

A Simple Three-term Conjugate Gradient Algorithm for Solving Symmetric Systems of Nonlinear Equations

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a simple three-terms Conjugate Gradient algorithm for solving Large-Scale systems of nonlinear equations without computing Jacobian and gradient via the special structure of the underlying function. This three term CG of the proposed method has an advantage of solving relatively large-scale problems, with lower storage requirement compared to some existing methods. By incorporating the Powell restart approach in to the algorithm, we prove the global convergence of the proposed method with a derivative free line search under suitable assumptions. The numerical results are presented which show that the proposed method is promising. Mathematics Subject Classification: 65H11, 65K05,65H12, 65H18.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In real life problems, many problems are in large-scale systems of nonlinear equations such as concentration of chemical species, cross-sectional properties of structural elements and dimensional mechanical linkages e.t.c. Hence it is extremely important to develop an efficient algorithm to solve the following basic large-scale problem

$$F(x) = 0, \tag{1}$$

where $F: R^n \rightarrow R^n$ is continuously differentiable, and the Jacobian $J(x) \equiv F'(x)$ is symmetric, that is $J(x) = J(x)^T$.

Let define a norm function by $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x)\|^2$, where $\|.\|$ is the Euclidean norm. Then (1) is equivalent to the following unconstrained optimization problem

$$\min f(x), \quad x \in R^n \tag{2}$$

The general CG method for solving (2), is given as follows

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k, \tag{3}$$

where $\alpha_k > 0$ is attained using line search, and direction d_k are obtained by

$$d_{k+1} = -\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + \beta_k d_k, \quad d_0 = -\nabla f(x_0), \tag{4}$$

where β_k is called conjugate gradient parameter

It is remarkable to mention that, many algorithms have been developed to solve nonlinear system of equations, the famous one is the Newton and quasi-Newton methods [1] which entails computation of Jacobian matrix or it's approximate. Other methods include Gauss-Newton methods [2-4], the gradient-based and the conjugate gradient methods [5-9], the trust region method [10-12], the Levenberg-Marquardt methods [13-14], the tensor methods [15], the derivative free methods [16-18] and the subspace methods [19].

One of the most crucial features of each numerical algorithms for solving systems of nonlinear equations is how the procedure deals with large-scale problems. It is well known that choices of β_k affect numerical performance of the method, and hence many researchers have studied effective choices of β_k (see [5-6, 20], for example). Recently Hager and Zhang [6] presented conjugate gradient methods and their global convergence properties. The shortcoming of conjugate gradient methods is that most of conjugate gradient methods do not satisfy the descent condition $F(x)^T d_k \leq 0$. However, some researchers proposed three-term conjugate gradient methods which always generate descent search directions (see [6-9, 19] for example).

This is what motivated us, to proposed a simple three CG algorithm for solving large scale systems of nonlinear equations by a modifying the classical memoryless BFGS approximation of the Jacobian inverse restarted as a multiple of an identity matrix at every step. The method posses low memory requirement, global convergence properties and simple implementation procedure.

The main contribution of this paper is to construct a fast and efficient three-term conjugate gradient method for solving (1) the proposed method is based on the three-term conjugate gradient method proposed by [21] for unconstrained optimization. In other words our algorithm can be thought as an extension to three-term conjugate gradient method to a general systems of nonlinear equations. We present experimental numerical results and performance comparism with three-term DF-SDCG conjugate gradient method by [20] which illustrated that the proposed algorithm is efficient and promising. The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In section 2, we describe the proposed algorithm in details. Subsequently, Convergence results are presented in Section 3. Some numerical results are reported in Section 4 to show its practical performance. Finally, conclusions are made in Section 5.

2. ALGORITHM

This section, presents a simple three term CG method for solving large-scale systems of nonlinear equations via memoryless BFGS update. In general, quasi-Newton method is an iterative method that generates a sequence of points $\{x_k\}$ from a given initial guess x_0 via the following form:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha_k B_k^{-1} \nabla f(x_k) \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, \tag{5}$$

where B_k is an approximation to the Jacobian which can be updated at each iteration for $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$, the updated matrix B_{k+1} is chosen in such a way that it satisfies the secant equation, i.e

$$B_{k+1} S_k = y_k, \tag{6}$$

where $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ and $y_k = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)$

Ortega and Rheinboldt in [22] presented approximation to the gradient $\nabla f(x_k)$, in order to avoid computing exact gradient as

$$g_k = \frac{F(x_k + \alpha_k F_k) - F_k}{\alpha_k}, \tag{7}$$

In our work we will use their idea and α_k to be updated via line search technique. The update formula for the BFGS B_k is given as

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

By letting $B_k \approx \theta I$, (8) can be rewrite as:

$$Q_{k+1} = \theta_k I - \frac{s_k y_k^T \theta_k + \theta_k y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} + \left(1 - \frac{y_k^T \theta_k y_k}{y_k^T s_k}\right) \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \tag{9}$$

where, θ_k as in Raydan [23]

$$\theta_k = \frac{s_k^T s_k}{s_k^T y_k} \quad (10)$$

We further multiply both sides of (9) by $g_{(x_{k+1})}$ to obtain

$$Q_{k+1}g(x_{k+1}) = \theta_k g(x_{k+1}) - \left(\frac{s_k y_k^T \theta_k - \theta_k y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) g_{(k+1)} \left(1 + \frac{y_k \theta_k y_k}{y_k^T s_k} \right) \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} g(x_{k+1}) \quad (11)$$

Observe that the direction $dk+1$ from (11) can be written as

$$d_{k+1} = -Q_{k+1}g(x_{k+1}) \quad (12)$$

Hence, our new direction is

$$d_{k+1} = -\theta_k g_{k+1} - \delta_{k*} s_k - \eta_k y_k \quad (13)$$

where,

$$\delta_k = \left(1 + \frac{y_k^T \theta_k y_k}{y_k^T s_k} \right) \frac{s_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{y_k^T \theta_k g_{k+1}}{y_k^T s_k}, \quad (14)$$

$$\eta_k = \frac{\theta_k s_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T s_k}, \quad (15)$$

Finally, we have

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k \quad (16)$$

Therefore with the proposed search direction we are using the derivative free line search of Li and Li [16] to find $\alpha_k = \max\{s, \rho s, \rho^2 s, \dots\}$ such that

$$-g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k \geq \sigma \alpha_k \|g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)\| \|d_k\|^2 \quad (17)$$

where $\sigma, s > 0$ and $\rho \in (0, 1)$.

We present the below algorithm

Algorithm 2.1 (STTCG)

Step 1 : Given $x_0, \alpha > 0, \sigma \in (0, 1), \epsilon = 10^{-4}$ and compute $d_0 = -g_0$, set $k=0$.

Step 2 : If $\|g_k\| < \epsilon$. then stop; otherwise continue with Step 3.

Step 3 : Determine the stepsize α_k by using a line search conditions in (17),

Step 4 : Determine δ_k and η_k by (14) and (15) respectively.

Step 5 : Find the search direction by (13).

Step 6 : Powell restart criterion. If $|g_{k+1}^T g_k|^2 > 0.2 \|g_{k+1}\|^2$, then set $d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1}$

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

3. CONVERGENCE RESULT

In this Section, we will present the global convergence of the simple three terms conjugate gradient method.

Definition 1

Let Ω be the level set defined by

$$\Omega = \{x | f(x) \leq \tau f(x_0)\}$$

where τ is a positive constant.

The following Assumptions are needed on the nonlinear systems F in order to establish the global convergence of our method Assumption A.

(i) The level set is bounded.

$$\Omega = \{x|f(x) \leq \tau f(x_0)\}$$

(ii) In some neighborhood N of Ω , the Jacobian is lipschitz continuous, i.e there exist a constant $L > 0$ s.t for all $x, y \in N$

$$\|F'(x) - F'(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\| \tag{18}$$

(iii) There exists $x^* \in \Omega$ such that $F(x^*)=0$ and $F'(x)$ is continous for all x .
Assumption A(ii) and A(iii) implies that there exist positive constants κ_1, κ_2 and L_1 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(x)\| &\leq \kappa_1, \\ \|J(x)\| &\leq \kappa_2 \quad \forall x \in N \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| &\leq L_1\|x - y\|, \\ \|J(x)\| &\leq 2, \quad \forall x, y \in N. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

The following lemma shows that the direction dk determined by (13) is interesting

Lemma 1 Suppose that F is uniformly convex then dk is defined by (13), then we have

$$g_k^T d_k = -\|g_k\|^2 \tag{21}$$

and

$$\|d_k\| \leq (\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{\nu}(2 + L + \frac{L^2}{\nu})) \tag{22}$$

Proof.

when $k=0$ (21) and (22) hold since $d_0=-g_0$. From the defination of d_k in (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{k+1}^T g(x_{k+1}) &= -\|g(x_{k+1})\|^2 + \left[\left(1 + \frac{y_k^T \theta_k y_k}{y_k^T s_k} \right) \frac{s_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{y_k^T \theta_k g_{k+1}}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{\theta_k s_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T s_k} \right]^T g(x_{k+1}) \\ &= -\|g(x_{k+1})\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus (21) hold for all $k \geq 1$ and By Lipchitz continuity, we know that $\|y_k\| \leq L\|s_k\|$. On the other hand by uniform convexity, it yields

$$y_k^T s_k \geq \nu\|s_k\|^2. \tag{23}$$

Thus,

$$|\delta_k| \leq \frac{|s_k^T g_{k+1}|}{|y_k^T s_k|} + \frac{|\theta_k| \|y_k\|^2 |s_k^T g_{k+1}|}{|y_k^T s_k|^2} + \frac{|\theta_k| |y_k^T g_{k+1}|}{|y_k^T s_k|} \tag{24}$$

$$\leq \frac{\lambda}{\nu\|s_k\|} + \frac{L^2\lambda}{\nu^2\|s_k\|} + \frac{L\lambda}{\nu\|s_k\|} \tag{25}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\nu} \left(1 + L + \frac{L^2}{\nu} \right) \frac{1}{\|s_k\|}. \tag{26}$$

Since

$$|\eta_k| = \frac{|\theta_k| |s_k^T g_{k+1}|}{|y_k^T s_k|} \leq \frac{\|s_k\| \|g_{k+1}\|}{\nu\|s_k\|^2} \leq \frac{\lambda}{\nu\|s_k\|}, \tag{27}$$

Finally

$$\|d_{k+1}\| \leq |\theta_k| \|g_{k+1}\| + |\delta_k| \|s_k\| + |\eta_k| \|y_k\| \leq \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{\nu} (2 + L + \frac{L^2}{\nu}) \quad (28)$$

Hence, d_{k+1} is bounded.

The coming lemma shows that the line search in step 3 of STTCG Algorithm is reasonable, then the presented algorithm is well defined.

Lemma 2

Let the Assumption A hold. Then STTCG Algorithm produces an iterate of $z_k = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$, in a finite number of backtracking steps.

Proof:

We suppose that $\|g_k\| \rightarrow 0$ does not hold, or the algorithm is stopped. Then there exists a constant $\epsilon_0 > 0$ such that

$$\|g_k\| \geq \epsilon_0, \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad (29)$$

We will get this by contradiction. Suppose that for some iterate indexes such as k_* the condition (17) is not true. Then by letting $\alpha_{k_*}^m = p^m s$, it can be concluded that

$$-g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*})^T d_{k_*} < \sigma \alpha_{k_*}^m \|g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*})\| \|d_{k_*}\|^2, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

combining with assumption A (ii) and (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(x_{k_*})\|^2 &= -d_{k_*}^T g_{k_*} \\ &= [g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*}) - g(x_{k_*})]^T d_{k_*} - g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*})^T d_{k_*} \\ &< [L + \sigma \|g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*})\|] \alpha_{k_*}^m \|d_{k_*}\|^2, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

By (19) and (28)

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*})\| &\leq \|g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*}) - g_{k_*}\| + \|g_{k_*}\| \leq L \alpha_{k_*}^m \|d_{k_*}\| \\ &\leq Ls \left(\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{\nu} (2 + L + \frac{L^2}{\nu}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{k_*}^m &> \frac{\|g_{k_*}\|^2}{[L + \sigma \|g(x_{k_*} + \alpha_{k_*}^m d_{k_*})\|] \|d_{k_*}\|^2} \\ &> \frac{\epsilon_0^2 \mu^2}{L + Ls \left(\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{\nu} (2 + L + \frac{L^2}{\nu}) \right)} > 0, \forall m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it contradicts with the definition of $\alpha_{k_*}^m$. Consequently, the line search procedure (17) can attain a positive steplength α_k in a finite number of backtracking steps. Hence it turns out the result of this lemma. The proof is complete.

Now we establish the global convergence theorem

Theorem Let the properties of assumption A hold. Then the sequence $\{x_k\}$ be generated by STTCG algorithm converges globally, that is,

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla f(x_k)\| = 0. \quad (31)$$

Proof. We prove this theorem by contradiction. Suppose that (31) is not true, then there exists a positive constant τ such that

$$\|\nabla f(x_k)\| \geq \tau, \quad \forall k \geq 0. \quad (32)$$

Since $\nabla f(x_k) = J_k F_k$, (32) implies that there exists a positive constant τ_1 satisfying

$$\|F_k\| \geq \tau_1, \quad \forall k \geq 0. \tag{33}$$

Case (i): $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k > 0$. then by (22), we have $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|F_k\| = 0$. This and Lemma 1 show that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|F_k\| = 0$, which contradicts (32).

Case (ii): $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0$. Since $\alpha_k \geq 0$, this case implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0. \tag{34}$$

by definition of g_k in (7), we have

$$\|g_k - \nabla f(x_k)\| = \left\| \frac{F(x_k + \alpha_{k-1}F_k) - F_k}{\alpha_{k-1}} - J_k^T F_k \right\| \tag{35}$$

$$= \left\| \int_0^1 J(x_k + t\alpha_{k-1}F_k) - J_k dt F_k \right\| \tag{36}$$

$$\leq LM_1^2 \alpha_{k-1}, \tag{37}$$

where we use (19) and (20) in the last inequality. (17) and (32) show that there exists a constant $\tau_2 > 0$ such that

$$\|g_k\| \geq \tau_2, \quad \forall k \geq 0. \tag{38}$$

By (7) and (19), we get

$$\|g_k\| = \left\| \int_0^1 J(x_k + t\alpha_{k-1}F_k) F_k dt \right\| \leq M_1 M_2, \quad \forall k \geq 0. \tag{39}$$

From (20) and (39), we obtain

$$\|y_k\| = \|g_k - g_{k+1}\| \tag{40}$$

$$\leq \|g_k - \nabla f(x_k)\| + \|g_{k-1} - \nabla f(x_{k-1})\| + \|\nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x_{k-1})\| \tag{41}$$

$$\leq LM_1^2(\alpha_{k-1} + \alpha_{k-2}) + L_1 \|s_{k-1}\|. \tag{42}$$

This together with (34) and lemma 2 show that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y_k\| = 0$. From (38), (39), (40) and (41), we have

$$|\theta_{k+1}| \leq \frac{\|s_k^T\| \|s_k\|}{\|s_k^T\| \|y_k\|} \tag{43}$$

meaning there exists a constant $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ such that for sufficiently large k

$$|\theta_{k+1}| \leq \lambda. \tag{44}$$

Since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0$, then $\alpha'_k = \frac{\alpha_k}{r}$ does not satisfy (17) namely,

$$-g(x_k + \alpha'_k d_k)^T d_k > \alpha_k \|g(x_k + \alpha'_k d_k)\| \|d_k\|^2$$

Since $\{x_k\} \subset \Omega$ is bounded and (28), without loss of generality, we assume $x_k \rightarrow x^*$.

By (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_{k+1} &= - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \theta_k g_{k+1} + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \delta_k s_k + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \eta_k y_k \\
&\leq - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_{k+1} + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \delta_k s_k + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \eta_k y_k \\
&= -\nabla f(x^*)
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

the fact that the sequence $\{d_k\}$ is bounded. on the other hand

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g(x_k + \alpha'_k d_k)\| \|d_k\|^2 = \nabla f(x^*) \tag{46}$$

Hence, from (45) and (46), we obtain $-\nabla f(x^*)^T \nabla f(x^*) \geq 0$, which means $\|\nabla f(x^*)\|=0$. This contradicts with (32). The proof is then completed.

4. NUMERICAL RESULTS

In this section, we tested a simple three term conjugate gradient algorithm and compare it's performance with a family of derivative free conjugate gradient method for largescale nonlinear systems of equations [24]:

Problem 3, 5, 8, and 10 are constructed by us where as the remaining are the reference therein. The test functions are listed as follows

Problem 1: see [18]

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(x) &= x_i(\cos x_i - n^{\frac{1}{2}}) - x_n[\sin x_i - 1 - (x_i - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i] \\
i &= 1, 2, \dots, n \quad x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2: [25]

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(x) &= e^{x_i} - 1 \\
i &= 1, 2, \dots, n. \\
x_0 &= (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3: System of n nonlinear equations

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(x) &= 1 - x_i^2 + x_i + x_i x_{n-2} x_{n-1} x_n - 2; \\
i &= 2, 3, \dots, n. \\
x_0 &= (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4: System of n nonlinear equations [18]

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(x) &= x_i - 3 \sin(x_i^3 - 0.66) + 2, \\
i &= 2, 3, \dots, n - 1. \\
x_0 &= (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 5: System of n nonlinear equations

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(x) &= \cos x_i - 9 + 3x_i + 8e^{x_i^2}, \\
F_i(x) &= \cos x_i - 9 + 3x_i + 8e^{x_i - 1}, \\
i &= 1, 2, \dots, n \\
x_0 &= (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 6: System of n nonlinear equations [25]

$$\begin{aligned}
F(x) &= x_1^2 + (x_i - 3) \log(x_{i+3}) - 9 + (x - 3) \\
x_0 &= (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 7: System of n nonlinear equations [18]

$$\begin{aligned}
F_i(x) &= e^{x_i^{2-i}} - \cos(1 - x_i), \\
i &= 1, 2, \dots, n \\
x_0 &= (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 8: System of n nonlinear equations

$$F_i(x) = (0.5 - x_i)^2 + (n + 1 - i)^2 - 0.25x_i - 1,$$

$$F_n(x) = \frac{n}{10} 1 - e^{-x^2}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T$$

Problem 9: System of n nonlinear equations [25]

$$F_i(x) = 4x_i + x_{i+1} - 2x_i - \frac{x_{n+1}}{3}$$

$$F_n(x) = 4x_n + x_{n-1} - 2x_n - \frac{x_{n+1}}{3}$$

$$i=1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

$$x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T$$

Problem 10: System of n nonlinear equations

$$F_i(x) = x_i^2 - 4,$$

$$x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T$$

Table 1. Numerical Results

STTCG Algorithm		DF-SDCG Algorithm					
F	Dim	NI	NF	CPU time	NI	NF	CPU time
1	1000	8	7.13E-04	0.309162	27	5.35E-07	0.483588
	5000	9	1.60E-04	0.225975	27	1.59E-06	2.015259
	10000	9	2.26E-04	0.339415	27	2.33E-06	4.539496
	100000	9	7.16E-04	3.706525	27	7.57E-06	32.24164
2	1000	86	9.24E-04	0.146515	110	9.59E-05	1.8757
	5000	93	9.88E-04	0.608405	118	9.14E-05	7.177654
	10000	97	9.17E-04	1.056327	121	9.38E-05	14.69088
	100000	108	9.10E-04	10.02409	132	9.18E-05	150.8311
3	1000	50	9.91E-04	0.122658	23	7.75E-05	0.397317
	5000	55	9.27E-04	0.551853	24	3.27E-05	1.782406
	10000	57	9.25E-04	1.065817	24	4.62E-05	3.305191
	100000	64	8.63E-04	13.20678	25	9.90E-05	30.46621
4	1000	59	9.94E-04	0.165684	17	5.88E-05	0.270884
	5000	64	9.30E-04	0.735837	18	6.62E-05	1.382743
	10000	66	9.29E-04	1.336673	18	9.36E-05	2.614208
	100000	89	9.00E-04	14.70021	25	7.65E-05	30.48919
5	1000	90	9.91E-04	0.312973	120	9.81E-05	2.058193
	5000	97	8.98E-04	1.402195	127	9.58E-05	8.248632
	10000	99	9.81E-04	2.499665	130	9.50E-05	16.05217
	100000	108	9.72E-04	23.19104	140	9.21E-05	170.3214
6	1000	17	7.72E-04	0.074975	20	7.20E-05	0.356372
	5000	18	6.78E-04	0.29091	22	9.35E-05	1.72317
	10000	22	6.98E-04	0.629363	30	9.16E-05	4.247261
	100000	45	5.89E-04	11.62368	48	2.31E-05	62.58256

Table 2. Numerical Results continue

STTCG Algorithm		DF-SDCG Algorithm					
F	Dim	NI	NF	CPU time	NI	NF	CPU time
7	1000	21	6.60E-04	0.06498	48	7.98E-05	0.866479
	5000	22	8.85E-04	0.2508	51	8.73E-05	3.622161
	10000	23	7.51E-04	0.457754	52	9.73E-05	6.90017
	100000	38	8.48E-04	7.904586	70	8.86E-05	81.89273
8	1000	12	7.28E-04	0.03847	36	9.69E-05	0.630022
	5000	13	3.97E-04	0.162693	38	9.81E-05	2.795954
	10000	13	5.61E-04	0.303557	39	9.34E-05	5.907116
	100000	14	4.33E-04	3.553242	42	9.01E-05	49.78434
9	1000	6	9.46E-04	0.038455	25	6.12E-05	0.486923
	5000	7	2.11E-04	0.127945	26	8.22E-05	2.085478
	10000	7	2.99E-04	0.256841	27	6.91E-05	4.818576
	100000	7	9.46E-04	2.880648	29	7.46E-05	35.18388
10	1000	59	9.86E-04	0.103063	22	3.91E-05	0.370238
	5000	64	9.22E-04	0.409039	22	8.75E-05	1.638231
	10000	66	9.20E-04	0.766193	23	5.53E-05	3.171502
	100000	99	9.40E-04	12.20289	37	4.52E-05	42.88408

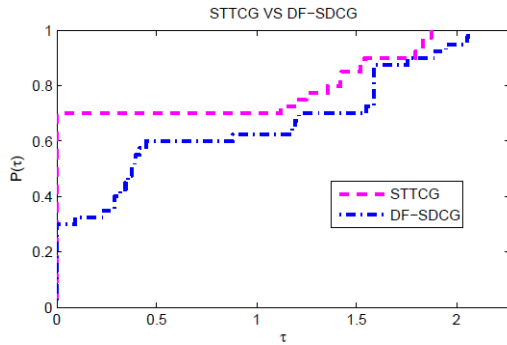


Figure 1. Performance Profile of STTCG and DF-SDCG Methods with Respect to Number of Iterations for Problem 1-10

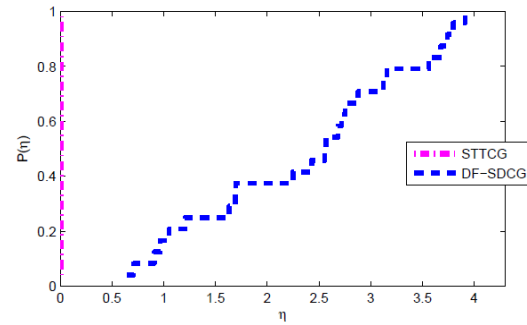


Figure 2. Performance Profile of STTCG and DF-SDCG Methods with Respect to CPU Time in Seconds for Problem 1-10

In the computational experiments, we compare the performance of the method introduced in this work with that of A three-terms PolakRibirePolyak conjugate gradient algorithm for large-scale nonlinear equations in order to check it's effectiveness. Numerical computations have been performed in MATLAB R2013a on a PC with Intel CELERON(R) processor with 4.00GB of RAM and CPU 1.80GHz. We used 10 test problems with dimensions 1000, 5000, 10000 and 100000 to test the performance of the proposed method in terms of the number of iterations (NI) and the CPU time (in seconds). We declare a termination of the method whenever or the number of iteration is greater than 300. The parameters were chosen as $r=0.1$, $\sigma=0.01$, $s=1$, $\rho=0.1$ and $\epsilon=10^{-4}$.

$$\|F(x_k)\| < 10^{-4}. \quad (48)$$

In the columns of table 1 we have the following:

Dim : the dimension of the problem.

NI : the number of iteration.

NF : the function norm evaluation when the program is stopped.

CPUtime : the cpu time in seconds.

The numerical result in Tables 1 and 2, when comparing STTCG with the DF-SDCG subject to CPU time in seconds, we see that STTCG is top performer. Comparing STTCG with DF-SDCG subject to number of iterations, we see that STTCG was better in 7 problems (i.e it achieved minimum number of iterations) while DF-SDCG was better in 3 problems. Therefore, in comparison is shown in Figures 1 and 2 are performance profile derived by Dolan and More [26], with DF-SDCG, STTCG appears to generate the best search direction and best step length. The direction $dk+1$ given by (13) used in STTCG satisfied the descent condition, and the restarted scheme proved to be more robust in numerical experiments and applications.

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper a new three-term conjugate gradient algorithm as a modification of BFGS quasi-Newton update for with descent direction is has been presented. The convergence of this algorithm was proved using a derivative free linesearch. Intensive numerical experiments on some benchmark nonlinear system of equations of different characteristics proved that the suggested algorithm is faster and more efficient compared to three term DF-SDCG algorithm [24].

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