

## A Rational Triangle Function as a Model for a Conjugate Gradient Optimization Method.

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### ABSTRACT

This paper presents the development and implementation of a new numerical based on a non-quadratic Triangular rational function model. For solving non-linear optimization problem. The algorithm is implemented in one version, employing exact line search. This version is compared numerically against versions of the CG-method. The results indicate that in general the new algorithm is superior to the previous algorithm.

**Keywords:** Non-quadratic Triangular rational function model, Numerical experiments.

الدالة المثلثية النسبية كنموذج لطريقة التدرج المترافق في الأمثلية

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### المخلص

في هذا البحث تم تطوير واستعمال خوارزمية جديدة في مجال الأمثلية غير المقيدة تعتمد على أحد نماذج المثلثية النسبية غير التربيعية. تم استخدام هذه الخوارزمية بطريقة: باستخدام الاتجاهات الخطية الدقيقة. تمت مقارنة هذه الاستخدامات مع طريقة المتجهات المترافقة عددياً. وإن النتائج التي تم التوصل إليها أثبتت أن الخوارزمية الجديدة هي أكثر كفاءة من الخوارزمية المعرفة في هذا المجال.

**الكلمات المفتاحية:** نموذج المثلثية النسبية غير التربيعية، التجارب العددية.

### 1. Introduction

A more general model than the quadratic one is proposed in this paper as a basis for a CG algorithm. If  $q(x)$  is a quadratic function, then a function  $f$  is defined as a non-linear scaling of  $q(x)$  if the following condition holds :

$$f = F(q(x)), dF/dq = F' > 0 \text{ and } q(x) > 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

where  $x^*$  is the minimizer of  $q(x)$  with respect to  $x$  [13] .

The following properties are immediately derived from the above condition:

- i) Every contour line to  $q(x)$  is a contour line of  $f$ .
- ii) If  $x^*$  is a minimizer of  $q(x)$ , then it is a minimizer of  $f$ .
- iii) That  $x^*$  is a global minimum of  $q(x)$  does not necessarily mean that it is a global minimum of  $f$  [5].

**Various authors have published-related work in the area:**

A conjugate method which minimizers the function  $f(x) = (q(x))^p$ , and  $x \in R^n$  in at most step has been described by Fried[9]. Another special case, namely  $F(q(x)) = \epsilon_1 q(x) + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_2 q^2(x)$  Where  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  are scalars, has been investigated by Boland et al, [5]. Another model has been developed by Tassopoulos and Storey, [14] as follows:  $F(q(x)) = \epsilon_1 q(x) + 1/\epsilon_2 q(x)$ :  $\epsilon_2 > 0$  AL-Assady in [3] developed a model as follows : $(F(q(x)) = \ln (q(x))$  Al-Bayat, [1] has developed a new rational model which is defined as follows:  $F(q(x)) = \epsilon_1 q(x)/1-\epsilon_2 q(x)$ . Also Al-Bayati [4] developed an extended CG algorithm which is based on a general logarithmic model  **$F(q(x)) = \log(\epsilon q(x) - 1)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$**  And Al-Assady, [2] described there ECG algorithm which is based on the natural log function for the rational  $q(x)$  function

$$F(q) = \log \left[ \frac{\epsilon_1 q(x)}{\epsilon_2 q(x) + 1} \right], \epsilon_2 < 0$$

In this paper, a new sine model is investigated and tested on a set of standard test function, on the assumed that condition (1) holds. An extended conjugate gradient algorithm is developed which is based on this new model which scales  $q(x)$  by the natural sinh function for the rational  $q(x)$  functions.

$$F(q(x)) = \sin (\epsilon_1 q(x) / \epsilon_2 q(x) + 1) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

We first observe that  $q(x)$  and  $F(q(x))$  given by (2) have identical contours, though with different function values, and they have the same unique minimum point denoted by  $x^*$ .

**2.Theorem**

Given an identical starting point  $x_1$ , the method of Fletcher and Reeves [8] defined by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d_1 &= -g_1 \\ d_{i+1} &= -g_{i+1} + \beta_i d_i, i \geq 1 \\ \beta_i &= \frac{\|g_{i+1}\|^2}{\|g_i\|^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

and  $\| \cdot \|$  is the Euclidean norm applied to  $f(x)=q(x)$  and the ECG-method using the following search directions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d_1^- &= -g_1^- \\ d_{i+1}^- &= -g_{i+1}^- + \rho_i \beta_i d_i^-, i \geq 1 \\ \rho_i &= \frac{f_i'}{f_{i+1}'} \\ \beta_i &= \frac{\|g_{i+1}\|^2}{\|g_i\|^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

and applied to  $f(q(x))$  generate identical conjugate directions (within a positive multiple  $f_i'$ ) and the identical sequence of approximations  $x_i$  to the solution  $x^*$  for any function satisfying (1).

It is assumed that the one-dimensional searches are exact. The vectors  $n \quad \bar{g}_1, \bar{g}_i$  are gradients of  $f(q(x))$  at  $x_1$  and  $x_i$ , respectively.

**Proof:**

The theorem is true For  $i=1$ , because

$$d_1^- = -g_1^- = -f_1' g_1 = f_1' d_1$$

Now for  $i=2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_2^- &= -g_2^- + \rho_1 \beta_1 d_1^- \\ &= -f_2' g_2 + \left(\frac{f_1'}{f_2'}\right) \left(\frac{\|g_2\|^2}{\|g_1\|^2}\right) f_1' d_1 \\ &= -f_2' g_2 + \left(\frac{f_1'}{f_2'}\right) \left(\frac{f_{21}'}{f_1'}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\|g_2\|^2}{\|g_1\|^2}\right) f_1' d_1 \\ &= f_2' d_2. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that, for  $i \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{d}_i &= f'_i \left[ -g_{i+1} + \left( \frac{\|g_{i+1}\|^2}{\|g_i\|^2} \right) d_i \right] \\ &= f'_i d_i \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (4) that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{d}_{i+1} &= -\bar{g}_{i+1} + \rho_i \beta_i \bar{d}_i \\ &= -f'_{i+1} g_{i+1} + \left( \frac{f'_i}{f'_{i+1}} \right) \left( \frac{f'_{i+1}}{f'_i} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\|g_{i+1}\|^2}{\|g_i\|^2} \right) f'_i d_i \\ &= -f'_{i+1} d_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

Both methods generate the same sequence of approximations  $x_i$ , since isocontour curve of  $q(x)$  and  $f(q(x))$  are identical. These isocontours differ only by the function values on the corresponding curves, and hence the theorem is proved

### 3. The Derivation of $\rho_i$ for the New Model:

The implementation of the extended CG method has been performed for general function  $F(q(x))$  of the form of equations(2).

The unknown quantities  $\rho_i$  were expressed in terms of available quantities of the algorithm.

The new  $\sin\left(\frac{\varepsilon_1 q(x) + 1}{\varepsilon_2 q(x)}\right)$  model can now be written as

$$f(x) = F(q(x)) = \sin\left(\frac{\varepsilon_1 q(x) + 1}{\varepsilon_2 q(x)}\right)$$

Solving equation (2) for  $q$

$$\sin^{-1} f(x) = \left( \frac{\varepsilon_1 q(x) + 1}{\varepsilon_2 q(x)} \right)$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{1}{f(x) + \sqrt{1 - f(x)^2}} \right] = \frac{\varepsilon_1 q(x) + 1}{\varepsilon_2 q(x)} \Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2 \ln \left[ \frac{1}{f(x) + \sqrt{1 - f(x)^2}} \right] - \varepsilon_1}$$

And using the expression for  $\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{f}'_{i-1} / \mathbf{f}'_i$

$$\rho_i = -\frac{\cos(\varepsilon_1 q_{i-1} + 1/\varepsilon_2 q_{i-1}) \left( -1/\varepsilon_2 q_{i-1}^2 \right)}{\cos(\varepsilon_1 q_i + 1/\varepsilon_2 q_i) \left( -1/\varepsilon_2 q_i^2 \right)}$$

from the above equation we have

$$\rho_i = \left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2}}}{\left[ \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2} \right] \frac{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}}{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}} \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

In terms of the known quantities such a function and gradient values, from

$$g_i = F'_i Q(x_i - x^*)$$

$$g_{i-1} = F'_{i-1} Q(x_{i-1} - x^*)$$

Where Q is the Hessian Matrix and  $x^*$  is the minimum point, we have:

$$\rho_i = \left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2}}}{\left[ \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2} \right] \frac{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}}{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} g_{i-1}^T(x_i - x^*) &= g_{i-1}^T(x_{i-1} + \lambda_{i-1} d_{i-1} - x^*) \\ &= g_{i-1}^T(x_{i-1} - x^*) + \lambda_{i-1} g_{i-1}^T d_{i-1} \dots\dots\dots(7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_i^T(x_i - x^*) &= g_i^T(x_i + \lambda_i d_i - x^*) \\ &= g_i^T(x_i - x^*) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g_i^T d_{i-1} = 0$  therefore, we can express  $\rho_i$  as follows:

$$\rho_i = \frac{g_{i-1}^T(x_{i-1} + \lambda_{i-1} d_{i-1} - x^*)}{g_i^T(x - x^*)} \dots\dots\dots 47 \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

From (7) and (8), it follows that :

$$\rho_i = \rho_i \left[ \frac{q_{i-1}}{q_i} \right] + \lambda_{i-1} \mathbf{g}_{i-1}^T \mathbf{d}_{i-1} / 2F_i' q_i$$

Where  $q = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2 \left[ \ln \left( if + \sqrt{1-f^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]}$

$$\text{and } f' = \frac{\left[ \left[ if + \sqrt{1-f^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] - \varepsilon_2 \left[ \ln \left( if + \sqrt{1-f^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{2 \left[ if + \sqrt{1-f^2} \right]}$$

The quantities  $q_{i-1}/q_i$  and  $f_i' q_i$  can be rewritten as:  $\frac{q_i}{q_i}$

$$\frac{q_{i-1}}{q_i} = \frac{\ln \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right] - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2}}{\ln \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right] - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2}}$$

$$f_i' q_i = \frac{\left[ \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]}{2 \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]}$$

From the definition of  $\rho_i$  we have:

$$\left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2}} \right] = \frac{\left[ \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]}{if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2}} \right] - \frac{(\lambda_{i-1} g_{i-1}^T d_{i-1})}{\left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]}{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}} \right]}$$

Using the following transformation:

$$\frac{\left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1}{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}} = x, \quad \ln \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right] - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} = y$$

$$\ln \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right] - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} = y + w \quad \text{and} \quad \ln \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right] - \ln \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right] = w$$

$c = \lambda_{i-1} g_{i-1}^T d_{i-1}$   
then  $y = cw/xw + c$

Therefore

$$\frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} = \ln \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right] - \frac{\left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) \right] - \ln \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right] \left[ -\lambda_{i-1} g_{i-1}^T d_{i-1} \right]}{\frac{\left[ \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) - \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) \right] + \lambda_{i-1} g_{i-1}^T d_{i-1}}{\left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]}}$$

#### 4. The Outlines of our New Algorithm Area:

Given  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  an initial estimate of the minimizer  $x^*$ .

Step (1): set  $d_0 = -g_0$ .

Step (2) : For  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

Compute  $x_i = x_{i-1} + \lambda_{i-1} d_{i-1}$

Where  $\lambda_{i-1}$  is the optimal step size obtained by the line search procedure.

Step (3) : compute

$$\rho_i = \frac{\left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{if_{i-1} + \sqrt{1-f_{i-1}^2}} \right]}{\left[ \frac{\left[ \left[ if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right]^2 + 1 \right] \left[ \ln \left( if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2} \right) - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} \right]^2}{if_i + \sqrt{1-f_i^2}} \right]}$$

Where the derivation of scaling  $\rho_i$  will be presented below.

Step (4) : calculate the new direction

$$\mathbf{d}_i = -\mathbf{g}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{d}_i .$$

where  $\beta_i$  is defined by different formulae according to variation and it is expressed as follows:

$$\beta_i = \rho_i (\|\mathbf{g}_i\|^2 / \|\mathbf{g}_{i-1}\|^2) \text{ [modified Fletcher and Reeves, 1964 F/R, [8]]}$$

$$\beta_i = \mathbf{g}_i^T (\rho_i \mathbf{g}_i - \mathbf{g}_{i-1}) / \mathbf{d}_{i-1}^T (\rho_i \mathbf{g}_i - \mathbf{g}_{i-1}) \text{ [modified Hestenes and Stiefel 1952, H/s [10]]}$$

$$\beta_i = \mathbf{g}_i^T (\rho_i \mathbf{g}_i - \mathbf{g}_{i-1}) / \mathbf{d}_{i-1}^T \mathbf{g}_{i-1} \text{ [modified Polak and Ribiera 1969, [11]]}$$

$$\beta_i = \rho_i \|\mathbf{g}_{i+1}\|^2 / \mathbf{d}_i^T \mathbf{g}_i \text{ [modified Dixon 1972, [7]]}$$

Conjugate gradient methods are usually implemented by restarts in order to avoid an accumulation of errors affecting the search directions.

It is therefore generally agreed that restarting is very helpful in practices, so we have used the following restarting criterion in our practical investigations. If the new direction satisfies:

$$\mathbf{d}_i^T \mathbf{g}_i \geq -0.8 \|\mathbf{g}_i\|^2$$

Then a restart is also initiated. This new direction is sufficiently downhill in Powell [12].

## 5. The Numerical Experiments:



In order to test the effectiveness of the new algorithm that have used to extend the CG method, a number of functions have been chosen and solved numerically by utilizing the new and established method.

The same line search was employed for all the methods. This was the cubic interpolation procedure described in Bunday [6].

It is found that the NEW method which modifies CG-algorithm is better than the previous algorithm shown in Tables (1) and (2).

**Table (1)** which uses the H/S formula, presents a comparison between the results of the NEW methods and the classical CG-method. So we can show that the NEW method has less (NOI) and (NOF) than the classical CG. Method and NEW method improve the two measures of performances, vis (NOI) and (NOF) (56.60)% and the (60.16) % for the H/S formula.

**Table (1): Comparison between the different ECG – methods by using H/S formula .**

Test Function	N	New NOI (NOF)	Classical CG NOI (NOF)
CUBIC	2	18 (51)	19 (53)
	200	12 (35)	14 (40)
	400	13 (32)	14 (40)
ROSEN	2	31 (82)	34 (87)
	10	21 (63)	26 (71)
	100	19 (56)	17 (52)
POWELL	60	48 (102)	125(303)
	80	91 (203)	112 (303)
	400	221 (537)	401 (860)
Non Diagonal	40	16 (44)	22 (73)
	60	17 (47)	22 (61)
	100	16 (46)	22 (60)
MIELE	40	50 (124)	82 (197)
	200	147 (338)	211 (491)
	400	142 (324)	402 (910)
CANTRAL	4	18 (113)	25 (148)
	40	19 (129)	20 (132)
	400	14 (71)	20 (132)
SHALLOW	40	9(21)	9(20)
	400	8(21)	9(21)
Total	NOI (NOF)	930 (2439)	1606 (4054)

**Table (2)** which uses the P/R formula, presents a comparison between the results of the NEW methods and the classical CG-method. So we can show that the NEW method has less (NOI) and (NOF) than the

classical CG. Method and NEW method improve the two measures of performances, vis (NOI) and (NOF) by (49.22)% and the (53.71) % for the P/R formula.

**Table (2): Comparison between the different ECG – methods by using P/R formula.**

Test Function	N	New NOI (NOF)	Classical CG NOI (NOF)
CUBIC	2	18 (51)	19 (53)
	200	12 (33)	15 (40)
	400	11 (32)	15 (40)
ROSEN	2	31 (82)	33 (53)
	200	18 (53)	22 (61)
	400	18 (54)	22 (61)
POWELL	80	52 (117)	118(255)
	200	117 (240)	205 (427)
	400	52 (112)	405 (826)
Non Diagonal	60	17 (49)	18 (53)
	80	15 (43)	25 (70)
	100	17 (47)	22 (62)
MIELE	40	56 (155)	85 (238)
	60	56 (133)	65 (189)
	100	39 (101)	71 (199)
CANTRAL	4	23 (162)	25 (163)
	10	19 (92)	22 (135)
	400	14 (72)	22 (157)
SHALLOW	10	8(21)	8(19)
	400	10(27)	8(19)
<b>Total</b>	<b>NOI (NOF)</b>	<b>603 (1676)</b>	<b>1225 (3120)</b>

## APPENDIX

1. Cubic Function :

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = 100(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1^3)^2 + (1 - \mathbf{x}_1)^2, \quad \mathbf{x}_0 = (-1.2, -1.)^T$$

2. Non – Diagonal Variant of Rosenbrock Function :

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=2}^n \left[ 100(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_i^2)^2 + (1 - \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \right], \quad n > 1,$$

3. SHALLOW Function

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (x_{2i-1})^2 - (x_{2i})^2 + (1 - x_{2i-1} - 1)^2 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (-2.0; -2.0; \dots) ^T$$

4. Generalized Powell Quartics Functions :

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n/4} \left[ (\mathbf{x}_{4i-3} + 10\mathbf{x}_{4i-2})^2 + 5(\mathbf{x}_{4i-1} - \mathbf{x}_{4i})^2 + (\mathbf{x}_{4i-2} - 2\mathbf{x}_{4i-1})^4 + 10(\mathbf{x}_{4i-3} - \mathbf{x}_{4i})^4 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (3.0; -1.0; 0.0; 1.0)^T$$

5. Rosenbrock Function :

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \left[ 100(\mathbf{x}_{2i} - \mathbf{x}_{2i-1}^2)^2 + (1 - \mathbf{x}_{2i-1})^2 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (-1.2; 1.0; \dots) ^T$$

6. Miele Function :

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n/4} \left[ \exp(\mathbf{x}_{4i-3}) - \mathbf{x}_{4i-2} \right]^2 + 100(\mathbf{x}_{4i-2} - \mathbf{x}_{4i-1})^6 +$$

$$\left[ \tan(\mathbf{x}_{4i-1} - \mathbf{x}_{4i}) \right]^4 + \mathbf{x}_{4i-3}^8 + (\mathbf{x}_{4i-1})^2,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (1.0; 2.0; 2.0; 2.0, \dots) ^T$$

7. Cantral Function :

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n/4} \left[ \exp(\mathbf{x}_{4i-3}) - \mathbf{x}_{4i-2} \right]^4 + 100(\mathbf{x}_{4i-2} - \mathbf{x}_{4i-1})^6 +$$

$$\left[ a \tan(\mathbf{x}_{4i-1} - \mathbf{x}_{4i}) \right]^4 + \mathbf{x}_{4i-3}^8.$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (1.0; 2.0; 2.0; 2.0, \dots) ^T$$

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