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## **A hybrid FR-DY conjugate gradient algorithm for unconstrained optimization with application in portfolio selection**

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we present a new hybrid conjugate gradient (CG) approach for solving unconstrained optimization problem. The search direction is a hybrid form of the Fletcher-Reeves (FR) and the Dai-Yuan (DY) CG parameters and is close to the direction of the memoryless Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) quasi-Newton approach. Independent of the line search, the search direction of the new approach satisfies the descent condition and possess the trust region. We establish the global convergence of the approach for general functions under the Wolfe-type and Armijo-type line search. Using the CUTer library, numerical results show that the propose approach is more efficient than some existing approaches. Furthermore, we give a practical application of the new approach in optimizing risk in portfolio selection.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we present a hybrid nonlinear conjugate gradient (CG) method for solving unconstrained optimization problems:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuously differentiable and its gradient  $g(x) = \nabla f(x)$  is Lipschitz continuous. CG methods are among the most preferred iterative methods for solving large-scale problems because of their simplicity in implementation, Hessian free and less storage requirements [14]. In view of these advantages, an encouraging number of CG methods were proposed (see, for example, [1, 5, 10, 12, 13, 31]).

The conjugate gradient method for solving (1.1) generates a sequence  $\{x_k\}$  via the iterative formula

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k, \quad s_k = \alpha_k d_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $d_k$  is the search direction defined by

$$d_k := \begin{cases} -g_k, & \text{if } k = 0, \\ -g_k + \beta_k d_{k-1}, & \text{if } k > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

and for descent methods,  $d_k$  is usually required to satisfy the sufficient descent property, if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that for all  $k$

$$g_k^T d_k \leq -c \|g_k\|^2. \quad (1.4)$$

The scalar  $\alpha_k > 0$  is the step-size determined by a suitable line search rule, and  $\beta_k$  is the conjugate gradient parameter that characterizes different type of conjugate gradient methods based on the global convergence properties and numerical performance. Some of the well-known nonlinear conjugate gradient parameters are the Fletcher-Reeves (FR) [9], Polak-Ribière-Polyak (PRP) [25, 26], Hestenes-Stiefel (HS) [15], conjugate descent (CD) [8], Liu-Storey (LS) [22] and Dai-Yuan (DY) [6]. These parameters are given by the following formulae:

$$\beta_k^{FR} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{CD} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{-d_{k-1}^T g_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{DY} = \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}}, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\beta_k^{HS} = \frac{g_k^T y_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}}, \quad \beta_k^{PRP} = \frac{g_k^T y_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}, \quad \beta_k^{LS} = \frac{g_k^T y_{k-1}}{-g_{k-1}^T d_{k-1}}, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $g_k = g(x_k)$ ,  $y_{k-1} = g_k - g_{k-1}$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the Euclidean norm.

In order to have some of the classical CG methods possess a descent direction and trust region as well as improving their numerical efficiency, the three-term CG and hybrid CG methods were introduced for solving (1.1). For instance, Mo et al. [23] proposed two hybrid methods for solving

unconstrained optimization problems. The methods are based on the Touati-Ahmed and Storey [30] and the DY methods. Under the strong Wolfe condition, the global convergence was proved. Andrei in [2] proposed a simple three-term CG method obtained by modifying the Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) updating formula of the inverse approximation of the Hessian. The search direction satisfies both the descent and conjugacy conditions. Numerical results were given to support the theoretical results. Also in [3], Andrei proposed an elliptic CG method for solving (1.1). The search direction is the sum of the negative gradient and a vector obtained by minimizing the quadratic approximation of the objective function. In addition, the search direction satisfies both Dai-Liao (DL) conjugacy and descent conditions. Eigenvalue analysis was carried out to determine parameter which the search direction depends on. In comparison with the well-known CG\_DESCENT method, the proposed method was more efficient. Liu and Li [21] proposed a new hybrid CG with its search direction satisfying the DL conjugacy condition and the Newton direction independent of the line search. As usual the global convergence was established under the strong Wolfe line search. In [16], Jian et al. proposed a new hybrid CG method based on previous classical methods. At every iteration, the method produces a descent direction independent of the line search. Global convergence was proved and numerical experiments on medium-scale problems was conducted and the results reported. By applying a mild modification on the HS method, Dong et al. proposed a new approach that generates a descent direction. Also, the approach satisfies an adaptive conjugacy condition and has a self-restarting property. The global convergence was proved for general functions and the efficiency of the approach was shown via numerical experiments on some large-scale problems. Min Li [19] developed a three-term PRP CG method with the search direction close to the direction of the memoryless BFGS quasi-Newton method. The method collapses to the standard PRP method when an exact line search is considered. Independent of any line search, the method satisfies the descent condition. The global convergence of the method was established using an appropriate line search. Numerical results show that the method is efficient for the standard unconstrained problems in the CUTEr library. Again, Li [18] proposed a nonlinear CG method which generates a search direction that is close to that of the memoryless BFGS quasi-Newton method. Moreover, the search direction satisfies the descent condition. Global convergence for strongly convex functions and nonconvex functions was established under the strong Wolfe line search. Furthermore, an efficient spectral CG method that combine the spectral parameter and a three-term PRP method was proposed by Li et al. [20]. The method is based on the quasi-Newton direction and quasi-Newton equation. Numerical experiments reported show the superiority of the method over the three-term PRP method.

Motivated by the works of Li [18, 19] which originated from [17, 27], we propose a new hybrid CG method for solving (1.1). The hybrid direction is a combination of the FR and DY directions that are both close to the direction of the memoryless BFGS quasi-Newton method. Interestingly, the hybrid direction satisfies the descent condition and is bounded independent of any line search procedure. We prove the global convergence under both the Wolfe-type and Armijo-type line searches. Numerical results are also provided to show the efficiency of the new hybrid method. Finally, application of the method in optimizing risk in portfolio selection is also considered. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In the next section, the hybrid method is derived together with its convergence. In Section 3, we provide some numerical experimental results.

## 2. Algorithm and theoretical results

We begin this section by recalling a three-term CG method for solving (1.1). From an initial guess  $x_0$ , the method compute the search direction as follows:

$$d_0 := -g_0, \quad d_k := -g_k + \beta_k d_{k-1} + \gamma_k g_k, \quad k \geq 1, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\beta_k, \gamma_k$  are parameters. Distinct choices of the parameters  $\beta_k$  and  $\gamma_k$  correspond to distinct three-term CG methods. It is clear that, the three-term CG methods collapses to the classical ones when  $\gamma_k = 0$ .

Next, we will recall the memoryless BFGS method proposed by Nocedal [17] and Shanno [27], where the search direction can be written as

$$d_k^{BFGS} := -Q_k g_k, \\ Q_k = -\left( I - \frac{s_{k-1} y_{k-1}^T}{s_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}} - \frac{y_{k-1} s_{k-1}^T}{s_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}} + \frac{s_{k-1} y_{k-1}^T y_{k-1} s_{k-1}^T}{s_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}} + \frac{s_{k-1} s_{k-1}^T}{s_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}} \right),$$

$s_{k-1} = x_k - x_{k-1} = \alpha_{k-1} d_{k-1}$  and  $I$  is the identity matrix. After simplification,  $d_k^{BFGS}$  can be rewritten as

$$d_k^{BFGS} := -g_k + \left( \beta_k^{HS} - \frac{\|y_{k-1}\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{(d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1})^2} \right) d_{k-1} + \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}} (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}). \quad (2.2)$$

Replacing  $\beta_k^{HS}$  with  $\beta_k^{FR}$  and  $\frac{\|y_{k-1}\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{(d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1})^2}$  with  $\frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^4}$  in (2.2), we define a three-term search direction as

$$d_k^{TFR} := -g_k + \left( \beta_k^{FR} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^4} \right) d_{k-1} - t_k \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2} g_k. \quad (2.3)$$

Again, replacing  $\beta_k^{HS}$  with  $\beta_k^{DY}$  and  $\frac{\|y_{k-1}\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{(d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1})^2}$  with  $\frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{(d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1})^2}$  in (2.2), we define another three-term search direction as

$$d_k^{TDY} := -g_k + \left( \beta_k^{DY} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{(d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1})^2} \right) d_{k-1} - t_k \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}} g_k. \quad (2.4)$$

To find the parameter  $t_k$ , we require the solution of the univariate minimal problem

$$\min_{t \in \mathbf{R}} \|(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}) - t \cdot g_k\|^2.$$

Let  $E_k = (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}) - t \cdot g_k$ , then

$$E_k E_k^T = [(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}) - t \cdot g_k][(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}) - t \cdot g_k]^T \\ = [(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}) - t \cdot g_k][(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})^T - t \cdot g_k^T] \\ = t^2 g_k g_k^T - t[(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}) g_k^T + g_k (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})^T] + (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})(y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})^T.$$

Letting  $A_k = y_{k-1} - s_{k-1}$ , then

$$E_k E_k^T = t^2 g_k g_k^T - t[A_k g_k^T + g_k A_k^T] + A_k A_k^T$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(E_k E_k^T) &= t^2 \|g_k\|^2 - t[\text{tr}(A_k g_k^T) + \text{tr}(g_k A_k^T)] + \|A_k\|^2 \\ &= t^2 \|g_k\|^2 - 2t g_k^T A_k + \|A_k\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating the above with respect to  $t$  and equating to zero, we have

$$2t \|g_k\|^2 - 2g_k^T A_k = 0,$$

which implies

$$t = \frac{g_k^T (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})}{\|g_k\|^2}. \quad (2.5)$$

Hence, we select  $t_k$  as

$$t_k := \min \left\{ \bar{t}, \max \left\{ 0, \frac{g_k^T (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})}{\|g_k\|^2} \right\} \right\}, \quad (2.6)$$

which implies  $0 \leq t_k \leq \bar{t} < 1$ .

Motivated by the three-term CG directions defined in (2.3) and (2.4), we propose a hybrid three-term CG based algorithm for solving (1.1), where the search direction is defined as

$$d_0 := -g_0, \quad d_k := -g_k + \beta_k^{HTT} d_{k-1} + \gamma_k g_k, \quad k \geq 1, \quad (2.7)$$

where

$$\beta_k^{HTT} := \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{w_k^2}, \quad \gamma_k := -t_k \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{w_k} \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$w_k := \max\{\lambda \|d_{k-1}\| \|g_k\|, d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}, \|g_{k-1}\|^2\}, \quad \lambda > 0. \quad (2.9)$$

**Remark 2.1.** Observe that, because of the way  $w_k$  is defined, the parameter  $\beta_k^{HTT}$  is a hybrid of  $\beta_k^{FR} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^4}$  and  $\beta_k^{DY} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{(d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1})^2}$  in (2.3) and (2.4), respectively. Also, the parameter  $\gamma_k$  defined by (2.8) is a hybrid of  $-t_k \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{\|g_{k-1}\|^2}$  and  $-t_k \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{d_{k-1}^T y_{k-1}}$  in (2.3) and (2.4), respectively. Finally, the search direction given by (2.7) is close to that of the memoryless BFGS method when  $t_k = \frac{g_k^T (y_{k-1} - s_{k-1})}{\|g_k\|^2}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Note that, relation (2.9) is carefully defined such that the search direction possess a trust region (see Lemma 2.7) independent of the line search.

**Lemma 2.3.** The search direction  $d_k$  defined by (2.7) satisfy (1.4) with  $c = \frac{3}{4}$ .

*Proof.* Multiplying both sides of (2.7) with  $g_k^T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_k^T d_k &= -\|g_k\|^2 + \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k} g_k^T d_{k-1} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k^2} (g_k^T d_{k-1})^2 - t_k \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k} g_k^T d_{k-1} \\ &\leq -\|g_k\|^2 + (1 - t_k) \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k} g_k^T d_{k-1} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k^2} (g_k^T d_{k-1})^2 \\ &= -\|g_k\|^2 + 2 \left( \frac{1 - t_k}{2} g_k^T \right) \frac{g_k}{w_k} g_k^T d_{k-1} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k^2} (g_k^T d_{k-1})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq -\|g_k\|^2 + \frac{(1-t_k)^2}{4}\|g_k\|^2 + \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k^2}(g_k^T d_{k-1})^2 - \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k^2}(g_k^T d_{k-1})^2 \\
&= -\|g_k\|^2 + \frac{(1-t_k)^2}{4}\|g_k\|^2 \\
&= -\left(1 - \frac{(1-t_k)^2}{4}\right)\|g_k\|^2 \\
&\leq -\frac{3}{4}\|g_k\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Next, we will turn our attention to establishing the convergence of the proposed scheme by first considering the standard Wolfe line search conditions [29],

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) - f(x_k) \leq \vartheta \alpha_k g_k^T d_k, \quad (2.10)$$

$$g(x_k + \alpha_k d_k)^T d_k \geq \sigma g_k^T d_k \quad (2.11)$$

where  $0 < \vartheta < \sigma < 1$ . In addition, we will assume that

**Assumption 2.4.** *The level set  $\mathcal{H} = \{x : f(x) \leq f(x_0)\}$  is bounded.*

**Assumption 2.5.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{H}$  is some neighborhood of  $\mathcal{L}$ , then  $f$  is continuously differentiable and its gradient Lipschitz continuous on  $\mathcal{H}$ . That is, we can find  $L > 0$  such that for all  $x$*

$$\|g(x) - g(\bar{x})\| \leq L\|x - \bar{x}\|, \quad \bar{x} \in \mathcal{H}. \quad (2.12)$$

From Assumption 2.4 and 2.5, we can deduce that for all  $x \in \mathcal{L}$  there exist  $b_1, b_2 > 0$  for which

- $\|x\| \leq b_1$ .
- $\|g(x)\| \leq b_2$ .

Furthermore, the sequence  $\{x_k\} \in \mathcal{L}$  because  $\{f(x_k)\}$  is decreasing. Henceforth, we will suppose that Assumption 2.4–2.5 hold and that the objective function is bounded below. We will now prove the convergence result.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let conditions (2.10) and (2.11) be fulfilled. If*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\|d_k\|^2} = +\infty, \quad (2.13)$$

then

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0. \quad (2.14)$$

*Proof.* Suppose by contradiction that Eq (2.14) does not hold, then there exists a nonnegative scalar  $\epsilon$  such that

$$\|g_k\| \geq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2.15)$$

From Lemma 2.3 and (2.10),

$$f(x_{k+1}) \leq f(x_k) + \vartheta \alpha_k g_k^T d_k \leq f(x_k) - \vartheta \alpha_k \|g_k\|^2 \leq f(x_k) \leq f(x_{k-1}) \leq \dots \leq f(x_0).$$

Likewise, by Lemma 2.3, condition (2.11) and Assumption 2.5, we have

$$-(1 - \sigma)g_k^T d_k \leq (g_{k+1} - g_k)^T d_k \leq \|g_{k+1} - g_k\| \|d_k\| \leq \alpha_k L \|d_k\|^2.$$

Combining the above inequality with (2.10), we obtain

$$\frac{\vartheta(1 - \sigma)}{L} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} \leq f(x_k) - f(x_{k+1})$$

and

$$\frac{\vartheta(1 - \sigma)}{L} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} \leq (f(x_0) - f(x_1)) + (f(x_1) - f(x_2)) + \dots \leq f(x_0) < +\infty,$$

since  $\{f(x_k)\}$  is bounded. The above implies that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} < +\infty. \quad (2.16)$$

Now, inequality (2.15) with (1.4) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} g_k^T d_k &\leq -\frac{3}{4} \|g_k\|^2 \\ &\leq -\frac{3}{4} \epsilon^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

Squaring both sides and dividing by  $\|d_k\|^2 \neq 0$  of (2.17), yields

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(g_k^T d_k)^2}{\|d_k\|^2} \geq \frac{9}{16} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon^4}{\|d_k\|^2} = +\infty \quad (2.18)$$

This contradicts (2.16). Therefore, the conclusion of the theorem hold.  $\square$

Next, we will establish the convergence of the proposed method under the Armijo-type backtracking line search procedure. The procedure was first introduced by Grippo and Lucidi [11], where the step size  $\alpha_k$  is determined as follows:  $\rho, \vartheta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\alpha_k = \rho^i$ , where  $i$  is the smallest nonnegative integer for which the relation

$$f(x_k + \alpha_k d_k) \leq f(x_k) - \vartheta \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2 \quad (2.19)$$

hold.

From (2.19) and the fact that  $\{f(x_k)\}$  is decreasing, we can deduce that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2 < +\infty,$$

which further implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k \|d_k\| = 0. \quad (2.20)$$

**Lemma 2.7.** *If  $\{d_k\}$  is defined by (2.7), then there is  $N_1 > 0$  for which  $\|d_k\| \leq N_1$ .*

*Proof.* From (2.8),

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\beta_k^{HTT}| &= \left| \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{w_k} - \frac{\|g_k\|^2 g_k^T d_{k-1}}{w_k^2} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{\|g_k\|^2}{\lambda \|d_{k-1}\| \|g_k\|} - \frac{\|g_k\|^3 \|d_{k-1}\|}{(\lambda \|d_{k-1}\| \|g_k\|)^2} \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|d_{k-1}\|}. \tag{2.21}
 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\gamma_k| &= \left| -t_k \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{w_k} \right| \\
 &= t_k \left| \frac{g_k^T d_{k-1}}{w_k} \right| \\
 &\leq \bar{t} \frac{\|g_k\| \|d_{k-1}\|}{w_k} \\
 &\leq \bar{t} \frac{\|g_k\| \|d_{k-1}\|}{\lambda \|d_{k-1}\| \|g_k\|} \\
 &= \frac{\bar{t}}{\lambda}. \tag{2.22}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (2.7), (2.21) and (2.22), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|d_k\| &= \left\| -g_k + \beta_k^{HTT} d_{k-1} + \gamma_k g_k \right\| \\
 &\leq \|g_k\| + |\beta_k^{HTT}| \|d_{k-1}\| + |\gamma_k| \|g_k\| \\
 &\leq \|g_k\| + \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \frac{\|g_k\|}{\|d_{k-1}\|} \|d_{k-1}\| + \frac{\bar{t}}{\lambda} \|g_k\| \\
 &= \left( 1 + \frac{1+\bar{t}}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \|g_k\| \tag{2.23}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{1+\bar{t}}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) b_2. \tag{2.24}$$

Letting  $N_1 = \left( 1 + \frac{1+\bar{t}}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) b_2$ , we have

$$\|d_k\| \leq N_1. \tag{2.25}$$

□

**Theorem 2.8.** *If the step size  $\alpha_k$  is obtained via relation (2.19), then*

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0. \tag{2.26}$$

*Proof.* Suppose by contradiction equation (2.26) is not true. Then for all  $k$ , we can find an  $r > 0$  for which

$$\|g_k\| \geq r. \tag{2.27}$$



Let  $\alpha_k = \rho^{-1}\alpha_k$ , then  $\alpha_k$  does not satisfy (2.19). That is

$$f(x_k + \rho^{-1}\alpha_k d_k) > f(x_k) - \vartheta \rho^{-2} \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2. \quad (2.28)$$

Applying the mean value theorem together with Lemma 2.7, (1.4) and (2.12), there exist an  $l_k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_k + \rho^{-1}\alpha_k d_k) - f(x_k) &= \rho^{-1}\alpha_k g(x_k + l_k \rho^{-1}\alpha_k d_k) \\ &= \rho^{-1}\alpha_k g_k^T d_k + \rho^{-1}\alpha_k (g(x_k + l_k \rho^{-1}\alpha_k d_k) - g_k)^T d_k \\ &\leq \rho^{-1}\alpha_k g_k^T d_k + L \rho^{-2} \alpha_k^2 \|d_k\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the above relation in (2.28), together with (2.25) and (2.27) we have

$$\alpha_k \geq \frac{\rho \|g_k\|^2}{(L + \vartheta) \|d_k\|^2} \geq \frac{\rho r^2}{(L + \vartheta) N_1^2} > 0.$$

This and (2.20) gives

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|d_k\| = 0. \quad (2.29)$$

On the other hand, applying backward Cauchy-Schwartz inequality on (1.4) gives

$$\|d_k\| \geq \frac{3}{4} \|g_k\|.$$

Thus, we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|g_k\| = 0$ . This is a contradiction and therefore (2.26) holds.  $\square$

### 3. Numerical experiments

This section discusses the computational efficiency of the proposed method, namely HTT method. One way to measure the efficiency of a method is to use the test function. An important test function is used to validate and compare among optimization methods, especially newly developed methods. We selected 34 test functions and initial points as in Table 1 mostly considered by Andrei [4]. For each function we have taken five numerical experiments with a dimension of which is among  $n = 10, 50, 80, 100, 200, 400, 300, 500, 600, 1000, 3000, 5000, 10,000, 15,000, 20,000$ . However, we often use dimensions that are greater than 1000. The executed methods are coded in Matlab 2019a and compiled using personal laptop; Intel Core i7 processor, 16 GB RAM, 64 bit Windows 10 Pro operating system.

As a good comparison, for NHS+ and NPRP+ all parameters are maintained according to their articles in [18] and [19], i.e.,  $\vartheta = 0.1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.9$ . Specially, for HTT, we set the value of parameters  $\vartheta = 0.0001$ ,  $\sigma = 0.009$ . For all methods, we use the parameter value  $\bar{t} = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda = 0.01$  and the step-size  $\alpha_k$  is calculated by standard Wolfe line search. The numerical results are compared based on number of iterations (NOI), number of function evaluations (NOF), and CPU time in seconds (CPU). In this experiment, we consider a stopping condition that many researchers suggest (see [16, 18, 21, 23]), namely that the algorithm will stop when  $\|g_k\| \leq 10^{-6}$ .

In Table 5 we list the numerical results obtained by compiling each method for completing each test function with different dimension sizes. If the number of iterations of the method exceeds 10,000 or it never reaches the optimal value, the algorithm stops and we write it as 'FAIL'.

To compare the performance between methods, we use the performance profiles of Dolan and Moré [7] with rule as follows. Let  $S$  is the set of methods and  $P$  is set of the test problems with  $n_p, n_s$  are the number of test problems and the number of methods, respectively.

**Table 1.** List of test functions and initial points.

Number	Functions	Initial Points
F1	Extended White & Holst	(-1.2, 1, ..., -1.2, 1)
F2	Extended Rosenbrock	(-1.2, 1, ..., -1.2, 1)
F3	Extended Freudenstein & Roth	(0.5, -2, ..., 0.5, -2)
F4	Extended Beale	(1, 0.8, ..., 1, 0.8)
F5	Raydan 1	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F6	Extended Tridiagonal 1	(2, 2, ..., 2)
F7	Diagonal 4	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F8	Extended Himmelblau	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F9	FLETCHCR	(0.5, 0.5, ..., 0.5)
F10	Extended Powel	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F11	NONSCOMP	(3, 3, ..., 3)
F12	DENSCHNB	(10, 10, ..., 10)
F13	Extended Penalty Function U52	(1/100, 2/100, ..., n/100)
F14	Hager	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F15	Shallow	(2, 2, ..., 2)
F16	Quadratic QF2	(0.5, 0.5, ..., 0.5)
F17	Generalized Tridiagonal 1	(2, 2, ..., 2)
F18	Generalized Tridiagonal 2	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F19	POWER	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F20	Quadratic QF1	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F21	QP2 Extended Quadratic Penalty	(2, 2, ..., 2)
F22	QP1 Extended Quadratic Penalty	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F23	Sphere	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F24	Sum Squares	(0.1, 0.1, ..., 0.1)
F25	DENSCHNA	(7, 7, ..., 7)
F26	DENSCHNC	(100, -1, -1, ..., -1, -1)
F27	DENSCHNF	(100, -100, ..., 100, -100)
F28	Extended Block-Diagonal BD1	(1, 1, ..., 1)
F29	HIMMELBH	(0.8, 0.8, ..., 0.8)
F30	Extended Hiebert	(5.001, 5.001, ..., 5.001, 5.001)
F31	ENGVAL1	(2, 2, ..., 2)
F32	ENGVAL8	(0, 0, ..., 0)
F33	Linear Perturbed	(0, 0, ..., 0)
F34	QUARTICM	(2, 2, ..., 2)

The performance profile  $\omega : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is for each  $s \in S$  and  $p \in P$  defined that  $a_{p,s} > 0$  is NOI or NOF or CPU time required to solve problems  $p$  by method  $s$ . Furthermore, the performance profile is obtained by:

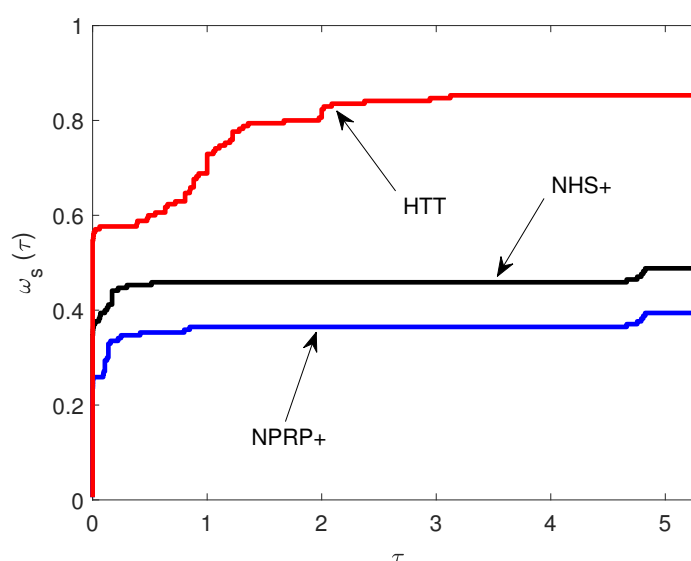
$$\omega_s(\tau) = \frac{1}{n_p} \text{size}\{p \in P : \log_2 r_{p,s} \leq \tau\},$$

where  $\tau > 0$ ,  $\text{size } B$  is the number of the elements in the set  $B$ , and  $r_{p,s}$  is performance ratio defined as:

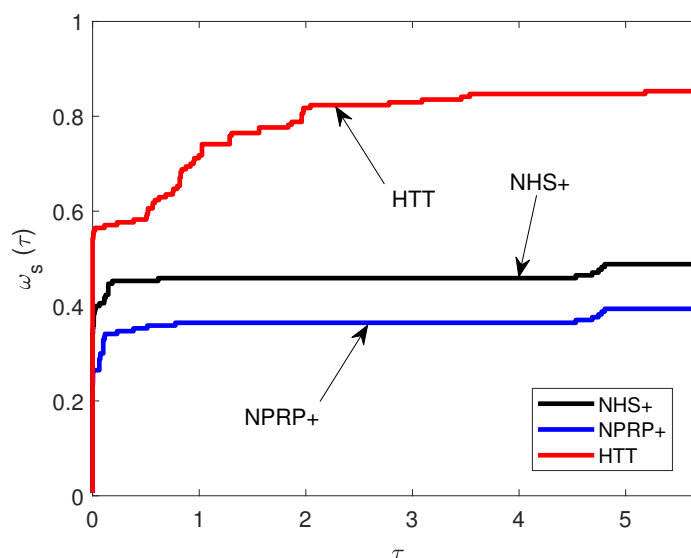
$$r_{p,s} = \frac{a_{p,s}}{\min\{a_{p,s} : p \in P \text{ and } s \in S\}}.$$

In general, the method whose performance profile plot is on the top right will win the rest of the methods or represents the best method.

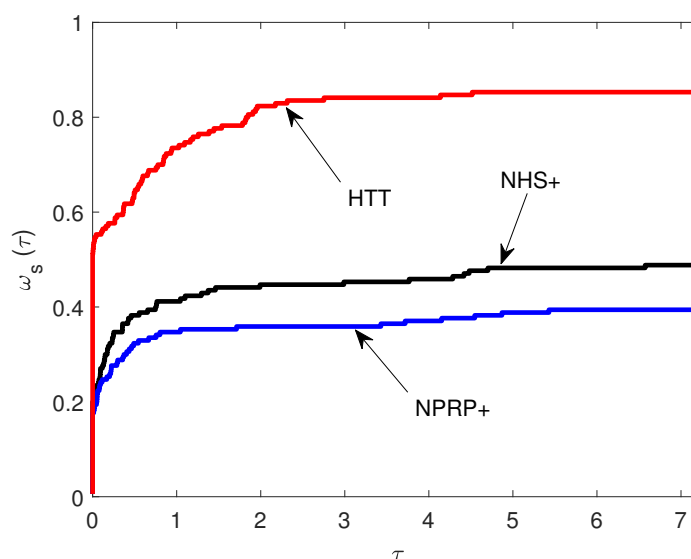
From Table 5, all the methods failed to solve the Raydan 1 and NONSCOMP with  $n = 1,000, 5,000, 10,000, 15,000, 20,000$ , the NHS+ and NPRP+ methods failed to solve Extended Powel, Hager, Generalized Tridiagonal 1, Generalized Tridiagonal 2, QP2 Extended Quadratic Penalty, DENSCHNA, Extended Block-Diagonal BD1, ENGVAL1, and ENGVAL8 for all of dimension given, and NPRP+ method has more failures for the given problem compared to other methods. So, based on the numerical results in Table 5, we can say that the HTT method has the best performance. Meanwhile, from the result in performance profile in Figures 1–3 show that the HTT method profile is always on the top right curve, whether it's based on NOI, NOF or CPU time. The final conclusion is that the HTT method has the best performance compared the NHS+ and NPRP+ methods under the test functions given.



**Figure 1.** Performance profile using wolfe line search of all methods based on NOI.



**Figure 2.** Performance profile using wolfe line search of all methods based on NOF.



**Figure 3.** Performance profile using wolfe line search of all methods based on CPU time.

#### 4. Application in portfolio selection

Investment is a commitment to invest several funds carried out at this time to obtain many benefits in the future. One investment that is quite attractive is a stock investment. An investor can invest in more than one stock. Of course, the thing to consider is whether the investment can be profitable or not. One theory that discusses investment in several assets is portfolio theory. A stock portfolio is a collection of stocks owned by an investor [24].

In this section, we present the problem of risk management in a portfolio of stocks. The main issue

is how to balance a portfolio, that is, how to choose the percentage of each stock in the portfolio to minimize the risk [28]. In investing, investors expect to get a large return by choosing the smallest possible risk. Return is the income received by an investor from stocks traded on the capital market. There are several ways to calculate returns, one of which is to use arithmetic returns which can be calculated as follows:

$$R_t = \frac{P_t - P_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}},$$

where  $P_t$  is the stock prices at time  $t$  and  $P_{t-1}$  is the stock prices at time  $t - 1$ . Furthermore, we may consider the mean of return, the expected value, and the variance of the return. The mean of return of a stock  $i$  is denoted by

$$\bar{r}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n r_{it},$$

where  $n$  is number of returns on a stock and  $r_{it}$  is return at time  $t$  on stock  $i$ . The expected return of stock  $i$

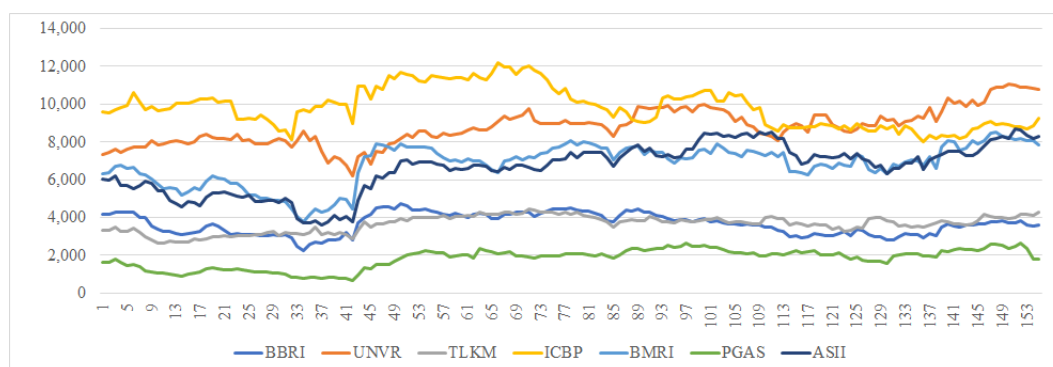
$$\mu_i = E(R_i).$$

The variance of return of stock  $i$

$$\sigma_i^2 = \text{Var}(R_i)$$

is called the risk of stock  $i$  [28]. One thing that needs to be considered is the relationship between stocks, so we must also pay attention to how stocks interact, i.e, by using the covariance of individual risk. Covariance measures the directional relationship between the returns on two stocks. If positive covariance then that stock returns move together while a negative covariance means they move inversely. Usually the covariance of return between two stocks  $R_i, R_j$  is denoted as  $\text{Cov}(R_i, R_j)$  [28].

For our cases, we consider the seven blue chip stocks in Indonesia, namely, PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) Tbk (BBRI), PT Unilever Indonesia Tbk (UNVR), PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Tbk (TLKM), PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur Tbk (ICBP), PT Bank Mandiri (Persero) Tbk (BMRI), PT Perusahaan Gas Negara Tbk (PGAS), and PT Astra International Tbk (ASII). The stock price used is the weekly closing price which data history is taken from the database <http://finance.yahoo.com>, over a period of 3 years (Jan 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2020). Based on this data, we may see the movement of the closing price of each stock in Figure 4.



**Figure 4.** Weekly closing price of all stocks in IDR (Jan 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2020).

So that the portfolio returns for the seven stocks are defined as the weighted amount of returns for each stocks

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^7 w_i R_i,$$

where  $w_i$  is the percentage of the value of the stock contained in the portfolio. Thus, we may define the expected return and risk on our portfolio (see [28]). The expected return  $\mu$  on our portfolio is the expected value of the portfolio's return as follows:

$$\mu = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^7 w_i R_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^7 w_i \mu_i, \quad (4.1)$$

and the risk of our portfolio is the variance of the portfolio's return as follows,

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^7 w_i R_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^7 \sum_{j=1}^7 w_i w_j \text{Cov}(R_i, R_j). \quad (4.2)$$

Since our main objective is to determine the optimal portfolio by minimizing the risk of returns, then our problem model is

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize : } \sigma^2 = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^7 w_i R_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^7 \sum_{j=1}^7 w_i w_j \text{Cov}(R_i, R_j), \\ \text{subject to : } \sum_{j=1}^7 w_j = 1. \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

The next step changes the problem (4.3) to unconstrained optimization model, i.e, considering  $w_7 = 1 - w_1 - w_2 - w_3 - w_4 - w_5 - w_6$ , then the problem (4.3) changes into an unconstrained optimization model as follows:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^7} \sum_{i=1}^7 \sum_{j=1}^7 w_i w_j \text{Cov}(R_i, R_j), \quad (4.4)$$

where  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, 1 - w_1 - w_2 - w_3 - w_4 - w_5 - w_6)$ .

The following table shows the mean, variance, and covariance values of the returns of UNVR, BBRI, TLKM, ICBP, BMRI, PGAS, and ASII stocks.

**Table 2.** Mean and variance of return for Seven Stocks.

Stocks	Mean	Variance
UNVR	0.00311	0.00127
BBRI	0.00033	0.00273
TLKM	0.00247	0.00166
ICBP	0.00047	0.00142
BMRI	0.00277	0.00309
PGAS	0.00359	0.00667
ASII	0.00321	0.00238

**Table 3.** Covariance of return for seven stocks.

Stocks	UNVR	BBRI	TLKM	ICBP	BMRI	PGAS	ASII
UNVR	0.00127	0.00058	0.00053	0.00062	0.000906	0.00105	0.000744
BBRI	0.00058	0.00273	0.00091	0.00059	0.00235	0.002341	0.001844
TLKM	0.00053	0.00091	0.00166	0.00048	0.001101	0.001579	0.00089
ICBP	0.00062	0.00059	0.00048	0.00142	0.000807	0.000858	0.000538
BMRI	0.00091	0.00235	0.00110	0.00081	0.00309	0.002771	0.001888
PGAS	0.00105	0.00234	0.00158	0.00086	0.002771	0.00667	0.002288
ASII	0.00074	0.00184	0.00089	0.00189	0.001888	0.002288	0.00238

**Table 4.** Test result of NHS+, NPRP+, and HTT methods for solving problem (4.4).

Initial Points	NHS+			NPRP+			HTT		
	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU
(0.1, 0.2, ..., 0.6)	62	496	0.00680	61	497	0.00610	7	83	0.00110
(0.1, ..., 0.1)	62	491	0.00690	60	490	0.00610	12	126	0.00150
(0.6, 0.5, ..., 0.1)	57	448	0.00420	57	455	0.00590	11	123	0.00130
(0.3, ..., 0.3)	58	463	0.00680	58	472	0.00610	6	71	0.00097
(1, ..., 1)	61	476	0.00700	62	490	0.00430	12	127	0.00140
(-0.1, ..., -0.1)	64	502	0.00630	64	515	0.00690	14	144	0.00200
(1.2, 1, ..., 1.2, 1)	63	490	0.00670	64	506	0.00650	6	71	0.00140
(1.001, ..., 1.001)	61	476	0.01100	62	490	0.00470	12	127	0.00094
(0.5, ..., 0.5)	59	464	0.00310	60	481	0.00570	11	118	0.00210
(7, ..., 7)	80	642	0.00510	80	649	0.00870	13	143	0.00230

According to Tables 2 and 3, we may execute the problem (4.4) by choosing some random initial points and still maintaining the same parameter values according to each method. The results obtained are stated in Table 4.

From Table 4, it is clear that the HTT method more efficient than NHS+ and NPRP+ methods based on NOI, NOF, and CPU time for solving the problem (4.4). Meanwhile, the algorithm executed from each method give the same result for the value of  $\mathbf{w}$ , i.e,  $w_1 = 0.3877$ ,  $w_2 = 0.3220$ ,  $w_3 = 0.2878$ ,  $w_4 = 0.4179$ ,  $w_5 = -0.1642$ ,  $w_6 = -0.0465$ , and  $w_7 = -0.2047$ . By using the value of  $\mathbf{w}$ , (4.1), and (4.2), we obtain  $\mu = 0.00094$  and  $\sigma^2 = 0.00074$ . Finally, the selection of stock portfolios for our case with a minimum risk can be done by allocating each stock in the following proportions, i.e, UNVR 38.77%, BBRI 32.22%, TLKM 28.78%, ICBP 41.79%, BMRI -16.42%, PGAS -4.65%, and ASII -20.47% with the expected return is 0.00094 and the portfolio risk value is 0.00074. A negative sign in the proportion indicates that investor is short selling.

## 5. Conclusions

In this work, we presented a new hybrid CG method that guarantees sufficient descent direction and boundedness of the direction independent of the line search. In addition, the global convergence result is established under both the Wolfe and Armijo line searches. Based on the numerical results, it can be observed that the new hybrid method is more efficient and robust than other methods, providing faster and more stable convergence in most of the problems considered. These can be seen more clearly from Figures 1–3. Finally, the practical applicability of the hybrid method is also explored in risk optimization. Its efficiency in solving portfolio selection problem was outstanding as it solves the problem with less iteration, function evaluations and CPU time compared with others.

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## Appendix

**Table 5.** The numerical results of all methods using standard wolfe line search.

Function	Dim	NHS+			NPRP+			HTT		
		NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU
F1	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	48	211	0.1035
	5000	29	144	0.3053	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	45	205	0.4427
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	28	133	0.5752	49	214	0.8004
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	45	205	1.0857
	20,000	29	144	1.0183	31	143	1.0605	45	205	1.4329
F2	1000	32	168	0.049	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	82	613	0.1332
	5000	32	168	0.1757	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	59	496	0.3751
	10,000	35	176	0.354	39	185	0.3593	87	628	1.0267
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	45	201	0.6693	59	496	1.1967
	20,000	32	168	0.56	38	182	0.6532	59	496	1.4625
F3	1000	13	67	0.0401	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	27	96	0.0456
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	27	96	0.1473
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	27	96	0.5049
	15,000	13	67	0.2733	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	28	99	0.6252
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	28	99	0.6011
F4	1000	20	66	0.3053	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	80	257	1.0738
	5000	20	66	0.1586	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	80	257	0.5459
	10,000	20	66	0.3257	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	80	257	1.1544
	15,000	20	66	0.4333	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	81	260	1.5616
	20,000	20	66	0.5468	36	113	0.9527	85	272	2.1239
F5	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
F6	1000	7	30	0.0239	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	61	206	0.0917
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	74	255	0.5254
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	62	224	0.9381

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**Table 5.** The numerical results of all methods using standard wolfe line search.

Function	Dim	NHS+			NPRP+			HTT		
		NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU
F7	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	93	327	1.9179
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	80	271	2.0203
	1000	6	16	0.0081	6	16	0.0059	14	39	0.0141
	5000	6	16	0.0447	6	16	0.0284	14	39	0.0546
	10,000	6	16	0.0508	6	16	0.059	14	39	0.1035
F8	15,000	8	22	0.0846	8	22	0.0859	14	39	0.1331
	20,000	9	25	0.1302	8	22	0.1107	14	39	0.1755
	1000	8	28	0.0268	8	28	0.0132	15	54	0.0125
	5000	9	31	0.0587	8	28	0.0347	16	57	0.0585
	10,000	9	31	0.0915	8	28	0.0769	16	57	0.1157
F9	15,000	9	31	0.1094	8	28	0.0962	16	57	0.1837
	20,000	9	31	0.135	8	28	0.1227	16	57	0.21
	1000	23	101	0.0668	24	104	0.0324	22	99	0.0418
	5000	30	147	0.1632	28	137	0.134	21	96	0.0972
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	21	96	0.2199
F10	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	21	97	0.278
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	21	97	0.3312
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	6566	19749	10.365
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	9027	27132	59.7488
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
F11	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
F12	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	1000	10	42	0.0375	11	45	0.0198	19	71	0.0153
	5000	10	42	0.0717	11	45	0.0536	20	74	0.0798
	10,000	10	42	0.0953	11	45	0.1071	20	74	0.1711
F13	15,000	10	42	0.1423	11	45	0.1519	20	74	0.2083
	20,000	10	42	0.1598	11	45	0.1659	21	77	0.2929
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	32	159	0.0477	59	1847	0.3214
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
F14	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	50	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	20	73	0.0071
	100	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	24	110	0.013

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Function	Dim	NHS+			NPRP+			HTT		
		NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU
F15	200	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	31	171	0.031
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	500	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	1000	23	64	0.0224	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	24	75	0.0274
	5000	27	74	0.0825	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	26	80	0.0886
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	27	83	0.2039
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	27	83	0.2489
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	29	88	0.3151
F16	50	65	214	0.0109	62	251	0.011	112	382	0.014
	100	94	361	0.0339	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	155	534	0.0319
	200	141	518	0.0552	141	519	0.0489	222	777	0.074
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	178	600	0.0793	260	924	0.1116
	500	228	818	0.1383	243	812	0.1226	317	1151	0.1591
F17	50	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	26	84	0.0086
	100	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	26	84	0.009
	200	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	26	84	0.0244
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	26	87	0.0216
	500	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	2443	125676	15.9497
F18	50	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	31	93	0.0206
	100	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	32	112	0.0126
	200	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	32	117	0.0197
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	39	499	0.0556
	500	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	32	97	0.0349
F19	50	66	198	0.0098	65	195	8.40E-03	66	198	7.30E-03
	100	141	423	0.035	140	420	2.98E-02	141	423	3.58E-02
	200	297	891	0.0839	296	888	7.57E-02	297	891	7.60E-02
	300	453	1359	0.1582	454	1362	0.1759	455	1365	0.1431
	500	768	2304	0.3216	770	2310	0.2792	3022	9066	1.0477
F20	50	38	114	0.0068	38	114	0.0108	38	114	0.0307
	100	56	168	0.0174	56	168	0.0223	56	168	0.0247
	200	81	243	0.0373	81	243	0.0368	81	243	0.0373
	300	101	303	0.0464	101	303	0.0435	101	303	0.0523
	500	131	393	0.0706	131	393	0.0693	131	393	0.0693
F21	100	27	243	0.0411	47	317	0.028	208	2671	0.1393
	500	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	431	4682	0.6918
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	742	5992	1.5017
	3000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	2402	12075	7.9879
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	4345	21114	20.7249
F22	10	11	41	0.2096	10	38	0.0237	18	64	0.0022

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Function	Dim	NHS+			NRP+			HTT		
		NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU
F23	50	12	49	0.0115	11	45	0.009	35	383	0.2059
	80	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	18	72	0.0054
	100	11	45	0.004	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	57	1635	0.0704
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	35	485	0.2809
	1000	1	3	0.0127	1	3	0.0027	1	3	1.60E-03
	5000	1	3	0.0168	1	3	0.0089	1	3	0.0061
	10,000	1	3	0.0165	1	3	0.0134	1	3	0.0129
	15,000	1	3	0.0217	1	3	0.0198	1	3	0.0183
F24	20,000	1	3	0.028	1	3	0.0296	1	3	0.0219
	1000	136	408	0.0978	136	408	0.0969	136	408	0.0976
	5000	311	933	0.7694	311	933	0.7563	406	1218	0.975
	10,000	443	1329	2.4757	443	1329	2.3572	443	1329	2.3631
	15,000	544	1632	4.6718	544	1632	4.4034	544	1632	4.264
F25	20,000	630	1890	6.8562	630	1890	8.618	630	1890	6.5118
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	21	77	0.0481
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	21	77	0.1557
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	23	82	0.3301
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	23	82	0.4332
F26	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	23	82	0.5819
	1000	3	155	0.0804	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	5000	3	155	0.3545	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	10,000	3	155	0.6368	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	15,000	3	155	0.8296	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
F27	20,000	3	155	1.0828	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	1000	14	91	0.0472	14	94	0.0324	12	87	0.0278
	5000	16	97	0.3356	14	94	0.0844	13	90	0.0859
	10,000	14	91	0.2063	14	94	0.205	13	90	0.1935
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	14	94	0.2503	13	90	0.2522
F28	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	14	94	0.3559	13	90	0.2913
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	11	163	0.05
	5000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	11	164	0.1523
	10,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	12	173	0.3325
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	12	166	0.4909
F29	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	14	228	0.7552
	200	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	7	31	0.2276
	400	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	7	23	0.0132
	600	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	7	21	0.008
	800	5	15	0.0083	5	15	0.0272	7	26	0.0115
	1000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	7	36	0.2199

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		NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU	NOI	NOF	CPU
F30	1000	35	199	0.2817	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	78	376	0.1087
	5000	35	199	0.1804	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	85	397	0.404
	10,000	37	205	0.3754	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	85	397	0.6769
	15,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	85	397	1.0886
	20,000	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	85	397	1.3642
F31	50	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	25	404	0.0131
	100	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	24	408	0.0248
	200	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	776	39378	2.1743
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	56	1903	0.156
	500	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	1236	63303	6.2995
F32	50	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	14	49	0.0224
	100	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	14	69	0.0112
	200	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	19	277	0.027
	300	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL
	500	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	FAIL	168	7913	1.0719
F33	1000	140	420	0.1027	140	420	0.0965	140	420	0.0993
	5000	320	960	0.8334	320	960	0.7689	320	960	0.8576
	10,000	456	1368	2.5879	456	1358	2.6651	456	1358	2.5723
	15,000	562	1686	4.4691	562	1686	6.0655	561	1683	4.3236
	20,000	651	1953	6.6436	651	1953	13.6986	650	1950	7.2173
F34	1000	76	625	0.2802	76	625	0.2711	3	27	0.0206
	5000	81	695	1.645	81	695	1.5016	3	27	0.0844
	10,000	83	724	2.8429	83	724	2.9767	3	27	0.1274
	15,000	84	739	4.2936	84	739	5.8732	3	27	0.2009
	20,000	85	754	6.1778	85	754	10.2159	3	27	0.2372



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