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## A SMOOTH CONSTRAINED PENALTY METHOD FOR OPTIMIZATION VIA RADIAL BASIS FUNCTIONS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we have proposed a new approach for the penalization of the exact  $l_1$  penalty function method. Then this method will be used for solving nonlinear constrained optimization problems with both equality and inequality constraints. However  $l_1$  exact penalty functions are nonsmooth functions. In the proposed method a new penalty trust region based on Radial Basis Functions for smoothing the  $l_1$  exact penalty function is introduced. Penalty function is replaced by a smooth surrogate model to analyze its global convergence. At each iteration, the trial step is determined such that either the value of the objective function or the measure of the constraint violation is sufficiently reduced. This method is particularly suitable for problems which contain a large number of constraints and decision variables. The numerical results are presented for some standard test problems.

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### INTRODUCTION

The class of nonlinear constrained optimization problems is an important class of problems with a broad range in engineering, scientific, and operational applications. This paper introduces a new method which belongs to the class of trust-region methods via Radial Basis functions (RBFs) for solving the following constrained optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x f(x) \\ & \text{s. t.} \\ & g_m(x) \leq 0 \quad m \in I_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, M\} \\ & h_l(x) = 0 \quad l \in I_2 = \{1, 2, \dots, L\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $x \in R^n$ ,  $f: R^n \rightarrow R$  and  $g_m(m \in I_1), h_l(l \in I_2): R^n \rightarrow R$  are not necessarily differentiable.

In general, one can not solve (1) directly or explicitly. Instead, an iterative method is used that solves a sequence of simpler, approximate subproblem to generate a approximate solution,  $\{x_k\}$  of (1). The basic and classical constrained optimization methods include penalty function method and the Lagrangian method. The sequential quadratic programming method (SQP) is a well known and powerful constrained optimization method as well, which is a local search method able to find a local optimal solution.

We focus on using the traditional and effective quadratic penalty function framework as (Nocedal and Wright, 1999):

$$\min_x Q(x, \mu) = f(x) + \mu \{ \sum_{l=1}^L h_l^2(x) + \sum_{m=1}^M \max(g_m(x), 0) \}, \quad (2)$$

For solving (1), where  $\mu$  is the penalty parameter. Because (2) is not necessarily a smooth function, when constructing an algorithm to solve general problem (1) by (2), some difficulties may be faced.

Trust-region algorithms for the constrained optimization problems are a class of numerical algorithms for finding an approximate solution to problem (2). They are iterative methods that compute at every iteration  $k$ , a trial step by solving a trust-region subproblem. The step  $s_k$  is then tested using the merit function (2). The step  $s_k$  is accepted only if  $x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k$  is a better approximation to the solution

The main difficulty associated with the penalty functions is the choice of the penalty parameter which can inordinate by increase. Another concern is the effect of the nondifferentiability of some popular exact penalty functions for which the penalty functions is allowed to increase for a limited number of iterations.

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The basic and classical constrained optimization methods include penalty function method, the Lagrangian method (Luenberger and Ye, 2007) and SQP (Boggsal and Tolle, 1995). These methods have been developed under the assumption of uniqueness of the local optimal solution; that is, these are local search methods which can find a local optimal solution. Many constrained optimization methods that utilize meta-heuristics have been proposed in recent years (Coello, 2002; Lu and Chen, 2008). Some are able to search for optimal solutions globally and have been used to successfully solve some constrained optimization problems (Liang and Suganthan, 2006; Takahama and Sakai, 2006). Generally, in meta-heuristics techniques, interaction among all search points is mainly used as the driving force. Therefore, these methods have the drawback that once all of the search points are attracted to one search point, diversity is lost and stagnation of the search occurs. The stagnation tends to occur in high dimensional optimization problems which have multi-peaked objective functions, and the meta-heuristics may not perform well in such problems. Zenios *et al.*, (1993) and Pinar and Zenios (1994) gave a smooth exact penalty function for convex constrained optimization problems, which can be applied to obtain a good approximate optimal solution to (1). Nondifferentiable exact penalty functions were introduced for the first time by Eremin and Mazurov (1979) and Zangwill (1967). In almost all of the introduced penalized approaches the notion of convexity plays a dominant role.

Recently, derivative-free trust region algorithms have been used increasingly (Conn *et al.*, 1997; Kurokawa, 2009; Powell, 2002; Zhao *et al.*, 2006). A common approach is to combine conventional algorithm such as genetic algorithm or pattern search with surrogate models to solve expensive problems. For instance, Booker *et al.*, (1998) and Jones *et al.*, (1998) proposed a method based on Kriging basis functions. In recent years, nonlinear optimization is perhaps one of the most common reasons for using derivative-free methods. Forming surrogate models by interpolation has been proposed by Winfield (1973) and reviewed by Powel (2002) and Conn *et al.*, (1997). Wild *et al.*, (2008) constructed a surrogate model based on RBFs.

In this study, we consider use of a trust-region method based on RBFs, which is able to obtain a global optimal solution without being trapped at global optimal solutions. The underlying idea of this method is that there are two goals, one is improving the feasibility and the other is reducing the value of objective function rapidly so that building a relation between reduction the value of objective function and improving the feasibility.

This study is aimed to minimize the penalty function (2) which is a non smooth function of several decision variables. Continuously differentiable functions with zero gradient is the standard condition for optimization techniques (Kolda *et al.*, 2003). But, here we can not use this theory exactly. Thus, derivative-free algorithms, which have a long history and are currently growing rapidly can be more effective because they extends only with value of function (Gray *et al.*, 2004; Regis and Shoemaker, 2007; Wild *et al.*, 2008; Zhao *et al.*, 2006).

In our approach, at each iteration, we construct the surrogate model by RBFs interpolation within a trust region instead of penalty function (2) to find the new trial minimum point. When the current trial point is not enough close to a local minimum, we update the interpolation points and construct a new model by RBFs. This model is considered instead of the penalty function on a suitable trust region.

The main idea is to find interpolation points in the trust region for building a polynomial interpolation for objective function anyway that we can obtain strict local minimum point.

In the previous methods, whenever a trial point did not decrease the objective function as expected, one of the interpolation points was replaced by another evaluated point. In our approach, all the interpolation points can be changed at each iteration. Under proper assumptions, the proposed method will guarantee global convergence. Also, models based on RBFs have been shown to be of interest for global optimization.

The paper is organized as follows: In section 2, the surrogate model is introduced. In section 3, the RBFs are described. In section 4, we present derivative-free optimization. Section 5, gives a summary of the surrogate model based on RBFs. In section 6, the algorithm is introduced and its convergence properties are established. Numerical results for some examples are reported in the last section.

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Throughout the paper  $\| \cdot \|$  denotes for Euclidean norm and for simplicity we also use subscripts to denote functions evaluated at iterates, for example,  $f_k = f(x_k)$ ,  $g_m = g(x_m)$  and  $h_l = h(x_l)$ .

**Surrogate Model**

We consider the following unconstrained optimization problem

$$\min_{x \in R^n} Q(x, \mu),$$

where  $Q: R^n \rightarrow R$  is a merit function which is necessarily non smooth. In this paper, we propose the smooth surrogate model, which is minimized instead of  $Q(x, \mu)$  more easily.

We remark that surrogate modeling is referred to as a technique that uses the sample points to build a surrogate function, which is sufficient to predict the behavior of the objective function.

**Quadratic Surrogate Model**

Powell (2002) and Conn *et al.*, (1996, 1997) proposed the surrogate model as follows:

$$Sm(x_k + s, \mu) = Q_k + G_k^T s + \frac{1}{2} s^T H_k s,$$

where  $G_k = \nabla Q(x_k, \mu)$  and  $H_k = \nabla^2 Q(x_k, \mu)$ . When  $Q$  is twice differentiable and admits a Hessian matrix  $H$  which will always be positive definite.

The goal is to construct the surrogate model  $Sm(x_k, \mu)$  for the objective function  $Q$ , which is computationally simple and inexpensive with good analytical properties. It could be used in optimization because of its simplicity and a suitable algebraic form.

To build a quadratic model, we define the trust region  $B_k := \{x \in R^n : \|x - x_k\| \leq \Delta_k\}$ . At each iteration of the surrogate method, the solution of optimization problem inside  $B_k$  (Nelder and Mead, 1965; Conn *et al.*, 2000), as

$$\min_s Sm(x_k, \mu) \text{ s. t. } \|s\| \leq \Delta_k, \tag{3}$$

is needed, for some trust region with radius  $\Delta_k \geq 0$ . We compute  $Q(x_k + s, \mu)$ , and define:

$$\rho_k = \frac{Q(x_k, \mu) - Q(x_k + s_k, \mu)}{Sm_k(x_k, \mu) - Sm_k(x_k + s_k, \mu)}. \tag{4}$$

Given the standard trust region  $0 \leq \eta_0 \leq \eta_1 < 1$ ,  $0 < \gamma_0 < 1 < \gamma_1$ ,  $0 < \Delta_k \leq \Delta_{\max}$  and  $x_k \in R^n$ , we define a model  $Sm_k$  on  $B_k$ , and compute a step  $s_k$  such that  $x_k + s_k \in B_k$ , which sufficiently reduces the model  $Sm_k$ .

By accepting the trial point  $x_k$ , we compute  $Q(x_k + s_k, \mu)$  and  $\rho_k$  using (4), then update the surrogate model parameters as follows,

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{cases} x_k + s_k & \rho_k \geq \eta_0 \\ x_k & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \Delta_k & \eta_0 \leq \rho_k < \eta_1, \\ \min\{\gamma_1 \Delta_k, \Delta_{\max}\} & \rho_k \geq \eta_1, \\ \gamma_0 \Delta_k & \rho_k < \eta_0. \end{cases}$$

The following assumptions were considered in this section:

1.  $Q(x, \mu)$  is a two times differentiable function.
2.  $\{x_k\}$  is a bounded sequence.

Suppose the these assumption holds. Let  $s_k$  be a solution of subproblem (3). The following lemma, which can be obtained from the well-known result is needed (Powell; 2002).

**Lemma 2.1** *subproblem (3) has a sufficient decrease condition if,*

$$Sm_k(x_k, \mu) - Sm_k(x_k + s_k, \mu) \geq \frac{c}{2} \|G_k\| \min(\Delta_k, \frac{\|G_k\|}{\|H_k\|}),$$

for some constant  $c \in (0,1)$ . We also assume that  $\frac{\|G_k\|}{\|H_k\|} = +\infty$  when  $H_k = 0$ .

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Note that now the main questions are as follows: How to build surrogate models, and how to evaluate the accuracy of surrogate models?

**Radial Basis Functions Interpolation**

RBFs are widely used for scattered data interpolation. A multivariate interpolation can be stated as follows. Given data  $(x_i, Q_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , with  $x_i \in R^n$ ,  $Q_i \in R$ , we find a continuous function  $Sm(x, \mu)$  such that  $Sm(x_i, \mu) = Q_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

The function  $Sm(x, \mu)$  is assumed to be given by a linear combination of RBFs, that is,

$$Sm_k(x_k + s, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \varphi(\|s - y^i\|) + V(s),$$

where  $\varphi(\|s - y^i\|)$  is the RBFs centered at the point  $y^i$ . Note that we have  $V(s) = \sum_{j=1}^M \gamma_j v_j(s)$ , where  $v = \{v_1(s), \dots, v_M(s)\}$  is an order basis for the linear space  $\Pi_{M-1}^n$ , the space of polynomials of total degree less than or equal to  $M - 1$ , with  $n$  variables and  $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^N$  are the unknown RBF coefficients. In the following conditions, the approximation  $Sm(x, \mu)$ ,

$$Sm(x_i, \mu_i) = Q_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \tag{5}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i v_k(s_i) = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, M, \tag{6}$$

the conditions (5) and (6) can be written as matrix,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi & V \\ V^T & \emptyset \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{7}$$

Which coefficients  $\lambda$  is the undetermined coefficient vector. The sake of clarity, the matrix  $\Phi$  in the form:

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi(\|x_1 - x_1\|) & \dots & \varphi(\|x_1 - x_N\|) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varphi(\|x_N - x_1\|) & \dots & \varphi(\|x_N - x_N\|) \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N},$$

It can be seen (7) is well-posed if the coefficient matrix is non-singular (Buhmann, 2003). Micchell (1986) proved that the interpolation problem in equation (7) is solvable when the following two conditions are met:

1. The points  $\{x_j\}_{j=1}^N$  are distinct.
2. The RBFs used are strictly conditionally positive definite.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $v$  be a basis for  $\Pi_{M-1}^n$ , with the convention that  $v = \emptyset$  if  $M = 0$ . A function  $\phi$  is said to be conditionally positive definite (CPD) of order  $M$  if for all the distinct points  $Y \subset R^n$  and all  $\lambda \neq 0$ , satisfying  $\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i v(x_i) = 0$ , the quadratic form  $\sum_{i,j=1}^N \lambda_j \phi(\|x_i - x_j\|) \lambda_j$  is positive (Buhmann, 2003; Wendland, 2005).

Some of the most popular (twice continuously differentiable) RBFs are shown in table 1,

**Table 1: Some examples of popular RBFs and their orders of conditional positive definiteness**

$\phi(r)$	Order	Parameters	Example
$r^\beta$	2	$\beta \in (2,4)$	Cubic, $r^3$
$(c^2 + r^2)^\beta$	2	$c > 0, \beta \in (1,2)$	MqI, $(c^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$
$-(c^2 + r^2)^\beta$	1	$c > 0, \beta \in (0,1)$	MqII, $-(c^2 + r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
$(c^2 + r^2)^{-\beta}$	0	$c > 0, \beta > 0$	Inv. Mq, $(c^2 + r^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
$Exp(-c^2 r^2)$	0	$c > 0$	Gaussian, $Exp(-c^2 r^2)$

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For fixed coefficients  $\lambda$ , these radial basis functions are all twice continuously differentiable. Therefore we have relatively simple analytic expressions for the gradient:

$$\nabla Sm_k(x_k + s, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \varphi'(\|s - y^i\|) \frac{s - y^i}{\|s - y^i\|} + \nabla V(s),$$

and similar hessian ( $\nabla^2 Sm_k$ ).

**Derivative Optimization**

In this section, we present an algorithm for reducing penalty function of several variables. Derivative-free optimization method has a long history and we refer the reader to (Conn et al., 1997) for further references.

We suppose that  $Q(x, \mu)$  is a function from  $R^n$  into  $R$  which is not necessarily smooth. The algorithm is based on approximating the penalty function by a positive definite quadratic model. The main idea is to use the available values of the penalty function and building a quadratic model by interpolating within a trust region.

Suppose that in the current  $x_k$ , we have the sample points  $Y = \{y^1 = 0, y^2, \dots, y^N\}$ , with  $y^i \in R^n$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , it contains the points closest to  $x_k$  in current iterate. We wish to construct a quadratic model of the form as,

$$Sm_k(x_k + s, \mu) = Q_k + G_k^T s + \frac{1}{2} s^T H_k s. \tag{8}$$

Where the vector  $G_k \in R^n$  and  $H_k \in R^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric matrix. By imposing the interpolation condition in what follows:

$$Sm_k(x + y^i, \mu) = Q(x + y^i, \mu), \quad i = 1, \dots, N. \tag{9}$$

It is needed to evaluate  $Sm_k(x + s)$  on  $N = \frac{1}{2}(n + 1)(n + 2)$  points to find an approximating quadratic form, where  $n$  is number of variables (Andrew et al., 2009; Bjorkman and Holmstrom, 2000; Conn et al., 1997).

We consider  $\{\varphi_i(\cdot)\}_{i=1}^N$  as a basis for the linear space of  $n$ -dimensional quadratic function. The quadratic function (8) can be expressed as,

$$Sm_k(x + y^j, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \varphi_i(y^j), \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

for some coefficients  $\lambda_i$  that could be determined from the interpolation condition (9),

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \varphi_i(y^j) = Q(x_k + y^j, \mu), \quad j = 1, \dots, N.$$

$\lambda_i$  are unique if the determinant of the below matrix is nonzero

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(y^1) & \dots & \varphi_1(y^N) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \varphi_N(y^1) & \dots & \varphi_N(y^N) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, iteratively we optimize and update the surrogate model  $Sm_k$  to reach a satisfactory solution.

**Surrogate Methods Based on Radial Basis**

In this section, the relevance of the surrogate methods and RBFs is considered, Suppose:

$$Sm(x + s, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \varphi_i(s) + \sum_{k=1}^M \gamma_k v_k(s) = \Lambda^T \Phi(s) + \Gamma^T V(s),$$

Model is twice differentiable and is important for the convergence part of our method (Conn, Toint, 1996; Queuvray, 2005). This study considers interpolation condition at the points of  $Y$ :

$$Sm_k(x_k + y^i) = f(x_k + y^i), \quad \forall y^i \in Y.$$

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Let  $\Phi \in R^{N \times N}$ ,  $V \in R^{N \times M}$  be the matrices defined by  $\Phi_{ij} = \varphi(\|y^i - y^j\|)$  and  $v_{ij} = v_i(y^j)$ . Then the interpolation condition can be expressed as  $\Phi\Lambda + V\Gamma = Q$ . By using RBFs we get the following linear system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi & V \\ V^T & \emptyset \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Phi & V \\ \emptyset & -V^T\Phi^{-1}V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ -V^T\Phi^{-1}Q \end{bmatrix}, \tag{10}$$

with the solution  $\Gamma = (V^T\Phi^{-1}V)^{-1}V^T\Phi^{-1}Q$ ,  $\Lambda = \Phi^{-1}(Q - V\Gamma)$ .

Sufficient condition for the solvability of system (10) is that the points in  $Y$  are distinct and yield a  $V^T$  of full column rank.

Suppose that  $V^T = QR$  and hence  $R \in R^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ . If  $Z$  is an orthonormal basis for the null space of  $V$  (Benzi *et al.*, 2005), using the condition (6), it follows that  $\Lambda \in \mathfrak{N}(V)$ . Therefore,  $\Lambda = Zw$ . According to (10),  $\Phi\Lambda + V^T\Gamma = Q$ . Multiplying this equation by  $Z^T$  from left gives,  $Z^T\Phi\Lambda + Z^TV^T\Gamma = Z^TQ$ . Keeping in mind that  $Z$  is an orthonormal basis for the null space  $V$ , we obtain  $Z^TV^T\Gamma = 0$ . Hence

$$Z^T\Phi Zw = Z^TQ. \tag{11}$$

Now, we can obtain  $w$  from (11) and thus we can compute the vector  $\Lambda$  By introducing the RBFs based on cubic spline (Andrew *et al.*, 2009; Buhmann, 2003) which is the smoothest functions interpolation and conditional positive definiteness, then  $Z^T\Phi Z$  is also positive definite, using Cholesky factorization:  $Z^T\Phi Z = LL^T$ , for a nonsingular lower triangular  $L$  and replacing in (11),  $LL^T w = Z^TQ \Rightarrow w = (LL^T)^{-1}Z^TQ$ , so that

$$\|\Lambda\| = \|Zw\| = \|ZL^{-1}L^{-1}Z^TQ\| \leq \|L^{-1}\|^2\|Q\|,$$

for procure  $\Gamma$ , we have  $\Phi\Lambda + V^T\Gamma = Q$  and using the QR factorization,  $\Phi\Lambda + QR\Gamma = Q$ , premultiplying this equation by  $Q^T$ , results,  $R\Gamma = Q^T(Q - \Phi\Lambda)$ , and because  $\Lambda = Zw$  concludes

$$R\Gamma = Q^T(Q - \Phi Zw). \tag{12}$$

In this section, we discuss a method of creating surrogate models. For this purpose  $\Phi$  must be conditionally positive definite of order at least 2 (table1), and  $V \in \Pi_M^n$  be linear. The RBFs interpolation is defined such that at all sample points the equation is established. Note that  $\Phi$  must be conditionally positive definite of order at least 2 (table1) (Wild *et al.*, 2008).

The RBF coefficients  $\lambda_i$  and  $v_i$  must be bounded in magnitude. Define  $y^i$  to be  $i$ th point in  $Y$ , that is in the vicinity of the trust region. However for  $n \geq 1$  condition (9) is not sufficient for the existence and uniqueness of the interpolant, and to guarantee the good quality of the model. Geometric conditions on the set  $Y$  are required to ensure the existence and uniqueness of the interpolant (Conn *et al.*, 2008).

The process can be summarized as follows: the study has chosen sample points in the vicinity of the trust region so that  $n + 1$  offinely independent points and generate the other interpolation points.

The cubic spline  $\varphi(r) = r^3$  in dimension  $n$  is unisolvent on points  $Y = \{y^1, \dots, y^N\}$  if the matrix,

$$[\varphi(\|y^i - y^j\|)] \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N,$$

is invertible for any choice of  $N$  distinct points  $y^1, \dots, y^N \in Y$ .

**Definition 5.1**  $Y$  is unisolvent for  $\Pi_M^n$  if there exists a unique polynomial in  $\pi_M^n$  of lowest possible degree with interpolation points of  $Y$ .

Unisolvent systems of RBFs are widely used in interpolation because they guarantee a unique solution to the interpolation problem. This is equivalent to the interpolation system (10) which is non-singular if the interpolation point set  $Y$  is unisolvent.

The collection of  $n + 1$  distinct points will uniquely determine a polynomial of lowest possible degree in  $\Pi^n$ . In this section we describe an algorithm to find  $n + 1$  interpolation points which are offinely independent points. We denote  $D := \{d_i \in \Delta_k | Q(x_k + d_i) \text{ is known}\}$ . Algorithm 5.1 shows that how to obtain  $n + 1$  offinely interpolation points.

**Algorithm 5.1** Finding  $n+1$  offinely independent points:

Step0: Input  $Y$ , constants  $0 < \gamma_0 \leq \gamma_1$ ,  $\Delta_k \in [0, \Delta_{max}]$ .

Step1: Define  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{|D|}\} \in R^n$  such that  $x_i = x_k + d_i$  are close to  $x_k$ .

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Step2: We consider  $Z$  as  $I_n$ .

Iteration  $k \geq 1$

Step3: Consider  $d_i \in D$

If  $\|d_i\| \leq \gamma_1 \cdot \Delta_k$ , define  $u = \frac{d_i}{\gamma_0 \Delta_k}$ ,

If  $\|proj_Z^u\| \geq \gamma_0$ ,  $\{d_i\} \in Y$ ,

Using the Gram-Schmidt, we obtain orthonormal basis for  $Y$  as  $\bar{Z}$ , update  $Z = \bar{Z}$ .

If  $|Y| = n + 1$  stop.

Increment  $i$  by one, and go to Step 3.

Step4: If  $|Y| < n + 1$ , choose  $d_i \in D$

If  $\|d_i\| \leq 2\Delta_{max}$ , define  $u = \frac{d_i}{\gamma_0 \Delta_k}$

If  $\|proj_Z^u\| \geq \gamma_0$ , set  $\{d_i\} \in Y$

Using the Gram-Schmidt process, we obtain an orthonormal basis for  $Y$  as  $\bar{Z}$

Step5: Update  $Z = \bar{Z}$  Increment  $i$  by one, and go to Step 4.

But when the number of points is  $n + 1$ , solution of the system (10) is just interpolation for linear functions and coefficient  $\Lambda = \emptyset$ . To build the surrogate model for nonlinear functions, we add some new points. Algorithm 5.2 shows how we can obtain "well independent" additional sample points in the trust region.

**Algorithm 5.2** Finding additional independent points:

Step0: Input  $Y$ ,  $p_{max} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ ,  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{|D|}\}$ ,  $\theta > 1$ .

Iteration  $k \geq 1$

Step1: Consider  $d_i \in D$

$$\Pi^T = \begin{bmatrix} y^1 = 0 & y^2 & \dots & y^{m_i} & d_i \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, d_i \in D$$

Step2: Find the orthogonal basis  $Z$  for null space  $\Pi$ .

Step3: Build the interpolation matrix by using the cubic spline function at sample points  $Y$ ,

$$\Phi_{new} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi & \Phi_{d_j} \\ \Phi_{d_j}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step4: Multiplying  $\Phi_{new}$  by  $Z$  and  $Z^T$ , concludes,

$$P = Z^T \Phi_{new} Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z^T \Phi Z & Z^T \Phi_{d_j} Z \\ Z^T \Phi_{d_j}^T Z & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step5:  $P$  is positive definite for cubic spline function  $\varphi(r) = r^3$ , note that if  $P$  must be positive definite, the points  $Y$  must be distinct.

Step6:  $P = LL^T$ , if diagonal entries of  $L^T$  are positive,  $d_j$  add to sample points  $Y$ . If  $|Y| = p_{max}$  Stop.

Increment  $i$  by one, and go to Step 1.

Step7: If there are no adaptable point in  $Y$  to independent, enlarged region as  $\Delta_k = \theta \cdot \Delta_k$ , and go to Step 0.

Consider  $Z^T \Phi_{new} Z = LL^T$ , if all diagonal entries of  $L^T$  are positive, then  $d_j$  is added to the interpolation set  $Y$ . This procedure continues until  $|Y| = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ . Also the points  $D = \{d_1, \dots, d_{|D|}\}$  are smartly chosen around the trial point  $x_k$  by a random process.

**Optimization Surrogate on Radial Basis Functions (OSRB)**

This section discusses the details of the OSRB algorithm (Abramson et al., 2008; Forrester and Keane, 2009). This paper is different from previous ones, by using a cubic spline function constructed via the surrogate model sake optimization.

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Given  $N$ , a set of distinct interpolation points  $Y = \{y^1 = 0, y^2, \dots, y^N\}$ , which  $y^i \in R^n, i = 1 \dots N$ , we obtain the surrogate model for  $Q$  on  $Y$ . Algorithm 6.1 shows how surrogate model is constructed by RBFs.

**Algorithm 6.1** Iteration  $k$  of a derivative free surrogate model:

Step0: Input  $0 \leq \eta_0 < \eta_1 \leq 1, \gamma_0 < 1 < \gamma_1, 0 < \Delta_1 \leq \Delta_{max}, \varepsilon > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$ .

We assume that trial point  $x_k$  is given.

Iteration  $k \geq 1$

Step1: From algorithm 5.1 and 5.2 find independent points that is denoted by  $Y$ .

Step2: Obtain surrogate model  $Sm_k(x_k + s, \mu)$  by using the RBF's described in Section 5.

Step3: While  $\|\nabla Sm_k\| > \varepsilon$

3.1 Obtain a step  $s_k$  by solving:  $\min\{Sm_k(x_k + s, \mu_k); x_k + s \in B(x_k, \Delta_k)\}$ .

3.2 Evaluate  $Q(x_k + s_k, \mu_k)$  and update the trial point according to the ratio  $\rho_k$ ,

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{cases} x_k + s_k & \rho_k \geq \eta_1 \\ x_k + s_k & \rho_k > \eta_0 \\ x_k & o.w, \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \min\{\gamma_1 \Delta_k, \Delta_{max}\} & \rho_k \geq \eta_1 \\ \gamma_0 \Delta_k & \rho_k < \eta_0 \\ \Delta_k, & \eta_0 < \rho_k \leq \eta_1, \end{cases}$$

Step4: Choose new penalty parameter,  $\mu_{k+1} > \mu_k$  and  $x_{k+1} = x_k$ ;

In step 1, the interpolation point set  $Y = \{y^1 = 0, \dots, y^{|Y|}\}$  is determinate and is linearly independent. In step 2, we consider how to construct a model and to obtain parameters of RBFs model from (11), and (12). In step 3, the algorithm has criteria for model  $Sm_k(x_k + s, \mu_k)$  and updates parameters trust region method. We finds the candidate step  $s_k$  by approximately solving the subproblem (3). In this paper, we solve subproblem (3) by using the Fmincon in Matlab.

**Convergence Properties of OSRB Algorithm**

In this section, we discuss the convergence properties of the algorithm. The trust region algorithm ensures the penalty function  $Q(x, \mu)$  is approximated within a suitable neighborhood of  $x$ ,

$$L(x_0) := \{y \in R^n \mid \|x - y\| \leq \Delta_{max}, \forall x; Q(x, \mu) \leq Q(x_0, \mu)\},$$

**Assumption 6.1** The penalty function  $Q(x, \mu)$  is bounded below on  $L(x_0)$  and  $Sm(x, \mu)$  is twice continuously differentiable.

**Theorem 6.1** Let  $\{\Delta_k\}$  and  $\{x_k\}$  be sequences generated by OSRB Algorithm. Then,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_k = 0$ .

**Proof.** After the last successful iteration, there is an infinite number of iterations that are either acceptable or unsuccessful, and in either case the trust region is reduced. If  $x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k$  is obtained so that  $Q(x_{k+1}, \mu) \leq Q(x_k, \mu)$ , then  $\Delta_k$  is never increased for sufficiently large  $k$ , so  $\Delta_k$  is decreased at least once every  $n$  iterations by a factor of  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , thus  $\Delta_k$  convergence to zero.

The statement of theorem 6.1 gives a natural stopping criterion for OSRB algorithm. It results from the updating of the trust region at the  $k$  iteration. Surrogate model  $Sm_k$  is made so that,

$$Sm(s_k, \mu_k) - Sm(0, \mu_k) = G(0)^T s_k + \frac{1}{2} s_k^T H_k(0) s_k, \quad \blacksquare$$

where  $G_k = \nabla Q(x_k, \mu)$  and  $H_k = \nabla^2 Q(x_k, \mu)$ .

By Assumption 6.1 there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|\nabla^2 Sm_k\| < M$ , based on Assumption 6.1, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.1** Suppose that assumption 6.1 holds. Then,

$$Sm(0, \mu_k) - Sm(s_k, \mu_k) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|G_k\| \min\{\Delta_k, \frac{\|G_k\|}{H_k}\}.$$

**Proof.** If  $|s_k| = \|\frac{G_k}{H_k}\| \leq \Delta_k$ , then the quadratic subproblem (8) can be resolved,

$$Sm(s_k, \mu_k) = Sm(0, \mu_k) - \frac{G_k}{H_k} G_k + \frac{1}{2} (-\frac{G_k}{H_k})^T H_k (-\frac{G_k}{H_k}),$$



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given the cubic spline is twice continuously differentiable,  $G_k^T H_k G_k$  is positive definite. We know the model is convex along direction  $s_k$ . Next,

$$Sm(0, \mu_k) - Sm(s_k, \mu_k) = \frac{\|G_k\|^2}{H_k} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|G_k\|^2}{H_k} \geq \frac{1}{2} \|G_k\| \min\{\Delta_k, \frac{\|G_k\|}{\|H\|_k}\},$$

lemma 6.1 guarantees that the OSRB Algorithm will sufficient decrease at iteration k.

**Numerical Results**

Here, the proposed model is demonstrated for solving a numerical example. Consider the following optimization problem:

$$\min_x f(x) = -0.25x_1^2 + 1.2x_2^2 + 0.1x_1x_2 + 2x_1 - 2x_2;$$

s. t.

$$g_1(x) = x_1 - x_2 + 2 \geq 0$$

$$g_2(x) = -x_1 + 2x_2 + 2 \geq 0$$

$$g_3(x) = x_1x_2 \geq 0$$

$$h_1(x) = x_1 + 2x_2 - 3$$

As  $f(x)$  and  $g_3(x)$  are nonconvex. This problem has a optima point  $x^* = (0,1.5)^T$ . The best optimal solution using the proposed method is equal to  $(2.1087399153e - 12, 1.499957965)$ , which seems to be the same as the optimal value.

We present a set of nonlinear programming problems from (Hock and Schittkowski, 1981; Schittkowski, 1987) which have been solved by the OSRB algorithm proposed to accommodate practical experiment to show the success of proposed method. Notice that the interpolation points are choosed so that interpolation matrix (10) always invertible even the trust region is very small.

We have employed the Fmincon routine from Matlab which is corresponding to surrogate model. The starting points are randomly chosen in the trust region. We solve problem (1) with equality and inequality constraints to show the efficiency of the proposed method.

For the nonlinear programming problems we use the following OSRB parameters:  $\Delta_1 = \max(1, \|x_0\|)$ ,  $\Delta_{\max} = 10^{-3}\Delta_1$ ,  $\kappa_f = 10^{-10}$ ,  $\kappa_d = 10^{-10}$ ,  $\eta_0 = 0$ ,  $\eta_1 = 10^{-3}$ ,  $\gamma_0 = 0.1$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 10$ , and termination criterion  $\|\nabla Sm(x_k, \mu)\| < 1.e - 7$ .

The numerical results for the test problems are listed in table 2. The header of the columns mean that:  $n$  and  $m$  are number of variables and constraints respectively,  $\Delta_k$  is the radius of final trust region and  $f_{OSRB}$  is the final value of the objective function value at the final iteration.

**Table 2: Numerical results**

Problem	$n$	$m$	$\Delta_k$	$f_{OSRB}$	Problem	$n$	$m$	$\Delta_k$	$f_{OSRB}$
HS1	2	1	2.23E-9	1.42E-12	HS30	2	7	10	1
HS2	2	1	1.13E-19	5.04267	HS32	3	5	1E-7	1
HS3	2	1	1.4E-8	1.1E-14	HS53	5	9	.47E-8	4.0929
HS4	2	2	8.82E-7	2.66666714	HS60	3	4	3.2E-6	0.32567
HS6	2	1	1.83E-7	7.78E-17	S217	2	3	1E-9	-0.8
HS10	2	1	1E-8	-1	S226	2	4	1E-7	-0.49998
HS11	2	1	8.6E-8	-8.49851	S227	2	2	1.33E-08	1
HS12	2	1	1E-8	-30	S228	2	2	2.99E-4	-3
HS14	2	2	2.82E-7	1.3934650	S230	2	2	1.91E-09	0.375
HS16	2	5	2.2E-9	0.25	S234	2	5	1E-4	-8
HS17	2	5	2.23E-9	1	S248	3	2	1E-8	-0.79998
HS20	2	5	2.1E-7	38.1987	S249	3	1	1.73E-5	1
HS21	2	5	1.41E-8	-99.959	S262	4	8	2E-3	-9.9998
HS22	2	2	2.82E-7	1	S263	4	4	1.73E-5	-1
HS23	2	7	6.3E-9	2	S264	4	3	3.5E-7	-44

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In Table 2, the problems are numbered in the same way as in Hock and Schittkowski (Hock and Schittkowski, 1981) and Schittkowski (Schittkowski, 1987). For example, HS6 means problem 6 in Hock and Schittkowski collection (Hock and Schittkowski, 1981) and S248 means problem 248 in Schittkowski collection (Schittkowski, 1987). We present some classical numerical examples which are solved by using the proposed algorithm in table 2.

## CONCLUSION

For the  $l_1$  exact penalty function with a large number of equality and inequality nonlinear constrained optimization, we propose a new smoothing algorithm based on the trust-region method by RBFs, and discuss global convergence. At each iteration, a surrogate model is constructed instead of the penalty function by RBFs. The most advantage of the proposed algorithm is that the management of the interpolation points is easier, so that the system (10) always has a unique solution. It focuses on improving feasibility or reducing of the objective function, while the value of the penalty parameter is not overallly increased. We have tested a set of problems from (Hock and Schittkowski, 1981; Schittkowski, 1987). The preliminary numerical results show that the new method is effective. Future work perspective will be concerned with the algorithm performance. More numerical experiments, especially for large scale problems, should be done. The idea of the new algorithm is worthy to use free-penalty method of constrained optimization problems by this method in the future.

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