

Course Materials from GAMS 2 Class  
**Conditional Compilation**

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# Conditional Compilation

## Basics

GAMS provides features which allow one to change the basic structure of model being utilized at compile time.

These features allow one to

Simplify maintenance of models which share common features but have significant differences with the differences involving features which

Could not simultaneously exist in a compiled GAMS code, or

Add memory, execution time or solver requirements which are desirable to avoid if not needed.

Develop utilities which may be used across a wide variety of applications in different contexts.

The above statements are a bit obtuse and are best understood with examples

First I will introduce the language elements then I will provide case specific examples

## Conditional Compilation

### Control variables (control.gms)

One can use either **control variables** or the **parameters of the batinclude** statement to **cause compile time changes** in program structure.

Control variables defined in three different ways.

Difference involves manner in which control variables are accessible or retained in included code.

**\$set** **varname** **value**

**\$setlocal** **varname** **value**

**\$setglobal** **varname** **value**

where **varname** is any user chosen variable name  
**value** is an optional text or numerical value

Variables defined with

**\$setglobal** available throughout the code

**\$setlocal** available only in code module where defined

**\$Set** available in code module where defined and any code included therein

Note **\$show** shows all active variables at point where command is placed but is not always accurate on setlocal control variables as they are all listed but can only be used in module where defined

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## Control variables (control.gms)

The sequence

<code>\$set it 1</code>	sets a variable called it to 1
<code>\$setlocal yy</code>	creates a variable called yy
<code>\$setglobal gg what</code>	sets variable gg to “what”
<code>\$include includ</code>	includes the file includ.gms
<code>\$show</code>	shows all control variables

where `includ.gms` is

```
$set inincs
$setlocal inincsl
$setglobal inincsg
$show
```

This has 2 instances of `$show`, the first in the 1st file reveals

LEVEL	SETVAL	TYPE	NUM	TEXT
1	ININCSL	LOCAL	1	
1	ININCS	SCOPED	1	
0	YY	LOCAL	1	
0	IT	SCOPED	1	1
0	GG	GLOBAL	1	what
1	ININCSG	GLOBAL	1	

The second

LEVEL	SETVAL	TYPE	NUM	TEXT
0	YY	LOCAL	1	
0	IT	SCOPED	1	1
0	GG	GLOBAL	1	what
1	ININCSG	GLOBAL	1	

Note only the item defined as `$setglobal` in the included file carries over. Also values assigned are in the text field

## Conditional Compilation \$IF and \$IF Not (basicif.gms)

Conditional control is defined by utilizing  
\$IF and \$IF NOT

The basic form of this is

\$IF condition GAMS command  
\$IF NOT condition GAMS command

where **condition** is a conditional expression and  
**GAMS command** is a one line GAMS instruction

Example (basicif.gms)

```
scalar x /1/;  
scalar y /1/;  
$setglobal gg  
$setglobal tt doit  
$if setglobal gg display x;  
$if not setglobal gg display y;  
$if "%tt%" == "doit" x=x*2;  
$if not "%tt%" == "doit" y=y/4;
```

Effect on compiled code

```
1 scalar x /1/;  
2 scalar y /1/;  
5 display x;  
7 x=x*2;
```

Note the lines in **blue** are suppressed because the \$IF fails  
**%varnam%** retrieves text in variable

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### Overcoming One line if (goto.gms)

The one GAMS statement limits ones options. This can be overcome via use of

```
$GOTO labelname  
$LABEL labelname
```

Example (goto.gms)

```
scalar y /1/  
$setglobal gg  
$if setglobal gg $goto yesgg  
y=y+3;  
$label yesgg  
display y;  
*after yesgg  
$if not setglobal gg $goto nogg  
y=y/14;  
display y;  
$label nogg
```

Effect on code

```
1 scalar y /1/  
4 display y;  
5 *after yesgg  
7 y=y/14;  
8 display y;
```

Note red line is suppressed because \$IF causes \$GOTO to occur

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### Fancy forms of IF

Quite a few other forms of \$IF are possible. Here are the ones I know about

\$if errorfree	have compile errors occurred
\$if declared item	has item been declared in a set, parameter, table etc statement
\$if defined item	if this item is defined with data somewhere
\$if dimension 0 itemname	is this item of dimension zero (a scalar)
\$if dimension 1 itemname	is this item of dimension 1 (a parameter with one index set -- a(i))
\$if dimension 3 itemname	is this item of dimension 3 (a parameter a(i,j,k)) cases 0-10 are allowed
\$if settype itemname	is this item a set
\$if partype itemname	is this item a parameter
\$if vartype itemname	is this item a variable
\$if equtype itemname	is this item an equation
\$if exist filename	does this file exist
\$if “%varname%” == “text”	does this control variable’s text equal text in quotes (note 2 =)

Note item can be any GAMS item not just control variables

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### Other things you can do

\$abort message	stops compilation and writes message
\$log message	send message to log file
\$error message	generates compile error with message
\$exit	exits compilation
\$goto %varname%	goes to place specified by variable
\$call filename	executes program during compilation but does not return info from program
\$execute filename	executes program during model run but does not return info from program
\$onlisting	turns on listing
\$onmulti	allows data item redefinition
\$onempty	allows empty items
\$setargs args	sets arguments for a program call or execute
\$onuni	suppresses checking of index validity
\$shift	DOS shift command
\$echo	Copies text to file

For examples see

[GNUPLTXY.gms](#) , [xldump.gms](#) in [inclib](#) or  
[program files/GAMSide/inclib](#) for rutherford's stuff



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## Nonlinear vs linear illustration (nlp-lp.gms)

Here we treat a model as either linear or nonlinear depending on control variable

```
$setglobal nonlin yes
*$setglobal nonlin no
variables          z    objective
positive variables x    decision variables;
equations          obj
                  xlim;
$if %nonlin% == yes $goto nonlin
    obj..    z=e=3*x;
$goto around
$label nonlin
    obj..    z=e=3*x-3*x**2;
$label around
    xlim..   x=l=4;
model cond /all/;
$if %nonlin% == yes solve cond using nlp maximizing z;
$if not %nonlin% == yes solve cond using lp maximizing z
```

When NONLIN is set to yes we get

```
3 variables          z    objective
4 positive variables x    decision variables;
5 equations          obj
6                   xlim;
8           obj..    z=e=3*x;
10          xlim..   x=l=4;
11 model cond /all/;
13 solve cond using lp maximizing z;
```

Otherwise

```
3 variables          z    objective
4 positive variables x    decision variables;
5 equations          obj
6                   xlim;
8           obj..    z=e=3*x;
10          xlim..   x=l=4;
11 model cond /all/;
13 solve cond using lp maximizing z;
```

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## Multi - single mode commodity transport (mode.gms)

Here we have our model considering modes or not depending on control variable

```
$setglobal mode
Sets Source      plants / Seattle, "San Diego" /
    Destinaton  markets / "New York", Chicago, Topeka / ;
Parameters Supply(Source) Supply at each source
    /seattle 350, "san diego" 600 /
    Need(Destinaton) Demand at each market
    /"new york" 325, chicago 300, topeka 275 / ;
Table distance(Source,Destinaton) distance in thousands of miles
    "new york"    chicago    topeka
    seattle       2.5        1.7        1.8
    "San diego"   2.5        1.8        1.4 ;
$if setglobal mode $goto mode
Scalar  prmilecst freight cost in $ per case per 1000 miles /90/
    loadcost freight loading cost in $ per case /25/ ;
Parameter trancost(Source,Destinaton) transport cost in dollars per case ;
    trancost(Source,Destinaton) =
        loadcost + prmilecst * distance(Source,Destinaton) ;
$goto around
$label mode
set mode /truck,train/
parameter prmilecst(mode) /truck 90,train 70/
    loadcost(mode) /truck 25,train 100/ ;
Parameter trancost(Source,Destinaton,mode) transport cost ;
    trancost(Source,Destinaton,mode) =
        loadcost(mode) + prmilecst(mode) * distance(Source,Destinaton) ;
$label around
Positive Variable
$if setglobal mode transport(Source,Destinaton,mode) shipment quantities in cases;
$if not setglobal mode transport(Source,Destinaton) shipment quantities in cases;
Variable totalcost total transportation costs in dollars ;
Equations Costsum total transport cost -- objective function
    Supplybal(Source) supply limit at source plants
    Demandbal(Destinaton) demand at destinations ;
$if not setglobal mode $goto nomode
Costsum .. totalcost =e= sum((Source,Destinaton),
    sum(mode, trancost(Source,Destinaton,mode)
        *transport(Source,Destinaton,mode)));
Supplybal(Source) ..
    sum((destinaton,mode), transport(Source,Destinaton,mode))
    =l= supply(Source) ;
demandbal(Destinaton) ..
    sum((Source,mode), transport(Source,Destinaton,mode))
    =g= need(Destinaton) ;
$goto modset
$label nomode
Costsum .. totalcost =e= sum((Source,Destinaton),
    trancost(Source,Destinaton)
        *transport(Source,Destinaton));
Supplybal(Source) ..
    sum((destinaton), transport(Source,Destinaton))
    =l= supply(Source) ;
demandbal(Destinaton) ..
    sum((Source), transport(Source,Destinaton))
    =g= need(Destinaton) ;
$label modset
Model tranport /all/ ;
Solve tranport using lp minimizing totalcost ;
```

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## Put sets or parameters (putcond.gms)

Here we put out a set or a parameter depending on input  
item type

```
file at
put at
set a1 set to be put/item1 first,item2 second/
parameter r(a1) parameter to be put /item1 5,item2 6/
$batinclude outit a1
$batinclude outit r
```

where outit.gms is

```
$if not "a%1" == "a" $goto start
$error Error in outit: item to be printed is not specified.
$label start
$if declared %1 $goto declared
$error Error in outit: identfier %1 is undeclared.
$exit
$label declared
$if defined %1 $goto defined
$error Error in outit: identfier %1 is undefined.
$exit
$label defined
$if settype %1 $goto doset
$if partype %1 $goto dopar
$error Error in outit: identfier %1 is not a set or a parameter.
$exit
$label doset
put /' set %1 ' %1.ts /
loop(%1,put ' Element called ' %1.t1 ' defined as ' %1.te(%1) /)
put /
$goto end
$label dopar
$if not dimension 1 %1 $goto badnews
$if not declared wkset1alias(wkset1,*);
$if not declared wkset2 set wkset2(wkset1);
wkset2(wkset1)=no;
$onuni
wkset2(wkset1)$%1(wkset1)=yes;
display wkset2;
put /' Parameter %1 ' %1.ts /
loop(wkset2,put ' Element ' wkset2.t1 ' equals ' %1(wkset2) /)
put /
$offuni
$goto end
$label badnews
$error Error in outit: identfier %1 is not a one dimensional parameter.
$label end
```

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## Put sets or parameters (putcond.gms)

Which becomes

```
1 file at
2 put at
3 set a1 set to be put/item1 first,item2 second/
4 parameter r(a1) parameter to be put /item1 5,item2 6/
BATINCLUDE C:\GAMS\ADVCLASS\CLASS\EXAMPLE\CONDCOMP\OUTIT.GMS
10 put /' set a1 ' a1.ts /
11 loop(a1,put 'Element called' a1.tl 'definedas' a1.te(a1) /)
12 put /
BATINCLUDE C:\GAMS\ADVCLASS\CLASS\EXAMPLE\CONDCOMP\OUTIT.GMS
21 alias(wkset1,*);
22 set wkset2(wkset1);
23 wkset2(wkset1)=no;
25 wkset2(wkset1)$r(wkset1)=yes;
26 display wkset2;
27 put /' Parameter r ' r.ts /
28 loop(wkset2,put ' Element' wkset2.tl 'equals ' r(wkset2) /)
29 put /
```

Note lines 21-25 figure out the set elements r is defined over and put it in set wkset2

Much more of this can be found in Rutherford's files on

<http://nash.colorado.edu/tomruth>