

## A New Spectral Conjugate Gradient Method with Strong Wolfe-Powell Line Search

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### ABSTRACT

The spectral conjugate gradient method is an efficient method for solving unconstrained optimization problems. In this paper, based on MMAR conjugate gradient method, a new spectral conjugate gradient method SMMAR is proposed with strong Wolfe-Powell line search. This method possesses sufficient descent and global convergence properties. Numerical results show that SMMAR method outperforms MMAR conjugate gradient method in terms of the number of iterations almost in all tested functions. But MMAR method outperforms SMMAR conjugate gradient method in terms of CPU time almost in all tested functions.

**Key words:** Conjugate gradient (CG) method; global convergence; spectral conjugate gradient method; strong Wolfe-Powell (SWP) line search; sufficient descent property.

### 1 INTRODUCTION

The conjugate gradient (CG) method are among the efficient methods for solving problems with large dimension unconstrained optimization problems of the form:

$$\min \{ f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n \}. \quad (1)$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuously differentiable. The CG method are iterative methods that computes it iterates and search direction  $d_k$  as follows:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (2)$$

$$d_k = \begin{cases} -g_k & , \text{ and } k = 0 \\ -g_k + \beta_k d_{k-1} & , \text{ and } k \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha_k > 0$  is the step size obtained through the line search approach,  $g_k = g(x_k)$  is known as gradient and  $\beta_k$  is the CG coefficient such that  $\beta_k$  defines the different CG methods. Also, different spectral CG methods are generated

according to different search directions [1]. The  $\beta_k$  for original MMAR conjugate gradient method [2] is defined by:

$$\beta_k^{MMAR} = \begin{cases} \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\| \|g_{k-1}\| |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|}}{\|g_k\| + \|g_{k-1}\|^2}, & \|g_k\|^2 \geq \frac{\|g_k\| \|g_{k-1}\| |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} \\ 0 & , \text{ and otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Some CG methods are computed such that the step size satisfy the exact line search defined by:

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) = \min f(x_k + \alpha d_k), \quad \alpha \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

while other CG methods are said to satisfy the Strong Wolfe-Powell (SWP) defined by

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) - f(x_k) \leq \delta \alpha_k g_k^T d_k \quad (6)$$

$$|g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k| \leq \sigma |g_k^T d_k|. \quad (7)$$

where  $0 < \delta < \sigma < 1$ . The SWP line search is a modification of weak Wolfe-Powell (WWP) line search defined by (6) and

$$g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k \geq \sigma g_k^T d_k. \quad (8)$$

The CG method are applicable to real-life situation [3]. Some of the well-known formulas for  $\beta_k$  are: Fletcher-Reeves (FR) [4], Hestenes-Stiefel (HS) [5], Powell (PRP+) [6], Polak-Ribière-Polyak (PRP) [7], Liu-e Storey (LS) [8], Conjugate Descent (CD) [9], Wei et al. (WYL) [10], Dai-Yuan (DY) [11], which are given by:

$$\beta_k^{FR} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}, \quad (9)$$

$$\beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g_k^T y_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}}, \quad (10)$$

$$\beta_k^{PRP+} = \max \{ \beta_k^{PRP}, 0 \}, \quad (11)$$

$$\beta_k^{PRP} = \frac{g_k^T y_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}, \quad (12)$$

$$\beta_K^{LS} = \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{y}_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}}, \quad (13)$$

$$\beta_K^{CD} = \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2}{d_{k-1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}}, \quad (14)$$

$$\beta_k^{WYL} = \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2}, \quad (15)$$

$$\beta_K^{DY} = \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2}{d_{k-1}^T (\mathbf{g}_k - \mathbf{g}_{k-1})}, \quad (16)$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_{k-1} = \mathbf{g}_k - \mathbf{g}_{k-1}$ . Polak and Ribiere in [7] proved the global convergence of PRP method. In 2006, Wei et al. [10] presented a new CG method that is similar to the PRP method. Other modifications of the CG method are given in [12], [13], and defined as follows:

$$\beta_k^{DPRP} = \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{w |\mathbf{g}_k^T d_{k-1}| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T \mathbf{y}_{k-1}} \quad (18)$$

where  $w \geq 1$ . Zhang [14] presented a simple modification of  $\beta_k^{WYL}$  as follows:

$$\beta_k^{NPRP} = \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \quad (19)$$

For more reference on the CG method, please refer to [15–16, 41-43]. The global convergence of MMAR conjugate gradient method is proved under the strong Wolfe-Powell (SWP):

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) - f(x_k) \leq \delta \alpha_k \mathbf{g}_k^T d_k \quad (20)$$

$$|\mathbf{g}(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k| \leq \sigma |\mathbf{g}_k^T d_k|. \quad (21)$$

where  $0 < \delta < \sigma < 1$ , with  $\leq 3/4$ , for all  $k \geq 0$ , and the relation

$$\frac{-1}{1-\sigma} < \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T d_k}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2} < \frac{2\sigma-1}{1-\sigma}.$$

Recently, a scaled CG algorithm was introduced by Birgin and Martinez [17] as follows:

$$\beta_K^{BM1} = \frac{\mathbf{g}_{k+1}^T (\theta_k \mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{s}_k)}{\mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{s}_k},$$

$$\beta_K^{BM2} = \frac{\theta_k \mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k+1}}{\alpha_k \theta_{k-1} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k},$$

$$\beta_K^{BM3} = \frac{\theta_k \mathbf{g}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k+1}}{\alpha_k \theta_{k-1} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k},$$

$$\theta_k = \frac{\mathbf{s}_k \mathbf{s}_k^T}{\mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{s}_k^T}.$$

where  $d_k$  is the direction and given by:

$$d_k = -\theta_k \mathbf{g}_k + \beta_k d_{k-1}$$

and  $\theta_k$  is a parameter and called the spectral gradient. The results got from experiments using Wolfe line search on the three CG coefficients above show that  $\beta_K^{BM1}$  has the best numerical performance. Under some reasonable assumptions, Birgin and Martinez [17] concluded that their spectral CG method is globally convergent. However, the spectral CG methods actually are not guaranteed to generate descent directions [18]. Hence, Andrei [19] proposed a descent scaled CG algorithm under Wolfe line search. Jiang et al. [20] designed a spectral CG method with sufficient descent feature based on the modified CG algorithm proposed by Zhang et al. [21]. The authors used  $\beta_K^{PRP}$  for the CG coefficient, where

$$\theta_k = \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k-1} d_{k-1}^T}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} - \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k d_{k-1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2},$$

$$\beta_K^{PRP} = \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{y}_{k-1}}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2},$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_{k-1} = \mathbf{g}_k - \mathbf{g}_{k-1}$ . The algorithm was implemented under modified Armijo-type line search and subsequently proven to globally convergent under some mild conditions. Liu and Jiang [22] proposed a spectral CG method, denoted SCD, using the CD method as the basis. The SCD algorithm possesses sufficient descent property under any line search used and is proven to be globally convergent under strong Wolfe line search. It is formulated by

$$\theta_k = 1 - \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T d_{k-1}}{\mathbf{g}_{k-1}^T d_{k-1}},$$

$$\beta_K^{CD} = \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2}{d_{k-1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}}.$$

Liu et al. [23] proposed another spectral CG method. This method combined the CD method and DY method, where

$$\beta_k = \beta_K^{CD} + \min\{0, \psi_k, \beta_K^{CD}\},$$

$$\theta_k = 1 - \frac{\mathbf{g}_{k-1}^T d_{k-1}}{\mathbf{g}_k^T d_{k-1}},$$

$$\psi_k = -\frac{\mathbf{g}_{k-1}^T d_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T (\mathbf{g}_{k-1} - \mathbf{g}_k)},$$

Zull et al. [24] extended the SCD method by using RMIL as the CG coefficient instead of CD, where the new method is called SRMIL. While its global convergence property is not truly established, the SRMIL method performed well numerically when compared to some of the classical CG methods. It is formulated by

$$d_k = -\theta_k \mathbf{g}_k + \beta_K^{RMIL} d_{k-1},$$

$$\theta_k = 1 - \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T d_{k-1}}{\mathbf{g}_{k-1}^T d_{k-1}},$$

$$\beta_k^{RMIL} = \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T (\mathbf{g}_k - \mathbf{g}_{k-1})}{\|\mathbf{d}_{k-1}\|^2}$$

Khadijah et al. [25] proposed a spectral CG method. It is formulated by

$$\mathbf{d}_k = -\theta_k \mathbf{g}_k + \beta_k^{RMIL} \mathbf{d}_{k-1},$$

$$\theta_k = 1 + \left( \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T (\mathbf{g}_k - \mathbf{g}_{k-1})}{\|\mathbf{d}_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \left( \frac{\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1}}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2} \right),$$

Several scaled CG methods proposed by many authors can be referred to [26–35], and an application problem can be referred to [44]. In this paper, the spectral conjugate gradient method SMMAR with strong Wolfe-Powell line search is presented as follows: In the next section, the new spectral conjugate gradient formula and the algorithm. In section 3, the convergence analysis is presented. After that, the numerical results are presented in section 4. And finally, the conclusion is given in section 5.

## 2 THE NEW SPECTRAL CONJUGATE GRADIENT FORMULA AND ALGORITHM

In this study  $\mathbf{d}_k$  is defined by:

$$\mathbf{d}_k = \begin{cases} -\mathbf{g}_k & , \text{ and } k = 0 \\ -\theta_k^{MMAR} \mathbf{g}_k + \beta_k^{MMAR} \mathbf{d}_{k-1} & , \text{ and } k \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

where  $\beta_k^{MMAR}$  and  $\theta_k^{MMAR}$  are presented by:

$$\beta_k^{MMAR} = \begin{cases} \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} & , \text{ and } \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 \geq \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}| \\ 0 & , \text{ and otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

$$\theta_k^{MMAR} = 1 + \frac{(\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1}) - \frac{|\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} (\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1})}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \quad (25)$$

$\|\cdot\|$  represents the Euclidean norm. Note that

$$0 \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} < \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} < \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \quad (26)$$

### Algorithm 1

**Step 1:** Given constants  $0 < \delta < \sigma < 1$ . Take a starting point  $x_0$ . Set  $\mathbf{d}_0 = -\mathbf{g}_0$ . Let  $k = 0$ , if  $\mathbf{g}_0 = 0$ , then stop.

**Step 2:** Compute  $\mathbf{d}_k$  based on (23), using (24) and (25).

**Step 3:** Find  $\alpha_k > 0$  satisfying (6) and (7).

**Step 4:** Update  $x_{k+1}$  based on (2).

**Step 5:** If  $\|\mathbf{g}_k\| \leq 10^{-6}$  then stop; otherwise let  $k = k + 1$  and go to Step 2.

## 3 THE CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS

The descent condition plays an important role in the

convergence analysis of various CG methods. A CG method is said to be a descent method if the method possesses

$$\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k \leq 0, \quad (27)$$

such that  $f(x_{k+1}) < f(x_k)$ . The algorithm is said to satisfy the following condition:

$$\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k \leq -C \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 \text{ For } k \geq 0, C > 0, \quad (28)$$

then (28) is known as sufficient descent condition.

Before presenting the proof of the sufficient descent direction property (28) of spectral conjugate gradient method SMMAR, note that the coefficient  $\beta_k^{MMAR}$  satisfies

$$0 \leq \beta_k^{MMAR} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2}$$

$$0 \leq \beta_{k+1}^{MMAR} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_{k+1}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2} \quad (29)$$

**Theorem 1.** If  $\mathbf{g}_k \neq 0$ , suppose the direction  $\mathbf{d}_k$  is generated by Algorithm 1, then

$$\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k = -\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 \quad (30)$$

holds for any  $k \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** Clearly, the result is true for  $k = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{d}_0 = -\mathbf{g}_0$ . Now for  $k \geq 1$ , from (3), (24) and (25), we have

$$\mathbf{d}_k = -\theta_k^{MMAR} \mathbf{g}_k + \beta_k^{MMAR} \mathbf{d}_{k-1} \quad (31)$$

Multiplying both sides by  $\mathbf{g}_k^T$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k &= -\theta_k^{MMAR} \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 + \beta_k^{MMAR} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1} \\ &= -\left( 1 + \frac{(\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1}) - \frac{|\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} (\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1})}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k &= -\left( 1 + \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{|\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\| \|\mathbf{g}_k\|} \right) (\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1})}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_k\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|} |\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2 - \left( \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{|\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_{k-1}|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\| \|\mathbf{g}_k\|} \right) (\mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{d}_{k-1})}{\|\mathbf{g}_k\| + \|\mathbf{g}_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \|\mathbf{g}_k\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left( \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\| \|g_k^T g_{k-1}\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|}}{\|g_k\| + \|g_{k-1}\|^2} \right) g_k^T d_{k-1} \\
 & = -\|g_k\|^2 - \left( \frac{\left( \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\| \|g_k^T g_{k-1}\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|}}{\|g_k\| + \|g_{k-1}\|^2} \right) (g_k^T d_{k-1})}{\|g_k\| + \|g_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \\
 & + \left( \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\| \|g_k^T g_{k-1}\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|}}{\|g_k\| + \|g_{k-1}\|^2} \right) g_k^T d_{k-1} \\
 & = -\|g_k\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we have  $g_k^T d_k = -\|g_k\|^2$ . This completes the proof.

**Assumption 1.** (i) The level set  $L = \{x \in R^n: f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}$  is bounded.

(ii) In some neighborhood  $N$  of  $L$ ,  $f$  is continuously differentiable and its gradient is Lipschitz continuous, namely, there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$\|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq K\|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in N.$$

**Lemma 1.** Let Assumption 1 hold  $x_k$  is given by Algorithm 1, then we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\|g_k\|^4}{\|d_k\|^2} < \infty.$$

See Zoutendijk [36] for the proof of Lemma 1.

We present the following Theorem which proves the global convergence of the spectral conjugate gradient method SMMAR, depending on the above Assumption and Lemma.

**Theorem 1.** Consider the sequence  $x_k$  is generated by Algorithm 1, and suppose that Assumption 1 holds. Then we obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf \|g_k\| = 0.$$

**Proof.** This prove is by contradiction. Suppose there exists a positive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|g_k\| \geq \varepsilon, \text{ for all } k \geq 0, \tag{32}$$

which means

$$\frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \text{ for all } k \geq 0 \text{ and } \|g_k\| \neq 0. \tag{33}$$

Rewriting (31) as  $d_k + \theta_k^{MMAR} g_k = \beta_k^{MMAR} d_{k-1}$ , and squaring both sides we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d_k\|^2 + (\theta_k^{MMAR})^2 \|g_k\|^2 + 2\theta_k^{MMAR} g_k^T d_k \\
 = (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d_k\|^2 = -(\theta_k^{MMAR})^2 \|g_k\|^2 - 2\theta_k^{MMAR} g_k^T d_k \\
 + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Dividing both sides of (34) by  $(g_k^T d_k)^2$ , and from (24), (25), (26), and (30), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\|d_k\|^2}{(g_k^T d_k)^2} &= \frac{\|d_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &= -\frac{(\theta_k^{MMAR})^2}{\|g_k\|^2} - \frac{2\theta_k^{MMAR}}{\|g_k\|^2} + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} ((\theta_k^{MMAR})^2 + 2\theta_k^{MMAR}) \\
 &\quad + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} ((\theta_k^{MMAR})^2 + 2\theta_k^{MMAR} + 1 - 1) \\
 &\quad + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} ((\theta_k^{MMAR} + 1)^2 - 1) + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &= -\frac{(\theta_k^{MMAR} + 1)^2}{\|g_k\|^2} + \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} + (\beta_k^{MMAR})^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} + \left( \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \right)^2 \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\|g_k\|^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}{\|g_{k-1}\|^4}
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Using (35) recursively, we get

$$\frac{\|d_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{\|g_i\|^2}. \tag{36}$$

Then from (33) and (36), we have

$$\frac{\|d_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} \leq \frac{k}{\varepsilon^2},$$

which indicates

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\|g_k\|^4}{\|d_k\|^2} \geq \varepsilon^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = +\infty.$$

This contradicts Lemma 1. Therefore, the proof is completed.

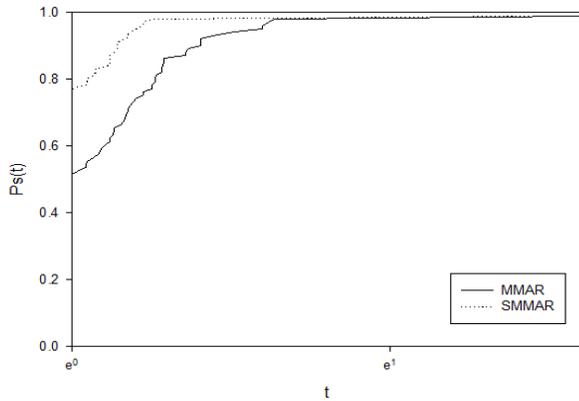
**4. NUMERICAL RESULTS**

This section presents the numerical performance of the CG methods. Some test functions are selected for the efficiency analysis of the new method. These functions are considered from CUTer [37], Andrei [38], and Adorio and Diliman [39]. A comparison is done between the new spectral conjugate gradient method SMMAR and MMAR CG method based on time of CPU and the number of iterations, using Strong (SWP) Wolfe-Powell line search. Let  $\delta = 0.01$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1$ .  $\epsilon$  is chosen to be  $10^{-6}$  to check the speed of iteration methods towards the optimal. And here  $\|g_k\| \leq 10^{-6}$  is taken to be the stopping criteria. The method is considered as failed if the number of iterations getting more than 1000 times. MATLAB R2017a subroutine program is strongly outperforms SMMAR method almost in all tested functions

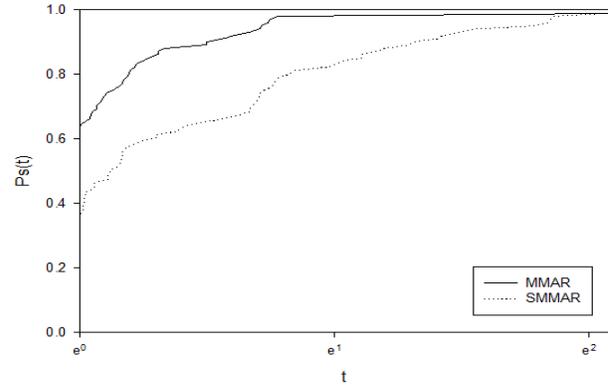
used for all methods, on a computer with CPU processor Intel R Core TM, i5-2410M CPU and 3 GB RAM under strong (SWP) Wolfe line search. Figs. 1-2, respectively, show the performance results using a performance profile introduced by Dolan and Moré [40]. Generally, the best method is which with high values of  $P_s(t)$  and appear in the upper right and left corners of the figure. The  $P_s(t)$  axis of the figures shows the percentage of the test problems which were successfully solved by each method. The t axis of the figures shows which of the methods is the fastest. From Figure 1, it is clear that SMMAR method strongly outperforms the other tested method MMAR in terms of the number of iterations almost in all tested functions. In Figure 2, which presents CPU time, MMAR method

**Table 1:** List of Test Functions

N	Function	Dimension/s	Initial points
1	FLETCHCR	2	(0.5, 0.5), (5, 5)
2	QUARTC	500,1000,5000	(2, 2, ..., 2), (5, 5, ..., 5), (10, 10, ..., 10), (15, 15, ..., 15)
3	Extended Block Diagonal	2,5000, 10000	(0.1, 0.1), (1, 1, ..., 1)
4	SINCOS B81	2	(3, 3)
5	Generalized quartic GQ1	2,500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1)
6	Three hump	2	(1, 1), (15, 15), (5, 5)
7	Generalized Quartic	2	(1, 1)
8	DENSCHNB	2,500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1)
9	Raydan 1	2	(1, 1)
10	Extended DENSCHNB	2,500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1), (5, 5, ..., 5)
11	Shallow	2, 5000,10000	(-2, -2, ..., -2)
12	Perturbed Quadratic	2	(0.5, 0.5)
13	Raydan 2	500,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1), (10, 10, ..., 10)
14	HIMMELBC	2,500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1)
15	DIXMAANA	6000,9000,12000	(2, 2, ..., 2)
16	DIXMAANB	300,6000,9000,12000	(2, 2, ..., 2)
17	Extended Himmelblau	2, 500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1)
18	EG2	2, 500,1000,5000,10000	(0.01, 0.01), (1, 1, ..., 1) (2, 2, ..., 2)
19	DENSCHNF	2	(1.5, 1.5)
20	HIMMELBH	2, 500	(1.5, 1.5, ..., 1.5)
21	LIARWHD	2	(4, 4)
22	Extended quadratic penalty QP1	2	(1, 1)
23	Six hump	2	(1, 1), (10, 10), (5, 5)
24	EG3	2	(1, 1)
25	A Quadratic QF2	2	(0.5, 0.5)
26	Quadratic QF1	2	(1, 1)
27	Diagonal 1	2	(1, 1), (2, 2)
28	Hager	2	(1, 1)
29	DIXON3DQ	2	(-1, -1)
30	Generalized quartic GQ2	2,500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1)
31	Tridiagonal double Bordered	2	(-1, -1)
32	Raydan 1	2	(1, 1)
33	Extended Trigonometric	2	(0.2, 0.2)
34	ENGVAL8	2	(2, 2)
35	DENSCHANA	2,500,1000,5000,10000	(1, 1, ..., 1)
36	VARDIM	2	(2, 2)



**Figure 1:** Performance profile based on number of Iteration.



**Figure 2:** Performance profile based on CPU time.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this study, we proved the global convergence and the sufficient descent property of the new spectral conjugate gradient method SMMAR with strong Wolfe line search. Numerical results show that SMMAR method outperforms MMAR conjugate gradient method in terms of the number of iterations almost in all tested functions. But MMAR method outperforms SMMAR conjugate gradient method in terms of CPU time almost in all tested functions.

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