

# Convex relaxation of (some) hybrid discrete-continuous control problems

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$$\min_{u \in U} \mathcal{F}(u) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|^2$$

- $\mathcal{F}$  tracking, discrepancy term (involving PDEs)
- $U$  discrete set

$$U = \{u \in L^p(\Omega) : u(x) \in \{u_1, \dots, u_d\} \text{ a.e.}\}$$

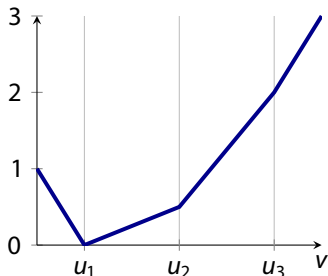
- $u_1, \dots, u_d$  given voltages, velocities, materials, ...  
(assumed here: ranking by magnitude possible!)
- **motivation:** topology optimization, medical imaging

- **convex relaxation**: replace  $U$  by convex hull  $u(x) \in [u_1, u_d]$
- works only for  $d = 2$ , cf. bang-bang control ( $\alpha = 0$ )
- $\rightsquigarrow$  promote  $u(x) \in \{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$  by **convex pointwise penalty**

$$\mathcal{G}(u) = \int_{\Omega} g(u(x)) dx$$

- generalize  $L^1$  norm: **polyhedral epigraph** with vertices  $u_1, \dots, u_d$
- **not** exact relaxation/penalization (in general)!

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- motivation: convex envelope of  $\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \delta_U$
- **multi-bang** (generalized bang-bang) control
- $\rightsquigarrow$  non-smooth optimization in function spaces

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$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  differentiable:

- derivative:

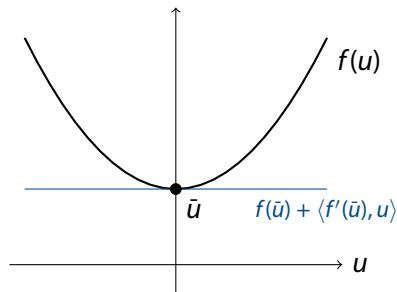
$$f'(u) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(u+h) - f(u)}{h}$$

- geometrically:

$f'(u)$  tangent slope

- $f(\bar{u}) = \min_u f(u) \Rightarrow f'(\bar{u}) = 0$

- calculus for  $f'$



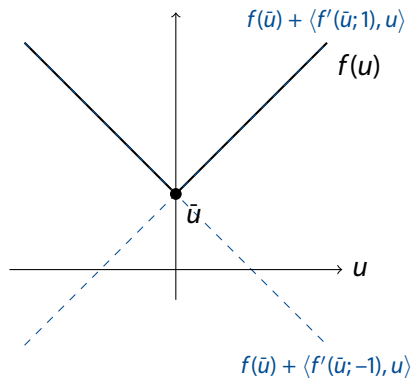
$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  not differentiable, **convex**:

- directional derivative:

$$f'(u; h) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(u + th) - f(u)}{t}$$

- but:** for all  $h$ ,

$$f'(\bar{u}; h) \neq 0$$



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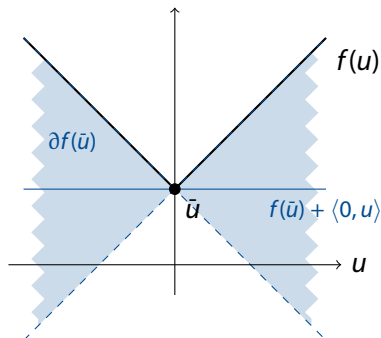
- **subdifferential:**

$$\partial f(u) = \{u^* : \langle u^*, h \rangle \leq f'(u; h)\}$$

- **geometrically:**  $\partial f(u)$  set of tangent slopes

- $f(\bar{u}) = \min_u f(u) \Rightarrow 0 \in \partial f(\bar{u})$

- **calculus for  $\partial f$  under regularity conditions**





$\mathcal{F} : V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} := \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  convex,  $V$  Banach space,  $V^*$  dual space

## ■ subdifferential

$$\partial\mathcal{F}(\bar{v}) = \{v^* \in V^* : \langle v^*, v - \bar{v} \rangle_{V^*, V} \leq \mathcal{F}(v) - \mathcal{F}(\bar{v}) \text{ for all } v \in V\}$$

## ■ Fenchel conjugate (always convex)

$$\mathcal{F}^* : V^* \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad \mathcal{F}^*(v^*) = \sup_{v \in V} \langle v^*, v \rangle_{V^*, V} - \mathcal{F}(v)$$

## ■ “convex inverse function theorem”:

$$v^* \in \partial\mathcal{F}(v) \iff v \in \partial\mathcal{F}^*(v^*)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\bar{u}) + \mathcal{G}(\bar{u}) = \min_u \mathcal{F}(u) + \mathcal{G}(u)$$

- 1 Fermat principle:  $0 \in \partial(\mathcal{F}(\bar{u}) + \mathcal{G}(\bar{u}))$
- 2 sum rule:  $0 \in \partial\mathcal{F}(\bar{u}) + \partial\mathcal{G}(\bar{u})$ , i.e., there is  $\bar{p} \in V^*$  with

$$\begin{cases} -\bar{p} \in \partial\mathcal{F}(\bar{u}) \\ \bar{p} \in \partial\mathcal{G}(\bar{u}) \end{cases}$$

- 3 Fenchel duality:

$$\begin{cases} -\bar{p} \in \partial\mathcal{F}(\bar{u}) \\ \bar{u} \in \partial\mathcal{G}^*(\bar{p}) \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{G}$  non-smooth  $\rightsquigarrow$  subdifferential  $\partial\mathcal{G}^*$  set-valued  $\rightsquigarrow$  regularize

$u, p \in L^2(\Omega)$  Hilbert space  $\rightsquigarrow$  consider for  $\gamma > 0$

## Proximal mapping

$$\text{prox}_{\gamma\mathcal{G}^*}(p) = \arg \min_w \mathcal{G}^*(w) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|w - p\|^2$$

- single-valued, Lipschitz continuous
- coincides with **resolvent**  $(\text{Id} + \gamma\partial\mathcal{G}^*)^{-1}(p)$
- (also required for primal-dual first-order methods)

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## Complementarity formulation of $u \in \partial\mathcal{G}^*(p)$

$$u = \frac{1}{\gamma} ((p + \gamma u) - \text{prox}_{\gamma\mathcal{G}^*}(p + \gamma u))$$

- **equivalent** for every  $\gamma > 0$
- single-valued, Lipschitz continuous, **implicit**

## Proximal mapping

$$\text{prox}_{\gamma \mathcal{G}^*}(p) = \arg \min_w \mathcal{G}^*(w) + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|w - p\|^2$$

## Moreau–Yosida regularization of $u \in \partial \mathcal{G}^*(p)$

$$u = \frac{1}{\gamma} (p - \text{prox}_{\gamma \mathcal{G}^*}(p)) =: \partial \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p)$$

- $\partial \mathcal{G}_\gamma^* = \partial (\mathcal{G} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\cdot\|^2)^* \rightarrow \partial \mathcal{G}^*$  as  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$  (no smoothing of  $\mathcal{G}$ !)
- single-valued, Lipschitz continuous, explicit  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  nonsmooth operator equation, Newton method

Consider Banach spaces  $X, Y$ , mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$

## Newton-type method for $F(x) = 0$

- choose  $x^0 \in X$  (close to solution  $x^*$ )
- for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ 
  - 1 choose  $M_k \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  invertible
  - 2 solve for  $s^k$ :

$$M_k s^k = -F(x^k)$$

- 3 set  $x^{k+1} = x^k + s^k$

Set  $d^k = x^k - x^* \rightsquigarrow$

$$\frac{\|x^{k+1} - x^*\|_X}{\|x^k - x^*\|_X} = \frac{\|M_k^{-1}(F(x^* + d^k) - F(x^*) - M_k d^k)\|_X}{\|d^k\|_X}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  superlinear convergence if

## 1 regularity condition

$$\|M_k^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(Y,X)} \leq C \quad \text{for all } k$$

## 2 approximation condition

$$\lim_{\|d^k\|_X \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|F(x^* + d^k) - F(x^*) - M_k d^k\|_Y}{\|d^k\|_X} = 0$$

**Goal:** define **Newton derivative**  $M_k =: D_N F(x^k)$  such that

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - D_N F(x^k)^{-1} F(x^k)$$

converges **superlinearly** for  $F(x) = 0$  **nonsmooth**

- $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $F$  Lipschitz  $\rightsquigarrow D_N F$  from Clarke subdifferential (Rademacher)  
[Mifflin 1977, Kummer 1992, Qi/Sun 1993]
- **function space**: Clarke subdifferential not explicit  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  define  $D_N F$  via approximation condition  
[Chen/Nashed/Qi 2000, Hintermüller/Ito/Kunisch 2002]
- $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  semismooth  $\rightsquigarrow$  **superposition operator**  
 $F : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^q(\Omega)$  semismooth for  $p > q$   
[Ulbrich 2002/03/11, Schiela 2008]



$f$  locally Lipschitz, piecewise  $C^1$ :

$$f(v) = 0, \quad f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Newton derivative

$$D_N f(v) \delta v \in \partial_C f(v) \delta v$$

Clarke generalized gradient: convex hull of piecewise derivatives

semismooth Newton method

$$D_N f(v^k) \delta v = -f(v^k), \quad v^{k+1} = v^k + \delta v$$

converges **locally superlinearly**

$f$  locally Lipschitz, piecewise  $C^1$ :

$$F(u) = 0, \quad F : L^r(\Omega) \rightarrow L^s(\Omega), \quad [F(u)](x) = f(u(x))$$

Newton derivative

$$[D_N F(u)\delta u](x) \in \partial_C f(\delta u(x))\delta u(x)$$

any measurable selection of Clarke generalized gradient

semismooth Newton method

$$D_N F(u^k)\delta u = -F(u^k), \quad u^{k+1} = u^k + \delta u$$

converges **locally superlinearly** if  $r > s$

For (non)convex  $\mathcal{G} : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(u) = \int_{\Omega} g(u(x)) dx$ ,

## Approach: pointwise

- 1 compute subdifferential  $\partial g$  (or Fenchel conjugate  $g^*$ )
  - 2 compute subdifferential  $\partial g^*$
  - 3 compute proximal mapping  $\text{prox}_{\gamma g^*}$
  - 4 compute Moreau–Yosida regularization  $\partial g_{\gamma}^*$
  - 5 compute Newton derivative  $D_N \partial g_{\gamma}^*$
- ↪ semismooth Newton method, continuation in  $\gamma$  for  
superposition operator  $[\partial \mathcal{G}_{\gamma}^*(p)](x) = \partial g_{\gamma}^*(p(x))$

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$$\begin{cases} \min_{u \in L^2(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2}^2 + \alpha \mathcal{G}(u) \\ \text{s. t. } Ay = u, \quad u_1 \leq u(x) \leq u_d \text{ a.e.} \end{cases}$$

- $u_1 < \dots < u_d$  given parameter values ( $d > 2$ )
- $z \in L^2(\Omega)$  target (or noisy data)
- $A : V \rightarrow V^*$  isomorphism for Hilbert space  $V \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow V^*$   
(e.g., elliptic differential operator with boundary conditions)
- $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|A^{-1}u - z\|_{L^2}^2$  smooth
- $\mathcal{G}$  multi-bang penalty (will include control constraints from now)

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad v \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} ((u_i + u_{i+1})v - u_i u_{i+1}) & v \in [u_i, u_{i+1}] \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

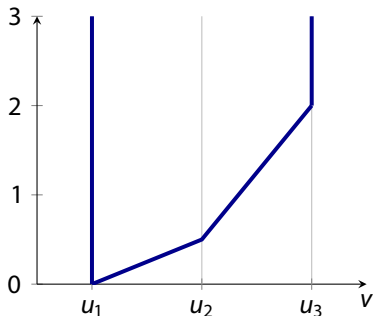
piecewise differentiable  $\rightsquigarrow$  subdifferential convex hull of derivatives

$$\partial g(v) = \begin{cases} (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}(u_1 + u_2)] & v = u_1 \\ \{\frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})\} & v \in (u_i, u_{i+1}) \quad 1 \leq i < d \\ [\frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1} + u_i), \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})] & v = u_i \quad 1 < i < d \\ [\frac{1}{2}(u_{d-1} + u_d), \infty) & v = u_d \end{cases}$$

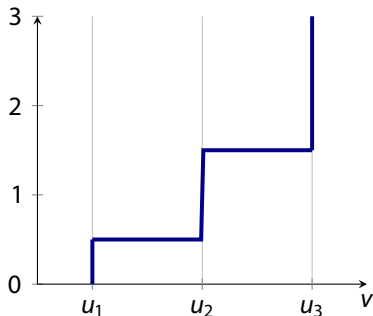
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convex inverse function theorem:

$$\partial g^*(q) \in \begin{cases} \{u_1\} & q \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}(u_1 + u_2)) \\ [u_i, u_{i+1}] & q = \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1}), \quad 1 \leq i < d \\ \{u_i\} & q \in (\frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1} + u_i), \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})) \quad 1 < i < d, \\ \{u_d\} & q \in (\frac{1}{2}(u_{d-1} + u_d), \infty) \end{cases}$$

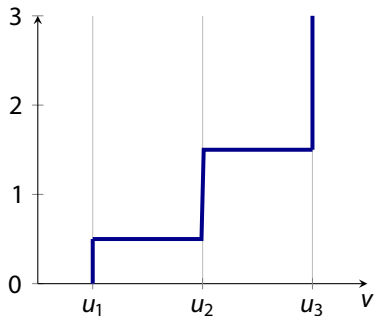


(a)  $g(u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 2)$

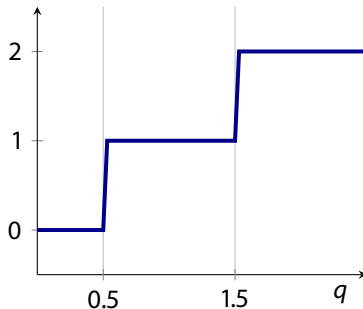


(b)  $\partial g(u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 2)$





(c)  $\partial g (u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 2)$



(d)  $\partial g^* (u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 2)$

$$\bar{p} = \frac{1}{\alpha} S^*(z - S\bar{u})$$
$$\bar{u} \in \partial \mathcal{G}^*(\bar{p}) = \begin{cases} \{u_i\} & \bar{p}(x) \in Q_i \\ [u_i, u_{i+1}] & \bar{p}(x) \in \bar{Q}_i \cap \bar{Q}_{i+1} \end{cases}$$

- $S : u \mapsto y$  control-to-state mapping,  $S^*$  adjoint
- $\rightsquigarrow$  unique solution  $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$
- singular arc  $\mathcal{S} = \{x : \bar{u}(x) \notin \{u_i\}\} \subset \{x : \bar{p}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})\}$
- for suitable  $A$ ,  $\bar{p}(x)$  constant implies  $[A^* \bar{p}](x) = [z - \bar{y}](x) = 0$   
 $\rightsquigarrow |\{x : \bar{y}(x) = z(x)\}| = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{u} \in \{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$  a. e., true multi-bang

Proximal mapping  $\text{prox}_{\gamma g^*}(q) = w$  iff  $q \in \{w\} + \gamma \partial g^*(w)$

case-wise inspection of subdifferential:

$$\partial g_{\gamma}^*(q) = \frac{1}{\gamma} (q - \text{prox}_{\gamma g^*}(q)) = \begin{cases} u_i & q \in Q_i^{\gamma} \\ \frac{1}{\gamma} (q - \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})) & q \in Q_{i,i+1}^{\gamma} \end{cases}$$

$$Q_i^{\gamma} = \left( \frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1} + u_i) + \gamma u_i, \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1}) + \gamma u_i \right)$$
$$Q_{i,i+1}^{\gamma} = \left[ \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1}) + \gamma u_i, \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1}) + \gamma u_{i+1} \right]$$

$$\begin{cases} p_\gamma = \frac{1}{\alpha} S^*(z - Su_\gamma) \\ u_\gamma = \partial \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p_\gamma) \end{cases}$$

- optimality conditions for  $\mathcal{F}(u) + \alpha \mathcal{G}(u) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u\|^2$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  unique solution  $(u_\gamma, p_\gamma)$
- $(u_\gamma, p_\gamma) \rightarrow (\bar{u}, \bar{p})$  as  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$
- $\partial g_\gamma^*$  Lipschitz continuous, piecewise  $C^1$ , norm gap  $V \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  semismooth Newton method

$$\begin{cases} A^* p_\gamma = \frac{1}{\alpha}(z - y_\gamma) \\ Ay_\gamma = \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p_\gamma) \end{cases}$$

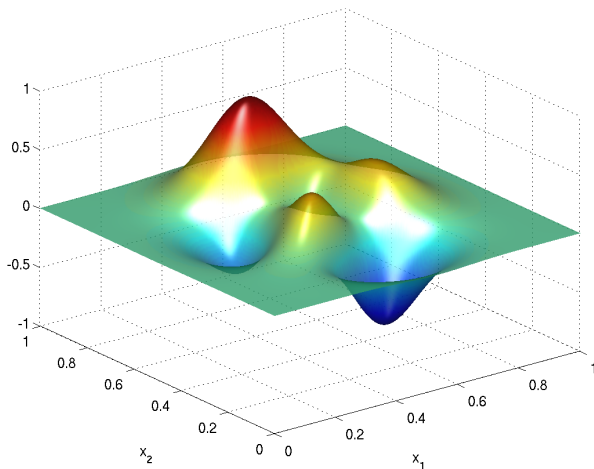
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- introduce  $y_\gamma = Su_\gamma$ , eliminate  $u_\gamma = \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p_\gamma)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha} \text{Id} & A^* \\ A & -D_N \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta y \\ \delta p \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} A^* p + \frac{1}{\alpha} (y - z) \\ Ay - \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p) \end{pmatrix}$$

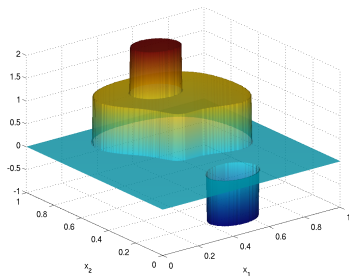
$$[D_N \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p) \delta p](x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\gamma} \delta p(x) & p(x) \in Q_{i,i+1}^\gamma \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- symmetric, but: local convergence
- $\rightsquigarrow$  continuation in  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  backtracking line search based on residual norm
- only number of sets  $Q_i^\gamma$  depends on  $d \rightsquigarrow$  linear complexity

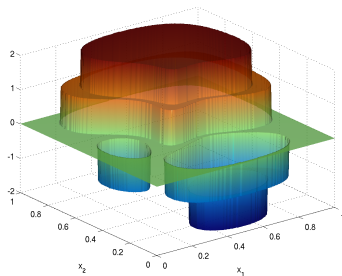
- $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ ,  $A = -\Delta$
- finite element discretization: uniform grid,  $256 \times 256$  nodes
- state, adjoint: piecewise linear
- parameter: eliminated (variational discretization)
- $d = 5$ ,  $(u_1, \dots, u_5) = (-2, 1, 0, 1, 2)$
- $\gamma = 0$ : regularized active sets empty, true multi-bang  
     $\gamma > 0$ : terminated with 2–21 nodes in regularized active sets



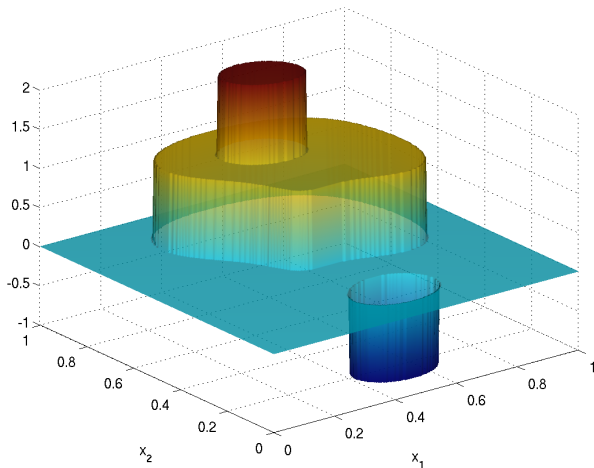




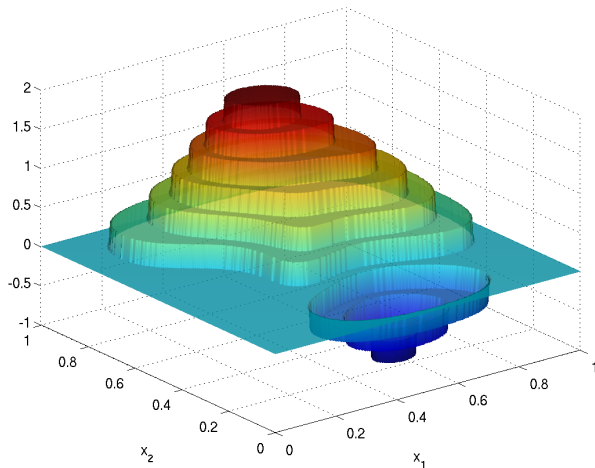
(a)  $\alpha = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  ( $\gamma = 0$ )



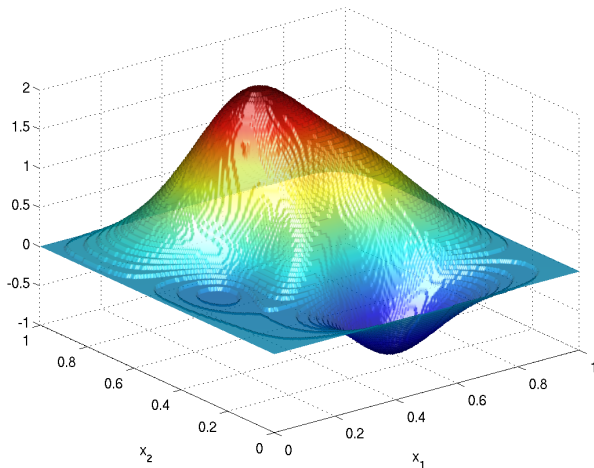
(b)  $\alpha = 10^{-3}$  ( $\gamma \approx 10^{-7}$ )



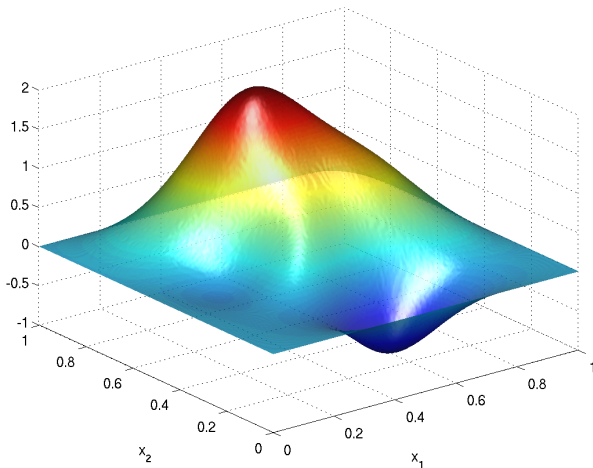
(a)  $d = 5$  ( $\gamma = 0$ )



(b)  $d = 15$  ( $\gamma = 0$ )



(c)  $d = 101$  ( $\gamma \approx 10^{-9}$ )



(d)  $d = 1001$  ( $\gamma \approx 10^{-11}$ )

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Discrete **vector-valued** controls  $u : \Omega \rightarrow U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

Example: optimal control of **Bloch equation**:  $\Omega = [0, T]$ ,  $m = 2$

$$\frac{d}{dt}M(t) = M(t) \times B(t), \quad M(0) = M_0$$

- $M(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  describes temporal evolution of spin ensemble
- $B(t) = (u_1(t), u_2(t), \omega)^T$  **controlled** time-dependent magnetic field
- $\omega$  resonance frequency (material parameter)
- applications in magnetic resonance imaging, spectroscopy
- control-to-state mapping  $S : u \rightarrow M$  **bilinear**

Control-to-state mapping  $S : u \mapsto y$  **nonlinear**:

- approach applicable if  $S$ 
  - 1 weak-to-weak continuous
  - 2 twice Fréchet-differentiable
- existence, optimality conditions

$$\begin{cases} -\bar{p} = S'(\bar{u})^*(S(\bar{u}) - z) \\ \bar{u} \in \partial \mathcal{G}^*(\bar{p}) \end{cases}$$

- **matrix-free** semismooth Newton method (regularity condition technical)



Here: admissible control set  $U$  of  $d$  radially distributed states, origin

$$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0 \cos \theta_1 \\ \omega_0 \sin \theta_1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0 \cos \theta_d \\ \omega_0 \sin \theta_d \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

■ fixed amplitude  $\omega_0 > 0$

■ phases  $0 \leq \theta_1 < \dots < \theta_d < 2\pi$

multi-bang penalty  $g = \left(\frac{1}{2}|\cdot|_2^2 + \delta_U\right)^{**}$  convex envelope

$$\begin{aligned} g^*(q) &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{2}|\cdot|_2^2 + \delta_U \right)^{**} \right)^* (q) = \left( \frac{1}{2}|\cdot|_2^2 + \delta_U \right)^* (q) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \langle q, u_i \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq d \\ \langle q, u_i \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2 & \frac{\theta_{i-1} + \theta_i}{2} \leq \angle q \leq \frac{\theta_i + \theta_{i+1}}{2}, \langle q, u_i \rangle \geq \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

## Fenchel conjugate

$$g^*(q) = \begin{cases} 0 =: u_0 & q \in \bar{Q}_0 \\ \langle q, u_i \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^2 & q \in \bar{Q}_i \end{cases}$$

## Subdifferential

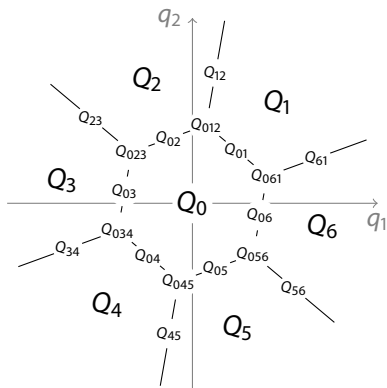
$$\partial g^*(q) = \begin{cases} \{u_i\} & q \in Q_i & 0 \leq i \leq d \\ \text{co}\{u_{i_1}, \dots, u_{i_k}\} & q \in Q_{i_1 \dots i_k} & 0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_k \leq d \end{cases}$$

## Subdifferential

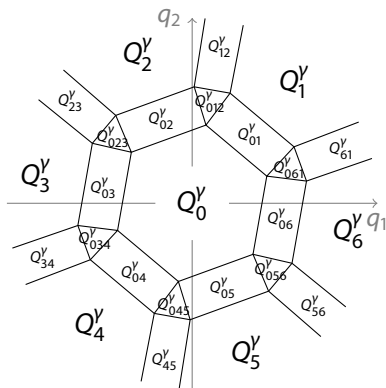
$$\partial g^*(q) = \begin{cases} \{u_i\} & q \in Q_i & 0 \leq i \leq d \\ \text{co} \{u_{i_1}, \dots, u_{i_k}\} & q \in Q_{i_1 \dots i_k} & 0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_k \leq d \end{cases}$$

## Moreau–Yosida regularization

$$(\partial g^*)_\gamma(q) = \begin{cases} u_i & q \in Q_i^Y \\ \left( \frac{\langle q, u_i \rangle}{\gamma \omega_0^2} - \frac{a}{2\gamma} \right) u_i & q \in Q_{0,i}^Y \\ \frac{u_i + u_{i+1}}{2} + \frac{\langle q, u_i - u_{i+1} \rangle (u_i - u_{i+1})}{\gamma |u_i - u_{i+1}|_2^2} & q \in Q_{i,i+1}^Y \\ \frac{q}{\gamma} - \frac{a}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_0}{|u_i + u_{i+1}|_2} \right)^2 (u_i + u_{i+1}) & q \in Q_{0,i,i+1}^Y \end{cases}$$

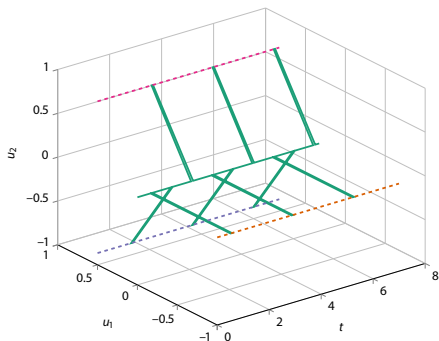


(a) subdomains for  $\partial g^*$

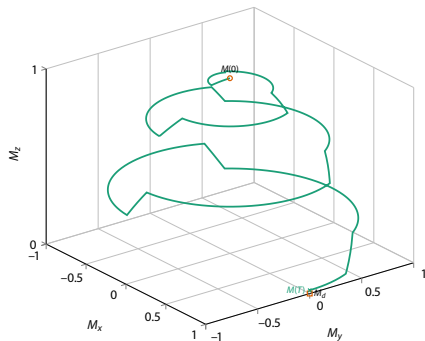


(b) subdomains for  $(\partial g^*)_Y$

- goal: shift magnetization from  $M_0 = (0, 0, 1)^T$  at  $t = 0$   
to  $M_d = (1, 0, 0)^T$  at  $t = T$
- $d = 3, 6$  radially distributed admissible control states
- $n = 1, 4$  isochromats with different resonance frequencies
  - 1 shift **all** isochromats
  - 2 shift **only one** isochromat
- $\alpha = 10^{-1}, \omega_0 = 1$
- example motivated by [Dridi/Lapert/Salomon/Glaser/Sugny '15]
- matrix-free Krylov method for semismooth Newton step
- discretization, adjoint from [Aigner/Clason/Rund/Stollberger '16]

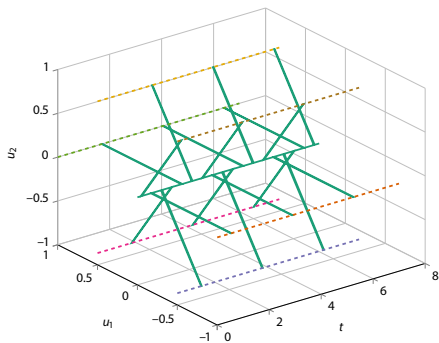


(a) control  $u(t)$

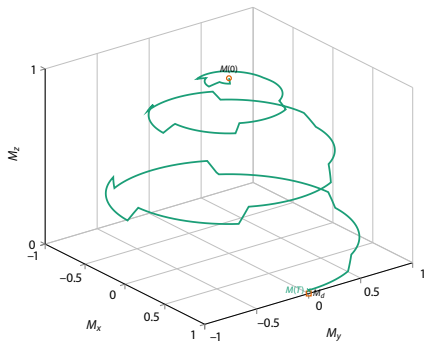


(b) state  $M(t)$

Figure:  $n = 1$  isochromat,  $d = 3$  control states

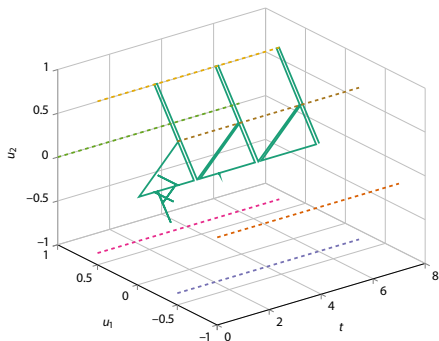


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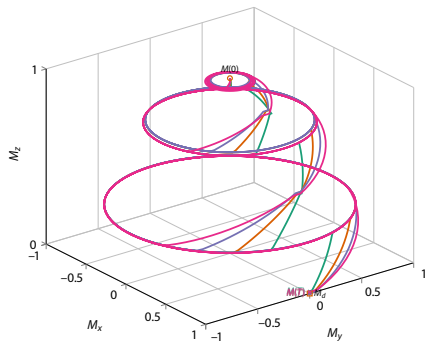


(b) state  $M(t)$

Figure:  $n = 1$  isochromat,  $d = 6$  control states



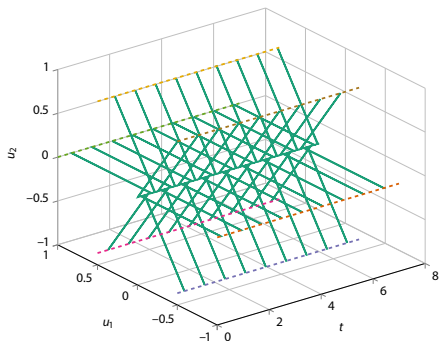
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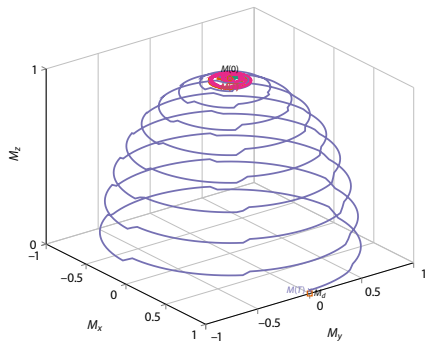
(b) state  $M(t)$

Figure:  $n = 4$  isochromats, same target





(a) control  $u(t)$



(b) state  $M(t)$

Figure:  $J = 4$  isochromats, different targets

**Goal:** application to topology optimization / EIT

■  $\mathcal{F}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|S(u) - z\|^2,$

$$S : u \mapsto y \quad \text{solving} \quad -\nabla \cdot (u \nabla y) = f$$

■ difficulty:  $\bar{u} \in L^\infty(\Omega) \rightsquigarrow S$  **not** weakly-\* closed

1 lack of existence of minimizer ( $\bar{y} \neq S(\bar{u})$ , cf. homogenization)

2 lack of convergence  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$

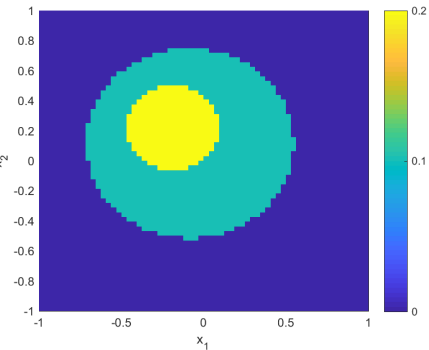
3 lack of Newton differentiability of  $\partial \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*$  (no norm gap)

■ **remedies:** higher regularity of  $y$  or  $u$  by

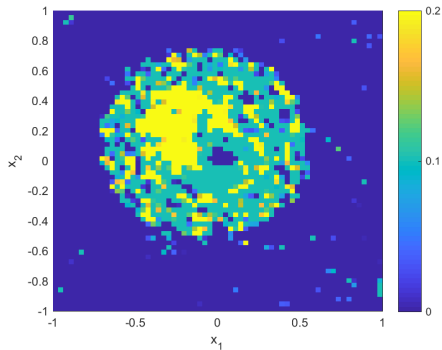
1 local smoothing: consider  $-\nabla \cdot \left( \int_{B_\varepsilon(x)} u(s) ds \nabla y \right)$

2 **TV regularization:** add  $\|Du\|_{\mathcal{M}} \rightsquigarrow u \in BV(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega) \hookrightarrow_c L^p(\Omega)$

# Numerical example: inverse problem

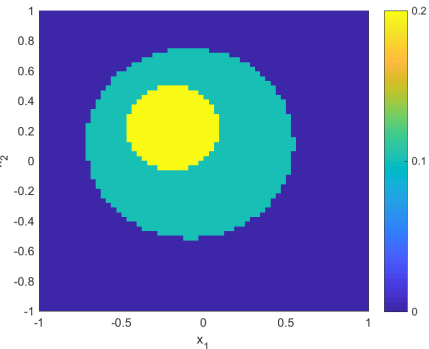


(a)  $u^\dagger$

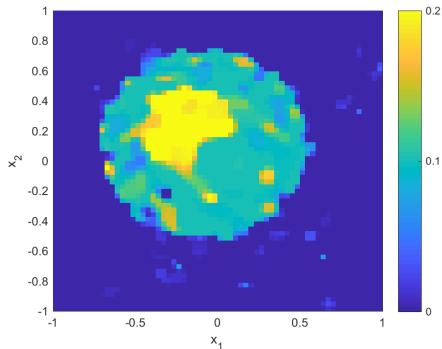


(b)  $\alpha = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}, \beta = 0$

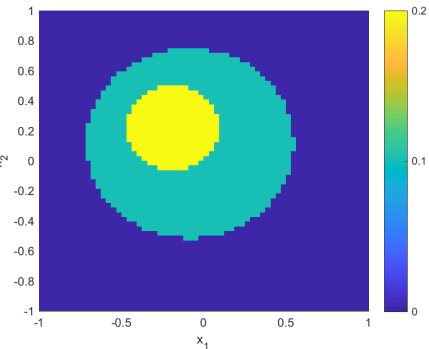
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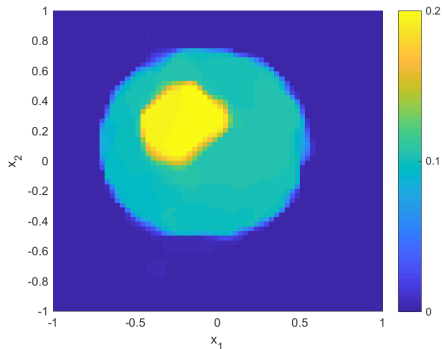
(c)  $u^\dagger$



(d)  $\alpha = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}, \beta = 10^{-5}$



(e)  $u^\dagger$



(f)  $\alpha = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}, \beta = 10^{-5}$

## Discrete controls:

- can be promoted by **convex penalty**
- **linear complexity** in number of parameter values
- $\rightsquigarrow$  efficient numerical solution (**superlinear convergence**)
- applicable to **nonlinear, vector-valued** problems

## Outlook:

- nonlinear inverse problems: **electrical impedance tomography**
- combination with **total variation regularization**
- other discrete–continuous problems: **switching**, networks

## Preprint, MATLAB/Python codes:

[http://www.uni-due.de/mathematik/agclason/clason\\_pub.php](http://www.uni-due.de/mathematik/agclason/clason_pub.php)

**Lecture notes:** <https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.04180>