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 \( f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \), \( f \in C^3(D) \), \( D \) - 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

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

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

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

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

\[
x_{k+1} = x_k + t_k s_k, \quad t_k \in \mathbb{R}, \quad k = 0,1,2,\ldots
\]

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

\[
x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \quad k = 0,1,2,\ldots
\]

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where $s_k$ is the solution of the system of quadratic equations

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

(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.

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

(6)

Let $B_k = (B^1_k, B^2_k, \cdots, B^n_k)$, $B_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $B^i_k = (B^i_k)^T$, $i = 1, 2, \cdots, n$. 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.

$$
det(\nabla^2 f(x^*)) = 0, \quad \|\nabla f(x)\| \geq c \|x - x^*\|^2, \quad c > 0, \ x \in D,
$$

(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 approximation to the Hessian $\nabla^2 f(x_k)$. This formula has the form

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

(9)

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

$$
x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \ B_k s_k = -\nabla f(x_k), \ k = 0, 1, 2, \cdots \ (10)
$$

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

$$
B_k = (B^1_k, B^2_k, \cdots, B^n_k), \ B_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \ B^i_k = (B^i_k)^T, \ i = 1, 2, \cdots, n
$$

(11)

and let $\nabla^3 f(x_k)$ denote $i$-th column of the matrix $\nabla^2 f(x_k)$, $y^i_k = \nabla^2 f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla^2 f(x_k)$. Then

$$
B^i_{k+1} = B^i_k - \frac{B^i_k s_k s_k^T B^i_k}{s_k^T B^i_k s_k} + \frac{y^i_k y^i_k}{y^i_k s_k}, \ i = 1, 2, \cdots, n.
$$

(12)
Note that the operators $B_{k+1}$ satisfy the equation

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

(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

$$\frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_l} = \frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_l} = \ldots = \frac{\partial^3 f(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_l}, \ i, j, l = 1, 2, \ldots, n.$$  

(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

$$\min \|E\|^2, \|E\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} E_{ijk}^2$$  

(17)

under constraints

$$Es = Y, \ s \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \ Y = Y^T$$  

(18)

and

$$E_{ijk} = E_{skj} = E_{jik} = E_{ksj} = E_{ijk} = E_{kis}, \ i, j, k = 1, 2, \ldots, n.$$  

(19)

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

Let $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. In our case the lagrangian has the form

$$L(E, \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|E\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \Lambda_{ij} (\sum_{k=1}^{n} E_{ijk} s_k - Y_{ij}).$$  

(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
\[ \sum_{i=1}^{n}(\Lambda_{ij} s_i + \Lambda_{ji} s_j + \Lambda_{ji} s_i) s_i = -3Y_{ij} \quad 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n \] (23)
or is in the matrix form
\[ \Lambda s^2 + \Lambda s s^T + s^T \Lambda = -3Y . \] (24)

Therefore
\[ s^T \Lambda s = -\frac{1}{\|s\|^2} s^T Y s, \quad u = \Lambda s = \frac{1}{2\|s\|^2}(-3Y_s + \frac{s^T Y_s}{\|s\|^2} s) . \] (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 \( B_0 = (B_1^1, B_2^2, \ldots, B_n^n) \) - 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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\[
H_k = \frac{1}{0} \int \nabla^3 f(x_k + t(x_{k+1} - x_k)) dt,
\]

(27)

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

(28)

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

(29)

The set \(Q\) is linear subspace in \(R^{n \times n \times n}\) 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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