

**User's Guide for CFSQP Version 2.5:
A C Code for Solving (Large Scale) Constrained Nonlinear
(Minimax) Optimization Problems, Generating Iterates
Satisfying All Inequality Constraints¹**

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Abstract

CFSQP is a set of C functions for the minimization of the maximum of a set of smooth objective functions (possibly a single one, or even none at all) subject to general smooth constraints (if there is no objective function, the goal is to simply find a point satisfying the constraints). If the initial guess provided by the user is infeasible for some inequality constraint or some linear equality constraint, CFSQP first generates a feasible point for these constraints; subsequently the successive iterates generated by CFSQP all satisfy these constraints. Nonlinear equality constraints are turned into inequality constraints (to be satisfied by all iterates) and the maximum of the objective functions is replaced by an exact penalty function which penalizes nonlinear equality constraint violations only. When solving problems with many sequentially related constraints (or objectives), such as discretized semi-infinite programming (SIP) problems, CFSQP gives the user the option to use an algorithm that efficiently solves these problems, greatly reducing computational effort. The user has the option of either requiring that the objective function (penalty function if nonlinear equality constraints are present) decrease at each iteration after feasibility for nonlinear inequality and linear constraints has been reached (monotone line search), or requiring a decrease within at most four iterations (nonmonotone line search). He/She must provide functions that define the objective functions and constraint functions and may either provide functions to compute the respective gradients or require that CFSQP estimate them by forward finite differences.

CFSQP is an implementation of two algorithms based on Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP), modified so as to generate feasible iterates. In the first one (monotone line search), a certain Armijo type arc search is used with the property that the step of one is eventually accepted, a requirement for superlinear convergence. In the second one the same effect is achieved by means of a “nonmonotone” search along a straight line. The merit function used in both searches is the maximum of the objective functions if there is no nonlinear equality constraints, or an exact penalty function if nonlinear equality constraints are present.

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1 Introduction

CFSQP (C code for Feasible Sequential Quadratic Programming) is a set of C functions for the minimization of the maximum of a set of smooth objective functions (possibly a single one, or even none at all) subject to nonlinear equality and inequality constraints, linear equality and inequality constraints, and simple bounds on the variables. In addition, CFSQP contains special provisions for efficiently handling problems with many sequentially related objectives/constraints, for example discretized Semi-Infinite Programming (SIP) problems.

In the case when no sequentially related constraints or objectives are present, CFSQP tackles optimization problems of the form

$$(P) \quad \text{minimize } \max_{i \in I^f} \{f_i(x)\} \quad \text{s.t. } x \in X$$

where $I^f = \{1, \dots, n_f\}$ ($I^f = \emptyset$ if $n_f = 0$) and X is the set of points $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} bl &\leq x \leq bu \\ g_j(x) &\leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i \\ g_j(x) &\equiv \langle c_{j-n_i}, x \rangle - d_{j-n_i} \leq 0, \quad j = n_i + 1, \dots, t_i \\ h_j(x) &= 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ h_j(x) &\equiv \langle a_{j-n_e}, x \rangle - b_{j-n_e} = 0, \quad j = n_e + 1, \dots, t_e \end{aligned}$$

with $bl \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $bu \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ smooth; $g_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ nonlinear and smooth; $c_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, t_i - n_i$; $h_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, n_e$ nonlinear and smooth; $a_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $b_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e$. Note that it is allowed to have $n_f = 0$, in which case problem (P) is one of finding a point that satisfies a given set of constraints.

In full generality, i.e. including sequentially related objectives and constraints, CFSQP handles problems of the form

$$(P_{sr}) \quad \text{minimize } \max \left\{ \max_{i \in I^f} f_i(x), \max_{i \in I^{sr}} \max_{\omega \in \Omega^{f_i}} f_i(x, \omega) \right\} \quad \text{s.t. } x \in X$$

where $I^f = \{1, \dots, n_f - n_{f_{sr}}\}$ ($I^f = \emptyset$ if $n_f = 0$), $I^{sr} = \{n_f - n_{f_{sr}} + 1, \dots, n_f\}$ ($I^{sr} = \emptyset$ if $n_{f_{sr}} = 0$), Ω^{f_i} is an index set for objective functions that are somehow sequentially related, and X is now the set of points $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} bl &\leq x \leq bu \\ g_j(x) &\leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i - n_{sr} \\ g_j(x, \xi) &\leq 0, \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi^{g_j}, \quad j = n_i - n_{sr} + 1, \dots, n_i \\ g_j(x) &\equiv \langle c_{j-n_i}, x \rangle - d_{j-n_i} \leq 0, \quad j = n_i + 1, \dots, t_i - \ell_{sr} \\ g_j(x, \xi) &\equiv \langle c_{j-n_i}(\xi), x \rangle - d_{j-n_i}(\xi) \leq 0, \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi^{g_j}, \quad j = t_i - \ell_{sr} + 1, \dots, t_i \\ h_j(x) &= 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ h_j(x) &\equiv \langle a_{j-n_e}, x \rangle - b_{j-n_e} = 0, \quad j = n_e + 1, \dots, t_e \end{aligned}$$

with $bl \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $bu \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i \in I^f$ smooth; $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \times \Omega^{f_i} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i \in I^{sr}$ continuously differentiable with respect to the first argument for each $\omega \in \Omega^{f_i}$; $g_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, n_i - n_{sr}$ nonlinear and smooth; $g_j : \mathbb{R}^n \times \Xi^{g_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = n_i - n_{sr} + 1, \dots, n_i$ nonlinear, continuously differentiable with respect to the first argument for each $\xi \in \Xi^{g_j}$; $c_{j-n_i} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d_{j-n_i} \in \mathbb{R}$, $j = n_i + 1, \dots, t_i - \ell_{sr}$; $c_{j-n_i} : \Xi^{g_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $d_{j-n_i} : \Xi^{g_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = t_i - \ell_{sr} + 1, \dots, t_i$; $h_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, n_e$ nonlinear and smooth; $a_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $b_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e$.

From this point forward, in order to ease the presentation of the algorithm, we discuss problem (P), postponing discussion of the algorithm used to solve (P_{sr}) until § 3. If the initial guess provided by the user is infeasible for linear constraints, CFSQP generates a point satisfying these constraints by solving a strictly convex quadratic program (QP). Next, if the initial guess, or the newly generated initial guess, is infeasible for the nonlinear inequality constraints, CFSQP generates a point x_0 satisfying all constraints (other than nonlinear equality constraints) by iterating on the problem of minimizing the maximum of the nonlinear inequality constraints. Then, using a scheme due to Mayne and Polak [1] and adapted to the FSQP framework in [2], nonlinear equality constraints are turned into inequality constraints²

$$h_j(x) \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e$$

and the original objective function $\max_{i \in I^f} \{f_i(x)\}$ is replaced by the modified objective function

$$f_m(x, p) = \max_{i \in I^f} \{f_i(x)\} - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j h_j(x),$$

where p_j , $j = 1, \dots, n_e$, are positive penalty parameters that are iteratively adjusted. If $n_f = 0$, the “max” is defined to be identically zero. The resulting optimization problem therefore involves only linear constraints and nonlinear inequality constraints. The successive iterates generated by CFSQP all satisfy these constraints. The user has the option of either requiring that the exact penalty function (the maximum value of the objective functions if no nonlinear equality constraints are present) decrease at each iteration (after feasibility for original nonlinear inequality and linear constraints has been reached), or requiring a decrease within at most four iterations. He/She must provide functions that define the objectives and constraints, and may either provide functions to compute the respective gradients or require that CFSQP estimate them by forward finite differences.

Thus, CFSQP solves the original problem with nonlinear equality constraints by solving a modified optimization problem with only linear constraints and nonlinear inequality constraints. For the transformed problem, it implements algorithms that are described and analyzed in [3], [4], [5], [6] and [7], with some additional refinements. These algorithms are based on a Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) iteration, modified so as to generate feasible iterates. The merit function is the objective function. An Armijo-type line search

²For every j for which $h_j(x_0) > 0$, “ $h_j(x) = 0$ ” is first replaced by “ $-h_j(x) = 0$ ” and $-h_j$ is renamed h_j .

is used (along the arc described below for the monotone line search) when minimizing the maximum of the nonlinear inequality constraints to generate an initial feasible point. After obtaining feasibility, either (i) an Armijo-type line search may be used, yielding a monotone decrease of the objective function at each iteration [3]; or (ii) a nonmonotone line search (inspired from [8] and analyzed in [4] and [5] in the present context) may be selected, forcing a decrease of the objective function within at most four iterations. In the monotone line search scheme, the SQP direction is first “tilted” to yield a feasible direction if nonlinear constraints are present, then possibly “bent” to ensure that close to a solution, the step of one is accepted (a requirement for superlinear convergence). The nonmonotone line search scheme achieves superlinear convergence with no bending of the search direction, thus avoiding function evaluations at auxiliary points and subsequent solution of an additional quadratic program.

When sets of many sequentially related objectives or constraints are present (e.g., when the problem at hand involves finely discretized semi-infinite objectives or constraints), the user may request that, at each iteration, CFSQP select a small subset of these objectives/constraints for inclusion in the quadratic programming subproblems, thus possibly saving considerable time and computational effort. The method of selecting appropriate subsets of the sequentially related constraints and objectives is outlined and analyzed in [6] and [7].

For the solution of the quadratic programming subproblems, CFSQP is set up to call a C version of QLD [9], converted from Fortran via `f2c` (see [10]) and provided with the CFSQP distribution for the user’s convenience.

2 Description of the Basic Algorithms

The algorithms described and analyzed in [3], [4], [2], and [5] are as follows. For simplicity of exposition, we describe the algorithms as they pertain to solving problem (P) , deferring the discussion of the algorithm described in [6] and [7] for the solution of (P_{sr}) until § 3. Given a feasible iterate x , the basic SQP direction d^0 is first computed by solving a standard quadratic program using a positive definite estimate H of the Hessian of the Lagrangian. d^0 is a direction of descent for the objective function; it is almost feasible in the sense that it is at worst tangent to the feasible set if there are nonlinear constraints and it is feasible otherwise.

In [3], an essentially arbitrary feasible descent direction $d^1 = d^1(x)$ is then computed. Then for a certain scalar $\rho = \rho(x) \in [0, 1]$, a feasible descent direction $d = (1 - \rho)d^0 + \rho d^1$ is obtained, asymptotically close to d^0 . Finally a second order correction $\tilde{d} = \tilde{d}(x, d, H)$ is computed, involving auxiliary function evaluations at $x + d$, and an Armijo type search is performed along the arc $x + td + t^2\tilde{d}$. The purpose of \tilde{d} is to allow a full step of one to be

taken close to a solution, thus allowing superlinear convergence to take place. Conditions are given in [3] on $d^1(\cdot)$, $\rho(\cdot)$ and $\tilde{d}(\cdot, \cdot)$ that result in a globally convergent, locally superlinear convergent algorithm.

The algorithm in [4] is somewhat more sophisticated. An essential difference is that while feasibility is still required, the requirement of decrease of the max objective value is replaced by the weaker requirement that the max objective value at the new point be lower than its maximum over the last four iterates. The main payoff is that the auxiliary function evaluations can be dispensed with, except possibly at the first few iterations. First a feasible direction $d^1 = d^1(x)$ is computed, which is nonzero even at Karush-Kuhn-Tucker points (and thus is not everywhere a descent direction). Then for a certain scalar $\rho^\ell = \rho^\ell(x) \in [0, 1]$, a “local” feasible direction $d^\ell = (1 - \rho^\ell)d^0 + \rho^\ell d^1$ is obtained, and at $x + d^\ell$ the objective functions are tested and feasibility is checked. If the requirements pointed out above are satisfied, $x + d^\ell$ is accepted as next iterate. This will always be the case close to a solution. Whenever $x + d^\ell$ is not accepted, a “global” feasible *descent* direction $d^g = (1 - \rho^g)d^0 + \rho^g d^1$ is obtained with $\rho^g = \rho^g(x) \in [0, \rho^\ell]$. A second order correction $\tilde{d} = \tilde{d}(x, d^g, H)$ is computed the same way as in [3], and a “nonmonotone” search is performed along the arc $x + td^g + t^2\tilde{d}$. Here the purpose of \tilde{d} is to suitably initialize the sequence for the “four iterate” rule. Conditions are given in [4] on $d^1(\cdot)$, $\rho^\ell(\cdot)$, $\rho^g(\cdot)$, and $\tilde{d}(\cdot, \cdot)$ that result in a globally convergent, locally superlinear convergent algorithm. In [5], the algorithm of [4] is refined for the case of unconstrained minimax problems. The major difference over the algorithm of [4] is that there is no need for d^1 . As in [4], \tilde{d} is required to initialize superlinear convergence.

The CFSQP implementation corresponds to a specific choice of $d^1(\cdot)$, $\rho(\cdot)$, $\tilde{d}(\cdot, \cdot)$, $\rho^\ell(\cdot)$, and $\rho^g(\cdot)$ with some modifications as follows. If the first algorithm is used, d^1 is computed as a function not only of x but also of d^0 (thus of H), as it appears beneficial to keep d^1 relatively close to d^0 . The quadratic program that yields \tilde{d} involves only a subset of “active” functions, thus decreasing the number of function evaluations. The details are given below. The analysis in [3], [4], and [5] can be easily extended to these modified algorithms. Also obvious simplifications are introduced concerning linear constraints: the iterates are allowed (for inequality constraints) or are forced (for equality constraints) to stay on the boundary of these constraints and these constraints are not checked in the line search. Finally, CFSQP automatically switches to a “phase 1” mode if the initial guess provided by the user is not in the feasible set.

Below we call FSQP-AL the algorithm with the Armijo line search, and FSQP-NL the algorithm with nonmonotone line search. Given $I \subset I^f$, we make use of the following notation:

$$f_I(x) = \max_{i \in I} \{f_i(x)\},$$

$$f'(x, d, p) = \max_{i \in I^f} \{f_i(x) + \langle \nabla f_i(x), d \rangle\} - f_{I^f}(x) - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j \langle \nabla h_j(x), d \rangle,$$

and,

$$\tilde{f}'_I(x + d, x, \tilde{d}, p) = \max_{i \in I} \{f_i(x + d) + \langle \nabla f_i(x), \tilde{d} \rangle\} - f_I(x) - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j \langle \nabla h_j(x), \tilde{d} \rangle.$$

If $n_f = 0$ ($I^f = \emptyset$) and $n_e > 0$ then

$$f'(x, d, p) = - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j \langle \nabla h_j(x), d \rangle,$$

$$\tilde{f}'_I(x + d, x, \tilde{d}, p) = - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j \langle \nabla h_j(x), \tilde{d} \rangle.$$

At each iteration k , the quadratic program $QP(x_k, H_k, p_k)$ that yields the SQP direction d_k^0 is defined at x_k for H_k symmetric positive definite by

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{d^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \langle d^0, H_k d^0 \rangle + f'(x_k, d^0, p_k) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x_k + d^0 \leq bu \\ & g_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), d^0 \rangle \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_i \\ & h_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla h_j(x_k), d^0 \rangle \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ & \langle a_j, x_k + d^0 \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\zeta_{k,j}$'s with $\sum_{j=1}^{n_f} \zeta_{k,j} = 1$, $\xi_{k,j}$'s, $\lambda_{k,j}$'s, and $\mu_{k,j}$'s denote the multipliers, for the various objective functions, simple bounds (only n possible active bounds at each iteration), inequality, and equality constraints respectively, associated with this quadratic program. Define the set of active objective functions, for the first i such that $\zeta_{k,i} > 0$, by (if $n_f = 0$, ζ is immaterial and the following set is empty)

$$I_k^f(d_k) = \{j \in I^f : |f_j(x_k) - f_i(x_k)| \leq 0.2 \|d_k\| \cdot \|\nabla f_j(x_k) - \nabla f_i(x_k)\|\} \cup \{j \in I^f : \zeta_{k,j} > 0\}$$

and the set of active constraints by

$$I_k^g(d_k) = \{j \in \{1, \dots, t_i\} : |g_j(x_k)| \leq 0.2 \|d_k\| \cdot \|\nabla g_j(x_k)\|\} \cup \{j \in \{1, \dots, t_i\} : \lambda_{k,j} > 0\}.$$

Algorithm FSQP-AL.

Parameters. $\eta = 0.1$, $\nu = 0.01$, $\alpha = 0.1$, $\beta = 0.5$, $\kappa = 2.1$, $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 2.5$, $\underline{t} = 0.1$, $\epsilon_1 = 1$, $\epsilon_2 = 2$, $\delta = 2$.

Data. $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\epsilon > 0$, $\epsilon_e > 0$ and $p_{0,j} = \epsilon_2$ for $j = 1, \dots, n_e$.

Step 0: Initialization. Set $k = 0$ and H_0 = the identity matrix. Set $nset = 0$. If x_0 is infeasible for some constraint other than a nonlinear equality constraint, substitute a feasible

point, obtained as discussed below. For $j = 1, \dots, n_e$, replace $h_j(x)$ by $-h_j(x)$ whenever $h_j(x_0) > 0$.

Step 1: Computation of a search arc.

i. Compute d_k^0 , the solution of the quadratic program $QP(x_k, H_k, p_k)$. If $\|d_k^0\| \leq \epsilon$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x_k)| \leq \epsilon_e$, stop. If $\|d_k^0\| \leq \min\{0.5\epsilon, 0.01\sqrt{\epsilon_m}\}$ (where ϵ_m is the machine precision) and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x_k)| > \epsilon_e$, go directly to *Step 3 iii*. If $n_i + n_e = 0$ and $n_f \leq 1$, set $d_k = d_k^0$ and $d_k = 0$ and go to *Step 2*. If $n_i + n_e = 0$ and $n_f > 1$, set $d_k = d_k^0$ and go to *Step 1 iv*.

ii. Compute d_k^1 by solving the strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{d^1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{\eta}{2} \langle d_k^0 - d^1, d_k^0 - d^1 \rangle + \gamma \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x_k + d^1 \leq bu \\ & f'(x_k, d^1, p_k) \leq \gamma \\ & g_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), d^1 \rangle \leq \gamma, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i \\ & \langle c_j, x_k + d^1 \rangle \leq d_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_i - n_i \\ & h_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla h_j(x_k), d^1 \rangle \leq \gamma, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ & \langle a_j, x_k + d^1 \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e \end{aligned}$$

iii. Set $d_k = (1 - \rho_k)d_k^0 + \rho_k d_k^1$ with $\rho_k = \|d_k^0\|^\kappa / (\|d_k^0\|^\kappa + v_k)$, where $v_k = \max(0.5, \|d_k^1\|^{\tau_1})$.

iv. Compute \tilde{d}_k by solving the strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\tilde{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \langle (d_k + \tilde{d}), H_k(d_k + \tilde{d}) \rangle + \tilde{f}'_{I_k^g(d_k)}(x_k + d_k, x_k, \tilde{d}, p_k) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x_k + d_k + \tilde{d} \leq bu \\ & g_j(x_k + d_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), \tilde{d} \rangle \leq -\min(\nu \|d_k\|, \|d_k\|^{\tau_2}), \quad j \in I_k^g(d_k) \cap \{j : j \leq n_i\} \\ & \langle c_{j-n_i}, x_k + d_k + \tilde{d} \rangle \leq d_{j-n_i}, \quad j \in I_k^g(d_k) \cap \{j : j > n_i\} \\ & h_j(x_k + d_k) + \langle \nabla h_j(x_k), \tilde{d} \rangle \leq -\min(\nu \|d_k\|, \|d_k\|^{\tau_2}), \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ & \langle a_j, x_k + d_k + \tilde{d} \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e. \end{aligned}$$

If the quadratic program has no solution or if $\|\tilde{d}_k\| > \|d_k\|$, set $\tilde{d}_k = 0$.

Step 2. Arc search. Let $\delta_k = f'(x_k, d_k, p_k)$ if $n_i + n_e \neq 0$ and $\delta_k = -\langle d_k^0, H_k d_k^0 \rangle$ otherwise. Compute t_k , the first number t in the sequence $\{1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots\}$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(x_k + td_k + t^2 \tilde{d}_k, p_k) &\leq f_m(x_k, p_k) + \alpha t \delta_k \\ g_j(x_k + td_k + t^2 \tilde{d}_k) &\leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i \\ \langle c_{j-n_i}, x_k + td_k + t^2 \tilde{d}_k \rangle &\leq d_{j-n_i}, \quad \forall j > n_i \text{ \& } j \notin I_k^g(d_k) \\ h_j(x_k + td_k + t^2 \tilde{d}_k) &\leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e. \end{aligned}$$

Specifically, the line search proceeds as follows. First, the linear constraints that were not used in computing \tilde{d}_k are checked until all of them are satisfied, resulting in a stepsize, say, \bar{t}_k . Due to the convexity of linear constraints, these constraints will be satisfied for any $t \leq \bar{t}_k$. Then, for $t = \bar{t}_k$, nonlinear constraints are checked first and, for both objectives and constraints, those with nonzero multipliers in the QP yielding d_k^0 are evaluated first. For $t < \bar{t}_k$, it may be more efficient to first check the function that caused the previous trial value of t to be rejected (intuitively, it may be more likely to fail the test again). If this function is a constraint, it will always be checked first, followed by all other constraints, then objectives. If it is an objective however, there are two alternatives available to the user (see `mode` in § 4): (i) the “problem” objective is checked first, followed by all other objectives, then constraints; or (ii) all constraints are checked first, followed by the “problem” objective, then the other objectives. The former is likely more effective; the latter is helpful when some objectives are not defined outside the feasible set.

Step 3. Updates.

- i.* If $nset > 5n$ and $t_k < \underline{t}$, set $H_{k+1} = H_0$ and $nset = 0$. Otherwise, set $nset = nset + 1$ and compute a new approximation H_{k+1} to the Hessian of the Lagrangian using the BFGS formula with Powell’s modification [11].
- ii.* Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + t_k d_k + t_k^2 \tilde{d}_k$.
- iii.* Solve the unconstrained quadratic problem in $\bar{\mu}$

$$\min_{\bar{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n_f} \zeta_{k,j} \nabla f_j(x_{k+1}) + \xi_k + \sum_{j=1}^{t_i} \lambda_{k,j} \nabla g_j(x_{k+1}) + \sum_{j=n_e+1}^{t_e} \mu_{k,j} \nabla h_j(x_{k+1}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} \bar{\mu}_j \nabla h_j(x_{k+1}) \right\|^2,$$

where the $\zeta_{k,j}$ ’s, ξ_k , $\mu_{k,j}$ ’s and the $\lambda_{k,j}$ ’s are the K-T multipliers associated with $QP(x_k, H_k, p_k)$ for the objective functions, variable bounds, linear equality constraints, and inequality constraints respectively.³ Update p_k as follows: for $j = 1, \dots, n_e$,

$$p_{k+1,j} = \begin{cases} p_{k,j} & \text{if } p_{k,j} + \bar{\mu}_j \geq \epsilon_1 \\ & \text{and } \|d_k^0\| > \min\{0.5\epsilon, 0.01\sqrt{\epsilon_m}\} \\ \max\{\epsilon_1 - \bar{\mu}_j, \delta p_{k,j}\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- iv.* Increase k by 1.

³This is a refinement (saving much computation and memory) of the scheme proposed in [1].

v. Go back to *Step 1*.

□

Algorithm FSQP-NL.

Parameters. $\eta = 3.0$, $\nu = 0.01$, $\alpha = 0.1$, $\beta = 0.5$, $\theta = 0.2$, $\bar{\rho} = 0.5$, $\gamma = 2.5$, $\underline{C} = 0.01$, $\underline{d} = 5.0$, $\underline{t} = 0.1$, $\epsilon_1 = 0.1$, $\epsilon_2 = 2$, $\delta = 2$.

Data. $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\epsilon > 0$, $\epsilon_e > 0$ and $p_{0,j} = \epsilon_2$ for $j = 1, \dots, n_e$.

Step 0: Initialization. Set $k = 0$, $H_0 =$ the identity matrix, and $C_0 = \underline{C}$. If x_0 is infeasible for constraints other than nonlinear equality constraints, substitute a feasible point, obtained as discussed below. Set $x_{-3} = x_{-2} = x_{-1} = x_0$ and $nset = 0$. For $j = 1, \dots, n_e$, replace $h_j(x)$ by $-h_j(x)$ whenever $h_j(x_0) > 0$.

Step 1: Computation of a new iterate.

i. Compute d_k^0 , the solution of quadratic program $QP(x_k, H_k, p_k)$.

If $\|d_k^0\| \leq \epsilon$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x_k)| \leq \epsilon_e$, stop. If $\|d_k^0\| \leq \min\{0.5\epsilon, 0.01\sqrt{\epsilon_m}\}$ (where ϵ_m is the machine precision) and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x_k)| > \epsilon_e$, go directly to *Step 2 iii*. If $n_i + n_e = 0$ and $n_f \leq 1$, set $d_k = d_k^0$ and $\bar{d}_k = 0$ and go to *Step 1 viii*. If $n_i + n_e = 0$ and $n_f > 1$, set $\rho_k^\ell = \rho_k^g = 0$ and go to *Step 1 v*.

ii. Set $v_k = \min\{C_k \|d_k^0\|^2, \|d_k^0\|\}$. If

$$g_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), d_k^0 \rangle \leq -v_k,$$

for $j = 1, \dots, n_i$, and

$$h_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla h_j(x_k), d_k^0 \rangle \leq -v_k,$$

for $j = 1, \dots, n_e$, then set $\rho_k^\ell = 0$, $d_k^1 = 0$, and go to *Step 1 v*. Otherwise, compute d_k^1 by solving the strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{d^1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{\eta}{2} \|d^1\|^2 + \gamma \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x_k + d^1 \leq bu \\ & g_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), d^1 \rangle \leq \gamma, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i \\ & \langle c_j, x_k + d^1 \rangle \leq d_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_i - n_i \\ & h_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla h_j(x_k), d^1 \rangle \leq \gamma, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ & \langle a_j, x_k + d^1 \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e \end{aligned}$$

iii. Define values $\rho_{k,j}^g$ for $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ by $\rho_{k,j}^g$ equal to zero if

$$g_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), d_k^0 \rangle \leq -v_k$$

or equal to the maximum ρ in $[0, 1]$ such that

$$g_j(x_k) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), (1 - \rho)d_k^0 + \rho d_k^1 \rangle \geq -v_k$$

otherwise. Similarly, define values $\rho_{k,j}^h$ for $j = 1, \dots, n_e$. Let

$$\rho_k^\ell = \max \left\{ \max_{j=1, \dots, n_i} \{\rho_{k,j}^g\}, \max_{j=1, \dots, n_e} \{\rho_{k,j}^h\} \right\}.$$

iv. Define ρ_k^g as the largest number ρ in $[0, \rho_k^\ell]$ such that

$$f'(x_k, (1 - \rho)d_k^0 + \rho d_k^1, p_k) \leq \theta f'(x_k, d_k^0, p_k).$$

If $(k \geq 1 \ \& \ t_{k-1} < 1)$ or $(\rho_k^\ell > \bar{\rho})$, set $\rho_k^\ell = \min\{\rho_k^\ell, \rho_k^g\}$.

v. Construct a “local” direction

$$d_k^\ell = (1 - \rho_k^\ell)d_k^0 + \rho_k^\ell d_k^1.$$

Set $M = 3$, $\delta_k = f'(x_k, d_k^0, p_k)$ if $n_i + n_e \neq 0$, and $M = 2$, $\delta_k = -\langle d_k^0, H_k d_k^0 \rangle$ otherwise. If

$$f_m(x_k + d_k^\ell, p_k) \leq \max_{\ell=0, \dots, M} \{f_m(x_{k-\ell}, p_k)\} + \alpha \delta_k$$

$$g_j(x_k + d_k^\ell) \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i$$

and

$$h_j(x_k + d_k^\ell) \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e,$$

set $t_k = 1$, $x_{k+1} = x_k + d_k^\ell$ and go to *Step 2*.

vi. Construct a “global” direction

$$d_k^g = (1 - \rho_k^g)d_k^0 + \rho_k^g d_k^1.$$

vii. Compute \tilde{d}_k by solving the strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\tilde{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \langle (d_k^g + \tilde{d}), H_k(d_k^g + \tilde{d}) \rangle + \tilde{f}'_{I_k^g(d_k^g)}(x_k + d_k^g, x_k, \tilde{d}, p_k) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x_k + d_k^g + \tilde{d} \leq bu \\ & g_j(x_k + d_k^g) + \langle \nabla g_j(x_k), \tilde{d} \rangle \leq -\min(\nu \|d_k^g\|, \|d_k^g\|^\tau), \quad j \in I_k^g(d_k^g) \cap \{j : j \leq n_i\} \\ & \langle c_{j-n_i}, x_k + d_k^g + \tilde{d} \rangle \leq d_{j-n_i}, \quad j \in I_k^g(d_k^g) \cap \{j : j > n_i\} \\ & h_j(x_k + d_k^g) + \langle \nabla h_j(x_k), \tilde{d} \rangle \leq -\min(\nu \|d_k^g\|, \|d_k^g\|^\tau), \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \\ & \langle a_j, x_k + d_k^g + \tilde{d} \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e. \end{aligned}$$

If the quadratic program has no solution or if $\|\tilde{d}_k\| > \|d_k^g\|$, set $\tilde{d}_k = 0$.

viii. Set $M = 3$, $\delta_k = f'(x_k, d_k^g, p_k)$ if $n_i + n_e \neq 0$, and $M = 2$, $\delta_k = -\langle d_k^0, H_k d_k^0 \rangle$ otherwise. Compute t_k , the first number t in the sequence $\{1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots\}$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(x_k + td_k^g + t^2 \tilde{d}_k, p_k) &\leq \max_{\ell=0, \dots, M} \{f_m(x_{k-\ell}, p_k)\} + \alpha t \delta_k \\ g_j(x_k + td_k^g + t^2 \tilde{d}_k) &\leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i \\ \langle c_{j-n_i}, x_k + td_k^g + t^2 \tilde{d}_k \rangle &\leq d_{j-n_i}, \quad j > n_i \text{ \& } j \notin I_k^g(d_k^g) \\ h_j(x_k + td_k^g + t^2 \tilde{d}_k) &\leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_e \end{aligned}$$

and set $x_{k+1} = x_k + t_k d_k^g + t_k^2 \tilde{d}_k$.

Specifically, the line search proceeds as follows. First, the linear constraints that were not used in computing \tilde{d}_k are checked until all of them are satisfied, resulting in a stepsize, say, \bar{t}_k . Due to the convexity of linear constraints, these constraints will be satisfied for any $t \leq \bar{t}_k$. Then, for $t = \bar{t}_k$, nonlinear constraints are checked first and, for both objectives and constraints, those with nonzero multipliers in the QP yielding d_k^0 are evaluated first. For $t < \bar{t}_k$, either the function that caused the previous value of t to be rejected is checked first and all functions of the same type (“objective” or “constraint”) as the latter will then be checked first; or constraints will be always checked first (if it is a constraint that caused the previous value of t to be rejected, that constraint will be checked first; see `mode` in § 4).

Step 2. Updates.

- i. If $nset > 5n$ and $t_k < \underline{t}$, set $H_{k+1} = H_0$ and $nset = 0$. Otherwise, set $nset = nset + 1$ and compute a new approximation H_{k+1} to the Hessian of the Lagrangian using the BFGS formula with Powell’s modification [11].
- ii. If $\|d_k^0\| > \underline{d}$, set $C_{k+1} = \max\{0.5C_k, \underline{C}\}$. Otherwise, if $g_j(x_k + d_k^\ell) \leq 0$, $j = 1, \dots, n_i$, set $C_{k+1} = C_k$. Otherwise, if $\rho_k^\ell < 1$, set $C_{k+1} = 10C_k$.
- iii. Solve the unconstrained quadratic problem in $\bar{\mu}$

$$\min_{\bar{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n_f} \zeta_{k,j} \nabla f_j(x_{k+1}) + \xi_k + \sum_{j=1}^{t_i} \lambda_{k,j} \nabla g_j(x_{k+1}) + \sum_{j=n_e+1}^{t_e} \mu_{k,j} \nabla h_j(x_{k+1}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} \bar{\mu}_j \nabla h_j(x_{k+1}) \right\|^2,$$

where the $\zeta_{k,j}$ ’s, ξ_k , $\mu_{k,j}$ ’s and the $\lambda_{k,j}$ ’s are the K-T multipliers associated with $QP(x_k, H_k, p_k)$ for the objective functions, variable bounds, linear equality constraints, and inequality constraints respectively.⁴

⁴See footnote to corresponding step in description of FSQP-AL.

Update p_k as follows: for $j = 1, \dots, n_e$,

$$p_{k+1,j} = \begin{cases} p_{k,j} & \text{if } p_{k,j} + \bar{\mu}_j \geq \epsilon_1 \\ & \text{and } \|d_k^0\| > \min\{0.5\epsilon, 0.01\sqrt{\epsilon_m}\} \\ \max\{\epsilon_1 - \bar{\mu}_j, \delta p_{k,j}\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

iv. Increase k by 1.

v. Go back to *Step 1*.

□

Remark: The Hessian matrix is reset in both algorithms whenever stepsize is very small and the updating of the matrix has gone through $5n$ iterations. This is helpful in some situations where the Hessian matrix becomes singular.

If the initial guess x_0 provided by the user is not feasible for some inequality constraint or some linear equality constraint, FSQP first solves a strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \langle v, v \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x_0 + v \leq bu \\ & \langle c_j, x_0 + v \rangle \leq d_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_i - n_i \\ & \langle a_j, x_0 + v \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e. \end{aligned}$$

Then, starting from the point $x = x_0 + v$, it will iterate, using algorithm FSQP-AL, on the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \max_{j=1, \dots, n_i} \{g_j(x)\} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & bl \leq x \leq bu \\ & \langle c_j, x \rangle \leq d_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_i - n_i \\ & \langle a_j, x \rangle = b_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, t_e - n_e \end{aligned}$$

until $\max_{j=1, \dots, n_i} \{g_j(x)\} \leq 0$ is achieved. The corresponding iterate x will then be feasible for all constraints other than nonlinear equality constraints of the original problem.

3 Refinements for the Case of Many Objectives/Constraints

As mentioned in the introduction, CFSQP is equipped to handle in an efficient manner problems involving many sequentially related objectives or constraints, e.g., finely discretized problems from Semi-Infinite Programming (SIP). The algorithm employed is described and analyzed in [6] and [7]. Below we describe the algorithm as implemented in CFSQP, omitting “isolated” objectives and constraints for simplicity of exposition. The essential difference to

the algorithm in the previous section is that at iteration k only subsets $\Omega_k^{f_i} \subset \Omega^{f_i}$ and $\Xi_k^{g_i} \subset \Xi^{g_i}$ of the sets of sequentially related objectives and constraints are considered when solving the quadratic programming subproblems used to construct the search direction, possibly saving considerable time and computational effort. The “active” sets are updated in such a way that global and fast local convergence is still assured.

In order to further simplify the exposition we consider a problem with one “set” of sequentially related constraints and one “set” of sequentially related objectives (CFSQP can handle problems with multiple such sets, as well as many isolated objectives and constraints). For example, the problem presented below could correspond to a discretized semi-infinite program with one functional objective and one functional constraint. To ease notation, we let $\Omega := \Omega^{f_1}$ and $\Xi := \Xi^{g_1}$. Hence, the problem we will address is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \max_{\omega \in \Omega} f(x, \omega) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g(x, \xi) \leq 0 \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi. \end{aligned}$$

We present here the algorithm corresponding to FSQP-AL, *i.e.* the Armijo-type line search. The nonmonotone line search (algorithm FSQP-NL) is also available for these problems, and the corresponding algorithm is a parallel modification of the algorithm FSQP-NL presented in § 2. Given $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let

$$\Phi(x) = \max_{\omega \in \Omega} f(x, \omega).$$

Additionally, given $\hat{\Omega} \subset \Omega$, define

$$\Phi_{\hat{\Omega}}(x) = \max_{\omega \in \hat{\Omega}} f(x, \omega).$$

Further, given a direction $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let

$$\Phi'_{\hat{\Omega}}(x, d) = \max_{\omega \in \hat{\Omega}} \{f(x, \omega) + \langle \nabla_x f(x, \omega), d \rangle\} - \Phi_{\hat{\Omega}}(x),$$

which is a first order approximation to $\Phi_{\hat{\Omega}}(x + d) - \Phi_{\hat{\Omega}}(x)$. Finally, given $\tilde{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ define

$$\tilde{\Phi}'_{\hat{\Omega}}(x + d, x, \tilde{d}) = \max_{\omega \in \hat{\Omega}} \{f(x + d, \omega) + \langle \nabla_x f(x, \omega), \tilde{d} \rangle\} - \Phi_{\hat{\Omega}}(x + d).$$

At each iteration k , subsets $\Omega_k \subset \Omega$ and $\Xi_k \subset \Xi$ will be used to compute the search direction. Let $\zeta_{k,\omega}^0$ denote the multiplier from the QP for the computation of d_k^0 associated with the objective indexed by ω at the k th iteration, and let $\lambda_{k,\xi}^0$ denote the multiplier from the QP for the computation of d_k^0 associated with the constraint indexed by ξ at the k th iteration. Similarly define $\zeta_{k,\omega}^1$ and $\lambda_{k,\xi}^1$ as the multipliers from the QP for the computation of d_k^1 . Given $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we define the following sets to be included in Ω_k and Ξ_k :

$$\Omega_{\max}(x) = \{\omega \in \Omega : f(x, \omega) = \Phi(x)\}$$

$$\Xi_{\text{act}}(x) = \{\xi \in \Xi : g(x, \xi) = 0\},$$

and the “binding” objectives and constraints from the previous iteration:

$$\Omega_k^b = \{\omega \in \Omega_k : \zeta_{k,\omega}^0 > 0 \text{ or } \zeta_{k,\omega}^1 > 0\}$$

$$\Xi_k^b = \{\xi \in \Xi_k : \lambda_{k,\xi}^0 > 0 \text{ or } \lambda_{k,\xi}^1 > 0\}.$$

In addition, some heuristics are used to increase the number of constraints and objectives in Ω_k and Ξ_k , with the hopes that performance will be improved while still maintaining lower computational effort. Specifically, for some $\epsilon > 0$, we consider the “ ϵ -active left local maximizers” at x_k , which, for the objectives, we shall denote Ω_ϵ^{llm} . Using the notation and definitions from [6], a discretization point $\omega_i \in \Omega := \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{|\Omega|}\}$ is called ϵ -active if it is in the set

$$\Omega_\epsilon(x) = \{\omega_i \in \Omega : f(x, \omega_i) > \Phi(x) - \epsilon\}.$$

We call the point a left-local maximizer if it satisfies *one* of the following three conditions:

(i) $i \in \{2, \dots, |\Omega| - 1\}$ and

$$f(x, \omega_i) > f(x, \omega_{i-1}) \tag{1}$$

and

$$f(x, \omega_i) \geq f(x, \omega_{i+1}); \tag{2}$$

(ii) $i = 1$ and (2); (iii) $i = |\Omega|$ and (1). The equivalent set for constraints, Ξ_ϵ^{llm} is defined in an analogous way, except that the $\Phi(x)$ in the definition of $\Omega_\epsilon(x)$ should be replaced with a 0 in the definition of $\Xi_\epsilon(x)$.

At each iteration k , the SQP direction d_k^0 is computed as the solution of the quadratic program $QP_0(x_k, H_k, \Omega_k, \Xi_k)$, defined at x_k for H_k symmetric and positive definite by

$$\begin{aligned} (QP_0(x_k, H_k, \Omega_k, \Xi_k)) \quad & \min_{d^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad \frac{1}{2} \langle d^0, H_k d^0 \rangle + \Phi'_{\Omega_k}(x_k, d^0) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g(x_k, \xi) + \langle \nabla_x g(x_k, \xi), d^0 \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi_k. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we need to slightly modify the definitions of $I_k^f(d_k)$ and $I_k^g(d_k)$ (used in the computation of \tilde{d}) from those presented in the last section. Specifically, define the set of active objective functions

$$I_k^f(d_k) = \{\omega \in \Omega : |f(x_k, \omega) - f(x_k, \hat{\omega})| \leq 0.2 \|d_k\| \cdot \|\nabla_x f(x_k, \omega) - \nabla_x f(x_k, \hat{\omega})\|\},$$

where $\hat{\omega}$ is the first element of Ω such that $\zeta_{k,\hat{\omega}} > 0$. The set of “active” constraints is re-defined as

$$I_k^g(d_k) = \{\xi \in \Xi : |g(x_k, \xi)| \leq 0.2 \|d_k\| \cdot \|\nabla_x g(x_k, \xi)\|\}.$$

We are now ready to present the simplified algorithm.

Algorithm FSQP-SR.

Parameters. $\eta = 0.1$, $\nu = 0.01$, $\alpha = 0.1$, $\beta = 0.5$, $\kappa = 2.1$, $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 2.5$, $\underline{t} = 0.1$, $\epsilon_1 = 1$, $\epsilon_s = 1$, $\delta = 5$, $0 < \delta_s \ll 1$.

Data. $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\epsilon > 0$, $\epsilon_e > 0$.

Step 0: Initialization. Set $k = 0$, H_0 = the identity matrix and $nset = 0$. If x_0 is infeasible for some constraint other than a nonlinear equality constraint, substitute a feasible point, obtained as described at the end of § 2. Set $\Omega_0 = \Omega_{\max}(x_0) \cup \Omega_\epsilon^{lm}(x_0) \cup \{\omega_1\} \cup \{\omega_{|\Omega|}\}$ and $\Xi_0 = \Xi_{\text{act}}(x_0) \cup \Xi_\epsilon^{lm}(x_0) \cup \{\xi_1\} \cup \{\xi_{|\Xi|}\}$.

Step 1: Computation of a search arc.

i. Compute d_k^0 , the solution of the quadratic program $QP_0(x_k, H_k, \Omega_k, \Xi_k)$. If $\|d_k^0\| \leq \epsilon$ stop. If $\Xi = \emptyset$ set $d_k = d_k^0$ and go to *Step 1 iv*.

ii. Compute d_k^1 by solving the strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{d^1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \quad & \frac{\eta}{2} \langle d_k^0 - d^1, d_k^0 - d^1 \rangle + \gamma \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \Phi'_{\Omega_k}(x_k, d^1) \leq \gamma \\ & g(x_k, \xi) + \langle \nabla_x g(x_k, \xi), d^1 \rangle \leq \gamma, \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi_k \end{aligned}$$

iii. Set $d_k = (1 - \rho_k)d_k^0 + \rho_k d_k^1$ with $\rho_k = \|d_k^0\|^\kappa / (\|d_k^0\|^\kappa + v_k)$, where $v_k = \max(0.5, \|d_k^1\|^{\tau_1})$.

iv. Compute \tilde{d}_k by solving the strictly convex quadratic program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\tilde{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \langle (d_k + \tilde{d}), H_k(d_k + \tilde{d}) \rangle + \tilde{\Phi}'_{I_k^f(d_k) \cup \Omega_k}(x_k, d_k, \tilde{d}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g(x_k + d_k, \xi) + \langle \nabla_x g(x_k, \xi), \tilde{d} \rangle \leq -\min(\nu \|d_k\|, \|d_k\|^{\tau_2}), \quad \forall \xi \in I_k^g(d_k) \cup \Xi_k \end{aligned}$$

If the quadratic program has no solution or if $\|\tilde{d}_k\| > \|d_k\|$, set $\tilde{d}_k = 0$.

Step 2. Arc search. Let $\delta_k = \Phi'_\Omega(x_k, d_k)$ if $\Xi \neq \emptyset$ and the constraints are nonlinear in x . Let $\delta_k = -\langle d_k^0, H_k d_k^0 \rangle$ otherwise. Compute t_k , the first number t in the sequence $\{1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots\}$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x_k + td_k + t^2 \tilde{d}_k) &\leq \Phi(x_k) + \alpha t \delta_k \\ g(x_k + td_k + t^2 \tilde{d}_k, \xi) &\leq 0, \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi. \end{aligned}$$

The specifics of the line search are precisely the same as given in § 2, and will not be repeated here.

Step 3. Updates.

- Set

$$\Omega_{k+1} = \Omega_{\max}(x_{k+1}) \cup \Omega_k^b \cup \Omega_\epsilon^{lm}(x_{k+1})$$

and

$$\Xi_{k+1} = \Xi_{\text{act}}(x_{k+1}) \cup \Xi_k^b \cup \Xi_\epsilon^{lm}(x_{k+1})$$

If $t_k < 1$ and the last stepsize reduction was due to a sequentially related objective with index $\bar{\omega}$, then set

$$\Omega_{k+1} = \Omega_{k+1} \cup \{\bar{\omega}\}.$$

If $t_k < 1$ and the last stepsize reduction was due to a sequentially related constraint with index $\bar{\xi}$, then set

$$\Xi_{k+1} = \Xi_{k+1} \cup \{\bar{\xi}\}.$$

- If $nset > 5n$ and $t_k < \underline{t}$, set $H_{k+1} = H_0$ and $nset = 0$. If $t_k \leq \delta_s$ and the discretization point causing a violation during the line search was *not* in Ω_k or Ξ_k , set $H_{k+1} = H_k$. Otherwise, set $nset = nset + 1$ and compute a new approximation H_{k+1} to the Hessian of the Lagrangian using the BFGS formula with Powell's modification [11].
- Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + t_k d_k + t_k^2 \tilde{d}_k$.
- Increase k by 1.
- Go back to *Step 1*.

□

In the case where there is more than one set of sequentially related objectives or constraints, the above algorithm is modified only slightly. In particular, for *each* objective set we compute $\Omega_{\max}^{f_i}(x)$, Ω_k^{b,f_i} , etc., and each set $\Omega_k^{f_i}$ is constructed as Ω_k in the above algorithm (i.e., now there is an “ Ω_k ” for each objective set). Likewise for multiple constraint sets. The definitions of the various $\Phi(\cdot)$ functions have to be modified accordingly, as well. The main idea is that once we have determined the subsets of constraints and objectives to use in the computation of the search directions, the algorithm is the same whether we originally had one set, or many sets.

4 Specification of CFSQP

The specification of CFSQP is as follows (an ANSI compliant definition is automatically used on compilers that expect such a definition):

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void
cfsqp(nparam,nf,nfsr,nineqn,nineq,neqn,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mesh_pts,
      mode,iprint,miter,inform,bigbnd,eps,epseqn,udelta,bl,bu,x,
      f,g,lambda,obj,constr,gradob,gradcn,cd)
int    nparam,nf,nfsr,neqn,nineqn,nineq,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mode,
      iprint,miter,*mesh_pts,*inform;
double bigbnd,eps,epseqn,udelta;
double *bl,*bu,*x,*f,*g,*lambda;
void    (* obj)(),(* constr)(),(* gradob)(),(* gradcn)();
void    *cd;

```

Important: all real variables (arrays) must be declared as double precision (pointers to double precision arrays) in the routine that calls CFSQP.

- nparam** (**Input**) Number of free variables, i.e., the dimension of \mathbf{x} .
- nf** (**Input**) Number of objective functions (n_f in the algorithm description, possibly equal to zero).
- nfsr** (**Input**) Number (possibly zero) of sets of sequentially related objective functions (n_{fsr} in the problem description).
- nineqn** (**Input**) Number (possibly zero) of nonlinear inequality constraints (n_i in the algorithm description).
- nineq** (**Input**) Total number (possibly equal to **nineqn**) of inequality constraints (t_i in the algorithm description).
- neqn** (**Input**) Number (possibly zero) of nonlinear equality constraints (n_e in the algorithm description).
- neq** (**Input**) Total number (possibly equal to **neqn**) of equality constraints (t_e in the algorithm description).
- ncsrl** (**Input**) Number (possibly zero) of sets of linear sequentially related constraints (ℓ_{sr} in the problem description).
- ncsrn** (**Input**) Number (possibly zero) of sets of nonlinear sequentially related constraints (n_{sr} in the problem description).

mesh_pts (**Input**) Pointer to an array of integers of dimension

$$\max\{1, \mathbf{nfsr} + \mathbf{ncsrnl} + \mathbf{ncsrnl}\}$$

indicating the number of objectives/constraints in each specific set of sequentially related objectives/constraints ($|\Omega^{f_i}|$ and $|\Xi^{g_j}|$ in the problem description). Elements $0, \dots, \mathbf{nfsr} - 1$ should contain the number of objectives in each sequentially related objective set, the next \mathbf{ncsrnl} elements should contain the number of constraints in each nonlinear sequentially related constraint set, and the final \mathbf{ncsrnl} elements should contain the number of constraints in each linear sequentially related constraint set.

mode (**Input**) **mode** = CBA with the following options:

A = 0 : (P) is to be solved.

A = 1 : (PL_∞) is to be solved. (PL_∞) is defined as follows for problem (P)

$$(PL_\infty) \quad \min \max_{i \in I^f} |f_i(x)| \quad \text{s.t. } x \in X$$

where X is the same as for (P) . It is handled by splitting $|f_i(x)|$ as $f_i(x)$ and $-f_i(x)$ for each i . The user is required to provide only $f_i(x)$ for $i \in I^f$. If sequentially related objectives are present, equivalent modifications are made to (P_{sr}) .

B = 0 : Algorithm FSQP-AL is selected, resulting in a decrease of the (modified) objective function at each iteration.

B = 1 : Algorithm FSQP-NL is selected, resulting in a decrease of the (modified) objective function within at most four iterations.

C = 1 : For $t < \bar{t}_k$ (see the end of algorithm statement) during the line search, the function that caused the previous value of t to be rejected is checked first and then all functions of the same type (“objective” or “constraint”) as the latter will be checked. (Recommended for most users.)

C = 2 : Constraints will be always checked first at each trial point during the line search. If it is a constraint that caused the previous value of t to be

rejected, that constraint will be checked first. (Useful when objective functions are not defined or are difficult to evaluate outside of the feasible region; not however that if gradients are evaluated by finite differences, in rare instances, objectives functions may be evaluated at infeasible “perturbed” points).

iprint **(Input)** Parameter indicating the desired output (see § 6 for details):

iprint = 0 : No information is displayed. This value is imposed during phase 1.

iprint = 1 : Objective and constraint values at the initial feasible point are displayed. At the end of execution, status (**inform**), iterate, objective values, constraint values, number of evaluations of objectives and nonlinear constraints, norm of the Kuhn-Tucker vector, sum of feasibility violation, and if appropriate, the total number of individual constraints/objectives used from the sets of sequentially related constraints/objectives used during the final iteration are displayed.

iprint = 2 : At the end of each iteration, the same information as with **iprint** = 1 is displayed.

iprint = 3 : At each iteration, the same information as with **iprint** = 2, including detailed information on the search direction computation, on the line search, and on the update, is displayed.

iprint = $10*N + M$: N any positive integer, $M=2$ or 3 . Information corresponding to **iprint**= M is displayed at every $(10 \times N)$ th iteration and at the last iteration.

miter **(Input)** Maximum number of iterations allowed by the user before termination of execution.

inform **(Output)** Parameter indicating the status of the execution of CFSQP:

inform = 0 : Normal termination of execution in the sense that either $\|d^0\| \leq \mathbf{eps}$ and (if **neqn** $\neq 0$) $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x)| \leq$

`epseqn` or one of the user-supplied stopping criteria is satisfied (see § 5).

`inform = 1` : The user-provided initial guess is infeasible for linear constraints and CFSQP is unable to generate a point satisfying these constraints.

`inform = 2` : The user-provided initial guess is infeasible for non-linear inequality constraints and linear constraints, and CFSQP is unable to generate a point satisfying these constraints. This may be due to insufficient accuracy of the QP solver.

`inform = 3` : The maximum number `miter` of iterations has been reached before a solution was obtained.

`inform = 4` : The line search fails to find a new iterate (trial step size being smaller than the machine precision `epsmac` computed by CFSQP).

`inform = 5` : Failure of the QP solver in attempting to construct d^0 . A more robust QP solver may succeed.

`inform = 6` : Failure of the QP solver in attempting to construct d^1 . A more robust QP solver may succeed.

`inform = 7` : Input data are not consistent (with `printout` indicating the error when `iprint > 0`).

`inform = 8` : New iterate is numerically equivalent to the previous iterate, though the stopping criterion is not yet satisfied. Relaxing the stopping criterion should solve this problem.

`inform = 9` : One of the penalty parameters exceeded `bigbnd`. The algorithm is having trouble satisfying a non-linear equality constraint.

`bigbnd` **(Input)** (see also `b1` and `bu` below) Plays the role of “infinity.”

`eps` **(Input)** Final norm requirement for the Newton direction d_k^0 (ϵ in the algorithm description). It must be bigger than the machine precision `epsmac` (computed by CFSQP). (If the user does not have a good feeling of what value should be chosen, a very small number could be provided and `iprint = 2` selected so that the user could keep track of the process of optimization and terminate CFSQP at an appropriate time.)

- epseqn** (**Input**) Maximum violation of nonlinear equality constraints allowed by the user at an optimal point (ϵ_e in the algorithm description). It is in effect only if $n_e \neq 0$ and must be bigger than the machine precision **epsmac** (computed by CFSQP).
- udelta** (**Input**) The perturbation size the user suggests to use in approximating gradients by finite difference. The perturbation size actually used is defined by $\text{sign}(x^i) \times \max\{\text{udelta}, \text{rsteps} \times \max(1, |x^i|)\}$ for each component x^i of x (**rsteps** is the square root of **epsmac**). **udelta** should be set to 0.e0 if the user has no idea how to choose it.
- bl** (**Input**) Array of dimension **nparam** containing lower bounds for the components of **x**. To specify a non-existent lower bound (i.e., $\text{bl}[j] = -\infty$ for some j), the value used must satisfy $\text{bl}[j] \leq \text{bigbnd}$.
- bu** (**Input**) Array of dimension **nparam** containing upper bounds for the components of **x**. To specify a non-existent upper bound (i.e., $\text{bu}[j] = \infty$ for some j), the value used must satisfy $\text{bu}[j] \geq \text{bigbnd}$.
- x** (**Input**) Initial guess.
(**Output**) Iterate at the end of execution.
- f** Array of dimension

$$\max\{1, \text{nf} - \text{nfsr} + \sum_{i=0}^{\text{nfsr}-1} \text{mesh_pts}[i]\}.$$

If no sequentially related objectives are present, this becomes $\max\{1, \text{nf}\}$.

(**Output**) If $n_f \geq 1$, value of functions $f_i(x)$, $i \in I^f$, and $f_i(x, \omega)$, $\forall \omega \in \Omega^{f_i}$, $i \in I^{sr}$ at **x** at the end of execution.

- g** Array of dimension

$$\begin{aligned} &\max\{1, \text{nineq} + \text{neq} - (\text{ncsrl} + \text{ncsrn}) + \sum_{i=0}^{\text{ncsrn}-1} \text{mesh_pts}[i + \text{nfsr}] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{\text{ncsrl}-1} \text{mesh_pts}[i + \text{nfsr} + \text{ncsrn}]\}. \end{aligned}$$

If no sequentially related constraints are present, this becomes $\max\{1, \text{nineq} + \text{neq}\}$.

(**Output**) If $n_i + n_e \geq 1$, values of all constraints at **x** at the end of execution.

- lambda** Array of dimension $\text{np_param} + \dim(\mathbf{f}) + \dim(\mathbf{g})$, where $\dim(\mathbf{f})$ and $\dim(\mathbf{g})$ denote the dimensions of the arrays \mathbf{f} and \mathbf{g} respectively.
(Output) Values of the Lagrange multipliers at \mathbf{x} at the end of execution. They are stored in the same order as specified in the problem formulation, with those corresponding to simple bounds first (only np_param simple bounds could be active, thus only np_param multipliers are returned), next are the constraint multipliers, and finally the objective multipliers. (Note that, if appropriate, a multiplier is returned for each member of each of the sets of sequentially related constraints and objectives.)
- obj** **(Input)** A pointer to the user-defined function that computes the value of the objective functions $f_i(x)$ and $f_i(x, \omega)$. The detailed specification is given in § 7.1 below.
- constr** **(Input)** A pointer to the user-defined function that computes the value of the constraints. The detailed specification is given in § 7.2 below.
- gradob** **(Input)** A pointer to the function that computes the gradients of the objective functions. The user must pass the function pointer **grobfd** (declared in the header **cfsqpusr.h**) if he/she wishes that CFSQP evaluate these gradients automatically, by forward finite differences. The detailed specification is given in § 7.3 below.
- gradcn** **(Input)** A pointer to the function that computes the gradients of the constraints. The user must pass the function pointer **grcnfd** (declared in the header **cfsqpusr.h**) if he/she wishes that CFSQP evaluate these gradients automatically, by forward finite differences. The detailed specification is given in § 7.4 below.
- cd** **(Input)** A void pointer which may be used by the user to pass “client data” between their main program and the objective and constraint functions (and their gradients). This pointer is left untouched by CFSQP and is passed as is to the user-defined objective and constraint functions (as well as the gradient functions if finite differencing is not being used). See the second example program for an example of the use of client data.

5 User-Accessible Stopping Criterion and Flags

As is clear from the description of the two algorithms, the optimization process normally terminates if both $\|d_k^0\| \leq \epsilon$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x_k)| \leq \epsilon_e$ are satisfied. A very small value of

either of these two parameters may require exceedingly long execution time, depending on the complexity of the underlying problem and the nonlinearity of various functions. If the user wishes, CFSQP allows specification of three additional parameters that control three pre-selected stopping criteria via the following three globally defined variables (defined and initialized in the header file `cfsqpusr.h`): `objeps`, `objrep`, and `gLgeps`. If the user does not assign any of these values, CFSQP will never terminate on the corresponding test. CFSQP will perform the corresponding tests at appropriate places during the optimization process and will terminate when either the default stopping criterion is satisfied or one of the following conditions is met:

1. `neqn = 0` and $|\mathbf{fprev} - \mathbf{f}| \leq \mathbf{objeps}$, where `fprev` and `f` are the value of the objective function at the previous and current iterates respectively (for mode B=1, `fprev` is the maximum value of the objective over the last four iterates).
2. `neqn = 0` and $|\mathbf{fprev} - \mathbf{f}|/|\mathbf{fprev}| \leq \mathbf{objrep}$.
3. $\|\nabla_x L\| \leq \mathbf{gLgeps}$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} |h_j(x_k)| \leq \epsilon_e$, where L is the Lagrangian (see the description of `ktnorm` in Section 6 for the definition of $\nabla_x L$).

Using one of the first two stopping criterion listed above may lead to a warning message concerning the norm of the Kuhn-Tucker vector, i.e. $\|\nabla_x L\|$, at the final iterate. This indicates that the norm is above a certain threshold, and even though the stopping criterion has been satisfied, the final iterate may not be a local minimizer.

In addition to these alternative stopping criterion, there is a globally defined logical variable `x_is_new` (declared and initialized in the header file `cfsqpusr.h`) that is initially set to `TRUE` (= 1) and reset to `TRUE` whenever CFSQP changes the value of x that is to be sent to one of the user-defined functions. The user may test this and do all function evaluations at once, when x is first changed, and then set `x_is_new` to `FALSE`. On subsequent calls, while `x_is_new` is still `FALSE`, the user need only return the already computed function value (remember to declare the storage set aside for this as `static` so that the data is not lost when control is returned to CFSQP). See also § 11.

6 Description of the Output

No output will be displayed before a feasible starting point is obtained. The following information is displayed at the end of execution if `iprint = 1` or during execution if `iprint > 1`:

`iteration` Total number of iterations (`iprint = 1`) or iteration number (`iprint > 1`).

`inform` See § 4. It is displayed only at the end of execution.

- |Xi_k|** (displayed only if $\mathbf{ncsr1} + \mathbf{ncsr} > 0$) Total number of individual constraints from the sets of sequentially related constraints used for computation of the direction during the final iteration (i.e., $\sum_{j \in I_{sr}^g} |\Xi_k^{g_j}|$ where I_{sr}^g is the set of indices for all sets of such constraints).
- |Omega_k|** (displayed only if $\mathbf{nfsr} > 0$) Total number of individual objectives from the sets of sequentially related objectives used for computation of the direction during the final iteration (i.e., $\sum_{i \in I^{sr}} |\Omega_k^{f_i}|$).
- x** Iterate.
- objectives** Value of objective functions $f_i(x)$, $\forall i \in I^f$, and $\Phi_{\Omega_{f_i}}(x)$, $\forall i \in I^{sr}$ at **x** (see algorithm description for definitions).
- objmax** (displayed only if $\mathbf{nf} > 1$) The maximum value of the set of objective functions. i.e.,
- $$\max\{\max_{i \in I^f} f_i(x), \max_{i \in I^{sr}} \max_{\omega \in \Omega_{f_i}} f_i(x, \omega)\}$$
- or
- $$\max\{\max_{i \in I^f} |f_i(x)|, \max_{i \in I^{sr}} \max_{\omega \in \Omega_{f_i}} |f_i(x, \omega)|\}$$
- at **x**, depending upon the way **mode** was set.
- objective max4** (displayed only if $\mathbf{B} = 1$ in **mode**) Largest value of the maximum of the objective functions over the last four iterations (including the current one).
- constraints** Values of the constraints at **x**. As with objectives, only the maximum constraint value for each set of sequentially related constraints is displayed.
- ncallf** Number of evaluations (so far) of the individual (scalar) objective functions. Note that for $n_{f_{sr}} > 0$, every evaluation of an individual objective from a set of sequentially related objectives is considered as a function evaluation.
- ncallg** Number of evaluations (so far) of individual (scalar) nonlinear constraints. Once again, if $n_{sr} + \ell_{sr} > 0$, then every evaluation of an individual constraint from a set of sequentially related constraints is considered as a constraint evaluation.
- d0norm** Norm of the Newton direction d_k^0 .
- ktnorm** Norm of the Kuhn-Tucker vector at the current iterate. The Kuhn-Tucker vector is given by (in its most general form, i.e., assuming sequentially related

constraints and objectives are present)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla L(x_k, \zeta_k, \xi_k, \lambda_k, \mu_k, p_k) = & \sum_{j \in I^f} \zeta_{k,j} \nabla f_j(x_k) + \sum_{j \in I^{sr}} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^f_j} \zeta_{k,j}^\omega \nabla_x f_j(x_k, \omega) + \xi_k \\ & + \sum_{j \in I_{reg}^g} \lambda_{k,j} \nabla g_j(x_k) + \sum_{j \in I_{sr}^g} \sum_{\xi \in \Xi^g_j} \lambda_{k,j}^\xi \nabla_x g_j(x_k, \xi) \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} (\mu_{k,j} - p_{k,j}) \nabla h_j(x_k) + \sum_{j=n_e+1}^{t_e} \mu_{k,j} \nabla h_j(x_k),\end{aligned}$$

where I_{reg}^g is an index set of regular inequality constraints and I_{sr}^g is an index set for all sets of sequentially related inequality constraints.

SNECV Sum of the violation of nonlinear equality constraints at a solution.

For **iprint** = 3 (or $10 * N + 3$), in addition to the same information given when **iprint** = 2, the following is printed at each iteration (or at selected iterations).

Details from the computation of a search direction:

d0	Quasi-Newton direction d_k^0 .
d1	First order direction d_k^1 .
dlnorm	Norm of d_k^1 .
d	(B = 0 in mode) Feasible descent direction $d_k = (1 - \rho_k)d_k^0 + \rho_k d_k^1$.
dnorm	(B = 0 in mode) Norm of d_k .
rho	(B = 0 in mode) Coefficient ρ_k used in constructing d_k .
d1	(B = 1 in mode) Local direction $d_k^\ell = (1 - \rho_k^\ell)d_k^0 + \rho_k^\ell d_k^1$.
dlnorm	(B = 1 in mode) Norm of d_k^ℓ .
rho1	(B = 1 in mode) Coefficient ρ_k^ℓ used in constructing d_k^ℓ .
dg	(B = 1 in mode) Global search direction $d^g = (1 - \rho_k^g)d_k^0 + \rho_k^g d_k^1$.
dgnorm	(B = 1 in mode) Norm of d_k^g .
rhog	(B = 1 in mode) Coefficient ρ_k^g used in constructing d_k^g .
dtilde	Second order correction \tilde{d}_k .
dtnorm	Norm of \tilde{d}_k .

Details from the line search:

trial step Trial step parameter t .

trial point Trial iterate along the search arc with **trial step**.

trial objectives This gives the indices i and the corresponding values of the functions $f_i(x) - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j h_j(x)$ for $i \in I^f$ and $f_i(x, \omega) - \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j h_j(x)$ for $\omega \in \Omega^{f_i}$ and $i \in I^{sr}$ up to the one which causes the line search to fail at the **trial point**. The indices i are not necessarily in the natural order (see remark at the end of *Step 2* in FSQP-AL and of the end of *Step 1 viii* in FSQP-NL).

trial penalty term This gives the value of the penalized objective function when there is no objective function, i.e. $-\sum_{j=1}^{n_e} p_j h_j(x)$.

trial constraints This gives the indices j (as defined in the user-supplied constraint function), and the corresponding values of nonlinear constraints up to the one which is not feasible at the **trial point**. The indices j are not necessarily in the natural order (see remark at the end of *Step 2* in FSQP-AL and of the end of *Step 1 viii* in FSQP-NL).

Details from the updates:

delta Perturbation size for each variable in finite difference gradients computation.

gradf Gradients of functions $f_i(x)$, $\forall i \in I^f$ and $f_i(x, \omega)$, $\forall \omega \in \Omega^{f_i}$, $\forall i \in I^{sr}$, at the new iterate.

gradg Gradients of constraints at the new iterate.

P Penalty parameters for nonlinear equality constraints at the new iterate.

psmu Solution $\bar{\mu}$ of the least squares problem estimating the K-T multipliers for the nonlinear equality constraints. These values are used to update the penalty parameters.

multipliers Multiplier estimates ordered as ξ 's, λ 's, μ 's, and ζ 's (from quadratic program computing d_k^0) for the modified problem (i.e. nonlinear equality constraints turned into inequality constraints). $\lambda_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, t_i\}$ and $\mu_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, t_e\}$. $\xi_i > 0$ indicates that x_i is at an upper bound and $\xi_i < 0$ indicates that x_i is at a lower bound. When (in mode) **A** = 0 and **nf** > 1 or **nfsr** > 0, $\zeta_i \geq 0$. When (in mode) **A** = 1, $\zeta_i > 0$ (resp. $\zeta_i(\omega)$) refers to $+f_i(x)$ (resp. $+f_i(x, \omega)$) and $\zeta_i < 0$ (resp. $\zeta_i(\omega) < 0$) to $-f_i(x)$ (resp. $-f_i(x, \omega)$).

hess Estimate of the Hessian matrix of the Lagrangian.

Ck The value C_k as defined in Algorithm FSQP-NL.

7 User-Supplied Functions

At least two of the following four C subroutines, namely **obj** and **constr**, must be provided by the user in order to define the problem. The name of all four routines may be changed at the user's will, as they are passed as arguments to CFSQP.

7.1 Function **obj()**

The function **obj()**, to be provided by the user, computes the value of the objective functions. If **nf** = 0, at least a NULL pointer to a **void** function must be passed (This may happen when the user is only interested in finding a feasible point). The specification of **obj()** for CFSQP is

```
void
obj(nparam,j,x,fj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*fj;
void *cd;
{
    /*
       for given j, assign to *fj the value of the jth objective
       evaluated at x
    */
    return;
}
```

Arguments:

nparam (**Input**) Dimension of **x**.

j (**Input**) Number of the objective to be computed.

x (**Input**) Current iterate.

fj (**Output**) Pointer to value of the jth objective function at **x**.

cd (**Input/Output**) Void pointer which may be recast and used by the user to pass data from their main program (that which called CFSQP) to, and between, user-defined objective, constraint, and gradient functions.

Sequentially related objectives must always follow the regular objective function definitions. If sets of sequentially related objectives are present, a single value of j is assigned to every individual objective function in each of the sets. For instance, given a problem with two isolated objective functions and one set of sequentially related objective functions with 100 members, when CFSQP needs the value of a particular member of the sequentially related objective set, it will send the corresponding index j between $j = 3$ and $j = 102$. It is up to the user, in the function `obj()`, to translate this value of j into an appropriate value of $\omega \in \Omega^{f_j}$ in order to evaluate $f_j(x, \omega)$.

7.2 Function `constr()`

The function `constr()`, to be provided by the user, computes the value of the constraints. If there are no constraints, a NULL pointer to a void function should be provided anyway. The specification of `constr()` for CFSQP is as follows

```
void
constr(nparam,j,x,gj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gj;
void *cd;
{
    /*
        for given j, assign to *gj the value of the jth constraint
        evaluated at x
    */
    return;
}
```

Arguments:

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>nparam</code> | (Input) Dimension of <code>x</code> . |
| <code>j</code> | (Input) Number of the constraint to be computed. |
| <code>x</code> | (Input) Current iterate. |
| <code>gj</code> | (Output) Pointer to value of the j th constraint at <code>x</code> . |
| <code>cd</code> | (Input/Output) Void pointer which may be recast and used by the user to pass data from their main program (that which called CFSQP) to, and between, user-defined objective, constraint, and gradient functions. |

If only isolated constraints are present, the order of the constraints must be as follows. First the **nineqn** (possibly zero) nonlinear inequality constraints. Then the **nineq – nineqn** (possibly zero) linear inequality constraints. Finally, the **neqn** (possibly zero) nonlinear equality constraints followed by the **neq – neqn** (possibly zero) linear equality constraints.

If there are sequentially related constraints present, each individual constraint is assigned its own value of j . The order of the constraints is as follows. First the **nineqn – ncsrn** (possibly zero) regular nonlinear inequality constraints. Next are the **ncsrn** (possibly zero) nonlinear sets of sequentially related constraints. As with objectives, the user must recognize a particular value of j as representing a particular constraint from a set and translate this accordingly to the appropriate $\xi \in \Xi^{gj}$. Next are the **nineq – nineqn – ncsrl** (possibly zero) isolated linear inequality constraints, followed by the **ncsrl** (possibly zero) sets of sequentially related linear constraints. Finally, the **neqn** (possibly zero) nonlinear equality constraints followed by the **neq – neqn** (possibly zero) linear equality constraints.

7.3 Function gradob()

The function **gradob()** computes the gradients of the objective functions. The user may omit this routine and require that forward finite difference approximation be used by CFSQP via calling **grobfd()** instead (see argument **gradob** of CFSQP in § 4). The specification of **gradob()** for CFSQP is as follows

```
void
gradob(nparam,j,x,gradfj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradfj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    /*
       for i=1 to nparam assign to gradfj[i-1] the value of the partial
       derivative of the jth objective function with respect to the
       ith parameter evaluated at x
    */
    return;
}
```

Arguments:

nparam **(Input)** Dimension of **x**.

j **(Input)** Number of objective for which gradient is to be computed.

- x** **(Input)** Current iterate.
- gradfj** **(Output)** Pointer to array containing the gradient of the *j*th objective function at *x*.
- dummy** **(Input)** Used by `grobfd()`.
- cd** **(Input/Output)** Void pointer which may be recast and used by the user to pass data from their main program (that which called CFSQP) to, and between, user-defined objective, constraint, and gradient functions.

Note that `dummy` is passed as an arguments to `gradob` to maintain compatibility between the calling sequences of the user-defined objective gradient function and the internal CFSQP function `grobfd()` (used when forward finite difference computation of the gradient is requested by the user). The parameter *j* is expected to index the gradient of the objective for which the same *j* would index in `obj()`.

7.4 Function `gradcn()`

The function `gradcn()` computes the gradients of the constraints. The user may omit this routine and require that forward finite difference approximation be used by CFSQP via calling `grcnfd()` instead (see argument `gradcn` of CFSQP in § 4). The specification of `gradcn()` for CFSQP is as follows

```
void
gradcn(nparam,j,x,gradgj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradgj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    /*
       for i=1 to nparam assign to gradgj[i-1] the value of the partial
       derivative of the jth constraint with respect to the ith
       parameter evaluated at x
    */
    return;
}
```

Arguments:

- nparam** **(Input)** Dimension of *x*.

j	(Input) Number of constraint for which gradient is to be computed.
x	(Input) Current iterate.
gradgj	(Output) Pointer to array containing the gradient of the <i>j</i> th constraint evaluated at x .
dummy	(Input) Used by <code>grcnfd()</code> .
cd	(Input/Output) Void pointer which may be recast and used by the user to pass data from their main program (that which called CFSQP) to, and between, user-defined objective, constraint, and gradient functions.

Once again, note that `dummy` is passed as an argument to `gradcn()` to maintain compatibility between the calling sequences of the user-defined constraint gradient function and the internal CFSQP function `grcnfd()` (used when forward finite difference computation of the gradient is requested by the user). The parameter *j* is expected to index the gradient of the constraint for which the same *j* would index in `constr()`.

8 Organization of CFSQP and Main Functions

8.1 Main Functions

CFSQP first checks for inconsistencies in the input parameters using the function `check()`. Next, feasibility for the linear constraints of the user-supplied initial point is checked, and if not satisfied CFSQP generates a point satisfying these constraints via the function `initpt()`. If necessary, `cfsqp1()` is then called to generate a point satisfying all nonlinear inequality constraints while maintaining feasibility for linear constraints. Finally, CFSQP again calls `cfsqp1()` in an attempt to generate a point satisfying the optimality conditions for the original problem.

check	Check that all upper bounds on variables are no smaller than lower bounds; check that all input integers are nonnegative and appropriate (<code>nineq</code> \geq <code>nineqn</code> , etc.); and check that <code>eps</code> (ϵ) and (if <code>neqn</code> \neq 0) <code>epseqn</code> (ϵ_e) are at least as large as the machine precision <code>epsmac</code> (as computed by CFSQP).
initpt	Attempt to generate a feasible point satisfying simple bounds and all linear constraints.
cfsqp1	Main subroutine used possibly twice by CFSQP, first for generating a feasible iterate (as explained at the end of § 2) and second for generating an optimal iterate from that feasible iterate.

`cfsqp1` calls the following functions:

- `dir` Compute the directions d_k^0 , d_k^1 and \tilde{d}_k .
- `step` Perform a “line” search along the search arc. It is also called to check if $x_k + d_k^\ell$ is acceptable in *Step 1 v* of Algorithm FSQP-NL.
- `hessian` Perform the Hessian matrix updating.
- `update_omega` Called only when sequentially related constraints or objectives are present (i.e. $n_{fsr} + n_{sr} + \ell_{sr} > 0$). Updates the “active” constraint and objective sets $\Omega_k^{f_i}$ and $\Xi_k^{g_j}$.
- `out` Print the output for `iprint = 1` or `iprint = 2`.
- `grobfd` (optional) Compute the gradient of an objective function by forward finite differences with perturbation size equal to $\text{sign}(x^i) \times \max\{\text{udelta}, \text{rsteps} \times \max(1, |x^i|)\}$ for each component x^i of x (`rsteps` is the square root of `epsmac`, the machine precision computed by CFSQP).
- `grcnfd` (optional) Compute the gradient of a constraint by forward finite differences with perturbation size equal to $\text{sign}(x^i) \times \max\{\text{udelta}, \text{rsteps} \times \max(1, |x^i|)\}$ for each component x^i of x (`rsteps` is the square root of `epsmac`, the machine precision computed by CFSQP).

8.2 Other Functions

In addition to the QP solver QLD (see the end of §1), the following functions are used (all functions other than `cfsqp`, `grobfd`, and `grcnfd` are statically defined within CFSQP, and should not cause a clash with user-defined functions of the same name):

```
diagnl  di1      dqp      error   estlam  fool     fuscmp  indexs  matrcp
matrvc  nullvc   resign   sbout1  sbout2  scaprd  shift   slope   small
element
```

Finally, the following memory management utilities are used within CFSQP:

```
make_dv   free_dv      convert
make_iv   free_iv
make_dm   free_dm
```

9 Examples

The first problem is borrowed from [12] (Problem 32). It involves a single objective function, simple bounds on the variables, nonlinear inequality constraints, and linear equality constraints. The objective function f is defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ by

$$f(x) = (x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3)^2 + 4(x_1 - x_2)^2$$

The constraints are

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq x_i, & i &= 1, \dots, 3 \\ x_1^3 - 6x_2 - 4x_3 + 3 &\leq 0 \\ 1 - x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The feasible initial guess is: $x_0 = (0.1, 0.7, 0.2)^T$ with corresponding value of the objective function $f(x_0) = 7.2$. The final solution is: $x^* = (0, 0, 1)^T$ with $f(x^*) = 1$. A suitable main program is as follows.

```
#include "cfsqpusr.h"

void obj32();
void cntr32();
void grob32();
void grcn32();

int
main() {
    int i,nparam,nf,nineq,neq,mode,iprint,miter,neqn,nineqn,
        ncsrl,ncsrn,nfsr,mesh_pts[1],inform;
    double bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta;
    double *x,*bl,*bu,*f,*g,*lambda;
    void *cd;

    mode=100;
    iprint=1;
    miter=500;
    bigbnd=1.e10;
    eps=1.e-8;
    epsneq=0.e0;
    udelta=0.e0;
    nparam=3;
```

```

    nf=1;
    neqn=0;
    nineqn=1;
    nineq=1;
    neq=1;
    ncsrl=ncsrn=nfsr=mesh_pts[0]=0;
    bl=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    bu=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    x=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    f=(double *)calloc(nf+1,sizeof(double));
    g=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+1,sizeof(double));
    lambda=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+nf+nparam,sizeof(double));

    bl[0]=bl[1]=bl[2]=0.e0;
    bu[0]=bu[1]=bu[2]=bigbnd;

    x[0]=0.1e0;
    x[1]=0.7e0;
    x[2]=0.2e0;

    cfsqp(nparam,nf,nfsr,nineqn,nineq,neqn,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mesh_pts,
        mode,iprint,miter,&inform,bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta,bl,bu,x,
        f,g,lambda,obj32,cntr32,grob32,grcn32,cd);

    free(bl);
    free(bu);
    free(x);
    free(f);
    free(g);
    free(lambda);
    return 0;
}

```

Following are the functions defining the objective, constraints, and their gradients.

```

void
obj32(nparam,j,x,fj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*fj;

```

```

void *cd;
{
    *fj=pow((x[0]+3.e0*x[1]+x[2]),2.e0)+4.e0*pow((x[0]-x[1]),2.e0);
    return;
}

void
grob32(nparam,j,x,gradfj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradfj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    double fa,fb;

    fa=2.e0*(x[0]+3.e0*x[1]+x[2]);
    fb=8.e0*(x[0]-x[1]);
    gradfj[0]=fa+fb;
    gradfj[1]=fa*3.e0-fb;
    gradfj[2]=fa;
    return;
}

void
cntr32(nparam,j,x,gj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gj;
void *cd;
{
    switch (j) {
        case 1:
            *gj=pow(x[0],3.e0)-6.e0*x[1]-4.e0*x[2]+3.e0;
            break;
        case 2:
            *gj=1.e0-x[0]-x[1]-x[2];
            break;
    }
    return;
}

```

```

}

void
grcn32(nparam,j,x,gradgj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradgj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    switch (j) {
        case 1:
            gradgj[0]=3.e0*x[0]*x[0];
            gradgj[1]=-6.e0;
            gradgj[2]=-4.e0;
            break;
        case 2:
            gradgj[0]=gradgj[1]=gradgj[2]=-1.e0;
            break;
    }
    return;
}

```

The file containing the user-provided main programs and functions is then compiled together with `cfsqp.c` and `qld.c`. After running the algorithm on a SUN 4/SPARC station 1, the following output is obtained:

```

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```

```

The given initial point is feasible for inequality
constraints and linear equality constraints:
1.000000000000000e-01
7.000000000000000e-01
2.000000000000000e-01
objectives

```

```

                                7.200000000000000e+00
constraints
                                -1.999000000000000e+00
                                5.55111512312578e-17

iteration                        3
inform                          0
x                                -9.86076131526265e-32
                                0.000000000000000e+00
                                1.000000000000000e+00

objectives
                                1.000000000000000e+00

constraints
                                -1.000000000000000e+00
                                0.000000000000000e+00
d0norm                          1.39452223873684e-31
ktnorm                          1.06098265851897e-30
ncallf                          3
ncallg                          5

```

Normal termination: You have obtained a solution !!

Our second example is taken from example 6 in [13]. We will use two methods to solve this problem. First we solve the problem considering all objective functions as isolated and unrelated. Next we will solve the problem considering the objectives as a single set of sequentially related functions. The problem is as follows.

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^6} & \max_{i=1, \dots, 163} & |f_i(x)| & & & \\
 & - & x_1 & & + & s \leq 0 \\
 & & x_1 & - & x_2 & + & s \leq 0 \\
 & & & x_2 & - & x_3 & + & s \leq 0 \\
 \text{s.t.} & & & & x_3 & - & x_4 & + & s \leq 0 \\
 & & & & & x_4 & - & x_5 & + & s \leq 0 \\
 & & & & & & x_5 & - & x_6 & + & s \leq 0 \\
 & & & & & & & x_6 & - & 3.5 & + & s \leq 0,
 \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= \frac{1}{15} + \frac{2}{15}(\sum_{j=1}^6 \cos(2\pi x_j \sin \theta_i) + \cos(7\pi \sin \theta_i)), \\ \theta_i &= \frac{\pi}{180}(8.5 + 0.5i), \quad i = 1, \dots, 163, \\ s &= 0.425. \end{aligned}$$

The feasible initial guess is: $x_0 = (0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3)^T$ with the corresponding value of the objective function $\max_{i=1, \dots, 163} |f_i(x_0)| = 0.22051991555531$. A suitable main program that treats all objectives as isolated and unrelated is as follows. Note that for demonstration purposes we use this example as a sample of the use of the client data feature of CFSQP.

```
#include "cfsqpusr.h"

void objmad();
void cnmad();

int
main() {
    int nparam,nf,nineq,neq,mode,iprint,miter,neqn,nineqn,
        ncsrl,ncsrn,nfsr,mesh_pts[1],inform;
    double bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta;
    double *x,*bl,*bu,*f,*g,*lambda;
    double *cd;

    mode=111;
    iprint=1;
    miter=500;
    bigbnd=1.e10;
    eps=1.e-8;
    epsneq=0.e0;
    udelta=0.e0;
    nparam=6;
    nf=163;
    neqn=0;
    nineqn=0;
    nineq=7;
    neq=0;
    ncsrl=ncsrn=nfsr=mesh_pts[0]=0;
    bl=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    bu=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    x=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
```

```

f=(double *)calloc(nf+1,sizeof(double));
g=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+1,sizeof(double));
lambda=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+nf+nparam+1,sizeof(double));

b1[0]=b1[1]=b1[2]=b1[3]=b1[4]=b1[5]=-bigbnd;
bu[0]=bu[1]=bu[2]=bu[3]=bu[4]=bu[5]=bigbnd;

x[0]=0.5e0;
x[1]=1.e0;
x[2]=1.5e0;
x[3]=2.e0;
x[4]=2.5e0;
x[5]=3.e0;

cd=(double *)calloc(2,sizeof(double));
cd[0]=3.14159265358979e0;
cd[1]=0.425e0;

cfsqp(nparam,nf,nfsr,nineqn,nineq,neqn,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mesh_pts,
      mode,iprint,miter,&inform,bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta,b1,bu,x,
      f,g,lambda,objmad,cnmad,grobfid,grcnfd,cd);

free(b1);
free(bu);
free(x);
free(f);
free(g);
free(lambda);
return 0;
}

```

We choose to compute the gradients of functions by means of finite difference approximation. Thus only functions that define the objectives and constraints are needed as follows. (These functions will not change when we consider the problem as a sequentially related set of objectives, hence we only list them once.)

```

void
objmad(nparam,j,x,fj,cd)
int nparam,j;

```

```

double *x,*fj;
double *cd;
{
    double pi,theta;
    int i;

    pi=cd[0];
    theta=pi*(8.5e0+j*0.5e0)/180.e0;
    *fj=0.e0;
    for (i=0; i<=5; i++)
        *fj=*fj+cos(2.e0*pi*x[i]*sin(theta));
    *fj=2.e0*(*fj+cos(2.e0*pi*3.5e0*sin(theta)))/15.e0
        +1.e0/15.e0;
    return;
}

```

```

void
cnmad(nparam,j,x,gj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gj;
double *cd;
{
    double ss;

    ss=cd[1];
    switch (j) {
        case 1:
            *gj=ss-x[0];
            break;
        case 2:
            *gj=ss+x[0]-x[1];
            break;
        case 3:
            *gj=ss+x[1]-x[2];
            break;
        case 4:
            *gj=ss+x[2]-x[3];
            break;
    }
}

```

```

    case 5:
        *gj=ss+x[3]-x[4];
        break;
    case 6:
        *gj=ss+x[4]-x[5];
        break;
    case 7:
        *gj=ss+x[5]-3.5e0;
        break;
}
return;
}

```

After running the first algorithm on a SUN 4/SPARC station 1, the following output is obtained (the results for the set of objectives have been deleted to save space)

```

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```

The given initial point is feasible for inequality
constraints and linear equality constraints:

	5.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e+00
	1.500000000000000e+00
	2.000000000000000e+00
	2.500000000000000e+00
	3.000000000000000e+00
objectives	
objmax	2.20519865065595e-01
constraints	
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000002e-02

```

-7.500000000000002e-02
-7.500000000000002e-02

iteration                                7
inform                                  0
x                                     4.250000000000000e-01
                                     8.500000000000000e-01
                                     1.275000000000000e+00
                                     1.700000000000000e+00
                                     2.18407631966882e+00
                                     2.87327550964478e+00

objectives
objective max4                         1.14218413252211e-01
objmax                                1.13104727498258e-01
constraints
                                     0.000000000000000e+00
                                     0.000000000000000e+00
                                     0.000000000000000e+00
                                     0.000000000000000e+00
                                     -5.90763196688169e-02
                                     -2.64199189975961e-01
                                     -2.01724490355223e-01

d0norm                                1.56621622756395e-10
ktnorm                                2.05641104350305e-11
ncallf                                1141

```

Normal termination: You have obtained a solution !!

We now list the appropriate modifications of the above main program that will tell CFSQP to exploit the structure of the problem and treat the objectives as a sequentially related set. Thus, CFSQP will use the algorithm FSQP-SR. The majority of the code remains unchanged, we list here the initialization portion only. Note that the parameters `nf`, `nfsr`, and `mesh_pts[0]` have been changed. Note also that the amount of memory allocated for the appropriate arrays has changed.

```
mode=111;
```

```

iprint=1;
miter=500;
bigbnd=1.e10;
eps=1.e-8;
epsneq=0.e0;
udelta=0.e0;
nparam=6;
nf=1;           /* One SR objective set with 163      */
nfsr=1;         /* sequentially related members.      */
mesh_pts[0]=163;
neqn=0;
nineqn=0;
nineq=7;
neq=0;
ncsrl=ncsrn=0;
bl=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
bu=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
x=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
f=(double *)calloc(mesh_pts[0]+1,sizeof(double));
g=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+1,sizeof(double));
lambda=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+mesh_pts[0]+nparam+1,
                        sizeof(double));

```

After running the problem using algorithm FSQP-SR on a SUN 4/SPARC station 1, the following output is obtained

```

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```

The given initial point is feasible for inequality
constraints and linear equality constraints:

```

5.000000000000000e-01
1.000000000000000e+00
1.500000000000000e+00

```

	2.000000000000000e+00
	2.500000000000000e+00
	3.000000000000000e+00
objectives	
	2.20519865065595e-01
objmax	2.20519865065595e-01
constraints	
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000000e-02
	-7.500000000000002e-02
	-7.500000000000002e-02
	-7.500000000000002e-02
iteration	7
inform	0
Omega_k	7
x	4.250000000000000e-01
	8.500000000000000e-01
	1.275000000000000e+00
	1.700000000000000e+00
	2.18407631958035e+00
	2.87327550951555e+00
objectives	
	1.13104727457934e-01
objective max4	1.13659863034301e-01
objmax	1.13104727457934e-01
constraints	
	0.000000000000000e+00
	0.000000000000000e+00
	0.000000000000000e+00
	0.000000000000000e+00
	-5.90763195803512e-02
	-2.64199189935201e-01
	-2.01724490484449e-01
d0norm	4.33218838740540e-12
ktnorm	2.09600754392242e-12

ncallf

1141

Normal termination: You have obtained a solution !!

We should mention that it is actually unusual to get the same results for both methods in terms of function evaluations and number of iterations. Usually, computing the search direction based on a small subset of objectives and constraints causes an increase in the number of iterations and function evaluations. For this example, since only a small subset of the objectives were used to construct the QP subproblems at each iteration, algorithm FSQP-SR executed in significantly less time, and required far fewer gradient evaluations.

Our third example is borrowed from [12] (Problem 71). It involves both equality and inequality nonlinear constraints and is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^4} \quad & x_1 x_4 (x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 1 \leq x_i \leq 5, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 \\ & x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 - 25 \geq 0 \\ & x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 40 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The feasible initial guess is: $x_0 = (1, 5, 5, 1)^T$ with the corresponding value of the objective function $f(x_0) = 16$. A suitable program that invokes CFSQP to solve this problem is given below.

```
#include "cfsqpusr.h"

void obj71();
void cntr71();
void grob71();
void grcn71();

int
main() {
    int nparam,nf,nineq,neq,mode,iprint,miter,neqn,nineqn,
        ncsrl,ncsrn,nfsr,mesh_pts[1],inform;
    double bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta;
    double *x,*bl,*bu,*f,*g,*lambda;
    void *cd;

    mode=100;
```



```

iprint=1;
miter=500;
bigbnd=1.e10;
eps=1.e-7;
epsneq=7.e-6;
udelta=0.e0;
nparam=4;
nf=1;
neqn=1;
nineqn=1;
nineq=1;
neq=1;
ncsrl=ncsrn=nfsr=mesh_pts[0]=0;
bl=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
bu=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
x=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
f=(double *)calloc(nf+1,sizeof(double));
g=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+1,sizeof(double));
lambda=(double *)calloc(nineq+neq+nf+nparam+1,sizeof(double));

bl[0]=bl[1]=bl[2]=bl[3]=1.e0;
bu[0]=bu[1]=bu[2]=bu[3]=5.e0;

x[0]=1.e0;
x[1]=5.e0;
x[2]=5.e0;
x[3]=1.e0;

cfsqp(nparam,nf,nfsr,nineqn,nineq,neqn,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mesh_pts,
      mode,iprint,miter,&inform,bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta,bl,bu,x,
      f,g,lambda,obj71,cntr71,grob71,grcn71,cd);

free(bl);
free(bu);
free(x);
free(f);
free(g);

```

```

    free(lambda);
    return 0;
}

```

Following are the functions that define the objective, constraints and their gradients.

```

void
obj71(nparam,j,x,fj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*fj;
void *cd;
{
    *fj=x[0]*x[3]*(x[0]+x[1]+x[2])+x[2];
    return;
}

```

```

void
grob71(nparam,j,x,gradfj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradfj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    gradfj[0]=x[3]*(x[0]+x[1]+x[2])+x[0]*x[3];
    gradfj[1]=x[0]*x[3];
    gradfj[2]=x[0]*x[3]+1.e0;
    gradfj[3]=x[0]*(x[0]+x[1]+x[2]);
    return;
}

```

```

void
cntr71(nparam,j,x,gj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gj;
void *cd;
{
    switch (j) {
        case 1:
            *gj=25.e0-x[0]*x[1]*x[2]*x[3];

```

```

        break;
    case 2:
        *gj=x[0]*x[0]+x[1]*x[1]+x[2]*x[2]+x[3]*x[3]-40.e0;
        break;
    }
    return;
}

void
grcn71(nparam,j,x,gradgj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradgj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    switch (j) {
        case 1:
            gradgj[0]=-x[1]*x[2]*x[3];
            gradgj[1]=-x[0]*x[2]*x[3];
            gradgj[2]=-x[0]*x[1]*x[3];
            gradgj[3]=-x[0]*x[1]*x[2];
            break;
        case 2:
            gradgj[0]=2.e0*x[0];
            gradgj[1]=2.e0*x[1];
            gradgj[2]=2.e0*x[2];
            gradgj[3]=2.e0*x[3];
            break;
    }
    return;
}

```

After running the algorithm on a SUN 4/SPARC station 1, the following output is obtained

```

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```

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The given initial point is feasible for inequality
constraints and linear equality constraints:

	1.000000000000000e+00
	5.000000000000000e+00
	5.000000000000000e+00
	1.000000000000000e+00
objectives	
	1.600000000000000e+01
constraints	
	0.000000000000000e+00
	-1.200000000000000e+01
iteration	7
inform	0
x	
	1.000000000000000e+00
	4.74299963046833e+00
	3.82114999306416e+00
	1.37940829194384e+00
objectives	
	1.70140172891565e+01
constraints	
	-4.05009359383257e-13
	-4.05009359383257e-13
SNECV	4.05009359383257e-13
d0norm	1.12049770833730e-08
ktnorm	1.90658262018579e-08
ncallf	7
ncallg	30

Normal termination: You have obtained a solution !!

Our fourth example is borrowed from [14] (Problem TP374). It involves three sets of sequentially related nonlinear inequality constraints and, given an integer r , is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{10}} \quad & x_{10} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & z(t_i) - (1 - x_{10})^2 \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, r \\ & (1 + x_{10})^2 - z(t_i) \geq 0, \quad i = r + 1, \dots, 2r \\ & x_{10}^2 - z(t_i) \geq 0, \quad i = 2r + 1, \dots, 3.5r, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$z(t) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^9 x_k \cos(kt) \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{k=1}^9 x_k \sin(kt) \right)^2$$

and

$$t_i = \begin{cases} \pi(i-1)0.025 & i = 1, \dots, r \\ \pi(i-1-r)0.025 & i = r+1, \dots, 2r \\ \pi(1.2 + (i-1-2r)0.2)0.025 & i = 2r+1, \dots, 3.5r. \end{cases}$$

We let $r = 100$ and use the feasible initial guess: $x_0 = (0.1, \dots, 0.1, 1)^T$ with the corresponding value of the objective function $f(x_0) = 1$. We will use the algorithm FSQP-SR to solve this problem. A suitable program that invokes CFSQP to do this is given below. Notice that even though we really have 350 constraints, they are interpreted as being in 3 sets of sequentially related constraints. Hence, `nineq = nineqn = 3` and not 350. Note that the problem has a large number of local minima and many active constraints.

```
#include "cfsqpusr.h"

#define r 100

void obj();
void cntr();
void grob();

int
main() {
    int i,nparam,nf,nineq,neq,mode,iprint,miter,neqn,nineqn,
        ncsrl,ncsrn,nfsr,mesh_pts[3],numc,inform;
    double bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta;
    double *x,*bl,*bu,*f,*g,*lambda;
    void *cd;

    mode=100;
```

```

iprint=1;
miter=500;
bigbnd=1.e10;
eps=1.e-7;
epsneq=0.e0;
udelta=0.e0;
nparam=10;
nf=1;
neqn=0;
nineqn=nineq=ncsrn=3;
ncsrl=0;
mesh_pts[0]=mesh_pts[1]=r;
mesh_pts[2]=3*r/2;
neq=nfsr=0;
numc=3.5*r;
bl=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
bu=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
x=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
f=(double *)calloc(nf+1,sizeof(double));
g=(double *)calloc(numc+1,sizeof(double));
lambda=(double *)calloc(numc+nf+nparam+1,sizeof(double));

bl[0]=bl[1]=bl[2]=bl[3]=bl[4]=bl[5]=bl[6]=bl[7]=bl[8]=bl[9]=-bigbnd;
bu[0]=bu[1]=bu[2]=bu[3]=bu[4]=bu[5]=bu[6]=bu[7]=bu[8]=bu[9]=bigbnd;

x[0]=x[1]=x[2]=x[3]=x[4]=x[5]=x[6]=x[7]=x[8]=0.1e0;
x[9]=1.e0;

cfsqp(nparam,nf,nfsr,nineqn,nineq,neqn,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mesh_pts,
      mode,iprint,miter,&inform,bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta,bl,bu,x,
      f,g,lambda,obj,cntr,grob,grcnfd,cd);

free(bl);
free(bu);
free(x);
free(f);
free(g);
free(lambda);

```

```

    return 0;
}

```

Following are the functions that define the objective, constraints and the objective gradients. We use finite difference approximations for the gradients of the constraints. Note that in the constraint evaluation function the constraints, even though they are all of the same type, must be ordered according to the ordering within the constraint “sets.” The sets themselves must be ordered as determined by the `mesh_pts[]` array.

```

void
obj(nparam,j,x,fj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*fj;
void *cd;
{
    *fj=x[9];
    return;
}

void
grob(nparam,j,x,gradfj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradfj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    gradfj[0]=0.e0;
    gradfj[1]=0.e0;
    gradfj[2]=0.e0;
    gradfj[3]=0.e0;
    gradfj[4]=0.e0;
    gradfj[5]=0.e0;
    gradfj[6]=0.e0;
    gradfj[7]=0.e0;
    gradfj[8]=0.e0;
    gradfj[9]=1.e0;
    return;
}

```

```

void
cntr(nparam,j,x,gj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gj;
void *cd;
{
    double t,z,s1,s2;
    int k;

    s1=s2=0.e0;
    if (j<=r) t=3.14159265e0*(j-1)*0.025e0;
    else {
        if (j<=2*r) t=3.14159265e0*(j-1-r)*0.025e0;
        else t=3.14159265e0*(1.2e0+(j-1-2*r)*0.2e0)*0.25e0;
    }
    for (k=1; k<=9; k++) {
        s1=s1+x[k-1]*cos(k*t);
        s2=s2+x[k-1]*sin(k*t);
    }
    z=s1*s1 + s2*s2;
    if (j<=r) *gj=(1.e0-x[9])*(1.e0-x[9])-z;
    else {
        if (j<=2*r) *gj=z-(1.e0+x[9])*(1.e0+x[9]);
        else *gj=z-x[9]*x[9];
    }
    return;
}

```

We should mention that this problem is apparently very sensitive to the choice of the parameter `udelta`, and on some platforms (in particular, the HP170) the program does not terminate successfully unless `udelta` is increased by the user. After running the algorithm on a SUN 4/SPARC station 1, the following output is obtained

```

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```


The given initial point is feasible for inequality
constraints and linear equality constraints:

	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e-01
	1.000000000000000e+00
objectives	
	1.000000000000000e+00
constraints	
	-1.28661830051682e-04
	-3.190000000000000e+00
	-1.900000000000000e-01
iteration	26
inform	0
Xi_k	54
x	5.00000000065199e-01
	-2.50585946189374e-10
	-1.46757994384996e-11
	2.29104435357056e-10
	1.65938710894802e-10
	-1.13048092092404e-11
	-1.11009989148022e-10
	-5.12778083977221e-11
	9.90215478112359e-12
	5.00000029897489e-01
objectives	
	5.00000029897489e-01
constraints	
	-2.93322754973957e-08
	-2.00000008929736e+00

	-2.95102605685216e-08
d0norm	2.99002061268652e-08
ktnorm	1.39205756738162e-08
ncallf	26
ncallg	12612

Normal termination: You have obtained a solution !!

Our fifth and final example is borrowed from [15] (Problem 2) and is an example of a discretized semi-infinite program. The original semi-infinite programming problem is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \quad & \frac{1}{3}x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_2^2 - x_2 + x_1 t^2 - (1 - x_1^2 t^2)^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

In order to use the algorithm, we must choose a finite subset $\Xi \subset [0, 1]$ (using the notation introduced in § 3). There are, of course, many ways that we could do this. A suitable choice for Ξ , given a level of discretization q , is the *uniform* discretization

$$\Xi = \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{q}, \frac{2}{q}, \dots, \frac{(q-1)}{q}, 1 \right\}.$$

Thus we have the new discretized SIP problem with finitely many constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \quad & \frac{1}{3}x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_2^2 - x_2 + x_1 \xi^2 - (1 - x_1^2 \xi^2)^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi. \end{aligned}$$

We chose $q = 100$ and the feasible initial guess: $x_0 = (-1, -2)^T$ with corresponding value of the objective function $f(x_0) = 3.833333$. The final solution of the original problem is: $x^* = (-0.75, -0.618034)^T$ with $f(x^*) = 0.194466$ and the constraint is active only at the point $t = 0$. Though the normal algorithm will solve the problem, algorithm FSQP-SR is specifically designed to exploit the structure the problem. A suitable main program that will call CFSQP to do this is as follows:

```
#include "cfsqpusr.h"
```

```
void obj();
void cntr();
void grob();
void grcn();
```

```

int
main() {
    int i,nparam,nf,nineq,neq,mode,iprint,miter,neqn,nineqn,
        ncsrl,ncsrn,nfsr,mesh_pts[1],inform;
    double bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta;
    double *x,*bl,*bu,*f,*g,*lambda;
    void *cd;

    mode=100;
    iprint=1;
    miter=500;
    bigbnd=1.e10;
    eps=1.e-4;
    epsneq=0.e0;
    udelta=0.e0;
    nparam=2;
    nf=1;
    neqn=0;
    nineqn=nineq=1;
    ncsrn=1;
    ncsrl=0;
    mesh_pts[0]=101;
    neq=nfsr=0;
    bl=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    bu=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    x=(double *)calloc(nparam,sizeof(double));
    f=(double *)calloc(nf+1,sizeof(double));
    g=(double *)calloc(nineq+(mesh_pts[0]-1)*(ncsrl+ncsrn)+neq+1,
        sizeof(double));
    lambda=(double *)calloc(nineq+(mesh_pts[0]-1)*(ncsrl+ncsrn)+neq+
        nf+nparam,sizeof(double));

    bl[0]=bl[1]=-bigbnd;
    bu[0]=bu[1]=bigbnd;

    x[0]=-1.e0;
    x[1]=-2.e0;

```

```

cfsqp(nparam,nf,nfsr,nineqn,nineq,neqn,neq,ncsrl,ncsrn,mesh_pts,
      mode,iprint,miter,&inform,bigbnd,eps,epsneq,udelta,bl,bu,x,
      f,g,lambda,obj,cntr,grob,grcn,cd);

free(bl);
free(bu);
free(x);
free(f);
free(g);
free(lambda);
return 0;
}

```

Following are the functions that define the objective, constraint, and their gradients.

```

void
obj(nparam,j,x,fj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*fj;
void *cd;
{
    *fj=(1.e0/3.e0)*pow(x[0],2.e0)+pow(x[1],2.e0)+0.5e0*x[0];
    return;
}

void
grob(nparam,j,x,gradfj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradfj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    gradfj[0]=(2.e0/3.e0)*x[0]+0.5e0;
    gradfj[1]=2.e0*x[1];
    return;
}

void

```

```

cntr(nparam,j,x,gj,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gj;
void *cd;
{
    double y;

    y=(j-1)/100.e0;
    *gj=pow((1.e0-pow(y*x[0],2.e0)),2.e0)-x[0]*y*y-pow(x[1],2.e0)
        +x[1];
    return;
}

void
grcn(nparam,j,x,gradgj,dummy,cd)
int nparam,j;
double *x,*gradgj;
void (* dummy)();
void *cd;
{
    double y;

    y=(j-1)/100.e0;
    gradgj[0]=-4.e0*(1.e0-pow(y*x[0],2.e0))*y*y*x[0]-y*y;
    gradgj[1]=-2.e0*x[1]+1.e0;
    return;
}

```

After running the algorithm on a SUN 4/SPARC station 1, the following output was obtained

```

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```

The given initial point is feasible for inequality
constraints and linear equality constraints:

	-1.000000000000000e+00
	-2.000000000000000e+00
objectives	
	3.833333333333333e+00
constraints	
	-5.000000000000000e+00
iteration	6
inform	0
Xi_k	2
x	-7.49999999972904e-01
	-6.18033989004395e-01
objectives	
	1.94466011564684e-01
constraints	
	-5.69078895118480e-10
d0norm	2.55928300682528e-10
ktnorm	2.54322186261339e-10
ncallf	6
ncallg	623

Normal termination: You have obtained a solution !!

10 Results for Test Problems

These results are provided for the user to compare CFSQP with his/her favorite code (see also [3–5,7]) and were all obtained with `C = 1` in `mode`. The results listed in the first three tables were all obtained without the use of the algorithm FSQP-SR. Table 1 contains results obtained for some non-minimax test problems from [12] (the same initial points as in [12] were selected). `prob` indicates the problem number as in [12], `nparam` the number of free variables, `nineqn` the number of nonlinear (inequality) constraints, `ncallf` the total number of evaluations of the objective function, `ncallg` the total number of evaluations of the (scalar) nonlinear constraint functions, `iter` the total number of iterations, `objective` the final value of the objective function, `d0norm` the norm of SQP direction at the final iterate, and `eps` the norm requirement for the SQP direction (in the stopping criterion). In most cases, `eps` was selected so as to achieve the same field precision as in [12]. Whether

FSQP-AL (0) or FSQP-NL (1) is used is indicated in column “B”.

Results obtained on selected minimax problems are summarized in Table 2. Problems **bard**, **davd2**, **f&r**, **hettich**, and **wats** are from [16]; **cb2**, **cb3**, **r-s**, **wong** and **colv** are from [17; Examples 5.1-5] (more recent results on problems **bard** down to **wong** can be found in [18]); **kiw1** and **kiw4** are from [19] (results for **kiw2** and **kiw3** are not reported due to data disparity); **mad1** to **mad8** are from [13, Examples 1-8]; **polk1** to **polk4** are from [20]. Some of these test problems allow one to freely select the number of variables; problems **wat6** and **wat20** correspond to 6 and 20 variables respectively, and **mad810**, **mad830** and **mad850** to 10, 30 and 50 variables respectively. All of the above are either unconstrained or linearly constrained minimax problems. Unable to find nonlinearly constrained minimax test problems in the literature, we constructed problems **p43m** through **p117m** from problems 43, 84, 113 and 117 in [12] by removing certain constraints and including instead additional objectives of the form

$$f_i(x) = f(x) + \alpha_i g_i(x)$$

where the α_i ’s are positive scalars and $g_i(x) \leq 0$. Specifically, **p43m** is constructed from problem 43 by taking out the first two constraints and including two corresponding objectives with $\alpha_i = 15$ for both; **p84m** similarly corresponds to problem 84 without constraints 5 and 6 but with two corresponding additional objectives, with $\alpha_i = 20$ for both; for **p113m**, the first three linear constraints from problem 113 were turned into objectives, with $\alpha_i = 10$ for all; for **p117m**, the first two nonlinear constraints were turned into objectives, again with $\alpha_i = 10$ for both. The gradients of all the functions were computed by finite difference approximation except for **polk1** through **polk4** for which gradients were computed analytically.

In Table 2, the meaning of columns **B**, **nparam**, **nineqn**, **ncallf**, **ncallg**, **iter**, **d0norm** and **eps** are as in Table 1 (but **ncallf** is the total number of evaluations of *scalar* objective functions). **nf** is the number of objective functions in the max, and **objmax** is the final value of the max of the objective functions.

Table 3 contains results of problems with nonlinear equality constraints from [12]. Most columns are the same as described above. **eps** is not displayed in the table as it is set to 10^{-4} for all of the problems except **p46**, where it was 5.E-3, and **p27**, where it was 1.E-3 (increased due to slow convergence). **epseqn** is the norm requirement on the values of the equality constraints and is chosen close to the corresponding values in [12]. It can be checked that the second order sufficient conditions of optimality are not satisfied at the known optimal solution for problems 26, 27, 46 and 47.

Table 4 contains the results for problems with a set (or sets) of sequentially related constraints solved via the algorithm FSQP-SR. All problems in this table are discretized semi-infinite programs. Problems **cw_2** through **cw_7** are borrowed from [15], **hu_1** through **hu_12** are from [21], **hz_1** is from [22], **oet_1** through **oet_7** are from [23], **pt_1** is from [24], and **sch_3** is from [14]. Columns **prob**, **B**, **ncallf**, **ncallg**, **iter**, **objective**, and **d0norm**

are as before. **ncsr1** is the number of linear sequentially related constraint sets, while **ncsrn** is the number of nonlinear sequentially related constraint sets. $\sum |\Xi^{g_i}|$ indicates the total number of constraints for the problem, i.e. the sum of the number of members in each constraint set. Finally, $|\Xi^*|$ is the total number of individual constraints used to construct the search direction during the final iteration. As in Table 3, we do not include **eps** in the table since it was set to 10^{-4} for all problems.

Table 5 contains results for problems with sets of sequentially related objective functions solved using the algorithm FSQP-SR. Most columns are as before, except **nfsr** is the number of sequentially related objective sets, $\sum |\Omega^{f_i}|$ is the total number of objective functions, and $|\Omega^*|$ is the number of objective functions used to construct the search direction during the final iteration. Once again, the norm requirement for the SQP direction, **eps**, was set to 10^{-4} for all problems. All problems except for **sch_u3**, which is taken from [14], are the same as the corresponding problems in Table 4, except that they are rewritten in minimax form. In other words, in the original reference they were posed in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \quad & x_{n+1} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f_i(x, \omega) - x_{n+1} \leq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega^{f_i} \quad i = 1, \dots, n_{fsr}. \end{aligned}$$

For this table, we equivalently reformulate the problems as:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n_{fsr}} \max_{\omega \in \Omega^{f_i}} f_i(x, \omega).$$

Additionally, problems **oet_1m** to **oet_7m** have absolute value objective functions, i.e. **A**= 1 in **mode**. Finally, as before, we do not list the value of **eps** used for the stopping criterion, as it was set to 10^{-4} for all problems.

11 Programming Tips

In both FSQP-AL and FSQP-NL, at each trial point in the arc search, evaluation of objectives/constraints is discontinued as soon as it has been found that one of the inequalities in the arc search test fails (see § 2). Other than a minor exception (see again § 2), objectives/constraints within a given type (linear equalities, linear inequalities, nonlinear inequalities, nonlinear equalities, objectives) are evaluated in the order they are defined in the user supplied subroutines/functions. In consequence, the CPU-wise user will place earlier in his/her list the functions whose evaluation is less expensive.

The order in which CFSQP evaluates the various objectives and constraints during the line search varies from trial point to trial point, as the functions deemed more likely to cause rejection of the trial steps are evaluated first. On the other hand, in many applications, it is far more efficient to evaluate all (or at least more than one) of the objectives and constraints

concurrently, as they are all obtained as by-products of expensive simulations (e.g., involving finite element computation). This situation can be accommodated by making use of the flag `x_is_new` as outlined in § 5. Note, however, that this will not be of much help if the gradients are computed via `grobfd()/grcnfd()`, as `x_is_new` will be set to `TRUE` by CFSQP with every perturbation of a component of x . As an alternative to `grobfd()/grcnfd()`, the user could provide his/her own finite difference gradient computation functions (possibly minor modifications to `grobfd()/grcnfd()`) with proper handling of `x_is_new`.

12 Portability

The CFSQP source code was designed to be as portable as possible. In order to satisfy a broad range of users, the distributed source code contains both Kernighan & Richie and ANSI compliant function definitions and prototypes. The users need not concern themselves with which of these standards will be used, as the correct definitions and prototypes will automatically be selected by the user's pre-compiler (all ANSI specific definitions, etc. are separated via an `#ifdef __STDC__`).

13 Trouble-Shooting

It is important to keep in mind some limitations of CFSQP. First, similar to most codes targeted at smooth problems, it is likely to encounter difficulties when confronted to nonsmooth functions such as, for example, functions involving matrix eigenvalues. Second, because CFSQP generates feasible iterates, it may be slow if the feasible set is very "thin" or oddly shaped. Third, concerning equality constraints, if $h_j(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and if $h_j(x_0) = 0$ for some j at the initial point x_0 , the strictly feasible set defined by $h_j(x) < 0$ for such j is empty. This may cause difficulties for CFSQP because, in CFSQP, $h_j(x) = 0$ is directly turned into $h_j(x) \leq 0$ for such j . The user is advised to either give an initial point that is infeasible for all nonlinear equality constraints or change the sign of h_j so that $h_j(x) < 0$ can be achieved at some point for all such nonlinear equality constraint.

A common failure mode for CFSQP, corresponding to `inform = 5` or `6`, is that of the QP solver in constructing `d0` or `d1`. This is often due to linear dependence (or almost dependence) of gradients of equality constraints or active inequality constraints. Sometimes this problem can be circumvented by making use of a more robust (but likely slower) QP solver. The user may also want to check the Jacobian matrix and identify which constraints are the culprit. Eliminating redundant constraints or formulating the constraints differently (without changing the feasible set) may then be the way to go.

Finally, when CFSQP fails in the line search (`inform=4`), it is typically due to inaccurate computation of the search direction. Two possible reasons are: (i) Insufficient accuracy of the

QP solver; again, it may be appropriate to substitute a different QP solver. (ii) Insufficient accuracy of gradient computation, e.g., when gradients are computed by finite differences. A remedy may be to provide analytical gradients or, more astutely, to resort to “automatic differentiation”.

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prob	B	nparam	nineqn	ncallf	ncallg	iter	objective	d0norm	eps
p12	0	2	1	7	14	7	−.300000000E+02	.17E-06	.10E-05
	1			7	12	7	−.300000000E+02	.19E-06	.10E-05
p29	0	3	1	11	20	10	−.226274170E+02	.51E-06	.10E-04
	1			11	15	10	−.226274170E+02	.25E-05	.10E-04
p30	0	3	1	18	35	18	.100000000E+01	.41E-07	.10E-06
	1			24	24	24	.100000000E+01	.62E-07	.10E-06
p31	0	3	1	9	19	7	.600000000E+01	.10E-05	.10E-04
	1			9	17	9	.600000000E+01	.22E-05	.10E-04
p32	0	3	1	3	5	3	.100000000E+01	.14E-30	.10E-07
	1			3	4	3	.100000000E+01	.0	.10E-07
p33	0	3	2	4	11	4	−.400000000E+01	.16E-09	.10E-07
				5	10	5	−.400000000E+01	.30E-10	.10E-07
p34	0	3	2	7	28	7	−.834032443E+00	.19E-08	.10E-07
	1			9	24	9	−.834032445E+00	.39E-11	.10E-07
p43	0	4	3	10	46	8	−.440000000E+02	.71E-05	.10E-04
	1			11	46	11	−.440000000E+02	.11E-05	.10E-04
p44	0	4	0	6	0	6	−.150000000E+02	.0	.10E-07
	1			6		6	−.150000000E+02	.0	.10E-07
p51	0	5	0	8	0	6	.193107145E−15	.12E-06	.10E-05
	1			9		8	.229528403E−17	.15E-08	.10E-05
p57	0	2	1	7	5	3	.306463061E−01	.26E-05	.10E-04
	1			7	5	3	.306463061E−01	.26E-05	.10E-04
p66	0	3	2	8	30	8	.518163274E+00	.19E-08	.10E-07
	1			9	24	9	.518163274E+00	.54E-08	.10E-07
p67	0	3	14	21	305	21	−.116211927E+04	.23E-05	.10E-04
	1			62	868	62	−.116211927E+04	.25E-05	.10E-04
p70	0	4	1	44	34	31	.940197325E−02	.49E-08	.10E-06
	1			39	38	36	.940197325E−02	.99E-07	.10E-06
p76	0	4	0	6	0	6	−.468181818E+01	.16E-04	.10E-03
	1			6		6	−.468181818E+01	.16E-04	.10E-03
p84	0	5	6	4	30	4	−.528033513E+07	.0	.10E-07
	1			4	29	4	−.528033513E+07	.19E-14	.10E-07
p85	0	5	38	46	1819	45	−.240503113E+01	.60E-03	.10E-02
	1			28	1064	28	−.173019329E+01	.23E-03	.10E-02
p86	0	5	0	7	0	5	−.323486790E+02	.45E-06	.10E-05
	1			7		6	−.323486790E+02	.45E-08	.10E-05
p93	0	6	2	15	58	12	.135075968E+03	.30E-03	.10E-02
	1			13	36	13	.135076796E+03	.26E-03	.10E-02
p100	0	7	4	21	102	14	.680630057E+03	.20E-04	.10E-03
	1			18	94	15	.680630106E+03	.86E-04	.10E-03
p110	0	10	0	9	0	8	−.457784697E+02	.77E-07	.10E-05
	1			9		8	−.457784697E+02	.77E-07	.10E-05
p113	0	10	5	12	108	12	.243063768E+02	.13E-03	.10E-02
	1			12	99	12	.243064566E+02	.14E-03	.10E-02
p117	0	15	5	20	219	19	.323486790E+02	.12E-04	.10E-03
	1			18	93	17	.323486790E+02	.52E-05	.10E-03
p118	0	15	0	19	0	19	.664820450E+03	.42E-29	.10E-07
	1			19		19	.664820450E+03	.42E-29	.10E-07

Table 1: Results for Inequality Constrained Problems with CFSQP

prob	B	nparam	nineqn	nf	ncallf	ncallg	iter	objmax	d0norm	eps
bard	0	3	0	15	168	0	8	.50816326E-01	.63E-10	.50E-05
	1				105		7	.50816868E-01	.42E-05	.50E-05
cb2	0	2	0	3	30	0	6	.19522245E+01	.10E-06	.50E-05
	1				18		6	.19522245E+01	.82E-06	.50E-05
cb3	0	2	0	3	15	0	3	.20000016E+01	.75E-06	.50E-05
	1				15		5	.20000000E+01	.94E-09	.50E-05
colv	0	15	0	6	240	0	21	.32348679E+02	.66E-06	.50E-05
	1				102		17	.32348679E+02	.16E-05	.50E-05
dav	0	4	0	20	342	0	12	.11570644E+03	.10E-05	.50E-05
	1				220		11	.11570644E+03	.47E-06	.50E-05
fr	0	2	0	2	32	0	9	.49489521E+01	.28E-06	.50E-05
	1				20		10	.49489521E+01	.16E-06	.50E-05
hett	0	4	0	5	125	0	13	.24593569E-02	.20E-06	.50E-05
	1				75		11	.24593670E-02	.81E-06	.50E-05
rs	0	4	0	4	71	0	9	-.44000000E+02	.19E-06	.50E-05
	1				68		12	-.44000000E+02	.30E-07	.50E-05
wat6	0	6	0	31	623	0	12	.12717343E-01	.19E-05	.50E-05
	1				433		13	.12717091E-01	.18E-08	.50E-05
wat20	0	20	0	31	1953	0	32	.895507R08-07	.13E-05	.50E-05
	1				1023		32	.89770948E-07	.15E-05	.50E-05
wong	0	7	0	5	182	0	19	.68063006E+03	.27E-05	.50E-05
	1				171		26	.68063006E+03	.40E-05	.50E-05
kiwi1	0	5	0	10	159	0	11	.22600162E+02	.37E-06	.10E-05
	1				130		13	.22600162E+02	.60E-06	.10E-05
kiwi4	0	2	0	2	40	0	9	.22204460E-15	.26E-07	.50E-07
	1				23		9	.16254000E-08	.47E-07	.50E-07
mad1	0	2	0	3	24	0	5	-.38965952E+00	.40E-10	.50E-05
	1				18		6	-.38965951E+00	.89E-10	.50E-05
mad2	0	2	0	3	21	0	5	-.33035714E+00	.42E-08	.50E-05
	1				15		5	-.33035714E+00	.21E-07	.50E-05
mad4	0	2	0	3	24	0	5	-.44891079E+00	.85E-08	.50E-05
	1				21		7	-.44891077E+00	.12E-07	.50E-05
mad5	0	2	0	3	31	0	7	-.10000000E+01	.91E-11	.50E-05
	1				21		7	-.99999971E+00	.29E-06	.50E-05
mad6	0	6	0	163	1084	0	6	.11310473E+00	.20E-10	.50E-05
	1				1141		7	.11310473E+00	.16E-09	.50E-05
mad810	0	10	0	18	291	0	10	.38117396E+00	.24E-15	.50E-05
	1				234		13	.38117396E+00	.19E-09	.50E-05
mad830	0	30	0				*			.50E-05
	1				1044		17	.54762051E+00	.53E-08	.50E-05
mad850	0	50	0	98	2932	0	20	.57927622E+00	.42E-08	.50E-05
	1				1986		20	.57927694E+00	.16E-06	.50E-05
polk1	0	2	0	2	42	0	11	.27182818E+01	.27E-05	.50E-05
	1				22		11	.27182818E+01	.42E-05	.50E-05
polk2	0	10	0	2	217	0	45	.54598152E+02	.27E-05	.50E-05
	1				133		46	.54598150E+02	.22E-09	.50E-05
polk3	0	11	0	10	236	0	17	.37034827E+01	.29E-05	.50E-05
	1				180		17	.37034827E+01	.37E-05	.50E-05
polk4	0	2	0	3	45	0	8	.40993875E-06	.76E-08	.50E-05
	1				24		8	.36460425E+00	.18E-05	.50E-05
p43m	0	4	1	3	67	32	13	-.44000000E+02	.18E-05	.50E-05
	1				55	22	15	-.44000000E+02	.48E-05	.50E-05
p84m	0	5	4	3	17	20	4	-.52803351E+07	.0	.50E-05
	1				9	12	3	-.52803351E+07	.17E-07	.50E-05
p113m	0	10	5	4	108	127	14	.24306209E+02	.39E-05	.50E-05
	1				84	105	14	.24306210E+02	.41E-05	.50E-05
p117m	0	15	3	3	124	144	21	.32348679E+02	.16E-05	.50E-05
	1				54	57	17	.32348679E+02	.39E-05	.50E-05

Table 2: Results for Minimax Problems with CFSQP

prob	B	nparam	ncallf	ncallg	iter	objective	d0norm	epseqn	SNECV
p6	0	2	15	26	9	.795230184E-12	.19E-05	.40E-06	.87E-09
	1		15	16	10	.933789794E-16	.10E-07	.40E-06	.22E-06
p7	0	2	35	49	12	-.173205081E+01	.26E-08	.35E-08	.29E-10
	1		15	16	12	-.173205081E+01	.22E-08	.35E-08	.13E-12
p26	0	3	38	79	31	.265644172E-13	.86E-04	.16E-04	.11E-09
	1		38	38	32	.234894106E-13	.83E-04	.16E-04	.36E-07
p39	0	4	14	56	13	-.100000000E+01	.52E-07	.75E-04	.48E-08
	1		12	26	12	-.100000064E+01	.25E-04	.75E-04	.64E-06
p40	0	4	5	27	5	-.250000002E+01	.14E-05	.85E-04	.10E-07
	1		5	21	5	-.250000822E+01	.48E-05	.85E-04	.43E-05
p42	0	4	9	15	6	.138578644E+02	.27E-05	.45E-05	.16E-08
	1		7	12	6	.138578645E+02	.94E-05	.45E-05	.58E-07
p46	0	5	33	108	18	.143831290E-04	.14E-02	.50E-04	.14E-06
	1		29	136	29	.324777175E-05	.19E-03	.50E-04	.45E-04
p47	0	5	21	146	20	.418148076E-11	.90E-05	.60E-04	.71E-08
	1		24	88	24	.156450390E-11	.78E-04	.60E-04	.38E-07
p56	0	7	18	147	15	-.345600001E+01	.23E-04	.25E-06	.24E-07
	1		14	60	14	-.345600000E+01	.47E-06	.25E-06	.11E-08
p60	0	3	8	18	8	.325682026E-01	.35E-04	.55E-04	.70E-07
	1		10	15	10	.325682007E-01	.11E-05	.55E-04	.44E-07
p61	0	3	20	57	9	-.143646142E+03	.14E-08	.25E-06	.11E-09
	1		10	24	8	-.143646142E+03	.87E-06	.25E-06	.10E-07
p63	0	3	9	17	8	.961715172E+03	.23E-06	.60E-05	.54E-08
	1		5	7	5	.961715179E+03	.13E-04	.60E-05	.54E-05
p71	0	4	7	30	7	.170140173E+02	.11E-07	.70E-05	.41E-12
	1		6	19	6	.170140173E+02	.16E-04	.70E-05	.28E-08
p74	0	4	16	93	17	.512649811E+04	.59E-05	.65E-05	.24E-06
	1		41	123	42	.512649811E+04	.21E-04	.65E-05	.74E-09
p75	0	4	15	87	16	.517441270E+04	.11E-05	.10E-07	.53E-09
	1		34	102	35	.517441270E+04	.12E-06	.10E-07	.16E-06
p77	0	5	13	51	12	.241505129E+00	.99E-05	.35E-04	.67E-09
	1		14	42	13	.241505239E+00	.18E-04	.35E-04	.19E-05
p78	0	5	7	44	7	-.291970042E+01	.66E-05	.15E-05	.35E-07
	1		8	30	8	-.291970041E+01	.33E-04	.15E-05	.10E-08
p79	0	5	12	77	12	.787768236E-01	.48E-04	.15E-03	.41E-08
	1		9	35	9	.787768274E-01	.14E-04	.15E-03	.38E-06
p80	0	5	17	78	10	.539498478E-01	.13E-06	.15E-07	.46E-11
	1		7	21	7	.539498474E-01	.49E-07	.15E-07	.11E-07
p81	0	5	24	108	13	.539498479E-01	.47E-04	.80E-06	.99E-09
	1		8	24	8	.539498419E-01	.23E-04	.80E-06	.17E-06
p107	0	9	19	211	15	.505501180E+04	.28E-08	.10E-07	.60E-15
	1		28	220	22	.505501180E+04	.85E-08	.10E-07	.22E-11
p325	0	2	6	23	6	.379134146E+01	.15E-07	.10E-07	.56E-07
	1		6	19	6	.379134153E+01	.21E-07	.10E-07	.74E-09

Table 3: Results for General Problems with CFSQP

prob	B	nparam	ncsrl	ncsrn	ncallf	ncallg	$\sum \Xi^{g_i} $	iter	objective	d0norm	Ξ^*
cw_2	0	2	0	1	5	3130	501	5	.261803401E+01	.49E-08	3
	1				8	4008		8	.261817635E+01	.44E-04	2
cw_3	0	3	0	1	10	7972	501	14	.533468728E+01	.29E-04	2
	1				12	9140		16	.533468729E+01	.95E-04	2
cw_5	0	3	1	0	47	0	501	47	.430118377E+01	.52E-04	2
	1				47	0		47	.430118377E+01	.52E-04	2
cw_6	0	2	0	1	14	9008	501	15	.971588578E+02	.78E-04	1
	1				16	9504		18	.971588525E+02	.20E-07	1
cw_7	0	3	21	0	4	0	441	3	.100000000E+01	.15E-04	21
	1				4	0		3	.100000000E+01	.15E-04	21
hu_1	0	2	1	0	4	0	501	4	.500000000E+00	.39E-16	1
	1				4	0		4	.500000000E+00	.39E-16	1
hu_2	0	2	1	0	2	0	501	2	.680000000E+00	.17E-16	2
	1				2	0		2	.680000000E+00	.17E-16	2
hu_3	0	2	1	0	3	0	501	2	.367037444E+01	.50E-16	2
	1				3	0		2	.367037444E+01	.50E-16	2
hu_4	0	2	0	1	4	2008	501	4	.686291568E+00	.40E-07	1
	1				4	2006		4	.686291501E+00	.63E-12	2
hu_5	0	2	0	1	12	12068	501	14	.986130508E+00	.11E-07	3
	1				9	6844		11	.986148997E+00	.27E-04	4
hu_6	0	2	0	1	22	17268	501	24	-.202500000E+02	.78E-05	1
	1				30	17187		26	-.202499808E+02	.30E-04	3
hu_7	0	2	0	1	64	51240	501	64	.999998734E+00	.29E-04	2
	1				20	11241		18	.999997609E+00	.31E-06	3
hu_9	0	2	0	1	8	7031	501	10	-.124953180E+02	.20E-04	4
	1				10	7061		12	-.124983808E+02	.90E-04	5
hu_10	0	2	0	1	8	6101	501	10	-.100019728E+02	.59E-08	3
	1				6	4788		8	-.999948868E+01	.35E-04	4
hu_11	0	2	0	1	2	1191	501	2	.200000000E+01	.0	501
	1				2	1191		2	.200000000E+01	.0	501
hu_12	0	10	0	1	4	2008	501	4	.818219540E+01	.16E-09	1
	1				3	1505		3	.818219553E+01	.23E-07	2
hz_1	0	2	0	2	4	5968	1002	6	.100000151E+01	.15E-05	1
	1				3	4212		5	.100000100E+01	.10E-05	1
oet_1	0	3	2	0	18	0	1002	18	.538243119E+00	.10E-15	4
	1				18	0		18	.538243119E+00	.10E-15	4
oet_2	0	3	0	2	6	6270	1002	6	.871596961E-01	.62E-07	3
	1				6	6452		6	.871678945E-01	.83E-05	3
oet_3	0	4	2	0	15	0	1002	15	.450505289E-02	.80E-15	4
	1				15	0		15	.450505289E-02	.80E-15	4
oet_4	0	4	0	2	19	26511	1002	21	.429543200E-02	.13E-08	4
	1				10	11022		12	.433432033E-02	.39E-04	6
oet_5	0	5	0	2	24	39314	1002	23	.265008754E-02	.43E-04	4
	1				29	31937		26	.272590628E-02	.77E-04	4
oet_6	0	5	0	2	23	35073	1002	21	.207188952E-02	.49E-05	9
	1				20	26343		21	.207161814E-02	.19E-04	5
oet_7	0	7	0	2	109	149623	1002	73	.840120672E-04	.41E-04	10
	1				658	279961		111	.589696960E-04	.71E-04	7
pt_1	0	2	1	0	15	0	501	15	.236067918E+00	.62E-14	2
	1				15	0		15	.236067918E+00	.62E-14	2
sch_3	0	3	1	0	48	0	501	48	.430118377E+01	.35E-08	2
	1				48	0		48	.430118377E+01	.35E-08	2

Table 4: Results for Sequentially Related Constraint Problems with CFSQP

prob	B	nparam	nfsr	$\sum \Omega^{f_i} $	ncallf	iter	objmax	d0norm	$ \Omega^* $
hz_1m	0	1	1	501	1102	2	.100000000E+01	.14E-14	2
	1				1002	2	.100000000E+01	.44E-14	2
oet_1m	0	2	1	501	5580	10	.538243119E+00	.48E-13	3
	1				6513	13	.538243119E+00	.38E-16	3
oet_2m	0	2	1	501	2107	4	.871610589E-01	.16E-05	3
	1				2505	5	.871636550E-01	.14E-04	3
oet_3m	0	3	1	501	4932	7	.450551698E-02	.23E-05	5
	1				3507	7	.450551698E-02	.23E-05	5
oet_4m	0	3	1	501	6874	10	.429566474E-02	.11E-05	5
	1				5010	10	.429567387E-02	.13E-05	5
oet_5m	0	4	1	501	16911	19	.265008668E-02	.27E-05	4
	1				11526	19	.268822747E-02	.53E-04	4
oet_6m	0	4	1	501	11049	14	.206997910E-02	.17E-04	6
	1				10029	16	.206974500E-02	.21E-07	5
oet_7m	0	6	1	501	27246	30	.132727016E-03	.32E-04	9
	1				84938	97	.463302688E-04	.42E-04	9
pt_1m	0	1	1	501	5323	8	.236067918E+00	.0	2
	1				6012	12	.236067918E+00	.0	2
sch_u3	0	5	1	501	9531	11	.125766196E-03	.11E-04	10
	1				6516	13	.125483347E-03	.10E-05	8

Table 5: Results for Sequentially Related Objective Problems with CFSQP