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# On constrained set-valued optimization\*

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## Abstract

The set-valued optimization problem  $\min_C F(x), G(x) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset$ , is considered, where  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  are set-valued functions, and  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  are closed convex cones. Two type of solutions, called  $w$ -minimizers (weakly efficient points) and  $i$ -minimizers (isolated minimizers), are treated. In terms of the Dini set-valued directional derivative first-order necessary conditions for a point to be a  $w$ -minimizer, and first-order sufficient conditions for a point to be an  $i$ -minimizer are established, both in primal and dual form.

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## 1 Introduction

The constrained set-valued optimization problem (svp)

$$\min_C F(x), \quad G(x) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset, \quad (1)$$

is considered, where  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  are set-valued functions (svf) with non-empty values, and  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  are closed convex cones. First order optimality conditions in terms of the Dini set-valued directional derivative are derived. The obtained results generalize those of [3] from vector to set-valued problem, and of [1] from unconstrained to constrained problem. Recently optimality conditions for svp are studied mainly by means of epiderivatives, e. g. in [4], [5] and [2]. We consider the optimality conditions based on directional derivatives as certain alternative of those based on epiderivatives. Some comparison of the two methods is done in [1].

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## 2 Preliminaries

The space  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is considered with the usual topology. It is generated by an arbitrary norm. Since all the norms in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  are equivalent, we make use of this sometimes choosing a special norm. The dual pairing in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is denoted  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . It is a mapping  $\mathbb{R}^k \times (\mathbb{R}^k)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $(\mathbb{R}^k)^*$  stands for the dual of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . In fact  $(\mathbb{R}^k)^*$  can be identified with  $\mathbb{R}^k$  as linear and topological spaces, but when  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is considered with a norm, the dual space  $(\mathbb{R}^k)^*$  is supplied with the dual norm. When  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is supplied with an Euclidean norm, then  $(\mathbb{R}^k)^*$  can be identified with  $\mathbb{R}^k$  also as a norm space. The notations  $B_k$  and  $\bar{B}_k$  are used for the open and closed unit balls, and  $B_k(x^0)$  and  $\bar{B}_k(x^0)$  for the open and closed unit balls with center  $x^0$ .

For a given closed convex cone  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  its positive polar cone is defined by  $M' = \{\xi \in (\mathbb{R}^k)^* \mid \langle \xi, x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in M\}$ . When  $x^0 \in M$  we put  $M'[x^0] = \{\xi \in M' \mid \langle \xi, x^0 \rangle = 0\}$  and  $M[x^0] = (M'[x^0])'$ . It holds  $M \subset M[x^0]$ .

When  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is considered with a concrete norm, the distance from a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  to a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  is given by  $d(x, A) = \inf\{\|x - y\| \mid y \in A\}$ . The oriented distance from  $x$  to  $A$  is defined by  $D(x, A) = d(x, A) - d(x, \mathbb{R}^k \setminus A)$ . When  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  is a proper closed convex cone, then  $D(x, -M) = \sup\{\langle \xi, x \rangle \mid \xi \in M', \|\xi\| = 1\}$ . We define the oriented distance  $D(P, A)$  from a set  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  to the set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  putting  $D(P, A) = \inf\{D(x, A) \mid x \in P\}$ .

Using the oriented distance we introduce the following notation. Let  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  be a cone and let  $a$  be a real number. Then we put  $M(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k \mid D(x, M) \leq a\|x\|\}$ . The weakly efficient frontier ( $w$ -frontier)  $w\text{-Min}_M A$  and the properly efficient frontier ( $p$ -frontier)  $p\text{-Min}_M A$  of  $A$  are defined respectively by  $w\text{-Min}_M A = \{x \in A \mid A \cap (x - \text{int } M) = \emptyset\}$  and  $p\text{-Min}_M A = \{x \in A \mid \exists a \in (0, 1) : A \cap (x - M(a)) = \{x\}\}$ .

The set of the feasible points of svp (1) is defined by  $\mathcal{G} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid G(x) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset\}$ . Further  $\mathcal{N}(x^0)$  denotes the family of the neighbourhoods of  $x^0$ . We deal with local solutions of (1), which in any case are pairs  $(x^0, y^0)$ ,  $y^0 \in F(x^0)$ , with  $x^0$  feasible. Here we use the following concepts of solutions for problem (1). The pair  $(x^0, y^0)$ ,  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $y^0 \in F(x^0)$ , is said a  $w$ -minimizer (weakly efficient point) if there exists  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x^0)$  such that  $x \in U \cap \mathcal{G}$  implies  $F(x) \cap (y^0 - \text{int } C) = \emptyset$  (then necessary  $y^0 \in w\text{-Min}_C F(x^0)$ ). The pair  $(x^0, y^0)$  is said an  $i$ -minimizer (isolated minimizer) if there exists  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x^0)$  and a constant  $A > 0$  such that  $D(F(x) - y^0, -C) \geq A\|x - x^0\|$  and  $y^0 \in p\text{-Min}_C F(x^0)$  for  $x \in U \cap \mathcal{G}$  (the concept of  $i$ -minimizer is norm-independent, since all norms in finite-dimensional spaces are equivalent).

The svf  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is said locally Lipschitz at  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if there exists  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x^0)$  and a constant  $L > 0$ , such that for  $x^1, x^2 \in U$  it holds  $\Phi(x^2) \subset \Phi(x^1) + L\|x^2 - x^1\|\bar{B}_k$ . The svf  $\Phi$  is said locally Lipschitz, if it is locally Lipschitz at each  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Given a cone  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ , we say that  $\Phi$  is locally  $M$ -Lipschitz at  $x^0$  if the svf  $x \rightsquigarrow \Phi(x) + M$  is locally Lipschitz at  $x^0$ . The svf  $\Phi$  is said locally  $M$ -Lipschitz, if it is locally  $M$ -Lipschitz at each point  $x^0$ .

The cone  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  is said pointed if  $(-M) \cap M = \{0\}$ , and  $M$  is contained in a half-space of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . If  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is supplied with an Euclidean norm, then the cone  $M$  is said non-obtuse, if  $\langle x^1, x^2 \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x^1, x^2 \in M$ . Each non-obtuse cone is pointed. The following result converts in some sense this statement.

**Lemma 1 ([1])** *If  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  is a pointed closed convex cone, then there exists an Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with respect to which  $M$  is a non-obtuse cone.*

The next lemma is essential for the proof of the optimality conditions for (1).

**Lemma 2 ([1])** *Let  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  be a non-obtuse closed convex cone and  $M \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$ . Let the svf  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  be  $C$ -Lipschitz with constant  $L$  in  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x^0)$  and  $y^0 \in \Phi(x^0)$ . Suppose that for some  $\sigma \in (0, 1/2)$  it holds  $\Phi(x^0) \cap (y^0 - M(2\sigma)) = \{y^0\}$ . Then for each  $x \in U$  and each  $y \in \Phi(x) \cap (y^0 - M(\sigma))$  it holds*

$$\|y - y^0\| \leq \frac{L(1 + \sigma)}{\sigma} \|x - x^0\|.$$

Our aim is to obtain optimality conditions for svp (1) in terms of Dini derivatives. For the svf  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  the Dini derivative of  $\Phi$  at  $(x^0, y^0)$ ,  $y^0 \in \Phi(x^0)$ , in direction  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as the upper limit

$$\Phi'(x^0, y^0; u) = \text{Limsup}_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} (\Phi(x^0 + tu) - y^0).$$

### 3 First-order optimality conditions

**Theorem 1 (Necessary Conditions,  $w$ -minimizers)** *Consider svp (1) with  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  closed convex cones, and  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  svf. Let the pair  $(x^0, y^0)$ ,  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $y^0 \in F(x^0)$ , be a  $w$ -minimizer of svp (1), and let  $z^0 \in G(x^0) \cap (-K)$ . Then*

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^m : (F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u) \cap (-\text{int } C \times \text{int } K[-z^0]) = \emptyset. \quad (2)$$

**Proof.** Suppose the contrary, that there exists  $(\bar{y}^0, \bar{z}^0) \in (F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u^0)$ , such that  $\bar{y}^0 \in -\text{int } C$ ,  $\bar{z}^0 \in -\text{int } K[-z^0]$ . Let  $\bar{y}^0 = \lim_k (1/t_k)(y^k - y^0)$ ,  $\bar{z}^0 = \lim_k (1/t_k)(z^k - z^0)$ , where  $y^k \in F(x^0 + t_k u^0)$  and  $z^k \in G(x^0 + t_k u^0)$  for some  $t_k \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $u^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . These equalities imply that  $y^k \rightarrow y^0$  and  $z^k \rightarrow z^0$ , and the boundedness of the sequences  $\{y^k\}$  and  $\{z^k\}$ .

Let  $\bar{\eta} \in K'$ ,  $\|\bar{\eta}\| = 1$ . We show that there exists a positive integer  $k(\bar{\eta})$  and a neighbourhood  $V(\bar{\eta})$  of  $\bar{\eta}$ , such that  $\langle \eta, z^k \rangle < 0$  for  $k > k(\bar{\eta})$  and  $\eta \in V(\bar{\eta})$ . For this purpose we consider the following cases:

1<sup>0</sup>.  $\bar{\eta} \in K'[-z^0]$ . Since  $\bar{z}^0 \in -\text{int } K[-z^0]$ , we have

$$\lim_k \frac{1}{t_k} \langle \bar{\eta}, z^k - z^0 \rangle = \langle \bar{\eta}, \bar{z}^0 \rangle < 0.$$

Therefore there exists  $k(\bar{\eta})$ , such that for all  $k > k(\bar{\eta})$  it holds  $\langle \bar{\eta}, z^k \rangle < \langle \bar{\eta}, z^0 \rangle = 0$ . Now the boundedness of the sequence  $\{z^k\}$  implies the existence of a neighbourhood  $V(\bar{\eta})$  of  $\bar{\eta}$ , such that  $\langle \bar{\eta}, z^k \rangle < 0$  for all  $k > k(\bar{\eta})$ .

2<sup>0</sup>.  $\bar{\eta} \in K' \setminus K'[-z^0]$ . We have  $\langle \bar{\eta}, z^0 \rangle < 0$ , whence  $\langle \bar{\eta}, z^k \rangle < 0$  for all  $k > k(\bar{\eta})$  with suitable  $k(\bar{\eta})$ . This implies as above  $\langle \eta, z^k \rangle < 0$  for all  $k > k(\bar{\eta})$  and  $\eta \in V(\bar{\eta})$  with suitable neighbourhood  $V(\bar{\eta})$  of  $\bar{\eta}$ .

The set  $\Gamma = \{\eta \in K' \mid \|\eta\| = 1\}$  is compact, whence  $\Gamma \subset V(\bar{\eta}^1) \cup \dots \cup V(\bar{\eta}^s)$  for some  $\bar{\eta}^1, \dots, \bar{\eta}^s \in \Gamma$ . Let  $k_0 = \max(k(\bar{\eta}^1), \dots, k(\bar{\eta}^s))$ . Take  $k > k_0$ . Then  $\langle \eta, z^k \rangle < 0$  for all  $\eta \in \Gamma$ , and hence for all  $\eta \in K'$ . Therefore  $z^k \in \text{int } K \subset -K$ . In other words, the points  $x^0 + t_k u^0$  are feasible.

According to the made assumption  $\bar{y}^0 = \lim_k(1/t_k)(y^k - y^0) \in -\text{int } C$ . Therefore  $y^k - y^0 \in -\text{int } C$  for all sufficiently large  $k$ , a contradiction to the hypothesis that  $(x^0, y^0)$  is a  $w$ -minimizer of (1).  $\square$

**Remark 1** Condition (2), which can be referred to as primal form condition, can be substituted by the equivalent dual form condition

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} : \forall (\bar{y}^0, \bar{z}^0) \in (F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u) : \\ & \exists (\xi, \eta) \in C' \times K'[-z^0], (\xi, \eta) \neq (0, 0) : \langle \xi, \bar{y}^0 \rangle + \langle \eta, \bar{z}^0 \rangle \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 2 (Sufficient Conditions,  $i$ -minimizers)** Consider svp (1) with  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  pointed closed convex cone,  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  closed convex cone,  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  locally  $C$ -Lipschitz svf, and  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  locally Lipschitz svf. Suppose that the pair  $(x^0, y^0)$ ,  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $y^0 \in F(x^0)$ , is such that  $y^0 \in p\text{-Min}_C F(x^0)$ , and there exists  $z^0 \in G(x^0)$  for which

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} : (F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u) \cap -(C \times K[-z^0]) = \emptyset. \quad (4)$$

Suppose also that the svf  $G$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\mathbb{G}(x^0, z^0) : \quad \begin{aligned} & \exists U \in \mathcal{N}(x^0) : \exists \ell > 0 : \forall x \in U : \\ & G(x) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow G(x) \cap \ell \|x - x^0\| \bar{B}_p(z^0) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(x^0, y^0)$  is an  $i$ -minimizer of svp (1).

**Proof.** We can assume without loss of generality that  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (the image space of  $F$ ) is supplied with an Euclidean norm, with respect to which the cone  $C$  is non-obtuse. We may assume that  $F$  is  $C$ -Lipschitz with constant  $L > 0$  on  $\bar{B}_n(x^0)$ . Suppose that  $(x^0, y^0)$  is not an  $i$ -minimizer. Fix a sequence  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0^+$ . According to the assumption, there exist sequences  $t_k \rightarrow 0^+$ , and  $u^k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|u^k\| = 1$ , such that:

- 1<sup>0</sup>.  $G(x^0 + t_k u^k) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset$ ,
- 2<sup>0</sup>.  $D(F(x^0 + t_k u^k) - y^0, -C) < \varepsilon_k t_k$ .

Passing to a subsequence, we may assume that  $u^k \rightarrow u^0$ , and  $0 < t_k < r$ .

By the  $C$ -Lipschitz property of  $F$  we have

$$D\left(\frac{1}{t_k} (F(x^0 + t_k u^0) - y^0), -C\right) < \varepsilon_k + L \|u^k - u^0\|.$$

Let  $y^k \in F(x^0 + t_k u^0)$  be such that  $D(\bar{y}^k, -C) < \varepsilon_k + L \|u^k - u^0\|$ , where  $\bar{y}^k = (1/t_k)(y^k - y^0)$ . The sequence  $\{\bar{y}^k\}$  is bounded, which follows from the following reasoning. Since  $y^0 \in p\text{-Min}_C F(x^0)$ , there exists  $\sigma$ ,  $0 < \sigma < 1/2$ , such that  $F(x^0) \cap (y^0 - C(2\sigma)) = \{y^0\}$ . Let  $k$  be such that  $\varepsilon_k + L \|u^k - u^0\| < L$ , whence  $D(y^k - y^0, -C) < L t_k$ . Then it holds  $\|\bar{y}^k\| \leq L(1 + 1/\sigma)$ . Indeed, assume on the contrary, that  $\|\bar{y}^k\| > L(1 + 1/\sigma)$ , or equivalently  $\|y^k - y^0\| > L(1 + 1/\sigma) t_k$ . We have

$$D(y^k - y^0, -C) < L t_k \frac{\sigma}{L t_k (1 + \sigma)} \|y^k - y^0\| < \sigma \|y^k - y^0\|.$$

This inequality shows that  $y^k - y^0 \in -C(\sigma)$ , whence, from Lemma 2 we get

$$\|y^k - y^0\| \leq \frac{L(1 + \sigma)}{\sigma} \|(x^0 + t_k u^0) - x^0\| = L \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sigma}\right) t_k,$$

a contradiction.

We proved that the sequence  $\{\bar{y}^k\}$  is bounded and  $\|\bar{y}^k\| \leq L(1 + 1/\sigma)$  for all sufficiently large  $k$ . Passing to a subsequence, we may assume that  $\bar{y}^k \rightarrow \bar{y}^0$ , whence  $\|\bar{y}^0\| \leq L(1 + 1/\sigma)$  and  $\bar{y}^0 \in F'(x^0, y^0; u^0)$ . Taking a limit in the inequality  $D(\bar{y}^k, -C) < \varepsilon_k + L\|u^k - u^0\|$  we get  $D(\bar{y}^0, -C) \leq 0$ . Since  $C$  is closed, this inequality gives  $\bar{y}^0 \in -C$ .

The hypothesis  $\mathbb{G}(x^0, z^0)$  together with the condition  $G(x^0 + t_k u^k) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset$  give that  $G_0(x^0 + t_k u^k) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $G_0(x) = G(x) \cap \ell\|x - x^0\| \bar{B}_p(z^0)$ . The local Lipschitz property of  $G$  gives that there exists a point  $z^k \in G(x^0 + t_k u^0)$  such that  $D(z^k, G_0(x^0 + t_k u^k)) \leq Lt_k \|u^k - u^0\|$  (here we suppose that  $G$  is locally Lipschitz with constant  $L$  on  $r\bar{B}_n$ ). From the triangle inequality we get  $\|z^k - z^0\| \leq (\ell + L\|u^k - u^0\|)t_k$ . Putting  $\bar{z}^k = (1/t_k)(z^k - z^0)$ , we have  $\|\bar{z}^k\| \leq (\ell + L\|u^k - u^0\|) \leq \ell + 2L$ . Therefore the sequence  $\bar{z}^k$  is bounded. Passing to a subsequence we may assume that  $\bar{z}^k \rightarrow \bar{z}^0$ .

The construction of  $z^k$  yields the existence of  $\tilde{z}^k \in G_0(x^0 + t_k u_k) \cap (-K)$ , such that  $z^k \in \tilde{z}^k + Lt_k \|u^k - u^0\| \bar{B}_p$ , whence for arbitrary  $\eta \in K'[-z^0]$ ,  $\|\eta\| = 1$ , we have

$$\langle \eta, \bar{z}^k \rangle = \frac{1}{t_k} \langle \eta, z^k \rangle \leq \frac{1}{t_k} \langle \eta, \tilde{z}^k \rangle + L\|u^k - u^0\| \leq L\|u^k - u^0\|.$$

Here we have used  $\langle \eta, \tilde{z}^k \rangle \leq 0$ , a consequence of  $\tilde{z}^k \in -K$ . Taking the limit in the above inequality, we get  $\langle \eta, \bar{z}^0 \rangle \leq 0$ , whence

$$D(\bar{z}^0, -K[-z^0]) = \sup\{\langle \eta, \bar{z}^0 \rangle \mid \eta \in K'[-z^0], \|\eta\| = 1\} \leq 0.$$

Regarding that  $K'[-z^0]$  is closed, this gives  $\bar{z}^0 \in -K[-z^0]$ .

We have used the same sequence  $t_k \rightarrow 0^+$  to construct both  $\bar{y}^0$  and  $\bar{z}^0$ , hence we have  $(\bar{y}^0, \bar{z}^0) \in (F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u^0)$ . So far we have proved that  $(\bar{y}^0, \bar{z}^0) \in -(C \times K[-z^0])$ . On the other hand condition (4) gives  $(\bar{y}^0, \bar{z}^0) \notin -(C \times K[-z^0])$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Remark 2** Condition (4), which can be referred to as primal form condition, can be substituted by the equivalent dual form condition

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} : \forall (\bar{y}^0, \bar{z}^0) \in (F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u) : \\ & \exists (\xi, \eta) \in C' \times K'[-z^0], (\xi, \eta) \neq (0, 0) : \langle \xi, \bar{y}^0 \rangle + \langle \eta, \bar{z}^0 \rangle > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The next example shows that without condition  $\mathbb{G}(x^0, x^0)$  Theorem 2 is not true.

**Example 1** Consider problem (1) with  $n = 1$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $p = 2$ ,  $C = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $K = \mathbb{R}_+^2$ ,  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary single-valued differentiable function, and  $G : \mathbb{R} \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $G(x) = [(|x|, -1), (-|x|, 0)]$ . Let  $x^0 = 0$ ,  $y^0 = F(x^0)$ ,  $z^0 = (0, -1)$ . All conditions of Theorem 2, with exception of  $\mathbb{G}(x^0, z^0)$ , are satisfied, independently on the concrete function  $F$ . In particular  $K[-z^0] = \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $(F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u) = (F'(0)u, G'(x^0, z^0; u))$ , where  $G'(x^0, z^0; u) = \{|u|\} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ , which verifies condition (4). Since any point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is feasible, problem (1) is equivalent to the optimization problem  $\min F(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . But, if for instance  $F(x) = -x^2$ , the point  $x^0$  is not an  $i$ -minimizer.

The following theorem is a modification of Theorem 2 and is proved similarly.

**Theorem 3** Consider svp (1) with  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  pointed closed convex cones, and  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  respectively locally  $C$ -Lipschitz and locally  $K$ -Lipschitz svf. Suppose that the pair  $(x^0, y^0)$ ,  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $y^0 \in F(x^0)$ , is such that  $y^0 \in p\text{-Min}_C F(x^0)$ , and there exists  $z^0 \in G(x^0)$  for which  $z^0 \in p\text{-Min}_K G(x^0)$  and condition (4) holds. Suppose also that the svf  $G$  satisfies condition  $\mathbb{G}(x^0, z^0)$ . Then  $(x^0, y^0)$  is an  $i$ -minimizer of svp (1).

When the functions  $F$  and  $G$  are single-valued, then problem (1) transforms into the vector optimization problem  $\min_C F(x)$ ,  $G(x) \in -K$ , and Theorems 1 and 2 reduce to those proved in [3]. Then the conditions  $y^0 \in p\text{-Min}_C F(x^0)$  and  $\mathbb{G}(x^0, z^0)$  are automatically satisfied.

Though condition  $\mathbb{G}(x^0, z^0)$  does not appear in Theorem 1, the interesting applications of this theorem could be those in which  $G(x) \cap (-K)$  possess points near  $z^0$ . Indeed, suppose that  $\forall \ell > 0 : \exists U \in \mathcal{N}(x^0) : \forall x \in U : G(x) \cap (-K) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow G(x) \cap \ell \|x - x^0\| \bar{B}_p(x^0) \cap (-K) = \emptyset$ . Then  $(F \times G)'(x^0, (y^0, z^0); u) = \emptyset$  for all  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and condition (2) is satisfied for arbitrary svf  $F$ .

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