# HJB-RBF based approach for the control of PDEs

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# Optimal control and DPP

### **Dynamical Systems**

$$egin{cases} \dot{y}(t)=f(y(t),u(t)),\ t\in(0,\infty),\ y(0)=x\in\mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

### **Cost Functional**

$$\mathcal{J}_{x}(y,u)\equiv\int_{0}^{\infty}g(y(s),u(s))e^{-\lambda s}ds$$

**Value Function** 

$$v(x) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}_x(y, u)$$

# Optimal control and DPP

#### Feedback Control

$$u^*(t) = \arg\min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \{g(x, u) + \nabla v(x) \cdot f(x, u)\}$$

**Dynamical Programming Principle (DPP)** 

$$v(x) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \bigg\{ \int_0^{\tau} g(y(s), u(s)) e^{-\lambda s} ds + e^{-\lambda \tau} v(y_x(\tau)) \bigg\}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \tau > 0$$

Hamilton–Jacobi–Bellman

$$\lambda v(x) + \max_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \{-g(x, u) - \nabla v(x) \cdot f(x, u)\} = 0$$

# Semi-Lagrangian discretization and Value Iteration

**Dynamic Programming Principle** 

$$v(x) = \min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left\{ \int_t^\tau e^{-\lambda s} g(y(s), u(s)) \, ds + v(y(\tau)) \, e^{-\lambda \tau} \right\}$$

Semi-Lagrangian scheme

$$V_i^{k+1} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \Delta t g(x_i, u) + e^{-\lambda \Delta t} \left( \frac{V^k(x_i + \Delta t f(x_i, u))}{k} \right) \right\}, \ k = 1, 2, \ldots,$$



**Discretization**: constant  $\Delta t$  for time and  $N_u$  controls

#### Cons of the approach

- $V^n(x_i + \Delta t f(x_i, u, t_n))$  needs an interpolation operator
- Requires a numerical domain  $\Omega$  chosen a priori and selection of BC
- Curse of dimensionality on structured meshes

# Semi-Lagrangian discretization and Value Iteration

$$V(x_j) = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \Delta t g(x_j, u) + (1 - \Delta t \lambda) I_1[V](x_j + \Delta t f(x_j, u)) \right\}$$

the scheme is a fixed point method

$$V^{k+1} = W(V^k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

with

$$[W(V)]_j := \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \Delta t g(x_j, u) + (1 - \Delta t \lambda) I_1[V](x_j + \Delta t f(x_j, u)) \right\}$$

W(V) is a **contraction**. Convergence is guaranteed for any initial condition.

#### Feedback reconstruction

Let  $u_n^*(x)$  the control at each time interval  $[t_n, t_{n+1})$  and  $x = y(t_n)$ 

$$u_n^*(x) = \arg\min_{u \in U} \{\Delta t g(x, u) + (1 - \lambda \Delta t) I_1[V](x + \Delta t f(x, u))\}$$

# How can we compute the value function?

The bottleneck of the DP approach is the computation of the value function, since this requires to **solve a non linear PDE in high-dimension**.

This is a challenging problem due to the **huge number of nodes** involved and to the **singularities** of the solution

- Accelerated iterative schemes
- Domain Decomposition
- Max plus algebra
- Neural Networks
- Model Order Reduction
- Sparse Grids
- Spectral Methods
- Tensor Decomposition
- Tree Structure Algorithm (see L. Saluzzi's talk 17/06/21)

# Main Objectives

### Literature for this talk

- O. Junge, A. Schreiber. Dynamic programming using radial basis functions, 2015
- G. Ferretti, R. Ferretti, O. Junge, A. Scheriber. *An adaptive multilevel radial vasis funcition scheme for HJB equation*, 2017
- C.M. Chilan, B.A. Conway, *Optimal nonlinear control using Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman viscosity solutions on unstructured grids*, 2020
- A., H. Oliveira, G. Santin, in preparation

### What we propose

- An algorithm for Dynamic Programming in high dimensions using RBF approximation on unstructured meshes,
- A method to automatize the selection of the shape parameter used in RBF approximation
- Error estimates
- Feedback for a *class* of initial conditions

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# RBF and Shepard's approximation

### **RBF** Interpolation

Given a set of nodes  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \cdots x_n\} \subset \Omega$  and a bounded function  $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ 

$$I^{\sigma}[f](x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \varphi(\sigma ||x - x_i||), \qquad I^{\sigma}[f](x_j) = f(x_j)$$

where  $\varphi^{\sigma}: [0,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0$  is a **shape parameter** that affects the RBF

Wendland's RBF  $\varphi^{\sigma}(r) = \max\{0, (1 - \sigma r)^6 (35\sigma^2 r^2 + 18\sigma r + 3)\}$ 



Left:  $\sigma = 0.8$  (flat) Right:  $\sigma = 2$  (spiky)

# RBF and Shepard approximation

Shepard's approximation

$$S^{\sigma}[f](x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)\psi_i^{\sigma}(x), \qquad \psi_i(x) = \frac{\varphi^{\sigma}(\|x - x_i\|)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \varphi^{\sigma}(\|x - x_j\|)}$$

#### Approximation versus Interpolation

- Interpolation: Solves linear system
- Shepard approximation: Computes matrix vector multiplication

### **Properties:**

- $-\psi_i(x) > 0$  is compactly supported in  $B(x_i, 1/\sigma) \subset \Omega$
- $-\sum_{i=1}^n\psi_i^\sigma(x)=1$  for all  $x\in\Omega_{X,\sigma}$  with  $\Omega_{X,\sigma}:=igcup_{x\in X}B(x,1/\sigma)\subset\mathbb{R}^d$
- the compact support of the weights leads to a computational advantage and a localization of the method. The distance matrix  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $D_{ij} := ||x_i x_j||_2$  is sparse such that  $||x_i x_j|| \le 1/\sigma$  needs to be computed

# RBF and Shepard approximation

**Fill Distance** 

$$h = h_{\Omega,X} \coloneqq \max_{x \in \Omega} \min_{y \in X} \|x - y\|$$

Separation Distance

$$q = q_X = \min_{x_i \neq x_j \in X} \|x_i - x_j\|$$

Lemma (Junge & Schreiber, 2015)

Let  $v : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant  $L_v$ . Let  $X_k$  be a sequence of sets of nodes with fill distances  $h_k$  and shape parameters  $\sigma_k = \frac{\theta}{h_k}$  and  $\theta > 0$ . Let  $\rho > 0$  be such that  $B(0, \rho) \supset supp(\varphi)$ . Then

$$||v - S_k v||_{\infty} \leq L_v \frac{\rho}{\theta} h_k$$

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# Value Iteration with Shepard Approximation

The Shepard Approximation can be described as an operator

 $S^{\sigma}: (L^{\infty}, ||.||_{\infty}) 
ightarrow (\mathcal{W}, ||.||_{\infty})$ 

where  $\mathcal{W} = span\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \cdots, \psi_n\}$  and  $S^{\sigma}f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\psi_i^{\sigma}(x)$ 

$$[W_{\sigma}(V)]_{j} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \Delta t g(x_{j}, u) + (1 - \Delta t\lambda) S^{\sigma}[V](x_{j} + \Delta t f(x_{j}, u)) \right\}$$

- **Convergence:** W is a contraction (the operator  $S_{\sigma}$  has norm 1)
- Error Estimate:  $\|v V\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{L_v}{\theta} \frac{h}{\Delta t}$   $(\sigma = \theta/h)$
- (Discrete) Feedback reconstruction

$$u_n^*(x) = \arg\min_{u \in U} \{g(x, u) + (1 - \lambda \Delta t) S^{\sigma}[V](x + \Delta t f(x, u))\}$$

with  $x = y(t_n)$ 

# Value Iteration with Shepard Approximation

### Comments

- The requirement that h decays to zero is too restrictive for high dimensional problems, since filling the entire  $\Omega$  may be out of reach
- Shepard's method perform approximations in high dimensions and unstructured grids

### **Novelties:**

- Generation unstructured meshes
- Selection of the shape parameter
- (first) Error estimates
- Control of PDEs

### "Standard" ways to generate a mesh

- equi-distributed grid: nicely covers the entire space and usually provides accurate results for interpolation problems BUT not feasible for high dimensional problems e.g.  $d > 10^3$
- random set of points: computationally efficient to generate and to use, BUT the distribution of points can be irregular and the fill distance may decrease only very slowly when increasing the number of points

### Remarks

- There is a tradeoff between keeping the grid at a reasonable size and the need to cover the relevant part of the computational domain
- The fill distance for any sequence of points  $\{X_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  can at most decrease as  $h\leq c_\Omega n^{-1/d}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$[W_{\sigma}(V)]_{j} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \Delta t g(x_{j}, u) + (1 - \Delta t\lambda)S^{\sigma}[V](x_{j} + \Delta t f(x_{j}, u)) \right\}$$

### Key fact

The evolution of the system provides itself an indication of the regions of interest within the domain. We propose a discretization method driven by the dynamics of the control problem

### Dynamics driven grid

Fix a time step  $\overline{\Delta t} > 0$ , a maximum number  $\overline{K} \in \mathbb{N}$  of discrete times and, for  $\overline{L}, \overline{M} > 0$ , some initial conditions of interest and a discretization of the control space

$$\overline{X} := \{\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2, \dots, \overline{x}_{\overline{L}}\} \subset \Omega, \quad \overline{U} := \{\overline{u}_1, \overline{u}_2, \dots, \overline{u}_{\overline{M}}\} \subset U$$

For a given pair of initial condition  $\bar{x}_i \in \overline{X}$  and control  $\bar{u}_j \in \overline{U}$  we obtain trajectories

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i,j}^{k+1} &= x_{i,j}^k + \overline{\Delta t} \, f(x_{i,j}^k, \bar{u}_j), \quad k = 1, \dots, \bar{K} - 1, \\ x_{i,j}^1 &= \bar{x}_i \end{aligned}$$

Given  $(\bar{x}_i, \bar{u}_j)$  we obtain the set  $X(\bar{x}_i, \bar{u}_j) := \{x_{i,j}^1, \dots, x_{i,j}^{\bar{K}}\}$  containing the discrete trajectory, and our mesh is defined as

$$X:=X(\overline{X},\overline{U},\overline{\Delta}t,\overline{K}):=igcup_{i=1}^{ar{L}}igcup_{j=1}^{ar{M}}X\left(ar{x}_{i},ar{u}_{j}
ight)$$

#### Comments

- We do not aim at filling the space  $\Omega$ , but provides points along trajectories of interest
- The values of  $\overline{X}, \overline{U}, \overline{\Delta t}, \overline{K}$  should be chosen so that X contains points that are suitably close to the points of interest for the solution of the control problem

### Property of this mesh I

Let  $X := X(\overline{X}, \overline{U}, \overline{\Delta t}, \overline{K})$  be the dynamics-dependent mesh, and assume that f is uniformly bounded i.e., there exists  $M_f > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{x\in\Omega,u\in U}\|f(x,u)\|\leq M_f$$

Then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\Delta t > 0$  and  $u \in U$  it holds

 $dist(x + \Delta t f(x, u), X) \leq M_f \Delta t$ 

### Property of this mesh II

Furthermore if f is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in both variables, there exist  $L_x, L_u > 0$  s. t.

$$\|f(x, u) - f(x', u)\| \le L_x \|x - x'\| \quad \forall x, x' \in \Omega, \quad u \in U$$
  
 $\|f(x, u) - f(x, u')\| \le L_u \|u - u'\| \quad \forall x \in \Omega, \quad u, u' \in U$ 

Then, if  $x := x^k(x_0, u, \Delta t) \in \Omega$  is a point on a discrete trajectory with initial point  $x_0 \in \Omega$ , control  $u \in U$ , timestep  $\Delta t > 0$ , and time instant  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \leq \overline{K}$ , it holds

$$\mathsf{dist}(x,X) \leq \left( |\Delta t - \overline{\Delta t}| \overline{K} M_f + \min_{\overline{x} \in \overline{X}} \|\overline{x} - x_0\| + \overline{K} \overline{\Delta t} L_u \min_{\overline{u} \in \overline{U}} \|\overline{u} - u\| \right) e^{\overline{K} \overline{\Delta} t L_x}$$

# Selection of the shape parameter in RBF

- As pointed by Fasshauer (2007) and also by Junge and Schreiber (2015), the ideal choice of shape parameter  $\sigma$  is crucial for accurate approximations
- There is no efficient method defined in the literature for choosing the shape parameter. In general, a trial and error procedure is necessary
- Cross validation and maximum likelihood estimation, but they are designed to optimize the value of  $\sigma$  in a fixed approximation setting

### Warning

We need to construct an approximant at each iteration k within the value iteration

# Selection of the shape parameter in RBF

- $\sigma := \theta / h_{\Omega,X}$  for a given  $\theta > 0$
- Since  $h_{\Omega,X}$  is difficult to compute or even to estimate in high dimensional problems, we use  $\sigma = \theta/q_X$  and we optimize the value of  $\theta > 0$

### **Optimization over** $\theta$

Choosing an admissible set of parameters  $\mathcal{P}:=[\theta_{\mathsf{min}},\theta_{\mathsf{max}}]\subset \mathbb{R}^+$ 

$$\bar{\theta} := \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathcal{P}} R(\theta/q_X) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathcal{P}} \|V_{\theta/q_X} - W_{\theta/q_X}(V_{\theta/q_X})\|_\infty$$

### Remark: Optimization problem might be solved by

- comparison over $\{\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_{N_p}\} \subset \mathcal{P}$  computing all the value functions for  $\{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^{N_p}$
- gradient method with continuous space  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{P}}$  and

$$R_{ heta} = rac{R( heta + arepsilon) - R( heta)}{arepsilon}, \quad arepsilon > 0$$

The method relies on a-posteriori criteria (the residual)

# Selection of the shape parameter

### Compatibility between the mesh and the shape parameter

- The grid X is fixed independently of  $\sigma$ . We need an interval $\mathcal{P} := [\theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max}]$
- $S^{\sigma}[v](x + \Delta t f(x, u))$  with  $x \in X$  and  $u \in U_M$

$$x + \Delta tf(x, u) \in \Omega_{X, \sigma} = \cup_{x \in X} B(x, 1/\sigma)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $u \in U_M$ 

$$\mathsf{dist}(x + \Delta tf(x, u), X) \leq M_f \Delta t \leq 1/\sigma = q_X/\theta \Longrightarrow \theta_{\mathsf{max}} \leq \frac{q_X}{M_f \Delta t}$$

- The value  $\theta_{min} > 0$  can instead be chosen freely, since a smaller parameter corresponds to a wider RBF, and thus to a larger support

## Error estimates

Mesh estimate  $\sigma := \theta / h_{X,\tilde{\Omega}}$ 

$$egin{aligned} &h_{X,\widetilde{\Omega}} := \operatorname{dist}(\widetilde{\Omega},X) = \max_{x\in\widetilde{\Omega}}\operatorname{dist}(x,X) \ &\leq C(ar{K},\overline{\Delta}t,L_x,M_f,L_u) \left(\max_{\widetilde{\Delta t}\in\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}}|\widetilde{\Delta t}-\overline{\Delta t}|+\max_{\widetilde{x}\in\widetilde{X}}\min_{\overline{x}\in\overline{X}}\|ar{x}-x_0\|+\max_{\widetilde{u}\in\widetilde{U}}\min_{\overline{u}\in\overline{U}}\|ar{u}-u\|
ight) \end{aligned}$$

Value Function estimate

$$\begin{split} \|v - V\|_{\infty,\widetilde{\Omega}} &:= \max_{x \in \widetilde{\Omega}} |v(x) - V(x)| \le \frac{L_v}{\theta \widetilde{\Delta} t} h_{X,\widetilde{\Omega}} \\ &\le \frac{L_v C}{\theta \widetilde{\Delta} t} \left( \max_{\widetilde{\Delta} t \in \widetilde{T}} |\widetilde{\Delta} t - \overline{\Delta} t| + \max_{\widetilde{X} \in \widetilde{X}} \min_{\widetilde{x} \in \widetilde{X}} \|\overline{x} - x_0\| + \max_{\widetilde{u} \in \widetilde{U}} \min_{\overline{u} \in \widetilde{U}} \|\overline{u} - u\| \right) \\ &\quad h_{X,\widetilde{\Omega}} \text{ and } q_X \text{ can be computed} \end{split}$$

#### Algorithm 1: Value Iteration with shape parameter selection

- 1: INPUT:  $\Omega, \Delta t, U, \mathcal{P}$  parameter range, tolerance, RBF and system dynamics f, flag
- 2: initialization;
- 3: Generate Mesh
- 4: if flag == Comparison then
- 5: for  $\theta \in P$  do
- 6: Compute  $V_{\theta}$ ;
- 7:  $R(\theta) = ||V_{\theta} W(V_{\theta})||_{\infty}$
- 8: end for
- 9:  $\bar{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in P}{\arg\min} R(\theta);$
- 10: else

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- 11:  $R_{ heta}=1, heta= heta_{0}$ , tol, arepsilon
- 12: while  $||R_{\theta}|| > tol$  do
- 13: Compute  $V_{\theta}$  and  $V_{\theta+\varepsilon}$
- 14: Evaluate  $R(V_{\theta})$  and  $R(V_{\theta+\varepsilon})$

 $\varepsilon$ 

- $R_{ heta} = rac{R(V_{ heta+arepsilon}) R(V_{ heta})}{R(V_{ heta+arepsilon}) R(V_{ heta})}$
- 16:  $\theta = \theta R_{\theta}$
- 17: end while
- 18:  $\bar{\theta} = \theta, V_{\bar{\theta}} = V_{\theta}$
- 19: end if

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# Eikonal equation in 2D

#### Problem data

We consider a two dimensional problem in  $[-1,1]^2$  with dynamics

$$f(x, u) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(u) \\ \sin(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

control space  $U = [0, 2\pi]$ , target  $\mathcal{T} = (0, 0)$  and a cost functional  $\mathcal{J}_x(y, u) = \int_0^{t(x, u)} e^{-\lambda s} ds$ where

$$t(x, u) := \begin{cases} \inf_{s} \{s \in \mathbb{R}_{+} : y_{x}(s, u) \in \mathcal{T}\}, \text{ if } y_{x}(s, u) \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for some } s \\ +\infty, \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# Eikonal equation in 2D

### Details

- The distance function is the exact solution
- The RBF used in all cases is the  $C^2$  Compactly Supported Wendland's function  $\varphi^{\sigma}(r) = \max\{0, (1 \sigma r)^6 (35\sigma r^2 + 18\sigma r + 3)\}$
- We compute the error with  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$

### Errors

- Relative error:  $\frac{||V_{\bar{\theta}} - V^*||_{\infty}}{||V^*||_{\infty}}$  where  $V^*$  is the exact solution and  $\bar{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in P}{\arg\min} R(\theta)$ - Minimum error: For each fill distance the minimum error is  $\frac{||V_{\theta^*} - V^*||_{\infty}}{||V^*||_{\infty}}$  where  $\theta^* = \underset{\theta \in P}{\arg\min} \frac{||V_{\theta} - V^*||_{\infty}}{||V^*||_{\infty}}$ 

### Eikonal equation in 2D - Residuals - Equidistant Grid



Figure: Left:  $R(V_{\theta})$  in  $\mathcal{P}_1 = [0.1, 10]$  with step size of 0.1. Right:  $R(V_{\theta})$  in  $\mathcal{P}_2 = [0.1, 2]$  with step size of 0.05.

## Eikonal equation in 2D - Residuals - Equidistant Grid

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Figure: Left: Residual in case of  $81^2$  points. Middle:  $V_{\theta}$  error. Right: relative and minimum error

h	Points	CPU time	$ar{ heta}$	$ heta^*$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{ar{ heta}})$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{ heta^*})$	$\frac{h}{\overline{A}}$	$\frac{h}{\theta^*}$
0.2	$11^{2}$	5.1	0.55	0.65	0.1775	0.1405	0.3636	0.3077
0.1	21 <sup>2</sup>	14.5	0.55	0.55	0.0942	0.0942	0.1818	0.1818
0.05	41 <sup>2</sup>	242	0.525	0.5	0.0634	0.0596	0.0952	0.1002
0.025	81 <sup>2</sup>	6.44e+3	0.525	0.45	0.0572	0.0389	0.0476	0.0556

# Eikonal equation in 2D - Value Functions - Equidistant Grid

**Regular Case**: Domain discretized in 41<sup>2</sup> equally spaced points. Parameters:  $\Delta t = 0.5\Delta x$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 0.475/h$  and  $U = [0, 2\pi]$  discretized in 16 points.



Figure: Left: Value Functions obtained by VI and Linear Interpolation. Right: Solution obtained by VI and Shepard approximation

## Eikonal equation in 2D - Residuals - Equidistant Grid

Points	CPU time	$ar{ heta}$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{ar{ heta}})$
121	0.31	0.55	0.1774
441	15	0.54	0.0984
1681	561	0.53	0.0649
6561	2.17e+4	0.518	0.0536

Table: Results using gradient method.

# Eikonal equation in 2D - Meshes - Scattered Case

#### Meshes generated by a set of random points clustered using k-means algorithm



Figure: Left: 200 points and fill distance 0.1618. Center: 800 points and fill distance 0.0846. Right: 3200 points and fill distance 0.0461.

### Eikonal equation in 2D - Residuals - Scattered case



Figure: Left: Average residual. Middle: Average  $V_{\theta}$  error. Right: Average Relative and minimum error

h	Points	CPU time	$ar{ heta}$	$ heta^*$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{ar{ heta}})$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{\theta^*})$	$\frac{h}{\overline{\theta}}$	$\frac{h}{\theta^*}$
0.1603	200	9.8	1.91	2.16	0.3031	0.2981	0.0839	0.0742
0.1177	400	14.6	1.86	2.06	0.23	0.2284	0.0633	0.0572
0.0861	800	31.8	1.92	2.21	0.172	0.1697	0.0448	0.0389
0.0641	1600	115	2.04	2.42	0.1432	0.1407	0.0314	0.0265
0.0464	3200	504	1.76	2.06	0.1037	0.0969	0.0264	0.0225

## Eikonal equation in 2D - Value Functions - Scattered Case

**Scattered Case**: Domain populated by 3200 randomly selected points. Parameters:  $\Delta t = h$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 1.88/h$  and  $U = [0, 2\pi]$  discretized in 16 points.



Figure: Value Functions generated in a Random Unstructured Grid formed by 3200 points. Left: Exact solution. Center: Solution obtained by VI and Shepard approximation. Right: Absolute error of exact solution and value function obtained by Shepard approximation Value Iteration.

# Eikonal equation in 2D - Meshes - Dynamic Grid

- Meshes generated using the dynamics of the problem. 16 controls,  $\Delta t = 0.05$  and the  $\Delta t$  used to select points were respectively 0.1, 0.05 and 0.025.
- Left: 4 initial conditions. Center: 8 initial conditions. Right: 16 initial conditions. All selected using k-means algorithm.



Figure: Left: 246 points and fill distance 0.1436. Upper Right: 909 points and fill distance 0.0882. Center: 3457 points and fill distance 0.0439.

### Eikonal equation in 2D - Residuals - Dynamic Grid



Figure: Left: Average residual to case with 3483 points. Middle: Average  $V_{\theta}$  error, Right: Average Relative Error and Average Minimum Error against fill distance

h	Points	CPU time	$\theta$	$ heta^*$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{ar{ heta}})$	$\mathcal{E}(V_{\theta^*})$	$\frac{h}{\theta}$	$\frac{h}{\theta^*}$
0.1642	245	8.5	1.58	1.82	0.3182	0.2949	0.1040	0.0902
0.0820	915	55.6	1.66	1.76	0.1861	0.1855	0.0494	0.0466
0.0455	3469	654	1.7	1.82	0.1016	0.0997	0.0268	0.0250

# Eikonal equation in 2D - Feedback Reconstruction

x = (-0.7, 0.3)



X	Linear	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
(0.5, 0.75)	0.6287	0.6287	0.7724	0.6664
(-0.7, 0.3)	0.5646	0.5646	0.6481	0.6481

Table: Evaluation of the cost functional for different methods and initial conditions x.

# Test 2: Advection Equation

#### **Dynamics**

$$egin{cases} \widetilde{y}_t(\xi,t)+v\cdot
abla_\xi\widetilde{y}(\xi,t)&=u(t)\widetilde{y}(\xi,t)&(\xi,t)\in\Omega imes[0,\mathcal{T}]\ \widetilde{y}(\xi,t)&=0&\xi\in\partial\Omega imes[0,\mathcal{T}]\ \widetilde{y}(\xi,0)&=\widetilde{y}_0(\xi)&\xi\in\Omega \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega = [0,5]^2, v = 1, T = 2.5, U = [-2,0], d = 10121$$

Cost functional (after semi-discretization)

$$\mathcal{J}_{x}(y,u) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} (\|y(s)\|_{2}^{2} + 10^{-5}|u(s)|^{2})e^{-\lambda s}ds$$

#### Parameters

Grid: 11 controls  $\overline{\Delta t} = 0.1 \ k = \{0.5, 1\} \ C := \{k \sin(\pi \xi_1) \sin(\pi \xi_2) \chi_{[0,1]^2}\}$ VI 21 controls,  $\Delta t = 0.05, \mathcal{P} = [0.4, 0.7]$  with step 0.05, CPU time = 583s

# Test 2: Advection Equation (Parameters Traj: 81 controls, $\Delta t = 0.05$ ) NO NEED TO UPDATE THE VF



Figure: Initial condition  $y(x,0) = 0.75 sin(\pi x_1) sin(\pi x_2) \chi_{[0,1]^2}$ . Left-Right: uncontrolled solution, controlled solution, optimal control



# Test 3: Nonlinear Heat Equation

Dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{y}_t(x,t) = \alpha \Delta \tilde{y}(x,t) + \beta (\tilde{y}^2(x,t) - \tilde{y}^3(x,t)) + u(t) \tilde{y}_0(x) & (x,t) \in \Omega \times [0,\infty) \\ \partial_n \tilde{y}(x,t) = 0 & x \in \partial \Omega \times [0,\infty) \\ \tilde{y}_0(x) = \tilde{y}(x,0) & x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

with 
$$\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1], \alpha = \frac{1}{100}, \beta = 6$$
,  $d = 961$ 

**Cost functional** (after semi-discretization)

$$\mathcal{J}_{x}(y,u) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} (\|y(s)\|_{2}^{2} + 10^{-3}|u(s)|^{2})e^{-\lambda s}ds$$

#### Parameters

Grid: 11 controls  $\overline{\Delta t} = 0.1 \ k = \{0.5, 1\} \ C := \{k \sin(\pi \xi_1) \sin(\pi \xi_2) \chi_{[0,1]^2}\}$ VI: 21 controls,  $\Delta t = 0.05, \mathcal{P} = [1.8, 2.2]$  with step 0.05 CPU: 1.64e+04

### Test 3: Nonlinear Heat Equation



Figure: Top. Initial condition  $y(x, 0) = 0.75 sin(\pi x_1) sin(\pi x_2)$ . Left: uncontrolled solution at time t = 5. Right: controlled solution at time t = 5. Bottom. Left: residual, Right: optimal control

### Test 3: Nonlinear Heat Equation



Figure: Running Cost and cost functional with initial condition  $y(x,0) = ksin(\pi x_1)sin(\pi x_2)$ , k = 1, 0.5, 0.75 (left to right)



Figure: Initial condition  $y(x,0) = 0.75 sin(\pi x_1) sin(\pi x_2) + \mathcal{N}(0, 0.025)$ . Left: uncontrolled solution. Middle: controlled solution. Right: optimal control. Running Cost with initial condition  $y(x,0) = 0.75 sin(\pi x_1) sin(\pi x_2) + \mathcal{N}(0, 0.025)$ 

# Conclusions and Future Works

### Conclusions

- RBF and Shepard's approximation are useful and computationally efficient to work in high dimensional control problems
- A new algorithm to simultaneously solve the Value Iteration algorithm and select the shape parameter
- A method that uses unstructured meshes driven by the dynamics

### Outlook

- Adapt this framework to Policy Iteration algorithm
- Extend this method to semi-Lagrangian schemes
- Use of model reduction to speed up the computation and to ease the interpolation

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#### Thank you for you attention