
Algorithms of Summarized

retiming:

In this document one presents the algorithms of retiming implemented in `MACR_RECAL`. It is initially of an algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt with limits and then about an algorithm évolutionnaire.

For the first one initially describes the general method before specifying certain elements of them. Are detailed the computation of the functional calculus, jacobian matrix, the determination of the initial parameter of regularization like its evolution, the management of the limits and the convergence criterion.

The general principles of the genetic algorithms, and in particular the algorithm évolutionnaire, as well as the implementation in `Code_Aster`, are presented in the second part of the document.

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1 Introduction

Before approaching the problems of retiming strictly speaking, it are useful to recall some elements on the identification of parameters. Let us suppose that one wishes to identify n parameters from a given mechanical test. In the frame of this identification, one defines the quantities:

- \mathbf{c} , the vector of n the parameters to be identified, pertaining to \mathbf{O} , convex closed \mathbb{R}^n .
- \mathbf{d} , the vector of the quantities calculated during a simulation of the test by means of parameters \mathbf{c} , in opposition to \mathbf{d}^{exp} , the vector of the quantities measured during an experimental test. Both belong to the space \mathbf{L} of the observable quantities. The simulation of the experimental test, parameterized by the vector \mathbf{c} , can be realized by various methods: finite differences, finite elements, elements of border,.... It is what we will call the direct problem.

The goal of the identification is to determine the set of parameters \mathbf{c} reducing the difference between measured and experimental quantities (by strongly hoping that the reduction of this variation is sufficient to obtain the desired set of parameters...). One thus introduces a cost functional calculus noted \mathbf{J} dependant on \mathbf{c} and measuring the distance enters \mathbf{d} and \mathbf{d}^{exp} .

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}) = \|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}^{\text{exp}}\| \quad \text{éq 1-1}$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ a norm indicates on \mathbf{L} .

The identification is thus expressed in the form of the problem of minimization according to:

$$\text{To determine } \mathbf{c}^* \in \mathbf{O} \text{ such as } \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^*) = \underset{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbf{O}}{\text{Min}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c})$$

Lastly, one defines retiming as the minimization of a kind of functional calculus individual known as "least squares" which are expressed in the form:

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{n=1}^N j_n^2(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{éq 1-2}$$

or $j_n(\mathbf{c})$ represents the component n of the difference between the vector of the calculated and experimental quantities.

It is commonly allowed that among the algorithm of the minimization determinists, most effective for this kind of functional calculus is the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt. It is the latter which was historically the first established in command `MACR_RECAL` of `Code_Aster` and which we present in the continuation.

2 Algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt

2.1 Position of the problem

There exist several families of algorithms of minimization [bib1]. For the relatively regular problems, the most used are the methods of descent. Their principle is to generate in an iterative way a continuation $(\mathbf{c}^k)_{k \in N}$ defined by:

$$(\mathbf{c}^{k+1}) = \mathbf{c}^k + \alpha^k \mathbf{g}^k \quad \text{éq 2.1-1}$$

such as, for $f(x) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k + x \mathbf{g}^k)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$

- $f(x)$ is decreasing in the vicinity of 0^+
- $f(\alpha^k) = \underset{x>0}{\text{Min}} f(x)$

\mathbf{g}^k is the direction of descent to the step k . It is the method of determination of \mathbf{g}^k which thus conditions nature the effectiveness of the algorithm used, knowing that these techniques are mainly based on approximations of \mathbf{J} with order 1 or order 2. For the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt, one handles an approximation with order 2 of the functional calculus.

2.2 Resolution

In the frame of retiming, one handles functional calculuses cost least square of the type:

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{n=1}^N j_n^2(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{éq 2.2-1}$$

where for example $j_n(\mathbf{c}) = (F_n^{calc}(\mathbf{c}) - F_n^{exp})$, with obvious notations.

The characteristic of these cost functional calculuses lies in the fact that one knows the form of their derivatives first and seconds:

$$(\nabla_c \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}))_i = 2 \sum_{n=1}^N j_n(\mathbf{c}) \frac{\partial j_n}{\partial c_i} \quad \text{éq 2.2-2}$$

$$(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c}))_{ij} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{\partial j_n}{\partial c_i} \cdot \frac{\partial j_n}{\partial c_j} + j_n(\mathbf{c}) \frac{\partial^2 j_n}{\partial c_i \partial c_j} \right) \quad \text{éq 2.2-3}$$

Then, by supposing that the second term of the preceding equation is negligible in front of the first (what is true when are j_k linear for them in \mathbf{c} : this term is null), one can rewrite:

$$(\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c}))_{ij} \approx 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial j_n}{\partial c_i} \cdot \frac{\partial j_n}{\partial c_j} \quad \text{éq 2.2-4}$$

It is interesting on this level to introduce the matrix of sensitivity or jacobian matrix defined by:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial j_1}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_1}{\partial c_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial j_1}{\partial c_n} \\ \frac{\partial j_2}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_2}{\partial c_2} & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial j_N}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_N}{\partial c_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial j_N}{\partial c_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{éq 2.2-5}$$

One can thus express the gradient and Hessian by:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) = 2 \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j} \quad \text{éq 2.2-6}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c}^k) \approx 2 \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \quad \text{éq 2.2-7}$$

with $\mathbf{j} = [j_1, \dots, j_N]^T$.

Then let us write the development limited to order 2 of \mathbf{J} :

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}) \approx \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) + (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k)^T \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k)^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c}^k) (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k) \quad \text{éq 2.2-8}$$

Is $\mathbf{g}^k = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k$, the step of descent at the point \mathbf{c}^k , it must check the condition of stationarity of the quadratic approximation:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) + \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c}^k) \mathbf{g}^k = 0 \quad \text{éq 2.2-9}$$

According to the statement of the gradient and Hessian of \mathbf{J} , one can write:

$$(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{g}^k = -\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j} \quad \text{éq 2.2-10}$$

the solution of this equation leads to an algorithm known under the name of Gauss-Newton, very effective but which presents nevertheless some disadvantages:

- $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ can be almost singular and cause the non-existence of solution.
- There is no control on \mathbf{g}^k , which can be too large and thus leave the parameters acceptable space.

To mitigate these disadvantages, one prefers to use the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt which proposes a regularization of the algorithm of Gauss-Newton:

$$(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{g}^k = -\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j} \quad \text{éq 2.2-11}$$

where λ is a scalar and \mathbf{I} the matrix identity.

It is noticed that if $\lambda=0$, one finds the direction given by Gauss-Newton and if $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$, one finds the direction given by the opposite one of the gradient of \mathbf{J} i.e the greatest slope.

The algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt thus consists, on the basis of a value of " λ raised enough", to decrease it by a factor 10 for example, with each decrease of \mathbf{J} . One passes thus gradually from an algorithm of greater slope to the algorithm of Gauss-Newton. One can thus present this procedure in the form: Choice

- of a starting point and \mathbf{c}^0 an initial value of λ
- the iteration, k to solve If

$$(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{g}^k = -\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{c}^{k+1} = \mathbf{c}^k + \mathbf{g}^k$$
- , $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^{k+1}) < \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k)$ then if not $\lambda = \lambda/10$ Test $\lambda = \lambda * 10$
- of convergence Note

: We

considered above the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt under the angle of the regularization of the algorithm of Gauss-Newton. It is possible to give a lighting different to this algorithm by regarding it as an algorithm from area of confidence [feeding-bottle 2]. Indeed, one can show easily that the system [éq 2.2-11] is the condition of stationarity of the problem of minimization: To determine

$$\text{as } \mathbf{g}^k \text{ subjected } \mathbf{g}^k = \text{ArgMin} \left(\mathbf{g}^{kT} \cdot \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{g}^{kT} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{g}^k \right) \text{ to. } \|\mathbf{g}^k\| \leq D^k \text{ Where}$$

$$\mathbf{D}^k = -(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j} \text{ et } \lambda \geq 0 \text{ It}$$

is a very simple establishment of the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt within which various questions are not tackled: How

- to define the functional calculus when \mathbf{J} does one have several tests? How
- to choose the initial value of? λ How
- to make evolve in λ a finer way? How
- to define the field of evolutions of each parameters? We

will clarify these various points in the continuation. Put

2.3 in work practice Definition

2.3.1 of the functional calculus During

a retiming, the user often has several different measurements; they are discrete physical quantities, possibly of different nature, measured during one or several tests. They are functions of a noted given parameter (time t , X-coordinate,...) that one can thus represent by: éq

$$F_1^{\text{exp}} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ t_N & f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_N) \end{bmatrix} \quad F_2^{\text{exp}} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & f_2^{\text{exp}}(t_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ t_M & f_2^{\text{exp}}(t_M) \end{bmatrix} \quad F_L^{\text{exp}} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & f_L^{\text{exp}}(t_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ t_P & f_L^{\text{exp}}(t_P) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{3.1-1 \text{ Each one}}$$

of these experimental measurements has sound during éq

$$F_1^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{t}_1 & f_1^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, \tilde{t}_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{t}_I & f_1^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, \tilde{t}_I) \end{bmatrix} \quad F_2^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{t}_1 & f_2^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, \tilde{t}_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{t}_J & f_2^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, \tilde{t}_J) \end{bmatrix} \quad F_L^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{t}_1 & f_L^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, \tilde{t}_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{t}_K & f_L^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, \tilde{t}_K) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{3.1-2 \text{ calculated}}$$

for a clearance of parameter given c^k . Let us notice that the calculated quantities are not inevitably in same number as the measured quantities nor evaluated for the same value of the parameter. t One can then define the least squares functional calculus to be minimized by: éq

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_i) - f_1^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_i)}{f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_i)} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^M \left(\frac{f_2^{\text{exp}}(t_i) - f_2^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_i)}{f_2^{\text{exp}}(t_i)} \right)^2 + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^P \left(\frac{f_L^{\text{exp}}(t_i) - f_L^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_i)}{f_L^{\text{exp}}(t_i)} \right)^2}{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^0)} \quad \mathbf{3.1-3 \text{ It}}$$

is important to notice that: if

- a calculated measurement f_j^{calc} is not defined in one time, t_i then his value linearly is interpolated if
- an experimental measurement is f_j^{exp} null, one does not divide the quantity and $f_j^{\text{exp}}(t_i) - f_j^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_i)$ it is present such as it is in the statement of the functional calculus
- the functional calculus \mathbf{J} is standardized so as to be worth 1. at the beginning of the iterations of retiming Form

2.3.2 of the jacobian matrix For

the computation of the jacobian matrix, one defines the vector of \mathbf{j} the errors by: éq

$$\mathbf{j} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_1) - f_1^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_1)}{f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_1)} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_N) - f_1^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_N)}{f_1^{\text{exp}}(t_N)} \\ \frac{f_2^{\text{exp}}(t_1) - f_2^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_1)}{f_2^{\text{exp}}(t_1)} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{f_P^{\text{exp}}(t_L) - f_P^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_L)}{f_P^{\text{exp}}(t_L)} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{3.2-1 Is}$$

: éq

$$j_i^K = \frac{f_K^{\text{exp}}(t_i) - f_K^{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{c}^k, t_i)}{f_K^{\text{exp}}(t_i)} \quad \text{3.2-2 One}$$

then finds the form of the jacobian matrix of [éq 2.2-5]: éq

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial j_1^1}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_1^1}{\partial c_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial j_1^1}{\partial c_n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial j_N^1}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_N^1}{\partial c_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial j_N^1}{\partial c_n} \\ \frac{\partial j_1^2}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_1^2}{\partial c_2} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial j_L^P}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial j_L^P}{\partial c_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial j_L^P}{\partial c_n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{3.2-3 Where}$$

the terms are calculated by direct finite differences: éq

$$\frac{\partial j_1^1}{\partial c_i}(c_1, \dots, c_i, \dots, c_n) \approx \frac{j_1^1(c_1, \dots, c_i + \alpha c_i, \dots, c_n) - j_1^1(c_1, \dots, c_i, \dots, c_n)}{\alpha c_i} \quad \text{3.2-4 Regularization}$$

2.3.3 of the linear system We

tackle here the problem of the determination and the evolution of the parameter of regularization. λ
One defines with this intention:

- $\lambda_{\max} = \text{Max}(\text{Valeurs propres de } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$, $\lambda_{\min} = \text{Min}(\text{Valeurs propres de } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ if
 $\text{cond} = \lambda_{\max} / \lambda_{\min}$ initial $\lambda_{\min} \neq 0$
- $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) + (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k)^T \cdot \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k)^T \cdot (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}^k)$

2.3.3.1 Value of Knowing λ

the quantities above, one defines the following algorithm: If

- , $\lambda_{\min} = 0$ then If not $\lambda = 1.E-3 \lambda_{\max}$
- If
 - , $\text{cond} < 1.E5$ then If not $\lambda = 1.E-16 \lambda_{\max}$
 - Note $\lambda = |(1.E5 \lambda_{\min} - \lambda_{\max})| / 10001$

: In

the last case, the value allotted to causes λ to bring back the conditioning of to $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
Evolution 1.E5

2.3.3.2 of the value λ

to make evolve, λ one defines the ratio, $R^k = \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k) - \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^{k+1})}{\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{c}^k) - \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{c}^{k+1})}$ which makes it possible to

evaluate the validity of the quadratic approximation of: \mathbf{J} the closer it is to 1, plus this approximation is valid. One from of deduced the following algorithm [bib2]: If

- , $R^k < 0.25$ then If $\lambda = \lambda \times 10$
- , $R^k > 0.75$ then Limitations $\lambda = \lambda / 15$

2.3.4 of the field of evolution of the parameters For

various reasons such as guaranteeing the physical validity of the parameters (strictly positive Young modulus, Poisson's ratio understood enters and 0, 0.5 ...), it is necessary to limit their field of evolution. One thus imposes who remains \mathbf{c} in an acceptable field, O convex closed. R^n This thus imposes stresses on the parameters: After

$$\mathbf{c}_{\text{sup}} > \mathbf{c}^k + \mathbf{g}^k > \mathbf{c}_{\text{inf}}$$

dualisation of these conditions by introduction of the Lagrange multipliers and μ_{inf} , μ_{sup} one solves the system: To find

such as g^k μ_{inf} μ_{sup} This

$$\begin{cases} (A^T A + \lambda I) g^k + \mu_{inf} + \mu_{sup} = -A^T j \\ c^k + g^k > c_{inf} \\ \mu_{inf} > 0 \\ (c^k + g^k - c_{inf})_i (\mu_{inf})_i = 0 \quad \forall i = [1, n] \\ c^k + g^k < c_{sup} \\ \mu_{sup} < 0 \\ (c^k + g^k - c_{sup})_i (\mu_{sup})_i = 0 \quad \forall i = [1, n] \end{cases}$$

resolution is carried out using an algorithm of active stresses. For any accuracy on this algorithm, to refer to [bib3] or [bib4]. Adimensionnement

2.3.5 One

is often brought to identify parameters of various physical nature. The orders of magnitude of these parameters can be extremely different. This can of the components generate very strong differences in the orders of magnitude of the gradient and Hessian of the cost functional calculus and compromise the resolution.

To mitigate this difficulty, it is imperative of adimensionner the unknowns before beginning the resolution. Here a simple and effective procedure. Maybe

, $c^0 = {}^T [c_1^0, c_2^0, \dots, c_n^0]$ the initial vector of the quantities to be rebuilt. One defines the matrix of adimensionnement: D éq

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} c_1^0 & & & & \\ & c_2^0 & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & c_{n-1}^0 & \\ & & & & c_n^0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{3.5-1 Then}$$

, if are to them c_i^0 all non-zero, one can define the adimensional unknowns by: éq

$$\tilde{c}^0 = D^{-1} \cdot c^0 \quad \text{3.5-2 In the same way}$$

, one introduces an adimensional cost functional calculus: éq

$$\tilde{J}(\tilde{c}) = J(D \cdot \tilde{c}) = J(c) \quad \text{3.5-3 Like}$$

its gradient: éq

$$\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{c}}} \tilde{\mathbf{J}}(\tilde{\mathbf{c}}) = \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{J}}(\tilde{\mathbf{c}})}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{c}}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{D} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{c}})}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{c}}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c})}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{c}}} = \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}) \quad \mathbf{3.5-4 And}$$

its jacobian matrix: éq

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} \times c_j^0 \quad \mathbf{3.5-5 From}$$

an algorithmic point of view, the computation of the jacobian matrix is done classically with the functional calculus, \mathbf{J} then it is adimensionnée as well as the current parameters, \mathbf{c} before being transmitted to the algorithm of minimization. At the exit of this last, the parameters $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}$ are redimensionnés to allow the computation of the functional calculus. \mathbf{J} Convergence criterion

2.3.6

the convergence criterion used in MACR_RECAL consists in testing the decrease of the gradient of the functional calculus. It is pointed out that the use of this criterion is naturally justified by the fact that the purpose of the algorithm of retiming is to cancel this gradient. éq

$$\frac{\|\nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^k)\|}{\|\nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^0)\|} < Prec. \quad \mathbf{3.6-1 Where}$$

is *Prec* by default taken equal to 1.E-3. Total

2.4 algorithm So as to

clarify the sequence of the various operations described above, one presents the algorithm of retiming formally: Initializations

- computation
 - $k = 0$
 - of, \mathbf{A} adimensionnement of Computation \mathbf{A}
 - of initial λ total
 - Iterations Adimensionnement
 - de Résolution \mathbf{c}^k
 - of the equation of Levenberg-Marquardt Imposition
 - of the respect of the limits Redimensioning
 - of Computation \mathbf{c}^{k+1}
 - of Actualization $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}^{k+1})$
 - of Computation λ
 - of, \mathbf{A} adimensionnalisation of Test \mathbf{A}
 - of convergence Fine
 - $k = k + 1$
- Algorithm

3 évolutionnaire Principles

3.1 general

the algorithms évolutionnaires are part of stochastic methods of total optimization based on the principles of the Darwinian evolution of the biological populations, commonly named methods genetic algorithms. One starts besides by pointing out the principal phases of a simple genetic algorithm: coding

- : each parameter to be readjusted is coded in binary base; the population is created; evaluating
- : each individual of the population sees himself allotting a measurement of his adaptation, calculated from the function cost to minimize; selection
- : the individuals who will produce the next generation of the population are selected, one naturally retains the best within the meaning of the adaptation; crossing
- : new individuals are created by the parents designated with the preceding phase. In practice it is a question of exchanging part of the bit string between two parents; change
- : random mechanism which disturbs one or more bits of the bit string of the children in order to maintain a certain level of diversity in the population; replacement
- : a new population, same size, is made up by replacing the parents with the children Even

if, by abuse language, one often uses the genetic term instead of évolutionnaire, it is necessary to point out the few differences which particularize the algorithms évolutionnaires [5]:

- the individuals of the population are represented by vectors of real numbers and either in the binary coding;

- the selection process is different: whereas the genetic algorithms select parents n to create children n who completely replace them in the population, the programs évolutionnaires generate m children from parents n then select the new population by keeping best n among the group; $n + m$
- the probabilities of crossing and change can vary during generations.

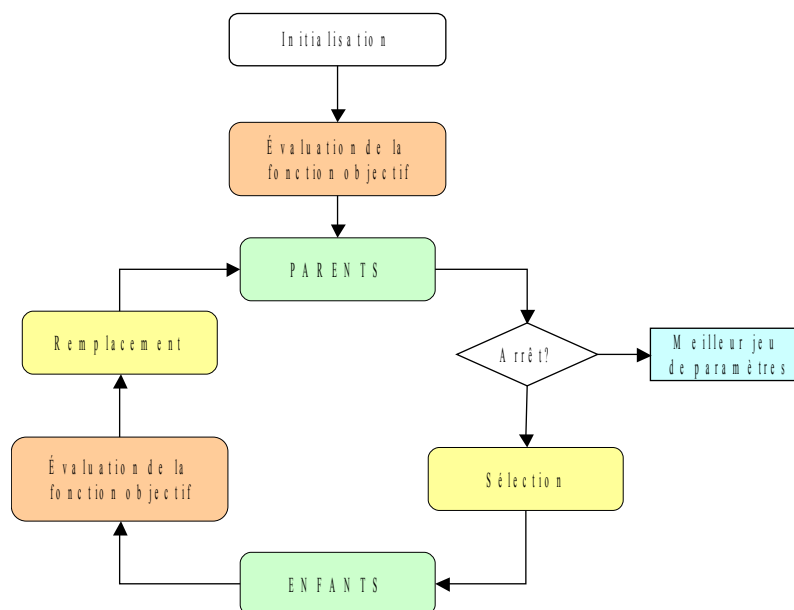
The interest of the introduction of an algorithm évolutionnaire into Code_Aster holds in its capacity of multidirectional exploration of the topological space of the parameters by also avoiding that possible the local minima of the functional calculus to be minimized.

The implementation of this algorithm in Code_Aster is the fruit of the partnership between department AMA and Politecnico di Milano. It

is also noted that the default more criticized algorithms évolutionnaires, that to be greedy in TEMPS CPU, can be easily eliminated by the many possible alternatives of parallelization. Operation

3.2 of the algorithm

the algorithm is launched while choosing METHODE = "GENETIQUE" or "HYBRIDE" in options of the command MACR_RECAL. In the second case, the algorithm évolutionnaire will carry out a coarse search followed by a optimization by the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt. Appear



3.2-a logic Diagram of the operation of the algorithm évolutionnaire

the total operation of the algorithm is illustrated on the logic diagram of the Figure 3.2-a and one describes in what follows the stages: a)

Initialization : a population of sets of parameters is generated and all the individuals are initialized with the initial values of the parameters to readjust. The size of this population is given by the value of parameter NB_PARENTS imposed by the user. This value depends on several factors like uncertainty on the solution: more this uncertainty is large plus the population must be large. One thus advises to start a study of retiming while taking for this value 10 and to refine it according to results. b)

Evaluating of the functional calculus: it is the functional calculus presented in equation 3.1-3. Initially , after the stage of initialization, only one evaluating is made because all the individuals of the population are identical. Then, in the loop of retiming, one does as many evaluations of the functional

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calculus at the time an iteration than the number of children (NB_FILS) imposed by the user. The larger this parameter which manages the renewal rate of the population is, the more the algorithm is greedy in TEMPS CPU in this stage. By default the number of children is fixed at 5 (half of the size of the population also imposed by default). c)

Stopping criteria : **once** the population of the parents n made up and each individuals having her value of the functional calculus, one checks: -
the best value of the functional calculus; -
the nombre of iterations already realized by the algorithm If
the best value of the functional calculus lower than the relative residue is imposed by the user (1.E-3 by default) or if the maximum number of iterations is reached, best the individuals of the population is provided like solution. d)

Selection : the best individual of the population is selected and it is **only** (in this implementation) which has the right to reproduce and to generate the children m . This generation quasi-random, around the best individual, with a standard deviation is imposed by the user (key word ECART_TYPE). During this stage, the algorithm manages the limits imposed on the parameters by the user. The individuals thus generated are accepted as children only if they are inside the limits. E)

Replacement : **after** having generated the m children, the total population at this stage of the iteration is of (NB_PARENTS $n+m$ + NB_FILS). The operator of replacement carries out here a hierarchy of the individuals according to the values associated with the functional calculus and replaces the individuals of the population the PARENTS with best n among. $n+m$ One

of the characteristics of this implementation of the algorithm évolutionnaire in Code_Aster is the absence, for time, of the mechanisms of change and crossing. Hybrid

3.3 technique of retiming While

choosing METHODE = 'HYBRIDE' in MACR_RECAL, the user has the possibility of combining the advantages of the stochastic algorithms (that évolutionnaire here) with those of the deterministic algorithms (Levenberg-Marquardt in occurrence in our case). It is thus a question of carrying out a first "coarse" search in the topological space of the parameters what will make it possible the algorithm of Levenberg-Marquardt to start optimization with a starting point closer to the comprehensive solution of the functional calculus.

Proportioning between stochastic and deterministic is to be fixed by the user taking into account his expert testimony. A great uncertainty on the optimal values of the parameters to be readjusted must impose: more

- iterations of the algorithm évolutionnaire;
- a larger standard deviation for the lotteries;
- a size of the more important population. These

are the three levers which the user has at his disposal to carry out a retiming of quality with a level of performance (TEMPS CPU and memory used) satisfactory. Bibliography

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