



## Çokamaçlı Kesirli Programlama Problemleri için Q- Taylor Metodu

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### Özet

Bu çalışmada, çok amaçlı lineer kesirli programlama problemlerinin (ÇALKPP) çözümleri için uygun bölgedeki her bir kesirli amaç fonksiyonunun optimal noktalarında amaç fonksiyonlarının birinci dereceden  $q$ -Taylor seri açılımları sunulmuştur. Q-Analizde,  $q$ -Taylor serisi  $q$ -Türevlerine göre bir fonksiyonun  $q$ -Serisine genişlemesidir. ÇALKPP problemi, kendisine denk olan çok amaçlı lineer programlama problemlerini (ÇALPP) problemine indirgenmiştir. Amaç fonksiyonlarının ağırlıklarının eşit olduğu kabulü altında ÇALPP çözüldü. Böylece problem tek amaca indirgenmiş oldu. Sunulan metod ile elde edilen çözümler etkin çözümlerdir. Bu sayede ÇALPP problemlerinin çözümündeki karmaşıklık giderilmiş olundu ve sunulan metodun etkinliğini göstermek için bir problem üzerinde uygulanması yapıldı.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Çok amaçlı programlama, Çok amaçlı lineer kesirli programlama, Q-Analiz, Q-Taylor serisi.

## Q-Taylor Method for Multiobjective Fractional Programming Problem

### Abstract

In this work, we have proposed a solution to Multi Objective Linear Fractional Programming Problem (MOLFPP) by using the first-order  $q$ -Taylor expansion of these objective functions at optimal points of each fractional objective functions in feasible region. In  $q$ -calculus,  $q$ -Taylor series is a  $q$ -series expansion of a function with respect to  $q$ -derivatives. MOLFPP reduces to an equivalent Multi Objective Linear Programming Problem (MOLPP). The resulting MOLPP is solved assuming that weights of these objective functions are equal and considering the sum of the these objective functions. Thus, the problem is reduced to a single objective. The proposed solution to MOLFPP always yields efficient solution. Therefore, the complexity in solving MOLFPP has reduced and to show the efficiency of the  $q$ -Taylor series method, we applied the method to a problem.

**Key words:** Multiobjective programming, Multiobjective linear fractional programming, Q-Calculus, Q-Taylor series.

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## 1. Introduction

The fractional programming problem (FPP), which has been used as an important planning tool in recent years, is applied to different disciplines such as engineering, business, finance, economics, etc. FP is generally used for modeling real life problems with one or more objectives such as profit/cost, inventory/sales, actual cost/ standart cost, output/employee etc.

In the literature, different approaches appear to solve different models of Fractional Programming Problem (FPP). They are that FPP can be optimised easily. But, in the great scale decision problems, there is more than one objective, which must be satisfied at the same time as possible. However, most of these are fractional objectives. It is difficult to talk about the optimal solutions of these problems. The solutions searched for these problems are weak efficient or strong efficient.

The multiobjective fractional programming problem (MOFP) is considered in the literature. [2, 5, 6, 8, 9]. Multiobjective Linear Fractional Programming Problem (MOLFPP) pose some computational difficulties, so they are converted into single objective FPPs and then solved using the metod of Bitran and Novaes [1] or Charnes and Cooper [3].

In this paper, we proposed a solution to MOFP using the first order  $q$ -Taylor polynomial series method at an optimal point of each fractional objective function in feasible region.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition:** If the numerator and denominator in the objective function as well as the constraints are linear, we have a linear fractional programming problem (LFPP) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Optimize } \frac{cx + \alpha}{dx + \beta}, \\ & \text{s.t.: } x \in S = \left\{ x \mid Ax \begin{pmatrix} \leq \\ = \\ \geq \end{pmatrix} b, x \geq 0 \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $A$  is a real  $m \times n$  matrix,  $b \in R^m$ ,  $x \in R^n$  and  $S$  is a nonempty and bounded set. For some values of  $x$ ,  $dx + \beta$  may be equal to zero. To avoid such cases, is generally set to be greater than zero.

Charnes and Cooper [3] showed that if the denominator is constant in sign on the feasible region, the LFPP can be optimized by solving a linear programming problem. However, in many applications, there are two or more conflicting objective functions which are relevant, and some compromise must be bought between them. Such types of problems are inherently multiobjective linear fractional programming problems and can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Optimize } Z_k(x) = \frac{c_k x + \alpha_k}{d_k x + \beta_k}, k = 1, \dots, K \\ & \text{s.t.: } x \in S = \left\{ x \mid Ax \begin{pmatrix} \leq \\ = \\ \geq \end{pmatrix} b, x \geq 0 \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

where  $S, A, b$  and  $x$  are as defined in problem (2.1), and  $\forall x \in S, d_k x + \beta_k > 0$  ( $k=1, \dots, K$ ).

**Definition:** Let  $q \in (0, 1)$ . A  $q$ -natural number  $[n]_q$  is given by

$$[n]_q := \frac{1 - q^n}{1 - q}, n \in N \tag{2.3}$$

The factorial of a  $q$ -number  $[n]_q$  is defined by

$$[0]_q ! := 1, [n]_q ! := [n]_q \cdot [n-1]_q \dots [1]_q \tag{2.4}$$

$q$ -Pachammer symbol is:

$$(z-a)^{(0)} := 1, (z-a)^{(k)} := \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (z-aq^i), k \in N. \tag{2.5}$$

**Definition:** Let  $f : D \subset R \rightarrow R$  be a continuous function. In  $q$ -calculus [4], the  $q$ -derivative of  $f$  is defined by the operator

$$D_q(f(x)) := \frac{f(q.x) - f(x)}{(q-1).x}, x \neq 0, q \neq 1, \tag{2.6}$$

$$D_q(f(0)) := \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (D_q(f(x))). \tag{2.7}$$

Notice that  $f$  should be continuous at the point  $q.x$  for all  $x \in D$  and  $q \in (0,1)$ .

**Definition:** Let  $f : D \subset R \rightarrow R$  be a multivariable continuous function, the  $q$ -partial derivative of  $f$  is given by

$$D_{q x_i} f(x) := \frac{f(Q_i(x)) - f(x)}{(q-1).x_i}, x_i \neq 0, \tag{2.8}$$

$$x := (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D, i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$D_{q x_i} f(x)|_{x_i=0} = \lim_{x_i \rightarrow 0} (D_{q x_i} f(x)) \tag{2.9}$$

Where  $Q_i$  acting on  $R^n$  is an operator defined by

$$Q_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) := (x_1, x_2, \dots, q.x_i, \dots, x_n) \tag{2.10}$$

**Lemma:** Operators  $D_{q.x_i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are  $R$ -linear operators.

**Definition:** Higher order  $q$ -partial operator is defined by

$$D_{q x_i^m x_j^n}^{m+n} f(x) := D_{q x_i^m}^m (D_{q x_j^n}^n f(x)) \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$D_{q x_i^m x_j^n}^{m+n} = D_{q x_j^n x_i^m}^{m+n}, m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.12}$$

**Definition:** Let  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in R^n$  be a arbitrary, but fixed and  $f : D \subseteq R^n \rightarrow R$  be a continuous. If  $f$  has all the  $q$ -partial derivations at  $a$ , then the  $q$ -differential corresponding to  $a$  is defined by

$$d_q f(x, a) = ((x_1 - a_1).D_{q.x_1} + (x_2 - a_2).D_{q.x_2} + \dots + (x_n - a_n).D_{q.x_n}) f(a) \tag{2.13}$$

and higher order the  $q$ -differential:

$$\begin{aligned} d_q^{(k)} f(x, a) &= ((x_1 - a_1).D_{q.x_1} + (x_2 - a_2).D_{q.x_2} + \dots + (x_n - a_n).D_{q.x_n})^{(k)} f(a) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_n = k \\ i_j \in N}} \left( \frac{[k]_q!}{[i_1]_q! [i_2]_q! \dots [i_n]_q!} \right) D_{q x_1^{i_1} \dots x_n^{i_n}}^k f(a) \prod_{j=0}^n (x_j - a_j)^{(i_j)} \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Notice that a continuous function  $f(x)$  in a neighborhood of  $a$  that does not include any point with a zero coordinate, has also continuous  $q$ -partial derivatives.

**Lemma:** Let  $f : D \subset R^n \rightarrow R$  be a function having all  $q$ -differentials in some neighborhood of  $a \in D$ . Then  $q$ -Taylor expansion of  $f$  at  $a$  is given by [7]

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_q^k f(x, a)}{[k]_q!}. \quad (2.15)$$

### 3. Q-Taylor Linerization Method for Objectives

In this section, we consider the MOLFP.

$$\text{If } Z_k(x) = \frac{c_k x + \alpha_k}{d_k x + \beta_k}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \text{ then}$$

$$\text{Max } Z(x) = (Z_1(x), Z_2(x), \dots, Z_k(x)), \quad (3.1)$$

$$\text{s.t.: } x \in S = \left\{ x \mid Ax \begin{pmatrix} \leq \\ = \\ \geq \end{pmatrix} b, x \geq 0 \right\}$$

where  $S, A, b$  and  $x$  are as defined in problem (2.1), and  $\forall x \in S, d_k x + \beta_k > 0$  ( $k=1, \dots, K$ ).

We will transform the model (2.16) to a new model obtained by the following three steps:

**Step 1:** Determine  $x_k^* = (x_{k1}^*, \dots, x_{kn}^*)$  which is the value that is used to maximize the  $k$ th objective function  $Z_k(x)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, K$ ) and  $n$  is the number of the variables.

**Step 2:** Transform each objective functions by using first-order q-Taylor polynomial series as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_k(x) &\cong L_k(x) = \sum_{m=0}^1 \frac{d_q^m Z_k(x, x_k^*)}{[m]_q!} + O(h^2) \\ &= Z_k(x_k^*) + \left[ (x_1 - x_{k1}^*) D_{q_{x_1}} Z_k(x_k^*) + \dots + (x_n - x_{kn}^*) D_{q_{x_n}} Z_k(x_k^*) \right] \\ &= Z_k(x_k^*) + \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - x_{kj}^*) D_{q_{x_j}} Z_k(x_k^*) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

**Step 3:** Find satisfactory  $x^* = (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*)$  by solving the reduced problem to a single objective.

Note that problem is solved by assuming that weights of the objective are equal. Thus, the problem (3.1) reduces the following MOLPP

$$\text{Max } L(x) = (L_1(x), L_2(x), \dots, L_k(x)),$$

$$\text{s.t.: } x \in S = \left\{ x \mid Ax \begin{pmatrix} \leq \\ = \\ \geq \end{pmatrix} b, x \geq 0 \right\}. \quad (3.3)$$

We assume that the weights of objective functions in problem (3.3) are equal, then the problem (3.3) is transformed to the following linear programming problem:

$$\text{Max } P(x) = (L_1(x) + L_2(x) + \dots + L_k(x)),$$

$$\text{s.t.: } x \in S = \left\{ x \mid Ax \begin{pmatrix} \leq \\ = \\ \geq \end{pmatrix} b, x \geq 0 \right\}. \quad (3.4)$$

In problem (3.4), set  $X$  is non-empty convex set having feasible points. The optimal solution of problem (3.4) gives the efficient solution of MOLFP (3.1).

#### 4. Numerical Example

**Example:** We consider an example

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Maximize } Z_1(x) = \frac{x_1 + x_2 - 4}{6x_1 + x_2 + 3} \\
 & \text{Maximize } Z_2(x) = \frac{x_1 - x_2 - 5}{x_2 + 1} \\
 & \text{Maximize } Z_3(x) = \frac{3x_1 + x_2 - 17}{-3x_1 + 16} \\
 & \text{Subject to } \quad -x_1 + x_2 \leq 3 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 7 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad x_1 \leq 4 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad x_2 \leq 4 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad x_1, x_2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

It is observed that  $Z_1 < 0, Z_2 < 0, Z_3 < 0$  for each  $x$  in the feasible region. If the problem is solved for each of objectives one by one

$$Z_1^*(1,4) = \frac{-1}{13}, \text{ and } Z_2^*(4,1) = -1 \text{ and } Z_3^*(4,3) = \frac{-1}{2}.$$

Thus, we determine the first-order  $q$ -Taylor polynomial series (for  $q = 0.99$ ) for the objective functions  $Z_1(x)$ ,  $Z_2(x)$  and  $Z_3(x)$ , then the following linearized forms of the objective functions are obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_1(x) &\cong Z_1(1,4) + \left[ (x_1 - 1)D_{qx_1} Z_1(1,4) + (x_2 - 4)D_{qx_2} Z_1(1,4) \right] \\
 L_2(x) &\cong Z_2(4,1) + \left[ (x_1 - 4)D_{qx_1} Z_2(4,1) + (x_2 - 1)D_{qx_2} Z_2(4,1) \right] \\
 L_3(x) &\cong Z_3(4,3) + \left[ (x_1 - 4)D_{qx_1} Z_3(4,3) + (x_2 - 3)D_{qx_2} Z_3(4,3) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where from (2.8) and (2.9) are

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{qx_1} Z_1(1,4) &= -0.041612174 \\
 D_{qx_2} Z_1(1,4) &= 0.083095917 \\
 D_{qx_1} Z_2(4,1) &= 0.254 \\
 D_{qx_2} Z_2(4,1) &= 0 \\
 D_{qx_1} Z_3(4,3) &= 0.36407767 \\
 D_{qx_2} Z_3(4,3) &= 0.25
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_1(x) &\cong -0.041612174x_1 + 0.083095917x_2 - 0.3676945709 \\
 L_2(x) &\cong 0.254x_1 - 2 \\
 L_3(x) &\cong 0.36407767x_1 + 0.25x_2 - 2.70631068
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P(x) = L_1(x) + L_2(x) + L_3(x) = 0.572465496x_1 + 0.333095917x_2 - 5.074005251$$

Thus, the final form of the MOLFP problem is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Maximize } P(x) \\ & \text{Subject to} \quad -x_1 + x_2 \leq 3 \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 7 \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_1 \leq 4 \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_2 \leq 4 \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_1, x_2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The problem is solved and the solution of the above problem is as follows:

$$x_1 = 4, x_2 = 3 \text{ and } Z_1(x) = -1/6, Z_2(x) = -1 \text{ and } Z_3(x) = -1/2$$

## 4. Conclusions

In this paper, we computed the solutions of MOLFP using an efficient method which is based on  $q$ -calculus theories (in particular, first-order  $q$ -Taylor series). MOLFP is reduced to MOLPP by first-order  $q$ -Taylor series. We assumed that the weights of the objective are equal. Then, the proposed solution method was applied to a numerical example to test the effect of first-order  $q$ -Taylor series method. The results show that the proposed method is more effective.

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