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Abstract

We consider the problem of minimizing the value of a functional $f(x)$ under the constraints $g(x) \in B$, $x \in Q$, where $g$ is a mapping from a Banach space to a Banach space. We assume neither the differentiability in usual sense nor the convexity on $f$ and $g$. The set $B$ is an arbitrary subset of a Banach space which has a nonempty interior. A higher-order variational theory for the optimization problem is developed. Several kinds of concepts of higher-order variational sets are introduced in a Banach space, and concepts of higher-order variational derivatives of mappings are introduced too. We study fundamental properties of those variational sets and variational derivatives. We also give higher-order necessary optimality conditions for the problem in terms of the variational sets and derivatives. We apply the results of optimality condition to derive a second-order criterion of an optimal solution in a nonlinear problem.

1. Introduction

In a standard theory of non-linear programming, key theorem to derive the first-order necessary conditions for a local optimal solution is the separation of infinitesimal cones describing some geometrical features of the solution. A separation theorem of such infinitesimal cones has been initially given by Dubovitskii and Milyutin [3].

In order that the same discussion as above may possibly derive higher-order necessary conditions, we need to introduce the concepts of higher-order variational sets and higher-order variational derivatives. In this paper three kinds of concepts of higher-order variational sets are defined. Two kinds of those concepts are the same that Hoffmann and Kornstaedt originally introduced in [6]. We first study systematically the variational sets and prove fundamental properties. And then we introduce three kinds of concepts of variational derivatives of functionals. In [10] Neustadt introduced a certain concept of first-order variational derivative. We extend his derivative to the higher-order derivatives, which we call higher-order Neustadt derivatives.

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Let $X$ and $Y$ be real Banach spaces, $Q$ an arbitrary subset of $X$, and $B$ a subset of $Y$ with nonempty interior $\text{int} B$. Let $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$, the set of real numbers, and $g : X \to Y$. Then the mathematical programming problem with which we are concerned is expressed by the following form:

$$\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad f(x) \\
\text{subject to} & \quad g(x) \in B, \ x \in Q.
\end{align*}$$  

In a usual mathematical programming problem, the set $B$ assumes a convex cone. On the contrary, in our paper $B$ is arbitrary as far as $\text{int} B \neq \emptyset$. Moreover we assume neither differentiability nor convexity on the functionals involved in the optimization problem. Assuming the existence of higher-order Neustadt derivatives of the functionals, we derive higher-order necessary optimality conditions in a general abstract form using variational sets and Neustadt derivatives.

An important problem to which our theorem of higher-order necessary conditions can be applied is the problem of the best approximation, especially the nonlinear Tchebycheff approximation problem. In that problem the set $B$ in (1.1) is usually taken as the unit sphere in the space of continuous functions. In this paper nonlinear Tchebycheff approximation problem is discussed as an application of the necessary condition and then the second-order criteria for the problem are given.

2. Higher-order Variational Sets

The concepts which play key roles in developing a higher-order theory of optimization are variational sets and variational derivatives of higher-order. In this section we give the definitions of three kinds of variational sets of order $n$ and investigate some fundamental properties of them.

Let $X$ be a real Banach space, and let $Q$ an arbitrary nonempty subset of $X$.

**Definition 2.1.** For $x_0 \in \text{bd} Q$ and for $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \in X$, three kinds of variational sets of $Q$ at $x_0$ (with respect to the points $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1}$) are defined by the following:

- **$F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$**

  $$\begin{align*}
  &\text{such that} \\
  &\exists \text{bd} V \text{ of } h, \ \exists t_0 > 0 \\
  &\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i x_i + t^n V \subseteq Q \quad \text{for } \forall t \in (0, t_0] \}
  \end{align*}$$

- **$V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$**

  $$\begin{align*}
  &\text{such that} \\
  &\exists t_0 > 0, \ \exists r : (0, t_0] \to X \\
  &\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i x_i + t^n h + r(t) \in Q \quad \text{for } \forall t \in (0, t_0] \\
  &||r(t)||/t^n \to 0 \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0
  \end{align*}$$

- **$T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$**

  $$\begin{align*}
  &\text{such that} \\
  &\exists \{y_k\} \subseteq Q, \ \exists \{\lambda_k\} \downarrow 0 \\
  &\left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i^k x_i \right)/\lambda_k \to h \quad \text{as } k \to \infty
  \end{align*}$$


For $x_0 \in \text{int } Q$ we define
\[ F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = X, \]
and for $x_0 \in \text{cl } Q$ we define
\[ F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \emptyset. \]

In the case $n=1$, the variational sets defined above coincide with the well-known infinitesimal cones: $F(Q; x_0)$ is the cone of feasible directions ([5]), $V(Q; x_0)$ the cone of tangent directions ([5]), and $T(Q; x_0)$ is the cone of adherent displacements ([18]). Hence the variational sets in the case $n \geq 2$ can be considered as the higher-order extension of the infinitesimal cones we have used in the first-order theory. Hoffman and Kornstaedt [6] has defined two kinds of variational sets of higher-order in a topological vector space. Two of our variational sets are essentially same as theirs, that is, in a normed vector space $F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ is same as the variational set $K(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ and $T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ same as the set $K[Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}]$ in their notation. Ben-Tal and Zowe [2] has defined a second-order tangent direction of a continuous mapping $\xi$. The set of the second-order tangent directions of $\xi$ in their sense coincides with $V(N[\xi]; x_o, x_1)$ in our notation, where $N[\xi]$ is the kernel of the mapping $\xi$.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let $x_0 \in \text{bd } Q$. Then

(i) $F(Q; x_0), V(Q; x_0)$ and $T(Q; x_0)$ are all cones with vertices at the origin.

(ii) $F(Q; x_0, 0, 0, \ldots, 0) = F(Q; x_0)$, $V(Q; x_0, 0, 0, \ldots, 0) = V(Q; x_0)$ and $T(Q; x_0, 0, 0, \ldots, 0) = T(Q; x_0)$.

(iii) $F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ is open, and $T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ is closed.

(iv) $V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ is closed.

**Proof.** (i) and (ii) are obvious. The former half of (iii) is also obvious. The latter of (iii) is easily proved: in this connection we can refer to the proof of Krabs [7] in the case $n=1$. Concerning (iv), a direct proof by the definition of the variational set may be possible. But we will prove (iv) by another approach using a representation theorem of the variational set in Section 4.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let $x_0 \in \text{bd } Q$. Then

(i) If $h \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$, then there exists a number $t_0 > 0$ such that

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} t_i x_i + t_n h \in \text{int } Q \text{ for all } t \in (0, t_0]. \]

(ii) $F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \subset V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$.

(iii) If $x_0 \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$, then $F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = X$.

(iv) If $x_0 \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$, then $F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = \emptyset$.

(v) If $x_0 \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$, then $T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) = \emptyset$.

**Proof.** (i) is obvious.

(ii) Let $h \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$. By (i) then we have a positive number $t_0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} t_i x_i + t_n h \in \text{int } Q$ for all $t \in (0, t_0]$. Hence it can be shown that
\( h \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) by putting \( r = 0 \) in the definition of \( V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \).

Next let \( h \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). Then from the definition there exist \( t_0 > 0 \) and \( r: (0, t_0] \rightarrow X \) such that
\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t^i x_i + t^n h + r(t) \in Q \quad \forall t \in (0, t_0], \tag{2.4}
\]
\[
\frac{\|r(t)\|}{t^n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0. \tag{2.5}
\]

Choose a positive integer \( N > 1/t_0 \), and put
\[
y_k = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^i} x_i + \frac{1}{k^n} h + r \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) \quad \text{for } k \geq N.
\]

Then (2.4) implies that \( \{y_k\} \subseteq Q \). By taking \( \lambda_k = 1/k \), we get from (2.5) that
\[
\left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i \right) / \lambda_k \rightarrow h \quad \text{as } k \to \infty.
\]

Thus we have \( h \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \).

(iii) The proof is given in Section 4.

(iv) Let \( x_n \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). Suppose that there exists a point \( h \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \). By (1) then we have a positive number \( t_0 \) such that \( \sum_{i=0}^{n} t^i x_i + t^n x_n \in \text{int} Q \) for all \( t \in (0, t_0] \). Hence, putting \( r(t) = t^{n+1} h \), we have
\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} t^i x_i + r(t) \in Q \quad \forall t \in (0, t_0], \tag{2.6}
\]
\[
\frac{\|r(t)\|}{t^{n+1}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0, \tag{2.7}
\]

which imply that \( x_n \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). This is a contradiction.

Next suppose that there exists a point \( h \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \). Then there exist \( t_0 > 0 \) and \( r: (0, t_0] \rightarrow X \) such that
\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} t^i x_i + r(t) \in Q \quad \forall t \in (0, t_0], \tag{2.6}
\]
\[
\frac{\|r(t)\|}{t^{n+1}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0. \tag{2.7}
\]

Putting \( \hat{r}(t) = t^{n+1} h + r(t) \), we get from (2.6) and (2.7) that
\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n} t^i x_i + \hat{r}(t) \in Q \quad \forall t \in (0, t_0],
\]
\[
\frac{\|\hat{r}(t)\|}{t^{n+1}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0.
\]

Thus we have \( x_n \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \), which is a contradiction.

(v) Let \( x_n \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). Suppose that there exists \( h \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \). Then from the definition we have a sequence \( \{y_k\} \) of points of \( Q \) and a sequence \( \{\lambda_k\} \) of positive numbers such that
\[
\lambda_k \downarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \to \infty. \tag{2.8}
\]
(2.9) together with (2.8) implies that
\[
\left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n} \lambda_i x_i \right) / \lambda_k \to 0 \quad \text{as } k \to \infty.
\]
which is equivalent to that
\[
\left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \lambda_i x_i \right) / \lambda_k \to x_n \quad \text{as } k \to \infty.
\]
Thus \( x_n \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \), which is a contradiction.

In the case when \( Q \) is convex, especially we have the following

**Proposition 2.3.** Let \( Q \) be a convex subset of \( X \). Let \( x_0 \in Q \) and \( y \in Q \). Then \( Q - y \subset T(Q; x_0, y - x_0) \).

**Proof.** Let \( h \) be an arbitrary point of \( Q \). Let
\[
x_n = \frac{1}{n^2} h + \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)(x_n - x_0) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.
\]
Since \( x_n \) is a convex combination of points of \( Q \), by the convexity of \( Q \) we have \( x_n \in Q \) for all \( n \). A simple calculation leads to
\[
n^2 \left[ x_n - x_0 - \frac{1}{n} (y - x_0) \right] = h - y \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,
\]
which shows trivially that \( h - y \in T(Q; x_0, y - x_0) \). Since the point \( h \) of \( Q \) is arbitrary, the desired inclusion relation follows.

### 3. Higher-order Variational Derivatives

In the preceding section we have introduced the concept of higher-order variational sets. In this section we shall give several kinds of higher-order variational derivatives of mappings. Among these derivatives higher-order directional derivatives and Dini derivatives are included and some useful properties of later one are shown.

Let \( X, Y \) be real Banach spaces. Let \( U \) be an open subset of \( X \). Then we begin with the following definition.

**Definition 3.1.** Let \( f: U \to Y \) be a mapping, let \( x_0 \in U \) and let \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \) be points of \( X \). If there exists a point \( f'(x_0; x_1) \) of \( Y \) such that
\[
f'(x_0; x_1) = \lim_{x \to x_0} \frac{1}{x - x_0} [f(x_0 + \lambda x_1) - f(x_0)],
\]
then we call the point \( f'(x_0; x_1) \) the first-order directional derivative of \( f \) in the direction \( x_1 \) at \( x_0 \). If the mapping \( f \) has the derivative in every direction at \( x_0 \), then we call the mapping \( f'(x_0; \cdot) \) the first-order directional derivative of \( f \) at \( x_0 \). If there
exists the directional derivative $f'(x_0; x_1)$ and, if there exists a point $f''(x_0, x_1; x_2)$ of $Y$ such that

$$f''(x_0, x_1; x_2) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ f(x_0 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x_2) - f(x_0) - \lambda f'(x_0; x_1) \right], \quad (3.2)$$

then we call the point the second-order directional derivative of $f$ in the direction $x_2$ at $x_0$ (with respect to $x_1$). If $f$ has the derivative $f''(x_0, x_1; x_2)$ for every $x_2 \in X$, then we call the mapping $f''(x_0, x_1; \cdot)$ the second-order directional derivative of $f$ at $x_0$ (with respect to $x_1$). Inductively, the $n$-th order directional derivative of $f$ at $x_0$ is defined by the following formula:

$$f^n(x_0, x_1; \ldots; x_{n-1}; x_n) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lambda^i f^{(i-1)}(x_0, x_1; \ldots; x_{i-1}; x_i) \right]. \quad (3.2)$$

The directional derivatives defined above do not operate directly on the derivation of higher-order optimality conditions in general theory of this paper, but they are necessary for calculating variational sets in concrete problems as will be seen in Section 7. For the purpose of the derivation of our optimality conditions the following is inevitable.

**Definition 3.2.** Let $f: U \to Y$, and let $x_0 \in U$. If for every point $x_1$ of $X$ there exists a point $f_{1}'(x_0; x_1)$ of $Y$ such that

$$f_{1}'(x_0; x_1) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ f(x_0 + \lambda x_1) - f(x_0) \right], \quad (3.3)$$

then we call the mapping $f_{1}'(x_0; \cdot)$ the first-order Neustadt derivative of $f$ at $x_0$. Let $x_1$ be a point of $X$. If $f$ has the first-order Neustadt derivative $f_{1}'(x_0; \cdot)$ at $x_0$, and if for every point $x_2$ of $X$ there exists a point $f_{2}'(x_0, x_1; x_2)$ of $Y$ such that

$$f_{2}'(x_0, x_1; x_2) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ f(x_0 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x_2) - f(x_0) - f_{1}'(x_0; x_1) \right], \quad (3.4)$$

then we call the mapping $f_{2}'(x_0, x_1; \cdot)$ the second-order Neustadt derivative of $f$ at $x_0$ (with respect to $x_1$). Inductively, if $f$ has the derivatives $f_{1}'(x_0; \cdot)$, $f_{2}'(x_0, x_1; \cdot)$, $\ldots$, $f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; \cdot)$ up to the $(n-1)$-th order, and if for every point $x_n$ of $X$ there exists a point $f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n)$ of $Y$ such that

$$f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n x_n \right) - f(x_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lambda^i f^{(i-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) \right], \quad (3.5)$$

then we call the mapping $f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot)$ the $n$-th order Neustadt derivative of $f$ at $x_0$ (with respect to $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1}$). When $f$ has the Neustadt derivative of order $n$ at $x_0$ with respect to $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1})$, $f$ is said to be $n$-times Neustadt differentiable at $x_0$ with respect to $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1})$. When $f$ is $n$-times Neustadt differentiable at $x_0$ w.r.t. $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ for every points $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1}$ of $X$, $f$ is
said to be \( n \)-times Neustadt differentiable at \( x_0 \).

The following concepts of derivatives are necessary for the representation of the variational sets.

**Definition 3.3.** Let \( f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x_0 \in U \) and let \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \) be points of \( X \). We define for each \( n \geq 1 \)

\[
\tilde{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right],
\]

(3.6)

\[
f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right],
\]

(3.7)

where the limit supremum and the limit infimum are allowed to take the values \( +\infty \) and \( -\infty \). We call \( \tilde{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) the \( n \)-th order upper Dini derivative of \( f \) at \( x_0 \) (with respect to \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \)), and call \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) the \( n \)-th order lower Dini derivative of \( f \) at \( x_0 \) (with respect to \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \)).

**Proposition 3.1.** It holds that

\[
f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) = \frac{(-f)^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot)}{(-f)(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot)},
\]

(3.8)

where \( (-f)^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) means the \( n \)-th order upper Dini derivative of the function \( (-f) \) at \( x_0 \).

**Proposition 3.2.** Let \( f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) be locally Lipschitz. Then

(i) Both \( f^{(1)}(x_0; \cdot) \) and \( f^{(1)}(x_0; \cdot) \) are real-valued Lipschitz functions.

(ii) For each \( n \geq 2 \), either one and only one of the following necessarily occurs:

(a) \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) = +\infty \).

(b) \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) = -\infty \).

(c) \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) is a real-valued Lipschitz function.

(iii) For \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \), the same thing that for \( \tilde{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) in (ii) holds.

**Proof.** (i) By the assumption that \( f \) is locally Lipschitz, there exist a neighborhood \( V \) of \( x_0 \) and a constant \( K > 0 \) such that \( |f(x) - f(y)| \leq K \|x - y\| \) for all \( x, y \in V \). Hence

\[
|f^{(1)}(x_0; h)| = \left| \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ f(x_0 + \lambda h) - f(x_0) \right] \right| \leq K \|h\|
\]

for \( \forall h \in X \),

which implies that \( f^{(1)}(x_0; \cdot) \) is real-valued. The relation,

\[
|f^{(1)}(x_0; h_1) - f^{(1)}(x_0; h_2)| \leq \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} |f(x_0 + \lambda h_1) - f(x_0 + \lambda h_2)|
\]

\[
\leq K \|h_1 - h_2\| \quad \forall h_1, \forall h_2 \in X ,
\]

implies that \( f^{(1)}(x_0; \cdot) \) is of Lipschitz.

The assertion for \( f^{(1)}(x_0; \cdot) \) follows from Proposition 3.1 and the results for \( f^{(1)}(x_0; \cdot) \).
(ii) First prepare the trivial relation

\[
\bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right].
\]

The local Lipschitz property of \( f \) yields that for sufficiently small \( \lambda > 0 \)

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left| f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right| \leq K \| x_n \|,
\]

where \( K \) is a local Lipschitz coefficient of \( f \) at \( x_0 \).

Let

\[
\alpha = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right].
\]

In the case when \( \alpha = +\infty \), from (3.9) and (3.10), for any \( x_n \in X \) we have

\[
\bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] = +\infty,
\]

which implies that \( (a) \) occurs. Similarly, if \( \alpha = -\infty \) then \( (b) \) occurs. In the case when \( \alpha \) is finite, by (3.9) and (3.10) the function \( \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) is real-valued and the following relation holds:

\[
| \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) - \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) | \leq K \| h_1 - h_2 \|.
\]

Hence \( \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \) is of Lipschitz. Thus \( (c) \) occurs.

(iii) Obvious from Proposition 3.1 and (ii).

PROPOSITION 3.3. Let \( f : U \to R \) be locally Lipschitz. Then

(1) If \( 0 < \bar{f}^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \leq +\infty \), then \( \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv +\infty \).

(2) If \( 0 > \bar{f}^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \equiv -\infty \), then \( \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv -\infty \).

(3) If \( 0 < \bar{f}^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \equiv +\infty \), then \( \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv +\infty \).

(4) If \( 0 > \bar{f}^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \equiv -\infty \), then \( \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv -\infty \).

PROOF. (1) Suppose that \( 0 < \bar{f}^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \leq +\infty \). From the definition there exists a sequence \( \{ t_k \} \) of positive numbers such that \( \{ t_k \} \downarrow 0 \) and

\[
\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{t_k^{n-1}} \left[ f\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_k^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] = \bar{f}^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_{n-1}).
\]

Since the right-hand side of (3.11) is positive or possibly positive infinity, we may assume
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\[ \frac{1}{t^k} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] > 0 \quad k \geq 1. \]  

(3.12)

Hence, by (3.11) and (3.12) we have

\[
\limsup_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{t^k} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] 
\geq \limsup_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{t^k} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] \liminf_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{t^k} 
= +\infty.
\]

Namely,

\[
\limsup_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{t^k} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] = +\infty.
\]

From the proof of Proposition 3.2 (ii) then we have \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv +\infty. \)

(ii) Suppose that \( 0 > f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \equiv -\infty. \) Then we may assume that for sufficiently small \( \lambda > 0, \)

\[
f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) < 0.
\]

Therefore,

\[
\liminf_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n-1}} \left[ f(x_0) - f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) \right] 
\geq \liminf_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n-1}} \left[ f(x_0) - f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) \right] \liminf_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} 
= -\limsup_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n-1}} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] \liminf_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} 
= +\infty,
\]

and so

\[
\limsup_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n-1}} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i \right) - f(x_0) \right] = -\infty.
\]

The proof of Proposition 3.2 (ii) indicates that \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv -\infty. \)

The assertion (iii) follows from Proposition 3.1 and (ii), and (iv) follows from Proposition 3.1 and (i).

PROPOSITION 3.4. Let \( f : U \to Y \) and let \( x_0 \in U. \) Then

(i) If \( f \) is Fréchet differentiable at \( x_0, \) then it holds that

\[
f'(x_0; x_1) = f'(x_0; x_1) = \frac{Df(x_0)}{x_1} \quad \text{for } x_1 \in X,
\]

where \( Df(x_0) \) denotes the Fréchet derivative of \( f \) at \( x_0. \)

(ii) If \( f \) is twice Fréchet differentiable at \( x_0, \) then it holds that
\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_0 \partial x_2} f(x_0, x_1, x_2) &= f(x_0, x_1, x_2) = Df(x_0)x_2 + D^2f(x_0)(x_1, x_1) \\
&\text{for } x_1, x_2 \in X,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( D^2f(x_0) \) denotes the second-order Fréchet derivative of \( f \) at \( x_0 \).

The results of this proposition can be derived by simple calculations, so the proofs are omitted.

### 4. Representation Formulae of Higher-order Variational Sets

In Section 2 we have defined the three kinds of higher-order variational sets. In applications to concrete optimization problems, e.g., optimal control, best approximation problems and so on, it is required to calculate the variational sets. But it is not easy to calculate directly from their definitions the variational sets of a given set.

In this section we shall give certain representation formulae of the variational sets, which are equivalent to their definitions. Those formulae will be effectively used to calculate the variational sets in Section 7 dealing with the problem of best approximation.

For a nonempty arbitrary subset \( S \) of a real Banach space \( X \), let \( d_S \) be the distance function of \( S \) defined by

\[
d_S(x) = \inf \{ \| x - y \| \mid y \in S \} \quad \text{for } x \in X.
\]

If \( S \) is empty, we define \( d_S(\cdot) = +\infty \). It is easy to prove that \( d_S \) is a Lipschitz function with the Lipschitz constant 1, if \( S \) is nonempty. For a given set \( Q \) in \( X \), let \( \Delta_Q \) be the function defined by

\[
\Delta_Q(x) = d_Q(x) - d_Q(\cdot)
\]

for \( x \in X \).

If \( Q \) is a nonempty proper subset, \( \Delta_Q \) is a Lipschitz function.

Throughout the remainder of this section we assume that \( Q \) is a nonempty proper subset of \( X \).

**Definition 4.1.** Let \( x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1} \) be points of \( X \). Define three kinds of sets by the following:

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) &= \{ h \in X \mid J_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) < 0 \} \, , \\
\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) &= \{ h \in X \mid J_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \leq 0 \} \, , \\
\mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) &= \{ h \in X \mid J_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) > 0 \} \, .
\end{align*}
\]

**Proposition 4.1.** The sets \( \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) and \( \mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) are closed, and the set \( \mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) is open.

**Proof.** We state the proof for the set \( \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) only, because the other sets are proved similarly.

(i) The case \( n=1 \).

Since \( \Delta_Q \) is a Lipschitz function, \( J_Q^{(1)} \) is real-valued Lipschitz continuous. Therefore \( \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0) \) is closed by its definition.
(ii) The case $n \geq 2$.

By Proposition 3.2 (ii), either one and only one of the following occurs:

(a) $\mathcal{D}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv +\infty$.
(b) $\mathcal{D}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot) \equiv -\infty$.
(c) $\mathcal{D}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \cdot)$ is real-valued Lipschitzian.

(a) implies $\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \emptyset$, (b) implies $\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = X$, and (c) implies $\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ is closed. Thus in any case of (a), (b), (c), the set $\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ is closed.

**THEOREM 4.1.** Let $x_0 \in \partial Q$. Then

(i) $\mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$.

(ii) $\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$.

(iii) $\mathcal{T}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \mathcal{T}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$.

**PROOF.** (i) First note that $F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ can be expressed by the following, from its definition,

$$F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) := \left\{ h \in X : \exists t_0 > 0, \exists \alpha > 0 \right\}$$

such that

$$d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) \geq \alpha t^n \quad \text{for all} \ t \in (0, t_0].$$

Since $x_0 \in \partial Q$, on the other hand, it holds that $h \in \mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$ if and only if

$$\limsup_{t \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) - d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) \right] < 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.2)

Now let $h \in \mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$. Then, by (4.2),

$$\limsup_{t \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) \right] \leq \limsup_{t \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) - d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) \right] < 0,$$

which implies that

$$\liminf_{t \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) \right] > 0.$$  

Hence there exists a number $\lambda_0 > 0$ such that $\alpha > 0$ if we let

$$\alpha = \inf_{0 < t < 2} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right),$$

and so

$$d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i + \lambda^2 h \right) \geq \alpha \lambda^n \quad \text{for all} \ \lambda \in (0, \lambda_0].$$

Thus, from (4.1), we get $h \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$.

Conversely, let $h \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})$. By (4.1) then we have
\[
\lim \inf \frac{1}{\lambda^n} d_Q\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h\right) > 0. \tag{4.3}
\]

Since
\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \in \text{int } Q \quad \text{for sufficiently small } \lambda > 0
\]
by Proposition 2.2 (i), we have
\[
\lim \sup \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h\right) - d_Q\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h\right)\right] = 0,
\]
where the last inequality follows from (4.3). By appealing to the relation (4.2) we have \(h \in \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})\).

(ii) First we prove the following relation:
\[
\mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \{ h \in X \mid \mathcal{D}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0 \}. \tag{4.4}
\]

Let \(h \in \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})\). Suppose that \(\mathcal{D}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) > 0\). From the definition, then, there exists a sequence \(\lambda_k\) of positive numbers such that \(\lambda_k \downarrow 0\) and
\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_k^i x_i + \lambda_k^n h \in Q \quad \text{for sufficiently large } k. \tag{4.6}
\]
Noting that \(\mathcal{D}_Q(x_0) = 0\), from (4.5) and (4.6) we have
\[
0 < \mathcal{D}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_k^i x_i + \lambda_k^n h\right) - d_Q\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_k^i x_i + \lambda_k^n h\right)\right] = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left[ \mathcal{D}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) - \mathcal{D}_Q(x_0) \right] \leq \lim \sup_{\lambda_k} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left[ \mathcal{D}_Q\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_k^i x_i + \lambda_k^n h\right) - \mathcal{D}_Q(x_0) \right] = \mathcal{D}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h),
\]
which contradicts that \(h \in \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})\). Thus we have
\[
\mathcal{D}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \leq 0. \tag{4.7}
\]
But, since it holds that
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\[ \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \]

\[ = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) - d_q(x_0) \right] \]

\[ = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) \right] = 0. \]

(4.7) implies that \( \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0. \)

Conversely, let \( h \) be such that \( \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0. \) Then it holds that

\[ \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \]

\[ = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) - d_q(x_0) \right] \]

\[ \leq \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) - d_q(x_0) \right] \]

\[ = \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0, \]

which leads us to \( h \in \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}). \) Thus (4.4) has been proved.

Next we prove the relation:

\[ \{ h \in \mathcal{X} | \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0 \} = \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}). \] (4.8)

Let \( h \) be such that \( \tilde{d}_g^{(q)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0. \) Then it follows that

\[ \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) = 0. \] (4.9)

On the other hand, from the definition of \( d_q(\cdot), \) for every \( \lambda > 0 \) there exists a point \( y(\lambda) \in Q \) such that

\[ \| y(\lambda) - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) \| \leq d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) + \lambda^{n+1}. \]

Hence, if we let

\[ r(\lambda) = y(\lambda) - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right), \]

we have

\[ \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \| r(\lambda) \| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^n} d_q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) + \lambda. \] (4.10)

From (4.9) and (4.10), it follows that

\[ \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \| r(\lambda) \| = 0. \]

Rewriting the relation that \( y(\lambda) \in Q \) yields

\[ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda^i x_i + \lambda^n h + r(\lambda) \in Q \quad \forall \lambda > 0. \]

The last two results together imply that \( h \in \mathcal{V}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}). \)
Conversely, let \( h \in V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). Then there exist a number \( \lambda_0 > 0 \) and a mapping \( r : (0, \lambda_0] \to X \) such that

\[
\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h + r(\lambda) \in Q \quad \text{for } \forall \lambda \in (0, \lambda_0].
\]

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda^n} \|r(\lambda)\| \to 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \downarrow 0.
\]

Hence

\[
\tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h)
= \limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} d_Q\left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h\right)
\leq \limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h + r(\lambda)\right)
= \limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \|r(\lambda)\| = 0,
\]

which implies \( \tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \leq 0 \). But, this result is equivalent to \( \tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0 \), as seen in the proof of (4.4). Thus the relation (4.8) has been proved.

Finally, combining (4.4) and (4.8) yields the assertion of (ii).

(iii) First we show the relation:

\[
\mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \{ h \in X \mid \tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0 \}. \tag{4.11}
\]

Let \( h \in \mathcal{F}(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). Then \( \tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0 \) from the definition. Suppose that \( \tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) > 0 \). Then there exists \( \lambda_0 > 0 \) such that

\[
\inf_{0 < \lambda < \lambda_0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h\right)\right] > 0,
\]

and so

\[
\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h \in Q \quad \text{for } \forall \lambda \in (0, \lambda_0] .
\]

Hence,

\[
0 < \inf_{0 < \lambda < \lambda_0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h\right)\right]
= \inf_{0 < \lambda < \lambda_0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h\right) - d_Q(x_0)\right]
= \inf_{0 < \lambda < \lambda_0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h\right) - d_Q(x_0)\right]
\leq \liminf_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} \left[ d_Q\left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \lambda^t x_t + \lambda^n h\right) - d_Q(x_0)\right]
= \tilde{d}_Q^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h),
\]
which is a contradiction. Therefore we have \(d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \leq 0\), which is equivalent to \(d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0\).

Conversely, let \(d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0\). Then we have

\[
\begin{align*}
    d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) &\leq \lim_{k \to 0} \frac{1}{k^n} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) \right] \\
    &= \lim_{k \to 0} \frac{1}{k^n} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) - d_Q(x_0) \right] \\
    &= d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0,
\end{align*}
\]

which implies \(h \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y} \). This proves (4.11).

The next step is to prove

\[
\{ h \in X \mid d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0 \} = T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}).
\]

Let \(h\) be such that \(d_Q^n(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0\). Then there exists a sequence \(\{\lambda_k\}\) of positive numbers such that \(\{\lambda_k\} \to 0\) and

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left[ d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda_k^k h \right) \right] \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty.
\]

(4.13)

For each positive integer \(k\), on the other hand, there exists a point \(y_k \in Q\) such that

\[
\|y_k - \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda_k^k h \right)\| 
\leq d_Q\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda_k^k h \right) + \lambda_k^k.
\]

(4.14)

From (4.13) and (4.14) it follows that

\[
h = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i \right).
\]

(4.15)

Hence \(h \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})\).

Conversely, let \(h \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1})\). Then there exist a sequence \(\{y_k\} \subseteq Q\) and a sequence \(\{\lambda_k\}\) of positive numbers such that \(\{\lambda_k\} \to 0\) and the relation (4.15) holds. Let us put

\[
z_k = \frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i \right),
\]

then (4.15) implies \(z_k \to h\) as \(k \to \infty\). By using the fact that the distance function is a Lipschitz function of the Lipschitz constant 1, hence, we have

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \left| d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda_k^k h \right) - d_Q \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda_k^k z_k \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_k^n} \| \lambda_k^k h - \lambda_k^k z_k \|
\leq \|h - z_k\| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty.
\]

From this and \(\{y_k\} \subseteq Q\) it follows that
\[ d^{(n)}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = \liminf_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{k^n} \left[ d_Q\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda^n h \right) \right] \]
\[ = \liminf_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{k^n} \left[ d_Q\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda^n z_k \right) \right] \]
\[ = \liminf_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{k^n} d_Q(y_k) = 0. \]

Again from the equivalency we get \( d^{(n)}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) = 0. \) This proves (4.12).

Combining (4.11) and (4.12) yields the assertion of (iii). This completes the proof of the theorem.

We close this section by proving some parts of propositions in Section 2, which still remain to be proved.

[Proof of Proposition 2.1 (iv)]
If \( x_0 \in \text{int} Q \) or \( x_0 \in \text{cl} Q \), the closedness of the variational set is obvious from the definition. Let \( x_0 \in \text{bd} Q \). Then we have \( V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = cV(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) by Theorem 4.1 (ii). But, since \( cV(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) is closed by Proposition 4.1, \( V(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) is closed.

[Proof of Proposition 2.2 (iii)]
If \( x_0 \in \text{int} Q \), then obvious. In the case when \( x_0 \in \text{cl} Q \), \( F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \) is empty by the definition. Hence this case can be deleted in the proposition now. Let \( x_0 \in \text{bd} Q \), and suppose that \( x_n \in F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \). Then, by Theorem 4.1 (i), \( x_n \in J(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \), namely \( J^{(n)}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) < 0 \). Hence, from Proposition 3.3 (ii), \( J^{(n+1)}_Q(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; x_n) \equiv -\infty \), which implies \( F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n) = X \). Again from Theorem 4.1 (i) we get \( F(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n) = X \).

5. Higher-order Necessary Optimality Conditions

In this section we study higher-order necessary conditions for local minimum solutions of a general nonlinear programming problem. The necessary conditions will be given in an abstract form by the use of higher-order variational sets and variational derivatives.

Let both \( X \) and \( Y \) be real Banach spaces, \( Q \) an arbitrary nonempty subset of \( X \), and \( \bar{Q} \) an open subset of \( X \) such that \( Q \subset \bar{Q} \). Let \( B \) be an arbitrary subset of \( Y \) such that \( \text{int} B \neq \emptyset \), where \( \text{int} B \) denotes the interior of \( B \). Let \( f \) a real-valued functional defined on \( Q \), and \( g \) a map from \( Q \) into \( Y \).

Then the optimization problem to be considered is

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad f(x) \\
\text{subject to} & \quad g(x) \in B, \quad x \in Q.
\end{align*}
\]

(\( \mathcal{P} \))

In many cases in the literature the set \( B \) is assumed to be a convex cone. We should note that, in this paper, nothing about \( B \) is assumed except that \( \text{int} B \neq \emptyset \).
The following theorem is, of course, included as a special case in the theorem of higher-order necessary conditions which we shall give later. However we consciously present the proof of it, because the theorem is new as far as the first-order criterion concerns.

**THEOREM 5.1.** (First-order necessary condition). Let $x_0$ be a local minimum solution of (Q). Suppose that both $f$ and $g$ be Neustadt differentiable at $x_0$. Then the system of $h$:

\begin{align}
    f^{(1)}(x_0; h) &< 0 \\
    g^{(1)}(x_0; h) &\in F(B; g(x_0)) \\
    h &\in T(Q; x_0)
\end{align}

is inconsistent.

**PROOF.** Suppose that there exist a point $h$ satisfying (5.1), (5.2), (5.3). From (5.3) then there exist a sequence $\{x_n\} \subset Q$ and a sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$ of positive numbers such that $\lambda_n \downarrow 0$ and

$\frac{1}{\lambda_n} (x_n - x_0) \rightarrow h$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. 

Since we have

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} [f(x_n) - f(x_0)] = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left[ f\left( x_0 + \lambda_n \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_n} (x_n - x_0) \right) - f(x_0) \right] = f^{(1)}(x_0; h) < 0
$$

by (5.1), there exists a positive integer $n_0$ such that $f(x_n) < f(x_0)$ for all $n > n_0$.

By virtue of (5.2) there exist a neighborhood $V$ of $g^{(1)}(x_0; h)$ and a positive number $t_0 > 0$ such that

$g(x_0) + tV \subset B$ for all $t \in (0, t_0)$.

Let

$$
l_n = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} [g(x_n) - g(x_0)],
$$

then we have

$l_n \rightarrow g^{(1)}(x_0; h)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

considering (5.4) and the formula

$$
l_n = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left[ g\left( x_0 + \lambda_n \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_n} (x_n - x_0) \right) - g(x_0) \right].
$$

Since $V$ is a neighborhood of $g^{(1)}(x_0; h)$, it follows from (5.6) that there exists a positive integer $n_1$ such that $l_n \in V$ for all $n > n_1$. Choose a positive integer $n_2$ such that $n_2 \geq n_1$ and $\lambda_{n_2} \leq t_0$. Then, (5.5) implies that if $n > n_2$ then

$g(x_0) + t l_n \subset B$ for all $t \in (0, t_0)$.
Hence, in particular we have
\[ g(x_0) + \lambda_n l_n = g(x_n) \in B \quad \text{for } n > n_2. \]

Letting \( n_3 = \max\{n_1, n_2\} \), we have \( f(x_n) < f(x_0) \) and \( g(x_n) \in B \) for all \( n > n_3 \). Since (5.4) implies that \( x_n \to x_0 \) as \( n \to \infty \), this is a contradiction.

Let \( R_\ell = \{ r \in R \mid r < 0 \} \).

**Theorem 5.2 (Higher-order necessary condition).** Let \( x_0 \) be a local minimum solution of (\( \mathcal{P} \)). Suppose that both \( f \) and \( g \) be \( n \)-times Neustadt differentiable at \( x_0 \). Then the system of \( h \):

\[
\begin{align*}
&f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \\
\in &F(f(x_0) + R, f(x_0), f^{(1)}(x_0, x_1), \ldots, f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1})) \quad (5.7) \\
g^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \\
\in &F(B; g(x_0), g^{(1)}(x_0, x_1), \ldots, g^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1})) \quad (5.8) \\
h &\in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \quad (5.9)
\end{align*}
\]

is inconsistent for all \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \in X \).

**Proof.** Let \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \) be arbitrary but fixed points of \( X \). Suppose that there exist a point \( h \) satisfying (5.7), (5.8), (5.9). From (5.9) we have a sequence \( \{y_k\} \) of points of \( Q \) and a sequence \( \{\lambda_k\} \) of positive numbers such that \( \lambda_k \to 0 \) and

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda_k} (y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i) \to h \quad \text{as } k \to \infty. \quad (5.10)
\]

Note that (5.10) with \( \lambda_k \to 0 \) implies \( y_k \to x_0 \) as \( k \to \infty \).

Next from (5.7) we have a neighborhood \( V \) of \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \) and a number \( t_0 > 0 \) such that

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t f^{(i)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) + t^2 V \subset f(x_0) + R_\ell
\quad \text{for } \forall t \in (0, t_0], \quad (5.11)
\]

where \( f^{(0)}(x_0) = f(x_0) \). Let

\[
l_k = \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \left[ f(y_k) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i f^{(i)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) \right].
\]

Since \( l_k \) can be written as

\[
l_k = \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \left[ f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i + \lambda_k \left( y_k - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i x_i \right) \right) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i^2 f^{(i)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) \right],
\]

by (5.10) and the assumption of the \( n \)-times Neustadt differentiability of \( f \) we have

\[ l_k \to f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \quad \text{as } k \to \infty. \]

Hence there exists a positive integer \( k_0 \) such that \( l_k \in V \) for all \( k > k_0 \), because \( V \) is a neighborhood of \( f^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \). Choose an integer \( k_1 \) so that \( k_1 \geq k_0 \) and \( \lambda_{k_1} \leq t_0 \). Then it follows that \( l_k \in V \) and \( \lambda_k \leq t_0 \) for all \( k > k_1 \). Therefore we have from
(5.11) that
\[ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i \psi_i(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) + \alpha_k l_k < f(x_0) \quad \forall k > k_1. \]

Substituting the definition formula of \( l_k \) into the above inequality, we have \( f(y_k) < f(x_0) \) for all \( k > k_1 \).

Moreover from (5.8) we have a neighborhood \( U \) of \( g^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \) and a number \( s_0 > 0 \) such that
\[ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i g^{(i)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) + t^n U \subseteq B \quad \forall t \in (0, s_0]. \]
If we let
\[ \eta_k = \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \left[ g(y_k) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i g^{(i)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}; x_i) \right], \]
we can get
\[ \eta_k \to g^{(n)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; h) \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty \]
by the same manner as in the case of \( f \). Hence there exists a positive integer \( k_2 \) satisfying \( \eta_k \in U \) for all \( k > k_2 \). Choose an integer \( k_3 \) so that \( k_2 > k_3 \) and \( \lambda_k \leq s_0. \) Then we have \( g(y_k) \in B \) for all \( k > k_3 \).

Putting \( k_4 = \max\{k_1, k_2\} \), finally, above results can be summarized as follows:
\[ \{y_k\} \subseteq Q, \]
\[ y_k \to x_0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty, \]
\[ f(y_k) < f(x_0) \quad \forall k > k_4, \]
\[ g(y_k) \in B \quad \forall k > k_4. \]

This contradicts that \( x_0 \) is a local minimum solution to \( (\varphi) \), which proves the theorem.

As assured by the above theorem, the inconsistency of the system (5.7)−(5.9) is true for all points \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \) of \( X \). But for some particular points \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \) the inconsistency of the system is trivially true. The following proposition clarifies this fact.

**Proposition 5.1.** Theorem 5.2 is meaningful, only if the points \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1} \) satisfy simultaneously the following three conditions.

1. \( f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \in V(f(x_0) + R; f(x_0), f^{(1)}(x_0; x_1), \ldots, f^{(n-2)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-3}; x_{n-2})), \)
2. \( g^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \in V(B; g(x_0), g^{(1)}(x_0; x_1), \ldots, g^{(n-2)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-3}; x_{n-2})), \)
3. \( x_{n-1} \in T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}). \)

**Proof.** We prove the contraposition of the assertion of this proposition. Suppose that the condition (R1) is violated. Then it follows from Proposition 2.2 (iv) that...
The relation $(5.7)$ is meaningless.

The case when $(R2)$ is violated follows the same line the case of $(R1)$. Finally suppose the condition $(R3)$ be violated. Then by Proposition 2.2 (v) we have

$$T(Q; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = \emptyset.$$ 

Thus the relation $(5.9)$ is meaningless. 

**Remark 5.1.** In the case $n=2$, the condition $(R1)$ is equivalent to that $f^{(1)}(x_0; x_1) \leq 0$. This is obvious from the relation that for any $a \in R$,

$$V(a + R_+; a) = \text{cl } R_+ = \{ r \in R | r \leq 0 \}.$$  

(5.12)

**Remark 5.2.** For every points $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-2}$ satisfying that

$$f^{(1)}(x_0; x_1) = f^{(2)}(x_0; x_1; x_2) = \ldots = f^{(n-2)}(x_0; x_1; \ldots; x_{n-3}; x_{n-2}) = 0,$$  

the condition $(R1)$ is equivalent to that $f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \leq 0$. 

**Proof.** Suppose $(5.12)$ be satisfied. Then by virtue of Proposition 2.1 (ii) and (5.12) it follows that the condition $(R1)$ holds if and only if

$$f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \in V(f(x_0) + R_+; f(x_0), 0, 0, \ldots, 0)$$

if and only if

$$f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \in V(f(x_0) + R_+; f(x_0))$$

if and only if $f^{(n-1)}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-2}; x_{n-1}) \leq 0$. 

6. Second-order Directional Derivatives of Maximum Type Functionals

As we have proved in Section 4, higher-order variational sets of a given set $Q$ are represented by using the higher-order Dini derivatives of the functional $\mathcal{A}_Q$. On the basis of this result, we need to calculate the Dini derivatives of the functional $\mathcal{A}_Q$ in order to obtain the explicit form of the variational sets. In the case when the underlying space $X$ is the space of continuous functions, we may expect that the functional $\mathcal{A}_Q$ is of maximum type. In reality, we find that $\mathcal{A}_Q$ is expressed by a form of maximum type when $Q$ is, for example, the unit sphere in the space of continuous functions. In general, on the other hand, the Dini derivative of a maximum type functional coincides with the directional derivative of it under certain mild conditions.

For these reasons, in this section we shall study the directional derivative of a maximum type functional, especially the second-order directional derivative.

Let $X$ be a normed (real) vector space, $\hat{E}$ an open set in $X$. Let $T$ be a compact set in a metric space $(M, d)$. Let $g(t, x)$ be a real-valued continuous function defined on $T \times \hat{E}$. We use the notation $g_t(\cdot)$ as the function of $x$ defined by $g_t(\cdot) = g(t, \cdot)$ for each $t \in T$. For a nonempty subset $Q \subset M$ and a positive number $\delta$, $B(Q ; \delta)$ is defined by

$$B(Q ; \delta) = \text{cl} \bigcup \{ b \in M \mid d(a, b) \leq \delta \}.$$
Theorem 6.1 has been proved by Furukawa [4] in the case when $X = \mathbb{R}^n$. In the case of a normed vector space the proof is identical with that of the theorem in [4] except only a slight modification.

**Theorem 6.1.** Define $G : \mathcal{E} \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$G(x) = \max_{t \in T} g(t, x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathcal{E}. \quad (6.1)$$

Let $z \in \mathcal{E}$ be arbitrary but fixed, and let $I(z)$ be the subset of $T$ defined by

$$I(z) = \{t \in T \mid g(t, z) = G(z)\}. \quad (6.2)$$

Suppose that

(i) for each $t \in T$, the directional derivative $g_t(z ; \cdot)$ of $g_t(\cdot)$ at $z$ does exist,

(ii) for each $x \in X$, there exists a positive number $\delta$ such that

$$\frac{g_t(z + \lambda x) - g_t(z)}{\lambda} \to g_t(z; x) \quad \text{uniformly in } t \in B(I(z); \delta) \cap T \quad \text{as } \lambda \downarrow 0.$$  

Then we have

$$G'(z ; x) = \max_{t \in I(z)} g_t(z ; x) \quad \text{for } x \in X. \quad (6.3)$$

**Theorem 6.2.** Let $G$ be defined by (6.1). Let $z$ be an arbitrary point of $\mathcal{E}$. For each $x \in X$ define $I(x)$ by

$$I(x) = \{t \in T \mid g(t, x) = G(x)\}. \quad (6.4)$$

Suppose the hypotheses (i), (ii) in Theorem 6.1 be satisfied. Let $d \in X$ be such that $G'(z; d) = 0$, and let $J(z; d)$ be given by

$$J(z ; d) = \{t \in I(z) \mid g_t(z ; d) = 0\}. \quad (6.5)$$

Suppose that

(iii) for each $t \in T$, the second-order directional derivative $g''_t(z, d ; \cdot)$ of $g_t(\cdot)$ at $z$ (with respect to $d$) does exist,

(iv) for each $h \in X$, there exists a positive number $\delta_1$ such that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ g_t(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - g_t(z) - \lambda g_t(z ; d) \right] \to g''_t(z, d ; h) \quad \text{uniformly in } t \in B(I(z); \delta_1) \cap T \quad \text{as } \lambda \downarrow 0. \quad (6.6)$$

Moreover we suppose the following regularity condition:

(Q$_d$) there exist a positive number $\lambda_0$ and a neighborhood $N$ of $d$ such that

$$g_t(z ; d) \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in \bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda < \lambda_0} \bigcup_{d \in N} \{I(z + \lambda d)\}. \quad (6.7)$$

Then we have

$$G''(z, d ; h) = \max_{t \in J(z ; d)} g''_t(z, d ; h) \quad \text{for } h \in X. \quad (6.8)$$

[Remark] Under the assumptions of the theorem, by Theorem 6.1 the first-order directional derivative of $G$ at $z$ is given by (6.3). Hence for $d \in X$ such that $G'(z; d) = 0$, it holds that $g_t(z ; d) \leq 0$ for all $t \in I(z)$ and $J(z ; d) \neq \emptyset$. 

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PROOF. We may assume that \( I(z) \neq T \), because the assertion of this theorem is trivial if otherwise.

Case 1: \( J(z; d) \neq I(z) \).

Let \( h \in X \) be arbitrary but fixed. By virtue of (iv) there exists \( \delta_1 > 0 \) satisfying (6.5). Let \( \varepsilon > 0 \) be arbitrary. Letting \( W_1 = B(I(z); \delta_1) \cap T \), from (6.5) there exists a positive number \( \lambda_i \) such that

\[
| g_i(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - g_i(z) - \lambda g_i'(z; d) - \lambda^2 g_i''(z, d; h) | \leq \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon}{2}
\]

for \( \forall \lambda \in (0, \lambda_i), \forall t \in W_1 \). (6.7)

Since \( I(z) \subseteq W_1 \subseteq T \), by the continuity of \( g_i(z) \) in \( t \) we have a positive number \( \alpha \) satisfying

\[
\sup_{t \in T \setminus W_1} g_i(z) = G(z) - \alpha.
\]

We now prove that there exist a neighborhood \( U \) of \( z \) such that

\[
| g(t, y) - g(t, z) | < \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad \text{for } \forall t \in T, \forall y \in U.
\]

By the uniform continuity of \( g(t, z) \) in \( t \) on \( T \), there exist a \( \gamma > 0 \) such that if \( t, t' \in T \) and \( d(t, t') < \gamma \) then \( | g(t, z) - g(t', z) | < \frac{\alpha}{4} \). And also by the continuity of \( g(t, x) \) in \( (t, x) \), for each \( t \in T \) there exist a neighborhood \( V(t) \) of \( t \) and a neighborhood \( U'(z) \) of \( z \) depending on \( t \) such that

\[
| g(s, y) - g(t, z) | < \frac{\alpha}{4} \quad \text{for } \forall (s, y) \in V(t) \times U'(z).
\]

Without loss of generality we may assume that \( \text{diam } V(t) < \gamma \) for all \( t \in T \). Since \( \{V(t); t \in T\} \) is an open covering of the compact set \( T \), we can select a finite set \( \{t_i; i = 1, 2, \ldots, m\} \) so that \( \{V(t_i); i = 1, 2, \ldots, m\} \) becomes a covering of \( T \). Let \( U = \bigcap_{i=1}^{m} U'(z) \). Then \( U \) is trivially a neighborhood of \( z \). It is easily verified that the neighborhood \( U \) defined above satisfies (6.9).

From (6.9) is follows that

\[
G(z) \leq G(y) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad \text{for } \forall y \in U.
\]

We obtain for any \( t \in T \setminus W_1 \) and \( y \in U \)

\[
g(t, y) \leq g(t, z) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \leq \sup_{s \in T \setminus W_1} g(s, z) + \frac{\alpha}{2}
\]

(by (6.9))

\[
= G(z) - \frac{\alpha}{2}
\]

(by (6.8))

\[
\leq G(y),
\]

(by (6.10))

therefore

\[
g(t, y) \leq G(y) \quad \forall t \in T \setminus W_1, \forall y \in U.
\]

Choose a positive number \( \lambda_i \) so that
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\[ d + \lambda h \in N, \quad z + \lambda N \subseteq U \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, \lambda_c), \]

where \( N \) is given in \((Q_d)\). This is possible because \( N \) is a neighborhood of \( d \) and \( U \) a neighborhood of \( z \). Then we have that \( z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h \in U \) for all \( \lambda \in (0, \lambda_c) \). Therefore from (6.11) it follows that for any \( \lambda \in (0, \lambda_c) \)

\[ G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}_1} g_t(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h). \quad (6.12) \]

Now we put \( \lambda_3 = \min\{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2\} \), and put

\[ A(z, d) = \bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_3} \bigcup_{d \in N} \{t(z + \lambda d)\}. \quad (6.13) \]

Then one can easily prove that for any \( \lambda \in (0, \lambda_3) \)

\[ G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) > g_t(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) \quad \forall t \in (T \setminus A(z, d)). \quad (6.13) \]

Define

\[ Z = W_1 \cap A(z, d). \]

So the set \( Z \) is not empty, because both of \( W_1 \) and \( A(z, d) \) include the set \( I(z) \).

If \( \lambda \in (0, \lambda_3) \), then it holds that

\[ \begin{aligned}
G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) &= \sup_{t \in Z} g_t(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) \\
&\leq \sup_{t \in Z} \left[ g_t(z) + \lambda g_t(z; d) + \lambda^2 g_t''(z, d; h)\right] + \frac{\lambda^2 \epsilon}{2} \\
&\leq G(z) + \lambda \sup_{t \in Z} \left[ g_t(z; d) + \lambda g_t''(z, d; h)\right] + \frac{\lambda^2 \epsilon}{2},
\end{aligned} \]

which implies

\[ G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - G(z) \leq \lambda \sup_{t \in Z} \left[ g_t(z; d) + \lambda g_t''(z, d; h)\right] + \frac{\lambda^2 \epsilon}{2}. \quad (6.14) \]

From the continuity of \( g_t''(z, d; h) \) in \( t \in W_1 \), which is an immediate consequence of (iv), and from that \( f(z; d) \equiv I(z) \subseteq Z \), one can choose \( \delta_2 > 0 \) so small that \( Z \setminus [B(f(z; d) ; \delta_2) \cap T] \neq \emptyset \) and

\[ \sup_{t \in B(f(z; d) ; \delta_2) \setminus T} g_t''(z, d; h) \leq \sup_{t \in f(z; d)} g_t''(z, d; h) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad (6.15) \]

Let us put

\[ W_2 = B(f(z; d) ; \delta_2) \cap T, \quad \tilde{W} = Z \setminus W_2, \]

and let

\[ c(z, d; h) = \sup_{t \in f(z; d)} g_t''(z, d; h) = \max_{t \in f(z; d)} g_t''(z, d; h). \]

Here we should note that \( f(z; d) \) is compact. By choice of \( \delta_2 \) we have \( \tilde{W} \neq \emptyset \). By the notation defined above, (6.15) is as follows.

\[ \sup_{t \in \tilde{W}_2} g_t''(z, d; h) \leq c(z, d; h) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad (6.16) \]

We let
\[ \beta = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}} g_t'(z; d). \]

Remembering the condition of Case 1, we may assume that \( \beta < 0 \) (take in advance \( \delta \) so small, if necessary). Then one has

\[ \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}} g_t'(z; d) \geq \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} g_t(z; d) = 0 > \beta = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}} g_t'(z; d). \]

By this strict inequality one can choose \( \lambda > 0 \) such that

\[ \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}} [g_t'(z; d) + \lambda g_t^*(z, d; h)] > \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} [g_t(z; d) + \lambda g_t^*(z, d; h)] = \lambda \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}} g_t(z; d). \]  \hspace{1cm} (6.17)

From the condition \((Q_d)\) it follows that

\[ \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} g_t(z; d) < 0. \]  \hspace{1cm} (6.18)

Substituting (6.16), (6.18) into (6.17) we obtain

\[ \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} [g_t'(z; d) + \lambda g_t^*(z, d; h)] \leq c(z, d; h) + \frac{\lambda \varepsilon}{2}, \hspace{1cm} \forall \lambda \in (0, \lambda_2), \]

which is devoted to (6.14) to yield

\[ \frac{1}{\lambda^2} [G(z) + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h] - G(z) \leq c(z, d; h) + \varepsilon, \hspace{1cm} \forall \lambda \in (0, \lambda_2). \]  \hspace{1cm} (6.19)

On the other hand, for sufficiently small \( \lambda > 0 \)

\[ G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{W}_1} g_t(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} [g_t(z) + \lambda g_t^*(z; d) + \lambda^2 g_t^*(z, d; h)] \]

\[ \geq G(z) + \lambda \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} g_t^*(z, d; h) - \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon}{2}, \hspace{1cm} \text{(by (6.7))} \]

\[ \geq G(z) + \lambda^2 \sup_{t \in \mathcal{J}(z; d)} g_t^*(z, d; h) - \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon}{2}. \]

The last equality follows from the definition of \( f(z; d) \). Hence

\[ \frac{1}{\lambda^2} [G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - G(z)] \geq c(z, d; h) - \varepsilon, \hspace{1cm} \text{(6.20)} \]

for sufficiently small \( \lambda > 0 \). As \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is arbitrary, together (6.19), (6.20) imply
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\[
\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} [G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - G(z)] = c(z, d; h),
\]

which is identical with the relation

\[
G''(z, d; h) = c(z, d; h),
\]

since \( d \) satisfies \( G'(z; d) = 0 \).

Case 2: \( J(z; d) = I(z) \).

It is obvious from the proof of Case 1 that (6.14) is valid also in Case 2. Hence from (6.14) and \( (Q_d) \) we have that for sufficiently small \( \lambda > 0 \)

\[
G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - G(z) \leq \lambda \sup_{t \in Z} \left[ g_t'(z; d) + \lambda g_t''(z, d; h) \right] + \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon}{2}
\]

\[
\leq \lambda \sup_{t \in Z} g_t'(z; d) + \lambda^2 \sup_{t \in W_1} g_t''(z, d; h) + \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon}{2}
\]

\[
= \lambda^2 \sup_{t \in W_1} g_t''(z, d; h) + \frac{\lambda^2 \varepsilon}{2}.
\]

Since we may assume that \( \delta_1 \) is so small that

\[
\sup_{t \in W_1} g_t''(z, d; h) \leq \sup_{t \in I(z)} g_t''(z, d; h) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}
\]

(the continuity of \( g_t''(z, d; h) \) in \( t \) is a consequence of \( (iv) \)), we get

\[
G(z + \lambda d + \lambda^2 h) - G(z) \leq \lambda^2 \sup_{t \in I(z)} g_t''(z, d; h) + \lambda^2 \varepsilon
\]

\[
= \lambda^2 c(z, d; h) + \lambda^2 \varepsilon.
\]

for sufficiently small \( \lambda > 0 \). Here we should not that \( I(z) = J(z; d) \). Thus we have proved that (6.19) holds also in the case under consideration. It is also obvious that (6.20) is valid in this case. This completes the proof. \( \square \)

Remark 6.1. In [1] Ben-Tal, Teboulle and Zowe have studied the second order directional derivative of a maximum type functional, and given a formula similar to our result (6.6) under some conditions. They assumed, in our notation, that \( g(t, x) \) is defined on \( T \times R^n \), where \( T \) is a compact set, and that for each \( t, g_t(x) \) is twice differentiable in usual sense and both \( F_g(t, x) \) and \( F^g(t, x) \) are continuous in \( (t, x) \). On the contrary, in our paper \( g(t, x) \) is only assumed to have the first and second-order directional derivatives w. r. t. \( x \) for each \( t \), and satisfy the uniformity conditions \( (ii), (iv) \). The regularity condition \( (Q_d) \) is essentially same as the condition \( P(d) \) in their paper [1].

Remark 6.2. If \( T \) is a finite set, the conditions \( (ii), (iv) \) and \( (Q_d) \) in Theorem 6.2 are necessarily satisfied without any other restriction. Therefore, in that case, the conditions \( (ii), (iv) \) and \( (Q_d) \) are all deleted from the assumption in Theorem 6.2.

7. Nonlinear Tchebycheff Approximation

The theorem of higher-order necessary conditions we have given in Section 5 can be applied to optimization problems of various types. In this section we study an
application of the theorem to some problem of nonlinear Tchebycheff approximation. Although we can show general higher-order necessary conditions in the Tchebycheff approximation problem, we shall restrict ourselves to the case of second-order condition for the sake of simplicity of descriptions.

Let $X$ be a real Banach space, $Q$ an arbitrary nonempty subset of $X$, and $\hat{Q}$ an open set in $X$ such that $Q \subset \hat{Q}$. Let $T$ be a compact set in a metric space $(M, d)$. Let $C(T)$ be the normed vector space of real-valued continuous functions defined on $T$ equipped with the norm

$$
\|f\| = \max_{t \in T} |f(t)| \quad \text{for } f \in C(T).
$$

Let $\phi$ be a given map from $\hat{Q}$ into $C(T)$. We assume that $\phi$ is continuous and twice Neustadt differentiable on $\hat{Q}$. A fixed element $b \in C(T)$ being given, consider the following problem

$$
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad \|\phi(x) - b\| \\
\text{subject to} & \quad x \in Q.
\end{align*}
$$

Let $B_0$ be the unit sphere in $C(T)$, i.e.,

$$
B_0 = \{ y \in C(T) \mid \|y\| \leq 1 \} = \{ y \in C(T) \mid |y(t)| \leq 1 \quad \forall t \in T \},
$$

and let $R^+ = \{ r \in R \mid r > 0 \}$. Consider another problem

$$
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad r \\
\text{subject to} & \quad \frac{1}{r} (\phi(x) - b) \in B_0 \\
& \quad (x, r) \in Q \times R^+.
\end{align*}
$$

If $x_0$ is a feasible solution to (7.1), then we may assume that $\|\phi(x_0) - b\| > 0$. For, if otherwise, the problem (7.1) is trivial. Keeping this convention in mind, we see that the problem (7.1) is equivalent to the problem (7.2) in the sense that $x_0$ is a local minimum solution to (7.1) if and only if $(x_0, r_0)$ with $r_0 = \|\phi(x_0) - b\|$ is a local minimum solution to (7.2). For this reason we shall be concerned with the problem (7.2) hereafter. Define $f : \hat{Q} \times R^+ \to R$ and $g : \hat{Q} \times R^+ \to C(T)$ by

$$
\begin{align*}
f(x, r) &= r, \\
g(x, r) &= \frac{1}{r} (\phi(x) - b)
\end{align*}
$$

for $(x, r) \in \hat{Q} \times R^+$.

respectively. Then the problem (7.2) is expressed in the following canonical form.

$$
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad f(x, r) \\
\text{subject to} & \quad g(x, r) \in B_0 \\
& \quad (x, r) \in Q \times R^+.
\end{align*}
$$
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First we shall calculate Neustadt derivatives of the objective functional and constraint functional in (7.2). Let \((x_0, r_0)\) be arbitrary but fixed feasible solution to (7.2). Let \((x_1, r_1)\) be any point of \(X \times \mathbb{R}\). Then it is easily verified that

\[
f^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x_1, r_1)) = r_1, \\
g^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x_1, r_1)) = \frac{1}{r_0} \left[ r_0 \phi^{(1)}(x_0; x_1) - (\phi(x_0) - b) r_1 \right]. \tag{7.5}
\]

As we shall see later, it suffices to obtain the second-order Neustadt derivatives of the functionals with respect to \((x_1, r_1)\) with \(r_1 = 0\). Let \((x_2, r_2)\) be any point of \(X \times \mathbb{R}\). It is clear that

\[
f^{(2)}((x_0, r_0), (x_1, 0); (x_2, r_2)) = r_2. \tag{7.6}
\]

An easy calculation shows that for any point \((x, r) \in X \times \mathbb{R}\) and for any \(\lambda > 0\),

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \left[ g(x_0 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x, r_0 + \lambda^2 r) - g(x_0, r_0) - \lambda g^{(1)}(x_0, r_0; (x_1, 0)) \right] = \frac{r}{r_0(r_0 + \lambda^2 r)} b + \frac{1}{r_0 \lambda} \left[ \phi(x_0 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x) - \phi(x_0) - \lambda \phi^{(1)}(x_0; x_1) \right] - \frac{r}{r_0(r_0 + \lambda^2 r)} \phi(x_0 + \lambda x_1 + \lambda^2 x). \tag{7.6}
\]

Taking limit as \(x \to x_1, r \to r_2, \lambda \downarrow 0\) on both sides of (7.6), we have

\[
g^{(2)}((x_0, r_0), (x_1, 0); (x_2, r_2)) = \frac{1}{r_0} \left[ r_0 \phi^{(2)}(x_0, x_1; x_2) - r_2(\phi(x_0) - b) \right]. \tag{7.7}
\]

since \(\phi\) is continuous and twice Neustadt differentiable by assumption.

Next we shall calculate the variational sets to the unit sphere \(B_0\) by the help of Theorem 4.1. Let \(y\) be a point of \(C(T)\). It is easily seen that if \(y \in B_0\) then

\[
d_{B_0}(y) = \max \left\{ \max_{t \in T} y(t) - 1, -1 - \min_{t \in T} y(t) \right\},
\]

and if \(y \in B_0\) then

\[
d_{B_0}(y) = -\max \left\{ \max_{t \in T} y(t) - 1, -1 - \min_{t \in T} y(t) \right\}.
\]

From this results we get

\[
\Delta_{B_0}(y) = \max_{t \in T} |y(t)| - 1 = \|y\| - 1 \quad \text{for} \ y \in C(T). \tag{7.8}
\]

Let \(y_0\) be any fixed point of \(C(T)\). For any \(y \in C(T)\) we define

\[
I(y) = \{ t \in T \mid |y(t)| = \|y\| \} \tag{7.9}
\]

\[
J(y_0; y) = \{ t \in T \mid y(t) = 0 \} \cap I(y_0). \tag{7.10}
\]

Define "sgn" by

\[
\text{sgn } a = \begin{cases} 
+1 & \text{if } a > 0 \\
-1 & \text{if } a < 0 \\
0 & \text{if } a = 0.
\end{cases}
\]
PROPOSITION 7.1. Let \( y_0 \) be a point of \( C(T) \) such that \( \| y_0 \| > 0 \). Then

\[
\begin{align*}
(i) & \quad \mathcal{J}_{B_0}^{(i)}(y_0; y) = \mathcal{J}_{B_0}^{(i)}(y_0; y) = \mathcal{D}_{B_0}(y_0; y) \\
& = \max_{t \in I(y_0)} y(t) \sgn y_0(t) \quad \forall y \in C(T). \tag{7.11}
\end{align*}
\]

(ii) Let \( y_i \) be a point of \( C(T) \) such that

\[
\max_{t \in I(y_0)} y_i(t) \sgn y_0(t) = 0. \tag{7.12}
\]

Assume that there exist a positive number \( \lambda_0 \) and a neighborhood \( N \) of \( y_i \) in \( C(T) \) such that

\[
y_i(t) \sgn y_0(t) \leq \lambda_0 \quad \forall t \in I(y_0), \tag{7.13}
\]

Then it holds that

\[
\mathcal{J}_{B_0}^{(i)}(y_0, y_i; y) = \mathcal{J}_{B_0}^{(i)}(y_0, y_i; y) = \mathcal{D}_{B_0}(y_0, y_i; y) \\
= \max_{t \in I(y_0)} y(t) \sgn y_0(t) \quad \forall y \in C(T). \tag{7.14}
\]

PROOF. First we note that the constant term \((-1)\) in (7.8) can be omitted in order to calculate the derivatives of \( \mathcal{D}_{B_0} \).

(i) The last equality in (7.11) is easily derived from Theorem 6.1 with letting \( g(t, y) = |y(t)| \) for \( (t, y) \in T \times C(T) \). The first two equalities in (7.11) are obvious, since the directional derivative \( \mathcal{D}_{B_0}(y_0; y) \) does exist.

(ii) The last equality in (7.14) is derived from Theorem 6.2 with \( g(t, y) \) being the same as above. The first two equalities in (7.14) are obvious from the existence of \( \mathcal{D}_{B_0}(y_0, y_i; y) \) with \( y_i \) satisfying (7.12). In this connection, note that (7.12) is identical with the relation \( \mathcal{D}_{B_0}(y_0; y_i) = 0 \). \( \square \)

PROPOSITION 7.2. Let \( y_0 \) be a point of \( C(T) \) such that \( \| y_0 \| = 1 \). Then

\[
\begin{align*}
(i) & \quad F(B_0; y_0) = \{ y \in C(T) \mid y(t) y_0(t) < 0 \} \quad \forall t \in I(y_0) \\
(ii) & \quad V(B_0; y_0) = T(B_0; y_0) \\
& = \{ y \in C(T) \mid y(t) y_0(t) \leq 0 \} \quad \forall t \in I(y_0).
\end{align*}
\]

PROOF. (i) is immediate from the combination of Proposition 7.1 (i) and Theorem 4.1 (i) with \( n = 1 \), and (ii) from the combination of Proposition 7.1 (i) and Theorem 4.1 (ii), (iii) with \( n = 1 \). \( \square \)

PROPOSITION 7.3. Let \( y_0 \) be a point of \( C(T) \) such that \( \| y_0 \| = 1 \), and let \( y_i \) be a point of \( C(T) \). Then we have the following.

(i) if \( \max_{t \in I(y_0)} y_i(t) y_0(t) > 0 \), then \( F(B_0; y_0, y_i) = V(B_0; y_0, y_i) = T(B_0; y_0, y_i) = \emptyset \).

(ii) if \( \max_{t \in I(y_0)} y_i(t) y_0(t) < 0 \), then \( F(B_0; y_0, y_i) = V(B_0; y_0, y_i) = T(B_0; y_0, y_i) = C(T) \).

(iii) if \( \max_{t \in I(y_0)} y_i(t) y_0(t) = 0 \), and if there exists a positive number \( \lambda_0 \) and a neighborhood \( N \) of \( y_i \) with respect to the maximum norm in \( C(T) \) for which (7.13) holds, then
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\[ F(B_0; y_0, y_1) = \{ y \in C(T) \mid y(t)y_0(t) < 0 \ \forall t \in J(y_0; y_1) \}, \quad (7.15) \]

\[ V(B_0; y_0, y_1) = T(B_0; y_0, y_1) \]
\[ = \{ y \in C(T) \mid y(t)y_0(t) \leq 0 \ \forall t \in J(y_0; y_1) \}. \quad (7.16) \]

**Proof.** (i) From the assumption and Proposition 7.1 (i), it follows that \( J_{B_0}^0(y_0; y_1) = \mathbb{R}^+ \). Hence, by Proposition 3.3, \( J_{B_0}^2(y_0, y_1; \cdot) = J_{B_0}^0(y_0, y_1; \cdot) \equiv +\infty \). From Theorem 4.1 we have \( F(B_0; y_0, y_1) = V(B_0; y_0, y_1) = T(B_0; y_0, y_1) = \emptyset \). The proof of (ii) is similar to that of (i).

(iii) Obvious from Proposition 7.1 and Theorem 4.1.

We now return to the approximation problem (7.1). For any \( x_0 \in Q \), we let

\[ E(x_0) = \{ t \in T ; \mid \phi'(x_0)(t) - b(t) \mid = \mid \phi(x_0) - b \mid \}, \quad (7.17) \]

and

\[ \theta(t)(x_0) = \text{sgn}(\phi'(x_0)(t) - b(t)), \quad t \in T. \quad (7.18) \]

The following gives a first-order necessary condition for a solution of (7.1).

**Theorem 7.1.** Let \( x_0 \) be a local minimum solution of the problem (7.1). Then it holds that

\[ \max_{t \in E(x_0)} \theta(t)(x_0)\phi'(x_0; x)(t) \geq 0 \ \forall x \in T(Q; x_0). \quad (7.19) \]

**Proof.** Put \( r_0 = \| \phi'(x_0) - b \| \). For the mapping \( g \) defined by (7.3), from Proposition 7.2 (i) and (7.5) we have

\[ g^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x, r)) \equiv F(B_0; g(x_0, r_0)) \]
\[ \Leftrightarrow g^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x, r))(t) \cdot g(x_0, r_0)(t) < 0 \ \forall t \in E(x_0) \]
\[ \Leftrightarrow \{ r_0\phi'(x_0; x)(t) - (\phi(x_0)(t) - b(t))r \} \cdot (\phi(x_0)(t) - b(t)) < 0 \ \forall t \in E(x_0) \]
\[ \Leftrightarrow \max_{t \in E(x_0)} \theta(t)(x_0)\phi^{(1)}(x_0; x)(t) < r_0. \]

Hence, by applying Theorem 5.1 to the problem (7.2) which is equivalent to (7.1), we have that the system of \( (x, r) \):

\[ \max_{t \in E(x_0)} \theta(t)(x_0)\phi^{(1)}(x_0; x)(t) < r_0 < 0, \]
\[ x \in T(Q; x_0), \]

is inconsistent. The inconsistency of this system is equivalent to (7.19). □

As a preparation for the second-order theorem, we shall examine the conditions \( (R1) \sim (R3) \) in Section 5 more closely for the problem (7.2). Naturally we are concerned with those conditions in the case that \( n = 2 \). By Remark 5.1 we have

\( (R1) \Leftrightarrow r_1 \leq 0 \).

From (7.5) and Proposition 7.2 (ii),

\( (R2) \Leftrightarrow \max_{t \in E(x_0)} \theta(t)(x_0)\phi^{(1)}(x_0; x_1)(t) \leq r_1. \)

Since \( r_0 > 0, \ T(Q \times R_+; (x_0, r_0)) = T(Q; x_0) \times R \). Hence
Thus we have
\[
\max_{t \in E(x_0)} B_t(x_0)(x_0; x_1)(t) \leq 0
\]
By the help of Theorem 7.1, finally we get
\[
r_1 = 0
\]
Now we define
\[
E[y] = \{t \in T : |y(t)| = |y| \}
\]
for \( y \in C(T) \).
Obviously \( E[\phi(x_0) - b] = E(x_0) \). We define moreover
\[
K(x_0, x_1) = \{t \in T : \phi(x_0; x_1)(t) = 0\}
\]
for \( x_1 \in X \).
Then we have the following

**Theorem 7.2.** Let \( x_0 \) be a local minimum solution of the problem (7.1). Then for every \( x_1 \in T(Q ; x_0) \) satisfying the condition
\[
\max_{t \in E(x_0)} B_t(x_0)(x_0; x_1)(t) = 0
\]
and the condition
\[
\text{there exist a number } \lambda_0 > 0 \text{ and a neighborhood } V
\]
\[
\theta(x_0; x_1; x)(t) = 0, \quad \forall x \in T(Q ; x_0, x_1).
\]
From (7.5) we have
\[
g((x_0, r_0); (x_1, 0)) = \phi(x_0; x_1).
\]
Hence, for the problem (7.2) the formula (5.7) with \( n = 2 \) can be written as \( r < 0 \).
Next, for the mapping \( g \) defined by (7.3) we shall calculate the variational set \( F(B_0; g(x_0, r_0), g((x_0, r_0); (x_1, 0))) \). From (7.5) we have
\[
g((x_0, r_0); (x_1, 0)) = \frac{1}{r_0} \phi(x_0; x_1).
Therefore, if we put $y_0=g(x_0, r_0)$ and $y_1=g^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x_1, 0))$ in Proposition 7.3, it is easily seen that all assumptions in (iii) of the proposition are satisfied by virtue of (7.21) and (D). Thus the relation (7.15) immediately leads us to

$$F(B_0; g(x_0, r_0), g^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x_1, 0)))$$

$$= \{ y \in C(T) \mid y(t) = \theta(x_0)(t) - b(t) \} \in \mathbb{R}$$

From (7.7) and (7.24) we obtain the following relation:

$$g^{(2)}((x_0, r_0), (x_1; 0); (x, r)) \in F(B_0; g(x_0, r_0), g^{(1)}((x_0, r_0); (x_1, 0)))$$

$$\Rightarrow \max_{t \in E(x_0) \cap K(x_0, x_1)} \theta(x_0)(x_0; x_1; x(t)) < r.$$ 

Viewing the above results, we apply Theorem 5.2 together with Proposition 5.1 to the problem (7.2) to yield that for every $x_1 \in T(Q; x_0)$ satisfying (7.21) and (D) the system of $(x, r)$

$$\begin{cases}
\max_{t \in E(x_0) \cap K(x_0, x_1)} \theta(x_0)(x_0; x_1; x(t)) < r \\
x \in T(Q; x_0, x_1)
\end{cases}$$

is inconsistent. From this inconsistency we get the desired result (7.23). This completes the proof. □

Corollary 7.1. Let $x_0$ be a local minimum solution of the problem (7.1). Suppose that $\phi$ is twice Frechet differentiable at $x_0$. Then for every $x_1 \in T(Q; x_0)$ satisfying that

$$\max_{t \in E(x_0)} (D\phi(x_0)x_1)(t) = 0$$

and the condition

$$\begin{cases}
\text{there exist a number } \lambda_0 > 0 \text{ and a neighborhood } V \\
(D_i): \text{of } D\phi(x_0)x_1 \text{ such that } \\
\theta_i(x_0)(D\phi(x_0)x_1)(t) \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in \bigcup_{0 \leq k \leq \lambda_0} \bigcup_{y \in V} (\phi(x_0) - b + \lambda y),
\end{cases}$$

it holds that

$$\max_{t \in E(x_0) \cap K(x_0, x_1)} \theta_i(x_0) \left\{ (D\phi(x_0)x_1(t) + \frac{1}{2} (D^2\phi(x_0)(x_0, x_1))(t) \right\} \geq 0$$

$$\forall x \in T(Q; x_0, x_1),$$

where $K_i(x_0, x_1) = \{ t \in T; (D\phi(x_0)x_1)(t) = 0 \}$.

Remark 7.1. In the case when $\phi$ is Frechet differentiable, the inequality (7.19) coincides with the so-called local Kolmogoroff condition. Therefore (7.19) in the original form is a nondifferentiable extension of the local Kolmogoroff condition. On the other hand, the inequalities (7.23) and (7.25) have not appeared in the literatures of approximation theory treating first-order criteria. We can consider them the second-order versions of the local Kolmogoroff condition.

Corollary 7.2. Suppose that in the problem (7.1) $T$ is a finite set. Let $x_0$ be a local minimum solution of the problem. Then

(i) for every $x_1 \in T(Q; x_0)$ satisfying (7.21), the relation (7.23) holds,

(ii) if $Q$ is a convex set, then for every $y \in Q$ satisfying that
\[
\max_{t \in \mathbb{R}(x_0)} \phi^{(1)}(x_0; y-x_0) = 0,
\]

it holds that

\[
\max_{t \in \mathbb{R}(x_0) \cap \mathbb{R}(y-x_0)} \psi(x_0) \phi^{(2)}(x_0, y-x_0; x-y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in Q.
\]

**Proof.** The assertion (i) follows from the proof of Theorem 7.2 considering Remark 6.2, and (ii) follows from (i) and Proposition 2.3.

References


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