

Conjugate Gradient Methods for Computing Weighted Analytic Center for Linear Matrix Inequalities Using Exact and Quadratic Interpolation Line Searches

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Abstract: We study the problem of computing the weighted analytic center for linear matrix inequality constraints. In this paper, we apply conjugate gradient (CG) methods to find the weighted analytic center. CG methods have low memory requirements and strong local and global convergence properties. The methods considered are the classical methods by Hestenes-Stiefel (HS), Fletcher and Reeves (FR), Polak and Ribiere (PR) and a relatively new method by Rivaie, Abashar, Mustafa and Ismail (RAMI). We compare performance of each method on random test problems by observing the number of iterations and time required by the method to find the weighted analytic center for each test problem. We use Newton’s method exact line search and Quadratic Interpolation inexact line search. Our numerical results show that PR is the best method, followed by HS, then RAMI, and then FR. However, PR and HS performed about the same with exact line search. The results also indicate that both line searches work well, but exact line search handles weights better than the inexact line search when some weight is relatively much larger than the other weights. We also find from our results that with Quadratic interpolation line search, FR is more susceptible to jamming phenomenon than both PR and HS.

Keywords: Linear Matrix Inequalities, Weighted Analytic Center, Semidefinite Programming, Conjugate Gradient Methods

1. Introduction

We consider the following system of linear matrix inequality constraints:

$$A^{(j)}(x) := A_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_i^{(j)} \succeq 0, (j = 1, 2, \dots, q) \quad (1)$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a variable and each $A_i^{(j)}$ is $m_j \times m_j$ symmetric matrix.

LMI constraints have applications in engineering, geometry, statistics and in the field of semidefinite programming ([1-6]). Let \mathcal{R} denote the feasible region defined by the inequalities (1). We will assume that the feasible region \mathcal{R} is bounded and it has a nonempty interior.

Given $\omega > 0$, the weighted analytic centered for the system

(1) is optimal solution of the optimization problem ([7-9]):

$$\min \{ \phi_\omega(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

where,

$$\phi_\omega(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j \log \det [(A^{(j)}(x))^{-1}] & \text{if } x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{R}) \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In the special case of linear constraints, weighted analytic center has been studied extensively in the past (for example, [10]). A weighted analytic center for LMIs which extends the definition given in [10] was given in [7, 8].

An infeasible start Newton’s method for computing the weighted analytic center was presented in [11, 12] and in the case of a single LMI constraint in [13]. The standard Newton’s

method can also be used to compute the weighted analytic center given a starting interior point [7]. Newton’s method requires the gradient and Hessian of the objective function $\varphi_\omega(x)$ or the Jacobian of a residual function. In this paper, we give conjugate gradient (CG) methods for finding the weighted analytic center starting from a given interior point. CG methods use only the gradient of $\varphi_\omega(x)$ and do not require the Hessian of $\varphi_\omega(x)$. This approach is particularly beneficial when the dimensions m_i of the matrices are high. CG methods also have low memory requirements and strong local and global convergence properties [14].

In this work, we focus on four conjugate gradient methods. The methods considered are the classical methods by Hestenes-Stiefel (HS), Fletcher and Reeves (FR), Polak and Ribiere (PR) discussed in [14] and a relatively new method by Rivaie, Abashar, Mustafa and Ismail (RAMI) [15]. We compare performance of each method on random test problems by observing the number of iterations and time required by the method to find the weighted analytic center for each test problem. We use Newton’s method exact line search and Quadratic Interpolation inexact line search.

2. Conjugate Gradient Methods

Consider a continuously differentiable function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and the following unconstrained optimization problem

Table 1. The classical formulas for parameter β_k .

No.	β_k	Method name	References
1	$\frac{\ g_{k+1}\ ^2}{\ g_k\ ^2}$	Fletcher-Reeves (FR) method	[24]
2	$\frac{g_{k+1}^T y_k}{\ g_k\ ^2}$	Polak-Rebire-Polyak (PR) method	[25]
3	$\frac{g_{k+1}^T y_k}{d_k^T y_k}$	Hestenes-Stiefel (HS) method	[26]
4	$\frac{g_{k+1}^T (g_{k+1} - \frac{\ g_{k+1}\ }{\ g_k\ } g_k)}{d_k^T (d_k - g_{k+1})}$	(RAMI) method	[15]

For convex quadratic problems, the first three methods in Table 1 are equivalent using exact line search to compute the step length α , but behave differently if the objective function $f(x)$ is non-convex. The classical method FR possess strong convergence properties but not computationally powerful. While, methods like PR and HS perform better computationally, but may not always converge. Problems associated with classical methods gave room for improvement through modification and hybridization. Convergence analysis and numerical experiments showed that RAMI method proposed by [15] is robust as compared to FR and PR, since it solved all the

$$\min \{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}. \tag{3}$$

Let $g(x)$ denote the gradient of $f(x)$. A conjugate gradient method to find a solution to problem 3 works as follows. Given an initial guess $x_o \in \mathbb{R}^n$, a sequence $\{x_k\}$ is generated by:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k \tag{4}$$

and the direction d_k is defined as

$$d_{k+1} = \begin{cases} -g_k & \text{if } k = 0, \\ -g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k & \text{if } k \geq 1, \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

where x_k is the current iterate, $g_k = g(x_k)$, β_k is the CG coefficient and $\alpha_k > 0$ is the step-length obtained by a line search. A common convergence criterion for a CG method is $\|g(x_k)\| \leq TOL$, where TOL is a given tolerance.

Over the years, a variety of CG formulas were given, where majorly, differences are in the parameter β_k . The work by [13] discussed details on some CG methods with special emphasis on their global convergence. In recent times, research carried out by [16-23, 15] focused on some modified CG methods. The summary of the CG methods considered in this work are given in the Table 1, where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm.

benchmark problems under consideration, while FR and PR did not.

In this research, these four CG methods are employed to find weighted analytic centers for the system (1), observe and compare their computational strengths.

The gradient g of the barrier function $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is given by [8]:

$$g_i(x) = \nabla_i \varphi_\omega(x) = - \sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j (A^{(j)}(x))^{-1} A_i^{(j)}, \quad (i = 1, \dots, n) \tag{6}$$

The Hessian $H(x)$ of $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is given by [8]:

$$H_{ij}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^q \omega_k [(A^{(k)}(x))^{-1} A_i^{(k)}]^T [(A^{(k)}(x))^{-1} A_j^{(k)}], \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, n) \tag{7}$$

3. Line Searches for Our Conjugate Gradient Methods

We find exact and inexact step-sizes for our conjugate gradient methods. Newton’s method is used to find the

exact step-size and inexact step-size is found using Quadratic interpolation. We also discuss convergence for the methods.

Let x be an interior point of \mathcal{R} , then $A^{(j)}(x) \succ 0$ for each constraint j , and the square root of $A^{(j)}(x)$ exists. Given a search direction vector d , define the symmetric matrix at x

$$B_j(d, x) = -A^{(j)}(x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n d_i A_i^{(j)} \right) A^{(j)}(x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, (1 \leq j \leq q)$$

Consider the objective barrier function $\phi_\omega(x)$. Let d_k be a conjugate direction generated by the CG algorithm at the current iterate x_k . Let $h(\alpha) = \phi_\omega(x_k + \alpha d_k)$. The exact step-size α_k is given by

$$\alpha_k = \operatorname{argmin}\{h(\alpha) \mid \alpha \geq 0\}. \tag{8}$$

The following results reduces the cost of computing the exact stepsize using Newton's method.

Theorem 1 *Let x_k be an interior point of \mathcal{R} and $\lambda_i^{(j)}$ be the i th eigenvalue of $B_j(d_k, x_k)$. Then*

$$h(\alpha) = -\sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j \log \det(A^{(j)}(x_k)) - \sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} \log(1 + \alpha \lambda_i^{(j)}) \tag{9}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} h(\alpha) &= \phi_\omega(x_k + \alpha d_k) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det[(A^{(j)}(x_k + \alpha d_k))^{-1}] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det[A^{(j)}(x_k + \alpha d_k)] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det[A_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} (x_k + \alpha d_k)_i A_i^{(j)}] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det[A_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} (x_k)_i A_i^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} \alpha (d_k)_i A_i^{(j)}] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det[A^{(j)}(x_k) + \alpha B_j(d_k, x_k)] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det[A^{(j)}(x_k)^{\frac{1}{2}} (I + \alpha A^{(j)}(x_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} B_j(d_k, x_k) A^{(j)}(x_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}}) A^{(j)}(x_k)^{\frac{1}{2}}] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j [\log \det(A^{(j)}(x_k)) + \log \det(I + \alpha A^{(j)}(x_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} B_j(d_k, x_k) A^{(j)}(x_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}})] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j [\log \det(A^{(j)}(x_k)) + \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} \log(1 + \alpha \lambda_i^{(j)})] \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^q w_j \log \det(A^{(j)}(x_k)) - \sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} \log(1 + \alpha \lambda_i^{(j)}) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1 *The derivatives of $h(\alpha)$ are given by*

$$h'(\alpha) = -\sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} \frac{\lambda_i^{(j)}}{1 + \alpha \lambda_i^{(j)}} \tag{10}$$

$$h''(\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^q \omega_j \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} \left(\frac{\lambda_i^{(j)}}{1 + \alpha \lambda_i^{(j)}} \right)^2 \tag{11}$$

Exact line search is applied to compute the step-size α_k (8) in our CG algorithms using one-dimensional Newton's method starting from $\alpha = 0$:

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k - \frac{h'(\alpha_k)}{h''(\alpha_k)} \tag{12}$$

We will need the following result to approximate the step-size α_k (8) using Quadratic interpolation. The proof of Theorem 2 can be found in [27].

Denote the largest positive eigenvalue of a symmetric matrix B by $\lambda_{\max}^+(B)$.

Theorem 2 *Let x_k be an interior point of \mathcal{R} . Assume the ray $\{x_k + \sigma d_k \mid \sigma \geq 0\}$ intersects the boundary of $A^{(j)}(x) \succeq 0$ at the point $x_k + \sigma_+^{(j)} d_k$. Then, the distance to the boundary along the ray from x_k is given by*

$$\sigma_+^{(j)} = 1 / \lambda_{\max}^+(B_j(d_k, x_k)) \tag{13}$$

Proof: $A^{(j)}(x) \succ 0$ when x is in the interior of \mathcal{R} , but on the boundary it must have at least one zero eigenvalue. Then

$$\sigma_+^{(j)} = \min\{\mu \mid \mu > 0, \det[A^{(j)}(x_k + \mu d_k)] = 0\} \tag{14}$$

Now, when $\mu > 0$

$$\det[A^{(j)}(x_k + \mu d_k)] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det[A^{(j)}(x_k) + \mu \sum_{i=1}^n (d_k)_i A_i^{(j)}] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det\left[\frac{1}{\mu} I + A^{(j)}(x_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (d_k)_i A_i^{(j)} \right) A^{(j)}(x_k)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det\left[\frac{1}{\mu} I - B_j(d_k, x_k)\right] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\mu} \text{ is an eigenvalue of } B_j(d_k, x_k)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu \text{ is an eigenvalue of } B_j(d_k, x_k)^{-1}$$

This and (14) give

$$\sigma_+^{(j)} = 1 / \lambda_{\max}^+(B_j(d_k, x_k))$$

The distance σ_+ from x_k to the boundary of the bounded feasible region \mathcal{R} in the direction d_k is given by

$$\sigma_+ = \min \left\{ \sigma_+^{(j)} \mid 1 \leq j \leq q \right\} \quad (15)$$

where $\sigma_+^{(j)}$ is given by (13). Note that σ_+ exists since \mathcal{R} is bounded and x_k is an interior point of \mathcal{R} .

The following describes Quadratic interpolation line search for approximating the step-size α_k (8) in our CG algorithms (see [28]).

Quadratic Interpolation

Step 1: Use (15) to find the distance σ_+ from x_k to the boundary of the bounded feasible region \mathcal{R} in the direction d_k

Step 2: Set $\alpha_1 = 0$ and $\alpha_3 = \sigma_+$

Step 3: Consider $h(\alpha) = \varphi_\omega(x_k + \alpha d_k)$

Repeat

$$\alpha_3 = \alpha_3 / 2$$

Until $h(\alpha_3) < h(\alpha_1)$

Let $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3/2$

Step 4: Compute the zero of the quadratic polynomial $P(\alpha)$ passing through the points $(\alpha_1, P(\alpha_1))$, $(\alpha_2, P(\alpha_2))$ and $(\alpha_3, P(\alpha_3))$. The zero is given by

$$\alpha^* = \frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha_2 - \frac{h_1}{h_3} \right)$$

where,

$$h_1 = \frac{h(\alpha_2) - h(\alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}$$

$$h_2 = \frac{h(\alpha_3) - h(\alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 - \alpha_2}$$

$$h_3 = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{\alpha_3 - \alpha_1}$$

Step 5:

If $\alpha_3 < \alpha^*$

set $\alpha_k = \alpha_3$

else

set $\alpha_k = \alpha^*$

end

Let x_0 be a starting point for the CG method and consider the level set

$$\mathcal{L} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g(x) \leq g(x_0)\}$$

The gradient $g(x) = \nabla \varphi_\omega(x)$ is called *Lipschitz continuous* in a neighborhood \mathcal{N} of \mathcal{L} if there exists $K \geq 0$ such that

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

\mathcal{L} is called *bounded* if there is $r > 0$ such that $\|x\| \leq r \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{L}$.

Let x_k be the sequence generated by the CG method. The method is called *globally convergent* if $\|g(x_k)\| = 0$ for some k or $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g(x_k)\| = 0$.

If the gradient $g(x) = \nabla \varphi_\omega(x)$ is Lipschitz continuous in a neighborhood of \mathcal{L} , FR method with exact line search is globally convergent [29]. We are not aware of any implementation or convergence analysis for FR with Quadratic interpolation inexact line search in the literature. FR is known to be susceptible to jamming phenomenon where it takes many short steps without significant decrease in the objective function $\varphi_\omega(x)$ [14].

PR is globally convergent when $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is strongly convex and the line search is exact [30]. PR and HS method with exact line search coincide and each is globally convergent if $x_{k+1} - x_k$ converges to 0 and g is Lipschitz continuous in a neighborhood of \mathcal{L} [31]. Again, we have not seen any implementation or convergence analysis for either PR or HS with Quadratic interpolation inexact line search in the literature. Both PR and HS are less susceptible to jamming phenomenon than FR [14].

RAMI conjugate method with exact line search is globally convergent if g is Lipschitz continuous in a neighborhood of \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L} is bounded [15]. We are not aware of any implementation or convergence analysis for RAMI with Quadratic interpolation inexact line search in the literature.

The level set \mathcal{L} is bounded since $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ and \mathcal{R} is bounded. Theorem 3 and Theorem 4 show that the conjugate gradient methods with exact line search applied to our weighted analytic center problem are globally convergent. They show that the methods are suitable.

Theorem 3 The barrier function $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is strongly convex over the interior of the feasible region \mathcal{R} .

Proof: The assumption that \mathcal{R} is bounded and it has a nonempty interior implies that the function $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is strictly convex over \mathcal{R} [8]. Hence, the Hessian $H(x)$ (2) of $\varphi_\omega(x)$ has positive eigenvalues in the interior of \mathcal{R} . Since \mathcal{R} is bounded, the smallest eigenvalue must have a positive minimum value γ . So, $H(x) \succeq \gamma I$ in the interior of \mathcal{R} . This and the fact that $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is twice differentiable ([27]) means that $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is strongly convex in the interior of \mathcal{R} .

Theorem 4 The gradient $g(x) = \nabla \varphi_\omega(x)$ is Lipschitz continuous in a neighborhood of the level set $\mathcal{L} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g(x) \leq g(x_0)\}$.

Proof: By [27], $\varphi_\omega(x)$ is analytic in the interior of \mathcal{R} . So, $g(x) = \nabla \varphi_\omega(x)$ is also analytic in the interior of \mathcal{R} . Choose any neighborhood \mathcal{N} of \mathcal{L} . \mathcal{N} is bounded since $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ and \mathcal{R} is bounded. Let $f(t) = g((1-t)x + ty)$. By the mean value theorem, for some $c \in (0, 1)$

$$g(y) - g(x) = f(1) - f(0) = f'(c) = \nabla g((1-c)x + cy) \cdot (y - x)$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(y) - g(x)\| &= \|\nabla g((1-c)x + cy) \cdot (y - x)\| \\ &\leq \|\nabla g((1-c)x + cy)\| \|y - x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since \mathcal{N} is bounded and ∇g is continuous on \mathcal{N} , there exists $K \geq 0$ such that

$$\|g(y) - g(x)\| \leq \|y - x\| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{N}$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is Lipschitz continuous in \mathcal{N} .

4. Numerical Experiments

In this section, we present numerical experiments to compare HS, FR, HR and RAMI conjugate gradient methods using exact and interpolation line searches.

All numerical experiments were done using a Lenevo-PC computer with codes written in MATLAB version 8. In all of the problems, each LMI $A_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_i^{(j)} \succeq 0$ was generated as

follows: $A_0^{(j)}$ is an $m_j \times m_j$ diagonal matrix with each diagonal entry chosen from $U(0, 1)$ distribution. Each $A_i^{(j)}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) is a random $m_j \times m_j$ symmetric sparse matrix with approximately $0.8 * m_j^2$ nonzero entries generated using the Matlab command

$sprandsym(m_j, 0.8)$. This ensures that each of our test problems is random, and that the origin is an interior point for each test problem. HS, FR, PR and RAMI conjugate gradient methods were applied to each problem using a maximum of 1000 iterations and a tolerance $TOL = 10^{-4}$. Each method is stopped after 1000 iteration or if $\|g(x_k)\| \leq TOL$.

Table 2 gives the list of test problems. The second column of the table is ambient dimension n and the third column gives the number q of LMI constraints. The sizes $[m_1, \dots, m_q]$ of the matrices is given in the fourth column.

Table 3 gives the number of iteration and time (in seconds) taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center for the given weights using exact line search. The exact line search was done using one-dimensional Newton's method.

Table 2. Test Problems.

LMI Test Problem	n	q	$[m_1, \dots, m_q]$
1	2	2	[1, 2]
2	2	3	[5, 4, 5]
3	2	8	[2, 4, 5, 5, 5, 1, 5, 4]
4	3	2	[5, 4]
5	3	2	[3, 4]
6	4	10	[4, 5, 1, 4, 2, 3, 5, 5, 2, 1]
7	4	7	[2, 4, 4, 5, 4, 2, 1]
8	5	6	[5, 1, 4, 4, 4, 5]
9	5	4	[4, 1, 5, 1]
10	6	3	[4, 1, 5]
11	6	8	[2, 5, 2, 5, 5, 3, 5, 2]
12	7	2	[5, 4]
13	7	4	[1, 4, 1, 2]
14	8	5	[1, 1, 4, 3, 3]
15	8	5	[5, 4, 5, 2, 5]
16	9	3	[3, 2, 5]
17	9	3	[5, 4, 4]
18	10	8	[4, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 2]
19	10	8	[4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 2, 2, 4]
20	10	9	[5, 2, 5, 3, 2, 1, 3, 2, 2]
21	3	6	[3, 4, 1, 5, 4, 1]
22	5	7	[2, 3, 5, 5, 2, 4, 2]
23	5	3	[5, 5, 2]
24	5	9	[2, 4, 4, 1, 4, 5, 3, 5, 1]
25	10	3	[1, 5, 2]
26	5	10	[3, 4, 1, 3, 1, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4]
27	3	7	[2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 1, 5]
28	5	7	[2, 3, 5, 5, 2, 4, 2]
29	3	8	[5, 3, 3, 5, 5, 4, 2, 3]
30	2	6	[4, 4, 3, 1, 5, 2]

Table 3. Iterations and time taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center for the given weights using exact line search (Newton's method).

Prob	Weights Ω	FR		HS		PR		RAMI	
		Iter	Time (sec)						
1	[4, 5]	6	0.0053	4	0.0041	4	0.0033	5	0.0047
2	[3, 175, 1]	14	0.0281	12	0.0228	11	0.0209	11	0.0219
3	[10, 10, 10, 1, 1, 1, 10, 1]	9	0.0416	8	0.0328	7	0.0295	9	0.0369
4	[100, 1]	31	0.0474	19	0.0281	16	0.0272	17	0.0249
5	[1, 10]	10	0.0154	8	0.0146	8	0.0123	9	0.0122
6	[1, 1, 100, 100, 100, 1, 100, 10, 1, 1]	5	0.2656	20	0.1203	17	0.0989	18	0.1059
7	[1, 100, 10, 1, 10, 1, 10]	25	0.1045	16	0.0643	16	0.0674	19	0.0777
8	[10, 10, 1, 10, 1, 1]	42	0.1796	20	0.0839	28	0.1206	27	0.1142

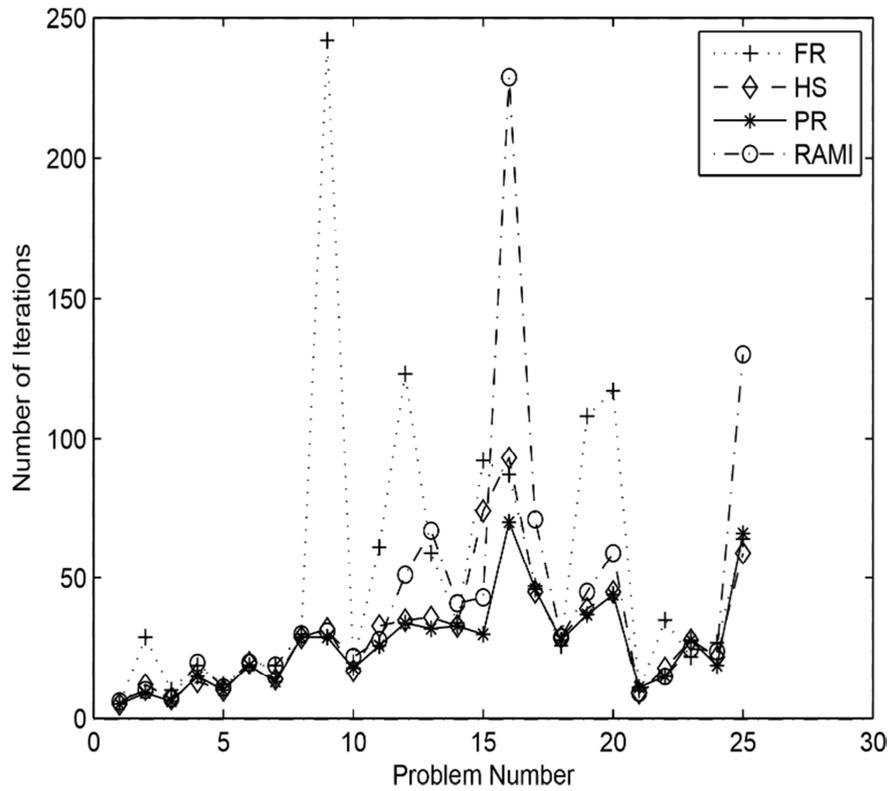


Figure 1. Problem Number Vs Iterations taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center using exact line search (Newton's method), where +=FR, =HS, *=PR, o=RAMI.

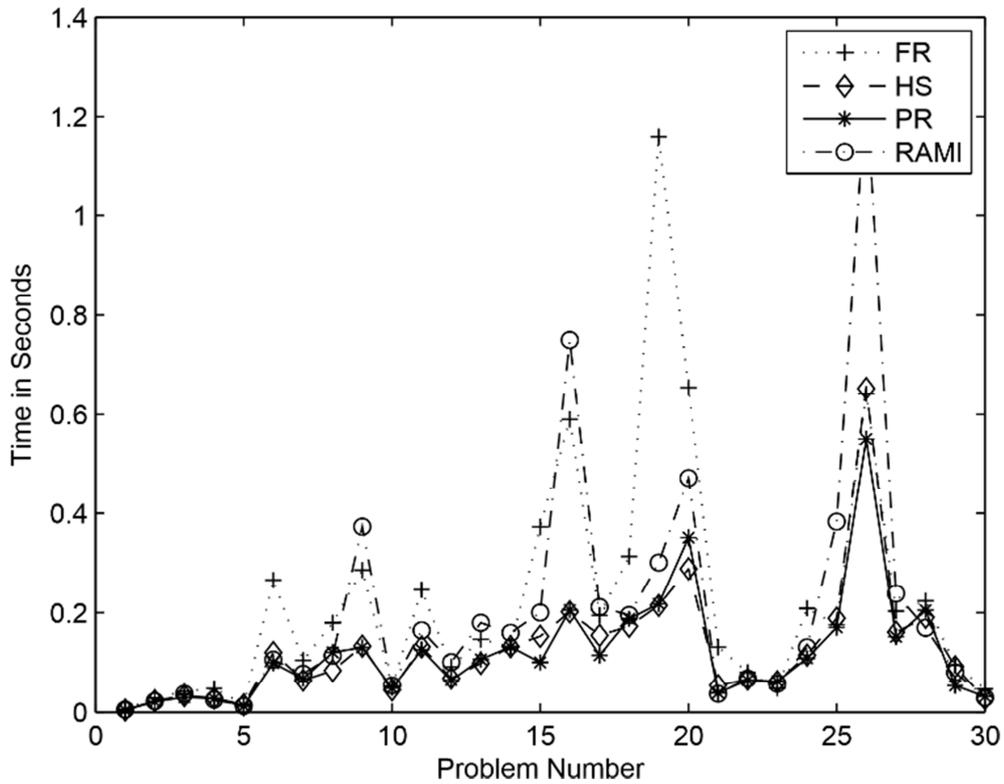


Figure 2. Problem Number Vs Time taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center using exact line search (Newton's method), where +=FR, =HS, *=PR, o=RAMI.

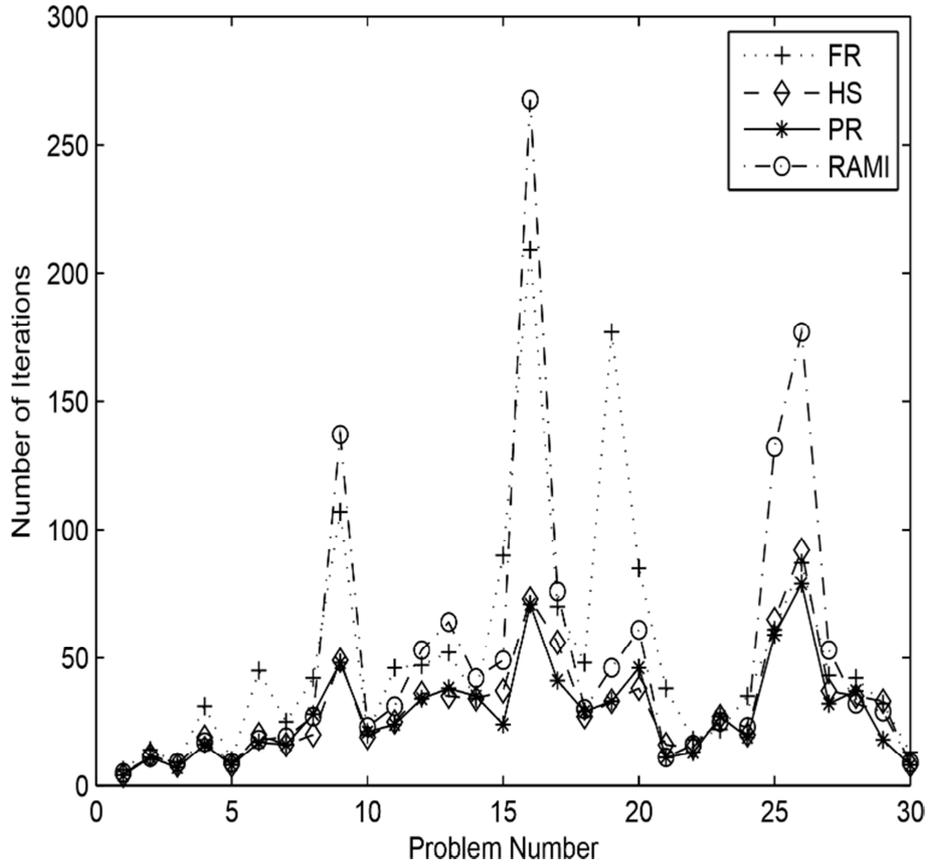


Figure 3. Problem Number Vs Iterations taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center using inexact line search (Quadratic Interpolation) for the 25 problems where all four methods were successful and +=FR, =HS, *=PR, o=RAMI.

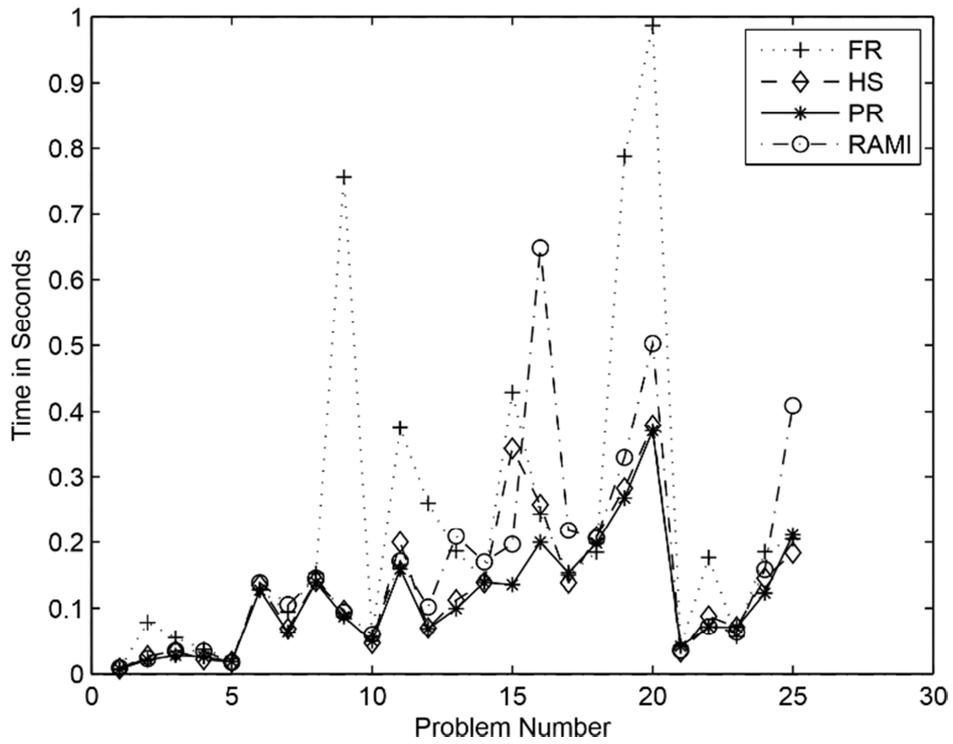


Figure 4. Problem Number Vs Time taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center using inexact line search (Quadratic Interpolation) for the 25 problems where all four methods were successful and +=FR, =HS, *=PR, o=RAMI.

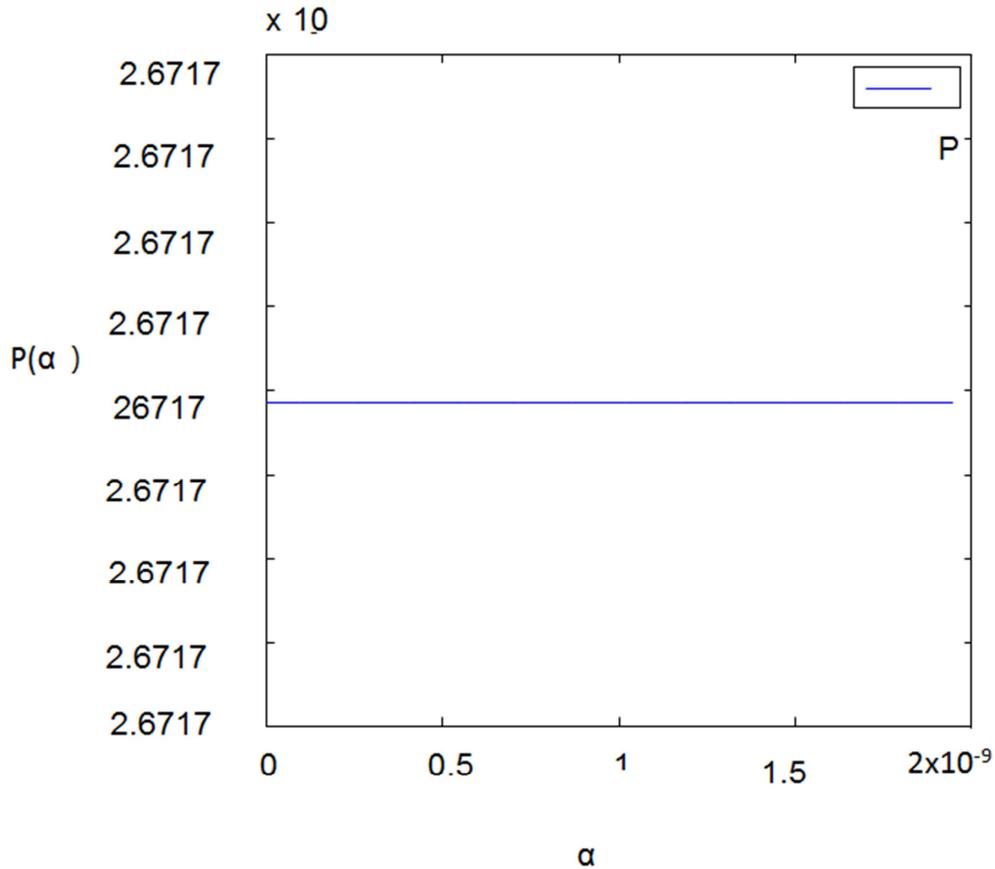


Figure 5. Graph of the Quadratic Approximation $P(\alpha)$ for Problem 30 with $w = [4, 6, 5, 3, 10^6, 4]$ at iteration 12. Note $P(\alpha)$ is flat over the interval $[h_1, h_3] = [0, 1.9462 \times 10^{-9}]$. At iteration 13, $P(\alpha)$ does not exist and therefore FR with Quadratic interpolation line search failed.

The graph of Problem Number vs. Number of Iterations for Table 3 is given in Figure 1 and Figure 2 is the graph of the Problem Number vs. Time taken. The results in Table 3, Figure 1 and Figure 2 show that PR is the best method in terms of least number of iterations. Table 4 gives the number of iterations and time (in seconds) taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center for the given weights using Quadratic interpolation inexact line search. The entry “*” means that CG method has failed to find the weighted analytic center due to numerical problems and “**” if it did not converge after the maximum number of 1000 iterations (jamming phenomenon). We see that FR had jamming in three problems, while PR had jamming in one problem and HS in none. This confirms the known fact that FR is more susceptible to jamming than both PR and HS. Figure 3 is the graph of the Problem Number vs. Number of Iterations taken by each method to find the weighted analytic center using inexact line search (Quadratic Interpolation) for the 25 problems where all four methods were successful. The graph of Problem Number vs. Time taken is given in Figure 4. The results in Table 4, Figure 3 and Figure 4 show that PR is the best method in terms of least number of iterations and time, followed by HS, then RAMI, and then FR.

Therefore, FR with Quadratic interpolation line search failed for Problem 30. Our results show that PR and HS are superior to RAMI with the problems considered in this paper, contrary to the results reported in [23].

5. Conclusion

We have studied four conjugate gradient algorithms applied to the problem of weighted analytic center for linear matrix inequalities. The methods considered are HS, FR, PR and RAMI.

For each method, we consider exact line search and Quadratic interpolation line search. We use numerical experiments on randomly generated test problems to compare performance of each method by looking at the number of iterations and time taken to compute the weighted analytic center. We use one-dimensional Newton’s method exact line search and Quadratic Interpolation inexact line search. Our numerical results show that PR is the best method, followed by HS, then RAMI, and then FR. We find that PR performed nearly the same as HS with exact line search, which confirmed what is known in the literature. They also show that both line searches work well, but exact line search handles weights better than the inexact Quadratic interpolation line search when some weight is relatively much larger than the other weights. We find that all the CG methods with Quadratic interpolation inexact line search failed on each problem where some weight is relatively much larger than the remaining weights. We intend to investigate the same problem using hybrid conjugate gradient methods in another paper. We are not aware of any convergence analysis for FR, HS, PR or RAMI with Quadratic interpolation inexact line search, we hope to study it in the future.

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