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Package VariableMetricAlgorithm

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*)
(* :Title: VariableMetricAlgorithm *)

(* :Context: Nonsmooth Optimization *)

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(* :Summary: This package implements a variable metric algorithm
for optimizing nonlinear (possibly nonsmooth) functions in the
Euclidean space *)

(* :History: In December 1989 a FORTRAN 77 subroutine is coded by
S. Uryasev at the International Institute for Applied Systems
Analysis. This subroutine was translated to MATHEMATICA language
in August 1996 *)

(* :Mathematica Version: 2.2 *)

(* :Keywords: nonsmooth optimization, nondifferentiable optimization,
nonlinear programming, objective function, minimize, optimize *)

(* :Method: This package implements an adaptive variable metric
algorithm for minimization of nonlinear (possibly nonsmooth)
functions. In this method, two subgradient algorithms work
simultaneously, the first in the main space, the second with respect
to the matrix improving the convergence speed. The method is
described in S. Uryasev, "New Variable-Metric Algorithms for
Nondifferentiable Optimization Problems." Journal of Optimization
Theory and Applications Vol. 71, No. 2, (1991), 359-388. *)

(* :Problem statement: The variable metric algorithm solves the
problem

$$f(x) \rightarrow \min, \quad (1)$$

where  $f(x)$  is a nonlinear (possibly nonsmooth) function, and
 $x$  is a vector in the Euclidean  $n$ -dimensional space.
The current version does not include constraints (directly).
However, they can be included, for example, with nonsmooth penalty
function. The minimization problem (1) with constraints
 $f_1(x) \leq 0, \dots, f_l(x) \leq 0,$ 
is equivalent to the problem without constraints
 $f(x) + C \text{Max}[0, f_1(x), \dots, f_l(x)] \rightarrow \min,$ 
where  $C$  is a sufficiently large constant.*)

(* :Discussion: This program formally does not check for optimality of
the returned vector which should thus be considered just an
approximation of the local extremum *)

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BeginPackage["NonsmoothOptimization`VariableMetricAlgorithm`"]
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VariableMetricAlgorithm::usage = "VariableMetricAlgorithm[x0,opts] finds a local minimum of a nonlinear (possibly nonsmooth) function. To apply VariableMetricAlgorithm, the following two functions should be defined :

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fun[x] := performance function depending upon the array x of real
variables;
grad[x]:= gradient (or generalized gradient if fun[x] is nonsmooth)
of the performance function.
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For example,

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fun[{x1_,x2_}] := Abs[x1] + Abs[10*x2];
grad[{x1_,x2_}] := {Sign[x1],Sign[x2]*10}.
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Algorithm has four stop criteria:

1. ArgumentPrecision = desired accuracy on the argument x;
2. GradientPrecision = desired value of the norm of the gradient (subgradient of function is nonsmooth);
3. NumberIterations = maximal number of iterations to be performed;
4. ConvergenceGoal = desired value of performance function;

By default: ArgumentPrecision->10.⁻²⁰, GradientPrecision->10.⁻⁶,
NumberIterations -> 100, ConvergenceGoal -> -10.⁶⁰⁰ .

Initial stepsize can be set with the option InitialStepsize.

By default, InitialStepsize->0.1. With the option PrintFrequency->k,
algorithm prints results of calculations each k-th iteration.

By default, PrintFrequency->0. OutputList option specifies parameters
to be printed. By default, OutputList->{Function,Approximation}.

The output can include

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Function = performance function value,  
Approximation = vector of variables,  
Gradient = gradient vector,  
Iteration = iteration number,  
InternalIteration = internal iteration number calculating total  
number of performance function calls";
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GradientPrecision::usage = "GradientPrecision is an option to stop
VariableMetricAlgorithm; it specifies a minimal value for the
gradient (subgradient) Euclidean norm. The default setting is
GradientPrecision->10.⁻²⁰";

ArgumentPrecision::usage = "ArgumentPrecision is an option to stop
VariableMetricAlgorithm; it specifies the minimal Euclidean distance
between successive approximations. This parameter can be set
to desirable accuracy with respect to the argument of the
performance function. The default setting is ArgumentPrecision->10⁻²⁰";

NumberIterations::usage = "NumberIterations is an option to stop
VariableMetricAlgorithm. It specifies the maximum number of main
iterations. The default setting is NumberIterations -> 100";

ConvergenceGoal::usage = "ConvergenceGoal is an option to stop

VariableMetricAlgorithm when the value of performance function is less than ConvergenceGoal. The default setting is ConvergenceGoal -> $-10.^{600}$ ";

InitialStepsize::usage = "InitialStepsize is an option of VariableMetricAlgorithm specifying initial stepsize for the algorithm. The default setting is InitialStepsize->0.1";

PrintFrequency::usage = "PrintFrequency is an option of VariableMetricAlgorithm specifying print frequency of the algorithm. Algorithm prints results of calculations on each k-th iteration with option: PrintFrequency->k. The default setting is PrintFrequency->0, i.e., algorithm prints only the final result and does not print intermediate approximations. OutputList option specifies parameters to be printed. By default, OutputList->{Function,Approximation}. The output can include

- Function = performance function value,
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- Gradient = gradient vector,
- Iteration = iteration number,
- InternalIteration = internal iteration number calculating total number of performance function calls";

OutputList::usage = "OutputList is an option of VariableMetricAlgorithm specifying print outputs of the algorithm. Algorithm prints results of calculations on each k-th iteration with option: PrintFrequency->k. The default setting is PrintFrequency->0, i.e., algorithm prints only the final result and does not print intermediate approximations. OutputList option specifies parameters to be printed. By default, OutputList->{Function,Approximation}. The output can include

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- Approximation = vector of variables,
- Gradient = gradient vector,
- Iteration = iteration number,
- InternalIteration = internal iteration number calculating total number of performance function calls";

VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop0="Value of the objective function achieved ConvergenceGoal";

VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop1="Norm of subgradient achieved GradientPrecision";

VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop2="Distance between two approximations achieved ArgumentPrecision";

VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop3="Algorithm performed specified NumberIterations";

Options[VariableMetricAlgorithm] = {
ArgumentPrecision-> $10.^{-20}$,InitialStepsize->0.1,
GradientPrecision-> $10.^{-6}$,

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NumberIterations -> 100,ConvergenceGoal -> -10.^600,PrintFrequency->0,
OutputList->{Function,Approximation}
};

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VariableMetricAlgorithm[x0_,opts___]:=
Module[{x,xpr,b,gr,grold,grb,grbb,vsold,vsnew,xvector,grvector,
  shift,fnpr,fn,outlist,n=Length[x0],nk,bstep,rodecr,roincr,lstop,
  nouv,induv,s,sfull,smax,grbnrm,grnorm,shnorm,noprin,sprint,grprint},

{dxstop, ro, grstop, smax, flevel,outlist,noprin} =
{ArgumentPrecision, InitialStepsize, GradientPrecision,
  NumberIterations,ConvergenceGoal,OutputList,PrintFrequency}
/. {opts} /. Options[VariableMetricAlgorithm];

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PrintOptions={Function->Function->fn,
Approximation->Approximation->x,
Iteration-> Iteration->sprint,
Gradient->Gradient->gr,
InternalIteration-> InternalIteration->sfull};

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(* METHOD PARAMETERS *)
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x=x0;
nk=n; (* nk can be decreased (nk <= n) to reduce,
      if necessary, the size of the matrix b *)
bstep=0.55;
rodecr=0.8;
roincr=1.25;
lstop=3;

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(* INITIALIZATION *)
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nouv=1;
lstep=0;
induv=1;
sfull=1;
s=1;
sprint=1;
grbnrm=1.;
lenoutlist=Length[outlist];
grprint=False;
Do[If[outlist[[i]]==Gradient,grprint=True] ,{i, lenoutlist}];

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(* FUNCTION CALCULATION *)
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fn=fun[x] //N;
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(* SUBGRADIENT CALCULATION *)
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gr=grad[x] //N;
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(* FUNCTION VALUE STOP *)
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If[flevel >= fn,
  lstop=0;
  Message[VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop0];
  Return[outlist /. PrintOptions ]
];

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(* PRINT *)
If[noprin!=0, Print[outlist /. PrintOptions]];

(* CALCULATION OF SUBGRADIENT NORM *)
grnorm=Sqrt[gr.gr];

(* SUBGRADIENT NORM STOP *)
If[grnorm<=grstop,
  lstop=1;
  Message[VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop1];
  Return[outlist /. PrintOptions]
];

(* SUBGRADIENT NORMALIZATION *)
gr/=grnorm;

(* BEGINNING OF MAIN CYCLE *)

Do[
sprint=s;

(* GROLN MEMORY *)
groln=gr;

(* CALCULATION OF GRB,GRBB *)
If[s==1,
  grbb=gr; grbnrm=Max[Sqrt[gr.gr],10^-20];
  grb=Table[1.,{j,nk}];
  b=Table[If[i==j,1.,0.],{i,n},{j,nk}],
  (* following two Do operators perform
  matrix operations
  grb=Transpose[b].gr;
  grbb=b.grb;
  in matrix form, sometimes, these operators
  do not work because of unknown reasons *)
  Do[
    grb[[i]]=0;
    Do[
      grb[[i]]=grb[[i]]+b[[j,i]]*gr[[j]]
    ,{j,n}
  ],{i,nk}];
  Do[
    grbb[[i]]=0.;
    Do[
      grbb[[i]]=grbb[[i]]+b[[i,j]]*grb[[j]]
    ,{j,nk}
  ],{i,n}];

(* CALCULATION OF GRB NORM *)
grbnrm=Max[Sqrt[grb.grb],10^-20];

]; (* END OF IF *)

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(* MINIMUM SEARCH ON DIRECTION *)
fnpr=fn+1;

While[fn <= fnpr,
  (* XPR, FNPR MEMORY *)
    xpr=x;
    fnpr=fn;

  (* MOTION IN SPACE OF X *)
    shift=grbb*ro/grbnrm;
    x=x-shift;

  (* FUNCTION CALCULATION *)
    fn=fun[x] //N;

  (* CALCULATION OF SHIFT NORM *)
    shnorm=Sqrt[shift.shift];

  (* SHIFT NORM STOP *)
    If[shnorm<=dxstop,
      lstop=2;
      fn=fnpr;
      x=xpr;
      Message[VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop2];
      If[grprint,gr = grad[x]];
      Return[outlist /. PrintOptions]
    ];

  (* FUNCTION VALUE STOP *)
    If[flevel>=fn,
      lstop=0;
      Message[VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop0];
      If[grprint,gr = grad[x]];
      Return[outlist /. PrintOptions ]
    ];

  (* INCREASE OF SFULL *)
    sfull+=1;

  (* RO CONTROL *)
    If[fn<=fnpr,
      lstep+=1;
      If[s==1,ro*=1.5];
      If[lstep>nouv && s>1, ro*=roincr]
    ];

]; (* END OF WHILE *)
If[lstep==0, ro*=rodecr];

(* SUBGRADIENT CALCULATION *)
gr=grad[x] //N;

(* CALCULATION OF SUBGRADIENT NORM *)

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    grnorm=Sqrt[gr.gr];

(* SUBGRADIENT NORM STOP *)
    If[grnorm<=grstop,
        fn=fnpr;
        x=xpr;
        lstop=1;
        Message[VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop1];
        If[grprint,gr = grad[x]];
        Return[outlist /. PrintOptions ]
    ];

(* SUBGRADIENT NORMALIZATION *)
    gr/=grnorm;

(* MATRIX B CALCULATION *)
    vsold= grolld.b;
    vsnew= gr.b;
    Do[
        Do[
            b[[i,j]]=b[[i,j]]+bstep*
                (gr[[i]]*vsold[[j]]+grolld[[i]]*vsnew[[j]])
            ,{j,nk}]
        ,{i,n}];

(* GR,X, FN RESET *)
    x=xpr;
    fn=fnpr;
    If[lstep==0, gr=grolld];

(* LSTEP RESET *)
    lstep=0;

(* PRINT *)
    If[noprin!=0,
        grolld=gr;
        If[grprint,gr = grad[x]];
        If[Ceiling[s/noprin]==s/noprin,
            Print[outlist /. PrintOptions]];
    gr=grolld;
    ];

(* END OF MAIN CYCLE *)
, {s, smax}];

    If[lstop==3,Message[VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop3]];
    If[grprint,gr = grad[x]];
    Return[outlist /. PrintOptions ]
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4. ConvergenceGoal = desired value of performance function;

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By default: ArgumentPrecision->10.^-20,  
GradientPrecision->10.^-6,  
NumberIterations -> 100,  
ConvergenceGoal -> -10.^600 .
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Initial stepsize can be set with the option  
InitialStepsize. By default, InitialStepsize->0.1.
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With the option PrintFrequency->k, algorithm prints  
results of calculations each k-th iteration.
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grad[{x1_,x2_}] := {Sign[x1],Sign[x2]*10};
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x0={10,2};  
VariableMetricAlgorithm[x0,NumberIterations -> 200,  
ArgumentPrecision->10.^-6,PrintFrequency->20,  
OutputList -> {Function,Iteration,Approximation}]  
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{Function -> 0.0075678, Iteration -> 60, Approximation -> {0.00180915,  
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{Function -> 3.97612 10 , Iteration -> 100, Approximation -> {-3.58701  
10 , 3.89113 10  }}
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achieved ArgumentPrecision
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  Approximation -> {-(4.251502666366882*10^-7), 1.123493374271581*10^-8}}

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{Function -> 5.375 10 , Iteration -> 110, Approximation -> {-4.2515 10
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(* f(x) = (x1-10)^2+x2^2 -> min
   Abs[x1+x2] <= 1 *)

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fun[{x1_,x2_}] :=
Module[{fn, PenaltyConstant, Constraint, ObjectiveFunction},
PenaltyConstant=10;
Constraint=Max[Abs[x1+x2] -1, 0];
ObjectiveFunction=(x1-10)^2+x2^2;
fn= ObjectiveFunction + PenaltyConstant * Constraint;
Return[fn]
];

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grad[{x1_,x2_}] :=
Module[{gr, PenaltyConstant, GrConstraint, GrObjectiveFunction,
  Constraint},
PenaltyConstant=10;

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If[Abs[x1+x2]-1 < 0, GrConstraint={0, 0},
  GrConstraint= Sign[x1+x2]*{1, 1}];
GrObjectiveFunction={2*(x1-10), 2*x2};
gr= GrObjectiveFunction + PenaltyConstant * GrConstraint;
Return[gr]
];

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x0={10, 2};
VariableMetricAlgorithm[x0, NumberIterations -> 200,
ArgumentPrecision->10.^-6, PrintFrequency->30,
OutputList -> {Function, Iteration, Approximation, InternalIteration}]
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4.50385}, InternalIteration -> 169}  
{Function -> 40.5001, Iteration -> 120, Approximation -> {5.49548, -  
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VariableMetricAlgorithm::lstop3: Algorithm performed specified  
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InternalIteration -> 364}
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{Function -> 40.5, Iteration -> 200, Approximation -> {5.49998, -  
4.49998}, InternalIteration -> 364}  
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