

A Level-Set Framework for Shape Optimisation

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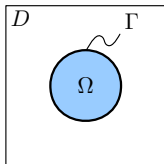
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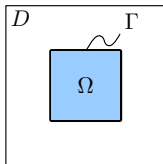
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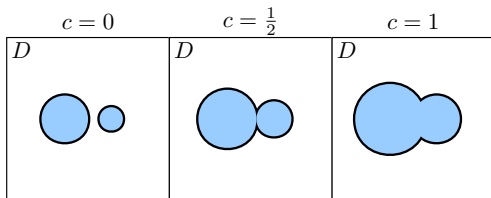
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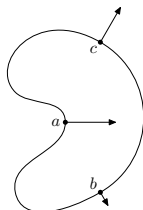
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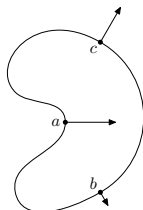
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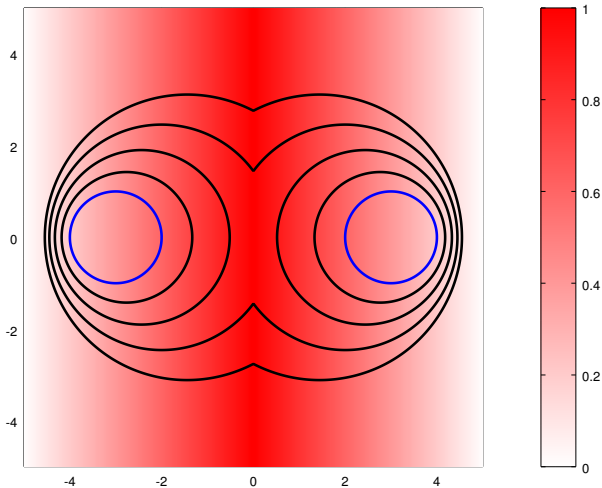


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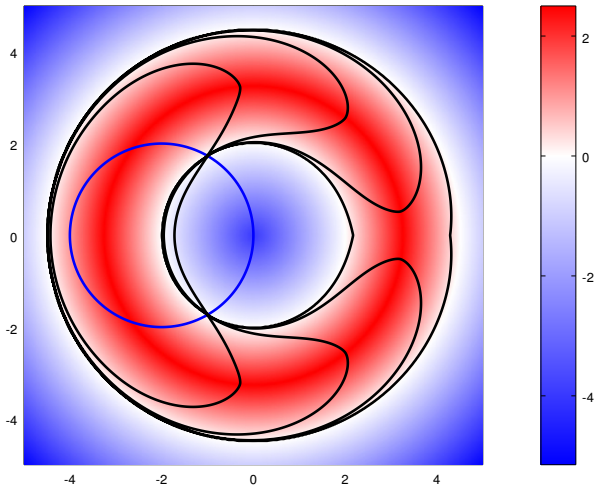
$$\phi_t(x, t) + F(x) |\nabla \phi(x, t)| = 0, \quad \phi_0(x, 0) = \phi_0(x)$$

It has a **unique viscosity solution**, see Crandall, Ishii, Lions [3] and Giga [5].
Original work by Osher, Sethian [6].

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Then:

$$\phi(x, t) = \begin{cases} \phi^+(x, t) & F(x) > 0 \\ \phi_0(x) & F(x) = 0 \\ -\phi^-(x, t) & F(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

$F(x) = 0$ means $\phi(x, \cdot)$ is constant: \rightarrow **Geometric constraints!**

One can reduce all considerations to the case $F \geq 0$.

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Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman: The level-set equation!

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Theorem (Hopf-Lax Formula)

Let $F \geq 0$ be Lipschitz continuous and have compact support in D . For all x with $F(x) > 0$ and $\phi_0(x) > 0$, the solution of the level-set equation is given as:

$$\phi(x, t) = \inf \{ \phi_0(y) \mid d(x, y) \leq t \}$$

See also Falcone, Giorgi, Loreti [4] and Capuzzo-Dolcetta [2].

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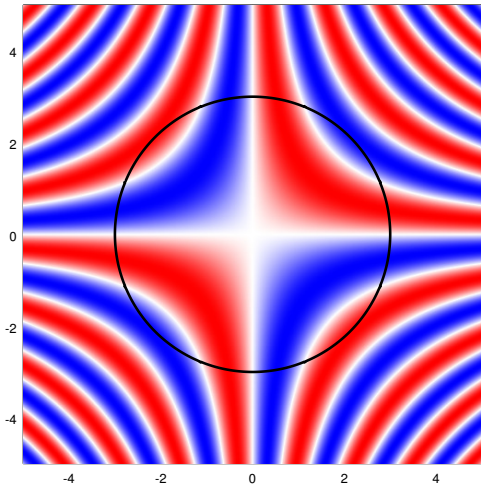
$$\Omega_t = \{x \in D \mid d_0(x) < t\}$$

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Generalisation is possible for arbitrary signs of F :

→ **“Composite Fast Marching”**

Demonstration



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Let $|\Gamma_0| = 0$. Then $|\Gamma_t| = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.



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This yields the **shape derivative** of J :

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Gradient-Descent Method

One step in the gradient descent:

1. evaluate **shape-dependent quantities** for Ω
2. calculate **functional** $dJ(\Omega; \cdot)$
3. find Riesz representative: **gradient** F
4. **evolve** Ω with a line search in direction $-F$

Repeat until no more changes are made.



Numerical Results

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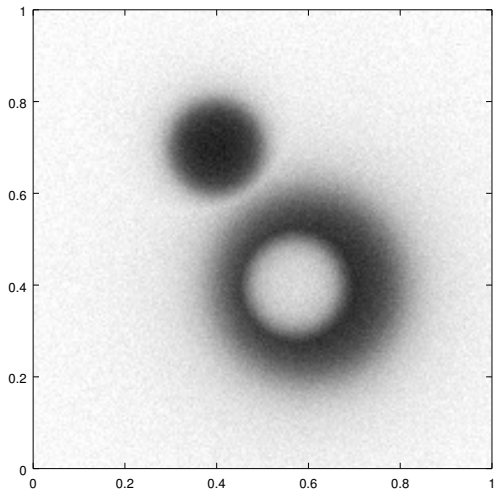
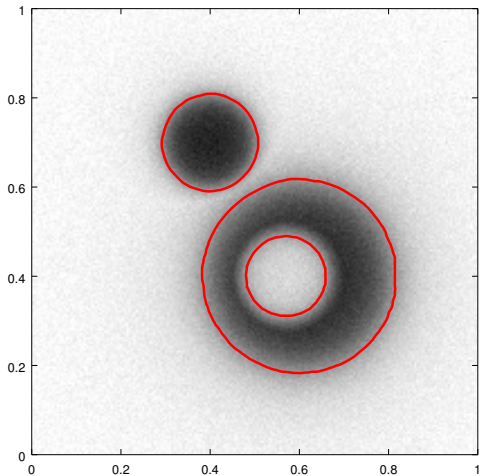


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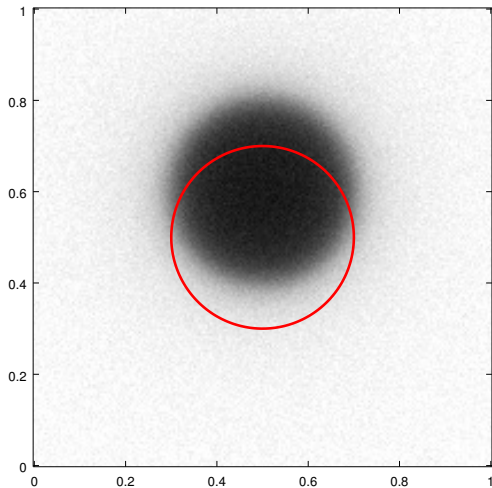
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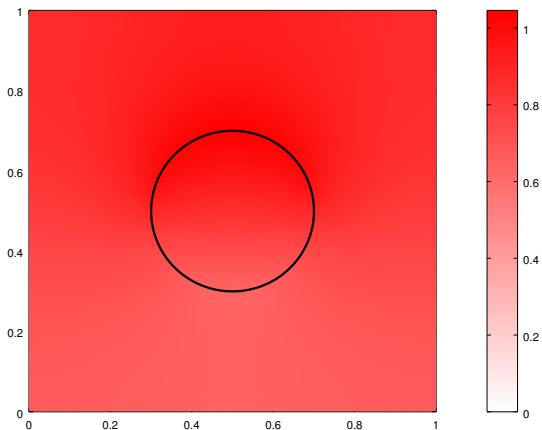
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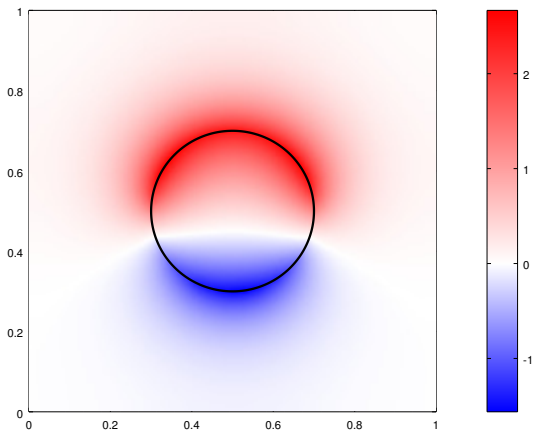
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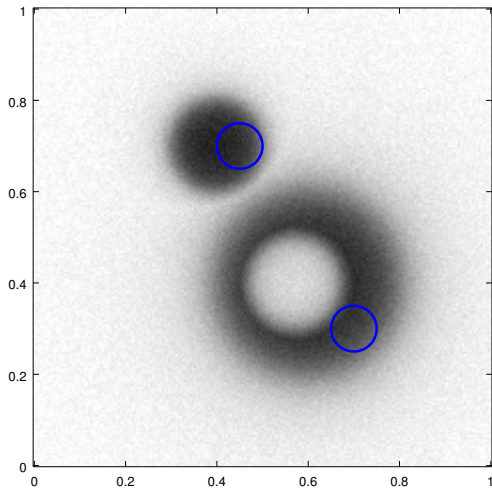


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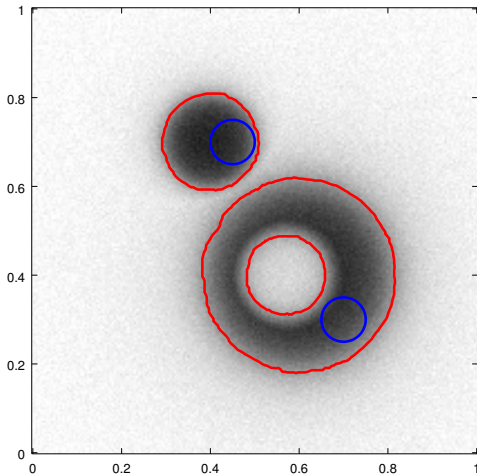
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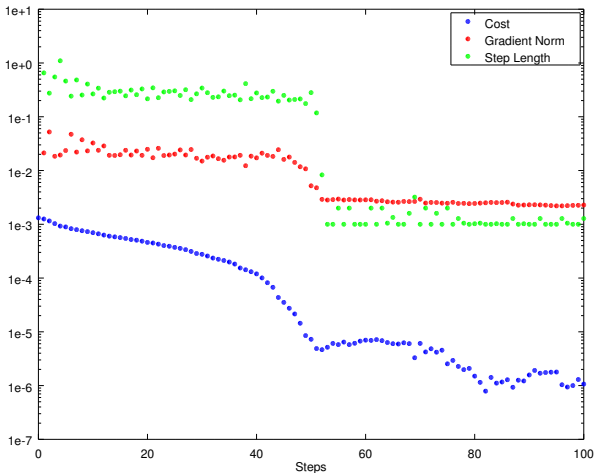
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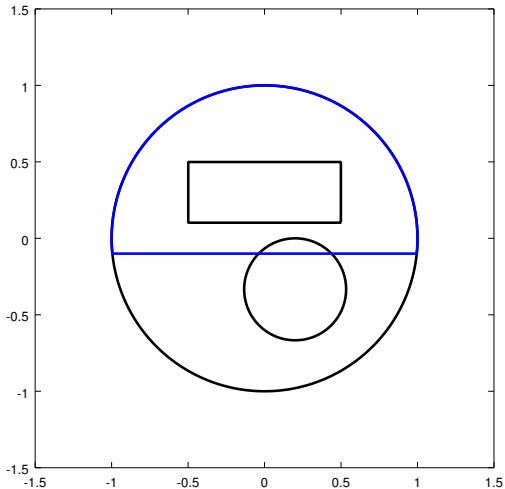
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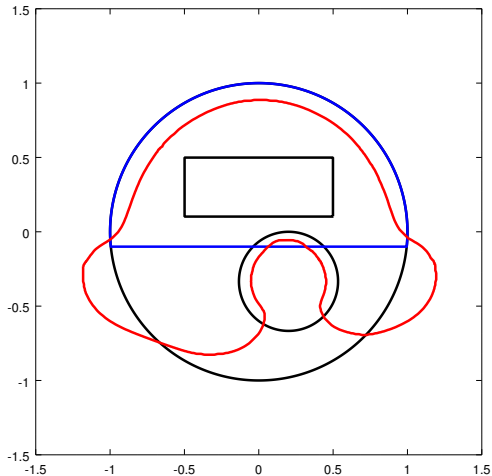
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We require: $F = 0$ on B

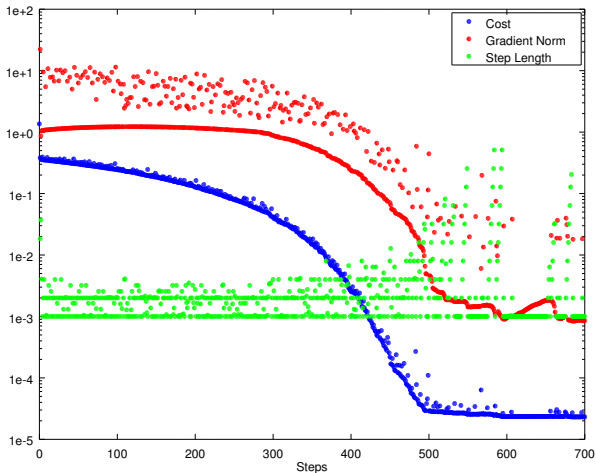
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