

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

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

and

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

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

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

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]

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

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]

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

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, Mtagulwa 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

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

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

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

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*

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

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

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

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. □

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

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

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

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

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*

$$g_k^T d_k = - \|g_k\|^2. \tag{2.7}$$

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. □

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

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

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

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

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*

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

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

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

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

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*

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0. \tag{3.5}$$

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

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

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

$$0 \leq \beta_k^{NHS} \leq \beta_k^{DY}. \tag{3.7}$$

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

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

So, using (3.6) we get

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

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

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

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

Now we use (3.9), we have

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

On the other side,

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

From (3.10) and (3.11), we have

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

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). □

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], HLSYD [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 comparison 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

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

where $t \geq 1$ and $\text{size} \{p : 1 \leq p \leq n_p, r_{p,s} \leq t\}$ 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

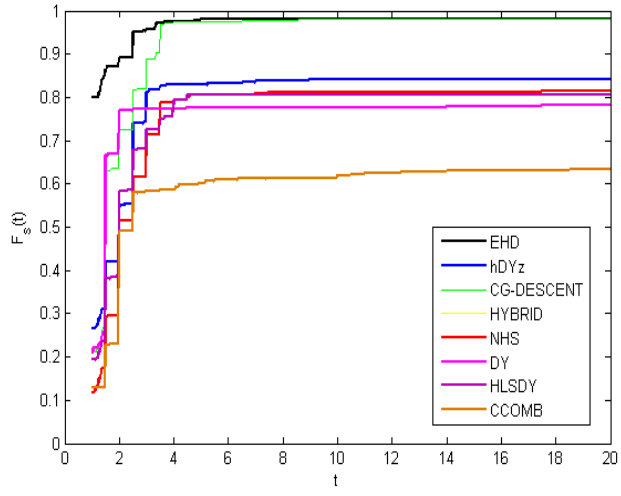


Figure 1: Performance profile on the number of iterations.

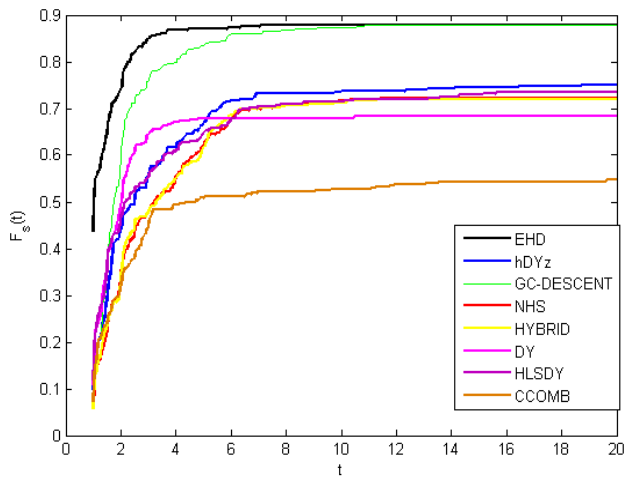


Figure 2: Performance profile on the CPU time.

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	0.9600
	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 unimodal 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 maximizer 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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