



# Algorithmic differentiation: Sensitivity analysis and the computation of adjoints

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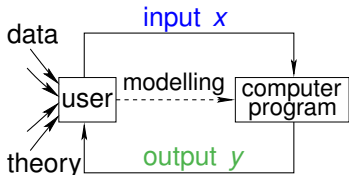
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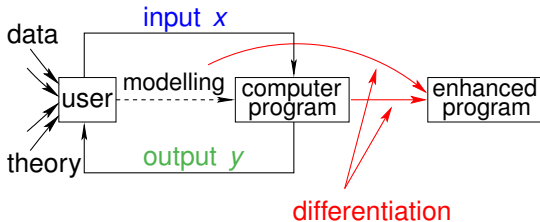
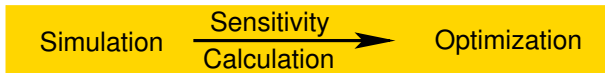
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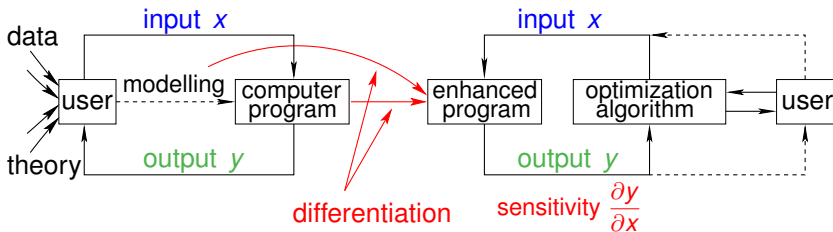
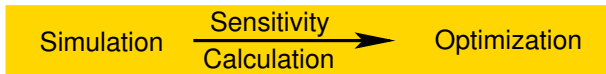
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- ▶ simple derivative calculation (only function evaluations!)
- ▶ inexact derivatives
- ▶ computation cost often too high

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





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- ▶ cost (common subexpression, implementation)

- ▶ legacy code with large number of lines  $\Rightarrow$   
closed form expression not available

- ▶ consistent derivative information?!



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read_input_file(argv[1], &code_control);

code_control.timestep_type = 0; // calculate timestep size like TAU

// read in CFD mesh
read_cfd_mesh(code_control.CFDmesh_name, &gridbase);
grid[0] = gridbase;

// remove mesh corner points arising more than once . . .
// e.g. for block structured area and at interface between
// block structured and unstructured area
remove_double_points(&gridbase, grid);

// write out mesh in tecliot format
write_pointdata( name, &(grid[0]));

// calculate metric of finest grid level
grid[0].xp[1][1] += 0.00000001; /*
calc_metric(&(grid[0]), &code_control);
puts("calc_metric ready");

// create coarse meshes for multigrid, calculate their metric
// and initialize forcing functions to zero
for (i = 1; i < code_control.nlevels; i++)
{ create_coarse_mesh(&(grid[i-1]), &(grid[i]));
  init2zero(&(grid[i]), grid[i].force);
}
puts("create_coarse_mesh ready");

// initialize flow field on all grid levels to free stream
// quantities
for (i = 0; i < code_control.nlevels; i++)
  init_field(&(grid[i]), &code_control);
puts("ini_field ready");

// if selected read restart file
if (code_control.restart == 1)
  read_restart("restart", grid, &code_control,
              &first_residual, &first_step);

// calculate primitive variables for all grid levels and
// initialize states at the boundary
for (i = 0; i < code_control.nlevels; i++)
{ cons2prim(&(grid[i]), &code_control);
  init_bdry_states(&(grid[i]));
}

// open file for writing convergence history
conv = fopen("conv.dat", "w");
fprintf(conv, "title = convergence\n");
fprintf(conv, "variables = iter, l2res, lift, drag\n");

level = 0;
printf("will perform %d steps\n", code_control.nsteps[level]);

// starting time of computation
t1 = time(&t1);

double lift, drag;

// loop over all multigrid cycles

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for (it = 0; it < code_control.nsteps[level]; it++)
{ double residual;
  *** = ***;
  drag = 0.0;

  // calculate actual weight of gradient needed for reconstruction
  if (sum_it+first_step <= code_control.start_2nd_order)
    weight = 0.0;
  else if (sum_it+first_step < code_control.full_2nd_order)
    weight = (double) (sum_it+first_step - code_control.start_2nd_order) /
              (code_control.full_2nd_order - code_control.start_2nd_o
rder);
  else
    weight = 1.0;

  // perform a multigrid cycle on current level
mg_cycle(grid[level], &code_control, weight, &residual);

// if current level is finest level, calculate boundary forces
// (lift and drag)
if (level == 0)
  calc_forces(grid, &code_control, &lift, &drag);

// set first l2-residual for normalization, if current cycle is
// the very first of the computation.
if ((sum_it + first_step) == 0)
  first_residual = (fabs(residual) > 1.0e-10) ? residual : 1.0;

// print out convergence information to file and standard output
printf("IT = %d %20.10e %20.10e %20.10e %4.2e\n",
       sum_it, residual / first_residual, lift, drag, weight);
fprintf(conv, "%d %20.10e %20.10e %20.10e\n",
       sum_it+first_step, residual / first_residual, lift, drag);
sum_it++;

}

// final time of computation
t2 = time(&t2);

// print out time needed for the time loop
printf("Zeit=%fs", difftime(t2, t1));
last_step = first_step + code_control.nsteps[0];

fclose(conv);

// map solution from cell centers to vertices
center2point(grid);

// write out field solution
write_eulerdata( "euler.dat", grid, &code_control);

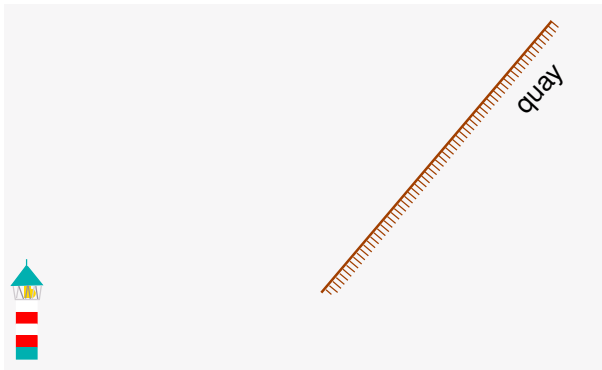
// write out solution on walls
write_surf( "euler-surf.dat", grid, &code_control);

// write restart file
write_restart("restart", grid, &code_control,
            first_residual, last_step);

return 0;
}

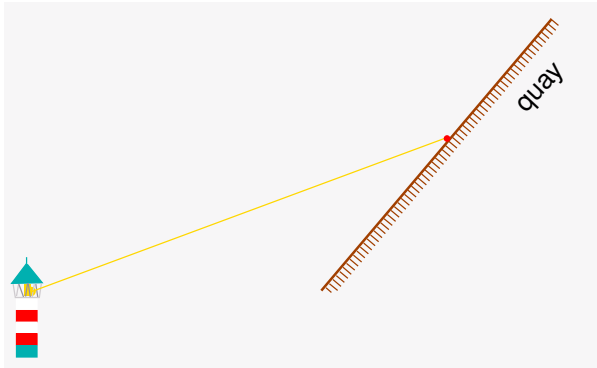
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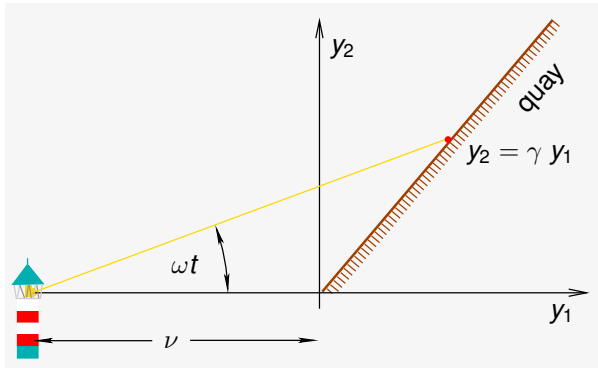
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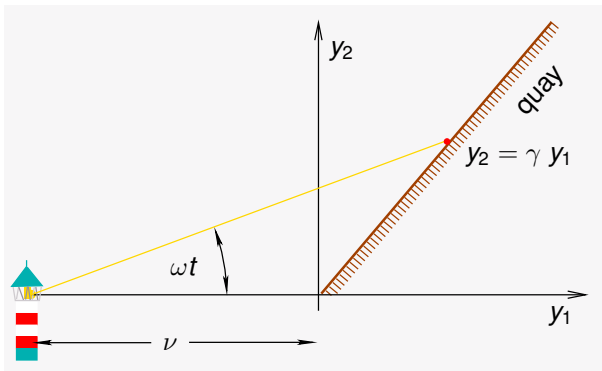
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## Evaluation Procedure (Lighthouse)

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$$v_0 = x_4 = t$$

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$$v_2 = \tan(v_1) \equiv \varphi_2(v_1)$$

$$v_3 = v_{-2} - v_2 \equiv \varphi_3(v_{-2}, v_2)$$

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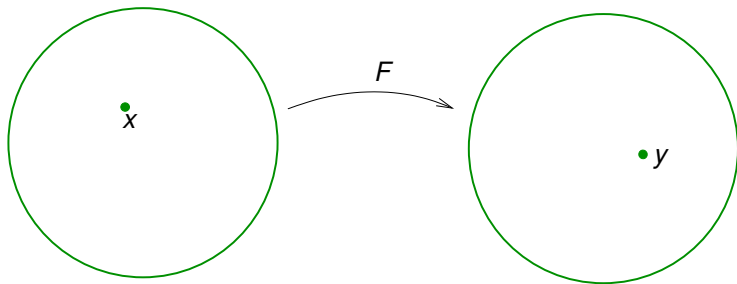
$$v_5 = v_4 / v_3 \equiv \varphi_5(v_4, v_3)$$

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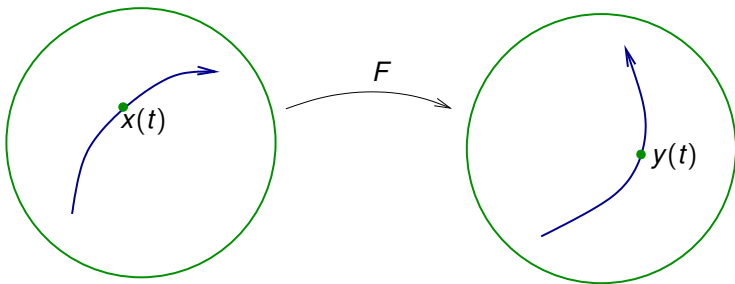
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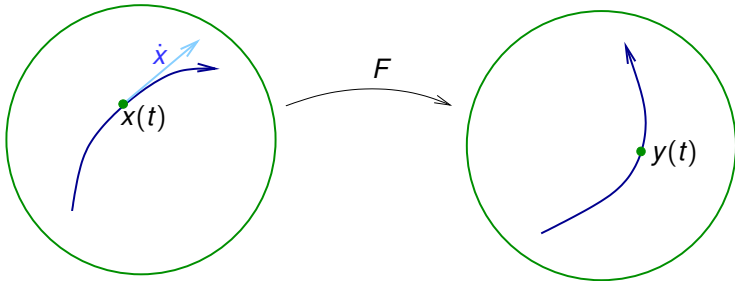
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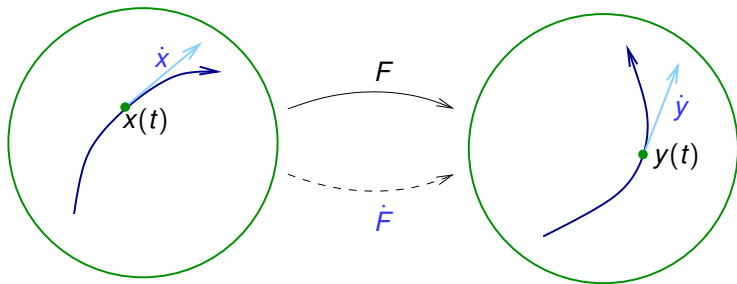
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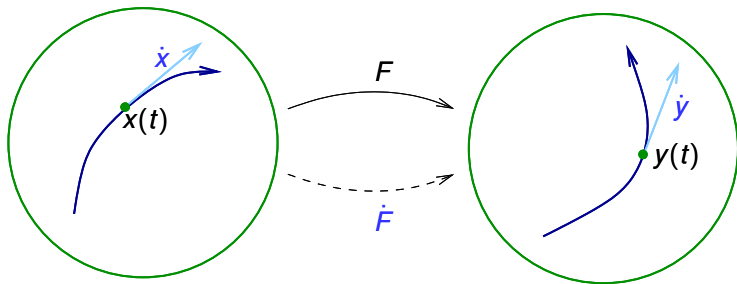
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$$\dot{y}(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F(x(t)) = F'(x(t)) \dot{x}(t) \equiv \dot{F}(x, \dot{x})$$

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$v_0$	$=$	$x_4 = t$	$\dot{v}_0$	$\equiv$	$\dot{x}_4$
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$v_1$	$=$	$v_{-1} * v_0$	$\dot{v}_1$	$=$	$\dot{v}_{-1} * v_0 + v_{-1} * \dot{v}_0$
$v_2$	$=$	$\tan(v_1)$	$\dot{v}_2$	$=$	$\dot{v}_1 / \cos(v_1)^2$
$v_3$	$=$	$v_{-2} - v_2$	$\dot{v}_3$	$=$	$\dot{v}_{-2} - \dot{v}_2$
$v_4$	$=$	$v_{-3} * v_2$	$\dot{v}_4$	$=$	$\dot{v}_{-3} * v_2 + v_{-3} * \dot{v}_2$
$v_5$	$=$	$v_4 / v_3$	$\dot{v}_5$	$=$	$(\dot{v}_4 - \dot{v}_3 * v_5) * (1/v_3)$
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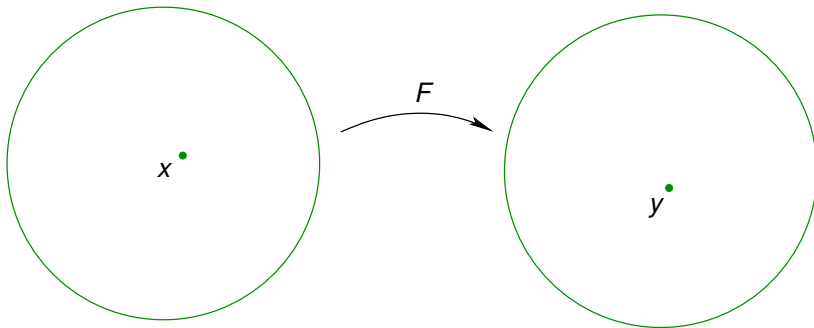
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void d1_f(double* x, double* d1_x, double* y, double* d1_y)
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//$ad dep y d1_y
{
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    ...
    double w1_5 = 0;      double d1_w1_5 = 0;

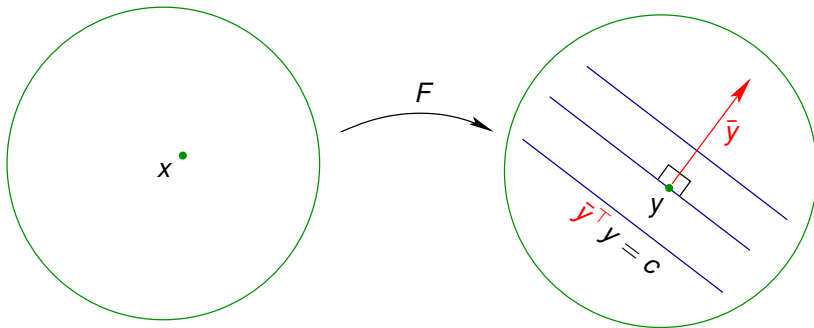
    d1_w1_0 = d1_x[2];    w1_0 = x[2];
    d1_w1_1 = d1_x[3];    w1_1 = x[3];
    d1_w1_2 = w1_1*d1_w1_0 + w1_0*d1_w1_1;
    w1_2 = w1_0*w1_1;
    d1_w1_3 = 1/(cos(w1_2)*cos(w1_2)) * d1_w1_2;
    w1_3 = tan(w1_2);
    ...
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```

using dcc 1.0 (U. Naumann, RWTH Aachen)

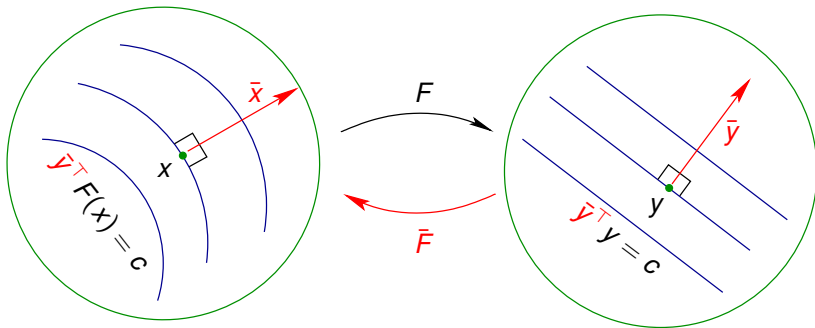
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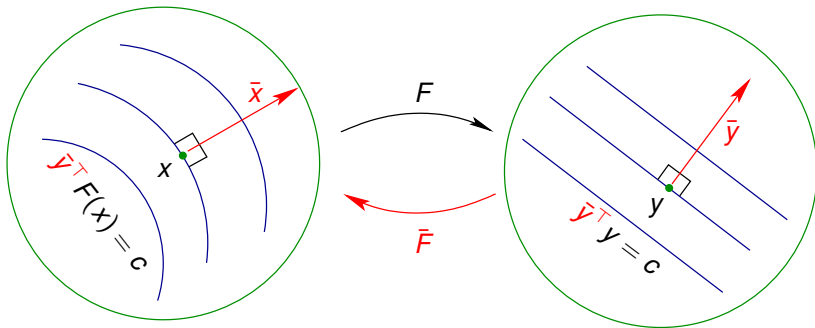
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## Reverse Mode (Lighthouse)

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$$Y_1 = V_5; \quad Y_2 = V_6;$$

$$\bar{V}_5 = \bar{Y}_1; \quad \bar{V}_6 = \bar{Y}_2;$$

$$\bar{V}_5 += \bar{V}_6 * V_{-2}; \quad \bar{V}_{-2} += \bar{V}_6 * V_5;$$

$$\bar{V}_4 += \bar{V}_5 / V_3; \quad \bar{V}_3 -= \bar{V}_5 * V_5 / V_3;$$

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$$\bar{V}_1 += \bar{V}_2 / \cos^2(V_1);$$

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## ... and the real code generated by dcc 1.0

```
void b1_f(int& bmode_1, double* x, double* b1_x, double* y, double* b1_y)
//$ad indep x b1_x b1_y
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  double w1_0 = 0;      double b1_w1_0 = 0;    ...
  double w1_5 = 0;      double b1_w1_5 = 0;
  int save_cs_c = 0;    save_cs_c = cs_c;
  if (bmode_1==1) { // augmented forward section
    cs[cs_c] = 0;       cs_c = cs_c+1;
    fds[fds_c] = v[0];  fds_c = fds_c+1;    v[0] = tan(x[2]*x[3]);
    ...
    fds[fds_c] = y[1];  fds_c = fds_c+1;    y[1] = x[1]*y[0];
  } while (cs_c>save_cs_c) { // reverse section
    cs_c = cs_c-1;
    if (cs[cs_c]==0) {
      fds_c = fds_c-1;  y[1] = fds[fds_c];
      w1_0 = x[1];      w1_1 = y[0];    w1_2 = w1_0*w1_1;
      b1_w1_2 = b1_y[1]; b1_y[1] = 0; // adjoint assignment
      b1_w1_0 = w1_1*b1_w1_2;  b1_w1_1 = w1_0*b1_w1_2;
      b1_y[0] = b1_y[0]+b1_w1_1;  b1_x[1] = b1_x[1]+b1_w1_0;    ...
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  }
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see [www.autodiff.org](http://www.autodiff.org), (Griewank, Walther 2008), (Naumann 2012)  
for more tools and literature

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- ▶ Combination:  $\text{OPS}(\bar{y}^\top F''(x)\dot{x}) \leq c \text{OPS}(F), \quad c \in [7, 10]$
- ▶ Cost of higher derivatives grows quadratically in the degree
- ▶ Nondifferentiability only on meager set
- ▶ Full Jacobians/Hessians often not needed or sparse

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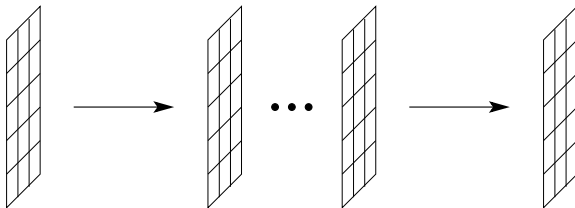
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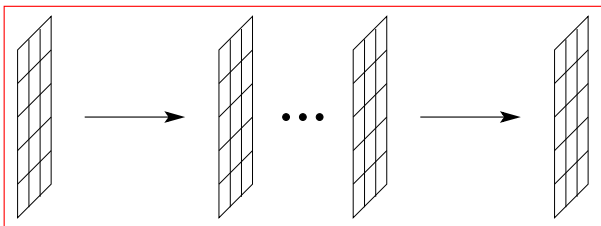


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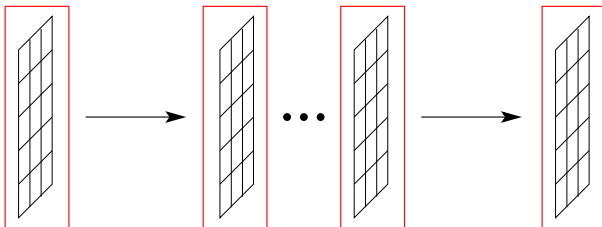
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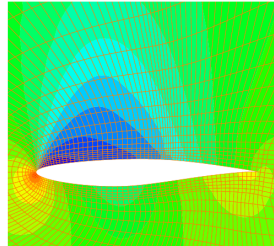
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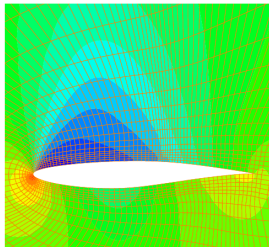


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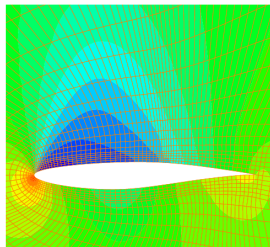
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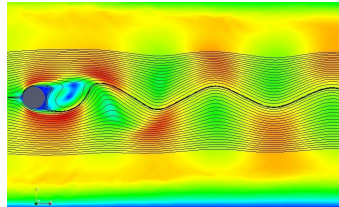


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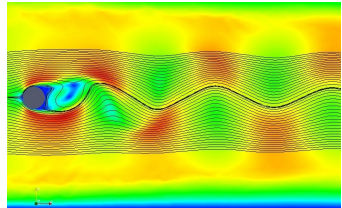
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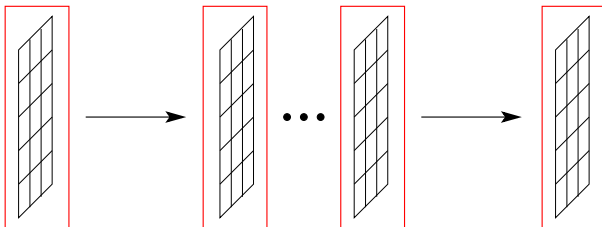


Approaches: Checkpointing in all variations, adjoint of one time step

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Berggren, Meidner, Vexler, ...
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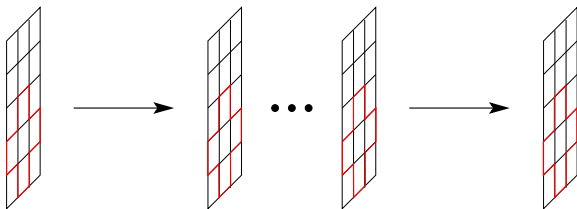
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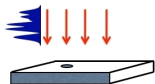


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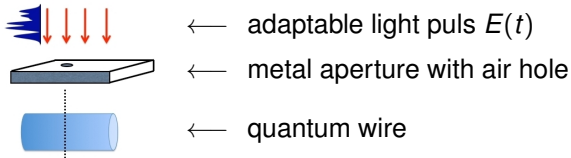
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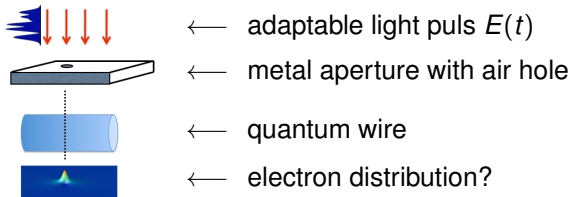
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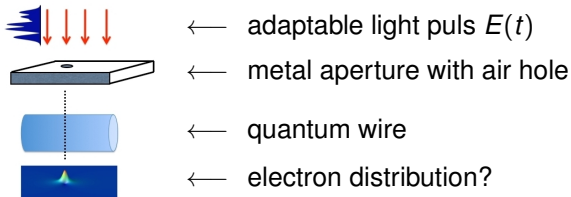
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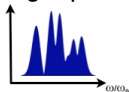
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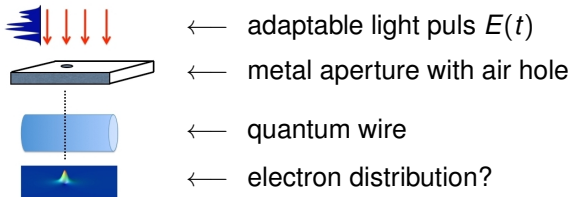


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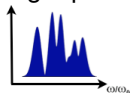
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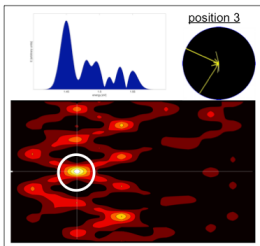
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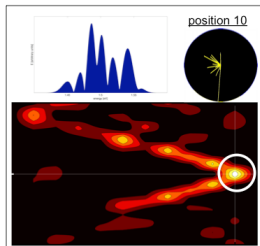


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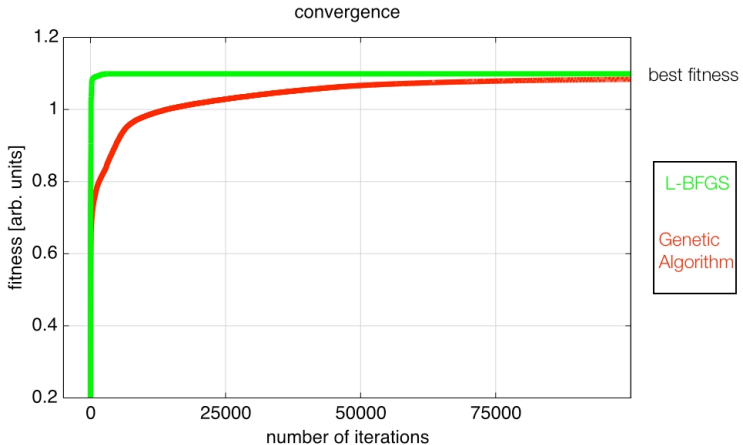
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(Walther, Reichelt, Meier 2011)



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