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ABSTRACT

In this report an algorithm is presented for the estimation of parameters in differential equations. Parameters are obtained in the least squares sense. For the minimization for the sum of squares Marquardt's method is used. A multiple shooting technique is implemented in order to improve bad initial estimates of the parameters. The algorithm also provides confidence regions for the parameters obtained and other relevant information about the significance of the data with respect to the parameters asked for. A number of numerical results are reported and, finally, the algorithm is described in the algorithmic language ALGOL 60.

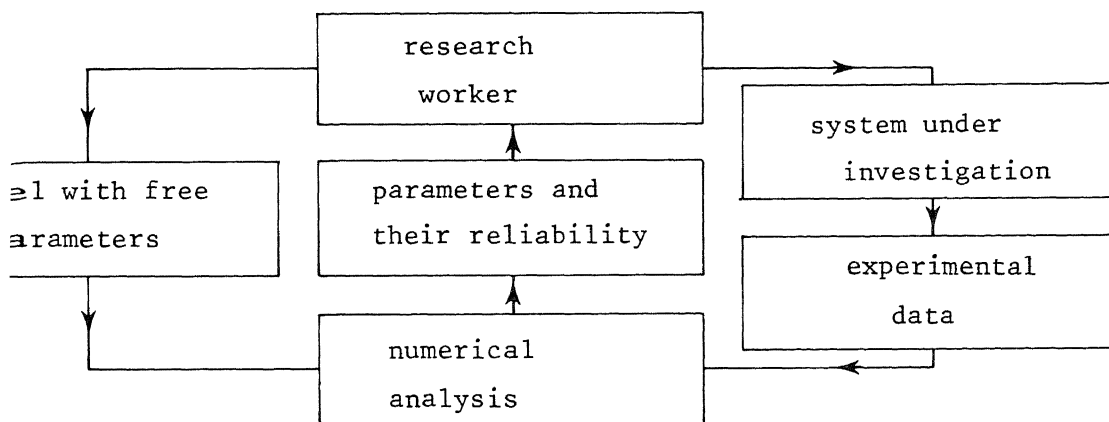
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INTRODUCTION

In this report we consider parameter estimation in a model of a physical system, which is described by a system of ordinary differential equations. The parameters may appear both in the differential equations and in the corresponding initial conditions.

Before discussing the method for estimating the parameters in a given case we briefly go into the philosophical background of parameter estimation.

Parameter estimation is an important practical problem since it establishes a link between essential parts of experimental science. The relation between the scientist, his tools and his materials can be illustrated in the following scheme:



It is fundamental that one never can prove a model to be the correct one. There is, however, the possibility to reject the wrong ones, namely when a discrepancy appears between the data and the model. It is important to know what role the parameters play in this context: each parameter represents a degree of freedom in the model. The parameters have to be chosen so that the model is *consistent* with the system under investigation, that is, there is no discrepancy between data and model. Moreover, it is often desirable that the model is *unique*, that is, there is no freedom left. A *correct operational model* (that is a model which is consistent and

unique) it should be possible to predict the future behaviour of a physical system.

Whether a model is *consistent* or not, can be concluded from a discrepancy with the data in two ways. Either a parameter is found that lies outside the allowed parameter space, or the model does not fit the data, even with the best set of parameter values. In this case we have to reject the model and to construct another one.

On the other hand we can observe that the model is not *unique* in two ways. Either the parameters can not be determined uniquely, that is, the data allow the parameters to lie in a large subspace of the allowed parameter space, or the model fits the data too well, that is, the model fits the data within an error which is less than the experimental error in the data. In this case we have to simplify the model in order to obtain a unique model.

In relation to these important questions, it is clear that not only estimates of the parameters have to be determined, but also estimates for their reliability. This reliability, in its turn, is tightly connected with the accuracy and the reproducibility of the experimental data. Yet, it is even more connected with what data are taken from the physical system.

2. THE MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM

Mathematically, the parameter estimation problem can be stated as follows: A set of n differential equations with their initial conditions is given:

$$\begin{cases} y'(t,p) = g(t,y,p) \\ y(t_0,p) = y_0(p) \end{cases}$$

where $y: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are functions, t is a real variable and $p \in \mathbb{R}^m$ represents the vector of parameters. In the process considered, p has the value p^* , which is unknown. The problem is to deduce an estimate \bar{p} of the vector p^* .

Suppose we have a set of observations (t_i, y_i) , $i=1, \dots, k$, where y_i is an observed value of a component of y for the value of the argument t_i . Denote the vector of observations Y by

$$Y = (y_1, \dots, y_k)^T$$

and the function $\hat{Y}: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ by

$$\hat{Y}(p) = (\hat{y}(t_1, p), \dots, \hat{y}(t_k, p))^T,$$

where $\hat{y}(t_i, p)$ is that component of $y(t_i, p)$ which corresponds to the observed value y_i , $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Now, we may define the residual function $f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$, depending on p , by:

$$f(p) = \hat{Y}(p) - Y.$$

Then the problem consists of the determination of that vector p which minimizes the sum of squares

$$(2.1) \quad F(p) = f^T(p) f(p) = \|f(p)\|_2^2,$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the Euclidean norm.

Minimizing the sum of squares has the advantage of computational convenience. Moreover, under the assumption that the error in the data are statistically independent and normally distributed with zero mean and variance σ^2 , least squares has the expedient property that confidence intervals for the computed parameters can easily be derived. The assumption on the vector of errors η in the vector of observations Y is denoted by the covariance matrix of η

$$E(\eta\eta^T) = \sigma^2 I,$$

where I is the unit matrix.

For the computation of the vector of theoretical values $\hat{Y}(p)$ we use a numerical integration process.

3. MINIMIZING THE SUM OF SQUARES

In this section we give an outline of the method used for minimizing $F(p)$. Details of the method have been published in BUS et al. [3].

Denote the gradient vector $\nabla F(p)$ by

$$(3.1) \quad \nabla F(p) = 2 J^T(p) f(p),$$

where $J(p)$ is the Jacobian matrix of partial derivatives of the residual function with the entries

$$J_{ij}(p) = \frac{\partial f_i(p)}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_i(p)}{\partial p_j}, \quad i=1, \dots, k, \quad j=1, \dots, m.$$

Starting with an initial approximate p , we seek a stepvector δp , i.e. a correction to p , such that

$$(3.2) \quad \nabla F(p+\delta p) = 0.$$

A Taylor series expansion of (3.2) yields

$$J^T(p+\delta p) f(p+\delta p) = J^T(p) f(p) + J^T(p) J(p) \delta p + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p} J^T(p)\right) f(p) \delta p + O|\delta p|^2.$$

By neglecting the higher order terms and the term with the derivative of $J^T(p)$ we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad J^T(p) J(p) \delta p = - J^T(p) f(p).$$

This linear system is the starting point for the Gauss-Newton method. The disadvantage of this method is well known: it fails if the Jacobian matrix $J(p)$ is (nearly) singular. Then the length of δp becomes too large. This problem is forestalled in the method of Marquardt (cf. MARQUARDT [8]). Here the stepvector δp is determined by

$$(3.4) \quad (J^T(p) J(p) + \lambda I) \delta p = - J^T(p) f(p),$$

where λ is some nonnegative scalar.

For $\lambda=0$ the vector δp is equal to the vector defined by equation (3.3).

If λ tends to infinity the direction of δp tends to the "steepest descent" direction and its length tends to zero

$$\delta p \approx - J^T(p) f(p)/\lambda.$$

The problem is now to find a proper choice of λ . In our implementation equation (3.4) sometimes will be solved for various values of λ . In order to avoid superfluous calculations the singular value decomposition of $J(p)$ is used:

$$(3.5) \quad J(p) = U(p) \Sigma(p) V^T(p),$$

where $U(p) \in \mathbf{R}^k \times \mathbf{R}^m$ and $V(p) \in \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^m$ are orthogonal matrices and $\Sigma(p) \in \mathbf{R}^m \times \mathbf{R}^m$, with $\Sigma(p) = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$ is the diagonal matrix of singular values.

Substituting (3.5) in (3.4) yields the stepvector δp by

$$(3.6) \quad \delta p = - V(p) \left((\Sigma(p))^2 + \lambda I \right)^{-1} \Sigma(p) U^T(p) f(p).$$

After a successful iteration step, i.e. after a computation of δp such that $F(p+\delta p) < F(p)$, the vector $p + \delta p$ will be taken as a new initial approximation in the next iteration step. The iteration process is stopped if the change in the sum of squares is less than an a priori given tolerance.

Obviously, this tolerance should depend strongly on the accuracy of the observed vector Y .

4. INTEGRATION OF THE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

For minimizing $F(p)$, we need the residual function $f(p) = \hat{Y}(p) - Y$ and the Jacobian matrix $J(p)$. For the computation of $\hat{Y}(p)$ we have to solve the system of differential equations which describes the model:

In addition we notice that the eigenvalues of JAC are all equivalent with the eigenvalues of g_y and thus the stability behaviour of system (4.1) and system (4.3) is similar.

For the solution of system (4.3) we use an implicit linear multistep method, viz. Gear's stiffly stable method (see HEMKER [5]). In each step of the integration process, first the independent set of n differential equations is considered. For each integration step, the computation of y implies the solution of the system of n nonlinear algebraic equations:

$$y_k = h \beta g(t, y_k, p) + \phi_k,$$

where y_k denotes the value of y in the k -th integration step and the vector ϕ_k contains information about a number of previous steps. After a choice of a suitable starting value $y_k^{(0)}$ this system is solved by a modified Newton-Raphson method:

$$(4.4) \quad y_k^{(r+1)} = y_k^{(r)} - (I - h\beta g_y(t, y_k^{(r)}, p))^{-1} (y_k^{(r)} - \phi_k - h\beta g(t, y_k^{(r)}, p)).$$

When this iteration process has converged, we integrate the additional m systems of linear equations directly by

$$(4.5) \quad y_{p,k} = h \beta g_p(t, y_k, p) + h \beta g_y(t, y_k, p) y_{p,k} + \psi_{p,k}.$$

Here, we use the L-U-decomposed form of $(I - h\beta g_y(t, y_k, p))$, that was already available from (4.4).

The possibility of coupling the integration of (4.1) with the integration of (4.2) with this ease, depends crucially on the linear form of the integration formula used. It cannot be achieved, for instance, with Runge-Kutta methods. By (4.4) and (4.5), we compute the residual function $f(p)$ and the Jacobian matrix $J(p)$ row after row, when we are integrating (4.3).

5. THE MULTIPLE SHOOTING TECHNIQUE

When starting the minimization of $F(p)$, it is also desirable to have good initial estimates of p . Because of the nonlinearity in p of $y(t,p)$, the sum of squares $F(p)$ may have more than one local minimum. We use a multiple shooting technique (see for instance STOER & BULIRSCH [9]) to create good initial estimates of p . This technique easily fits into the parameter estimation method described in section 3.

We divide the interval of integration $[t_0, t_k]$ into $\ell + 1$ parts, denoted by a set of break-points $\{T_1, \dots, T_\ell\}$, which is a subset of $\{t_1, \dots, t_k\}$. Denote $T_0 = t_0$ and $T_{\ell+1} = t_k$.

Let $\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+\ell}$ be an expanded vector of parameters such that

$$\tilde{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_m, p_{m+1}, \dots, p_{m+\ell})^T.$$

Here p_{m+i} , $1 \leq i \leq \ell$, represents an estimate of a component of the vector $\hat{Y}(p^*)$, viz. $p_{m+i} \sim \hat{Y}(T_i, p^*)$.

Denote

$$y(t; T_i, \tilde{p}) = y(t, \tilde{p}) \text{ for } t \in [T_i, T_{i+1}], i=0, \dots, \ell.$$

Successively, on each interval $[T_i, T_{i+1}]$, an initial value problem is solved. On the interval $[T_0, T_1]$ the integration is started with the initial conditions:

$$(5.1) \quad y(T_0; T_0, \tilde{p}) := y_0(p).$$

Thereafter, on the intervals $[T_i, T_{i+1}]$, $i=1, \dots, \ell$, the integration is continued with the initial conditions

$$(5.2) \quad y(T_i; T_i, \tilde{p}) := y(T_i; T_{i-1}, \tilde{p}),$$

for all components of y , except for that particular component of $y(T_i; T_i, \tilde{p})$ for which we have an additional estimate p_{m+i} . For this component we have

$$(5.3) \quad \hat{y}(T_i; T_i, \tilde{p}) := p_{m+i}.$$

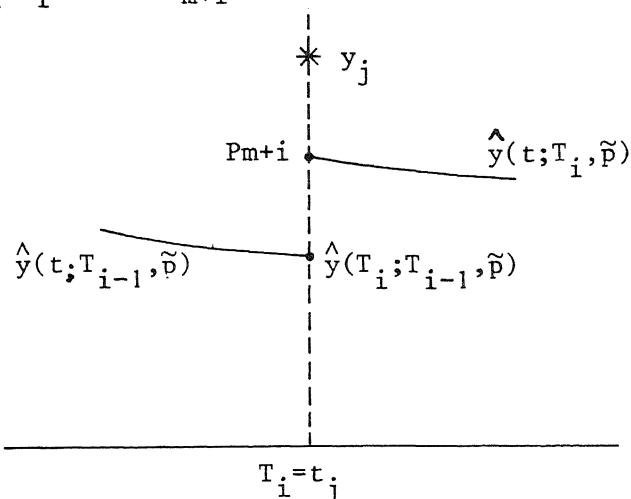


Fig. 5.1.

For these additional estimates, i.e. the extra parameters p_{m+1}, \dots, p_{m+l} , we have initial estimates available from physical knowledge, viz. the observations of $\hat{y}(T_1, p), \dots, \hat{y}(T_\ell, p)$.

Hence, we have to solve the initial value problems

$$(5.4) \quad y'(t, \tilde{p}) = g(t, y, \tilde{p}), \quad t \in [T_i, T_{i+1}], \quad i=0, \dots, \ell,$$

with the initial conditions given by (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3).

Now, beside the least squares conditions for the parameter \tilde{p} , we also have to satisfy the continuity conditions

$$p_{m+i} = \hat{y}(T_i; T_{i-1}, \tilde{p}), \quad i=1, \dots, \ell.$$

We add these conditions with a weighting factor M , to the original least squares problem. We define the expanded residual function $\tilde{f}: \mathbb{R}^{m+l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$, depending on \tilde{p} and M , by

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{p}, M) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}(t_1, \tilde{p}) - y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}(t_k, \tilde{p}) - y_k \\ (\hat{y}(T_1; T_0, \tilde{p}) - p_{m+1}) * M \\ \vdots \\ (\hat{y}(T_\ell; T_{\ell-1}, \tilde{p}) - p_{m+l}) * M \end{pmatrix},$$

and we have to minimize the sum of squares

$$\tilde{F}(\tilde{p}, M) = \tilde{f}^T(\tilde{p}, M) \tilde{f}(\tilde{p}, M).$$

The expanded Jacobian matrix $\tilde{J}(\tilde{p}, M) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+\ell} \times \mathbb{R}^{m+\ell}$ is the matrix of partial derivatives of the expanded residual function and has the following form:

$$\tilde{J}(\tilde{p}, M) = \begin{pmatrix} G_1 \\ G_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $G_1 \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{m+\ell}$ with $(G_1)_{ij} = \frac{\partial \hat{y}(t_i, \tilde{p})}{\partial p_j}$

$G_2 \in \mathbb{R}^\ell \times \mathbb{R}^{m+\ell}$ with $(G_2)_{ij} = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} (\hat{y}(T_i; T_{i-1}, \tilde{p}) - p_{m+i}) \right] * M.$

Further, the method is completely analogous to the method with a single interval of integration.

During minimizing $\tilde{F}(\tilde{p})$, we may enhance the continuity conditions by increasing the weighting factor M . On the other hand, we may omit a break-point and the corresponding parameter if the continuity condition is (almost) satisfied. Of course, we omit all extra parameters if sufficiently accurate initial estimates for p have been obtained.

The advantage of the technique discussed is that a priori knowledge about a state-variable Y is used to obtain reasonable initial estimates for p .

6. THE ALGORITHM

Using the ideas described in the previous sections we construct algorithm A. An implementation of this algorithm, written in the form of an ALGOL 60 procedure, is given in appendix I to this report. We distinguish in algorithm A the following four blocks:

A1: *initialisation.*

The following input must be given:

an approximation p_0 to p^* ;

the observations (t_i, y_i) , $i=1, \dots, k$;

a set of break-points $\{T_1, \dots, T_{\ell_0}\}$, which is a subset of $\{t_1, \dots, t_k\}$;
 tolerance values ε_r' and ε_a' ;
 weighting factors M_1, \dots, M_s such that $M_{i+1} > M_i$, $i=1, \dots, s-1$;
 tolerance values $\varepsilon_r(M_1), \dots, \varepsilon_r(M_s)$ and $\varepsilon_a(M_1), \dots, \varepsilon_a(M_s)$.

A2: *first integration: rejecting or accepting the given break-points.*

Let p_{m+i} be that component of Y corresponding to $\hat{y}(T_i, p)$, $i=1, \dots, \ell_0$.
 The initial conditions for the integration of the system

$$(6.1) \quad y'(t, \tilde{p}) = g(t, y, \tilde{p})$$

on the interval $[T_0, T_1]$ are given by (5.1). Perform the following block for $i=1, \dots, \ell_0 + 1$:

Perform the integration of (6.1) on the interval $[T_{i-1}, T_i]$.

The choice of the initial conditions on the next interval are established by the following test. If the continuity condition

$$|\hat{y}(T_i; T_{i-1}, \tilde{p}) - p_{m+i}| < \varepsilon_a(M_1)$$

is satisfied, then the break-point T_i and the parameter p_{m+i} are discarded and the initial conditions for the integration of (6.1) are given by (5.2). Otherwise the initial conditions are given by (5.2) and (5.3).

Suppression of the break-points that have been discarded during this first integration and subsequent renumbering of the remaining break-points yields a new set $\{T_1, \dots, T_{\ell_1}\}$ and a new set of corresponding parameters $p_{m+1}, \dots, p_{m+\ell_1}$, where $\ell_1 \leq \ell_0$.

Block A3 is performed K times. Here $K = \min(t, s)$, where t is the smallest non-negative integer for which $\ell_{t+1} = 0$ and s is the number of given weighting factors.

A3: *iteration step, $j=1, \dots, K$.*

Minimize $\tilde{F}(\tilde{p}, M_j)$ by Marquardt iteration, with the set of break-points $\{T_1, \dots, T_{\ell_j}\}$. Stop this process if after an iteration step it turns out that

$$\tilde{F}(\tilde{p}, M_j) - \tilde{F}(\tilde{p} + \delta\tilde{p}, M_j) \leq \varepsilon_r(M_j) \tilde{F}(\tilde{p} + \delta\tilde{p}, M_j) + \varepsilon_a(M_j)$$

or

$$\tilde{F}(\tilde{p} + \delta\tilde{p}, M_j) \leq \varepsilon_a(M_j).$$

Discard break-point T_i and parameter p_{m+i} if the continuity condition

$$|\hat{y}(T_i; T_{i-1}, \tilde{p}) - p_{m+i}| < \varepsilon_a(M_{j+1}), \quad i=1, \dots, \ell_j,$$

is satisfied. Renumbering the remaining break-points and parameters delivers the next set $\{T_1, \dots, T_{\ell_{j+1}}\}$ with the corresponding parameters $p_{m+1}, \dots, p_{m+\ell_{j+1}}$, where $\ell_{j+1} \leq \ell_j$.

A4: *minimization without break-points.*

Let p be an approximation to \bar{p} , delivered after K iteration steps A3. Minimize $F(p)$ by Marquardt iteration and stop this process if, after an iteration step, it turns out that

$$F(p) - F(p + \delta p) \leq \varepsilon'_r F(p + \delta p) + \varepsilon'_a \quad \text{or} \quad F(p + \delta p) \leq \varepsilon'_a,$$

then set $\bar{p} = p + \delta p$

7. STATISTICS

As was pointed out in section 1, it is essential to the problem to find not only a set of parameters \bar{p} , but also estimates for their reliability.

For the error η_i in the observed value y_i we assume an $N(0, \sigma^2)$ distribution and so it follows from (3.4) that the error in the estimated value \bar{p} will also be normally distributed. As a first approximation, it is assumed that $f(p)$ is linear in p in a sufficiently large neighbourhood of \bar{p} . When $f(p)$ is moderately nonlinear an adjusted theory for confidence regions can be found in BEALE [2].

The approximate confidence region is that set of values of p for which

$$F(p) - F(\bar{p}) \leq m \sigma^2 F_{\alpha}(m, k-m),$$

where $F_{\alpha}(m, k-m)$ is the upper α probability point of the Fisher-distribution with m and $k-m$ degrees of freedom.

We may use

$$s^2 = \frac{F(\bar{p})}{k-m},$$

as an adequate independent estimate of σ^2 .

Expanding $f(p)$ in Taylor series and retaining only terms up to the first order yields

$$f(p) = f(\bar{p}) + J(\bar{p}) \delta p,$$

where $\delta p = p - \bar{p}$.

Then from (2.1) and $J^T(\bar{p}) f(\bar{p}) = 0$, it follows immediately that

$$F(p) = F(\bar{p}) + \delta p^T J^T J \delta p,$$

where $J = J(\bar{p})$.

Thus, the confidence region will be an ellipsoid

$$(7.1) \quad \delta p^T J^T J \delta p \leq \varepsilon,$$

where $\varepsilon = \frac{m}{k-m} F(\bar{p}) F_{\alpha}(m, k-m)$.

From this ellipsoid we can derive some individual confidence intervals for \bar{p}_i . For example, the dependent interval with the ends

$$(7.2) \quad \bar{p}_i \pm \delta p_i^{(1)}, \text{ where}$$

$$\delta p_i^{(1)} = \sqrt{[\varepsilon / (J^T J)_{ii}]}$$

and the independent interval with the ends

$$(7.3) \quad \bar{p}_i \pm \delta p_i^{(2)}, \text{ where}$$

$$\delta p_i^{(2)} = \sqrt{[\epsilon (J^T J)^{-1}]_{ii}}.$$

Geometrically regarded, the axis δp_i intercepts the ellipsoid at point $\delta p_i^{(1)}$ from the centre of the ellipsoid. The tangent planes to the ellipsoid with normals to the direction of δp_i are defined by equation (7.3). In two dimensions this is illustrated by fig. 7.1.

More information about the ellipsoid can be gained from the matrix $J^T J$. Using the singular value decomposition (cf. eq. (3.5)), the confidence region is given by

$$\delta q^T \sum^2 \delta q \leq \epsilon,$$

where $\delta q = V^T \delta p$. This indicates that the principal axes of the ellipsoid coincide with the column vectors of V . Moreover, the lengths of the axes are:

$$(7.4) \quad \delta q_i = \sqrt{\epsilon} / \sigma_i, \quad i=1, \dots, m,$$

where σ_i is the i -th diagonal element of \sum .

Equation (7.4) states that the longest axis, corresponding to the smallest singular value, defines the worst-determined direction in the parameter space. The shortest axis (largest singular value) defines the best-determined direction.

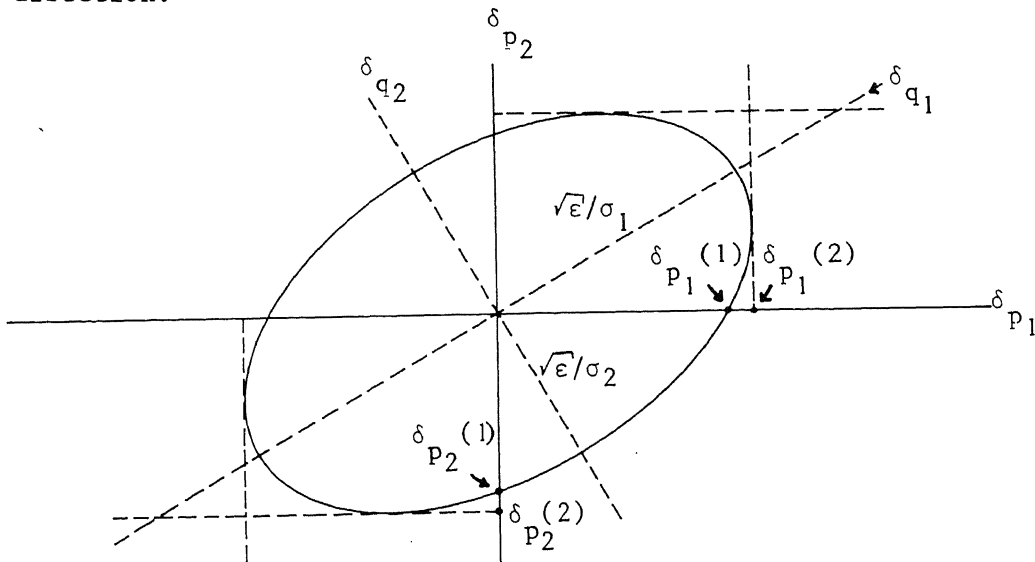


Fig. 7.1.

We denote the deviation of the least squares estimate \bar{p} from the true value p^* by δp . Hence the expectation of δp will be zero and the covariance matrix of δp reads:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\delta p \delta p^T) &= E((J^T J)^{-1} J^T f(\bar{p}) f^T(\bar{p}) J (J^T J)^{-1}) = \\ &= (J^T J)^{-1} J^T E(f(\bar{p}) f^T(\bar{p})) J (J^T J)^{-1} = \\ &= \sigma^2 (J^T J)^{-1} = \sigma^2 Q Q^T, \end{aligned}$$

where the columns of $Q = V \Sigma^{-1}$ are the principal axes of the ellipsoid (7.1). Since the singular value decomposition of J is available during the computation process, this information can easily be obtained. From the covariance matrix we readily derive the correlation matrix with entries

$$r_{ij} = \frac{Q_i^T Q_j}{\|Q_i\|_2 \|Q_j\|_2} = \cos(Q_i, Q_j),$$

where Q_i and Q_j are the i -th and j -th row vector of Q , respectively.

In most cases, these considerations give sufficient information about the reliability of the estimate \bar{p} .

8. NUMERICAL RESULTS

The ALGOL 60 version of algorithm A (see Appendix I) was tested on several problems and in this section we give the results of the tests, with some discussion. The testing has been performed on a CD-Cyber 73-28 computer.

The first five problems have been taken from HEMKER [6], where also information about the origins of the problems and the corresponding experimental data can be found.

Henceforth, a single integration of the coupled system (4.3) over the interval $[t_0, t_k]$ will be called a function evaluation. A function evaluation is performed in order to obtain the residual function $f(p)$ as well as the Jacobian matrix $F(p)$. For each problem, we give the number of function evaluations needed to obtain a certain relative and absolute precision for the sum of squares $F(p)$. The values of the relative and absolute precision,

ϵ_r' and ϵ_a' , have been provided, dependent on the accuracy of the data.

We will also give the relative starting value of λ used, i.e. λ_0 . This value is required as an input parameter when using the implementation of the method of Marquardt, that is available in the software library NUMAL (see Hemker [7]).

In order to obtain information about the reliability of the estimates \bar{p} , the correlation matrix, the covariance matrix and 1% confidence intervals (c.f. eq. (7.3)) were calculated.

We have tested the algorithm with and without break-points. The use of break-points implicates one additional integration of system (4.1) (see Appendix I).

1) *The ESCEP-problem.*

This problem originates from biochemistry and represents a set of coupled chemical reactions. The mathematical model has the following form:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = - (1-y_2) y_1 + p_2 y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = p_1 ((1-y_2)y_1 - (p_2+p_3)y_2),$$

$$y_1(0) = 1, y_2(0) = 0.$$

Observations were obtained by means of a simulation run with the parameter values

$$p = (1000, 0.99, 0.01)^T.$$

The differential equation, which is stiff, was solved over the range $0 \leq t \leq 30$. The value of y_2 increases rapidly for a short initial period and then almost remains in a steady state.

We have tested our algorithm with five different sets of observations:

A. values of $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ from the simulation run, rounded to four decimal places, for the values

$$t = 0.0002 \ (0.0002) \ 0.002, \ 0.02(0.02) \ 0.1, \ 1.0, \ 2.0, \ 5.0 \ (5.0) \ 30.0.$$

- B. as A, but only the observations of $y_2(t)$ were taken.
- C. as B, but every second observation of B was left out.
- D. as B, but with values for $t < 0.04$ excluded.
- E. as B, but with values for $t > 0.04$ excluded.

In all cases, the starting values of the parameters were

$$p_0 = (1600, .8, 1.2)^T,$$

and the relative starting value of λ was $\lambda_0 = 10^{-2}$.

The parameters in the model are the rate constants of the chemical reactions and its values are nonnegative. We take advantage of this information and scale the parameters by estimating their natural logarithms.

We tested the algorithm with three break-points and without break-points. The number of function evaluations, needed to fit the data within four decimals accuracy, are given in table 8.1.

Table 8.1

	A	B	C	D	E
0 break-points	9	13	9	12	5 ^{*)}
3 break-points	11	11	12	11	7 ^{*)}

^{*)} the model did not fit the data within the accuracy of four decimals.

A complete testrun with data B is given as an illustration in Appendix I.

The model with data A, B or C is a correct operational model, since each set of data contains information from the initial as well as from the steady state period of y_2 . The calculated confidence intervals of the natural logarithms of the estimates were:

$$\delta p = (\pm 0.32_{10^{-3}}, \pm 0.25_{10^{-3}}, \pm 0.23_{10^{-2}})^T.$$

These (absolute) confidence intervals for the logarithms are simply related to the (relative) confidence intervals of the original parameters. For ex-

ample, a deviation of 0.05 in $\ln(p)$ corresponds to a relative accuracy of about 5% in p .

The data D consist of observations only from the steady state period. The model is consistent with data D but not unique. The first parameter in the model, which is responsible for the behaviour of y_2 in the initial period, could not be determined and kept the value 1600.

With data E, which only consist of observations from the initial period, the other two parameters cannot be determined. The model seems to be not consistent with the data E. The sum of squares attained the value $F(\bar{p}) = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ and this value could not be improved. The parameters became the values:

$$\bar{p} = (997.15, 0.470, 0.526)^T$$

and the confidence intervals of their natural logarithms were

$$\delta p = (\pm 0.97 \cdot 10^{-2}, \pm 1.17, \pm 1.01)^T.$$

2) Bellman's problem

This test problem originates from a chemical reaction and the differential equation reads:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = p_1(126.2 - y_1)(91.9 - y_1)^2 - p_2 y_1^2,$$

$$y_1(1) = 0.$$

The 14 observations of y_1 are given in one decimal place accuracy. The parameters p_1 and p_2 are the rate constants of the chemical reactions and the values are small and have a different order of magnitude. Therefore it is advised to scale the parameters by estimating the logarithms. Nevertheless, we did not follow this advice in the first instance.

The starting values of the parameters were $p_0 = (10^{-6}, 10^{-4})^T$, and our algorithm found the estimates

$$\bar{p} = (0.45_{10^{-5}}, 0.27_{10^{-3}})^T,$$

with the confidence intervals

$$\delta p = (\pm 0.54_{10^{-6}}, \pm 0.19_{10^{-3}})^T$$

and the calculated sum of squares was $F(\bar{p}) = 22.0$.

The problem is ill conditioned and this can be seen from the condition number of $J^T(\bar{p}) J(\bar{p})$ which was about 10^{+6} . The influence of the value of λ_0 on the progress of the process is illustrated by table 8.2. The smaller the value of λ_0 , the smaller is the number of function evaluations needed to obtain the given results. This is due to the starting values of the parameters which are close to the final estimates.

Table 8.2

	$\lambda_0 = 10^{-2}$	$\lambda_0 = 10^{-3}$	$\lambda_0 = 10^{-4}$
0 break-points	20	16	13
2 break-points	18	15	11

By estimating the natural logarithms of the parameters the problem becomes well conditioned and only 4 function evaluations were needed to obtain the same results.

3) Gear's problem.

This problem also originates from chemical reactions and these reactions are described by the following system of differential equations:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = -p_1 y_1 + p_2 y_2 (2 - y_2 - 2y_1)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -p_3 y_2 + p_4 (2 - y_2 - 2y_1) (1 - y_2 - y_1) - \frac{dy_1}{dt},$$

$$y_1(0) = 0.25, y_2(0) = 0.5.$$

The 4 observations of both y_1 and y_2 were given in 3 decimal places accuracy. The starting values of the parameters were

$$p_0 = (1, 1, 1, 1)^T.$$

The solution found was

$$\bar{p} = (0.7943, 0.8441, 0.8956, 0.9433)^T$$

and the confidence intervals were

$$\delta p = (\pm 0.034, \pm 0.030, \pm 0.064, \pm 0.078)^T.$$

The problem was tested with $\lambda_0 = 10^{-4}$.

The model is not unique, since it fits the data within an error which is less than the experimental error in the data. With two break-points, 4 function evaluations were needed to obtain these results and without break-points 3 function evaluations were needed.

4) *Barnes' problem.*

The following system of differential equations describes a set of coupled chemical reactions, which has many applications in theoretical biology.

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = p_1 y_1 - p_2 y_1 y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = p_2 y_1 y_2 - p_3 y_2,$$

$$y_1(0) = 1, y_2(0) = 0.3.$$

The 10 observations of both y_1 and y_2 were given in two decimal places accuracy. The results show that the model is not consistent with the data, since the sum of squares did not attain the accuracy of the data.

The starting values of the parameters were

$$p_0 = (1, 1, 1.3)^T$$

and the parameters obtained were

$$\bar{p} = (0.86, 2.07, 1.81)^T$$

with the confidence intervals

$$\delta p = (\pm 0.19, \pm 0.35, \pm 0.38)^T$$

and the calculated sum of squares in the minimum was

$$F(\bar{p}) = 0.164.$$

The problem was tested with $\lambda_0 = 10^{-2}$.

In order to obtain these results, 6 function evaluations were needed without using break-points and 7 function evaluations were needed when using 3 break-points.

5) *The exponential fitting problem*

This artificial problem has the property that the parameters also appear in the initial values of the differential equations.

We consider the sum of exponentials

$$(8.1) \quad y_1(t) = p_5 + p_1 e^{p_2 t} + p_3 e^{p_4 t}.$$

To this function, a system of linear differential equations is associated

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -p_4 p_2 y_1 + (p_4 + p_2) y_2 + p_4 p_2 p_5.$$

The initial conditions are

$$y_1(0) = p_1 + p_3 + p_5$$

$$y_2(0) = p_1 p_2 + p_3 p_4.$$

The 17 observations of y_1 were obtained from equation (8.1) in an accuracy of four decimal places, using the parameter values

$$p = (-3, -20, +2, -1, +1)^T,$$

for the values $t = .02(.02) .1, .2(.2) 1.0, 5.0(5.0) 20.0$.

We have tested this problem with $\lambda_0 = 10^{-4}$ and with starting values of the parameters

$$p_0 = (-5, -10, +5, -.5, +.5)^T.$$

Both with two break-points and without break-points the algorithm attained the given solution after 10 function evaluations.

6) *The enzyme effusion after a heart-infarct* (see VAN DOMSELAAR [4])

This problem involves fitting a model of enzyme effusion into the blood after a heart-infarct. Shortly after a heart-infarct the enzyme activity in the blood is large, thereafter it decreases by demolition to its normal value. The model has the following form:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = p_1 y_1 + \frac{p_4}{v_1} (y_2 - y_1) + p_1 y_{1im} + v_1 \frac{1}{t\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-0.5\left(\frac{\ln(t) - p_2}{p_3}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = \frac{p_4}{v_2} (y_1 - y_2),$$

$$y_1(0.1) = y_2(0.1) = y_{1im},$$

where y_1 is the intravascular and y_2 the extravascular enzyme activity. The unknown parameters in the model are p_1 , the constant of demolition; p_2 ,

a measure for the place of the maximum of the effusion; p_3 , a measure for the spreading of the effusion and p_4 , the permeability constant.

The following data are known (for a particular patient):

- v_1 is the volume inside the blood-vessels and has the value 2.6,
 v_2 is the volume outside the blood-vessels and has the value 2.7,
 q is a measure for the quantity of the total extra effusion and has the value 4991,
 $y_{1\text{lim}}$ is the normal effusion and has the value 27.8.

For several values of t the enzyme activity, y_1 , was measured and these experimental results are given table 8.3.

Table 8.3.

t	y_1	t	y_1
2.5	20.0	44.4	58.7
3.8	23.5	47.9	41.9
7.0	63.6	53.1	40.2
10.9	267.5	59.0	31.3
15.0	427.8	65.1	30.0
18.2	339.7	73.1	30.6
21.3	331.9	81.1	23.5
22.9	243.5	91.2	24.8
24.9	212.0	101.9	26.1
26.8	164.1	115.4	33.3
30.1	112.7	138.7	17.8
34.0	88.1	163.2	16.8
37.8	76.2	186.7	16.8
42.4	62.3		

The problem was solved with $\lambda_0 = 10^{-1}$ and the initial estimates of the parameter values:

$$p_0 = (0.16, 2.6, 0.3, 0.32)^T.$$

The parameters obtained were

$$\bar{p} = (0.27, 2.65, 0.364, 0.21)^T$$

with the confidence intervals

$$\delta p = (\pm 0.08, \pm 0.32, \pm 0.098, \pm 0.29)^T$$

and the final sum of squares was

$$F(\bar{p}) = 4038.2.$$

By using 3 break-points, 16 function evaluations were needed to obtain these results and without using break-points 15 function evaluations were needed.

9. CONCLUSIONS

The method for estimating parameters in differential equations, given in HEMKER [6], formed the base for the method described in this report. The method of Hemker has been improved by using the method of Marquardt for minimizing the sum of squares and by using a multiple shooting technique for improving bad starting values of the parameters.

Algorithm A performed well on all problems that have been studied in section 8. For the problems tested, the use of break-points had almost no influence on the results. Nevertheless, we believe that the multiple shooting technique is a useful expansion of a method for estimating parameters in differential equations. Therefore, we advise to use break-points if no good initial approximation can be given.

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Appendix I: Description and source text of the ALGOL 60 procedure PEIDE.

The procedure PEIDE is an implementation of algorithm A in section 6. Before giving the description and source text, we describe some details of the ALGOL 60 procedure.

The method of Marquardt has been implemented in the procedure MARQUARDT, which is described in BUS, et al. [3] and inserted in HEMKER [7]. The procedure FUNCT calculates both the residual function $f(p)$ and the Jacobian matrix $J(p)$ by solving system (4.3).

In order to obtain information about the starting values of the parameters, the procedure PEIDE starts with calculating $f(p_0)$ without using the given break-points.

Inside the procedure, the weighting factors $M_1 = 1$, $M_2 = 4$, $M_3 = 9$ and $M_4 = 16$ are given. The corresponding tolerance values are computed by

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_a(M_1) &:= F(p_0) \left(\frac{\varepsilon'_a}{F(p_0)} \right)^{1/4} M_1, \\ \varepsilon_a(M_i) &:= \varepsilon_a(M_{i-1}) \left(\frac{\varepsilon'_a}{F(p_0)} \right)^{1/4} M_i, \quad i=2,3,4, \\ \varepsilon_r(M_1) &:= F(p_0) \left(\frac{\varepsilon'_r}{F(p_0)} \right)^{1/4} M_1, \\ \varepsilon_r(M_i) &:= \varepsilon_r(M_{i-1}) \left(\frac{\varepsilon'_r}{F(p_0)} \right)^{1/4} M_i, \quad i=2,3,4.\end{aligned}$$

When the procedure MARQUARDT is used, a relative starting value of λ , i.e. λ_0 , is required. Inside the procedure PEIDE, MARQUARDT can be called several times and, after each call, the value of λ_0 is adjusted to the last value of λ used.

calling sequence:

the heading of the procedure peide is:
procedure peide(n, m, nob, nbp, par, rv, bp, jtjinv, in, out,
 deriv, jac dfdy, jacdfdp, call ystart, data, monitor);
value n,m,nob; integer n,m,nob,nbp;
array par,rv,jtjinv,in,out; integer array bp;
procedure call ystart,data,monitor;
boolean procedure deriv,jac dfdy,jac dfdp;

the meaning of the formal parameters is:

n: <arithmetic expression>;
 the number of differential equations;
 m: <arithmetic expression>;
 the number of unknown variables;
 nob: <arithmetic expression>;
 the number of observations; nob should satisfy $nob \leq m$;
 nbp: <variable>;
 entry: the number of break-points; if no break-points are
 used then set nbp=0;
 exit: with normal termination of the process nbp=0;
 otherwise, if the process has been broken off (see
 out[1]), the value of nbp is the number of break-
 points used before the process broke off;
 par: <array identifier>;
array par[1 : m+nbp];
 entry: par[1:m] should contain an initial approximation
 to the required parameter vector;
 exit: par[1:m] contains the calculated parameter vector;
 if out[1]>0 and nbp>0 then par[m+1:m+nbp] contains
 the values of the newly introduced parameters
 before the process broke off;
 rv: <array identifier>;
array rv[1 : nob+nbp];
 exit: rv[1:nob] contains the residual vector at the
 calculated minimum; if out[1]>0 and nbp>0 then
 rv[nob+1:nob+nbp] contains the additional
 continuity requirements at the break-points before
 the process broke off;
 bp: <array identifier>;
integer array bp[0 : nbp];
 entry: bp[i], i=1,...,n, should correspond to the index
 of that time of observation which will be used as
 a break-point ($1 \leq bp[i] \leq nob$); the break-points
 have to be ordered such that $bp[i] \leq bp[j]$ if $i \leq j$;
 exit: with normal termination of the process bp[1:nbp]
 contains no information; otherwise, if out[1]>0
 and nbp>0 then bp[i], i=1,...,nbp, contains the
 index of that time of observation which was used
 as a break-point before the process broke off;
 jtjinv: <array identifier>;
array jtjinv[1 : m, 1 : m];

exit: the inverse of the matrix $j' \times j$ where j denotes the matrix of partial derivatives $drv[i] / dpar[j]$ ($i=1, \dots, nobs$; $j=1, \dots, m$) and j' denotes the transpose of j ; this matrix can be used if additional information about the result is required; e.g. statistical data such as the covariance matrix, correlation matrix and confidence intervals can easily be calculated from `jtjinv` and `out[2]`;

in: `<array identifier>`;
array `in[0 : 6]`;
entry: in this array the user should give some data to control the process;
in[0]: the machine precision;
for the cyber 73 a suitable value is 10^{-14} ;
in[1]: the ratio: the minimal steplength for the integration of the differential equations divided by the distance between two neighbouring observations; mostly, a suitable value is 10^{-4} ;
in[2]: the relative local error bound for the integration process; this value should satisfy $in[2] \leq in[3]$; this parameter controls the accuracy of the numerical integration; mostly, a suitable value is $in[3]/100$;
in[3], in[4]:
the relative, resp. the absolute tolerance for the difference between the euclidean norm of the ultimate and penultimate residual vector;
the process is terminated if the improvement of the sum of squares is less than
 $in[3] \times (\text{sum of squares}) + in[4] \times in[4]$;
these tolerances should be chosen in accordance with the relative, resp. absolute errors in the observations;
note that the euclidean norm of the residual vector is defined as the square root of the sum of squares;
in[5]: the maximum number of times that the integration of the differential equations is performed;
in[6]: a starting value used for the relation between the gradient and the gauss-newton direction (see [1]); if the problem is well conditioned then a suitable value for `in[6]` will be 0.01; if the problem is ill conditioned then `in[6]` should be greater, but the value of `in[6]` should satisfy:
 $in[0] < in[6] \leq 1/in[0]$;

out: `<array identifier>`; array `out[1 : 7]`;
exit : in array `out` some by-products are delivered;
out[1]: this value gives information about the termination of the process;
out[1]=0: normal termination;
if `out[1]>0` then the process has been broken off

and this may occur because of the following reasons:

- out[1]=1: the number of integrations performed exceeded the number given in in[5];
 - out[1]=2: the differential equations are very nonlinear; during an integration the value of in[1] was decreased by a factor 10000 and it is advised to decrease in[1], although this will increase computing time;
 - out[1]=3: a call of deriv delivered the value false;
 - out[1]=4: a call of jac dfdy delivered the value false;
 - out[1]=5: a call of jac dfdp delivered the value false;
 - out[1]=6: the precision asked for can not be attained; this precision is possibly chosen too high, relative to the precision in which the residual vector is calculated (see in[3]);
 - out[2]: the euclidean norm of the residual vector calculated with values of the unknowns delivered;
 - out[3]: the euclidean norm of the residual vector calculated with the initial values of the unknown variables;
 - out[4]: the number of integrations performed, needed to obtain the calculated result; if out[4]=1 and out[1]>0 then the matrix jtjinv can not be used;
 - out[5]: the maximum number of times that the requested local error bound was exceeded in one integration; if it is a large number, it may be better to decrease the value of in[1];
 - out[6]: the improvement of the euclidean norm of the residual vector in the last iteration step of the process of marquardt;
 - out[7]: the condition number of $j' \times j$, i.e. the ratio of its largest to smallest eigenvalues;
- deriv: <procedure identifier>;
 this procedure defines the right hand side of the differential equations;
 the heading of this procedure should be:
boolean procedure deriv(par, y, t, df); value t;
real t; array par,y,df;
 entry: par,y,t;
 par[1:m] contains the current values of the unknowns and should not be altered;
 y[1:n] contains the solutions of the differential equations at time t and should not be altered;
- exit: array df[1 : n];
 an array element df[i] should contain the right

hand side of the i -th differential equation;
 after a successful call of deriv, the boolean procedure
 should deliver the value true;
 however, if deriv delivers the value false, then the
 process is terminated (see out[1]);
 hence, proper programming of deriv makes it possible to
 avoid calculation of the right hand side with values of
 the unknown variables which cause overflow in the
 computation;

jac dfdy: <procedure identifier>;
 the heading of this procedure should be:
boolean procedure jac dfdy(par, y, t, fy); value t;
real t; array par,y,fy;
 entry: par,y,t;
 see deriv;
 exit: array fy[1 : n,1 : n];
 an array element fy[i,j] should contain the
 partial derivative of the right hand side of the
 i -th differential equation with respect to $y[j]$,
 i.e. $df[i]/dy[j]$;
 the boolean value should be assigned to this procedure
 in the same way as it is done for the value of deriv;

jac dfdp: <procedure identifier>;
 the heading of this procedure should be:
boolean procedure jac dfdp(par, y, t, fp); value t;
real t; array par,y,fp;
 entry: par,y,t;
 see deriv;
 exit: array fp[1 : n,1 : m];
 an array element fp[i,j] should contain the
 partial derivative of the right hand side of the
 i -th differential equation with respect to par[j],
 i.e. $df[i]/dpar[j]$;
 the boolean value should be assigned to this procedure
 in the same way as it is done for the value of deriv;

call ystart: <procedure identifier>;
 this procedure defines the initial values of the initial
 value problem;
 the heading of this procedure should be:
boolean procedure call ystart(par, y, ymax);
array par,y,ymax;
 entry: par;
 par[1:m] contains the current values of the
 unknown variables and should not be altered;
 exit: y,ymax;
 y[1:n] should contain the initial values to the
 corresponding differential equations;
 the initial values may be functions of the unknown
 variables par; in that case, the initial values of
 $dy/dpar$ also have to be supplied; note that

$dy[i]/dpar[j]$ corresponds with $y[5 \times n + i \times n + j]$
 $(i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, m)$;
 $ymax[i], i=1, \dots, n$, should contain a rough
estimate to the maximal absolute value of $y[i]$
over the igration interval;

data: <procedure identifier>;
this procedure takes the data to fit into the procedure
peide;
the heading of this procedure should be:
procedure data(nobs, tobs, cobs, obs); value nobs;
integer nobs; array tobs, obs; integer array cobs;
entry: nobs;
nobs has the same meaning as in peide;
exit: array tobs[0 : nobs];
the array element tobs[0] should contain the time,
corresponding to the initial values of y given in
the procedure call ystart; an array element
tobs[i], $1 \leq i \leq nobs$, should contain the i-th time
of observation; the observations have to be
ordered such that $tobs[i] < tobs[j]$ if $i < j$;
integer array cobs[1:nobs];
an array element cobs[i] should contain the
component of y observed at time tobs[i]; note that
 $1 < cobs[i] < n$;
array obs[1:nobs];
an array element obs[i] should contain the
observed value of the component cobs[i] of y at
the time tobs[i];

monitor: <procedure identifier>;
this procedure can be used to obtain information about
the course of the iteration process; if no intermediate
results are wanted, a dummy procedure satisfies;
the heading of this procedure should be:
procedure monitor(post, ncol, nrow, par, rv, weight, nis);
value post, ncol, nrow, weight, nis;
integer post, ncol, nrow, weight, nis; array par, rv;
inside peide, the procedure monitor is called at two
different places and this is denoted by the value of
post:
post=1: monitor is called after an integration of the
differential equations; at this place are
available: the current values of the unknown
variables par[1:ncol], where $ncol = m + nbp$, the
calculated residual vector rv[1:nrow], where
 $nrow = nobs + nbp$, and the value of nis, which is
the number of integration steps performed during
the solution of the last initial value problem;
post=2: monitor is called before a minimization of the
euclidean norm of the residual vector with the

procedure marquardt (see section 5.1.3.1.3) is started; available are the current values of par[1:ncol] and the value of the weight, with which the continuity requirements at the break-points are added to the original least squares problem.

procedures used (see hemker[7]) :

- inivec = cp31010,
- inimat = cp31011,
- mulvec = cp31020,
- mulrow = cp31021,
- dupvec = cp31030,
- dupmat = cp31035,
- vecvec = cp34010,
- matvec = cp34011,
- elmvec = cp34020,
- sol = cp34051,
- dec = cp34300,
- marquardt = cp34440.

source text:

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code 34444;
procedure peide(n,m,nobs,nbp,par,res,bp,jtjinv,in,out,deriv,jac dfdy,
  jac dfdp, call ystart,data,monitor);
  value n,m,nobs; integer n,m,nobs,nbp;
  array par,res,jtjinv,in,out;
  integer array bp;
  procedure call ystart,data,monitor;
  boolean procedure deriv,jac dfdy,jacdfdp;
  begin integer i,j,extra,weight,ncol,nrow,away,npar,ii,jj,max,
    nfe,nis;
    real eps,eps1,xend,c,x,t,hmin,hmax,res1,in3,in4,fac3,fac4;
    array aux[1:3],obs[1:nobs],save[-38:6xn],tobs[0:nobs],
    yp[1:nbp+nobs,1:nbp+m],ymax[1:n],y[1:6nx(nbp+m+1)],fy[1:n,1:n],
    fp[1:n,1:m+nbp];
    integer array cobs[1:nobs];
    boolean first,sec,clean;

    procedure inivec(l,u,a,x); code 31010;
    procedure inimat(l1,u1,l2,u2,a,x); code 31011;
    procedure mulvec(l,u,s,a,b,x); code 31020;
    procedure mulrow(l,u,i,j,a,b,x); code 31021;
    procedure dupvec(l,u,s,a,b); code 31030;
    procedure dupmat(l1,u1,l2,u2,a,b); code 31035;
    real procedure vecvec(l,u,s,a,b); code 34010;
    real procedure matvec(l,u,i,a,b); code 34011;
    procedure elmvec(l,u,s,a,b,x); code 34020;
    procedure sol(a,n,p,b); code 34051;
    procedure dec(a,n,aux,p); code 34300;
    procedure marquardt(m,n,p,r,c,f,j,i,o); code 34440;

    real procedure interpol(startindex,jump,k,tobsdif);
      value startindex,jump,k,tobsdif;
      integer startindex,jump,k; real tobsdif;
      begin integer i; real s,r; s:=y[startindex]; r:=tobsdif;
        for i:=1 step 1 until k do
          begin startindex:=startindex+jump;
            s:=s+y[startindex]xr; r:=rxtobsdif
          end; interpol:=s
        end interpol;

    procedure jac dydp(nrow,ncol,par,res,jac,lofunct);
      value nrow,ncol; integer nrow,ncol;
      array par,res,jac; procedure lofunct;
      begin
        dupmat(1,nrow,1,ncol,jac,yp)
        end jacobian;

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boolean procedure funct(nrow,ncol,par,res);
  value nrow,ncol; integer nrow,ncol; array par,res;
  begin integer l,k,knew,fails,same,kpold,n6,nnpair,j5n,
    cobsii;
    real xold,hold,a0,tolup,tol,toldwn,tolconv,h,ch,chnew,
    error,dfi,tobsdif;
    boolean evaluate,evaluated,decompose,conv;
    array a[0:5],delta,last delta,df,y0[1:n],jacob[1:n,1:n];
    integer array p[1:n];

    real procedure norm2(ai); real ai;
      begin real s,a; s:= 10-100;
        for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
          begin a:= ai/ymax[i]; s:= s + a × a end;
        norm2:= s
      end norm2;

    procedure reset;
      begin if ch < hmin/hold then ch:= hmin/hold else
        if ch > hmax/hold then ch:= hmax/hold;
        x:= xold; h:= hold × ch; c:= 1;
        for j:= 0 step n until kxn do
          begin for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
            y[j+i]:= save[j+i] × c;
            c:= c × ch
          end;
          decompose:=true
        end reset;

    procedure order;
      begin c:= eps × eps; j:= (k-1) × (k + 8)/2 - 38;
        for i:= 0 step 1 until k do a[i]:= save[i+j];
        j:= j + k + 1;
        tolup := c × save[j];
        tol := c × save[j + 1];
        toldwn := c × save[j + 2];
        tolconv:= eps/(2 × n × (k + 2));
        a0:= a[0]; decompose:= true;
      end order;

    procedure evaluate jacobian;
      begin evaluate:= false;
        decompose:= evaluated:= true;
        if ¬ jac dfdy(par,y,x,fy) then
          begin save[-3]:=4; goto return end;
        end evaluate jacobian;

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procedure decompose jacobian;
  begin decompose:= false;
    c:= -a0 × h;
    for j:= 1 step 1 until n do
      begin for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
        jacob[i,j]:= fy[i,j] × c;
        jacob[j,j]:= jacob[j,j] + 1
      end;
    dec(jacob,n,aux,p)
  end decompose jacobian;

procedure calculate step and order;
  begin real a1,a2,a3;
    a1:= if k < 1 then 0 else
      0.75 × (toldown/norm2(y[k×n+i])) ↑ (0.5/k);
    a2:= 0.80 × (tol/error) ↑ (0.5/(k + 1));
    a3:= if k > 5 v fails ≠ 0
      then 0 else
        0.70 × (tolup/norm2(delta[i] - last delta[i]))↑
        (0.5/(k+2));
    if a1 > a2 ^ a1 > a3 then
      begin knew:= k-1; chnew:= a1 end else
      if a2 > a3 then
        begin knew:= k ; chnew:= a2 end else
        begin knew:= k+1; chnew:= a3 end
    end calculate step and order;

  if sec then begin sec:=false; goto return end;
  npar:=m; extra:=nis:=0; ii:=1;
  jj:=if nbp=0 then 0 else 1;
  n6:=nx6;
  inivec(-3,-1,save,0);
  inivec(n6+1,(6+m)×n,y,0);
  animat(1,nobs+nbp,1,m+nbp,yp,0);
  t:=tobs[1]; x:=tobs[0];
  call ystart(par,y,ymax);
  hmax:=tobs[1]-tobs[0]; hmin:=hmax×in[1];
  evaluate jacobian; npar:=n×npar;

new start:
k:= 1; kold:=0; same:= 2; order;
if ¬ deriv(par,y,x,df) then
  begin save[-3]:=3; goto return end;
h:=sqrt(2 × eps/sqrt(norm2 (matvec(1,n,i,fy,df))));
if h > hmax then h:= hmax else
if h < hmin then h:= hmin;
xold:= x; hold:= h; ch:= 1;
for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
  begin save[i]:=y[i]; save[n+i]:=y[n+i]:=df[i]×h end;
fails:= 0;

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for l:= 0 while x < xend do
begin if x + h < xend then x:= x + h else
begin h:= xend-x; x:= xend; ch:= h/hold; c:= 1;
for j:= n step n until kxn do
begin c:= c x ch;
for i:= j+1 step 1 until j+n do
y[i]:= y[i] x c
end;
same:= if same<3 then 3 else same+1;
end;

comment prediction;
for l:= 1 step 1 until n do
begin for i:= 1 step n until (k-1)xn+1 do
for j:= (k-1)xn+1 step -n until i do
y[j]:= y[j] + y[j+n];
delta[l]:= 0
end;
evaluated:= false;

comment correction and estimation local error;
for l:= 1,2,3 do
begin if not deriv(par,y,x,df) then
begin save[-3]:=3; goto return end;
for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
df[i]:= df[i] x h - y[n+i];
if evaluate then evaluate jacobian;
if decompose then decompose jacobian;
sol(jacob,n,p,df);
conv:= true;
for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
begin dfi:= df[i];
y[ i]:= y[ i] + a0 x dfi;
y[n+i]:= y[n+i] + dfi;
delta[i]:= delta[i] + dfi;
conv:= conv ^ abs(dfi) < tolconv x ymax[i]
end;
if conv then
begin error:= norm2(delta[i]);
goto convergence
end
end;

comment acceptance or rejection;
if not conv then
begin if not evaluated then evaluate:= true
else
begin ch:=ch/4; if h<4xhmin then
begin save[-1]:= save[-1]+10;
hmin:=hmin/10;
if save[-1]>40 then goto return
end
end;
reset
end else convergence:

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if error > tol then
begin fails:= fails + 1;
  if h > 1.1 × hmin then
  begin if fails > 2 then
    begin reset; goto new start
    end else
    begin calculate step and order;
      if knew ≠ k then
      begin k:= knew; order end;
      ch:= ch × chnew; reset
    end
  end else
  begin if k = 1 then
    begin comment violate eps criterion;
      save[-2]:= save[-2] + 1;
      same:= 4; goto error test ok
    end;
    k:=1; reset; order; same:= 2
  end
end else error test ok:

begin fails:= 0;
  for i:= 1 step 1 until n do
  begin c:= delta[i];
    for l:= 2 step 1 until k do
    y[l×n+i]:= y[l×n+i] + a[l] × c;
    if abs(y[i]) > ymax[i] then
    ymax[i]:= abs(y[i])
    end;
    same:= same-1;
    if same= 1 then
    dupvec(1,n,0,last delta,delta) else
    if same= 0 then
    begin calculate step and order;
      if chnew > 1.1 then
      begin
        if k ≠ knew then
        begin if knew > k then
          mulvec(knew×n+1,knew×n+n,-knew×n,y,delta,
            a[k]/knew);
          k:= knew; order
        end;
        same:= k+1;
        if chnew × h > hmax
        then chnew:= hmax/h;
        h:= h × chnew; c:= 1;
        for j:= n step n until k×n do
        begin c:= c × chnew;
          mulvec(j+1,j+n,0,y,y,c)
        end; decompose:=true
        end
      else same:= 10
    end of a single integration step of y;
    nis:=nis+1;

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comment start of a integration step of yp;
if clean then
begin hold:=h; xold:=x; kpold:=k; ch:=1;
  dupvec(1,kxn+n,0,save,y)
end else
begin if h#hold then
  begin ch:=h/hold; c:=1;
    for j:=n6+nnpar step nnpar until
      kpoldxnpar+n6 do
      begin c:=cxch;
        for i:=j+1 step 1 until j+nnpar do
          y[i]:=y[i]xc
        end; hold:=h
      end;
    if k>kpold then
      inivec(n6+kxnnp+1,n6+kxnnp+nnpar,y,0);
      xold:= x; kpold:= k; ch:= 1;
      dupvec(1,kxn+n,0,save,y);
      evaluate jacobian;
      decompose jacobian;
      if not jac dfdp(par,y,x,fp) then
        begin save[-3]:=5; goto return end;
      if npar>m then inimat(1,n,m+1,npar,fp,0);

comment prediction;
for l:=0 step 1 until k-1 do
for j:=k-1 step -1 until l do
elmvec(jxnnp+6+1,jxnnp+6+nnpar,nnpar,y,y,1);

comment correction;
for j:=1 step 1 until npar do
begin j5n:=(j+5)xn;
  dupvec(1,n,j5n,y0,y);
  for i:=1 step 1 until n do df[i]:=
    hx(fp[i,j]+matvec(1,n,i,fy,y0))
    -y[nnpar+j5n+i];
  sol(jacob,n,p,df);
  for l:=0 step 1 until k do
  begin i:=lxnnp+j5n;
    elmvec(i+1,i+n,-i,y,df,a[1])
  end
end
end;

for l:=0 while x>t do
begin
comment calculation of a row of the jacobian
matrix and an element of the residual
vector;
tobsdif:=(tobs[ii]-x)/h; cobsii:=cobs[ii];
res[ii]:=interpol(cobsii,n,k,tobsdif)-obs[ii];

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if  $\neg$  clean then
begin for i:=1 step 1 until npar do
  yp[ii,i]:=interpol(cobsii+(i+5) $\times$ n,npar,k,
                    tobsdif);
comment introducing of break-points;
  if bp[jj] $\neq$ ii then else
  if first  $\wedge$  abs(res[ii])<eps1 then
  begin nbp:=nbp-1; dupvec(jj,nbp,1,bp,bp);
    bp[nbp+1]:=0
  end else
  begin extra:=extra+1;
    if first then par[m+jj]:=obs[ii];
    comment introducing a jacobian row and a
      residual vector element for
      continuity requirements;
    yp[nobs+jj,m+jj]:=-weight;
    mulrow(1,npar,nobs+jj,ii,yp,weight);
    res[nobs+jj]:=weight $\times$ (res[ii]+obs[ii]-
      par[m+jj])
  end
end;
if ii=nobs then goto return else
begin t:=tobs[ii+1];
  if bp[jj]=ii  $\wedge$  jj<nbp then jj:=jj+1;
  hmax:=t-tobs[ii]; hmin:=hmax $\times$ in[1]; ii:=ii+1
end;
end;

comment break-points introduce new initial values
  for y and yp;
if extra>0 then
begin for i:=1 step 1 until n do
  begin y[i]:=interpol(i,n,k,tobsdif);
    for j:=1 step 1 until npar do
    y[i+(j+5) $\times$ n]:=interpol(i+(j+5) $\times$ n,npar,k,
                          tobsdif)
  end;
  for l:=1 step 1 until extra do
  begin cobsii:=cobs[bp[npar-m+1]];
    y[cobsii]:=par[npar+1];
    for i:=1 step 1 until npar+extra do
    y[cobsii+(5+i) $\times$ n]:=0;
    inivec(1+npar+(1+5) $\times$ n,npar+(1+6) $\times$ n,y,0);
    y[cobsii+(5+npar+1) $\times$ n]:=1
  end;
  npar:=npar+extra; extra:=0;
  x:=tobs[ii-1]; evaluate jacobian; npar:=n $\times$ npar;
  goto new start
end
end
end step;

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return:
  if save[-2]>max then max:=save[-2];
  funct:=save[-1]<40 ^ save[-3]=0;
  if  $\neg$  first then
    monitor(1,ncol,nrow,par,res,weight,nis)
  end funct;

i:= -39;
for c:= 1,1,9,4,0,2/3,1,1/3,36,20.25,1,6/11,
      1,6/11,1/11,84.028,53.778,0.25,.48,1,.7,.2,.02,
      156.25, 108.51, .027778, 120/274, 1, 225/274,
      85/274, 15/274, 1/274, 0, 187.69, .0047361
do begin i:= i + 1; save[i]:= c end;

data(nobs,tobs,obs,cobs); weight:=1;
first:=sec:=false; clean:=nbp>0;
aux[2]:=-10-12; eps:=in[2]; eps1:=10+10;
xend:=tobs[nobs]; out[1]:=0; bp[0]:=max:=0;

comment smooth integration without break-points;
if  $\neg$  funct(nobs,m,par,res) then goto escape;
res1:=sqrt(vecvec(1,nobs,0,res,res)); nfe:=1;
if in[5]=1 then
begin out[1]:=1; goto escape end;
if clean then
begin first:=true; clean:=false;
  fac3:=sqrt(sqrt(in[3]/res1)); fac4:=sqrt(sqrt(in[4]/res1));
  eps1:=res1*fac4;
  if  $\neg$  funct(nobs,m,par,res) then goto escape;
  first:=false
end else nfe:=0;

ncol:=m+nbp; nrow:=nobs+nbp;
sec:=true;
in3:=in[3]; in4:=in[4]; in[3]:=res1;

begin real w; array aid[1:ncol,1:ncol];
  weight:=away:=0;
  out[4]:=out[5]:=w:=0;
  for weight:=(sqrt(weight)+1)^2 while
  weight#16 ^ nbp>0 do
  begin if away=0 ^ w#0 then
    begin comment if no break-points were omitted then one
      function evaluation is saved;
      w:=weight/w;
      for i:=nobs+1 step 1 until nrow do
      begin for j:=1 step 1 until ncol do
        yp[i,j]:=w*xyp[i,j];
        res[i]:=w*xres[i]
      end; sec:=true; nfe:=nfe-1
    end;
  end;
end;

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in[3]:=in[3]*fac3*weight; in[4]:=eps1;
monitor(2,ncol,nrow,par,res,weight,nis);
marquardt(nrow,ncol,par,res,aid,funct,jac dydp,in,out);
if out[1]>0 then goto escape;

comment the relative starting value of lambda is
adjusted to the last value of lambda used;
away:=out[4]-out[5]-1;
in[6]:=in[6] * 5^away * 2^(away-out[5]);
nfe:=nfe+out[4];
w:=weight; eps1:=(sqrt(weight)+1)^2*in[4]*fac4;
away:=0;

comment useless break-points are omitted;
for j:=1 step 1 until nbp do
begin if abs(obs[bp[j]]+res[bp[j]]-par[j+m])<eps1
then
begin nbp:=nbp-1; dupvec(j,nbp,1,bp,bp);
dupvec(j+m,nbp+m,1,par,par);
j:=j-1; away:=away+1; bp[nbp+1]:=0
end
end;
ncol:=ncol-away; nrow:=nrow-away
end;

in[3]:=in3; in[4]:=in4; nbp:=0; weight:=1;
monitor(2,m,nobs,par,res,weight,nis);
marquardt(nobs,m,par,res,jtjinv,funct,jac dydp,in,out);
nfe:=out[4]+nfe
end;
escape: if out[1]=3 then out[1]:=2 else
if out[1]=4 then out[1]:=6;
if save[-3]#0 then out[1]:=save[-3];
out[3]:=res1;
out[4]:=nfe;
out[5]:=max
end peide;

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Appendix II: An example of a computer run.

In this Appendix we give the complete testrun of the ESCEP-model with data B (see section 8).

code 34445;

comment the following procedure takes care of the output of the example program. it also interprets the numerical data that can be used to obtain statistical results;

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procedure communication(post,fa,n,m,nobs,nbp,par,res,bp,jtjinv,
                        in,out,weight,nis);
value post,fa,n,m,nobs,nbp,weight,nis;
integer post,n,m,nobs,nbp,weight,nis; real fa;
array par,res,bp,jtjinv,in,out;
begin integer i,j; real c; array conf[1:m];
real procedure vecvec(l,u,s,a,b); code 34010;
if post=5 then
  begin output(61,4x/,10b,4the first residual vector,/,16b,
    4i,4b,4res[i],/,/);
    for i:=1 step 1 until nobs do
      output(61,415b,zd,2b,+.4d0+zd,/,i,res[i]);
    end else if post=3 then
      begin output(61,4x,/,
        4the euclidean norm of the residual vector:4,
        .7d0+zd,2/,5b,4calculated parameters,/,/);
        sqrt(vecvec(1,nobs,0,res,res));
        for i:=1 step 1 until m do
          output(61,49b,+.7d0+zd,/,par[i]);
          output(61,4/,
            4number of integration steps performed: 4,zzd,/,/,nis);
        end else if post=4 then
          begin if nbp=0 then output(61,4x,/,5b,
            4the minimization is started without break-points4) else
            begin output(61,4x,5/,20b,
              4the minimization is started with w e i g h t =4,zd,
              3/4,weight);
              output(61,4/,5b,
                4the extra parameters are the observations:44);
              for i:=1 step 1 until nbp do
                output(61,48b,zd,2b4,bp[i]);
              end;
            output(61,46/,10b,
              4starting values of the parameters4,/,/);
            for i:=1 step 1 until m do
              output(61,420b,+.7d0+zd,/,par[i]);
              output(61,4//,
                4rel. tolerance for the eucl. norm of the res. vector:4
                ,b,.7d0+zd,/,

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    †abs. tolerance for the eucl. norm of the res. vector:†
    †b,.7d10+zd,/ ,†relative starting value of lambda†,19b,
    †:†,b,.7d10+zd†,in[3],in[4],in[6])
end else if post=1 then
begin
output(61,†10b,†starting values of the parameters†,/†);
for i:=1 step 1 until m do
output(61,†20b,+ .7d10+zd,/†,par[i]);
output(61,†2/, †number of equations†,3b,†:†,zd,/ ,
†number of observations:†,zd,2/,
†machine precision†,30b,†:†,+ .d10+zd,/ ,
†relative local error bound for integration†,5b,†:†,+ .d10+zd,/ ,
†relative tolerance for residue†,17b,†:†,+ .2d10+zd,/ ,
†absolute tolerance for residue†,17b,†:†,+ .2d10+zd,/ ,
†maximum number of integrations to perform†,6b,†:†,zzd,/ ,
†relative starting value of lambda†,14b,†:†,+ .2d10+zd,/ ,
†relative minimal steplength†,20b,†:†,+ .2d10+zd,/†,
n,nobs,in[0],in[2],in[3],in[4],in[5],in[6],in[1]);
if nbp=0 then output(61,†//,
†there are no break-points†) else
begin output(61,†//,
    †break-points are the observations :††);
    for i:=1 step 1 until nbp do
    output(61,†zzd,b†,bp[i])
end;
output(61,†//,
    †the alpha-point of the f-distribution :†,
    zd.dd†,fa);
end else if post=2 then
begin output(61,†x†); if out[1]=0 then output(61,†2/,
    †normal termination of the process†)
else if out[1]=1 then output(61,†2/,
    †number of integrations allowed was exceeded†)
else if out[1]=2 then output(61,†2/,
    †minimal steplength was decreased four times†)
else if out[1]=3 then output(61,†2/,
    †a call of deriv delivered false†)
else if out[1]=4 then output(61,†2/,
    †a call of jac dfdy delivered false †)
else if out[1]=5 then output(61,†2/,
    †a call of jac dfdp delivered false †)
else if out[1]=6 then output(61,†2/,
    †precision asked for may not be attained†);
if nbp=0 then output(61,†2/,
    †last integration was performed without break-points†) else
begin output(61,†2/,
    †the process stopped with break-points: †);
    for i:=1 step 1 until nbp do
    output(61,†zzd,b†,bp[i])
end;
end;

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output(61,44/,
  $eucl. norm of the last residual vector :$, .7d0+zd,/,
  $eucl. norm of the first residual vector: $, .7d0+zd,/,
  $number of integrations performed$, 7b, $: $, zzd,/,
  $last improvement of the euclidean norm : $, .7d0+zd,/,
  $conditon number of j'xj$, 15b, $: $, .7d0+zd,/,
  $local error bound was exceeded (maxim.): $, zzd, 7/$,
  out[2], out[3], out[4], out[6], out[7], out[5]);

comment statistics for the parameters;
output(61,4//, b, $parameters$, 12b, $confidence interval$,
/$);
for i:=1 step 1 until m do
begin conf[i]:=sqrt(mxfaxjtjinv[i,i]/(nobs-m))xout[2];
  output(61,4+.7d0+zd, 12b, +.7d0+zd, /$, par[i], conf[i]);
end;
c:=if nobs=m then 0 else out[2]xout[2]/(nobs-m);
output(61,45/, $correlation matrix$, 11b, $covariance matrix$,
/$);
for i:=1 step 1 until m do
begin for j:=1 step 1 until m do
  begin if i=j then output(61,429b$);
    if i>j then output(61,4+.7d0+zd, b$,
      jtjinv[i,j]/sqrt(jtjinv[i,i]xjtjinv[j,j]))
    else output(61,4+.7d0+zd, b$, jtjinv[i,j]xc)
  end; output(61,4/$);
end; output(61,4x$)
end;

output(61,43/, 10b, $the last residual vector$, //, 15b,
4i$, 4b, $res[i]$, /$);
for i:=1 step 1 until nobs do
  output(61,414b, zd, 2b, +.4d0+zd, /$, i, res[i])
end communication;

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the user program reads:

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begin integer i,m,n,nobs,nbp; real time,fa;
array par[1:6],res[1:26],jtjinv[1:3,1:3],in[0:6],out[1:7];
integer array bp[0:3];
procedure peide(n,m,no,nb,p,r,bp,j,i,o,d,jdy,jdp,cy,da,mo);
code 34444;
procedure communication(p,f,m,n,no,np,pa,r,bp,j,i,o,w,ni);
code 34445;

boolean procedure jac dfdp(par,y,x,fp);
  real x; array par,y,fp;
  begin real y2; y2:=y[2];
    fp[1,1]:=fp[1,3]:=0;
    fp[1,2]:=y2*exp(par[2]);
    fp[2,1]:=exp(par[1])*(y[1]*(1-y2)-(exp(par[2])+exp(par[3]))*y2);
    fp[2,2]:=-exp(par[1]+par[2])*y2;
    fp[2,3]:=-exp(par[1]+par[3])*y2;
    jac dfdp:=true
  end jac dfdp;

procedure data(nobs,tobs,obs,cobs);
  value nobs; integer nobs;
  array tobs,obs,cobs;
  begin integer i;
    tobs[0]:=0;
    output(61,4x,4/,4b,4the observations were:4,
//,b,4i4,3b,4tobs[i]4,3b,4cobs[i]4,3b,
4tobs[i]4,/4);
    for i:=1 step 1 until nobs do
      begin
        input(60,43(n)4,tobs[i],cobs[i],obs[i]);
        output(61,4zd,3b,zd.4d,6b,d,6b,.4d,/4,i,tobs[i],cobs[i],
obs[i])
      end
    end data;

procedure call ystart(par,y,ymax);
  array par,y,ymax;
  begin y[1]:=ymax[1]:=ymax[2]:=1;
    y[2]:=0
  end call ystart;

boolean procedure deriv(par,y,x,df);
  real x; array par,y,df;
  begin real y2; y2:=y[2];
    df[1]:=-((1-y2)*y[1]+exp(par[2]))*y2;
    df[2]:=exp(par[1])*((1-y2)*y[1]-(exp(par[2])+exp(par[3]))*y2);
    deriv:=true
  end deriv;

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boolean procedure jac dfdy(par,y,x,fy);
  real x; array par,y,fy;
  begin fy[1,1]:=-1+y[2];
        fy[1,2]:=exp(par[2])+y[1];
        fy[2,1]:=exp(par[1])*(1-y[2]);
        fy[2,2]:=-exp(par[1])*(exp(par[2])+exp(par[3])+y[1]);
        jac dfdy:=true
  end jac dfdy;

procedure monitor(post,ncol,ow,par,res,weight,nis);
  value post,ncol,nrow,weight,nis;
  integer post,ncol,nrow,weight,nis; array par,res;;

output(61,42/30b,4e s c e p - problem,3/4);
m:= 3; n:=2; nobs:=23; nbp:=3;
par[1]:=ln(1600); par[2]:=ln(.8); par[3]:=ln(1.2); in[0]:=10-14;
in[3]:=10-4; in[4]:=10-4; in[5]:=50; in[6]:=10-2;
in[1]:=10-4; in[2]:=10-5;
bp[1]:=17; bp[2]:=19; bp[3]:=21;
fa:=4.94;
comment fa denotes the alpha-point of the fisher-distribution;

communication(1,fa,n,m,nobs,nbp,par,res,bp,jtjinv,in,out,0,0);
time:=clock;

peide(n,m,nobs,nbp,par,res,bp,jtjinv,in,out,deriv,jac dfdy,jac dfdp,
call ystart,data,monitor);

time:=clock-time;
communication(2,fa,n,m,nobs,nbp,par,res,bp,jtjinv,in,out,0,0);
output(61,43/5b,
4the calculation in peide consumed,b,zzd.dd,2b,
4seconds,x,time)
end

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this program delivers:

e s c e p - problem

starting values of the parameters

+ .7377759₁₀ +1

- .2231436₁₀ +0

+ .1823216₁₀ +0

number of equations : 2

number of observations: 23

machine precision	: +.1 ₁₀ ⁻¹³
relative local error bound for integration	: +.1 ₁₀ ⁻⁴
relative tolerance for residue	: +.10 ₁₀ ⁻³
absolute tolerance for residue	: +.10 ₁₀ ⁻³
maximum number of integrations to perform	: 50
relative starting value of lambda	: +.10 ₁₀ ⁻¹
relative minimal steplength	: +.10 ₁₀ ⁻³

break-points are the observations : 17 19 21

the alpha-point of the f-distribution : 4.94

the observations were:

i	tobs[i]	cobs[i]	obs[i]
1	0.0002	2	.1648
2	0.0004	2	.2753
3	0.0006	2	.3493
4	0.0008	2	.3990
5	0.0010	2	.4322
6	0.0012	2	.4545
7	0.0014	2	.4695
8	0.0016	2	.4795
9	0.0018	2	.4862
10	0.0020	2	.4907
11	0.0200	2	.4999
12	0.0400	2	.4998
13	0.0600	2	.4998
14	0.0800	2	.4998
15	0.1000	2	.4998
16	1.0000	2	.4986
17	2.0000	2	.4973
18	5.0000	2	.4936
19	10.0000	2	.4872
20	15.0000	2	.4808
21	20.0000	2	.4743
22	25.0000	2	.4677
23	30.0000	2	.4610

normal termination of the process

last integration was performed without break-points

eucl. norm of the last residual vector :.1430776₁₀ -3
 eucl. norm of the first residual vector:.1331071₁₀ +1
 number of integrations performed : 12
 last improvement of the euclidean norm :.2223694₁₀ -4
 conditon number of j'xj :.2582882₁₀ +3
 local error bound was exceeded (maxim.): 37

parameters	confidence interval
+ .6907670 ₁₀ +1	+ .3209313 ₁₀ -3
- .1003941 ₁₀ -1	+ .1687774 ₁₀ -3
- .4605292 ₁₀ +1	+ .1942501 ₁₀ -2

correlation matrix	covariance matrix
	+ .6949857 ₁₀ -8 + .1407628 ₁₀ -8 - .9129848 ₁₀ -8
+ .3851320 ₁₀ +0	+ .1922119 ₁₀ -8 - .1414245 ₁₀ -7
- .2170393 ₁₀ +0 - .6392889 ₁₀ +0	+ .2546094 ₁₀ -6

the last residual vector

i	res[i]
1	+.1748 ₁₀ -5
2	-.2905 ₁₀ -4
3	+.2814 ₁₀ -4
4	-.3879 ₁₀ -4
5	+.3069 ₁₀ -4
6	+.3101 ₁₀ -4
7	-.2019 ₁₀ -4
8	-.3887 ₁₀ -5
9	+.1052 ₁₀ -4
10	+.1391 ₁₀ -4
11	-.5109 ₁₀ -4
12	+.2384 ₁₀ -4
13	-.1156 ₁₀ -5
14	-.2616 ₁₀ -4
15	-.5116 ₁₀ -4
16	+.2244 ₁₀ -4
17	+.6794 ₁₀ -4
18	-.1418 ₁₀ -4
19	+.2087 ₁₀ -4
20	-.1980 ₁₀ -4
21	-.3476 ₁₀ -4
22	-.2245 ₁₀ -4
23	+.1886 ₁₀ -4

the calculation in peide consumed 108.57 seconds