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Example : upwind discretization of $\|\nabla u\|^2 = s^2$

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$$HU(p) := h^{-2} \sum_{1 \le i \le d} \max\{0, U(p) - U(p + he_i), U(p) - U(p - he_i)\}^2.$$

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Objective: compute a front arrival time Given a set of seeds $S \subseteq \overline{\Omega}$ compute $u : \overline{\Omega} \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

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and extract the corresponding minimal paths.

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Figure: Illustration of Bellman's optimality principle, and of its discretization.

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Figure: Some level sets of 2D and 3D riemannian distance maps.

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Figure: Segmentation of retina vessels. G. Sanguinetti, E. Bekkers, R. Duits, M.H.J. Janssen, A. Mashtakov, J.M. Mirebeau, Sub-Riemannian *Fast Marching in SE*(2), CIARP 2015.

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Figure: Shortest way out of centre Pompidou, using a Reeds-Shepp sub-riemannian metric. Note the many cusps.

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Figure: Finsler metrics can encode asymmetrical situations, e.g. ascent is harder than descent

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Conclusion on Semi-Lagrangian

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- Geometrical interpretation.
- Stencil recipes for 2D Finsler or 3D riemannian metrics on grids.

Cons:

- No good stencil recipe for 3D Finsler metrics, or for unstructuted meshes.
- A bit costly (iterate over all facets of V(p) of all dims).
- Rather complex implementation in dimension \geq 3.

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The Hamiltonian paradigm Sum of squares representation of the Hamiltonian Express or approximate $v \mapsto \mathcal{H}_p(v)$ in the form

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where $e_i, f_j \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, $\alpha_i, \beta_j \ge 0$. Or more generally in the form $H(v) = H_0(v) + \max_{1 \le k \le K} H_k(v).$

where H_0, \dots, H_K are as above.

Upwind differences discretization Approximate $H(\nabla u(p))$ by inserting

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The Hamiltonian paradigm Pros:

Applies to a variety of metrics.

Conclusion: Hamiltonian approach

- Easy to implement.
- Cheap numerically
 - (Main cost is maintaining the priority queue)

Cons:

Hard to adapt to unstructured grids.