Superquadratically convergent methods for minimization functions

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Abstract

In the paper locally superquadratically convergent methods for minimization functions are considered. Threefold symmetric approximations to partial derivatives of the third order are constructed.

1. Introduction

Let $f : D \subset R^n \to R$, $f \in C^3(D)$, $D$ - open set. We want to find $x^* \in D$ such that $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$. For a given $x_0 \in D$ the Newton method defines the sequence $\{x_k\}$ in the following way

$$\nabla^2 f(x_k)s_k = -\nabla f(x_k), \quad x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \quad k = 0,1,2,\ldots. \tag{1}$$

If the matrix $\nabla^2 f(x^*)$ is nonsingular then Newton method is locally quadratically convergent to $x^*$, i.e. there exist $c > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ such that, if $\|x^* - x_0\| < \varepsilon$, then

$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq c\|x_k - x^*\|^2. \tag{2}$$

To assure global convergence of the method one should consider a sequence

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + t_k s_k, \quad t_k \in R, \quad k = 0,1,2,\ldots \tag{3}$$

and the parameter $t_k$ should satisfy the global convergence conditions. If the matrix $\nabla^2 f(x^*)$ is singular, then the Newton method is divergent or at most linearly convergent to $x^*$. To assure a great speed of convergence for singular problems one applies the method of the third rate of convergence: for a given $x_0 \in D$ the sequence $\{x_k\}$ is defined as

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \quad k = 0,1,2,\ldots \tag{4}$$

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where \( s_k \) is the solution of the system of quadratic equations

\[
\nabla f(x_k) + \nabla^2 f(x_k)s_k + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla^3 f(x_k)s_k, s_k) = 0.
\]

(5)

When the calculation of the operator \( \nabla^3 f(x_k) \) is too expensive or is not attainable for computation then we propose a new class of the methods which are locally superquadratically convergent to \( x^* \), i.e.

\[
\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|}{\|x_k - x^*\|^2} = 0.
\]

(6)

Let \( B_k = (B_k^1, B_k^2, \ldots, B_k^n), B_k^i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B_k^i = (B_k^i)^T, i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \). The sequence \( \{x_k\} \) is defined by (1.4) and

\[
\nabla f(x_k) + \nabla^2 f(x_k)s_k + \frac{1}{2}(B_k s_k, s_k) = 0.
\]

(7)

If the problem \( \min_{x \in D} f(x) \) is regularly singular at \( x^* \), i.e.

\[
\det(\nabla^2 f(x^*)) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \|\nabla f(x)\| \geq c \|x - x^*\|^2, \quad c > 0, \quad x \in D,
\]

(8)

then the sequence \( \{x_k\} \) defined by (1.4) and (1.7) is locally superlinearly convergent to \( x^* \), if the operators \( B_k \) are constructed in an adequate way. In this paper such algorithms are given.

2. The BFGS method

The DFP (Davidon [1], Fletcher and Powell [2]) method is very well known as the method of aproximation to the Hessian \( \nabla^2 f(x_k) \). This formula has the form

\[
B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k}, \quad y_k = \nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k).
\]

(9)

The DFP formula, for nonsingular problems, guarantees local superlinear convergence of the method

\[
x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \quad B_k s_k = -\nabla f(x_k), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots
\]

(10)

We may use the DFP formula to approximate the operator \( \nabla^3 f(x_k) \). Namely, let

\[
B_k = (B_k^1, B_k^2, \ldots, B_k^n), \quad B_k^i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad B_k^i = (B_k^i)^T, \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n
\]

(11)

and let \( \nabla^2 f_i(x_k) \) denote i-th column of the matrix \( \nabla^2 f(x_k) \), \( y_k^i = \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f_i(x_k) \). Then

\[
B_{k+1}^i = B_k^i - \frac{B_k^i s_k s_k^T B_k^i}{s_k^T B_k^i s_k} + \frac{y_k^i (y_k^i)^T}{(y_k^i)^T s_k}, \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n.
\]

(12)
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Note that the operators \( B_{k+1} \) satisfy the equation
\[
B_{k+1} s_k = \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f(x_k), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots
\] (13)

Now, from the general theory for the systems of nonlinear equations \([3], [4]\) local superquadratic convergence of the method results \((4), (7)\) with the update \((12)\). On the other hand, the DFP updates do not satisfy the following properties of the partial derivatives
\[
\frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_l} = \frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_j} = \cdots = \frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_j} , \quad i, j, l = 1, 2, \ldots, n .
\] (14)

In this case, we say the operator \( \nabla^3 f(x) \) is threefold symmetric (T-symmetric).

It is worth remarking that the operator \( \nabla^3 f(x) \) has only \( P(n) = \frac{1}{6} n(n + 1)(n + 2) \) different elements and the DFP approximations have \( Q(n) = \frac{1}{2} n^2 (n + 1) \) different elements, which means that the BFGS formula is not adequate for approximation to \( \nabla^3 f(x) \). In the next Section we give a new formula for the update of \( B_k \) and \( B_k \) will be T-symmetric.

### 3. New approximation to \( \nabla^3 f(x) \)

The approximation \( B_k \) to \( \nabla^3 f(x) \) satisfies secant equation \((13)\) and operators \( B_k \) should be threefold symmetric. If we take
\[
B_{k+1} = B_k + E ,
\] (15)

then
\[
E s_k = \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f(x_k) - B_k s_k = Y .
\] (16)

In that case we have to solve the problem
\[
\min \|E\|^2 , \quad \|E\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} E_{ijk}^2
\] (17)

under constraints
\[
E s = Y , \quad s \in R^n , \quad Y \in R^{n \times n} , \quad Y = Y^T
\] (18)

and
\[
E_{gk} = E_{sk} = E_{jik} = E_{jks} = E_{skj} = E_{kij} , \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, \ldots, n .
\] (19)

**Remark.** If we take another norm of the operator \( E \), then we get another formula for the update \( B_k \).

Let \( \Lambda \in R^{n \times n} \). In our case the lagrangian has the form
\[
L(E, \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|E\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \Lambda_{ij} (\sum_{k=1}^{n} E_{gk} s_k - Y_{ij}) .
\] (20)
From this we have
\[
\frac{\partial L(E, \Lambda)}{\partial E_{pqr}} = E_{pqr} + \Lambda_{pq} s_r = 0.
\]
(21)

The fact \( E_{pqr} = E_{qpr} \) implies \( \Lambda = \Lambda^T \). Since the operator \( E \) is threefold symmetric then equation (21) may be written as
\[
E_{pqr} = -\frac{1}{3}(\Lambda_{pq} s_r + \Lambda_{pr} s_q + \Lambda_{qr} s_p) \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq p \leq q \leq r \leq n.
\]
(22)

Now, the equation \( Es = Y \) has the form
\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\Lambda_{ij} s_i + \Lambda_{ji} s_j + \Lambda_{ji} s_j) s_i = -3Y, \quad 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n
\]
or is in the matrix form
\[
\Lambda \|s\|^2 + \Lambda ss^T + ss^T \Lambda = -3Y.
\]
(24)

Therefore
\[
s^T \Lambda s = -\frac{1}{\|s\|^2} s^T Y s, \quad u = \Lambda s = \frac{1}{2\|s\|^2} (-3Y + s^T Y s).
\]
(25)

Finally
\[
\Lambda = -\frac{1}{\|s\|^2} (3Y + us^T + su^T).
\]
(26)

To calculate the new threefold symmetric update \( B_{k+1} = B_k + E \) we use the formulae (22), (25) and (26).

4. Remarks on the local superquadratic convergence of the method

At first we describe the proposed algorithm:

a) Let \( x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( B_0 = (B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_n) \) - threefold operator be given. Let \( k = 0 \),
b) Solve, using for example the Newton method, the system of quadratic equations
\[
\nabla f(x_k) + \nabla^2 f(x_k) s_k + \frac{1}{2}(B_k s_k, s_k) = 0,
\]
c) Calculate \( x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) \),
d) Update the operator \( B_k \) using the formulae from Section 3,
e) If a stop criterion is not satisfied, then \( k := k + 1 \) and return to point b.
To explain a character of convergence of the method we introduce some notations. Let
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\[ H_k = \int_0^1 \nabla^3 f(x_k + t(x_{k+1} - x_k)) dt , \]  

(27)

\[ L_k = \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^n : Xs_k = \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f(x_k) \} , \]  

(28)

\[ Q = \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{is threefold symmetric operator} \} . \]  

(29)

The set \( Q \) is linear subspace in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( H_k \in Q \). Applying Theorem 3.2.7 [5] we have

\[ H_k s_k = \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f(x_k) , \]  

(30)

which means that \( Q \cap L_k \) is a nonempty linear set. The proposed norm is generated by inner product, so the operator \( B_{k+1} \) is defined as the orthogonal projection of the operator \( B_k \) onto the set \( Q \cap L_k \), and from Pitagoras Theorem (see [3]) we get

\[ \|B_{k+1} - H_k\|^2 + \|B_k - B_{k+1}\|^2 = \|B_k - H_k\|^2 \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \]  

(31)

The inequality \( \|B_{k+1} - H_k\| \leq \|B_k - H_k\| \) implies local linear convergence of the sequence \( \{x_k\} \). From equations (31) it results additionally

\[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|B_{k+1} - B_k\|^2 < \infty . \]  

(32)

The last inequality and the secant equation (13) assure local superquadratic convergence of the proposed algorithm [4].

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