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Global Optimization Method of Multivariate non-Lipschitz Functions Using Tangent Minorants

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Abstract: This paper deals with the multidimensional global optimization problem where the objective function f is non-Lipschitz over a hyper-rectangle of \mathbb{R}^n . The generalization of Piyavskii's algorithm to the multivariate case requires finding the intersection of many non-linear hyper-surfaces. In this paper, we propose an algorithm which is composed of two steps. The first one is to transform the multivariate function f into a single variable function $\mathbf{f}(t)$ using the α -dense curves and the second one is to apply the extended version of Piyavskii's algorithm to $\mathbf{f}(t)$. For minimizing $\mathbf{f}(t)$, we construct a sequence of lower bounding piecewise tangent functions. A convergence result is proved and the numerical experiments on some test functions are given and compared with the existing methods.

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1 Introduction

Let us consider the box constrained global optimization problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbf{P} = \prod_{i=1}^{n} [a_i, b_i]} f(x), \tag{P}$$

where f is a real continuous multi-extremal function defined on the hyper-rectangle **P** and satisfies the following condition:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \le h ||x - y||^{1/m}, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{P},$$
 (1)

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