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CUTEst – a Constrained and Unconstrained Testing Environment for optimization software using Safe Threads

SYNOPSIS

CUTEst is an evolution of the earlier Fortran 77 package CUTEer that avoids the latter's use of thread-unsafe common. CUTEst is written in Fortran 2003, but the Fortran 77-style subroutine interfaces mean that it may be easily called from other languages such as C and packages such as Matlab; hooks to Matlab are available.

Interfaces to a number of popular optimization packages are provided.

DESCRIPTION

CUTEST provides a user-callable interface to any optimization problem written in Standard Input Format (SIF) and subsequently decoded from its SIF file by the script sifdecode. The problem under consideration is to minimize or maximize an objective function f(x) o ver all $x \in R^n$ subject perhaps to general equations $c_i(x) = 0$, $(i \in 1, ..., m_E)$, general inequalities $c_i^l \le c_i(x) \le c_i^{u_i}$, $(i \in m_E + 1, ..., m)$, and simple bounds $x^l \le x \le x^u$. The objective function in SIF is group-partially separable and all constraint functions are partially separable, but the user need not be aware of this. The user will be able to compute function, gradient and Hessian values at a specified point for a variety of relevant functions including the Lagrangian function $l(x, y) = f(x) + y^T c(x)$. Matrices may be rquested in dense, sparse and finite-element formats, and matrix-vector products between these matrices and user-provided vectors may be obtained. Evaluations may be performed in parallel on shared-memory machines if required.

TOOLS AVAILABLE

Separate evaluation tools are provided for unconstrained and constrained problems. Both unthreaded and threaded versions are available when this is relevant.

Unconstrained problems:

cutest_udimen (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of variables.

 $cutest_usetup\ (unthreaded)\ and\ cutest_usetup_threaded\ (threaded)$

setup internal data structures and determine variable bounds.

cutest_unames (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the names of the problem and the variables.

cutest_uvartype (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine whether the variables are continuous or discrete.

cutest udimsh (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of nonzeros in the sparse Hessian.

cutest_udimse (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of nonzeros in the finite-element Hessian.

cutest_ufn (unthreaded) and cutest_ufn_threaded (threaded)
evaluate the objective function value.

cutest_ugr (unthreaded) and cutest_ugr_threaded (threaded)
 evaluate the gradient of the objective function.

cutest_uofg (unthreaded) and cutest_uofg_threaded (threaded)
 evaluate both the values and gradients of the objective function.

cutest_udh (unthreaded) and cutest_udh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the objective function as a dense matrix.

cutest_ugrdh (unthreaded) and cutest_ugrdh_threaded (threaded) evaluate the objective gradient and dense Hessian.

cutest ushp (both unthreaded and threaded)

evaluate the sparsity pattern of the Hessian of the objective function.

cutest_ush (unthreaded) and cutest_ush_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the objective function as a sparse matrix.

cutest_ugrsh (unthreaded) and cutest_ugrsh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the objective gradient and sparse Hessian.

cutest_ueh (unthreaded) and cutest_ueh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the objective function as a finite-element matrix.

$cutest_ugreh \ (unthreaded) \ and \ cutest_ugreh_threaded \ (threaded)$

evaluate the objective gradient and finite-element Hessian.

cutest_uhprod (unthreaded) and cutest_uhprod_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the product of the Hessian of the objective function with a vector.

$cutest_ushprod\ (unthreaded)\ and\ cutest_ushprod_threaded\ (threaded)$

evaluate the product of the Hessian of the objective function with a sparse vector.

cutest_ubandh (unthreaded) and cutest_ubandh_threaded (threaded)

obtain the part of the Hessian of the objective that lies within a specified band.

cutest_ureport (unthreaded) and cutest_ureport_threaded (threaded)

discover how many evaluations have occured and how long this has taken.

cutest_uterminate (both unthreaded and threaded)

remove internal data structures when they are no longer needed.

Constrained problems:

cutest_cdimen (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of variables and constraints.

cutest_csetup (unthreaded) and cutest_csetup_threaded (threaded)

setup internal data structures and determine variable and constraint bounds.

cutest_cnames (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the names of the problem, the variables and the constraints.

cutest_connames (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the names of the constraints.

cutest_cvartype (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine whether the variables are continuous or discrete.

cutest_cdimsj (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of nonzeros in sparse constraint Jacobian.

cutest_cdimsh (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of nonzeros in the sparse Hessian.

cutest_cdimse (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the number of nonzeros in the finite-element Hessian.

$cutest_cdimschp \ (both \ threaded \ and \ unthreaded)$

determine the total number of nonzeros in the products of all the constraint Hessians with a vector.

cutest_cfn (unthreaded) and cutest_cfn_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the objective function and constraint values.

cutest_cgr (unthreaded) and cutest_cgr_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the gradients of the objective function and constraints.

cutest_cofg (unthreaded) and cutest_cofg_threaded (threaded)

evaluate both the value and gradient of the objective function.

cutest_cofsg (unthreaded) and cutest_cofsg_threaded (threaded)

evaluate both the value and sparse gradient of the objective function.

cutest_csgrp (both unthreaded and threaded)

evaluate the sparsity pattern of the gradients of the objective function and constraints

cutest_csgr (unthreaded) and cutest_csgr_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the sparse gradients of the objective function and constraints.

cutest_ccfg (unthreaded) and cutest_ccfg_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the values and gradients of the constraints.

cutest_ccfsg (unthreaded) and cutest_ccfsg_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the values and sparse gradients of the constraints.

$cutest_clfg \ (unthreaded) \ and \ cutest_clfg_threaded \ (threaded)$

evaluate both the value and gradient of the Lagrangian function.

cutest_ccifg (unthreaded) and cutest_ccifg_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the value and gradient of an individual constraint.

cutest_ccifsg (unthreaded) and cutest_ccifsg_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the value and sparse gradient of an individual constraint.

cutest_cdh (unthreaded) and cutest_cdh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the Lagrangian function as a dense matrix.

cutest_cdhc (unthreaded) and cutest_cdhc_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the Lagrangian function not including the objective as a dense matrix.

$cutest_cidh \ (unthreaded) \ and \ cutest_cidh_threaded \ (threaded)$

evaluate the Hessian of the objective function or an individual constraint as a dense matrix.

cutest_cgrdh (unthreaded) and cutest_cgrdh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the constraint Jacobian and Hessian of the Lagrangian function as dense matrices.

cutest_cshp (both unthreaded and threaded)

evaluate the sparsity pattern of the Hessian of the Lagrangian function.

cutest_csh (unthreaded) and cutest_csh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the Lagrangian function as a sparse matrix.

cutest_cshc (unthreaded) and cutest_cshc_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the Lagrangian function not including the objective as a sparse matrix.

cutest_cish (unthreaded) and cutest_cish_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the objective function or an individual constraint as a sparse matrix.

cutest_csgrshp (both unthreaded and threaded)

evaluate the sparsity pattern of the gradients of the objective function and constraints and the Hessian of the Lagrangian function

cutest_csgrsh (unthreaded) and cutest_csgrsh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the constraint Jacobian and Hessian of the Lagrangian function as sparse matrices.

cutest_ceh (unthreaded) and cutest_ceh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the Hessian of the Lagrangian function as a finite-element matrix.

cutest_csgreh (unthreaded) and cutest_csgreh_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the constraint Jacobian as a sparse matrix and the Hessian of the Lagrangian function as a finite-element matrix.

cutest_chprod (unthreaded) and cutest_chprod_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the product of the Hessian of the Lagrangian function with a vector.

cutest_cshprod (unthreaded) and cutest_cshprod_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the product of the Hessian of the Lagrangian function with a sparse vector.

cutest_chcprod (unthreaded) and cutest_chcprod_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the product of the Hessian of the Lagrangian function not including the objective with a vector.

cutest_cshcprod (unthreaded) and cutest_cshcprod_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the product of the Hessian of the Lagrangian function not including the objective with a sparse vector.

cutest cjprod (unthreaded) and **cutest cjprod threaded** (threaded)

evaluate the product of the constraint Jacobian or its transpose with a vector.

cutest_csjprod (unthreaded) and cutest_csjprod_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the product of the constraint Jacobian or its transpose with a sparse vector.

cutest_cchprodsp (both unthreaded and threaded)

evaluate the sparsity pattern needed when computing the products of the constraint Hessians with a vector.

cutest_cchprods (unthreaded) and cutest_cchprods_threaded (threaded)

evaluate the products of the constraint Hessians with a vector.

cutest_creport (unthreaded) and cutest_creport_threaded (threaded)

discover how many evaluations have occured and how long this has taken.

cutest_cterminate (both unthreaded and threaded)

remove internal data structures when they are no longer needed.

Both unconstrained problems and constrained problems:

cutest_pname (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the name of the problem before initialization calls to cutest u/csetup[threaded]

cutest_probname (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the name of the problem.

cutest varnames (both threaded and unthreaded)

determine the names of the variables.

APPLICATION USAGE

A call to cutest_u/csetup[_threaded] must precede calls to any other evaluation tool with the exception of cutest_pname and cutest_u/cdimen. Once cutest_u/cterminate[_threaded]. has been called, no further calls should be made without first recalling cutest_u/csetup[_threaded].

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