

Derivative-based Optimization for Applications in Physics

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Outline





Calculation of Derivatives

- Introduction to Algorithmic Differentiation
- Applications in Physics
 - Identification of Parameters for Piezoceramics
 - Optimization for Nano-optics
 - Sensitivities Near Exceptional Points

4 Conclusion



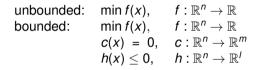
• Optimization:

unbounded:	$\min f(x),$	$f:\mathbb{R}^n o \mathbb{R}$
bounded:	$\min f(x),$	$f:\mathbb{R}^n o \mathbb{R}$
	c(x) = 0,	$m{c}:\mathbb{R}^n ightarrow\mathbb{R}^m$
	$h(x) \leq 0,$	$h:\mathbb{R}^n ightarrow\mathbb{R}^l$





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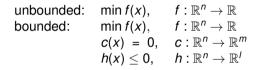
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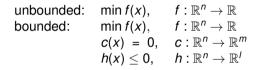
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- Sensitivity analysis
- Real-time control



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- requirements on exactness
- computational effort
- into account





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- simple derivative calculation (only function evaluations!)
- inexact derivatives
- computation cost often too high

 $F : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow OPS(\nabla F(x)) \sim (n+1)OPS(F(x))$





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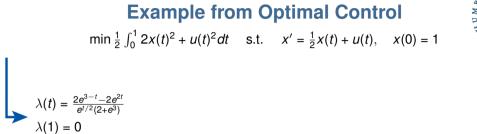
Example from Optimal Control

 $\min \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 2x(t)^2 + u(t)^2 dt \quad \text{ s.t. } \quad x' = \frac{1}{2}x(t) + u(t), \quad x(0) = 1$



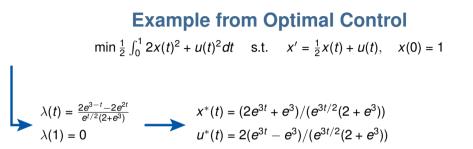






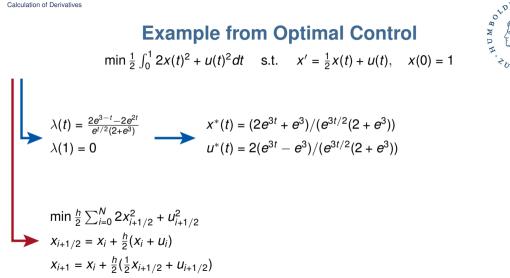




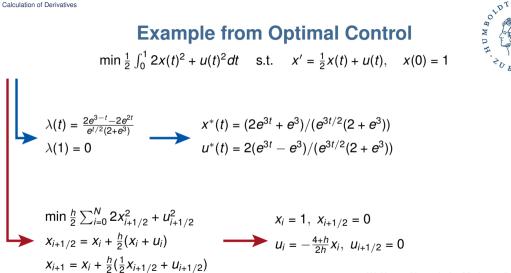








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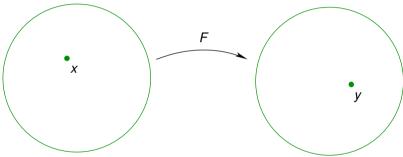
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Assumption: F differentiable in a neighbourhood of current argument x





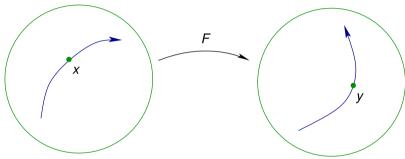






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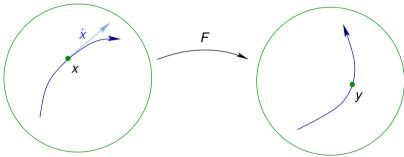






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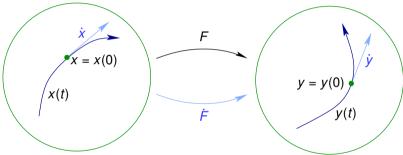






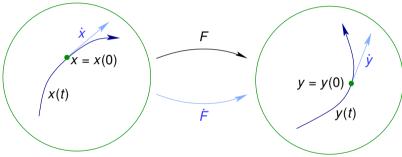
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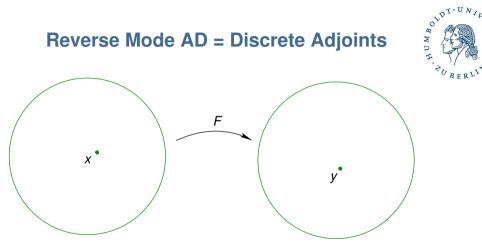




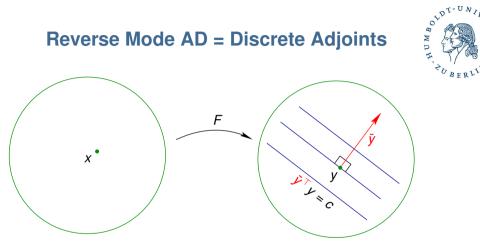
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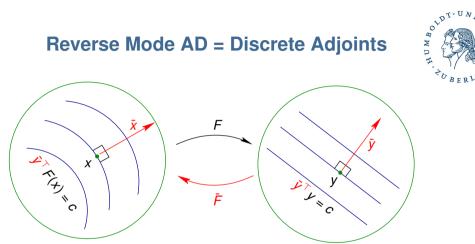






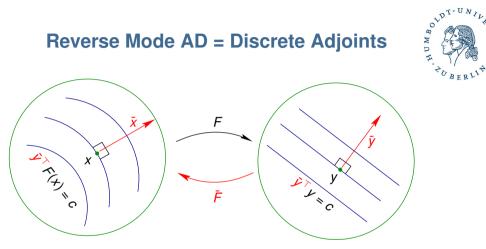








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 $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \equiv \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\top} F'(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \langle \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\top} F(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \equiv \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{y}})$



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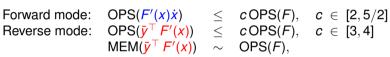




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(Griewank, Walther 2008), (Naumann 2012), www.autodiff.org







Automatic Differentiation by OverLoading in C++

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- current developments
 - Julia interface ADOLC.jl
 - exploitation of fixed-point structure for second-order derivatives
 - generalized derivatives for nonsmooth functions



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Used in wide range of applications: Pressure Sensors, Ultrasonic Cleaning, Ultrasound Imaging, Piezoelectric Speakers, Electronic Toothbrushes, Instrument Pickups, Microphones, Piezoelectric Igniters, Electricity Generation, Tennis Racquets, ...

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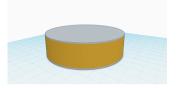


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Parameter Identification Piezoceramics



The Considered Setting





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- Here: Consider only small loads ⇒ Disregard thermal effects Nonlinear effects ⇒ DFG research group NEPTUN





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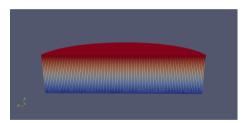


AD-enabled Optimization of the Electrodes



Fully covering electrodes





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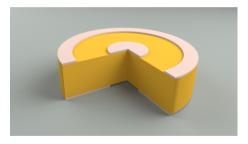
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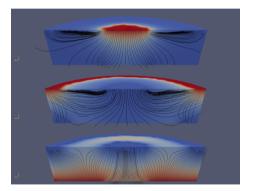




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Triple-ring electrodes





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Real Measurements









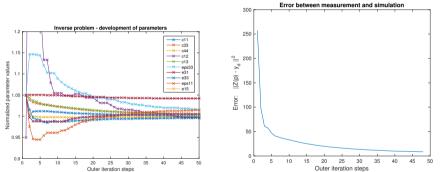
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Appropriate Version of AD-enabled Gauss-Newton Method





- None of the 10 (!) parameters diverges
- To the best of our knowledge this has not been possible with only one piezoceramic

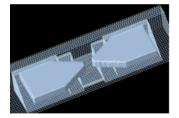


Optical Nano-Structures

State of the art: Nano-structures are used to confine light

Simple example: Bow-tie antenna

- metallic nano structure
- two triangles and gap
- Size: 100 nm (< $\lambda_{\text{light}}!$)
- intensity enhancement in gap







Possible Configurations



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Test Case: Quantum Wire

Cooperation with T. Meier, M. Reichelt, Dep. Physik, Uni Paderborn

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 $\exists \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \leftarrow$ adaptable light puls E(t)

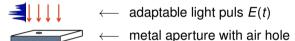




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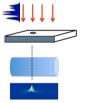




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Parameter: $A_i, \phi_i, \omega_i, t_i \Rightarrow$ up to 120!



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 \Rightarrow Three complex-valued coupled differential equations p, n_0 and n_1 distributed in space.





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= Maximize emitted radiation

$$I_{rad} = \left|\omega^2 P(\omega)\right|^2 = \left|\omega^2 2\operatorname{Re}(d\,p)\right|^2$$





Function Evaluation of $I_{rad}(f(g(x)))$

```
x[] \gets (phase[], amplitude[], width[], point[])
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for time=0 to Tfinal do
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Function Evaluation of $I_{rad}(f(g(x)))$

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x[] \gets (phase[], amplitude[], width[], point[])
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for time=0 to Tfinal do
    if (time >= Tobs && time < Tobs+dt)
        eval_time_step1(x,int_tar)
    else
        eval_time_step2(x,int_tar)
    end if
end for</pre>
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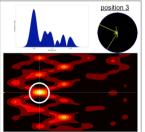
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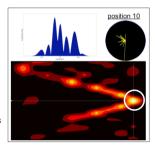
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excite

at same position
at same time
with same energy

optimize •for **same** t_{opt} •different positions



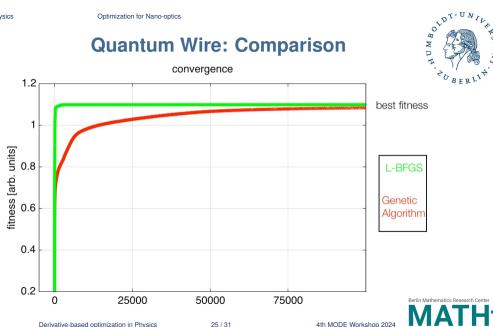
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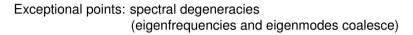
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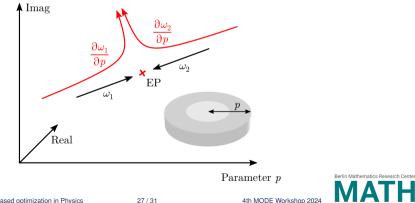
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 - control of light transport
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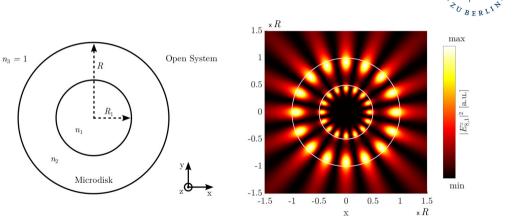
Calculation of EPs and Their Sensitivities

RPExpand Software for Riesz projection expansion of resonance phenomena by F. Betz, F. Binkowski, S. Burger

JCMSuite part of JCMWave (commercial software) based on FEM combined with efficient contour-integral method implements own AD approach



The Considered Setting





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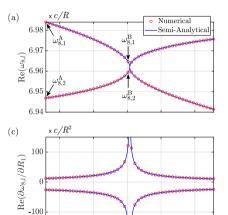
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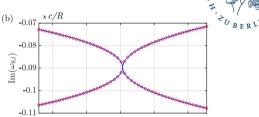
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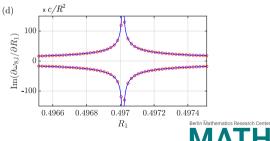
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0.4966

0.497

 R_1

0.4974

 $\times R$

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- AD for applications in physics:
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