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Nonsingularity Conditions for FB System of Reformulating Nonlinear Second-Order Cone Programming

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This paper is a counterpart of Bi et al., 2011. For a locally optimal solution to the nonlinear second-order cone programming (SOCP), specifically, under Robinson's constraint qualification, we establish the equivalence among the following three conditions: the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of Fischer-Burmeister (FB) nonsmooth system for the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions, the strong second-order sufficient condition and constraint nondegeneracy, and the strong regularity of the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker point.

1. Introduction

The nonlinear second-order cone programming (SOCP) problem can be stated as

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & f(\zeta) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(\zeta) = 0, \\ & g(\zeta) \in \mathcal{K}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, and $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are given twice continuously differentiable functions, and \mathcal{K} is the Cartesian product of some second-order cones, that is,

$$\mathcal{K} := \mathcal{K}^{n_1} \times \mathcal{K}^{n_2} \times \cdots \times \mathcal{K}^{n_r}, \quad (2)$$

with $n_1 + \cdots + n_r = n$ and \mathcal{K}^{n_j} being the second-order cone (SOC) in \mathbb{R}^{n_j} defined by

$$\mathcal{K}^{n_j} := \{(x_{j1}, x_{j2}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_j-1} \mid x_{j1} \geq \|x_{j2}\|\}. \quad (3)$$

By introducing a slack variable to the second constraint, the SOCP (1) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\zeta, x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & f(\zeta) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(\zeta) = 0, \\ & g(\zeta) - x = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{K}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

In this paper, we will concentrate on this equivalent formulation of problem (1).

Let $L: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the Lagrangian function of problem (4)

$$L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) := f(\zeta) + \langle \mu, h(\zeta) \rangle + \langle g(\zeta) - x, s \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle, \quad (5)$$

and denote by $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}}(x)$ the normal cone of \mathcal{K} at x in the sense of convex analysis [1]:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}}(x) = \begin{cases} \{d \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle d, z - x \rangle \leq 0 \ \forall z \in \mathcal{K}\}, & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{K}, \\ \emptyset, & \text{if } x \notin \mathcal{K}. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Then the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions for (4) take the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta,x}L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) &= 0, \quad h(\zeta) = 0, \\ g(\zeta) - x &= 0, \quad -y \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{\zeta,x}L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y)$ is the derivative of L at (ζ, x, μ, s, y) with respect to (ζ, x) . Recall that ϕ^{soc} is an SOC complementarity function associated with the cone \mathcal{K} if

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{\text{soc}}(x, y) &= 0 \iff x \in \mathcal{K}, \quad y \in \mathcal{K}, \\ \langle x, y \rangle &= 0 \iff -y \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}}(x). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

With an SOC complementarity function ϕ^{soc} associated with \mathcal{K} , we may reformulate the KKT optimality conditions in (7) as the following nonsmooth system:

$$E(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) := \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta,x}L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) \\ h(\zeta) \\ g(\zeta) - x \\ \phi^{\text{soc}}(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (9)$$

The most popular SOC complementarity functions include the vector-valued natural residual (NR) function and Fischer-Burmeister (FB) function, respectively, defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\text{NR}}(x, y) &:= x - \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(x - y), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) &:= (x + y) - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where $\Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\cdot)$ is the projection operator onto the closed convex cone \mathcal{K} , $x^2 = x \circ x$ means the Jordan product of x and itself, and \sqrt{x} denotes the unique square root of $x \in \mathcal{K}$. It turns out that the FB SOC complementarity function ϕ_{FB} enjoys almost all favorable properties of the NR SOC complementarity function ϕ_{NR} (see [2]). Also, the squared norm of ϕ_{FB} induces a continuously differentiable merit function with globally Lipschitz continuous derivative [3, 4]. This greatly facilitates the globalization of the semismooth Newton method [5, 6] for solving the FB nonsmooth system of KKT conditions:

$$E_{\text{FB}}(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) := \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta,x}L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) \\ h(\zeta) \\ g(\zeta) - x \\ \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (11)$$

Recently, with the help of [7, Theorem 30] and [8, Lemma 11], Wang and Zhang [9] gave a characterization for the strong regularity of the KKT point of the SOCP (1) via the nonsingularity study of Clarke's Jacobian of the NR nonsmooth system

$$E_{\text{NR}}(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) := \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta,x}L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) \\ h(\zeta) \\ g(\zeta) - x \\ \phi_{\text{NR}}(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (12)$$

They showed that the strong regularity of the KKT point, the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of E_{NR} at the KKT

point, and the strong second-order sufficient condition and constraint nondegeneracy [7] are all equivalent. These nonsingularity conditions are better structured than those of [10] for the nonsingularity of the B -subdifferential of the NR system. Then, it is natural to ask the following: is it possible to obtain a characterization for the strong regularity of the KKT point by studying the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of E_{FB} . Note that up till now one even does not know whether the B -subdifferential of the FB system is nonsingular or not without the strict complementarity assumption.

In this work, for a locally optimal solution to the nonlinear SOCP (4), under Robinson's constraint qualification, we show that the strong second-order sufficient condition and constraint nondegeneracy introduced in [7], the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of E_{FB} at the KKT point, and the strong regularity of the KKT point are equivalent to each other. This, on the one hand, gives a new characterization for the strong regularity of the KKT point and, on the other hand, provides a mild condition to guarantee the quadratic convergence rate of the semismooth Newton method [5, 6] for the FB system. Note that parallel results are obtained recently for the FB system of the nonlinear semidefinite programming (see [11]); however, we do not duplicate them. As will be seen in Sections 3 and 4, the analysis techniques here are totally different from those in [11]. It seems hard to put them together in a unified framework under the Euclidean Jordan algebra. The main reason causing this is due to completely different analysis when dealing with the Clarke Jacobians associated with FB SOC complementarity function and FB semidefinite cone complementarity function.

Throughout this paper, I denotes an identity matrix of appropriate dimension, \mathbb{R}^n ($n > 1$) denotes the space of n -dimensional real column vectors, and $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^{n_r}$ is identified with $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 + \cdots + n_r}$. Thus, $(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^{n_r}$ is viewed as a column vector in $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 + \cdots + n_r}$. The notations $\mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$, $\mathbf{bd} \mathcal{K}^n$, and $\mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$ denote the interior, the boundary, and the boundary excluding the origin of \mathcal{K}^n , respectively. For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we write $x \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0$ (resp., $x \succ_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0$) if $x \in \mathcal{K}^n$ (resp., $x \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$). For any given real symmetric matrix A , we write $A \geq 0$ (resp., $A > 0$) if A is positive semidefinite (resp., positive definite). In addition, $\mathcal{F}_{\omega}f(\omega)$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\omega\omega}^2f(\omega)$ denote the derivative and the second-order derivative, respectively, of a twice differentiable function f with respect to the variable ω .

2. Preliminary Results

First we recall from [12] the definition of Jordan product and spectral factorization.

Definition 1. The Jordan product of $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ is given by

$$x \circ y := (\langle x, y \rangle, x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2). \quad (13)$$

Unlike scalar or matrix multiplication, the Jordan product is not associative in general. The identity element under this product is $e := (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$, that is, $e \circ x = x$ for all

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. For each $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, we define the associated arrow matrix by

$$L_x := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ x_2 & x_1 I \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

Then it is easy to verify that $L_x y = x \circ y$ for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Recall that each $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ admits a spectral factorization, associated with \mathcal{K}^n , of the form

$$x = \lambda_1(x) u_x^{(1)} + \lambda_2(x) u_x^{(2)}, \quad (15)$$

where $\lambda_1(x), \lambda_2(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $u_x^{(1)}, u_x^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are the spectral values and the associated spectral vectors of x , respectively, with respect to the Jordan product, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i(x) &:= x_1 + (-1)^i \|x_2\|, \\ u_x^{(i)} &:= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ (-1)^i \tilde{x}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

with $\tilde{x}_2 = x_2/\|x_2\|$ if $x_2 \neq 0$ and otherwise being any vector in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} satisfying $\|\tilde{x}_2\| = 1$.

Definition 2. The determinant of a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined as $\det(x) := \lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)$, and a vector x is said to be invertible if its determinant $\det(x)$ is nonzero.

By the formula of spectral factorization, it is easy to compute that the projection of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ onto the closed convex cone \mathcal{K}^n , denoted by $\Pi_{\mathcal{K}^n}(x)$, has the expression

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{K}^n}(x) = \max(0, \lambda_1(x)) u_x^{(1)} + \max(0, \lambda_2(x)) u_x^{(2)}. \quad (17)$$

Define $|x| := 2\Pi_{\mathcal{K}^n}(x) - x$. Then, using the expression of $\Pi_{\mathcal{K}^n}(x)$, it follows that

$$|x| = |\lambda_1(x)| u_x^{(1)} + |\lambda_2(x)| u_x^{(2)}. \quad (18)$$

The spectral factorization of the vectors x, x^2, \sqrt{x} and the matrix L_x have various interesting properties (see [13]). We list several properties that we will use later.

Property 3. For any $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with spectral factorization (15), we have the following.

- (a) $x^2 = \lambda_1^2(x) u_x^{(1)} + \lambda_2^2(x) u_x^{(2)} \in \mathcal{K}^n$.
- (b) If $x \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then $0 \leq \lambda_1(x) \leq \lambda_2(x)$ and $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{\lambda_1(x)} u_x^{(1)} + \sqrt{\lambda_2(x)} u_x^{(2)}$.
- (c) If $x \in \text{int } \mathcal{K}^n$, then $0 < \lambda_1(x) \leq \lambda_2(x)$ and L_x is invertible with

$$L_x^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(x)} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & -x_2^T \\ -x_2 & \frac{\det(x)}{x_1} I + \frac{x_2 x_2^T}{x_1} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

- (d) $L_x \geq 0$ (resp., $L_x > 0$) if and only if $x \in \mathcal{K}^n$ (resp., $x \in \text{int } \mathcal{K}^n$).

The following lemma states a result for the arrow matrices associated with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $z \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, which will be used in the next section to characterize an important property for the elements of Clarke's Jacobian of ϕ_{FB} at a general point.

Lemma 4. For any given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $z \succ_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0$, if $z^2 \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} x^2 + y^2$, then

$$\| [L_z^{-1} L_x \quad L_z^{-1} L_y] \|_2 \leq 1, \quad (20)$$

where $\|A\|_2$ means the spectral norm of a real matrix A . Consequently, it holds that

$$\| L_z^{-1} L_x \Delta u + L_z^{-1} L_y \Delta v \| \leq \sqrt{\|\Delta u\|^2 + \|\Delta v\|^2}, \quad \forall \Delta u, \Delta v \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (21)$$

Proof. Let $A = [L_z^{-1} L_x \quad L_z^{-1} L_y]$. From [13, Proposition 3.4], it follows that

$$AA^T = L_z^{-1} (L_x^2 + L_y^2) L_z^{-1} \leq L_z^{-1} L_z^2 L_z^{-1} = I. \quad (22)$$

This shows that $\|A\|_2 \leq 1$, and the first part follows. Note that, for any $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$,

$$\|A\xi\|^2 = \xi^T A^T A \xi \leq \lambda_{\max}(A^T A) \|\xi\|^2 \leq \|\xi\|^2. \quad (23)$$

By letting $\xi = (\Delta u, \Delta v) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, we immediately obtain the second part. \square

The following two lemmas state the properties of x, y with $x^2 + y^2 \in \text{bd } \mathcal{K}^n$ which are often used in the subsequent sections. The proof of Lemma 5 is given in [3, Lemma 2].

Lemma 5. For any $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with $x^2 + y^2 \in \text{bd } \mathcal{K}^n$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 &= \|x_2\|^2, & y_1^2 &= \|y_2\|^2, \\ x_1 y_1 &= x_2^T y_2, & x_1 y_2 &= y_1 x_2. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Lemma 6. For any $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, let $w = (w_1, w_2) := x^2 + y^2$.

- (a) If $w \in \text{bd } \mathcal{K}^n$, then for any $g = (g_1, g_2), h = (h_1, h_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)^T (x_1 g_2 + g_1 x_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2) \\ = (x_1^2 + y_1^2) (x^T g + y^T h). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

- (b) If $w \in \text{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, then the following four equalities hold

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x_1 w_2}{\|w_2\|} &= x_2, & \frac{x_2^T w_2}{\|w_2\|} &= x_1, \\ \frac{y_1 w_2}{\|w_2\|} &= y_2, & \frac{y_2^T w_2}{\|w_2\|} &= y_1; \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

and consequently the expression of $\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$ can be simplified as

$$\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 - \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ x_2 + y_2 - \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (27)$$

Proof. (a) The result is direct by the equalities of Lemma 5 since $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd} \mathcal{K}^n$.

(b) Since $w \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, we must have $w_2 = 2(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2) \neq 0$. Using Lemma 5, $w_2 = 2(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)$ and $\|w_2\| = w_1 = 2(x_1^2 + y_1^2)$, we easily obtain the first part. Note that $\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) = (x + y) - \sqrt{w}$. Using Property 3(b) and Lemma 5 yields (27). \square

When $x, y \in \mathbf{bd} \mathcal{K}^n$ satisfies the complementary condition, we have the following result.

Lemma 7. *For any given $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, if $x, y \in \mathbf{bd} \mathcal{K}^n$ and $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$, then there exists a constant $\alpha > 0$ such that $x_1 = \alpha y_1$ and $x_2 = -\alpha y_2$.*

Proof. Since $x, y \in \mathbf{bd} \mathcal{K}^n$, we have that $x_1 = \|x_2\|$ and $y_1 = \|y_2\|$, and consequently,

$$0 = \langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2^T y_2 = \|x_2\| \|y_2\| + x_2^T y_2. \quad (28)$$

This means that there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that $x_2 = -\alpha y_2$, and then $x_1 = \alpha y_1$. \square

Next we recall from [14] the strong regularity for a solution of generalized equation

$$0 \in \phi(z) + \mathcal{N}_D(z), \quad (29)$$

where ϕ is a continuously differentiable mapping from a finite dimensional real vector space \mathbb{Z} to itself, D is a closed convex set in \mathbb{Z} , and $\mathcal{N}_D(z)$ is the normal cone of D at z . As will be shown in Section 4, the KKT condition (7) can be written in the form of (29).

Definition 8. We say that \bar{z} is a strongly regular solution of the generalized equation (29) if there exist neighborhood \mathcal{B} of the origin $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and \mathcal{V} of \bar{z} such that for every $\delta \in \mathcal{B}$, the linearized generalized equation $\delta \in \phi(\bar{z}) + \mathcal{F}_z \phi(\bar{z})(z - \bar{z}) + \mathcal{N}_D(z)$ has a unique solution in \mathcal{V} , denoted by $z_{\mathcal{V}}(\delta)$, and the mapping $z_{\mathcal{V}} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ is Lipschitz continuous.

To close this section, we recall from [15] Clarke's (generalized) Jacobian of a locally Lipschitz mapping. Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set and $\Xi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a locally Lipschitz continuous function on S . By Rademacher's theorem, Ξ is almost everywhere $F(\text{rchet})$ -differentiable in S . We denote by S_{Ξ} the set of points in S where Ξ is F -differentiable. Then Clarke's Jacobian of Ξ at y is defined by $\partial \Xi(y) := \text{conv}\{\partial_B \Xi(y)\}$, where "conv" means the convex hull, and B -subdifferential $\partial_B \Xi(y)$, a name coined in [16], has the form

$$\partial_B \Xi(y) := \left\{ V : V = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_y \Xi(y^k), y^k \rightarrow y, y^k \in S_{\Xi} \right\}. \quad (30)$$

For the concept of (strong) semismoothness, please refer to the literature [5, 6].

Unless otherwise stated, in the rest of this paper, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ($n > 1$), we write $x = (x_1, x_2)$, where x_1 is the first component of x and x_2 is a column vector consisting of the remaining $n - 1$ entries of x . For any $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, let

$$w = w(x, y) := x^2 + y^2, \quad \bar{w}_2 := \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|}, \quad (31)$$

$$\text{if } w_2 \neq 0, \quad z = z(x, y) = \sqrt{w(x, y)}.$$

3. Directional Derivative and B -Subdifferential

The function ϕ_{FB} is directionally differentiable everywhere by [2, Corollary 3.3]. But, to the best of our knowledge, the expression of its directional derivative is not given in the literature. In this section, we derive its expression and then prove that the B -subdifferential of ϕ_{FB} at a general point coincides with that of its directional derivative function at the origin. Throughout this section, we assume that $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}^n$.

Proposition 9. *For any given $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, the directional derivative $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h))$ of ϕ_{FB} at (x, y) with the direction (g, h) has the following form.*

- (a) If $(x, y) = (0, 0)$, then $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h)) = \phi_{\text{FB}}(g, h)$.
- (b) If $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$, then $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h)) = (I - L_z^{-1} L_x)g + (I - L_z^{-1} L_y)h$.
- (c) If $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h)) \\ &= (g + h) - \frac{\varphi(g, h)}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{x_2^T g_2 + y_2^T h_2}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} x^T g + y^T h \\ 2x_1 g_2 + g_1 x_2 + 2y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where $g = (g_1, g_2)$, $h = (h_1, h_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(g, h) \\ &:= \frac{\sqrt{(x_1 g_1 - x_2^T g_2 + y_1 h_1 - y_2^T h_2)^2 + \|x_1 h_2 - h_1 x_2 + g_1 y_2 - y_1 g_2\|^2}}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Proof. Part (a) is immediate by noting that ϕ_{FB} is a positively homogeneous function. Part (b) is due to [13, Proposition 5.2]. We next prove part (c) by two subcases as shown in the following. In the rest of proof, we let λ_1, λ_2 with $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$

denote the spectral values of w . Since $w = x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, we have $w_2 \neq 0$, and from Lemma 6(b) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= \|w_2\| = 2 \|x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2\| \\ &= 2 \|x_1^2 \tilde{w}_2 + y_1^2 \tilde{w}_2\| = 2 (x_1^2 + y_1^2), \\ \lambda_1 &= w_1 - \|w_2\| = 0, \quad \lambda_2 = w_1 + \|w_2\| = 4 (x_1^2 + y_1^2). \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

(c.1): $(x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$ for sufficiently small $t > 0$. In this case, from Lemma 6(b), we know that $\phi_{\text{FB}}(x + tg, y + th)$ has the following expression:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} (x_1 + y_1) + t(g_1 + h_1) - \sqrt{(x_1 + tg_1)^2 + (y_1 + th_1)^2} \\ (x_2 + y_2) + t(g_2 + h_2) \\ \frac{(x_1 + tg_1)(x_2 + tg_2) + (y_1 + th_1)(y_2 + th_2)}{\sqrt{(x_1 + tg_1)^2 + (y_1 + th_1)^2}} \end{array} \right). \tag{35}$$

Let $[\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)]_1$ be the first element of $\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$ and $[\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)]_2$ the vector consisting of the rest $n - 1$ components of $\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$. By the above expression of $\phi_{\text{FB}}(x + tg, y + th)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{[\phi_{\text{FB}}(x + tg, y + th)]_1 - [\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)]_1}{t} &= (g_1 + h_1) - \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{(x_1 + tg_1)^2 + (y_1 + th_1)^2} - \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}{t} \\ &= (g_1 + h_1) - \frac{x_1 g_1 + y_1 h_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \\ \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{[\phi_{\text{FB}}(x + tg, y + th)]_2 - [\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)]_2}{t} &= (g_2 + h_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$- \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \left[\frac{(x_1 + tg_1)(x_2 + tg_2) + (y_1 + th_1)(y_2 + th_2)}{t \sqrt{(x_1 + tg_1)^2 + (y_1 + th_1)^2}} - \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}{t \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (g_2 + h_2) - \frac{g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\ &\quad - \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \left[\frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}{t \sqrt{(x_1 + tg_1)^2 + (y_1 + th_1)^2}} - \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}{t \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \right] \\ &= (g_2 + h_2) - \frac{g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)(x_1 g_1 + y_1 h_1)}{(x_1^2 + y_1^2) \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\ &= (g_2 + h_2) - \frac{x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

where the last equality is using $x_1 y_2 = y_1 x_2$ by Lemma 5. The above two limits imply

$$\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h)) = (g + h) - \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} g - \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} h. \tag{37}$$

(c.2): $(x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2 \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$ for sufficiently small $t > 0$. Let $u = (u_1, u_2) := (x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2$ with the spectral values μ_1, μ_2 . An elementary calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \|x + tg\|^2 + \|y + th\|^2 = w_1 + 2t(x^T g + y^T h) \\ &\quad + t^2(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2), \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= 2(x_1 + tg_1)(x_2 + tg_2) + 2(y_1 + th_1)(y_2 + th_2) \\ &= w_2 + 2t(x_1 g_2 + g_1 x_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2) \\ &\quad + 2t^2(g_1 g_2 + h_1 h_2). \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Also, since $w_2 \neq 0$, applying the Taylor formula of $\|\cdot\|$ at w_2 and Lemma 6(a) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_2\| &= \|w_2\| + \frac{w_2^T (u_2 - w_2)}{\|w_2\|} + o(t) \\ &= \|w_2\| + 2t(x^T g + y^T h) + o(t). \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Now using the definition of ϕ_{FB} and noting that $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $w_2 \neq 0$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &\phi_{\text{FB}}(x + tg, y + th) - \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) \\ &= (x + tg + y + th) - \sqrt{u} - (x + y) + \sqrt{w} \\ &= t(g + h) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\mu_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2} \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

which in turn implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h)) \\ &= (g + h) - \left(\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \left(\frac{\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2t}}{\frac{\sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\mu_1}}{2t} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2t} \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|}} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

We first calculate $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} ((\sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_2})/t)$. Using (38) and (40), it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2 - \lambda_2 &= (u_1 - w_1) + (\|u_2\| - \|w_2\|) \\ &= 4t(x^T g + y^T h) + o(t), \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_2}}{t} &= \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\mu_2 - \lambda_2}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_2} + \sqrt{\lambda_2}} \\ &= \frac{x^T g + y^T h}{2\sqrt{\lambda_2}} = \frac{x^T g + y^T h}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

We next calculate $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} (\sqrt{\mu_1}/t)$. Since $w_1 - \|w_2\| = 0$, using (38)-(39) and Lemma 6(a),

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= (u_1 - w_1) - (\|u_2\| - \|w_2\|) \\ &= (u_1 - w_1) - \frac{\|u_2\|^2 - \|w_2\|^2}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &= 2t(x^T g + y^T h) - 4t \frac{w_2^T(x_1 g_2 + g_1 x_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2)}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &\quad + t^2(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) \\ &\quad - 4t^2 \frac{\|g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2\|^2}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &\quad - 4t^2 \frac{w_2^T(g_1 g_2 + h_1 h_2)}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} + o(t^2) \\ &= 2t(x^T g + y^T h) - 8t \frac{(x_1^2 + y_1^2)(x^T g + y^T h)}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &\quad + t^2(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) + o(t^2) \\ &\quad - 4t^2 \frac{\|g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2\|^2}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &\quad - 8t^2 \frac{(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)^T (g_1 g_2 + h_1 h_2)}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|}. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Using $\|w_2\| = 2(x_1^2 + y_1^2)$ and (40), we simplify the sum of the first two terms in (45) as

$$\begin{aligned} & 2t(x^T g + y^T h) - \frac{4t\|w_2\|(x^T g + y^T h)}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &= 2t(x^T g + y^T h) \frac{\|u_2\| - \|w_2\|}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} \\ &= \frac{4t^2(x^T g + y^T h)^2}{\|u_2\| + \|w_2\|} + o(t^2). \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Then, from (45) and $\|w_2\| = 2(x_1^2 + y_1^2)$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\mu_1}{t^2} \\ &= \frac{(x_1^2 + y_1^2)(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) - \|g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2\|^2}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{(x^T g + y^T h)^2 - 2(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)^T (g_1 g_2 + h_1 h_2)}{x_1^2 + y_1^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

We next make simplification for the numerator of the right hand side of (47). Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_1^2 + y_1^2)(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) - \|g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2 + y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2\|^2 \\ &= (x_1^2 + y_1^2)(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) - \|g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2\|^2 \\ &\quad - \|y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2\|^2 - 2(g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2)^T (y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2) \\ &= x_1^2 \|h\|^2 + y_1^2 \|g\|^2 - 2x_1 g_1 x_2^T g_2 - 2y_1 h_1 y_2^T h_2 \\ &\quad - 2(g_1 x_2 + x_1 g_2)^T (y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2), \\ & (x^T g + y^T h)^2 - 2(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)^T (g_1 g_2 + h_1 h_2) \\ &= (x_1 g_1 + x_2^T g_2)^2 + (y_1 h_1 + y_2^T h_2)^2 + 2x^T g y^T h \\ &\quad - 2(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)^T (g_1 g_2 + h_1 h_2) \\ &= (x_1 g_1)^2 + (x_2^T g_2)^2 + (y_1 h_1)^2 + (y_2^T h_2)^2 \\ &\quad + 2x^T g y^T h - 2x_1 h_1 x_2^T h_2 - 2g_1 y_1 g_2^T y_2. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Therefore, adding the last two equalities and using Lemma 5 yield that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x_1^2 + y_1^2) (\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) - \|g_1x_2 + x_1g_2 + y_1h_2 + h_1y_2\|^2 \\
 & \quad + (x^Tg + y^Th)^2 - 2(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2)^T (g_1g_2 + h_1h_2) \\
 & = (x_1^2\|h\|^2 - 2x_1h_1x_2^Th_2) + (y_1^2\|g\|^2 - 2g_1y_1g_2^Ty_2) \\
 & \quad + ((x_1g_1)^2 + (x_2^Tg_2)^2 - 2x_1g_1x_2^Tg_2) \\
 & \quad + ((y_1h_1)^2 + (y_2^Th_2)^2 - 2y_1h_1y_2^Th_2) + 2x^Tgy^Th \\
 & \quad - 2(g_1x_2 + x_1g_2)^T (y_1h_2 + h_1y_2) \\
 & = \|x_1h_2 - h_1x_2\|^2 + \|g_1y_2 - y_1g_2\|^2 + (x_1g_1 - x_2^Tg_2)^2 \\
 & \quad + (y_1h_1 - y_2^Th_2)^2 + 2(g_1x_1 + g_2^Tx_2)(y_1h_1 + y_2^Th_2) \\
 & \quad - 2(g_1x_2 + x_1g_2)^T (y_1h_2 + h_1y_2) \\
 & = \|x_1h_2 - h_1x_2\|^2 + \|g_1y_2 - y_1g_2\|^2 + (x_1g_1 - x_2^Tg_2)^2 \\
 & \quad + (y_1h_1 - y_2^Th_2)^2 + 2(x_1h_2 - h_1x_2)^T (g_1y_2 - g_2y_1) \\
 & \quad + 2(x_1g_1 - x_2^Tg_2)(y_1h_1 - y_2^Th_2) \\
 & = \|x_1h_2 - h_1x_2 + g_1y_2 - y_1g_2\|^2 \\
 & \quad + (x_1g_1 - x_2^Tg_2 + y_1h_1 - y_2^Th_2)^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

Combining this equality with (47) and using the definition of φ in (33), we readily get

$$\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_1}}{t} = \varphi(g, h). \tag{50}$$

We next calculate $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} [((\sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\mu_1})/2t)(u_2/\|u_2\|) - ((\sqrt{\lambda_2}/2t)(w_2/\|w_2\|))]$. To this end, we also need to take a look at $\|w_2\|u_2 - \|u_2\|w_2$. From (38)-(39) and (40), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|w_2\|u_2 - \|u_2\|w_2 \\
 & = 2t\|w_2\| \left[(x_1g_2 + g_1x_2 + y_1h_2 + h_1y_2) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - (x^Tg + y^Th)\tilde{w}_2 \right] + o(t).
 \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

Together with (44) and (50), we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\mu_1}}{2t} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2t} \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} \right] \\
 & = -\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_1}}{2t} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} + \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{\mu_2}}{2t} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2t} \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} \right] \\
 & = -\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_1}}{2t} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} + \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\mu_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_2}}{2t} \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} \\
 & \quad + \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_2}(\|w_2\|u_2 - \|u_2\|w_2)}{2t\|u_2\|\|w_2\|} \\
 & = -\frac{\varphi(g, h)}{2}\tilde{w}_2 + \frac{x_1g_2 + g_1x_2 + y_1h_2 + h_1y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\
 & \quad - \frac{x^Tg + y^Th}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}\tilde{w}_2 \\
 & = -\frac{\varphi(g, h)}{2}\tilde{w}_2 + \frac{2x_1g_2 + g_1x_2 + 2y_1h_2 + h_1y_2}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\
 & \quad - \frac{x_2^Tg_2 + y_2^Th_2}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}\tilde{w}_2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

where the last equality is using $x_1\tilde{w}_2 = x_2$ and $y_1\tilde{w}_2 = y_2$. Combining with (42), (44), and (50), a suitable rearrangement shows that $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h))$ has the expression (32).

Finally, we show that, when $(x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^n$ for sufficiently small $t > 0$, the formula in (32) reduces to the one in (37). Indeed, an elementary calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lambda_1((x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2) \\
 & = [\|x + tg\|^2 + \|y + th\|^2]^2 \\
 & \quad - 4\|(x_1 + tg_1)(x_2 + tg_2) + (y_1 + th_1)(y_2 + th_2)\|^2 \\
 & = 4t^2\varphi(g, h)\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\
 & \quad + 4t^3(x^Tg + y^Th)(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2) \\
 & \quad - 8t^2(x_1g_2 + g_1x_2 + y_1h_2 + h_1y_2)^T (g_1g_2 + h_1h_2) \\
 & \quad + t^4 \left[(\|g\|^2 + \|h\|^2)^2 - 2\|g_1g_2 + h_1h_2\|^2 \right] \\
 & = 4t^2\varphi(g, h)\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} + o(t^2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

This implies that if $(x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^n$ for sufficiently small $t > 0$, that is, $\lambda_1((x + tg)^2 + (y + th)^2) = 0$ for sufficiently small $t > 0$, then $\varphi(g, h) = 0$, and hence $x_1g_1 + y_1h_1 - (x_2^Tg_2 +$

$y_2^T h_2) = 0$. Thus, $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h))$ in (32) can be simplified as

$$\begin{aligned} (g+h) &+ \frac{x_1 g_1 + y_1 h_1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\ &\times \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 g_1 + 2y_1 h_1 \\ 2x_1 g_2 + g_1 x_2 + 2y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (g+h) - \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} g - \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} h, \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

where the equality is using $g_1 x_2 = g_1 x_1 \bar{w}_2$, $h_1 y_2 = h_1 y_1 \bar{w}_2$. The proof is complete. \square

As a consequence of Proposition 9, we have the following sufficient and necessary characterizations for the (continuously) differentiable points of ϕ_{FB} and $\vartheta(x) := |x|$.

Corollary 10. (a) The function ϕ_{FB} is (continuously) differentiable at $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ if and only if $z(x, y) \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$, where $z(x, y)$ is defined in (31). Also, when $z(x, y) \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$, one has

$$\mathcal{F}\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} I - L_{z(x,y)}^{-1} L_x & I - L_{z(x,y)}^{-1} L_y \end{bmatrix}. \quad (55)$$

(b) The function $\vartheta(x) := |x|$ is (continuously) differentiable at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ if and only if x is invertible. Also, when x is invertible, $\mathcal{F}\vartheta(x) = L_{|x|}^{-1} L_x$.

Proof. (a) The ‘‘if’’ part is direct by [13, Proposition 5.2]. We next prove the ‘‘only if’’ part. If ϕ_{FB} is differentiable at (x, y) , then $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h))$ is a linear function of (g, h) , which by Proposition 9 holds only if $z(x, y) \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$. The formula of $\mathcal{F}\phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$ is given in [13].

(b) Since $\vartheta(x) = \sqrt{x^2}$, by part (a) ϑ is (continuously) differentiable at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ if and only if $|x| \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^n$, which is equivalent to requiring that x is invertible since $|x| \in \mathcal{K}^n$ always holds. When x is invertible, the formula of $\mathcal{F}\vartheta(x)$ follows from part (a). \square

For any given $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1(g, h) &:= x_1 g_1 - x_2^T g_2 + y_1 h_1 - y_2^T h_2, \\ \theta_2(g, h) &:= x_1 h_2 - h_1 x_2 + g_1 y_2 - y_1 g_2 \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

for any $g = (g_1, g_2)$, $h = (h_1, h_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and let $\theta(g, h) := (\theta_1(g, h), \theta_2(g, h))$. Then, comparing with (33), we can rewrite the function φ as

$$\varphi(g, h) = \frac{\|\theta(g, h)\|}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \quad \forall g, h \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (57)$$

Note that the Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|$ is globally Lipschitz continuous and strongly semismooth everywhere in \mathbb{R}^n , and $\theta(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a linear function. Then, (57) implies that φ is globally Lipschitz continuous and strongly semismooth everywhere in $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ by [17, Theorem 19]. Also, the function φ is

differentiable at (g, h) if and only if $\varphi(g, h) > 0$. The following lemma characterizes the B -subdifferential of the function φ at the origin.

Lemma 11. For any given (x, y) with $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, let φ be defined by (33). Then, the B -subdifferential of the function φ at $(0, 0)$ takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_B \varphi(0, 0) &= \left\{ \left[\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \frac{-y_1 \xi_2^T - \xi_1 x_2^T}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\ \frac{-\xi_2^T x_2 + \xi_1 y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \frac{x_1 \xi_2^T - \xi_1 y_2^T}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \end{pmatrix} \right] : \right. \\ &\left. (\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \text{ satisfies } \xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 = 1 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

Proof. Let $(u^T, v^T) \in \partial_B \varphi(0, 0)$. By the definition of the elements in $\partial_B \varphi(0, 0)$, there exists a sequence $\{(g^k, h^k)\}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ converging to $(0, 0)$ with $\varphi(g^k, h^k) > 0$ such that

$$(u^T, v^T) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}\varphi(g^k, h^k). \quad (59)$$

By (57), a simple computation shows that such (u^T, v^T) belongs to the set on the right hand side of (58). Thus, $\partial_B \varphi(0, 0)$ is included in the set on the right hand side of (58). In fact, ξ_1 and ξ_2 in (58) are the limit points of $\{\theta_1(g^k, h^k)/\|\theta(g^k, h^k)\|\}$ and $\{\theta_2(g^k, h^k)/\|\theta(g^k, h^k)\|\}$, respectively.

Conversely, let (u^T, v^T) be an arbitrary element of the set on the right hand side of (58). Then, there exists a $(\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with $\xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 = 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \frac{-y_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \end{pmatrix}, \\ v &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\xi_2^T x_2 + \xi_1 y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \frac{x_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

Take the sequence $\{(g^k, h^k)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ with $g^k = (x_1 \xi_1/k, -y_1 \xi_2/k)$ and $h^k = (y_1 \xi_1/k, x_1 \xi_2/k)$. Clearly, $(g^k, h^k) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Also, by Lemma 5, it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1(g^k, h^k) &= \frac{1}{k} (x_1^2 + y_1^2) \xi_1, \\ \theta_2(g^k, h^k) &= \frac{1}{k} (x_1^2 + y_1^2) \xi_2. \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

This shows that $\varphi(g^k, h^k) > 0$ and $\mathcal{F}\varphi(g^k, h^k) = (u^T, v^T)$. Hence, $(u^T, v^T) \in \partial_B \varphi(0, 0)$. Thus, the set on the right hand side of (58) is included in $\partial_B \varphi(0, 0)$. \square

Now we may prove the equivalence between the B -subdifferential of ϕ_{FB} at a general point (x, y) and that of its directional derivative function $\phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (\cdot, \cdot))$ at $(0, 0)$. This result corresponds to that of [18, Lemma 14] established for the NR SOC function ϕ_{NR} .

Lemma 12. *For any given $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, let $\psi_{\text{FB}}(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv \phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (\cdot, \cdot))$. Then,*

$$\partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) = \partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0). \quad (62)$$

Proof. The result is direct by Proposition 9(a)-(b) and Lemma A.1 in the Appendix. \square

Using Lemma 12, we may present an upper estimation for Clarke's Jacobian of ϕ_{FB} at the point (x, y) with $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, which will be used in the next section.

Proposition 13. *For any given $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)$ with $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, one has*

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) \\ & \subseteq \left\{ \left[I - X - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} u^T \quad I - Y - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} v^T \right] \right\} \\ & \quad \text{for } u = (u_1, u_2), \\ & \quad v = (v_1, v_2) \text{ satisfying the inequalities} \\ & \quad |u_1| \leq \|u_2\| \leq 1, \quad |v_1| \leq \|v_2\| \leq 1, \\ & \quad (u_1 - v_1) \leq \|u_2 - v_2\|, \quad (u_1 + v_1) \leq \|u_2 + v_2\|, \\ & \quad (u_1 - v_1)^2 + \|u_2 + v_2\|^2 \leq 2, \\ & \quad (u_1 + v_1)^2 + \|u_2 - v_2\|^2 \leq 2, \\ & \quad (1, \bar{w}_2^T) u = 0, \quad (1, \bar{w}_2^T) v = 0, \\ & \quad (1, -\bar{w}_2^T) u = 2u_1, \quad (1, -\bar{w}_2^T) v = 2v_1 \}, \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

where X and Y are $n \times n$ real symmetric matrices defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2w_1}} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ x_2 & 2x_1 I - \bar{w}_2 x_2^T \end{pmatrix}, \\ Y &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2w_1}} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2^T \\ y_2 & 2y_1 I - \bar{w}_2 y_2^T \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

Proof. We first make simplifications for the last two terms in (32) by X, Y . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x_2^T g_2 + y_2^T h_2}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \\ & \quad \times \begin{pmatrix} x^T g + y^T h \\ 2x_1 g_2 + g_1 x_2 + 2y_1 h_2 + h_1 y_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} (0 \quad x_2^T) g \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} (0 \quad y_2^T) h \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2^T \\ x_2 & 2x_1 I \end{pmatrix} g \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2^T \\ y_2 & 2y_1 I \end{pmatrix} h \\ &= -Xg - Yh, \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

where the last equality is using $w_1 = 2(x_1^2 + y_1^2)$. Therefore, from (32), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (g, h)) &= (g + h) - \frac{\varphi(g, h)}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} - Xg - Yh, \\ & \quad \forall g, h \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

Now, applying Lemma 12, we immediately obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) \\ &= \left\{ \left[I - X - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} u^T \quad I - Y - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} v^T \right] \right\} \\ & \quad \text{for } u = (u_1, u_2), v = (v_1, v_2) \\ & \quad \text{with } (u^T, v^T) \in \partial \varphi(0, 0) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (67)$$

where, by Lemma 11 and the definition of Clarke's Jacobian,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \varphi(0, 0) &= \left\{ \left[\begin{pmatrix} \xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1 & -y_1 \xi_2^T - \xi_1 x_2^T \\ \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} & \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \end{pmatrix}, \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \begin{pmatrix} -\xi_2^T x_2 + \xi_1 y_1 & x_1 \xi_2^T - \xi_1 y_2^T \\ \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} & \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \end{pmatrix} \right] : \right. \\ & \quad \left. (\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \text{ satisfies } \xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 \leq 1 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

Let $(u^T, v^T) \in \partial \varphi(0, 0)$ with $u = (u_1, u_2), v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$. Then, it suffices to prove that such u and v satisfy

all inequalities and equalities in (63). By (68), there exists a vector $(\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with $\xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 \leq 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \frac{\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, & u_2 &= \frac{-y_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 x_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, \\ v_1 &= \frac{-\xi_2^T x_2 + \xi_1 y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}, & v_2 &= \frac{x_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

Using Lemma 5, it is immediate to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1|^2 &= (\xi_2^T y_2)^2 + (\xi_1 x_1)^2 + 2\xi_1 x_1 \xi_2^T y_2 \\ &\leq \|\xi_2\|^2 y_1^2 + \xi_1^2 x_1^2 + 2\xi_1 y_1 \xi_2^T x_2 \\ &= \|-y_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 x_2\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\xi_2\|^2 y_1^2 + \xi_1^2 x_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 x_1^2 + \xi_1^2 \|y_2\|^2 \\ &= (\|\xi_2\|^2 + \xi_1^2) (x_1^2 + y_1^2) \leq x_1^2 + y_1^2. \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

This means that $|u_1| \leq \|u_2\| \leq 1$. Similarly, we also have $|v_1| \leq \|v_2\| \leq 1$. We next prove that $(u_1 - v_1)^2 - \|u_2 - v_2\|^2 \leq 0$. By Lemma 5, it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} (x_2 - y_2)(x_1 + y_1) &= (x_2 + y_2)(x_1 - y_1), \\ (x_1 - y_1)^2 &= \|x_2 - y_2\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

Using the two equalities, it is not hard to calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} (u_1 - v_1)^2 - \|u_2 - v_2\|^2 &= \frac{(\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1 + \xi_2^T x_2 - \xi_1 y_1)^2}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\|-y_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 x_2 - x_1 \xi_2 + \xi_1 y_2\|^2}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ &= \frac{(\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_2^T x_2)^2 - \|\xi_2\|^2 (y_1 + x_1)^2}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

Similarly, we also have $(u_1 + v_1)^2 \leq \|u_2 + v_2\|^2$. In addition, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (u_1 - v_1)^2 + \|u_2 + v_2\|^2 &= \frac{(\xi_2^T y_2 + \xi_1 x_1 + \xi_2^T x_2 - \xi_1 y_1)^2}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\|-y_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 x_2 + x_1 \xi_2 - \xi_1 y_2\|^2}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ &\leq \frac{(\xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2) [(y_1 - x_1)^2 + \|x_2 + y_2\|^2]}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \\ &= \frac{2(\xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2)(x_1^2 + y_1^2)}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \leq 2. \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

A similar argument also yields $(u_1 + v_1)^2 + \|u_2 - v_2\|^2 \leq 2$. The last four equalities in (63) are direct by Lemma 5 and the expression of u_1, u_2, v_1 , and v_2 . \square

To close this section, we establish a relation between the B -subdifferential of ϕ_{FB} at a complementarity point pair and that of ϕ_{NR} at the corresponding point pair.

Lemma 14. *Let $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfy $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{X}^n, \bar{y} \in \mathcal{X}^n$ and $\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0$. Then,*

$$\partial_B \phi_{\text{NR}}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \subseteq \partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}). \quad (74)$$

Proof. Since (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) satisfies $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{X}^n, \bar{y} \in \mathcal{X}^n$ and $\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0$, there exist spectral vectors $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and nonnegative real numbers λ_1, λ_2 and v_1, v_2 such that

$$\bar{x} = \lambda_1 u^{(1)} + \lambda_2 u^{(2)}, \quad \bar{y} = v_1 u^{(1)} + v_2 u^{(2)}. \quad (75)$$

Indeed, if $\bar{x} = 0$ or $\bar{y} = 0$, then the statement clearly holds. If $\bar{x} \neq 0$ and $\bar{y} \neq 0$, then the condition that $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{X}^n, \bar{y} \in \mathcal{X}^n$, and $\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0$ implies $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \mathbf{bd} \mathcal{X}^n$. From Lemma 7, there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that $\bar{x}_2 = -\alpha \bar{y}_2$ and $\bar{x}_1 = \alpha \bar{y}_1$. Together with the spectral factorizations of \bar{x} and \bar{y} , the conclusion in (75) follows. Since $\langle u^{(1)}, u^{(2)} \rangle = 0$ and $\|u^{(1)}\| = \|u^{(2)}\| = 1/\sqrt{2}$, using (75) and $\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0$ yields that $\lambda_1 v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2 = 0$. This, along with the nonnegativity of λ_1, λ_2 and v_1, v_2 , implies

$$\bar{x} = \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}| + (\bar{x} - \bar{y})}{2}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}| - (\bar{x} - \bar{y})}{2}. \quad (76)$$

By the definition of ϕ_{NR} , we have $\phi_{\text{NR}}(x, y) = (x + y) - \psi(x, y)$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where

$$\psi(x, y) := \frac{1}{2} [(x + y) + |x - y|] \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (77)$$

Comparing with the definition of ϕ_{FB} , we only need to prove the following inclusion:

$$\partial_B \psi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \subseteq \partial_B z(\bar{x}, \bar{y}). \quad (78)$$

For this purpose, let $[U \ V] \in \partial_B \psi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$. By the definition of the elements in $\partial_B \psi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ and Corollary 10(b), there exists a sequence $\{(x^k, y^k)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ converging to (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) with $c^k \equiv x^k - y^k$ invertible such that

$$\begin{aligned} [U \ V] &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}\psi(x^k, y^k) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} (I + L_{|c^k|}^{-1} L_{c^k}) \frac{1}{2} (I - L_{|c^k|}^{-1} L_{c^k}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

For each k , let $\bar{x}^k = (|c^k| + c^k)/2$ and $\bar{y}^k = (|c^k| - c^k)/2$. Then, using $c^k = x^k - y^k$ and (76), we have that $\bar{x}^k \rightarrow \bar{x}$ and $\bar{y}^k \rightarrow \bar{y}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Also, $z(\bar{x}^k, \bar{y}^k) = \sqrt{(c^k)^2} =$

$|c^k| >_{\mathcal{X}^n} 0$. By Corollary 10(a), the function $z(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuously differentiable at (\bar{x}^k, \bar{y}^k) with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}z(\bar{x}^k, \bar{y}^k) &= [L_{z(\bar{x}^k, \bar{y}^k)}^{-1} L_{\bar{x}^k} \quad L_{z(\bar{x}^k, \bar{y}^k)}^{-1} L_{\bar{y}^k}] \\ &= [L_{|c^k|}^{-1} L_{(|c^k|+c^k)/2} \quad L_{|c^k|}^{-1} L_{(|c^k|-c^k)/2}]. \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

Together with (79), we have that $[U \ V] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}z(\bar{x}^k, \bar{y}^k)$. This shows that $[U \ V] \in \partial_B z(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$, and the inclusion in (78) follows. The proof is complete. \square

4. Nonsingularity Conditions

This section studies the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of E_{FB} at a KKT point. Let $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{X}$ be a KKT point of the SOCP (4), that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta, x} L(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) &= 0, \quad h(\bar{\zeta}) = 0, \\ g(\bar{\zeta}) - \bar{x} &= 0, \quad -\bar{y} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}). \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

Taking into account that $-\bar{y} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})$ if and only if \bar{x} and \bar{y} satisfy

$$\bar{x}_j \in \mathcal{X}^{n_j}, \quad \bar{y}_j \in \mathcal{X}^{n_j}, \quad \langle \bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j \rangle = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, r, \quad (82)$$

we introduce the following index sets associated with \bar{x} and \bar{y} :

$$\begin{aligned} J_{I0} &:= \{j \mid \bar{x}_j \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{X}^{n_j}, \bar{y}_j = 0\}, \\ J_{O1} &:= \{j \mid \bar{x}_j = 0, \bar{y}_j \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{X}^{n_j}\}, \\ J_{BB} &:= \{j \mid \bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^{n_j}\}, \\ J_{B0} &:= \{j \mid \bar{x}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^{n_j}, \bar{y}_j = 0\}, \\ J_{0B} &:= \{j \mid \bar{x}_j = 0, \bar{y}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^{n_j}\}, \\ J_{00} &:= \{j \mid \bar{x}_j = 0, \bar{y}_j = 0\}. \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

From [19], we learn that the above six index sets form a partition of $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$.

First of all, let us take a careful look at the properties of the elements in $\partial \phi_{\text{FB}}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$ for $j \in J_{B0} \cup J_{0B}$, as stated in the following. The proof of Lemma 15 is given in the Appendix.

Lemma 15. For (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) satisfying (82), let $[U_j \ V_j] \in \partial \phi_{\text{FB}}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$ for each j . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) when } j \in J_{B0}, \text{ there exists an } n_j \times n_j \text{ orthogonal matrix} \\ Q_j = [q_j \ \widehat{Q}_j \ q'_j] \text{ with} \\ q_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \bar{x}_{j2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad q'_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{x}_{j2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{x}_{j2} = \frac{\bar{x}_{j2}}{\|\bar{x}_{j2}\|} \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

such that $U_j = Q_j D_j Q_j^T$, $V_j = Q_j \Lambda_j Q_j^T$, where D_j and Λ_j take one of the forms

$$\begin{aligned} D_j &= 0, \quad \Lambda_j = I, \quad Q_j = I; \\ D_j &= \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1), \quad \Lambda_j = \text{diag}(1, 1, \dots, 1, 0); \\ D_j &= \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1 - u_{j1}), \\ \Lambda_j &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_j^T \widehat{Q}_j & 1 - v_{j1} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

with $u_j = (u_{j1}, u_{j2})$, $v_j = (v_{j1}, v_{j2}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_j-1}$ satisfying $u_{j1}, v_{j1} < 1$,

(b) when $j \in J_{0B}$, there exists an $n_j \times n_j$ orthogonal matrix $Q_j = [q_j \ \widehat{Q}_j \ q'_j]$ with

$$q_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \bar{y}_{j2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad q'_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{y}_{j2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{y}_{j2} = \frac{\bar{y}_{j2}}{\|\bar{y}_{j2}\|} \quad (86)$$

such that $U_j = Q_j D_j Q_j^T$, $V_j = Q_j \Lambda_j Q_j^T$, where D_j and Λ_j take one of the forms

$$\begin{aligned} D_j &= I, \quad \Lambda_j = 0, \quad Q_j = I; \\ D_j &= \text{diag}(1, 1, \dots, 1, 0), \quad \Lambda_j = \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1); \\ D_j &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u_j^T \widehat{Q}_j & 1 - u_{j1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Lambda_j &= \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1 - v_{j1}) \end{aligned} \quad (88)$$

with $u_j = (u_{j1}, u_{j2})$, $v_j = (v_{j1}, v_{j2}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_j-1}$ satisfying $u_{j1}, v_{j1} < 1$.

The following proposition plays a key role in achieving the main result of this section.

Proposition 16. For (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) satisfying (82), let $[U_j \ V_j] \in \partial \phi_{\text{FB}}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$ for $j = 1, \dots, r$. Then, for any $(\Delta u)_j, (\Delta v)_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j}$, it holds that

$$U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j = 0 \implies \begin{cases} (\Delta v)_j = 0, & \text{if } j \in J_{I0}, \\ (\Delta u)_j = 0, & \text{if } j \in J_{O1}, \\ \langle (\Delta u)_j, \bar{y}_j \rangle = 0, \langle (\Delta v)_j, \bar{x}_j \rangle = 0, & \text{if } j \in J_{BB}, \\ (\Delta u)_j \in \mathbb{R}(\bar{y}_{j1}, -\bar{y}_{j2}), & \text{if } j \in J_{0B}, \\ (\Delta v)_j \in \mathbb{R}(\bar{x}_{j1}, -\bar{x}_{j2}), & \text{if } j \in J_{B0}. \end{cases} \quad (89)$$

Particularly, for each $j \in J_{BB}$, the following implication also holds:

$$U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j = 0 \implies \begin{cases} \langle (\Delta u)_j, (\Delta v)_j \rangle = \frac{\bar{y}_{j1}}{\bar{x}_{j1}} \left((\Delta u)_{j1}^2 - \|(\Delta u)_{j2}\|^2 \right), \\ \langle (\Delta u)_j, (\Delta v)_j \rangle = \frac{\bar{x}_{j1}}{\bar{y}_{j1}} \left((\Delta v)_{j1}^2 - \|(\Delta v)_{j2}\|^2 \right). \end{cases} \quad (90)$$

Proof. Throughout the proof, let $\bar{w}_j = \bar{x}_j^2 + \bar{y}_j^2$ and $\bar{z}_j = \sqrt{\bar{w}_j}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$. We prove the conclusion by discussing five cases as shown in the following arguments.

Case 1 ($j \in J_{I0}$). In this case $\bar{z}_j = \bar{x}_j \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$. From Corollary 10(a), it follows that the function ϕ_{FB} is continuously differentiable at (\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j) . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \phi_{FB}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j) &= \{ \mathcal{F} \phi_{FB}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j) \} \\ &= \{ [I - L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{x}_j} \quad I - L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{y}_j}] \} = \{ [0 \quad I] \}. \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

Then, $U_j = 0$ and $V_j = I$. Together with $U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j = 0$, we get $(\Delta v)_j = 0$.

Case 2 ($j \in J_{0I}$). Using the same arguments as in Case 1 readily yields $(\Delta u)_j = 0$.

Case 3 ($j \in J_{BB}$). Now $\bar{x}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$ and $\bar{y}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$. By (82) and Lemma 7, there exists $\rho_j > 0$ such that $\bar{x}_{j1} = \rho_j \bar{y}_{j1}$ and $\bar{x}_{j2} = -\rho_j \bar{y}_{j2}$, and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{w}_j &= \begin{pmatrix} 2(1 + \rho_j^2) \bar{y}_{j1}^2 \\ 2(1 - \rho_j^2) \bar{y}_{j1} \bar{y}_{j2} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{K}^{n_j}, \\ \bar{z}_j &= \begin{pmatrix} (1 + \rho_j) \bar{y}_{j1} \\ (1 - \rho_j) \bar{y}_{j2} \end{pmatrix} = \bar{x}_j + \bar{y}_j. \end{aligned} \quad (92)$$

From Corollary 10(a), ϕ_{FB} is continuously differentiable at (\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j) , and hence

$$\begin{aligned} U_j &= I - L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{x}_j} = L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{z}_j - \bar{x}_j} = L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{y}_j}, \\ V_j &= I - L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{y}_j} = L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{z}_j - \bar{y}_j} = L_{\bar{z}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{x}_j}. \end{aligned} \quad (93)$$

Thus, $U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j = 0$ implies that $L_{\bar{y}_j}(\Delta u)_j + L_{\bar{x}_j}(\Delta v)_j = 0$, and consequently,

$$(\bar{x}_{j1}(\Delta v)_{j1} + \bar{x}_{j2}^T(\Delta v)_{j2}) + (\bar{y}_{j1}(\Delta u)_{j1} + \bar{y}_{j2}^T(\Delta u)_{j2}) = 0, \quad (94)$$

$$(\bar{x}_{j2}(\Delta v)_{j1} + \bar{x}_{j1}(\Delta v)_{j2}) + (\bar{y}_{j2}(\Delta u)_{j1} + \bar{y}_{j1}(\Delta u)_{j2}) = 0. \quad (95)$$

Making an inner product with $\bar{y}_{j2}/\|\bar{y}_{j2}\|$, we have from $\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$ and Lemma 5 that

$$-(\bar{x}_{j1}(\Delta v)_{j1} + \bar{x}_{j2}^T(\Delta v)_{j2}) + (\bar{y}_{j1}(\Delta u)_{j1} + \bar{y}_{j2}^T(\Delta u)_{j2}) = 0. \quad (96)$$

Together with (94), we have $\langle (\Delta u)_j, \bar{y}_j \rangle = 0$ and $\langle (\Delta v)_j, \bar{x}_j \rangle = 0$.

We next prove the implication in (90). By the expressions of \bar{z}_j, U_j , and V_j ,

$$\begin{aligned} U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j &= 0 \\ \iff \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}_{j1} & \bar{y}_{j2}^T \\ \bar{y}_{j2} & \bar{y}_{j1} I \end{bmatrix} (\Delta u)_j + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_{j1} & \bar{x}_{j2}^T \\ \bar{x}_{j2} & \bar{x}_{j1} I \end{bmatrix} (\Delta v)_j &= 0 \\ \iff \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}_{j1} & \bar{y}_{j2}^T \\ \bar{y}_{j2} & \bar{y}_{j1} I \end{bmatrix} (\Delta u)_j + \frac{\bar{x}_{j1}}{\bar{y}_{j1}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}_{j1} & -\bar{y}_{j2}^T \\ -\bar{y}_{j2} & \bar{y}_{j1} I \end{bmatrix} (\Delta v)_j &= 0 \\ \implies [\bar{y}_{j2} \quad \bar{y}_{j1} I] (\Delta u)_j + \frac{\bar{x}_{j1}}{\bar{y}_{j1}} [-\bar{y}_{j2} \quad \bar{y}_{j1} I] (\Delta v)_j &= 0 \\ \iff [-\bar{y}_{j2} \quad \bar{y}_{j1} I] \left[\frac{\bar{x}_{j1}}{\bar{y}_{j1}} \begin{pmatrix} (\Delta v)_{j1} \\ (\Delta v)_{j2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -(\Delta u)_{j1} \\ (\Delta u)_{j2} \end{pmatrix} \right] &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

where the second equivalence is due to $\bar{x}_{j1} = \rho_j \bar{y}_{j1}$ and $\bar{x}_{j2} = -\rho_j \bar{y}_{j2}$. Since the rank of $[-\bar{y}_{j2} \quad \bar{y}_{j1} I]$ is $n_j - 1$, the dimension of the solution space for the system $[-\bar{y}_{j2} \quad \bar{y}_{j1} I] \zeta = 0$ equals 1. Note that \bar{y}_j is a nonzero solution of this linear system. Therefore,

$$\frac{\bar{x}_{j1}}{\bar{y}_{j1}} \begin{pmatrix} (\Delta v)_{j1} \\ (\Delta v)_{j2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -(\Delta u)_{j1} \\ (\Delta u)_{j2} \end{pmatrix} = c \bar{y}_j \quad \text{for some } c \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (98)$$

Making an inner product with $(\Delta u)_j$ for the equality and using $\langle (\Delta u)_j, \bar{y}_j \rangle = 0$, we get

$$\frac{\bar{x}_{j1}}{\bar{y}_{j1}} \langle (\Delta u)_j, (\Delta v)_j \rangle = (\Delta u)_{j1}^2 - \|(\Delta u)_{j2}\|^2. \quad (99)$$

Using the similar arguments as above and noting that $\langle (\Delta v)_j, \bar{x}_j \rangle = 0$, we may obtain

$$\frac{\bar{y}_{j1}}{\bar{x}_{j1}} \langle (\Delta u)_j, (\Delta v)_j \rangle = (\Delta v)_{j1}^2 - \|(\Delta v)_{j2}\|^2. \quad (100)$$

The last two equalities show that the implication in (90) holds.

Case 4 ($j \in J_{0B}$). By Lemma 15(b), there exists an $n_j \times n_j$ orthogonal matrix $Q_j = [q_j \quad \widehat{Q}_j \quad q'_j]$ such that $U_j = Q_j D_j Q_j^T$ and $V_j = Q_j \Lambda_j Q_j^T$, where q_j and q'_j are given by (86), and Q_j and Λ_j take one of the form in (87)-(88). Thus, we have

$$U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j = 0 \iff D_j Q_j^T (\Delta u)_j + \Lambda_j Q_j^T (\Delta v)_j = 0. \quad (101)$$

When $D_j = I$ and $\Lambda_j = 0$, we have $Q_j^T(\Delta u)_j = 0$, and then $(\Delta u)_j = 0$. When D_j and Λ_j take the form in (87), we have $\begin{bmatrix} q_j^T \\ \widehat{Q}_j^T \end{bmatrix}(\Delta u)_j = 0$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta u)_j &= Q_j Q_j^T (\Delta u)_j = [q_j \quad \widehat{Q}_j \quad q_j'] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ (q_j')^T (\Delta u)_j \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{(q_j')^T (\Delta u)_j}{\sqrt{2} \bar{y}_{j1}} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}_{j1} \\ -\bar{y}_{j2} \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \tag{102}$$

where the last equality is using the definition of q_j' . When D_j and Λ_j take the form in (88), we also have $\begin{bmatrix} q_j^T \\ \widehat{Q}_j^T \end{bmatrix}(\Delta u)_j = 0$. Using the same arguments as above, we have that $(\Delta u)_j$ has the form of (102). Thus, we prove that $(\Delta u)_j \in \mathbb{R}(\bar{y}_{j1}, -\bar{y}_{j2})$.

Case 5 ($j \in J_{B0}$). Using Lemma 15(a) and following the same arguments as in Case 4, the result can be checked routinely. So, we omit the proof. \square

The following lemma states an important property for the elements of Clarke's Jacobian of ϕ_{FB} at a general point, which will be used to prove Proposition 18.

Lemma 17. For any given $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, let $[U \ V] \in \partial\phi_{FB}(x, y)$. Then,

$$U\Delta u + V\Delta v = 0 \implies \langle \Delta u, \Delta v \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \Delta u, \Delta v \in \mathbb{R}^n. \tag{103}$$

Proof. Since $[U \ V] \in \partial\phi_{FB}(x, y)$, by Carathéodory's theorem, there exist a positive integer κ and $[U^i \ V^i] \in \partial_B\phi_{FB}(x, y)$ for $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$ such that $[U \ V] = \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \tau_i [U^i \ V^i]$ where $\tau_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$, and $\sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \tau_i = 1$. For each $i \in \{1, \dots, \kappa\}$, by Corollary 10(a) and the definition of the elements in $\partial_B\phi_{FB}(x, y)$, there exists a sequence $\{(x^{ik}, y^{ik})\}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ converging to (x, y) with $z^{ik} = z(x^{ik}, y^{ik}) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} [U^i \ V^i] &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{J}\phi_{FB}(x^{ik}, y^{ik}) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} I - L_{z^{ik}}^{-1} L_{x^{ik}} & I - L_{z^{ik}}^{-1} L_{y^{ik}} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{104}$$

Consequently, for any $\Delta u, \Delta v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (I - U)\Delta u + (I - V)\Delta v &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \tau_i (L_{z^{ik}}^{-1} L_{x^{ik}} \Delta u + L_{z^{ik}}^{-1} L_{y^{ik}} \Delta v). \end{aligned} \tag{105}$$

From the continuity and convexity of the Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|$ and Lemma 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - U)\Delta u + (I - V)\Delta v\| &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \tau_i \|(L_{z^{ik}}^{-1} L_{x^{ik}} \Delta u + L_{z^{ik}}^{-1} L_{y^{ik}} \Delta v)\| \\ &\leq \sqrt{\|\Delta u\|^2 + \|\Delta v\|^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{106}$$

Now assume that $U\Delta u + V\Delta v = 0$. Then, by the last inequality, we get the result. \square

Proposition 18. For (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) satisfying (82), let $[U \ V] \in \partial\phi_{FB}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$. Then it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} U\Delta u + V\Delta v = 0 &\implies \langle \Delta u, \Delta v \rangle \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^r \Upsilon_{\bar{x}_j}(\bar{y}_j, (\Delta u)_j) \quad \forall \Delta u, \Delta v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{aligned} \tag{107}$$

where, for any given $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\Upsilon_{\omega_j} : \mathbb{R}^{n_j} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the linear-quadratic function:

$$\Upsilon_{\omega_j}(\xi_j, \eta_j) := \begin{cases} \frac{\xi_{j1}}{\omega_{j1}} \eta_j^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix} \eta_j, & \text{if } \omega_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{108}$$

Proof. Fix any $\Delta u, \Delta v \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Since $U = \text{diag}(U_1, \dots, U_r)$ and $V = \text{diag}(V_1, \dots, V_r)$ with $[U_j \ V_j] \in \partial\phi_{FB}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$, we may rewrite $U\Delta u + V\Delta v = 0$ as

$$U_j(\Delta u)_j + V_j(\Delta v)_j = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, r. \tag{109}$$

From Lemma 17 and (90) of Proposition 16, it then follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta u, \Delta v \rangle &\leq \sum_{j \in J_{BB}} \langle (\Delta u)_j, (\Delta v)_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j \in J_{BB}} \frac{\bar{y}_{j1}}{\bar{x}_{j1}} \left[(\Delta u)_{j1}^2 - \|(\Delta u)_{j2}\|^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{110}$$

In addition, by the definition of Υ_{ω_j} , $\Upsilon_{\bar{x}_j}(\bar{y}_j, \cdot) = 0$ for all $j \in J_{I0} \cup J_{O1} \cup J_{OB} \cup J_{O0}$ since $\bar{x}_j \notin \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$, and $\Upsilon_{\bar{x}_j}(\bar{y}_j, \cdot) = 0$ for $j \in J_{B0}$ since $\bar{y}_{j1} = 0$. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^r \Upsilon_{\bar{x}_j}(\bar{y}_j, (\Delta u)_j) &= \sum_{j \in J_{BB}} \Upsilon_{\bar{x}_j}(\bar{y}_j, (\Delta u)_j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in J_{BB}} \frac{\bar{y}_{j1}}{\bar{x}_{j1}} \left[(\Delta u)_{j1}^2 - \|(\Delta u)_{j2}\|^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{111}$$

From the above two equations, we immediately obtain the desired result. \square

Before stating the main result of this section, we also need to recall several concepts, including constraint nondegeneracy, Robinson's constraint qualification (CQ) (see [20]), and the strong second-order sufficient condition introduced in [7, Theorem 30]. To this end, let $\omega \equiv (\zeta, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ and define $\tilde{f}: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\tilde{h}: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$, $\tilde{g}: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by

$$\tilde{f}(\omega) := f(\zeta), \quad \tilde{h}(\omega) := \begin{pmatrix} h(\zeta) \\ g(\zeta) - x \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{g}(\omega) := x. \quad (112)$$

Then, we may rewrite the nonlinear SOCP (4) succinctly as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}} \quad & \tilde{f}(\omega) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \tilde{h}(\omega) = 0, \\ & \tilde{g}(\omega) \in \mathcal{X}. \end{aligned} \quad (113)$$

Definition 19. A feasible vector $\bar{\omega} = (\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ of (4) is called constraint nondegenerate if

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{h}(\bar{\omega}) \\ \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}(\bar{\omega}) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}^{2n} + \begin{pmatrix} \{0\} \\ \text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad (114)$$

where $\text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}))$ is the largest linear space of $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})$, that is, $\text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})) = \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}) \cap -\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})$.

Definition 20. Robinson's CQ is said to hold at a feasible solution $\bar{\omega} = (\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ to (4) if

$$0 \in \text{int} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{h}(\bar{\omega}) \\ \tilde{g}(\bar{\omega}) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{h}(\bar{\omega}) \\ \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}(\bar{\omega}) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}^{2n} - \begin{pmatrix} \{0\} \\ \mathcal{X} \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad (115)$$

which, since \mathcal{X} is a closed convex set in \mathbb{R}^n , can be equivalently written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{h}(\bar{\omega}) \\ \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}(\bar{\omega}) \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}^{2n} + \begin{pmatrix} \{0\} \\ \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{pmatrix}. \quad (116)$$

Clearly, the constraint nondegenerate condition (114) implies Robinson's CQ (116). If $\bar{\omega} = (\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ is a locally optimal solution to (4) and Robinson's CQ holds at $\bar{\omega}$, then there exists a Lagrange multiplier $(\bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$, together with $\bar{\omega}$, satisfying the KKT conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta, x} L(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) &= 0, \quad h(\bar{\zeta}) = 0, \\ g(\bar{\zeta}) - \bar{x} &= 0, \quad -\bar{y} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}). \end{aligned} \quad (117)$$

In the sequel, we let $\Lambda(\bar{\omega})$ denote the set of Lagrange multipliers satisfying (117).

Let $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{X}$ be a KKT point of the SOCP (4). From [7, Lemma 25], it follows that the tangent cone of \mathcal{X} at \bar{x} takes the form of

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}) &= \{d \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d_j \in \mathcal{X}^{n_j} \text{ for } j \in J_{0I} \cup J_{0B} \cup J_{00}; \\ & \quad d_j^T (\bar{x}_{j1}, -\bar{x}_{j2}) \geq 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{BB} \cup J_{B0}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (118)$$

which implies that the largest linear space in $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})$ has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})) &= \{d \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d_j = 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{0I} \cup J_{0B} \cup J_{00}; \\ & \quad d_j^T (\bar{x}_{j1}, -\bar{x}_{j2}) = 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{BB} \cup J_{B0}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (119)$$

We next recall the critical cone of problem (4) at a feasible ω^0 which is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(\omega^0) &:= \{d \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mid \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{h}(\omega^0) d = 0, \\ & \quad \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}(\omega^0) d \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\tilde{g}(\omega^0)), \\ & \quad \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{f}(\omega^0) d \leq 0\}. \end{aligned} \quad (120)$$

The critical cone $\mathcal{C}(\omega^0)$ represents those directions for which the linearization of (4) does not provide any information about optimality of ω^0 and is very important in studying second-order optimality conditions. Particularly, if the set of Lagrange multipliers $\Lambda(\omega^0)$ at the point ω^0 is nonempty, then $\mathcal{C}(\omega^0)$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(\omega^0) &= \{d \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mid \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{h}(\omega^0) d = 0, \\ & \quad \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}(\omega^0) d \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\tilde{g}(\omega^0)) \cap (y^0)^\perp\}, \end{aligned} \quad (121)$$

where $y^0 \in \Lambda(\omega^0)$ and $(y^0)^\perp$ means the orthogonal complementarity space of y^0 . Now let $(\bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) \in \Lambda(\bar{\omega})$. Then, using $\tilde{g}(\bar{\omega}) = \bar{x}$ and the expression of $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x})$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega}) &= \{d \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mid \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d = 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{0I}, \\ & \quad \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d \in \mathbb{R}_+ (\bar{y}_{j1}, -\bar{y}_{j2}) \\ & \quad \text{for } j \in J_{0B}, \\ & \quad \langle \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d, \bar{y}_j \rangle = 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{BB}, \\ & \quad \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d \in \mathcal{X}^{n_j} \text{ for } j \in J_{00}, \\ & \quad (\mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d) (\bar{x}_{j1}, -\bar{x}_{j2}) \geq 0 \\ & \quad \text{for } j \in J_{B0}; \\ & \quad \mathcal{F}_{\omega} \tilde{h}(\bar{\omega}) d = 0\}. \end{aligned} \quad (122)$$

Definition 21. Let $\bar{\omega} = (\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ be a stationary point of the SOCP (4) such that $\Lambda(\bar{\omega}) = \{(\bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})\}$. We say that the strong second-order sufficient condition holds at $\bar{\omega}$ if

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d, \mathcal{F}_{\omega}^2 L(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) d \rangle + \langle d, H(\bar{\omega}, \bar{y}) d \rangle &> 0, \\ \forall d \in \text{aff}(\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega})) \setminus \{0\}, \end{aligned} \quad (123)$$

where $H(\bar{\omega}, \bar{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^r H_j(\bar{\omega}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n}$ with $H_j(\bar{\omega}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n}$ defined by

$$H_j(\bar{\omega}, \bar{y}) := \begin{cases} -\frac{\bar{y}_{j1}}{\bar{x}_{j1}} \mathcal{F}_\omega \bar{g}_j(\bar{\omega})^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_\omega \bar{g}_j(\bar{\omega}), & \text{if } j \in J_{BB} \cup J_{B0}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (124)$$

and $\text{aff}(\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega}))$ denotes the affine hull of $\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega})$ and is now equivalent to the span of $\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{aff}(\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega})) &= \{d \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \mid \mathcal{F}_\omega \bar{h}(\bar{\omega}) d = 0; \mathcal{F}_\omega \bar{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d = 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{0I}, \\ &\quad \langle \mathcal{F}_\omega \bar{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d, \bar{y}_j \rangle = 0 \text{ for } j \in J_{BB}, \\ &\quad \mathcal{F}_\omega \bar{g}_j(\bar{\omega}) d \in \mathbb{R}(\bar{y}_{j1}, -\bar{y}_{j2}) \text{ for } j \in J_{0B}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (125)$$

Now we are in a position to prove the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of E_{FB} under the strong second-order sufficient condition and constraint nondegeneracy.

Proposition 22. *Let $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$ be a KKT point of the nonlinear SOCP (4). Suppose that the strong second-order sufficient condition (123) holds at $\bar{\omega} = (\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ and $\bar{\omega}$ is constraint nondegenerate, then any element in $\partial E_{\text{FB}}(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$ is nonsingular.*

Proof. Since the nondegeneracy condition (114) is assumed to hold at $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$, from [21, Proposition 4.75], we know that $\Lambda(\bar{\omega}) = \{(\bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})\}$. Then, by the definition of L and \bar{g} , the strong second-order sufficient condition (123) takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi, \mathcal{F}_{\zeta\zeta}^2 l(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}) \xi \rangle - \langle \eta, \widehat{H}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \eta \rangle &> 0, \\ \forall (\xi, \eta) \in \text{aff}(\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega})) \setminus \{(0, 0)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (126)$$

where $l(\zeta, \mu, s) := f(\zeta) + \langle \mu, h(\zeta) \rangle + \langle g(\zeta), s \rangle$ and $\widehat{H}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^r \widehat{H}_j(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with

$$\widehat{H}_j(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) := \begin{cases} -\frac{\bar{y}_{j1}}{\bar{x}_{j1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}, & \text{if } j \in J_{BB} \cup J_{B0}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (127)$$

Let W be an arbitrary element in $\partial E_{\text{FB}}(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$. To prove that W is nonsingular, let $(\Delta\zeta, \Delta x, \Delta\mu, \Delta s, \Delta y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$W(\Delta\zeta, \Delta x, \Delta\mu, \Delta s, \Delta y) = 0. \quad (128)$$

From the expression of E_{FB} , we know that there exists a $[U \ V] \in \partial\phi_{\text{FB}}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta\zeta} l(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}) \Delta\zeta + \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta\mu + \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta s \\ -\Delta s - \Delta y \\ \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta \\ \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta - \Delta x \\ U \Delta x + V \Delta y \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad (129)$$

where $U = \text{diag}(U_1, \dots, U_r)$ and $V = \text{diag}(V_1, \dots, V_r)$ with $[U_j \ V_j] \in \partial\phi_{\text{FB}}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$. The last system can be simplified as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta\zeta}^2 l(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}) \Delta\zeta + \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta\mu - \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta y \\ \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta \\ U \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta + V \Delta y \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (130)$$

By the second and the third equations of (130) and (89), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta &= 0, \\ (\mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta)_j &= \mathbb{R}(\bar{y}_{j1}, -\bar{y}_{j2}), \quad \text{for } j \in J_{0B}, \\ (\mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta)_j &= 0, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{0I}, \\ \langle (\mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta)_j, \bar{y}_j \rangle &= 0, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{BB}. \end{aligned} \quad (131)$$

Comparing with the definition of $\text{aff}(\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega}))$ in Definition 21, it follows that

$$(\Delta\zeta, \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta) \in \text{aff}(\mathcal{C}(\bar{\omega})). \quad (132)$$

From the first and the second equations of (130), it is not hard to verify

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle \Delta\zeta, \mathcal{F}_{\zeta\zeta}^2 l(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}) \Delta\zeta + \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta\mu - \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta y \rangle \\ &= \langle \Delta\zeta, \mathcal{F}_{\zeta\zeta}^2 l(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}) \Delta\zeta \rangle - \langle \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta, \Delta y \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (133)$$

which, together with the third equation of (130) and Proposition 18, implies that

$$0 \geq \langle \Delta\zeta, \mathcal{F}_{\zeta\zeta}^2 l(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}) \Delta\zeta \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^r \gamma_{\bar{x}_j}(\bar{y}_j, \mathcal{F}_\zeta g_j(\bar{\zeta}) \Delta\zeta). \quad (134)$$

This, together with (132) and (126), yields that $\Delta\zeta = 0$. Thus, (130) reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta\mu - \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta y \\ V \Delta y \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (135)$$

From the second equation of (135), we have $V_j(\Delta y)_j = 0$ for $j \in J_{BB}$. In addition, by the arguments for Case 3 of

Proposition 16. $V_j = L_{\bar{x}_j}^{-1} L_{\bar{x}_j}$ for $j \in J_{BB}$, and so $L_{\bar{x}_j}(\Delta y)_j = 0$ for $j \in J_{BB}$. Since $\bar{x}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$ for $j \in J_{BB}$, $L_{\bar{x}_j}$ has the two single eigenvalues 0 and $2\bar{x}_{j1}$ as well as the eigenvalues \bar{x}_{j1} with multiplicity $n_j - 2$, and $(1, -\bar{x}_{j2}/\bar{x}_{j1})$ is the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue 0. Thus, from $L_{\bar{x}_j}(\Delta y)_j = 0$, we deduce

$$(\Delta y)_j \in \mathbb{R} \begin{pmatrix} x_{j1} \\ -\bar{x}_{j2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{BB}. \quad (136)$$

By the second equation of (135), we use Proposition 16 with $\Delta u = 0$, $\Delta v = \Delta y$ to yield

$$(\Delta y)_j = 0, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{I0}, \quad (137)$$

$$(\Delta y)_j \in \mathbb{R} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}_{j1} \\ -\bar{x}_{j2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{B0}.$$

Using the constraint nondegeneracy condition (114), we know that there exist a vector $(d_1, d_2) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and a vector $v \in \text{lin}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}))$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta}) d_1 &= \Delta \mu, & \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) d_1 - d_2 &= -\Delta y, \\ d_2 + v &= -\Delta y. \end{aligned} \quad (138)$$

Since $v \in \text{lin}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X}}(\bar{x}))$, from (119), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} v_j &= 0, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{0I} \cup J_{0B} \cup J_{00}, \\ v_j^T \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}_{j1} \\ -\bar{x}_{j2} \end{pmatrix} &= 0, \quad \text{for } j \in J_{BB} \cup J_{B0}. \end{aligned} \quad (139)$$

Combining the last four equations with the first equation of (135), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \Delta \mu, \Delta \mu \rangle + 2 \langle \Delta y, \Delta y \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta}) d_1, \Delta \mu \rangle - \langle \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta}) d_1 - d_2, \Delta y \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle d_2 + v, \Delta y \rangle \\ &= \langle d_1, \mathcal{F}_\zeta h(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta \mu - \mathcal{F}_\zeta g(\bar{\zeta})^T \Delta y \rangle - \langle v, \Delta y \rangle \\ &= - \langle v, \Delta y \rangle = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (140)$$

Thus, $\Delta \mu = 0$ and $\Delta y = 0$. Along with $\Delta \zeta = 0$, we show that W is nonsingular. \square

Note that $-y \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{X}}(x)$ if and only if $-x \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{X}}(y)$. The KKT conditions in (7) can be equivalently written as the following generalized equation

$$0 \in \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\zeta, x} L(\zeta, x, \mu, s, y) \\ h(\zeta) \\ g(\zeta) - x \\ x \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n}(\zeta, x) \\ \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{R}^m}(\mu) \\ \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{R}^n}(s) \\ \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{X}}(y) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (141)$$

which is clear in the form of the generalized equation given by (29). Now using Proposition 22 and [9, Theorem 3.1], we may establish the main result of this paper, which states that Clarke's Jacobian of E_{FB} at a KKT point is nonsingular if and only if the KKT point is a strongly regular solution to the generalized equation (141).

Theorem 23. Let $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ be a locally optimal solution to the nonlinear SOCP (4). Suppose that Robinson's CQ holds at this point. Let $(\bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{X}$ be such that $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$ is a KKT point of (4). Then the following statements are equivalent.

- The strong second-order sufficient condition in Definition 21 holds at $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ and $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x})$ is constraint nondegenerate.
- Any element in $\partial E_{\text{FB}}(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$ is nonsingular.
- Any element in $\partial E_{\text{NR}}(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$ is nonsingular.
- $(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y})$ is a strongly regular solution of the generalized equation (141).

Proof. First, Lemma 14 and the definition of E_{FB} and E_{NR} imply the following inclusion:

$$\partial E_{\text{NR}}(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}) \subseteq \partial E_{\text{FB}}(\bar{\zeta}, \bar{x}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{s}, \bar{y}). \quad (142)$$

Using this inclusion and Proposition 22, we have that (a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c). Since the SOCP (4) is obtained from (1) by introducing a slack variable, we know from [9, Theorem 3.1] that (a) \Leftrightarrow (c) \Leftrightarrow (d). Thus, we complete the proof of this theorem. \square

5. Conclusions

In this paper, for a locally optimal solution of the nonlinear SOCP, we established the equivalence between the nonsingularity of Clarke's Jacobian of the FB system and the strong regularity of the corresponding KKT point. This provides a new characterization for the strong regularity of the nonlinear SOCPs and extends the result of [22, Corollary 3.7] for the FB system of variational inequalities with the polyhedral cone \mathbb{R}_+^n constraints to the setting of SOCs. Also, this result implies that the semismooth Newton method [5, 6] applied to the FB system is locally quadratically convergent to a KKT point under the strong second-order sufficient condition and constraint nondegeneracy. We point it out that we have also established parallel (not exactly the same) results for SDP case in [11] recently. However, it seems hard to put them together in a unified framework under Euclidean Jordan algebra. The main reason causing this is due to that the analysis and techniques are totally different when dealing with the Clarke Jacobians associated with FB SOC complementarity function and FB SDP complementarity function.

Appendix

Lemma A.1. For any given $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2)$ with $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$, it holds that

$$\partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) = \partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0) \quad (A.1)$$

with $\psi_{\text{FB}}(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv \phi'_{\text{FB}}((x, y); (\cdot, \cdot))$.

Proof. We first prove that $\partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0) \subseteq \partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$. Let $[U \ V] \in \partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0)$. By the formula (32) and Lemma 11,

there exists a vector $(\xi_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with $\xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 = 1$ such that u and v defined by (60) satisfy

$$U = I - X - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} u^T, \quad V = I - Y - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} v^T, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where X and Y are defined by (64). Take the sequences $\{x^k\}$ and $\{y^k\}$ with

$$x^k \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + \frac{1}{k} x_1 \xi_1 \\ x_2 - \frac{1}{k} y_1 \xi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y^k \equiv \begin{pmatrix} y_1 + \frac{1}{k} y_1 \xi_1 \\ y_2 + \frac{1}{k} x_1 \xi_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Let $w^k = (w_1^k, w_2^k) = (x^k)^2 + (y^k)^2$. By Lemma 5, a simple computation yields that

$$w_2^k = \left(1 + \frac{\xi_1}{k}\right) w_2, \quad \lambda_1(w^k) = \frac{x_1^2 + y_1^2}{k^2}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\lambda_2(w^k) = \lambda_2(w) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right).$$

Clearly, $z^k = \sqrt{w^k} \in \text{int } \mathcal{K}^n$. From Corollary 10(a), it then follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_x \phi_{\text{FB}}(x^k, y^k) = I - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_{z^k}^{-1} L_{x^k}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_y \phi_{\text{FB}}(x^k, y^k) = I - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_{z^k}^{-1} L_{y^k}.$$

Let $\bar{w}_2^k = w_2^k / \|w_2^k\|$. Using the formula (19), we have that $L_{z^k}^{-1} = L(w_1^k) + L(w_2^k)$, where

$$L_1(w^k) := \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_1(w^k)}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -(\bar{w}_2^k)^T \\ -\bar{w}_2^k & \bar{w}_2^T (\bar{w}_2^k)^T \end{pmatrix},$$

$$L_2(w^k) := \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_2(w^k)}} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (\bar{w}_2^k)^T \\ \bar{w}_2^k & \frac{4\sqrt{\lambda_2(w^k)}(I - \bar{w}_2^k (\bar{w}_2^k)^T)}{\sqrt{\lambda_2(w^k)} + \sqrt{\lambda_1(w^k)}} + \bar{w}_2^k (\bar{w}_2^k)^T \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Since $\lambda_1(w^k) \rightarrow 0$, $\lambda_2(w^k) \rightarrow 2w_1 > 0$ and $\bar{w}_2^k \rightarrow \bar{w}_2$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_2(w^k) L_{x^k} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2w_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{w}_2^T \\ \bar{w}_2 & 4I - 3\bar{w}_2 \bar{w}_2^T \end{pmatrix} L_x = X,$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_2(w^k) L_{y^k} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2w_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{w}_2^T \\ \bar{w}_2 & 4I - 3\bar{w}_2 \bar{w}_2^T \end{pmatrix} L_y = Y, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

where the last two equalities are using Lemma 5. In addition, we compute that

$$L_1(w^k) L_{x^k} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} u_1^k & u_2^k \\ -u_1^k \bar{w}_2^k & -\bar{w}_2^k (u_2^k)^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2^k \end{pmatrix} (u^k)^T,$$

$$L_1(w^k) L_{y^k} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} v_1^k & v_2^k \\ -v_1^k \bar{w}_2^k & -\bar{w}_2^k (v_2^k)^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2^k \end{pmatrix} (v^k)^T, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where $u^k = (u_1^k, u_2^k), v^k = (v_1^k, v_2^k) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ are defined as follows:

$$u_1^k = \frac{x_1^k - (x_2^k)^T \bar{w}_2^k}{\sqrt{\lambda_1(w^k)}}, \quad u_2^k = \frac{x_2^k - x_1^k \bar{w}_2^k}{\sqrt{\lambda_1(w^k)}}, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$v_1^k = \frac{y_1^k - (y_2^k)^T \bar{w}_2^k}{\sqrt{\lambda_1(w^k)}}, \quad v_2^k = \frac{y_2^k - y_1^k \bar{w}_2^k}{\sqrt{\lambda_1(w^k)}}.$$

Together with the definition of x^k and y^k and (A.4), we can verify that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (u_1^k, u_2^k) = u, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (v_1^k, v_2^k) = v. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

Thus, the above arguments show that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_x \phi_{\text{FB}}(x^k, y^k) = I - X - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} u^T; \quad (\text{A.11})$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_y \phi_{\text{FB}}(x^k, y^k) = I - Y - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} v^T.$$

Comparing this with (A.2), we have $[U \quad V] \in \partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$. So, $\partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0) \subseteq \partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$.

In what follows, we show that $\partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y) \subseteq \partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0)$. Note that $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$ is equivalent to $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ and $\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = 2\|x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2\|$, which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & (|x_1| - \|x_2\|)^2 + (|y_1| - \|y_2\|)^2 \\ & + 2(|x_1| \|x_2\| + |y_1| \|y_2\| - \|x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2\|) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

Hence, $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$ is equivalent to saying that $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2)$ satisfy

$$|x_1| = \|x_2\|, \quad |y_1| = \|y_2\|, \quad (\text{A.13})$$

$$x_1 y_1 x_2^T y_2 = |x_1| |y_1| \|x_2\| \|y_2\|, \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0).$$

This means that x, y must satisfy one of the following cases: (i) $x = \alpha y$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^n$; (ii) $y = \beta x$

for some $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^n$. Since ϕ_{FB} and ψ_{FB} are symmetric with respect to two arguments, we only need to prove one of the two cases. In the following arguments, we assume that $x = \alpha y$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^n$. Noting that $y_1 \neq 0$ since $y^2 \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{X}^n$, we without loss of generality assume that $y_1 > 0$. From (32) and Lemma 11, it is not hard to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0) \\ &= \left\{ \left[I - X - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} u^T \quad I - Y - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} v^T \right] \right\} \\ & \text{for some } u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\xi_2^T \bar{y}_2 + \alpha \xi_1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, \frac{-\xi_2 - \alpha \xi_1 \bar{y}_2}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}} \end{pmatrix}, \\ & v = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\alpha \xi_2^T \bar{y}_2 + \xi_1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, \frac{\alpha \xi_2 - \xi_1 \bar{y}_2}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{A.14} \\ & \text{with } \xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2) \text{ satisfying } \xi_1^2 + \|\xi_2\|^2 = 1, \\ & \text{where } \bar{y}_2 = \frac{y_2}{\|y_2\|} \text{ and} \\ & \text{the } n \times n \text{ symmetric matrices } X \text{ and } Y \\ & \text{are defined by (64) } \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} u \\ v \end{matrix}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $[U \ V] \in \partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$. By the definition of the elements in $\partial_B \phi_{\text{FB}}(x, y)$, there exists a sequence $\{(x^k, y^k)\}$ with $w^k = (x^k)^2 + (y^k)^2 \in \mathbf{int} \mathcal{X}^n$ converging to (x, y) such that $[U \ V] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F} \phi_{\text{FB}}(x^k, y^k)$. From the arguments for the first part, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} U &= I - X - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} (u_1^k, (u_2^k)^T), \\ V &= I - Y - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix} (v_1^k, (v_2^k)^T), \end{aligned} \tag{A.15}$$

with $u^k = (u_1^k, u_2^k)$ and $v^k = (v_1^k, v_2^k)$ defined by (A.9). Thus, in order to prove that $[U \ V] \in \partial_B \psi_{\text{FB}}(0, 0)$, it suffices to argue that the following limits:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (u_1^k, u_2^k) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\bar{\xi}_2^T \bar{y}_2 + \alpha \bar{\xi}_1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, \frac{-\bar{\xi}_2 - \alpha \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{y}_2}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (v_1^k, v_2^k) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\alpha \bar{\xi}_2^T \bar{y}_2 + \bar{\xi}_1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, \frac{\alpha \bar{\xi}_2 - \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{y}_2}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}} \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.16}$$

hold for some $\bar{\xi} = (\bar{\xi}_1, \bar{\xi}_2)$ with $\bar{\xi}_1^2 + \|\bar{\xi}_2\|^2 = 1$. We proceed the arguments by two steps.

Step 1. To prove $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ((\alpha u_1^k v_1^k)^2 + \|\alpha v_2^k - u_2^k\|^2) / (1 + \alpha^2) = 1$ (taking a subsequence if necessary). For each k , by the expressions of u_1^k, u_2^k , and v_1^k, v_2^k , it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\alpha u_1^k + v_1^k)^2 + \|\alpha v_2^k - u_2^k\|^2}{1 + \alpha^2} \\ &= \frac{\left[(\alpha x_1^k + y_1^k) - (\alpha x_2^k + y_2^k)^T \bar{w}_2^k \right]^2}{(1 + \alpha^2) \lambda_1(w^k)} \\ & \quad + \frac{\|(\alpha y_2^k - x_2^k) - (\alpha y_1^k - x_1^k) \bar{w}_2^k\|^2}{(1 + \alpha^2) \lambda_1(w^k)}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.17}$$

where $\bar{w}_2^k = w_2^k / \|w_2\|$ and $w_2^k = 2\|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|$. An elementary computation yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[(\alpha x_1^k + y_1^k) - (\alpha x_2^k + y_2^k)^T \bar{w}_2^k \right]^2 \\ & \quad + \|(\alpha y_2^k - x_2^k) - (\alpha y_1^k - x_1^k) \bar{w}_2^k\|^2 \\ &= (1 + \alpha^2) \lambda_1(w^k) - \|y_2^k + \alpha x_2^k\|^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{\left[(\alpha x_2^k + y_2^k)^T (x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k) \right]^2}{\|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.18}$$

From the last two equations, we immediately obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\alpha u_1^k + v_1^k)^2 + \|\alpha v_2^k - u_2^k\|^2}{1 + \alpha^2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\|y_2^k + \alpha x_2^k\|^2}{(1 + \alpha^2) \lambda_1(w^k)} \\ & \quad + \frac{\left[(\alpha x_2^k + y_2^k)^T (x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k) \right]^2}{(1 + \alpha^2) \lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.19}$$

This shows that, in order to achieve the result, it suffices to prove that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\|y_2^k + \alpha x_2^k\|^2}{\lambda_1(w^k)} - \frac{\left[(\alpha x_2^k + y_2^k)^T (x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k) \right]^2}{\lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2} \right] = 0, \tag{A.20}$$

which is equivalent to arguing that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Q(x^k, y^k)}{\lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2} = 0 \tag{A.21}$$

with

$$Q(x^k, y^k) := \|y_2^k + \alpha x_2^k\|^2 \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2 - \left[(\alpha x_2^k + y_2^k)^T (x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k) \right]^2. \tag{A.22}$$

An elementary computation yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Q(x^k, y^k)}{\lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2} \\ &= \frac{(x_1^k - \alpha y_1^k)^2 \left[\|x_2^k\|^2 \|y_2^k\|^2 - ((x_2^k)^T y_2^k)^2 \right]}{\lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2} \\ &= \frac{(x_1^k - \alpha y_1^k)^2 \left[\|x_2^k\|^2 \|y_2^k\|^2 - ((x_2^k)^T y_2^k)^2 \right] \lambda_2(w^k)}{\|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2 \left[(w_1^k)^2 - \|w_2^k\|^2 \right]}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.23}$$

By the expressions of w_1^k and w_2^k , we compute that

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1^k)^2 - \|w_2^k\|^2 &= \left((x_1^k)^2 - \|x_2^k\|^2 \right)^2 + \left((y_1^k)^2 - \|y_2^k\|^2 \right)^2 \\ &+ 2 \left((x_1^k)^2 + \|x_2^k\|^2 \right) \left((y_1^k)^2 + \|y_2^k\|^2 \right) \\ &- 8x_1^k y_1^k (x_2^k)^T y_2^k. \end{aligned} \tag{A.24}$$

Substep 1.1 ($\alpha > 0$). Since $y_1 > 0$ and $x_1 = \alpha y_1 > 0$, we have $x_1^k y_1^k > 0$ for sufficiently large k . In addition, from (A.24), it is not difficult to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1^k)^2 - \|w_2^k\|^2 &= \left((x_1^k)^2 - \|x_2^k\|^2 \right)^2 + \left((y_1^k)^2 - \|y_2^k\|^2 \right)^2 \\ &+ 2(x_1^k y_1^k - \|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\|)^2 \\ &+ 2\|x_1^k y_2^k - y_1^k x_2^k\|^2 \\ &+ 8x_1^k y_1^k \left[\|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\| - (x_2^k)^T y_2^k \right] \\ &\geq 8x_1^k y_1^k \left[\|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\| - (x_2^k)^T y_2^k \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{A.25}$$

Together with (A.23) and $x_1^k y_1^k > 0$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{Q(x^k, y^k)}{\lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2} \\ &\leq \frac{(x_1^k - \alpha y_1^k)^2 \left[\|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\| + (x_2^k)^T y_2^k \right] \lambda_2(w^k)}{8x_1^k y_1^k \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.26}$$

Taking the limit $k \rightarrow \infty$ to the inequality, we obtain the limit in (A.21).

Substep 1.2 ($\alpha < 0$). Since $y_1 > 0$ and $x_1 = \alpha y_1 < 0$, we have $x_1^k y_1^k < 0$ for sufficiently large k . Now, from (A.24), it is easy to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1^k)^2 - \|w_2^k\|^2 &= \left((x_1^k)^2 - \|x_2^k\|^2 \right)^2 + \left((y_1^k)^2 - \|y_2^k\|^2 \right)^2 \\ &+ 2(x_1^k y_1^k + \|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\|)^2 \\ &+ 2\|x_1^k y_2^k + y_1^k x_2^k\|^2 \\ &- 8x_1^k y_1^k \left[\|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\| + (x_2^k)^T y_2^k \right] \\ &\geq -8x_1^k y_1^k \left[\|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\| + (x_2^k)^T y_2^k \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{A.27}$$

Together with (A.23) and $x_1^k y_1^k < 0$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{Q(x^k, y^k)}{\lambda_1(w^k) \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2} \\ &\leq \frac{(x_1^k - \alpha y_1^k)^2 \left[\|x_2^k\| \|y_2^k\| - (x_2^k)^T y_2^k \right] \lambda_2(w^k)}{-8x_1^k y_1^k \|x_1^k x_2^k + y_1^k y_2^k\|^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.28}$$

Taking the limit $k \rightarrow \infty$ to this inequality, we readily obtain the limit in (A.21).

Substep 1.3 ($\alpha = 0$). Now we must have $x_1^k > 0$ or $x_1^k < 0$ for sufficiently large k . Then, using the same arguments as in Substeps 1.1 and 1.2, we get the limit in (A.21).

Let $u = (u_1, u_2) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u^k$ and $v = (v_1, v_2) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} v^k$ with u^k and v^k defined by (A.9).

Step 2. To prove that $\alpha u_2 + \alpha u_1 \bar{y}_2 + v_2 + v_1 \bar{y}_2 = 0$. By the expression of u^k and v^k , it is easy to verify that $(u_2^k)^T \bar{w}_2^k = -u_1^k$ and $(v_2^k)^T \bar{w}_2^k = -v_1^k$, which implies that

$$u_2^T \bar{y}_2 = -u_1, \quad v_2^T \bar{y}_2 = -v_1. \tag{A.29}$$

By (A.29), we can verify that $\|\alpha u_2 + \alpha u_1 \bar{y}_2 + v_2 + v_1 \bar{y}_2\| = 0$ is equivalent to $\|\alpha u_2 + v_2\|^2 = (\alpha u_1 + v_1)^2$. From Step 1, we have that $(\alpha u_1 + v_1)^2 + \|\alpha v_2 - u_2\|^2 = 1 + \alpha^2$. This implies that, to prove that $\alpha u_2 + \alpha u_1 \bar{y}_2 + v_2 + v_1 \bar{y}_2 = 0$, it suffices to argue that

$$\|u_2\|^2 + \|v_2\|^2 = 1. \tag{A.30}$$

Indeed, noting that $\|x_2^k - x_1^k \bar{w}_2^k\|^2 + \|y_2^k - y_1^k \bar{w}_2^k\|^2 = \lambda_1(w^k)$, we readily have that

$$\|u_2\|^2 + \|v_2\|^2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|x_2^k - x_1^k \bar{w}_2^k\|^2}{\lambda_1(w^k)} + \frac{\|y_2^k - y_1^k \bar{w}_2^k\|^2}{\lambda(w^k)} = 1. \tag{A.31}$$

Now let $\bar{\xi}_1 = (\alpha u_1 + v_1)/\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}$ and $\bar{\xi}_2 = (\alpha v_2 - u_2)/\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}$. Clearly, $\bar{\xi}_1^2 + \|\bar{\xi}_2\|^2 = 1$. Also, using the results of Steps 1 and 2 and (A.29), we can verify that

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \frac{\bar{\xi}_2^T \bar{y}_2 + \alpha \bar{\xi}_1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, & u_2 &= \frac{-\bar{\xi}_2 - \alpha \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{y}_2}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, \\ v_1 &= \frac{-\alpha \bar{\xi}_2^T \bar{y}_2 + \bar{\xi}_1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}, & v_2 &= \frac{\alpha \bar{\xi}_2 - \bar{\xi}_1 \bar{y}_2}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.32}$$

This, along with (A.15), implied that $[U \ V] \in \partial_B \psi_{FB}(0, 0)$. The result then follows. \square

Proof of Lemma 15. Let $\tilde{w}_j = \bar{w}_j / \|\bar{w}_j\|$ with $\bar{w}_j = (\bar{x}_j^2 + \bar{y}_j^2)$ for $j = 1, \dots, r$.

(a) Since $\bar{x}_j \in \mathbf{bd}^+ \mathcal{K}^{n_j}$ and $\bar{y}_j = 0$, we have $\tilde{w}_j = \tilde{x}_{j2}$. By Proposition 13, there exist some $u_j = (u_{j1}, u_{j2}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_j-1}$ and $v_j = (v_{j1}, v_{j2}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_j-1}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} U_j &= I - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tilde{x}_{j2}^T \\ \tilde{x}_{j2} & 2I - \tilde{x}_{j2} \tilde{x}_{j2}^T \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q'_j u_j^T, \\ V_j &= I - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} q'_j v_j^T, \end{aligned} \tag{A.33}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |u_{j1}| \leq \|u_{j2}\| \leq 1, & \quad |v_{j1}| \leq \|v_{j2}\| \leq 1, \\ (u_{j1} - v_{j1}) \leq \|u_{j2} - v_{j2}\|, \\ (u_{j1} + v_{j1}) \leq \|u_{j2} + v_{j2}\|, \\ (u_{j1} - v_{j1})^2 + \|u_{j2} + v_{j2}\|^2 \leq 2, \\ (u_{j1} + v_{j1})^2 + \|u_{j2} - v_{j2}\|^2 \leq 2, \\ q_j^T u_j = 0, & \quad q_j^T v_j = 0, \\ (q'_j)^T u_j = \sqrt{2} u_{j1}, & \quad (q'_j)^T v_j = \sqrt{2} v_{j1}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.34}$$

It is not hard to verify that the matrix $I - (1/2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tilde{x}_{j2}^T \\ \tilde{x}_{j2} & 2I - \tilde{x}_{j2} \tilde{x}_{j2}^T \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvalue 0 of multiplicity $n_j - 1$ and a single eigenvalue 1, with the corresponding eigenvectors being $q_j, \hat{q}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{v}_j \end{pmatrix}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n_j - 2$, and q'_j , respectively, where $\hat{v}_1, \dots, \hat{v}_{n_j-2}$ are any unit vectors that span the linear subspace $\{\hat{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j-1} \mid \hat{v}^T \tilde{x}_{j2} = 0\}$. Let $Q_j = [q_j \ \hat{q}_1 \ \dots \ \hat{q}_{n_j-2} \ q'_j]$. Then such Q_j is an $n_j \times n_j$ orthogonal matrix satisfying

$$I - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tilde{x}_{j2}^T \\ \tilde{x}_{j2} & 2I - \tilde{x}_{j2} \tilde{x}_{j2}^T \end{pmatrix} = Q_j \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) Q_j^T. \tag{A.35}$$

Together with (A.33), we obtain $U_j = Q_j D_j Q_j^T$ and $V_j = Q_j \Lambda_j Q_j^T$, where

$$\begin{aligned} D_j &= \text{diag}(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Q_j^T q'_j u_j^T Q_j, \\ \Lambda_j &= I - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Q_j^T q'_j v_j^T Q_j. \end{aligned} \tag{A.36}$$

Using the equalities in (A.34) yields $u_j^T Q_j = (0, u_j^T \hat{Q}_j, \sqrt{2} u_{j1})$, and $v_j^T Q_j = (0, v_j^T \hat{Q}_j, \sqrt{2} v_{j1})$ with $\hat{Q}_j = [\hat{q}_1 \ \dots \ \hat{q}_{n_j-2}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j \times (n_j-2)}$. Along with $Q_j^T q'_j = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)^T$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} D_j &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u_j^T \hat{Q}_j & 1 - u_{j1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Lambda_j &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_j^T \hat{Q}_j & 1 - v_{j1} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.37}$$

Since $|u_{j1}| \leq \|u_{j2}\| \leq 1, |v_{j1}| \leq \|v_{j2}\| \leq 1$ and $|u_{j1} + v_{j1}| \leq \sqrt{2}$, there are exactly three cases for the vectors u_j and v_j satisfying (A.34): (1) $u_{j1} = 1, v_{j1} < 1$; (2) $u_{j1} < 1, v_{j1} = 1$; (3) $u_{j1} < 1, v_{j1} < 1$. We next proceed the arguments by the three cases.

Case 1 ($u_{j1} = 1, v_{j1} < 1$). Now we have $\|u_j\| = \sqrt{2}$. From the equality $(q'_j)^T u_j = \sqrt{2}$ in (A.34) and $\|q'_j\| = 1$, we deduce that $u_j = \sqrt{2} q'_j$, and hence $u_j^T \hat{Q}_j = 0$. In addition, from the last two inequalities of (A.34), $\|u_j\|^2 + \|v_j\|^2 \leq 2$, which together with $\|u_j\|^2 = 2$ implies $v_j = 0$. Now plugging $u_j^T \hat{Q}_j = 0, u_{j1} = 1, v_j = 0$ into (A.37) yields $D_j = 0$ and $\Lambda_j = I$. Therefore, Q_j can be taken as an identity matrix.

Case 2 ($u_{j1} < 1, v_{j1} = 1$). Under this case, since $(q'_j)^T v_j = \sqrt{2}, \|v_j\| = \sqrt{2}$ and $\|q'_j\| = 1$, using the same arguments as in Case (1) then yields $v_j^T \hat{Q}_j = 0$ and $u_j = 0$. Now plugging $v_j^T \hat{Q}_j = 0, v_{j1} = 1, u_j = 0$ into (A.37), D_j and Λ_j become the one given by (85).

Case 3 ($u_{j1} < 1, v_{j1} < 1$). By the expressions of D_j and Λ_j , we calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} D_j \Lambda_j^T + \Lambda_j D_j^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{Q}_j^T u_j \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u_j^T \hat{Q}_j & 2(1 - u_{j1})(1 - v_{j1}) + u_j^T \hat{Q}_j \hat{Q}_j^T v_j \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.38}$$

Since $[U_j \ V_j] \in \partial \phi_{FB}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$, the definition of the elements in $\partial \phi_{FB}(\bar{x}_j, \bar{y}_j)$ and the proof of [3, Lemma 6(b)] imply that

$U_j V_j^T + V_j U_j^T \geq 0$, and hence $D_j \Lambda_j^T + \Lambda_j D_j^T \geq 0$. Thus, the zero diagonals imply $u_j^T \widehat{Q}_j = 0$, and D_j and Λ_j have the expression of (86).

(b) In view of the symmetry of \bar{x} and \bar{y} in U_j and V_j , the results readily follow by using similar arguments as in part (a). Thus, we complete the proof. \square

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