Automatic Super-linear Self-Scaling VM-algorithm

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Abstract

In this paper, a new self-scaling VM-algorithm for unconstrained non-linear optimization is investigated. Some theoretical and experimental results are given on the scaling technique, which guarantee the Super-linear of the new proposed algorithm.

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الملخص

في هذا البحث تم التطرق إلى خوارزمية جديدة للمتري المتغير على وفق تقنية خاصة بالقياس الذاتي. كما تمت دراسة الجوانب النظرية والعملية للمسألة والتي تؤكد السرعة فوق الخطية للخوارزمية الجديدة المقترحة.

الكلمات المفتاحية: الأمثلية اللاخطية غير المقيدة، المتري المتغير ذاتي القياس.

1.Introduction

Conjugate Gradient (CG) methods were first used to solve the general unconstrained problem by Fletcher and Reeves [14]. Their algorithm (or simple variants) is still frequently used, especially for problems with a large number of variables since they require only a few vectors of length n to be stored.

Given a symmetric positive definite matrix G, the finite set of non-null vectors $\{d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_k\}$ are said to form a conjugate set if

$$d_i^T G d_j = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \neq j$$

An important class of quasi-Newton methods for solving the unconstrained optimization problem, [13]

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

was proposed by [7]. It consists f iterations of the form

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \lambda_k d_k \qquad k \geq 1, \tag{2}$$

where

$$d_k = -B_k^{-1} g_k \tag{3}$$

Here λ_k is a step length parameter satisfies the Wolfe conditions with exact line search strategy, i.e.

$$f(x_k + \lambda_k d_k) \leq f(x_k) + \alpha \lambda_k g_k^T d_k \tag{4}$$

$$g(x_k + \lambda_k d_k)^T d_k \geq \beta g_k^T d_k \tag{5}$$

for $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\alpha < \beta < 1$, and g_k denotes the gradient of f at x_k.

The Hessian approximation B_k is updated by means of the formula

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} + \phi_k (s_k^T B_k s_k) v_k v_k^T, \tag{6}$$

where ϕ is a scalar, $y_k = g_{k+1} - g_k$, $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ and

$$v_k = \left[\frac{y_k}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{B_k s_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} \right] \tag{7}$$

The choice of the parameter ϕ_k is important, since it can greatly affect the performance of the methods. The BFGS method corresponds to $\phi_k = 0$.

Variable metric (VM) methods were originally proposed by Davidon [11]. Subsequently, many authors have extended the theory and practice,[12] for a survey. The search direction in a VM- method is the solution of the system of equations:

$$d_k = -H_k g_k$$

where the matrix H_k is an approximation to G_k^{-1}, the inverse Hessian of the function f(x). and:

$$v_k^T G_k v_k \cong v_k^T y_k$$

This relationship is exact if the non-linear function f is exactly equal q. The new approximation for the inverse Hessian H_{k+1} is chosen to ensure that

$$H_{k+1} y_k = \xi_k v_k$$

where ξ_k is a scalar; generally for the quasi-Newton (QN) method $\xi_k = 1$ and hence (3.15) reduces to

$H_{k+1} y_k = v_k$ (called the QN-condition)

And

$H_{k+1} = H_k + C_k$

The matrix C_k is therefore, the update to H_k.

For the next iteration B_{k+1} is updated by Al-Bayati's VM-update, i.e.

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{s_k^T B_k y_k}{(s_k^T y_k)^2} . y_k^T y_k \tag{8}$$

See [1] for more details and properties of this algorithm.

<u>Algorithm 1.1</u>:, [6]

(1) For a starting point x_1 and non singular matrix V_1 ; set k =1.

(2) Terminate if $\|g_{k+1}\| < \in$, $\in$ is a small positive real number.

(3) Compute

$$d_k = -V_k^T V_k^{-1} g_k$$
$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \lambda_k d_k$$

λ_k is computed by exact line search .
(4) Update V_k using Al-Bayati, 1991 VM-update.

$$W_k = V_k - \frac{V_k s_k s_k^T V_k}{s_k^T V_k s_k} + \frac{s_k^T V_k y_k}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} \cdot y_k y_k^T$$

(5) Compute the scaling parameter $\sigma_k \geq 0$ and $\mu_k > 0$ such that $\sigma_k \leq \mu_k$. If w_i represents the column of W_k put C_k = diag [c_1 , c_2 , …., c_n] where

$$c_i = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\sigma_k}{\|w_i\|} & \text{if } \|w_i\| < \sigma_k \\ \dfrac{\mu_k}{\|w_i\|} & \text{if } \|w_i\| > \mu_k \\ \dfrac{\zeta_k}{\|w_i\|}, \quad \text{Where } \zeta_k = \dfrac{y_k^T V_k y_k}{y_k^T s_k} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \qquad (9)$$

(6) Set $V_{k+1} = W_k C_k$
(7) set k = k +1 and go to step (1)

Note that:
1- In the above algorithm

$$\left.\begin{aligned} B_1 &= V_1 V_1^T \\ B_k &= V_k V_k^T \\ &= W_{k-1} C_{k-1}^2 W_{k-1}^T \qquad k > 1 \end{aligned}\right\} \qquad (10)$$

and the update is performed directly on V_k .

2. Basic Results for Super Linear Convergence

First we define the following quantities to be used in this section:

$$\overline{B}_k = G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} B_k G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad , \quad \overline{W}_k = G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_k \qquad (11)$$

$$\bar{s}_k = G_*^{\frac{1}{2}} s_k \quad , \quad \bar{y}_k = G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} y_k \qquad (12)$$

$$\overline{M}_k = \frac{\bar{y}_k^T \bar{y}_k}{\bar{y}_k^T \bar{s}_k} \quad , \quad \overline{m}_k = \frac{\bar{y}_k^T \bar{s}_k}{\bar{s}_k^T \bar{s}_k} \tag{13}$$

$$\bar{q}_k = \frac{\bar{s}_k^T \overline{B}_k \bar{s}_k}{\bar{s}_k^T \bar{s}_k} \quad , \quad \mathrm{Cos}\bar{\theta}_k = \frac{\bar{s}_k^T \overline{B}_k \bar{s}_k}{\|\bar{s}_k\| \, \|\overline{B}_k \bar{s}_k\|} \tag{14}$$

where G_* is the Hessian of f at the minimizer x_* .

The limiting behavior of $\bar{q}_k$ and $\mathrm{Cos}\bar{\theta}_k$ is enough to characterize the asymptotic rate of convergence of a sequence of iterates $\{x_k\}$ generated by a quasi-Newton algorithm. Their result which can be seen as a restatement of the,[12] characterization, is reproduced in the following lemma.

Lemma (2.1):

Suppose that the sequence of iterates $\{x_k\}$ is generated by algorithm (1.1) using some positive definite sequence$\{B_k\}$,and that $\lambda_k = 1$ whenever this value satisfies Wolfe conditions(4)-(5).If $x_k \to x_*$ then the following two conditions are equivalent :

(i) The steplength $\lambda_k = 1$ satisfies conditions (4)-(5) for all larg k and the rate of convergence is superlinear.

(ii) $$\lim_{k\to\infty} \mathrm{Cos}\bar{\theta}_k = \lim_{k\to\infty} \bar{q}_k = 1 \tag{15}$$

Proof: Proof of this lemma can be found in [9]. The next theorem specifies conditions on the scaling parameters σ_k and η_k that allow $\bar{q}_k$ and $\mathrm{Cos}\bar{\theta}_k$, produced by Algorithm 1.1, to exhibit the desirable limiting behavior of Lemma 2.1 . Such conditions involve the following quantities:

$$\gamma_k = \sum_{i\in I_k} \left[(\ln \left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2 - \left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2) - (\ln \sigma_k^2 \frac{\left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2}{\|wi\|} - \sigma_k^2 \frac{\left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2}{\|wi\|^2}) \right] \tag{16}$$

and

$$\mu_k = \sum_{i\in J_k} \left[(\ln \left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2 - \left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2) - (\ln \eta_k^2 \frac{\left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2}{\|wi\|} - \eta_k^2 \frac{\left\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi\right\|^2}{\|wi\|^2}) \right] \quad \ldots(17)$$

and

$$\phi_k = \sum_{i \in J_k} \left[(\ln \left\| G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi \right\|^2 - \left\| G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi \right\|^2) - (\ln \zeta_k^2 \frac{\left\| G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi \right\|^2}{\|wi\|} - \zeta_k^2 \frac{\left\| G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} wi \right\|^2}{\|wi\|^2}) \right] \quad \ldots(17a)$$

and whether they sum finitely or not. Note that γ_k and μ_k need not be positive. Recall that the sets I_k and J_k defined by:

$$I_k = \left(i \in [1, n] : \| w_i \| < \sigma_k \right)$$

and

$$J_k = \left(i \in [1, n] : \| w_i \| > \mu_k \right)$$

contain the indices of the columns that are scaled down at iteration k. We are now ready to state the theorem.

<u>Theorem 2.1</u>:

For the quadratic function f, x_1, B_1, σ_k and η_k satisfy the assumptions in theorem 1.1 . In addition, assume that G is Lipschitz continuous at x_*. Let $\{x_k\} \to x_*$ be generated by Algorithm 1.1; then if

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \gamma_k < \infty \tag{18}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k < \infty \tag{19}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_k < \infty \tag{19 a}$$

the iterates converge superlinearly (for the case of non-quadratic functions, see [2] and, [3].

<u>Proof:</u> Let ψ (B) = tr (B) - ln (det (B) then,

$Tr(ACA^T) = tr(AA^T) + tr[(C - I) A^T A]$ and from (11), we have

$$\psi(\overline{B}_{k+1}) = tr(G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_k C_k^2 W_k^T G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}) - \ln\det(G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_k C_k^2 W_k^T G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

$$= tr(\tilde{W}_k C_k^2 \tilde{W}_k^T) - \ln\det(\tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k^T) - \ln\det(C_k^2)$$

$$= \psi(\tilde{W}_k \tilde{W}_k^T) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[(c_i^2 - 1) \| G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}} W_i \|^2 - \ln c_i^2 \right]$$

Then by the definition (9) of c_i ,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\psi(\tilde{B}_{k+1}) = {} & \psi(\tilde{W}_k\ W_k^T) + \sum_{i\in J_k}\left[\left(\frac{\sigma_k^2}{\|W_i\|^2}-1\right)\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2 - \ln\frac{\sigma_k^2}{\|W_i\|^2}\right] \\
& + \sum_{i\in J_k}\left[\left(\frac{\eta_k^2}{\|W_i\|^2}-1\right)\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2 - \ln\frac{\eta_k^2}{\|W_i\|^2}\right] \\
& + \sum_{i\in J_k}\left[\left(\frac{\zeta_k^2}{\|W_i\|^2}-1\right)\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2 - \ln\frac{\zeta_k^2}{\|W_i\|^2}\right] \\
= {} & \psi(\tilde{W}_k\ W_k^T) + \sum_{i\varepsilon I_k}\left[\sigma_k^2\,\frac{\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2}{\|W_i\|^2} - \|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2\right. \\
& \left. - \ln\sigma_k^2\,\frac{\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2}{\|W_i\|^2} + \ln\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2\right] \\
& + \sum_{i\in J_k}\left[\eta_k^2\,\frac{\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2}{\|W_i\|} - \|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2\right. \\
& \left. - \ln\eta_k^2\,\frac{\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2}{\|W_i\|^2} + \ln\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2\right] \\
& + \sum_{i\in J_k}\left[\zeta_k^2\,\frac{\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2}{\|W_i\|} - \|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2\right. \\
& \left. - \ln\zeta_k^2\,\frac{\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2}{\|W_i\|^2} + \ln\|G_*^{-\frac{1}{2}}\ W_i\|^2\right] \\
= {} & \psi(\tilde{W}_k\ W_k^T) + \gamma_k + \mu_k + \phi_k \qquad (20)
\end{aligned}
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Since $\tilde{W}_k\ W_k^T$ is the matrix obtained by updating B_k using the, [1] formula, which is invariant under the transformation (11) – (14), we have:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\psi(\tilde{W}_k\ \tilde{W}_k^T) = {} & \psi(\tilde{B}_k) + (\tilde{M}_k - \ln\tilde{m}_k - 1) \\
& + \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\theta_k} + \ln\frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\theta_k}\right) + \ln\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k \qquad (21)
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, using (21) in (20), we have:

$$\left.\begin{aligned}\psi(\tilde{B}_{k+1}) &= \psi(\tilde{B}_k) + (\tilde{M}_k - \ln\tilde{m}_k - 1) + (1 - \frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k} + \ln\frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k}) \\ &\quad + \ln\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k + \gamma_k + \mu_k + \phi_j \\ &= \psi(\tilde{B}_1) + \sum_{j=1}^{k}(\tilde{M}_j - \ln\tilde{m}_j - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^{k}[(1 - \frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k} + \ln\frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k}) \\ &\quad + \ln\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_j] + \sum_{j=1}^{k}\gamma_j + \sum_{j=1}^{k}\mu_j + \sum_{j=1}^{k}\phi_j\end{aligned}\right\} \quad (22)$$

Now by the following theorem due to [10].

Theorem 1.1:

Let x_1 be a starting point for which f satisfies eq.(12) and let B_1 be a positive definite starting Hessian approximation. Let $\{x_k\}$ be generated by the new proposed algorithm with σ_k and μ_k satisfying eq.(18) and for any $\rho\in(0, 1)$ $\exists$ a constant β_1 ∍ for any k >1 the relation Cos $\theta_j \geq \beta_1$ holds for at least $[P_k]$ values of $j \in [1, k]$.

We know that the iterates converge to x_* r-linearly. Using this and the Lipschitz continuity of G at x_* , it is not difficult to show, see [9] that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k}(\tilde{M}_j - \ln\tilde{m}_j - 1) < \infty \quad (23)$$

Moreover, the hypothesis of the theorem guarantees that the last two summations in (22) are bounded above. Therefore, in order for $\psi(\tilde{B}_{k+1})$ to remain positive as $k\to\infty$, the sum of the nonpositive terms in the square brackets must also be bounded. This can only be true if:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}(1 - \frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k} + \ln\frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\cos^2\theta_k}) = \lim_{k\to\infty}\ln\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k = 0$$

Which implies that both $\tilde{q}_k$ and $\cos^2\tilde{\theta}_k \to 1$. Hence, superlinear convergence follows from Lemma (2.1) #.

Now we describe a specific and modified implementation of algorithm 1.1 and make use of the theory developed so far to show that it is superlinearly convergent for strictly convex objective functions.

New Algorithm:

Step (0) Choose x_1 and a nonsingular and lower matrix V_1 ; set k = 1.

Step (1) Terminate if a stopping criterion is satisfied.

Step (2) Find an orthogonal matrix Q_k such that $L_k = V_k Q_k$ is a lower triangular.

Compute :

$d_k = - L_k^{-T} L_k^{-1} g_k$,

$x_{k+1} = x_k + \lambda_k d_k$

Where λ_k is a steplenghth that satisfies the Wolfe conditions (The stepsize $\lambda_k = 1$ is always tried first and is accepted if admissible).

Compute:

$s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$

$y_k = g_{k+1} - g_k$

Step (3) Perform the following steps to update L_k to W_k so that $W_k W_k^T$ become Al-Bayati update of $L_k L_k^T$ as defined in (8):

(3.1) Compute $r_k = L_k^T s_k$

(3.2) Find an orthogonal and lower matrix Ω_k such that $\Omega_k e_1 = r_k / \| r_k \|$.

(3.3) Construct $W_k = \{w_1^k , w_2^k , \ldots , w_n^k\}$, where w_i^k is given by

$$w_i^k = \begin{cases} y_k / \sqrt{y_k^T s_k} & , \ i = 1 \\ L_k \Omega_k e_i & , \ i = 2, 3, \ldots, n \end{cases}$$

Step (4) Compute the scaling parameters:

If k = 1, $\sigma_1^2 = \eta_1^2 = \dfrac{y_1^T y_1}{s_1^T y_1} = \zeta_1^2$

Otherwise, $\sigma_k^2 = \dfrac{1}{n}\left[(n - | I_k - 1 |)\, \sigma_{k-1}^2 + \sum_{i \in I_{k-1}} \| W_i^{k-1} \|^2 \right]$

where $I_{k-1} = \{ i \in [1, n] : \| W_i^{k-1} \| < \sigma_{k-1} \}$,

And $\eta_k^2 = \dfrac{1}{n} [(n - | J_{k-1} |)\, \eta_{k-1}^2 + \sum_{i \in J_{k-1}} \| W_i^{k-1} \|^2]$,

where $J_{k-1} = \{ i \in [1, n] : \| W_i^{k-1} \| > \eta_{k-1} \}$

Construct C_k = diagonal (c_1 , c_2 , … , c_n) where c_i is given by:

$$c_i = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\sigma_k}{\|W_i^k\|} & \text{if} \quad \|W_i^k\| < \sigma_k \\ \dfrac{\eta_k}{\|W_i^k\|} & \text{if} \quad \|W_i^k\| > \eta_k \\ \dfrac{\zeta_k}{\|W_i^k\|}, \text{ Where } \dfrac{y_k^T V_k y_k}{y_k^T s_k} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute: $\gamma_{k+1} = W_k C_k$

Step (5) Set k = k + 1 and go to step (1).

3.Numerical Results

In order to asses the value of this new technique, numerical tests on twenty tests functions were carried out for unconstraint optimization problems. As a standard for the purpose of comparison, the test functions, (from general literature) were solved using two different VM-algorithms.

(i) The standard BFGS algorithm.
(ii) The new proposed algorithm (which it has been proved to be superlinear convergent algorithm).

All the numerical results were presented in tables (1)-(2). All the algorithms terminate whenever $g_{k+1}^T g_{k+1} < 1\times10^{-5}$ and the two algorithms use exactly the same line search strategy, namely, the cubic fitting technique directly adapted from that published by [8].

Analysis of the two tables shows that the new proposed VM-algorithm is superior to the standard BFGS algorithm. The superiority of the new algorithm is clear for high dimensionality test problems because of the automatic scaling strategy.

Table (1): Comparison of the new algorithm with the standard BFGS for 2 $\le$ n $\le$ 10 .

Test Function	N	New algorithm		Standard BFGS	
		NOI	**NOF**	**NOI**	**NOF**
OSP	**2**	4	24	8	44
Helical	**3**	22	60	19	59
Cubic	**4**	7	34	8	26
Rosen	**4**	12	41	35	106
Powell	**4**	16	72	19	79
Wood	**4**	20	72	30	84
NON	**4**	26	87	21	66
Miele	**4**	23	79	25	94
OSP	**10**	17	79	20	105
Full	**10**	9	19	9	19
Total		156	567	194	682

Percentage improvement of the new algorithm compared with the standard BFGS algorithm

New	**100 % NOI**	**100 % NOF**
BFGS	**124.358**	**120.282**

Table (2): Comparison of the new algorithm with the standard BFGS for 100 $\le$ n $\le$ 900 .

Test Function	**N**	**New algorithm**		**Standard BFGS**	
		NOI	**NOF**	**NOI**	**NOF**
Powell	**100**	**29**	**89**	**34**	**107**
Wood	**100**	**122**	**340**	**232**	**747**
Rosen	**100**	**18**	**55**	**244**	**767**
Miele	**100**	**29**	**91**	**31**	**107**
Dixon	**300**	**231**	**644**	**244**	**644**
Cubic	**700**	**10**	**39**	**13**	**39**
Wolfe	**800**	**78**	**169**	**84**	**169**
Powell	**800**	**32**	**100**	**39**	**119**
Cantrel	**900**	**15**	**95**	**12**	**61**
Miele	**900**	**31**	**93**	**33**	**109**
Total		**595**	**1715**	**966**	**2869**

Percentage improvement of the new algorithm compared to standard BFGS algorithm

New	100 % NOI	100 % NOF
BFGS	**162.352**	**167.288**

4. Final Remarks and Conclusions

We have described in this paper the conditions under which new automatic self-scaling algorithms based on the direct form of [1] VM-Update can be proved to be superlinearly convergent. Also some sort of numerical experiments have been done to know the effectiveness of the new proposed algorithm.

It is also possible to describe another similar algorithm based on the inverse scaled-BFGS algorithm. A column scaling algorithm which was proposed by [15] may be modified and implemented with this family of algorithms.

However, values of σ_k, μ_k selected in the new algorithm are arbitrary. It might occasionally be better to increase σ_k and to decrease μ_k. In any case, the theory developed in this paper will prove to be useful for analyzing the super linear convergence of this algorithm.

Finally this, idea may be extended to constrained optimization problems, see [5] for more details and for non-quadratic models see [4].

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