# Symbolic Differentiation Optimization

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## Improvement of Symbolic Differentiation

#### We can find analogies between Symbolic Differentiation and Automatic Differentiation through the improvement of Symbolic one. [Soeren, 2020]







#### $f(x) = (4 + \sin(x)) \cdot \cos(\sin(x)) =$



#### Expression Tree

## Symbolic Differentiation

 $\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\left(\left(4+\sin(x)\right)\cdot\cos(\sin(x))\right)$ 





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 $\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\left(\left(4+\sin(x)\right)\cdot\cos(\sin(x))\right)$ 

 $= \cos(x) \cdot \cos(\sin(x)) - (4 + \sin(x)) \cdot \sin(\sin(x)) \cdot \cos(x) =$ 



## Symbolic Differentiation

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 $\rightarrow$ Let's improve !

1. Tree to DAG

2. Introduction of Derivative Graph





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 $f(x) = (4 + \sin(x)) \cdot \cos(\sin(x)) = a(x) \cdot b(x)$ 



Use new data structure instead of rewriting DAG Let edges have derivative expressions of child-graph.



 $f(x) = (4 + \sin(x)) \cdot \cos(\sin(x)) = a(x) \cdot b(x)$  a(x) = c(x) + d(x)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = \cos(\sin(x))$  c(x) = 4  $d(x) = \sin(x)$   $\frac{\partial a}{\partial c} = 1$   $\frac{\partial a}{\partial c}$ 

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 $f(x) = (4 + \sin(x)) \cdot \cos(\sin(x)) = a(x) \cdot b(x)$  a(x) = c(x) + d(x)  $b(x) = \cos(d(x))$  c(x) = 4  $d(x) = \sin(e(x))$  e(x) = x  $\frac{\partial a}{\partial c} = 1$   $\frac{\partial a}{\partial c}$ 



## Evaluation of Derivative on Derivative Graph

By using chain rule

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \left( \frac{\partial a}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \left( \frac{\partial a}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial a}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial e} \frac{\partial e}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial e} \frac{\partial e}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial e} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial d} \frac{\partial d}{\partial e} \left( \frac{\partial e}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = 1 \right)$$

#### Sum of Product of paths from X to root

If you store values instead of expressions, it'll be Automatic Differentiation.







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#### Optimization of Derivative Evaluation[Guenter, SIGGRAPH2007]

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#### Optimization of Derivative Evaluation[Guenter, SIGGRAPH2007]

- Make Derivative Graphs small by using Dominance Relation of Control Flow Graph *da* 
  - Performance improvement could be expected for repetitive evaluation.

 $\partial x$ 



#### **Reduce 1 multiplication**



## Experimental Results

#### Compare three Symbolic Differentiation methods https://github.com/khei4/sym\_diff

evaluation times of single-variable derivative in 5 sec naive expression tree walk: 2995 times derivative graph: 3989 times optimized derivative graph: 5925 times

Original paper shows this method exceeds Automatic Differentiation(CppAD) for repetitive evaluation.







#### Symbolic Differentiation Improvement can naturally derive Automatic Differentiation.



+ Derivative Evaluation can be optimized by using **Dominance Relation**