying the generalized Guignard constraint qualification, we derive the Karush–Kuhn–Tucker type necessary optimality conditions for (S – MMPVC).

**Theorem 3.** Suppose  $\bar{A}$  is a local weak efficient solution for (S – MMPVC). Assume that  $f_i, \mathcal{H}_i, \mathcal{G}_i$  admits bounded upper semi-regular convexificator  $\partial^* f_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ),  $\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_0$ ),  $\partial^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}$ ), respectively, at  $\bar{A}$ . If (GGCQ) holds at  $\bar{A}$  then there exists  $\bar{\lambda}_i^f > 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}^{\mathcal{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{W}} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$  such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free} \ (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}),$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}), \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \ (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}).$$

**Proof.** For the claim of the theorem, it suffices to show that,

$$0 \in \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + C, \lambda^f > 0. \tag{14}$$

Suppose, on the contrary, assume that

$$0 \notin \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + C, \lambda^f > 0. \tag{15}$$

As  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ) admits an upper semi-regular convexificator, this implies that the right side in (14) is a closed convex set in  $\mathbb{M}^n$ . The classical separation theorem implies that there exists  $A \in \mathbb{M}^n$ , such that

$$\langle \tau, A \rangle < 0, \forall \tau \in \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + C, \lambda^f > 0. \tag{16}$$

Consequently,

$$\langle \zeta_i, A \rangle < 0, \forall \zeta_i \in \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \ (i \in \mathfrak{J}_f), \tag{17}$$

$$-\langle \eta_i, A \rangle \leq 0, \forall \eta_i \in \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}), \tag{18}$$

$$-\langle \eta_i, A \rangle \leq 0, \forall \eta_i \in \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}), \tag{19}$$

$$\langle \eta_i, A \rangle \leq 0, \forall \eta_i \in \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}), \tag{20}$$

$$\langle \zeta_i, A \rangle \leq 0, \forall \zeta_i \in \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}), \tag{21}$$

$$-\langle \mathcal{W}, A \rangle \leq 0, \forall \mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n. \tag{22}$$

Inequalities (17)–(22) and (GGCQ) implies that

$$A \in \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f} \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \right. \\ \left. \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}} -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \bigcup_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap M_+^n \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^p \text{co}T(Q^i, \bar{A}).$$

Hence,  $A \in \bigcap_{i=1}^p \text{co}T(Q^i, \bar{A})$ , which implies that, there exist  $t_n \downarrow 0$ , such that  $\bar{A} + t_n A \in M$ . Therefore, from (17), we obtain

$$f_i(\bar{A} + tA) < f_i(\bar{A}), \forall i \in \mathfrak{J}_f.$$

Thus, we obtain the contradiction that the feasible point  $\bar{A}$  is a local weak efficient solution for  $(S - MMPVC)$ . Hence, the result.  $\square$

Motivated by Achtziger and Kanzow [12] and Sadeghieh et al. [55], we define S-stationary point for S-MMPVC.

**Definition 8.** A feasible point  $\bar{A}$  is said to be weak S-stationary point for  $(S - MMPVC)$  if there exist  $\lambda^f \in \mathbb{R}^p, \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \lambda^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^M, \mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$ , and not all multipliers along with  $\mathcal{W}$  can be simultaneously zero, such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f} \lambda_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \mathcal{W}, \\ \lambda_i^f \geq 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_f), \langle \mathcal{W}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}), \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}), \\ \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free} \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}), \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}), \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}).$$

**Definition 9.** A feasible point  $\bar{A}$  is said to be strong S-stationary point for  $(S - MMPVC)$  if there exist  $\lambda^f \in \mathbb{R}^p, \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \lambda^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^M$  and  $\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$ , such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f} \lambda_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \mathcal{W}, \\ \lambda_i^f > 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_f), \langle \mathcal{W}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}), \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00}), \\ \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free} \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}), \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-}), \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \quad (i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}).$$

Note that, if multipliers of gradients of objective functions are strictly greater than zero, then it is considered as strong S-stationary conditions.

**Example 2.** Consider following optimization problem

$$\min (f_1(A), f_2(A)), \text{ subject to } \mathcal{H}(A) = x_1 \geq 0, \mathcal{G}(A)\mathcal{H}(A) = x_3 \cdot x_1 \leq 0,$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2, \text{ where } f_1(A) = |x_1 - 1|, f_2(A) = |x_3|.$$

Feasible set  $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_1 \geq 0, x_1 x_3 \leq 0 \right\}$ . Since  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is weak efficient solution for the considered problem. Now, we can find upper semi-regular convexicator of each functions at point  $\bar{A}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^* f_1(\bar{A}) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \partial^* f_2(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \\ \partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \partial^* \mathcal{G}(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$Q^1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_1 \geq 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0 \right\}, Q^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0 \right\}.$$

So, we conclude that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 coT(Q^i, \bar{A}) \text{ and } \bigcup_{i=1}^2 co\partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} : t, s \in [-1, 1] \right\},$$

thus, we have

$$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^2 co\partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0 \right\}.$$

Since,

$$co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ then } \left( -co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) \right)^- = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\left( \bigcup_{i=1}^2 co\partial^* f_i(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \left( -co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) \right)^- \cap \mathbb{M}_+^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^2 coT(Q^i, \bar{A}).$$

Obviously,  $C = cone\ co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) - \mathbb{M}_+^2$  is closed set. Hence, (GGCQ) satisfied at  $\bar{A}$ .

Now, for  $\lambda_1^f = 1, \lambda_2^f = 1, \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} = 0, \mathcal{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \zeta_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in co\partial^* f_1(\bar{A}),$   
 $\zeta_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in co\partial^* f_2(\bar{A}),$  and  $\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}),$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lambda_1^f \zeta_1 + \lambda_2^f \zeta_2 - \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} \eta - \mathcal{W} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\in \lambda_1^f co\partial^* f_1(\bar{A}) + \lambda_2^f co\partial^* f_2(\bar{A}) - \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} co\partial^* \mathcal{H}(\bar{A}) - \mathcal{W}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\langle \bar{A}, \mathcal{W} \rangle = Tr \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$ . Hence, strong  $S$ -stationary conditions satisfied at weak efficient point  $\bar{A}$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\bar{A}$  be a local weak efficient solution for  $(S - MMPVC)$ . Suppose that  $f_i, \mathcal{H}_i, \mathcal{G}_i$  admits bounded upper semi-regular convexificator  $\partial^* f_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ),  $\partial^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_0$ ),  $\partial^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A})$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}$ ), respectively, at  $\bar{A}$ . If (GGCQ) holds at  $\bar{A}$  then there exists  $\bar{\lambda}_i^f > 0$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ),  $\bar{\lambda}^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \bar{\lambda}^{\mathcal{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{W}} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$  such that

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f} \bar{\lambda}_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \bar{\mathcal{W}},$$

$$\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-} \text{)}, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \text{)}, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \text{)},$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \bar{\lambda}_i^f = 1, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-} \text{)}, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \text{)}.$$

**Proof.** Since, all conditions of Theorem 3 are satisfying for some  $\lambda^f > 0, \lambda^{\mathcal{H}}, \lambda^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $\mathcal{W}$  as follows:

$$0 \in \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{J}_f} \lambda_i^f \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) + \sum_{i=1}^m [\lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) - \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A})] - \mathcal{W}, \tag{23}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{W}, \bar{A} \rangle = 0, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-} \text{)}, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \text{)},$$

$$\lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \text{ free (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \text{)}, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0-} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{+-} \text{)}, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \geq 0 \text{ (} i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} \text{)}.$$

Now, dividing (23) by  $\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f$  and taking

$$\bar{\lambda}_i^f = \frac{\lambda_i^f}{\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i}, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{H}} = \frac{\lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}}}{\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f}, \bar{\lambda}_i^{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{\lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}}}{\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f}, \bar{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{\mathcal{W}}{\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^f},$$

we obtain the required result.  $\square$

Now, we propose some index sets to show sufficient optimality conditions for S-MMPVC:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{J}_{00}^+ &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{00} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} > 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{00}^0 &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{00} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{0-}^+ &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} > 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{0-}^0 &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0-} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{0+}^+ &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} > 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{0+}^- &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} < 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{0+}^0 &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{+0}^{0+} &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} > 0\}, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{+0}^{00} &:= \{i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0} : \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} = 0, \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Following result is motivated by Sadeghieh et al. ([55], Theorem 9).

**Theorem 4.** (Sufficient conditions) Suppose  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ),  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{00} \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0-}$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}$ ) admit bounded upper semi-regular convexificators at  $\bar{A}$ . Assume that feasible point  $\bar{A}$  satisfies weak S-stationary conditions under suitable choice of multipliers  $\lambda^f \in \mathbb{R}^p, \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \lambda^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \bar{\mathcal{W}} \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$  for S - MMPVC. If  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}$ ),  $-\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{0+}^+ \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0+}^0 \cup \mathfrak{J}_{0+}^-$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_{+0}^{0+}$ ), are  $\partial^*$ -quasiconvex and  $f_i$  ( $i \in \mathfrak{J}_f$ ) are  $\partial^*$ -pseudoconvex at  $\bar{A}$  and at least one  $\lambda_i^f > 0$ . Then,

- (i)  $\bar{A}$  is a local weak efficient solution for S - MMPVC;

(ii) In addition to that if  $\mathbb{J}_{0+}^- \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}^{0+} = \emptyset$ , then  $\bar{A}$  is a weak efficient solution for  $S - MMPVC$ .

**Proof.** (i) From continuity of  $\mathcal{G}_i (i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+})$  and  $\mathcal{H}_i (i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0})$  there exist neighborhoods  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  for  $\bar{A}$ , such that

$$\mathcal{H}_i(A) = 0, \mathcal{G}_i(A) > 0, \forall A \in M \cap \mathcal{N} \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}, \tag{24}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_i(A) > 0, \mathcal{G}_i(A) \leq 0, \forall A \in M \cap \mathcal{M} \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}. \tag{25}$$

Since  $\bar{A}$  is a weak  $S$ -stationary point, so there exist  $\lambda^f \in \mathbb{R}^p, \lambda^{\mathcal{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \lambda^{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \bar{\mathcal{W}}$  and not all multipliers along with  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}$  can be simultaneously zero, such that satisfies weak  $S$ -stationary conditions. Thus, there exist  $\zeta_i \in \text{cod}^* f_i(\bar{A}) (i \in \mathbb{J}_f), \eta_i \in \text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) (i \in \mathbb{J}_0), \zeta_i \in \text{cod}^* \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) (i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0})$ , such that

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_f} \lambda_i^f \zeta_i + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{G}} \zeta_i - \sum_{i \in \mathbb{J}_0} \lambda_i^{\mathcal{H}} \eta_i - \bar{\mathcal{W}} = 0. \tag{26}$$

Suppose, on contrary  $\bar{A}$  is not local weak efficient solution for  $S - MMPVC$ . Then, there exists  $B \in M \cap \mathcal{N} \cap \mathcal{M}$ , such that

$$f_i(B) < f_i(\bar{A}), \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_f. \tag{27}$$

By the  $\partial^*$ -pseudoconvexity of  $f_i (i \in \mathbb{J}_f)$  and (27), we obtain

$$\langle \zeta_i, B - \bar{A} \rangle < 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_f. \tag{28}$$

By the  $\partial^*$ -quasiconvexity of functions  $\mathcal{G}_i (i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}^{0+}), \mathcal{H}_i (i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}^-)$  and (24) and (25), we obtain

$$\mathcal{G}_i(B) \leq 0 = \mathcal{G}_i(\bar{A}) \implies \langle \zeta_i, B - \bar{A} \rangle \leq 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{+0}^{0+}. \tag{29}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_i(B) = 0 \leq \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \implies \langle \eta_i, B - \bar{A} \rangle \leq 0, \forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}^-. \tag{30}$$

On the other hand,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{J}_{0+}^+ \cup \mathbb{J}_{0-}^+ \cup \mathbb{J}_{00}^+$ ,

$$-\mathcal{H}_i(B) \leq 0 = -\mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}) \implies \langle -\eta_i, B - \bar{A} \rangle \leq 0, \forall -\eta_i \in -\text{cod}^* \mathcal{H}_i(\bar{A}). \tag{31}$$

Since  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}, B \in \mathbb{M}_+^n$ , so we have

$$-\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, B \rangle + \langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{A} \rangle = -\langle \bar{\mathcal{W}}, B - \bar{A} \rangle \leq 0. \tag{32}$$

Multiplying their corresponding multiplier in (29) to (32) and adding, we obtain contradictions to (26). Hence, the result.

(ii) We proceed similar to (i) and using  $\mathbb{J}_{0+}^{0+} \cup \mathbb{J}_{+0}^- = \emptyset$ , therefore without making use of neighborhood  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$ , we obtain the required result.  $\square$

To validate the sufficient optimality conditions we present following example.

**Example 3.** Consider following optimization problem

$$\min (f_1(A), f_2(A)), \text{ subject to } \mathcal{H}_1(A) = -x_2 \geq 0, \mathcal{G}_1(A) \mathcal{H}_1(A) = -|x_3| x_2 \leq 0,$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2, \text{ where } f_1(A) = x_2, f_2(A) = x_3.$$

Feasible set,

$$M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}_+^2 : x_2 \geq 0, |x_3|x_2 \geq 0 \right\},$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 \geq 0, x_1x_3 - x_2^2 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, |x_3|x_2 \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Consider at feasible point  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . We observe that  $f_1, f_2$  are  $\partial^*$ -pseudoconvex,  $-\mathcal{H}_1$  is  $\partial^*$ -quasiconvex at  $\bar{A}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_i$  ( $i = 1 \in \mathfrak{I}_{00}$ ),  $\mathcal{G}_i$  ( $i = 1 \notin \mathfrak{I}_{+0}$ ) also  $\mathfrak{I}_{+0}^+ \cup \mathfrak{I}_{+0}^- = \emptyset$ . Now, we can find upper semi-regular convexificator of each functions at point  $\bar{A}$  as follows:

$$\partial^* f_1(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \partial^* f_2(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \partial^* \mathcal{H}_1(\bar{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Thus, for  $\lambda_1^f = 0, \lambda_2^f > 0, \lambda_1^{\mathcal{H}} = 0$ , and  $\bar{\mathcal{W}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^f \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\lambda_1^f \text{co}\partial^* f_1(\bar{A}) + \lambda_2^f \text{co}\partial^* f_2(\bar{A}) - \lambda_1^{\mathcal{H}} \text{co}\partial^* \mathcal{H}_1(\bar{A}) - \bar{\mathcal{W}} = 0.$$

That is,  $\bar{A}$  satisfying weak  $S$ -stationary conditions. Hence,  $\bar{A}$  is weak efficient solution, which is true by simple observations.

#### 4. Conclusions and Future Remarks

Golestani and Nobakhtian [11] established optimality conditions for nonsmooth semidefinite single optimization problems. We have established the optimality conditions for a more interesting class of nonlinear optimization namely, mathematical programming problems with vanishing constraints (MPVC), which is more applicable in topology optimization and many real-life problems. We have further extended the single objective semidefinite optimization problems to multiobjective semidefinite optimization problems. We established Fritz John stationary conditions for nonsmooth, nonlinear, semidefinite, multiobjective programs with vanishing constraints using convexificator and generalized Cottle type and generalized Guignard type constraints qualification have been introduced to achieve strong  $S$ -stationary conditions from Fritz John stationary conditions. Sufficient conditions are also established under generalized convexity assumptions and through an example, we validate our established results. We have used the constraint qualifications technique motivated by Li [38] and provided some generalized constraint qualifications for semidefinite optimization problems. We have also used the linearization technique inspired by Kanzow et al. [56]. Recently, Treanta [41] discussed duality theorems for a special class of quasiinvex multiobjective optimization problems for interval-valued components. Further, Treanta established dual pair of multiobjective interval-valued variational control problems. We can extend the results on multiobjective semidefinite optimization problems to variational control problems and interval-valued optimization problems motivated by [40,41,57–61] for the application point of view.

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