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All things pass;
God never changes.
Patience attains
All that it strives for.
He who has God
Finds he lacks nothing:
God alone suffices.”

Saint Teresa of Ávila (2002, p. 288), [62].

Neste trabalho, primeiramente, serão apresentados problemas de otimização nos quais a função objetivo é de múltiplas variáveis e de valor intervalar e as restrições de desigualdade são dadas por funcionais clássicos, isto é, de valor real. Serão dadas as condições de otimalidade usando a E -diferenciabilidade e, depois, a gH -diferenciabilidade total das funções com valor intervalar de várias variáveis. As condições necessárias de otimalidade usando a gH -diferenciabilidade total são do tipo KKT e as suficientes são do tipo de convexidade generalizada. Em seguida, serão estabelecidos problemas de controle ótimo nos quais a função objetivo também é com valor intervalar de múltiplas variáveis e as restrições estão na forma de desigualdades e igualdades clássicas. Serão fornecidas as condições de otimalidade usando o conceito de Lipschitz para funções intervalares de várias variáveis e, logo, a gH -diferenciabilidade total das funções com valor intervalar de várias variáveis. As condições necessárias de otimalidade, usando a gH -diferenciabilidade total, estão na forma do célebre Princípio do Máximo de Pontryagin, mas desta vez na versão intervalar.

Palavras Chave: Problemas de otimização intervalar, condições de tipo Karush–Kuhn–Tucker, condições suficientes, problemas de controle ótimo intervalar, Princípio do Máximo de Pontryagin local intervalar.

ABSTRACT

In this work, firstly, it will be presented optimization problems in which the objective function is interval-valued of multiple variables and the inequality constraints are given by classical functionals, that is, real-valued ones. It will be given the optimality conditions using the E -differentiability and then the total gH -differentiability of interval-valued functions of several variables. The necessary optimality conditions using the total gH -differentiability are of KKT -type and the sufficient ones are of generalized convexity type. Next, it will be established optimal control problems in which the objective function is also interval-valued of multiple variables and the constraints are in the form of classical inequalities and equalities. It will be furnished the optimality conditions using the Lipschitz concept for interval-valued functions of several variables and then the total gH -differentiability of interval-valued functions of several variables. The necessary optimality conditions using the total gH -differentiability is in the form of the celebrated local Pontryagin Maximum Principle, but this time in the intervalar version.

Keywords: Interval optimization problems, Karush–Kuhn–Tucker–type conditions, sufficient conditions, interval optimal control problems, interval local Pontryagin Maximum Principle.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

Description

$\mathbb{R}$	Euclidean vectorial space;
$\mathbb{R}^n$	n –dimensional Euclidean vectorial space;
e_j	j –th canonical direction in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\mathbb{R}_+^n$	nonnegative orthant of $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\mathring{\mathbb{R}}_+^n$	positive orthant of $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\mathcal{K}_C(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{K}_C$	interval space, set of all bounded closed intervals in $\mathbb{R}$;
$(\mathcal{K}_C)^n$	n –cartesian interval space, $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
$[\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$	element of $\mathcal{K}_C$ and such that $\underline{a} \leq \bar{a}$;
$\underline{a}$	real left extremum of the interval $[\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$;
$\bar{a}$	real right extremum of the interval $[\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$;
$[a, a]$	degenerate interval;
$\ll_{LU}$	order relation LU, where $\ll_{LU} \in \{\leq_{LU}, \leq_{LU}, \leq_{LU}, \leq_{LU}, <_{LU}\}$;
$M(x^*)$	set of Fritz–John nonzero multipliers associated to x^* ;
f	real–valued function of one variable or several variables and sometimes, if there is no confusion, it also means a vector–valued function of one variable or several variables;
$\begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_q \end{bmatrix}^\top$	vector function $f : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$;
F	interval–valued function of one variable or several variables;
f'	classic derivative of a real–valued function of one variable;
f'_-, f'_+	classical left and right lateral derivative, respectively;
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$	classical i –th partial derivative;
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i^-}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i^+}$	i –th left–partial and i –th right–partial derivative, respectively;

Description

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i^\sharp}$	i -th partial derivative sharp, that means the classical i -th partial derivative, or the i -th left-partial derivative, or the i -th right-partial derivative;
df	classical diferencial function;
∇f	classical gradient;
$(\nabla f)_-, (\nabla f)_+$	left gradient and right gradient, respectively;
$\nabla_\sharp f$	gradient sharp, that means the classical gradient, or the left gradient, or the right gradient;
Jf	classical Jacobian;
Df	generalized Jacobian;
$D_x f$	partial generalized Jacobian with respect to x ;
F'_E	extremal derivative, E -derivative, of an interval-valued function of one variable or several variables;
F'_{gH}	generalized Hukuhara derivative, gH -derivative, of an interval-valued function of one variable or several variables;
$\frac{\partial_{gH} F}{\partial x_i}$	i -th partial interval-valued gH -derivative of F ;
$\frac{\partial_{gH} F}{\partial x_i^-}, \frac{\partial_{gH} F}{\partial x_i^+}$	i -th left-partial and i -th right-partial interval-valued gH -derivative of F , respectively;
$D_{gH} F$	interval-valued gH -differential function (or interval-valued total gH -derivative function) of F ;
$\nabla_{gH} F$	gH -gradient of an interval-valued function of several variables;
$f'(x; d)$	directional derivative of f at x in the direction d ;
$F'_{gH}(x; d)$	directional gH -derivative of F at x in direction d ;
$\langle a, b \rangle$	classical inner product between $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$;
$A + B$	addition between $A, B \in \mathcal{K}_C$;
$\lambda \cdot A$	product between $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \in \mathcal{K}_C$;
$A - B$	difference between $A, B \in \mathcal{K}_C$;
$A \otimes B$	product between $A, B \in \mathcal{K}_C$;
$A \ominus_{gH} B$	gH -difference between $A, B \in \mathcal{K}_C$;
$A \oplus B$	addition between $A, B \in \mathcal{K}_C^n$;
$\lambda \odot A$	product between $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \in \mathcal{K}_C^n$;
S°	polar cone of S ;
S^a	set of accumulation points of S ;
$\top$	transpose of a matrix;

Description

$\mathcal{L}$	Lebesgue subsets of a given interval $[a, b]$;
$\mathcal{B}^m$	Borel sets of $\mathbb{R}^m$;
$\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{B}^m$	product σ -algebra;
$\text{Gr } U$	graph of U ;
$W^{1,1}([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n), W^{1,1}$	space of all absolutely continuous functions $f : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$;
$\mathcal{M}([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^m)$	space of all Lebesgue-measurable functions $f : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$;
$L_\infty([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^m), L_\infty$	space of essentially bounded functions $f : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$;
$L_p([a, b]; \mathbb{R}^n), L_p$	space of n -tuples of measurable functions $f(t) = (f_1(t), \dots, f_n(t))$ defined on $[a, b]$ with summable p -th power, where $1 \leq p < +\infty$;
$C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n), C$	space of continuous functions $f : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$;
$ \cdot $	norm in $\mathbb{R}$;
$\ \cdot\ _{\mathbb{R}^n}$	norm in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\ \cdot\ _{W^{1,1}}$	norm in $W^{1,1}$;
$\ \cdot\ _{L_\infty}$	norm in L_∞ ;
ess sup	essential supremum;
$\ \cdot\ _C$	norm in C ;
$\ \cdot\ _{C \times L_\infty}$	norm in $C \times L_\infty$;
$\ \cdot\ _{\mathcal{K}_C}$	quasi-norm in $\mathcal{K}_C$;
N_S^P	proximal normal cone to S ;
N_S	limiting normal cone to S ;
$\overline{T}_S$	Clarke tangent cone to S ;
∂f	limiting Mordukhovich's subdifferential of f ;
$\partial_x f$	partial limiting Mordukhovich's subdifferential of f with respect to x ;
$\text{dom } f$	domain of f ;
$\text{epi } f$	epigraph of f ;
$\text{co } (S)$	convex hull of S ;
a.e.	almost everywhere. A property holds almost everywhere if the set for which the property does not hold has measure zero (in the sense of Lebesgue);
w.r.t.	with respect to;
$\text{int } (S)$	interior of the set S ;
$\text{int } (A)$	interior of the n -tuple of intervals A ;
$\text{cl } (S)$	closure of the set S ;

Description

0	element 0 of $\mathbb{R}$;
$\mathbf{0}$	element $(0, \dots, 0)$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$[0, 0]$	zero interval of $\mathcal{K}_C$;
$\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$	open unit ball of center $\mathbf{0}$ and radius 1 in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\overline{\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}}$	closed unit ball of center $\mathbf{0}$ and radius 1 in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}(x, \epsilon)$	open ball of center x and radius ϵ in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\overline{\mathbb{B}_{\mathbb{R}^n}}(x, \epsilon)$	closed ball of center x and radius ϵ in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
$\mathbb{B}_{C \times L_\infty}((x, u), \epsilon)$	open ball of center (x, u) and radius ϵ in $C \times L_\infty$;
$\Delta_\beta f$	difference operator of f ;
$\mathcal{F}_\beta$	β –admissible directions set;
d_S	distance function associated with the set S ;
d_H	Pompeiu–Hausdorff metric;
$\text{len}(A)$	length of the interval $A = [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$;
a^C	center of the interval $A = [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$;
a^R	radius of the interval $A = [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$;
$(a^C; a^R)$	center–radius representation of the interval $A = [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$;
$(0; 0)$	center–radius representation of the interval $[0, 0]$;
$[\underline{a} \vee \bar{a}]$	means that $\underline{a}$ and $\bar{a}$ are the extremum of the interval, but $\underline{a} \leq \bar{a}$ is not necessarily satisfied;
E	topological linear space;
E'	topological dual space;
$\mathcal{K}$	cone;
$\mathcal{K}^*$	dual cone;
S^*	annihilator of $S \subset E'$.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The theory of interval optimization problems and interval optimal control problems, in which the objective functions are interval-valued and possibly of multiple variables, plays an increasingly important role since such problems deal with numerically inexact data and uncertain environments, they allow developments of physical theories as well as descriptions of real-life situations, and they have a large number of applications.

For instance, consider a portfolio management problem and assume that there are 2 investment, see Osuna-Gómez et al., [65].

Denote the return of the j -th investment as R_j , $j \in \{1, 2\}$, and the proportion of the total investment funds to this investment as x_j , and let us say that

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1 \text{ million dollars.}$$

Since R_j 's vary due to uncertainties, these are assumed to be the random variables which can be represented by the average vector

$$\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2),$$

where γ_j is the average rate for R_j , and the covariance matrix is denoted by

$$\sigma_{jk},$$

where σ_{jk} is the covariance between R_j and R_k with $\sigma_{jk} = \sigma_{kj}$.

The average return associated with the portfolio $x = (x_1, x_2)$ is given by

$$\gamma_1 x_1 + \gamma_2 x_2, \quad \text{which it is desirable to be as much as possible!}$$

and the risk of investment can be formulated by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \sigma_{jk} x_j x_k, \quad \text{which it is desirable to be as little as possible!}$$

From a practical point, it is difficult to specify the coefficients, γ_j and σ_{jk} . But, there are cases where one can estimate the upper and lower bound of the coefficients.

Then, the *nonlinear multiobjective interval-valued optimization* is:

$$(IOP) \begin{cases} \text{minimize} & \left(-([\underline{\gamma}_1, \bar{\gamma}_1]x_1 + [\underline{\gamma}_2, \bar{\gamma}_2]x_2), \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 [\underline{\sigma}_{jk}, \bar{\sigma}_{jk}]x_j x_k \right) \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 = 1 \text{ million dollars,} \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{minimize} & F(x) = (F_1(x), F_2(x)) \\ \text{subject to} & -x \leq 0 \\ & x - 1 \leq 0, \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}, \end{cases}$$

where F_1 and F_2 are interval-valued functions (wich will be explained later) defined by $F_1(x) = [\underline{f}_1(x), \bar{f}_1(x)]$, $F_2(x) = [\underline{f}_2(x), \bar{f}_2(x)]$, and

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_1, & x_2 &= 1 - x, \\ \underline{f}_1(x) &= (\bar{\gamma}_2 - \bar{\gamma}_1)x - \bar{\gamma}_2, & \bar{f}_1(x) &= (\underline{\gamma}_2 - \underline{\gamma}_1)x - \underline{\gamma}_2, \\ \underline{f}_2(x) &= (\underline{\sigma}_{11} - 2\underline{\sigma}_{12} + \underline{\sigma}_{22})x^2 + 2(\underline{\sigma}_{12} - \underline{\sigma}_{22})x - \underline{\sigma}_{22}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\bar{f}_2(x) = (\bar{\sigma}_{11} - 2\bar{\sigma}_{12} + \bar{\sigma}_{22})x^2 + 2(\bar{\sigma}_{12} - \bar{\sigma}_{22})x - \bar{\sigma}_{22}.$$

Now, consider the example of the temperature control of an oven where the conditions for control existence and uniqueness of solutions are satisfied (namely, the compactness of the admissible control set, the convexity and continuity of the cost functional regarding the control), see Campos, [12], and Campos et al., [13].

A certain material goes through a sequence of five ovens. Denote $x_0 = 40^\circ C$ the

initial temperature of the material, x_k , $k \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$, the interval state that represents the material temperature at the exit of the oven k , and u_{k-1} , $k \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$, the interval control that represents the oven temperature at the stage k . The interval difference equation is given by

$$x_{k+1} = [0.2, 0.8] \otimes x_k + 0.5 \cdot u_k, \quad k \in \{0, \dots, 4\}.$$

For the analyzed interval model, the loss of the material temperature at the exit of the oven from one stage to another is uncertain and is represented by the interval $[0.2, 0.8]$ instead of a real and fixed number. This interval shows a great uncertainty regarding the loss of the material temperature and may come from the lack of knowledge of the modeler.

The objective of the problem is to get x_5 as close as possible to, let us say, the temperature $T = 150^\circ C$, spending the least amount of energy, and where the interval cost functional has the form

$$\text{minimize } C(x, u) = 500 \cdot (x_5 - [150, 150])^2 + \sum_{k=0}^4 u_k^2.$$

To get x_5 to the temperature $T = 150^\circ C$ means that the distance between them is “small” according to the definition of the distance between two intervals given in Chalco-Cano et al., [15], for example. The value 500 that appears in the objective functional represents a penalty for the model. In addition, a lower cost for the objective functional is expected if the loss of the material temperature is small.

Then, the *interval optimal control problem* is given by

$$(IOCP) \begin{cases} \text{minimize } C(x, u) = 500 \cdot (x_5 - [150, 150])^2 + \sum_{k=0}^4 u_k^2 \\ \text{subject to } x_{k+1} = [0.2, 0.8] \otimes x_k + 0.5 \cdot u_k, & k \in \{0, \dots, 4\}, \end{cases}$$

where x_k is the state variable with initial condition equals to $T = 40^\circ C$, u_k is the control variable and $C(x, u)$ is the interval cost functional.

In the last decades, the interval optimization and the interval optimal control theory have been investigated by many authors, see, e. g., Ahmad et al., [1]; Chalco-Cano et al., [16]; Chalco-Cano et al., [17]; Chanas and Kuchta, [21]; Costa et al., [23]; Inuiguchi and Kume, [38]; Ishibuchi and Tanaka, [39]; Jiang et al., [41]; Montemanni and Gambardella, [56]; Osuna-Gómez et al., [64]; Osuna-Gómez et al., [65]; Pal et al., [66], [67]; Singh et al., [77]; Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81]; Wu, [85], [87]; Zhang et al., [88]; and the references therein.

Necessary optimality conditions for classical optimal control problems are present in the well known Pontryagin Maximum Principle, which is a generalization of the classic Euler–Lagrange and Weierstrass conditions. This principle gives first order conditions which brings the characterization of optimal (extremal) control processes candidates, see e. g., Athans and Falb, [3]; Bellaassali and Jourani, [7]; Bonnel and Kaya, [10]; Clarke, [22]; Dubovitskii and Milyutin [27], [28]; Gamkrelidze, [35]; Girsanov, [36]; Kien et al., [44]; Mordukhovich, [58], [59]; Pinch, [68]; Pontryagin et al., [69], [70]; Vinter, [83]; Zhu, [89]; among others. Now, regarding necessary optimality conditions for interval optimal control problems that are in the Pontryagin Maximum Principle form, are seldom at hand in the literature. Nonetheless, it can be found necessary optimality conditions for fuzzy optimal control problems, see e. g., Fard et al., [29]; Fard and Salehi, [30]; Fard and Zadeh, [31]; Farhadinia, [32], [33]; Najariyan and Farahi, [60], [61]; Leal, [46], [47]; Soolaki et al., [78], [79]; and its references.

On the one hand, Farhadinia, [32], studied necessary optimality conditions for fuzzy variational problems using the fuzzy differentiability concept of Buckley and Feuring, see [11], but this work was generalized by Fard et al., [29]; Fard and Salehi, [30]; Fard and Zadeh, [31]. In Fard et al., [29], it was presented the fuzzy Euler–Lagrange condition for fuzzy constrained and unconstrained variational problems under the generalized Hukuhara differentiability of several variables. Fard and Salehi, [30], investigated fuzzy fractional Euler–Lagrange equations for fuzzy fractional variational problems using their generalized fuzzy fractional Caputo–type derivatives. In Fard and Zadeh, [31], it was used the α –differentiability concept, obtained and extended the fuzzy Euler–Lagrange condition. Farhadinia, [33], derived the Pontryagin Minimum Principle for fuzzy optimality control problems based on the concepts of differentiability and integrability of a fuzzy mapping parameterized by the left and right–hand functions of its α –level sets. In Najariyan and Farahi, [60], it was used a procedure to solve linear time invariant dynamical systems with fuzzy parameters, and they applied it to solve a fuzzy optimal controlled system by using the α –cuts and the Pontryagin Maximum Principle of Pinch, [68]. Najariyan and Farahi, [61], studied and solved fuzzy linear time varying control systems and fuzzy optimal control problems, with fuzzy boundary conditions governed by fuzzy differential equations, using the Heaviside functions concept, the generalized Hukuhara derivative, and the Pontryagin Maximum Principle of Pinch, [68]. In Leal, [46], it was considered interval optimal control problems and given optimality conditions using the extremal differentiability, the gH –differentiability for several variables, the λ –single–level differentiability for several variables, and assumptions of convexity. Soolaki et al., [78], studied

fuzzy problems with boundary conditions and fuzzy problems with holonomic constraints, and obtained Euler–Lagrange equations and transversality conditions. In Soolaki et al., [79], using the Pontryagin Maximum Principle of Pinch, [68], a form of the Hamiltonian, and the generalized Hukuhara differentiability, it was obtained fuzzy solutions by solving a system of differential equations.

On the other hand, Ahmad et al., [1]; Chalco-Cano et al., [16]; Chalco-Cano et al., [17]; Osuna-Gómez et al., [64]; Singh et al., [77]; Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81]; Wu, [85], [87]; Zhang et al., [88], studied optimality conditions for interval optimization problems in several variables. For instance, in Wu, [85], [87], it is presented sufficient optimality conditions using the Hukuhara differentiability and convexity assumptions. In Zhang et al., [88], it is also presented sufficient optimality conditions using the same concept of differentiability, but under invexity assumptions.

Since the Hukuhara differentiability is restrictive (see Chalco-Cano et al., [20], and Diamond, [26]), the authors Ahmad et al., [1]; Chalco-Cano et al., [16]; Chalco-Cano et al., [17]; Osuna-Gómez et al., [64]; Singh et al., [77], have been obtained optimality conditions using the concept of continuously generalized Hukuhara differentiability for several variables (see Chalco-Cano et al., [17]) or gH –differentiability for several variables (see Chalco-Cano et al., [16]; Osuna-Gómez et al., [64]). In Chalco-Cano et al., [17]; Singh et al., [77], sufficient conditions are obtained through convexity concepts. In Ahmad et al., [1], sufficient conditions are given, but with invexity and pre–invexity concepts. In Chalco-Cano et al., [16], sufficient conditions are obtained using concepts of pseudoinvexity. In Osuna-Gómez et al., [64], necessary and sufficient conditions are given, but for the unconstrained case, where the sufficient conditions are obtained using concepts of pseudoinvexity different from Chalco-Cano et al., [16].

Despite the use of the continuously generalized Hukuhara differentiability has the purpose to deal with interval optimization problems using a less restrictive differentiability concept, this concept is also restrictive.

In Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81], it is presented a new concept of differentiability: the total generalized Hukuhara differentiability for interval–valued functions with several variables, which extends the generalized Hukuhara differentiability given in Stefanini and Bede, [82], and is more convenient than the concept of continuously gH –differentiability of Ahmad et al., [1]; Chalco-Cano et al., [16]; Chalco-Cano et al., [17]; Osuna-Gómez et al., [64]. Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81], gave optimality conditions for interval optimization problems, where they used the linear independence constraint qualification

for the necessary conditions and the convexity concept for the sufficient ones.

This Thesis is focused mainly in the use of:

1. the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentiability, a more suitable concept, given by Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81];
2. the positive linear independence constraint qualification or Mangasarian–Fromovitz constraint qualification (introduced by Mangasarian and Fromovitz, [54], and used by many authors such as Davis, [24]; Qi and Wei, [71]; Robinson, [74]; Robinson and Meyer, [75]; among others) and the positive linear independence regularity condition (an adaptation of Maciel et al., [52]). The Mangasarian–Fromovitz constraint qualification is more general than the linear independence constraint qualification used in Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81], but the positive linear independence regularity condition is not comparable with the linear independence constraint qualification, since the positive linear independence regularity condition is not a constraint qualification, the objective functions are present in the positive linear independence regularity condition;
3. generalized convexity;
4. Dubovitskii–Milyutin approach, see Girsanov, [36].

The main purposes of this thesis are present optimality conditions for interval optimization problems and interval optimal control problems, both with a single interval-valued objective function of several variables.

This Thesis is organized in the following sequence.

In order to reach our important results, it will be required some notations and mathematical background that will be used throughout the Thesis: the optimality for multi-objective programming problems: the Karush–Kuhn–Tucker conditions; the optimality for multi-objective control problems: the Maximum Principle and the *MP*–pseudoinvexity; the interval space $\mathcal{K}_C$; the limit, the continuity, the differentiability, and the integrability of interval-valued functions; classical integral equations; interval optimization problems; topological properties, cones, and dual cones. These are in Chapter 2.

In the third chapter, it will be considered the interval optimization problem with inequality constraints. It will be shown that to determining the *LU*–solutions of an

interval optimization problem is equivalent to determining the solutions of a classical bi-objective optimization problem. Moreover, using the concept of E -differentiability, it will be given necessary conditions of Fritz John and Karush–Kuhn–Tucker–types.

The fourth chapter is dedicated to present an interval optimal control problem. In this chapter, it will be used the Lipschitz concept of an interval-valued function of several variables. It will be presented the weak (strong) optimal LU -processes, the optimal LU -processes, and their local $W^{1,1}$ and L_∞ definitions, respectively. Next, the Hamilton function, and the (locally) Lipschitz continuous concept of interval-valued functions it will be given. It will be shown that to determining the optimal LU -processes of an interval optimal control problem is equivalent to determining the solutions of a classical bi-objective control problem. Therefore, the necessary and sufficient optimality conditions for the weak optimal LU -processes are easily presented.

In the fifth chapter, it will be used the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentiability. The necessary optimality conditions are Fritz John-type, KKT -type and strict KKT -type, and the sufficient optimality conditions are of generalized convexity type. To obtain the necessary optimality conditions it will be used the positive linear independence constraint qualification and the positive linear independence regularity condition. Considering the sufficient ones, it will be given definitions of weak (strong) KKT -interval and KKT -interval pseudoinvexities, and with these it will be shown that KKT -solutions are weak (strong) LU -solutions and LU -solutions, respectively. Also, it will be given definitions of strict KKT -interval and partial- $\underline{LU}(\overline{LU})$ strict KKT -interval pseudoinvexities, and with these it will be shown that strict KKT -solutions are LU -solutions and $\underline{LU}(\overline{LU})$ -solutions, respectively. Furthermore, it will be given the converses of each one of these results. The $\underline{LU}$ and $\overline{LU}$ partial order relation given here, are adaptations of Arana-Jiménez and Neto, [2], but are new in interval optimization. Also, the constraint qualification that is used in this chapter is more general than the constraint qualification used in Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81], so, the $KKKT$ -types optimality conditions are original in the interval Theory. As far as it is known, the pseudoinvexities defined here, are similar to the pseudoinvexities of Chalco-Cano et al., [16], but in Chalco-Cano et al., [16], it is used different assumptions such as the differentiability. Finally, the pseudoinvexities of this chapter, lead to get sufficient optimality conditions under more general assumptions than those used in Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez, [81], since the authors Stefanini and Arana-Jiménez of [81], used just convexity.

The sixth chapter, using the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentia-

bility with several variables, is devoted to show an interesting original result for interval optimization problems with abstract constraints. It will be defined optimal LU –solution for the problem in question. Next, it will be considered some basic assumptions, definitions, and properties of them. It will be described important cones, and it will be presented some properties. Using well known results of the Theory of extremum problems, based on the Dubovitskii–Milyutin formalism (see Girsanov, [36]), it will be achieved a desired result.

In the seventh chapter, it will be obtained necessary optimality conditions for interval optimal control problems in the Lagrange form using again the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentiability, for problems with several variables. First, it will be given the optimal LU –process concepts for the considered problems: with right endpoint fixed and then with free right endpoint. Next, it will be given some basic assumptions, definitions, and properties of them. It will be characterized important cones and it will be given some properties. Using again results of the Theory of extremum problems, it will be obtained an interval local Pontryagin Maximum Principle. All this study is based on the Dubovitskii–Milyutin formalism given in Girsanov, [36]. The originality resides in the fact that in the Dubovitskii–Milyutin formalism, the objective functional must take values in a topological linear space, which is not the case of the interval control problem. Therefore, it is necessary to define directions of decrease for interval–valued functions and characterize geometrically the optimal solutions, for then apply the Lemma of Dubovitskii–Milyutin.

Finally, the eighth chapter is committed to give general conclusions of this Thesis and some suggestions of future research.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

In this Thesis, applying classical results, necessary conditions of Fritz John and Karush–Kuhn–Tucker–types for interval optimization problems, using the E –differentiability, were obtained.

Also, applying classical results, we gave not only necessary but also sufficient optimality conditions for interval optimal control problems. To this, we showed that a solution of an interval optimal control problem is a solution of a classical bi–objective control problem and conversely.

We presented a new approach to interval optimization using the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentiability, for problems with several variables. With the Gordan Transposition Theorem, we obtained a Fritz John–type condition and with a constraint qualification or a regularity condition, we obtained interval Karush–Kuhn–Tucker–type conditions. Also, we defined, for interval optimization problems, the following concepts: KKT –solutions, strict KKT –solutions, weak (strong) KKT –interval, KKT –interval, strict KKT –interval, and partial– $\underline{LU}(\overline{LU})$ strict KKT –interval pseudoinvexities. Moreover, we proved that a KKT –solution for a weak (strong) KKT –interval pseudoinvex problem and for a KKT –interval pseudoinvex problem is a weak (strong) LU –solution and LU –solution, respectively. Also, we proved that a strict KKT –solution for a strict KKT –interval pseudoinvex problem and for a partial– $\underline{LU}(\overline{LU})$ strict KKT –interval pseudoinvex problem is a LU –solution and $\underline{LU}(\overline{LU})$ –solution, respectively. As far as it knows, strict KKT –type optimality conditions are news in the interval optimization area. Furthermore, it is important to mention that these concepts of generalized invexity were proved

to be the most general as possible.

Using the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentiability and known results from the general extremum problem theory, we obtained necessary optimality condition for abstract interval optimization problems, which is a novelty in the interval optimization.

We gave necessary optimality conditions for interval optimal control problems in the Lagrange forms using again the total and directional generalized Hukuhara differentiability. With general extremum problem theory, we obtained an interval local Pontryagin Maximum Principle. In the literature, this work is outstanding since there is nothing like this in the interval optimal control area.

In future researches, we would like:

1. to provide applications of the proposed results;
2. to obtain an interval Pontryagin Maximum Principle;
3. to consider a more general problem of interval optimal control, in which there are also constraints on the phase coordinates;
4. to extend the optimality conditions obtained for interval optimization problems and for interval optimal control problems to the case of Fuzzy optimization problems and to the case of Fuzzy optimal control problems, respectively;
5. to give sufficient conditions for interval control problems, in which beyond of the objective functional be interval-valued, the variables also be intervals, not only for interval control problems but also for interval optimization.

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