

# Automatic Differentiation

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# Main Approaches

- Hand Coding
- Divided Differences
- Symbolic Differentiation
- Automatic Differentiation

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Approximate the derivative of a function  $f$  w.r.t the  $i$ th component of  $x$  at a particular point  $x_0$  by difference numerically, e.g

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_i} \right|_{x_0} \approx \frac{f(x_0 + h e_i) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

where  $e_i$  is the  $i$ th Cartesian unit vector.



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# Symbolic Differentiation

Find an explicit derivative expression by computer algebra systems.

- Disadvantages:

- The length of the representation of the resulting derivative expressions increases rapidly with the number,  $n$ , of independent variables;
- Inefficient in terms of computing time due to the rapid growth of the underlying expressions;
- Unable to deal with constructs such as branches, loops, or subroutines that are inherent in computer codes.

# Automatic Differentiation

- What is Automatic Differentiation?

Algorithmic, or automatic, differentiation (AD) is concerned with the accurate and efficient evaluation of derivatives for functions defined by computer programs. No truncation errors are incurred, and the resulting numerical derivative values can be used for all scientific computations that are based on linear, quadratic, or even higher order approximations to nonlinear scalar or vector functions.



# Automatic Differentiation (Cont.)

- What's the idea behind Automatic Differentiation?

Automatic differentiation techniques rely on the fact that every function no matter how complicated is executed on a computer as a (potentially very long) sequence of elementary operations such as additions, multiplications, and elementary functions such as *sin* and *cos*. By repeated application of the chain rule of derivative calculus to the composition of those elementary operations, one can compute in a completely mechanical fashion.

# How good AD is?

- **Reliability**

Accurate to machine precision, no truncation error exists.

- **Computational Cost**

Forward Mode:  $2 \sim 3n \times \text{cost}(f)$

Reverse Mode:  $5 \times \text{cost}(f)$

- **Human Effort**

Spend less time in preparing a code for differentiation, in particular in situations where computer models are bound to change frequently.

# How widely is AD used?

- Sensitivity Analysis of a Mesoscale Weather Model  
**Application Area:** Climate Modeling
- Data assimilation for ocean circulation  
**Application Area:** Oceanography
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy  
**Application Area:** Biomedicine
- Multidisciplinary Design of Aircraft  
**Application Area:** Computational Fluid Dynamics
- The NEOS server  
**Application Area:** Optimization
- .....

Source: <http://www.autodiff.org/?module=Applications&submenu=& category=all>

# AD methods : SimpleExample

## A Simple Example

function  $[y_1, y_2] = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, a, b)$

$$w_1 = \log(x_1 * x_2)$$

$$w_2 = x_2 * x_3^2 - a$$

$$w_3 = b * w_1 + x_2 / x_3$$

$$y_1 = w_1^2 + w_2 - x_2$$

$$y_2 = \sqrt{w_3} - w_2$$

We want to calculate the Jacobian  $\mathbf{Jf}$ ,

$$\mathbf{Jf} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla y_1 \\ \nabla y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore we have

• **independent variables:**  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$

• **dependent variables:**  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2)$

• **intermediate variables:**  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$

• **active variables**  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}$

• **inactive variables**  $a, b$

# SimpleExample

Unify all the variable..

$$u_1 = x_1$$

$$u_2 = x_2$$

$$u_3 = x_3$$

$$u_4 = \Phi_4(u_1, u_2) = \log(u_1 * u_2)$$

$$u_5 = \Phi_5(u_2, u_3) = u_2 * u_3^2 - a$$

$$u_6 = \Phi_6(u_2, u_3, u_4) = b * u_4 + u_2 / u_3$$

$$u_7 = \Phi_7(u_2, u_4, u_5) = u_4^2 + u_5 - u_2$$

$$u_8 = \Phi_8(u_5, u_6) = \sqrt{u_6} - u_5$$

# Forward method

- **Forward method**

Differentiate the Code:

$$u_i = x_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$u_i = \Phi(\{u_j\}_{j < i}) \quad i = n + 1, \dots, N$$

Differentiate:

$$\nabla u_i = e_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\nabla u_i = \sum_{j < i} c_{i,j} * \nabla u_j \quad i = n + 1, \dots, N$$

# Reverse method

- Reverse method**

Compute the Adjoint of the Code

$$\bar{u}_j = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u_j} = \frac{\partial(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)}{\partial u_j}$$

Compute for dependent variables

$$\bar{u}_{n+p+j} = \frac{\partial(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)}{\partial u_j} = \mathbf{e}_j \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

Compute for intermediates and independents  $u_j, j = n + p, \dots, 1$

$$\bar{u}_j = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u_j} = \sum_{i>j} \bar{u}_i c_{i,j}$$

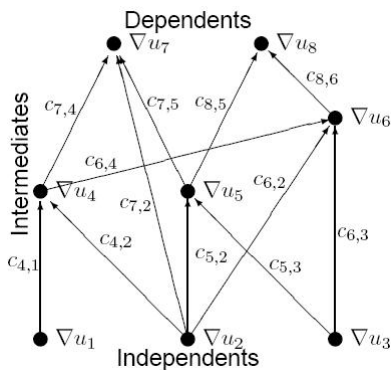
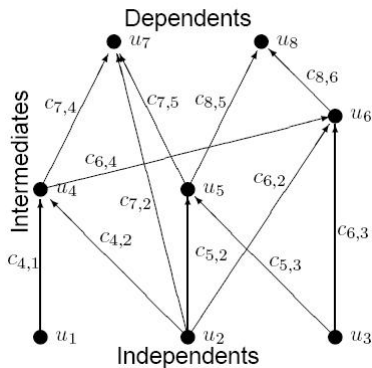
# Forward methods

- **Forward method**
- **Method** : Compute the gradient of each variable, and use the chain rule to pass the gradient
- **The size of computed object**: In each computation, it computes the vectors with input size  $n$ .
- The computation of gradient of each variable proceeds with the computation of each variable
- Easily implement



# Forward methods

## • Computing Variable Value    Computing Gradient Value



# Reverse methods

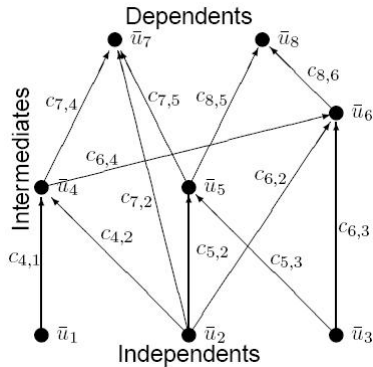
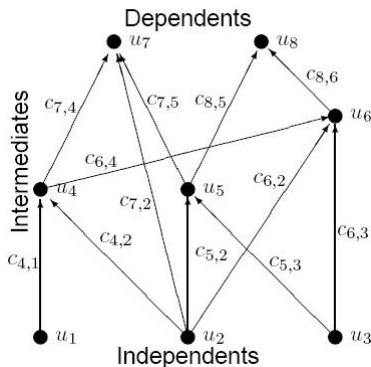
- **Reverse method**
- **Method** : Compute Adjoint of each variable, pass the Adjoint
- **The size of computed object**: In each computation, it computes the vectors with output size  $m$ . (Note, usually the output size is 1 in optimization application.)
- The computation of Adjoint of each variable proceed after the completion of the computation of all variables.

# Reverse methods

- **Reverse method**
- Traverse through the Computational Graph reversely and get the parents of each variable so as to compute the Adjoint.
- Obtain the gradient by compute each partial derivate one by one
- Harder to implement

# Reverse methods

## • Computing Variable Value    Computing Adjoint Value

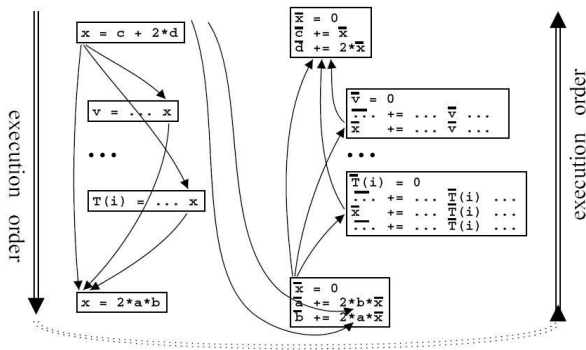


# Implementation of Reverse mode

- Implementation of Reverse mode
- As mentioned above, the implementation in Forward mode is relatively straightforward. We only propose the comparison of important feature between **Source Transformation** and **Operator Overloading**:
- Using Source Transformation: Re-ordering the code upside down
- Using Operator Overloading: Record computation on a "tape"

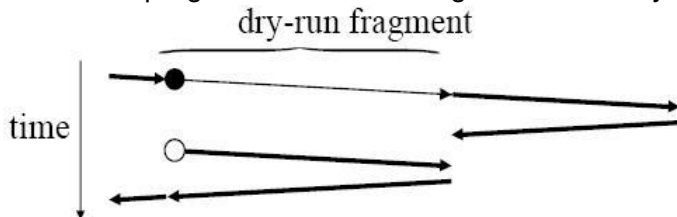
# Implementation of Reverse mode

- Re-ordering the code upside down:  
**Hascoët: Adjoining a Data-Dependence Graph**



# Implementation of Reverse mode

- Record computation on a "tape"  
Record: Operation, operands
- Related technique: Checkpointing  
If the number of operations going large, Checkpointing prevent the program from exhausting all the memory



# Comparison

- The following topic is discussed in the comparison between Forward mode and backward mode
- Computational Complexity
- Memory Required
- Time to develop



# Cost of Forward Propagation of Derivs.

- Define  $\begin{cases} N_{|c|=1} : \text{No. of unit local derivatives } c_{i,j} = \pm 1 \\ N_{|c|\neq 1} : \text{No. of nonunit local derivatives } c_{i,j} \neq 0, \pm 1 \end{cases}$
- Solve for derivatives in forward order  $\nabla u_{n+1}, \nabla u_{n+2}, \dots, \nabla u_N$

$$\nabla u_i = \sum_{j \prec i} c_{i,j} * \nabla u_j, \quad i = n+1, \dots, N,$$

with each  $\nabla u_i = (\partial u_i / \partial x_1, \dots, \partial u_i / \partial x_n)$ , a length  $n$  vector.

- Flop count  $flops(fwd)$  given by,

$$\begin{aligned} flops(fwd) &= nN_{|c|\neq 1} && (\text{mults. } c_{i,j} * \nabla u_j, \quad c_{i,j} \neq 1, 0) \\ &+ n(N_{|c|\neq 1} + N_{|c|=1}) && (\text{adds./subs. } + c_{i,j} \nabla u_j) \\ &- n(p + m) && (\text{first } n \text{ adds./subs.}) \end{aligned}$$

$$flops(fwd) = n(2N_{|c|\neq 1} + N_{|c|=1} - p - m)$$

# Cost of Reverse Propagation of Adjoint

- Solve for adjoints in reverse order  $\bar{u}_{n+p}, \bar{u}_{n+p-1}, \dots, \bar{u}_1$

$$\bar{u}_j = \sum_{i \succ j} \bar{u}_i c_{i,j}.$$

with  $\bar{u}_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$  is a length  $m$  vector.

- Flop count  $flops(rev)$  given by,

$$\begin{aligned} flops(rev) &= mN_{|c| \neq 1} && (mults. \bar{u}_i * c_{i,j}, c_{i,j} \neq \pm 1, 0) \\ &= +m(N_{|c|=1} + N_{|c| \neq 1}) && (adds./subs. + (\bar{u}_i * c_{i,j})) \end{aligned}$$

$$flops(rev) = m(2N_{|c| \neq 1} + N_{|c|=1}).$$

# Memory Required

- ***Used Storage:***

**It's uncertain that which mode takes more memory, usually, reverse mode takes more.**

***The cost of memory for Forward mode is from:***

Storing size (1) in each variable

Storing input size  $n$  in each gradient variable

***The cost of memory for Reverse mode is from:***

Storing size (1) in each variable

Storing output size  $m$  in each Adjoint variable

Storing DAG(directed acyclic graph, which present the function)

# Memory Required

- It's more likely to have less memory used while using forward mode:
  - 1.If there exists reused variable in original function
  - 2.If  $n$  is so large that Reverse requires lots of memory to store DAG.
- It's more likely to have less memory used while using reverse mode:
  - 1.If  $n$  is relatively large, so the storage required for storing gradient is more than storing Adjoint

# Time to develop

- ***Time to develop***: Usually, it's hard to develop Reverse code than Forward one, especially using Source Transformation technique.

# Time to develop

- **Conclusion:**

Using Forward mode when  $n \gg m$ , such as optimization

Using Reverse mode when  $m \gg n$ , such as Sensitivity Analysis

# Extended knowledge

- ***Directional Derivatives***

***Forward mode:***

seed  $\mathbf{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_n)_T$

seeding  $\nabla x_i = d_i$

calculates  $Jf * d$

Multi-directional derivatives : replace  $d$  by  $D$ , where

$$D = [d_{ij}]_{i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, q}$$

# Extended knowledge

- ***Directional Adjoints***

***Reverse mode:***

seed  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$

seeding  $\bar{y}_j = v_j$

calculates  $\mathbf{v} * J\mathbf{f}$

Multi-directional Adjoint : replace  $\mathbf{v}$  by  $\mathbf{V}$ , where

$$\mathbf{V} = [v_{ij}]_{i=1, \dots, q, j=1, \dots, m}$$



# Case Study

- ***Using FADBAD++:***
- FADBAD++ were developed by Ole Stauning and Claus Bendtsen.
- Flexible automatic differentiation using templates and operator overloading in ANSI C++
- Only with source code, no additional library required.
- Free to use

# Case Study

- **Using FADBAD++:**

**Test function :**  $f(x) = \prod x_i$

**Objective:** Testing different coding of the function in Forward mode, try to reuse the variable

**Result :** Basically, no matter how you code, the memory cost as much as  $n * n * 8\text{byte}$ , no different between reuse variable or not

# Case Study

- **Using FADBAD++:**

**Test function** :  $f(x) = \prod x_i$

**Objective:** Testing Reverse mode

**Result** : test until  $n = 6500$  , Using Forward mode out of memory. Reverse is 127 times faster, and only take few MB.

**Remark** : Couldn't see how the DAG take the memory from using reverse mode, it's more likely to observe by using fewer independent variables but more complicated function.

# Code List

**Code-List** given by re-writing the code into elemental binary and unary operations/functions, e.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \log^2(x_1 x_2) + x_2 x_3^2 - a - x_2 \\ \sqrt{b \cdot \log(x_1 x_2) + x_2 / x_3 - x_2 x_3^2 + a} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = x_1$$

$$v_7 = v_6 * v_2$$

$$v_{13} = v_8 - v_2$$

$$v_2 = x_2$$

$$v_8 = v_7 - a$$

$$v_{14} = v_5^2$$

$$v_3 = x_3$$

$$v_9 = 1 / v_3$$

$$v_{15} = \sqrt{v_{12}}$$

$$v_4 = v_1 * v_2$$

$$v_{10} = v_2 * v_9$$

$$v_{16} = v_{14} + v_{13}$$

$$v_5 = \log(v_4)$$

$$v_{11} = b * v_5$$

$$v_{17} = v_{15} - v_8$$

$$v_6 = v_3^2$$

$$v_{12} = v_{11} + v_{10}$$

# Code-list (ctd.)

- Assume code-list contains
  - $N_{\pm}$  addition/subtractions e.g.  $v_{14} + v_{13}$
  - $N_*$  multiplications e.g.  $v_1 * v_2$
  - $N_f$  nonlinear functions/operations e.g.  $\log(v_4)$ ,  $1/v_3$
  - Total of  $p + m = N_{\pm} + N_* + N_f$  statements
- Then
  - Each addition/subtraction generates **two**  $c_{i,j} = \pm 1$
  - Each multiplication generates **two**  $c_{i,j} \neq \pm 1, 0$
  - Each nonlinear function generates **one**  $c_{i,j} \neq 1, 0$  requiring one nonlinear function evaluation e.g.  $v_5 = \log(v_4)$  gives  $c_{5,4} = 1/v_4$ .
- So we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{|c|=1} &= 2N_{\pm} \\
 N_{|c|\neq 1} &= 2N_* + 1N_f
 \end{aligned}$$

# Complexity of Forward Mode

$$\text{flops}(Jf) = \text{flops}(f) + \text{flops}(c_{i,j}) + \text{flops}(\text{fwd})$$

- Assume  $\text{flops}(\text{nonlinear function}) = w$ ,  $w > 1$ .
- Cost of evaluation function is,

$$\text{flops}(f) = N_* + N_{\pm} + wN_f$$

- Cost of evaluation local derivatives  $c_{i,j}$  is,

$$\text{flops}(c_{i,j}) = wN_f.$$

- Cost of forward propagation of derivatives is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{flops}(\text{fwd}) &= n(2N_{|c| \neq 1} + N_{|c|=1} - p - m) \\ &= n(3N_* + N_{\pm} + N_f)\end{aligned}$$

# Complexity of Forward Mode (Ctd.)

Then for forward mode

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\text{flops}(Jf)}{\text{flops}(f)} &= 1 + \frac{wN_f + n(3N_* + N_{\pm} + N_f)}{N_* + N_{\pm} + wN_f} \\ &= 1 + 3n\hat{N}_* + n\hat{N}_{\pm} + n\left(\frac{1}{w} + \frac{1}{n}\right)\widehat{wN_f}\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$(\hat{N}_*, \hat{N}_{\pm}, \widehat{wN_f}) = \frac{(N_*, N_{\pm}, wN_f)}{N_* + N_{\pm} + wN_f}.$$

Since  $\hat{N}_* + \hat{N}_{\pm} + \widehat{wN_f} = 1$  and all coefficients positive,

$$\frac{\text{flops}(Jf)}{\text{flops}(f)} \leq 1 + n * \max(3, 1, (\frac{1}{w} + \frac{1}{n})) = 1 + 3n.$$

$n \ll m$ , Forward Mode preferred.

# Complexity of Reverse Mode

$$\text{flops}(\text{rev}) = m(4N_* + 2N_{\pm} + 2N_f),$$

giving,

$$\frac{\text{flops}(Jf)}{\text{flops}(f)} = 1 + 4m\hat{N}_* + 2m\hat{N}_{\pm} + m\left(\frac{2}{w} + \frac{1}{m}\right)\widehat{wN}_f$$

and

$$\frac{\text{flops}(Jf)}{\text{flops}(f)} \leq 1 + m * \max(4, 2, (\frac{2}{w} + \frac{1}{m})) = 1 + 4m$$

For  $m = 1$

$$\text{flops}(\nabla f) \leq 5\text{flops}(f)$$



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# Example of Sin

```
function a = sin(a)
%SIN          Gradient sine sin(a)
%
%          .....

global INTLAB_GRADIENT_NUMVAR
N = INTLAB_GRADIENT_NUMVAR;

% use full(a.x(:)): cures Matlab V6.0 bug
% a=7; i=[1 1]; x=a(i), b=sparse(a); y=b(i) yields row vector
% x but column vector y
% ax is full anyway
ax = cos(full(a.x(:)));
a.x = sin(a.x);
if issparse(a.dx)
    ....
else
    a.dx = a.dx .* ax(:,ones(1,N));
end

if rndold~=0
    setround(rndold)
end
```

# Example for Element Functions

Evaluate the derivative at  $x=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (1 + x + e^x) \sin x \\ \vec{f}(\vec{x}) &= (\vec{1} + \vec{x} + e^{\vec{x}}) \sin \vec{x} \\ \vec{f}(0, 1) &= \left( (1, 0) + (0, 1) + e^{(0,1)} \right) \sin(0, 1) \\ &= \left( (1, 1) + (e^0, e^0) \right) (\sin 0, \cos 0) \\ &= (2, 2)(0, 1) = (0, 2).\end{aligned}$$

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.....

# INTLab

**Developers:** Institute for Reliable Computing, Hamburg  
University of Technology

**Mode:** Forward

**Method:** Operator overloading

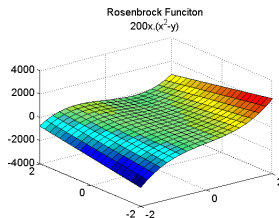
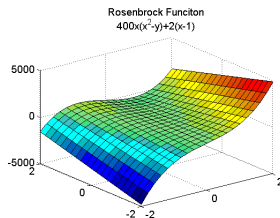
**Language:** MATLAB

**URL:** <http://www.ti3.tu-harburg.de/rump/intlab/>

**Licensing:** Open Source

# Rosenbrock Function

$$\begin{aligned}y1 &= 400x_1(x_1^2 - x_2) + 2(x_1 - 1) \\y2 &= 200(x_1^2 - x_2)\end{aligned}$$



```
f = inline('[ 400*x(1)*(x(1)*x(1)-x(2)) + 2*(x(1)-1); 200*x(1)*(x(1)*x(1)-x(2))])'
```



# One Step of Newton Method with INTLab

```
>> x = gradientinit([1.1;0.5])
gradient value x.x =
    1.1000
    0.5000
gradient derivative(s) x.dx =
     1     0
     0     1
>> y = f(x)
gradient value y.x =
    312.6000
    156.2000
gradient derivative(s) y.dx =
    1.0e+003 *
     1.2540    -0.4400
     0.6260    -0.2200
>> x = x - y.dx\y.x
gradient value x.x =
    1.0000
    0.9255
gradient derivative(s) x.dx =
     1     0
```

# TOMLAB/MAD

**Developers:** Marcus M. Edvall and Kenneth Holmstrom,  
Tomlab Optimization Inc. (TOMLAB /MAD  
integration)  
Shaun A. Forth and Robert Ketzscher, Cranfield  
University (MAD)

**Mode:** Forward

**Method:** Operator overloading

**Language:** MATLAB

**URL:** <http://tomlab.biz/products/mad/>

**Licensing:** License

# One Step of Newton Method with MAD

```
>> x1 = fmad([1.1;0.5],eye(2));  
>> y1=f(x1);  
>> x1 = x1 - squeeze(getderivs(y1))\getvalue(y1)  
fmad object x1  
value =  
    1.0000  
    0.9255  
derivvec object derivatives  
Size = 2  1  
No. of derivs = 2  
derivs(:,:,1) =  
    1  
    0  
derivs(:,:,2) =  
    0  
    1  
>>
```

# ADiMat

**Developers:** Andre Vehreschild, Institute for Scientific Computing, RWTH Aachen University

**Mode:** Forward

**Method:** Source transformation  
Operator overloading

**Language:** MATLAB

**URL:** <http://www.sc.rwth-aachen.de/vehreschild/adimat.html>

**Licensing:** under discussion

# ADiMat's Example

```
function [result1, result2]= f(x)
    % Compute the sin and square-root of x*2.
    % Very simple example for ADiMat website.
    % Andre Vehreschild, Institute for
    % Scientific Computing,
    % RWTH Aachen University, D-52056 Aachen,
    % Germany.
    % vehreschild@sc.rwth-aachen.de

    result1= sin(x);
    result2= sqrt(x*2);
```

Source:<http://www.sc.rwth-aachen.de/vehreschild/adimat/example1.html>

# ADiMat's Example (cont.)

```
>> addiff(@f, 'x', 'result1,result2');  
>> p=magic(5);  
>> g_p=createFullGradients(p);  
>> [g_r1, r1, g_r2, r2]= g_f(g_p, p);  
>> J1= [g_r1{:}]; % and  
>> J2= [g_r2{:}];
```

Source: <http://www.sc.rwth-aachen.de/vehreschild/adimat/example1.html>

## ADiMat's Example (cont.)

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g_result1= ((g_x).* cos(x));  
result1= sin(x);  
g_tmp_f_00000= g_x* 2;  
tmp_f_00000= x* 2;  
g_result2= ((g_tmp_f_00000)./ (2.*  
sqrt(tmp_f_00000)));  
result2= sqrt(tmp_f_00000);
```

Source:<http://www.sc.rwth-aachen.de/vehreschild/adimat/example1.html>

# Matrix Calculus

**Definition:** If  $X$  is  $p \times q$  and  $Y$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $dY: = dY/dX \, dX$ :  
where the derivative  $dY/dX$  is a large  $mn \times pq$  matrix.

$$d(X^2) : = (XdX + dXX) :$$

$$d(\det(X)) = d(\det(X^T)) = \det(X)(X^{-T})^T dX :$$

$$d(\ln(\det(X))) = (X^{-T})^T dX :$$

Ref: <http://www.ee.ic.ac.uk/hp/staff/dmb/matrix/calculus.html>



# Vandermonde Function

This problem concerns the calculation of the coefficients of the  $m$ -degree polynomial  $p(x) = p_1 + p_2x + p_2x^2 + \dots + p_mx^{m-1}$  that best fits the points  $(x_i, d_i), i = 1, \dots, n$  in the least squares sense. This leads to the overdetermined linear system  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{d}$ , where  $\mathbf{V}$  is the well-known Vandermonde matrix,

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{m-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{m-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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# Vandermonde Function (cont.)

Table I. Ratio  $\text{CPU}(\mathbf{Jf})/\text{CPU}(\mathbf{f})$  of Jacobian to Function CPU Times for the Polynomial Data Fitting Problem with  $m = 4$ . Jacobian and Function Calculations Were Timed Over Loops of  $7680/n$  and 25600 Evaluations, Respectively, and This Process was Repeated 10 Times to Give an Average CPU Time. Further Information is Given in Table VII of Appendix A

| Method                     | CPU( $\mathbf{Jf}$ )/CPU( $\mathbf{f}$ ) for Problem Size $n$ |      |      |       |       |        |         |          |
|----------------------------|---|------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|----------|
|                            | 10  | 20   | 40   | 80    | 160   | 320    | 640     | 1280     |
| <code>numjac</code>        | 19.2  | 31.6 | 56.9 | 106.6 | 202.4 | 393.0  | 823.2   | 1528.8   |
| <code>fmad(full)</code>    | 42.9  | 40.8 | 46.9 | 75.0  | 167.0 | 403.1  | 802.0   | 1704.2   |
| <code>fmad(sparse)</code>  | 44.1  | 39.0 | 34.3 | 32.4  | 33.6  | 71.1   | 127.2   | 257.2    |
| <code>ADMAT(full)</code>   | 44.1  | 60.4 | 97.8 | 175.3 | 888.9 | 7220.0 | 30399.3 | 128588.1 |
| <code>ADMAT(sparse)</code> | 47.6  | 63.0 | 94.3 | 150.9 | 265.9 | 623.4  | 922.6   | 1806.9   |

Experiment on a PIV 3.0Ghz PC (Windows XP), Matlab Version: 6.5

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# Vandermonde Function (cont.)

| Method      | 10    | 20    | 40    | 80    | 160   | 320   | 640    | 1280   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Function    | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.010 | 0.000  | 0.000  |
| MAD(Full)   | 0.070 | 0.060 | 0.070 | 0.130 | 0.581 | 2.664 | 10.535 | 45.535 |
| MAD(Sparse) | 0.071 | 0.050 | 0.060 | 0.060 | 0.060 | 0.070 | 0.100  | 0.881  |
| INTLab      | 0.050 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.090 | 0.040 | 0.050 | 0.071  | 0.120  |
| ADiMat      | 0.231 | 0.140 | 0.271 | 0.601 | 1.362 | 3.044 | 7.340  | 21.611 |

Unit of CPU time is second. Experiment on a PIII1000Hz PC (Windows 2000), Matlab Version: 7.0.1.24704 (R14)

Service Pack 1, TOMLAB v5.6, INTLAB Version 5.3, ADiMat (beta) 0.4-r9.

# Arrowhead Function

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_1 &= 2x_1^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \\ f_i &= x_1^2 + x_i^2, \quad i = 2, \dots, n \end{aligned} \right\},$$

for  $n = 7$ , the Jacobian has sparsity pattern,

$$\mathbf{Jf}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & & & & & \\ \bullet & & \bullet & & & & \\ \bullet & & & \bullet & & & \\ \bullet & & & & \bullet & & \\ \bullet & & & & & \bullet & \\ \bullet & & & & & & \bullet \end{bmatrix},$$

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# Arrowhead Function (cont.)

Table IV. Ratio  $\text{CPU}(\mathbf{Jf})/\text{CPU}(\mathbf{f})$  of Jacobian to Function CPU Times for the Arrowhead Problem. Jacobian and Function Calculations Were Timed Over Loops of 500 and 500,000 Evaluations, Respectively, and This Process was Repeated 10 Times to Give an Average CPU Time. Further Information is Given in Table IX of Appendix A

| Method                     | CPU( $\mathbf{Jf}$ )/CPU( $\mathbf{f}$ ) for Problem Size $n$ |       |       |        |        |         |          |
|----------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
|                            | 20  | 40    | 80    | 160    | 320    | 640     | 1280     |
| <code>numjac(vect)</code>  | 20.8  | 35.0  | 124.6 | 507.1  | 3394.5 | 17898.0 | 113879.5 |
| <code>fmad(sparse)</code>  | 90.6  | 90.5  | 100.4 | 102.8  | 124.0  | 168.6   | 235.7    |
| <code>ADMAT(sparse)</code> | 192.4   | 326.1 | 619.9 | 1160.9 | 2427.7 | 5206.9  | 15443.1  |
| <code>ADMIT</code>         | 285.2   | 274.5 | 280.7 | 264.5  | 272.3  | 288.2   | 313.0    |

Experiment on a PIV 3.0Ghz PC (Windows XP), Matlab Version: 6.5

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# Arrowhead Function (cont.)

| Method      | 20    | 40    | 80    | 160   | 320   | 640   | 1280   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Function    | 0.010 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000  |
| MAD(Full)   | 0.180 | 0.050 | 0.070 | 0.200 | 1.111 | 4.367 | 17.796 |
| MAD(Sparse) | 0.060 | 0.060 | 0.060 | 0.070 | 0.080 | 0.100 | 0.160  |
| INTLab      | 0.090 | 0.051 | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.081 | 0.140 | 0.340  |
| ADiMat      | 0.911 | 0.311 | 0.651 | 1.262 | 2.704 | 6.028 | 14.581 |

Unit of CPU time is second. Experiment on a PIII1000Hz PC (Windows 2000), Matlab Version: 7.0.1.24704 (R14)

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# BDQRTIC mod

```
function y = bdqrtic(x)
% http://www.sor.princeton.edu/~rvtb/amp1/nlmodels/cute/bdqrtic.mod
% Source: Problem 61 in
% A.R. Conn, N.I.M. Gould, M. Lescrenier and Ph.L. Toint,
% "Performance of a multifrontal scheme for partially separable
% optimization",
% Report 88/4, Dept of Mathematics, FUNDP (Namur, B), 1988.
% Copyright (C) 2001 Princeton University
% All Rights Reserved
    N = length(x);
    I = 1:N-4;
    y = sum( (-4*x(I)+3.0).^2 ) + sum( ( x(I).^2 + 2*x(I+1).^2 + ...
        3*x(I+2).^2 + 4*x(I+3).^2 + 5*x(N).^2 ).^2 );
```

# BDQRTIC mod (cont.)

| Method      | 20     | 40    | 80    | 160   | 320   | 640    | 1280   |
|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Function    | 12.809 | 0.010 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.010  | 0.000  |
| MAD(Full)   | 2.604  | 0.121 | 0.150 | 0.490 | 2.513 | 10.926 | 43.162 |
| MAD(Sparse) | 0.270  | 0.120 | 0.130 | 0.150 | 0.201 | 0.260  | 0.371  |
| INTLab      | 2.293  | 0.080 | 0.100 | 0.110 | 0.150 | 0.230  | 0.481  |
| ADiMat      | 3.455  | 0.621 | 1.152 | 2.544 | 5.778 | 14.641 | 42.671 |

Unit of CPU time is second. Experiment on a PIII1000Hz PC (Windows 2000), Matlab Version: 7.0.1.24704 (R14)

Service Pack 1, TOMLAB v5.6, INTLAB Version 5.3, ADiMat (beta) 0.4-r9.



# Summary of AD softwares in MATLAB

- Operator overloading method for AD forward mode is easy to implement by differentiation arithmetic.
- All of AD tools in Matlab are easy to use.
- Sparse storage provides a good way to improve the performance of AD tools.

# The Computational Differentiation Group at Argonne National Laboratory

ADIC introduced in 1997 by:



Chrtian Bischof  
Scientific Computing at  
RWTH Aachen University



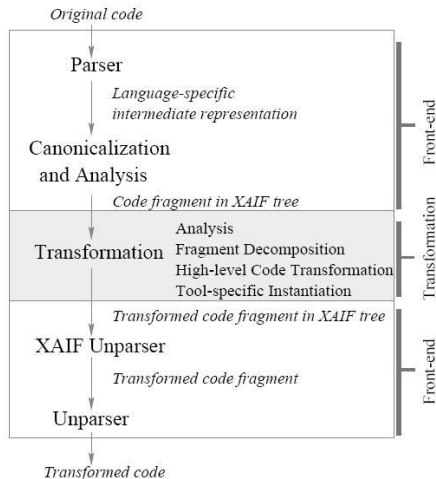
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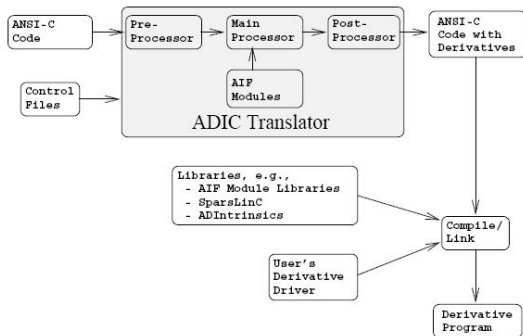
# State of ADIS

- ADIC is an **A**utomatic **D**ifferentiation tools In ANSI **C**/C++.
- ADIC was introduced in 1966.
- Last updated: June 10, 2005.
- Official web site [www-new.mcs.anl.gov/adic/down-2.htm](http://www-new.mcs.anl.gov/adic/down-2.htm).
- ADIC is using forward method.
- Supported Platforms: Unix/Linux.
- Selected Application: NEOS
- Related Research Group: Argonne National Laboratory, USA

# ADICAnatomy



# ADICProcess



## func.c

```
#include "func.h"
#include <math.h>

void func(data_t * pdata)
{
    int i;
    double *x = pdata->x;
    double *y = pdata->y;
    double s, temp;

    i=0;
    for (; i < pdata->len ;){
        s = s + x[i]*y[i];
        i++;
    }

    temp = exp(s);
    pdata->r = temp;
}
```

## driver.c

```

#include "ad_deriv.h"
#include <stdio.h>

#define MAXLEN 100

typedef struct {
    int len;
    DERIV_TYPE *x, *y, r;
} data_t;
void ad_func(data_t *);

int main(){
    int i, n;
    double grad[ad_GRAD_MAX], t1, t2;
    data_t data;
    DERIV_TYPE x[MAXLEN], y[MAXLEN], r;

    ad_AD_Init(ad_GRAD_MAX);

    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
        scanf("%lf %lf", &t1, &t2);
        ad_grad_axpy_0(&(x[i]));
        DERIV_val(x[i])=t1;
        ad_grad_axpy_0(&(y[i]));
        DERIV_val(y[i])=t2;
    }
    data.len = n;
    data.x = x;
    data.y = y;

    ad_AD_SetIndepArray(x,n);
    ad_AD_SetIndepArray(y,n);
    ad_AD_SetIndepDone();

    ad_func(&data);

    ad_AD_ExtractGrad(grad, data.r);

    printf("%le\n",DERIV_val(data.r));
    for (i=0; i<n; i++){
        printf("%le\n",grad[i]);
    }

    ad_AD_Final();
    return 0;
}

```

# Commands

```
% adic -vd gradient func.c
```

```
% gcc -I$ADIC/include -o ad_func func.ad.c func.c func_driver.c  
-L$ADIC/lib/$ADI_ARCH -lADIntrinsics-C -laif_grad -lm
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- The first command generates the header file `ad_deriv.h` and derivative function `func.ad.c`;
- The second command compiles and links all needed functions and generates `ad_func`;



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z = 0.0;
for (; func(z) > 1.0;) {
    [...]
    if (k) {
        goto label;
    }
    [...]
label:
    z += 2.0;
}
```

# For Further Reading in ADIC



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Thanks!

Questions?