# Optimization Services 1.0 User's Manual

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#### Abstract

This is the User's Manual for the Optimization Services (OS) project. The objective of (OS) is to provide a general framework consisting of a set of standards for representing optimization instances, results, solver options, and communication between clients and solvers in a distributed environment using Web Services. This COIN-OR project provides C++ and Java source code for libraries and executable programs that implement OS standards. The OS library includes a robust solver and modeling language interface (API) for linear, nonlinear and other types of optimization problems. Also included is the C++ source code for a command line executable OSSolverService for reading problem instances (OSiL format, nl format, MPS format) and calling a solver either locally or on a remote server. Finally, both Java source code and a Java war, are provided for users who wish to set up a solver service on a server running Apache Tomcat. See the Optimization Services (OS) home page www.optimizationservices.org and the COIN-OR Trac page projects.coin-or.org/OS for more information.

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# 1 The Optimization Services (OS) Project

The objective of Optimization Services (OS) is to provide a general framework consisting of a set of standards for representing optimization instances, results, solver options, and communication between clients and solvers in a distributed environment using Web Services. This COIN-OR project provides source code for libraries and executable programs that implement OS standards. See the COIN-OR Trac page projects.coin-or.org/OS or the Optimization Services (OS) Home Site www.optimizationservices.org for more information. The OS project provides the following:

- 1. A set of XML based standards for representing optimization instances (OSiL), optimization results (OSrL), and optimization solver options (OSoL). There are other standards, but these are the main ones. The schemas for these standards are described in Section 6.
- 2. Open source libraries that support and implement many of the standards.
- 3. A robust solver and modeling language interface (API) for linear and nonlinear optimization problems. Corresponding to the OSiL problem instance representation there is an in-memory object, OSInstance, along with a set of get(), set(), and calculate() methods for accessing and creating problem instances. This is a very general API for linear, integer, and nonlinear programs. Extensions for other major types of optimization problems are also in the works. Any modeling language that can produce OSiL can easily communicate with any solver that uses the OSInstance API. The OSInstance object is described in more detail in Section 8. The nonlinear part of the API is based on the COIN-OR project projects.coin-or.org/CppAD by Brad Bell but is written in a very general manner and could be used with other algorithmic differentiation packages. More detail on algorithmic differentiation is provided in Section 9.
- 4. A command line executable OSSolverService for reading problem instances (OSiL format, AMPL nl format, MPS format) and calling a solver either locally or on a remote server. This is described in Section 10.
- 5. Utilities that convert AMPL nl files and MPS files into the OSiL XML format. This is described in Section 7.3.
- 6. Standards that facilitate the communication between clients and optimization solvers using Web Services. In Section 7.1 we describe the OSAgent part of the OS library that is used to create Web Services SOAP packages with OSiL instances and contact a server for solution.
- 7. An executable program OSAmplClient that is designed to work with the AMPL modeling language. The OSAmplClient appears as a "solver" to AMPL and, based on options given in AMPL, contacts solvers either remotely or locally to solve instances created in AMPL. This is described in Section 12.1.
- 8. Server software that works with Apache Tomcat and Apache Axis. This software uses Web Services technology and acts as middleware between the client that creates the instance and the solver on the server that optimizes the instance and returns the result. This is illustrated in Section 11.
- 9. A lightweight version of the project, OSCommon for modeling language and solver developers that want to use OS API, readers, and writers, without the overhead of other COIN-OR projects or any third party software.

# 2 Quick Roadmap

If you want to:

- Download the OS source code see Section 3.
- Build the OS project from the source code see Section 4.
- Use the OS library to build model instances or use solver APIs see Sections 7.3, 7.5, and 8.
- Use the OSSolverService to read files in nl, OSiL, or MPS format and call a solver locally or remotely see Section 10.
- Use AMPL to solve problems either locally or remotely with a COIN-OR solver, Cplex, GLPK, Knitro, or LINDO see Section 12.1.
- Build a remote solver service using Apache Tomcat see Section 11.
- Use MATLAB to generate problem instances in OSiL format and call a solver either remotely or locally see Section 7.3.3.
- Use the OS library for algorithmic differentiation (in conjunction with COIN-OR CppAD) see Section 9.

The OS project is very extensive and relies on many other COIN-OR projects. This may not be desirable for modeling language and solver developers that just wish to use the OS API in conjunction with their modeling language or solver. Hence there is also an "OS lite" download that consists of all the code for the OS API and for reading and writing instance and solution files. We refer to this version of the project as OSCommon and the code for this project is synched with the corresponding stable and release versions of the code. For example, to get Stable 1.1 of OSCommon use the syn command

svn co https://projects.coin-or.org/svn/OS/stable/OSCommon1.1 OSCommon

# 3 Downloading the OS Project

The OS project is an open-source project with source code under the Common Public License (CPL). This project was created by Robert Fourer, Jun Ma, and Kipp Martin. The code has been written primarily by Jun Ma, Kipp Martin, Robert Fourer, and Huanyuan Sheng. Jun Ma and Kipp Martin are the COIN project leaders for OS. Below we describe different methods for obtaining the C++ source code or the binaries.

# 3.1 Obtaining OS Source Code Using Subversion (SVN)

The C++ source code can be obtained using the Subversion version control package. Users with Unix operating systems will most likely have a command line svn client. If an svn client is not present, see http://subversion.tigris.org to download an svn client. For Windows users we recommend the SVN client TortoiseSVN. See tortoisesvn.tigris.org. The TortoiseSVN client is integrated within the Windows Explorer.

For Users on a Unix system such as Linux, Solaris, Mac OS X, etc., the source code is obtained as follows. In a command window execute:

svn co https://projects.coin-or.org/svn/OS/releases/1.0.0 COIN-OS

It is possible that on some systems you may get a message such as:

Error validating server certificate for 'https://projects.coin-or.org:443':

- The certificate is not issued by a trusted authority. Use the fingerprint to validate the certificate manually!

  Certificate information:
- Hostname: projects.coin-or.org
- Valid: from Jun 10 22:51:18 2007 GMT until Jun 15 21:00:28 2009 GMT
- Issuer: 07969287, http://certificates.godaddy.com/repository, GoDaddy.com, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona, US
- Fingerprint: f7:26:0f:bb:e1:94:a5:23:7f:5c:cb:c3:9a:c4:74:51:e5:c7:4d:29 (R)eject, accept (t)emporarily or accept (p)ermanently?

If so, select (p) and you should not get this message again.

On Windows with TortoiseSVN, create a directory COIN-OS in the desired location and right-click on this directory. Select the menu item SVN Checkout ... and in the textbox, URL of Repository give the URL for the version of the OS project you wish to checkout, e.g. https://projects.coin-or.org/svn/OS/stable/1.0.

Now build the project as described in Section 4.

For the rest of this documentation, we assume that COIN-OS is the name of the root directory of the OS project and that the user has defined an environment variable OS that is the path to COIN-OS. The COIN-OS directory structure is illustrated in Figure 1. OS source code is mainly contained inside of the OS subdirectory. Other first level subdirectories are mostly external projects (COIN-OR or third party) that the OS project depend on.

For more information on downloading the OS project or other COIN-OR projects using SVN see https://projects.coin-or.org/BuildTools/wiki/user-download#DownloadingtheSourceCode.

The Java source code for setting up a solver service with Apache Tomcat is checked out as follows:

svn co https://projects.coin-or.org/svn/branches/OSjava OSJava

For more detail on running a Tomcat solver service see Section 11.

## 3.2 Obtaining the OS Source Code From a Tarball or Zip File

The OS source code can also be obtained from either a tarball or zip file. This may be preferred for users who are not managing other COIN-OR projects and wish to only work with periodic release versions of the code. In order to obtain the code from a Tarball or Zip file do the following.

Step 1: In a browser open the link http://www.coin-or.org/Tarballs/OS/. Listed at this page are files in the format:

```
OS-release_number.tgz
OS-release_number.zip
```

- Step 2: Click on either the tgz or zip file and download to the desired directory.
- Step 3: Unpack the files. For tgz do the following at the command line:

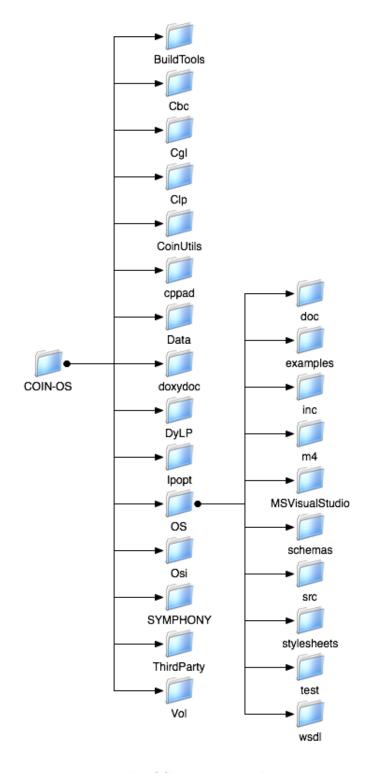


Figure 1: The OS project root directory.

```
gunzip OS-release_number.tgz
tar -xvf OS-release_number.tar
```

Windows users should be able to double click on the file OS-release\_number.zip and have the directory unpacked.

Step 4: Rename OS-release\_number to COIN-OS. Now build the project as described in Section 4.

# 3.3 Obtaining the Binaries

If the user does not wish to compile source code, the OS library, OSSolverService executable, and Tomcat server software configuration are available at http://www.coin-or.org/Binaries/OS in binary format. In the binary OS root there are cpp and java directories for the compiled C++ and Java code.

In the cpp directory you will find binaries for the OS library (see Section 7), along with the necessary COIN-OR supporting libraries, and the OSSolverService (see Section 10) executable. All the files are packaged together as a tgz file for Unix distributions and zip file for Windows. The distribution follows the following naming convention:

```
OS-release_number-operating_system-chip-compiler.tgz (zip)
```

For example, Release 1.0 on Linux is

OS-1.0-linux-ix86-gcc3.4.tgz

and on Windows

OS-1.0-win32-msvs-v8.zip

After unpacking the tgz or zip archives, the files in the resulting OS binary distribution are illustrated in Figure 2. In the bin directory are the executable file OSSolverService and any other related COIN-OR executables. The doc directory contains this document, osUsersManual\_1.pdf. In the include directory are the header files that are required if the user wishes to write code to link to OS library or any other supporting COIN-OR library in the lib directory.

In the java directory are the binary files required to build an Apache Tomcat-based Web service that will take SOAP envelopes with model instances in OSiL format and/or options in OSoL format, call the OSSolverService, and return the optimization result in OSrL format. This distribution is named

```
os-distribution-release_number.zip
```

and the details and use of this distribution are described in Section 11.

# 4 Building and Testing the OS Project

Once the OS source code is obtained, the OS libraries, OSSolverService executable, and test examples can be built. We describe how to do this on Unix/Linux systems (see Section 4.1) and on Windows (see Section 4.2).

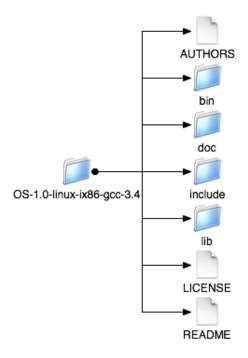


Figure 2: The OS binary distribution.

# 4.1 Building the OS Project on Unix/Linux Systems

In order to build the OS project on Unix/Linux systems do the following.

Step 1: Make and connect to the distribution root directory.

mkdir COIN-OS cd COIN-OS

**Step 2:** Run the configure script that will generate the makefiles. If you are running on a machine with a FORTRAN 95 compiler present (e.g. gfortran) run the command

./configure

otherwise for now use

./configure COIN\_SKIP\_PROJECTS=Ipopt

as COIN-OR's Ipopt project currently uses Fortran to compile some of its dependent libraries.

#### Note:

- If gfortran is not present and you wish to build the nonlinear solver Ipopt see the instructions in Section 4.4.
- When using configure you may wish to use the -C option. This instructs configure to use a cache file, config.cache, to speed up configuration by remembering and reusing the results of tests already performed.

• For more information and options on the ./configure script see

https://projects.coin-or.org/BuildTools/wiki/user-configure#PreparingtheCompilation.

**Step 3:** Run the make files.

make

Step 4: Run the unitTest.

make test

Depending upon which third party software you have installed, the result of running the unitTest should look something like (we have included the third-party solvers LINDO and Knitro in the test results below; they are not part of the default build):

#### HERE ARE THE UNIT TEST RESULTS:

```
Solved problem avion2.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem HS071.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem rosenbrockmod.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem parincQuadratic.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem parincLinear.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem callBack.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem callBackRowMajor.osil with Ipopt
Solved problem parincLinear.osil with Clp
Solved problem p0033.osil with Cbc
Solved problem rosenbrockmod.osil with Knitro
Solved problem callBackTest.osil with Knitro
Solved problem parincQuadratic.osil with Knitro
Solved problem HS071_NLP.osil with Knitro
Solved problem p0033.osil with SYMPHONY
Solved problem parincLinear.osil with DyLP
Solved problem volumeTest.osil with Vol
Solved problem p0033.osil with GLPK
Solved problem lindoapiaddins.osil with Lindo
Solved problem rosenbrockmod.osil with Lindo
Solved problem parincQuadratic.osil with Lindo
Solved problem wayneQuadratic.osil with Lindo
Test the MPS -> OSiL converter on parinc.mps using Cbc
Test the AMPL nl -> OSiL converter on hs71.nl using LINDO
Test a problem written in b64 and then converted to OSInstance
Successful test of OSiL parser on problem parincLinear.osil
Successful test of OSrL parser on problem parincLinear.osrl
Successful test of prefix and postfix conversion routines on problem rosenbrockmod.osil
Successful test of all of the nonlinear operators on file testOperators.osil
Successful test of AD gradient and Hessian calculations on problem CppADTestLag.osil
```

All tests completed successfully

If you do not see

All tests completed successfully

then you have not passed the unitTest and hopefully some semi-intelligible error message was given.

**Step 5:** Install the libraries and executables.

#### make install

/usr/local/include
/usr/local/lilb

This will install all of the libraries in the lib directory. In particular, the main OS library libOS along with the libraries of the other COIN-OR projects that download with the OS project will get installed in the lib directory. In addition the make install command will install four executable programs in the bin directory. One of these binaries is OSSolverService which is the main OS project executable. This is described in Section 10. In addition clp, cbc, ipopt, and symphony get installed in the bin directory. Necessary header files are installed in the include directory. In this case, bin, lib, and include are all subdirectories of where ./configure is run. If the user wants these files installed elsewhere, then configure should specify the prefix of these directories. That is,

```
./configure --prefix=prefixDirctory COIN_SKIP_PROJECTS=Ipopt
For example, running
./configure --prefix=/usr/local COIN_SKIP_PROJECTS=Ipopt
and then running make and make install will put the relevant files in
/usr/local/bin
```

Run an Example! If make test works, proceed to Section 10 to run the key executable, OSSolverService.

# 4.2 Building the OS Project on Windows

There are a number of options open to Windows users. First, if you wish to work with source code we recommend downloading the svn client, TortoiseSVN. See tortoisesvn.tigris.org. With TortoiseSVN in the Windows Explorer connect to the directory (e.g. COIN-OS) where you wish to put the OS code. Right click on the directory and select SVN Checkout. In the textbox, URL of Repository give the URL for the version of the OS project you wish to checkout, e.g. https://projects.coin-or.org/svn/OS/stable/1.0.

Also, if you plan to build any of the projects contained in ThirdParty (e.g. ASL) we recommend using wget. The wget executable is used by the scripts, get.ASL, get.Blas, etc. in the corresponding third party subdirectories and makes it easy to download the software. A Windows version of wget is available at

http://www.christopherlewis.com/WGet/WGetFiles.htm

## 4.2.1 Microsoft Visual Studio (MSVS)

Microsoft Visual Studio solution and project files are provided for users of Windows and the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE. Care must be taken to distinguish different versions of MSVS. Even though Microsoft released Version 9 (as of 15 November 2007), we currently support only Versions 7 and 8. To add to the confusion, these versions are also sometimes referred to by their (approximate) release date, which is 2008 for Version 9, 2005 for Version 8 and 2003 for Version 7. In addition there is a free version of the Visual Studio IDE C++ compiler, called Visual C++ Express Edition. The following steps are necessary to build the OS project using the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE.

- Step 0 If MSVS Version 7 or 8 of the C++ compiler cl is already installed, go to to Step 2.
- Step 1 Download and install the Visual C++ Express Edition, which is available for free at Microsoft's web site. This download contains the Microsoft cl C++ compiler along with necessary libraries.
  - Version 7 is no longer available for download from Microsoft. Version 8 is at http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-ca/vstudio/aa700736.aspx If you are adventurous, you may wish to download Version 9, which is at http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/future/bb421472.aspx.
- Step 2 The part of the OS library responsible for communication with a remote server depends on some underlying Windows socket header files and libraries. These files are part of the commercial for-pay version, but are not included in the Visual C++ Express download. If have the Express Edition, it is necessary to also download and install the Windows Platform SDK. This software is version independent and is at http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/aa700755.aspx.
- Step 3 In the COIN-OR/OS directory you will find the folder MSVisualStudio, which contains root directories organized by the version of Visual Studio. We currently provide solution files for Version 7 and Version 8. Each contains project files for building the unitTest (OSTest.vcproj), the OSSolverService (OSSolverService,vcproj), and the OS library libOS.vcproj. The Microsoft Visual Studio files are automatically downloaded with an SVN checkout. They are also contained in the tarballs (see Section 3.2).
  - Open the project files (for instance by double clicking on them in Windows Explorer) and select Build from the menu bar.
- Step 4 Run the unitTest. Connect to the directory COIN-OR/OS/test directory and run either the release or debug version of the unitTest executable.

#### 4.2.2 Cygwin

Cygwin provides a Unix emulation environment for Windows. It comes with numerous tools and libraries including the gcc compilers. See www.cygwin.com. Cygwin can be used with the Gnu Compiler Collection (gcc) or with the Microsoft cl compiler.

Using Cygwin with gcc: With Cygwin and the corresponding gcc compilers the OS project is built exactly as described in Section 3.1. If you have previously downloaded Cygwin with version gnome make version 3.81-1, you must obtain a fixed 3.81 version from http://www.cmake.org/files/cygwin/make.exe. (See also the Cygwin mailing list postings http://cygwin.com/ml/

cygwin/2006-09/msg00315.html and http://cygwin.com/ml/cygwin/2006-09/msg00153.html). See also the discussion at https://projects.coin-or.org/BuildTools/wiki/current-issues.

Using Cygwin with Microsoft cl: Users who are extremely adventuresome and have an abundance of free time on their hands may wish to use Cygwin with the Microsoft cl compiler to build the OS project. The following steps have led to a successful build.

- Step 1: Download Cygwin from http://www.cygwin.com/setup.exe and install.
- Step 2: Download Visual Studio Express C++ at http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/aa975050.aspx.
- Step 3: The part of the OS library responsible for communication with a remote server depends on some underlying Windows socket header files and libraries. Therefore it is necessary to also download and install the Windows Platform SDK. Download the necessary files at <a href="http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/aa700755.aspx">http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/aa700755.aspx</a> and install.
- Step 4: Set the Cygwin search path configuration. This is important. This step is necessary to insure that Cygwin looks for compilers, linkers, etc in the correct order. The right order of directories is: MSVS command directories, Cygwin command directories, and finally Windows command directories. This is illustrated below.
  - First, Cygwin should look in the Microsoft Visual Studio directories. If a standard Visual Studio install is done, the following should be part of the Cygwin search path

```
.:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Visual Studio 8/Common7/IDE :/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Visual Studio 8/VC/bin :/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Visual Studio 8/Common7/Tools :/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Visual Studio 8/SDK/v2.0/Bin :/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Visual Studio 8/VC/vcpackages :/cygdrive/c/WINDOWS/Microsoft.NET/Framework/v2.0.50727
```

 Second, Cygwin should next search its command directories. The following is typical of a standard install.

/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/X11R6/bin

 Third, Cygwin should search the Windows specific command directories. The following is typical.

```
:/cygdrive/c/WINDOWS/system32:/cygdrive/c/WINDOWS
:/cygdrive/c/WINDOWS/System32/Wbem:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/ATI Technologies/ATI Control Panel
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Common Files/Roxio Shared/DLLShared/
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/QuickTime/QTSystem/:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft SQL Server/90/Tools/binn/
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Platform SDKfor Windows Server 2003 R2/Bin/
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Platform SDK for Windows Server 2003 R2/Bin/WinNT/
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/SSH Communications Security/SSH Secure Shell
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Platform SDK for Windows Server 2003 R2/Bin/
:/cygdrive/c/Program Files/Microsoft Platform SDK for Windows Server 2003 R2/Bin/
:/cygdrive/d/SSH
```

Open the Cygwin shell and check the value of \$PATH. If directories don't appear in an order described above, then \$PATH value needs to be reset.

Step 5: Build the OS project (or any COIN-OR project). If you wish to avoid the FORTRAN related issues you should build without Ipopt. Issue the following command in the project root.

```
./configure COIN_SKIP_PROJECTS=Ipopt --enable-doscompile=msvc
```

If you wish to build with Ipopt, then FORTRAN is required and Visual Studio does not ship with a FORTRAN compiler. The following is a work-around.

- Step a. Obtain one of the Harwell Subroutine Library (HSL) routines ma27ad.f or MA57ad.f. See http://www.cse.scitech.ac.uk/nag/hsl/. Put the Harwell code in the directory ThirdParty/HSL.
- Step b. Follow the instructions for downloading and installing the f2c compiler from Netlib.

  The installation instructions for this are in the INSTALL file in
  - ../data/BuildTools/compile\_f2c
- Step c. Run configure

```
./configure --enable-doscompile=msvc
```

#### 4.2.3 MinGW

MinGW (Minimalist GNU for Windows) is set of runtime headers to be used with the GNU gcc compilers for Windows. See www.mingw.org. As with Cygwin, the OS project is built exactly as described in Section 3.1.

#### 4.2.4 MSYS

MSYS (Minimal SYSstem) provides an easy way to use the COIN-OS build system with compilers/linkers of your own choice, such as the Microsoft command line C++ cl compiler. MSYS is an application that gives the user a Bourne shell that can run configure scripts and Makefiles. No compilers come with MSYS. In the Cygwin, MinGW, and MSYS hierarchy, it is at the bottom the food chain in terms of tools provided. However, it is very easy to use and build the OS project with MSYS. In this discussion we assume that the user has downloaded the OS source code (most likely with TortoiseSVN) and that the cl compiler is present. The project is built using the following steps.

#### Note:

- If you wish to use the third-party software with MSYS it is best to get wget. See 12.
- Do not put any imbedded blanks in the path to the OS project.

Execute the following steps to use the Microsoft C++ cl compiler with MSYS.

#### Step 1. Download MSYS at

```
http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=2435&package_id=24963 and install. Double clicking on the MSYS icon will open a Bourne shell window.
```

Step 2. Download Visual Studio Express C++ at http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/future/bb421473.aspx and install.

Step 3. The part of the OS library responsible for communication with a remote server depends on some underlying Windows socket header files and libraries. Therefore it is necessary to also download and install the Windows Platform SDK. Download the necessary files at <a href="http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/aa700755.aspx">http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/express/aa700755.aspx</a> and install.

Step 4. Set the Visual Studio environment variables so that paths to the necessary libraries and header files are recognized. Assuming that a standard installation was done for the Visual Studio Express and the Windows Platform SDK set the variables as follows:

PATH=C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\Common7\IDE; C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\BIN; C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\Common7\Tools; C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\SDK\v2.0\bin; C:\WINDOWS\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v2.0.50727; C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\VCPackages

INCLUDE=C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\INCLUDE;
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Platform SDK for Windows Server 2003 R2\Include

LIB = C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\LIB;
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\SDK\v2.0\lib;
C:\Program Files\Microsoft Platform SDK for Windows Server 2003 R2\Lib

The environment variables can be set using the System Properties in the Windows Control Panel.

Step 5. In the MSYS command window connect to the root of the OS project and run configure script and then make as described in Section 4.1.

Run an Example! If make test works, proceed to Section 10 to run the key executable, OSSolverService.

Microsoft Windows users that wish to obtain MSYS for building the OS project can download the appropriate software at http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group\_id=2435. The user may find this Web site confusing. It is only necessary to download what is referred to as the MSYS Base System. As of this writing the most recent version is MSYS-1.0.11. This file is listed as bash-3.1-MSYS-1.0.11 and the binary download is

http://downloads.sourceforge.net/mingw/bash-3.1-MSYS-1.0.11-1.tar.bz2?modtime=1195140582&big\_mirror=1

This will provide the necessary Bourne shell for executing the configure scripts. Users that want to edit the source code in the parsers described in Section 7.4 will need the additional tools, **flex** and **bison.** These are listed at the Web site as

```
bison-2.3-MSYS-1.0.11
flex-2.5.33-MSYS-1.0.11
regex-0.12-MSYS-1.0.11
```

The last one contains an important DLL, msys-regex-0.dll, without which flex will not start.

## 4.3 VPATH Installations

It is possible to build the OS project in a directory that is different from the directory where the source code is present. This is called a VPATH compiliation. A VPATH compilation is very useful if you wish to build several versions (e.g. debug and non-debug versions, or versions with availability of various combinations of third-party software) of the OS project from a single copy the source code.

For example, assume you wish to build a debug version of the OS project in the directory vpath-debug and that ../COIN-OS is the path to the root of the OS project distribution. From the vpath-debug directory, run configure as follows:

```
../COIN-OS/configure --enable-debug
```

After you run configure, the OS project directory structure will be present in the vpath-debug directory along with all of the necessary Makefiles. Next from the vpath-debug directory execute

#### make

and all of the libraries created will be in their respective directories inside vpath-debug and not ../COIN-OS.

Note: If you have already run the configure script inside the ../COIN-OS directory, you cannot do a VPATH build until you have run

```
make distclean
```

in the ../COIN-OS directory.

#### 4.4 Using Ipopt

Ipopt is a COIN-OR project (projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt) and is included in the download with the OS project. However, unlike the other COIN-OR projects that download with OS, the Ipopt project requires third-party software that is based on FORTRAN and care must be taken if you wish to build OS with the Ipopt solver. You can exclude Ipopt from the OS build by adding the option

```
COIN_SKIP_PROJECTS=Ipopt
```

to the configure script.

If you do choose to build Ipopt, first get the necessary third-party software. First connect into the ThirdParty directory. Then execute the following commands:

```
$ cd /Blas
$ ./get.Blas
$ cd ../Lapack
$ ./get.Lapack
$ cd ../Mumps
$ ./get.Mumps
```

Alternatively, you can connect into the project root COIN-OS and execute the script get.AllThirdParty. This will also get the AMPL ASL libraries.

What you do next depends upon whether or not a FORTRAN compiler is present, and if so, which version of FORTRAN. There are three options.

- Option 1. If you are building in Unix-like environment and have a Fortran 95 compiler available, you can simply run the configure script and the FORTRAN compiler will be detected and the Ipopt project will be built.
- Option 2. If you have a FORTRAN 77 compiler, you must first obtain one of the Harwell Subroutine Library (HSL) routines ma27ad.f or MA57ad.f. See http://www.cse.scitech.ac.uk/nag/hsl/. Put the Harwell code in the directory \_\_/data/ThirdParty/HSL. Now run the configure script as described in 3.1. See

```
http://www.coin-or.org/Ipopt/documentation/node15.html
```

Option 3. If you do not have a FORTRAN compiler and do not wish to obtain one, you can use the f2c compiler from Netlib. The installation instructions for this are in the INSTALL file in

```
../data/BuildTools/compile_f2c
```

Two important points:

- Option 3 also requires that one of the Harwell Subroutine Library (HSL) routines ma27ad.f or MA57ad.f be present in the HSL directory.
- If you run configure with the --enable-debug option on Windows, then when building the vcf2c.lib, use the command line

```
CFLAGS = -MTd -DUSE_CLOCK -DMSDOS -DNO_ONEXIT
```

# 4.5 Other third-Party Software

This is software not available for download at www.coin-or.org. The default OS project is configured out-of-the-box with the COIN-OR projects Cbc, Clp, Cgl, CoinUtils, CppAD, DyLP, SYMPHONY, and Vol. However, the project is also designed to work with other COIN-OR projects and several other open source and commercial software projects.

In many of the header files there are **#include** statements inside **#ifdef** statements. For example,

```
#ifdef COIN_HAS_LINDO
#include "LindoSolver.h"
#endif
#ifdef COIN_HAS_IPOPT
#include "IpoptSolver.h"
#endif
```

In the inc subdirectory of the OS directory, there is a header file, config\_os.h that defines the values of the

### COIN\_HAS\_XXXXX

variables. If the project is configured with the simple ./configure command given in Step 3 with no arguments, then in the config\_os.h these variables associated with the third-party software will be undefined. For example.

```
/* Define to 1 if the Cplex package is used */
/* #undef COIN_HAS_CPX */
unlike the configured COIN-OR projects that appear as
/* Define to 1 if the Clp package is used */
#define COIN_HAS_CLP 1
```

In the following subsections we describe how to incorporate various third-party packages into the OS project and see to it that the

```
COIN_HAS_XXXXX
```

variable is defined in config\_os.h.

#### 4.5.1 AMPL

The OS library contains a class, OSnl2osil (see Section (7.3.2)) and OSAmplClient (see Section (12.1)) that require the use of the AMPL ASL library. See http://netlib.sandia.gov/ampl/ and http://www.ampl.com. Users with a Unix system should locate the ASL folder that is part of the distribution. The ASL folder is in the ThirdParty folder which is in the project root folder. Locate and execute the get.ASL script. Do this prior to running the configure script. The configure script will build the correct ASL library.

Microsoft Visual Studio users will have to build the ASL library separately and then link it with the OS lib in the OS project file. The necessary source files are at

http://netlib.sandia.gov/cgi-bin/netlib/netlibfiles.tar?filename=netlib/ampl/solvers

After unpacking the distribution build the source code with the utility nmake which should be part of the Visual Studio distribution. The appropriate command is

```
nmake -f makefile.vc
```

If the OS project is properly configured with the ASL library, config\_os.h will contain the lines

```
/* If defined, the Ampl Solver Library is available. */
#define COIN_HAS_ASL 1
```

At this point the reader may wish to view

https://projects.coin-or.org/BuildTools/wiki/user-configure#CommandLineArgumentsforconfigure for more information on command line arguments that are illustrated in the subsections below.

### 4.5.2 Cplex

Cplex is a linear, integer, and quadratic solver. See http://www.ilog.com/products/cplex/. Cplex does not provide source code and you can only download the platform dependent binaries. After installing the binaries and include files in an appropriate directory, run configure to point to the include and library directory. An example is given below:

```
configure --with-cplex-lib="-L$(CPLEXDIR)/lib/$(SYSTEM)/$(LIBFORMAT)
$(CPLEX_LIBS)" --with-cplex-incdir= $(CPLEXDIR)/include
```

You may also need the following environment variables (if they are not already set). The following are values we used in a working implementation.

```
SYSTEM =i86_linux2_glibc2.3_gcc3.2

LIBFORMAT =static_pic_mt

CPLEXDIR =/usr/local/ilog/cplex81/include/ilcplex

CPLEXLIBPATH= -L$(CPLEXDIR)/lib/$(SYSTEM)/$(LIBFORMAT)

CPLEXINCDIR = $(CPLEXDIR)/include

CPLEX_LIBS=-lcplex -lilocplex -lm -lpthread

ILOG_HOME=/usr/local/ilog/cplex81/bin/i86_linux2_glibc2.3_gcc3.2

ILOG_LICENSE_FILE=/usr/local/ilog/ilm/access.ilm

PATH=***:/usr/local/ilog/cplex81/bin/i86_linux2_glibc2.3_gcc3.2:***

CLASSPATH=:/usr/local/ilog/cplex81/bin/i86_linux2_glibc2.3_gcc3.2:***
```

#### 4.5.3 GLPK

GLPK is a an open-source linear and integer-programming solver from the GNU organization. See http://www.gnu.org/software/glpk/. In order to use GLPK with OS, either execute get.AllThirdParty or connect to ThirdParty/Glpk and execute get.ThirdParty.

#### 4.5.4 Knitro

Knitro is a nonlinear solver. See http://www.ziena.com/. Ziena does not provide source code for Knitro. You must download platform dependent binaries. In order to use Knitro with the OS project, perform the following steps.

- Step 1: Download knitro to the desired directory.
- Step 2: Copy the file nlpProblemDef.h from the examples/C++ directory to the include directory.
- Step 3: Edit the file nlpProblemDef.h and delete the following lines:

```
NlpProblemDef::~NlpProblemDef (void)
{
    //---- DO NOTHING.
    return;
}
```

Step 4 Run configure with appropriate values for --with-knitro-lib and --with-knitro-incdir. For example:

```
./configure --with-knitro-lib="-L/home/kmartin/files/code/knitro/linux/lib -lknitro " --with-knitro-incdir=/home/kmartin/files/code/knitro/linux/include
```

#### 4.5.5 LINDO

LINDO is a commercial linear, integer, and nonlinear solver. See www.lindo.com. LINDO does not provide source code and you can only download the platform dependent binaries. After installing the binaries and include files in an appropriate directory, run configure to point to the include and library directory. An example is given below:

```
--with-lindo-lib="-L/home/kmartin/files/code/lindo/linux/lib -llindo -lmosek" --with-lindo-incdir=/home/kmartin/files/code/lindo/linux/include
```

#### 4.5.6 MATLAB

Install MATLAB on the client machine and follow the instruction in Section 7.3.3.

#### 4.5.7 Library Paths

After running configure as described above, on Unix systems, it will be necessary to set the environment variables LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH or DYLD\_LIBRARY\_PATH (on Mac OS X) to point to the location of the installed third party libraries in the case that the libraries are dynamic and not static libraries.

# 4.6 Bug Reporting

Bug reporting is done through the project Trac page. This is at

http://projects.coin-or.org/OS

To report a bug, you must be a registered user. For instructions on how to register, go to

http://www.coin-or.org/usingTrac.html

After registering, log in and then file a trouble ticket by going to

http://projects.coin-or.org/OS/newticket

## 4.7 Documentation

If you have Doxygen (www.doxygen.org) available (the executable doxygen should be in the path command) then executing

#### make doxydoc

in the project root directory will result in the Doxygen documentation being generated and stored in the doxydoc folder in the project root.

In order to view the documentation, open a browser and open the file

projectroot/doxydoc/html/index.html

By default, running Doxygen will generate documentation for only the OS project. Documentation will not be generated for the other COIN-OR projects in the project root. In the doxydoc folder is a configuration file doxygen.conf. This configuration file contains the EXCLUDE parameter

Table 1: Tested Platforms for Solvers

	Mac	Linux	Cyg-gcc	Msys-cl	MinGW-gcc	MSVS
AMPL-Client	X	X		X		
MATLAB	X					
Cbc	X	X	X	X	x	X
Clp	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cplex		X				
DyLP	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ipopt	X	X	X	X		
Knitro	X	X				
Lindo	X	X		X		X
SYMPHONY	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vol	X	X	X	X	X	X

Table 2: Platform Description

	Operating System	Compiler	Hardware
Mac	Mac OS X 10.4.9	gcc 4.0.1	Power PC
Mac	Mac OS X 10.4.10	gcc 4.0.1	Intel
Linux	Red Hat 3.4.6-8	gcc 3.4.6	Dell Intel 32 bit chip
Cyg-gcc	Windows 2003 Server	gcc 3.4.4	Dell Intel 32 bit chip
Msys-cl	Windows XP	Visual Studio 2003	Dell Intel 32 bit chip
MinGW-gcc	Windows XP	gcc 3.4.2	Dell Intel 32 bit chip
MSVS	Windows XP	Visual Studio 2003	Dell Intel 32 bit chip

```
EXCLUDE = Cbc \
   Cgl \
   Clp \
   CoinUtils \
   cppad \
   SYMPHONY \
   Vol \
   DyLP \
   ThirdParty \
   Osi \
   include
```

This file can be edited, and any project for which documentation is desired, can be deleted from the EXCLUDE list.

## 4.8 Platforms

The build process described in Section 3.1 has been tested on Linux, Mac OS X, and on Windows using MINGW/MSYS and CYGWIN. The gcc/g++ and Microsoft cl compiler have been tested. A number of solvers have also been tested with the OS library. For a list of tested solvers and platforms see Table 1. More detail on the platforms listed in Table 1 is given in Table 2.

# 5 The OS Project Components

The directories in the project root are outlined in Figure 1.

If you download the OS package, you get these additional COIN-OR projects. The links to the project home pages are provided below and give more information on these projects.

- BuildTools projects.coin-or.org\BuildTools
- Cbc projects.coin-or.org\Cbc
- Cgl projects.coin-or.org\Cgl
- Clp projects.coin-or.org\Clp
- CoinUtils projects.coin-or.org\CoinUtils
- CppAD projects.coin-or.org\CppAD
- Dylp projects.coin-or.org\Dylp
- Ipopt projects.coin-or.org\Ipopt
- Osi projects.coin-or.org\Osi
- SYMPHONY projects.coin-or.org\SYMPHONY
- Vol projects.coin-or.org\Vol

The following directories are also in the project root.

- bin after executing make install the bin directory will contain OSSolverService, clp, cbc, cbc-generic and symphony.
- Data this directory contains numerous test problems that are used by the unitTest for many COIN-OR projects.
- doxydoc is a folder for documentation.
- include is a directory for header files. If the user wishes to write code to link against any of the libraries in the lib directory, it may be necessary to include these header files.
- lib is a directory of libraries. After running make install the OS library along with all other COIN-OR libraries are installed in lib.
- ThirdParty is a directory for third party software. For example, if AMPL related software such as OSAmplClient is used, then certain AMPL libraries need to be present. This should go into the ASL directory in ThirdParty.

The directories in the OS directory are outlined in Figure 3. The OS directories include the following:

• applications - is a directory that holds the OSAmplClient and fileUpload applications. See Section 12.

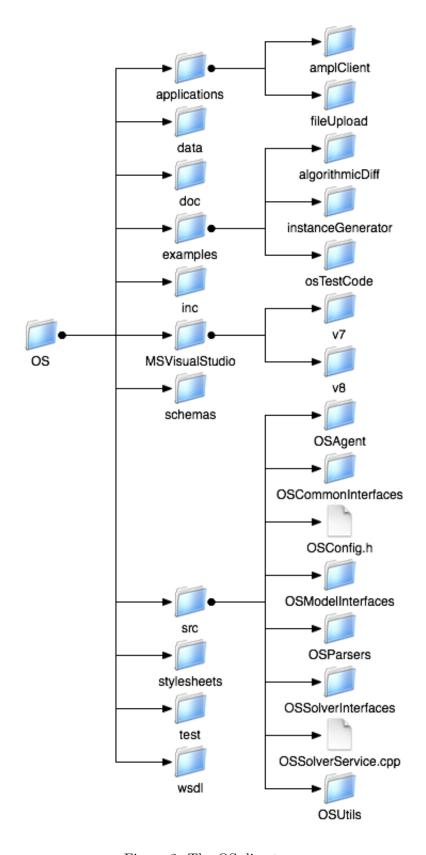


Figure 3: The OS directory.

- data is a directory that holds test problems. These test problems are used by the unitTest.
   Many of these files are also used to illustrate how the OSSolverService works. See Section 10.
- doc is the directory with documentation, including this OS User's Manual.
- examples is a directory with code examples that illustrate various aspects of the OS project. These are described in Section 13.
- inc is the directory with the config os.h file which has information about which projects are included in the distribution.
- m4 is a directory that contains macro scripts written in the m4 language for auto configuration.
- MSVisualStudio is a directory that contains solution files for the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE. The subdirectories are organized by the version of Visual Studio. We currently provide a solution file for Version 7 and 8.
- schemas is the directory that contains the W3C XSD (see www.w3c.org) schemas that are behind the OS standards. These are described in more detail in Section 6.
- src is the directory with all of the source code for the OS Library and for the executable OSSolverService. The OS Library components are described in Section 7.
- stylesheets this directory contains the XSLT stylesheet that is used to transform the solution instance in OSrL format into HTML so that it can be displayed in a browser.
- test this directory contains the unitTest.
- wsdl is a directory of WSDL (Web Services Discovery Language) files. These are used to specify the inputs and outputs for the methods and other invocation details provided by a Web service. The most relevant file for the current version of the OS project is OShL.wsdl. This describes the set of inputs and outputs for the methods implemented in the OSSolverService. See Section 10.

# 6 OS Protocols

The objective of (OS) is to provide a set of standards for representing optimization instances, results, solver options, and communication between clients and solvers in a distributed environment using Web Services. These standards are specified by W3C XSD schemas. The schemas for the OS project are contained in the schemas folder under the OS root. There are numerous schemas in this directory that are part of the OS standard. For a full description of all the schemas see Ma [4]. We briefly discuss the standards most relevant to the current version of the OS project.

OSiL (Optimization Services instance Language): an XML-based language for representing instances of large-scale optimization problems including linear programs, mixed-integer programs, quadratic programs, and very general nonlinear programs.

OSiL stores optimization problem instances as XML files. Consider the following problem instance that is a modification of an example of Rosenbrock [5]:

Minimize 
$$(1-x_0)^2 + 100(x_1 - x_0^2)^2 + 9x_1$$
 (1)

s.t. 
$$x_0 + 10.5x_0^2 + 11.7x_1^2 + 3x_0x_1 \le 25$$
 (2)

$$\ln(x_0 x_1) + 7.5 x_0 + 5.25 x_1 \ge 10 \tag{3}$$

$$x_0, x_1 \ge 0 \tag{4}$$

There are two continuous variables,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ , in this instance, each with a lower bound of 0. Figure 4 shows how we represent this information in an XML-based OSiL file. Like all XML files, this is a text file that contains both markup and data. In this case there are two types of markup, elements (or tags) and attributes that describe the elements. Specifically, there are a  $\vert$  element and two  $\vert$  elements. Each  $\vert$  element has attributes 1b, name, and type that describe properties of a decision variable: its lower bound, "name", and domain type (continuous, binary, general integer).

To be useful for communication between solvers and modeling languages, OSiL instance files must conform to a standard. An XML-based representation standard is imposed through the use of a W3C XML Schema. The W3C, or World Wide Web Consortium (www.w3.org), promotes standards for the evolution of the web and for interoperability between web products. XML Schema (www.w3.org/XML/Schema) is one such standard. A schema specifies the elements and attributes that define a specific XML vocabulary. The W3C XML Schema is thus a schema for schemas; it specifies the elements and attributes for a schema that in turn specifies elements and attributes for an XML vocabulary such as OSiL. An XML file that conforms to a schema is called valid for that schema.

By analogy to object-oriented programming, a schema is akin to a header file in C++ that defines the members and methods in a class. Just as a class in C++ very explicitly describes member and method names and properties, a schema explicitly describes element and attribute names and properties.

Figure 5 is a piece of our schema for OSiL. In W3C XML Schema jargon, it defines a complexType, whose purpose is to specify elements and attributes that are allowed to appear in a valid XML instance file such as the one excerpted in Figure 4. In particular, Figure 5 defines the complexType named Variables, which comprises an element named <var> and an attribute named numberOfVariables. The numberOfVariables attribute is of a standard type positiveInteger, whereas the <var> element is a user-defined complexType named Variable. Thus the complexType Variables contains a sequence of <var> elements that are of complexType Variable. OSiL's schema must also provide a specification for the Variable complexType, which is shown in Figure 6.

Figure 4: The  $\langle variables \rangle$  element for the example (1)–(4).

In OSiL the linear part of the problem is stored in the element, which stores the coefficient matrix using three arrays as proposed in the earlier LPFML schema [2]. There is a child element of element coefficients> to represent each array: <value> for an array of nonzero coefficients, <rowIdx> or <colIdx> for a corresponding array of row indices or column indices, and <start> for an array that indicates where each row or column begins in the previous two arrays.

The quadratic part of the problem is represented in Figure 2.

The nonlinear part of the problem is given in Figure 9.

The complete OSiL representation is given in the Appendix (Section 14.2).

OSrL (Optimization Services result Language): an XML-based language for representing the solution of large-scale optimization problems including linear programs, mixed-integer programs, quadratic programs, and very general nonlinear programs. As example solution (for the problem given in (1)–(4)) in OSrL format is given below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?xml-stylesheet type = "text/xs1"</pre>
```

Figure 5: The Variables complexType in the OSiL schema.

```
<xs:complexType name="Variable">
    <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
    <xs:attribute name="init" type="xs:string" use="optional"/>
    <xs:attribute name="type" use="optional" default="C">
        <xs:simpleType>
            <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
                <xs:enumeration value="C"/>
                <xs:enumeration value="B"/>
                <xs:enumeration value="I"/>
                <xs:enumeration value="S"/>
            </xs:restriction>
        </xs:simpleType>
   </xs:attribute>
   <xs:attribute name="lb" type="xs:double" use="optional" default="0"/>
    <xs:attribute name="ub" type="xs:double" use="optional" default="INF"/>
</xs:complexType>
```

Figure 6: The Variable complexType in the OSiL schema.

Figure 7: The Sigure 7: The <pr

Figure 8: The <quadraticCoefficients> element for constraint (2).

```
href = "/Users/kmartin/Documents/files/code/cpp/OScpp/COIN-OSX/OS/stylesheets/OSrL.xslt
<osrl xmlns="os.optimizationservices.org"</pre>
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="os.optimizationservices.org
http://www.optimizationservices.org/schemas/OSrL.xsd">
    <resultHeader>
        <generalStatus type="success"/>
        <serviceName>Solved using a LINDO service/serviceName>
        <instanceName>Modified Rosenbrock</instanceName>
    </resultHeader>
    <resultData>
        <optimization numberOfSolutions="1" numberOfVariables="2" numberOfConstraints="2"</pre>
            numberOfObjectives="1">
            <solution objectiveIdx="-1">
                <status type="optimal"/>
                <variables>
                     <values>
                         <var idx="0">0.87243</var>
                         <var idx="1">0.741417</var>
                     </values>
                     <other name="reduced costs" description="the variable reduced costs">
                         <var idx="0">-4.06909e-08</var>
                         <var idx="1">0</var>
```

</other>

```
<nl idx="-1">
     <plus>
          <power>
               <minus>
                     <number value="1.0"/>
                     <variable coef="1.0" idx="0"/>
               </minus>
               <number value="2.0"/>
          </power>
          <times>
               <power>
                     <minus>
                          <variable coef="1.0" idx="0"/>
                          <power>
                               <variable coef="1.0" idx="1"/>
                               <number value="2.0"/>
                          </power>
                     </minus>
                     <number value="2.0"/>
               </power>
               <number value="100"/>
          </times>
     </plus>
</nl>
```

Figure 9: The <nl> element for the nonlinear part of the objective (1).

OSoL (Optimization Services option Language): an XML-based language for representing options that get passed to an optimization solver or a hosted optimization solver Web service. It contains both standard options for generic services and extendable option tags for solver-specific directives.

OSnL (Optimization Services nonlinear Language): The OSnL schema is imported

by the OSiL schema and is used to represent the nonlinear part of an optimization instane. This is explained in greater detail in Section 7.2.4. Also refer to Figure 9 for an illustration of elements from the OSnL standard.

OSpL (Optimization Services process Language): is a standard for dynamic process information that is kept by the Optimization Services registry. It is the result of a knock operation. See the example given in Section 10.3.5.

# 7 The OS Library Components

# 7.1 OSAgent

The OSAgent part of the library is used to facilitate communication with remote solvers. It is not used if the solver is invoked locally (i.e. on the same machine). There are two key classes in the OSAgent component of the OS library. The two classes are OSSolverAgent and WSUtil.

The OSSolverAgent class is used contact a remote solver service. For example, assume that sosil is a string with a problem instance and sosol is a string with solver options. Then the following code will call a solver service and invoke the the solve method.

```
OSSolverAgent *osagent;
string serviceLocation = http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws
osagent = new OSSolverAgent( serviceLocation );
string sOSrL = osagent->solve(sOSiL, sOSoL);
```

Other methods in the OSSolverAgent class are send, retrieve, getJobID, knock, and kill. The use of these methods is described in Section 10.3.

The methods in the OSSolverAgent class call methods in the WSUtil class that perform such tasks as creating and parsing SOAP messages and making low level socket calls to the server running the solver service. The average user will not use methods in the WSUtil class, but they are available to anyone wanting to make socket calls or create SOAP messages.

There is also a method, fileUpload in the OSAgentClass that is used to upload files from the hard drive of a client to the server. It is very fast and does not involve SOAP or Web Services. The fileUpload method is illustrated and described in the example code fileUpload.cpp described in Section 12.2.

#### 7.2 OSCommonInterfaces

The classes in the OSCommonInterfaces component of the OS library are used to read and write files and strings in the OSiL and OSrL protocols. See Section 6 for more detail on OSiL, OSrL, and other OS protocols. For a complete listing of all of the files in OSCommonInterfaces see the Doxygen documentation in the doxydoc folder (see Section 4.7). Below we highlight some key classes.

#### 7.2.1 The OSInstance Class

The OSInstance class is the in-memory representation of an optimization instance and is a key class for users of the OS project. This class has an API defined by a collection of get() methods for extracting various components (such as bounds and coefficients) from a problem instance, a collection of set() methods for modifying or generating an optimization instance, and a collection of calculate() methods for function, gradient, and Hessian evaluations. See Section 8. We now

describe how to create an OSInstance object and the close relationship between the OSiL schema and the OSInstance class.

# 7.2.2 Creating an OSInstance Object

The OSCommonInterfaces component contains an OSilReader class for reading an instance in an OSil string and creating an in-memory OSInstance object. Assume that soSil is a string with an instance in OSil format. Creating an OSInstance object is illustrated in Figure 10.

```
OSilReader *osilreader = NULL;
OSInstance *osinstance = NULL;
osilreader = new OSilReader();
osinstance = osilreader->readOSil( sOSil);
```

Figure 10: Creating an OSInstance Object

#### 7.2.3 Mapping Rules

The OSInstance class has two member classes, InstanceHeader and InstanceData. These correspond to the OSiL schema's complexTypes InstanceHeader and InstanceData, and to the XML elements <instanceHeader> and <instanceData>.

Moving down one level, Figure 12 shows that the InstanceData class has in turn the member classes Variables, Objectives, Constraints, LinearConstraintCoefficients, QuadraticCoefficients, and NonlinearExpressions, corresponding to the respective elements in the OSiL schema with the same name.

```
class OSInstance{
public:
    OSInstance();
    InstanceHeader *instanceHeader;
    InstanceData *instanceData;
}; //class OSInstance
```

Figure 11: The OSInstance class

Figure 13 uses the Variables class to provide a closer look at the correspondence between schema and class. On the right, the Variables class contains a number data member and a sequence of var objects of class Variable. The Variable class has 1b (double), ub (double), name (string), init (double), and type (char) data members. On the left the corresponding XML complexTypes are shown, with arrows indicating the correspondences. The following rules describe the mapping between the OSiL schema and the OSInstance class.

Each complexType in an OSiL schema corresponds to a class in OSInstance. Thus the OSiL schema's complexType Variable corresponds to OSInstance's class Variable. Elements in an actual XML file then correspond to objects in OSInstance; for example, the <var> element

```
class InstanceData{
public:
    InstanceData();
    Variables *variables;
    Objectives *objectives;
    Constraints *constraints;
    LinearConstraintCoefficients *linearConstraintCoefficients;
    QuadraticCoefficients *quadraticCoefficients;
    NonlinearExpressions *nonlinearExpressions;
}; // class InstanceData
```

Figure 12: The InstanceData class

that is of type Variable in an OSiL file corresponds to a var object in class Variable of OSInstance.

- ▷ An attribute or element used in the definition of a complexType is a member of the corresponding OSInstance class, and the type of the attribute or element matches the type of the member. In Figure 13, for example, 1b is an attribute of the OSiL complexType named Variable, and 1b is a member of the OSInstance class Variable; both have type double. Similarly, var is an element in the definition of the OSiL complexType named Variables, and var is a member of the OSInstance class Variables; the var element has type Variable and the var member is a Variable object.
- ➤ A schema sequence corresponds to an array. For example, in Figure 13 the complexType Variables has a sequence of <var> elements that are of type Variable, and the corresponding Variables class has a member that is an array of type Variable.

General nonlinear terms are stored in the data structure as OSExpressionTree objects, which are the subject of the next section.

The OSInstance class has a collection of get(), set(), and calculate() methods that act as an API for the optimization instance and described in Section 8.

## 7.2.4 The OSExpressionTree OSnLNode Classes

The OSExpressionTree class provides the in-memory representation of the nonlinear terms. Our design goal is to allow for efficient parsing of OSiL instances, while providing an API that meets the needs of diverse solvers. Conceptually, any nonlinear expression in the objective or constraints is represented by a tree. The expression tree for the nonlinear part of the objective function (1), for example, has the form illustrated in Figure 14. The choice of a data structure to store such a tree—along with the associated methods of an API— is a key aspect in the design of the OSInstance class.

A base abstract class OSnLNode is defined and all of an OSiL file's operator and operand elements used in defining a nonlinear expression are extensions of the base element type OSnLNode. There is an element type OSnLNodePlus, for example, that extends OSnLNode; then in an OSiL instance file, there are <plus> elements that are of type OSnLNodePlus. Each OSExpressionTree object contains a pointer to an OSnLNode object that is the root of the corresponding expression tree. To every element that extends the OSnLNode type in an OSiL instance file, there corresponds a class

that derives from the OSnLNode class in an OSInstance data structure. Thus we can construct an expression tree of homogenous nodes, and methods that operate on the expression tree to calculate function values, derivatives, postfix notation, and the like do not require switches or complicated logic.

The OSInstance class has a variety of calculate() methods, based on two pure virtual functions in the OSInstance class. The first of these, calculateFunction(), takes an array of double values corresponding to decision variables, and evaluates the expression tree for those values. Every class that extends OSnLNode must implement this method. As an example, the calculateFunction method for the OSnLNodePlus class is shown in Figure 15. Because the OSiL instance file must be validated against its schema, and in the schema each <OSnLNodePlus> element is specified to have exactly two child elements, this calculateFunction method can assume that there are exactly two children of the node that it is operating on. The use of polymorphism and recursion makes

```
Schema complexType
                                                                               In-memory class
<xs:complexType name="Variables"> <------</pre>
                                                                               public:
                                                                                Variables();
 <xs:sequence>
   <xs:element name="var" type="Variable" maxOccurs="unbounded"/> <----->
                                                                               Variable *var;
 <xs:attribute name="number" type="xs:positiveInteger" use="required"/> <----> int number;
</xs:complexType>
                                                                               }; // class Variables
<xs:complexType name="Variable"> <-----> class Variable{
                                                                               public:
                                                                                Variable():
 <xs:attribute name="name" type="xs:string" use="optional"/> <----->
                                                                                string name;
 <xs:attribute name="init" type="xs:double" use="optional"/> <----->
                                                                               double init;
 <xs:attribute name="initString" type="xs:string" use="optional"/> <-----> string initString;
 <xs:attribute name="type" use="optional" default="C"> <----->
                                                                                char type;
   <xs:simpleType>
     <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
       <xs:enumeration value="C"/>
       <xs:enumeration value="B"/>
       <xs:enumeration value="I"/>
       <xs:enumeration value="S"/>
     </xs:restriction>
   </xs:simpleType>
 </xs:attribute>
                                                                               double 1b;
 <xs:attribute name="lb" type="xs:double" use="optional" default="0"/> <----->
 <xs:attribute name="ub" type="xs:double" use="optional" default="INF"/> <---->
                                                                                double ub;
                                                                               }; // class Variable
</xs:complexType>
OSiL elements
                                                    In-memory objects
<variables number="2">
                                                   OSInstance osinstance:
  <var lb="0" name="x0" type="C"/>
                                                   osinstance.instanceData.variables.number=2;
  <var lb="0" name="x1" type="C"/>
                                                   osinstance.instanceData.variables.var=new Var[2];
</variables>
                                                    osinstance.instanceData.variables.var[0].1b=0;
                                                    osinstance.instanceData.variables.var[0].name=x0:
                                                    osinstance.instanceData.variables.var[0].type=C;
                                                    osinstance.instanceData.variables.var[1].lb=0;
                                                    osinstance.instanceData.variables.var[1].name=x1;
                                                    osinstance.instanceData.variables.var[1].type=C;
```

Figure 13: The <variables> element as an OSInstance object



Figure 14: Conceptual expression tree for the nonlinear part of the objective (1).

```
double OSnLNodePlus::calculateFunction(double *x){
    m_dFunctionValue =
        m_mChildren[0]->calculateFunction(x) +
        m_mChildren[1]->calculateFunction(x);
    return m_dFunctionValue;
} //calculateFunction
```

Figure 15: The function calculation method for the "plus" node class with polymorphism adding new operator elements easy; it is simply a matter of adding a new class and implementing the calculateFunction() method for it.

Although in the OSnL schema, there are 200+ nonlinear operators, only the following OSnLNode classes are currently supported in our implementation.

- $\bullet$  OSnLNodeVariable
- OSnLNodeTimes
- OSnLNodePlus
- OSnLNodeSum
- OSnLNodeMinus
- OSnLNodeNegate
- OSnLNodeDivide
- OSnLNodePower
- OSnLNodeProduct
- OSnLNodeLn

- OSnLNodeSqrt
- OSnLNodeSquare
- OSnLNodeSin
- OSnLNodeCos
- OSnLNodeExp
- OSnLNodeif
- OSnLNodeAbs
- OSnLNodeMax
- OSnLNodeMin
- OSnLNodeE
- OSnLNodePI
- OSnLNodeAllDiff

## 7.3 OSModelInterfaces

This part of the OS library is designed to help integrate the OS standards with other standards and modeling systems.

## 7.3.1 Converting MPS Files

The MPS standard is still a popular format for representing linear and integer programming problems. In OSModelInterfaces, there is a class OSmps2osil that can be used to convert files in MPS format into the OSiL standard. It is used as follows.

```
OSmps2osil *mps2osil = NULL;
DefaultSolver *solver = NULL;
solver = new CoinSolver();
solver->sSolverName = "cbc";
mps2osil = new OSmps2osil( mpsFileName);
mps2osil->createOSInstance();
solver->osinstance = mps2osil->osinstance;
solver->solve();
```

The OSmps2osil class constructor takes a string which should be the file name of the instance in MPS format. The constructor then uses the CoinUtils library to read and parse the MPS file. The class method createOSInstance then builds an in-memory osintance object that can be used by a solver.

### 7.3.2 Converting AMPL nl Files

AMPL is a popular modeling language that saves model instances in the AMPL nl format. The OSModelInterfaces library provides a class, OSnl2osil for reading in an nl file and creating a corresponding in-memory osinstance object. It is used as follows.

```
OSn12osil *n12osil = NULL;
DefaultSolver *solver = NULL;
solver = new LindoSolver();
n12osil = new OSn12osil( nlFileName);
n12osil->createOSInstance() ;
solver->osinstance = n12osil->osinstance;
solver->solve();
```

The OSnl2osil class works much like the OSmps2osil class. The OSnl2osil class constructor takes a string which should be the file name of the instance in nl format. The constructor then uses the AMPL ASL library routines to read and parse the nl file. The class method createOSInstance then builds an in-memory osintance object that can be used by a solver.

In Section 12.1 we describe the OSAmplClient executable that acts as a "solver" for AMPL. The OSAmplClient uses the OSnl2osil class to convert the instance in nl format to OSiL format before calling a solver either locally or remotely.

# 7.3.3 Using MATLAB

Linear, integer, and quadratic problems can be formulated in MATLAB and then optimized either locally or over the network using the OS Library. The OSMatlab class functions much like OSnl2osil and OSmps2osil and takes MATLAB arrays and creates an OSiL instance. This class is part of the OS library. In order to use the OS library with MATLAB the user should do the following. In order to use the OSMatlab class it is necessary to compile matlabSolver.cpp into a MATLAB Executable file. The matlabSolver.cpp file is in the OSModelInterfaces directory even though it is not part of the OS library. The following steps should be followed.

- Step 1: In the project root run make install.
- Step 2: Either leave matlabSolver.cpp in the the OSModelInterfaces or copy it to another desired directory.
- Step 3: Edit the MATLAB mexopts.sh (UNIX) or mexopts.bat so that the CXXFLAGS option includes the header files in the cppad directory and the include directory in the project root. For example, it should look like:

```
CXXFLAGS='-fno-common -no-cpp-precomp -fexceptions
-I/Users/kmartin/Documents/files/code/cpp/OScpp/COIN-OSX/
-I/Users/kmartin/Documents/files/code/cpp/OScpp/COIN-OSX/include'
```

Next edit the CXXLIBS flag so that the OS and supporting libraries are included. For example, it should look like:

```
CXXLIBS="$MLIBS -lstdc++
-L/Users/kmartin/Documents/files/code/ipopt/macosx/Ipopt-3.2.2/lib
-L/Users/kmartin/Documents/files/code/cpp/OScpp/COIN-OSX/lib
-lOS -lIpopt -lOsiCbc -lOsiClp -lCbc -lCgl -lOsi -lClp -lCoinUtils -lm"
```

For a UNIX system the mexopts.sh file will usually be found in a directory with the release name in ~/.matlab. For example, ~/.matlab/R14SP3.

On a Windows system, the mexopts.bat file will usually be in a directory with the release name in C:\Documents and Settings\Username\Application Data\Mathworks\MATLAB

**Step 4:** Build the MATLAB executable file. Start MATLAB and in the MATLAB command window connect to the directory containing the file matlabSolver.cpp. Execute the command:

```
mex -v matlabSolver.cpp
```

On a MAC OS X the resulting executable will be named matlabSolver.mexmac. On the Windows system the file is named matlabSolver.mexw32.

Step 5: Set the MATLAB path to include the directory with the matlabSolver executable. Also, put the *m*-file callMatlabSolver.m in a directory which is on a MATLAB path. This file is in the OSModelInterfaces directory.

To use the matlabSolver it is necessary to put the coefficients from a linear, integer, or quadratic problem into MATLAB arrays.

$$Minimize 10x_1 + 9x_2 (5)$$

Subject to 
$$.7x_1 + x_2 \le 630$$
 (6)

$$.5x_1 + (5/6)x_2 \le 600\tag{7}$$

$$x_1 + (2/3)x_2 \le 708\tag{8}$$

$$.1x_1 + .25x_2 \le 135\tag{9}$$

$$x_1, x_2 \ge 0 \tag{10}$$

The MATLAB representation of this problem in MATLAB arrays is

```
% the number of constraints
numCon = 4;
% the number of variables
numVar = 2;
% variable types
VarType='CC';
% constraint types
A = [.7 \ 1; .5 \ 5/6; 1]
                         2/3 ; .1
                                      .25];
BU = [630 600 708 135];
BL = [];
OBJ = [10 \ 9];
VL = [-\inf -\inf];
VU = [];
ObjType = 1;
% leave Q empty if there are no quadratic terms
Q = [];
prob_name = 'ParInc Example'
password = 'chicagoesmuyFRIO';
```

```
%
%
the solver
solverName = 'lindo';
%the remote service service address
%if left empty we solve locally
serviceAddress='http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws';
% now solve
callMatlabSolver( numVar, numCon, A, BL, BU, OBJ, VL, VU, ObjType, ...
VarType, Q, prob_name, password, solverName, serviceAddress)
```

This example m-file is in the data directory and is file parincLinear.m. Note that in addition to the problem formulation we can specify which solver to use through the solverName variable. If solution with a remote solver is desired this can be specified with the serviceAddress variable. If the serviceAddress is left empty, i.e.

```
serviceAddress='';
```

then a local solver is used. In this case it is crucial that the appropriate solver is linked in with the matlabSolver executable using the CXXLIBS option.

The data directory also contains the m-file template.m which contains extensive comments about how to formulate the problems in MATLAB. A second example which is a quadratic problem is given in the Appendix. The appropriate m-file is markowitz.m.

#### 7.4 OSParsers

The OSP arsers component of the OS library contains reentrant parsers that read OSiL and OSrL strings and build, respectively, in-memory OSInstance and OSR esult objects.

The OSiL parser is invoked through an OSiLReader object as illustrated below. Assume osil is a string with the problem instance.

```
OSilReader *osilreader = NULL;
OSInstance *osinstance = NULL;
osilreader = new OSilReader();
osinstance = osilreader->readOSil( &osil);
```

The readOSiL method has a single argument which is a pointer to a string. The readOSiL method then calls an underlying method yygetOSInstance that parses the OSiL string. The major components of the OSiL schema recognized by the parser are.

```
<instanceHeader>
<variables>
<objectives>
<constraints>
linearConstraintCoefficients>
<quadraticCoefficients>
<nonlinearExpressions>
```

There are other components in the OSiL schema, but they are not yet implemented. In most large-scale applications the <variables>, <objectives>, <constraints>, and linearConstraintCoefficients> will comprise the bulk of the instance memory. Because of this, we have "hard-coded" the OSiL

parser to read these specific elements very efficiently. The parsing of the <quadraticCoefficients> and <nonlinearExpressions> is done using code generated by flex and bison. In the OSParsers the file parseosil.1 is used by flex to generate parseosil.cpp and the file parseosil.y is used by bison to generate parseosil.tab.cpp. In parseosil.1 we use the reentrant option and in parseosil.y we use the pure-parser option to generate reentrant parsers. The parseosil.y file contains both our "hard-coded" parser and the grammar rules for the <quadraticCoefficients>! and <nonlinearExpressions> sections. We are currently using GNU Bison version 3.2 and flex 2.5.33.

The typical OS user will have no need to edit either parseosil.l or parseosil.y and therefore will not have to worry about running either flex or bison to generate the parsers. The generated parser code from flex and bison is distributed with the project and works on all of the platforms listed in Table 1. If the user does edit either parseosil.l or parseosil.y then parseosil.cpp and parseosil.tab.cpp need to be regenerated with flex and bison. If these programs are present, in the OS directory execute

#### make run\_parsers

The files parseosrl.l and parseosrl.y are used by flex and bison to generate the code parseosrl.cpp and parseosrl.tab.cpp for parsing strings in OSrL format. The comments made above about the OSiL parser apply to the OSrL parser. The OSrL parser, like the OSiL parser, is invoked using an OSrL reading object. This is illustrated below (osrl is a string in OSrL format).

```
OSrLReader *osrlreader = NULL;
osrlreader = new OSrLReader();
OSResult *osresult = NULL;
osresult = osrlreader->readOSrL( osrl);
```

There is also a lexer parseosss.1 for tokenizing the command line for the OSSolverService executable described in Section 10.

We hope to have a parser for OSoL in a future version of the project.

## 7.5 OSSolverInterfaces

The OSSolverInterfaces library is designed to facilitate linking the OS library with various solver APIs. We first describe how to take a problem instance in OSiL format and connect to a solver that has a COIN-OR OSI interface. See the OSI project www.projects.coin-or.org/Osi. We then describe hooking to the COIN-OR nonlinear code Ipopt. See www.projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt. Finally we describe hooking to two commercial solvers KNITRO and LINDO.

The OS library has been tested with the following solvers using the Osi Interface.

- Cbc
- Clp
- Cplex
- DyLP
- Glpk
- SYMPHONY

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In the OSSolverInterfaces library there is an abstract class DefaultSolver that has the following key members:

```
std::string osil;
std::string osol;
std::string osrl;
OSInstance *osinstance;
OSResult *osresult;
and the pure virtual function
virtual void solve() = 0;
```

In order to use a solver through the COIN-OR Osi interface it is necessary to create an object in the CoinSolver class which inherits from the DefaultSolver class and implements the appropriate solve() function. We illustrate with the Clp solver.

```
DefaultSolver *solver = NULL;
solver = new CoinSolver();
solver->m_sSolverName = "clp";
```

Assume that the data file containing the problem has been read into the string osil and the solver options are in the string osol. Then the Clp solver is invoked as follows.

```
solver->osil = osil;
solver->osol = osol;
solver->solve();
```

Finally, get the solution in OSrL format as follows

```
cout << solver->osrl << endl;</pre>
```

Even though LINDO and KNITRO are commercial solvers and do not have a COIN-OR Osi interface these solvers are used in exactly the same manner as a COIN-OR solver. For example, to invoke the LINDO solver we do the following.

```
solver = new LindoSolver();
```

Similarly for KNITRO and Ipopt. In the case of KNITRO, the KnitroSolver class inherits from both DefaultSolver class and the KNITRO NlpProblemDef class. See http://www.ziena.com/docs/knitroman.pdf for more information on the KNITRO solver C++ implementation and the NlpProblemDef class. Similarly, for Ipopt the IpoptSolver class inherits from both the DefaultSolver class and the Ipopt TNLP class. See https://projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt/browser/stable/3.2/Ipopt/doc/documentation.pdf?format=raw for more information on the Ipopt solver C++ implementation and the TNLP calss.

In the examples above, the problem instance was assumed to be read from a file into the string osil and then into the class member solver->osil. However, everything can be done entirely in memory. For example, it is possible to use the OSInstance class to create an in-memory problem representation and give this representation directly to a solver class that inherits from DefaultSolver. The class member to use is osinstance. This is illustrated in the example given in Section 13.3.

#### 7.6 OSUtils

The OSUtils component of the OS library contains utility codes. For example, the FileUtil class contains useful methods for reading files into string or char\* and writing files from string and char\*. The OSDataStructures class holds other classes for things such as sparse vectors, sparse Jacobians, and sparse Hessians. The MathUtil class contains a method for converting between sparse matrices in row and column major form.

## 8 The OSInstance API

The OSInstance API can be used to:

- get information about model parameters, or convert the OSExrpressionTree into a prefix or
  postfix representation through a collection of get methods,
- modify, or even create an instance from scratch, using a set of set methods,
- provide information to solvers that require function evaluations, Jacobian and Hessian sparsity patters, function gradient evaluations, and Hessian evaluations.

#### 8.1 Get Methods

The get() methods are used by other classes to access data in an existing OSInstance object or get an expression tree representation of an instance in postfix or prefix format. Assume osinstance is an object in the OSInstance class created as illustrated in Figure 10. Then, for example,

```
osinstance->getVariableNumber();
```

will return an integer which is the number of variables in the problem,

```
osintance->getVariableTypes();
```

will return a char pointer to the variable types (C for continuous, B for binary, and I for general integer),

```
getVariableLowerBounds();
```

will return a double pointer to the lower bound on each variable. There are similar get methods for the constraints. There are numerous get methods for the data in the constraintCoefficients> element, the <quadraticCoefficients> element, and the <nonlinearExpressions> element.

When an osinstance object is created, it is stored as in expression tree in an OSExpressionTree object. However, some solver APIs (e.g. LINDO) may take the data in a different format such as postfix and prefix. There are methods to return the data in either postfix or prefix format.

First define a vector of pointers to OSnLNode objects.

```
std::vector<OSnLNode*> postfixVec;
```

then get the expression tree for the objective function (index = -1) as a postfix vector of nodes.

```
postfixVec = osinstance->getNonlinearExpressionTreeInPostfix( -1);
```

If, for example, the osinstance object was the in-memory representation of the instance illustrated in Section 14.2 then the code

```
for (i = 0 ; i < n; i++){
cout << postfixVec[i]->snodeName << endl;</pre>
will produce
number
variable
minus
number
power
number
variable
variable
number
power
minus
number
power
times
plus
```

The method, processNonlinearExpressions() in the LindoSolver class in the OSSolverInterfaces library component illustrates using a postfix vector of OSnLNode objects to build a Lindo model instance.

## 8.2 Set Methods

The set methods can be used to build an in-memory OSInstance object. A code example of how to do this is in Section 13.3.

#### 8.3 Calculate Methods

The calculate methods are described in Section 9.

# 9 The OS Algorithmic Differentiation Implementation

The OS library provides a set of calculate methods for calculating function values, gradients, and Hessians. The calculate methods are part of the OSInstance class and are designed to work with solver APIs.

## 9.1 Algorithmic Differentiation: Brief Review

First and second derivative calculations are made using algorithmic differentiation. Here we provide a brief review of algorithmic differentiation. For an excellent reference on algorithmic differentiation see Griewank [3]. The OS package uses the COIN-OR package CppAD which is also an excellent resource with extensive documentation and information about algorithmic differentiation. See the documentation written by Brad Bell [1]. The development here is from the CppAD documentation. Consider the function  $f: X \to Y$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . (That is, Y = f(X).)

Express the input vector as a scalar function of t by

$$X(t) = x^{(0)} + x^{(1)}t + x^{(2)}t^2$$
(11)

where  $x^{(0)}$ ,  $x^{(1)}$ , and  $x^{(2)}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and t is a scalar. By judiciously choosing  $x^{(0)}$ ,  $x^{(1)}$ , and  $x^{(2)}$  we will be able to derive many different expressions of interest. Note first that

$$X(0) = x^{(0)}$$
  
 $X'(0) = x^{(1)}$   
 $X''(0) = 2x^{(2)}$ 

In general,  $x^{(k)}$  corresponds to the kth order Taylor coefficient, i.e.

$$x^{(k)} = \frac{1}{k!} X^{(k)}(0), \quad k = 0, 1, 2$$
 (12)

Then Y(t) = f(X(t)) is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^1$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and it is expressed in terms of its Taylor series expansion as

$$Y(t) = y^{(0)} + y^{(1)}t + y^{(2)}t^2 + o(t^3)$$
(13)

where

$$y^{(k)} = \frac{1}{k!} Y^{(k)}(0), \quad k = 0, 1, 2$$
(14)

The following are shown in Bell (http://www.coin-or.org/CppAD/).

$$y^{(0)} = f(x^{(0)}) (15)$$

Let  $e^{(i)}$  denote the *ith* unit vector. If  $x^{(1)} = e^{(i)}$  then  $y^{(1)}$  is equal to the *ith* column of the Jacobian matrix of f(x) evaluated at  $x^{(0)}$ . That is

$$y^{(1)} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x^{(0)}). \tag{16}$$

In addition, if  $x^{(1)} = e^{(i)}$  and  $x^{(2)} = 0$  then for function  $f_k(x)$ , (the kth component of f)

$$y_k^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_i \partial x_i}$$
 (17)

In order to evaluate the mixed partial derivatives, one can instead set  $x^{(1)} = e^{(i)} + e^{(j)}$  and  $x^{(2)} = 0$ . This gives for function  $f_k(x)$ ,

$$y_k^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \right)$$
(18)

or, expressed in terms of the mixed partials,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = y_k^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_i \partial x_i} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \right)$$
(19)

## 9.2 Using OSInstance Methods: Low Level Calls

The code snippets used in this section are from the example code algorithmicDiffTest.cpp in the algorithmicDiffTest folder in the examples folder. The code is based on the following example.

$$x_0^2 + 9x_1 \tag{20}$$

s.t. 
$$33 - 105 + 1.37x_1 + 2x_3 + 5x_1 \le 10$$
 (21)

$$ln(x_0 x_3) + 7x_2 \ge 10$$
(22)

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 \ge 0 \tag{23}$$

The OSiL representation of the instance (20)-(23) is given in Appendix 14.3. This example is designed to illustrate several features of OSiL. Note that in constraint (21) the constant 33 appears in the  $\langle con \rangle$  element corresponding to this constraint and the constant 105 appears as a  $\langle constant \rangle$  OSnL node in the  $\langle constant \rangle$  section. This distinction is important, as it will lead to different treatment by the code as documented below. There are no nonlinear terms in the instance that involve variable  $x_1$ . The terms  $5x_1$  in (21) and  $7x_2$  in (22) are expressed in the objectives and  $\langle constant \rangle$  sections, respectively, and will again receive special treatment by the code. However, the term  $1.37x_1$  in (21), along with the term  $2x_3$ , is expressed in the  $\langle conclinear \rangle$  section. Variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  do not appear in any nonlinear terms. However, in the OSInstance API, variable  $x_1$  appears in the  $\langle conclinear \rangle$  section; hence it is treated as a nonlinear variable for purposes of algorithmic differentiation. Variable  $x_2$  never appears in the  $\langle conclinear \rangle$  section and is therefore treated as a linear variable and not used in any algorithmic differentiation calculations. Variables that do not appear in the  $\langle conclinear \rangle$  are never part of the algorithmic differentiation calculations.

Ignoring the nonnegativity constraints, instance (20)-(23) defines a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^4$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0^2 + 9x_1 \\ 33 - 105 + 1.37x_1 + 2x_3 + 5x_1 \\ \ln(x_0x_3) + 7x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9x_1 \\ 33 + 5x_1 \\ 7x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_0^2 \\ -105 + 1.37x_1 + 2x_3 \\ \ln(x_0x_3) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 9x_1 \\ 33 + 5x_1 \\ 7x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ f_3(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

where 
$$f(x) := \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ f_3(x) \end{bmatrix}$$
 (24)

The OSiL representation for the instance in (20)-(23) is read into an in-memory OSInstance object as follows (we assume that osil is a string with the OSiL instance)

```
osilreader = new OSiLReader();
osinstance = osilreader->readOSiL( &osil);
```

There is a method in the OSInstance class, initForAlgDiff() that is used to initialize the non-linear data structures. A call to this method

```
osinstance->initForAlgDiff( );
```

will generate a map of the indices of the nonlinear variables. This is critical because the algorithmic differentiation only operates on variables that appear in the <nonlinearExpressions> section. An example of this map follows.

```
std::map<int, int> varIndexMap;
std::map<int, int>::iterator posVarIndexMap;
varIndexMap = osinstance->getAllNonlinearVariablesIndexMap();
for(posVarIndexMap = varIndexMap.begin(); posVarIndexMap
!= varIndexMap.end(); ++posVarIndexMap){
std::cout << "Variable Index = " << posVarIndexMap->first << std::endl ;
}</pre>
```

The variable indices listed are 0, 1, and 3. Variable 2 does not appear in the <nonlinearExpressions> section and is not included in varIndexMap. That is, f will be considered as a map from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Once the nonlinear structures are initialized it is possible to take derivatives using algorithmic differentiation. Algorithmic differentiation is done using either a forward or reverse sweep through an expression tree (or operation sequence) representation of f. The two key public algorithmic differentiation methods in the OSInstance class are forwardAD and reverseAD. These are actually generic "wrappers" around the corresponding CppAD methods with the same signature. This keeps the OS API public methods independent of any underlying algorithmic differentiation package.

The forwardAD signature is

```
std::vector<double> forwardAD(int k, std::vector<double> vdX);
```

where k is the highest order Taylor coefficient of f to be returned, vdX is a vector of doubles in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and the function return is a vector of doubles in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Thus, k corresponds to the k in Equations (12) and (14), where vdX corresponds to the  $x^{(k)}$  in Equation (12), and the  $y^{(k)}$  in Equation (14) is the vector in range space returned by the call to forwardAD. For example, by Equation (15) the following call will evaluate each component function defined in (24) corresponding only to the nonlinear part of (24) – the part denoted by f(x).

```
funVals = osinstance->forwardAD(0, x0);
```

Since there are three components in the vector defined by (24), the return value funVals will have three components. For an input vector,

```
x0[0] = 1; // the value for variable x0 in function f x0[1] = 5; // the value for variable x1 in function f x0[2] = 5; // the value for variable x3 in function f
```

the values returned by osinstance->forwardAD(0, x0) are 1, -63.15, and 1.6094, respectively. The Jacobian of the example in (24) is

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_0 & 9.00 & 0.00 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 6.37 & 0.00 & 2.00 \\ 1/x_0 & 0.00 & 7.00 & 1/x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (25)

and the Jacobian  $J_f$  of the nonlinear part is

$$J_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_0 & 0.00 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 1.37 & 2.00 \\ 1/x_0 & 0.00 & 1/x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (26)

When  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $x_1 = 5$ ,  $x_2 = 10$ , and  $x_3 = 5$  the Jacobian  $J_f$ 

$$J_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2.00 & 0.00 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 1.37 & 2.00 \\ 1.00 & 0.00 & 0.20 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (27)

A forward sweep with k = 1 will calculate the Jacobian column-wise. See (16). The following code will return column 3 of the Jacobian (27) which corresponds to nonlinear variable  $x_3$ .

```
x1[0] = 0;
x1[1] = 0;
x1[2] = 1;
osinstance->forwardAD(1, x1);
```

Now calculate second derivatives. To illustrate we use the results in (17)-(19) and calculate

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_3} \quad k = 1, 2, 3.$$

Variables  $x_0$  and  $x_3$  are the first and third nonlinear variables so by (18) the  $x^{(1)}$  should be the sum of the  $e^{(1)}$  and  $e^{(3)}$  unit vectors and used in the first-order forward sweep calculation.

```
x1[0] = 1;
x1[1] = 0;
x1[2] = 1;
osinstance->forwardAD(1, x1);
```

Next set  $x^{(2)} = 0$  and do a second-order forward sweep.

```
std::vector<double> x2( n);
x2[0] = 0;
x2[1] = 0;
x2[2] = 0;
osinstance->forwardAD(2, x2);
```

This call returns the vector of values

$$y_1^{(2)} = 1, \quad y_2^{(2)} = 0, \quad y_3^{(2)} = -.52$$

By inspection of (26),

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f_{1}(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{0}} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f_{2}(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{0}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f_{3}(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{0}} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f_{1}(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_{3} \partial x_{3}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f_{2}(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_{3} \partial x_{3}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2} f_{3}(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_{3} \partial x_{3}} = -.04$$

Then by (19),

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_1(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_3} = y_1^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f_1(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_0} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_3 \partial x_3} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} (2+0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_2(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_3} = y_2^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f_2(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_0} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_3 \partial x_3} \right) = 0 - \frac{1}{2} (0+0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_3(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_3} = y_3^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f_3(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0 \partial x_0} + \frac{\partial^2 f_k(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_3 \partial x_3} \right) = -.52 - \frac{1}{2} (-1 - .04) = 0$$

Making all of the first and second derivative calculations using forward sweeps is most effective when the number of rows exceeds the number of variables.

The reverseAD signature is

```
std::vector<double> reverseAD(int k, std::vector<double> vdlambda);
```

where vdlambda is a vector of Lagrange multipliers. This method returns a vector in the range space. If a reverse sweep of order k is called, a forward sweep of all orders through k-1 must have been made prior to the call.

#### 9.2.1 First Derivative Reverse Sweep Calculations

In order to calculate first derivatives execute the following sequence of calls.

```
x0[0] = 1;
x0[1] = 5;
x0[2] = 5;
std::vector<double> vlambda(3);
vlambda[0] = 0;
vlambda[1] = 0;
vlambda[2] = 1;
osinstance->forwardAD(0, x0);
osinstance->reverseAD(1, vlambda);
```

Since vlambda only includes the third function  $f_3$ , this sequence of calls will produce the third row of the Jacobian  $J_f$ , i.e

$$\frac{\partial f_3(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_0} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial f_3(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_3(x^{(0)})}{\partial x_3} = .2$$

#### 9.2.2 Second Derivative Reverse Sweep Calculations

In order to calculate second derivatives using reverseAD forward sweeps of order 0 and 1 must have been completed. The call to reverseAD(2, vlambda) will return a vector of dimension 2n where n is the number of variables. If the zero-order forward sweep is forward(0,x0) and the first-order forward sweep is forwardAD(1, x1) where  $x1 = e^{(i)}$ , then the return vector z = reverseAD(2, vlambda) is

$$z[2j-2] = \frac{\partial L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$
 (28)

$$z[2j-1] = \frac{\partial^2 L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$
(29)

where

$$L(x,\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \lambda_k f_k(x)$$
(30)

For example, the following calls will calculate the third row (column) of the Hessian of the Lagrangian.

```
x0[0] = 1;
x0[1] = 5;
x0[2] = 5;
osinstance->forwardAD(0, x0);
x1[0] = 0;
x1[1] = 0;
x1[2] = 1;
osinstance->forwardAD(1, x1);
vlambda[0] = 1;
vlambda[1] = 2;
vlambda[2] = 1;
osinstance->reverseAD(2, vlambda);
```

This returns

$$\frac{\partial L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_0} = 3, \quad \frac{\partial L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_1} = 2.74, \quad \frac{\partial L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_3} = 4.2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_3 \partial x_0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_3 \partial x_0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_3 \partial x_3} = -.04$$

The reason that

$$\frac{\partial L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_1} = 2 \times 1.37 = 2.74$$

and not

$$\frac{\partial L(x^{(0)}, \lambda^{(0)})}{\partial x_1} = 1 \times 9 + 2 \times 6.37 = 9 + 12.74 = 21.74$$

is that the terms  $9x_1$  in the objective and  $5x_1$  in the first constraint are captured in the linear section of the OSiL input and therefore do not appear as a nonlinear term in <nonlinearExpressions>. Again, forwardAD and reverseAD only operate on variables and terms in either the <quadraticCoefficients> or <nonlinearExpressions> sections.

#### 9.3 Using OSInstance Methods: High Level Calls

The methods forwardAD and reverseAD are low level calls and are not designed to work directly with solver APIs. The OSInstance API has other methods that most users will want to invoke when linking with solver APIs. We describe these now.

## 9.3.1 Sparsity Methods

Many solvers such as Ipopt (projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt) or Knitro (www.ziena.com) require the sparsity pattern of the Jacobian of the constraint matrix and the Hessian of the Lagrangian function. Note well that the constraint matrix of the example in Section 9.2 constitutes only the last two rows of (24) but does include the linear terms. The following code illustrates how to get the sparsity pattern of the constraint Jacobian matrix

```
SparseJacobianMatrix *sparseJac;
sparseJac = osinstance->getJacobianSparsityPattern();
for(idx = 0; idx < sparseJac->startSize; idx++){
    std::cout << "number constant terms in constraint "</pre>
                                                           << idx << " is "
    << *(sparseJac->conVals + idx) << std::endl;
    for(k = *(sparseJac -> starts + idx); k < *(sparseJac -> starts + idx + 1); k++){
        std::cout << "row idx = " << idx << "
        col idx = "<< *(sparseJac->indexes + k) << std::endl;</pre>
    }
}
For the example problem this will produce
JACOBIAN SPARSITY PATTERN
number constant terms in constraint 0 is 0
row idx = 0 col idx = 1
row idx = 0 col idx = 3
number constant terms in constraint 1 is 1
row idx = 1 col idx = 2
row idx = 1
            col idx = 0
row idx = 1
            col idx = 3
```

The constant term in constraint 1 corresponds to the linear term  $7x_2$ , which is added after the algorithmic differentiation has taken place. However, the linear term  $5x_1$  in equation 0 does not contribute a nonzero in the Jacobian, as it is combined with the term  $1.37x_1$  that is treated as a nonlinear term and therefore accounted for explicitly. The SparseJacobianMatrix object has a data member starts which is the index of the start of each constraint row. The int data member indexes gives is the variable index of every potentially nonzero derivative. There is also a double data member values that will the value of the partial derivative of the corresponding index at each iteration. Finally, there is an int data member conVals that is the number of constant terms in each gradient. A constant term is a partial derivative that cannot change at an iteration. A variable is considered to have a constant derivative if it appears in the linearConstraintCoefficients> section but not in the <nonlinearExpressions>. For a row indexed by idx the variable indices are in the indexes array between the elements sparseJac->starts + idx and sparseJac->starts + idx are indices o!

f variables with constant derivatives. In this example, when idx is 1, there is one variable with a constant derivative and it is variable  $x_2$ . (Actually variable  $x_1$  has a constant derivative but the code does not check to see if variables that appear in the nonlinearExpressions> section have constant derivative.) The variables with constant derivatives never appear in the AD evaluation.

The following code illustrates how to get the sparsity pattern of the Hessian of the Lagrangian.

SparseHessianMatrix \*sparseHessian;

```
sparseHessian = osinstance->getLagrangianHessianSparsityPattern();
for(idx = 0; idx < sparseHessian->hessDimension; idx++){
std::cout << "Row Index = " << *(sparseHessian->hessRowIdx + idx);
std::cout << " Column Index = " << *(sparseHessian->hessColIdx + idx);
}
```

The SparseHessianMatrix class has the int data members hessRowIdx and hessColIdx for indexing potential nonzero elements in the Hessian matrix. The double data member hessValues holds the value of the respective second derivative at each iteration. The data member hessDimension is the number of nonzero elements in the Hessian.

#### 9.3.2 Function Evaluation Methods

There are several overloaded methods for calculating objective and constraint values. The method double \*calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues(double\* x, bool new\_x)

will return a double pointer to an array of constraint function values evaluated at x. If the value of x has not changed since the last function call, then new\_x should be set to false and the most recent function values are returned. When using this method, with this signature, all function values are calculated in double using an OSExpressionTree object.

A second signature for the calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues is

In this signature, x is a pointer to the current primal values, objLambda is a vector of dual multipliers, conLambda is a vector of dual multipliers on the constraints, new\_x is true if any components of x have changed since the last evaluation, and highestOrder is the highest order of derivative to be calculated at this iteration. The following code snippet illustrates defining a set of variable values for the example we are using and then the function call.

```
double* x = new double[4]; //primal variables
double* z = new double[2]; //Lagrange multipliers on constraints
double* w = new double[1]; //Lagrange multiplier on objective
x[0] = 1;
             // primal variable 0
x[1] = 5;
             // primal variable 1
x[2] = 10;
             // primal variable 2
x[3] = 5; // primal variable 3
z[0] = 2;
             // Lagrange multiplier on constraint 0
z[1] = 1;
             // Lagrange multiplier on constraint 1
w[0] = 1;
             // Lagrange multiplier on the objective function
calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues(x, w, z, true, 0);
```

When making all high level calls for function, gradient, and Hessian evaluations we pass all the primal variables in the x argument, not just the nonlinear variables. Underneath the call, the nonlinear variables are identified and used in AD function calls.

The use of the parameters new\_x and highestOrder is important and requires further explanation. The parameter highestOrder is an integer variable that will take on the value 0, 1, or 2 (actually higher values if we want third derivatives etc.). The value of this variable is the highest order derivative that is required of the current iterate. For example, if a callback requires a function evaluation and highestOrder = 0 then only the function is evaluated at the current iterate. However, if highestOrder = 2 then the function call

calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues(x, w, z, true, 2)

will trigger first and second derivative evaluations in addition to the function evaluations.

In the OSInstance class code, every time a forward (forwardAD) or reverse sweep (reverseAD) is executed a private member, m\_iHighestOrderEvaluated is set to the order of the sweep. For example, forwardAD(1, x) will result in m\_iHighestOrderEvaluated = 1. Just knowing the value of new\_x alone is not sufficient. It is also necessary to know highestOrder and compare it with m\_iHighestOrderEvaluated. For example, if new\_x is false, but m\_iHighestOrderEvaluated = 0, and the callback requires a Hessian calculation, then it is necessary to calculate the first and second derivatives at the current iterate.

There are *exactly two* conditions that require a new function or derivative evaluation. A new evaluation is required if and only if

1. The value of new\_x is true

-OR-

2. For the callback function the value of the input parameter highestOrder is strictly greater than the current value of m\_iHhighestOrderEvaluated.

For an efficient implementation of AD it is important to be able to get the Lagrange multipliers and highest order derivative that is required from inside *any* callback – not just the Hessian evaluation callback. For example, in Ipopt, if eval\_g or eval\_f are called, and for the current iterate, eval\_jac and eval\_hess are also going to be called, then a more efficient AD implementation is possible if the Lagrange multipliers are available for eval\_g and eval\_f.

Currently, whenever  $\mathtt{new\_x} = \mathtt{true}$  in the underlying AD implementation we do not retape (record into the CppAD data structure) the function. This is because we currently throw an exception if there are any logical operators involved in the AD calculations. This may change in a future implementation.

There are also similar methods for objective function evaluations. The method

double calculateFunctionValue(int idx, double\* x, bool new\_x);

will return the value of any constraint or objective function indexed by idx. This method works strictly with double data using an OSExpressionTree object.

There is also a public variable, bUseExpTreeForFunEval that, if set to true, will cause the method

calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues(x, objLambda, conLambda, true, highestOrder)

to also use the OS expression tree for function evaluations when highestOrder = 0 rather than use the operator overloading in the CppAD tape.

#### 9.3.3 Gradient Evaluation Methods

One OSInstance method for gradient calculations is

SparseJacobianMatrix \*calculateAllConstraintFunctionGradients(double\* x, double \*objLambda, double \*conLambda, bool new\_x, int highestOrder)

If a call has been placed to calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues with highestOrder = 0, then the appropriate call to get gradient evaluations is

```
calculateAllConstraintFunctionGradients( x, NULL, NULL, false, 1);
```

Note that in this function call new\_x = false. This prevents a call to forwardAD() with order 0 to get the function values.

If, at the current iterate, the Hessian of the Lagrangian function is also desired then an appropriate call is

```
\verb|calculateAllConstraintFunctionGradients(x, objLambda, conLambda, false, 2);|\\
```

In this case, if there was a prior call

```
calculateAllConstraintFunctionValues(x, w, z, true, 0);
```

then only first and second derivatives are calculated, not function values.

When calculating the gradients, if the number of nonlinear variables exceeds or is equal to the number of rows, a forwardAD(0, x) sweep is used to get the function values, and a reverseAD(1,  $e^k$ ) sweep for each unit vector  $e^k$  in the row space is used to get the vector of first order partials for each row in the constraint Jacobian. If the number of nonlinear variables is less then the number of rows then a forwardAD(0, x) sweep is used to get the function values and a forwardAD(1,  $e^i$ ) sweep for each unit vector  $e^i$  in the column space is used to get the vector of first order partials for each column in the constraint Jacobian.

Two other gradient methods are

Similar methods are available for the objective function; however the objective function gradient methods treat the gradient of each objective function as a dense vector.

#### 9.3.4 Hessian Evaluation Methods

```
There are two methods for Hessian calculations. The first method has the signature
```

```
SparseHessianMatrix *calculateLagrangianHessian( double* x, double *objLambda, double *conLambda, bool new_x, int highestOrder); so if either function or first derivatives have been calculated an appropriate call is calculateLagrangianHessian( x, w, z, false, 2); If the Hessian of a single row or objective function is desired the following method is available SparseHessianMatrix *calculateHessian( double* x, int idx, bool new_x);
```

## 10 The OSSolverService

The OSSolverService is a command line executable designed to pass problem instances in either OSiL, AMPL nl, or MPS format to solvers and get the optimization result back to be displayed either to standard output or a specified browser. The OSSovlerService can be used to invoke a solver locally or on a remote server. It can work either synchronously or asynchronously. At present six service methods are implemented, solve, end, retrieve, getJobID, knock and kill. These methods are explained in more detail in section 10.3.

## 10.1 OSSolverService Input Parameters

At present, the OSSolverService takes the following parameters. The order of the parameters is irrelevant. Not all the parameters are required. However, if the solve or send service methods (see Section 10.3) are invoked a problem instance location must be specified.

- -osil xxx.osil this is the name of the file that contains the optimization instance in OSiL format. It is assumed that this file is available in a directory on the machine that is running OSSolverService. If this option is not specified then the instance location must be specified in the OSoL solver options file.
- -osol xxx.osol this is the name of the file that contains the solver options. It is assumed that this file is available in a directory on the machine that is running OSSolverService. It is not necessary to specify this option.
- -osrl xxx.osrl this is the name of the file that contains the solver solution. A valid file path must be given on the machine that is running OSSolverService. It is not necessary to specify this option.
- -serviceLocation url is the URL of the solver service. This is not required, and if not specified it is assumed that the problem is solved locally.
- -serviceMethod methodName this is the method on the solver service to be invoked. The options are solve, send, kill, knock, getJobID, and retrieve. The use of these options is illustrated in the examples below. This option is not required, and the default value is solve.
- -mps xxx.mps this is the name of the mps file if the problem instance is in mps format. It is assumed that this file is available in a directory on the machine that is running OSSolverService. The default file format is OSiL so this option is not required.
- -nl xxx.nl this is the name of the AMPL nl file if the problem instance is in AMPL nl format. It is assumed that this file is available in a directory on the machine that is running OSSolverService. The default file format is OSiL so this option is not required.
- -solver solverName Possible values for default OS installation are clp (COIN-OR Clp), cbc (COIN-OR Cbc), dylp (COIN-OR DyLP), and symphony (COIN-OR SYMPHONY). Other solvers supported (if the necessary libraries are present) are cplex (Cplex through COIN-OR Osi), glpk (glpk through COIN-OR Osi), ipopt (COIN-OR Ipopt), knitro (Knitro), and lindo (LINDO). If no value is specified for this parameter, then cbc is the default value of this parameter if the the solve or send service methods are used.
- -browser browserName this paramater is a path to the browser on the local machine. If this optional parameter is specified then the solver result in OSrL format is transformed using XSLT into HTML and displayed in the browser.
- -config pathToConfigureFile this parameter specifies a path on the local machine to a text file containing values for the input parameters. This is convenient for the user not wishing to constantly retype parameter values.

The input parameters to the OSSolverService may be given entirely in the command line or in a configuration file. We first illustrate giving all the parameters in the command line. The

following command will invoke the Clp solver on the local machine to solve the problem instance parincLinear.osil. When invoking the commands below involving OSSolverService we assume that 1) the user is connected to the directory where the OSSolverService executable is located, and 2) that ../data/osilFiles is a valid path to COIN-OS/data/osilFiles. If the OS project was built successfully, then there is a copy of OSSolverService in COIN-OS/OS/src. The user may wish to execute OSSolverService from this src directory so that all that follows is correct in terms of path definitions.

./OSSolverService -solver clp -osil ../data/osilFiles/parincLinear.osil

Alternatively, these parameters can be put into a configuration file. Assume that the configuration file of interest is testlocalclp.config. It would contain the two lines of information

```
-osil ../data/osilFiles/parincLinear.osil
-solver clp
```

Then the command line is

./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testlocalclp.config

#### Some Rules:

- 1. When using the send() or solve() methods a problem instance file location *must* be specified either at the command line, in the configuration file, or in the <instanceLocation> element in the OSoL options file file.
- 2. The default serviceMethod is solve if another service method is not specified. The service method cannot be specified in the OSoL options file.
- 3. If the solver option is not specified, the COIN-OR solver Cbc is the default solver used. In this case an error is thrown if the problem instance has quadratic or other nonlinear terms.
- 4. If the options send, kill, knock, getJobID, or retrieve are specified, a serviceLocation must be specified.

Parameters specified in the configure file are overridden by parameters specified at the command line. This is convenient if a user has a base configure file and wishes to override only a few options. For example,

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testlocalclp.config -solver lindo or
```

./OSSolverService -solver lindo -config ../data/configFiles/testlocalclp.config will result in the LINDO solver being used even though Clp is specified in the testlocalclp configure file.

### **OSSolverService**

#### Solve Method - Local



Figure 16: A local call to solve.

## 10.2 Solving Problems Locally

Generally, when solving a problem locally the user will use the solve service method. The solve method is invoked synchronously and waits for the solver to return the result. This is illustrated in Figure 16. As illustrated, the OSSolverService reads a file on the hard drive with the optimization instance, usually in OSiL format. The optimization instance is parsed into a string which is passed to the OSLibrary which is linked with various solvers. The result of the optimization is passed back to the OSSolverService as a string in OSrL format.

Here is an example of using a configure file, testlocal.config, to invoke Ipopt locally using the solve command.

- -osil ../data/osilFiles/parincQuadratic.osil
- -solver ipopt
- -serviceMethod solve
- -browser /Applications/Firefox.app/Contents/MacOS/firefox
- -osrl /Users/kmartin/temp/test.osrl

The first line of testlocal.config gives the local location of the OSiL file, parincQuadratic.osil, that contains the problem instance. The second parameter, -solver ipopt, is the solver to be invoked, in this case COIN-OR Ipopt. The third parameter -serviceMethod solve is not really needed, but included only for illustration. The default solver service is solve. The fourth parameter is the location of the browser on the local machine. It will read the OSrL file on the local machine using the path specified by the value of the osrl parameter, in this case /Users/kmartin/temp/test.osrl.

Parameters may also be contained in an XML-file in OSoL format. In the configuration file testlocalosol.config we illustrate specifying the instance location in an OSoL file.

- -osol ../data/osolFiles/demo.osol
- -solver clp

The file demo.osol is

## OSSolverService Solve Method



Figure 17: A remote call to solve.

## 10.3 Solving Problems Remotely with Web Services

In many cases the client machine may be a "weak client" and using a more powerful machine to solve a hard optimization instance is required. Indeed, one of the major purposes of Optimization Services is to facilitate optimization in a distributed environment. We now provide examples that illustrate using the OSSolverService executable to call a remote solver service. By remote solver service we mean a solver service that is called using Web Services. The OS implementation of the solver service uses Apache Tomcat. See tomcat.apache.org. The Web Service running on the server is a Java program based on Apache Axis. See ws.apache.org/axis. This is described in greater detail in Section 11. This Web Service is called OSSolverService.jws. It is not necessary to use the Tomcat/Axis combination.

See Figure 17 for an illustration of this process. The client machine uses OSSolverService executable to call one of the six service methods, e.g. solve. The information such as the problem instance in OSiL format and solver options in OSoL format are packaged into a SOAP envelope and sent to the server. The server is running the Java Web Service OSSolverService.jws. This Java program running in the Tomcat Java Servlet container implements the six service methods. If a solve or send request is sent to the server from the client, an optimization problem must be solved. The Java solver service solves the optimization instance by calling the OSSolverService on the server. So there is an OSSolverService on the client that calls the Web Service OSSolverService.jws that in turn calls the executable OSSolverService on the server. The Java solver service passes options to the local OSSolverService such as!

where the OSiL file is located and where to write the solution result.

In the following sections we illustrate each of the six service methods.

## 10.3.1 The solve Service Method

First we illustrate a simple call to the OSSolverService.jws. The call on the client machine is

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testremote.config
where the testremote.config file is
-osil ../data/osilFiles/parincLinear.osil
-serviceLocation http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws
```

No solver is specified and by default the Cbc solver is used by the OSSolverService. If, for example, the user wished to solve the problem with the Clp solver then this is accomplished either by using the -solver option on the command line

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testremote.config -solver clp or by adding the line -solver clp to the testremote.config file.
```

Next we illustrate a call to the remote SolverService and specify an OSiL instance that is actually residing on the remote machine that is hosting the OSSolverService and not on the client machine.

If we were to change to the locationType attribute in the <instanceLocation> element to http then we could specify the instance location to on yet another machine. This is illustrated below for remoteSolve2.osol. The scenario is depicted in Figure 18. The OSiL string passed from the client to the solver service is empty. However, the OSoL element <instanceLocation> has an attribute locationType equal to http. In this case, the text of the <instanceLocation> element contains the URL of a third machine which has the problem intance parincLinear.osil. The solver service will contact the machine with URL http://www.coin-or.org/OS/parincLinear.osil and download this test problem. So the OSSolverService is running on the server gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu which contacts the server www.coin-or.org for the model instance.



Figure 18: Downloading the instance from a remote source.

## 10.3.2 The send Service Method

When the solve service method is used, the OSSolverService does not finish execution until the solution is returned from the remote solver service. The solve method communicates synchronously with the remote solver service and once started, these jobs cannot be killed. This may not be desirable for large problems when the user does not want to wait for a response. The send service method should be used when asynchronous communication is desired. When the send method is used the instance is communicated to the remote service and the OSSolverService terminates after submission. An example of this is

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testremoteSend.config where the testremoteSend.config file is -nl ../data/amplFiles/hs71.nl
```

```
-serviceLocation http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws-serviceMethod send
```

In this example the COIN-OR Ipopt solver is specified. The input file hs71.nl is in AMPL format. Before sending this to the remote solver service the OSSolverService executable converts the nl format into the OSiL XML format and packages this into the SOAP envelope used by Web Services.

Since the send method involves asynchronous communication the remote solver service must keep track of jobs. The send method requires a JobID. In the above example no JobID was specified. When no JobID is specified the OSSolverService method first invokes the getJobID service method to get a JobID and then puts this information into an OSoL file it creates and sends the information to the server. More information on the getJobID service method is provided in Section 10.3.4. The OSSolverService prints the OSoL file to standard output before termination. This is illustrated below,

The JobID is one that is randomly generated by the server and passed back to the OSSolverService. The user can also provide a JobID in their OSoL file. For example, below is a user-provided OSoL file that could be specified in a configuration file or on the command line.

The same JobID cannot be used twice, so if 123456abcd was used earlier, the result of send will be false.

In order to be of any use, it is necessary to get the result of the optimization. This is described in Section 10.3.3. Before proceeding to this section, we describe two ways for knowing when the optimization is complete. One feature of the standard OS remote SolverService is the ability to send an email when the job is complete. Below is an example of the OSoL that uses the email feature.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<osol xmlns="os.optimizationservices.org">
```

The remote Solver Service will send an email to the above address when the job is complete. A second option for knowing when a job is complete is to use the knock method.

Note that in all of these examples we provided a value for the name attribute in the <other> element. The remote solver service will use Cbc if another solver is not specified.

## 10.3.3 The retrieve Service Method

The retrieve method is used to get information the instance solution. This method has a single string argument which is an OSoL instance. Here is an example of using the retrieve method with OSSolverService.

The OSoL file retrieve.osol contains a tag <jobID> that is communicated to the remote service. The remove service locates the result and returns it as a string. The string that is returned is an OSrL instance. The user must modify the line

```
-osrl /home/kmartin/temp/test.osrl
```

to reflect a valid path for their own machine. Also, the <jobID> should reflect a <jobID> that was previously submitted. The send() and retrieve() <jobID> must match up.

## 10.3.4 The getJobID Service Method

Before submitting a job with the send method a JobID is required. The OSSolverService can get a JobID with the following options.

```
-serviceLocation http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws -serviceMethod getJobID
```

Note that no OSoL input file is specified. In this case, the OSSolverService sends an empty string. A string is returned with the JobID. This JobID is then put into a <jobID> element in an OSoL string that would be used by the send method.

#### 10.3.5 The knock Service Method

The OSSolverService terminates after executing the send method. Therefore, it is necessary to know when the job is completed on the remote server. One way is to include an email address in the <contact> element with the attribute transportType set to smtp. This was illustrated in Section 10.3.1. A second way to check on the status of a job is to use the knock service method. For example, assume a user wants to know if the job with JobID 123456abcd is complete. A user would make the request

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testRemoteKnock.config
where the testRemoteKnock.config file is
-serviceLocation http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws
-osplInput ../data/osolFiles/demo.ospl
-osol ../data/osolFiles/retrieve.osol
-serviceMethod knock
the demo.ospl file is
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ospl xmlns="os.optimizationservices.org">
cessHeader>
<request action="getAll"/>
cessData/>
</ospl>
and the retrieve.osol file is
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<osol xmlns="os.optimizationservices.org">
  <general>
  <jobID>123456abcd</jobID>
</general>
</osol>
```

The result of this request is again a string in OSpL format, with the data contained in its processData section. Part of the return format is illustrated below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ospl xmlns="os.optimizationservices.org">
  cessHeader>
    <serviceURI>http://localhost:8080/os/ossolver/CGSolverService.jws</serviceURI>
    <serviceName>CGSolverService</serviceName>
    <time>2006-05-10T15:49:26.7509413-05:00</time>
  cessHeader>
  cessData>
     <statistics>
        <currentState>idle</currentState>
        <availableDiskSpace>23440343040</availableDiskSpace>
        <availableMemory>70128</availableMemory>
        <currentJobCount>0</currentJobCount>
        <totalJobsSoFar>1</totalJobsSoFar>
        <timeServiceStarted>2006-05-10T10:49:24.9700000-05:00</timeServiceStarted>
        <serviceUtilization>0.1</serviceUtilization>
        <jobs>
          <job jobID="123456abcd">
            <state>finished</state>
            <serviceURI>http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/ipopt/IPOPTSolverService.jws</serviceURI>
            <submitTime>2007-06-16T14:57:36.678-05:00</submitTime>
            <startTime>2007-06-16T14:57:36.678-05:00</startTime>
            <endTime>2007-06-16T14:57:39.404-05:00</endTime>
            <duration>2.726</duration>
          </job>
        </jobs>
     </statistics>
  </processData>
</ospl>
```

Notice that the <state> element in <job jobID="123456abcd"> indicates that the job is finished. When making a knock request, the OSoL string can be empty. In this example, if the OSoL string had been empty the status of all jobs kept in the file ospl.xml is reported. In our default solver service implementation, there is a configuration file OSParameter that has a parameter MAX\_JOBIDS\_TO\_KEEP. The current default setting is 100. In a large-scale or commercial implementation it might be wise to keep problem results and statistics in a database. Also, there are values other than getAll (i.e. get all process information related to the jobs) for the OSpL action attribute in the <request> tag. For example, the action can be set to a value of ping if the user just wants to check if the remote solver service is up and running. For details, check the OSpL schema.

#### 10.3.6 The kill Service Method

If the user submits a job that is taking too long or is a mistake, it is possible to kill the job on the remote server using the kill service method. For example to kill job 123456abcd, at the command line type

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/kill.config where the configure file kill.config is
```

The result is returned in OSpL.

## **10.3.7** Summary

Below is a summary of the inputs and outputs of the six service methods. See also Figure 19.

- solve(osil, osol):
  - Inputs: a string with the instance in OSiL format and an optional string with the solver options in OSoL format
  - Returns: a string with the solver solution in OSrL format
  - Synchronous call, blocking request/response
- send(osil, osol)
  - Inputs: a string with the instance in OSiL format and a string with the solver options in OSoL format (same as in solve)
  - Returns: a boolean, true if the problem was successfully submitted, false otherwise
  - Has the same signature as solve
  - Asynchronous (server side), non-blocking call
  - The osol string should have a JobID in the <jobID> element
- getJobID( osol)
  - Inputs: a string with the solver options in OSoL format (in this case, the string may be empty because no options are required to get the JobID)
  - Returns: a string which is the unique job id generated by the solver service
  - Used to maintain session and state on a distributed system
- knock(ospl, osol)
  - Inputs: a string in OSpL format and an optional string with the solver options in OSoL format
  - Returns: process and job status information from the remote server in OSpL format

#### • retrieve( osol)

- Inputs: a string with the solver options in OSoL format
- Returns: a string with the solver solution in OSrL format
- The osol string should have a JobID in the <jobID> element

#### • kill( osol)

- Inputs: a string with the solver options in OSoL format
- Returns: process and job status information from the remote server in OSpL format
- Critical in long running optimization jobs

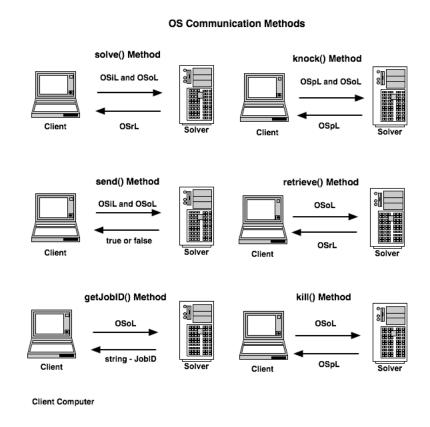


Figure 19: The OS Communication Methods

# 11 Setting up a Solver Service with Tomcat

Download the java binary distribution at

os-distribution-release\_number.zip

The server side of the Java distribution is based on the Tomcat 5.5 implementation. After unpacking os-distribution-release\_number.zip there is a directory os-server-1.0 and a single

file os.war. For users that have not installed the Tomcat server, os-server-1.0 contains all of the necessary files for a OS Solver Service. If you do not have a Tomcat server running do the following to setup a Tomcat server with the OS Solver Service on a **Unix system**:

- Step 1. Put the folder os-server-1.0 in the desired location for the OS Solver Service on the server machine.
- Step 2. Connect to the Tomcat bin directory in the os-server-1.0 root and execute ./startup.sh.
- Step 3. Test to see if the server is running the OSSolverService. Open a browser on the server and enter the URL

```
http://localhost:8080/os/OSSolverService.jws
```

or

```
http://127.0.0.1:8080/os/OSSolverService.jws
```

You should see a message Click to see the WSDL. Click on the link and you should see an XML description of the various methods available from the OSSolverService.

Step 4. On a client machine, create the file testremote.config with the following lines of text

```
-serviceLocation http://***.***.***:8080/os/OSSolverService.jws
-osil /parincLinear.osil
```

where \*\*\*.\*\*\*.\*\*\* is the IP address of the Tomcat server machine. Then, assuming the files testremote.config and parincLinear.osil are in the same directory on the client machine as the OSSolverService execute:

```
./OSSolverService -config testremote.config
```

You should get back an OSrL message saying the problem was optimized.

In a Windows environment you may want to start the Tomcat server as a service so you can log off (not shutdown) the machine and have the server continue to run. On a **Windows machine** do the following:

- Step 1. Put the folder os-server-1.0 in the desired location for the OS Solver Service on the server machine.
- Step 2. Connect to the Tomcat bin directory in the os-server-1.0 root and execute

```
service.bat install
```

This will install Tomcat as a Windows service. To remove the service execute

```
service.bat remove
```

Step 3. Connect to the Tomcat bin directory and and double click on the tomcat5w.exe application.

This will open a Window for controlling the Tomcat server.

- Step 4. Select the Startup tab and set the Working Directory to the path to os-server-1.0.
- Step 5. Select the General tab and then click the Start button.
- Step 6. Same as Step 3 for Unix.
- Step 7: Same as Step 4 for Unix.

Note: There are many ways to start the Tomcat server and the exact way you choose may be different. See http://tomcat.apache.org/ and check out Tomcat version 5.5 for more detail. But do remember to properly set the Tomcat Working Directory to the path to os-server-1.0. By default, if you start Tomcat on Windows, the Working Directory is set to the Windows system folder, which will yield unpredictable results.

If you already have a Tomcat server with Axis installed do the following:

- 1. copy the file os.war into the Tomcat WEB-INF directory in the ROOT folder under webapps.
- 2. Follow Steps 2-5 outlined above.

In the directory,

## os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/code/OSConfig

there is a configuration file OSParameter.xml that can be modified to fit individual user needs. You can configure such parameters as service name, service URL/URI. Refer to the xml file for more detail. Descriptions for all the parameters are within the file itself.

Below is a summary of the common and important directories and files you may want to know.

- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/ contains the OS Web application. All directories and files outside of this folder are Tomcat server related.
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF contains private and important os configuration, library, class and executable files to run the Optimization Service. All files and directories outside of this folder but within the /os Web application folder are publicly viewable (e.g. Web pages).
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/code/OSConfig contains configuration files for Optimization Services, such as the OSParameter.xml file.
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/code/temp contains temporarily saved files such as submitted OSiL/OSoL input files, and OSrL output files. This folder can get bigger as the service starts to run more jobs. For maintenance purpose, you may want to keep an eye on it.
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/code/log contains log files from the running services in the current Web application.
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/code/solver contains solver binaries that actually carry out the optimization process.

- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/code/backup contains backup files from some of the above directories. This folder can get bigger as the service starts to run more jobs.
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/classes contains class files to run the Optimization Services.
- os-server-1.0/webapps/os/WEB-INF/lib contains library files needed by the Optimization Services.
- os-server-1.0/conf contains configuration files for the Tomcat server, such as http server port.
- os-server-1.0/bin contains executables and scripts to start and shutdown the Tomcat server.

## 12 Applications

## 12.1 AMPL Client: Hooking AMPL to Solvers

The OSAmplClient executable (in COIN-OS/OS/applications/OSAmplClient) is designed to work with the AMPL program (see www.ampl.com). The OSAmplClient acts like an AMPL "solver." The OSAmplClient is linked with the OS library and can be used to solve problems either locally or remotely. In both cases the OSAmplClient uses the OSnl2osil class to convert the AMPL generated nl file (which represents the problem instance) into the corresponding instance representation in the OSiL format.

In the following discussion we assume that the AMPL executable ampl (or ampl.exe on Windows) obtained from www.ampl.com, the OS OSAmplClient, and the test problem hs71.mod are all in the same directory. At first, the user may wish to run everything in the directory

## COIN-OS/OS/applications/OSAmplClient

which is where OSAmplClient is located when the OS project is built. The user must obtain ampl and put it in this directory. The test problem hs71.mod can be copied from

## COIN-OS/OS/data/amplFiles

It is also assumed that . (the current directory) is in the search path.

The problem instance, hs71.mod is an AMPL model file included in the OSAmplClient directory. To solve this problem locally by calling the OSAmplClient from AMPL first start AMPL and then execute the following commands. In this case we testing Ipopt as the local server and therefore it is necessary that Ipopt be part of the local OS build. If it is not then another solver must be selected and a test problem used that is a linear or integer program.

```
# take in problem 71 in Hock and Schittkowski
# assume the problem is in the AMPL directory
model hs71.mod;
# tell AMPL that the solver is OSAmplClient
option solver OSAmplClient;
```

```
# now tell OSAmplClient to use Ipopt
option OSAmplClient_options "solver ipopt";
# the name of the nl file (this is optional)
write gtestfile;
# now solve the problem
solve;
```

option OSAmplClient\_options "solver ipopt";

This will invoke Ipopt locally and the result in OSrL format will be displayed on the screen. In order to call a remote solver service, after the command

```
set the solver service option to the address of the remote solver service.

option ipopt_options "service http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws";
```

In this case it is necessary that the Ipopt solver be part of the OS build on the server.

## 12.2 File Upload: Using a File Upload Package

When the OSAgent class methods solve and send are used, the problem instance in OSiL format is packaged into a SOAP envelope and communication with the server is done using Web Services (for example Tomcat Axis). However, packing an XML file into a SOAP envelope may add considerably to the size of the file (each < is replaced with &lt; and each > is replaced with &gt;). Also, communicating with a Web Services servlet can also slow down the communication process. This could be a problem for large instances. An alternative approach is to use the fileUpload executable on the client end and the Java servlet OSFileUpload on the server end. The fileUpload client executable is contained in the fileUpload directory inside the examples directory.

This servlet is based upon the Apache Commons FileUpload. See http://jakarta.apache.org/commons/fileupload/. The OSFileUpload Java class, OSFileUpload.class is in the directory

```
webapps\os\WEB-INF\classes\org\optimizationservices\oscommon\util
relative to the Web server root. The source code OSFileUpload.class is in the directory
COIN-OS/OS/applications/fileUpload
```

The fileUpload client executable (see OS/applications/fileUpload) takes one argument on the command line which is the location of the file on the local directory to upload to the server. For example,

```
fileUpload ../../data/osilFiles/parincQuadratic.osil
The fileUpload executable first creates an OSAgent object.

OSSolverAgent* osagent = NULL;
osagent = new OSSolverAgent("http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/fileupload/servlet/OSFileUpload");
The OSAgent has a method fileUpload with the signature
std::string fileUpload(std::string osilFileName, std::string osil);
```

where osilFileName is the name of the OSiL problem instance to be written on the server and osil is the string with the actual instance. Then

```
osagent->fileUpload(osilFileName, osil);
```

will place a call to the server, upload the problem instance in the osil string, and cause the server to write a file on its hard drive named osilFileName. In our implementation, the uploaded file (parincQuadratic.osil) is saved to the /home/kmartin/temp/parincQuadratic.osil on the server hard drive. This location is used in the osol file as shown below.

Once the file is on the server, invoke the local OSSolverService by

```
./OSSolverService -config ../data/configFiles/testremote.config
```

where the config file is as follows. Notice there is no -osil option as the osil file has already been uploaded and its instance location ("local" to the server) is specified in the osol file.

As an alternative to using the command line executable fileUpload, there is also an html form fileupload.html that can be used to upload files. For example, the URL

```
http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/fileupload.html
```

will bring up the necessary form that allows the user to browse a directory and select the file to upload. This URL is based on the assumption that the OSJava classes were deployed as described in Section 11. The file fileupload.html is in the directory WebApps/os. In our html form implementation, after you upload the OSiL file, it shows you the path of the uploaded file that is saved on the server, so that you can put it in the corresponding osol file.

# 13 Examples

The example executable files are not built by running configure and make. In order to build the examples the user must first run

```
make all
```

in the project root directory. Running make install will place all of header files required by the examples in the directory

```
{\tt COIN-OS/include}
```

and all of the libraries required by the examples in the directory

```
{\tt COIN-OS/lib}
```

Next, the user should connect to the appropriate example directory and run make. The Makefile in each example directory is fairly simple and is designed to be easily modified by the user if necessary. Developers can use the Makefiles as a starting point for building applications that use the OS project libraries.

# 13.1 Algorithmic Differentiation: Using the OS Algorithmic Differentiation Methods

In the OS/examples/algorithmicDiff folder is test code algorithmicDiffTest.cpp. This code illustrates the key methods in the OSInstance API that are used for algorithmic differentiation. These methods were described in Section 9.

## 13.2 Instance Generator: Using the OSInstance API to Generate Instances

This example is found in the instanceGenerator folder in the examples folder. This example illustrates how to build a complete in-memory model instance using the OSInstance API. See the code instanceGenerator.cpp for the complete example. Here we provide a few highlights to illustrate the power of the API.

The first step is to create an OSInstance object.

```
OSInstance *osinstance;
osinstance = new OSInstance();
```

Assume that the instance has two variables,  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ . Variable  $x_0$  is a continuous variable with lower bound of -100 and upper bound of 100. Variable  $x_1$  is a binary variable. First declare the instance to have two variables.

```
osinstance->setVariableNumber( 2);
```

Next, add each variable. There is an addVariable method with the signature

```
addVariable(int index, string name, double lowerBound, double upperBound, char type, double init, string initString);
```

Then the calls for these two variables are

```
osinstance->addVariable(0, "x0", -100, 100, 'C', OSNAN, ""); osinstance->addVariable(1, "x1", 0, 1, 'B', OSNAN, "");
```

There is also a method setVariables for adding more than one variable simultaneously. The objective function(s) and constraints are added through similar calls.

Nonlinear terms are also easily added. The following code illustrates how to add a nonlinear term  $x_0 * x_1$  in the <nonlinearExpressions> section of OSiL.

```
osinstance->instanceData->nonlinearExpressions->nl[ 1] = new Nl();
osinstance->instanceData->nonlinearExpressions->nl[ 1]->idx = 1;
osinstance->instanceData->nonlinearExpressions->nl[ 1]->osExpressionTree =
new OSExpressionTree();
// create a variable nl node for x0
nlNodeVariablePoint = new OSnLNodeVariable();
nlNodeVariablePoint->idx=0;
nlNodeVec.push_back( nlNodeVariablePoint);
// create the nl node for x1
nlNodeVariablePoint = new OSnLNodeVariable();
nlNodeVariablePoint->idx=1;
nlNodeVec.push_back( nlNodeVariablePoint);
// create the nl node for *
nlNodePoint = new OSnLNodeTimes();
nlNodeVec.push_back( nlNodePoint);
// the vectors are in postfix format
// now the expression tree
osinstance->instanceData->nonlinearExpressions->nl[ 1]->osExpressionTree->m_treeRoot =
nlNodeVec[ 0] ->createExpressionTreeFromPostfix( nlNodeVec);
```

#### 13.3 osTestCode

The osTestCode example directory holds the file osTestCode.cpp. This is not designed to do anything specific and is simply a holder for testing out code and features of the OS library.

# 14 Appendix

## 14.1 Building a Model in MATLAB

We illustrate how to build a simple Markowitz portfolio optimization problem (a quadratic programming problem) from **template.m**. First copy **template.m** to **markowitz.m**.

The problem consists in investing in a number of stocks. The expected returns and risks (covariances) of the stocks are known. Assume that the decision variables  $x_i$  represent the fraction of wealth invested in stock i and that no stock can have more than 75% of the total wealth. The problem then is to minimize the total risk subject to a budget constraint and a lower bound on the expected portfolio return.

Assume that there are three stocks (variables) and two constraints (do not count the upper limit investment of .75 on the variables.).

```
% the number of constraints
numCon = 2;
% the number of variables
numVar = 3;
All the variables are continuous
VarType='CCC';
```

Next define the constraint upper and lower bounds. There are two constraints. A equality constraint (an =) and a lower bound on portfolio return of .15 (a  $\geq$ ). These two constraints are expressed as

```
BU = [1 inf];
BL = [1 .15];
```

The variables are nonnegative and have upper limits of .75 (no stock can comprise more than 75% of the portfolio). This is written as

```
VL = [];
VU = [.75 .75 .75];
```

There are no nonzero linear coefficients in the objective function, but the objective function vector must always be defined and the number of components of this vector is the number of variables.

```
OBJ = [0 \ 0 \ 0]
```

Now the linear constraints. In the model the two linear constraints are

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$$
  
 $0.3221x_1 + 0.0963x_2 + 0.1187x_3 \ge .15$ 

These are expressed as

```
A = [ 1 1 1 ;
0.3221 0.0963 0.1187];
```

Now for the quadratic terms. The only quadratic terms are in the objective function. The objective function is

$$\min 0.4253x_1^2 + 0.4458x_2^2 + 0.2314x_3^2 + 2 \times 0.1852x_1x_2$$

$$+2 \times 0.1393x_1x_3 + 2 \times 0.1388x_2x_3$$

The quadratic matrix Q has 4 rows and a column for each quadratic term. In this example there are six quadratic terms. The first row of Q is the row index where the terms appear. By convention, the objective function has index -1 and we count constraints starting at 0. The first row of Q is

```
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1
```

The second row of Q is the index of the first variable in the quadratic term. We use zero based counting. Variable  $x_1$  has index 0, variable  $x_2$  has index 1, and variable  $x_3$  has index 2. Therefore, the second row of Q is

```
0 1 2 0 0 1
```

The third row of Q is the index of the second variable in the quadratic term. Therefore, the third row of Q is

```
0 1 2 1 2 2
```

```
Q = [ -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1;
0 1 2 0 0 1;
0 1 2 1 2 2;
.425349654 .445784443 0.231430983 ...
.370437388 .27862509 .27763384];
```

Finally, name the problem, specify the solver (in this case ipopt), the service address (and password if required by the service), and call the solver.

```
prob_name = 'Markowitz Example from Anderson, Sweeney, Williams, and Martin'
password = 'chicagoesmuyFRIO';
%
%the solver
solverName = 'ipopt';
%the remote service service address
%if left empty we solve locally
serviceAddress='http://gsbkip.chicagogsb.edu/os/OSSolverService.jws';
% now solve
callMatlabSolver( numVar, numCon, A, BL, BU, OBJ, VL, VU, ObjType, VarType, ...
Q, prob_name, password, solverName, serviceAddress)
```

# 14.2 OSiL representation for problem given in (1)–(4) (p.26)

```
<objectives numberOfObjectives="1">
     <obj maxOrMin="min" name="minCost" numberOfObjCoef="1">
         <coef idx="1">9.0</coef>
    </obj>
</objectives>
<constraints numberOfConstraints="2">
    <con ub="25.0"/>
    <con lb="10.0"/>
</constraints>
linearConstraintCoefficients numberOfValues="3">
     <start>
         <el>0</el><el>2</el><el>3</el>
    </start>
    <rowIdx>
          <el>0</el><el>1</el>
    </rowIdx>
    <value>
          <el>1.</el><el>7.5</el><el>5.25</el>
     </value>
</linearConstraintCoefficients>
<quadraticCoefficients numberOfQuadraticTerms="3">
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     <qTerm idx="0" idxOne="1" idxTwo="1" coef="11.7"/>
     <qTerm idx="0" idxOne="0" idxTwo="1" coef="3."/>
</quadraticCoefficients>
```

```
<nl idx="-1">
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                         <power>
                               <minus>
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                                    <variable coef="1.0" idx="0"/>
                               </minus>
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                         </power>
                         <times>
                               <power>
                                    <minus>
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                                         <power>
                                              <variable coef="1.0" idx="1"/>
                                              <number type="real" value="2.0"/>
                                         </power>
                                    </minus>
                                    <number type="real" value="2.0"/>
                               </power>
                               <number type="real" value="100"/>
                         </times>
                    </plus>
               </nl>
               <nl idx="1">
                    <1n>
                         <times>
                               <variable coef="1.0" idx="0"/>
                               <variable coef="1.0" idx="1"/>
                         </times>
                    </ln>
               </nl>
          </nonlinearExpressions>
     </instanceData>
</osil>
      OSiL representation for problem given in (20)–(23) (p.44)
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<osil xmlns="os.optimizationservices.org"</pre>
     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
```

<nonlinearExpressions numberOfNonlinearExpressions="2">

```
xsi:schemaLocation="os.optimizationservices.org
http://www.optimizationservices.org/schemas/OSiL.xsd">
   <instanceHeader>
           <description>A test problem for Algorithmic Differentiation</description>
   </instanceHeader>
   <instanceData>
           <variables numberOfVariables="4">
                   <var lb="0" name="x0" type="C"/>
                   <var lb="0" name="x1" type="C"/>
                   <var lb="0" name="x2" type="C"/>
                   <var lb="0" name="x3" type="C"/>
           </variables>
           <objectives numberOfObjectives=" 1">
                   <obj maxOrMin="min" name="minCost" numberOfObjCoef="1">
                           <coef idx="1">9.0</coef>
                   </obj>
           </objectives>
           <constraints numberOfConstraints="2">
                   <con ub="10.0" constant="33"/>
                   <con lb="10.0"/>
           </constraints>
           linearConstraintCoefficients numberOfValues="2">
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                           <el>0</el>
                           <el>1</el>
                           <el>2</el>
                           <el>2</el>
                   </start>
                   <rowIdx>
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                           <el>1</el>
                   </rowIdx>
                   <value>
                           <el>5</el>
                           <el>7</el>
                   </value>
           </linearConstraintCoefficients>
           <nonlinearExpressions numberOfNonlinearExpressions="3">
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                           <1n>
                                    <times>
                                            <variable coef="1.0" idx="0"/>
                                            <variable coef="1.0" idx="3"/>
                                    </times>
                           </ln>
                   </nl>
                   <nl idx="0">
```

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