

We use the inverse of the approximated Hessian to get next iteration point with the secant equation as

$$H_k y_k = s_k \quad (0.1)$$

Then using the following optimization setting to get BFGS

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{H}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|H - H_k\|_W \\ & \text{subject to} \quad H = H^T \quad Hy_k = s_k \quad Ws_k = y_k \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\|\cdot\|_W$  means Frobenius norm with weights put on each entry. For example,  $\|H - H_k\|_W$  under this weighted norm is  $\sum_{i,j} (W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij}))(W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij}))$ .  $W$  is also a positive symmetric definite matrix. Using Lagrange multiplier method, we can turn the optimization problem into finding local minimal of the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(H, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \sum_{i,j} (W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij}))(W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij})) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i < j} (\lambda_1)_{ij} (H_{ij} - (H^T)_{ij}) - \lambda_2^T (Hy_k - s_k) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} (W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij}))(W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij})) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i < j} (\lambda_1)_{ij} (H_{ij} - H_{ji}) - \lambda_2^T (Hy_k - s_k) \end{aligned}$$

here  $\lambda_1$  is a matrix and  $\lambda_2$  is a vector.

We can further simplify the above equation by setting  $(\lambda_1)_{ij} = -(\lambda_1)_{ji}$ , then we get

$$\mathcal{L}(H, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \sum_{i,j} (W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij}))(W_{ij}(H_{ij} - (H_k)_{ij})) - \sum_{ij} (\lambda_1)_{ij} H_{ij} - \lambda_2^T (Hy_k - s_k) \quad (0.2)$$

Now take derivatives on this equation with respect to  $H$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(H, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)}{\partial H} = 2W(H - H_k)W^T - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 y_k^T \quad (0.3)$$

Because  $(\lambda_1)_{ij} = -(\lambda_1)_{ji}$  therefore  $\lambda_1^T = -\lambda_1$ . Also, notice that  $H_k, H$  should be symmetric, and if we take a transpose on above equation we will have

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(H, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)}{\partial H} = 2W(H - H_k)W^T + \lambda_1 - y_k \lambda_2^T \quad (0.4)$$

Set equation (1.19) and equation (1.20) both equal to zero. Then add those two equations we can get

$$0 = 4W(H - H_k)W^T - \lambda_2 y_k^T - y_k \lambda_2^T \quad (0.5)$$

Based on this equation and  $W$  is symmetric, we know that

$$H = \frac{1}{4} W^{-1} (\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T) W^{-1} + H_k \quad (0.6)$$

therefore, once we find  $\frac{1}{4}W^{-1}(\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T)W^{-1}$  we find  $H$ . Since  $W$  is symmetric,  $W s_k = y_k$ , and  $H y_k = s_k$ , we multiply  $s_k$  on both side of equation (1.22) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 4W(H - H_k)W s_k - \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - y_k \lambda_2^T s_k \\ &= 4W(H - H_k)y_k - \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - y_k \lambda_2^T s_k \\ &= 4W H y_k - 4W H_k y_k - \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - y_k \lambda_2^T s_k \\ &= 4W s_k - 4W H_k y_k - \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - y_k \lambda_2^T s_k \\ &= 4y_k - 4W H_k y_k - \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - y_k \lambda_2^T s_k \end{aligned}$$

Notice in the above equation, 0 is a vector. Now we multiply both side by  $s_k^T$  (dot product), and we get

$$0 = 4s_k^T y_k - 4s_k^T W H_k y_k - s_k^T \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - s_k^T y_k \lambda_2^T s_k$$

Since in this equation all terms are just numbers, we can rearrange the order of the product without changing the product values and we can get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 4y_k^T s_k - 4y_k^T H_k y_k - s_k^T \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - s_k^T \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k \\ &= 4y_k^T s_k - 4y_k^T H_k y_k - 2s_k^T \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get

$$s_k^T \lambda_2 = \lambda_2^T s_k = \frac{2}{y_k^T s_k} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) \quad (0.7)$$

Substitute  $\lambda_2^T s_k$  in the equation below equation (1.23), we have

$$0 = 4y_k - 4W H_k y_k - \lambda_2 y_k^T s_k - y_k \frac{2}{y_k^T s_k} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) \quad (0.8)$$

which gives us

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{4}{y_k^T s_k} (y_k - W H_k y_k) - \frac{2}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) \quad (0.9)$$

Notice that  $y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k)$  is just a number we can rewrite the above equation as

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{4}{y_k^T s_k} (y_k - W H_k y_k) - \frac{2}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) y_k \quad (0.10)$$

Now let's multiply  $y_k^T$  to the above equation, and we have

$$\lambda_2 y_k^T = \frac{4}{y_k^T s_k} (y_k - W H_k y_k) y_k^T - \frac{2}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) y_k y_k^T \quad (0.11)$$

Apply transpose to the above equation, and we have

$$y_k \lambda_2^T = \frac{4}{y_k^T s_k} y_k (y_k^T - y_k^T H_k W) - \frac{2}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) y_k y_k^T \quad (0.12)$$

Thus,  $\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T$  is

$$\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T = \frac{4}{y_k^T s_k} (2y_k y_k^T - W H_k y_k y_k^T - y_k y_k^T H_k W) - \frac{4}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) y_k y_k^T \quad (0.13)$$

Since we have  $Ws_k = y_k$  and  $W$  is symmetric, we have  $s_k = W^{-1}y_k$  and  $s_k^T = y_k^T W^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $\frac{1}{4}W^{-1}(\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T)W^{-1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{4}W^{-1}(\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T)W^{-1} &= \frac{1}{y_k^T s_k} W^{-1}(2y_k y_k^T - W H_k y_k y_k^T - y_k y_k^T H_k W)W^{-1} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} W^{-1} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) y_k y_k^T W^{-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{y_k^T s_k} (2W^{-1} y_k y_k^T W^{-1} - W^{-1} W H_k y_k y_k^T W^{-1} - W^{-1} y_k y_k^T H_k W W^{-1}) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) W^{-1} y_k y_k^T W^{-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{y_k^T s_k} (2s_k s_k^T - H_k y_k s_k^T - s_k y_k^T H_k) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} y_k^T (s_k - H_k y_k) s_k s_k^T \\
&= \frac{2s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{H_k y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{s_k y_k^T H_k}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{y_k^T s_k s_k s_k^T}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} + \frac{y_k^T H_k y_k s_k s_k^T}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} \\
&= \frac{2s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{H_k y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{s_k y_k^T H_k}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} + \frac{y_k^T H_k y_k s_k s_k^T}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} \\
&= \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{H_k y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{s_k y_k^T H_k}{y_k^T s_k} + \frac{y_k^T H_k y_k s_k s_k^T}{(y_k^T s_k)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we based on equation (1.23) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \frac{1}{4}W^{-1}(\lambda_2 y_k^T + y_k \lambda_2^T)W^{-1} + H_k \\
&= \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{H_k y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{s_k y_k^T H_k}{y_k^T s_k} + \frac{y_k^T H_k y_k s_k s_k^T}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} + H_k \\
&= H_k \left( I - \frac{y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) + \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} - \frac{s_k y_k^T H_k}{y_k^T s_k} + \frac{s_k y_k^T H_k y_k s_k^T}{(y_k^T s_k)^2} \\
&= H_k \left( I - \frac{y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) - \frac{s_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} H_k \left( I - \frac{y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) + \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \\
&= \left( I - \frac{s_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) H_k \left( I - \frac{y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) + \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the solution is given by

$$(BFGS) \quad H_{k+1} = \left( I - \frac{s_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) H_k \left( I - \frac{y_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \right) + \frac{s_k s_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \quad (0.14)$$

We can also get the  $B_k$  update from this solution by applying the Sherman Morrison Woodbury formula.

$$(BFGS) \quad B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k} \quad (0.15)$$

## References

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