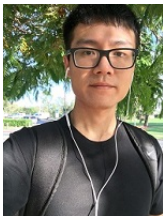


A Newton-MR Algorithm with Complexity Guarantee for Non-Convex Problems

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Problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{x})$$

$f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is

- twice differentiable
- (potentially) **non-convex**

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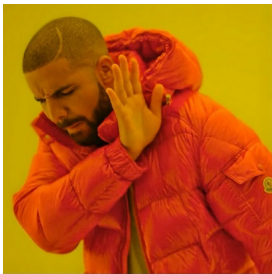
In [mathematics](#), the **conjugate gradient method** is an [algorithm](#) for the [numerical solution](#) implemented as an [iterative algorithm](#), applicable to [sparse](#) systems that are too large to numerically solving [partial differential equations](#) or optimization problems.

The conjugate gradient method can also be used to solve unconstrained [optimization problems](#) and extensively researched.^{[4][5]}

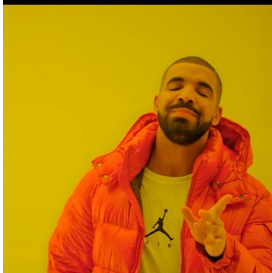
The [biconjugate gradient method](#) provides a generalization to non-symmetric matrices. ↘

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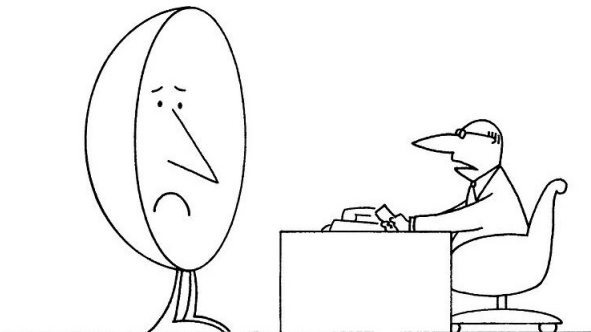


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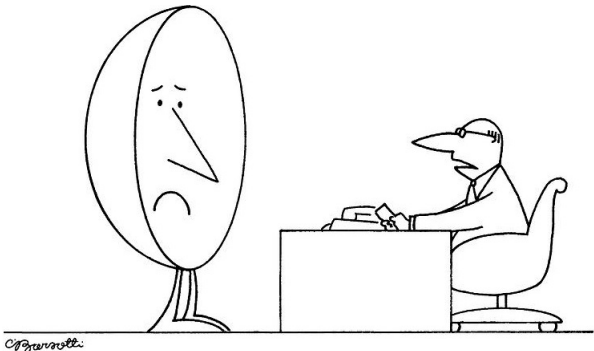
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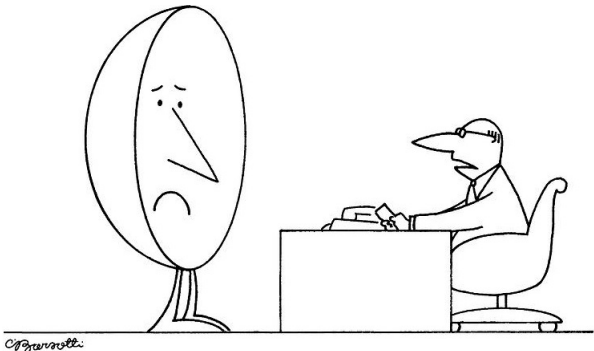
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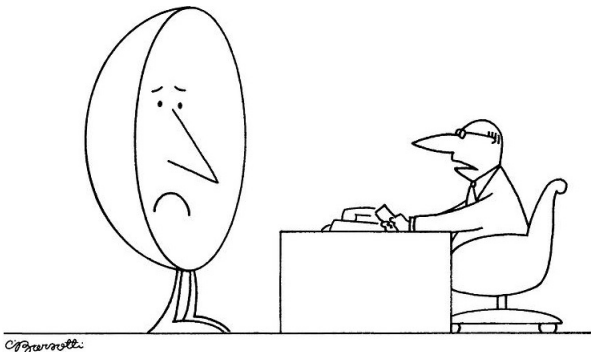


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MINRES-type OLS Solvers

Newton-MR-type Algorithms

A class of **Newton-type** algorithms with **MINRES** as sub-problem solver

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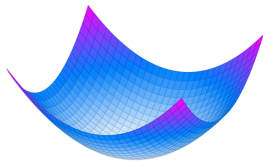


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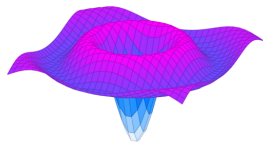
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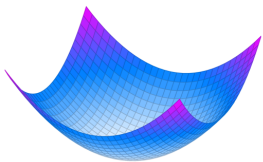
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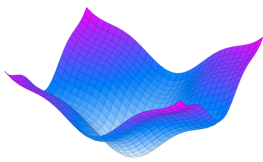
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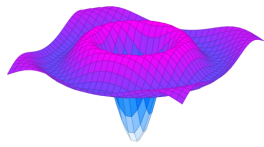
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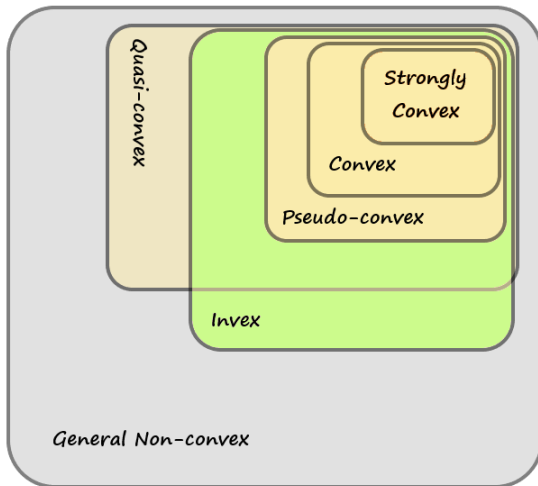


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Examples of Convergence Results

Global Linear Rate in “ $\|\mathbf{g}\|$ ”

$$\|\mathbf{g}^{(k+1)}\|^2 \leq (1 - \eta) \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2, \quad 0 < \eta \leq 1.$$

Global Linear Rate in “ $f(\mathbf{x}) - \min_x f$ ” Under Polyak-Łojasiewicz

$$f(\mathbf{x}_k) - \min_x f \leq C\zeta^k, \quad 0 < \zeta \leq 1.$$

Error Recursion with $\alpha_k = 1$

$$\min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{X}^*} \|\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{y}\| \leq c_1 \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{X}^*} \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \sqrt{(1 - \nu)} c_2 \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{X}^*} \|\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{y}\|.$$

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$$\langle \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{p} \rangle = - \langle \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}^\dagger \mathbf{g} \rangle = - \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{g}\|$$

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^\top - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_3 \quad (?)$$

$$\text{Rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{H}}) \neq \text{Rank}(\mathbf{H})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{p} \rangle = - \langle \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}^\dagger \mathbf{g} \rangle = - \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{g}\|$$

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^\top - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_3 \quad (?)$$

$$\text{Rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{H}}) \neq \text{Rank}(\mathbf{H}) \implies \|\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^\top - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top\| = 1$$

$$\langle \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{p} \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}^\dagger \mathbf{g} \rangle = -\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{g}\|$$

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^\top - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_3 \quad \mathbf{X}$$

$$\text{Rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{H}}) \neq \text{Rank}(\mathbf{H}) \implies \|\tilde{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^\top - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top\| = 1$$

Instead of

$$\left\| \tilde{H}\tilde{H}^\dagger - HH^\dagger \right\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_3$$

which implies

$$\left\| \left(\tilde{H}\tilde{H}^\dagger - HH^\dagger \right) \mathbf{v} \right\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_3 \|\mathbf{v}\|, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v}$$

we only need

$$\left\| \left(\tilde{H}\tilde{H}^\dagger - HH^\dagger \right) \mathbf{g} \right\| \leq \tilde{\epsilon}_3 \|\mathbf{g}\|$$

$$\left\| \left(\tilde{H}\tilde{H}^\dagger - HH^\dagger \right) \mathbf{g} \right\| \leq \left(\mathcal{O}(\epsilon) + \sqrt{1-\nu} \right) \|\mathbf{g}\|$$

$$\mathbf{p}_k^{(t)} \approx \arg \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{K}_t} \left\| \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_k \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{g}_k \right\|$$

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$$\left\| \mathbf{p}_k^{(t)} \right\| \leq \left(\mathcal{O}(1) + \frac{\sqrt{1-\nu}}{\epsilon} \right) \left\| \mathbf{g}_k \right\|, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, \text{Rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_k)$$

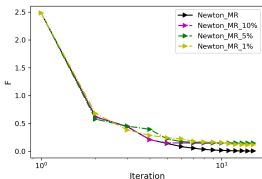
Global Convergence: Inherent Stability

$$\|\mathbf{g}_{k+1}\|^2 \leq (1 - \eta + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)) \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2$$

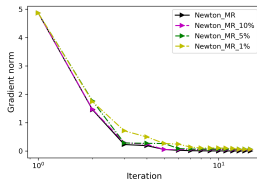
Local Convergence: Inherent Stability

$$\|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})\| \leq c_1 \|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_k)\|^2 + (c_2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)) \|\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_k)\|$$

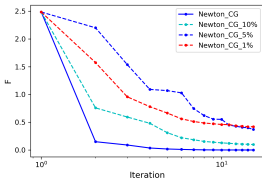
Softmax-Cross Entropy: HAPT



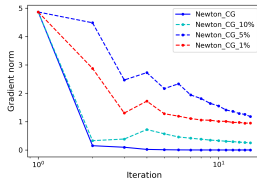
$f(x_k)$ vs. Iterations



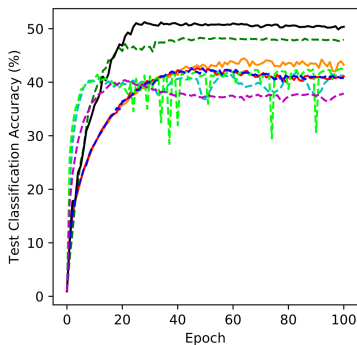
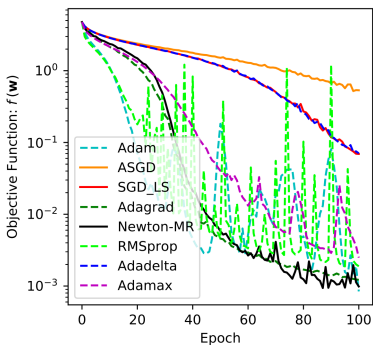
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$f(x_k)$ vs. Iterations



$\|g_k\|$ vs. Iterations



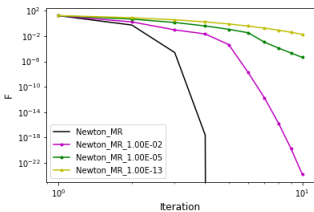
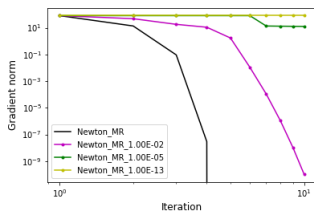
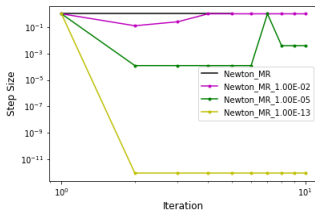
DenseNet-201 with SoftPlus activation and CIFAR100 dataset

The factors involving $1 - \nu$ have real effect!

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{ax_1^2}{b - x_2}, \quad x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, x_2 \in (-\infty, b) \cup (b, \infty)$$

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$$\nu = \frac{8}{9}$$

 $f(x_k)$ vs. Iterations $\|g_k\|$ vs. Iterations

Step-size vs. Iterations



Recall...

Algorithm Generic 2nd-order Method

Start from \mathbf{x}_0

for $k = 1, 2, \dots$ **do**

$$\mathbf{p}_k = \begin{cases} \alpha_k \mathbf{p} & \text{where } \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{p} \approx -\mathbf{g}_k & \text{(Line Search)} \\ \arg \min_{\|\mathbf{p}\| \leq \Delta} \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{g}_k \rangle + \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{p} \rangle / 2 & \text{(Trust Region)} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{p}_k$$

end for

major iteration, we define a tolerance ϵ_k that specifies the required accuracy of the solution. For concreteness, we choose the forcing sequence to be $\eta_k = \min(0$ to obtain a superlinear convergence rate, but other choices are possible.

Algorithm 7.1 (Line Search Newton–CG).

Given initial point x_0 ;

for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

 Define tolerance $\epsilon_k = \min(0.5, \sqrt{\|\nabla f_k\|} \|\nabla f_k\|$;

 Set $z_0 = 0, r_0 = \nabla f_k, d_0 = -r_0 = -\nabla f_k$;

for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

if $d_j^T B_k d_j \leq 0$

if $j = 0$

return $p_k = -\nabla f_k$;

else

return $p_k = z_j$;

 Set $\alpha_j = r_j^T r_j / d_j^T B_k d_j$;

 Set $z_{j+1} = z_j + \alpha_j d_j$;

 Set $r_{j+1} = r_j + \alpha_j B_k d_j$;

if $\|r_{j+1}\| < \epsilon_k$

return $p_k = z_{j+1}$;

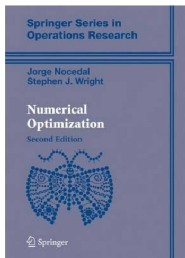
 Set $\beta_{j+1} = r_{j+1}^T r_{j+1} / r_j^T r_j$;

 Set $d_{j+1} = -r_{j+1} + \beta_{j+1} d_j$;

end (for)

 Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$, where α_k satisfies the Wolfe, Goldstein, or Armijo backtracking conditions (using $\alpha_k = 1$ if possible);

end



where $B_k = \nabla^2 f_k$. As in Algorithm 7.1, we use d_j to denote the search direction of the modified CG iteration and z_j to denote the search direction of the trust region method.

Algorithm 7.2 (CG–Steihaug).

Given tolerance $\epsilon_k > 0$;
 Set $z_0 = 0, r_0 = \nabla f_k, d_0 = -r_0$
 if $\|r_0\| < \epsilon_k$
 return $p_k = z_0 = 0$;
 for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
 if $d_j^T B_k d_j \leq 0$
 Find τ such that p_k
 and satisfies $\|r_{j+1}\| < \epsilon_k$
 return p_k ;
 Set $\alpha_j = r_j^T r_j / d_j^T B_k d_j$;
 Set $z_{j+1} = z_j + \alpha_j d_j$;
 if $\|z_{j+1}\| \geq \Delta_k$
 Find $\tau \geq 0$ such that $\|r_{j+1} + \tau d_j\| < \epsilon_k$
 return p_k ;
 Set $r_{j+1} = r_j + \alpha_j B_k d_j$;
 if $\|r_{j+1}\| < \epsilon_k$
 return $p_k = z_{j+1}$;
 Set $\beta_{j+1} = r_{j+1}^T r_{j+1} / r_j^T r_j$;
 Set $d_{j+1} = -r_{j+1} + \beta_{j+1} d_j$;
 end (for).

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THE CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD AND TRUST REGIONS IN LARGE SCALE OPTIMIZATION*

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Abstract. Algorithms based on trust regions have been shown to be robust methods for unconstrained optimization problems. All existing methods, either based on the dogleg strategy or Hebbden-Moré iterations, require solution of system of linear equations. In large scale optimization this may be prohibitively expensive. It is shown in this paper that an approximate solution of the trust region problem may be found by the preconditioned conjugate gradient method. This may be regarded as a generalized dogleg technique where we asymptotically take the inexact quasi-Newton step. We also show that we have the same convergence properties as existing methods based on the dogleg strategy using an approximate Hessian.

Key words. unconstrained optimization, locally constrained steps, negative curvature

1. Introduction. The unconstrained minimization of a smooth function in many variables is an important problem in mathematical programming. These problems are usually referred to as large scale unconstrained optimization problems and they occur frequently, for example, in structural design and in finite element methods for nonlinear partial differential equations.

Since the function is smooth, the local minima occur at stationary points, i.e., zeros of the gradient. Effective algorithms are usually based on Newton's method or some variation like the quasi-Newton methods for finding a zero of the gradient. To enlarge the region of convergence, the methods need to be modified. There are two

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A Newton-CG algorithm with complexity guarantees for smooth unconstrained optimization

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Abstract

We consider minimization of a smooth nonconvex algorithm based on Newton's method and the linear explicit detection and use of negative curvature derivative function. The algorithm tracks Newton-conjugate in the 1980s closely, but includes enhancements results published in the literature.

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A log-barrier Newton-CG method for bound constrained optimization with complexity guarantees

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We describe an algorithm based on a logarithmic barrier function, Newton's method and linear conjugate gradients that seeks an approximate minimizer of a smooth function over the non-negative orthant. We develop a bound on the complexity of the approach, stated in terms of the required accuracy and the cost of a single gradient evaluation of the objective function and/or a matrix-vector multiplication involving the Hessian of the objective. The approach can be implemented without explicit calculation or storage of the Hessian.

Keywords: nonconvex optimization; log-barrier methods; worst-case complexity; bound constraints.

1. Introduction

We consider the following constrained optimization problem:

$$\min f(x) \quad \text{subject to } x \geq 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a nonconvex function, twice uniformly Lipschitz continuously differentiable in the interior of the non-negative orthant. We assume that explicit storage of the Hessian $\nabla^2 f(x)$ for $x > 0$ is undesirable, but that Hessian-vector products of the form $\nabla^2 f(x)v$ can be computed at any $x > 0$ for

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TRUST-REGION NEWTON-CG WITH STRUCTURED COMPLEXITY GUARANTEES FOR OPTIMIZATION*

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Complexity of Projected Newton Methods for Bound-constrained Optimization

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Abstract We analyze the iteration complexity of two methods based on the projected gradient and Newton methods for solving bound-constrained optimization problems. The first method is a scaled variant of Bertsekas's two-metric projection method [2], which can be shown to output an ϵ -approximate first-order point in $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$ iterations. The second is a projected Newton-Conjugate Gradient (CG) method, which locates an ϵ -approximate second-order point with high probability in $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-3/2})$ iterations, at a cost of $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-7/4})$ gradient evaluations or Hessian-vector products (omitting logarithmic factors). Besides having good complexity properties, both methods are appealing from a practical point of view, as we show using some illustrative numerical results.

Keywords Nonconvex Bound-constrained Optimization · Global Complexity Guarantees · Two-Metric Projection Method · Projected Newton Method

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Complexity of Proximal Augmented Lagrangian for Nonconvex Optimization with Nonlinear Equality Constraints

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Abstract

We analyze worst-case complexity of a Proximal augmented Lagrangian (Proximal AL) framework for nonconvex optimization with nonlinear equality constraints. When an approximate first-order (second-order) optimal point is obtained in the subproblem, as a first-order (second-order) optimal point for the original problem can be guaranteed within $\mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon^{2-\eta})$ outer iterations (where η is a user-defined parameter with $\eta \in [0, 2]$ for the first-order result and $\eta \in [1, 2]$ for the second-order result) when the proximal term coefficient β and penalty parameter ρ satisfy $\beta = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^\eta)$ and $\rho = \mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon^\eta)$, respectively. We also investigate the total iteration complexity and operation complexity when a Newton-conjugate-gradient algorithm is used to solve the subproblems. Finally, we discuss an adaptive scheme for determining a value of the parameter ρ that satisfies the requirements of the analysis.



Conjugate Gradient

$$\mathbf{p}^{(t)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{K}_t(\mathbf{H}, -\mathbf{g})} \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{g} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{p} \rangle / 2$$

Conjugate Gradient

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- Useful for trust region:

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- Useful for trust region:

- Similarity to TR's sub-problem: $\arg \min_{\|\mathbf{p}\| \leq \Delta} \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{g} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{p} \rangle / 2$

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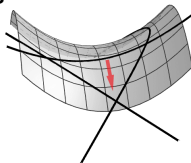
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- Negative curvature direction



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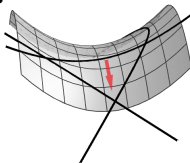
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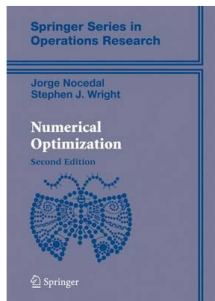
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- Similarity to TR's sub-problem: $\arg \min_{\|\mathbf{p}\| \leq \Delta} \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{g} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{p} \rangle / 2$
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• Useful for Newton-CG and trust-region:

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Algorithm 7.1 (Line Search Newton–CG).Given initial point x_0 ;**for** $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ Define tolerance $\epsilon_k = \min(0.5, \sqrt{\|\nabla f_k\|}) \|\nabla f_k\|$; Set $z_0 = 0, r_0 = \nabla f_k, d_0 = -r_0 = -\nabla f_k$; **for** $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ **if** $d_j^T B_k d_j \leq 0$ **if** $j = 0$ **return** $p_k = -\nabla f_k$; **else** **return** $p_k = z_j$; Set $\alpha_j = r_j^T r_j / d_j^T B_k d_j$; Set $z_{j+1} = z_j + \alpha_j d_j$; Set $r_{j+1} = r_j + \alpha_j B_k d_j$; **if** $\|r_{j+1}\| < \epsilon_k$ **return** $p_k = z_{j+1}$; Set $\beta_{j+1} = r_{j+1}^T r_{j+1} / r_j^T r_j$; Set $d_{j+1} = -r_{j+1} + \beta_{j+1} d_j$; **end (for)**Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$, where α_k satisfies the Wolfe, Goldstein, or
 Armijo backtracking conditions (using $\alpha_k = 1$ if possible);**end**

Algorithm 7.2 (CG–Steihaug).

Given tolerance $\epsilon_k > 0$;

Set $z_0 = 0, r_0 = \nabla f_k, d_0 = -r_0 = -\nabla f_k$;

if $\|r_0\| < \epsilon_k$

return $p_k = z_0 = 0$;

for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

if $d_j^T B_k d_j \leq 0$

 Find τ such that $p_k = z_j + \tau d_j$ minimizes $m_k(p_k)$ in (4.5)
 and satisfies $\|p_k\| = \Delta_k$;

return p_k ;

 Set $\alpha_j = r_j^T r_j / (d_j^T B_k d_j)$;

 Set $z_{j+1} = z_j + \alpha_j d_j$;

if $\|z_{j+1}\| \geq \Delta_k$

 Find $\tau \geq 0$ such that $p_k = z_j + \tau d_j$ satisfies $\|p_k\| = \Delta_k$;

return p_k ;

 Set $r_{j+1} = r_j + \alpha_j B_k d_j$;

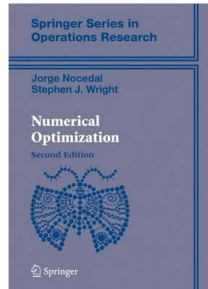
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 Set $\beta_{j+1} = r_{j+1}^T r_{j+1} / r_j^T r_j$;

 Set $d_{j+1} = -r_{j+1} + \beta_{j+1} d_j$;

end (for).



CG VERSUS MINRES: AN EMPIRICAL COMPARISON*

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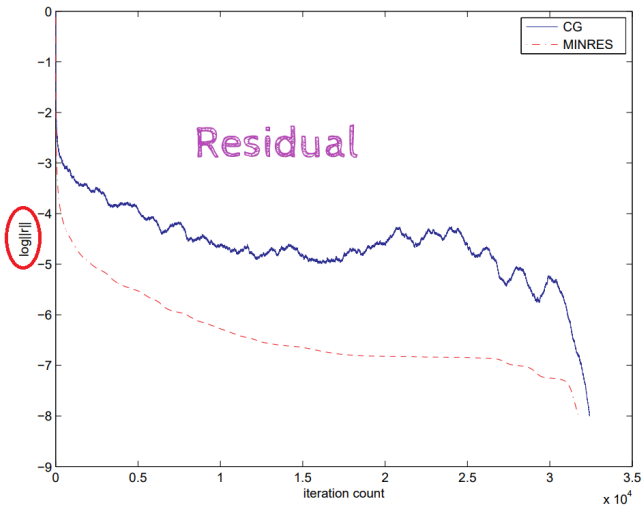
Abstract. For iterative solution of symmetric systems $Ax = b$, the conjugate gradient method (CG) is commonly used when A is positive definite, while the minimum residual method (MINRES) is typically reserved for indefinite systems. We investigate the sequence of approximate solutions x_k generated by each method and suggest that even if A is positive definite, MINRES may be preferable to CG if iterations are to be terminated early. In particular, we show for MINRES that the solution norms $\|x_k\|$ are monotonically increasing when A is positive definite (as was already known for CG), and the solution errors $\|x^* - x_k\|$ are monotonically decreasing. We also show that the backward errors for the MINRES iterates x_k are monotonically decreasing.

Key words. conjugate gradient method, minimum residual method, iterative method, sparse matrix, linear equations, CG, CR, MINRES, Krylov subspace method, trust-region method

1. Introduction. The conjugate gradient method (CG) [11] and the minimum residual method (MINRES) [18] are both Krylov subspace methods for the iterative solution of symmetric linear equations $Ax = b$. CG is commonly used when the matrix A is positive definite, while MINRES is generally reserved for indefinite systems [27, p85]. We reexamine this wisdom from the point of view of early termination on positive-definite systems.

We assume that the system $Ax = b$ is real with A symmetric positive definite (spd) and of dimension $n \times n$. The Lanczos process [13] with starting vector b may be used to generate the $n \times k$ matrix $V_k \equiv (v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_k)$ and the $(k+1) \times k$

The reduced tridiagonal matrix T_k such that $AV_k = V_{k+1}T_k$ for $l = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and



Fong, D.C., & Saunders, M. (2012). CG Versus MINRES: An Empirical Comparison. Sultan Qaboos University Journal for Science, 17, 44-62.

Minimum Residual

$$\mathbf{p}^{(t)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{K}_t(\mathbf{H}, -\mathbf{g})} \|\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{p}\|^2 / 2$$

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$$\mathbf{p}^{(t)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{K}_t(\mathbf{H}, -\mathbf{g})} \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{H}^2\mathbf{p} \rangle / 2$$

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MINRES:



MINRES:

- **Negative Curvature** or **PSD Certificate?**
(without any additional work)



MINRES:

- **Negative Curvature** or **PSD Certificate?**
(without any additional work)
- **Monotonicity Properties?**



$$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{b} \leftarrow -\mathbf{g}$$

Starting from $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$, we have

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_t(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|$$

Lemma (Liu and Roosta, 2021)

As part of MINRES iterations, we can readily compute

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We use the perturbation approach by Royer, O'Neill, and Wright, 2020

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A Newton-CG algorithm with complexity guarantees for smooth unconstrained optimization

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Abstract

We consider minimization of a smooth nonconvex objective function using an iterative algorithm based on Newton's method and the linear conjugate gradient algorithm, with explicit detection and use of negative curvature directions for the Hessian of the objective function. The algorithm tracks Newton-conjugate gradient procedures developed in the 1980s closely, but includes enhancements that allow worst-case complexity results to be proved for convergence to points that satisfy approximate first-order and second-order optimality conditions. The complexity results match the best known results in the literature for second-order methods.

Keywords Smooth nonconvex optimization · Newton's method · Conjugate gradient method · Optimality conditions · Worst-case complexity

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
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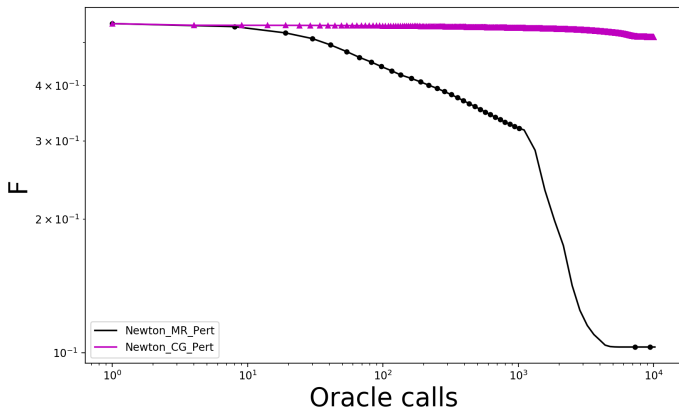


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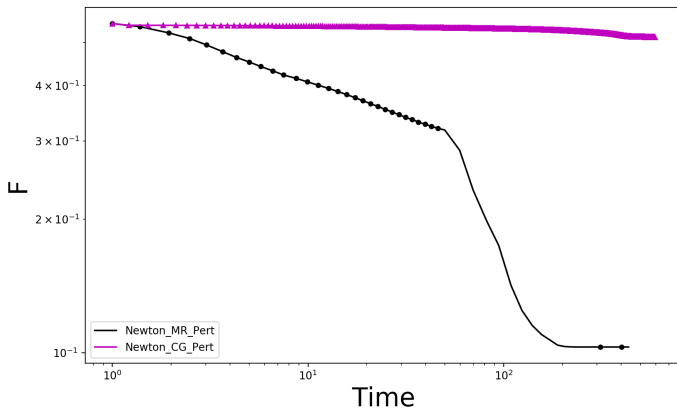


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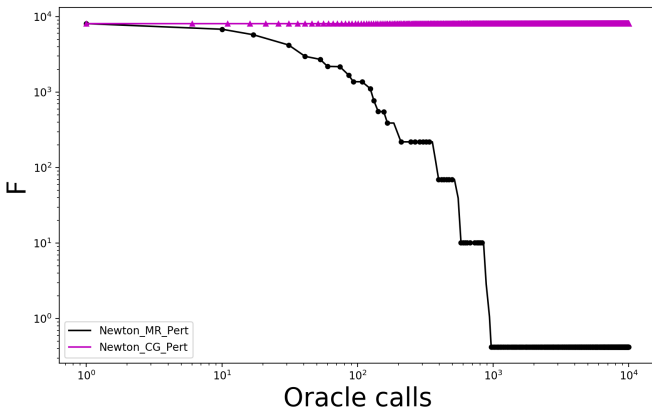


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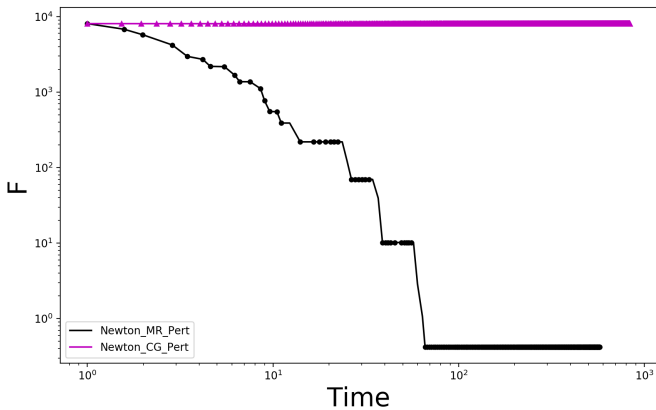


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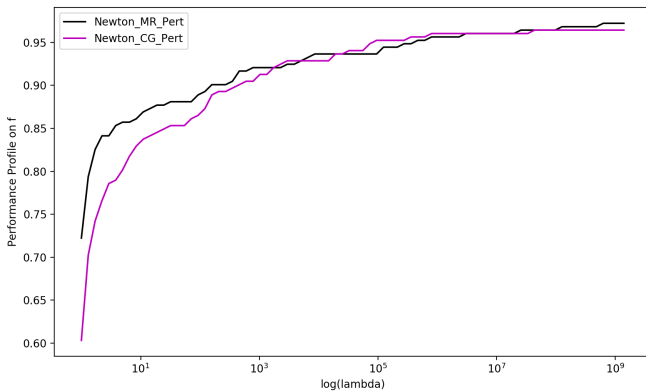







Figure: Performance Profile on 252 CUTEst Problems



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