

Example Solutions for Homework Assignment 9 (H9)

Problem 1 (Continuous Nonquadratic Variational Methods)

(a) For an energy functional of the form

$$E(u) = \int_b^a F(u, u_x)$$

the associated Euler-Lagrange equation is given by

$$F_u - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{u_x} = 0 .$$

In our case, the corresponding derivatives read

$$\begin{aligned} F_u &= u - f , \\ F_{u_x} &= \alpha \lambda^2 \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} \frac{2 u_x}{\lambda^2} = \alpha \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} u_x \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Taking the derivative with respect to x of the second term yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{u_x} = \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} u_x \right) .$$

If desired this can be further simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} u_x \right) &= \alpha \left(\frac{u_{xx} \sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} - u_x \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} \frac{2 u_x}{\lambda^2} u_{xx}}{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} \right) \\ &= \alpha \left(\frac{\frac{u_{xx}}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} (1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2) - \frac{u_{xx}}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} \frac{(u_x)^2}{\lambda^2}}{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} \right) \\ &= \alpha \frac{u_{xx}}{(1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} . \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together, we obtain the Euler-Lagrange equation

$$u - f - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} u_x \right) = 0$$

with natural boundary conditions $F_{u_x}(a) = F_{u_x}(b) = 0$.

- (b) The value of the parameter λ steers the preservations of discontinuities in the solution. This can be seen from the Euler-Lagrange equations, where the smoothness term results in the discontinuity-preserving diffusion process

$$\partial_t u = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}}}_{g(u_x^2)} u_x \right).$$

For very large values of λ , the diffusivity $g(u_x^2)$ approaches 1 which comes down to linear diffusion. Thus, no discontinuities are preserved. For small values of λ , however, the diffusivity $g(u_x^2)$ depends mainly on the argument and tends even towards 0 for large gradients. This in turn inhibits smoothness at discontinuities in the solution.

- (c) It is sufficient to prove that $E(u)$ is strictly convex, as it follows that $E(u)$ has a single global minimum which is the unique solution of the Euler-Lagrange equation.

First we show the convexity of the data term of our functional, which is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} (u - f)^2 =: D(u).$$

We exploit the fact that a function is strictly convex if its second derivative is positive. Thus we compute

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u} \left(\frac{1}{2} (u - f)^2 \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (u - f) = 1 > 0$$

which shows the convexity. Now we consider the smoothness term, given by

$$\alpha \lambda^2 \sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} =: S(u_x).$$

In part (a) we already computed the first derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} S(u_x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} \left(\alpha \lambda^2 \sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} \right) = \frac{\alpha u_x}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}}.$$

The second derivative is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_x^2} S(u_x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} \left(\frac{\alpha u_x}{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}} \right) = \alpha \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} - u_x \frac{u_x}{\lambda^2 \sqrt{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2}}}{1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2} \right) \\ &= \alpha \frac{1}{(1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2)^{3/2}}\end{aligned}$$

As $\alpha > 0$ and $1 + u_x^2/\lambda^2 \geq 1$, the second derivative is positive, thus also our smoothness term is strictly convex.

We now use these results to show the strict convexity of our energy functional. A functional $E : X \rightarrow Y$ is strictly convex if it holds $\forall u, v \in X \ \forall \beta \in]0, 1[$:

$$E(\beta u + (\beta - 1)v) < \beta E(u) + (1 - \beta)E(v)$$

In our case, we have

$$\begin{aligned}& E(\beta u + (1 - \beta)v) \\ &= \int_a^b D(\beta u + (1 - \beta)v) + S((\beta u + (1 - \beta)v)_x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b D(\beta u + (1 - \beta)v) dx + \int_a^b S((\beta u + (1 - \beta)v)_x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b D(\beta u + (1 - \beta)v) dx + \int_a^b S(\beta u_x + (1 - \beta)v_x) dx\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where in the last step we have used the linearity of the differential operator. Due to the convexity of D we have

$$D(\beta u + (1 - \beta)v) < \beta D(u) + (1 - \beta)D(v)$$

As $D(w)$ is non-negative $\forall w$ and $a \leq b$, it follows that

$$\int_a^b D(\beta u + (1 - \beta)v) dx < \int_a^b \beta D(u) + (1 - \beta)D(v) dx \tag{2}$$

Analogously we want to derive an inequality for the second term. As S is strictly convex, it holds that

$$S(\beta u_x + (1 - \beta)v_x) < \beta S(u_x) + (1 - \beta)S(v_x)$$

Again we use the fact that $S(w)$ is non-negative $\forall w$, which leads us to

$$\int_a^b S(\beta u_x + (1 - \beta) v_x) dx < \int_a^b \beta S(u_x) + (1 - \beta) S(v_x) dx \quad (3)$$

Finally, we combine equation (1) with inequalities (2) and (3)

$$\begin{aligned} & E(\beta u + (1 - \beta) v) \\ &= \int_a^b D(\beta u + (1 - \beta) v) + S((\beta u + (1 - \beta) v)_x) dx \\ &< \int_a^b \beta D(u) + (1 - \beta) D(v) dx + \int_a^b \beta S(u_x) + (1 - \beta) S(v_x) dx \\ &= \beta \int_a^b D(u) + S(u_x) dx + (1 - \beta) \int_a^b D(v) + S(v_x) dx \\ &= \beta E(u) + (1 - \beta) E(v) \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof.

Problem 2 (Discrete Variational Methods)

- (a) In analogy to the functional considered in Problem 1, we write down a discrete version of $E(u)$ as follows:

$$E(u) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (u_k - f_k)^2 + \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \lambda^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{(u_{k+1} - u_k)^2}{\lambda^2 h^2}}.$$

Here, we assume that the finite forward difference and the length of the signal f , i.e., $N = \frac{b-a}{h}$, depend on the pixel distance $h > 0$, which is often set to 1 in practice.

- (b) The minimiser of the discrete functional $E(u)$ necessarily satisfies the nonlinear system of equations $\frac{\partial E(u)}{\partial u_k} = 0$ for all $k = 1, \dots, N$. Thus, we have to calculate partial derivatives distinguishing boundary pixels

from inner pixels:

$$\frac{\partial E(u)}{\partial u_1} = u_1 - f_1 - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \frac{u_2 - u_1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(u_2 - u_1)^2}{\lambda^2 h^2}}}, \quad (\text{for } k = 1),$$

$$\frac{\partial E(u)}{\partial u_k} = u_k - f_k - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \frac{u_{k+1} - u_k}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(u_{k+1} - u_k)^2}{\lambda^2 h^2}}} + \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \frac{u_k - u_{k-1}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(u_k - u_{k-1})^2}{\lambda^2 h^2}}},$$

(for $k = 2, \dots, N - 1$),

$$\frac{\partial E(u)}{\partial u_N} = u_N - f_N + \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \frac{u_N - u_{N-1}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(u_N - u_{N-1})^2}{\lambda^2 h^2}}}, \quad (\text{for } k = N).$$

Problem 3 (Fourier Analysis of Linear Filters)

- (a) For each filter the Fourier transform of the signal u is represented by a multiple of the Fourier transform of f , i.e. $\hat{u} = g \cdot \hat{f}$ with filter specific functions f and g .

- (i) 1-D discrete regularisation with grid size h :

$$-\frac{\alpha}{h^2}u(x-h) + \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}\right)u(x) - \frac{\alpha}{h^2}u(x+h) = f(x)$$

Compute the Fourier transform of f :

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{f}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{\alpha}{h^2} u(x-h) + \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}\right) u(x) - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} u(x+h) \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \exp(-i2\pi xy) dx \\
&= -\frac{\alpha}{h^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x-h) \exp(-i2\pi xy) dx \\
&\quad + \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x) \exp(-i2\pi xy) dx \\
&\quad - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x+h) \exp(-i2\pi xy) dx \\
&= -\frac{\alpha}{h^2} \hat{u}(y-h) + \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}\right) \hat{u}(y) - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \hat{u}(y+h) \\
&\stackrel{(1)}{=} -\frac{\alpha}{h^2} \exp(-i2\pi y h) \hat{u}(y) + \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}\right) \hat{u}(y) - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} \exp(i2\pi y h) \hat{u}(y) \\
&= \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2} - \frac{\alpha}{h^2} (\exp(-i2\pi y h) + \exp(i2\pi y h))\right) \hat{u}(y) \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2} (1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right) \hat{u}(y)
\end{aligned}$$

In step (1) we use the shift theorem and for (2) holds by Euler's formula:

$$\exp(-ix) + \exp(ix) = \cos(x) - i \sin(x) + \cos(x) + i \sin(x) = 2 \cos(x) .$$

Rearranging the resulting equation gives us

$$\hat{u}(y) = \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2} (1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^{-1} \hat{f}(y)$$

and thus the final result is the function g with

$$g(y) = \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2} (1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^{-1} .$$

(ii) 1-D continuous regularisation is defined by the energy functional

$$E_f(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{(u-f)^2 + \alpha(u')^2}_{=F(x,u,u')} dx, \quad \Omega \subset \mathbb{R} .$$

The Euler-Lagrange equation for F yields the equation from the exercise sheet:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= u(x) - f(x) - \alpha u''(x) \\
\Leftrightarrow f(x) &= u(x) - \alpha u''(x) .
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can compute the Fourier transform of f exploiting the linearity of the Fourier transform (1):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}(y) &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \mathcal{F}[u - \alpha u''](y) = \mathcal{F}[u(x)](y) - \alpha \mathcal{F}[u''](y) \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \hat{u}(y) - \alpha (i2\pi y)^2 \hat{u}(y) = (1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2) \hat{u}(y) .\end{aligned}$$

Equality (2) holds because of the differentiation rule:

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} f\right](y) = (i2\pi y)^n \mathcal{F}[f](y)$$

Thus the final result for g is

$$g(y) = (1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^{-1} .$$

(iii) Convolution with a 1-D Gaussian kernel is given by:

$$u = K_\sigma * f \quad \text{with } K_\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) .$$

Recall that convolution in the spatial domain is equivalent to multiplication in the Fourier domain (*convolution theorem*) and that the Fourier transform of the Gaussian $K_\sigma(x)$ was already computed in **H2 P1**. Thus, we have:

$$\hat{u}(y) = \hat{f}(y) \cdot \mathcal{F}\left[\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right](y) \stackrel{\text{H2 P1}}{=} \exp\left(-\frac{(2\pi y)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \hat{f}(y) .$$

(iv) Consider the 1-D explicit scheme for nonlinear diffusion which was also a topic of H8:

$$u_i^{k+1} = u_i^k + \frac{\tau}{h} \left(g_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^k \frac{u_{i+1}^k - u_i^k}{h} - g_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^k \frac{u_i^k - u_{i-1}^k}{h} \right)$$

Applying $g = 1$ and the initial condition $u^0 = f$ to this scheme gives the filter result after one iteration step with constant diffusivity:

$$u(x) = \frac{\tau}{h^2} f(x-h) + \left(1 - 2\frac{\tau}{h^2}\right) f(x) + \frac{\tau}{h^2} f(x+h)$$

As this equation is similar to (i) we can compute the Fourier transform of u analogously:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{u}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\tau}{h^2} f(x-h) + \left(1 - 2\frac{\tau}{h^2}\right) f(x) + \frac{\tau}{h^2} f(x+h) \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \exp(-i2\pi xy) dx \\
&= \frac{\tau}{h^2} \hat{f}(y-h) + \left(1 - 2\frac{\tau}{h^2}\right) \hat{f}(y) + \frac{\tau}{h^2} \hat{f}(y+h) \\
&\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\tau}{h^2} \exp(-i2\pi y h) \hat{f}(y) + \left(1 - 2\frac{\tau}{h^2}\right) \hat{f}(y) + \frac{\tau}{h^2} \exp(i2\pi y h) \hat{f}(y) \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(1 + 2\frac{\tau}{h^2} (\cos(2\pi y h) - 1)\right) \hat{f}(y)
\end{aligned}$$

with (1),(2) as in (i).

- (b) We want to prove that for $\alpha = \tau = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$ and $h \rightarrow 0$ the quadratic Taylor polynomial in 0 is equal for the corresponding functions g from (i)-(iv), which means, that the four different filters give approximatively the same results. First, consider the Taylor expansion of g in $a \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$g(x) = g(a) + \frac{g'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{g''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

As we are only interested in the quadratic Taylor polynomial with $a = 0$, for each g we have to compute

$$g(x) \approx g(0) + g'(0)x + \frac{g''(0)}{2}x^2.$$

- (i) 1-D discrete regularisation with grid size h :

$$\begin{aligned}
g(y) &= \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(\cos(2\pi y h) - 1)\right)^{-1} \\
g'(y) &= \frac{-4\pi\alpha \sin(2\pi y h)}{h \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^2} \\
g''(y) &= \frac{-8\pi^2\alpha \cos(2\pi y h)}{\left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^2} + \frac{32\pi^2\alpha^2 \sin(2\pi y h)^2}{h^2 \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^3}
\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(y) + g'(y)x + \frac{g''(y)}{2}x^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))} - \frac{4\pi\alpha \sin(2\pi y h)}{h \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^2} x \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-8\pi^2\alpha \cos(2\pi y h)}{\left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^2} + \frac{32\pi^2\alpha^2 \sin(2\pi y h)^2}{h^2 \left(1 + 2\frac{\alpha}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h))\right)^3} \right) x^2 \\
&\stackrel{y=0}{=} 1 - 4\pi^2\alpha x^2 \stackrel{\alpha=\frac{\sigma^2}{2}}{=} 1 - 2\sigma^2\pi^2 x^2 .
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) 1-D continuous regularisation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(y) = (1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^{-1} \\
& g'(y) = \frac{-8\pi^2\alpha y}{(1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^2} \\
& g''(y) = \frac{128\pi^4\alpha^2 y^2}{(1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^3} - \frac{8\alpha\pi^2}{(1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^2} = \frac{8\alpha\pi^2(12\pi^2\alpha y^2 - 1)}{(1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^3}
\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(y) + g'(y)x + \frac{g''(y)}{2}x^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2} + \frac{-8\pi^2\alpha y}{(1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^2} x + \frac{8\alpha\pi^2(12\pi^2\alpha y^2 - 1)}{2(1 + \alpha 4\pi^2 y^2)^3} x^2 \\
&\stackrel{y=0}{=} 1 - 4\alpha\pi^2 x^2 \stackrel{\alpha=\frac{\sigma^2}{2}}{=} 1 - 2\sigma^2\pi^2 x^2 .
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Convolution with 1-D Gaussian kernel K_σ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(y) = \exp\left(-\frac{(2\pi y)^2}{2\sigma^{-2}}\right) = \exp(-2\pi^2\sigma^2 y^2) \\
& g'(y) = -4\pi^2\sigma^2 y \exp(-2\pi^2\sigma^2 y^2) \\
& g''(y) = 16\pi^4\sigma^4 y^2 \exp(-2\pi^2\sigma^2 y^2) - 4\pi^2\sigma^2 \exp(-2\pi^2\sigma^2 y^2)
\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(y) + g'(y)x + \frac{g''(y)}{2}x^2 \\
&= (1 - 4\pi^2\sigma^2 yx + \frac{16\pi^4\sigma^4 y^2 - 4\pi^2\sigma^2}{2} x^2) \exp(-2\pi^2\sigma^2 y^2) \\
&\stackrel{y=0}{=} 1 - 2\pi^2\sigma^2 x^2 .
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) 1-D explicit scheme for linear diffusion after one iteration step:

$$\begin{aligned}g(y) &= 1 + 2\frac{\tau}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h)) \\g'(y) &= -\frac{4\pi\tau}{h} \sin(2\pi h y) \\g''(y) &= -8\pi^2\tau \cos(2\pi h y)\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}g(y) + g'(y)x + \frac{g''(y)}{2}x^2 \\= 1 + 2\frac{\tau}{h^2}(1 - \cos(2\pi y h)) - \frac{4\pi\tau}{h} \sin(2\pi h y)x - 4\pi^2\tau \cos(2\pi h y)x^2 \\ \stackrel{y=0}{=} 1 - 4\pi^2\tau x^2 \stackrel{\tau=\frac{\sigma^2}{2}}{=} 1 - 2\sigma^2\pi^2 x^2.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4 (Whittaker-Tikhonov Regularisation and Unsharp Masking)

- (a) We supplement the code in the function `regularise` for the numerator and denominator as given in lecture 17, slide 20.

```
// iterate until stopping criterion is satisfied
k = 0;
do
{
    // write last version of working copy tmp into u
    for (j=1; j<=ny; j++)
        for (i=1; i<=nx; i++)
            u[i][j] = tmp[i][j];

    // mirror boundaries
    dummies(u,nx,ny);

    // compute result for the iteration step k+1 (store it in tmp)
    // and compute the residue w.r.t. the iteration step k
    residue_k = 0.0;
    for (j=1; j<=ny; j++)
        for (i=1; i<=nx; i++)
        {
            numerator = f[i][j] + alpha * ( ((i==1) ? 0.0f : u[i-1][j])
                                             + ((i==nx) ? 0.0f : u[i+1][j])
                                             + ((j==1) ? 0.0f : u[i][j-1])
                                             + ((j==ny) ? 0.0f : u[i][j+1]) );
```

```

        denominator = 1.0f + alpha * ( ((i==1) ? 0.0f : 1.0f)
                                         +((i==nx) ? 0.0f : 1.0f)
                                         +((j==1) ? 0.0f : 1.0f)
                                         +((j==ny) ? 0.0f : 1.0f) );

        // time saver
        float res = numerator - denominator*u[i][j];

        residue_k += res * res;

        // result for the iteration step k+1
        tmp[i][j] = numerator/denominator;
    }

    residue_k = sqrt(residue_k);
    if (k==0)
        residue_0 = residue_k;

    k++;

} while (residue_k >= EPSILON * residue_0);

```

- (b) The function `unsharp_masking` is completed by blurring the image f using the function `regularise` from task (a) and supplementing the unsharp masking formula as given in the problem task.

```

void unsharp_masking

    (float    **f,          /* image */
     long     nx,          /* pixel number in x direction */
     long     ny,          /* pixel number in x direction */
     float    alpha)       /* regulariser */

/*
    applies unsharp masking to f
*/

{
    printf("\n-----\n");
    printf("Applying unsharp masking\n\n");

    long     i, j;         /* loop variables */

    float    **u;          /* blurred image */
    alloc_matrix (&u, nx+2, ny+2);

    // blur image by Whittaker-Tikhonov regularisation
    regularise(f,u,nx,ny,alpha);
}

```

```

// unsharp masking
for (j=1; j<=ny; j++)
    for (i=1; i<=nx; i++)
        f[i][j] = f[i][j] - (u[i][j] - f[i][j]);

dealloc_matrix (u, nx+2, ny+2);
}

```

- (c) *Left:* Blurred image ElaineBlurred.pgm.
Middle: Result after deblurring with unsharp masking (factor=5) and Whittaker-Tikhonov regularisation ($\alpha = 1.0$).
Right: Original image Elaine.pgm.

