



New Parameter of CG-Method with Exact Line Search for Unconstraint Optimization

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Abstract

In this paper, a new CG method has been introduced to solve nonlinear equations systems. This method achieved the conditions of descent and global convergence, using the exact line search. The numerical results were good compared to other methods in terms of the number of iterations and the number of functions evaluation.

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1. Introduction

The conjugate gradient method is one of the important ways to find the minimum value of a function for unconstrained optimization.

The conjugate gradient method is widespread because its requirements are a small memory. Unconstrained optimization problem can be expressed as follows:

$$\min_{x \in R^n} f(x) \quad (1)$$

where $f: R^n \rightarrow R$ is a continuous and derivative function. The CG method generates frequent updates in this format.

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (2)$$

where x_k is the current iteration point, $\alpha_k > 0$ is the positive step size using the “exact line search” as shown by the following:

$$\alpha_k = \min_{\alpha > 0} f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) \quad (3)$$

and d_k is the search direction, which we get as follows:

$$d_k = \begin{cases} -g_k & \text{for } k = 0 \\ -g_k + \beta_k d_{k-1} & \text{for } k \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where k is integer and that g_k is the gradient of the function $f(x)$ and that β_k is the coefficient of the conjugate gradient associated with the function $f(x)$ at the point x_k .

Some of the known conjugation methods are:

$$\beta_k^{FR} = \frac{g_k^T g_k}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{PR} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}$$

$$\beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{(g_k - g_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{DY} = \frac{g_k^T g_k}{(g_k - g_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}}$$

$$\beta_k^{LS} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{-g_{k-1}^T d_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{CD} = -\frac{g_k^T g_k}{d_{k-1}^T g_{k-1}}$$

The coefficient gradient coefficient $\beta_k \in R$ is a numerical constant, which determines the difference in different CG methods when g_{k-1}, g_k denote the gradient of a function $f(x)$ at points x_{k-1}, x_k , respectively.

The above methods are known as:

Fletcher and Reeves (FR) [1], *Polka and Ribiere (PR)* [2], *Hestenes and Steifel (HS)* [3], *Dai and Yuan (DY)* [4], *Liu and Story (LS)* [5], *Conjugate Descent (CD) by Fletcher* [6].

These aforementioned methods behave strictly convex quadratic functions in a behavior that is completely different from what they do in non-quadratic general functions. In any case, most of these methods examine the properties of universal approach in the field of conjugated gradient.

However, in recent years, there have been many attempts that have been directed towards building new formulas for CG methods with good numerical performance and achieving the characteristics of global convergence.

2. The New Conjugate Gradient and Its Algorithm

It is well known that the methods of numerical optimization are iterative methods and there is no specific method suitable for all types of problems. Each method has its advantages and new features as well as some of the characteristics that are not good and are efficient for some types of problems and not efficient for other types of problems.

The new coefficient of gradient is

$$\beta_k^{ME} = \frac{g_k^T g_k}{(g_k + d_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}} \quad (5)$$

New method algorithm

Step (1): Set $\epsilon > 0, d_0 = -g_0, k = 0$ and choose an initial value X_0

Step (2): Calculate β_k^{ME} from (5)

Step (3): Calculate $d_k = -g_k + \beta_k^{ME} d_{k-1}$

In the case if $\|g_k\| = 0$, stop

Step (4): Calculate $\alpha_k = \min_{\alpha > 0} f(x_k + \alpha d_k)$

Step (5): Calculate the new point with the following iterative formula:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k \tag{6}$$

Step (6): Test if it is

$$f(x_{k+1}) < f(x_k)$$

And also

$$\|g_k\| \leq \epsilon \text{ Stop}$$

Otherwise, go to step (1) with $k = k + 1$

The coefficient β_k is chosen in such a way that d_{k+1} is G-conjugate to $d_0, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$.

Lemma (1)

In the conjugate direction algorithm

$$g_{k+1}^T d_i = 0 \text{ for all } k, 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \text{ and } 0 \leq i \leq k.$$

Proposition: In the conjugate gradient algorithm the direction d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1} are G-conjugate.

Proof: By using induction

We first show

$$d_0^T G d_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_0^T G d_1 &= d_0^T G (-g_1 + \beta_1 d_0) \\ &= -d_0^T G g_1 + \beta_1 d_0^T G d_0 \end{aligned}$$

by ELS

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\beta_1 d_0^T (g_1 - g_0)}{\alpha_0} \text{ when } \alpha_0 \text{ in (3)} \\ &= \frac{-\beta_1 d_0^T g_0}{\alpha_0} \\ &= -\frac{g_1^T g_1}{(g_1 + d_0)^T d_0} \cdot \frac{d_0^T g_0}{\alpha_0} \text{ by Lemma (1) and ELS we get = zero} \end{aligned}$$

Now we assume that $d_{k-1}^T G d_k = 0$ is correct. And we prove that $d_k^T G d_{k+1} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} d_k^T G d_{k+1} &= d_k^T G (-g_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} d_k) \\ &= -d_k^T G g_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} d_k^T G d_k \\ &= \frac{\beta_{k+1} d_k^T (g_{k+1} - g_k)}{\alpha_k} \text{ when } \alpha_k \text{ in (3)} \\ &= -\beta_{k+1} \frac{d_k^T g_k}{\alpha_k} \\ &= \frac{-g_{k+1}^T g_{k+1}}{(g_{k+1} + d_k)^T d_k} \cdot \frac{d_k^T g_k}{\alpha_k} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma (1) and ELS we get $d_k^T G d_{k+1} = 0$.

The fulfillment of the descent condition $g_k^T d_k < 0$.

The new method is shown as follows:

$$g_k^T d_k = -g_k^T g_k + \beta^M g_k^T d_{k-1}$$

By ELS, we get

$$g_k^T d_k = -g_k^T g_k = -\|g_k\|^2 < 0$$

So $g_k^T d_k < 0$.

Thus the descent condition is held.

3. Global Convergence

An analysis of the overall convergence using the Exact Line search (ELS) demonstrates according to the following hypotheses:

1) In the neighborhood N of L the function $f(x)$ is continuous, derivative, bound and defined at the level set $L = \{x, f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}$, when x_0 is an initial point.

2) The gradient is Lipschitz condition when there is a constant number $L > 0$ so that

$$\|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|, \text{ for all } x, y \in N$$

According to these assumptions we have the following taken by Zoutendijk [7].

Lemma 2: Assuming assumption 1) is correct, we consider the conjugate regression methods formulated in formula (3), where d_k is the descent search direction, α_k fulfills the exact line search of the minimization rules, so the following condition defined by the Zoutendijk condition is held:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} < \infty \quad (7)$$

From Lemma (2), we can obtain a convergence theorem of the conjugate gradient CG method using

$$\beta_k^{ME} = \frac{g_k^T g_k}{(g_k + d_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}} \quad (8)$$

Theorem 1: Suppose that the assumption 1) is satisfied. Consider every CG method in the form (4), where α_k is obtained by the exact minimization rules. Then either

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0 \text{ or } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} < \infty \quad (9)$$

Proof. By contradiction, if theorem 1 is not true, there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that

$$\|g_k\| \geq c \quad (10)$$

$$d_k = -g_k + \beta_k d_{k-1}$$

$$d_k + g_k = \beta_k d_{k-1}$$

Squaring both sides

$$\begin{aligned} \|d_k\|^2 + 2g_k^T d_k + \|g_k\|^2 &= |\beta_k|^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2 \\ \|d_k\|^2 &= |\beta_k|^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2 - 2g_k^T d_k - \|g_k\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

But $g_k^T d_k = -c \|g_k\|^2$.

Dividing both sides of (11) by $(g_k^T d_k)^2$ given

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|d_k\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} &= \frac{|\beta_k|^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} - \frac{2g_k^T d_k}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} \leq \frac{|\beta_k|^2 \|g_{k-1}\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{g_k^T g_k}{(g_k + d_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}} \right\}^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{g_k^T d_{k-1} + \|d_{k-1}\|^2} \right\}^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{(\|g_k\|^2)^2} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\|g_k\|^4 \|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|d_{k-1}\|^4 \|g_k\|^4} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \leq \frac{1}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

But note that $\frac{1}{\|d_0\|^2} = \frac{1}{\|g_0\|^2}$, then from (12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} &\leq \frac{1}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \leq \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{1}{\|g_i\|^2} \\ \therefore \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} &\geq \frac{c^2}{k} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

From (10) and (13) we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} = \infty$$

This contradicts the Zoutendijk condition in lemma (2) which completes the proof. \square

4. Numerical Results

In this section we consider the numerical solution for this research. The conjugate gradient method of ME, Dai and Yuan, and Fletcher and Reeves were tested. Some test problems considered in Andrei [8]. We are selected based on the number of iteration and number of function evaluation (Table 1 and Table 2).

Table 1. Comparison of the algorithms for n = 100.

F	ME		DY		FR	
	NoI	Nof	NoI	Nof	NoI	Nof
F₁	13	24	18	34	19	35
F₂	37	70	68	114	2001	2025
F₃	5	13	10	21	32	64
F₄	19	30	17	28	15	25
F₅	61	105	389	694	2001	2103
F₆	11	21	8	17	15	31
F₇	37	59	63	98	63	98
F₈	13	29	9	22	11	26
F₉	15	27	38	58	40	65
F₁₀	295	526	1977	3735	2001	2355
F₁₁	11	20	13	24	13	24
F₁₂	41	72	86	134	121	218
F₁₃	53	104	28	150	69	1202
F₁₄	285	430	619	962	671	1066
F₁₅	67	137	40	567	34	57
F₁₆	14	23	10	19	20	33
F₁₇	8	17	7	15	12	25
F₁₈	234	395	486	759	439	743
F₁₉	32	7	3	9	3	7
F₂₀	11	21	8	17	15	31
F₂₁	5	7	9	11	9	11
Total	1267	2137	3906	7488	7604	10,244

Table 2. Comparison of the algorithms for n = 1000.

F	ME		DY		F/R	
	NoI	Nof	NoI	Nof	NoI	Nof
F₁	14	31	38	65	38	65
F₂	137	210	179	292	2001	2005
F₃	13	28	15	29	77	129
F₄	13	25	11	19	127	3531
F₅	139	229	436	878	2001	2073
F₆	6	13	7	15	8	17
F₇	41	66	67	105	67	105
F₈	15	35	8	21	16	125
F₉	27	42	39	59	43	68
F₁₀	2001	2012	2001	3773	2001	2066

Continued

F₁₁	12	21	14	25	14	25
F₁₂	112	190	220	345	345	634
F₁₃	66	136	45	642	98	1967
F₁₄	1925	2240	2001	3140	2001	2897
F₁₅	63	130	157	4477	142	3616
F₁₆	17	28	9	18	19	35
F₁₇	8	17	7	15	11	23
F₁₈	2001	2098	2001	3126	2001	2851
F₁₉	23	9	4	11	4	9
F₂₀	6	13	7	15	8	17
F₂₁	6	8	9	11	9	11
Total	6645	7581	7275	17,081	11,031	22,269

5. Conclusion

A new kind of parameter in the conjugate gradient method for large scale unconstrained optimization problems is proposed. Numerical results are detected that the new method is superior in practice with competitive DY and FR methods.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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A List of Test Function

- F₁ Extended Trigonometric Function.
- F₂ Diagonal 2 function.
- F₃ Extended Tridiagonal –1 function.
- F₄ Extended Three Exponential Terms.
- F₅ Generalized PSC1 function.
- F₆ Extended PSC1 Function.
- F₇ Extended Block Diagonal BD1 function.
- F₈ Extended Quadratic Penalty QP1 function.
- F₉ Extended Tridiagonal –2 function.
- F₁₀ Nondquar (CUTE).
- F₁₁ DIXMAANC (CUTE).
- F₁₂ DIXMAANE (CUTE).
- F₁₃ EDENSCH function (CUTE).
- F₁₄ STAIRCASE S1/F₅₂ VARDIM function (CUTE).
- F₁₅ ENGVAL1 (CUTE).
- F₁₆ DENSCHNA (CUTE).
- F₁₇ DENSCHNB (CUTE).
- F₁₈ DIGGSB1 (CUTE).
- F₁₉ Diagonal 7.
- F₂₀ SINCOS.
- F₂₁ HIMMELBG (CUTE).