

## NAME

knitma – CUTEr KNITRO test driver

## SYNOPSIS

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## DESCRIPTION

The *knitma* main program test drives KNITRO on SIF problems from the CUTEr distribution.

KNITRO is a code for solving large-scale nonlinear programming problems of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & h_i(x) = 0, \quad i=1,\dots,ne \\ & cl(j) \leq g_j(x) \leq cu(j), \quad j=ne+1,\dots,m \\ & bl(k) \leq x(k) \leq bu(k), \quad k=1,\dots,n. \end{aligned}$$

The code implements an interior-point algorithm with trust-region techniques. It uses first and second derivatives of the function and constraints.

The library libknitrocuter.a should be stored in \$MYCUTER/*precision*/lib, where *precision* is either "single" or "double", according to your local installation.

## USAGE

Compile (but do not link) the KNITRO source code and copy the resulting library libknitrocuter.a in the directory \$MYCUTER/*precision*/lib. Launch using knit(1) or sdknit(1).

## VARIABLES USED BY KNITRO

- n** *INTEGER*: the number of variables.
- m** *INTEGER*: the number of constraints excluding the equality constraints for fixed variables and the inequality constraints for bounded variables.
- c** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of length m*: contains the general equality and inequality constraint values (it excludes fixed variables and bound constraints).
- cl** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of length m-num\_equal*: cl(i) is the lower bound of the *i*-th inequality constraints c(i). If there is no such bound, set it to be the large negative number -biginf=-1.0d+20.
- cu** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of length m-num\_equal*: cu(i) is the upper bound of the *i*-th inequality constraints c(i). If there is no such bound, set it to be the large positive number biginf=1.0d+20.
- bl** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of length n*: bl(i) is the lower bound of the *i*-th variable x(i). If there is no such bound, set it to be the large negative number -biginf=-1.0d+20.
- bu** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of length n*: bu(i) is the upper bound of the *i*-th variable x(i). If there is no such bound, set it to be the large positive number biginf=1.0d+20.
- equatn** *LOGICAL array of length m*: equatn(i) indicates whether the *i*-th constraint is an equality constraint or not.
- linear** *LOGICAL array of length m*: linear(i) indicates whether the *i*-th constraint is a linear constraint or not.
- nnzj** *INTEGER*: the number of nonzeros in the Jacobian matrix cjac which contains the gradient of the objective function f and the constraint gradients A in sparse form.
- cjac** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of length nnzj*: the first part contains the nonzero elements of the gradient of the objective function; the second part contains the nonzero elements of the Jacobian of

the constraints.

**indfun** *INTEGER array of length nnzj*: it is the indicator for the functions. If  $\text{indfun}(i)=0$ , it refers to the objective function. If  $\text{indfun}(i)=j$ , it refers to the  $j$ -th constraint.

**indvar** *INTEGER array of length nnzj*: it is the index of the variables.  $\text{indfun}$  and  $\text{indvar}$  determines the row number and the column number of  $A_{\text{trans}}$  respectively.

**temp\_v**

*DOUBLE PRECISION array of length m*: contains the Lagrange multipliers. The Lagrangian function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \text{temp\_v}) &= f(x) + \text{temp\_v}^T h(x) \\ &= f(x) - \lambda_E^T h_E - \lambda_I (h_I - s) \end{aligned}$$

Note that we set  $\text{temp\_vE}=-\lambda_E$  and  $\text{temp\_vI}=-\lambda_I$  in the barrier solver.

**nnz\_w** *INTEGER*: denotes the number of nonzero elements of the upper triangle of the Hessian of the Lagrangian function.

**w** *DOUBLE PRECISION array of dimension nnz\_w*: contains the Hessian of the Lagrangian in sparse form:

$$\nabla_{xx}^2 L = \nabla_{xx}^2 f + \text{temp\_vE} \nabla_{xx}^2 h_E + \text{temp\_vI} \nabla_{xx}^2 h_I$$

Only the upper triangle is stored.

**w\_row** *INTEGER array of length nnz\_w*:  $w_{\text{row}}(i)$  stores the row number of the nonzero element  $w(i)$ .

**w\_col** *INTEGER array of length nnz\_w*:  $w_{\text{col}}(i)$  stores the column number of the nonzero element  $w(i)$ .

**max\_num\_iterations**

*INTEGER*: specifies the maximum number of iterations before termination.

**NLP\_tol**

*DOUBLE PRECISION*: specifies the final stopping tolerance for both the KKT error and the feasibility error.

**init\_delta**

*DOUBLE PRECISION*: specifies the initial trust-region radius.

**pivot\_tol**

*DOUBLE PRECISION*: specifies the initial pivot tolerance used in the factorization routine. The value must be in the range  $[-0.5 \ 0.5]$  with higher values resulting in more pivoting (more stable factorization).

**mu0** *DOUBLE PRECISION*: specifies the initial barrier parameter value.

**use\_SOC**

*LOGICAL*: indicates whether or not to enable the second order correction option.

**use\_feasible**

*LOGICAL*: indicates whether or not to use the feasible version.

## Direct\_Solver

*LOGICAL*: indicates whether or not to enable the Direct Solve option.

**nout** *INTEGER*: specifies where to direct the output.

**iprint** *INTEGER*: controls the level of output.

## NOTE

If no KNITRO.SPC file is present in the current directory, the default version is copied from \$CUTER/common/src/pkg/knitro/.

## ENVIRONMENT

### CUTER

Parent directory for CUTER

### MYCUTER

Home directory of the installed CUTER distribution.

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