

Automatic Differentiation of C++ Codes With Sacado

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Outline

- Introduction to automatic differentiation
 - Forward mode via tangent propagation
- Sacado Trilinos package
 - Operator Overloading
- Differentiating large-scale element-based codes
 - Sacado::FEApp example FEM application
- Complications/advanced concepts
 - Explicit template instantiation
 - Conditionals/non-differentiability
 - Expression templates



What is Automatic Differentiation (AD)?

- Technique to compute analytic derivatives without hand-coding the derivative computation
- How does it work -- freshman calculus
 - Computations are composition of simple operations (+, *, sin(), etc...) with known derivatives
 - Derivatives computed line-by-line, combined via chain rule
- Derivatives accurate as original computation
 - No finite-difference truncation errors
- Provides analytic derivatives without the time and effort of hand-coding them

$$y = \sin(e^x + x \log x), \quad x = 2$$

$$x \leftarrow 2$$

$$t \leftarrow e^x$$

$$u \leftarrow \log x$$

$$v \leftarrow xu$$

$$w \leftarrow t + v$$

$$y \leftarrow \sin w$$

x	$\frac{d}{dx}$
2.000	1.000
7.389	7.389
0.301	0.500
0.602	1.301
7.991	8.690
0.991	-1.188

Related Methods

$$y = \sin(e^x + x \log x), \quad x = 2$$

Automatic Differentiation

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 x \leftarrow 2 & \frac{dx}{dx} \leftarrow 1 \\
 t_1 \leftarrow e^x & \frac{dt_1}{dx} \leftarrow t_1 \frac{dx}{dx} \\
 t_2 \leftarrow \log x & \frac{dt_2}{dx} \leftarrow \frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{dx} \\
 t_3 \leftarrow x t_2 & \frac{dt_3}{dx} \leftarrow t_2 \frac{dx}{dx} + x \frac{dt_2}{dx} \\
 t_4 \leftarrow t_1 + t_3 & \frac{dt_4}{dx} \leftarrow \frac{dt_1}{dx} + \frac{dt_3}{dx} \\
 y \leftarrow \sin t_4 & \frac{dy}{dx} \leftarrow \cos(t_4) \frac{dt_4}{dx}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 7.233\ 340\ 400\ 802\ 3158$$

Symbolic Differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \cos(e^x + x \log x) \cdot \\
 &\quad (e^x + \log x + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x \leftarrow 2 \\
 t_1 \leftarrow e^x \\
 t_2 \leftarrow \log x \\
 t_3 \leftarrow x t_2 \\
 t_4 \leftarrow t_1 + t_3 \\
 y \leftarrow \sin t_4
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 s_1 \leftarrow \cos t_4 \\
 s_2 \leftarrow t_1 + t_2 \\
 s_3 \leftarrow s_2 + 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \leftarrow s_1 s_3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 7.233\ 340\ 400\ 802\ 3167$$

Finite Differencing

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &\approx \frac{y(2 + \varepsilon) - y(2)}{\varepsilon} \\
 &\approx 7.233\ 343\ 187
 \end{aligned}$$



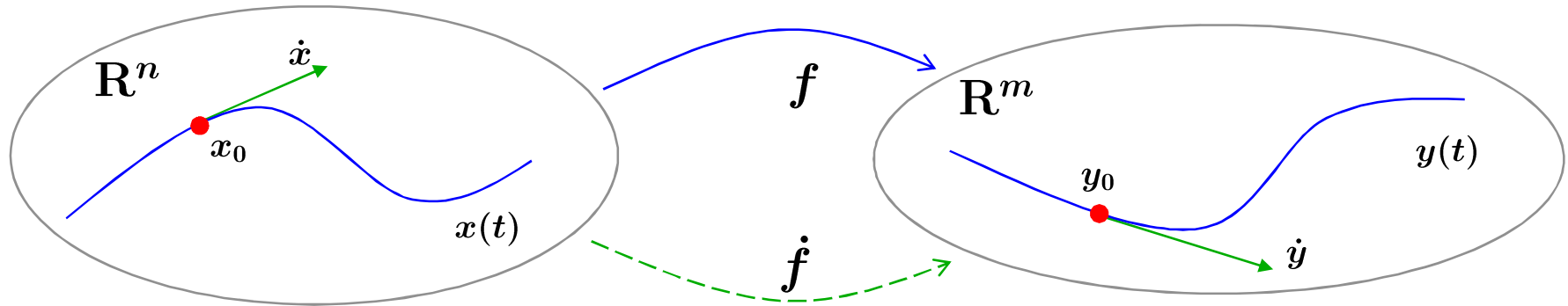
Why is this important?

- We need analytic first & higher derivatives for predictive simulations
 - Computational design, optimization and parameter estimation
 - Stability analysis
 - Uncertainty quantification
 - Verification and validation
- Analytic derivatives improve robustness and efficiency
- Infeasible to expect application developers to code analytic derivatives
 - Time consuming, error prone, and difficult to verify
 - Thousands of possible parameters in a large code
 - Developers must understand what derivatives are needed
- Automatic differentiation solves these problems



Tangent Propagation

$$y = f(x), f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$



- Tangents

$$y(t) = f(x(t)) \implies \dot{y} \equiv \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \dot{x}$$

- For each intermediate operation

$$c = \varphi(a, b) \implies \dot{c} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial a} \dot{a} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial b} \dot{b}$$

- Tangents map forward through evaluation

Operation	Tangent Rule
$c = a + b$	$\dot{c} = \dot{a} + \dot{b}$
$c = a - b$	$\dot{c} = \dot{a} - \dot{b}$
$c = ab$	$\dot{c} = a\dot{b} + \dot{a}b$
$c = a/b$	$\dot{c} = (\dot{a} - c\dot{b})/b$
$c = a^b$	$\dot{c} = c(\dot{b} \log(a) + \dot{a}b/a)$
$c = \sin(a)$	$\dot{c} = \cos(a)\dot{a}$
$c = \log(a)$	$\dot{c} = \dot{a}/a$



A Simple Tangent Example

$$y_1 = \sin(e^{x_1} + x_1 x_2)$$

$$y_2 = \frac{y_1}{y_1 + x_1^2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given $x_1, x_2, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2$:

$$s_1 \leftarrow e^{x_1}$$

$$\dot{s}_1 \leftarrow s_1 \dot{x}_1$$

$$s_2 \leftarrow x_1 x_2$$

$$\dot{s}_2 \leftarrow x_1 \dot{x}_2 + \dot{x}_1 x_2$$

$$s_3 \leftarrow s_1 + s_2$$

$$\dot{s}_3 \leftarrow \dot{s}_1 + \dot{s}_2$$

$$y_1 \leftarrow \sin(s_3)$$

$$\dot{y}_1 \leftarrow \cos(s_3) \dot{s}_3$$

$$s_4 \leftarrow x_1^2$$

$$\dot{s}_4 \leftarrow 2x_1 \dot{x}_1$$

$$s_5 \leftarrow y_1 + s_4$$

$$\dot{s}_5 \leftarrow \dot{y}_1 + \dot{s}_4$$

$$y_2 \leftarrow y_1 / s_5$$

$$\dot{y}_2 \leftarrow (\dot{y}_1 - y_2 \dot{s}_5) / s_5$$

Return $y_1, y_2, \dot{y}_1, \dot{y}_2$



Forward Mode AD via Tangent Propagation

- Choice of space curve $x(t)$ is arbitrary
- Tangent $\dot{y}$ depends only on $x_0, \dot{x}$
- Given x_0 and v :

$$y(t) = f(x_0 + vt) \implies \dot{y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0} v \quad \text{Jacobian vector product}$$

- Propagate p vectors $v_1, \dots, v_p$ simultaneously

$$[\dot{y}_1 \dots \dot{y}_p] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0} [v_1 \dots v_p] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0} V \quad \text{Jacobian matrix product}$$

- Forward mode AD:

$$(x, V) \rightarrow \left(f(x), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} V \right)$$

- V is called the seed matrix. Setting equal to identity matrix yields full Jacobian
- Computational cost $\approx (1 + 1.5p)\text{time}(f)$

- Jacobian-vector products, directional derivatives, Jacobians for $m \geq n$



Other AD Modes

- Reverse mode (gradient propagation)

$$(x, W) \rightarrow \left(f(x), \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^T W \right)$$

- Gradients of scalar valued functions
- Jacobian-transpose matrix-vector products
- Computational cost (matrix W has q columns) $\approx (1.5 + 2.5q)\text{time}(f)$

- Taylor polynomial mode (univariate truncated Taylor series propagation)

- Extension of tangent propagation to higher degree
- Given $d + 1$ coefficients $x_0, \dots, x_d \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$x(t) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^d x_k t^k, \quad y(t) \equiv f(x(t)) = \sum_{k=0}^d y_k t^k + O(t^{d+1})$$

$$y_k \equiv \left. \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k y}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0} = y_k(x_0, \dots, x_d)$$

- Computational cost $\approx O(d^2)\text{time}(f)$

- Modes can be combined for various higher derivatives



Software Implementations

- Source transformation
 - Preprocessor reads code to be differentiated, uses AD to generate derivative code, writes-out differentiated code in original source language which is then compiled using a standard compiler
 - Resulting derivative computation is usually very efficient
 - Works well for simple languages (FORTRAN, some C)
 - ADIFOR, ADIC out of Argonne
 - Extremely difficult for C++ (no existing tool)
- Operator overloading
 - New data types are created for forward, reverse, Taylor modes, and intrinsic operations/elementary operations are overloaded to compute derivatives as a side-effect
 - Generally easy to incorporate into C++ codes
 - Generally slower than source transformation due to function call overhead
 - Requires changing data types from floats/doubles to AD types
 - C++ templates greatly help
 - ADOL-C (slow), FAD/TFAD (fast)

ADIFOR* Example

```
subroutine func(x, y)
C
C  double precision x(2), y(2), u, v, w
C
C  u = exp(x(1))
C  v = x(1)*x(2)
C  w = u+v
C  y(1) = sin(w)
C
C  u = x(1)**2
C  v = y(1) + u
C  y(2) = y(1)/v
C
C  return
C  end
```

```
subroutine g_func(g_p_, x, g_x, ldg_x, y, g_y, ldg_y)
```

C

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Initializations removed for clarity

```
d2_v = exp(x(1))
```

```
d1_p = d2_v
```

```
do g_i_ = 1, g_p_
```

```
g_u(g_i_) = d1_p * g_x(g_i_, 1)
```

```
enddo
```

```
u = d2_v
```

C-----

```
do g_i_ = 1, g_p_
```

```
g_v(g_i_) = x(1) * g_x(g_i_, 2) + x(2) * g_x(g_i_, 1)
```

```
enddo
```

```
v = x(1) * x(2)
```

C-----

```
do g_i_ = 1, g_p_
```

```
g_w(g_i_) = g_v(g_i_) + g_u(g_i_)
```

```
enddo
```

```
w = u + v
```

C-----

```
d2_v = sin(w)
```

```
d1_p = cos(w)
```

```
do g_i_ = 1, g_p_
```

```
g_y(g_i_, 1) = d1_p * g_w(g_i_)
```

```
enddo
```

```
y(1) = d2_v
```

C-----

C

C

C

C

continues

*ADIFOR 2.0D

www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/autodiff/ADIFOR/

Operator Overloading Example

```
void func(const double x[], double y[]) {  
    double u, v, w;  
    u = exp(x[0]);  
    v = x[0]*x[1];  
    w = u+v;  
    y[0] = sin(w);  
  
    u = x[0]*x[0];  
    v = y[0] + u;  
    y[1] = y[0]/v;  
}
```

```
void func(const Tangent x[], Tangent y[]) {  
    Tangent u, v, w;  
    u = exp(x[0]);  
    v = x[0]*x[1];  
    w = u+v;  
    y[0] = sin(w);  
  
    u = x[0]*x[0];  
    v = y[0] + u;  
    y[1] = y[0]/v;  
}
```

```
template <typename T>  
void func(const T x[], T y[]) {  
    T u, v, w;  
    u = exp(x[0]);  
    v = x[0]*x[1];  
    w = u+v;  
    y[0] = sin(w);  
  
    u = x[0]*x[0];  
    v = y[0] + u;  
    y[1] = y[0]/v;  
}
```

```
class Tangent {  
public:  
    static const int N = 2;  
    double val;  
    double dot[N];  
};
```

```
Tangent exp(const Tangent& a) {  
    Tangent c;  
    c.val = exp(a.val);  
    for (int i=0; i<Tangent::N; i++)  
        c.dot[i] = c.val * a.dot[i];  
    return c;  
}
```

```
Tangent operator*(const Tangent& a, const Tangent& b) {  
    Tangent c;  
    c.val = a.val * b.val;  
    for (int i=0; i<Tangent::N; i++)  
        c.dot[i] = a.val * b.dot[i] + a.dot[i]*b.val;  
    return c;  
}
```

```
Tangent operator+(const Tangent& a, const Tangent& b) {  
    Tangent c;  
    c.val = a.val + b.val;  
    for (int i=0; i<Tangent::N; i++)  
        c.dot[i] = a.dot[i] + b.dot[i];  
    return c;  
}
```

```
Tangent sin(const Tangent& a) {  
    Tangent c;  
    c.val = sin(a.val);  
    double t = cos(a.val);  
    for (int i=0; i<Tangent::N; i++)  
        c.dot[i] = t * a.dot[i];  
    return c;  
}
```



Sacado: AD Tools for C++ Codes

- Sacado provides several modes of Automatic Differentiation (AD)
 - Forward (Jacobians, Jacobian-vector products, ...)
 - Reverse (Gradients, Jacobian-transpose-vector products, ...)
 - Taylor (High-order univariate Taylor series)
- Sacado implements AD via operator overloading and C++ templating
 - Expression templates for OO efficiency
 - Application code templating for easy incorporation
- Designed for use in large-scale C++ codes
 - Apply AD at “element-level”
 - Very successful in Charon application code
 - `Sacado::FEApp` example demonstrates approach
- Sacado provides other useful utilities
 - Scalar flop counting (Ross Bartlett)
 - Scalar parameter library
 - Template utilities



The Usual Suspects

- Configure options
 - `--enable-sacado` — Enables Sacado at Trilinos top-level
 - `--enable-sacado-tests`, `--enable-tests` — Enables unit, regression, and performance tests
 - `--with-cppunit-prefix=[path]` — Path to CppUnit for unit tests
 - `--with-adolc=[path]` — Enables Taylor polynomial unit tests with ADOL-C
 - `--enable-sacado-examples`, `--enable-examples` — Enables examples
 - `nox/examples/epetra/LOCA_Sacado_FEApp` — Continuation example using `Sacado::FEApp` 1D finite element application
- Mailing lists
 - Sacado-announce@software.sandia.gov, Sacado-checkins@software.sandia.gov,
Sacado-developers@software.sandia.gov, Sacado-regression@software.sandia.gov,
Sacado-users@software.sandia.gov
- Bugzilla: <http://software.sandia.gov/bugzilla>
- Bonsai: <http://software.sandia.gov/bonsai/cvsqueryform.cgi>
- Web: <http://software.sandia.gov/Trilinos/packages/sacado> (not much there yet)
- Doxygen documentation (not all that useful)
- Examples are best way to learn how to use Sacado



Using Sacado

- As always: `#include "Sacado.hpp"`
- All relevant classes/functions are templated on the Scalar type:
- Forward AD classes:
 - `Sacado::Fad::DFad<ScalarT>`: Derivative array is allocated dynamically
 - `Sacado::Fad::SFad<ScalarT>`: Derivative array is allocated statically and dimension must be known at compile time
 - `Sacado::Fad::SLFad<ScalarT>`: Like SFad except allocated length may be greater than "used" length
- Reverse mode AD classes:
 - `Sacado::ADvar<ScalarT>` (`Sacado_trad.h`)
- Taylor polynomial classes:
 - `Sacado::Taylor::DTaylor<ScalarT>`



How to use Sacado

- Template code to be differentiated: `double -> ScalarT`

```
class foo {  
public:  
    foo(double x) : x_(x) {}  
    double bar(double y) { ... }  
private:  
    double x_;  
};  
  
double my_func(double a, double b) { ... }
```



```
template <typename ScalarT>  
class foo {  
public:  
    foo(const ScalarT& x) : x_(x) {}  
    ScalarT bar(const ScalarT& y) { ... }  
private:  
    ScalarT x_;  
};  
  
template <typename ScalarT>  
ScalarT my_func(const ScalarT& a, const ScalarT& b) { ... }
```

- Replace independent/dependent variables with AD variables
- Initialize seed matrix
 - Derivative array of i'th independent variable is i'th row of seed matrix
- Evaluate function on AD variables
 - Instantiates template classes/functions
- Extract derivatives
 - Forward: Derivative components of dependent variables
 - Reverse: Derivative components of independent variables



sacado/example/dfad_example.cpp

```
// The function to differentiate
```

```
double func(double a, double b, double c) {  
    double r = c*std::log(b+1.)/std::sin(a);  
  
    return r;  
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    double a = std::atan(1.0);           // pi/4  
    double b = 2.0;  
    double c = 3.0;
```

```
// Compute function  
double r = func(a, b, c);
```



Differentiating Element-Based Codes

- Global residual computation (ignoring boundary computations):

$$f(\dot{x}, x) = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T e_{k_i}(P_i \dot{x}, P_i x)$$

- Jacobian computation:

$$\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T \left(\alpha \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial \dot{x}_i} + \beta \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial x_i} \right) P_i, \quad \dot{x}_i, x_i = P_i \dot{x}, P_i x$$

- Jacobian-transpose product computation:

$$w^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sum_{i=1}^N (Q_i w)^T \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial x} P_i$$

- Hybrid symbolic/AD procedure
 - Element-level derivatives computed via AD
 - Exactly the same as how you would do this “manually”
 - Avoids parallelization issues



Sacado FEApp Example Application

- General 1D finite element application
 - Simple enough to be easily understood
 - Demonstrate complexity seen in real applications
- Currently implements two “physics”
 - Heat equation with nonlinear source

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f(u), \quad f(u) = \alpha u^2 \text{ or } f(u) = \alpha u^3$$
$$u(0, t) = u_0, u(1, t) = u_1$$

- Brusselator

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \alpha - (\beta + 1)u + vu^2$$
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = D_2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \beta u - vu^2$$
$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = \alpha$$
$$v(0, t) = v(1, t) = \beta/\alpha$$

- Source lives in Sacado
 - `sacado/example/FEApp`
- Drivers live in other package directories, e.g.,
 - `nox/example/epetra/LOCA_Sacado_FEApp`



FEApp::Application

```
namespace FEApp {
class Application {
public:

    //! Constructor
    Application(const std::vector<double>& coords, const Teuchos::RCP<const Epetra_Comm>& comm,
               const Teuchos::RCP<Teuchos::ParameterList>& params, bool is_transient);

    //! Compute global residual
    void computeGlobalResidual(const Epetra_Vector* xdot, const Epetra_Vector& x,
                              const Sacado::ScalarParameterVector* p, Epetra_Vector& f);

    //! Compute global Jacobian
    void computeGlobalJacobian(double alpha, double beta, const Epetra_Vector* xdot, const Epetra_Vector& x,
                               const Sacado::ScalarParameterVector* p, Epetra_Vector* f, Epetra_CrsMatrix& jac);

protected:

    bool transient;                //! Is problem transient
    Teuchos::RCP<FEApp::AbstractDiscretization> disc;    //! Element discretization
    std::vector<Teuchos::RCP<FEApp::NodeBC>> bc;        //! Boundary conditions
    Teuchos::RCP<const FEApp::AbstractQuadrature> quad;  //! Quadrature rule
    FEApp::AbstractPDE_TemplateManager<ValidTypes> pdeTM;  //! PDE equations
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector> initial_x;             //! Initial solution vector
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Import> importer;              //! Importer for overlapped data
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Export> exporter;              //! Exporter for overlapped data
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector> overlapped_x;          //! Overlapped solution vector
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector> overlapped_xdot;       //! Overlapped time derivative vector
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector> overlapped_f;          //! Overlapped residual vector
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_CrsMatrix> overlapped_jac;      //! Overlapped Jacobian matrix
    Teuchos::RCP<Sacado::ScalarParameterLibrary> paramLib;  //! Parameter library

};
}
```

FEApp::Application::computeGlobalResidual

```
void FEApp::Application::computeGlobalResidual(const Epetra_Vector* xdot, const Epetra_Vector& x,
                                              const Sacado::ScalarParameterVector* p, Epetra_Vector& f) {
    // Scatter x, xdot to the overlapped distribution
    overlapped_x->Import(x, *importer, Insert);
    if (transient) overlapped_xdot->Import(*xdot, *importer, Insert);

    // Set parameters
    if (p != NULL)
        for (unsigned int i=0; i<p->size(); ++i)
            (*p)[i].family->setRealValueForAllTypes((*p)[i].baseValue);

    // Zero out overlapped residual
    overlapped_f->PutScalar(0.0);

    // Create residual init/post op
    Teuchos::RCP<FEApp::ResidualOp> op =
        Teuchos::rcp(new FEApp::ResidualOp(overlapped_xdot, overlapped_x, overlapped_f));

    // Get template PDE instantiation
    Teuchos::RCP< FEApp::AbstractPDE<ResidualOp::fill_type> > pde = pdeTM.getAsObject<ResidualOp::fill_type>();

    // Do global fill
    FEApp::GlobalFill<ResidualOp::fill_type> globalFill(disc->getMesh(), quad, pde, bc, transient);
    globalFill.computeGlobalFill(*op);

    // Assemble global residual
    f.Export(*overlapped_f, *exporter, Add);
}
```

$$f(\dot{x}, x) = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T e_{k_i}(P_i \dot{x}, P_i x)$$

FEApp::Application::computeGlobalJacobian

```
void FEApp::Application::computeGlobalJacobian(double alpha, double beta, const Epetra_Vector* xdot,
                                              const Epetra_Vector& x, const Sacado::ScalarParameterVector* p,
                                              Epetra_Vector* f, Epetra_CrsMatrix& jac) {
```

```
    // Scatter x, xdot to the overlapped distribution
```

```
    overlapped_x->Import(x, *importer, Insert);
```

```
    if (transient) overlapped_xdot->Import(*xdot, *importer, Insert);
```

```
    // Set parameters
```

```
    if (p != NULL)
```

```
        for (unsigned int i=0; i<p->size(); ++i)
```

```
            (*p)[i].family->setRealValueForAllTypes((*p)[i].baseValue);
```

```
    // Zero out overlapped residual, Jacobian
```

```
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector> overlapped_ff;
```

```
    if (f != NULL) { overlapped_ff = overlapped_f; overlapped_ff->PutScalar(0.0); }
```

```
    overlapped_jac->PutScalar(0.0);
```

```
    // Create Jacobian init/post op
```

```
    Teuchos::RCP<FEApp::JacobianOp> op =
```

```
        Teuchos::rcp(new FEApp::JacobianOp(alpha, beta, overlapped_xdot, overlapped_x, overlapped_ff,
                                           overlapped_jac));
```

```
    // Get template PDE instantiation
```

```
    Teuchos::RCP< FEApp::AbstractPDE<JacobianOp::fill_type> > pde = pdeTM.getAsObject<JacobianOp::fill_type>();
```

```
    // Do global fill
```

```
    FEApp::GlobalFill<JacobianOp::fill_type> globalFill(disc->getMesh(), quad, pde, bc, transient);
```

```
    globalFill.computeGlobalFill(*op);
```

```
    // Assemble global residual, Jacobian
```

```
    if (f != NULL) f->Export(*overlapped_f, *exporter, Add);
```

```
    jac.Export(*overlapped_jac, *exporter, Add);
```

```
    jac.FillComplete(true);
```

```
}
```

$$\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T \left(\alpha \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial \dot{x}_i} + \beta \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial x_i} \right) P_i$$

FEApp::GlobalFill

```
namespace FEApp {
  template <typename ScalarT>
  class GlobalFill {
  public:

    // Constructor
    GlobalFill(const Teuchos::RCP<const FEApp::Mesh>& elementMesh,
              const Teuchos::RCP<const FEApp::AbstractQuadrature>& quadRule,
              const Teuchos::RCP< FEApp::AbstractPDE<ScalarT> >& pdeEquations,
              const std::vector< Teuchos::RCP<FEApp::NodeBC> >& nodeBCs,
              bool is_transient);

    // Compute global fill
    void computeGlobalFill(FEApp::AbstractInitPostOp<ScalarT>& initPostOp);

  protected:

    Teuchos::RCP<const FEApp::Mesh> mesh;           // Element mesh
    Teuchos::RCP<const FEApp::AbstractQuadrature> quad; // Quadrature rule
    Teuchos::RCP< FEApp::AbstractPDE<ScalarT> > pde; // PDE Equations
    std::vector< Teuchos::RCP<FEApp::NodeBC> > bc; // Node boundary conditions
    bool transient; // Are we transient?
    unsigned int nnode; // Number of nodes per element
    unsigned int neqn; // Number of PDE equations
    unsigned int ndof; // Number of element-level DOF

    std::vector<ScalarT> elem_x; // Element solution variables
    std::vector<ScalarT>* elem_xdot; // Element time derivative variables
    std::vector<ScalarT> elem_f; // Element residual variables
    std::vector<ScalarT> node_x; // Node solution variables
    std::vector<ScalarT>* node_xdot; // Node time derivative variables
    std::vector<ScalarT> node_f; // Node residual variables
  };
}
```

FEApp::GlobalFill::computeGlobalFill

```
template <typename ScalarT>
void FEApp::GlobalFill<ScalarT>::computeGlobalFill(FEApp::AbstractInitPostOp<ScalarT>& initPostOp)
{
    // Loop over elements
    Teuchos::RCP<const FEApp::AbstractElement> e;
    for (FEApp::Mesh::const_iterator eit=mesh->begin(); eit!=mesh->end(); ++eit) {
        e = *eit;

        // Zero out element residual
        for (unsigned int i=0; i<ndof; i++)
            elem_f[i] = 0.0;

        initPostOp.elementInit(*e, neqn, elem_xdot, elem_x); // Initialize element solution

        pde->evaluateElementResidual(*quad, *e, elem_xdot, elem_x, elem_f); // Compute element residual

        initPostOp.elementPost(*e, neqn, elem_f); // Post-process element residual
    }

    // Loop over boundary conditions
    for (std::size_t i=0; i<bc.size(); i++) {
        if (bc[i]->isOwned() || bc[i]->isShared()) {
            // Zero out node residual
            for (unsigned int j=0; j<neqn; j++)
                node_f[j] = 0.0;

            initPostOp.nodeInit(*bc[i], neqn, node_xdot, node_x); // Initialize node solution

            bc[i]->getStrategy<ScalarT>()->evaluateResidual(node_xdot, node_x, node_f); // Compute node residual

            initPostOp.nodePost(*bc[i], neqn, node_f); // Post-process node residual
        }
    }
}
```

$$f(\dot{x}, x) = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T e_{k_i}(P_i \dot{x}, P_i x)$$



FEApp::JacobianOp

```
namespace FEApp {
class JacobianOp : public FEApp::AbstractInitPostOp< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> > {
public:
    //! Constructor
    JacobianOp(double alpha, double beta, const Teuchos::RCP<const Epetra_Vector>& overlapped_xdot,
               const Teuchos::RCP<const Epetra_Vector>& overlapped_x,
               const Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector>& overlapped_f,
               const Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_CrsMatrix>& overlapped_jac);

    //! Evaluate element init operator
    virtual void elementInit(const FEApp::AbstractElement& e, unsigned int neqn,
                             std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >* elem_xdot,
                             std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >& elem_x);

    //! Evaluate element post operator
    virtual void elementPost(const FEApp::AbstractElement& e, unsigned int neqn,
                              std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >& elem_f);

    //! Evaluate node init operator
    virtual void nodeInit(const FEApp::NodeBC& bc, unsigned int neqn,
                           std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >* node_xdot,
                           std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >& node_x);

    //! Evaluate node post operator
    virtual void nodePost(const FEApp::NodeBC& bc, unsigned int neqn,
                           std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >& node_f);

protected:
    double m_coeff;           //! Coefficient of mass matrix
    double j_coeff;           //! Coefficient of Jacobian matrix
    Teuchos::RCP<const Epetra_Vector> xdot; //! Time derivative vector (may be null)
    Teuchos::RCP<const Epetra_Vector> x;    //! Solution vector
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_Vector> f;         //! Residual vector
    Teuchos::RCP<Epetra_CrsMatrix> jac;     //! Jacobian matrix
};
}
```

FEApp::JacobianOp::elementInit

```
void FEApp::JacobianOp::elementInit(const FEApp::AbstractElement& e, unsigned int neqn,
                                     std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >* elem_xdot,
                                     std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >& elem_x) {
```

```
    unsigned int node_GID;           // Global node ID
    unsigned int firstDOF;           // Local ID of first DOF
    unsigned int nnode = e.numNodes(); // Number of nodes
    unsigned int ndof = nnode*neqn;   // Number of dof
```

```
    // Copy element solution
```

```
    for (unsigned int i=0; i<nnode; i++) {
```

```
        node_GID = e.nodeGID(i);
        firstDOF = x->Map().LID(node_GID*neqn);
```

```
        for (unsigned int j=0; j<neqn; j++) {
```

```
            elem_x[neqn*i+j] = Sacado::Fad::DFad<double>(ndof, (*x)[firstDOF+j]);
            elem_x[neqn*i+j].fastAccessDx(neqn*i+j) = j_coeff;
```

```
            if (elem_xdot != NULL) {
                (*elem_xdot)[neqn*i+j] = Sacado::Fad::DFad<double>(ndof, (*xdot)[firstDOF+j]);
                (*elem_xdot)[neqn*i+j].fastAccessDx(neqn*i+j) = m_coeff;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

$$\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T \left(\alpha \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial \dot{x}_i} + \beta \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial x_i} \right) P_i$$



FEApp::HeatNonlinearSourcePDE

```
namespace FEApp {
    template <typename ScalarT>
    class HeatNonlinearSourcePDE : public FEApp::AbstractPDE<ScalarT> {
    public:

        //! Constructor
        HeatNonlinearSourcePDE(const Teuchos::RCP< const FEApp::AbstractSourceFunction<ScalarT> >& src_func);

        //! Initialize PDE
        virtual void init(unsigned int numQuadPoints, unsigned int numNodes);

        //! Evaluate discretized PDE element-level residual
        virtual void
        evaluateElementResidual(const FEApp::AbstractQuadrature& quadRule,
                                const FEApp::AbstractElement& element,
                                const std::vector<ScalarT>* dot,
                                const std::vector<ScalarT>& solution,
                                std::vector<ScalarT>& residual);

    protected:

        Teuchos::RCP< const FEApp::AbstractSourceFunction<ScalarT> > source; //! Source function
        unsigned int num_qp; //! Number of quad points
        unsigned int num_nodes; //! Number of nodes
        std::vector< std::vector<double> > phi; //! Shape function values
        std::vector< std::vector<double> > dphi; //! Shape function derivative
        std::vector<double> jac; //! Element transformation Jacobian
        std::vector<ScalarT> u; //! Discretized solution
        std::vector<ScalarT> du; //! Discretized solution derivative
        std::vector<ScalarT> udot; //! Discretized time derivative
        std::vector<ScalarT> f; //! Source function values
    };
}
```

FEApp::HeatNonlinearSourcePDE:: evaluateElementResidual

```
template <typename ScalarT> void FEApp::HeatNonlinearSourcePDE<ScalarT>::
evaluateElementResidual(const FEApp::AbstractQuadrature& quadRule, const FEApp::AbstractElement& element,
                        const std::vector<ScalarT>* dot, const std::vector<ScalarT>& solution,
                        std::vector<ScalarT>& residual) {
```

```
    const std::vector<double>& xi = quadRule.quadPoints();
    const std::vector<double>& w = quadRule.weights();
```

// Quadrature points

// Weights

```
    element.evaluateShapes(xi, phi);
    element.evaluateShapeDerivs(xi, dphi);
    element.evaluateJacobian(xi, jac);
```

// Evaluate shape function

// Evaluate shape function derivative

// Evaluate element Jacobian

// Compute u, du, udot

```
    for (unsigned int qp=0; qp<num_qp; qp++) {
        u[qp] = 0.0; du[qp] = 0.0; udot[qp] = 0.0;
        for (unsigned int node=0; node<num_nodes; node++) {
            u[qp] += solution[node] * phi[qp][node];
            du[qp] += solution[node] * dphi[qp][node];
            if (dot != NULL) udot[qp] += (*dot)[node] * phi[qp][node];
        }
    }
```

source->evaluate(u, f); // Evaluate source function

// Evaluate residual

```
    for (unsigned int node=0; node<num_nodes; node++) {
        residual[node] = 0.0;
        for (unsigned int qp=0; qp<num_qp; qp++) {
            residual[node] += w[qp]*jac[qp]*(-(1.0/(jac[qp]*jac[qp]))*du[qp]*dphi[qp][node] +
                                                phi[qp][node]*(f[qp] - udot[qp]));
        }
    }
}
```

$$u_e = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^e(t) \phi_j^e(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_e}{\partial x} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^e(t) \frac{d\phi_j^e}{dx}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_e}{\partial t} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{da_j^e}{dt} \phi_j^e(x)$$



$$F_i^e = \int_e \left(-\frac{\partial u^e}{\partial x} \frac{d\phi_i^e}{dx} + f(u^e) - \frac{\partial u^e}{\partial t} \right) dx$$

FEApp::CubicSourceFunction

```
namespace FEApp {
template <typename ScalarT>
class CubicSourceFunction : public FEApp::AbstractSourceFunction<ScalarT> {
public:
    //! Constructor
    CubicSourceFunction(const ScalarT& factor, const Teuchos::RCP<Sacado::ScalarParameterLibrary>& paramLib) :
        alpha(factor)
    {
        // Add nonlinear factor to parameter library
        std::string name = "Cubic Source Function Nonlinear Factor";
        if (!paramLib->isParameter(name))
            paramLib->addParameterFamily(name, true, false);
        if (!paramLib->template isParameterForType<ScalarT>(name)) {
            Teuchos::RCP< CubicNonlinearFactorParameter<ScalarT> > tmp =
                Teuchos::rcp(new CubicNonlinearFactorParameter<ScalarT>(Teuchos::rcp(this,false)));
            paramLib->template addEntry<ScalarT>(name, tmp);
        }
    }

    //! Evaluate source function
    virtual void evaluate(const std::vector<ScalarT>& solution, std::vector<ScalarT>& value) const {
        for (unsigned int i=0; i<solution.size(); i++)
            value[i] = alpha*solution[i]*solution[i]*solution[i];
    }

    //! Set nonlinear factor
    void setFactor(const ScalarT& val, bool mark_constant) { alpha = val; }

    //! Get nonlinear factor
    const ScalarT& getFactor() const { return alpha; }
protected:
    ScalarT alpha; //! Factor
};
}
```


$$f(u^e) = \alpha u_e^3$$

FEApp::JacobianOp::elementPost

```
void FEApp::JacobianOp::elementPost(const FEApp::AbstractElement& e, unsigned int neqn,
                                   std::vector< Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> >& elem_f) {
    unsigned int nnode = e.numNodes(); // Number of nodes

    // Loop over nodes in element
    for (unsigned int node_row=0; node_row<nnode; node_row++) {

        // Loop over equations per node
        for (unsigned int eq_row=0; eq_row<neqn; eq_row++) {
            unsigned int lrow = neqn*node_row+eq_row // Local row
            int row = static_cast<int>(e.nodeGID(node_row)*neqn + eq_row); // Global row

            if (f != Teuchos::null) f->SumIntoGlobalValue(row, 0, elem_f[lrow].val()); // Sum residual

            // Check derivative array is nonzero
            if (elem_f[lrow].hasFastAccess()) {

                // Loop over nodes in element
                for (unsigned int node_col=0; node_col<nnode; node_col++){

                    // Loop over equations per node
                    for (unsigned int eq_col=0; eq_col<neqn; eq_col++) {
                        unsigned int lcol = neqn*node_col+eq_col; // Local column
                        int col = static_cast<int>(e.nodeGID(node_col)*neqn + eq_col); // Global column

                        jac->SumIntoGlobalValues(row, 1, &(elem_f[lrow].fastAccessDx(lcol)), &col); // Sum Jacobian

                    } // column equation
                } // column node
            } // has fast access
        } // row equation
    } // row node
}
```

$$\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^T \left(\alpha \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial \dot{x}_i} + \beta \frac{\partial e_{k_i}}{\partial x_i} \right) P_i$$



FEApp::CubicNonlinearFactorParameter

```
namespace FEApp {
template <typename ScalarT>
class CubicNonlinearFactorParameter : public Sacado::ScalarParameterEntry<ScalarT> {
public:

    //! Constructor
    CubicNonlinearFactorParameter(const Teuchos::RCP< CubicSourceFunction<ScalarT> >& s) : srcFunc(s) {}

    //! Destructor
    virtual ~CubicNonlinearFactorParameter() {}

    //! Set real parameter value
    virtual void setRealValue(double value) { setValueAsConstant(ScalarT(value)); }

    //! Set parameter this object represents to \em value
    virtual void setValueAsConstant(const ScalarT& value) { srcFunc->setFactor(value, true); }

    //! Set parameter this object represents to \em value
    virtual void setValueAsIndependent(const ScalarT& value) { srcFunc->setFactor(value, false); }

    //! Get parameter value this object represents
    virtual const ScalarT& getValue() const { return srcFunc->getFactor(); }

protected:

    Teuchos::RCP< CubicSourceFunction<ScalarT> > srcFunc; //! Pointer to source function

};
}
```

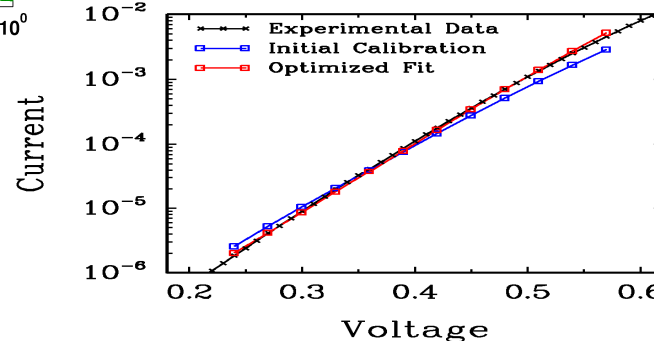
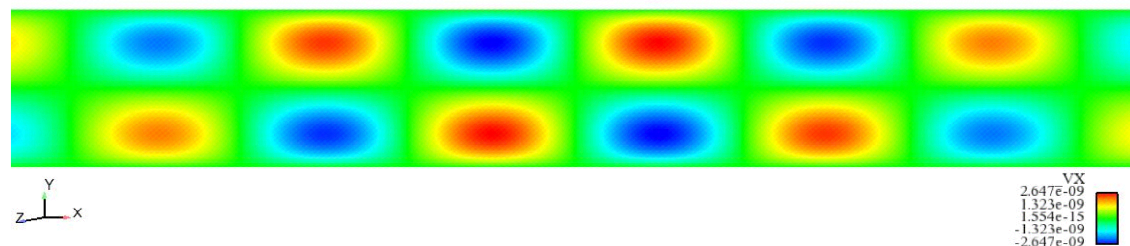
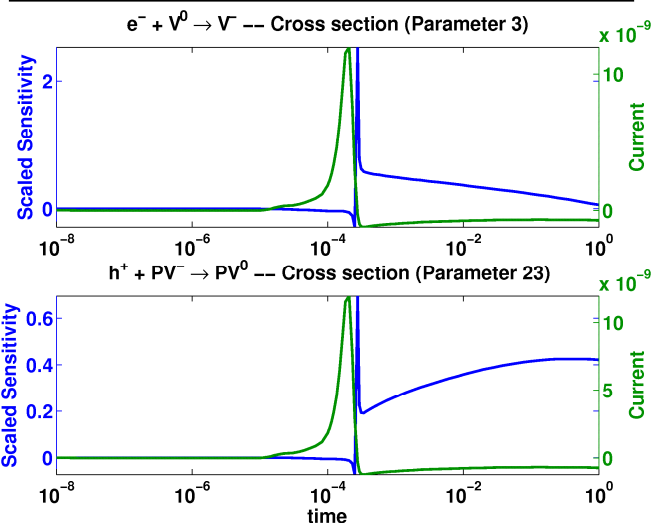
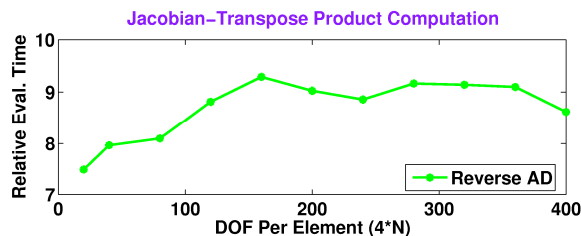
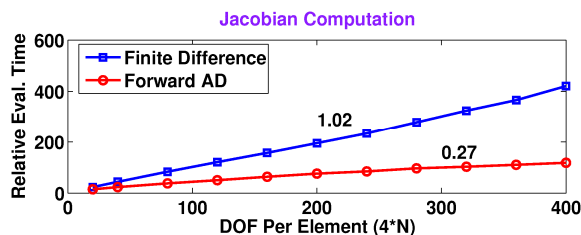
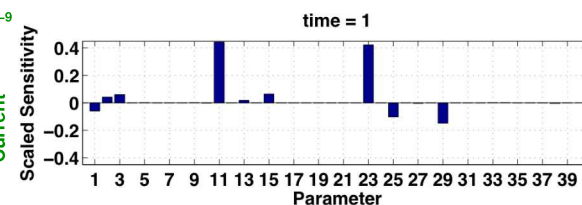
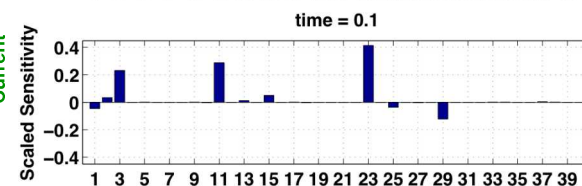
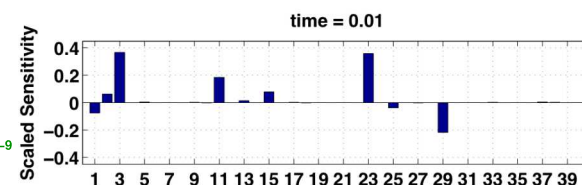
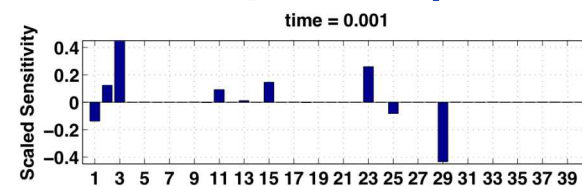
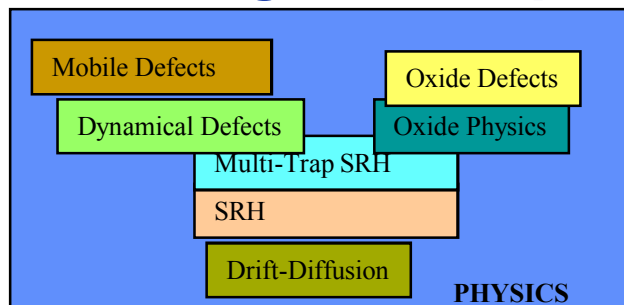
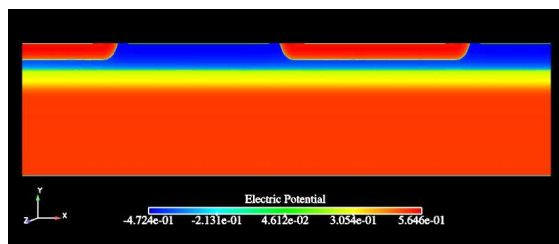


Derivative Calculations

- This approach makes it easy to add new derivative calculations
 - Most of the work is creating new init/post process operators
- Sacado::FEApp has 3:
 - Residual, Jacobian, parameter derivatives
- Charon has 10:
 - Residual, Jacobian (Fad, FD), Adjoint (Rad, Fad, FD), scalar parameter derivs, distributed parameter derivs, 2 types of second derivatives
- Template manager/iterator help insulated code from number of AD types

Impacts of AD in Charon

(~114k lines of code, significant portion templated)





Complications

- Excessive compile times due to application templating
 - Application source files move to headers
 - Small changes cause long compile times
 - Explicit template instantiation (demonstrated in FEApp)
- Interfacing template and non-template code
 - Many places where non-template code must call template code
 - Difficult to add new AD types
 - Sacado template manager/iterator (demonstrated in FEApp)
- Parameter derivatives
 - Application codes don't provide a parameter interface
 - Sacado parameter library (demonstrated in FEApp)
- Interfaces to other derivative methods (e.g., source transformation)
 - Used in Charon (ADIFOR differentiated CHEMKIN)
 - Example coming soon for BLAS/LAPACK



Explicit Template Instantiation

FEApp_TemplateTypes.hpp

```
// Include all of our AD types
#include "Sacado_Fad_DFad.hpp"

// Typedef AD types to standard names
typedef double RealType;
typedef Sacado::Fad::DFad<double> FadType;

// Define which types we are using
#define REAL_ACTIVE 1
#define FAD_ACTIVE 1

// Define macro for explicit template instantiation
#if REAL_ACTIVE
#define INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS_REAL(name) template class name<double>;
#else
#define INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS_REAL(name)
#endif

#if FAD_ACTIVE
#define INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS_FAD(name) template class name<FadType>;
#else
#define INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS_FAD(name)
#endif

#define INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS(name) \
    INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS_REAL(name) \
    INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS_FAD(name)
```

FEApp_GlobalFill.hpp

```
#include "FEApp_TemplateTypes.hpp"

namespace FEApp {

    template <typename ScalarT>
    class GlobalFill {
    public:

        // ...

    };

}

// Include implementation
#ifndef SACADO_ETI
#include "FEApp_GlobalFillImpl.hpp"
#endif
```

FEApp_GlobalFill.cpp

```
#include "FEApp_TemplateTypes.hpp"

#ifndef SACADO_ETI

#include "FEApp_GlobalFill.hpp"
#include "FEApp_GlobalFillImpl.hpp"

    INSTITUTE_TEMPLATE_CLASS(FEApp::GlobalFill)

#endif
```



More Complications

- Branching/conditionals
 - For derivative, branch chosen based on value of argument
 - Piecewise derivative
 - Always obtain correct derivative for branch that was evaluated
- Removing portions of computation for derivative calculation

```
inline double ADValue(double x) { return x; }  
inline double ADValue(const Sacado::Fad::DFad<double>& x) { return x.val(); }  
  
double my_func(double a, double b) {  
    // ...  
}  
  
ScalarT a = ...  
ScalarT b = ...  
  
double c = my_func(ADValue(a), ADValue(b)); // This will not be differentiated  
  
ScalarT d = ...
```



More Complications

- Points of non-differentiability
 - Usually signaled by NaN's in derivative
 - First remove unnecessary points of non-differentiability:

```
template <typename ScalarT>
ScalarT vec_norm(ScalarT x[]) {
    return std::sqrt(x[0]*x[0] + x[1]*x[1] + x[2]*x[2]);
}

ScalarT x[3];

// ...

ScalarT norm_x = vec_norm(x);

ScalarT a = norm_x*norm_x; // Problem when x = 0
```

- Then use conditionals if necessary:

```
ScalarT a = ...

ScalarT b;
if (a == 0.0)
    b = 0.0;
else
    b = std::sqrt(a);
```

- We can try to improve support for this in Sacado



Implementing Operator Overloading Efficiently: Expression Templates

- Naïve operator overloading:

```
Tangent operator*(const Tangent& a, const Tangent& b) {  
    Tangent c;  
    c.val = a.val * b.val;  
    for (int i=0; i<Tangent::N; i++)  
        c.dot[i] = a.val * b.dot[i] + a.dot[i]*b.val;  
    return c;  
}
```

```
Tangent sin(const Tangent& a) {  
    Tangent c;  
    c.val = sin(a.val);  
    double t = cos(a.val);  
    for (int i=0; i<Tangent::N; i++)  
        c.dot[i] = t * a.dot[i];  
    return c;  
}
```

- Each operation returns a copy (bad)
 - Each operation implements a loop (bad)
- Template meta-programming (Abrahams & Gurtovoy, 2005)
 - View templates as a compile-time functional language operating on types and integral values (bool's, int's, etc...)
 - Turing complete (any computation can be implemented)
 - Computations occur at compile time: No run-time cost
- AD via expression templates:
 - Each expression represents a new type with a new derivative rule built at compile time
 - Derivative of expression computed at assignment (at = sign)

Expression Template Operator Overloading

```
void func(const Tangent x[], Tangent y[]) {  
    y[0] = sin(exp(x[0]) + x[0]*x[1]);  
    //...  
}
```



```
Expr< SinExpr< Expr< PlusExpr<  
    Expr< ExpExpr<TangentExpr> >,  
    Expr< MultExpr< Expr<TangentExpr>,  
        Expr<TangentExpr> > >  
> > > >
```



```
y[0].val = sin(exp(x[0]) + x[0]*x[1]);  
for (int i=0; i<N; i++) {  
    y[0].dot[i] = cos(exp(x[0]) + x[0]*x[1])*  
        (exp(x[0])*x[0].dot[i] +  
        x[0]*x[1].dot[i] + x[1]*x[0].dot[i]);  
}
```

```
template <class E1> Expr {};  
  
template <class E1, E2> class PlusExpr {};  
template <class E1, E2> class Expr< PlusExpr<E1,E2> > {  
    double val() const { return e1.val() + e2.val(); }  
    double dx(int i) const { return e1.dx(i) + e2.dx(i); }  
    const Expr<E1>& e1;  
    const Expr<E2>& e2;  
};  
  
template<class E1, class E2> Expr< PlusExpr<E1,E2> >  
operator+(const Expr<E1>& a, const Expr<E2>& b) {  
    return Expr< PlusExpr<E1,E2> >(a,b);  
}  
  
template <class E1> class SinExpr {};  
template <class E1> class Expr< SinExpr<E1> > {  
    double val() const { return sin(e1.val()); }  
    double dx(int i) const { return cos(e1.val())*e1.dx(i); }  
    const Expr<E1>& e1;  
};  
  
template<class E1> Expr< SinExpr<E1> > sin(const Expr<E1>& a) {  
    return Expr< SinExpr<E1> >(a);  
}  
  
class TangentExpr {};  
class Expr<TangentExpr> : {  
public:  
    double val() const { return val; }  
    double dx(int i) const { return dot[i]; }  
    template <class E> Expr<Tangent>& operator=(const Expr<E>& e) {  
        val = e.val();  
        for (int i=0; i<N; i++)  
            dot[i] = e.dx(i);  
    }  
};  
class Tangent : public Expr<TangentExpr> {};
```

Sacado forward AD classes, based on
public domain Fad/TFad package



Performance

- Implementing this effectively requires a good optimizing compiler

fad_expr.exe: 10 derivative components through a simple expression						
	GCC 4.1.2 -O3		Intel 10.0 -O3		PGI 6.2-5 -O3 -fastsse	
	Time (s)	Slow down	Time (s)	Slow down	Time (s)	Slow down
Analytic	1.30e-07	1.00	5.00e-12	1.00	1.02e-07	1.00
SFad	9.50e-07	7.32	1.28e-07	2.57e+04	2.11e-06	20.7
DFad	8.38e-07	6.46	1.57e-07	3.15e+04	2.20e-06	21.6
ELR SFad	1.79e-07	1.38	1.09e-07	2.18e+04	2.38e-06	23.3
ELR DFad	1.96e-07	1.51	1.70e-07	3.40e+04	2.61e-06	25.5
fad_lj_grad.exe: Gradient of Leonard-Jones potential						
Analytic	6.83e-09	1.00	1.20e-08	1.00	4.68e-08	1.00
SFad	6.86e-08	10.1	4.67e-08	3.88	1.73e-06	36.9
DFad	4.99e-07	73.1	3.86e-07	32.1	3.07e-06	65.7
ELR SFad	5.20e-08	7.62	9.48e-08	7.88	3.46e-06	74.0
ELR DFad	4.80e-07	70.3	5.01e-07	41.6	4.87e-06	104.0

- Tests live in sacado/test/performance
- Not completely indicative of “real-world” performance



Complications Introduced by Expression Templates

- Template functions
 - An expression can always be converted to a Fad type, but
 - Compilers implement very few automatic conversions for template function arguments

```
template <typename ScalarT>
class MyClass {
public:
    // ...

    ScalarT my_func(const ScalarT& a, const ScalarT& b) {
        // ...
    }
};

template <typename ScalarT>
ScalarT my_func(const ScalarT& a, const ScalarT& b) {
    // ...
}

ScalarT a = ...           // Initialize a
ScalarT b = ...           // Initialize b

MyClass<ScalarT> my_class;
ScalarT c = my_class.my_func(a+b,a); // Will work just fine

ScalarT d = my_func(a+b,a);      // Won't compile
ScalarT e = my_func<ScalarT>(a+b,a); // Will work
ScalarT f = my_func(ScalarT(a+b),a); // Will work
```

- Understanding compiler errors like these can be difficult



How Sacado relates to other packages

- Many Trilinos packages need derivatives
 - NOX (nonlinear solves)
 - LOCA (stability analysis)
 - Rythmos (time integration)
 - MOOCHO, Aristos (optimization)
- Sacado does not provide these derivatives directly
 - Sacado is not a black-box AD solution
- Sacado provides low level AD capabilities
 - Application codes use Sacado to build derivatives these packages need



Best Practices

- Don't differentiate your global function with AD
- Only use AD for the hard, nonlinear parts
- Never differentiate iterative solvers with AD...instead use AD for the derivative of the solution

$$f(x, p) = 0 \implies \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \frac{dx}{dp} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = 0 \implies \frac{dx}{dp} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}$$

- Prefer template classes over template functions
 - Methods of a template class are not template functions
 - Compiler implements very few conversions for template functions



Where Sacado is going in the future

- Documentation
 - Website, tutorials, papers, etc...
- Performance improvements
 - Expression level reverse-mode (Sacado : : ELRFad)
- Leveraging AD technology for intrusive uncertainty quantification
 - Polynomial chaos expansions via operator overloading
- Impacting more applications
 - Using Sacado is more about software engineering than AD