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# Weak $\psi$ -Sharp Minima in Vector Optimization Problems

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of a weak sharp minimum in general mathematical program problems was first introduced by Ferris in [1]. It is an extension of sharp minimum in [2]. Weak sharp minima play important roles in the sensitivity analysis [3, 4] and convergence analysis of a wide range of optimization algorithms [5]. Recently, the study of weak sharp solution set covers real-valued optimization problems [5–8] and piecewise linear multiobjective optimization problems [9–11].

Most recently, Bednarczuk [12] defined weak sharp minima of order  $m$  for vector-valued mappings under an assumption that the order cone is closed, convex, and pointed and used the concept to prove upper Hölderness and Hölder calmness of the solution set-valued mappings for a parametric vector optimization problem. In [13], Bednarczuk discussed the weak sharp solution set to vector optimization problems and presented some properties in terms of well-posedness of vector optimization problems. In [14], Studniarski gave the definition of weak  $\psi$ -sharp local Pareto minimum in vector optimization problems under the assumption that the order cone is convex and presented necessary and sufficient conditions under a variety of conditions. Though the notions in [12, 14] are different for vector optimization problems, they are equivalent for scalar optimization problems. They are a generalization of the weak sharp local minimum of order  $m$ .

In this paper, motivated by the work in [14, 15], we present a sufficient and necessary condition of which a point is a weak  $\psi$ -sharp minimum for a vector-valued mapping in the

infinite-dimensional spaces. In addition, we develop the characterization of weak  $\psi$ -sharp minima in terms of a nonlinear scalarization function.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall the definitions of the local Pareto minimizer and weak  $\psi$ -sharp local minimizer for vector-valued optimization problems. In Section 3, we present a sufficient and necessary condition for weak  $\psi$ -sharp local minimizer of vector-valued optimization problems. We also give an example to illustrate the optimality condition.

## 2. Preliminary Results

Throughout the paper,  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed spaces.  $B(x, \delta)$  denotes the open ball with center  $x \in X$  and radius  $\delta > 0$ .  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  is the family of all neighborhoods of  $x$ , and  $\text{dist}(x, W)$  is the distance from a point  $x$  to a set  $W \subset X$ . The symbols  $S^c$ ,  $\text{int } S$  and  $\text{bds}$  denote, respectively, the complement, interior and boundary of  $S$ .

Let  $D \subset Y$  be a convex cone (containing 0). The cone defines an order structure on  $Y$ , that is, a relation " $\leq$ " in  $Y \times Y$  is defined by  $y_1 \leq y_2 \Leftrightarrow y_2 - y_1 \in D$ .  $D$  is a proper cone if  $\{0\} \neq D \neq Y$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $X$ ,  $S \subset \Omega$ . Given a vector-valued map  $f : \Omega \rightarrow Y$ , the following abstract optimization is considered:

$$\text{Min}\{f(x) : x \in S\}. \quad (2.1)$$

In the sequel, we always assume that  $D$  is a proper closed and convex cone.

*Definition 2.1.* One says that  $x_0$  is a local Pareto minimizer for (2.1), denoted by  $x_0 \in L\text{Min}(f, S)$ , if there exists  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x_0)$  for which there is no  $x \in S \cap U$  such that

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \in (-D) \setminus D. \quad (2.2)$$

If one can choose  $U = X$ , one will say that  $x_0$  is a Pareto minimizer for (2.1), denoted by  $x_0 \in \text{Min}(f, S)$ .

Note that (2.2) may be replaced by the simple condition  $f(x) - f(x_0) \in (-D) \setminus \{0\}$  if we assume that the cone  $D$  is pointed.

*Definition 2.2* (see [14]). Let  $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a nondecreasing function with the property  $\psi(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$  (such a family of functions is denoted by  $\Psi$ ). Let  $x_0 \in S$ . One says that  $x_0$  is a weak  $\psi$ -sharp local Pareto minimizer for (2.1), denoted by  $x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, f, S)$ , if there exist a constant  $\alpha > 0$  and  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x_0)$  such that

$$(f(x) + D) \cap B(f(x_0), \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) = \emptyset, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$W := \{x \in S : f(x) = f(x_0)\}. \quad (2.4)$$

If one can choose  $U = X$ , one says  $x_0$  is a weak  $\psi$ -sharp minimizer for (2.1), denoted by  $x_0 \in \text{WS}(\psi, f, S)$ . In particular, let  $\psi_m(t) := t^m$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then, one says that  $x_0$  is a weak  $\psi$ -sharp local Pareto minimizer of order  $m$  for (2.1) if  $x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi_m, f, S)$ , and one says that  $x_0$  is a weak sharp Pareto minimizer of order  $m$  for (2.1) if  $x_0 \in \text{WS}(\psi_m, f, S)$ .

*Remark 2.3.* If  $W$  is a closed set, condition (2.3) can be expressed as the following equivalent forms:

$$f(x) \in (f(x_0) + B(0, \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) - D)^c, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W, \quad (2.5)$$

$$d(f(x) - f(x_0), -D) \geq \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)), \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (2.6)$$

*Remark 2.4.* In the Definition 2.2, if  $Y = R$ ,  $D = [0, +\infty)$ , and  $\psi = \psi_m$ , then the relation (2.6) becomes the following form:

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \geq \alpha(\text{dist}(x, W))^m, \quad \forall x \in S \cap U, \quad (2.7)$$

which is the well-known definition of a weak sharp minimizer of order  $m$  for (2.1); see [16].

### 3. Main Results

In this section, we first generalize the result of Theorem 1 in Studniarski [14] to infinite-dimensional spaces. Finally, we develop the characterization of weak  $\psi$ -sharp minimizer by means of a nonlinear scalarization function.

Let  $D \subset Y$  be a proper closed convex cone with  $\text{int } D \neq \emptyset$ . The topological dual space of  $Y$  is denoted by  $Y^*$ . The polar cone to  $D$  is  $D^* = \{\lambda \in Y^* : \langle \lambda, y \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in D\}$ . It is well known that the cone  $D^*$  contains a  $w^*$ -compact convex set  $\Lambda$  with  $0 \notin \Lambda$  such that

$$D^* = \text{cone } \Lambda = \{r\lambda : r \geq 0, \lambda \in \Lambda\}. \quad (3.1)$$

The set  $\Lambda$  is called a base for the dual cone  $D^*$ . Recall that a point  $\lambda$  is an extremal point of a set  $\Lambda$  if there exist no different points  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \Lambda$  and  $t \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\lambda = t\lambda_1 + (1-t)\lambda_2$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a vector-valued map. Let  $D \subset Y$  be a proper closed convex cone with  $\text{int } D \neq \emptyset$ ,  $x_0 \in S$ , and  $\psi \in \Psi$ .*

- (i) *Let  $\Lambda$  be a  $w^*$ -compact convex base of  $D^*$  and  $Q$  the set of extremal points of  $\Lambda$ . Suppose that  $W$  defined by (2.4) is a closed set. Then,  $x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, f, S)$  if and only if there exist  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x)$ , a constant  $\alpha > 0$ , a covering  $\{S_\lambda : \lambda \in Q\}$  of  $S \cap U$ , and*

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) \rangle > \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle + \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)), \quad \forall x \in (S_\lambda \cap U) \setminus W, \forall \lambda \in Q. \quad (3.2)$$

- (ii) *Let  $Q \subset D^* \setminus \{0\}$  and assume that  $D^* = \text{cl cone co } Q$ . Then  $x_0 \in L\text{Min}(f, S)$  if and only if there exists a covering  $\{S_\lambda : \lambda \in Q\}$  of  $S \cap U$  such that*

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) \rangle > \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle, \quad \forall x \in (S_\lambda \cap U) \setminus W, \forall \lambda \in Q. \quad (3.3)$$

*Proof.* (i) Part “only if”: by assumption, there exist  $\beta > 0$  and  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x_0)$  such that

$$(f(x) - f(x_0) + D) \cap B(0, \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) = \emptyset, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.4)$$

Let  $e \in \text{int} D$  be a fixed point. Set  $\beta_0 = \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \lambda, e \rangle$ . Since  $\Lambda$  is  $\omega^*$ -compact, the infimum is attained at a point of  $Q$ . Namely,  $\beta_0 = \min_{\lambda \in Q} \langle \lambda, e \rangle$ . Clearly,  $\langle \lambda, e \rangle > 0$  for any  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Hence,  $\beta_0 > 0$ .

For each  $\lambda \in Q$ , we define

$$S_\lambda = \left\{ x \in S \cap U : \langle \lambda, f(x) \rangle \geq \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2\|e\|} \psi(\text{dist}(x, W))\beta_0 \right\}. \quad (3.5)$$

We will show that

$$S \cap U \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in Q} S_\lambda. \quad (3.6)$$

Let  $x \in S \cap U$ . If  $x \in W$ , then  $f(x) = f(x_0)$  by (2.4), hence,  $x \in S_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in Q$ . If  $x \notin W$ , suppose that  $x \notin S_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda \in Q$ , then

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) \rangle < \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2\|e\|} \psi(\text{dist}(x, W))\beta_0, \quad \forall \lambda \in Q. \quad (3.7)$$

This relation, together with statement  $\langle \lambda, e \rangle \geq \beta_0$  yields

$$\left\langle \lambda, f(x_0) - f(x) + \frac{\beta}{2\|e\|} \psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e \right\rangle > 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in Q. \quad (3.8)$$

Obviously, for any  $\lambda \in D^*$ , the above relation becomes the following form:

$$\left\langle \lambda, f(x_0) - f(x) + \frac{\beta}{2\|e\|} \psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e \right\rangle \geq 0. \quad (3.9)$$

Consequently, by the bipolar theorem, one has

$$d := f(x_0) - f(x) + \frac{\beta}{2\|e\|} \psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e \in D. \quad (3.10)$$

Therefore,

$$f(x) - f(x_0) + d = \frac{\beta}{2\|e\|} \psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e, \quad (3.11)$$

and  $f(x) - f(x_0) + d \in B(0, \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)))$ , which is a contradiction to (3.4). We have thus proved that  $S_\lambda$  covers  $S \cap U$ .

Now, let  $x \in (S_\lambda \cap U) \setminus W$  and  $\lambda \in Q$ . From the procedure of the above proof, we see that  $(S \cap U) \setminus W \subset \cup_{\lambda \in Q} S_\lambda$ . Hence, by (3.5), set  $\alpha = \beta\beta_0/(4\|e\|)$ , inequality (3.2) is true.

Part "if": we define  $\beta_1 = \sup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \lambda, e \rangle$ . The supremum is attained at an extremal point because of the  $w^*$ -compactness of  $\Lambda$ . So  $\beta_1 = \max_{\lambda \in Q} \langle \lambda, e \rangle > 0$  and  $\beta_1^{-1} \langle \lambda, e \rangle \leq 1$  for any  $\lambda \in Q$ . Hence, by assumption, we have

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) \rangle > \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle + \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)) \geq \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle + \beta_1^{-1}\alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))\langle \lambda, e \rangle, \quad (3.12)$$

for  $x \in (S_\lambda \cap U) \setminus W$  and  $\lambda \in Q$ .

Now, suppose that for all  $\beta > 0$ , (3.4) is false, then there exist  $x' \in (S \cap U) \setminus W$  and  $d \in D$  such that

$$f(x') - f(x_0) + d \in B(0, \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))). \quad (3.13)$$

Let  $e \in \text{int } D$  be a fixed point, and since  $D$  is a cone, there is  $k > 0$  such that  $B(0, 1) \subset ke - D$ . Consequently,

$$B(0, \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) \subset k\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e - D. \quad (3.14)$$

Therefore,

$$f(x') - f(x_0) + d \in k\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e - D. \quad (3.15)$$

There is  $d' \in D$  from (3.15) such that

$$f(x') - f(x_0) = k\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e - (d' + d). \quad (3.16)$$

Since  $x' \in (S \cap U) \setminus W \subset \cup_{\lambda \in Q} S_\lambda \setminus W$ , there is  $\lambda' \in Q$  such that  $x' \in S_{\lambda'}$ . Moreover,  $\Lambda \subset D^*$  and  $d + d' \in D$ . Hence,

$$\langle \lambda', f(x') \rangle - \langle \lambda', f(x_0) \rangle = k\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x', W))\langle \lambda', e \rangle - \langle \lambda', d + d' \rangle \leq k\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x', W))\langle \lambda', e \rangle. \quad (3.17)$$

By choosing  $\beta = \beta_1^{-1}\alpha k^{-1}$ , we obtain a contradiction to (3.12).

(ii) Part "only if": for each  $\lambda \in Q$ , we define,

$$S_\lambda = \{x \in S \cap U : \langle \lambda, f(x) \rangle \geq \langle \lambda, f(x_0) \rangle\}. \quad (3.18)$$

Now, we will check that (3.6) holds true. Pick any  $x \in S \cap U$ . Suppose that  $x \notin S_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda \in Q$ , then

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) - f(x_0) \rangle < 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in Q. \quad (3.19)$$

Hence, for any  $\lambda \in \text{cl cone co } Q = D^*$ ,  $\langle \lambda, f(x) - f(x_0) \rangle \leq 0$ . By applying the bipolar theorem, we have

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \in -D, \quad (3.20)$$

Combing it with the assumption, we have

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \in (-D) \cap D, \quad (3.21)$$

which is a contradiction to (3.19). So (3.6) holds and (3.3) is satisfied by the definition of  $S_\lambda$ .

Part "if": suppose that  $x_0 \notin L\text{Min}(f, S)$ , then there exists  $x \in S \cap U$  such that

$$f(x) - f(x_0) \in -D \setminus D. \quad (3.22)$$

Indeed,  $x \in S \cap U$  can be replace by  $x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W$ , because  $x \in W$ ,  $f(x) - f(x_0) = 0$ , which is contradiction to (3.22). Hence, for  $x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W$ , we have  $\langle \lambda, f(x) - f(x_0) \rangle \leq 0$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in D^*$ . In particular,

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) - f(x_0) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in Q. \quad (3.23)$$

It follows from the assumption that

$$(\cup_{\lambda \in Q} S_\lambda \cap U) \setminus W \supset (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.24)$$

Therefore, by (3.3), we obtain

$$\langle \lambda, f(x) - f(x_0) \rangle > 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in Q, \forall x \in (S_\lambda \cap U) \setminus W, \quad (3.25)$$

which contradicts relation (3.23).  $\square$

*Remark 3.2.* By taking  $U = X$  in part (i) (resp., (ii)) of Theorem 3.1, we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for  $x_0$  to be in  $\text{WS}(\psi, f, S)$  (resp.,  $\text{Min}(f, S)$ ). In particular, if we choose  $Y = R^p$  and  $D = R_+^p$  and  $Q = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p\}$ , then, we obtain Theorem 1 in [14].

Finally, we apply the nonlinear scalarization function to discuss the weak  $\psi$ -sharp minimizer in vector optimization problems.

Let  $D \subset Y$  be a closed and convex cone with nonempty interior  $\text{int } D$ . Given a fixed point  $e \in \text{int } D$  and  $y \in Y$ , the nonlinear scalarization function  $\xi : Y \rightarrow R$  is defined by

$$\xi(y) = \inf\{t : te \in y + D\}. \quad (3.26)$$

This function plays an important role in the context of nonconvex vector optimization problems and has excellent properties such as continuousness, convexity, and (strict) monotonicity on  $Y$ . More results about the function can be found in [17].

In what follows, we present several properties about the nonlinear scalarization function.

**Lemma 3.3** (see [17]). *For any fixed  $e \in \text{int } D$ ,  $y \in Y$ , and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . One has*

- (i)  $\xi(y) < r \Leftrightarrow re \in y + \text{int } D$ ,
- (ii)  $\xi(y) > r \Leftrightarrow re \notin y + D$ .
- (iii)  $\xi(y) = r \Leftrightarrow re \in y + bdD$ .

Given a vector-valued map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , define  $\tilde{f} : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$\tilde{f}(x) = f(x) - f(x_0). \quad (3.27)$$

Next, we consider weak  $\psi$ -sharp local minimizer for a vector-valued map  $f$  through a weak sharp local minimizer of a scalar function  $\xi \circ \tilde{f} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $x_0 \in S \subset X$ . Suppose that  $W$  defined by (2.4) is a closed set. Then,*

$$x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, f, S) \iff x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, \xi \circ \tilde{f}, S). \quad (3.28)$$

*Proof.* Part “only if”: let us assume that  $x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, f, S)$ . Thus, there exist  $\alpha > 0$  and  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x_0)$  such that

$$(f(x) - f(x_0) + D) \cap B(0, \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) = \emptyset, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.29)$$

Note that, when  $W$  is a closed set,

$$\frac{\alpha}{4\|e\|}\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e \in B(0, \alpha\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.30)$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\alpha}{4\|e\|}\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e \notin f(x) - f(x_0) + D \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.31)$$

By using Lemma 3.3(ii), one has

$$\xi(f(x) - f(x_0)) > \frac{\alpha}{4\|e\|}\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)) \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.32)$$

According to Lemma 3.3(iii), one has

$$\xi(f(x_0) - f(x_0)) = 0. \quad (3.33)$$

This relation, together with (3.32) yields

$$\xi(f(x) - f(x_0)) > \xi(f(x_0) - f(x_0)) + \frac{\alpha}{4\|e\|}\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)), \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.34)$$

Namely,

$$\left(\xi \circ \tilde{f}\right)(x) > \left(\xi \circ \tilde{f}\right)(x_0) + \frac{\alpha}{4\|e\|}\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)), \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W, \quad (3.35)$$

that is,  $x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, \xi \circ \tilde{f}, S)$ .

Part "if": by assumption, there exist  $\beta > 0$  and  $U \in \mathcal{N}(x_0)$  such that

$$\xi(\tilde{f}(x)) > \xi(\tilde{f}(x_0)) + \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)), \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.36)$$

In terms of Lemma 3.3(iii), we have

$$\xi(\tilde{f}(x_0)) = \xi(f(x_0) - f(x_0)) = 0. \quad (3.37)$$

Hence,

$$\xi(f(x) - f(x_0)) > \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W)), \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.38)$$

Once more using Lemma 3.3(ii), one has

$$\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e \notin f(x) - f(x_0) + D, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W, \quad (3.39)$$

which implies that

$$(\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e - D) \cap (f(x) - f(x_0) + D) = \emptyset, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.40)$$

Since  $e \in \text{int } D$ , there exists some number  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B(0, \epsilon) \subset e - D$ . Moreover,

$$B(0, \lambda\epsilon) \subset \lambda e - D, \quad \forall \lambda > 0. \quad (3.41)$$

Hence, it follows from the relation that

$$B(0, \epsilon\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) \subset \beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))e - D, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.42)$$

Combing it with relation (3.40), we deduce that

$$B(0, \epsilon\beta\psi(\text{dist}(x, W))) \cap (f(x) - f(x_0) + D) = \emptyset, \quad \forall x \in (S \cap U) \setminus W. \quad (3.43)$$

Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon\beta$ , by the definition of weak  $\psi$ -sharp local minimizer, we have  $x_0 \in \text{WSL}(\psi, f, S)$ .

It is possible to illustrate Theorem 3.4 by means of adapting a simple example given in [14].  $\square$

*Example 3.5.* Let  $n = p = 2$ ,  $S = \Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $D = \mathbb{R}_+^2$  and let  $f = (f_1, f_2) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x^1, x^2) &:= \max\{0, \min\{x^1, x^2\}\} = \begin{cases} x^1, & \text{if } x^2 \geq x^1 > 0, \\ x^2, & \text{if } x^1 > x^2 > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x^1 \leq 0 \text{ or } x^2 \leq 0, \end{cases} \\ f_2(x^1, x^2) &:= \max\{0, \min\{-x^1, x^2\}\} = \begin{cases} -x^1, & \text{if } x^2 \geq -x^1 > 0, \\ x^2, & \text{if } -x^1 > x^2 > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x^1 \geq 0 \text{ or } x^2 \leq 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

We choose  $U = \mathbb{R}^2$ . Using Definition 2.2, we derive that  $x_0 = (0, 0) \in \text{WS}(\psi_1, f, S)$ .

Let  $e = (1, 1)$ . From Corollary 1.46 in [17], we have  $(\xi \circ \tilde{f})(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2} f_i(x)$ . Observe that

$$W = \{x : f(x) = (0, 0)\} = \{x : x^2 \leq 0\} \cup \{x : x^1 = 0\}. \quad (3.45)$$

It is easy to verify that  $f_i(x) = \text{dist}(x, W)$  for all  $x \in S \setminus W$ . Using relation (2.7), we show that  $x_0 = (0, 0) \in \text{WS}(\psi_1, \xi \circ \tilde{f}, S)$ . Hence, condition (3.28) with  $\psi = \psi_1$  holds for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

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