

How to use LBFGSB code?

Introduction

This short example demonstrates how to use L-BFGS-B software

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Add MLIB library

```
clear; close all; clc;
mlibfolder = '/home/ivan/Desktop/MLIB';
path(path, mlibfolder);
add_mlib_path;
```

L-BFGS-B

L-BFGS-B is a limited-memory quasi-Newton code for bound-constrained optimization, i.e., for problems where the only constraints are of the form $l \leq x \leq u$.

Authors of the [original fortran](#) code: Ciyou Zhu, Richard Byrd, Jorge Nocedal and Jose Luis Morales

[MEX wrapper](#) was created by *Stephen Becker*.

L-BFGS-B is commonly used in full waveform inversion and tomography.

Example: test the "lbfgs" on the Hock & Schittkowski test problem #38 (Hock, W. and Schittkowski, K. [1981] Test Examples for Nonlinear Programming Codes. Lecture Notes in Economics and Mathematical Systems Vol. 187, Springer-Verlag.):

Find minimum of function:

$$f = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2 + 90(x_4 - x_3^2)^2 + (1 - x_3)^2 + 10.1(x_2 - 1)^2 + 10.1(x_4 - 1)^2 + 19.8(x_2 - 1)(x_4 - 1);$$

The gradient of function is equal:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = -400 x_1 \left(x_2 - x_1^2 \right) - 2 \left(1 - x_1 \right);$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = 200(x_2 - x_1^2) + 20.2(x_2 - 1) + 19.8(x_4 - 1);$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} = -360x_3(x_4 - x_3^2) - 2(1 - x_3);$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_4} = -400x_1(x_2 - x_1^2) - 2(1 - x_1);$$

Solution: f reaches minimum ($f = 0$) at point $x = [1, 1, 1, 1]$.

```
x0 = [-3 -1 -3 -1]; % The starting point.
lb = [-10 -10 -10 -10]; % Lower bound on the variables.
ub = [+10 +10 +10 +10]; % Upper bound on the variables.

x = lbfgsb(x0,lb,ub,'ExamplecomputeObjective','ExamplecomputeGradient',...
    [],'genericcallback','maxiter',80,'m',4,'factr',1e-12,...
    'pgtol',1e-5);
```

```
1  573
2  393
3  132
4  11.5
5  1.48
6  1.12
7  0.984
8  0.305
9  0.0847
10 0.0101
11 0.000123
12 0.000113
13 0.000113
14 0.000112
15 0.000109
16 9.75e-05
17 7.93e-05
18 7.17e-05
19 3.55e-05
20 1.46e-05
21 1.71e-06
22 1.94e-07
23 1.47e-07
24 8.84e-10
25 2e-11
26 2.21e-12
27 7.16e-14
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```
disp(x)
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1.0000    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
```