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THE PROPERTIES OF THE n -CONJUGATE FUNCTIONS

Abstract

The conception of conjugate convex functions belongs to Fenchel (see [1,2]). Later on, this conception was advanced to infinite dimensionality by Brennsted and Morro (see [3-5]). The conception of n -conjugate functions is determined and its some properties are studied in the work. An existence theorem of intervening B -affine functional is proved.

Let $E_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ be real vector spaces and $\tilde{B}(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n, R)$ be the vector spaces of n -linear functionals from $E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ in R . For any $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ the mapping $l \rightarrow l(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a linear functional on $\tilde{B}(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n, R)$ - and it is easy to see that the mapping $\chi : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow u_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$ of the product $E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ on $\tilde{B}(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n, R)$ is n -linear, where an algebraic conjugate space to $\tilde{B}(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n, R)$ is denoted by $\tilde{B}(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n, R)^*$. The linear span of the sets $\chi(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n)$ in $\tilde{B}(E_1 \times \dots \times E_n, R)^*$ is denoted by $E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n$ (see [6]) and are called tensor product $E_i, i = \overline{1, n}$. The mapping χ is called canonical n -linear mapping from $E_1 \times \dots \times E_n$ in $E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n$. An element $u_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$ from $E_1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_n$ is denoted by $x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n$.

Let $X_i, i = \overline{1, n}$, be real Banach spaces and $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \overline{R} = R \cup \{+\infty\}$. If the functions $x_i \rightarrow q(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$ are positively homogenous and $q(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 0, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = 0$ for $i = \overline{1, n}$, then the function q is called n -positively homogenous. If q n -positively homogenous function and the functions $x_i \rightarrow q(x_i, \dots, x_n)$ are convex, then the function q is called n -sublinear. The sets of the all continuous n -linear mappings from $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ in R denote by $B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$. The tensor product of the spaces $X_i, i = \overline{1, n}$, is denoted by $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n$. Consider that $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n$ is supplied with projection topology (see [6]). If the function $x_i \rightarrow q(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$ are convex, then the function q is called n -convex. If

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n) = \\ = q(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, -x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1}, -x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

for $i, j \in \overline{1, n}$, where $i < j$, then the function $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \overline{R}$ is called even.

If $\text{dom}q = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n : q(x_1, \dots, x_n) < +\infty\} \neq \emptyset$ and $x \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, then we put

$$q^*(x^*) = \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(x_1, \dots, x_n)\},$$

$$q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sup_{x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q^*(x^*)\}.$$

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As $q^*(x^*) \geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then $q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$. It is clear that

$$q^*(0) = \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{-q(x_1, \dots, x_n)\},$$

$$q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 0, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = \sup \{-q^*(x^*) : x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)\}.$$

The n -subdifferential functions q at the point of $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \text{dom}q$ we call the following set

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) &= \{x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R) : q(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \geq \\ &\geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n), (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n\}, \end{aligned}$$

and if $P : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R$ is n -positively homogenous function, then we put

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n P &= \{x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R) : P(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq \\ &\geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n), (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the function $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R$ is called proper, if $\text{dom}q \neq \emptyset$. Later on, we consider that all the functions are proper.

Lemma 1. 1) If $q_1 \geq q_2$, then $q_2^* \leq q_1^*$;

2) If Y_i are Banach spaces, $A_i \in L(X_i, Y_i)$, $i = \overline{1, n}$, $q : Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_n \rightarrow \overline{R}$,

$A_i, i = \overline{1, n}$, are isomorphisms, $A = (A_1, \dots, A_n)$, $A^{-1} = (A_1^{-1}, \dots, A_n^{-1})$,

then $(q \circ A)^*(x^*) = q^*(x^* \cdot A^{-1})$;

3) If $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = q(\lambda_1 x_1, \dots, \lambda_n x_n)$, then $g^*(x^*) = q^*\left(\frac{x^*}{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n}\right)$

for $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \neq 0$;

4) If $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lambda q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $\lambda > 0$, then $g^*(x^*) = \lambda q^*\left(\frac{x^*}{\lambda}\right)$,

5) If $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = q(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \vec{x}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \alpha$, $\vec{x} \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$,

then $g^*(x^*) = q^*(x^* - \vec{x}^*) - \alpha$.

Proof. 1) If $q_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq q_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then $x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$. Therefore $q_2^*(x^*) \leq q_1^*(x^*)$.

2) If $A = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \in L(X_1, Y_1) \times \dots \times L(X_n, Y_n)$ is isomorphism, $A^{-1} = (A_1^{-1}, \dots, A_n^{-1})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (q \circ A)^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(A(x_1, \dots, x_n))\} = \\ &= \sup_{(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(A^{-1}(y_1, \dots, y_n)) - q(y_1, \dots, y_n)\} = q^*(x^* \circ A^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

3) It is clear, that

$$\begin{aligned} g^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(\lambda_1 x_1, \dots, \lambda_n x_n)\} = \\ &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \left\{ x^* \left(\frac{x_1}{\lambda_1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{\lambda_n} \right) - q(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right\} = q^* \left(\frac{x^*}{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

4) If $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lambda q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $\lambda > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} g^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \lambda q(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} = \\ &= \lambda \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right\} = \lambda q^* \left(\frac{x^*}{\lambda} \right). \end{aligned}$$

5) If $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = q(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \alpha$, then

$$\begin{aligned} g^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} - \\ &\quad - \alpha = q^*(x^* - \bar{x}^*) - \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

If $f: X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \times Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$ is a proper function, $Y_i, i = \overline{1, n}$, where are real Banach spaces and

$$q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \inf \{f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n) : (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_n\},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} q^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} = \\ &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \\ &\quad - \inf_{(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n)\} = \\ &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \sup_{(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \\ &\quad - f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n)\} = f^*(x^*, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the some properties of n -conjugate functions are similar to properties of conjugate functions (see [4,5]).

Lemma 2. *If $\partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \neq \emptyset$, then $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$.*

Proof. From lemma 3.3 [7] it follows that $\bar{x}^* \in \partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ if and only if, $q^*(\bar{x}^*) + q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) &= \sup_{x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(x^*)\} \geq \\ &\geq \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) + q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n), \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \geq q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. As $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \leq q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ then we get that $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. The lemma is proved.

Corollary 1. *If $q = q_1 + q_2$, $\partial_n q_1(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \neq \emptyset$ and $\partial_n q_2(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \neq \emptyset$, then $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q_1^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) + q_2^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$.*

Proof. Since $\partial_n q_1(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) + \partial_n q_2(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \subset \partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, then we get that $\partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \neq \emptyset$. Then from lemma 2 it follows that $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, $q_1^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q_1(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, $q_2^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q_2(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Hence we get that corollary 1 is true.

Let $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R$ be n -positively homogenous function $\partial_n q = \partial_n q(0, \dots, 0)$, and

$$\bar{q}(\nu) = \inf \left\{ \sum_i q(x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i) : \nu = \sum_i x_1^i \otimes \dots \otimes x_n^i, (x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \right\}$$

Easy to verify that (see [7])

$$\partial \bar{q} = \left\{ z^* \in (X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n)^* : z^*(\nu) = \sum_i x^*(x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i) \text{ for } \nu = \sum_i x_1^i \otimes \dots \otimes x_n^i, x^* \in \partial_n q, (x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \right\}$$

and

$$q^*(x^*) = \begin{cases} 0 : x^* \in \partial_n q \\ +\infty : x^* \notin \partial_n q \end{cases}, \quad \bar{q}^*(z^*) = \begin{cases} 0 : z^* \in \partial \bar{q} \\ +\infty : z^* \notin \partial \bar{q} \end{cases}.$$

Then we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{q}^{**}(x_1^i \otimes \dots \otimes x_n^i) &= \sup_{z^* \in \partial \bar{q}} z^*(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = \\ &= \sup_{x^* \in \partial_n q} x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

If $\partial_n q(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq \emptyset$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$, then from lemma 2 it follows that $q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sup\{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x^* \in \partial_n q\}$.

If $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R$ is n -positively homogenous continuous functions and $\bar{q}(0) = 0$, then from theorem 3.1 [5] and lemma 5.4 [7] it follows that

$$\bar{q}^{**}(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = \bar{q}(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n).$$

Therefore $q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bar{q}(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n)$.

Note that if q is an even continuous n -sublinear function, then from theorem 2.4 [7] it follows that $q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bar{q}(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$.

As for any $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ the mapping $x^* \rightarrow x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a linear continuous functional on $B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, then from definition it follows that $x^* \rightarrow q^*(x^*)$ is a convex function.

An element $x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n$ is called subgradient of the function $q^*(x^*)$ at the point \bar{x}^* , if

$$q^*(x^*) - q^*(\bar{x}^*) \geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for all $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, and the set of subgradients is called subdifferential of function q^* at the point \bar{x}^* and is denoted by $\partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$.

Let $(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n), (y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes y_n) \in \partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Then

$$q^*(x^*) - q^*(\bar{x}^*) \geq \alpha(x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)) + (1 - \alpha)(x^*(y_1, \dots, y_n) - \bar{x}^*(y_1, \dots, y_n)),$$

i.e. $\alpha x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n + (1 - \alpha)y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes y_n \in \partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$, i.e. $\partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$ is convex set.

Further, an element $x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n$ we identify with an element $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$.

Lemma 3. $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$ if and only if

$$q^*(\bar{x}^*) + q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n).$$

Proof. If $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$, then from definition it follows that

$$\bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(\bar{x}^*) \geq x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(x^*)$$

for $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$. Hence it follows that $\bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(\bar{x}^*) = q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$.

On the contrary, if $q^*(\bar{x}^*) + q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, then we get that

$$\bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(\bar{x}^*) = \sup_{x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(x^*)\}.$$

Therefore $\bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(\bar{x}^*) \geq x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - q^*(x^*)$

for $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, i.e. $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \partial q^*(\bar{x}^*)$. The lemma is proved.

Lemma 4. For any functions $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$ it is fulfilled an equality $q^* = q^{***}$.

Proof. As $q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$, then from 1) of lemma 1 it follows that $q^{**} \geq q^*$. On the contrary, from definition q^{**} it follows that $q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q^*(x^*)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$. Therefore

$$q^{***}(x^*) = \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} \leq q^*(x^*).$$

As $q^{***} \geq q^*$ and $q^{***} \leq q^*$, then we get $q^* = q^{***}$. The lemma is proved.

By analogy of lemma 3 we verify that, $x^* \in \partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ if and only if $q^*(x^*) + q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$; $x^* \in \partial_n q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ if and only if $q^{***}(x^*) + q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$.

Hence it follows the following corollary.

Corollary 2. If $q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, then

$$\partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = \partial_n q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n).$$

Corollary 3. For any functions $q : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$ is $x^* \in \partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ it follows that $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \partial q^*(x^*)$.

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Proof. As $x^* \in \partial_n q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, then we get $q^*(x^*) + q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Also by lemma 2 we get that $q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Then

$$q^*(x^*) + q^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n).$$

By lemma 3, hence it follows that $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \partial q^*(x^*)$. The corollary is proved.

The sets $C_1, C_2 \subset (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R)$ are called strict n -separable if there exist $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$ and $b, c \in R$, where $(x^*, b) \neq 0$, such that

$$x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n > c \geq x^*(y_1, \dots, y_n) + b\beta_1 \dots \beta_n$$

for all $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \beta_n)) \in C_1, ((y_1, \beta_1), \dots, (y_n, \beta_n)) \in C_2$.

Let $f_1 : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}, f_2 : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R \cup \{-\infty\}$. Put

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \{((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in \\ &\in (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R) : f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) < \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n\}, \\ D_2 &= \{((y_1, \beta_1), \dots, (y_n, \beta_n)) \in \\ &\in (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R) : f_2(y_1, \dots, y_n) > \beta_1 \dots \beta_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. Let $\text{dom} f_1 \cap \text{dom} |f_2| \neq \emptyset$, D_1 and D_2 be strictly n -separable. Then there exists B -affine functional $b : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R$ such that

$$f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq b(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ for all } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n,$$

$$b(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ for all } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n.$$

Proof. As D_1 and D_2 are strictly n -separable, then there exists $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$ and $b \in R$, where $(x^*, b) \neq 0$, such that

$$x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n > c \geq x^*(y_1, \dots, y_n) + b\beta_1 \dots \beta_n$$

for any $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \beta_n)) \in D_1, ((y_1, \beta_1), \dots, (y_n, \beta_n)) \in D_2$. By condition $\text{dom} f_1 \cap \text{dom} |f_2| \neq \emptyset$ we get that $b \neq 0$. Let $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \text{dom} f_1 \cap \text{dom} |f_2|$. Then $b\bar{\alpha}_1 \dots \bar{\alpha}_n > c \geq b\bar{\beta}_1 \dots \bar{\beta}_n$ for $f_1(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) < \bar{\alpha}_1 \dots \bar{\alpha}_n, f_2(\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n) > \bar{\beta}_1 \dots \bar{\beta}_n$. Hence for $\bar{\alpha}_1 \dots \bar{\alpha}_n \rightarrow +\infty$ (or $\bar{\beta}_1 \dots \bar{\beta}_n \rightarrow -\infty$) we get that $b > 0$. Putting $\bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -\frac{1}{b}x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n = f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $\beta_1 \dots \beta_n = f_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ we get that $f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq \frac{c}{b} \geq f_2(y_1, \dots, y_n) - \bar{x}^*(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ for all $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ and $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$. If we put $b(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \frac{c}{b}$, then we obtain that the theorem is true.

The theorem is proved.

Corollary 4. If $f : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}, (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \text{dom} f$, the sets $\{((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R) : f(x_1, \dots, x_n) < \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n\}$ and $((\bar{x}_1, f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)), (\bar{x}_2, 1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, 1))$ are strictly n -separable, then

$$\partial_n f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \neq \emptyset.$$

Proof. Denote $f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and

$$f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) & : (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \\ -\infty & : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \end{cases}$$

Then by theorem 1 there exists B - affine functional $b : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow R$, where $b(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b$, such that $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b$ for all $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$ and $x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) + b \geq f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Summing these inequalities we obtain that $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \geq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$, i.e $x^* \in \partial_n f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. The corollary is proved.

Lemma 5. If $q = q_1 + q_2$ and $x^* = x_1^* + x_2^*$, then

$$q^*(x^*) \leq \inf_{x^* = z_1^* + z_2^*} \{q_1^*(z_1^*) + q_2^*(z_2^*)\} \leq q_1^*(x_1^*) + q_2^*(x_2^*),$$

$$q^{**}(x, y) \geq q_1^{**}(x, y) + q_2^{**}(x, y).$$

Proof. If $z_1^*, z_2^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$ and $x^* = z_1^* + z_2^*$, then

$$\begin{aligned} q^*(x^*) &= \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{z_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \\ &+ z_2^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{z_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} + \\ &+ \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{z_2^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_2(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} = q_1^*(z_1^*) + q_2^*(z_2^*). \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that

$$q^*(x^*) \leq \inf_{z_1^* + z_2^* = x^*} \{q_1^*(z_1^*) + q_2^*(z_2^*)\} \leq q_1^*(x_1^*) + q_2^*(x_2^*).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} q^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \sup_{x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q^*(x^*)\} \geq \\ &\geq \sup_{x_1^*, x_2^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + x_2^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_1^*(x_1^*) - q_2^*(x_2^*)\} = \\ &= \sup_{x_1^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_1^*(x_1^*)\} + \\ &+ \sup_{x_2^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)} \{x_2^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q_2^*(x_2^*)\} = \\ &= q_1^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n) + q_2^{**}(x_1, \dots, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

Let $f_1 : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$ and $f_2 : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$. In lemma 5 it is proved that $(f_1 + f_2)^*(x_1^* + x_2^*) \leq f_1^*(x_1^*) + f_2^*(x_2^*)$. Let's show that in some case the inverse inequality is true is well.

Put that $(f_1 + f_2)^*(x^*) = d < +\infty$. Consider the sets

$$A_1 = \{((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R) : f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) < \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n\}$$

$$A_2 = \{((y_1, \beta_1), \dots, (y_n, \beta_n)) \in (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R) : \beta_1 \dots \beta_n \leq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) - d\}.$$

Show that $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$. It is clear that, if $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in A_1 \cap A_2$, then $f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) < \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \leq x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) - d$, i.e.

$$d < x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq (f_1 + f_2)^*(x^*) = d$$

We obtained contradiction, i.e. $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$. If the sets A_1 and A_2 are strictly n -separable, then there exists $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$ and $b \in R$, where $(x^*, b) \neq 0$, such that

$$x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + b\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n > c \geq x^*(y_1, \dots, y_n) + b\beta_1 \dots \beta_n$$

for all $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in A_1$, $((y_1, \beta_1), \dots, (y_n, \beta_n)) \in A_2$. Put that $dom f_1 \cap dom f_2 \neq \emptyset$. Then by analogy of theorem 1 we obtain that $b > 0$. Therefore

$$-\frac{1}{b}x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n < -\frac{c}{b} \leq -\frac{1}{b}x^*(y_1, \dots, y_n) - \beta_1 \dots \beta_n$$

for all $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in A_1$ and $((y_1, \beta_1), \dots, (y_n, \beta_n)) \in A_2$. Having put $x_1^* = -\frac{1}{b}x^*$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^*(x_1^*) &= \sup \{x_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n\} = \\ &= \sup \{x_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n : ((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in A_1\} \leq \\ &\leq \inf \{x_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n : ((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in A_2\} = \\ &= \inf \{x_1^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \\ &\quad + d : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in dom f_2\} = -f_2^*(x^* - x_1^*) + d. \end{aligned}$$

From these relations it follows the following inequality

$$(f_1 + f_2)^*(x^*) \geq f_1^*(x_1^*) + f_2^*(x^* - x_1^*).$$

By lemma 5, we get

$$(f_1 + f_2)^*(x^*) \leq f_1^*(x_1^*) + f_2^*(x^* - x_1^*).$$

Therefore we obtain that

$$(f_1 + f_2)^*(x^*) = f_1^*(x_1^*) + f_2^*(x^* - x_1^*).$$

In particular, hence it follows that if $x^* \in \partial_n(f_1 + f_2)(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$, then $x_1^* \in \partial_n f_1(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ and $x^* - x_1^* \in \partial_n f_2(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$.

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_2^k q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) &= \{(x_1^*, \dots, x_n) \in X_1^* \times \dots \times X_n^* : q(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \geq \\ &\geq x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n) - x_1^*(\bar{x}_1) \cdots x_n^*(\bar{x}_n) \text{ for } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

n -sublinear function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sup_{(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*) \in D} x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n)$, where $D \subset X_1^* \times \dots \times X_n^*$, we call canonical. Consider a subclass of n -sublinear functions of kind $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sup_{x_1^* \in D_1, \dots, x_n^* \in D_n} x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n)$, where $D_1 \subset X_1^*, \dots, D_n \subset X_n^*$.

Lemma 6. *If $\varphi_1 : X_1 \rightarrow \bar{R}, \dots, \varphi_n : X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$ are sublinear even lower semicontinuous functions, then $\varphi_1(x_1) \cdots \varphi_n(x_n) = \sup_{x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1, \dots, x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n} x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n)$ for $x_1 \in X_1, \dots, x_n \in X_n$.*

Proof. From the Hormander theorem (see. [8]) it follows that $\varphi_1(x_1) = \sup_{x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1} x_1^*(x_1), \dots, \varphi_n(x_n) = \sup_{x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n} x_n^*(x_n)$. As $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ are even functions, then from $x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1, \dots, x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n$ it follows that $-x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1, \dots, -x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(x_1) \cdots \varphi_n(x_n) &= \sup_{x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1} |x_1^*(x_1)| \cdots \sup_{x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n} |x_n^*(x_n)| = \\ &= \sup_{x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1, \dots, x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n} |x_1^*(x_1)| \cdots |x_n^*(x_n)| = \sup_{x_1^* \in \partial\varphi_1, \dots, x_n^* \in \partial\varphi_n} x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma is proved.

Note that if is $x_1^* \in D_1, \dots, x_n^* \in D_n$ it follows $-x_1^* \in D_1, \dots, -x_n^* \in D_n$, then $\sup_{x_1^* \in D_1, \dots, x_n^* \in D_n} x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n) = \sup_{x_1^* \in D_1} x_1^*(x_1) \sup_{x_n^* \in D_n} x_n^*(x_n)$.

Corollary 5. *Let $\varphi_1 : X_1 \rightarrow R, \dots, \varphi_n : X_n \rightarrow R$ be sublinear continuous even functions, X_1^0, \dots, X_n^0 be subspaces of the sets X_1, \dots, X_n , respectively, linear functions $\bar{x}_1^* : X_1^0 \rightarrow R, \dots, \bar{x}_n^* : X_n^0 \rightarrow R$ be such that $|\bar{x}_1^*(x_1)| \leq \varphi_1(x_1), \dots, |\bar{x}_n^*(x_n)| \leq \varphi_n(x_n)$ for $x_1 \in X_1^0, \dots, x_n \in X_n^0$. Then there exist linear continuous functions $x_1^* : X_1 \rightarrow R, \dots, x_n^* : X_n \rightarrow R$, such that $x_1^*(x_1) = \bar{x}_1^*(x_1), \dots, x_n^*(x_n) = \bar{x}_n^*(x_n)$ for $x_1 \in X_1^0, \dots, x_n \in X_n^0$ and $|x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n)| \leq \varphi_1(x_1) \cdots \varphi_n(x_n)$ for $x_1 \in X_1, \dots, x_n \in X_n$.*

Proof. By the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists linear functions $x_1^* : X_1 \rightarrow R, \dots, x_n^* : X_n \rightarrow R$, such that $x_1^*(x_1) = \bar{x}_1^*(x_1), \dots, x_n^*(x_n) = \bar{x}_n^*(x_n)$ for $x_1 \in X_1^0, \dots, x_n \in X_n^0$ and $|\bar{x}_1^*(x_1)| \leq \varphi_1(x_1), \dots, |\bar{x}_n^*(x_n)| \leq \varphi_n(x_n)$ for $x_1 \in X_1, \dots, x_n \in X_n$. From continuity of $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ follows that $x_1^* : X_1 \rightarrow R, \dots, x_n^* : X_n \rightarrow R$ is continuous. It is clear that $|x_1^*(x_1) \cdots x_n^*(x_n)| \leq \varphi_1(x_1) \cdots \varphi_n(x_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$. The corollary is proved.

Let $f : X_1 \times \dots \times X_n \rightarrow \bar{R}$. Put

$$n - epf = \{(x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)\} \in$$

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$$\in (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R) : f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n\}$$

The set $C \subset (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R)$ is called B -convex, if for any $((\bar{x}_1, \bar{\alpha}_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n)) \notin C$ there exists $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$ and $b \in R$ such, that $x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - b\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n < x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - b\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$ for $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in C$.

The set $C \subset (X_1 \times R) \times \dots \times (X_n \times R)$ is called strongly B -convex, if for any $((\bar{x}_1, \bar{\alpha}_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n)) \notin C$, there exists $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, $b \in R$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ such, that $x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - b\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n \leq x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - b\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n - \varepsilon$ for $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in C$.

Theorem 2. *If n -epf is B -convex and $\text{dom } f = X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$, then $f^{**} = f$.*

Proof. Let $((\bar{x}_1, \bar{\alpha}_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n)) \notin n$ -epf. Then by definition of B -convex sets there exist $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$ and $b \in R$, that $x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - b\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n < x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - b\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$ for $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in n$ -epf. Putting $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n = f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ we obtain that $x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - bf(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) < x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - b\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$, i.e. $b(f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n) > 0$. Hence it follows that $b > 0$. Then we get that $\frac{1}{b}x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n < \frac{1}{b}x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$ for $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in n$ -epf. Putting $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $\bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{b}x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. It is clear that $\bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_n) < \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$.

Therefore $\sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n} \{\bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_n)\} \leq \bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n$, i.e. $f^*(\bar{x}^*) \leq \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$. Then $\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n \leq \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - f^*(\bar{x}^*) \leq f^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. We get that $\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n \leq f^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \leq f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Therefore $f^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. The theorem is proved.

Theorem 3. *If n -epf is strongly B -convex and $\text{dom } f \neq \emptyset$, then $f^{**} = f$.*

Proof. If $((\bar{x}_1, \bar{\alpha}_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n)) \notin n$ -epf, then by definition of strong B -convex sets there exists $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, $b \in R$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ which that

$$x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - b\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n \leq x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - b\bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n - \varepsilon$$

for $((x_1, \alpha_1), \dots, (x_n, \alpha_n)) \in n$ -epf. Putting $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) \in \text{dom } f$ and $f(\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n) \leq \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n$, then for $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n \rightarrow +\infty$ we get that $b \geq 0$.

If $b > 0$, then by analogy of the proof of theorem 2 we get that $\bar{x}^* = \frac{1}{b}x^* \in \text{dom } f^*$ and $f^{**} = f$. Also by analogy of the proof of theorem 2 we get that $b > 0$ for $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in \text{dom } f$.

Let $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \notin \text{dom } f$. If $b > 0$, then we get that $f^{**} = f$. If $b = 0$, then $x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \varepsilon$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{dom } f$. Let $\bar{x}^* \in \text{dom } f^*$. Then $f^*(\bar{x}^*) \geq \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Therefore

$$\bar{x}^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + \mu x^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq f^*(\bar{x}^*) + \mu x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \mu \varepsilon$$

for $\mu > 0$. Hence it follows that

$$f^*(\bar{x}^* + \mu x^*) \leq f^*(\bar{x}^*) + \mu x^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - \mu \varepsilon,$$

which we can write in this form

$$\bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) + \mu\varepsilon - f^*(\bar{x}^*) \leq (\bar{x}^* + \mu x^*)(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) - f^*(\bar{x}^* + \mu x^*) \leq f^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$$

Putting here $\mu = \frac{a + f^*(\bar{x}^*) - \bar{x}^*(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)}{\varepsilon}$, we get that $a \leq f^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$ for sufficiently large a . Therefore $f^{**}(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = +\infty$. The theorem is proved.

If $n - epf$ is B -convex (strongly B -convex) set, then f is called B -convex (strongly B -convex) function. It is easy to verify that sum of finite number of B -convex functions is also B -convex. Therefore, if f is B -convex function and $x^* \in B(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, then $f + x^*$ is also a B -convex function.

If $f \in AB_0(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n)$, i.e. there exist the set I that, $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sup_{\alpha \in I} (x_\alpha^*(x_1, \dots, x_n) + c_\alpha)$, where $x_\alpha^* \in AB_0(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n, R)$, $c_\alpha \in R$ and $dom f \neq \emptyset$, then $g(\nu) = \sup_{\alpha \in I} \left(\sum_i x_\alpha^*(x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i) + c_\alpha \right)$, $\nu = \sum_i x_1^i \otimes \dots \otimes x_n^i$, is a proper convex

lower semicontinuous function on $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n$ and $g(x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$. Therefore from $((\bar{x}_1, \bar{\alpha}_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n)) \notin n - epf$ it follows that $g(\bar{x}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{x}_n) > \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n$, i.e.

$$(\bar{x}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n) \notin epg = \{(\nu, a) \in (X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_n) \times R : g(\nu) \leq a\}.$$

Then by theorem 2.9.2 [6] $(\bar{x}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{x}_n, \bar{\alpha}_1 \cdots \bar{\alpha}_n)$ and epg is strong by separable. Hence it follows that $n - epf$ is strongly B -convex, and by theorem 3 $f^{**} = f$. We get that the following Corollary is true.

Corollary 6. *If $f \in AB_0(X_1 \times \dots \times X_n)$, then $f^{**} = f$.*

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