

Global convergence of a modified RMIL+ nonlinear conjugate gradient method with strong wolfe

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ABSTRACT

Nonlinear conjugate gradient (CG) methods are extensively used as an important technique for addressing large-scale unconstrained optimization problems which are arise in many aspects of science, engineering, and economics. That is due to their simplicity, convergence properties, and low memory requirements. To generate a new approximation solution in each iteration, the CG methods usually implement under the strong Wolfe line search. For good performance, many studies have been carried out to modify well-known CG methods. In this paper, we did some modifications on one of CG method called RMIL+ in order to obtain a new CG method possesses the sufficient descent property and the global convergence under strong Wolfe line search. The numerical results demonstrate that the suggested method outperforms other CG methods.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Considering the next unconstrained optimization problem,

$$\min f(x), \quad x \in R^n, \quad (1)$$

where $f: R^n \rightarrow R$ is a continuous and differentiable. The conjugate gradient (CG) method considered as one of the choicest for solving (1), particularly for the case n is large. The nonlinear conjugate gradient method's iterative formula is given by,

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

where x_k is present iterate point and α_k is step length, which is calculated by performing a line search, and d_k is the search direction, which is defined by,

$$d_{k+1} = \begin{cases} g_{k+1}, & \text{if } k=0 \\ -g_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} d_k, & \text{if } k \geq 1, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where β_k is paramter. The classical conjugate gradient method includes the Hestenes and Stiefel [1]. The Fletcher and Reeves [2]. The Polak [3], method Polyak and Ribiere [4]. The conjugate descent method [5]. The Liu and Storey method, [6] and the Dai and Yuan method [7], the parameters β_k of these methods are as follow:

$$\beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{(g_k - g_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{FR} = \frac{g_k^T g_k}{g_{k-1}^T g_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{PRP} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{g_{k-1}^T g_{k-1}},$$

$$\beta_k^{CD} = -\frac{g_k^T g_k}{d_{k-1}^T g_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{LS} = -\frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{d_{k-1}^T g_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{DY} = \frac{g_k^T g_k}{(g_k - g_{k-1})^T d_{k-1}}.$$

usually, in the conjugate gradient methods convergence analysis and implementation, the step length α_k is required to satisfy some line search to be imprecise line searches [8]-[11], such as an Armijo line search or a strong Wolfe line search. The strong Wolfe line search is utilized to find α_k such as:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) - f(x_k) &\leq \delta \alpha_k g_k^T d_k, \\ |g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k| &\leq -\sigma g_k^T d_k \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, and $\sigma \in (\delta, 1)$.

The nonlinear conjugate gradient method's sufficient descent condition is as (5).

$$g_k^T d_k \leq -c \|g_k\|^2, \forall k \geq 1, c \in (0, 1). \tag{5}$$

The sufficient decent property and the global convergence have been studied by many researchers such as Baali [12] who established the global convergence of the FR method under strong Wolfe line search, Liu *et al.* [13] and Dai and Yuan [14] extended the results to $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$, Gilbert and Nocedal [15], established the global convergence property of the PRP⁺ method, the PRP⁺ indicated that is a non-negative parameter. For more studies [16]-[18].

This paper is organised into four sections. In section 2, a new parameter for the coefficient β_k is proposed followed by an algorithm. The sufficient descent condition and the global convergence analysis under strong Wolfe line search is presented in subsection 2.1. In section 3, the numerical performance of the new formula versus other well-known conjugate gradient methods are presented. Finally, in section 4, the conclusion is presented.

2. THE MODIFICATION METHOD

Recently, Rivaie *et al.* [19], [20], proposed two new formulas as (6), (7).

$$\beta_k^{RMIL} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1})}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}, \tag{6}$$

$$\beta_k^{RMIL+} = \frac{g_k^T (g_k - g_{k-1} - d_{k-1})}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}, \tag{7}$$

Zhang [21] presented an improved formula called β_k^{NPRP} to Wei-Yao-Liu which is given by,

$$\beta_k^{NPRP} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}, \tag{8}$$

the NPRP method satisfies the descent property given in condition (5).

Motivated by the in (7) and (8), we propose a modified formula of RMIL+ as:

$$\beta_k^{AO} = \begin{cases} \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\max(\|d_{k-1}\|^2, \|g_{k-1}\|^2)}, & \text{if } \|g_k\|^2 \geq \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}| \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

where AO denotes Abashar and Osman.

By defining the formula β_k^{AO} , we have a new CG method which can be described in Algorithm 2.1.

Algorithm 2.1

Step 0. Initialization, given $x_0 \in R^n$, $\varepsilon \geq 0$, set $d_0 = -g_0$, $k = 0$.

Step 1. If $\|g_k\| \leq \varepsilon$, then exit.

Step 2. Find α_k using (4).

Step 3. Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$, $g_{k+1} = g(x_{k+1})$, if $\|g_{k+1}\| \leq \varepsilon$, then stop.

Step 4. compute β_k by the (6, 7, 8, 9 and FR method), generated d_k by (3).

Step 5. Put $k = k + 1$ and go to Step 2.

2.1. Analysis of convergence

In this subsection, the analysis of Algorithm 2.1 is presented. We proved that the algorithm satisfies condition (5) and the properties of global convergence. The next lemma is required to simplify the new β_k^{AO} .

Lemma. 2.1.1

β_k^{AO} satisfies, $\beta_k^{AO} \leq \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2}$, $\beta_k^{AO} \geq 0$.

From the definition (9), we get,

$$\beta_k^{AO} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\max(\|d_{k-1}\|^2, \|g_{k-1}\|^2)} \leq \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2} \quad (10)$$

using Cauchy- Schwarz inequality, we get (11).

$$\beta_k^{AO} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\max(\|d_{k-1}\|^2, \|g_{k-1}\|^2)} \geq \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} \|g_k\| \|g_{k-1}\|}{\max(\|d_{k-1}\|^2, \|g_{k-1}\|^2)} = 0$$

$$\beta_k^{AO} \geq 0. \quad (11)$$

Lemma. 2.1.2

Suppose that $\{g_k\}$ and $\{d_k\}$ are generated by the Algorithm 2.1 for $\sigma < \frac{1}{2}$, then,

$$\frac{\|g_k\|}{\|d_k\|} \leq 1, \quad \forall k \geq 0. \quad (12)$$

Proof. The proof is by induction. For $k = 0$, $\frac{\|g_0\|}{\|d_0\|} = 1 \leq 1$, hence (12) holds for $k = 0$.

From (3), multiplying by g_{k+1}^T , we get,

$$\begin{aligned} g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1} &= -\|g_{k+1}\|^2 + \beta_{k+1} g_{k+1}^T d_k \\ \|g_{k+1}\|^2 &= \beta_{k+1} g_{k+1}^T d_k - g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

from (4) and absolute value of (13), obtained,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{k+1}\|^2 &\leq |\beta_{k+1} g_{k+1}^T d_k| + |g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1}| \\ \|g_{k+1}\|^2 &\leq -\sigma \beta_{k+1} \|g_k\| \|d_k\| + \|g_{k+1}\| \|d_{k+1}\| \end{aligned}$$

by applying (12), and substitute (10), we get,

$$\|g_{k+1}\|^2 \leq -\sigma \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}{\|d_k\|^2} \|g_k\| \|d_k\| + \|g_{k+1}\| \|d_{k+1}\| \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{k+1}\|^2 &\leq -\sigma \|g_{k+1}\|^2 \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|d_k\|} + \|g_{k+1}\| \|d_{k+1}\| \\ \|g_{k+1}\|^2 &\leq -2\sigma \|g_{k+1}\|^2 + \|g_{k+1}\| \|d_{k+1}\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\|g_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\sigma \|g_{k+1}\|^2 \leq \|g_{k+1}\| \|d_{k+1}\| \quad (15)$$

Divided by $\|g_{k+1}\| \|d_{k+1}\|$, we get,

$$\frac{\|g_{k+1}\|}{\|d_{k+1}\|} \leq \frac{1}{1+2\sigma} \quad (16)$$

hence this holds true for $k + 1$.

Theorem 2.1.1

Assume that g_k and d_k are produced by the methods (2) and (3), respectively, and that the step size α_k is calculated by (4), if $\sigma < \frac{1}{2}$, then the relation,

$$\frac{-1+2\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \leq \frac{g_k^T d_k}{\|g_k\|^2} \leq \frac{-1-2\sigma}{1+2\sigma}, \tag{17}$$

holds. Henceforth, condition (5) holds as $g_k \neq 0$.

Proof. By induction, true if $k = 0$, assume (17) is true if $k \geq 0$, from (3), we have:

$$g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1} = -\|g_{k+1}\|^2 + \beta_{k+1} g_{k+1}^T d_k \tag{18}$$

Dividing both sides by $\|g_{k+1}\|^2$

$$\frac{g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} = -1 + \beta_{k+1} \frac{g_{k+1}^T d_k}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2}$$

using strong Wolfe condition (4) we have (19).

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_{k+1} g_{k+1}^T d_k| &\leq -\sigma |\beta_k| g_k^T d_k \\ -1 + \sigma \beta_{k+1} \frac{g_k^T d_k}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} &\leq \frac{g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \leq -1 - \sigma \beta_{k+1} \frac{g_k^T d_k}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

By using (10) and Cauchy inequality, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} -1 + \sigma \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2 \|g_k\| \|d_k\|}{\|d_k\|^2 \|g_{k+1}\|^2} &\leq \frac{g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \leq -1 - \sigma \frac{\|g_{k+1}\|^2 \|g_k\| \|d_k\|}{\|d_k\|^2 \|g_{k+1}\|^2} \\ -1 + \sigma \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|d_k\|} &\leq \frac{g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \leq -1 - \sigma \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|d_k\|} \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

from the induction hypothesis (16), we obtain (21).

$$\frac{-1+2\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \leq \frac{g_{k+1}^T d_{k+1}}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2} \leq \frac{-1-2\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \tag{21}$$

We conclude that (17), holds for $k + 1$.

Assumption 2.1.1

- (i) The set $\Omega = \{x \in R^n \mid f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}$ is bounded with an initial guess x_0 .
- (ii) f is continuously differentiable and its gradient is Lipschitz continuous in some neighborhood N of Ω , that is, there exists a constant $l > 0$ such that $\|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq l \|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in N$.

Theorem 2.1.2

Suppose that Assumption 2.1.1 holds. Let $\{g_k\}$ be obtained by Algorithm 2.1, then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0$.

Proof. We use contradiction, that is, there is a scalar $\varepsilon > 0$, such that (22).

$$\|g_k\| \geq \varepsilon, \tag{22}$$

From (4), we have (23).

$$|g_k^T d_k| \leq -\sigma g_{k-1}^T d_k \leq \frac{\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \|g_{k-1}\|^2,$$

Thus from (3) and (10), we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \|d_k\|^2 &\leq \|g_k\|^2 + 2|\beta_k| |g_k^T d_k| + \beta_k^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2, \\ \|d_k\|^2 &\leq \|g_k\|^2 + \frac{\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \|g_{k-1}\|^2 |\beta_k| + \beta_k^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2, \\ \|d_k\|^2 &\leq \|g_k\|^2 + \frac{\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \|g_{k-1}\|^2 \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2} + \beta_k^2 \|d_{k-1}\|^2, \\ \|d_k\|^2 &\leq \|g_k\|^2 + \frac{\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \|g_k\|^2 \left(\frac{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}{\|d_{k-1}\|^2} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

by applying (16), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \|d_k\|^2 &\leq \|g_k\|^2 + \frac{\sigma}{1+2\sigma} \|g_k\|^2 \left(\frac{1}{1+2\sigma}\right)^2 \\ \|d_k\|^2 &\leq \|g_k\|^2 + \|g_k\|^2 M \quad , \quad M = \frac{\sigma}{(1+2\sigma)^2} \\ \|d_k\|^2 &\leq (1 + M) \|g_k\|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

dividing both sides by $\|g_k\|^4$ to obtain (25).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|d_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} &\leq \frac{(1+M)}{\|g_k\|^2} \\ \frac{\|d_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(1+M)}{\|g_i\|^2} \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Therefor it follows from (22) and (25),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|d_k\|^2}{\|g_k\|^4} &\leq \frac{(1+M)k}{\varepsilon^2} \\ \frac{\|g_k\|^4}{\|d_k\|^2} &\geq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{(1+cM^2)k} \\ \frac{\|g_k\|^4}{\|d_k\|^2} &\geq \frac{c^2}{k} \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

this implies that,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\|g_k\|^4}{\|d_k\|^2} = \infty$$

this contradicts the condition of Zoutendijk [22]. Hence, the proof is come true. We now state that Algorithm 2.1 satisfies the property (*). The Property (*) states that: given a method of form (2), (3), and,

$$0 < \gamma \leq \|g_k\| \leq \bar{\gamma}, \tag{27}$$

where γ and $\bar{\gamma}$ are positive constant, a method is said to have property. (*), if for all $k \geq 1$, there a constant $b > 1, \lambda > 0$, such that $\|s_k\| \leq b$ and $\|s_k\| \leq \lambda$ implies $\|s_k\| \leq \frac{1}{2b}$, where $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$.

Lemma 2.1.3

Let Assumption 2.1.1 be satisfied, then property (*) holds when Algorithm 2.1 applied.

Proof. Suppose that (27) holds, set $b = \frac{\bar{\gamma}^2}{\gamma^2} > 1, \lambda = \frac{\gamma^2}{4L\bar{\gamma}b} > 0$.

From the definition of β_k^{AO} that,

$$|\beta_k^{AO}| = \left| \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\max(\|d_{k-1}\|^2, \|g_{k-1}\|^2)} \right| \leq \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \leq \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \leq \frac{\bar{\gamma}^2}{\gamma^2} = b, \tag{28}$$

by assumption 2.2.1, and properties of norm, we can get that if $s_{k-1} \leq \lambda$, then,

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_k^{AO}| &= \left| \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\max(\|d_{k-1}\|^2, \|g_{k-1}\|^2)} \right| \leq \frac{\|g_k\|^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} |g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \leq \frac{\|g_k\| (\|g_k\| - \frac{|g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|})}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\|g_k\| \left(\left\| g_k - \frac{|g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} \right\| \right)}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \leq \frac{\|g_k\| \left(\|g_k - g_{k-1}\| + \left\| g_{k-1} - \frac{|g_k^T g_{k-1}|}{\|g_{k-1}\|} \right\| \right)}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \leq \frac{\|g_k\| (\|g_k - g_{k-1}\| + \|g_{k-1} - g_k\|)}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\|g_k\| (\|g_k - g_{k-1}\| + \|g_{k-1} - g_k\|)}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} \leq \frac{2L\lambda\bar{\gamma}}{\gamma^2} = \frac{1}{2b}. \end{aligned}$$

3. NUMERICAL DISCUSSIONS

In this section, we ran some experiments to put the Algorithm 2.1 to the test; we referred to test problem addressed in Andrei [23]. In order to compare the performance of the proposed formula with those of the CG methods listed in (6) and (7). The comparisons were based on the amount of time spent on the CPU and the number of iterations. Considered $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ and $\|g_k\| \leq \varepsilon$ as a stopping criterion as presented in Hillstrom [24]. All test problems in Table 1 are executed using MATLAB.

Table 1. Problem functions list

No.	Function	N	Initial point
1.	Six hump	2	(4,4),(10,10)
2.	Booth	2	(25,25),(100,100)
3.	Treccani	2	(5,5),(10,10)
4.	Three hump	2	(-5,5),(-3,12)
5.	Zettl	2	(15,15),(10,10)
6.	Leon	2	(20,20),(50,50)
7.	Matyas	2	(15,15),(6,6)
8.	Wood	4	(6,6,6),(13,13,13,13)
9.	Colville	4	(10,10,10,10),(30,30,30,30)
10.	Powell	4	(2,2,2,2),(20,20,20,20)
11.	Power	4	(2,2,2,2),(8,8,8,8)
12.	Extended Peanly	10,100	(2,2,...,2),(8,8,...,8)
		2, 4	(5,5),(11,11),(5,5,5,5),(11,11,11,11)
13.	Generalized Tridiagonal 1	100,500	(5,5,...,5),(11,11,...,11)
		2,4	(5,5),(20,20),(5,5,5,5),(20,20,20,20)
14.	Raydan 1	10,100,500	(5,5,...,5),(20,20,...,20)
		2,4	(3,3),(10,10),(3,3,3,3),(10,10,10,10)
15.	Dixon and Price	10,100	(3,3,...,3),(10,10,...,10)
		4	(80,80,80,80),(150,150,150,150)
16.	Hager	10,100	(80,80,...,80),(150,150,...,150)
		4	(2,2,2,2),(15,15,15,15)
17.	Flethcr	10,100	(2,2,...,2),(15,15,...,15)
		4	(40,40,40,40),(60,60,60,60)
18.	Nonscomp	10,100,500	(40,40,...,40),(60,60,...,60)
		2	(8,8),(-1,-1)
19.	Extended Freudenstein and Roth	10,100	(8,8,...,8),(-1,-1,...,-1)
		4	(-3,-3,-3,-3),(7,7,7,7)
20.	Generalized Tridiagonal 2	10,100,500	(-3,-3,...,-3),(7,7,...,7)
		4	(1,1,1,1),(4,4,4,4)
21.	Extended Quadratic Penalty QP2	10,100,500	(1,1,...,1),(4,4,...,4)
		4	(6,6,6,6),(14,14,14,14)
22.	Extended Beale	10,100,500,1000	(6,6,...,6),(14,14,...,14)
		4	(-1,-1,-1,-1),(2,2,2,2)
23.	Diagonal 4	10,100,500,1000,10000	(-1,-1,...,-1),(2,2,...,2)
		500,1000,10000	(7,7,...,7),(18,18,...,18)
24.	Extended Maratos	10,100,500,1000	(0.5,0.5,...,0.5),(1.5,1.5,...,1.5)
25.	Shallow	100,500,1000,10000	(-5,-5,...,-5),(-20,-20,...,-20)
26.	Extended Rosen Brock	100,500,1000,10000	(5,5,...,5),(10,10,...,10)
27.	Extended White and Holst	10,100,500,1000,10000	(-5,-5,...,-5),(-7,-7,...,-7)
28.	Quadratic QF2	10,100,500,1000	(2,2,...,2),(60,60,...,60)
29.	Extended Denschnb	10,100,500,1000,10000	(4,4,...,4),(16,16,...,16)
30.	Extended Himmelblau	10,100,500,1000,10000	(30,30,...,30),(200,200,...,200)

Figures 1 and 2 display performance results that were established using the performance profile proposed by Dolan and More [25]. Based on their performance profile, we take $t_{p,s}$ to be the outcome when the solver s is used to solve problem, and $r_{p,s}$ to be the ratio $\frac{t_{p,s}}{\min\{t_{p,s}:s \in S\}}$, where S is the set of all solvers. Then we can order the values $r_{p,s}$ increasingly and plot them versus $p_s(t)$, where $p_s(t)$ is the ratio $\frac{\text{The order the problem}}{\text{Total number of problems}}$. Clearly the method of top curve is the winner. Overall, a solver with a high $p(t)$ value or the curve that seems on top of the Figures is the most effective problem solver. As can be seen in Figures 1 and 2, our new proposed hast the choicest results whenever it could solve every test problem as in Table 2.

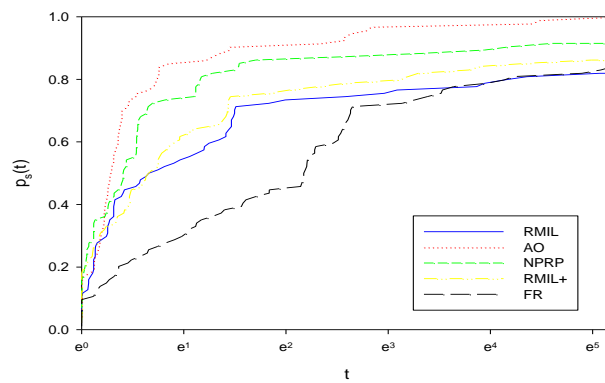


Figure 1. Performance results based on the number of iterations

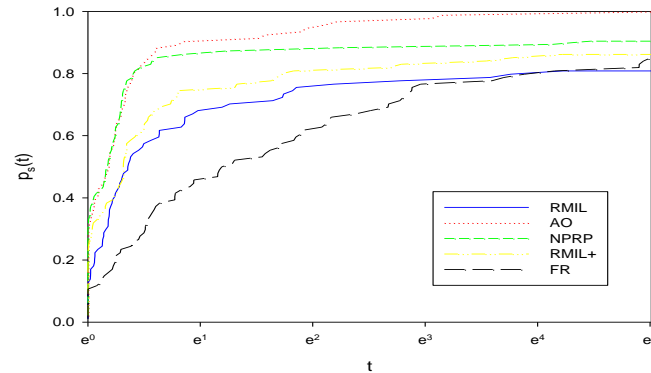


Figure 2. Performance results based on the CPU time

Table 2. Relative efficiency of the methods

AO	RMIL	RMIL+	NPRP	FR
1	0.7812	0.8143	0.8516	0.8094

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented a parameter for β_k that has better convergence. Numerical outcomes have reflected that proposed formula β_k highlighted better than FR, RMIL, RMIL+ and NPRP. In the future, the new formula can be applied under another line search.

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