

Numerical analysis of an inverse problem for the eikonal equation

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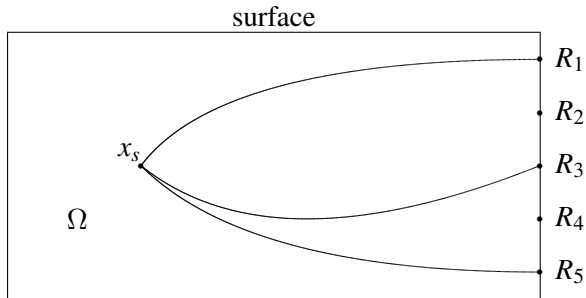
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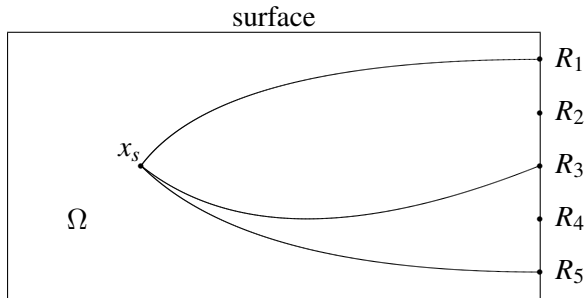
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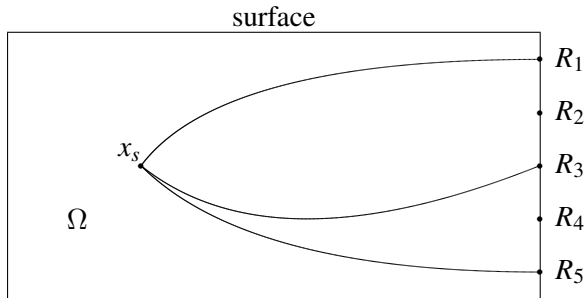
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A discrete solution can be found efficiently, without iteration, using the fast marching procedure, **Sethian**.

The idea behind this method is that the unique solution T_α at a grid point x_α , only depends on neighbouring values T_β such that $0 \leq T_\beta < T_\alpha$ so that the solution can be obtained in increasing order of magnitude of the grid values T_α . Solving the equation then becomes an issue of sorting the grid values.

Fast marching

First tag x_{α_0} as *known* and tag as *trial* all points that are one grid point away from this *known* point. Finally tag as *far* all remaining points. Now cycle through the following *Fast Marching Procedure*:

- [Step 1] Compute a trial value of \tilde{T}_α for every $x_\alpha \in \textit{trial}$ according to discrete equation assuming that it is smaller than or equal to its *trial* neighbours.
- [Step 2] Set x_μ to be any *trial* point such that the trial values satisfy $\tilde{T}_\mu \leq \tilde{T}_\alpha$ for all $x_\alpha \in \textit{trial}$.
- [Step 3] Set $T_\mu = \tilde{T}_\mu$ for all such x_μ and add x_μ to *known* and remove from *trial*.
- [Step 4] Tag all neighbours of *known* as *trial* if they are not *known*.
- [Step 5] If $\textit{trial} = \{\emptyset\}$ STOP.
- [Step 6] Return to Step 1.

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Lemma

The Fast Marching Procedure terminates in K cycles where K is the number of distinct positive values taken by the solution T_h .

Observe that the unique solution of the equation

$$\sum_{x_\beta \in \mathcal{N}_{m,\alpha}} \left[\left(\frac{r - U_\beta}{h_{\alpha\beta}} \right)^+ \right]^2 = a(x_\alpha)^2$$

defining the trial values may be found by solving a quadratic equation and taking the largest root.

Error bound

Theorem

Let $a : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ be Lipschitz continuous, $T : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the viscosity solution of (1), (2), (3) and $T_h : \bar{\Omega}_h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the corresponding discrete solution. Then

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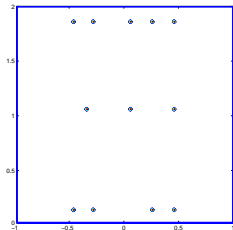


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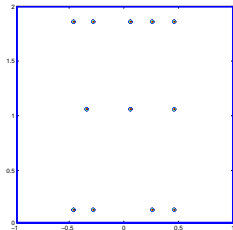


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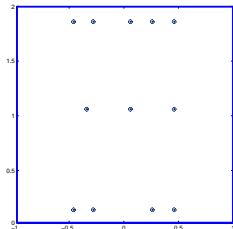


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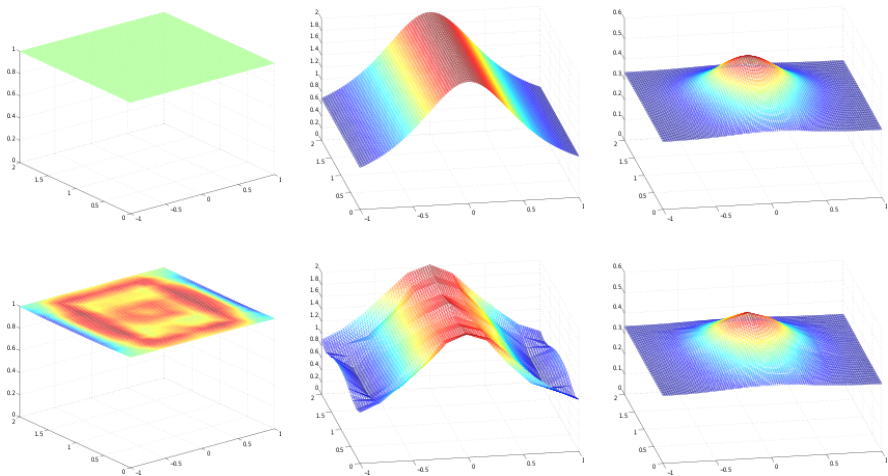


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