

# Convex regularization of discrete-valued inverse problems

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

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

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

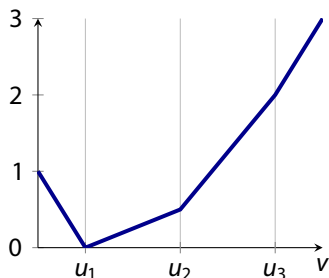
- $u_1, \dots, u_d$  given voltages, velocities, materials, ...  
(assumed here: ranking by magnitude possible!)
- motivation: topology optimization, medical imaging

- **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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$\mathcal{F} : V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}} := \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  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**

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## 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

$f$  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  $[\partial \mathcal{G}_{\gamma}^*(p)](x) = \partial g_{\gamma}^*(p(x))$

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

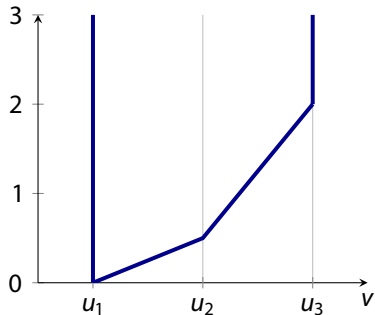
piecewise differentiable  $\rightsquigarrow$  subdifferential convex hull of derivatives

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

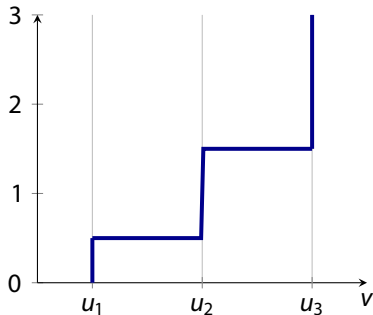
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convex inverse function theorem:

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

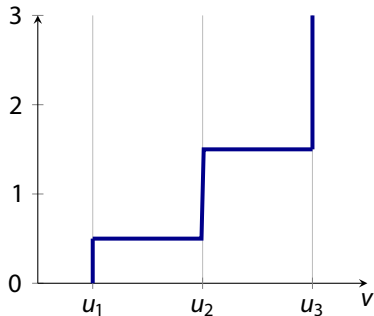


(a)  $g(u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 2)$

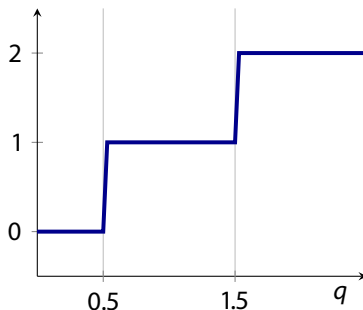


(b)  $\partial g(u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 2)$





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



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

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

case-wise inspection of subdifferential:

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

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

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$$\min_{u \in L^2(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} \|Ku - y^\delta\|_Y^2 + \alpha \mathcal{G}(u)$$

- $K : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow Y$  (linear) forward mapping, weakly closed
- $y^\delta \in L^2(\Omega)$  noisy data with  $\|y - y^\delta\|_Y \leq \delta$
- $u_1 < \dots < u_d$  given parameter values ( $d > 2$ )
- $\mathcal{G}$  multi-bang penalty

$$\min_{u \in L^2(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} \|Ku - y^\delta\|_Y^2 + \alpha \mathcal{G}(u)$$

■  $\mathcal{G}$  multi-bang penalty convex:

- 1 existence of solution  $u_\alpha^\delta$  for every  $\alpha > 0$
- 2  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  implies  $u_\alpha^\delta \rightarrow u_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha > 0$
- 3  $\delta \rightarrow 0, \alpha \rightarrow 0, \delta\alpha^{-2} \rightarrow 0$  implies  $u_\alpha^\delta \rightarrow u^\dagger$

(standard arguments, e.g. [Burger/Osher 04, Ito/Jin 14])

$$\min_{u \in L^2(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} \|Ku - y^\delta\|_Y^2 + \alpha \mathcal{G}(u)$$

■ standard source condition:  $p^\dagger := K^* w \in \partial \mathcal{G}(u^\dagger)$  for  $w \in Y$ ,

- 1 a priori choice  $\alpha(\delta) = c\delta$
- 2 a posteriori choice  $\|Ku_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta - y^\delta\|_Y \leq \tau\delta, \tau > 1$

↪ convergence rate

$$d_{\mathcal{G}}^{p^\dagger}(u_\alpha^\delta, u^\dagger) \leq C\delta$$

in Bregman distance

$$d_{\mathcal{G}}^{p_1}(u_2, u_1) = \mathcal{G}(u_2) - \mathcal{G}(u_1) - \langle p_1, u_2 - u_1 \rangle_X, \quad p_1 \in \partial \mathcal{G}(u_1)$$

Pointwise definition of Bregman distance,  $\partial g$ :

- $u^\dagger(x) = u_i$  and  $p^\dagger \notin \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(u_{i-1} + u_i), \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1}) \right\}$  implies

$$d_g^{p^\dagger(x)}(u_{a(\delta)}^\delta(x), u^\dagger(x)) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } \delta \rightarrow 0$$

- $u^\dagger(x) \in (u_i, u_{i+1})$  implies

$$d_g^{p^\dagger(x)}(u(x), u^\dagger(x)) = 0 \quad \text{for any } u(x) \in [u_i, u_{i+1}]$$

- $\rightsquigarrow u_{a(\delta)}^\delta \rightarrow u^\dagger$  **pointwise** a.e. iff  $u^\dagger(x) \in \{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$  a.e.

- (convergence not uniform  $\rightsquigarrow$  no pointwise rates)

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

- $\rightsquigarrow$  unique solution  $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$
- singular arc  $\mathcal{S} = \{x : \bar{u}(x) \neq u_i\} \subset \{x : \bar{p}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(u_i + u_{i+1})\}$
- for suitable  $K$ ,  $\bar{p}(x)$  constant implies  $[y^\delta - K\bar{u}](x) = 0$   
(e.g.,  $K = A^{-1}$  for  $A$  pure second-order elliptic)

$\rightsquigarrow |\{x : K\bar{u}(x) = y^\delta(x)\}| = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{u} \in \{u_1, \dots, u_d\}$  a. e. (true multi-bang)



$$\begin{cases} p_\gamma = \frac{1}{\alpha} K^* (y^\delta - Ku_\gamma) \\ u_\gamma = \partial \mathcal{G}_\gamma^* (p_\gamma) \end{cases}$$

- 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  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$
- $\partial \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*$  Lipschitz continuous, piecewise  $C^1$ , norm gap  $V \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  semismooth Newton method

$$\begin{cases} p_Y = \frac{1}{\alpha} K^* (y^\delta - Ku_Y) \\ u_Y = \mathcal{G}_Y^*(p_Y) \end{cases}$$

- $\rightsquigarrow$  semismooth Newton method
- inverse source problem:  $K = A^{-1}$ ,  $A$  elliptic differential operator
- introduce  $y_Y = Ku_Y$ , eliminate  $u_Y = \mathcal{G}_Y^*(p_Y)$

$$\begin{cases} A^* p_Y = \frac{1}{\alpha} (y^\delta - y_Y) \\ Ay_Y = \mathcal{G}_Y^*(p_Y) \end{cases}$$

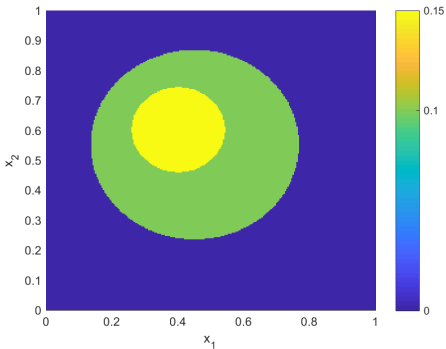
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a} \text{Id} & A^* \\ A & -D_N \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta y \\ \delta p \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} A^* p + \frac{1}{a}(y - y^\delta) \\ Ay - \mathcal{G}_\gamma^*(p) \end{pmatrix}$$

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

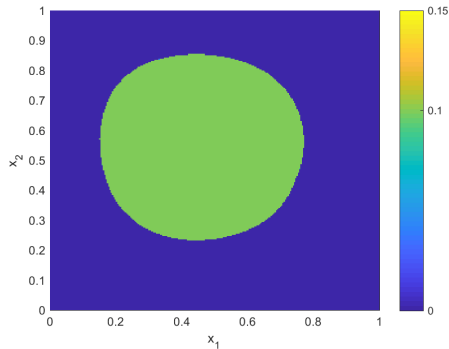
- symmetric, but: local convergence
- $\rightsquigarrow$  continuation in  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  backtracking line search based on residual norm
- only number of sets  $Q_i^\gamma$  depends on  $d \rightsquigarrow$  linear complexity

- $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ ,  $A = -\Delta$
- $u^\dagger(x) = u_1 + u_2 \chi_{\{x: (x_1-0.45)^2 + (x_2-0.55)^2 < 0.1\}}(x)$   
 $+ (u_3 - u_2) \chi_{\{x: (x_1-0.4)^2 + (x_2-0.6)^2 < 0.02\}}(x)$
- $d = 3$ ,  $u_1 = 0$ ,  $u_2 = 0.1$ ,  $u_3 \in \{0.15, 0.11\}$
- $y^\delta = y^\dagger + \xi$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{N}(y^\dagger, \delta \|y^\dagger\|_\infty)$
- finite element discretization: uniform grid,  $256 \times 256$  nodes
- $a = a(\delta)$  by Morozov discrepancy principle
- terminate at  $\gamma < 10^{-12}$

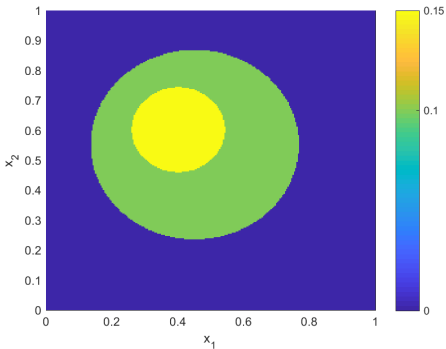
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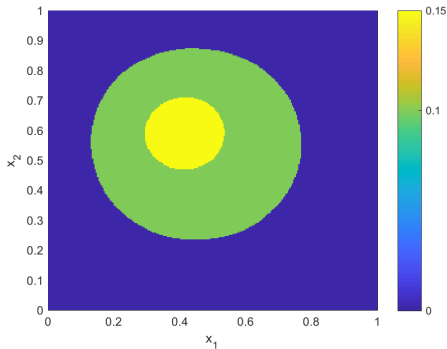
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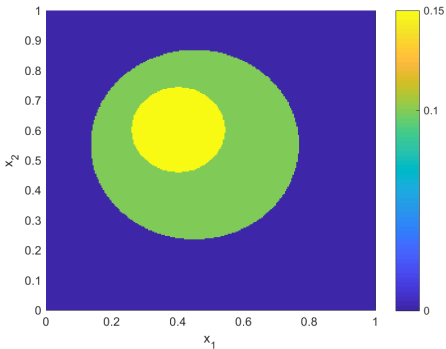
(b)  $u_a^\delta, \delta \approx 1.89 \cdot 10^{-1}$



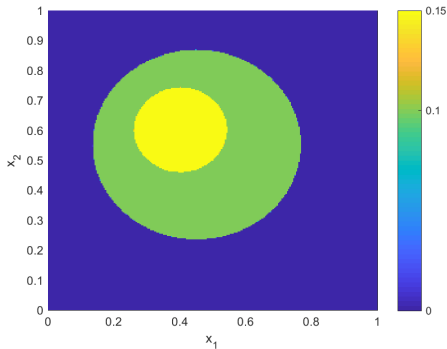
(c)  $u^\dagger$



(d)  $u_a^\delta, \delta \approx 2.37 \cdot 10^{-2}$

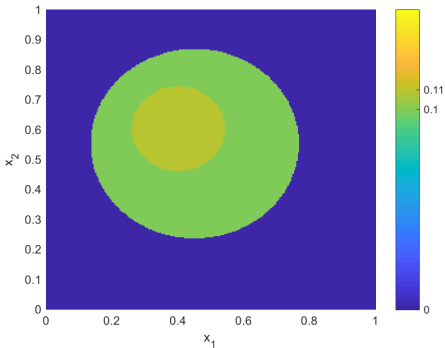


(e)  $u^\dagger$

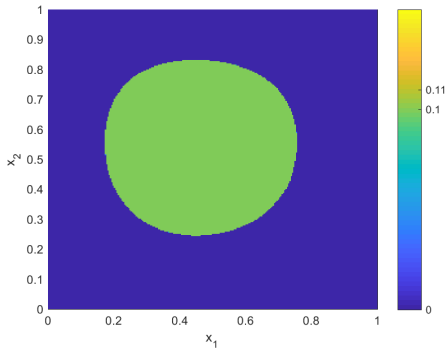


(f)  $u_\alpha^\delta, \delta \approx 3.69 \cdot 10^{-4}$

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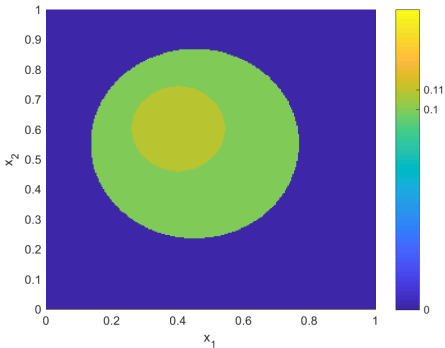
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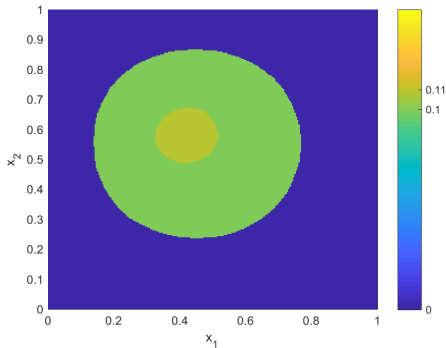
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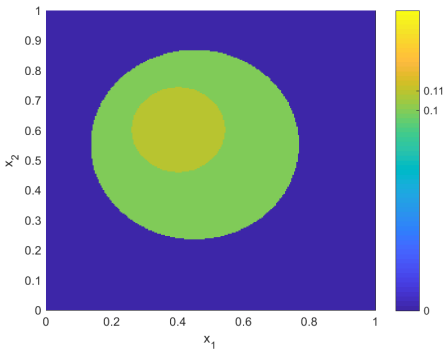


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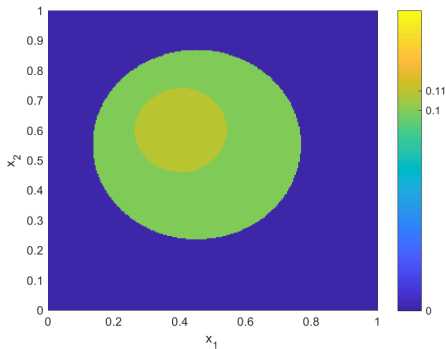


(d)  $u_{a'}^\delta, \delta \approx 2.17 \cdot 10^{-2}$

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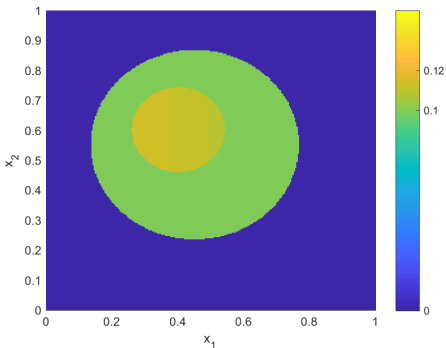


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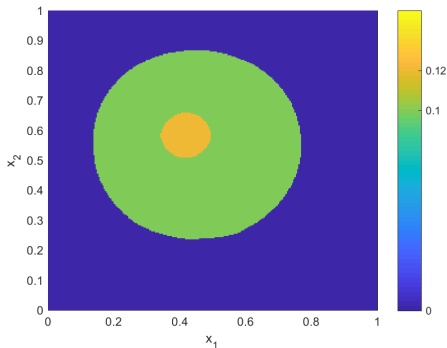


(f)  $u_\alpha^\delta, \delta \approx 3.29 \cdot 10^{-4}$

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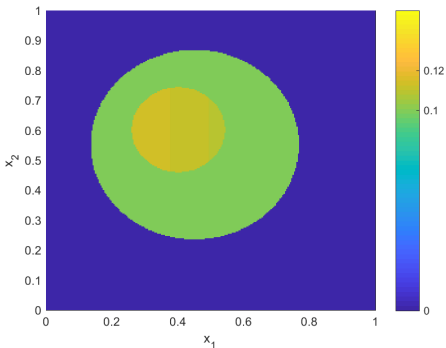


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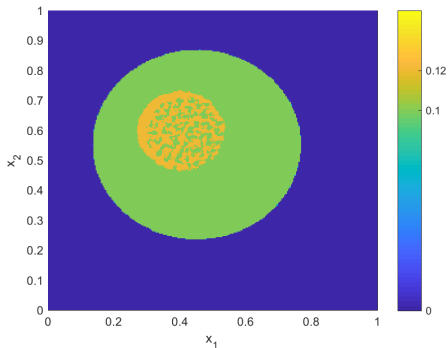


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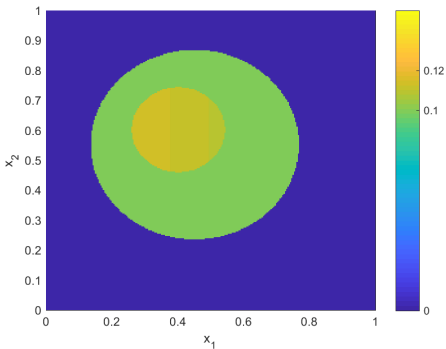


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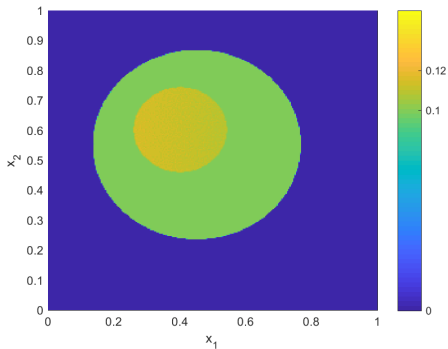


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Forward mapping  $S : u \mapsto y$  **nonlinear**:

- approach applicable if  $S$

- 1 weak-to-weak continuous
- 2 twice Fréchet-differentiable

- example:  $u \mapsto y$  solving  $-\Delta y + uy = f$

- existence, optimality conditions

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

- semismooth Newton method (regularity condition technical)

- $S : u \mapsto y$  solving

$$-\Delta y + uy = f$$

- approach applicable, but  $\mathcal{F}$  nonconvex

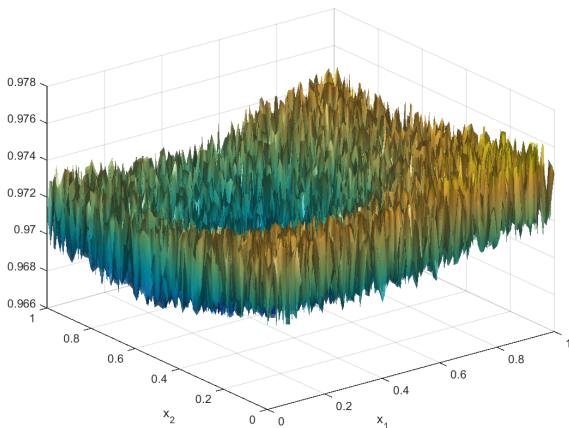
- numerical example:  $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ ,  $f \equiv 1$

- $u^\dagger(x) = u_1 + (u_2 - u_1) \chi_{\{x: (x_1 - 0.45)^2 + (x_2 - 0.55)^2 < 0.1\}}(x)$   
 $+ (u_3 - u_2 - u_1) \chi_{\{x: (x_1 - 0.4)^2 + (x_2 - 0.6)^2 < 0.02\}}(x)$

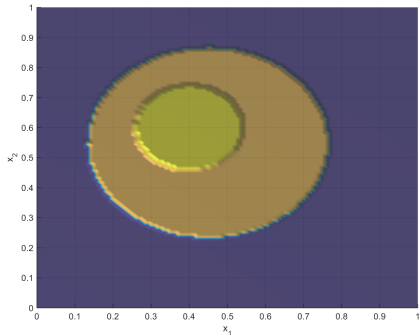
- $y^\delta = S(u^\dagger) + \xi$

- $\alpha = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ ,  $\gamma \rightarrow 10^{-12}$

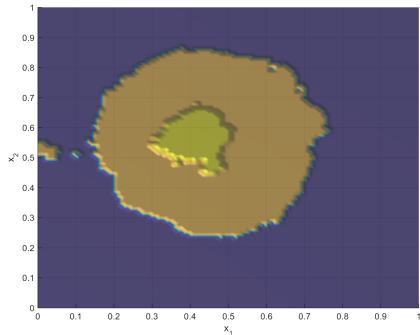




(a) noisy data  $y^\delta$



(b)  $u^\dagger$



(c)  $u_\alpha^\delta$

**Goal:** application to EIT

- $S : u \mapsto y$  solving

$$-\nabla \cdot (u \nabla y) = f$$

- 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  $H_\gamma$  (no norm gap)

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

- 1 local smoothing: consider  $-\nabla \cdot \left( \int_{B_\epsilon(x)} u(s) ds \nabla y \right)$
- 2 **TV regularization:** add  $\|Du\|_{\mathcal{M}} \rightsquigarrow u \in BV(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega) \hookrightarrow_c L^p(\Omega)$

## Difficulty:

- existence requires box constraints  $\rightsquigarrow$  use penalty

$$(G(u) + \delta_{[u_1, u_d]}(u)) + TV(u)$$

(here:  $G$  multi-bang penalty with  $\text{dom } G = L^1(\Omega)$ )

- **but:**  $TV(u) + \delta_{[u_1, u_d]}(u)$  **not continuous** on  $L^p(\Omega)$ ,  $p < \infty$
- **but:** multipliers  $\xi \in \partial TV(u)$ ,  $q \in \partial G(u)$  **not pointwise** on  $BV$ ,  $L^\infty$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  replace box constraints by  $(C^{1,1})$  **projection** of  $u \in L^1(\Omega)$

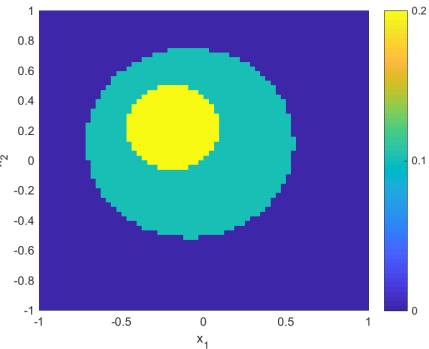
$$[\Phi_\varepsilon(u)](x) = \text{proj}_{[u_1, u_d]}^\varepsilon(u(x)) \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \Omega$$

$$\begin{cases} \min_{u \in BV(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \alpha G(u) + \beta TV(u) \\ \text{s.t.} & -\nabla \cdot (\Phi_\varepsilon(u) \nabla y) = f \text{ in } \Omega \\ & y = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

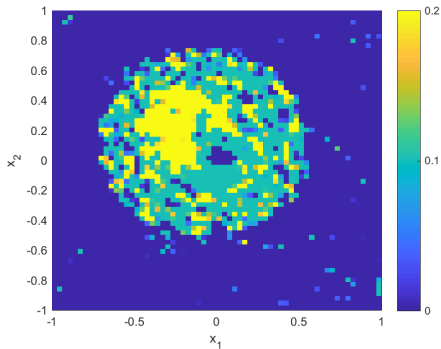
- existence of optimal  $\bar{u} \in BV(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$  for  $\varepsilon \geq 0$
- tracking term Fréchet differentiable in  $\Phi_\varepsilon(u) \in L^\infty$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$
- regularity of state, adjoint  $\rightsquigarrow$  derivative in  $L^r(\Omega)$ ,  $r > 1$  (instead of  $L^\infty(\Omega)^*$ )
- $\rightsquigarrow$  sum rule applicable, subgradients in  $L^r(\Omega)$ ,  $r > 1$

$$\begin{cases} 0 = F'(\Phi(\bar{u}))\Phi'_\varepsilon(\bar{u}) + \alpha\bar{q} + \beta\bar{\xi} \\ \bar{u} \in \partial G^*(\bar{q}) \\ \bar{\xi} \in \partial TV(\bar{u}) \end{cases}$$

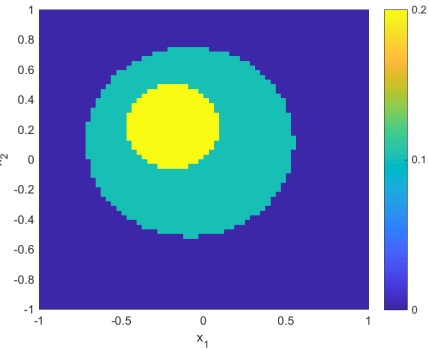
- $F'(\Phi_\varepsilon(\bar{u})) = (\nabla\bar{y} \cdot \nabla\bar{p}) \in L^r(\Omega)$  (optimal state, adjoint)
- $\bar{q} \in L^r(\Omega), r > 1 \rightsquigarrow$  pointwise **multi-bang**
- $\bar{\xi} \in L^r(\Omega), r > 1 \rightsquigarrow$  characterization via *full trace* [Bredies/Holler '12]
- $\rightsquigarrow$  **pointwise optimality conditions**
- **semi-smooth Newton** (after discretization, regularization)



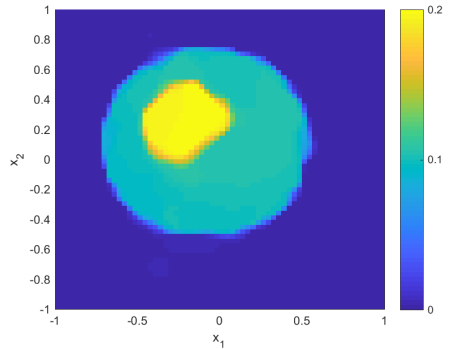
(a)  $u^\dagger$



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



(c)  $u^\dagger$



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



Convex relaxation of **discrete** regularization:

- **well-posed** regularization method
- **pointwise convergence** under general assumptions
- strong **structural regularization**
- efficient numerical solution (**superlinear convergence**)

Outlook:

- (heuristic) **parameter choice**
- nonlinear inverse problems: **EIT**
- **vector-valued** multibang
- other hybrid discrete–continuous problems

**Preprint, MATLAB/Python codes:**

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