

# Training Feedforward Neural Networks to Predict the Size of the Population by Using a New Hybrid Method Hestenes-Stiefel (HS) and Dai-Yuan (DY)

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**ABSTRACT** We proposed a new conjugate gradient type hybrid approach in this study, which is based on merging Hestenes-Stiefel and Dai-Yuan algorithms using the spectral direction conjugate algorithm, we showed their absolute convergence. Under some assumptions and they satisfied the gradient property. The numerical results demonstrate the efficacy of the developed feedforward neural network training approach. To estimate the size of the population using the Thomas Malthus population model, and Our numerical results were very close to the model of the Tomas Malthose Model, we can use the method to predict other problems through the use of ann.

**KEYWORDS:** Algorithms; ANN; Conjugate Gradient; Hybrid; Population.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Multilayer feedforward neural networks (MLFFNN) are parallel computational models made up of densely interconnected, adaptable processing units that have an innate proclivity for learning from experience as well as discovering new information. They have been effectively employed in various domains of artificial intelligence [1],[2], [7], and [8] are often found to be more efficient and accurate than other classification techniques [17] due to their exceptional capability of self-learning and self-adapting. Feedforward neural networks (FNN) are often operated using the following equations:

$$net_{j}^{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{L-1}} w_{i,j}^{i-1} x_{j}^{i-1} + b_{j}^{i}, O_{j}^{l} = f(net_{j}^{l})$$
(1)

Where  $f(net_j^l)$  is the activation function,  $net_j^l$  is the sum of the weight inputs for the j-th node in the l - th layer (j=1,2,..., Nl),  $W_{i,j}$  is the weights from the i-th neuron to the j-th neuron at the l-1, l-th layer ,respectively,  $b_j^l$  is the bias of the j-th neuron at the l-th layer and  $x_j^l$  is the output of the j-th neuron which belongs to the l-th layer. The goal of training a neural network is to iteratively change its weights to minimize the difference between the network's actual output and the training set's desired output [26]. Finding such a minimum is actually the same as finding an optimal minimization of the error function, which is defined as:

$$E(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{P} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left( O_i^{(j)} - T_i^{(j)} \right)^2$$
(2)

The variables  $O_i$  and  $T_i$  are the desired and the actual output of the i - th neuron, respectively. The index j denotes the particular learning pattern. The vector w is composed of all weights in the net. The most extensively used approach for training multilayer feedforward neural networks is backpropagation (BP). The weight vector w is adjusted using the steepest descent with respect to E in the typical backpropagation algorithm:

$$w_{k+1} = w_k - \alpha_k g_k, g_k = \nabla E(w_k) \tag{3}$$

Where the constant  $\alpha$  is the learning rate belongs to the interval (0,1) and  $w_k$  is a vector representing the weights at iteration (epoch) step k. The back propagation process takes an inordinate amount of time to modify the weights between the units in the network since the steepest descent method has a slow convergence rate and the search for the global minimum frequently becomes stranded at a bad local minimum[15]. As a result, many studies have proposed ways to improve this method, with several relying on a novel adaptive learning rate [4], [2], and [1]. Others utilize other cost functions or dynamic modification of the learning parameters [28], while others use the momentum term [27], [20], [13]. Many people use weight initialization procedures that are unique to them [24]. The majority of them use higher order gradient optimization algorithms to reduce the appropriately error function [16], [22], a multivariable function that is dependent on the network's weights. However, the issue of speeding up the learning process remains. Especially when using big training sets and networks. The training of neural networks can be expressed as a non-linear unconstrained optimization problem [23], [3], [14].

The following is a breakdown of how this search is structured. The conjugate gradient algorithms are briefly described in Section 2. Section 3: A new hybrid conjugate gradient algorithm has been developed. Model of the Population, Section 4. Section 5 contains numerical comparisons and experiments.

#### 2. CG TECHNIQUE

Due to their speed and simplicity, conjugate gradient (CG) methods are among the most often and efficiently utilized approaches for large-scale optimization issues. Due to their simplicity and minimal memory needs, conjugate gradient algorithms play a key role in rapidly training neural networks. They do not require the evaluation of the Hessian matrix or the impractical storage of an approximation of it. There are various conjugate gradient algorithms in the literature that have been extensively used for neural network training in a range of applications [5], [18]. The linear combination of the negative gradient vector at the current iteration with the previous search direction is the key idea for calculating the search direction. The method for determining the search direction is as follows:

$$d_1 = -g_1; d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \beta_k d_k \tag{4}$$

Conjugate gradient methods differ in their way of defining the multiplier  $\beta_k$ . The most famous approaches were proposed by Fletcher Reeves (FR), Polak–Ribere (PR) and Hestenes–Stifel (HS) [11], [25], [12]:

$$\beta^{FR} = \frac{g_{k+1}^{T}g_{k+1}}{g_{k}^{T}g_{k}} , \ \beta^{PR} = \frac{g_{k+1}^{T}y_{k}}{g_{k}^{T}g_{k}} , \ \beta^{PR} = \frac{g_{k+1}^{T}y_{k}}{g_{k}^{T}y_{k}}$$

The conjugate gradient methods using  $\beta^{FR}$  update were shown to be globally convergent [9], [21], [19]. However the corresponding methods using  $\beta^{PR}$  or  $\beta^{HS}$  update are generally more efficient ever without satisfying the global convergence property. [6] In the convergence analysis and implementations of CG methods, one often requires the inexact lien search such as the Wolfe line search. The standard Wolfe line search requites  $\sigma_k$  satisfying:

$$E(W_{k} + \alpha_{k}d_{k}) \leq E(W_{k}) + \rho\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}$$
<sup>(5)</sup>

$$g\left(W_{k}+\alpha_{k}d_{k}\right)^{T}d_{k} \geq \sigma g_{k}^{T}d_{k}$$

$$\tag{6}$$

or strong Wolfe line search:

$$E(W_{k} + \alpha_{k}d_{k}) \leq E(W_{k}) + \rho\alpha_{k}g_{k}^{T}d_{k}$$

$$\tag{7}$$

$$\left|g_{k+1} + d_{k}\right| \leq -\sigma g_{k} d_{k} \tag{8}$$

Where  $0 < \rho < \sigma < 1$ 

Moreover, an important issue of CG algorithms is that when the search direction(4) fails to be descent (by Descent, we mean  $g_k^T d_k < 0 \forall k$  directions we restart the algorithm using the negative gradient direction to grantee convergence. A more sophisticated and popular restarting is the Powell restart.

$$\left|g_{k+1}^{T}g_{k}\right| \ge 0.2 \left\|g_{k+1}\right\|^{2} \tag{9}$$

Where,  $\| \| \|$  denotes to the Euclidean norm. Other important issue for then CG methods is that the search directions generated from equation (4) are conjugate if the objective function is convex and line search is exact i.e:

$$d_i^T G d_j = 0, \forall i \neq j$$
<sup>(10)</sup>

Where, G is the Hessian matrix for the objective function. Dai and Lioa in [10] showed that the equation (10) can be written as follows:

$$d_{k+1}^T y_k = 0 \tag{11}$$

which is called pure conjugacy condition and generalize to the

$$d_{k+1}^T y_k = t g_{k+1}^T s_k$$
,  $t > 0$ ,  $s_k = W_{k+1} - W_k$  (12)

for general objective function with inexact line search.

# 3. A NEW CONJUGATE ALGORITHM HYBRID ALGORITHM

We will derive New in this section. Unconstrained optimization using a hybrid conjugate gradient technique. Using the direction conjugate algorithm, the Hestenes-Stiefel and Dai-Yuan algorithms were combined [16]. The formula for determining direction is known to us

$$d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1}d_k \tag{13}$$

Hestenes-Stiefel algorithm

$$\beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g_{k+1}^T y_k}{d_k^T y_k}$$
(14)

Dai-Yuan algorithm

$$\beta_{k}^{DY} = \frac{\left\| g_{k+1} \right\|^{2}}{y_{k}^{T} d_{k}}$$
(15)

Suppose that

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_{k+1}^* = \boldsymbol{\eta} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{k+1}^{HS} \tag{16}$$

$$\beta_{k+1}^{KH1} = \eta \beta_{k+1}^{DY} + (1-\eta) \beta_{k+1}^{HS}$$
(17)

$$d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + \eta \beta_{k+1}^{HS} d_k \tag{18}$$

$$d_{k+1} = -g_{k+1} + (\eta \beta_{k+1}^{DY} + (1-\eta) \beta_{k+1}^{HS})d_k$$
(19)

Equality of equation (18) with (19) and note of the  $d_k$  equal in equations (18) and (19) we get

$$-g_{k+1} + \eta \beta_{k+1}^{HS} d_{k} = -g_{k+1} + (\eta \beta_{k+1}^{DY} + (1-\eta) \beta_{k+1}^{HS}) d_{k}$$
(20)

Subtracting the  $g_{k+1}$  of two said from above equation we have

$$\eta \beta_{k+1}^{HS} d_{k} = (\eta \beta_{k+1}^{DY} + (1-\eta) \beta_{k+1}^{HS}) d_{k}$$
(21)

After some algebra, we get

$$\eta = \frac{\beta_{k+1}^{HS}}{2\beta_{k+1}^{HS} - \beta_{k+1}^{DY}}$$
(22)

Substituting  $\eta$  in the equation (19)

$$\beta_{k+1}^{KH1} = \frac{\beta_{k+1}^{HS} \beta_{k+1}^{DY}}{2\beta_{k+1}^{HS} - \beta_{k+1}^{DY}} + (1 - \frac{\beta_{k+1}^{HS}}{2\beta_{k+1}^{HS} - \beta_{k+1}^{DY}})\beta_{k+1}^{HS}$$
(23)

After some algebra of above equation we get a new formula denote by  $\beta_{k+1}^{KH1}$  is defined by

$$\beta_{k+1}^{KH1} = \frac{(g_{k+1}^T y_k)^2}{d_k^T y_k (2g_{k+1}^T y_k - ||g_{k+1}||^2)}$$
(24)

Substituting above equation in spectral direction conjugate algorithm, which is developed [1].

There for we have

$$d_{k+1} = -(\xi + \beta_{k+1}^{KH_1} \frac{d_k^T y_k}{\|g_{k+1}\|^2})g_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1}^{KH_1} d_k$$
(25)

### New Algorithm KH1

Step[1]:- Initialize  $W_1$  and choose  $\sigma$ ,  $\rho$  such that  $0 < \rho < \sigma < 1$ ,  $\xi \in [0,1]$  $E_G, \varepsilon > 0$  and  $K_{\text{max}}$ , set k = 1.

Step[2]:- Calculate the error function value  $E_k$  and its gradient  $g_k$ .

Step[3]:- If  $(E_k < E_G)$  or  $||g_k|| < \varepsilon$ , set  $w^* = w_k$  and  $E^* = E_k$ , return goal is meet and stop.

Step[4]:- compute the descent direction :

if k = 1 then,  $d_k = -g_k$  go to step 6

Else

$$\beta_{k+1}^{KH1} = \frac{(g_{k+1}^T y_k)^2}{d_k^T y_k (2g_{k+1}^T y_k - ||g_{k+1}||^2)} \text{ and then compute:}$$
$$d_{k+1} = -(\xi + \beta_{k+1}^{KH1} \frac{d_k^T y_k}{||g_{k+1}||^2})g_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1}^{KH1}d_k.$$

Step[5]:- Compute the learning rate  $\alpha_k$  by line search procedure, such the standard Wolfe conditions (5) and (6).

Step[6]:- update the weights:

$$W_{k+1} = W_k + \alpha_k d_k$$
 and set  $k = k + 1$ .

Step[7]:- If  $k > k_{\text{max}}$  return Error goal not meet and stop else go to step (2).

#### 4. POPULATION MODEL

The term "population" refers to all living organisms of the same type that reside in the same geographical area. The phrase "population" is used at the conference Sociology aware to describe to the human people who dwell in a country or region group. And the special science of demography is concerned with the statistical elements of human population.

The topic of modeling the population of the key issues that affected the environment Ecology science is the application of mathematical modeling for the study of movement) dynamic organisms in the growth and decay. Changes in population sizes as a result of interactions between individuals in the natural environment with members of the same gender, as well as other types of living animals, are included in the population modeling study. Knowing the population is one of the most important concerns for various countries around the world, and many conduct censuses every ten years to determine the true population numbers, and the importance of knowing the population in its close association with various aspects of life in human societies, and strong development plans and their relationship to and provision of [16].

It was true for population modeling beginning in the eighteenth century with the development of tools for modeling the change in the number of individuals to comprehend population expansion and contraction. When contemplating the fate of humanity, British scholar Thomas Malthus Thomas Robert Malthus (1834-1766) and one of the pioneers in this field, to remark that the population of human beings grows according to a geometric pattern [16]. Thomas Malthus' formula for population growth

$N(t) = N(0)e^{ct}$	
t	The time
N(t)	Number of people
<i>N</i> (0)	Number of people in time $t = 0$
$N(t) = N(0)e^{0.3t}; N(0) = 3.9$	

# 5. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

The performance of the algorithm KH1 has been studied using a computer simulation. The simulations were run in MATLAB (7.6) win8 and hp laptop, and the MSBP's performance was evaluated and compared to batch versions of the above approach. and In this part of the research we write the results of the learned artificial neural network and a comparison with the results of the Thomas Malthus Modeling, and as shown in table (1) and drawing (1) as drawing (1) illustrates the comparison between the Modeling results and the artificial neural network results, and the drawing (2) shows the square error rate resulting from training the artificial neural network.

Thomas Malthus Modeling	ANN
Population (million people)	Population (million people)
4.1194	4.1157
4.1437	4.1506
4.1681	4.1739
4.1927	4.1903
4.2673	4.265
4.3689	4.3682
4.473	4.4666
4.6065	4.6152
4.6337	4.6402
4.661	4.6709
4.7161	4.7222
4.744	4.7374
4.8569	4.8474
5.0019	5.0044
5.0314	5.0257
5.0611	5.0559
5.0909	5.0917
5.121	5.1236
5.1512	5.146
5.5279	5.5211
5.7265	5.7181
6.4037	6.407
6.7122	6.7165
6.8721	6.8684
7.0772	7.0869

Table 1. ANN Solution vs. Thomas Malthus Modeling

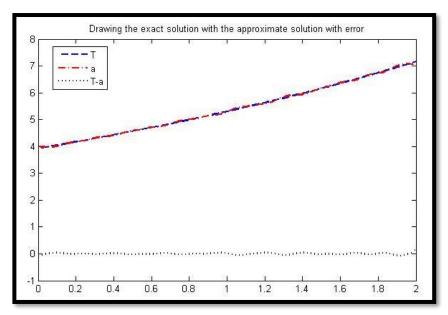


Figure.1. Comparison between the Modeling results and the artificial neural network results with error

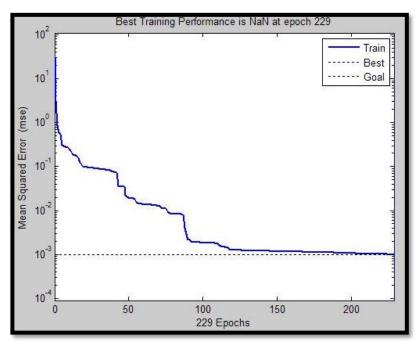


Figure.2. The Mean Squared Error (MSE)

### 6. CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we have proposed a new CG method for training neural networks which are based on the hybrid algorithm Hestenes-Stiefel and Dai-Yuan. The proposed method preserves the strong convergence properties and descent property. The proposed method is suitable for training large-scale neural networks. Our numerical experiments have shown that the proposed method efficient to predict the size of the population, We can use the method to predict other problems through the use of neural networks, as well as solving optimization, fuzzy optimization problems, solving fuzzy equations, and fuzzy neural networks.

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