A Novel Hybrid Dragonfly Algorithm with Modified Conjugate Gradient Method

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ABSTRACT

Dragonfly Algorithm (DA) is a meta-heuristic algorithm, It is a new algorithm proposed by Mirjalili in (2015) and it simulate the behavior of dragonflies in their search for food and migration. In this paper, a modified conjugate gradient algorithm is proposed by deriving new conjugate coefficient. The sufficient descent and the global convergence properties for the proposed algorithm are proved. Novel hybrid algorithm of the dragonfly (DA) was proposed with modified Conjugate Gradient Algorithm which develops the elementary society that is randomly generated as the primary society for the dragonfly optimization algorithm using the characteristics of the modified conjugate gradient algorithm. The efficiency of the hybrid algorithm was measured by applying it to (10) of the optimization functions of high measurement with different dimensions and the results of the hybrid algorithm were very good in comparison with the original algorithm.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Optimization can be defined as one of the branches of knowledge dealing with discovering or arriving at the optimal solutions to a specific issue within a set of alternatives.[1] The methods of solving optimization problems are divided into two types of algorithms: Deterministic Algorithms and Stochastic Algorithms [2]. Most of classical algorithms are specific algorithms. For example, the Simplex method in linear programming is a specific algorithm, and some specific algorithms use tilt information (Gradient), which is called slope-based algorithms. For example, Newton-Raphson algorithm is an algorithm based on slope or derivative [3]. As for random algorithms, they have two types of algorithms, although the difference between them is small: Heuristic Algorithms and Meta-Heuristic Algorithms. In 2015 a new algorithm was proposed by Mirjalili which is a dragonfly algorithm that simulates the behavior of dragonflies in their search for food and migration [4]. In 2016, Bashishtha and Srivastava used a dragonfly algorithm to address the problem of optimal energy flow in an electric power system [5]. In the same year, Pathania and others used a dragonfly algorithm to solve the issue of multi-target distribution of the thermal system [6]. In 2017, Abhiraj and Aravindhababu used a dragonfly algorithm to reconfigure distribution networks in order to improve the electrical potential winding [7].

The aim of the research is: First: modified conjugate gradient method is proposed by deriving a new conjugacy coefficient named MCG algorithm.

Second: proposed a new hybrid algorithm consisting of a dragonfly algorithm (DA) with modified Conjugate Gradient conjugation methods called the DA-MCG algorithm.

2 CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD

In unconstrained optimization, we minimize an objective function which depends on real variables with no restrictions on the values of these variables. The unconstrained optimization problem is:

$$\text{Min } \ f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$ (1)
where \( f : R^* \rightarrow R \) is a continuously differentiable function, bounded from below. A nonlinear conjugate gradient method generates a sequence \( \{x_k\} \), \( k \) is integer number, \( k \geq 0 \). Starting from an initial point \( x_0 \), the value of \( x_k \) calculate by the following equation:

\[
x_{k+1} = x_k + \lambda d_k ;
\]

where the positive step size \( \lambda > 0 \) is obtained by a line search, and the directions \( d_k \) are generated as:

\[
d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k ;
\]

Where, \( d_0 = g_0 \), the value of \( \beta_k \) is determine according to the algorithm of Conjugate Gradient (CG), and its known as a conjugate gradient parameter, \( s_k=x_{k+1}-x_k \) and \( g_k = \nabla f(x_k) = \nabla f(x_k) \), consider I I is the Euclidean norm and \( y_k=g_{k+1}-g_k \). The termination conditions for the conjugate gradient line search are often based on some version of the Wolfe conditions. The standard Wolfe conditions

\[
f(x_k + \lambda d_k) - f(x_k) \leq \rho \lambda \nabla f(x_k)^T d_k
\]

\[
g(x_k + \lambda d_k)^T d_k \geq \sigma g_k^T d_k ;
\]

where \( d_0 \) is a descent search direction and \( 0 < \rho < \sigma < 1 \), where \( \beta_k \) is defined by one of the following formulas:

\[
\beta_k^{(HS)} = \frac{y_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T d_k}; \quad \beta_k^{(FR)} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T g_{k+1}}{g_k^T g_k}; \quad \beta_k^{(PP)} = \frac{y_k^T g_{k+1}}{g_k^T g_k}
\]

\[
\beta_k^{(CD)} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T (g_{k+1}^T d_k)^2}{D_k^T g_k}; \quad \beta_k^{(LS)} = \frac{y_k^T g_{k+1}}{g_k^T d_k}; \quad \beta_k^{(DF)} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T g_{k+1}}{D_k^T y_k}
\]

Al-Bayati and Al-Assady In (Al-Bayati and Al-Assady, 1986) proposed three forms for the scalar \( \beta_k \) defined by :

\[
\beta_k^{(AB1)} = \frac{\|y_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^2}; \quad \beta_k^{(AB2)} = \frac{\|y_k^2\}}{d_k^T g_k}; \quad \beta_k^{(AB3)} = \frac{\|y_k^2\}}{d_k^T y_k}
\]

3 PROPOSED A NEW CONJUGACY COEFFICIENT

We have the quasi-Newton condition

\[
y_k = G_k s_k
\]

We multiply both sides of equation (9) by \( y_k \) and we get

\[
[y_k = G_k s_k]^T s_k \Rightarrow y_k^T s_k = G_k^T s_k
\]

\[
G = \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} I_{nn}
\]

Let

\[
d_{k+1}^N = -\lambda G_k^{-1} g_{k+1}
\]

\[
d_{k+1}^N = -\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k^T y_k
\]

Multiply both sides of equation (12) by \( y_k \) and we get

\[
y_k^T d_{k+1}^N = -\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k^T y_k
\]

From (13) and (14) we have

\[
y_k^T g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k^T y_k = -\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1};
\]

We assume that

\[
\beta_k = \beta_k^{(DF)} = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{y_k^T d_k}
\]

Then we have

\[
y_k^T g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k^T y_k = -\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1};
\]

From eq.(17) we get:

\[
y_k^T g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k^T y_k = -\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1};
\]

Then, we have

\[
\beta_k = \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{y_k^T d_k}
\]

\[
\beta_k = -\frac{\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T g_{k+1} + \beta_k^T g_{k+1}}
\]

\[
\beta_k = -\frac{\lambda \frac{y_k^T s_k}{\|s_k\|^2} y_k^T g_{k+1}}{y_k^T g_{k+1} + \beta_k^T g_{k+1}}
\]
\[
\beta_k = \frac{1 - \frac{y_k^T s_k}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_{k+1}^T s_k)}}{\|g_k\|^2},
\]

(21)

Since \(\tau_k\leq 1\), then we suppose: \(\tau_k = \|y_k\|^2\) then:

\[
\beta_k = \frac{1 - \frac{y_k^T s_k}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_{k+1}^T s_k)}}{\|g_k\|^2};
\]

(22)

4 OUTLINES OF THE PROPOSED ALGORITHM

Step(1): The initial step: We select starting point \(x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n\), and we select the accuracy solution \(\varepsilon > 0\) is a small positive real number and we find \(d_0 = g_k, \lambda_0 = \text{argmin} \|g_k\|^2\), and we set \(k = 0\).

Step(2): The convergence test: If \(\|g_k\| \leq \varepsilon\) then stop and set the optimal solution is \(x_k\). Else, go to step(3).

Step(3): The line search: We compute the value of \(\lambda_k\) by Cubic method and that satisfy the Wolfe conditions in Eqs.(4),(5) and go to step(4).

Step(4): Update the variables: \(x_{k+1} = x_k + \lambda_k d_k\) and compute \(f(x_{k+1}), g_{k+1}\). And

\[s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k, \quad y_k = g_{k+1} - g_k\]

Step(5): Check: if \(\|g_{k+1}\| \leq \varepsilon\) then stop. Else continue.

Step (6): The search direction: We compute the scalar \(\beta_k^{\text{New}}\) by use the equation (20) and set \(k = k + 1\), and go to step (4).

5 THE CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS

Theoretical Properties for the New CG-Method.

In this section, we focus on the convergence behavior on the \(\beta_k^{\text{New}}\) method with exact line searches. Hence, we make the following basic assumptions on the objective function.

Assumption(1):

\(f\) is bounded below in the level set \(L_{x_0} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}\); in some neighborhood \(U\) of the level set \(L_{x_0}\), \(f\) is continuously differentiable and its gradient \(\nabla f\) is Lipschitz continuous in the level set \(L_{x_0}\), namely, there exists a constant \(L > 0\) such that:

\[
\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|; \quad \text{for all } x, y \in L_{x_0}
\]

(23)

5.1 Sufficient Descent Property

We will show that in this section the proposed algorithm which defined in the equations (22) and (3) satisfy the sufficient descent property which satisfy the convergence property.

Theorem (1):

The search direction \(d_k\) that generated by the proposed algorithm of modified CG satisfy the descent property for all \(k\), when the step size \(\lambda_k\) satisfied the Wolfe conditions (4),(5).

Proof: we will use the indication to prove the descent property, for \(k = 0\), \(d_0 = -g_0 \Rightarrow d_0^T g_0 = -\|g_0\| < 0\), then we proved that the theorem is true for \(k = 0\), we assume that

\[
\|s_k\| \leq \eta; \quad \|g_{k+1}\| \leq \Gamma \quad \text{and} \quad \|g_k\| \leq \eta^2
\]

and assume that the theorem is true for any \(k\), i.e.

\(d_k^T g_k < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad s_k^T g_k < 0 \quad \text{or since} \quad s_k = \lambda_k d_k\); now we will prove that the theorem is true for \(k + 1\) then:

\[
d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \beta_k^{\text{New}} d_k
\]

i.e.

\[
d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \frac{1 - \frac{y_k^T s_k}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_{k+1}^T s_k)}}{\|g_k\|^2} \left\|g_{k+1}\right\| d_k
\]

(25)

Multiply both sides of the equation (25) by \(g_{k+1}\) we get:

\[
g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1} = \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 + \left\|g_{k+1}\right\| \left(1 - \frac{y_k^T s_k}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_{k+1}^T s_k)}\right) y_k^T g_{k+1}
\]

(26)

Divided both side by \(\|g_{k+1}\|^2\):

\[
\left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 + \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 \geq \frac{1 - \frac{y_k^T s_k}{2\left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2}}{\|y_k\|^2} \left\|g_{k+1}\right\| y_k^T g_{k+1} d_k
\]

(27)

\[
\left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 + \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 \geq \frac{1 - \frac{y_k^T s_k}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_{k+1}^T s_k)}}{\|g_k\|^2} \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 + \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2 \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^2
\]

(28)
Lemma 1:
Suppose assumptions (1) (i) and (ii) hold and consider any conjugate gradient method (22) and (3), where $d_k$ is a descent direction and $\lambda k$ is obtained by the strong Wolfe line search. If

$$
\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{d_k} = \alpha
$$

Then

$$
\lim \inf_{k \to \infty} g_k = 0
$$

For uniformly convex functions which satisfy the above assumptions, we can prove that the norm of $d_{k+1}$ given by (25) is bounded above. Assume that the function $f$ is a uniformly convex function, i.e. there exists a constant $\mu \geq 0$ such that for all $x, y \in S$,

$$
(g(x) - g(y))^T (x - y) \geq \mu \|x - y\|^2.
$$

Using lemma 1 the following result can be proved.

**Theorem 2:**

Suppose that the assumptions (i) and (ii) hold.

Consider the algorithm (3), (22). If $\| S_k \|$ tends to zero and there exists nonnegative constants $\eta_1$ and $\eta_2$ such that:

$$
\| g_k \|^2 \geq \eta_1 \| S_k \|^2; \quad \| g_k \|^2 \geq \eta_2 \| S_k \|^2
$$

and $f$ is a uniformly convex function, then.

$$
\lim \inf_{k \to \infty} \| g_k \|^2 = 0;
$$

**Proof:** From eq. (22) We have:

$$
\beta_{k+1}^{new} = \left[ 1 - \frac{\| g_k \|^2}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_k^T S_k)} \right] \frac{g_k^T S_k}{\| g_k \|^2}
$$

From Cuchy-Shwarfz we get:

$$
|\beta_{k+1}^{new}| \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{\| g_k \|^2}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_k^T S_k)} \right] \frac{g_k^T S_k}{\| g_k \|^2} \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{\| g_k \|^2}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + g_k^T S_k)} \right] \frac{g_k^T S_k}{\| g_k \|^2};
$$

But
\[ \| y_k \| \leq L \| s_k \|. \]

Then

\[ | \beta_{k+1}^{\text{New}} | \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{L \| s_k \|}{2(f_k - f_{k+1})} \right] \| s_k \| \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{L \| s_k \|}{2L(f_k - f_{k+1}^+ + \| s_k \|)} \right] \| s_k \| g_{k+1} \]

\[ \text{.......... (44)} \]

\[ | \beta_{k+1}^{\text{New}} | \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{L \| s_k \|}{2(f_k - f_{k+1} + \| s_k \|)} \right] \| s_k \| g_{k+1} \]

\[ \text{.......... (45)} \]

From (41)

\[ | \beta_{k+1}^{\text{New}} | \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{L^{ \eta^2} \| s_k \|}{2([A] + \eta^2 \| s_k \|)} \right] L \eta^3 \Gamma \]

\[ \text{.......... (46)} \]

Let from theorem (1): 

\[ A = (f_k - f_{k+1}) \]

then

\[ | \beta_{k+1}^{\text{New}} | \leq \left[ 1 - \frac{L \eta^2}{2([A] + \eta^2 \| s_k \|)} \right] \eta \eta^3 \Gamma \]

\[ \text{.......... (47)} \]

\[ | \beta_{k+1}^{\text{New}} | \leq \frac{L \eta^3 \Gamma}{\eta \eta^3 \| s_k \|} \]

\[ \text{.......... (48)} \]

Hence,

\[ \| d_{k+1} \| \leq \| g_{k+1} \| + | \beta_{k+1}^{\text{New}} | \| s_k \| ; \] \hspace{1cm} (49)

\[ \| d_{k+1} \| \leq g_{k+1} + \frac{L \eta^3 \Gamma}{\eta \eta^3 \| s_k \|} \| s_k \| \]

\[ \| d_{k+1} \| \leq \gamma + \frac{L \eta^3 \Gamma}{\eta \eta^3 \| s_k \|} \| s_k \| \leq \gamma + \frac{L \eta^3 \Gamma}{\eta \eta^3 \| s_k \|} \]

\[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\| d_{k+1} \|^2} = \infty \] \hspace{1cm} (50)

\[ \left( \gamma + \frac{L \eta^3 \Gamma}{\eta \eta^3 \| s_k \|} \right)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1 = \infty \] \hspace{1cm} (52)

6 DRAGONFLY ALGORITHM

Dragonflies are one of the types of flying insects, which may reach about 3000 species, and dragonflies are predators so some of them called the devil needle or the devil's arrow accordingly [4].

6.1 Dragonfly Algorithm

Swarm behavior follows three basic principles of exploration and exploitation:

- Separation: This refers to the constant avoiding collision of individuals with other individuals in the neighborhood.
- Alignment: that indicates matching the speed of individuals with other individuals in the neighborhood.
- Cohesion: which indicates the tendency of individuals towards the center of the neighborhood block. As shown in the numbered Fig. (2)

\[ \text{attraction towards a food source Leaving away from the enemies} \]

\[ \text{the above behaviors are modeled mathematically as follows:} \]

The principle of separation is calculated as follows:
\[ A_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N} V_j}{N} \]  \hspace{1cm} (53)

whereas:

- \( V_j \) represents the velocity of \( j \) of the adjacent individuals.

The principle of cohesion is calculated mathematically as follows:

\[ C_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N} X_j}{N} - X \]  \hspace{1cm} (54)

As:

- \( X \): represents the current individual location,
- \( X_j \): represents the \( j \) location of the adjacent individuals, and
- \( N \): the number of adjacent individuals.

The principle of attraction to a food source is calculated as follows:

\[ F_i = X^+ - X \]  \hspace{1cm} (55)  

Whereas:

- \( X \): represents the individual's current location and
- \( X^+ \): represents the location of the food source.

Finally, the principle of leaving away from enemies is calculated as follows:

\[ E_i = X^- + X \]  \hspace{1cm} (56)

As:

- \( X \): represents the individual's current location and
- \( X^- \): represents the enemy's location.

It is assumed that the dragonflies behavior is a combination of these five corrective patterns. To update the position of the artificial dragonflies in the research area and simulate their movements, two vectors are taken into consideration, namely: step (\( \Delta X \)) and location (\( X \)). The DA algorithm has been developed based on the PSO algorithm. The steps for the dragonflies DA algorithm can be summarized in below:

1. Configure the dragon community \( X_i \)  
2. Initialize the vector of step \( \Delta X_i \)  
3. When the stopping condition is not met (access to max-iter.).  
4. Calculate the target function value for all dragonflies.  
5. Update the source of the food and the enemy according to Eqs.(4), (5).  
6. Update the values \( (S, A, C, F, E) \) using equations 1 to 5.  
7. Update the Radius beam to the Neighborhood.  
8. Update the location vector using equation (57) and the (Levy flight) method when there are no adjacent solutions. In this case, the dragonfly's site is updated with the following formula:

\[ X_{t+1} = X_t + \text{Levy}(d) \ast X_t \]  \hspace{1cm} (59)

Where: \( t \) is the current iteration, \( d \): is the dimension of the location vector. The (Levy flight) equation is calculated as follows:

\[ \text{Levy}(x) = 0.01 \ast \frac{r_1 \ast \sigma}{|r_2|^\beta} \]  \hspace{1cm} (60)

Where: \( r_1, r_2 \) are random numbers enclosed between \([0,1]\), \( \beta \): constant (equal to 1.5) and that \( \sigma \) is calculated as follows:

\[ \sigma = \left( \frac{r(1+\beta) \ast \text{sin}((\frac{\pi \beta}{2}) \frac{1}{\beta})}{F(\frac{1+\beta}{2}) \ast \beta + \frac{E-1}{2}} \right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (61)

WHERE : \( F(x) = (x-1)! \)

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7 Proposed Hybrid Algorithm

In this section, a new hybrid method has been proposed to solve the optimization as in the following flow chart:
That have been called DA-MCG A proposed hybrid Algorithm, called DA- MCG. The steps of the proposed hybrid algorithm (DA-MCG)

8 NUMERICAL RESULTS

For the purpose of evaluating the performance of the proposed algorithms in solving optimization issues, the proposed algorithm was tested DA-MCG, using (10) standard functions in order to compare with the dragonflies algorithm itself. Table (1) shows the details of the test functions. The stopping condition is used if the function reaches the minimum value and the highest frequency of all programs is equal to (500) repetitions.
As for the numbered tables (2,3,4), it shows the results of the algorithm (DA-MCG) compared to the results of the algorithm (DA), as it shows the success of the proposed algorithm (DA-MCG) by improving the results of most of the standard high-performance test functions and this confirms the success of Hybridization process.

**Table 2:** Comparison the results between DA and DA-MCG using the number of elements consisting of 15 elements and number of iterations 500

| Func. | DA | DA-MCG |
|-------|----|--------|
| F_1   | 0.0422 | 2.88401300000 e-198 |
| F_2   | 0.0093 | 4.06000000000 e-100 |
| F_3   | 0.0851 | 3.3577600000 e-198 |
| F_4   | 0.0260 | 1.71242000000 e-99 |
| F_5   | 4.2346 | 3 |
| F_6   | 2.2909 | 0 |
| F_7   | 0.3821 | 8.8818 e-16 |
| F_8   | 0.2228 | 0 |
| F_9   | 0.0043 | 0.14841 |
| F_10  | -1.0316 | -1.6494000278 e-52 |

**Table 3:** Comparison the results between DA and DA-MCG using the number of elements consisting of 20 elements and number of iterations 500

| Func. | DA | DA-MCG |
|-------|----|--------|
| F_1   | 3.6151e-05 | 6.8689000000e-198 |
| F_2   | 2.0277e-08 | 3.2190710000 e-100 |
| F_3   | 0.18831746555 | 3.336236666 e-198 |
| F_4   | 1.8951e-05 | 1.9894540000 e-198 |
| F_5   | 3.55604000000 | 3 |
| F_6   | 4.08238090909 | 0 |
| F_7   | 3.680815 e-08 | 8.8818 e-16 |
| F_8   | 0.3106550 | 0 |
| F_9   | 0.00594456875 | 0.14841 |
| F_10  | -1.0316 | -1.5265e-103 |

**Table 4:** Comparison the results between DA and DA-MCG using the number of elements consisting of 30 elements and number of iterations 500

| Func. | DA | DA-MCG |
|-------|----|--------|
| F_1   | 7.9415 e-06 | 2.583248000000000 e-198 |

The test was applied by a laptop that carries the following characteristics: the processor speed is 2.70, the memory size is 8GB, and the Matlab R2014a program is running Windows 8.

**9 CONCLUSIONS**

Hybridization of heuristic algorithms with one of the modified classical algorithms contributed to improving its performance by increasing the speed of convergence, and also led to an improvement in the quality of the resulting solutions by increasing its exploratory and exploitative capabilities, as numerical results showed the ability of hybrid algorithms to solve various optimization issues. The results of the DA-MCG algorithm were compared with the algorithm of examples of dragonflies themselves, the DA, which resulted in encouraging results.

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