# POSITIVE-DEFINITE MEMORYLESS SYMMETRIC RANK ONE METHOD FOR LARGE-SCALE UNCONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION* 

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#### Abstract

Memoryless quasi-Newton method is exactly the quasi-Newton method for which the approximation to the inverse of Hessian, at each step, is updated from a positive multiple of identity matrix. Hence its search direction can be computed without the storage of matrices, namely $O\left(n^{2}\right)$ storages. In this paper, a memoryless symmetric rank one (SR1) method for solving large-scale unconstrained optimization problems is presented. The basic idea is to incorporate the SR1 update within the framework of the memoryless quasi-Newton method. However, it is well-known that the SR1 update may not preserve positive definiteness even when updated from a positive definite matrix. Therefore, we propose that the memoryless SR1 method is updated from a positive scaled of the identity, in which the scaling factor is derived in such a way to preserve the positive definiteness and improves the condition of the scaled memoryless SR1 update. Under some standard conditions it is shown that the method is globally and $R$-linearly convergent. Numerical results show that the memoryless SR1 method is very encouraging.


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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, the following unconstrained optimization problem is considered:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\min f(x) ; x \in R^{n}, \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f: R^{n} \rightarrow R$ is assumed to be continuous differentiable function, and $n$, the dimension of the problem is large. Usually, problem (1.1) is solved iteratively through a line search scheme:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{k+1}=x_{k}+\lambda_{k} d_{k} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $d_{k}$ is the search direction and $\lambda_{k}>0$ is the steplength. The steplength can be calculated by an exact line search:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{k}^{*}=\arg \min _{\lambda \in \Re}\left\{f\left(x_{k}+\lambda d_{k}\right)\right\}, \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]or by some line search conditions, such as Wolfe [19] conditions:
\[

$$
\begin{align*}
f\left(x_{k}+\lambda_{k} d_{k}\right) & \leq f\left(x_{k}\right)+\beta_{1} \lambda_{k} g_{k}^{T} d_{k}  \tag{1.4}\\
g_{k+1}^{T} d_{k} & \geq \beta_{2} g_{k}^{T} d_{k} \tag{1.5}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

where $0<\beta_{1}<1 / 2, \beta_{1}<\beta_{2}<1$ and $g_{k}=\nabla f\left(x_{k}\right)$ denotes the gradient vector of $f(x)$ at the current iteration point $x_{k}$.

We are particularly interested in elaborating an algorithm for solving very large cases, where the dimensions of the problems are up to $10^{6}$. The need to solve these extremely large-scale optimization problems forces one to consider methods of $O(n)$ storage as the only methods of choice. This class of methods, includes those as the steepest descent method, conjugate gradient methods, limited memory quasi-Newton method and memoryless quasiNewton method.

Memoryless quasi-Newton methods or one step limited memory quasi-Newton methods were first considered by Perry [15] and Shanno [17]. They are actually the quasi-Newton method for which at each iteration, a periodically restarted quasi-Newton correction is calculated from the initial approximation, commonly given by a positive multiple of identity matrix. Hence the memoryless quasi-Newton directions can be computed without the storage of matrices, namely $O\left(n^{2}\right)$ storages. Among the well-studied memoryless quasi-Newton methods is the memoryless BFGS method, which uses the BFGS update:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{k+1}=\left(I-\frac{y_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right) H_{k}\left(I-\frac{y_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)+\frac{s_{k} s_{k}^{T}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}, \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $s_{k}=x_{k+1}-x_{k}$ and $y_{k}=g_{k+1}-g_{k}$. In fact, a result by Shanno [17] shows that traditional CG methods such as the Fletcher-Reeves and Polak-Ribiére algorithm can be interpreted as a memoryless BFGS algorithm. Besides the BFGS update, one can extend the idea of memoryless updating to SR1 update:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{k+1}=H_{k}+\frac{\left(s_{k}-H_{k} y_{k}\right)\left(s_{k}-H_{k} y_{k}\right)^{T}}{y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-H_{k} y_{k}\right)} . \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

and get the memoryless SR1 method. Minimization algorithms using SR1 update in both a line search and trust region context have been shown in computational experiments by Conn et al. [4] and Khalfan et al. [8] to be competitive with methods using the widely accepted BFGS update. Hence, it might be reasonable to think that such promising results can be extended to the memoryless version of SR1 method as well. However, it is well-known that the SR1 update may not preserve positive definiteness even when updated from a positive definite matrix. Therefore, to overcome this drawback, we propose a scaled memoryless SR1 method, which uses a periodically restarted SR1 correction from a positive scaled identity matrix. The scaling factor is derived in such a way the positive definiteness of the updated SR1 matrix can be preserved naturally and the condition of the SR1 update is also improved.

This paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, we discuss the optimal scaling factor for the identity matrix. Section 3 gives the convergence result of the scaled memoryless SR1 method for a convex function. Finally we include some numerical tests on a standard set of test problems in Section 4.

## 2 Optimal Scaling under the $\sigma$ Measure

Throughout this section, we will assume that the curvature condition $y_{k}^{T} s_{k}>0$. Let $B_{k}$ be the current Hessian approximation, and its updated version $B_{k+1}$ is computed by the direct

SR1 update:

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{k+1}=B_{k}+\frac{\left(y_{k}-B_{k} s_{k}\right)\left(y_{k}-B_{k} s_{k}\right)^{T}}{s_{k}^{T}\left(y_{k}-B_{k} s_{k}\right)} . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here when we mention inverse SR1 update, we mean the updating formula (1.7), otherwise the direct SR1 update is given by (2.1). Since memoryless quasi-Newton methods employ periodically restart at each iteration, commonly by a positive multiple of identity matrix, one can view the memoryless SR1 updating formula as the standard SR1 update (2.1) with $B_{k}=(1 / \gamma) I$ for some $\gamma>0$.

Hence, our primary aim is to find a scaling $\gamma$ such that the direct SR1 formula, $B_{k+1}$ updated from $(1 / \gamma) I$ is 'optimal' under some measurements, while satisfying the secant equation and preserving positive definiteness for $B_{k+1}$. To date, various measures have been used to derive the optimal scaling factor for many well-known quasi-Newton updates. Commonly used is the $\kappa$-measure defined by

$$
\kappa(A)=\frac{\xi_{\max }}{\xi_{\min }}
$$

(the $l_{2}$-condition number) where $A$ is an $n \times n$ positive definite matrix, $\xi_{\max }$ and $\xi_{\min }$ is the largest and smallest eigenvalue of $A$, respectively. This measure has been used by Davidon [6] to choose an optimally conditioned update in Broyden class and also by Shanno and Phua [18] to derive the optimal scaling factor for the BFGS update. However, since it is difficult to find the optimal scaling factor for SR1 update in $l_{2}$-condition number (see Wolkowicz [5] for details), one may consider the following measure, which is suggested by Dennis and Wolkowicz [5]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma(A)=\frac{\xi_{\max }}{\operatorname{det}(A)^{1 / n}} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

( $\sigma$-condition number) where det denotes determinant. Here, the measure $\sigma$ acts as a condition number in that it provides a deviation from a multiple identity as does the $l_{2}$-conditioned number, $\kappa$. In fact, both Dennis and Wolkowicz [5] and Wolkowicz [20] had shown that any $\sigma$-optimal update will also be $\kappa$-optimal as well and have a common spectral property.

To motivate our memoryless update, we give the following result which is due to Leong and Hassan [9]:

Lemma 2.1. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{k}=\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}-\left[\left(\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{2}-\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}\right]^{1 / 2} . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the direct SR1 matrix updated from $\frac{1}{\gamma_{k}} I$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{k+1}=\frac{1}{\gamma_{k}} I+\frac{\left.\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)\right)^{T}}{s_{k}^{T}\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

is the unique solution of

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\min & \sigma\left(B_{k+1}^{-1}\right) \\
\text { s.t. } & B_{k+1}^{-1} y_{k}=s_{k} \\
\text { and } & B_{k+1}^{-1} \text { is positive definite. }
\end{array}
$$

Note that, however, the denominator $s_{k}^{T}\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)$ in (2.4) may become zero and subsequently the matrix $B_{k+1}$ generated by (2.4) is undefined. To deal with this difficulty, one can let $B_{k+1}=\frac{1}{\gamma_{k}} I$ whenever this difficulty arises. Hence, together with this safeguarding, we can give the following definition of $B_{k+1}$ :

$$
B_{k+1}=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{1}{\gamma_{k}} I+\frac{\left.\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{\gamma^{k}}\right) s_{k}\right)\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)\right)^{T}}{s_{k}^{T}\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)} & ; \text { if } s_{k}^{T}\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right) \neq 0  \tag{2.5}\\
\frac{1}{\gamma_{k}} I & ; \text { if } s_{k}^{T}\left(y_{k}-\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) s_{k}\right)=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

Observe that in the latter case of (2.5), we will obtain $\gamma_{k}=\frac{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}$. This value of $\gamma_{k}$ is equal to the first stepsize formula proposed by Barzilai and Borwein [2], in which $\gamma$ is chosen such that the matrix $B_{k+1}=\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) I$ satisfies the following quasi-Newton property:

$$
B_{k+1}=\arg \min _{B=(1 / \gamma) I}\left\|B s_{k}-y_{k}\right\|_{2}
$$

Next, by interchange the role of $s$ and $y$, one can also obtain the following result:
Lemma 2.2. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma_{k}=\frac{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}-\left[\left(\frac{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{2}-\frac{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right]^{1 / 2} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the inverse SR1 matrix updated from $\gamma_{k} I$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{k+1}=\gamma_{k} I+\frac{\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)^{T}}{y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

is the unique solution of

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { min } & \sigma\left(H_{k+1}^{-1}\right) \\
\text { s.t. } & H_{k+1}^{-1} s_{k}=y_{k} \\
\text { and } & H_{k+1}^{-1} \text { is positive definite. }
\end{array}
$$

Because of the same reason that is stated above, we use the following updating formula for $H_{k+1}$ :

$$
H_{k+1}=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
\gamma_{k} I+\frac{\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)^{T}}{y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)} & ; \text { if } y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right) \neq 0,  \tag{2.8}\\
\gamma_{k} I & ; \text { if } y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)=0 .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Equivalently, the value of $\gamma_{k}$ in the second case of (2.8) is equal to $\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}$, which is also the second stepsize formula of Barzilai-Borwein method. In addition, the corresponding $H_{k+1}=\gamma_{k} I$ is also satisfying the following:

$$
H_{k+1}=\arg \min _{H=\gamma I}\left\|H y_{k}-s_{k}\right\|_{2}
$$

For algorithmic purpose, we adopt formula (2.8) and compute our scaled memoryless SR1 direction, $d_{k}=-H_{k} g_{k}$ as follows:

1. If $y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right) \neq 0$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
d_{k}=-\gamma_{k-1} g_{k} & +\gamma_{k-1}\left(\frac{s_{k-1}^{T} g_{k}-\gamma_{k-1} y_{k-1}^{T} g_{k}}{y_{k-1}^{T} s_{k-1}-\gamma_{k-1} y_{k-1}^{T} y_{k-1}}\right) y_{k-1} \\
& -\left(\frac{s_{k-1}^{T} g_{k}-\gamma_{k-1} y_{k-1}^{T} g_{k}}{y_{k-1}^{T} s_{k-1}-\gamma_{k-1} y_{k-1}^{T} y_{k-1}}\right) s_{k-1} \tag{2.9}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\gamma_{k-1}$ is given by (2.6) with the index $k$ be replaced by $k-1$.
2. If $y_{k}^{T}\left(s_{k}-\gamma_{k} y_{k}\right)=0$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
d_{k}=-\gamma_{k-1} g_{k} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\gamma_{k-1}=\frac{y_{k-1}^{T} y_{k-1}}{s_{k-1}^{T} y_{k-1}}$.
Finally, note that the computation of (2.9) involving only 4 vector products and requires only $3 n$ storage requirements.

## 3 Convergence Results

For the analysis of this section, we make the following assumptions about the objective function $f$ :

Assumption 3.1. Let $G$ be the matrix of second derivatives of $f$.

1. The objective function $f$ is twice continuously differentiable.
2. The level set $D=\left\{x \in R^{n}: f\left(x_{0}\right) \leq f(x)\right\}$ is convex.
3. There exist positive constants $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{1}\|z\|^{2} \leq z^{T} G(x) z \leq M_{2}\|z\|^{2} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $z \in R^{n}$ and all $x \in D$.
Before we proceed further, we give the following result on the boundedness of $\left\|B_{k}\right\|$ :
Lemma 3.2. Let $x_{0}$ be a starting point for which $f$ satisfies Assumption 3.1. Then for any positive definite $B_{0}$, the sequence $\left\{\left\|B_{k}\right\|\right\}$ generated by (2.5) is bounded for all $k$ if $s_{k} \neq 0$.
Proof. Since $y_{k}=\bar{G}_{k} s_{k}$ where $\bar{G}_{k}=\int_{0}^{1} G\left(x_{k}+\theta s_{k}\right) d \theta$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
s_{k}^{T} y_{k}=s_{k}^{T} \bar{G}_{k} s_{k} \quad \text { and } \quad y_{k}^{T} y_{k}=s_{k}^{T} \bar{G}_{k}^{2} s_{k} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

which also implies that both $s_{k}^{T} y_{k}$ and $y_{k}^{T} y_{k}$ are bounded away from 0 under Assumption 1.3. Hence we can show the boundedness of $\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}$ and $\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}$ as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{1} \leq \frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}} \leq M_{2} \quad \text { and } \quad M_{1}^{2} \leq \frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}} \leq M_{2}^{2} \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

(see Section 6.4 of Nocedal and Wright [14]).

Obviously, $\left\|B_{k+1}\right\|$ is bounded if $B_{k+1}$ is defined by $\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) I$ where $\gamma_{k}=\frac{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}$. On the other hand, if $B_{k+1}$ is defined by (2.4) where $\gamma_{k}$ is given by (2.3), then by using both Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.1 of Wolkowicz [20], one can show that the distinct eigenvalues of $B_{k+1}$ are:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\gamma_{k}} \text { and } \frac{1}{\hat{\gamma_{k}}} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\hat{\gamma_{k}}=\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}+\left[\left(\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{2}-\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}\right]^{1 / 2}$. Furthermore, by utilizing the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$
\left(\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{2}-\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}=\left(\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{2}\left(1-\frac{\left(s_{k}^{T} y_{k}\right)^{2}}{\left(s_{k}^{T} s_{k}\right)\left(y_{k}^{T} y_{k}\right)}\right)>0
$$

and yields $\hat{\gamma_{k}}>\gamma_{k}$. In addition, since we can rewrite $\hat{\gamma_{k}}$ and $\gamma_{k}$ as follows:

$$
\hat{\gamma_{k}}=\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\left[1+\left(1-\frac{s_{k}^{T} y_{k} / s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{y_{k}^{T} y_{k} / s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]
$$

and

$$
\gamma_{k}=\frac{y_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\left[1-\left(1-\frac{s_{k}^{T} y_{k} / s_{k}^{T} s_{k}}{y_{k}^{T} y_{k} / s_{k}^{T} y_{k}}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]
$$

it follows that

$$
0<M_{1}\left[1-\left(1-\frac{M_{1}}{M_{2}}\right)^{1 / 2}\right] \leq \gamma_{k}<\hat{\gamma_{k}} \leq M_{2}\left[1+\left(1-\frac{M_{1}}{M_{2}}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]
$$

This implies that there exist positive constants $q$ and $Q$ where

$$
\begin{equation*}
q=\frac{1}{M_{2}\left[1+\left(1-\frac{M_{1}}{M_{2}}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]} \quad \text { and } \quad Q=\frac{1}{M_{1}\left[1-\left(1-\frac{M_{1}}{M_{2}}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]} \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

such that $q \leq \mu_{i} \leq Q$ for each eigenvalues $\mu_{i}$ of $B_{k+1}$. It follows that the sequence $\left\{\left\|B_{k}\right\|\right\}$ is also bounded, i.e.

$$
\begin{equation*}
q\|v\|^{2} \leq v^{T} B_{k} v \leq Q\|v\|^{2} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $k$ and $v \in R^{n}$.
Theorem 3.3. Let $x_{0}$ be a starting point for which $f$ satisfies Assumption 3.1. Consider $\left\{x_{k}\right\}$ the a sequence of points generated by the updating scheme $x_{k+1}=x_{k}-\lambda_{k} B_{k}^{-1} g_{k}$ where $B_{k}$ is defined by (2.4) and $\lambda_{k}$ satisfies the Wolfe conditions (1.4)-(1.5). Then the sequence $\left\{x_{k}\right\}$ converges globally to $x^{*}$. Moreover there is a constant $0 \leq r<1$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(x_{k}\right)-f\left(x^{*}\right) \leq r^{k}\left(f\left(x_{0}\right)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right) \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

which implies that $\left\{x_{k}\right\}$ converges $R$-linearly.
Proof. Using Wolfe condition (1.4), the positive-definiteness and boundedness of the memoryless SR1 matrix, it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(x_{k+1}\right) \leq f\left(x_{k}\right)-\beta_{1} \lambda_{k} q\left\|g_{k}\right\|^{2} \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

for some positive constants $q$. Therefore $f\left(x_{k+1}\right) \leq f\left(x_{k}\right)$ for all $k$ and since $f$ is bounded below, it follows that

$$
\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} f\left(x_{k}\right)-f\left(x_{k+1}\right)=0
$$

As a consequence $\left\|g_{k}\right\|$ goes to zero, i.e. $x_{k}$ converges to $x^{*}$.
Furthermore, since each eigenvalue $\mu_{i}$ of $B_{k+1}$ is bounded by $q$ and $Q$ such that $q \leq \mu_{i} \leq$ $Q$ for $q$ and $Q$ that are given by (3.5), we can see that the trace of $B_{k+1}$ is bounded above:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{tr}\left(B_{k+1}\right) \leq n Q \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the determinant of $B_{k+1}$ is bounded below:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det}\left(B_{k+1}\right) \geq q^{n} \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

(In the case where $B_{k+1}=\left(1 / \gamma_{k}\right) I$ is used, we have $\operatorname{tr}\left(B_{k+1}\right) \leq n / M_{1}$ and $\operatorname{det}\left(B_{k+1}\right) \geq$ $1 / M_{2}^{n}$.) Therefore from (3.9) and (3.10), we conclude that there exists a constant positive $\delta$ such that

$$
\cos \theta_{k}=\frac{s_{k}^{T} B_{k} s_{k}}{\left\|s_{k}\right\|\left\|B_{k} s_{k}\right\|} \geq \delta, \quad \forall k
$$

One can show that the line search conditions (1.4)-(1.5) and Assumption 3.1 (see for example, Powell [16]) imply that there is a constant $c>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(x_{k+1}\right)-f\left(x^{*}\right) \leq\left(1-c \cos ^{2} \theta_{k}\right)\left(f\left(x_{k}\right)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right) \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Applying (3.11) recursively we obtain (3.7). Finally, from (3.1)

$$
\frac{1}{2} M_{1}\left\|x_{k}-x^{*}\right\|^{2} \leq f\left(x_{k}\right)-f\left(x^{*}\right)
$$

which together with (3.7) implies $\left\|x_{k}-x^{*}\right\| \leq r^{k / 2}\left[2\left(f\left(x_{0}\right)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right) / M_{1}\right]^{1 / 2}$ so that the sequence $\left\{x_{k}\right\}$ is also $R$-linearly converged.

## 4 Numerical Results

In this section we give some numerical results on solving a set of 36 general test problems with dimensions varying from $10^{4}$ to $10^{6}$. Table 1 presents names, and references of the problem set.

The algorithm, in general is given as follows:
Step 1. Consider an initial point $x_{0}$ and set $k=0$.
Step 2. Compute the search direction $d_{k}$ (let $\left.d_{0}=-g_{0}\right)$.
Step 3. Find a value $\lambda_{k}$ via the line search procedure. Update $x_{k+1}=x_{k}+\lambda_{k} d_{k}$.
Step 4. Test a criterion for stopping the iterations. If the test satisfied, then stop, else set $k:=k+1$ and return to Step 2.

For each algorithm, we use a line search routine of Moré and Thuente [13], which is based on cubic interpolation and satisfies the Wolfe conditions (1.4)-(1.5). The line search
parameters are chosen as: $\beta_{1}=10^{-4}, \beta_{2}=0.9$. Default values are used for all other parameters, and the stopping criterion is that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|g_{k}\right\|<10^{-5} \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

is satisfied. We also force the algorithm to stop when the number of iterations excess 1000 and the number of function/gradient calls excess 10000. All codes are written in Fortran77 and in double precision arithmetic. All runs are performed on a PC with CoreDuo CPU. The methods tested include:

1. MLSR1: Memoryless SR1 method with the search direction given by (2.9).
2. MLBFGS: Memoryless BFGS method. It is exactly the limited memory BFGS method of Liu and Nocedal [10] with $m=1$.
3. CG-FR: CG method which uses the Fletcher-Reeve formula with Powell's restart.
4. CG-PR: CG method which uses the Polak-Ribière formula with Powell's restart.
5. LBFGS(5): The limited memory BFGS method of Liu and Nocedal [10] with $m=5$.
6. LBFGS(7): The limited memory BFGS method of Liu and Nocedal [10] with $m=7$.

The performances of these algorithms, relative to number of iterations and number of function/gradient calls, are evaluated using the profiles of Dolan and Morè [7]. The numerical comparative results for $n=10^{4}, 5 \times 10^{4}, 10^{5}$ are given in Figure 1-2. In addition, we also give in Table 2, the detail numerical results for the all six algorithms in solving problems with dimension $10^{6}$. For this purpose, in Table 2 we give: $n_{I}$ and $n_{f / g}$ denote the number of iterations and effective calls for function and gradient evaluation. The symbol - in the table indicates that either the method failed to initial or failed to converge within 999 iteration or the number of function/gradient evaluations exceeds 10000 .

In this series of experiments, both MLSR1 and MLBFGS perform reasonably well when compared with those LBFGS and CG methods. However, it is shown that in general both LBFGS(5) and LBFGS(7) require somehow lesser function/gradient calls. While the LBFGS methods work well for moderate size problems, $\operatorname{LBFGS}(7)$ fails to start when attempts to solve problems of dimension $10^{6}$ due to the "out-of-memory" situation. Furthermore, the figures also indicate that CG methods, in particular CG-FR seems to be the worst by comparison with the other algorithms. This is not surprising that without an efficient scaling/preconditioning strategy, especially when solving large-scale problems, CG methods are necessary inferior. Table 2 also shows that that memoryless quasi-Newton method is a good alternative if the dimensions of the problem are very large. Finally, we can conclude that the memoryless method could be a reliable method for large-scale optimization.

## 5 Conclusion

This paper proposed algorithm based on employing SR1 update within the memoryless quasi-Newton framework for solving large-scale unconstrained optimization. The proposed method uses a scaled identity matrix to update SR1 matrix, in which the scaling factor is derived in such a way that the scaled memoryless SR1 update is optimally conditioned and the lack of positive definiteness is eliminated. For a wider perspective, the memoryless SR1 method is appealing for several reasons: it is simple to implement, low storage requirement, globally converged and possesses $R$-linear rate of convergence.


Figure 1: Performance profile based on iterations


Figure 2: Performance profile based on function/gradient calls

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Table 1: List of test functions and their references
Function's name Reference

| Trigonometric | Moré et al. [12] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Extended Rosenbrock | Moré et al. [12] |
| Beale | Moré et al. [12] |
| Wood | Moré et al. [12] |
| Penalty I | Moré et al. [12] |
| Broyden Tridiagonal | Moré et al. [12] |
| Raydan | Andrei [1] |
| Extended White and Holst | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Tridiagonal | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Three Expo Term | Andrei [1] |
| Generalized Tridiagonal | Andrei [1] |
| Diagonal 4 | Andrei [1] |
| Diagonal 5 | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Maratos | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Block-Diagonal BD1 | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Hiebert | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Quadratic Penalty QP2 | Andrei [1] |
| Extended EP1 | Andrei [1] |
| Extended Tridiagonal 2 | Andrei [1] |
| Diagonal 6 | Andrei [1] |
| ARWHEAD | CUTE [3] |
| NONDIA | CUTE [3] |
| DQDRTIC | CUTE [3] |
| DIXMAANA | CUTE [3] |
| DIXMAANB | CUTE [3] |
| DIXMAANC | CUTE [3] |
| HIMMELBC | CUTE [3] |
| CLIFF | CUTE [3] |
| EDENSCH | CUTE [3] |
| LIARWHD | CUTE [3] |
| ENGVAL1 | CUTE [3] |
| FLETCHCR | CUTE [3] |
| COSINE | CUTE [3] |
| DENSCHNB | CUTE [3] 3$]$ |
| DENSCHNF | CUTE [3] |
| FREUROTH |  |
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Table 2: Results for the methods in solving problems with $n=10^{6}$

| Test function | MLSR1 <br> $n_{I} / n_{f / g}$ | MLBFGS $n_{I} / n_{f / g}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CG-FR } \\ & n_{I} / n_{f / g} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CG-PR } \\ & n_{I} / n_{f / g} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \operatorname{LBFGS}(5) \\ n_{I} / n_{f / g} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \operatorname{LBFGS}(7) \\ n_{I} / n_{f / g} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trigonometric | 133/644 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ext Rosenbrock | 25/59 | 43/69 | 182/315 | 28/58 | 37/53 | - |
| Beale | 12/23 | 19/30 | 18/32 | 17/35 | 14/18 | - |
| Wood | 113/207 | 98/166 | 118/229 | 62/136 | 69/100 | - |
| Penalty I | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Broyden Tridiagonal | 67/106 | 37/48 | - | 88/139 | 45/51 | - |
| Raydan | 3/9 | 7/11 | 4/9 | 4/9 | 7/11 | - |
| Ext White and Holst | 25/47 | 56/90 | 134/246 | 34/69 | 39/52 | - |
| Ext Tridiagonal | 17/18 | 30/44 | 21/42 | 22/40 | 28/35 | - |
| Ext Three Expo Term | - | - | 35/122 | 12/24 | - | - |
| Generalized Tridiagonal | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Diagonal 4 | - | - | 13/27 | 7/13 | - | - |
| Diagonal 5 | - | - | 6/33 | 6/33 | - | - |
| Ext Maratos | 69/70 | 88/144 | - | 101/420 | 88/144 | - |
| Ext Block-Diagonal BD1 | 22/33 | 25/39 | 42/76 | 32/111 | 14/23 | - |
| Ext Hiebert | 52/114 | 98/16 | 118/229 | 62/136 | 69/100 | - |
| Ext Quad Penalty QP2 | 28/81 | 50/81 | 291/444 | $31 / 80$ | 57/83 | - |
| Ext EP1 | $2 / 3$ | 4/6 | 2/5 | $2 / 5$ | 4/6 | - |
| Ext Tridiagonal 2 | 17/28 | 30/44 | 21/42 | 14/40 | 28/35 | - |
| Diagonal 6 | 3/9 | 7/11 | 4/9 | 4/9 | 7/11 | - |
| ARWHEAD | 28/37 | 10/16 | 8/95 | 15/169 | 13/18 | - |
| NONDIA | $3 / 7$ | 4/5 | 4/7 | 4/7 | 4/5 | - |
| DQDRTIC | 30/60 | 30/41 | 120/191 | 40/77 | 11/19 | - |
| DIXMAANA | 11/16 | 11/15 | 13/26 | 9/17 | 12/16 | - |
| DIXMAANB | 10/11 | 11/15 | 12/21 | 12/21 | 11/15 | - |
| DIXMAANC | 13/22 | 13/17 | 15/30 | 15/29 | 13/17 | - |
| HIMMELBC | 6/15 | 19/26 | 14/26 | 9/18 | 8/15 | - |
| CLIFF | 21/98 | 50/108 | 55/112 | 29/51 | 53/58 | - |
| EDENSCH | 45/46 | 21/26 | - | 46/658 | 18/23 | - |
| LIARWHD | 17/35 | 39/61 | 81/172 | 21/43 | $33 / 40$ | - |
| ENGVAL1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FLETCHCR | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| COSINE | - | 703/767 | - | - | 801/821 | - |
| DENSCHNB | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DENSCHNF | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| FREUROTH | 11/24 | 36/51 | 129/618 | 60/169 | 17/22 | - |


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