

# Automatic Differentiation of programs and its applications to Scientific Computing

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```
SUBROUTINE FOO(v1, v2, v4, p1)
```

```
REAL v1,v2,v3,v4,p1
```

```
v3 = 2.0*v1 + 5.0
```

```
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```

```
END
```

# This is AD !

```
SUBROUTINE F00(v1,v1d,v2,v2d,v4,v4d,p1)
  REAL v1d,v2d,v3d,v4d
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END
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Just inserts “differentiated instructions” into F00

# Computer Programs as Functions

See any program  $P: \{l_1; l_2; \dots; l_p; \}$  as:

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Define for short:

$$W_0 = X \quad \text{and} \quad W_k = f_k(W_{k-1})$$

The chain rule yields:

$$f'(X) = f'_p(W_{p-1}) \cdot f'_{p-1}(W_{p-2}) \cdot \dots \cdot f'_1(W_0)$$

# Tangent mode and Reverse mode

Full  $f'(X)$  is expensive and often useless.  
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tangent AD :

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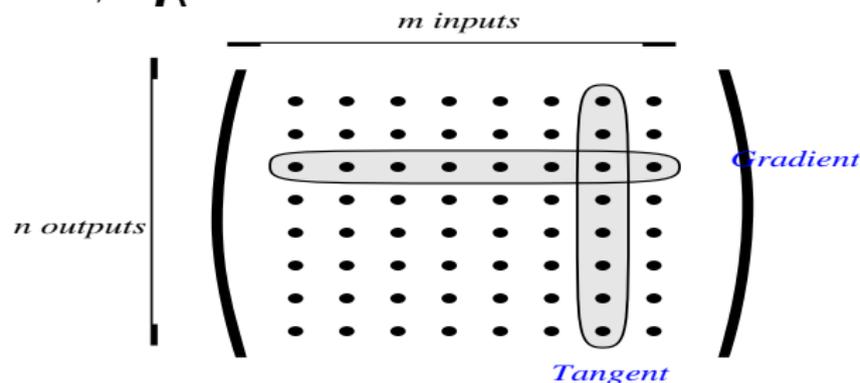
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 $\Rightarrow$  always matrix  $\times$  vector

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# Costs of Tangent and Reverse AD

$$F : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



- $f'(X)$  costs  $(m + 1) * P$  using Divided Differences
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...

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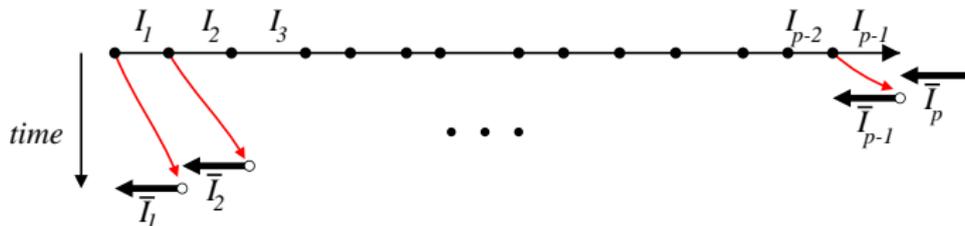
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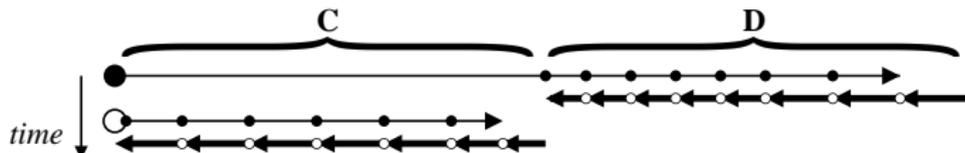
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Instructions differentiated in the **reverse order** !

# Reverse mode: graphical interpretation



- A **Forward sweep** followed by **Backward sweep**
- Bottleneck: Uses a large memory “Tape”
- Trade-off strategy: “**Checkpointing**”



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# So you need derivatives ?...

Given a program  $P$  computing a function  $F$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} F & : & \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n \\ & & X \mapsto Y \end{array}$$

we want to build a program that computes the **derivatives** of  $F$ .

Specifically, we want the derivatives of the **dependent**, i.e. *some* variables in  $Y$ , with respect to the **independent**, i.e. *some* variables in  $X$ .

# Which derivatives do you want?

Derivatives come in various shapes and flavors:

- Jacobian Matrices:  $J = \left( \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$
- Directional or tangent derivatives, differentials:  
 $dY = \dot{Y} = J \times dX = J \times \dot{X}$
- Gradients:
  - When  $n = 1$  output : gradient =  $J = \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} \right)$
  - When  $n > 1$  outputs: gradient =  $\bar{Y}^t \times J$
- Higher-order derivative tensors
- Taylor coefficients
- Intervals ?

# Divided Differences

Given  $\dot{X}$ , run P twice, and compute  $\dot{Y}$

$$\dot{Y} = \frac{P(X + \varepsilon \dot{X}) - P(X)}{\varepsilon}$$

- Pros: immediate; no thinking required !
- Cons: approximation; what  $\varepsilon$  ?  
⇒ Not so cheap after all !

Optimization wants inexpensive and accurate derivatives.

⇒ Let's go for exact, analytic derivatives !

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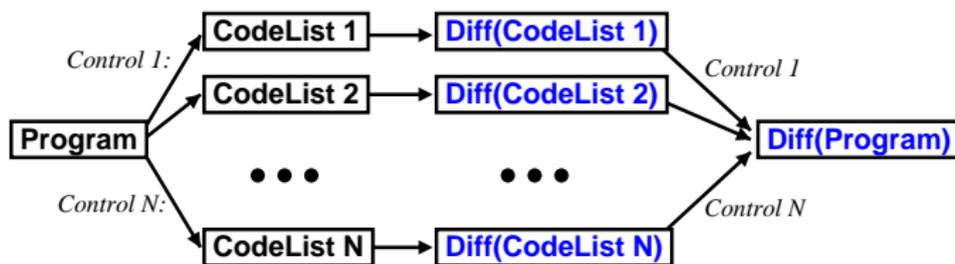
# Take control away!

We differentiate **programs**. But control  $\Rightarrow$  non-differentiability!

Freeze the current control:

$\Rightarrow$  the program becomes a simple sequence of instructions

$\Rightarrow$  AD differentiates these sequences:



**Caution:** the program is only **piecewise differentiable** !

# Computer Programs as Functions

- Identify sequences of instructions

$$\{l_1; l_2; \dots; l_{p-1}; l_p\}$$

with composition of functions.

- Each simple instruction

$$l_k : v_4 = v_3 + v_2/v_3$$

is a function  $f_k : \mathbf{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^q$  where

- The output  $v_4$  is built from the input  $v_2$  and  $v_3$
  - All other variable are passed unchanged
- Thus we see  $P : \{l_1; l_2; \dots; l_{p-1}; l_p\}$  as

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# Using the Chain Rule

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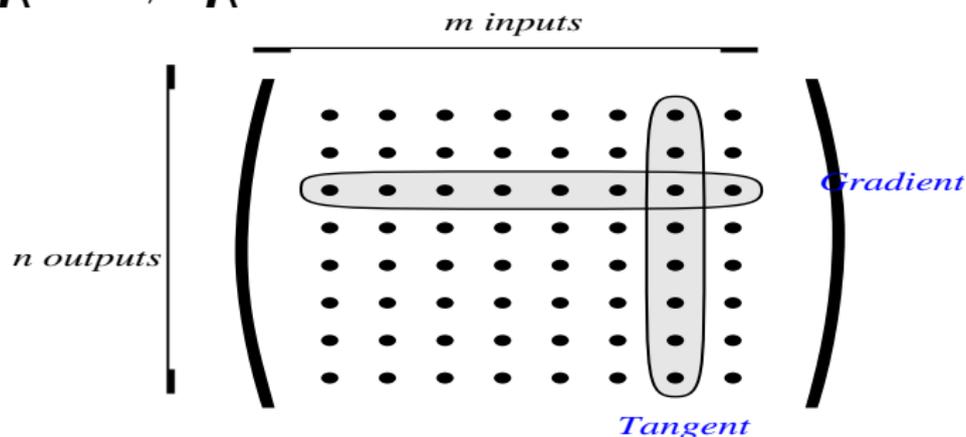
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# Back to the Tangent Mode example

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Elementary Jacobian matrices:

$$f'(X) = \dots \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ 0 & \frac{p_1}{v_3} & 1 - \frac{p_1 * v_2}{v_3^2} & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 2 & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{v}_1 \\ \dot{v}_2 \\ \dot{v}_3 \\ \dot{v}_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{v}_3 = 2 * \dot{v}_1$$

$$\dot{v}_4 = \dot{v}_3 * \left(1 - p_1 * v_2 / v_3^2\right) + \dot{v}_2 * p_1 / v_3$$

# Tangent Mode example continued

Tangent AD keeps the structure of  $P$ :

...

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# Multi-directional mode and Jacobians

If you want  $\dot{Y} = f'(X).\dot{X}$  for the same  $X$  and several  $\dot{X}$

- either run the tangent differentiated program several times, evaluating  $f$  several times.
- or run a “Multi-directional” tangent once, evaluating  $f$  once.

Same for  $\bar{X} = f'^t(X).\bar{Y}$  for several  $\bar{Y}$ .

In particular, multi-directional tangent or reverse is good to get the full Jacobian.

# Sparse Jacobians with seed matrices

When sparse Jacobian, use “seed matrices” to propagate fewer  $\dot{X}$  or  $\bar{Y}$

- Multi-directional tangent mode:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & & b \\ & c & \\ e & f & g \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ & c \\ e & f & g \end{pmatrix}$$

- Multi-directional reverse mode:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} a & & b \\ & c & \\ e & f & g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & c & b \\ e & f & d & g \end{pmatrix}$$

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$l_1$  ;

$\dots$

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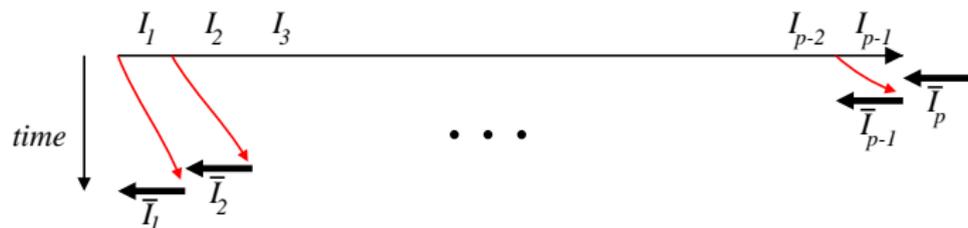
*Restore  $W_0$  before  $l_1$  ;*

$$\bar{W} = f_1'^t(W_0) * \bar{W} ;$$

$$\bar{X} = \bar{W} ;$$

Instructions differentiated in the **reverse order** !

# Reverse mode: graphical interpretation



Bottleneck: memory usage (“Tape”).

Still searching for optimal combinations of **storage**, **recomputation** and even **inversion**.

# Back to the example

$$v_3 = 2.0*v_1 + 5.0$$

$$v_4 = v_3 + p_1*v_2/v_3$$

Transposed Jacobian matrices:

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$$\bar{v}_2 = \bar{v}_2 + \bar{v}_4 * p_1/v_3$$

...

$$\bar{v}_1 = \bar{v}_1 + 2 * \bar{v}_3$$

$$\bar{v}_3 = 0$$

# Reverse Mode example continued

Reverse AD inverses the structure of  $P$ :

```
...
v3 = 2.0*v1 + 5.0
v4 = v3 + p1*v2/v3
...
...
...../*restore previous state*/
v2b = v2b + p1*v4b/v3
v3b = v3b + (1-p1*v2/(v3*v3))*v4b
v4b = 0.0
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v1b = v1b + 2.0*v3b
v3b = 0.0
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...
```

Differentiated instructions inserted  
into the inverse of  $P$ 's original control flow.

# Control Flow Inversion : conditionals

The control flow of the **forward sweep** is mirrored in the **backward sweep**.

```
...  
if (T(i).lt.0.0) then  
    T(i) = S(i)*T(i)  
endif
```

```
...  
if (...) then  
    Sb(i) = Sb(i) + T(i)*Tb(i)  
    Tb(i) = S(i)*Tb(i)  
endif
```

```
...
```

# Control Flow Inversion : loops

Reversed loops run in the inverse order

...

```
Do i = 1,N
```

$$T(i) = 2.5 * T(i-1) + 3.5$$

```
Enddo
```

...

```
Do i = N,1,-1
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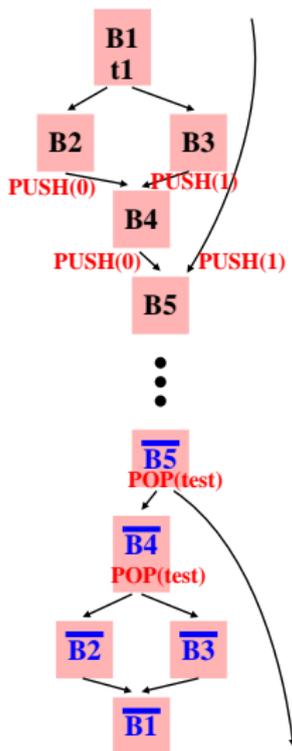
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$$Tb(i) = 0.0$$

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Enddo
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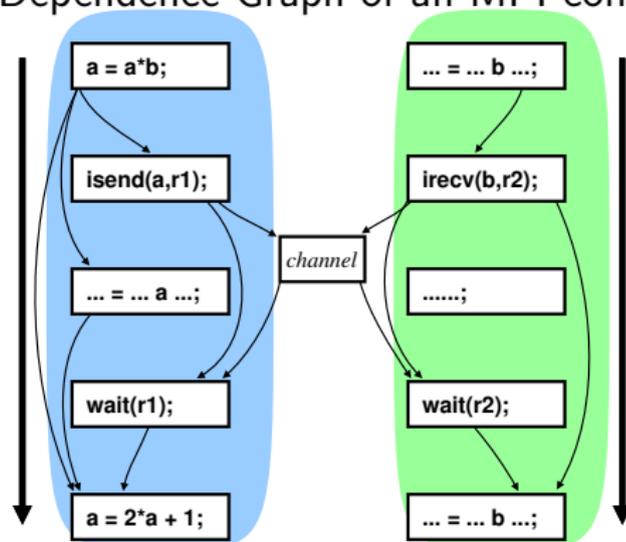
# Control Flow Inversion : spaghetti

Remember original Control Flow when it merges



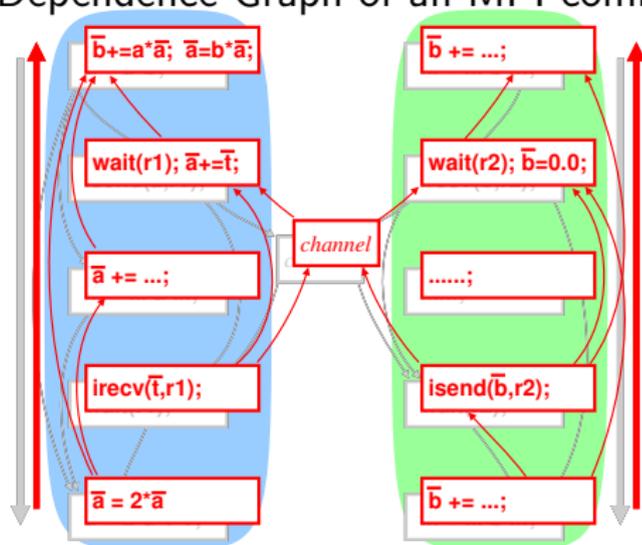
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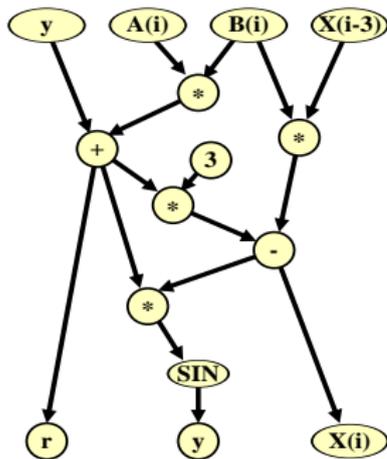
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# Yet another formalization using computation graphs

A sequence of instructions corresponds to a computation graph

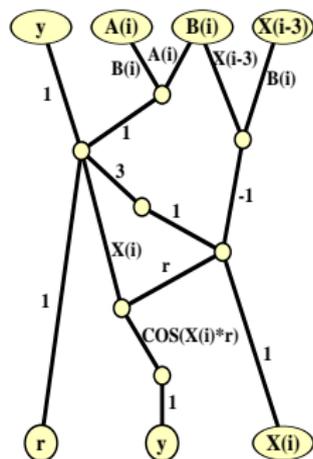
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DO i=1,n  
  IF (B(i).gt.0.0) THEN  
    r = A(i)*B(i) + y  
    X(i) = 3*r - B(i)*X(i-3)  
    y = SIN(X(i)*r)  
  ENDIF  
ENDDO
```

*Source program*

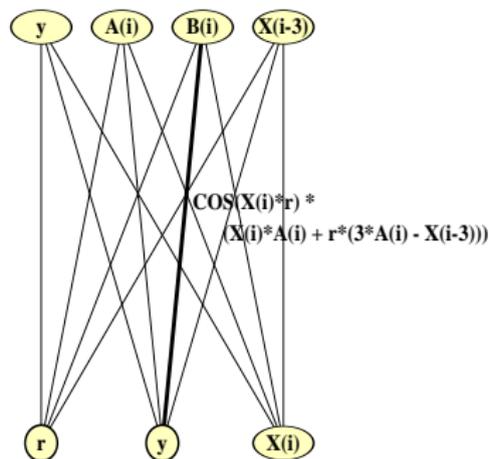


*Computation Graph*

# Jacobians by Vertex Elimination



*Jacobian Computation Graph*



*Bipartite Jacobian Graph*

- Forward vertex elimination  $\Rightarrow$  tangent AD.
- Reverse vertex elimination  $\Rightarrow$  reverse AD.
- Other orders (“**cross-country**”) may be optimal.

# Yet another formalization: Lagrange multipliers

$$\begin{aligned}v_3 &= 2.0*v_1 + 5.0 \\v_4 &= v_3 + p_1*v_2/v_3\end{aligned}$$

Can be viewed as constraints. We know that the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, \bar{v}_3, \bar{v}_4) = v_4 + \bar{v}_3 \cdot (-v_3 + 2 \cdot v_1 + 5) + \bar{v}_4 \cdot (-v_4 + v_3 + p_1 * v_2 / v_3)$  is such that:

$$\bar{v}_1 = \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial v_1} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{v}_2 = \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial v_2} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_2}$$

provided

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_3} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_4} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \bar{v}_3} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \bar{v}_4} = 0$$

The  $\bar{v}_i$  are the Lagrange multipliers associated to the instruction that sets  $v_i$ .

For instance, equation  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_3} = 0$  gives us:

$$\bar{v}_4 \cdot (1 - p_1 \cdot v_2 / (v_3 \cdot v_3)) - \bar{v}_3 = 0$$

To be compared with instruction

$v3b = v3b + (1-p1*v2/(v3*v3))*v4b$   
(initial  $v3b$  is set to 0.0)

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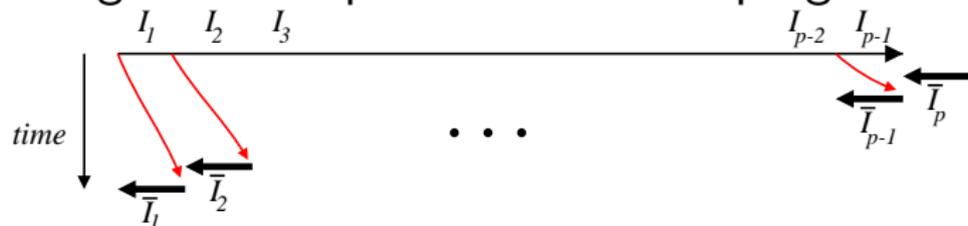
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# Time/Memory tradeoffs for reverse AD

From the definition of the gradient  $\bar{X}$

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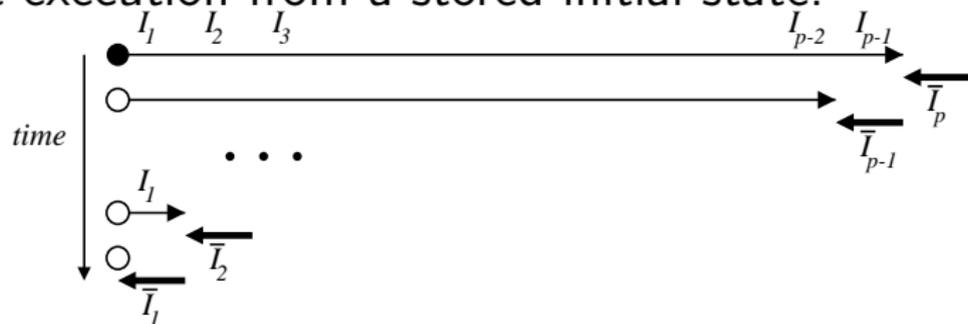
we get the general shape of reverse AD program:



⇒ How can we restore previous values?

# Restoration by recomputation (RA: Recompute-All)

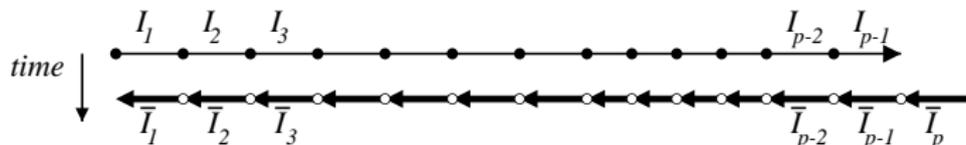
Restart execution from a stored initial state:



Memory use low, CPU use high  $\Rightarrow$  trade-off needed !

# Restoration by storage (SA: Store-All)

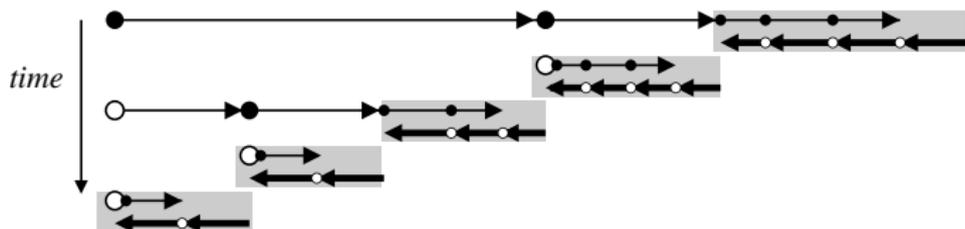
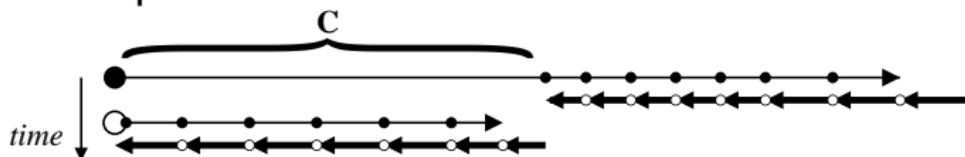
Progressively undo the assignments made by the forward sweep



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# Checkpointing (SA strategy)

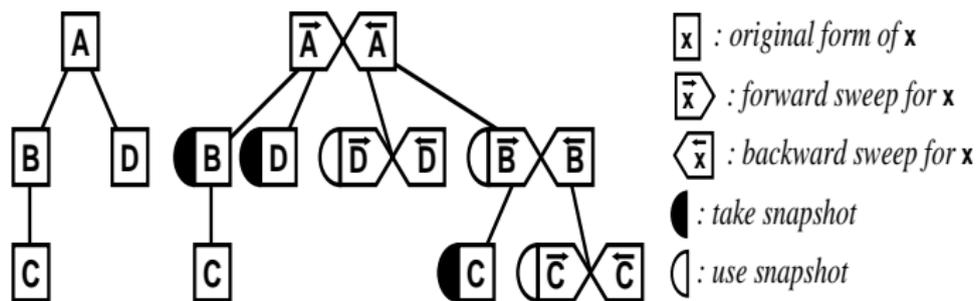
On selected pieces of the program, possibly nested, don't store intermediate values and re-execute the piece when values are required.



Memory and CPU grow like  $\log(\text{size}(P))$

# Checkpointing on calls (SA)

A classical choice: checkpoint procedure calls !



Memory and CPU grow like  $\log(\text{size}(P))$  when call tree well balanced.

Ill-balanced call trees require not checkpointing some calls

Careful analysis keeps the snapshots small.

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The important result of the reverse mode is in  $\bar{X}$ . The original result  $Y$  is of no interest.

- The last instruction of the program  $P$  can be removed from  $\bar{P}$ .
- Recursively, other instructions of  $P$  can be removed too.

orig. program	reverse mode	Adjoint Live code
<pre> IF(a.GT.0.)THEN     a = LOG(a) ELSE     a = LOG(c)     CALL SUB(a) ENDIF END </pre>	<pre> IF(a.GT.0.)THEN     CALL PUSH(a)     a = LOG(a)     CALL POP(a)     ab = ab/a ELSE     a = LOG(c)     CALL PUSH(a)     CALL SUB(a)     CALL POP(a)     CALL SUB_B(a,ab)     cb = cb + ab/c     ab = 0.0 END IF </pre>	<pre> IF (a.GT.0.) THEN     ab = ab/a ELSE     a = LOG(c)     CALL SUB_B(a,ab)     cb = cb + ab/c     ab = 0.0 END IF </pre>

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# Aliasing

In reverse AD, it is important to know whether two variables in an instruction are the same.

$a[i] = 3*a[i+1]$	$a[i] = 3*a[i]$	$a[i] = 3*a[j]$
variables certainly different	variables certainly equal	? $\Rightarrow$ $tmp = 3*a[j]$ $a[i] = tmp$
$ab[i+1] = ab[i+1]$ + $3*ab[i]$ $ab[i] = 0.0$	$ab[i] = 3* ab[i]$	$tmpb = ab[i]$ $ab[i] = 0.0$ $ab[j] = ab[j]$ + $3*tmpb$



# Undecidability

- Analyses are static: operate on source, don't know run-time data.
- Undecidability: no static analysis can answer **yes** or **no** for every possible program : there will always be programs on which the analysis will answer “I can't tell”
- $\Rightarrow$  all tools must be ready to take *conservative* decisions when the analysis is in doubt.
- In practice, tool “laziness” is a far more common cause for undecided analyses and conservative transformations.

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From a simulation program  $P$  :

$$P : (\text{design parameters})\gamma \mapsto (\text{cost function})J(\gamma)$$

it takes a **gradient**  $J'(\gamma)$  to obtain an **optimization** program.

Reverse mode AD builds program  $\bar{P}$  that computes  $J'(\gamma)$

Optimization algorithms (Gradient descent, SQP, ...) may also use 2nd derivatives. AD can provide them too.

# Taking advantage of Steady-State

If  $J$  is defined on a state  $W$ , and  $W$  results from an implicit steady state equation

$$\Psi(W, \gamma) = 0$$

which is solved iteratively:  $W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots, W_\infty$

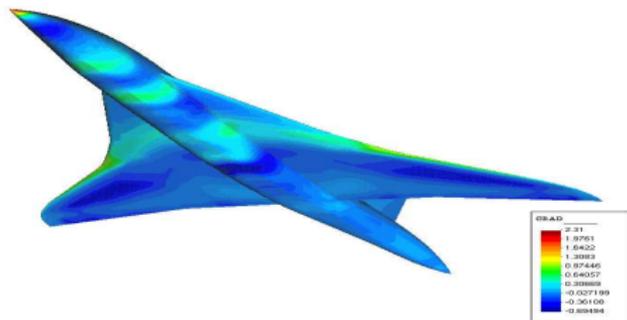
then pure reverse AD of  $P$  may prove too expensive (memory...)

Solutions exist:

- reverse AD on the final steady state only.
- *Andreas Griewank's* "Piggy-backing"
- reverse AD on  $\Psi$  alone + hand-coding

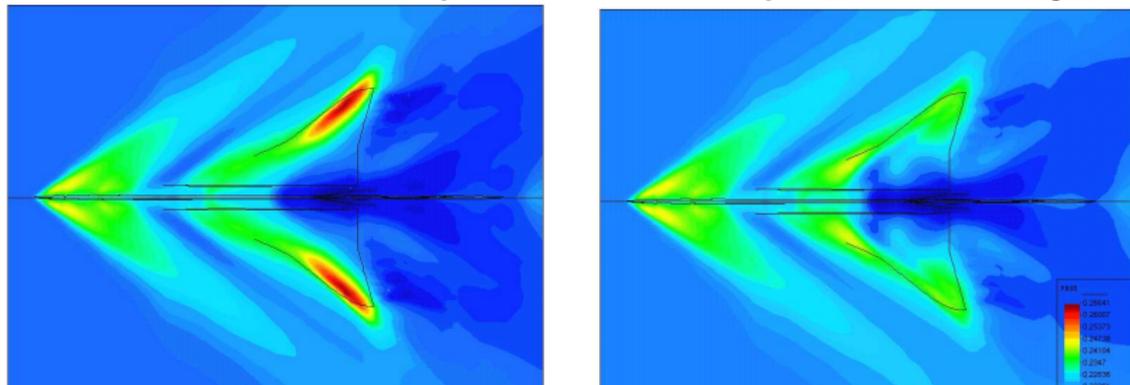
# CFD optimization: color pictures...

AD gradient of the cost function on the skin geometry:



(Dassault Aviation)

Sonic boom under the plane after 8 optimization cycles:

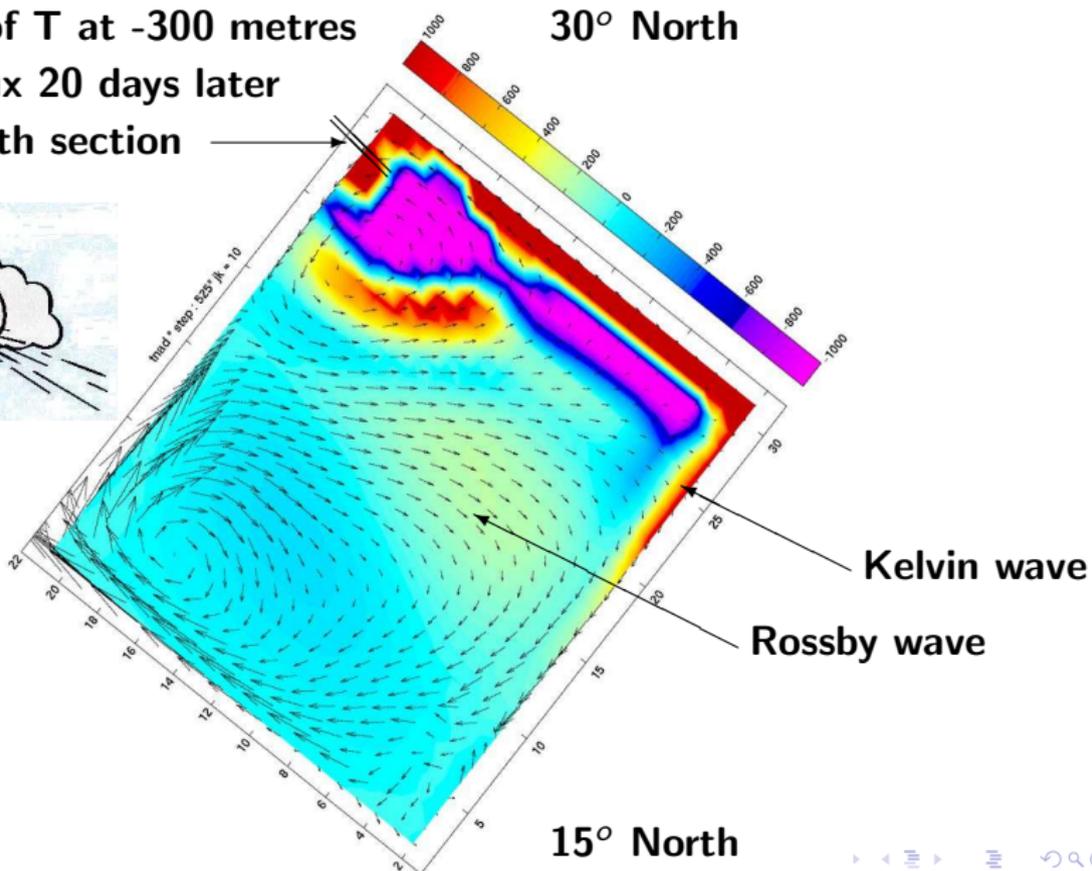


# CFD optimization: figures

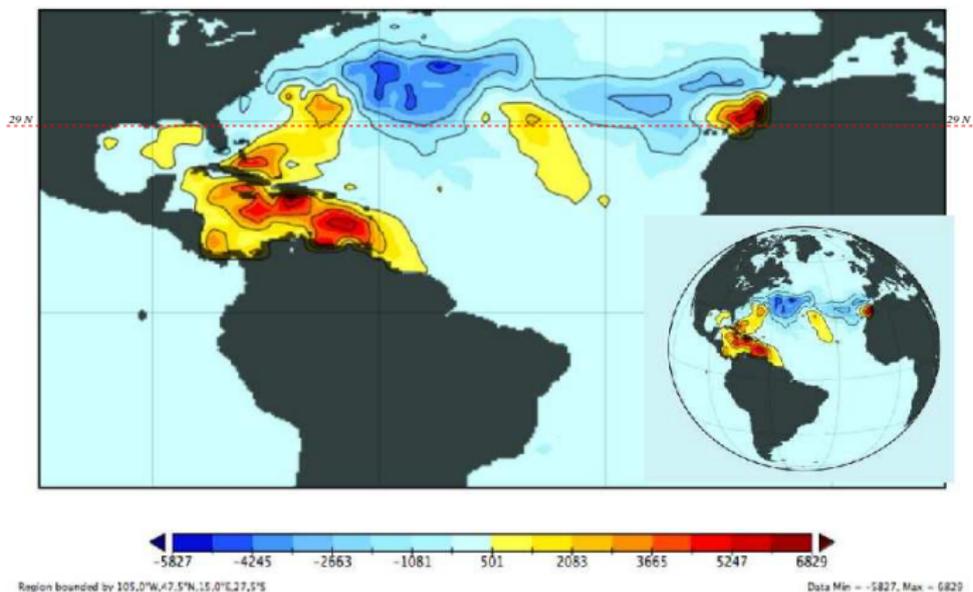
- Cost function: sonic boom below + lift + drag
- Design parameters: plane skin, (2000 REAL\*8)
- Specific strategy for a stationary simulation:  
assembly of the adjoint linear system through AD,  
then specific solver.
- Performances:
  - Differentiation time: 2 s.
  - Reverse AD slowdown: 7
  - Adjoint slowdown: 4
  - Reverse AD memory use: 58 REAL\*8 per mesh node

# Data Assimilation (OPA 9.0/GYRE)

Influence of T at -300 metres  
on heat flux 20 days later  
across North section



# Data Assimilation (OPA 9.0/NEMO)



2° grid cells, one year simulation

# Data Assimilation: figures

- Code : OPA 9.0. 120000 lines of FORTRAN 95
- Cost function: e.g. heat flux at the end vs. temperature, salinity... at initial state
- Standard reverse AD of complete simulation
- Differentiation time: 20 s.
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# TAPENADE support and directions

- Team's website, tutorial, FAQ:  
<http://www-sop.inria.fr/tropics>
- Tapenade download site:  
<ftp://ftp-sop.inria.fr/tropics/tapenade>
- TAPENADE 2.1 user's guide:  
<http://www.inria.fr/rrrt/rt-0300.html>
- Mailing list:  
[tapenade-users@lists-sop.inria.fr](mailto:tapenade-users@lists-sop.inria.fr)

# Tapenade Web Interface

The screenshot shows a Mozilla browser window with the URL `http://tapenade.inria.fr:8080/tapenade/result.html`. The page is divided into four main sections:

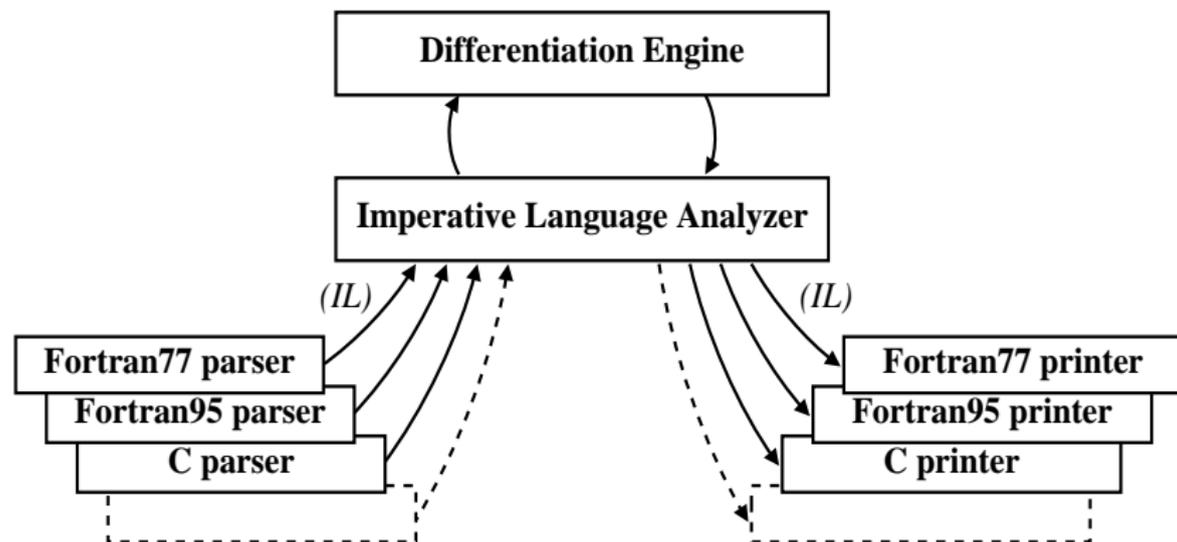
- Original call graph:** A tree structure showing the function `adj` with sub-calls to `sub2`, `sub1`, and `maxx`.
- Differentiated call graph:** A tree structure showing the function `adj_dv` with sub-calls to `maxx_dv`, `sub1_dv`, and `sub2_dv`.
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- Differentiated code:** The differentiated Fortran code, showing the generation of derivative variables like `z`, `u`, `td`, and `zd`, and calls to differentiated subroutines `MAXX_DV`, `SUB1_DV`, and `SUB2_DV`.

At the bottom of the page, there are error messages:

- 2 adj: undeclared external routine: maxx
- 3 adj: Return type of maxx set by implicit rule to INTEGER
- 4 adj: argument type mismatch in call of sub1, REAL(0:6) expected, receives I
- 5 adj: argument type mismatch in call of sub2, REAL(0:12) expected, receives
- 6 maxx: Tool: Please provide a differentiated function for unit maxx for argu

The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates 'Document: Done (0.11 secs)'.

# Tapenade Architecture



- Language-independent kernel
- Written in Java (100 000 lines)
- Accepts Fortran (77 and 95) and C (August 2008)

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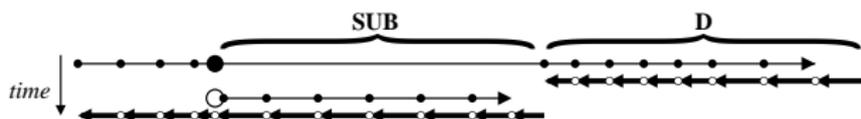
# A very simple program

Original program	Tapenade reverse: fwd sweep
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Tapenade tangent	Tapenade reverse: bwd sweep
<pre>SUBROUTINE S_D(x,xd,y,yd,...)   REAL*8 x,xd,y,yd,r,rd   rd = xd*y + x*yd   r = x*y   rd = rd/(2.0*SQRT(r))   r = SQRT(r) END</pre>	<pre>... CALL POPREAL8(r) rb = rb/(2.0*SQRT(r)) xb = xb + y*rb yb = yb + x*rb rb = 0.0 END</pre>

# Control structures

Original program	Tapenade reverse: fwd sweep
<pre>SUBROUTINE S1(a, n, x) ... DO i=2,n,7   IF (a(i).GT.1.0) THEN     a(i) = LOG(a(i)) + a(i-1)   END IF ENDDO</pre>	<pre>DO i=2,n,7   IF (a(i).GT.1.0) THEN     CALL PUSHREAL4(a(i))     a(i) = LOG(a(i))+a(i-1)     CALL PUSHINTEGER4(1)   ELSE     ...</pre>
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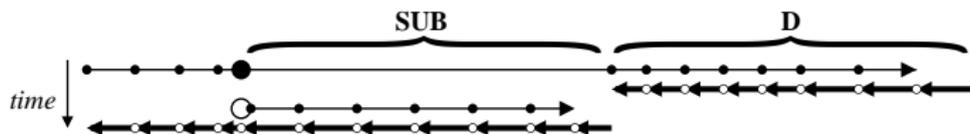
# Procedure calls and Checkpointing



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# Snapshots for Checkpointing

Snapshots must be as small as possible:



$$\mathbf{Snapshot}(\mathbf{SUB}) \subseteq \mathbf{Use}(\overline{\mathbf{SUB}}) \cap (\mathbf{Out}(\mathbf{SUB}) \cup \mathbf{Out}(\overline{\mathbf{D}}))$$

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# Tapenade does/doesn't

## Tapenade does handle

- modules, overloading, renaming, interfaces
- structured types (“records”)
- pointers and allocation

## Tapenade does **not** handle

- fpp or cpp keys, templates
- deallocation in reverse mode
- checkpointing of non-reentrant code
- classes and objects

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# Tools for source-transformation AD

<http://www.autodiff.org>

AD tools are based on **overloading** or **source transformation**.

Source transformation requires complex tools, but offers more room for optimization.

<b>parsing</b>	→ <b>analysis</b>	→ <b>differentiation</b>
F77	type-checking	tangent
F9X	use/kill	reverse
C	dependencies	multi-directional
MATLAB	activity	...
...	...	

# Some AD tools

- **NAGWARE F95** Compiler: Overloading, tangent, reverse
- **ADOL-C** : Overloading+Tape; tangent, reverse, higher-order
- **ADIFOR/OPEN-AD** : Transformation ; tangent, reverse?, Store-All + Checkpointing
- **TAPENADE** : Transformation ; tangent, reverse, Store-All + Checkpointing
- **TAF** : Transformation ; tangent, reverse, Recompute-All + Checkpointing

# Some Limitations of AD tools

## Fundamental problems:

- Piecewise differentiability
- Convergence of derivatives
- Reverse AD of large codes

## Technical Difficulties:

- Pointers and memory allocation
- Objects
- Inversion or Duplication of random control  
(communications, random,...)

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# Validation methods

From a program  $P$  that evaluates

$$F : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n \\ X \mapsto Y$$

tangent AD creates

$$\dot{P} : X, \dot{X} \mapsto Y, \dot{Y}$$

and reverse AD creates

$$\bar{P} : X, \bar{Y} \mapsto \bar{X}$$

Wow can we validate these programs ?

- Tangent wrt Divided Differences
- Reverse wrt Tangent

# Validation of Tangent *wrt* Divided Differences

For a given  $\dot{X}$ , set  $g(h \in \mathbf{R}) = F(X + h.Xd)$ :

$$g'(0) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(X + \varepsilon \times \dot{X}) - F(X)}{\varepsilon}$$

Also, from the chain rule:

$$g'(0) = F'(X) \times \dot{X} = \dot{Y}$$

So we can approximate  $\dot{Y}$  by running P twice, at points  $X$  and  $X + \varepsilon \times \dot{X}$

# Validation of Reverse *wrt* Tangent

For a given  $\dot{X}$ , tangent code returned  $\dot{Y}$

Initialize  $\bar{Y} = \dot{Y}$  and run the reverse code, yielding  $\bar{X}$ .

We have :

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{X} \cdot \dot{X}) &= (F'^t(X) \times \dot{Y} \cdot \dot{X}) \\ &= \dot{Y}^t \times F'(X) \times \dot{X} \\ &= \dot{Y}^t \times \dot{Y} \\ &= (\dot{Y} \cdot \dot{Y})\end{aligned}$$

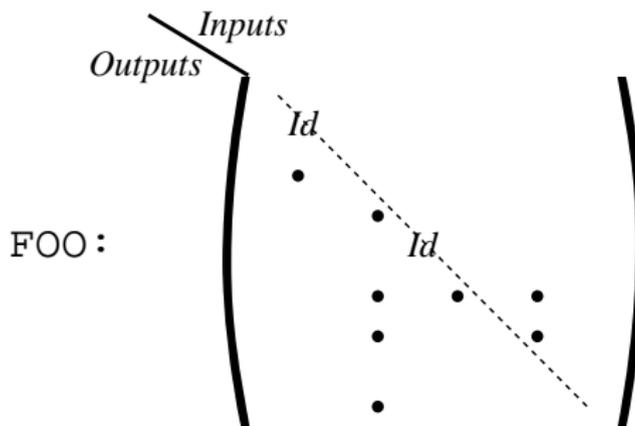
Often called the “dot-product test”

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# Black-box routines

If the tool permits, give dependency signature (sparsity pattern) of all external procedures  $\Rightarrow$  better activity analysis  $\Rightarrow$  better diff program.



After AD, provide required hand-coded derivative (FOO\_D or FOO\_B)

# Linear or auto-adjoint procedures

Make linear or auto-adjoint procedures “black-box”.

Since they are their own tangent or reverse derivatives, provide their original form as hand-coded derivative.

In many cases, this is more efficient than pure AD of these procedures

# Independent loops

If a loop has independent iterations, possibly terminated by a sum-reduction, then

*Standard:*

```
doi = 1,N
  body(i)
end
doi = N,1
  ← body(i)
end
```



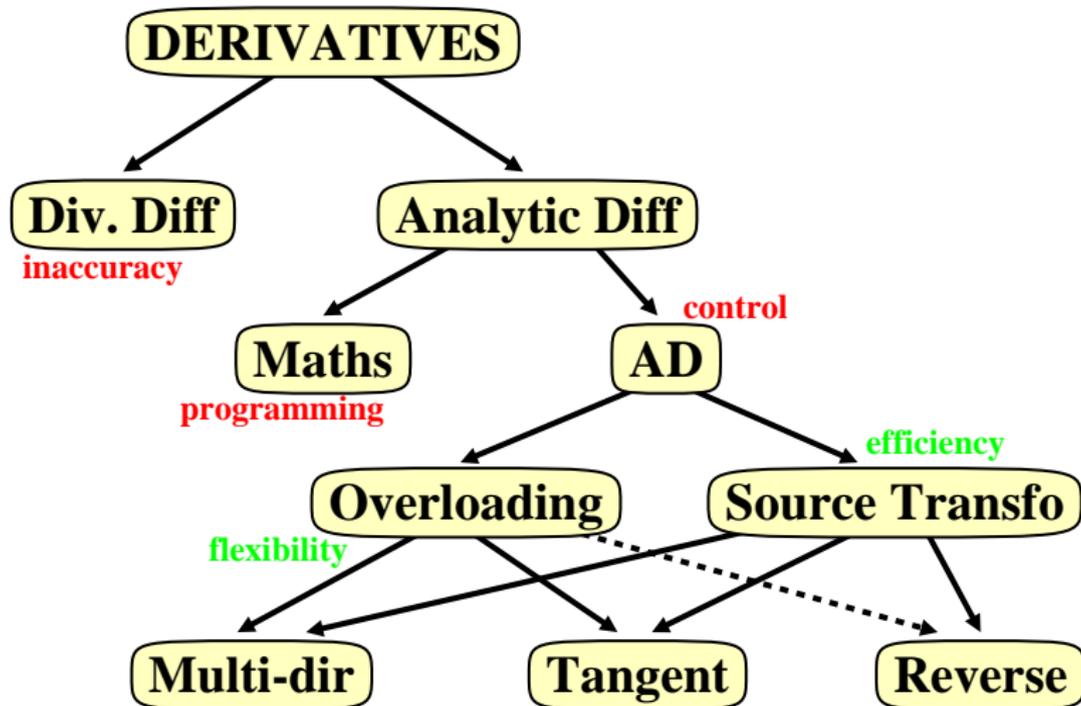
*Improved:*

```
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```

In the Recompute-All context, this reduces the memory consumption by a factor N

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# AD: To Bring Home

- If you want the derivatives of an implemented math function, you should seriously consider AD.
- Divided Differences aren't good for you (nor for others...)
- Especially think of AD when you need higher order (Taylor coefficients) for simulation or gradients (reverse mode) for optimization.
- Reverse AD is a discrete equivalent of the adjoint methods from control theory: gives a gradient at remarkably low cost.

# AD tools: To Bring Home

- AD tools provide you with highly optimized derivative programs in a matter of minutes.
- AD tools are making progress steadily, but the best AD will always require end-user intervention.

# Thank you for your attention !

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