

# Forward Mode Automatic Differentiation with an application to solid mechanics

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# Overview

Derivatives and approximations

Automatic differentiation

The dual numbers algebra

AD through dual numbers

Application to solid mechanics

Examples

# What is Automatic Differentiation ?

Before what, what for?

```
function foo(x, d0)
    for i = 1:5
        d = sqrt(x[1,i]^2+x[2,i]^2+x[3,i]^2)
        if d > d0
            phi += geez(d)
        else
            phi += baz(d)
        end
    end
    return phi
end
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Find the derivatives of foo with respect to x without modifying the source code

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Symbolic differentiation treats expressions as strings

### Cannot handle iterations

In the cases where results are obtained at the end of an iterative process or by accumulation, such as Newton Raphson iterations, symbolic iteration cannot be directly applied

### Subject to expression swell

In lengthy calculations simplification algorithms tend to struggle

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The general case of an analytic function  $g(t)$

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$$g(t_0 + \Delta t) = g_0 + \frac{dg}{dt} \Delta t + \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$h = g(f(\mathbf{x})) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} t = f(\mathbf{x}) \\ h = g(t) \end{cases}$$

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$h_4 = h_1^3$	$\delta h_4 = 3h_1^2 \delta h_1$
$h_5 = h_2^2$	$\delta h_5 = 2h_2 \delta h_2$
$h_6 = h_3^2$	$\delta h_6 = 2h_3 \delta h_3$
$h_7 = h_5 h_6$	$\delta h_7 = h_5 \delta h_6 + h_6 \delta h_5$
$h_8 = h_7 + h_6$	$\delta h_8 = \delta h_7 + \delta h_6$
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Dual numbers <sup>1</sup> have multiple higher dimensional parts.

$$\mathbf{x} \equiv x_0 + x_i \imath_i + x_{ij} \imath_{ij}$$

where:

$$\imath_{ij} \equiv \imath_i \otimes \imath_j + \imath_j \otimes \imath_i$$

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$$\imath_i \imath_j \equiv \imath_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad \imath_{ij} \imath_k \equiv 0$$

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# Dual numbers - equality

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$$\mathbf{y} \equiv y_0 + y_i \mathbf{e}_i + y_{ij} \mathbf{e}_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \iff \begin{cases} y_0 = x_0 \\ y_i = x_i \\ y_{ij} = x_{ij} \end{cases} \quad \forall i, j$$

## Dual numbers - sum

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$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = x_0 + (x_i + y_i) \mathbf{e}_i + (x_{ij} + y_{ij}) \mathbf{e}_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \iff \begin{cases} z_0 = x_0 + y_0 \\ z_i = x_i + y_i \\ z_{ij} = x_{ij} + y_{ij} \end{cases}$$

The neutral element is

$$0 + 0 \mathbf{e}_i + 0 \mathbf{e}_{ij} \quad \forall i, j$$

## Dual numbers - product

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{xy} = x_0 y_0 &+ (y_0 x_i + x_0 y_i) \mathbf{e}_i + \\ &(x_{ij} y_0 + x_i y_j + x_j y_i + x_0 y_{ij}) \mathbf{e}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{xy} \iff \begin{cases} z_0 = x_0 y_0 \\ z_i = x_i y_0 + x_0 y_i \\ z_{ij} = x_{ij} y_0 + x_i y_j + x_j y_i + x_0 y_{ij} \end{cases}$$

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## Dual numbers - integer power

By recursively applying the product rule we can define the integer power of a Dual number as

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$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^n \iff \begin{cases} y_0 = x_0^n \\ y_i = n x_0^{n-1} x_i \\ y_{ij} = n(n-1) x_0^{n-2} x_i x_j + n x_0^{n-1} x_{ij} \end{cases}$$

# Dual numbers are an Algebra

We can define analytic functions over Dual numbers

Exponential:

$$e^{\mathbf{x}} = 1 + \mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{x}^2}{2} + \cdots + \frac{\mathbf{x}^n}{n!} + \cdots$$

sin:

$$\sin(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{x}^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \mathbf{x}^{2n+1} + \cdots$$

etc.

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$$y_i \mathbf{v}_i = 3x_1^2 x_2^2 \mathbf{v}_1 + 2x_1^3 x_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + 2x_3 \mathbf{v}_3 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^2 x_2^2 \\ 2x_1^3 x_2 \\ 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_{ij} \mathbf{v}_{ij} = 3x_1 x_2^2 \mathbf{v}_{11} + 6x_1^2 x_2 \mathbf{v}_{12} + x_1^3 \mathbf{v}_{22} + \mathbf{v}_{33} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 x_2^2 & 6x_1^2 x_2 & 0 \\ 6x_1^2 x_2 & 2x_1^3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## a few remarks

- ▶ AD derivatives are exact (within the number representation accuracy)
- ▶ AD proceeds by accumulation
- ▶ AD is insensitive to computer programming constructs such as `if-then-else`, `for-loops`, etc.
- ▶ Forward mode AD can be implemented by operators overloading
- ▶ Forward mode AD suits FE

# Solid mechanics with FE



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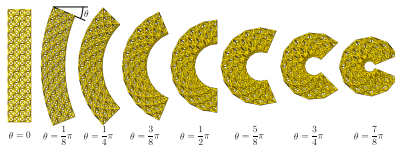
$$\nabla L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{u}} - \lambda \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \\ -\mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix} \quad \nabla^2 L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{u}} - \lambda \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{u}} & -\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}^T}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \\ -\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

## a few more remarks

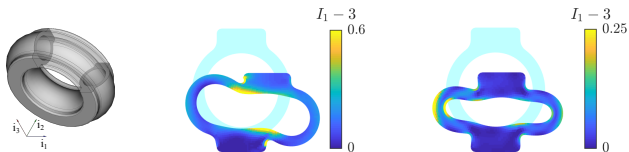
- ▶ General simplification in implementing classical FE
- ▶ Remarkable reduction in code writing
- ▶ Free energy is always a scalar
- ▶ Simplifies the implementation of sophisticated material models and boundary conditions
- ▶ FE implementation through AD does not require a stress tensor
- ▶ AD on the free energy is a radical approach to FE automation

# Examples

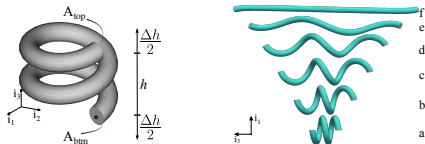
## ► Truss structure



## ► Axisymmetric problem



## ► Three dimensional continuum



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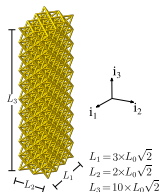
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$$(X_2 + u_2) \cos(\theta) + (X_3 + u_3) \sin(\theta) - \frac{1}{2} L_3 = 0$$

$$(X_2 + u_2) \cos(\theta) - (X_3 + u_3) \sin(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} L_3 = 0$$

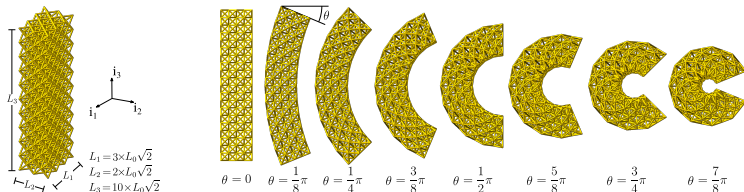
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$$\phi^{\text{rod}} = \frac{E_s A l_o}{2} \left( \frac{l}{l_o} - 1 \right)^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} l_o &= \|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1\| \\ l &= \|\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{u}_2 - (\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{u}_1)\|. \end{aligned}$$

The strain energy of a truss structure is  $\Phi^{\text{truss}} = \sum_i \phi_i^{\text{rod}}$



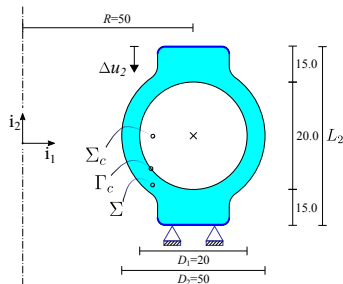
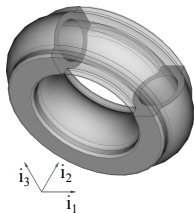
Boundary conditions are

$$(X_2 + u_2) \cos(\theta) + (X_3 + u_3) \sin(\theta) - \frac{1}{2} L_3 = 0$$

$$(X_2 + u_2) \cos(\theta) - (X_3 + u_3) \sin(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} L_3 = 0$$

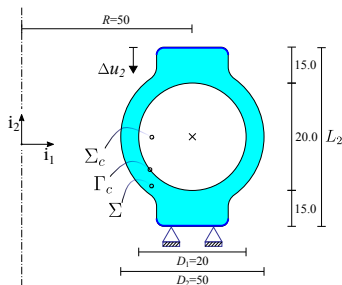
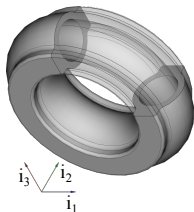
$$\sum u_1 = 0$$

# Cylindrical symmetry problem with volume constraint



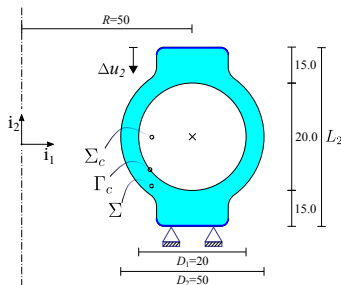
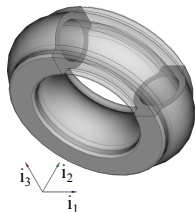


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$$\Phi^{\text{cyl}} = 2\pi \int_{\Sigma} \phi \left( \mathbf{F}^{\text{cyl}} \right) X_1 d\Sigma \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{F}^{\text{cyl}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & 0 \\ u_{2,1} & 1 + u_{2,2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \frac{u_1}{X_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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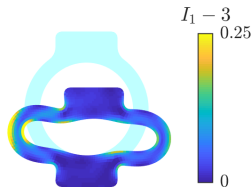
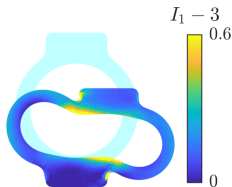
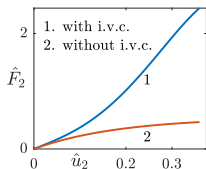
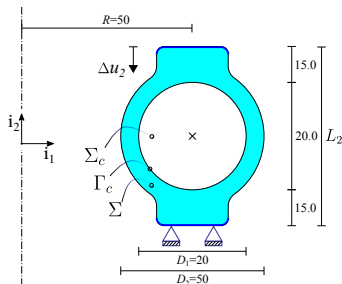
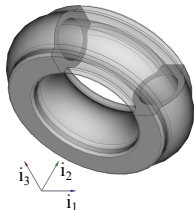


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$$L^{\text{cyl}}(u_k, \lambda_c) = \Phi^{\text{cyl}}(u_k) - \lambda_c [V_c(u_k) - V_{c_0}] \quad \text{with}$$

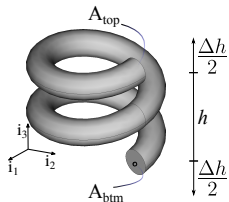
$$V_c = 2\pi \int_{\Sigma_c} x_1 d\Sigma = \pi \int_{\Gamma_c} x_1 x_2 dx_1$$

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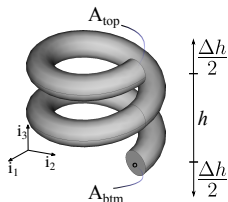


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$$\int_{A_{\text{btm}}} u_1 \, dA = 0$$

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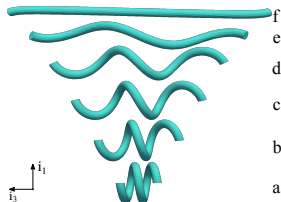
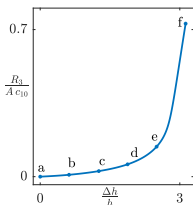
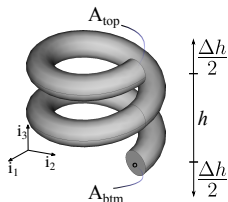
$$\int_{A_{\text{btm}}} u_3 \, dA = -\frac{\Delta h}{2}$$

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## one final remark

- ▶ In the context of FE for solid mechanics, AD works.



# Forward Mode Automatic Differentiation with an application to solid mechanics

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