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# NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR VECTOR OPTIMIZATION IN INFINITE DIMENSION

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In the paper we present second-order necessary conditions for constrained vector optimization problems in infinite-dimensional spaces. In this way we generalize some corresponding results obtained earlier.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The research of second-order optimality conditions is very important from both theoretical and practical point of view. Let us recall the following monographs containing a lot of information on generalized second-order derivatives and their applications in optimization: [25, 31, 35].

In this paper, we will study a certain vector constrained optimization problem. Let  $X, Y, Z$  be normed linear spaces,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  be functions, and let  $C \subset Y$  and  $K \subset Z$  be closed convex pointed cones with  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{int } K \neq \emptyset$ . For the definitions and properties of such cones, see e. g. [23, 34, 35].

We will consider the problem

$$\min f(x), \quad \text{subject to } g(x) \in -K. \quad (1)$$

A feasible point  $x_0$  (i. e.  $g(x_0) \in -K$ ) is said to be a *local weakly efficient point* of problem (1) if there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that

$$(f(U \cap g^{-1}(-K)) - f(x_0)) \cap (-\text{int } C) = \emptyset.$$

The problem (1) was studied e. g. in [16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 32]. The obtained results were surpassed in 2011, when I. Ginchev [14] and D. Bednařik with K. Pastor [8] published independently the following equivalent result (Theorem 1.1). We recall that the equivalence was shown in [11].

We will need some next notions around problem (1) to remind Theorem 1.1.

First, for a cone  $C \subset X$ , we define

$$C^* = \{c^* \in X^*; \langle c^*, c \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall c \in C\}$$

and by  $S_{X^*}$  we denote the unit sphere in  $X^*$ , i. e. the set  $\{x^* \in X^*; \|x^*\| = 1\}$ .

Further, we recall that a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed linear spaces, is *strictly differentiable at  $x \in X$*  if it has Fréchet derivative  $f'(x) \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  at  $x$  such that it holds

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow x, t \downarrow 0} \sup_{h \in S_X} \left\| \frac{1}{t} (f(y + th) - f(y)) - f'(x)h \right\| = 0.$$

Supposing that a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is Fréchet differentiable at  $x \in X$ , we define *the second-order Hadamard directional derivative  $D_2f(x; u)$  of  $f$  at  $x$  in the direction  $u \in X$*  in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} D_2f(x; u) &= \text{Limsup}_{t \downarrow 0, v \rightarrow u} \frac{f(x + tv) - f(x) - tf'(x)u}{t^2/2} \\ &= \left\{ y \in Y; \exists (t_n, u_n) \rightarrow (0^+, u), \right. \\ &\quad \left. y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x + t_n u_n) - f(x) - t_n f'(x)u}{t_n^2/2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, for problem (1) we denote

$$K(g(x_0)) = \{\gamma(z + g(x_0)) : \gamma \geq 0, z \in K\}.$$

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  be strictly differentiable at  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $x_0$  is a local weakly efficient point of problem (1), then

- (i) there exists  $(c^*, k^*) \in ((C^* \times K(g(x_0)))^* \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$  such that

$$c^* \circ f'(x_0) + k^* \circ g'(x_0) = 0 \tag{2}$$

- (ii) for  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if  $(f, g)'(x_0)u \in -(C \times K(g(x_0)) \setminus \text{int}(C \times K(g(x_0))))$ , then for every  $(y_0, z_0) \in D_2(f, g)(x_0; u)$  there exists  $(c^*, k^*) \in ((C^* \times K(g(x_0)))^* \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$  such that (2) is true and

$$\langle c^*, y_0 \rangle + \langle k^*, z_0 \rangle \geq 0. \tag{3}$$

## 2. $\ell$ -STABILITY

In some previous papers, the second-order optimality conditions were stated for  $C^{1,1}$  functions, see e. g. [2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22] and references therein. We recall that a  $C^{1,1}$  function is a function which is differentiable with a locally Lipschitz derivative.

In 2007, the concept of  $\ell$ -stability was introduced to diminish the  $C^{1,1}$  property in solving some second-order scalar optimization problems [3]. A function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $X$  is a normed linear space, is  $\ell$ -stable at  $x \in X$  if there exist a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $x$  and a  $K > 0$  such that

$$|f^\ell(y; h) - f^\ell(x; h)| \leq K\|y - x\|, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{U}, \forall h \in S_X,$$

where

$$f^\ell(y; h) = \liminf_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{f(y + th) - f(y)}{t}.$$

The properties of  $\ell$ -stable at some point functions were studied e.g. in [1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 28, 29, 30] for both scalar and vector functions. Among the others, the sufficient second-order optimality condition for problem (1) was stated independently in [14] and [8] in terms of  $\ell$ -stable at some point functions.

Now, we recall the definition of  $\ell$ -stability for vector functions possibly for infinite dimension. We say that a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed linear spaces, is  $\ell$ -stable at  $x \in X$  provided that there are a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $x$  and a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$|f^\ell(y; h)(\gamma) - f^\ell(x; h)(\gamma)| \leq K\|y - x\|,$$

for every  $y \in \mathcal{U}$ , for every  $h \in S_X$  and for every  $\gamma \in S_{Y^*}$ .

The symbol  $f^\ell(x; h)(\gamma)$  denotes the lower Dini directional derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  in the direction  $h \in X$  with respect to the linear functional  $\gamma \in Y^*$ . It is defined by the formula:

$$f^\ell(x; h)(\gamma) := \liminf_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\langle \gamma, f(x + th) - f(x) \rangle}{t}.$$

Of course,  $f^\ell(x; h) = f^\ell(x; h)(1)$  for scalar functions.

### 3. INFINITE DIMENSION

The following differentiable property of  $\ell$ -stable at a point functions was obtained in [33, Theorem 3.1], consult also [12].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a normed linear space,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function near  $x \in X$ . If  $f$  is an  $\ell$ -stable function at  $x$ , then  $f$  is strictly differentiable at  $x$ .

In the sequel, we will need a certain mean value theorem.

**Lemma 3.2.** (Pastor [33, Lemma 3.2]) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed linear spaces,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function,  $\gamma \in Y^*$  and let  $a, b \in X$ . Then there are points  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f^\ell(\xi_1; b - a)(\gamma) \leq \langle \gamma, f(b) - f(a) \rangle \leq f^\ell(\xi_2; b - a)(\gamma).$$

The following lemma generalizes the analogous result from [7, Lemma 6], where we supposed that  $X$  was a finite-dimensional space and that  $Y$  was a Banach space having the Radon–Nikodým property.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $X$  be a normed linear space,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function near  $x \in X$ . If  $f$  is an  $\ell$ -stable function at  $x$ , then there exists an  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall R > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall u, w \in X : \|u\| \leq R, \|w\| \leq R, \forall t \in (0, \delta) : \\ &\left\| \frac{2}{t^2}(f(x + tu) - f(x) - tf'(x)u) - \frac{2}{t^2}(f(x + tw) - f(x) - tf'(x)w) \right\| \\ &\leq \alpha(\|u\| + \|w\|)\|u - w\|. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

*Proof.* Note that by Theorem 3.1  $f$  is strictly differentiable at  $x$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  denotes a neighborhood of  $x$  on which  $f$  is continuous and a constant  $K > 0$  is such that

$$|f^\ell(y; h)(\xi) - f^\ell(x; h)(\xi)| \leq K\|y - x\|, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{U}, \forall h \in S_X, \forall \xi \in S_{Y^*}.$$

Let us consider an auxiliary function  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $g(z) := f(z) - f'(x)z, z \in X$ .

There is an  $\eta > 0$  such that  $B(x, \eta) \subset \mathcal{U}$ . Further, we fix  $R > 0$  and consider  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta R < \eta$ . Then for arbitrary  $u \in X$  and  $w \in X$  satisfying  $\|u\| \leq R, \|w\| \leq R$ , and for every  $t \in (0, \delta)$  we have  $x + tu \in B(x, \eta), x + tw \in B(x, \eta)$ . We fix  $u, w$  with the previous properties. Then for certain  $y_t \in (x + tu, x + tw), \xi_t \in S_{Y^*}$ , it holds due to Lemma 3.2, the Hahn–Banach theorem and  $\ell$ -stability:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \frac{2}{t^2}(f(x + tu) - f(x) - tf'(x)u) - \frac{2}{t^2}(f(x + tw) - f(x) - tf'(x)w) \right\| \\ &= \frac{2}{t^2}\|g(x + tu) - g(x + tw)\| = \frac{2}{t^2}|\langle \xi_t, g(x + tu) - g(x + tw) \rangle| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{t}|g^\ell(y_t; u - w)(\xi_t)| = \frac{2}{t}|f^\ell(y_t; u - w)(\xi_t) - \langle \xi_t, f'(x)(u - w) \rangle| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{t}K\|y_t - x\|\|u - w\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since for some  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  we have  $y_t = \mu(x + tu) + (1 - \mu)(x + tw)$ , then we can derive:

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_t - x\| &= \|\mu(x + tu) + (1 - \mu)(x + tw) - x\| \\ &= t\|\mu u + (1 - \mu)w\| \\ &\leq t(\mu\|u\| + (1 - \mu)\|w\|) \\ &\leq t(\|u\| + \|w\|). \end{aligned}$$

Now, letting  $\alpha := 2K > 0$  we get our inequality (4). □

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $X$  be a normed linear space,  $Y, Z$  be Banach spaces,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  be continuous functions near  $x \in X$  which are  $\ell$ -stable at  $x$ . Let  $x$  be a local weakly efficient point for problem (1). Then the following two conditions are satisfied for each  $u \in S_X$ :

- (i)  $(f, g)'(x)u \notin -\text{int}(C \times K)$ ,
- (ii) if  $(f, g)'(x)u \in -((C \times K) \setminus \text{int}(C \times K))$ , then for all  $(y, z) \in D_2(f, g)(x; u)$  it holds
 
$$\text{conv}\{(y, z), \text{Im}(f, g)'(x)\} \cap (-\text{int}(C \times K)) = \emptyset.$$

*Proof.* In order to prove (i) fix  $u \in X$  arbitrarily. Suppose that  $x \in X$  is a local weakly efficient point for problem (1) and  $g'(x)u \in -\text{int} K$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{x + t_k u\}_{k=1}^{+\infty} \subset X$ ,  $t_k \downarrow 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} (g(x + t_k u) - g(x))/t_k &\in -\text{int} K \\ g(x + t_k u) &\in g(x) - \text{int} K \subset -K - K = -K. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, every point  $x + t_k u$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is feasible and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + t_k u) - f(x) &\notin -\text{int} C \\ (f(x + t_k u) - f(x))/t_k &\notin -\text{int} C \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k$  large enough. Now letting  $k \rightarrow +\infty$  we get that  $f'(x)u \notin -\text{int} C$ . Note that Theorem 3.1 guarantees the existence of  $f'(x)$  and  $g'(x)$ .

In order to prove the second condition we will assume on the contrary that there is a  $u \in S_X$  such that  $(f, g)'(x)u \in -((C \times K) \setminus \text{int}(C \times K))$ , and for some  $(y, z) \in D_2(f, g)(x; u)$  it holds:

$$\text{conv}\{(y, z), \text{Im}(f, g)'(x)\} \cap (-\text{int}(C \times K)) \neq \emptyset.$$

In other words, there exist a  $\bar{\lambda} \in [0, 1]$  and a  $w \in X$  so that

$$(1 - \bar{\lambda})(y, z)(u) + \bar{\lambda}(f, g)'(x)w \in -\text{int}(C \times K). \tag{5}$$

Since  $(-\text{int}(C \times K))$  is open, the above formula gives the existence of an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$(1 - \lambda)(y, z)(u) + \lambda(f, g)'(x)w \in -\text{int}(C \times K), \quad \forall \lambda \in (\bar{\lambda} - \varepsilon, \bar{\lambda} + \varepsilon).$$

Thus, we can suppose, without loss of generality, that  $\bar{\lambda} \in (0, 1)$  in formula (5).

Let sequences  $\{t_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $t_k \downarrow 0$ , and  $\{u_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $u_k \rightarrow u$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \{(2/t_k^2)(f(x + t_k u_k) - f(x) - t_k f'(x)u)\} &\longrightarrow y \\ \{(2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_k u_k) - g(x) - t_k g'(x)u)\} &\longrightarrow z \end{aligned}$$

as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . We put

$$v_k := u_k + \{\bar{\lambda} t_k w / 2(1 - \bar{\lambda})\}.$$

Observe that  $v_k \rightarrow u$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , and  $w = (2(1 - \bar{\lambda})(v_k - u_k))/(\bar{\lambda}t_k)$ . We claim that  $(2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_kv_k) - g(x + t_ku_k)) \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}g'(x)w/(1 - \bar{\lambda})$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . Indeed, by the Hahn–Banach Theorem, Lemma 3.2 and the definition of  $\ell$ -stability, there are  $\xi_k \in S_{Z^*}$ ,  $y_k \in (x + t_ku_k, x + t_kv_k)$  and  $L > 0$  such that for almost all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_kv_k) - g(x + t_ku_k)) - \bar{\lambda}g'(x)w/(1 - \bar{\lambda})\| \\ &= \langle \xi_k, (2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_kv_k) - g(x + t_ku_k)) - \bar{\lambda}g'(x)w/(1 - \bar{\lambda}) \rangle \\ &\leq \bar{\lambda}g^\ell(y_k; w)(\xi_k)/(1 - \bar{\lambda}) - \bar{\lambda}g^\ell(x; w)(\xi_k)/(1 - \bar{\lambda}) \\ &\leq L\bar{\lambda}\|y_k - x\|\|w\|/(1 - \bar{\lambda}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_kv_k) - g(x) - t_kg'(x)u) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_ku_k) - g(x) - t_kg'(x)u) \\ &+ \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (2/t_k^2)(g(x + t_kv_k) - g(x + t_ku_k)) = z + \bar{\lambda}g'(x)w/(1 - \bar{\lambda}) \in -\text{int } K \end{aligned}$$

we derive

$$g(x + t_kv_k) \in g(x) + t_kg'(x)u - \text{int } K \subset -K - K - \text{int } K \subset -\text{int } K$$

for almost all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Hence, every point  $x + t_kv_k$  is feasible if  $k$  is large enough. We can proceed analogously for  $f$  – we get

$$f(x + t_kv_k) - f(x) \in t_kf'(x)u - \text{int } C \subset -C - \text{int } C \subset -\text{int } C$$

for almost all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , a contradiction. □

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $X$  be a normed linear space,  $Y, Z$  be Banach spaces,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  be continuous functions near  $x \in X$  which are  $\ell$ -stable at  $x$ . If  $x$  is a local weakly efficient point of problem (1), then

- (i) there exists a  $(c^*, k^*) \in ((C^* \times K^*) \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$  such that

$$c^* \circ f'(x_0) + k^* \circ g'(x_0) = 0 \tag{6}$$

- (ii) for any  $u \in X$ , if  $(f, g)'(x)u \in -((C \times K) \setminus \text{int}(C \times K))$ , then for every  $(y_0, z_0) \in D_2(f, g)(x; u)$  there exists a  $(c^*, k^*) \in ((C^* \times K^*) \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$  such that (6) is true and

$$\langle c^*, y_0 \rangle + \langle k^*, z_0 \rangle \geq 0. \tag{7}$$

Proof.

- (i) By Theorem 3.4 (i) and the separation theorem (see e.g. [13, Corollary 2.13]) there are  $(c^*, k^*) \in ((Y^* \times Z^*) \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for every  $u \in X$  and for every  $(c, k) \in -(C \times K)$  we have

$$\langle c^*, f'(x)u \rangle + \langle k^*, g'(x)u \rangle \geq \alpha, \tag{8}$$

$$\langle c^*, c \rangle + \langle k^*, k \rangle \leq \alpha. \tag{9}$$

Since  $(f, g)'(x)X$  and  $C \times K$  are cones, it holds  $\alpha = 0$ . Then, the inequality (8) becomes the equality (6). Setting  $k = 0$  in (9), we obtain  $c^* \in C^*$ , and setting  $c = 0$  in (9), we obtain  $k^* \in K^*$ .

- (ii) Using Theorem 3.4 (ii) and the separation theorem, one has (8), (9), and in addition

$$\langle c^*, y_0 \rangle + \langle k^*, z_0 \rangle \geq \alpha.$$

Similarly as in (i),  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $c^* \in C^*$ ,  $k^* \in K^*$ , and thus formulas (6) and (7) hold.

□

#### 4. COMPARISON OF THEOREMS

**Remark 4.1.** Comparing Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 3.5, we can say that in finite-dimensional setting the optimality condition from Theorem 1.1 is tighter in general. Indeed, for an arbitrary  $z_0 \in K$  we can write

$$z_0 = 1(z_0 - g(x_0) + g(x_0)),$$

and because  $g(x_0) \in -K$  and  $K$  is a cone, we have  $z_0 - g(x_0) \in K$ . Therefore  $z_0 \in K(g(x_0))$ , and thus  $K \subset K(g(x_0))$ . Then  $K(g(x_0))^* \subset K^*$ .

Now, it is an open question whether or not we can replace  $K^*$  by  $K(g(x_0))^*$  in Theorem 3.5.

**Remark 4.2.** Further, in finite-dimensional setting, Theorem 1.1 requires only strict differentiability at the considered point. Having in mind Theorem 3.1, it is another open question whether or not we can replace  $\ell$ -stability by strict differentiability in Theorem 3.5.

On the other hand, Theorem 3.5 can help to find a local weakly efficient point of problem (1) in infinite dimension in contrast to Theorem 1.1. We will demonstrate this fact by the following example which was inspired by Example 1 in [7].

**Example 4.3.** Consider the sequence  $a_n = 1/n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then

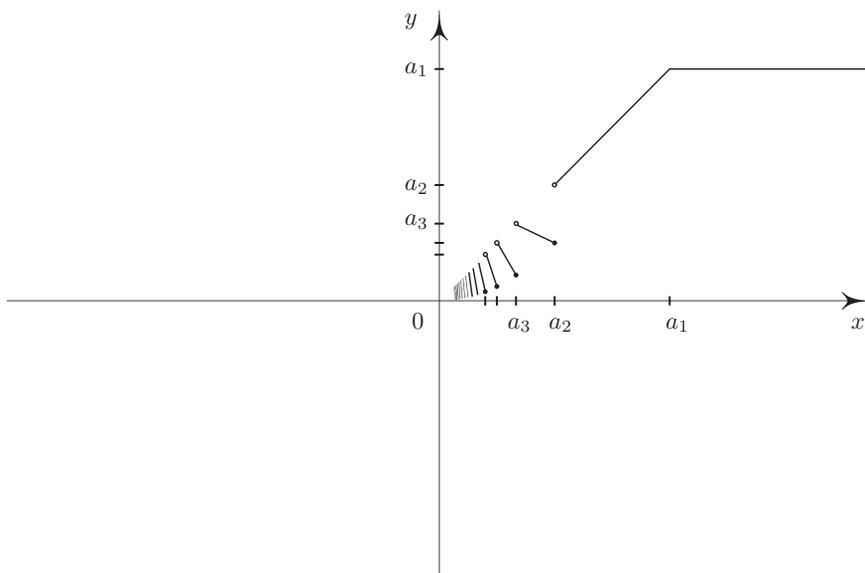
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} + a_n^2}{a_{n+1} + a_n} = \frac{1}{2} > 0.$$

Let us define a function  $\varphi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows.

$$\varphi(u) = \begin{cases} a_1, & \text{if } u > a_1, \\ \frac{a_n^2 - a_{n+1}}{a_n - a_{n+1}}(u - a_{n+1}) + a_{n+1}, & \text{if } u \in (a_{n+1}, a_n], \\ 0, & \text{if } u = 0. \end{cases}$$

Next, we will define a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  via the Riemann integral:

$$r(x) := \int_0^{|x|} \varphi(u) \, du, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$



**Fig. 1.** Function  $\varphi$ .

It is easy to see  $r$  is not of class  $C^{1,1}$  on any neighborhood of  $x = 0$ . Furthermore  $r'(0) = 0$ ,  $r$  is  $\ell$ -stable at  $x = 0$ , and  $\liminf_{t \downarrow 0} r(t)/(2/t^2) > \varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  (for details see [BP2, Example 2]). By definition of  $\varphi$ , we can show that for any  $x > 0$ , we have  $r(x) \leq x^2/2$ . Now we consider a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \ell_2$  defined as follows

$$f(t) := \left\{ \frac{r(t)}{2^n} \right\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \in \ell_2,$$

where  $\ell_2 = \{\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} : \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} |a_n|^2 < +\infty\}$  with the norm

$$\|\{a_n\}\| := \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} |a_n|^2}.$$

It is well known that  $(\ell_2, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space and that  $\ell_2^* = \ell_2$ . We will define

$$C = \left\{ x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \in \ell_2 : \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{x_n}{(\sqrt{2})^n} \geq \frac{1}{2} \|\{x_n\}\| \right\}.$$

Then

$$C^* = \left\{ a = \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \in \ell_2 : \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n x_n \geq 0, \forall x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \in C \right\}.$$

We note that the considered cone  $C$  is a special case of a more general type of cones satisfying  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{int } C^* \neq \emptyset$ , for details see [24].

For any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\xi = \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \in S_{\ell_2^*}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f^\ell(t; \pm 1)(\xi) &= \liminf_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{\langle \xi, f(t \pm s) - f(t) \rangle}{s} \\ &= \liminf_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{\left\langle \xi, \left\{ \frac{r(t \pm s)}{2^n} \right\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} - \left\{ \frac{r(t)}{2^n} \right\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \right\rangle}{s} \\ &= \liminf_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{s} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \left\{ \frac{r(t \pm s)}{2^n} - \frac{r(t)}{2^n} \right\} \\ &= \liminf_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{r(t \pm s) - r(t)}{s} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} = r^\ell(t; \pm 1) \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n}. \end{aligned}$$

From the properties of  $r$  we deduce that  $f'(0) = 0$  and that  $f$  is  $\ell$ -stable at  $t = 0$ . It can be easily shown that it holds

$$D_2 f(0; 1) = D_2 f(0, -1) \subset \left\{ \{y_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \in \ell_2 : y_n > \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Further, we define  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(t) = t$ , and

$$K = \{s; s \geq 0\} = K^*.$$

We have  $g'(0) = 1, D_2 g(0; 1) = D_2 g(0, -1) = \{0\}$ .

Now, we can see that Theorem 3.5 admits for 0 to be a local weakly efficient point. Indeed, condition (i) of Theorem 3.5 is satisfied if we take

$$c^* = \left\{ \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^n} \right\}_{n=1}^{+\infty}, \quad k^* = 0.$$

Condition (ii) from Theorem 3.5 is also satisfied for the previous choice of  $c^*$  and  $k^*$ , because

$$\langle c^*, y_0 \rangle + \langle k^*, z_0 \rangle = \langle c^*, y_0 \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{y_n}{(\sqrt{2})^n} > \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{(2^{\frac{3}{2}})^n} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1} > 0$$

for every  $y_0 \in D_2 f(0; 1) = D_2 f(0, -1)$  and  $z_0 = 0$ .

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