

V4E2 - Numerical Simulation

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Exercise sheet 4.

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Exercise 1. Prove the following inequalities, important (in particular) for the proof of Lemma 17:

- (i) Let $\eta(\cdot)$ be a nonnegative, absolutely continuous function on $[0, T]$, which satisfies for a.e. $0 \leq t \leq T$ the differential inequality

$$\eta'(t) \leq \omega(t)\eta(t) + \psi(t)$$

where $\omega(t)$ and $\psi(t)$ are nonnegative, integrable functions on $[0, T]$. Then

$$\eta(t) \leq e^{\int_0^t \omega(s) ds} \left[\eta(0) + \int_0^t \psi(s) ds \right]$$

for all $0 \leq t \leq T$.

- (ii) Let $\phi(\cdot)$ be a nonnegative, integrable function on $[0, T]$ which satisfies for a.e. $0 \leq t \leq T$ the integral inequality

$$\phi(t) \leq C_2 + \int_0^t C_1 \phi(s) ds$$

for constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$. Then

$$\phi(t) \leq C_2(1 + C_1 t e^{C_1 t})$$

for a.e. $0 \leq t \leq T$. Hints: (i): consider $\frac{d}{ds}(\eta(s)e^{-\int_0^s \omega(r) dr})$ (ii): Use (i) to prove (ii).

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Exercise 2. Given the initial data $y(t_0) = x_0$. We define the function:

$$h(t) := \int_{t_0}^t \ell(y_{x_0, t_0}(s), \alpha(s)) ds + V(y_{x_0, t_0}(t), t).$$

where V is the usual value function, used for deriving (in class) an important equality called *minimum principle*.

Prove the following properties:

- (i) h is nondecreasing for any control α ,
(ii) h is constant if and only if the control α is optimal.

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Let E be a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^d . Recall that the distance function $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is defined to be:

$$\text{dist}(x, E) \doteq \min_{y \in E} |x - y|$$

Exercise 3. (A time-dependent Eikonal equation)

Let $u_0 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as:

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in E \\ +\infty & x \notin E \end{cases}$$

Show that if the Hopf-Lax formula could be applied to the initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + |Du|^2 = 0 & \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, \infty) \\ u = u_0 & \mathbb{R}^d \times \{t = 0\} \end{cases}$$

then it would give the solution:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{4t} \text{dist}(x, E)^2$$

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