

A new hybrid HS-DY conjugate gradient algorithm with application in mode function

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Abstract Conjugate gradient methods are an important class of methods for unconstrained optimization, especially for large-scale problems. Recently, they have been much studied. In this paper, a new hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm is proposed and analyzed. The proposed method inherits the features of the HS, DY and NHS conjugate gradient methods. The method can generate the descent direction at every iteration, moreover, this property doesn't depend on any line search. Under the strong Wolfe line search, the global convergence of the proposed method is established. The numerical results also show the feasibility and effectiveness of our algorithm. Furthermore, the proposed algorithm EHD was extended to solve problem of mode function.

1 Introduction

The optimization model is a needful mathematical problem since it has been connected to different fields such as economics, engineering and physics. Today there are many optimization algorithms, such as Newton, quasi-Newton and bundle algorithms. Note that these algorithms fail to solve large-scale optimization problems because they need to store and calculate relevant matrices. In contrast, Conjugate gradient (CG) method is one of iterative techniques prominently used in solving unconstrained optimization problems due to its simplicity, low memory storage, and good convergence analysis. In this work, we consider the unconstrained optimization problem

$$\min \{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}, \quad (1.1)$$

where f is continuously differentiable and bounded from below and its gradient $g_k = \nabla f(x_k)$ is available.

Conjugate gradient methods are very important methods for solving (1.1), especially when the dimension n is large. The iterative process of a conjugate gradient method for solving (1.1) is given by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k, \quad (1.2)$$

where x_k is the current iterate point and d_k is the search direction generated by the following rule

$$d_0 = -g_0; d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k, \quad (1.3)$$

where β_k is a parameter known as the conjugate gradient coefficient. The step-length α_k is very important for global convergence of conjugate gradient methods, one often requires the line search to satisfy the standard Wolfe conditions

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) - f(x_k) \leq \delta \alpha_k g_k^T d_k, \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$g_{k+1}^T d_k \geq \sigma g_k^T d_k. \quad (1.5)$$

Also, the strong Wolfe conditions consist of (1.4) and

$$|g_{k+1}^T d_k| \leq -\sigma g_k^T d_k. \quad (1.6)$$

where $0 < \delta < \sigma < 1$.

Now, we denote $y_k = g_{k+1} - g_k$, $\|\cdot\|$ the Euclidean norm and $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$.

The scalar β_k is chosen so that the methods (1.2) and (1.3) reduces to the linear conjugate gradient method in the case when f is convex quadratic and exact line search, since the gradient are mutually orthogonal, and the parameters β_k in these methods are equal. For general nonlinear function, however, a different formula for scalar β_k result in distinct nonlinear conjugate gradient methods. Some of these methods as Polak- Ribière and Polyak (PRP) method [28, 29], Hestenes-Stiefel (HS) method [17] and Liu-Storey (LS) method [23]

$$\beta_k^{PRP} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T y_k}{\|g_k\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T y_k}{y_k^T d_k}, \quad \beta_k^{LS} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T y_k}{-g_k^T d_k},$$

in general may not be convergent, but they often have better computational performances.

Moreover, although Fletcher-Reeves (FR) method [13], Dai-Yuan (DY) method [8] and Conjugate Decent (CD) proposed by Fletcher [14]

$$\beta_k^{FR} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{DY} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{y_k^T d_k}, \quad \beta_k^{CD} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{-g_k^T d_k}.$$

These methods have strong convergence properties, but they may not perform well in practice due to jamming [1] and [4].

Naturally, people try to devise some new methods, which have the advantages of these two kinds of methods. Touati-Ahmed and Storey [32] introduced one of the first hybrid conjugate gradient algorithms, where the parameter β_k is computed as

$$\beta_k^{TaS} = \min \{ \beta_k^{FR}, \beta_k^{PRP} \}.$$

The authors proved that β_k^{TaS} has good convergence properties and numerically outperforms both the β_k^{FR} and β_k^{PRP} algorithms. Soon afterwards, Hu and Storey [18], Gilbert and Nocedal [15] further studied other hybrid schemes about PRP and FR methods. Dai and Yuan [9] combined DY method with HS method, proposing the following two hybrid methods

$$\beta_k^{hDY} = \max \{ -c\beta_k^{DY}, \min \{ \beta_k^{HS}, \beta_k^{DY} \} \},$$

$$\beta_k^{hDYz} = \max \{ 0, \min \{ \beta_k^{HS}, \beta_k^{DY} \} \},$$

where $c = \frac{1-\sigma}{1+\sigma}$. For the standard Wolfe conditions (1.4) and (1.5), under the Lipschitz continuity of the gradient, Dai and Yuan [9] established the global convergence of these hybrid computational schemes.

Another hybrid conjugate gradient is a convex combination of the different conjugate gradient algorithms. Recently, Andrei [2] introduced a new hybrid conjugate gradient method based on HS and DY methods (denoted as HYBRID method) for solving unconstrained optimization problem (1.1), calculating the parameter β_k^c as a convex combination of β_k^{HS} and β_k^{DY} i.e.

$$\beta_k^c = (1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{HS} + \theta_k \beta_k^{DY},$$

where θ_k is a scalar parameter satisfying $0 \leq \theta_k \leq 1$. Convergence with the standard Wolfe condition was established. In 2009, this author [4] presented a new hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm between PRP and DY methods (denoted as CCOMB method) with the β_k is obtained by

$$\beta_k^c = (1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{PRP} + \theta_k \beta_k^{DY}.$$

Under the strong Wolfe line search, he proved the global convergence of this method. Recently, Liu and Li [22] proposed another hybrid conjugate gradient method as a convex combination of LS and DY method (denoted as HLSDY method) given by

$$\beta_k^{HLSDY} = (1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{LS} + \theta_k \beta_k^{DY}.$$

The global convergence was established under strong Wolfe line search. Numerical result show that the method is efficient for the standard unconstrained problems in a CUTE library [3].

In 2019, Mtugulwa and Kaelo [26] introduced another hybrid and three-term conjugate gradient method which computes β_k^{EPF} as

$$\beta_k^{EPF} = \begin{cases} \beta_k^{PRP}, & \text{if } \|g_{k+1}\|^2 > |g_{k+1}^T g_k| \\ (1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{NPRP} + \theta_k \beta_k^{FR}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

where β_k^{NPRP} given in Zhang [34] by

$$\beta_k^{NPRP} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|}{\|g_k\|} |g_{k+1}^T g_k|}{\|g_k\|^2},$$

and direction d_k defined as

$$d_0 = -g_0; d_{k+1} = - \left(1 + \beta_k^{EPF} \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \right) g_{k+1} + \beta_k^{EPF} d_k.$$

The authors proved this method has global convergence under the strong Wolfe line search conditions.

This paper aims to propose new hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm. We establish, under a strong Wolfe line search, convergence properties of the proposed conjugate gradient method. Numerical results show that the EHD method is efficient and robust and outperforms as seven conjugate gradient methods famous. Finally, an application of our method in nonparametric mode estimator is also considered.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we propose another hybrid conjugate gradient method, with combines the features of the DY method and HS method. In this section we also present the new algorithm and we prove the search direction of our method satisfies the sufficient descent condition. Section 3 includes the main convergence properties of the proposed method with strong Wolfe line search. The preliminary numerical results are presented in section 4. In section 5, we focus an application of the new method in statistics nonparametric. Finally, we make a summary of our paper.

2 Modified HS-DY hybrid conjugate gradient method

In this section, we construct a new hybrid conjugate gradient method relating to the HS and DY methods. Dai and Yuan [8] proved that the DY method always generate descent directions and converges globally with the Wolfe line conditions (1.4) and (1.5). On the other hand, the HS method is generally regarded to be one of the most efficient conjugate gradient methods, but their convergence property is not so good.

In the latest years, many works have devoted their time and effort to come up with new formulae in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the DY and HS methods.

Yao et al. [33] gave a variant of the HS method which we call the MHS method. The parameter β_k in the MHS method is given by

$$\beta_k^{MHS} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|}{\|g_k\|} g_{k+1}^T g_k}{y_k^T d_k}.$$

If $\sigma < \frac{1}{3}$ in the strong Wolfe line search (1.6), Yao et al. [33] proved that the MHS method also can produce sufficient descent direction and global convergence. More recently, Zhang [34] took a little modification to the MHS method and constructed the NHS method as follows

$$\beta_k^{NHS} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|}{\|g_k\|} |g_{k+1}^T g_k|}{y_k^T d_k}.$$

Under the strong Wolfe line search (1.6) with the parameter σ is restricted in $(0, \frac{1}{2})$, it has been shown that the NHS method can generate sufficient descent directions and converges globally.

Motivated by the ideas on the hybrid methods [2] and [26], this paper introduce a new hybrid choice for parameter β_k as follows

$$\beta_k^{EHD} = \begin{cases} \beta_k^{HS}, & \text{if } \|g_{k+1}\|^2 > |g_{k+1}^T g_k|, \\ (1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{NHS} + \theta_k \beta_k^{DY}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where θ_k is a scalar parameter satisfying $0 \leq \theta_k \leq 1$ and the direction d_k defined as

$$d_0 = -g_0; \quad d_{k+1} = - \left(1 + \beta_k^{EHD} \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \right) g_{k+1} + \beta_k^{EHD} d_k. \quad (2.2)$$

For convenience, we call this method as EHD method.

2.1 The conjugate condition

In conjugate gradient method, the traditional conjugacy condition $d_{k+1}^T y_k = 0$, plays an important role in the convergence analyses and numerical calculation. To select the parameter θ_k we consider the following Lemma.

Lemma 2.1. *If the conjugacy condition $d_{k+1}^T y_k = 0$ is satisfied at every iteration, we get*

$$\theta_k = \frac{\eta - \zeta \beta_k^{NHS}}{\zeta \mu}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $\eta = y_k^T g_{k+1}$, $\zeta = y_k^T d_k - \eta \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}$ and $\mu = \frac{\frac{\|g_{k+1}\|}{\|g_k\|} |g_{k+1}^T g_k|}{y_k^T d_k}$.

Proof. : If $\|g_{k+1}\|^2 \leq |g_{k+1}^T g_k|$, we have $\beta_k^{EHD} = \beta_k^{NHS} + \theta_k (\beta_k^{DY} - \beta_k^{NHS})$, then from (2.2) we get

$$d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + [\beta_k^{NHS} + \theta_k (\beta_k^{DY} - \beta_k^{NHS})] \left[d_k - \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} g_{k+1} \right]. \quad (2.4)$$

We multiply both sides of the relation (2.4) by the vector y_k^T , we obtain

$$\theta_k = \frac{y_k^T g_{k+1} - \beta_k^{NHS} \left[y_k^T d_k - \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1} \right]}{(\beta_k^{DY} - \beta_k^{NHS}) \left[y_k^T d_k - \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1} \right]}.$$

From the above equality of β_k^{DY} and β_k^{NHS} , after some algebra, we get the result. \square

Remark 2.2. Having in view the relation (2.3), we define

$$\theta_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \frac{\eta - \zeta \beta_k^{NHS}}{\zeta \mu} \leq 0 \text{ or } \zeta \mu = 0, \\ \frac{\eta - \zeta \beta_k^{NHS}}{\zeta \mu} & \text{if } 0 < \frac{\eta - \zeta \beta_k^{NHS}}{\zeta \mu} < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{\eta - \zeta \beta_k^{NHS}}{\zeta \mu} \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

2.2 EHD Algorithm and the sufficient descent condition

The framework of the proposed EHD algorithm is given as follows

Step 1: Initialization.

Choose an initial point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and the parameters $0 < \delta < \sigma < 1$. Compute $f(x_0)$ and g_0 .

Set $d_0 = -g_0$.

Step 2: Test for continuation of iterations.

If $\|g_k\|_\infty \leq 10^{-6}$, then stop. Otherwise, go to the next step.

Step 3: Line search.

Compute α_k by the strong Wolfe line searches (1.4), (1.6) and update the variables $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$.

Step 4: Compute θ_k using (2.5).

Step 5: Compute β_k^{EHD} using (2.1).

Step 6: Compute the search direction. If the restart criterion of Powell condition

$$|g_{k+1}^T g_k| > 0.2 \|g_{k+1}\|^2, \quad (2.6)$$

is satisfied, then set $d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1}$, otherwise generate d_{k+1} by (2.2).

Step 7: Set $k = k + 1$ and go to Step 2.

Now, we prove that it generates search direction d_k obtained by new hybrid conjugate gradient method satisfying in some condition the sufficient descent conditions.

Theorem 2.3. *Let the sequences $\{d_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ and $\{g_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ be generated by EHD method. Then the search direction d_k satisfies the sufficient descent for all k*

$$g_k^T d_k = -\|g_k\|^2. \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. Multiplying (2.2) by g_{k+1}^T from the left, we get

$$g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1} = - \left(1 + \beta_k^{EHD} \frac{d_k^T g_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \right) \|g_{k+1}\|^2 + \beta_k^{EHD} g_{k+1}^T d_k.$$

So, we can get

$$g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1} = -\|g_{k+1}\|^2.$$

Hence true for $k \geq 1$. The proof is completed. \square

3 Global convergence

To analyze the global convergence property of our hybrid method, the following Assumptions are required. These assumptions have been used extensively in the literature for the global convergence analysis of conjugate gradient methods.

Assumption A. The level set

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) \leq f(x_0)\},$$

is bounded.

Assumption B. In some open convex neighborhood N of S , the function f is continuously differentiable and its gradient is Lipschitz continuous, namely, there exists a constant $L > 0$ such that

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in N. \quad (3.1)$$

These assumptions imply that there exists a positive constant $\Gamma \geq 0$ such that

$$\|\nabla f(x)\| \leq \Gamma, \text{ for all } x \in N. \quad (3.2)$$

The following result was essentially proved by Dai et al. [7].

Lemma 3.1. *Let Assumptions A and B hold. Let the sequence $\{x_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ be generated by (1.2) and search direction d_k is a descent direction, and α_k is received from the strong Wolfe line search. If*

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{\|d_k\|^2} = \infty,$$

then

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0.$$

The following Lemma gives some interesting properties of the EHD method.

Lemma 3.2. *Let Assumptions A and B hold. If d_k is a descent direction and α_k satisfies the standard Wolfe condition (1.5). Then*

$$\alpha_k \geq \frac{(1 - \sigma) \|g_k\|^2}{L \|d_k\|^2}. \quad (3.3)$$

Proof. See the proof of Lemma 3.2 in Liu and Li [22]. \square

Remark 3.3. From (1.6) and (2.7), the step-size α_k obtained in the EHD algorithm satisfies (3.3). This indicates, the step size α_k obtained in EHD method is not equal to zero, i.e., there exists a constant $\lambda > 0$, such that

$$\alpha_k \geq \lambda, \quad \text{for all } k \geq 0. \quad (3.4)$$

The following Theorem establishes the global convergence of EHD method with the strong Wolfe line search.

Theorem 3.4. *Suppose that Assumptions A and B hold. Consider the sequences $\{g_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ and $\{d_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ generated by EHD algorithm. Then this method converges in the sense that*

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

Proof. For the sake of contradiction, assume that (3.5) doesn't hold. Then there exists a positive constant γ such that

$$\|g_k\| \geq \gamma, \quad \text{for all } k. \quad (3.6)$$

We have for the definition of β_k^{NHS} and Cauchy Schwarz inequality, that

$$0 \leq \beta_k^{NHS} \leq \beta_k^{DY}. \quad (3.7)$$

From (2.1) and (3.7), we have

$$|\beta_k^{EHD}| \leq |\beta_k^{HS}| + \beta_k^{DY}.$$

For all k sufficiently large. By using (1.6) and from the sufficient descent condition we obtain

$$d_k^T y_k = d_k^T (g_{k+1} - g_k) \geq (1 - \sigma) \|g_k\|^2. \quad (3.8)$$

So, using (3.6) we get

$$d_k^T y_k \geq (1 - \sigma) \gamma^2. \quad (3.9)$$

On the other hand, using the Cauchy Schwarz inequality, (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

$$|g_{k+1}^T y_k| \leq \|g_{k+1}\| \|y_k\| \leq \Gamma L D,$$

where D is a diameter of the level set \mathcal{N} .

Now we use (3.9), we have

$$|\beta_k^{HS}| \leq \frac{\Gamma L D}{(1 - \sigma) \gamma^2}. \quad (3.10)$$

On the other side,

$$\beta_k^{DY} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{d_k^T y_k} \leq \frac{\Gamma^2}{(1 - \sigma) \gamma^2}. \quad (3.11)$$

From (3.10) and (3.11), we have

$$|\beta_k^{EHD}| \leq \frac{\Gamma}{(1 - \sigma) \gamma^2} (L D + \Gamma) = E. \quad (3.12)$$

Thus, it follows from (2.2) that

$$\|d_{k+1}\| \leq \|g_{k+1}\| + |\beta_k^{EHD}| \left(\frac{|d_k^T g_{k+1}|}{\|g_{k+1}\|} + \frac{\|s_k\|}{\alpha_k} \right).$$

Cauchy Schwarz inequality, (3.4) and (3.12) yields

$$\|d_{k+1}\| \leq M,$$

where $M = \Gamma + 2E \frac{D}{\lambda}$.

By take the summation $k \geq 0$, we get

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{\|d_k\|^2} = \infty.$$

So, applying Lemma 3.1, we conclude that which impels that (3.5) is true. This is a contradiction with (3.6), so we have proved (3.5). \square

4 Numerical Experiments

In this section, we present some numerical experiments obtained with the new proposed conjugate gradient method with the hybridization parameter β_k given by (2.1). The test problems have been taken to the CUTE library [3] and [6]. All the algorithms have been coded in MATLAB 2013 and compiler settings on the PC machine (2.5 GHz, 3.8 GB RAM memory) with windows XP operating system. We compare the computational results of our method (EHD method) against the NHS [34], DY [8], hDYz [9], CCOMB [4], HYBRID [2], HLSDY [22] and CG_DESCENT [16] methods. In this numerical result, all algorithms implement the strong Wolfe line search condition with $\delta = 10^{-4}$ and $\sigma = 10^{-3}$. The iteration is terminated if one of the following conditions is satisfied (i) $\|g_k\|_\infty < 10^{-6}$, where $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is the maximum absolute component of a vector, (ii) The number of iterations exceeded 2000, (iii) The computing time

is more than 500 s. We show the performance difference clearly between our method EHD and seven conjugate gradient algorithms. We choose the performance profile introduced by Dolan and Morè [10] to compare the performance according to the number of iteration and CPU time with rule as follows. Let S is the set of methods and P is the set of the test problems with n_p, n_s are the number of the test problems and the number of the methods, respectively. For each problem $p \in P$ and solver $s \in S$, denote $\tau_{p,s}$ be the computing time of iteration or CPU time required to solve problems $p \in P$ by solver $s \in S$. Then comparson between different solvers based on the performance ratio is given by

$$r_{p,s} = \frac{\tau_{p,s}}{\min \{ \tau_{p,i}, 1 \leq i \leq n_s \}}.$$

Suppose that a parameter $r_M \geq r_{p,s}$ for all problem and solvers chosen, and $r_M = r_{p,s}$ if and only if solver s does not solve problem p . The overall evaluation of performance of the solvers is then given by the performance profile function given by

$$F_s(t) = \frac{size \{ p : 1 \leq p \leq n_p, r_{p,s} \leq t \}}{n_p},$$

where $t \geq 1$ and $size \{ p : 1 \leq p \leq n_p, r_{p,s} \leq t \}$ is the number of elements in the set $\{ p : 1 \leq p \leq n_p, r_{p,s} \leq t \}$ function $F_s : [1, \infty[\rightarrow [0, 1]$ is the distribution function for the performance ratio. The value of $F_s(1)$ is the probability that the solver will win the rest of the solvers.

In this numerical study, Table 1 lists the names of the test functions and Table 2 shows the performance of the eight methods which gives the number of the test problems (N°), the dimension of functions (Dim), the total number of iterations (NI), the CPU time in seconds (CPU) and 'INF' indicates that the algorithm failed to solve the problem. Table2, Figure 1 and Figure 2 give a performance comparison of the EHD method with those for the number of iterations and the CPU time. From these Figures and Table 2, we can see that the new method EHD performs better than NHS [34], DY [8], hDYz [9], CCOMB [4], HYBRID [2], CG_DESCENT [16] and HLSDY [22] methods, for the given test problems. These obtained preliminary results are indeed encouraging.

Table 1: The test functions.

| Number | function | Number | function |
|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | Beale | 21 | Himmelbleau |
| 2 | Booth | 22 | Liarwhd |
| 3 | Branin | 23 | Penalty |
| 4 | Lion | 24 | Perquadratic |
| 5 | Matyas | 25 | Power |
| 6 | Almost Perturbed Quadratic | 26 | Qing |
| 7 | Almost Perturbed Quartic | 27 | Quadratic |
| 8 | Alpine 1 | 28 | Quartic |
| 9 | Chung | 29 | Rastring |
| 10 | DIAG | 30 | Raydan 1 |
| 11 | Diag-aup 1 | 31 | Raydan 2 |
| 12 | Diagonal 1 | 32 | Ridge |
| 13 | Diagonal 2 | 33 | Rosenbrock |
| 14 | Diagonal 4 | 34 | Schwefel |
| 15 | Dixon | 35 | Schwefel 220 |
| 16 | Engval 1 | 36 | Schwefel 221 |
| 17 | Exponential | 37 | Schwefel 223 |
| 18 | Extended Hiebert | 38 | Styblinski |
| 19 | Greinwak | 39 | Sumsquares |
| 20 | Hager | 40 | Zakharov |

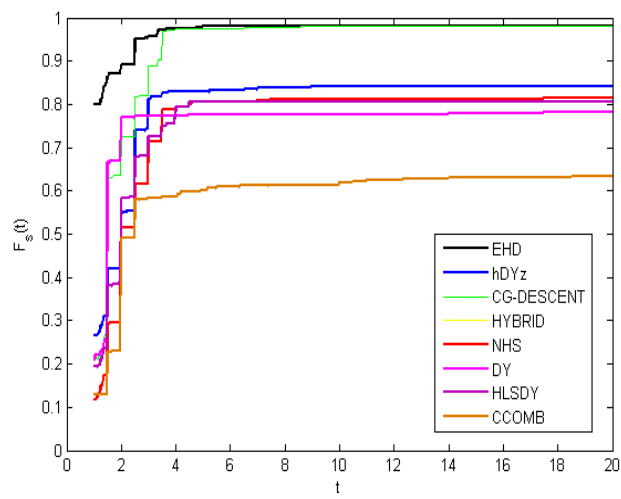


Figure 1: Performance profile on the number of iterations.

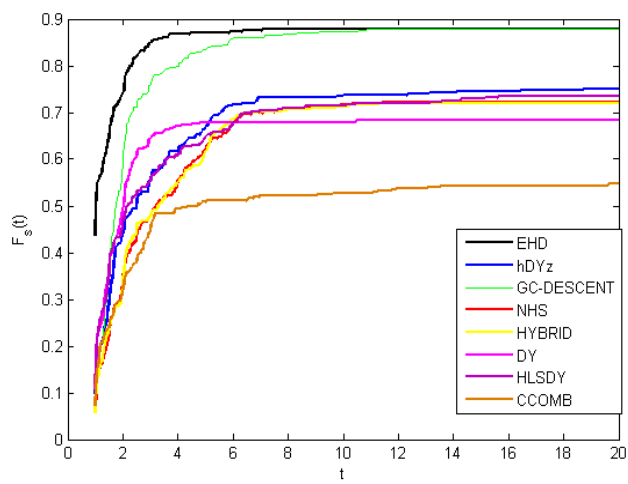


Figure 2: Performance profile on the CPU time.

Table2 : Numerical results of the eight methods.

| N° | Dim | EHD | | hDyZ | | CG-DESCENT | | NHS | | HYBRID | | DY | | HLSDY | | CCOMB | |
|----|------|-----|--------|------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------|--------|----------|-----|--------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| | | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU |
| 1 | 2 | 15 | 0.0780 | 29 | 0.1410 | 10 | 0.0780 | 11 | 0.0630 | 11 | 0.0620 | 10 | 0.0470 | 80 | 0.3600 | 105 | 0.5310 |
| 2 | 2 | 6 | 0.0310 | 6 | 0.0320 | 8 | 0.0470 | 7 | 0.0320 | 7 | 0.0320 | 6 | 0.0320 | 8 | 0.0470 | 60 | 0.3440 |
| 3 | 2 | 8 | 0.0470 | 14 | 0.0780 | 16 | 0.0780 | 10 | 0.0480 | 10 | 0.0620 | 8 | 0.0620 | 15 | 0.0940 | 88 | 0.5620 |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | 0.0150 | 2 | 0.0150 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 5 | 0.0310 |
| 5 | 2 | 2 | 0.0150 | 2 | 0.0160 | 2 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0320 | 3 | 0.0160 | 2 | 0.0160 | 2 | 0.0160 |
| 6 | 70 | 10 | 0.0310 | 840 | 2.4370 | 10 | 0.0310 | 84 | 0.2500 | 84 | 0.2510 | 86 | 0.2650 | 271 | 0.8130 | 647 | 2.0680 |
| | 200 | 14 | 0.0480 | 1999 | 20.9230 | 13 | 0.0460 | 109 | 0.8920 | 100 | 0.8300 | 140 | 1.1410 | 333 | 2.7850 | 1999 | 20.7530 |
| | 300 | 22 | 0.0620 | 1999 | 30.6070 | 25 | 0.0670 | 194 | 2.2540 | 190 | 2.2020 | 190 | 2.2120 | 1999 | 32.9200 | 1999 | 33.7580 |
| 7 | 800 | 2 | 0.0470 | 3 | 0.0940 | 4 | 0.0780 | 3 | 0.1100 | 3 | 0.0930 | 3 | 0.0940 | 3 | 0.01090 | 3 | 0.1120 |
| 8 | 70 | 6 | 0.1590 | 42 | 7.4280 | 5 | 0.1400 | 1999 | 195.5290 | 1999 | 198.0890 | 109 | 9.8520 | 8 | 0.2000 | 1999 | 329.8640 |
| | 300 | 11 | 0.2750 | INF | INF | 11 | 0.2780 | 20 | 1.8090 | 24 | 1.8200 | INF | INF | 15 | 0.6440 | INF | INF |
| 9 | 100 | 5 | 0.0310 | 5 | 0.0320 | 5 | 0.0310 | 9 | 0.0400 | 9 | 0.0350 | 7 | 0.0870 | INF | INF | 6 | 0.0330 |
| 10 | 200 | 2 | 0.0150 | 4 | 0.0310 | 5 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0160 | 4 | 0.0310 | 3 | 0.0320 | 4 | 0.0160 | 4 | 0.0160 |
| 11 | 600 | 4 | 0.0470 | 5 | 0.1100 | 6 | 0.0940 | 6 | 0.0930 | 6 | 0.0940 | 4 | 0.0610 | 4 | 0.0620 | 5 | 0.0680 |
| 12 | 3000 | 1 | 0.0180 | 2 | 0.0320 | 1 | 0.0220 | 2 | 0.0300 | 2 | 0.0210 | 233 | 5.4850 | 4 | 0.0210 | 1999 | 20.3680 |
| 13 | 500 | 2 | 0.0110 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0200 | 4 | 0.0250 | 4 | 0.0250 | 4 | 0.0280 | 2 | 0.1390 | 2 | 0.1050 |
| 14 | 5000 | 6 | 0.1410 | 2 | 0.0990 | 4 | 0.1110 | 6 | 0.3760 | 5 | 0.3670 | 3 | 0.1970 | 4 | 0.2030 | 3 | 0.4100 |
| 15 | 2000 | 4 | 0.0160 | 4 | 0.0820 | 4 | 0.0510 | 4 | 0.0205 | 4 | 0.2080 | 3 | 0.0320 | 5 | 0.0160 | 5 | 0.0310 |
| 16 | 50 | 2 | 0.0150 | 5 | 0.0770 | 5 | 0.0360 | 5 | 0.0160 | 5 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 7 | 0.0980 | 1999 | 28.2610 |
| 17 | 3000 | 3 | 0.1250 | 1999 | 28.3400 | 5 | 0.1400 | 3 | 0.1270 | 3 | 0.1260 | 4 | 0.1880 | 5 | 0.1410 | 4 | 0.1460 |
| 18 | 120 | 3 | 0.0150 | 5 | 0.0310 | 6 | 0.0320 | 5 | 0.0310 | 5 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0160 | 4 | 0.0460 | 80 | 1.2810 |
| 19 | 1000 | 1 | 0.0160 | 1 | 0.0630 | 1 | 0.0470 | 1 | 0.0460 | 1 | 0.0470 | 1 | 0.0460 | 2 | 0.0310 | 2 | 0.0160 |
| 20 | 2000 | 2 | 0.0150 | 4 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0310 | 3 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0320 | 5 | 0.0620 |

Table 2: (Continued).

| N° | Dim | EHD | | hDyz | | CG-DESCENT | | NHS | | HYBRID | | DY | | HLSDY | | CCOMB | |
|----|------|-----|--------|------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------|--------|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| | | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU | NI | CPU |
| 21 | 200 | 3 | 0.0160 | 6 | 0.0780 | 4 | 0.0470 | 6 | 0.0630 | 7 | 0.0940 | 4 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0310 | 6 | 0.0320 |
| 22 | 80 | 2 | 0.0150 | 5 | 0.0310 | 7 | 0.0310 | 8 | 0.0320 | 7 | 0.0320 | 3 | 0.0160 | 7 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0160 |
| 23 | 20 | 2 | 0.0630 | 5 | 0.1470 | 2 | 0.0680 | 7 | 0.1560 | 7 | 0.1600 | 12 | 0.2810 | INF | INF | 5 | 0.0940 |
| | 2000 | 2 | 0.0620 | 5 | 0.1230 | 2 | 0.1090 | 7 | 0.3130 | 6 | 0.2800 | 11 | 0.6730 | INF | INF | 5 | 0.1420 |
| 24 | 200 | 25 | 0.0320 | INF | INF | 20 | 0.0310 | 273 | 1.2960 | 276 | 1.3280 | 755 | 4.2650 | 261 | 1.2650 | 1999 | 17.5680 |
| | 400 | 18 | 0.0470 | INF | INF | 15 | 0.0430 | 428 | 3.7650 | 425 | 3.8270 | INF | INF | 390 | 3.4990 | 1999 | 31.4430 |
| 25 | 10 | 23 | 0.0160 | 8 | 0.0150 | 24 | 0.0310 | 8 | 0.0150 | 8 | 0.0150 | 11 | 0.0160 | INF | INF | 59 | 0.9600 |
| | 500 | 4 | 0.0150 | 1999 | 42.3770 | 5 | 0.0310 | 1999 | 41.9810 | 1999 | 41.8280 | INF | INF | 10 | 0.0310 | 1999 | 41.8080 |
| 26 | 150 | 3 | 0.0150 | 6 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0160 | 8 | 0.0320 | 8 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0160 | 9 | 0.0470 | 5 | 0.0310 |
| 27 | 200 | 15 | 0.0480 | INF | INF | 12 | 0.0470 | 305 | 4.6080 | 319 | 4.6600 | 323 | 4.9550 | 296 | 4.7960 | 1431 | 31.3520 |
| | 1000 | 20 | 0.0630 | INF | INF | 18 | 0.0620 | 389 | 8.2010 | 367 | 8.2480 | 390 | 8.3900 | 381 | 8.0190 | 1999 | 66.7380 |
| 28 | 800 | 2 | 0.0310 | 4 | 0.0470 | 2 | 0.5620 | 5 | 0.0470 | 5 | 0.0460 | 3 | 0.0320 | 5 | 0.0470 | 4 | 0.0320 |
| 29 | 200 | 9 | 0.0780 | 215 | 2.0620 | 6 | 0.2030 | 6 | 0.0460 | 6 | 0.0480 | 9 | 0.0630 | INF | INF | 35 | 0.3280 |
| 30 | 20 | 5 | 0.0160 | 8 | 0.0310 | 9 | 0.0310 | 35 | 0.5270 | 35 | 0.3510 | 35 | 0.5310 | 56 | 0.5930 | 84 | 0.9660 |
| | 1000 | 9 | 0.0310 | 30 | 0.0470 | 8 | 0.0320 | 1999 | 720.4940 | INF | INF | INF | INF | INF | INF | 1999 | 631.3020 |
| 31 | 5000 | 5 | 0.1100 | 8 | 0.0940 | 4 | 0.0780 | 8 | 0.0940 | 9 | 0.0970 | 31 | 4.1930 | 7 | 0.0720 | 653 | 109.3600 |
| 32 | 400 | 2 | 0.0620 | 2 | 0.1090 | 2 | 0.0630 | 2 | 0.0940 | 2 | 0.0930 | 1030 | 41.6090 | 146 | 0.4220 | 1999 | 22.3730 |
| 33 | 10 | 7 | 0.0160 | 6 | 0.0160 | 6 | 0.0930 | 7 | 0.0310 | 7 | 0.0320 | 82 | 0.0780 | 86 | 0.0940 | 7 | 0.0160 |
| 34 | 40 | 11 | 0.0470 | 3 | 0.0160 | 10 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 | 4 | 0.0420 | INF | INF | 1999 | 71.3760 |
| 35 | 2000 | 2 | 0.0310 | 2 | 0.0470 | 3 | 0.0940 | 3 | 0.1400 | 3 | 0.0780 | 3 | 0.0620 | 3 | 0.0670 | 1999 | 199.9170 |
| 36 | 2000 | 3 | 0.0310 | 3 | 0.1860 | 2 | 0.0180 | 4 | 0.0470 | 4 | 0.0470 | 3 | 0.0940 | 3 | 0.0320 | 1999 | 42.4450 |
| 37 | 500 | 2 | 0.0150 | 2 | 0.0160 | 2 | 0.0320 | 3 | 0.0310 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0310 | 3 | 0.0160 | 3 | 0.0160 |
| 38 | 5000 | 4 | 0.2829 | 14 | 3.4680 | 5 | 0.2890 | 15 | 2.4210 | 15 | 2.4840 | 62 | 18.8240 | 37 | 10.0450 | 5 | 0.3680 |
| 39 | 200 | 226 | 1.5460 | 553 | 5.1890 | 224 | 1.4550 | 158 | 1.4210 | 159 | 1.6710 | 230 | 1.5840 | 810 | 9.2390 | INF | INF |
| 40 | 30 | 6 | 0.0150 | 6 | 0.0160 | 6 | 4.7490 | 8 | 0.0320 | 8 | 0.0310 | 13 | 0.0460 | 7 | 0.0320 | 6 | 0.0160 |

5 Application in mode function

The conjugate gradient method has played an important role in solving large scale unconstrained optimization problems that may arise in statistics nonparametric [19, 25], portfolio selection [20, 5] and image restoration problems [12, 24].

Estimation nonparametric has received a great deal of attention in both theoretical and applied statistics literature. For the historical and mathematical survey, we refer the reader to Sager [30]. In statistics, it is always interesting to study the central tendency of the data, that is usually quantified using the location parameters (mean, mode, median). The problem of estimating the mode function of a probability density function (p.d.f.) has taken considerable attention in the past for both independent and dependent data, and a number of distinguished papers deal with this topic. For example, Parzen [27] and Eddy [11] for estimation of the unconditional mode in the independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) case.

In this section, we consider the problem of estimating the mode of a multivariate uni-modal probability density f with support in \mathbb{R}^n from i.i.d. standard normal random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with common probability density function f . This problem has been investigated in numerous paper. To quote a few of them, Konakov [21] and Samanta [31]. We assume that density f has a unique mode denoted by θ and defined by

$$f(\theta) = \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x). \quad (5.1)$$

A kernel estimator of the mode θ is defined as the random variable $\hat{\theta}$ which maximizes the kernel estimator $f_n(x)$ of $f(x)$, that is

$$f_n(\hat{\theta}) = \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f_n(x), \quad (5.2)$$

where

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{nh_n^n} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - X_i}{h_n}\right). \quad (5.3)$$

The bandwidth (h_n) is a sequence of positive real numbers which goes to zero as n goes to infinity and the kernel K is a p.d.f. on \mathbb{R}^n .

In this simulation, we choose between two different types of kernel: while standard Gaussian kernel defined by

$$K(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2\right),$$

and Epanechnikov kernel obtained by

$$K(x) = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - x_j^2).$$

The selection of the bandwidth h is an important and basic problem in kernel smoothing techniques. In this simulation, we choose the optimal bandwidth by the cross-validation method.

In this context, we employ our proposed method to solve the problem (5.2) under strong Wolfe line search technique and compare the computational results of the EHD method against the CG_DESCENT method [16]. We choose some initial points and we obtain the result as in the Table 3. According to these results, it is clear that the EHD method more efficient than CG_DESCENT method based on the number of iterations and CPU time for solving the problem (5.2).

Table 3: The simulation result of EHD and GC-DESCENT methods for solving problem (5.2).

| Kernel | Point initial | Dim | EHD | | GC-DESCENT | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|-----|----------|------------|----------|
| | | | NI | CPU | NI | CPU |
| Gaussian | (0.001,...,0.001) | 90 | 6 | 4.7730 | 6 | 2.8770 |
| | | 120 | 8 | 10.5020 | 27 | 18.8140 |
| | | 200 | 2 | 7.1660 | 3 | 8.9070 |
| | (0.025,...,0.025) | 40 | 3 | 0.4610 | 2 | 0.1400 |
| | | 50 | 17 | 3.7430 | 78 | 8.6610 |
| | | 250 | 3 | 16.4670 | 1 | 14.4060 |
| | | 400 | 2 | 16.5270 | 3 | 23.0380 |
| | (-1.01,...,-1.01) | 110 | 11 | 11.2970 | 38 | 20.5470 |
| | | 130 | 2 | 2.8750 | 6 | 4.5460 |
| | | 270 | 33 | 114.0290 | 34 | 214.3990 |
| Epanechnikov | (0.25,...,0.25) | 50 | 6 | 1.3740 | 2 | 0.4370 |
| | | 180 | 5 | 17.1650 | 3 | 9.7560 |
| | | 350 | 2 | 25.1610 | 3 | 32.9640 |
| | (-0.45,...,-0.45) | 45 | 4 | 0.6800 | 7 | 1.2180 |
| | | 120 | 2 | 2.5300 | 4 | 4.9830 |
| | | 220 | 9 | 38.6710 | 5 | 22.0620 |
| | (-0.75,...,-0.75) | 30 | 5 | 0.3910 | 7 | 0.5470 |
| | | 70 | 16 | 6.6420 | 2 | 0.8280 |
| | | 100 | 10 | 8.5350 | 7 | 5.9990 |
| | | 120 | 3 | 3.9400 | 19 | 23.8080 |
| | | 300 | 2 | 14.9650 | 4 | 32.0633 |
| | (0.005,...,0.005) | 15 | 29 | 0.6580 | 35 | 0.8620 |
| | | 40 | 5 | 0.9720 | 6 | 1.0430 |
| | | 220 | 4 | 17.2210 | 5 | 21.4220 |

6 Conclusion

We have presented a new hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm. The proposed method possesses a good descent search direction at each iteration and this is independent of the line search. The global convergence properties of the proposed method have been established under strong Wolfe line search conditions. We present the computational evidence that the performance of our method EHD is better than to some well-known conjugate gradient methods. The practical applicability of our method is also explored in nonparametric estimation of the mode function.

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