# A new self-scaling VM-algorithm for non-convex optimization, part 1

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#### الملخص

خوارزمية المتري المتغير ذاتي القياس تحل مسائل الامثلية غير الخطية وغير المقيدة بواسطة مصفوفة هسي التقريبية وقبل هذا تحّ دث عند كل تكرار ، ولتجنب مقدار الخطوة الكبيرة لمصفوفات هسي التقريبية لدالة الهدف . قمنا ببرهان هذه الخوارزميات في حالة التقارب الشام ل والسرعة فوق الخطية عندما تكون الدالة غير محدبة.

في هذا البحث تم استحداث خوارزمية جديدة في الأمثلية غير الخطية وغير المقيدة في مجال المتري المتغير ذاتي القياس بأستخدام خط بحث خاص بالدوال غير المتزايدة (-non monotone line search) وتم دراسة خاصية التقارب فوق الخطي والتقارب الشامل للخوارزمية المقترحة في الامثلية غير المحدبة.

#### **Abstract**

The self-scaling VM-algorithms solves an unconstrained non-linear optimization problems by scaling the Hessian approximation matrix before it is updated at each iteration to avoid the possible large eigenvalues in the Hessian approximation matrices of the objective function f(x). It has been proved that these algorithms have a global and superlinear convergences when f(x) is non-convex.

In this paper we are going to propose a new self-scaling VM-algorithm with a new non-monotone line search procedure with a detailed study of the global and super-linear convergence property for the new proposed algorithm in non-convex optimization.

**Keywords:** VM-methods, non-monotone line searches, self-scaling AL-Bayati VM- method, global converge, super-linear convergence.

#### 1. Introduction

We study the global convergence of a self –scaling Al-Bayati [4], VM- method with non-monotone line searches for solving the unconstrained optimization problem (see[3]and[12])

$$\min_{x \in R^n} f(x) \qquad \dots \dots (1.1)$$

where f is a continuously differentiable function of n variables. At the  $k^{th}$  iteration of the self-scaling method, asymmetric and positive definite matrix  $B_k$  is given, and a search direction is computed by

$$d_k = -B_k^{-1} g_k \qquad \dots (1.2)$$

where  $g_k$  is the gradient of f evaluated at the current iterate  $x_k$ . One then computes the next iterate by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k \qquad \dots (1.3)$$

where the step size  $\alpha_k$  satisfies the wolfe conditions

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) \le f(x_k) + \delta_1 \alpha_k d_k^T g_k \qquad \dots \dots (1.4)$$

and

$$g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k \ge \delta_2 d_k^T g_k \qquad \dots (1.5)$$

Where  $0 < \delta_1 < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\delta_1 < \delta_2 < 1$ .

and satisfies another conditions as we explain it later.

#### Variable Metric Method

The theory of Variable Metric methods is beautiful. We now have a fairly good understanding of their properties. Much of this knowledge has been obtained recently, and we will discuss it in this paper.

The BFGS method is a line search method. At the k-th iteration, a symmetric and positive  $B_k$  is given and a search direction is computed by (1.2) and (1.3). It has been found that it is best to implement BFGS formula (Broyden (1970), Fletcher (1970), Goldfarb (1970) and Shanno (1970)), (see [1], [2]).

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k v_k v_k^T B_k}{v_k^T B_k v_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{v_k^T v_k}$$
 ..... (1.6)

Where

$$y_k = g_{k+1} - g_k$$
 and  $v_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$  ..... (1.7)

The analysis has been extended by Byrd, et. al. (see [11]) to restricted Broyden class of Quasi-Newton method in (1.6) which is replaced by

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k v_k v_k^T B_k}{v_k^T B_k v_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T v_k} + \phi(v_k^T B_k v_k) v_k v_k^T \qquad \dots (1.8)$$

where  $\phi \in [0, 1]$ , and

$$v_k = \left[ \frac{y_k}{y_k^T v_k} - \frac{B_k v_k}{v_k^T B_k v_k} \right]$$

The choice  $\phi = 0$  gives rise to the BFGS update where as  $\phi = 1$  defines the DFP method, the first Variable Metric method proposed by Davidon, Fletcher and Powell (see Fletcher, [13]). And then the Hessian approximation is then updated by Al-Bayati [4].

$$B_{k+1} = B_k + \frac{B_k v_k v_k^T B_k}{v_k^T B_k v_k} + \rho_k \frac{y_k y_k^T}{v_k^T y_k^T}$$

where

$$\rho_k = \frac{v_k^T B_k v_k}{y_k^T v_k}$$
 (for more details see Al-Bayati [4])

Note that this is done only for a quadratic model. But for non quadratic models, see (Al-Bayati [5], Al-Bayati & Al-Assady [6] and Al-Bayati [7]). For the constraint optimization problems and scaled sequential BFGS algorithm see (AL-Bayati and Hammed [8]).

# 2. A new Non-monotones self-scaling Al-Bayati (1991) VM-algorithm

First we give the outline of the above algorithm as follows:

#### Algorithm (2.1)

At the  $k^{th}$  iteration denote  $f_k = f(x_k)$  and  $g_k = g(x_k)$ 

Step (0) For given  $x_{\text{o}}$  and initial symmetric positive definite matrix  $H_{\text{o}}$  let k=0

Step (1) If  $\|g_k\| = 0$  stop

Step (2) Determine the search direction

$$d_k = -B_k^{-1}g_k$$
 .....(2.1)

Step (3) Find step length  $\alpha_k$  by a new line search approach (NLS) below

Step (4) Generate a new iteration point by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k \qquad \dots (2.2)$$

Step (5) Update the Hessian matrix  $G_k$  by the following Al-Bayati [4] self-scaling

VM- update

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k v_k v_k^T B_k}{v_k^T B_k v_k} + \rho_k \frac{y_k y_k^T}{v_k^T y_k}$$
 .....(2.3)

$$v_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$$
 ..... (2.4)

$$y_k = g_{k+1} - g_k$$
 ..... (2.5)

$$\rho_k = \frac{v_k^T B_k V_k}{v_k^T Y_k} \qquad \dots (2.6)$$

Step (6) Let k=k+1 and go to step (1).

Now we produce a new non-monotone line search approach to determine the step- length in step (3). For this we introduce the concept of forcing function. Definition 2.1: The mapping  $\sigma$ :  $[0, +\infty] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  is called a forcing function, if for any sequence  $\{t_i\}$  with  $t_i \ge 0$  we have

$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \sigma(t_i) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{i \to \infty} t_i = 0 \qquad (2.7)$$

## 2.3 A new non-monotone line search (NLS) approach

let  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  be two forcing functions

let m be a positive integer

Given parameters  $0<\delta_1<\beta<1$  and  $M\geq0$ ,  $\delta_2>0$ 

At the iteration k, the step length  $\alpha_k$  (for more details see[9]). satisfies that:

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) \le C_k - \delta_1 \min \{\sigma_1(\mu_k), \sigma_2(\zeta_k)\} - \delta_2 \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2$$
 .....(2.8)

$$g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k \ge \beta_k g_k^T d_k \qquad \dots (2.9)$$

$$\mu_k = -\frac{g_k^T d_k}{\|d_k\|} \quad \zeta_k = -\alpha_k g_k^T d_k \qquad \qquad \dots (2.10)$$

$$C_o = f_o$$
,  $Q_o = 1$  and  $C_{k+1} = \frac{\gamma_k Q_k C_k + f_{k+1}}{Q_{k+1}}$  .....(2.11)

with  $\gamma_k \in [0, 1]$  and

$$Q_{k+1} = \gamma_k Q_k + 1$$
 .....(2.12)

The updating of  $C_k$  in (2.11) was recently given by Zhang and Hager [15]. Clearly from (2.11) and (2.12)  $C_k$  is a convex combination of the function values  $f_0$ ,  $f_1$ , ...,  $f_k$ .

The choice of  $\gamma_k$  controls the degree of the non-monotonicity If  $\gamma_k=0$  and min  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}=\zeta_k$  for each k then (2.8) reduces to the monotone line search. If  $\gamma_k=1$  for each k then  $C_k$  is the average of  $f_0$ ,  $f_1$ , ....,  $f_k$  and (2.8) reduces to the monotone non-increasing function.

#### Theorem 2.4:

Consider  $x_{k+1}=x_k+\alpha_k$   $d_k$ ,  $\alpha_k$  satisfying (2.8)-(2.10) if  $\{f_k\}$  in infinite and bounded below then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\min\{\sigma_1(\mu_k), \sigma_2(\zeta)\} + \alpha^2 \|d_k\|^2}{Q_{k+1}} < \infty \qquad \dots (2.13)$$

#### **Proof:**

From (2.8) it is clear that

 $\alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2 \ge 0$  and since d is descent

then  $\mu_k \ge 0$  and  $\zeta_k \ge 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \min \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\} \ge 0$$
 .....(2.14)

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $f_{k+1} \le C_k$  from (2.8) .....(2.15)

and

$$C_{k+1} = \frac{\gamma_k Q_k C_k + f_{k+1}}{Q_{k+1}} \qquad \dots (2.16)$$

$$\leq \frac{\gamma_{k}Q_{k}C_{k} + \{C_{k} - \min\{\sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2}\} - \alpha_{k}^{2} \left\| d_{k} \right\|^{2}\}}{Q_{k+1}}$$

$$\leq \frac{C_{k} \{ \gamma_{k} Q_{k} + 1 \}}{Q_{k+1}} - \frac{\min\{ \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2} \} + \alpha_{k}^{2} \|d_{k}\|^{2}}{Q_{k+1}}$$
from (2.12) we get

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$$\leq C_k - \frac{\min\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\} + \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2}{Q_{k+1}}$$

 $\therefore$  {C<sub>k</sub>} is monotone non-increasing since {f<sub>k</sub>} is bounded from (2.15)  $\{f_k\}$  is non-increasing (see [10]). This implies

$$\sum \frac{\min\{\sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2}\} + \alpha_{k}^{2} \|d_{k}\|^{2}}{Q_{k+1}} < \infty \qquad .....(2.17)$$

# 3. The global convergence property of the new proposed algorithm (2.1)

Let us consider the following

## **Assumption 3.1**

(1) for a given  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

let the level set  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) \le f(x_1)\}$  be a bounded

(2) In some neighborhood N(S) of S. g(x) satisfies Lipschitz continuous condition, i.e.

for all 
$$x, \bar{x} \in N(S)$$
 .....  
 $\|g(x) - g(\bar{x})\| \le L \|x - \bar{x}\|$  (3.2)

#### **Lemma 3.2**

Under assumption 3.1 if  $\alpha_k$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & g_{k+1}^T d_k \geq \beta g_k^T d_k & 0 < \beta < 1 & \dots & (3.3) \\ & then & \alpha_k \geq \frac{1-\beta}{L} \frac{\mu_k}{\|d_k\|} \, . & \end{aligned}$$

#### **Proof:**

Clearly

$$(g_{k+1} - g_k)^T d_k \le \|g_{k+1} - g_k\| \|d_k\|$$

$$from (3.2) \le L \|x - \overline{x}\| \|d_k\|$$

$$\dots (3.4)$$

$$\|\mathbf{d}_{k}\|^{2} \leq L \alpha_{k} \tag{3.5}$$

Also from (3.3) we can write

$$\begin{split} &g_{k+l}^T d_k - g_k^T d_k \ge \beta g_k^T d_k - g_k^T d_k . \\ & \Longrightarrow (g_{k+l} - g_k)^T d_k \ge (\beta - 1) g_k^T d_k \ge 0 \qquad \qquad \dots . (3.6) \end{split}$$

since  $0 < \beta < 1$ 

from (3.5) and (3.6) we have

$$L\alpha_k \|d_k\|^2 \ge (\beta - 1)g_k^T d_k \qquad \dots (3.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{k} \ge \frac{\beta - 1 g_{k}^{T} d_{k}}{L \|d_{k}\|^{2}} \qquad \dots (3.8)$$

from (2.10) we have

$$\alpha_k \ge \frac{1-\beta}{L} \frac{\mu_k}{\|d_k\|} \qquad \dots (3.9)$$

Now before starting the proof of the global convergence of the proposed algorithm, we define an auxiliary matrix sequence  $\{\overline{B}_k\}$  as Nocedal and Yuan did in [14],

assume that  $\overline{B_1} = B_1$  and

$$\overline{B}_{k+1} = \frac{v_k^T y_k}{v_k^T \overline{B} v_k} B_{k+1}, \ k \ge 1$$
 .....(3.10)

from (2.1) we have

$$v_k = -\overline{\alpha_k} \ \overline{B_k} \ g_k$$

where

$$\overline{\alpha_{k}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}_{k-1}}{\mathbf{v}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{L}} \mathbf{v}_{k-1}} \alpha_{k} \qquad \dots (3.11)$$

since  $\rho_k > 0$  then if  $v_k^T y_k > 0 \Rightarrow \overline{B}_{k+1}$  is a positive definite

# **Lemma 3.3**: From [12]

For  $\{\overline{B}_k\}$  defined in (3.10) we have

$$tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) = tr(\overline{B}_k) - \frac{\left\|\overline{B}_k v_k\right\|^2}{v_k^T \overline{B}_k v_k} + \frac{y_k^T v_k}{v_k^T \overline{B}_k v_k} + \frac{y_k^T v_k}{v_k^T \overline{B}_k v_k} \frac{\left\|y_k\right\|^2}{y_k^T v_k}$$

$$\overline{B}_{k+1} = \overline{B}_k - \frac{\overline{B}_k v_k v_k^T \overline{B}_k}{v_k^T \overline{B}_k v_k} + \frac{y_k^T v_k}{v_k^T \overline{B}_k v_k} \cdot \frac{y_k y_k^T}{v_k^T y} \qquad (3.12)$$

Then for all  $k \ge 1$ 

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) = tr(\overline{B}_{k}) - \frac{\|\overline{B}_{k}v_{k}\|^{2}}{v_{k}^{T}\overline{B}_{k}v_{k}} + \frac{y_{k}^{T}v_{k}}{v_{k}^{T}\overline{B}_{k}v_{k}} (1 + \frac{\|y_{k}\|^{2}}{y_{k}^{T}v_{k}})$$
(3.13)

#### Theorem 3.3

Let  $x_1$  be a starting point for which assumption 3.1 holds, let  $\{x_k\}$  be the sequence generated by the new proposed algorithm 2.1. If there exists a positive number  $k \ge 1$  for which

$$\|y_k\| \le (1-\beta) \|g_k\|$$
 .....(3.14)

for all  $k \ge K$  then

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \inf \|g_k\| = 0 \qquad (3.15)$$

#### **Proof:**

By Contradiction

Assume that there exists a positive  $c_1>0$  for which

$$\|g_k\| \ge c_1$$
 ..... (3.16)

For all  $k \ge 1$ . Now since

$$v_k = -\overline{\alpha}_k \overline{B}_k^{-1} g_k \qquad \dots (3.17)$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{B}_k v_k = -\overline{\alpha}_k g_k \qquad \dots (3.18)$$

Let us start with

$$\mathbf{v}_{k}^{\mathrm{T}} \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{k} \mathbf{v}_{k} = (-\overline{\alpha}_{k} \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{g}_{k})^{\mathrm{T}} (-\overline{\alpha}_{k} \mathbf{g}_{k})$$

from (3.11), (3.17) and (3.18) we get

$$= (-\overline{\alpha}_{k} g_{k})^{T} \left(-\frac{v_{k-1}^{T} y_{k-1}}{v_{k-1}^{T} \overline{B}_{k-1}^{-1} v_{k-1}} \alpha_{k} \overline{B}_{k}^{-1} g_{k}\right) \qquad \qquad \dots (3.19)$$

From (3.10) take k+1=k and then (2.1)

we get.

$$\Rightarrow v_k^T \overline{B}_k v_k = -\overline{\alpha}_k \alpha_k g_k^T d_k$$

Now from (3.6) we have

$$y_k^T d_k \ge (\beta - 1) g_k^T d_k$$

$$\Rightarrow y_k^T v_k \ge (\beta - 1)\alpha_k g_k^T d_k \qquad \dots (3.21)$$

substitute (3.18), (3.20) and (3.21) into (3.13)

$$tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) \leq tr(\overline{B}_{k}) - \frac{(-\overline{\alpha}_{k}g_{k})^{2}}{-\overline{\alpha}_{k}\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}} + \frac{(\beta - 1)\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}}{-\overline{\alpha}_{k}\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}} + \frac{(\beta - 1)\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}}{-\overline{\alpha}_{k}\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}} \frac{\left\|y_{k}\right\|^{2}}{(\beta - 1)\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}}$$

$$tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) \leq tr(\overline{B}_k) + \frac{\overline{\alpha}_k^2 g_k^2}{\overline{\alpha}_k \alpha_k g_k^T d_k} + \frac{(\beta - 1)g_k^T d_k}{\overline{\alpha}_k g_k^T d_k} + \frac{\|y_k\|^2}{-\overline{\alpha}_k \alpha_k g_k^T d_k}$$

from (3.14) we have

$$tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) \leq tr(B_k) + \frac{\overline{\alpha}_k \|g_k\|^2}{\alpha_k g_k^T d_k} + \frac{(1-\beta)g_k^T d_k}{\overline{\alpha}_k g_k^T d_k} + \frac{(1-\beta)^2 \|g_k\|^2}{\overline{\alpha}_k \alpha_k g_k^T d_k}$$

$$tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) \le tr(\overline{B}_{k}) + \frac{\overline{\alpha}_{k} \|g_{k}\|^{2}}{\alpha_{k} g_{k}^{T} d_{k}} + \frac{(1-\beta)}{\overline{\alpha}_{k}} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1-\beta) \|g_{k}\|^{2}}{\alpha_{k} g_{k}^{T} d_{k}} \right] \qquad \dots (3.22)$$

since  $\beta$ <1 and  $d_k^T g_k < 0$  clearly

 $tr(\overline{B}_{k+1}) \le tr(\overline{B}_k)$  for all  $k \ge K$ 

Thus  $\exists$  a constant  $C_2 > 0$  for which

$$tr(\overline{B}_k) \le C_2$$
 for all k ..... (3.23)

let  $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \ldots < \lambda_n$  be the n eigen values of  $\overline{B}_k$  then by (3.23)

$$\lambda_{n}(\overline{B}_{k}) \leq C_{2} \qquad \dots (3.24)$$

$$C_3 = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\overline{B}_k) \le \lambda_1(\overline{B}_k) C_2^{n-1}$$

∴  $\exists$  a constant  $C_4 > 0$   $\ni$ 

$$\lambda_1(\overline{B}_k) \ge C_4 \qquad \dots (3.25)$$

i.e.  $\lambda_1(\overline{B}_k)$  is the largest eigen value of the matrix  $(\overline{B}_k)$ 

Now

Let 
$$\bar{d}_k = -\bar{B}_k^{-1} g_k$$
 ..... (3.26)

take the norm

$$\left\| \overline{\mathbf{d}}_{k} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_{1} \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{k}} \left\| \mathbf{g}_{k} \right\| \qquad \qquad \text{by (3.25)}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{c_4} \|g_k\|,$$
 ..... (3.27)

Now

$$-\overline{g}_{k}^{T} d_{k} = g_{k}^{T} \overline{B}_{k}^{-1} g_{k}$$
 by (3.26)  

$$\geq \frac{1}{\lambda_{n}(\overline{B}_{k})} \|g_{k}\|^{2}$$
  

$$\geq C_{2} \|g_{k}\|^{2}$$
 ..... (3.28)

From the def. of  $\mu_k$  and (2.10) we have

$$\mu_{k} = \frac{-g_{k}^{T}d_{k}}{\|d_{k}\|} = \frac{-g_{k}^{T}\overline{d}_{k}}{\|\overline{d}_{k}\|} \ge \frac{C_{4}}{C_{2}}\|g_{k}\| \ge \frac{C_{1}C_{4}}{C_{2}} \ge 0$$

from (3.16)

Also

$$\zeta_k = -\alpha_k g_k^T d_k \text{ from (3.9)} \qquad \dots (3.29)$$

$$\geq \frac{-g_k^T d_k}{\|d_k\|} \left(\frac{1-\beta}{L} \mu_k\right) \qquad \dots (3.30)$$

from (2.10)

$$= \left(\frac{1-\beta}{L}\right) \mu_k^2 \qquad \dots (3.31)$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{1-\beta}{L}\right) \left(\frac{C_1^2 C_4^2}{C_2^2}\right) \succ 0 \tag{3.32}$$

Holds for any k ..... (3.33)

since 
$$\beta < 1$$
  $L > 0 \Rightarrow \zeta_k > 0$   $\forall_k$   
  $\Rightarrow \min \{ \sigma_1(\mu_k), \sigma_2(\zeta_k) \} > C_5 > 1 \ \forall_k$  ..... (3.34)

From  $Q_{k+1} = 1 + \gamma_k Q_k$  from (2.12)

$$=1+\sum_{i=0}^{k}\prod_{m=0}^{i}\gamma_{k-m} \le k+2 \qquad (3.35)$$

$$\rightarrow \sum \frac{\min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) + \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2}{Q_{k+1}} \ge \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_5}{k+2} \rangle \infty$$
 (3.36)

which contradicts (2.17) so we complete the proof

**Remark:** we can say that the above theorem will be true for the following case: depending on determinant of the matrix  $B_k$  since

$$\det\left(B_{k+1}^{Al-Bayati}\right) = \rho_k \det\left(B_k^{BFGS}\right) \qquad \dots (3.37)$$

with 
$$\rho_k = \min \left\{ \frac{y_k^T B_k y_k}{y_k^T v_k}, 1 \right\}$$
 ..... (3.48)

similarly, be taking the auxiliary matrix  $\overline{B}_k$  as

$$\overline{B}_{1} = B_{1}, \ \overline{B}_{k+1} = \max \left\{ \frac{y_{k}^{T} v_{k}}{v_{k}^{T} \overline{B}_{k}^{T} v_{k}}, 1 \right\} B_{k+1} \quad ; \quad k \ge 1$$
(3.49)

we claim that (3.38) and (3.39) are superior on the actual BFGS update.

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