

Math 273: Homework #3, due on Monday, November 8

[1] Let Ω be an open and bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , with sufficiently smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. Consider the minimization problem in two dimensions

$$\inf_u F(u) = \int_{\Omega} (Ku - u_0)^2 dx dy + \alpha \int_{\Omega} f(\nabla u) dx dy,$$

with $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ (square integrable function) a given function, and f is a smooth function on \mathbb{R}^2 with real values. Here $K : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ is a linear and continuous operator, and its adjoint is K^* (thus K^* has the property $\int_{\Omega} (Ku)v dx dy = \int_{\Omega} u(K^*v) dx dy$). Obtain, as in Hw#1[5] and Hw#2[1], the Euler-Lagrange equation associated with the minimization problem that is formally satisfied by a sufficiently smooth optimal u . No explicit boundary conditions are imposed, thus you have to deduce implicit (or natural) boundary conditions on $\partial\Omega$.

[2] (This problem is related with [5] from Hw #1)

Let $u(x, y, t)$ be a smooth solution of the time-dependent PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} L_{u_x}(P) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} L_{u_y}(P) - L_u(P),$$

with $u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y)$ in Ω and $u(x, y, t) = g(x, y)$ for $(x, y) \in \partial\Omega$ and $t \geq 0$ (recall that P is a notation for $(x, y, u(x, y), u_x(x, y), u_y(x, y))$).

Show that the function $E(t) = F(u(\cdot, \cdot, t))$ is decreasing in time, where $F(u) = \int_{\Omega} L(x, y, u, u_x, u_y) dx dy$.

[3] Apply the gradient descent method described in class to the two-dimensional diffusion problem

$$F(u) = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \left[(u_{i+1, j} - u_{i, j})^2 + (u_{i, j+1} - u_{i, j})^2 + \lambda (u_{i, j} - f_{i, j})^2 \right],$$

where $f_{i, j}$ is given for $0 \leq i, j \leq n + 1$, and with boundary conditions $u_{i, j} = f_{i, j}$ if $i = 0$ or $i = n + 1$ or $j = 0$ or $j = n + 1$ (chosen for simplicity). Here $\lambda > 0$ is a tuning parameter. Choose a function f of your choice (for example an image). If you do not have one, you can create a synthetic image. Test various values of the parameter λ and observe the properties of your implementation. Give your choice of the stopping criterion and also plot the value of the objective function versus steps. Plot the data f , your starting point and your final result, as 2D images.

[4] Consider the constrained optimization problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x), \quad \text{subject to } Ax = b,$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has full row rank, $m \leq n$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Transform the problem into an unconstrained minimization problem by one of the methods discussed in class.

[5] Verify that the KKT conditions (1st order optimality conditions) for the bound-constrained problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x), \quad \text{subject to } l \leq x \leq u,$$

are equivalent to the compactly stated condition $P_{[l, u]} \nabla \phi(x) = 0$, where the projection operator $P_{[l, u]}$ of a vector $g \in \mathbb{R}^n$ onto the rectangular box $[l, u]$ is defined by

$$(P_{[l, u]} g)_i = \begin{cases} \min(0, g_i), & \text{if } x_i = l_i, \\ g_i, & \text{if } x_i \in (l_i, u_i), \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \max(0, g_i), & \text{if } x_i = u_i. \end{cases}$$