

# Certification of Derivatives Computed by Automatic Differentiation

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## Introduction (*Background*)

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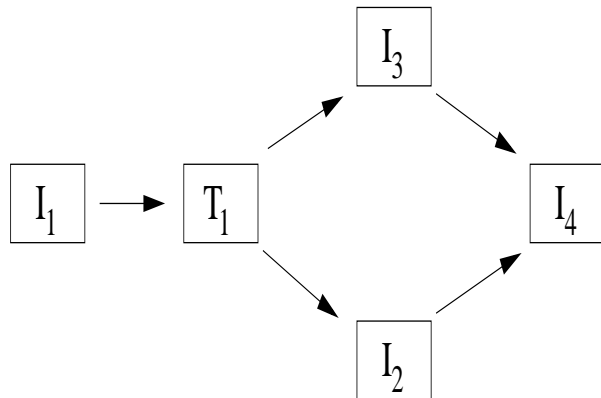
- *Automatic Differentiation (A.D.)* : Given program that evaluates function  $F$ , builds new program that evaluates derivatives of  $F$ .
- *Scientific Applications* : Derivatives are useful in optimization, sensitivity analysis and inverse problems.
- *Non-differentiability* : Introduced in programs by conditional statements (tests). May produced wrong derivatives.
- *Lack of Validation* : A.D. models (neither A.D Tools) include verification of the differentiability of the functions.
- *Novel A.D. model with Validation* : We evaluate interval around input data where no non-differentiability problem arises, this information propagated through conditional statements.

# Automatic Differentiation

**Programs Structure:** set of concatenated sequence of instructions  $I_i$

$$P = I_1; I_2; \dots; I_{p-1}; I_p$$

but control flow (flowgraph):



depending on the inputs the example program might be:

$$P = I_1; T_1; I_2; I_4$$

or

$$P = I_1; T_1; I_3; I_4$$

instruction  $T_1$  represents the conditional statement (test).

**Mathematical Models:** composition of elementary functions  $f_i$

$$Y = F(X) = f_p \circ f_{p-1} \circ \dots \circ f_2 \circ f_1$$

Program P evaluates the model F, for every function  $f_i$  we have a computational representation  $I_i$ , in right order.

## Automatic Differentiation (2)

**Direct Mode:** directional derivatives.

$$Y' = F'(X) \cdot dX = f'_p(x_{p-1}) \cdot f'_{p-1}(x_{p-2}) \cdot \dots \cdot f'_1(x_0) \cdot dX$$

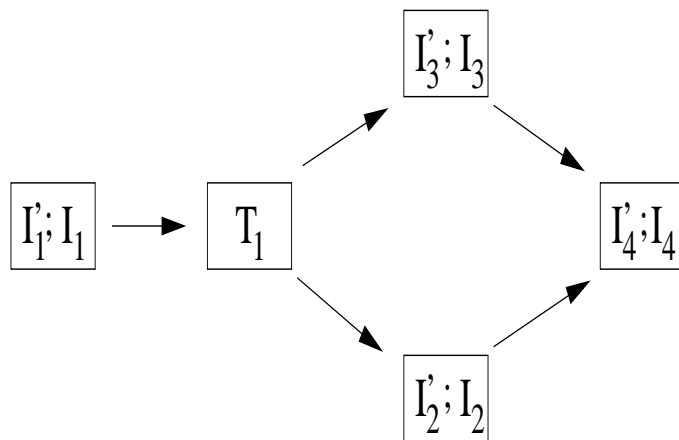
with  $x_i = f_i \circ \dots \circ f_1$ , and  $f'_i()$  jacobians.

then the new program  $P'$ ,

$$P' = I'_1; I_1; I'_2; I_2; \dots; I'_{p-1}; I_{p-1}; I'_p$$

with  $I'_i$  corresponding to  $f'_i()$

**flowgraph again:**



depending on the inputs the differentiated example program might be:

$$P = I'_1; I_1; T_1; I'_2; I_2; I'_4; I_4$$

or

$$P = I'_1; I_1; T_1; I'_3; I_3; I'_4; I_4$$

the differentiated example program retains the control flow structure of the original program.

## Automatic Differentiation (3)

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Original Code	Direct Differentiated Code
<pre> subroutine sub1(x,y,o1)  I<sub>1</sub>  x = y * x I<sub>2</sub>  o1 = x * x + y * y  T<sub>1</sub>  if ( o1 &gt; 190) then I<sub>3</sub>    o1 = -o1 * o1/2       else I<sub>4</sub>    o1 = o1 * o1 * 20       endif end </pre>	<pre> subroutine sub1_d(x, xd, y,                  yd, o1, o1d)  I'<sub>1</sub>  xd = yd * x + y * xd I<sub>1</sub>  x = y * x  I'<sub>2</sub>  o1d = 2 * x * xd + 2 * y * yd I<sub>2</sub>  o1 = x * x + y * y  T<sub>1</sub>  if (o1 &gt; 190) then I'<sub>3</sub>    o1d = -(o1d * o1) I<sub>3</sub>    o1 = -(o1 * o1/2)       else I'<sub>4</sub>    o1d = 40 * o1d * o1 I<sub>4</sub>    o1 = o1 * o1 * 20       endif end </pre>

**Table 1: Example of Direct Mode of AD.**

## Automatic Differentiation (3)

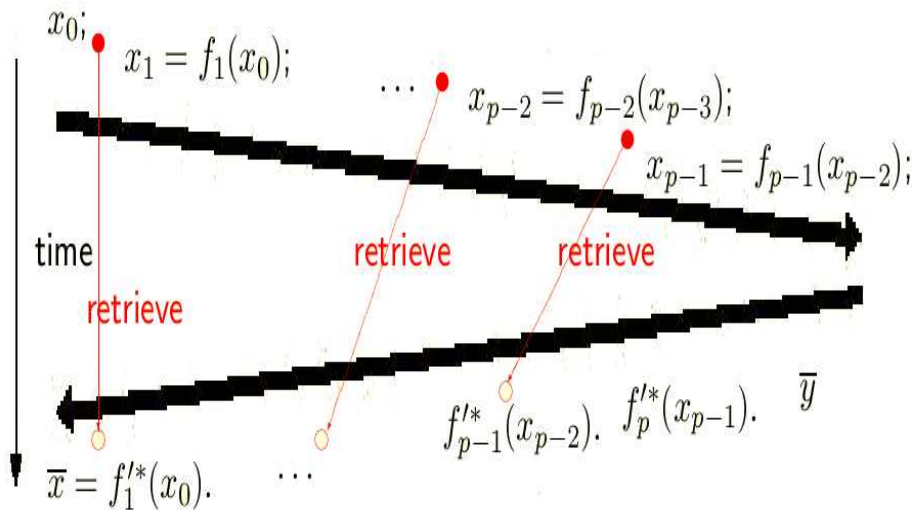
**Reverse Mode:** adjoints, gradients.

$$\bar{X} = F'^*(X) \cdot \bar{Y} = f_1'^*(x_0) \cdot f_2'^*(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_p'^*(x_{p-1}) \cdot \bar{Y}$$

then the new program  $\bar{P}$ ,

$$\bar{P} = I_1; I_2; \dots; I_{p-1}; I_p; \bar{I}_p; \bar{I}_{p-1}; \dots; \bar{I}_2; \bar{I}_1 \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{P} = \overrightarrow{P}; \overleftarrow{P}$$

with  $\bar{I}_i$  corresponding to  $f_i'^t()$ .



*Remark:* The reverse sweep ( $\overleftarrow{P}$ ) eventually needs some values of the forward sweep ( $\overrightarrow{P}$ ), but  $x_0$  and others  $x_i$  might be modified by the forward sweep, thus we have to store them, which for some programs leads to important memory consumption.

## Automatic Differentiation (4)

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Original Code	Reverse Differentiated Code
<pre> subroutine sub1(x,y,o1)  I<sub>1</sub>  x = y * x I<sub>2</sub>  o1 = x * x + y * y  T<sub>1</sub>  if ( o1 &gt; 190) then I<sub>3</sub>    o1 = -o1 * o1/2       else I<sub>4</sub>    o1 = o1 * o1 * 20       endif end         </pre>	<pre> subroutine sub1_b(x, xb, y,                  yb, o1, o1b)        PUSH(x)  I<sub>1</sub>  x = y * x I<sub>2</sub>  o1 = x * x + y * y  T<sub>1</sub>  if (o1 &gt; 190) then I<sub>3</sub>    o1b = -(o1 * o1b)       else I<sub>4</sub>    o1b = 40 * o1 * o1b       endif  I<sub>2</sub>  {       {  xb = xb + 2 * x * o1b         {  yb = yb + 2 * y * o1b        POP(x) I<sub>1</sub>  {       {  yb = yb + x * xb         {  xb = y * xb        end         </pre>

**Table 2: Example of Reverse Mode of AD.**



# The Problem

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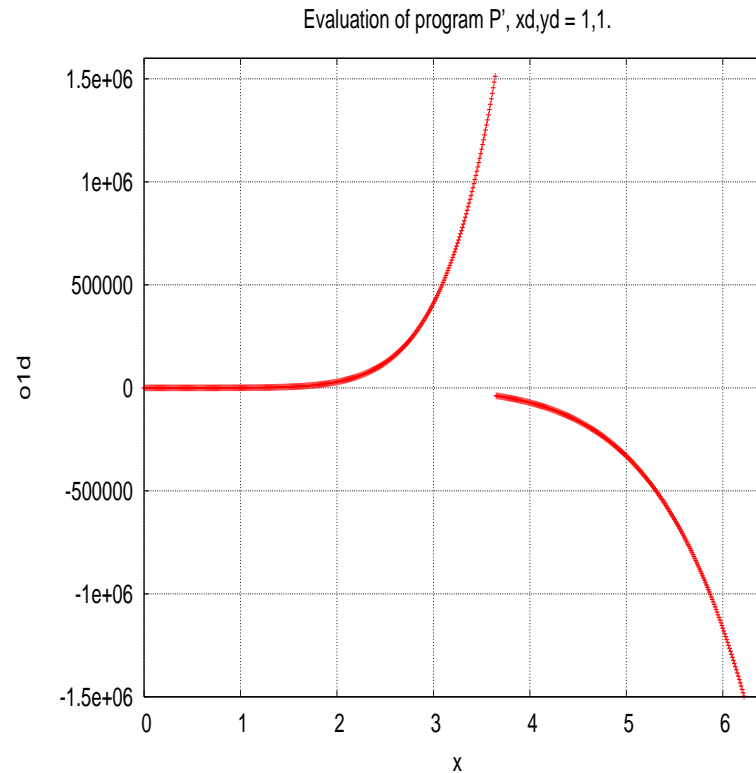
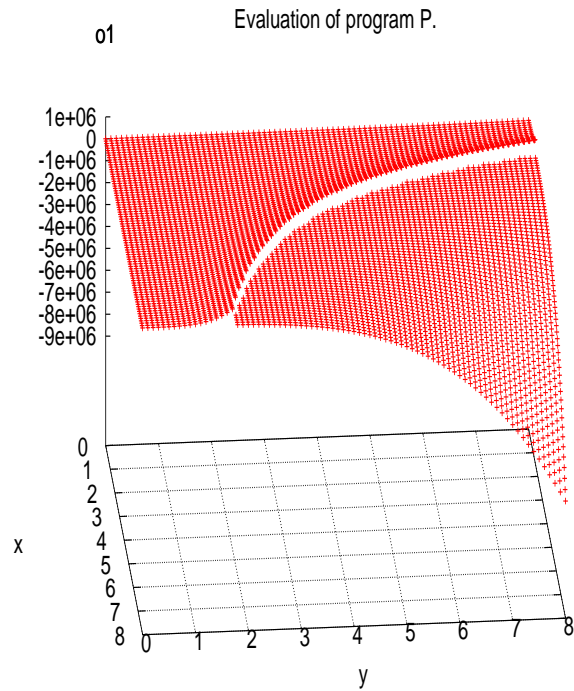
*Motivation:*

The question of **derivatives** being **valid** only in a **certain domain** is a crucial problem of AD. If derivatives returned by AD are used outside their domain of validity, this can result in errors that are very hard to detect.

*Description:*

- Programs have **control flow structure**, including conditional statements (tests). Some of the test are introduced by intrinsic functions like abs, min, max, etc.
- Differentiated program **keeps** the control flow structure of given program. Sometimes the derivatives depends in the control flow structure.
- When some **input is too close to a switch** of the control flow, the resulting derivative may be **very different or wrong**, to the point of be useless.

## The Problem (2)

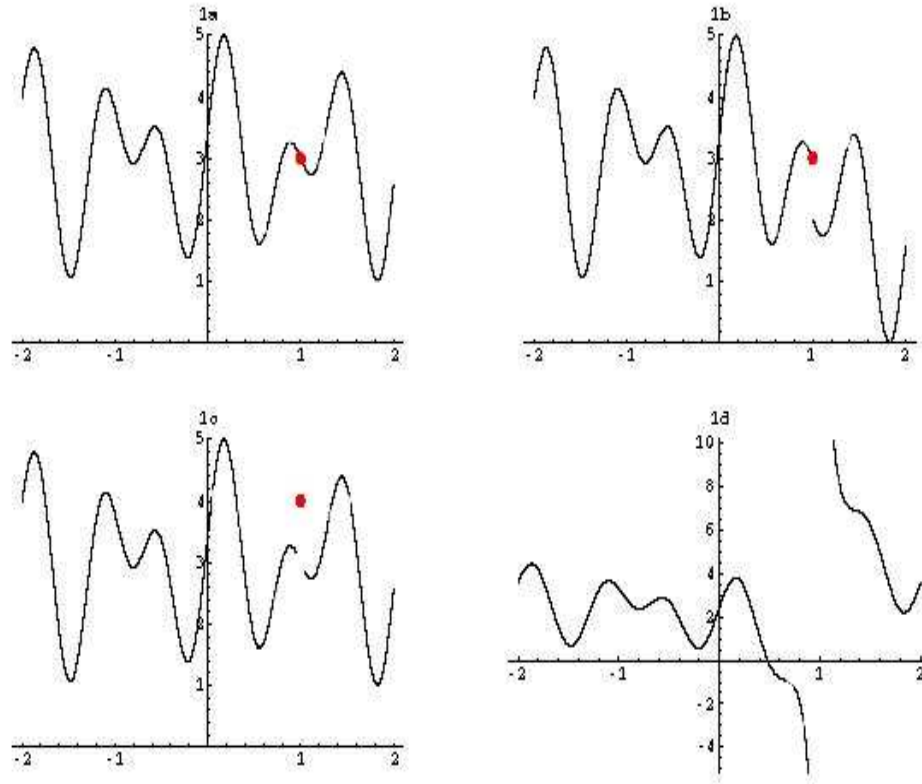


Plot of left shows the evaluation of program example with discontinuity problem. Plot of right shows the evaluation of differentiated program example with input space direction (1,1).

**(x=3.64,o1d=1512117.125) and (x=3.65,o1d=-38513.449) !!!**

## The Problem (3)

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**Main cases of problems introduced by conditional statements.  
(from B. Kearfott paper)**

## Our Approach

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- every test ( $t$ ) is analyzed, under small change in the input the test must remain in the same “side” of the inequality.

$$\text{variables used by instructions} + t_i \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{needed to built the current test}$$

- the variations ( $\Delta t_i$ ) have to be expressed in terms of the intermediates variables ( $B_i$ ).

$$\Delta t_i = J(T_i) \cdot \Delta B_i$$

- and the variation of the intermediates variables is

$$\Delta B_i = J(B_i; \dots; B_0) \cdot \Delta X = J(B_i) \cdot \dots \cdot J(B_0) \cdot \Delta X$$

where  $\Delta X$  represents the variation of the inputs values.

- re-composing the expression  $\Delta t_i + t_i \geq 0$  from (1),

$$\langle J(T_i) \cdot J(B_i) \cdot \dots \cdot J(B_0) \cdot \Delta X | e_j \rangle \geq - \langle t_i | e_j \rangle \quad (2)$$

## Our Approach (2)

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- we want isolate  $\Delta X$ , a good way to do that is transpose the jacobians in (2)

$$\langle \Delta X \cdot J(B_0)^* \cdot \dots \cdot J(B_i)^* \cdot J(T_i)^* \cdot e_j \rangle \geq - \langle t_i | e_j \rangle \quad (3)$$

- we can use the reverse mode of AD to compute  $J(B_0)^* \cdot \dots \cdot J(B_i)^* \cdot J(T_i)^* \cdot e_j$  in (3).
- unfortunately, in real situations the number of tests is so large that the computation of this approach is not practical.
- Solutions:
  - combine constraints to propagate just one. half-spaces.
  - reduce the size of the problem. less tests or less inputs, or both.

## Our Approach (3)

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- we analyze one test ( $t_0$ ), under small change in the input the test must remain in the same “side” of the inequality.

$$\text{if } t_0 \geq 0 \text{ then } \Delta t_0 + t_0 \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

- the variation of  $t$  ( $\Delta t_0$ ) have to be expressed in terms of the intermediates variables ( $B_0$ ).

$$\Delta t_0 = J(T_0) \cdot \Delta B_0$$

- and the variation of the intermediates variables is

$$\Delta B_0 = J(B_0) \cdot \beta \cdot \dot{X}$$

where  $\beta \cdot \dot{X}$  represents the variation of the inputs values.  $\beta$  the magnitude and  $\dot{X}$  the direction of the variation.

- re-composing the expression (4),

$$\beta \cdot J(T_0) \cdot J(B_0) \cdot \dot{X} \geq -t_0$$

## Our Approach (4)

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the following expression give us the magnitude of change of the input values, without change the sign of the test.

$$\beta \geq \frac{-t_0}{J(T_0) \cdot J(B_0) \cdot \dot{X}} \quad (5)$$

to compute expression (5) we introduced a function call that propagate the effect of every test trough the program, resulting in a interval of validity, as follows:

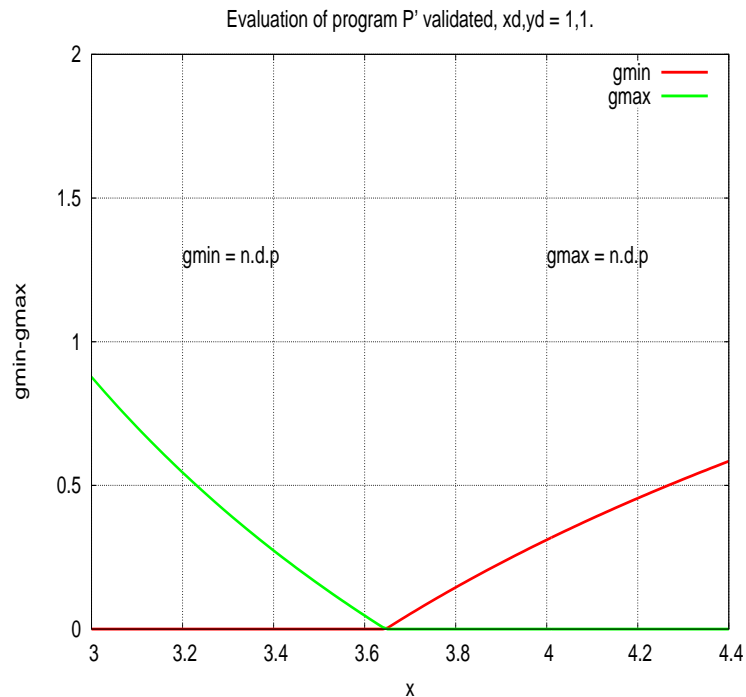
Direct Differentiated Code	Direct Differentiated Code with Validation
<pre> <b>subroutine sub1_d(x,xd,y,yd,o1,o1d)</b>  I'_1  xd = yd * x + y * xd I_1   x = y * x I'_2  o1d = 2 * x * xd + 2 * y * yd I_2   o1 = x * x + y * y  T_1   <b>if (o1 &gt; 190) then</b> I'_3     o1d = -(o1d * o1) I_3     o1 = -(o1 * o1/2) <b>else</b> I'_4     o1d = 40 * o1d * o1 I_4     o1 = o1 * o1 * 20 <b>endif</b> <b>end</b>                 </pre>	<pre> <b>subroutine sub1_dva(x,xd,y,yd,o1,o1d)</b>  I'_1  xd = yd * x + y * xd I_1   x = y * x I'_2  o1d = 2 * x * xd + 2 * y * yd I_2   o1 = x * x + y * y  V_1   <b>CALL VALIDITY_TEST(o1 - 190, o1d)</b> T_1   <b>if (o1 &gt; 190) then</b> I'_3     o1d = -(o1d * o1) I_3     o1 = -(o1 * o1/2) <b>else</b> I'_4     o1d = 40 * o1d * o1 I_4     o1 = o1 * o1 * 20 <b>endif</b> <b>end</b>                 </pre>

# Our Approach (5)

- In the example, the  $\beta$  magnitude is:

$$\beta \geq \frac{-(o1 - 190)}{o1d} = \frac{190 - (x^2 + y^2)}{2 \cdot x \cdot (yd \cdot x + y \cdot xd) + 2 \cdot y \cdot yd}$$

- We can access global variables *gmin* and *gmax*, which hold the upper and lower bounds of the validity interval. The numerical results of the example are:

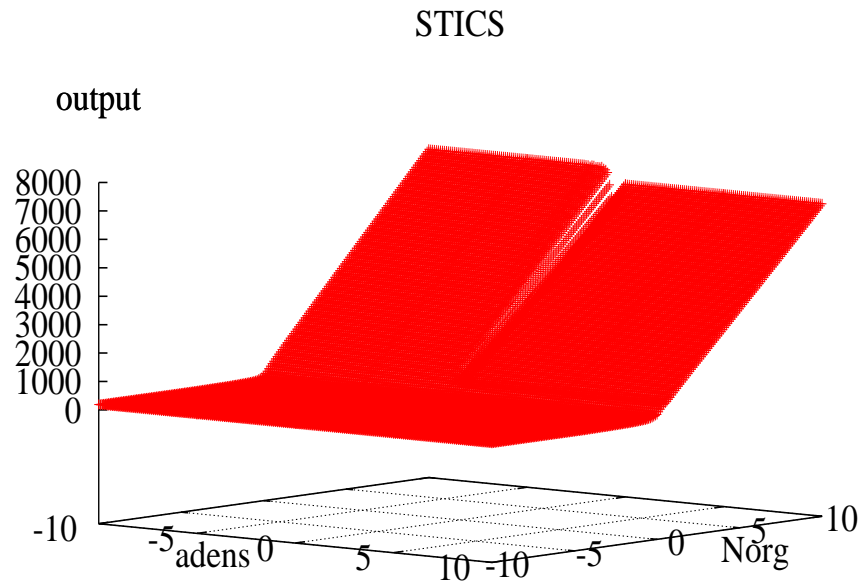


x	o1d	gmin	gmax
3.60	1402902.000	n.d.p	0.046
3.61	1429547.625	n.d.p	0.036
3.62	1456628.250	n.d.p	0.026
3.63	1484149.250	n.d.p	0.016
3.64	1512117.125	n.d.p	0.005
3.65	-38513.449	0.004	n.d.p
3.66	-39235.445	0.014	n.d.p
3.67	-39969.062	0.023	n.d.p
3.68	-40714.464	0.033	n.d.p
3.69	-41471.812	0.043	n.d.p



## Our Approach (6)

The following numerical result was obtained using a CFD solver STICS, 21.200 I.o.c., the differentiated version has 59.320 I.o.c, 542 validated tests from 2.582 total tests.

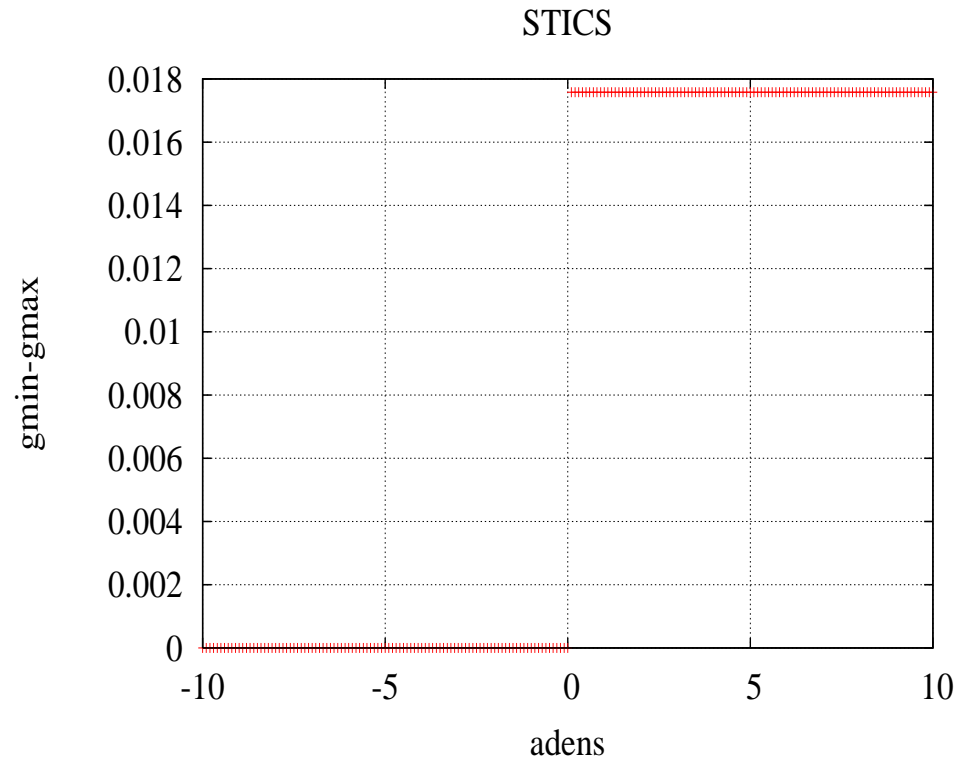


**STICS with input=(norg,adens,+)** and  
**output=(azomes,qnplante,resmes,+).**

## Our Approach (7)

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- Preliminary results of validation.



**STICS with input=(norg=4,adens,+)** and output=gmin.

## Conclusions

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- Users overlook the problem of wrong derivatives due changes in control-flow. AD tools must be able to detect this kind of situation and provide warning.

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...tion about valid domains of input for automatic differentiated programs.

- The proposed model was developed inside the A.D Tool Tapenade. <http://www-sop.inria.fr/tropics>.
- The overhead of use our method is only 3% over plain direct mode, this figure was obtain testing the model in several real-life codes.

## Future Work

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- Integrate the approach to real-life algorithms, applications. (**underway**). Promising adaptation to Non-Smooth Optimization.
- Extend the approach (or propose a new one) for the reverse mode of AD.

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## Theme

- Scientific Computing and Optimisation.
- Computer Science for analysis and transformation of scientific programs. (Parallelization and Differentiation).

## Tool

TAPENADE: analysis and A.D. of source programs.

## Applications

- Sensitivity Analysis.
- Optimum Design (Aeronautics).
- Inverse Problems & Data Assimilation (Weather forecast).

Questions?

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