



## A GLOBALLY CONVERGENT HYPERPLANE- BFGS FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS OF NONLINEAR EQUATIONS

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### ABSTRACT

*This paper presents a Globally Convergent Hyper plane-BFGS method for solving nonlinear system of equations. The attractive attributes of our method are due to singularity free requirements and global convergence properties. Numerical performance on some benchmarks problems that demonstrates there liability and efficiency of our approach are reported and shown that the proposed method is very rigorous and efficiently competitive.*

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### INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider the problem of finding the solution of the nonlinear equation

$$F(X) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Where

$$F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad (2)$$

is continuously differentiable function. We denote  $F = (f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n)^T$ , and the vector  $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ . Quasi-Newton's methods are among the numerous efficient algorithms for solving (1). Due to nonlinearity of  $F$ , (1) may have no solution. In this work, we assume that the solution set of (1) denoted by  $X^*$ , is non-empty.

One special feature so far observed is that, all practical algorithms for solving (1) are iterative (Ortega, 1970; Denis *et al.*, 1973; Dennis, 1987; Kelly, 1995; Solodov, 1998; Dai, 2002). Moreover, much effort has been made to establish global convergence of quasi-Newton methods for unconstrained optimization problems, for example (Denis *et al.*, 1973; Dennis, 1983; Dai, 2002; Nocedal *et al.*, 2002).

However, the study of globally convergent quasi-Newton methods for solving nonlinear equations is relatively fewer. The major difficulty is the lack of practical line search strategy (Dennis, 1983; Krejic and Luzanin, 2001; Zhang, 2013; Urroz, 2014).

The BFGS method for solving (1) is to generate a sequence of iterates  $x_k$  by

letting  $x_{k+1} = x_k + a_k d_k$ , where  $a_k$  is a step length, and  $d_k$  is a solution of the system of linear equations.

$$B_k d_k + F_k = 0 \quad (3)$$

Where  $F_k = F(x_k)$ ,  $B_k$  is generated by the following BFGS update formula

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \quad (4)$$

Where  $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ ,  $y_k = F_{k+1} - F_k$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In section two, the BFGS preliminaries are stated. Section 3 consists of BFGS-Algorithm. Preliminary numerical results are proposed in Section 4, where the summary and conclusion occupy the last section.

### Preliminary Results

The scheme of the Globally Convergent BFGS method for non linear system of equations developed by Wei and Li (2008) requires a lot of assumptions which include invertibility (non-singularity) of the BFGS update at the solution. In this section, we present our scheme via regularization technique so as to remove the expected singularity of the update matrix. We also modified the parameters  $r$  and  $h$  in the default algorithm such that they come from bounded interval so that update matrix divergence is prevented. (Refer to the scheme below) The BFGS scheme in (Zhou and Li, 2008) is given by

$$d_k = -B^{-1}F_k$$

$$z_k = x_k + a_k d_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{\langle F(z_k), x_k - z_k \rangle}{\|F(z_k)\|^2} F(z_k)$$

Where  $B_k$  is an BFGS -update matrix such that

$$s_k = z_k - x_k = a_k d_k, y_k = F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\|^r s_k, h > 0, r \geq 0$$

We propose a new scheme where the update  $B_k = (B_k + \lambda_k I)$ .

$$\lambda_k = \|F_k\|^\delta, \delta \in (0, 2], r \in [0, 1) \text{ and } h = \frac{1}{2} \text{ so } 2$$

we have,

$$d_k = -(B_k + \lambda_k I)^{-1} F_k$$

$$z_k = x_k + a_k d_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{\langle F(z_k), x_k - z_k \rangle}{\|F(z_k)\|^2} F(z_k), \quad (6)$$

$$s_k = z_k - x_k, y_k = F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\|^r s_k$$

Hence, by adding  $\lambda_k I$  to the update  $B_k$ , the update is now symmetric and regularized and therefore invertible.

**ALGORITHM**

We denote the method as Globally Convergent Hyperplane BFGS- Method for solving nonlinear system of equations (GH-BFGS). But firstly, we define a Hyperplane as

$$H_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle F(z_k), x_k - z_k \rangle = 0\} \quad (7)$$

We present the stages of implementation for our algorithm as follows

**Algorithm (GH-BFGS Method)**

**Step 0.** Given an initial point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and constants  $\beta, \sigma \in (0, 1), h = \frac{1}{2}, r \in [0, 1)$  and  $\delta \in (0, 2]$ . Choose  $B_0 = I$ .

Let  $k := 0$

**Step 1.** Compute  $d_k$  by  $(B_k + \lambda_k I) d_k = -F_k, \lambda_k = \|F_k\|^\delta$ . (8)

If  $d_k = 0$  stop.

**Step 2.** Determine step length  $a_k = \beta^{m_k}$  such that  $m_k$  is the smallest nonnegative integer  $m$  satisfying

$$-\langle F(x_k + \beta d_k), d_k \rangle \geq \sigma \beta \|F(x_k + \beta d_k)\| \|d_k\| \quad (9)$$

. Let  $z_k = x_k + a_k d_k$

If  $\|F(z_k)\| = 0$  stop

**Step 3.** Compute

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{\langle F(z_k), x_k - z_k \rangle}{\|F(z_k)\|^2} F(z_k), \quad (10)$$

**Step 4.** Compute  $B_{k+1}$  by the following BFGS update process

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \quad (11)$$

$$s_k = z_k - x_k, y_k = F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\|^r s_k \quad (12)$$

set  $k = k + 1$ .

Go to Step 1.

**Remarks** (i) If we suppose that  $F$  is Lipschitz continuous, i.e., there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that

$$\|F(x) - F(y)\| \leq L \|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (13)$$

hence, from the monotonicity and Lipschitz continuity of the function  $F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & y_k = F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\| \|r_k\| s_k, \text{ this implies} \\
 & y_k^T = (F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\| \|r_k\| s_k)^T \text{ and} \\
 & y_k^T s_k = (F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\| \|r_k\| s_k)^T s_k \\
 & \text{since } s_k = z_k - x_k, \text{ then } z_k = s_k + x_k, \\
 & \text{we have,} \\
 & y_k^T s_k = F(z_k) - F(x_k) + h \|F(x_k)\| \|r_k\| s_k^T s_k, \text{ clearly} \\
 & h \|F(x_k)\| \|r_k\| s_k^T s_k \leq y_k^T s_k \leq (L+h \|F(x_k)\| \|r_k\|) s_k^T s_k \quad k
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

The T denotes transpose of the vectors  $s_k$  and  $y_k$ .

- (ii) The update formular in(11) is different from the one used in (Li et al, 1999)
- (iii) We used the same line search as used by Wei and li in(Zhou et al, 2008)
- (iv) The BFGS update in (11) is both positive definite and symmetric and hence non-singular at the solution.
- (v) The algorithm has the same convergence properties as that in (Zhou et al, 2008)

### Numerical results 1

In this section, we report some numerical results of our proposed method and that of Globally Hyper plane BFGS method(GH-BFGS), the regularized (RBFGS) and the BFGS in (Zhou et al, 2008). We have tested our algorithms extensively on exactly 9 number of non- linear systems. Here, we report the results for the 9 problems, whose statements are given in Appendix A. We run the algorithm on the 9 test problems with dimensions  $n = 10, n=20, n=50, \dots, n=1000$  as shown in our table. Different starting points have been used. Since these initial points are independent of the optimal solution  $x$ , we can view them as arbitrary initial points. The results are summarized in Table 1 and 2. For each test we report, the dimension( $n$ ), the number of iterations (NI) and the cpu-time (CPUTime). The

numerical computations were carried out using MATLAB 2010a on a PC with intel COREi5 processor with 4 GB of RAM and CPU 1.70 GHZ. As stated, We used 9 test problems with dimension between 10 to 1000 in order to test the advantages of the proposed method in terms of less number of iterations (NI) and the CPU time (in seconds) . The iteration stops for  $\|J_k F_k\| \leq 10^{-6}$  (Yuan G, et al, 2008)

However, we declare that the algorithm fails if the followings occur during iteration.

1. Insufficient memory to execute the code.
2. Attainment of singularity by the matrix under consideration. We use the symbol **\*\*\_\*\*** if the algorithm fails to find a solution.

### Appendix A

#### Problem F1 Spare function of Beyong (Beyong et. al, 2010)

$$F_i(x) = (x^2 + x_i - 3) \log^{x_i+3} - 9, i= 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and  $x_0 = (2, 2, 2, \dots, 2)$

#### Problem F2 (System of nonlinear equations)

$$F_i(x) = (x^2 - 1)^2 - 2, i= 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (-1.2, -1.2, -1.2, \dots, -1.2)$$

#### Problem F3 (System of nonlinear equations)

$$f_i(x) = (0.5 - x_i)^2 + x^2 - 1, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T$$

**Problem F4 (Trigonometric/Exponential System of nonlinear equations)**

$$f_i(x) = \sin x_i - 4e^{2-x_i} + 2x_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (0.05, 0.05, 0.05, \dots, 0.05)^T$$

**Problem F5 (Extended System of Byoeng, 2010)**

$$f_i(x) = \cos(x_i^2 - 1) - 1, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T$$

**Problem F6 (System of nonlinear equations)**

$$f_i(x) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n x_j + i \right) (x_i - 1) + e^{x_i} - 1, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (3, 3, 3, \dots, 3)^T$$

**Problem F7 (Roose et.al, 1990)**

$$f_i(x) = x_i - 1/n^2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \right) - n, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (4, 4, 4, \dots, 4)^T$$

**Problem F8 (System of nonlinear equations)**

$$f_i(x) = \sin(1 - x_i) - x_i^2 + 2x_{n-1} - 3x_{n-2} - 0.5x_{n-4} + 0.5x_{n-5} - x_i \log(9 + x_i) - 4.5e^{1-x_i} +$$

$$2, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (7, 7, 7, \dots, 7)^T$$

**Problem F9 (System of nonlinear equations)**

$$f_i(x) = 5x_i^2 - 2x_i - 3, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

and

$$x_0 = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)^T$$

**Computational Experiments**

The Tables below, present comparison of the three methods, (RBFGS), GC- BFGS) and GH-BFGS. The meanings of the columns in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 are stated as follows: n: the dimension of the problem; NI: the total number of iterations; CPUtime: the CPUtime in seconds;  $i = i = (1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$

**2.1 Performance Profile**

Below are the figures indicating the performances of the new methods in comparison to the existing methods. The comparison was conducted in terms of number of iterations and CPU- time.

In this section, we report the performance of our proposed method i.e GH- BFGS and that of the RBFGS and GC-BFGS. In Table 1 and 2, we can observe that the algorithm for GC-BFGS failed in Problems 2, 5, 6, 8 and 9 due to singularity attained by the BFGS- update. Moreover, the numerical results show that the GH-BFGS method solve some nonlinear problems where other methods failed, e. ginproblems6, 8 and 9. Similarly, from the table, our proposed method is a fully derivative free approach which makes it capable of handling large-scale nonlinear systems of algebraic equations without failing and it can also solve some problems which encountered singularity e.g. in problems 6, 8 and 9. Hence, these show the reliability of our proposed method, in term of solving singular problems, minimum number of iterations and cputime.

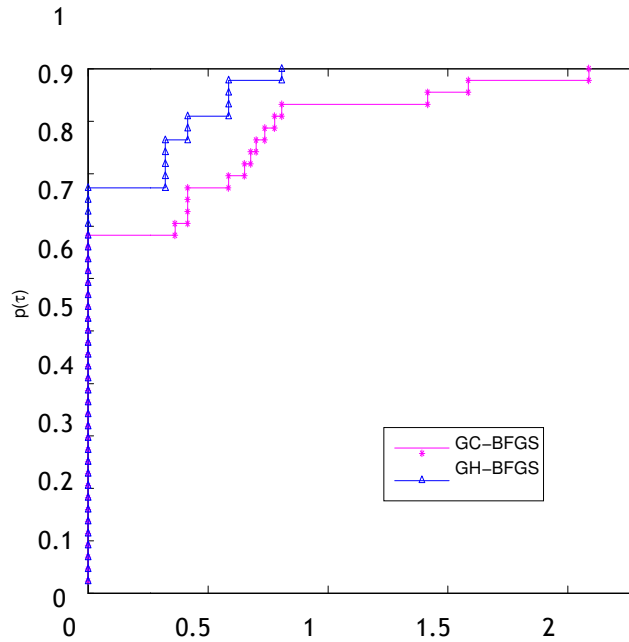
The Figures (1-4) show the performance of these methods relative to CPU time and number of iteration, which were evaluated using the profile of Dolan and More. That is, for each method, we plot the fraction  $p(\tau)$  of the problems for which the method is within a factor of the best time. Clearly, the proposed method is more efficient in all aspects i.e. less CPUtime and number of iterations.

Table1:Problem F1–F4

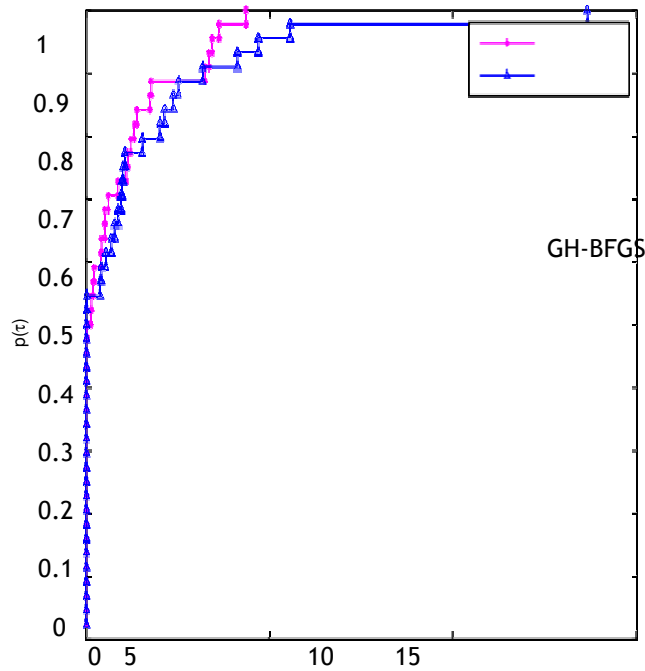
problem	Dimension	RBFGS		GC-BFGS		GH-BFGS	
		NI	CPU time	NI	CPU Time	NI	CPU Time
F1	10	10	0.078391	18	0.11457	6	0.012106
	20	6	0.007214	21	0.347894	6	0.011766
	50	8	0.019124	25	0.4422557	6	0.019091
	100	10	0.069882	63	0.892091	12	0.186724
	200	12	0.51919	8	0.45673	5	0.302722
	500	15	3.312338	4	1.12126	7	52.249362
	1000	17	22.622404	5	6.774975	7	293.594706
F2	10	8	0.007231	13	0.323835	5	0.010492
	20	8	0.013302	94	0.336452	4	0.009595
	50	8	0.016868	6	0.01434	4	0.014416
	100	8	0.0435224	15	0.221797	9	143.08678
	200	9	0.3606033	14	0.388576	7	606.414219
	500	15	3.285598	-	-	5	0.15231
	1000	14	18.577114	-	-	9	0.3.4352
F3	10	8	0.008356	4	0.010457	3	0.008102
	20	8	0.008274	4	0.011311	3	0.005993
	50	9	0.01886	4	0.01639	4	0.012843
	100	10	0.06556	4	0.034664	6	.041764
	200	8	0.422803	4	0.160336	3	0.339954
	500	13	2.949401	15	3.285598	6	0.01234
	1000			-	-	-	-
F4	10	39	0.029919	11	0.207654	11	0.010292
	20	38	0.034947	11	0.240135	12	0.026409
	50	39	0.077549	12	0.110443	12	0.039135
	100	40	0.376645	12	0.171902	13	0.090552
	200	42	1.190021	12	0.550433	14	0.592209
	500	38	3.3327	16	3.502367	8	32.115323
	1000	43	18.69678	-	-	9	196.847685

Table2:problem F5–F9

Problem	Dimension		BFGS		GC-BFGS		GH-BFGS	
	N	NI	CPU time	NI	CPU Time	NI	CPU Time	
F5	10	10	0.192894	9	0.016364	4	0.025726	
	20	10	0.136975	12	0.199982	10	0.053257	
	50	17	0.035768	12	0.045732	14	0.054418	
	100	20	0.25247	10	7.11197	26	0.255919	
	200	20	0.770961	27	0.939748	21	0.892675	
	500	20	4.347882	26	5.539537	23	6.074027	
	1000	20	27.169179	-	—	32	44.269853	
F6	20	8	0.014474	-	-	15	0.030286	
	50	9	0.019419	-	-	408	1.652439	
	100	15	0.147855	-	-	143	1.558488	
	200	20	0.745675	-	-	201	23.983052	
	500	20	4.301953	-	-	407	34.9898	
	1000	20	26.631707	-	-	569	54.99999	
	F7	10	8	0.007098	5	0.012349	4	0.008726
20		7	0.008573	5	0.013236	3	0.006239	
50		9	0.018707	5	0.019739	5	0.012424	
100		10	0.065893	5	0.042617	7	0.062937	
200		10	0.488916	5	0.042617	8	0.319449	
500		13	3.160063	5	1.183624	10	2.275631	
1000		13	22.690442	5	6.910771	13	17.200156	
F8	10	30	0.04161	-	-	31	0.260028	
	20	284	0.705477	-	—	156	0.586409	
	50	49	0.425362	-	—	36	0.241306	
	100	43	0.656513	-	—	708	7.484649	
	200	124	3.35449	-	-	34	2.977987	
	500	441	98.700629	-	—	4	17.204617	
	1000	4	84.497552	-	—	5	107.233772	
F9	10	7	0.006112	10	0.013199	8	0.02583	
	20	8	0.012902	10	0.2903	5	0.27221	
	50	9	0.021539	63	0.378012	32	0.224946	
	100	10	0.07193	-	-	173	1.800175	
	200	12	0.581812	-	—	230	26.641631	
	500	14	3.162133	—	—	4638	127.57515	
	1000	19	25.57476	-	-	5	107.233772	



□ Figure 1: Performance profile of GC-BFGS and GH-BFGS methods with respect to number of iterations for problem 1-9



□ Figure 2: Performance profile of GC-BFGS and GH-BFGS methods with respect to CPU-time for problem 1-9

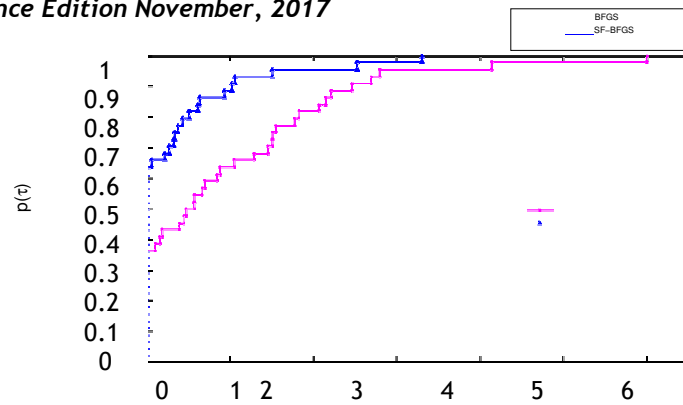


Figure 3: Performance profile of RBFGS and GH- BFGS methods with respect to CPU-time for problem 1-9

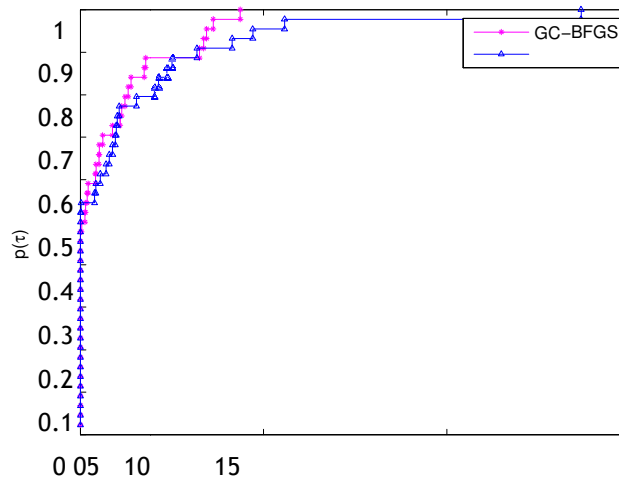


Figure 4: Performance profile of RBFGS and GH- BFGS methods with respect to CPU-time for problem 1-9

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