

A NEW HYBRID CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD  
AND ITS GLOBAL CONVERGENCE FOR  
UNCONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION

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**Abstract:** In this paper, a new hybrid conjugate gradient method is proposed for solving unconstrained optimization problems. The parameter  $\beta_k$  is computed as a convex combination of  $\beta_k^{FR}$  and  $\beta_k^*$  algorithms, i.e.  $\beta_k^N = (1 - \theta_k)\beta_k^{FR} + \theta_k\beta_k^*$ . The parameter  $\theta_k$  is computed in such a way so that the direction corresponding to the conjugate gradient algorithm to be the Newton equation  $\nabla^2 f(x^{k+1})s^k = y^k$ . It is sufficient descent at every iteration. The theoretical analysis shows that the algorithm is global convergence under some suitable conditions. Numerical results show that this new algorithm is effective in unconstrained optimization problems.

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## 1. Introduction

The conjugate gradient method is useful and powerful approach method for

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solving minimization problems. It has widely application in many fields, such as control science, engineering, management science and operation research [1]. In this paper, we will consider the following optimization problem

$$\min f(x), \quad x \in R^n, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $f(x) : R^n \rightarrow R$  is continuously differentiable function.

Conjugate gradient method is very efficient for solving (1.1), especially, when the dimension is large. Generally, this method generates a sequence of iteration

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha_k d^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (1.2)$$

where the step size  $\alpha_k$  is obtained by carrying out some line search rules. The direction  $d^k$  is defined by

$$d^k = \begin{cases} -g^k & \text{if } k = 0, \\ -g^k + \beta_k d^{k-1} & \text{if } k > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\beta_k$  is parameter.

In (1.3)  $\beta_k$  is known as the conjugate gradient parameter  $s^k = x^{k+1} - x^k$ ,  $g^k = \nabla f(x^k)$  and  $y^k = g^{k+1} - g^k$ . There are many methods to solve the problem (1.1). On the one hand, such as, Fletcher and Reeves, see [2], of Dai and Yuan, see [3] and the Conjugate Descent (CD), proposed by Fletcher, see [4]:

$$\beta_k^{FR} = \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{DY} = \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{y_k^T s^k}, \quad \beta_k^{CD} = -\frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{g^{kT} s^k}$$

have strong convergence properties, but they may have modest practical performance due to jamming phenomenon. On the other hand, the methods of Hestenes and Stiefel, see [5], of Polak-Ribiere-Polyak, see [6], [7], or of Liu and Storey, see [7]:

$$\beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g^{(k+1)T} y^k}{y_k^T s^k}, \quad \beta_k^{PRP} = \frac{g^{(k+1)T} y^k}{\|g^k\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{LS} = -\frac{g^{(k+1)T} y^k}{g^{kT} s^k}$$

may not always be convergent, but they often have better computational performances. Wei et al, see [8], proposed a conjugate gradient formula  $\beta_k^*$ ,

where  $\beta_k^* = \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\| \|g^k\| g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2}}{\|g^k\|^2}$ . They proved the formula not only  $\beta_k^* \geq 0$ , but also global convergence properties under different line search rules.

An important class of conjugate gradient methods is the hybrid conjugate gradient algorithms. Dai and Yuan, see [3], combined their algorithm with that of Hestenes and Stiefel, see [5], and suggested the following two hybrid methods:

$$\beta_k^{hDY} = \max\{-c\beta_k^{DY}, \min\{\beta_k^{HS}, \beta_k^{DY}\}\}$$

and

$$\beta_k^{hDYz} = \max\{0, \min\{\beta_k^{HS}, \beta_k^{DY}\}\},$$

where  $c = \frac{1-\pi}{1+\pi}$ . Zhang and Zhou, see [9], proposed two hybrid conjugate gradient methods, which produce sufficient descent search direction at every iteration, namely,

$$d^{k+1} = -(1 + \beta_k^{H1} \frac{g^{(k+1)T} d^k}{\|g^{k+1}\|^2})g^k + \beta_k^{H1} d^k$$

and

$$d^{k+1} = -(1 + \beta_k^{H2} \frac{g^{(k+1)T} d^k}{\|g^{k+1}\|^2})g^k + \beta_k^{H2} d^k,$$

where  $\beta_k^{H1} = \max\{0, \min\{\beta_k^{PRP}, \beta_k^{FR}\}\}$  and  $\beta_k^{H2} = \max\{0, \min\{\beta_k^{HS}, \beta_k^{DY}\}\}$ . Recently, N. Andrei [10], [11] proposed lots of hybrid conjugate gradient methods. These algorithms generated sufficient descent directions. The directions satisfied the sufficient descent condition, when the jamming phenomenon was holded.

In contrast to the hybrid methods  $\beta_k^{hDY}$  and  $\beta_k^{hDYz}$  this paper presents another hybrid conjugate gradient where the parameter  $\beta_k$  is computed as a convex combination of  $\beta_k^{FR}$  and  $\beta_k^*$ . In practice this method often performs better than the  $\beta_k^*$  and we use it in order to have a good practical conjugate gradient algorithm. Because of  $\beta_k^{FR}$  has strong convergence properties, we use it to analysis the convergence of the new hybrid conjugate gradient method.

The structure of this paper is as follows. Section 2 introduces our hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm, and proves that it generates direction satisfying the sufficient descent condition under some conditions. A new hybrid conjugate gradient method is proposed in Section 3. Its convergence analysis is shown in Section 4. Some numerical experiments are reported in Section 5.

## 2. A New Hybrid Conjugate Gradient Algorithm

In this section, we will describe a new hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm. In order to obtain the sufficient descent direction, we will compute  $\theta_k$  as follows. Our algorithm generates the iterate sequence  $\{x^k\}$  computed by means of the recurrence (1.2). The step size  $\alpha_k > 0$  is determined according to the Wolfe line search conditions as follows,

$$f(x^k + \alpha_k d^k) - f(x^k) \leq \rho \alpha_k g^{kT} d^k, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$g^{(k+1)T} d^k \geq \sigma g^{kT} d^k, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $d^k$  is a descent direction and  $0 < \rho \leq \sigma < 1$ . The directions  $d^k$  are generated by the rule:

$$d^{k+1} = -g^{k+1} + \beta_k^N s^k, \quad d^0 = -g^0, \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_k^N &= (1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{FR} + \theta_k \beta_k^* \\ &= (1 - \theta_k) \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} + \theta_k \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|} g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2} \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

and  $\theta_k$  is a scalar parameter satisfying  $0 \leq \theta_k \leq 1$ . Obviously, if  $\theta_k = 0$ , then  $\beta_k^N = \beta_k^{FR}$ , and if  $\theta_k = 1$ , then  $\beta_k^N = \beta_k^*$ . On the other hand, if  $0 < \theta_k < 1$ , then  $\beta_k^N$  is a convex combination of  $\beta_k^{FR}$  and  $\beta_k^*$ . From (2.3) and (2.4) it is obvious that

$$d^{k+1} = \begin{cases} -g^{k+1}, & \text{if } k = 1, \\ -g^{k+1} + (1 - \theta_k) \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} s^k \\ \quad + \theta_k \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|} g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2} s^k, & \text{if } k > 1. \end{cases} \tag{2.5}$$

Our motivation is to choose the parameter  $\theta_k$  in such a way so that the direction  $d^{k+1}$  given by (2.5) to be the Newton direction. Therefore, from the equation

$$-\nabla^2 f(x^{k+1})^{-1} g^{k+1} = d^{k+1}, \tag{2.6}$$

we will get  $\theta_k$  as follows. Now, we will deduce the parameter  $\theta_k$ . Multiplying two sides of the equation (2.6) with  $s^{kT}$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & -s^{kT} \nabla^2 f(x^{k+1})^{-1} g^{k+1} \\ &= -g^{(k+1)T} s^k + [(1 - \theta_k) \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} + \theta_k \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|} g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2}] s^{kT} s^k \\ &= -g^{(k+1)T} s^k + [\frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} - \theta_k \frac{\|g^{k+1}\| g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^3}] \|s^k\|^2 \\ &= -g^{(k+1)T} s^k + \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} \|s^k\|^2 - \theta_k \frac{\|g^{k+1}\| g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^3} \|s^k\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

namely,

$$\theta_k = \frac{-\|g^k\|^3 [g^{(k+1)T} s^k - s^{kT} \nabla^2 f(x^{k+1})^{-1} g^{k+1}] + \|s^k\|^2 \|g^{k+1}\|^2 \|g^k\|}{\|g^{k+1}\| \|s^k\|^2 g^{(k+1)T} g^k}. \tag{2.7}$$

However, in this formula the salient point is the presence of the Hessian. For large scale problems, choices for the update parameter that do not require the evaluation of the Hessian matrix are often preferred in practice to the methods that require the Hessian in each iteration.

**Algorithm 2.1.** *Step 0.* Initialization and date. Given constant  $\rho \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ ,  $0 < \rho \leq \sigma < 1$ . Choose an initial point  $x^0 \in R^n$ , and compute  $f(x^0)$  and  $g^0$ . Consider  $d^0 = -g^0$  and set  $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{\|g^0\|}$ .

*Step 1.* Test for termination of iterations. If  $\|g^k\| \leq \epsilon$ , then stop.

*Step 2.* Line search for  $\alpha_k$ . Compute  $\alpha_k > 0$  satisfying the Wolfe line search conditions (2.1) and (2.2) and update the variables

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha_k d^k.$$

Compute  $f(x^{k+1})$ ,  $g^{k+1}$  and  $s^k = x^{k+1} - x^k$ ,  $y^k = g^{k+1} - g^k$ .

*Step 3.* Parameter  $\theta_k$  computation. If  $\|s^k\| \|g^{k+1}\| g^{(k+1)T} g^k = 0$ , then set  $\theta_k = 0$ , otherwise compute  $\theta_k$  as in (2.7).

*Step 4.* Conjugate gradient parameter  $\beta_k^N$  computation. If  $0 < \theta_k < 1$ , then compute  $\beta_k^N$  as in (2.4). If  $\theta_k \geq 1$ , then set  $\beta_k^N = \beta_k^{FR}$ . If  $\theta_k \leq 0$ , then set  $\beta_k^N = \beta_k^*$ .

*Step 5.* Direction  $d^k$  computation. Compute  $d^{k+1} = -g^{k+1} + \beta_k^N s^k$ . If the restart criterion of Powell

$$|g^{(k+1)T} g^k| \geq \tau \|g^{k+1}\|^2 \tag{2.8}$$

is satisfied, where  $0 < \tau < 1$ , then restart, i.e. set  $d^{k+1} = -g^{k+1}$ , otherwise define  $d^{k+1} = d^k$ . Compute the initial guess  $\alpha_k = \frac{\alpha_{k-1} \|s^k\|}{\|d^k\|}$ , set  $k = k + 1$  and continue with Step 1.

It is well known that if  $f$  is bounded along the direction  $d^k$  then there exists a step size  $\alpha_k$  satisfying the Wolfe line search conditions (2.1) and (2.2). In our algorithm, when the Powell restart condition is satisfied, then we restart the algorithm with the negative gradient  $-g^{k+1}$ . Under reasonable assumptions, condition (2.1) and (2.2) and Powell's criterion are sufficient to prove the global convergence of the algorithm.

Based on Algorithm 2.1, we will discuss its well defined at every iteration.

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $g^k$  is proposed by above Algorithm 2.1, then we have*

$$g^{(k+1)T} g^k \geq 0. \tag{2.9}$$

*Proof.* See [12]. □

**Lemma 2.2.** *In the algorithm, assume that  $\alpha_k$  is determined by the Wolfe line search (2.1) and (2.2). If  $0 < \theta_k < 1$ , then the direction  $d^{k+1}$  given by (2.5) is a descent direction, namely,*

$$g^{(k+1)T} d^{k+1} < 0. \quad (2.10)$$

*Proof.* We prove equation (2.4) by considering Algorithm 2.1.  $d^{k+1}$  is defined by Step 5. Now, we consider two cases as follows

Case 1. If  $k = 1$  and  $d^{k+1} = -g^{k+1}$ , then

$$g^{(k+1)T} d^{k+1} = g^{(k+1)T} (-g)^{k+1} = -\|g^{k+1}\|^2 < 0.$$

Lemma 2.2 is true.

Case 2. If  $k > 1$  and

$$d^{k+1} = -g^{k+1} + (1 - \theta_k) \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} s^k + \theta_k \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|} g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2} s^k,$$

combining Lemma 2.2 and Wolfe line search, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} g^{(k+1)T} d^{k+1} &= -\|g^{k+1}\|^2 + [(1 - \theta_k) \beta_k^{FR} + \theta_k \beta_k^*] g^{(k+1)T} s^k \\ &\leq -\|g^{k+1}\|^2 + \beta_k^{FR} g^{(k+1)T} s^k + \beta_k^* g^{(k+1)T} s^k \\ &= -\|g^{k+1}\|^2 + \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} g^{(k+1)T} s^k + \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|} g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2} g^{(k+1)T} s^k \\ &= -\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\| \|g^{(k+1)T} g^k g^{(k+1)T} s^k}{\|g^k\|^2} \leq -\|g^{k+1}\|^2 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $d^k$  is a descent direction, then Algorithm 2.1 is well defined. □

### 3. Global Convergence Analysis

Throughout this section, we assume that:

**H1.** The level set  $\Omega = \{x \in R^n \mid f(x) \leq f(x^0)\}$  is below bounded.

**H2.** In some neighborhood  $N$  of  $\Omega$ .  $f$  is continuously differentiable. Its gradient is Lipschitz continuous, namely, there exists a constant  $L > 0$ , such that

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in N.$$

Since  $\{f(x^k)\}$  is decrease, it is clear that the sequence  $\{x^k\}$  generated by Algorithm 2.1 is contained in  $\Omega$ . In addition, we can obtain from the algorithm, there is a constant  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$ , such that  $\kappa_1 \leq \|\nabla f(x)\| \leq \kappa_2, \forall x \in \Omega$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let assumptions H1 and H2 hold and consider any conjugate gradient method (1.2) and (1.3), where  $d^{k+1}$  is a descent direction and  $\alpha_k$  is obtained by the strong Wolfe line search. If*

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{\|d^k\|^2} = \infty, \tag{3.1}$$

then

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g^k\| = 0. \tag{3.2}$$

*Proof.* See [13]. □

For uniformly convex functions which satisfy the above assumptions, we can prove the norm of  $d^{k+1}$  given by (2.5) is bounded. Assume that the function  $f$  is a uniformly convex function, i.e. there exists a constant  $\gamma \geq 0$  such that, for all  $x^{k+1}, x^k \in \Omega$ ,

$$(\nabla f(x^{k+1}) - \nabla f(x^k))^T (x^{k+1} - x^k) \geq \gamma \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2, \tag{3.3}$$

and the step size  $\alpha_k$  is obtained by the strong Wolfe line search.

$$f(x^k + \alpha_k d^k) - f(x^k) \leq \rho \alpha_k g^{kT} d^k, \tag{3.4}$$

and

$$|g^{(k+1)T} d^k| \leq -\sigma g^{kT} d^k, \tag{3.5}$$

Using Lemma 3.1 the following result can be proved.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that the assumptions H1 and H2 hold. Consider Algorithm 2.1, where  $0 < \theta_k < 1$  and  $\alpha_k$  is obtained by the strong Wolfe line search. If  $s^k$  tends to zero and there exists nonnegative constants  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  such that*

$$\|g^k\| \geq \lambda_1 \|s^k\|, \|g^{k+1}\| \leq \lambda_2 \|s^k\|, \tag{3.6}$$

and  $f$  is a uniformly convex function, then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g^k = 0. \tag{3.7}$$

*Proof.* Now, since  $0 < \theta_k < 1$ , from uniform convexity and (3.7), we have

$$|\beta_k^N| = |(1 - \theta_k)\beta_k^{FR} + \theta_k\beta_k^*| \leq |\beta_k^{FR}| + |\beta_k^*|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} + \left| \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 - \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|} g^{(k+1)T} g^k}{\|g^k\|^2} \right| \leq 2 \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} + \frac{\|g^{k+1}\|^2 \|g^{k+1}\|}{\|g^k\|^2} \\
&= \frac{(2 + \|g^{k+1}\|) \|g^{k+1}\|^2}{\|g^k\|^2} \leq \frac{2\lambda_2^2}{\lambda_1^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|s^k\| \rightarrow 0$ , when  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , there exist  $\zeta > 0$ , such that  $\|s^k\| < \zeta$ , then we have

$$\|d^{k+1}\| \leq \|g^{k+1}\| + |\beta_k^N| \|s^k\| \leq \lambda_2 + \frac{2\lambda_2^2}{\lambda_1^2} \|s^k\| \leq \lambda_2 + \frac{2\lambda_2^2}{\lambda_1^2} \zeta,$$

which implies that (3.1) is true. Therefore, by Lemma 3.1 we have (3.2), which for uniformly convex function is equivalent to (3.7). The proof is completed.  $\square$

Now, we will prove the global convergence properties under the Wolfe line search as follows.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let assumptions H1 and H2 hold. Assume that  $0 < \theta_k < 1$  for every  $k \geq 1$ . Then, for the computational algorithm where  $\alpha_k$  is determined by the Wolfe line search (2.1) and (2.2), either  $g^k = 0$  for some  $k$  or  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf \|g^k\| = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Under the assumptions of H1 and H2,  $0 < \theta_k < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|d^{k+1}\|^2 &= d^{(k+1)T} d^{k+1} = (-g^{k+1} + \beta_k^N s^k)^T (-g^{k+1} + \beta_k^N s^k) \\
&= \|g^{k+1}\|^2 - 2\beta_k^N g^{(k+1)T} s^k + (\beta_k^N)^2 \|s^k\|^2 \\
&= \|g^{k+1}\|^2 - 2[(1 - \theta_k)\beta_k^{FR} + \theta_k\beta_k^*] g^{(k+1)T} s^k + (\beta_k^N)^2 \|s^k\|^2 \\
&= \|g^{k+1}\|^2 - 2[\beta_k^{FR} + \theta_k\beta_k^*] g^{(k+1)T} s^k + 2\theta_k\beta_k^{FR} g^{(k+1)T} s^k + (\beta_k^N)^2 \|s^k\|^2 \\
&\leq \|g^{k+1}\|^2 + 2\theta_k\beta_k^{FR} g^{(k+1)T} s^k + (\beta_k^N)^2 \|s^k\|^2 \\
&= \|g^{k+1}\|^2 + 2\theta_k\beta_k^{FR} g^{(k+1)T} s^k + (1 - \theta_k)^2 (\beta_k^{FR})^2 \|s^k\|^2 + \theta_k^2 (\beta_k^*)^2 \|s^k\|^2 \\
&\quad + 2(1 - \theta_k)\beta_k^{FR}\theta_k\beta_k^* \|s^k\|^2 \\
&\leq \|g^{k+1}\|^2 + 2\theta_k\beta_k^{FR} g^{(k+1)T} s^k + (\beta_k^{FR})^2 \|s^k\|^2 + (\beta_k^*)^2 \|s^k\|^2 + 2(1 - \theta_k)\beta_k^{FR}\theta_k\beta_k^* \|s^k\|^2 \\
&\leq [\|g^{k+1}\| + \beta_k^{FR} g^{(k+1)T} s^k]^2 + (\beta_k^*)^2 \|s^k\|^2 + 2\theta_k\beta_k^{FR}\theta_k\beta_k^* \|s^k\|^2 \\
&\leq \|g^{k+1}\| \left(1 + \frac{\|s^k\|}{\|g^k\|}\right)^2 + \beta_k^* \|s^k\|^2 (1 + 2\beta_k^{FR}) \\
&\leq \kappa_2 \left(1 + \frac{M}{\kappa_1}\right)^2 + (1 + 2\frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_1}) M \left(\frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_1}\right)^2 \triangleq \Psi,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \max\{\|x^{k+1} - x^k\| \mid x^k, x^{k+1} \in \Omega\}$  is the diameter of the level set  $\Omega$ . Now, we can write

$$\|d^{k+1}\| \leq \sqrt{\Psi}. \quad (3.8)$$

Since the level set  $\Omega$  is bounded and the function  $f$  is bounded from below, using Wolfe line search it follows that

$$0 < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^{kT} d^k}{\|d^k\|^2} < \infty, \quad (3.9)$$

namely, the Zoutendijk condition holds. Therefore, from Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_1^4}{\|d^k\|^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\|g^k\|^4}{\|d^k\|^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\zeta^2} \frac{(g^{kT} d^k)^2}{\|d^k\|^2} < \infty \quad (3.10)$$

which contradicts (3.9). Hence, the conclusion is true.  $\square$

#### 4. Numerical Experiments

In this section, we compare the performance of new modified conjugate gradient method to other classical conjugate gradient methods. Especially, we will compare this method with Liu-Storey conjugate gradient method in details. The algorithms are coded in *MATLAB 7.0*. The tests are performed on a PC computer with CPU *Pentium 4*, 2.40 GHz. The test results are listed in Table 1 and Table 2, where CPU-time represents the actual time costed in operation; NI represents the total iterations; NI-HCG, NI-FR and NI-WYLCG are represent hybrid conjugate gradient method, FR method and Wei et al method iteration number. - represents very large iteration number, then we will omit it. E represents the error of actual function solutions and approximate solutions; S represents procedure operation costing the actual CPU-time;  $f^*$  represents the problems approximately solutions which allowed in error range region; S-HCG, S-WYL and S-FR are represent hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm, FR method and Wei et al conjugate gradient method costing the actual CPU time; m represents variable number; n represents functional number. P represents the problems in [14]. We choose some test problems for our numerical experiments from the literature [14], and numerical results can be as follows: Table 1 and Table 2.

The parameters are  $\delta = 0.35, \sigma = 0.9, \rho = 0.5, \varepsilon = 10^{-8}$ . Firstly, we show Table 1 that contained the new hybrid conjugate gradient method and classical FR conjugate gradient method numerical results. In order to convenient, we put FR conjugate method's iteration times and CPU-time in the parentheses bellow the new modified method's.

From Table 1, we see that our method is better than the classical FR conjugate gradient method. For example, the new method's iteration times and

$P$	NI-HCG(NI-FR)	n	m	S-HCG(S-FR)	$f^*$	E
1	26(334)	2	2	4(31)	7.1256e-007	8.8968e-007
9	134(135)	15	3	34(33)	1.12	8.7402e-009
13	125(885)	4	4	23(94)	7.8111e-007	9.6169e-007
16	64(-)	4	4	14(-)	7.5249e-007	9.7860e-008
20	16(1079)	2	30	6(298)	2.5302e-007	9.7881e-007
23	11(-)	9	10	8(-)	2.7530e-005	8.2691e-009
24	66(-)	9	18	37(-)	2.8551e-007	8.7409e-009
24	11(1200)	2	4	2(135)	4.0589e-010	9.9906e-007
24	152(-)	200	400	36(-)	8.2253e-007	8.2833e-007
25	43(-)	4	4	8(-)	7.4125e-007	6.7948e-007
27	954(-)	4	4	52(76)	85822.21	5.6961e-009
29	73(970)	4	4	15(130)	9.4011e-007	9.6452e-007
30	33(719)	4	4	5(95)	8.2253e-007	8.2833e-007
30	58(-)	200	400	5(95)	8.2253e-007	8.2833e-007
31	45(-)	4	16	11(-)	7.1539e-007	9.7087e-007
31	754(-)	500	1000	98(-)	7.1539e-007	9.7087e-007

Table 1: Hybrid method and FR method numerical results

CPU time are less than the classical method. Obviously, when we test the larger scale problems, the new method is a better one. The error and approximate solutions are always the same at the terminal step. From problems 9 and 13, we know when the variables are less than 5, the new method and classical method can solve it at limited iteration times. When we enlarge the variables and functional numbers, the classical cannot solve it at limited iteration times, but ours method can solve it easily.

We use two classical conjugate gradient methods, which are FR and WYL conjugate gradient methods, to test the same problems in Table 1 and Table 2. Many test functions are not carry out by the classical method in limited iteration. But, our method is compute at less than 200 iterations. Certainly, we should further investigate more useful, powerful, and practical algorithms for solving large scale unconstrained optimization problems.

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$P$	NI-WYLCG	m	n	S-WYLCG	$f^*$	E
1	30	2	2	4	7.1256e-007	8.8968e-007
9	135	15	3	35	1.12	8.7402e-009
13	692	4	4	84	7.8111e-007	9.6169e-007
16	168	4	4	14	7.5249e-007	9.7860e-008
20	17	2	30	5	2.5302e-007	9.7881e-007
23	—	9	10	-	2.7530e-005	8.2691e-009
24	—	9	18	-	2.8551e-007	8.7409e-009
24	22	2	4	2	4.0589e-010	9.9906e-007
24	189	200	400	78	8.2253e-007	8.2833e-007
25	103	4	4	9	7.4125e-007	6.7948e-007
27	149	4	4	16	85822.21	5.6961e-009
29	202	4	4	25	9.4011e-007	9.6452e-007
30	68	4	4	7	8.2253e-007	8.2833e-007
30	96	200	400	56	8.2253e-007	8.2833e-007
31	39	4	16	6	7.1539e-007	9.7087e-007
31	1456	500	1000	122	7.1539e-007	9.7087e-007

Table 2: The WYLCG method numerical results

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