

THEOREMS OF THE ALTERNATIVE  
FOR MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS.  
APPLICATIONS TO MIXED CONVEX/CONCAVE SYSTEMS OF INEQUALITIES

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$X$  (real) linear space  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in X^*$

ORDAN ALTERNATIVE (1873)

$$\exists x \in X : f_i(x) < 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$$\exists (d_1, \dots, d_m) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m \setminus \{0\} : \sum_{i=1}^m d_i f_i(x) = 0, \forall x \in X$$

FARKAS ALTERNATIVE (1902)

$$\exists x \in X : f_1(x) < 0, f_2(x) \leq 0, \dots, f_m(x) \leq 0$$

$$\exists d_1 \geq 0, d_2 \geq 0, \dots, d_m \geq 0 : \sum_{i=1}^m d_i f_i(x) = 0, \forall x \in X$$

FAN-GLICKSBERG-HOFFMAN ALTERNATIVE (1957)

$X \supset C$  convex  $f_1, \dots, f_m : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  convex

$$\exists x \in C : f_i(x) < 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$$\exists (d_1, \dots, d_m) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m \setminus \{0\} : \sum_{i=1}^m d_i f_i(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in C$$



SCHIRROTZEK ALTERNATIVE (2007)

$X, Z_1, Z_2$  normed spaces,  $X \supset C$  convex  $Z_i \supset S_i$  convex cones ( $i=1,2$ )

$$H_i: C \rightarrow Z_i \quad S_i - \text{convex} \quad (i=1,2)$$

$\text{int } S_1 \neq \emptyset \quad S_2 \text{ closed}$

$$(1) \quad \exists a \in Z_1: (a, 0) \in \text{int} \left( \bigcup_{x \in C} \{H_1(x)\} \times \{H_2(x)\} + S_1 \times S_2 \right)$$

$$\exists x \in C: H_1(x) \in \text{int}(-S_1), \quad H_2(x) \in -S_2$$

$$\exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\}, \exists \lambda_2 \in S_2^+ : (\lambda_1 \circ H_1)(x) + (\lambda_2 \circ H_2)(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in C$$

Remarks: (1) is satisfied if (2) holds:

$$(2) \quad \exists \bar{x} \in C: H_2(\bar{x}) \in \text{int}(-S_2)$$

## MULTIVALUED APPROACH

$X$  linear space,  $Z_1, Z_2$  t.v.s.s.,  $X \supset C$  a set,  $Z_i \supset S_i$  two convex cones,  $\text{int } S_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,

$M_i: \text{dom } M_i \subset X \Rightarrow Z_i$  two multivalued maps ( $i=1,2$ )

$$D = C \cap \text{dom } M_1 \cap \text{dom } M_2$$

$$(5) \quad \exists x \in D : M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset, \quad M_2(x) \cap (-S_2) \neq \emptyset$$

## BACK TO UNIVOCUE CASE

Four possibilities:  $M_i(x) = \{H_i(x)\}$  or  $M_i(x) = H_i(x) + S_i$  ( $i=1,2$ )

## LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION FOR (5)

Notations: the nonnegative polar cone  $S_i^+$  of  $S_i$  ( $i=1,2$ )

$$S_i^+ = \{ \lambda_i e Z_i' : \langle \lambda_i, g_i \rangle = \lambda_i (g_i) \geq 0, \forall g_i \in S_i \}$$



$$(5) \quad \exists x \in \mathcal{D} : M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(I-S_1) \neq \emptyset, \quad M_2(x) \cap (I-S_2) \neq \emptyset$$

$$(5') \quad \exists \lambda_i \in S_1^+, \exists \mu_i \in S_2^+ : \langle \lambda_1, z_{\lambda_1} \rangle + \langle \mu_2, z_{\mu_2} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}, \forall z_i \in M_i(x), i=1,2$$

Recall  $X \supset C$   $M_i: \text{dom } M_i \subset X \rightrightarrows Z_i$   $Z_i \supset S_i$  convex cones  $\mathcal{D} = C \cap \text{dom } M_1 \cap \text{dom } M_2$   
 Without convexity nor topological requirement on  $C, M_1, M_2$ , one has

Pr 1 If (5') holds then (5) is inconsistent

To go further one needs convexity somewhere and a so-called topological qualification condition

Convexity somewhere

$$E := S_1 \times S_2 + \bigcup_{x \in D} M_1(x) \times M_2(x) \text{ must be convex } (D = C \cap \text{dom } M_1 \cap \text{dom } M_2)$$

Rq1 E may be convex while  $\bigcup_{x \in D} M_1(x) \times M_2(x)$  is not

Ex1:  $M_i(x) = \{H_i(x)\}$ ,  $H_i$   $S_i$ -convex ( $i=1,2$ )

Standard situation:  $C$  convex,  $M_1, M_2$  convex  $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{x \in D} M_1(x) \times M_2(x)$  convex

Ex2:  $M_i(x) = H_i(x) + S_i$ ,  $H_i$   $S_i$ -convex ( $i=1,2$ )  $\Downarrow$  E convex

Nonstandard situation:  $\bigcup_{x \in D} M_1(x) \times M_2(x)$  may be convex while  $C, M_1, M_2$  are not!

Ex3 (Brickman, 1961)  $X = \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $C$  Euclidean unit sphere,  $M_i(x) = \{ \langle A_i x, x \rangle \}$ ,  $A_1, A_2$  real symmetric  $m \times m$  matrices

$$\bigcup_{x \in C} \{ \langle A_1 x, x \rangle \} \times \{ \langle A_2 x, x \rangle \} \text{ convex compact in } \mathbb{R}^2$$



Ex 4 (Dines, 1941)  $M_i(x) = \{ \langle A_i x, x \rangle \}$   $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{S}_m(\mathbb{R})$

$$\bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \{ \langle A_1 x, x \rangle \} \times \{ \langle A_2 x, x \rangle \} \quad \text{convex cone in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Topological requirement (remember:  $E = S_1 \times S_2 + \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{D}} M_1(x) \times M_2(x)$ )

$$\exists a \in Z_1: (a, 0) \in \text{int} E$$

which holds in particular if (remember:  $\mathcal{D} = C \cap \text{dom } M_1 \cap \text{dom } M_2$ )

$$\exists \bar{x} \in \mathcal{D}: M_2(\bar{x}) \cap \text{int}(S_2) \neq \emptyset$$

TH1 Assume  $E = S_1 \times S_2 + \bigcup_{x \in D} M_1(x) \times M_2(x)$  is convex and

$$\exists a \in Z_1: (a, 0) \in \text{int } E$$

Then precisely one of the following statements is true

$$(15) \exists x \in D: M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset, M_2(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_2) \neq \emptyset$$

$$(15') \exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\}, \exists \lambda_2 \in S_2^+ : \langle \lambda_1, g_1 \rangle + \langle \lambda_2, g_2 \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in D, \forall g_i \in M_i(x) (i=1,2)$$

COR1 Assume  $E = S_1 \times S_2 + \bigcup_{x \in D} \{H_1(x)\} \times \{H_2(x)\}$  is convex and

$$\exists a \in Z_1: (a, 0) \in \text{int } E$$

Then precisely one of the following statements is true

$$\exists x \in D: H_1(x) \in \text{int}(-S_1), H_2(x) \in -S_2$$

$$\exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\}, \exists \lambda_2 \in S_2^+ : (\lambda_1 \circ H_1)(x) + (\lambda_2 \circ H_2)(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in D$$



Example: Systems of mixed large and strict convex inequalities

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$X$  linear space,  $X \supset C$  convex

$f_1, \dots, f_p, g_1, \dots, g_q : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  convex

$H_1(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_p(x))$ ,  $\text{dom } H_1 = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq p} \text{dom } f_i = F$

$H_2(x) = (g_1(x), \dots, g_q(x))$ ,  $\text{dom } H_2 = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq q} \text{dom } g_i = G$

Assume that  $\exists \bar{x} \in C \cap F \cap G : g_j(\bar{x}) < 0, \forall j=1, \dots, p$

Then precisely one of the following statements is true

$\exists x \in C : f_1(x) < 0, \dots, f_p(x) < 0, g_1(x) \leq 0, \dots, g_q(x) \leq 0$

$\exists \alpha_1 \geq 0, \dots, \alpha_p \geq 0$ ,  $\text{non all } 0, \exists \beta_1 \geq 0, \dots, \exists \beta_q \geq 0 : \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i f_i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j g_j(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in C \cap F \cap G$

The case when only  $M_1$  occurs: take  $S_2 = Z_2$ ,  $M_2 |_{X_2} = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall x \in X$

COR 2 Let  $X$  a linear space,  $C$  a subset of  $X$ ,  $S_1$  a convex cone in the t.v.s.  $Z_1$ ,  $\text{int } S_1 \neq \emptyset$ , and  $M_1: \text{dom } M_1 \subset X \Rightarrow$  a multivalued mapping such that

$$M_1(C \cap \text{dom } M_1) + S_1 \text{ is convex}$$

Then precisely one of the following statements is true

(5)  $\exists x \in C \cap \text{dom } M_1 : M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset$

(5')  $\exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\} : \langle \lambda_1, z_1 \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in C \cap \text{dom } M_1, \forall z_1 \in M_1(x)$

Unisopque case  $H_1: \text{dom } H_1 \subset X \rightarrow Z_1$   $H_1(C \cap \text{dom } H_1) + S_1$  convex

(5'')  $\exists x \in C \cap \text{dom } H_1 : H_1(x) \in \text{int}(-S_1)$

(5''')  $\exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\} : \langle \lambda_1, 0(H_1) |_{X_1} \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in C \cap \text{dom } H_1$



Ex 1  $Z_1 = \mathbb{R}^m$   $S_1 = \mathbb{R}_+^m$   $g_1, \dots, g_m : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$

$H_1(x) = (g_1(x), \dots, g_m(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq m} \text{dom } g_i = \text{dom } H_1 = F$

Assume  $C$  is convex in  $X$  and  $g_1, \dots, g_m$  are convex. Then

$\exists x \in C : g_i(x) < 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

$\exists (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m \setminus \{0\} : \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i g_i(x) > 0, \forall x \in C \cap F$

FIE\H alternative  
(1957)

Ex 2  $C = X = \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $Z_1 = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $S_1 = \mathbb{R}_+^2$ ,  $H_1(x) = (\langle Ax, x \rangle, \langle Bx, x \rangle)$ ,  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}_m(\mathbb{R})$

$H_1(C)$  is a convex cone in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (Dines THM)  $\Rightarrow H_1(C) + S_1$  convex cone. Thus

$\text{non}(C) \Leftrightarrow (C')$

$\max \{ \langle Ax, x \rangle, \langle Bx, x \rangle \} \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^m \Leftrightarrow \exists \alpha \geq 0, \exists \beta \geq 0 : \alpha + \beta = 1$  and  $\alpha A + \beta B$  positive semidefinite

This is Yuan alternative (1990)



# A variant of Yam alternative

Back to Cor. 1  $D = X = \mathbb{R}^m$   $Z_1 = Z_2 = \mathbb{R}$   $S_1 = S_2 = \mathbb{R}_+$

$$H_1(x) = \langle Ax, x \rangle \quad H_2(x) = \langle Bx, x \rangle \quad A, B \in \mathcal{S}_m(\mathbb{R})$$

Fact:  $\bigcup_{x \in D} \{H_1(x)\} \times \{H_2(x)\}$  is a convex cone (Dines Thm)

Assume  $\exists \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ :  $\langle B\bar{x}, \bar{x} \rangle < 0$  (Topological condition)

Then

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \langle Ax, x \rangle < 0 \text{ and } \langle Bx, x \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\exists \lambda_1 > 0, \exists \lambda_2 \geq 0 : \lambda_1 A + \lambda_2 B \text{ s.d.p.} \quad \text{Cor } \exists \beta \geq 0 : A + \beta B \text{ s.d.p.}$$

Compare with Yam alternative:  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{S}_m(\mathbb{R})$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \langle Ax, x \rangle < 0 \text{ and } \langle Bx, x \rangle < 0$$

$$\exists \alpha > 0, \exists \beta \geq 0 : \alpha + \beta = 1 \text{ and } \alpha A + \beta B \text{ s.d.p.}$$



# ALTERNATIVE INVOLVING MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS,

## HIT, AND CONTAINMENT

Datas  $X, Z_1, Z_2$  E.v.s,  $C \subset X, M_i: \text{dom } M_i \subset X \Rightarrow Z_i$

$S_i$  convex cone in  $Z_i, \text{int } S_1 \neq \emptyset, D = C \cap \text{dom } M_1 \cap \text{dom } M_2$

$$(X) \quad \exists x \in D : M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset, M_2(x) \subset S_2$$

Uniqueness case :  $M_i(x) = \{H_i(x)\}$

$$(X_1) \quad \exists x \in D : H_1(x) \in \text{int}(-S_1), H_2(x) \in S_2$$

$$\text{Ex } Z_1 = \mathbb{R}^p \quad S_1 = \mathbb{R}_+^p \quad Z_2 = \mathbb{R}^q \quad S_2 = \mathbb{R}_+^q \quad H_1(x) = (g_1(x), \dots, g_p(x))$$

$$H_2(x) = (g_1(x), \dots, g_q(x))$$

$$(X_2) \quad \exists x \in D : g_1(x) < 0, \dots, g_p(x) < 0, g_1(x) \geq 0, \dots, g_q(x) \geq 0$$

System of mixed convex/concave inequalities

USING THE  $S_2$ -SUBDIFFERENTIAL OF  $M_2: \text{dom } M_2 \subset X \rightrightarrows Z_2$

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Def Given  $\bar{x} \in \text{dom } M_2$  one says that  $L \in \mathcal{L}(X, Z_2)$  is a  $S_2$ -subgradient of  $M_2$  at  $\bar{x}$  (we note  $L \in \partial M_2(\bar{x})$ ) if there exists  $\bar{z} \in M_2(\bar{x})$  s.t.

$$\bar{z} - \bar{z} - L(x - \bar{x}) \in S_2, \forall (x, z) \in \mathcal{G}(M_2)$$

Unimodular case  $M_2(x) = \{H_2(x)\}$

$$H_2(x) - H_2(\bar{x}) - L(x - \bar{x}) \in S_2, \forall x \in \text{dom } H_2$$

$L \in \partial H_2(\bar{x})$  in the "usual" sense

Other example  $M_2(x) = H_2(x) + S_2$

$$\text{again } \partial M_2(\bar{x}) = \partial H_2(\bar{x})$$

Many other examples may be provided



USING THE EXACT CONJUGATE OF  $M_2$ :  $\text{dom } M_2 \subset X \rightrightarrows Z_2$

Assume that the convex cone  $S_2 \subset Z_2$  satisfies

$$S_2 \cap (-S_2) = \{0\}$$

Then  $M_2$  is  $S_2$ -subdifferentiable at  $\bar{x}$  iff

$M_2(\bar{x})$  admits a least element and  $\forall L \in \mathcal{L}(X, Z_2)$ :  $\exists$   $\gamma$ - $\min M_2(\bar{x}) \geq L(x - \bar{x})$ ,  $\forall (x, \gamma) \in \mathcal{G}(M_2)$

For any  $L \in \mathcal{L}$   $\partial M_2(x) = \text{range}(\partial M_2)$  define

the exact conjugate of  $M_2$  at  $L$  as

$$M_2^*(L) = \max \{ L(x) - \gamma : (x, \gamma) \in \mathcal{G}(M_2) \}$$

Facts  $M_2^*$ :  $\text{dom } M_2^* = \text{range}(\partial M_2) \rightarrow Z_2$  is a map

$$L(x) - \gamma \leq M_2^*(L) \quad \forall (x, \gamma) \in \mathcal{G}(M_2)$$

$$L \in \partial M_2(\bar{x}) \Leftrightarrow \min M_2(\bar{x}) \text{ exists and } L(\bar{x}) - \min M_2(\bar{x}) = M_2^*(L)$$

$$(X) \exists x \in D: M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset, \quad M_2(x) \subset S_2$$

Pr 2 Assume (X) is consistent and  $M_2$  is  $S_2$ -subdifferentiable on  $D$ .  
Then there exists  $L \in \text{dom } M_2^*$  such that  $(X_L)$  is true, where

$$(X_L) \exists x \in D: M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset, \quad M_2^*(L) - L(x) \in -S_2.$$

We know an alternative formulation for  $(X_L)$ , namely,

$$(X'_L) \exists \Delta_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\}, \exists \Delta_2 \in S_2^+ : \langle \Delta_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \succ \langle \Delta_2, L(x) - M_2^*(L) \rangle, \forall x \in D, \forall \gamma_1 \in M_1(x)$$

A possible alternative for (X):

$$(X'') \quad \text{" } (X'_L) \text{ is true for any } L \in \text{dom } M_2^* \text{ "}$$

One has in fact

Pr 3 Assume  $M_2$  is  $S_2$ -subdifferentiable on  $D$ . Then,

$$(X'') \text{ is true} \Rightarrow (X) \text{ is not true}$$



For each  $L \in \text{dom } M_2^*$  let us introduce

$$I(L) \exists a_L \in Z_1 : (a_L, 0) \in \text{int} \left( S_1 \times S_2 + \bigcup_{x \in D} (M_1(x) \times \{M_2^*(L) - L(x)\}) \right)$$

which is in particular satisfied whenever  $\text{int } S_1 \neq \emptyset$  and

$$I_0(L) \exists x_L \in D : M_2^*(L) - L(x_L) \in \text{int}(-S_2)$$

Observe that  $I_0(L) \Rightarrow M_2(x_L) \subset \text{int } S_2$

TH2 Let  $M_i : \text{dom } M_i \subset X \rightrightarrows Z_i$  convex,  $X \supset C$  convex,  $S_i$  convex cone in  $Z_i$ ,  $i=1,2$ , such that

$$\text{int } S_1 \neq \emptyset \quad S_2 \cap (-S_2) = \{0\}.$$

Assume  $I(L)$  (or  $I_0(L)$ ) holds for any  $L \in \text{dom } M_2^*$  and  $M_2$  is

$S_2$ -subdifferentiable on  $D = C \cap \text{dom } M_1 \cap \text{dom } M_2$ .

Then precisely one of the following statements is true:

$$(X) \exists x \in D : M_1(x) \cap \text{int}(-S_1) \neq \emptyset, M_2(x) \subset S_2$$

$$(X') \forall L \in \text{dom } M_2^*, \exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+ \setminus \{0\}, \exists \lambda_2 \in S_2^+ : \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \gg \langle \lambda_2, L(x) - M_2^*(L) \rangle, \forall x \in D, \forall \lambda_1 \in M_1(x)$$

The microscope case:  $M_i(x) = \{H_i(x)\}$   $i=1,2$

Exact conjugate  $H_2^*$  of  $H_2$ :  $H_2^*(L) = \max_{x \in \text{dom } H_2} (L(x) - H_2(x))$ ,  $\forall L \in \text{range}(\partial H_2)$

$$L \in \partial H_2(x) \Leftrightarrow H_2^*(L) = L(x) - H_2(x)$$

Let us introduce for each  $L \in \text{dom } H_2^*$ :

$$J(L) \exists a_i \in Z_1: (a_i, 0) \in \text{int} \left( S_1 \times S_2 + \bigcup_{x \in D} \{H_1(x)\} \times \{H_2^*(L) - L(x)\} \right)$$

that holds in particular if

$$J_0(L) \exists x_i \in D: H_2^*(L) - L(x_i) \in \text{int}(-S_2)$$

Cor 3

Assume  $H_i$  is  $S_i$ -convex ( $i=1,2$ ),  $H_2$  is  $S_2$ -subdifferentiable on  $D = C \cap \text{dom } H_1 \cap \text{dom } H_2$ , and  $J(L)$  holds for any  $L \in \text{dom } H_2^*$ .

Then precisely one of the following statements holds:

$$\exists x \in D: H_1(x) \in \text{int}(-S_1), H_2(x) \in S_2$$

$$\forall L \in \text{dom } H_2^*, \exists \lambda_1 \in S_1^+, \exists \lambda_2 \in S_2^+ : \langle \lambda_1, 0 \rangle \langle x \rangle \ll \langle \lambda_2, L(x) - H_2^*(L) \rangle, \forall x \in D$$



Example

Systems of mixed convex / concave inequalities

$X$  l.u.s.,  $X \supset$  convex

$g_1, \dots, g_p, g_1, \dots, g_q : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  convex

$$F = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq p} \text{dom } g_i \quad G = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq q} \text{dom } g_i \quad G' = \bigcup_{x \in G} \partial g_1(x) \times \dots \times \partial g_q(x)$$

Assume  $g_1, \dots, g_q$  are sub-differentiable on  $D = \text{CINF}G$  and

$$\forall \mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_q) \in G', \exists x_\mu \in D : g_i^*(\mu_i) - \langle \mu_i, x_\mu \rangle < 0, \forall i=1, \dots, q$$
$$\Leftrightarrow g_i(x_\mu) > 0, \forall i=1, \dots, q$$

Then precisely one of the following statements is true

$$\exists x \in D : g_1(x) < 0, \dots, g_p(x) < 0, g_1(x) > 0, \dots, g_q(x) > 0$$

$\forall \mu \in G', \exists (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p) \in \mathbb{R}_+^p \setminus \{0\}, \exists (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q) \in \mathbb{R}_+^q$  such that:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i g_i(x) \geq \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \langle \mu_j, x \rangle - g_j^*(\mu_j), \forall x \in D \end{cases}$$