

COS 702 Bonus problem

Amoeba domain is defined as follows:

$$\partial\Omega = \{(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) : r = e^{\sin \theta} (\sin^2 2\theta) + e^{\cos \theta} (\cos^2 2\theta)\},$$

Uniformly distributed 150 points on the curve of the boundary of amoeba and plot it (see Figure 1.

Hint: We first calculate the length of the curve from

$$S = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{r(\vartheta)^2 + r'(\vartheta)^2} d\vartheta. \quad (1)$$

This integral may be evaluated using the MATLAB[®] routine `quadl` which evaluates an integral using adaptive Lobatto quadrature within a user-prescribed accuracy.

In order to place M points on the boundary, we take the length of each subsegment to be S/M . We choose $\theta_1 = 0$ and then solve, serially, the nonlinear equations

$$F(t) = \sqrt{(r(t) \cos t - r(\theta_k) \cos \theta_k)^2 + (r(t) \sin t - r(\theta_k) \sin \theta_k)^2} - \frac{S}{M} = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, M-1, \quad (2)$$

to yield $t = \theta_k, k = 2, \dots, M$, respectively. The solution of the nonlinear equations may be carried out using the MATLAB[®] routine `fzero`. The angles $\theta_k, k = 1, \dots, M$ define *approximately* equally spaced points on the curve defined by

$$\mathbf{x}_k = (x_k, y_k) = r(\theta_k)(\cos \theta_k, \sin \theta_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, M. \quad (3)$$

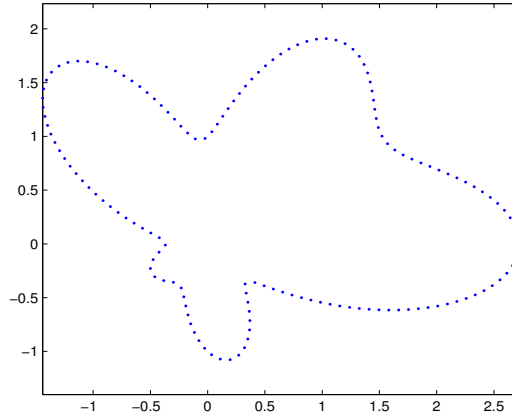


Figure 1: The profile of amoeba domain.