

# Numerical analysis for the boundary value problem of the first order ordinary differential equation

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## ●要約

一階のハミルトンヤコビ方程式の多くは、粘性解の一意存在性が知られている。一階のハミルトンヤコビ方程式には、最適制御問題や微分ゲームなどの様々な重要な方程式がある。しかし粘性解の数値計算による近似解を求める手法は確立していない。粘性解は2階の退化する楕円型方程式や放物型方程式に対しても有効であるが、またそれらの方程式に対する数値計算法も確立していない現状がある。2階の退化する楕円型方程式や放物型方程式に対しての数値計算への応用を念頭に、一階常微分方程式の境界値問題に対して幾つかの数値計算の手法を提示する。

## ●キーワード

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper we are concerned with the following boundary value problem

$$(1.1) \quad \left| \frac{du}{dx} \right| = 1 \quad \text{on} \quad -1 < x < 1,$$

$$(1.2) \quad u(-1) = u(1) = 0.$$

Here  $\frac{du}{dx}$  denotes the derivative of  $u$ . It is known that the equation (1.1)-(1.2) does not have classical solutions. The traditional method was to solve the following equation

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \frac{du}{dx} \right| - 1 = \varepsilon \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} \quad \text{on} \quad -1 < x < 1,$$

$$(1.4) \quad u(-1) = u(1) = 0,$$

To solve the equations (1.3)-(1.4) instead of (1.1)-(1.2) was called vanishing viscosity method. We can find a classical solution  $u_\varepsilon$  of (1.3)-(1.4)

$$(1.5) \quad u_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x + \varepsilon(e^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} - e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}}), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 + x + \varepsilon(e^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} - e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}}), & -1 \leq x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

This paper is organized as follows. At first we give the definition of viscosity solution for (1.1)-(1.2). We also prove the uniqueness and existence of the viscosity solution for (1.1)-(1.2). The algorithm for deriving the viscosity solution is proposed in sec.3.

## 2 uniqueness and existence results

We define the viscosity subsolution and supersolution of (1.1)-(1.2). In this paper we give a strong sense definition of viscosity solution. In general we can relax the definitions of the viscosity solution (see[2],[4]).

### Definition 2.1.

For all  $-1 < x < 1$  we define the upper (resp.lower) derivative of  $u \in C^0(-1,1)$

$$D^+ u(\hat{x}) = \{p \in \mathbf{R} | u(x) \leq u(\hat{x}) + p(x - \hat{x}) + o(|x - \hat{x}|) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \hat{x}\},$$

$$D^- u(\hat{x}) = \{p \in \mathbf{R} | u(x) \geq u(\hat{x}) + p(x - \hat{x}) + o(|x - \hat{x}|) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \hat{x}\}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** A continuous function  $u : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is called a viscosity subsolution of (1.1)-(1.2) if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $u(-1) = u(1) = 0$
- (ii)  $|p| - 1 \leq 0$  for  $p \in D^+ u(x)$ ,  $x \in (-1, 1)$

Similarly a continuous function  $u : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is called a viscosity supersolution of (1.1)-(1.2) if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $u(-1) = u(1) = 0$
- (ii)  $|p| - 1 \geq 0$  for  $p \in D^- u(x)$ ,  $x \in (-1, 1)$

If  $u$  is both viscosity subsolution and a viscosity supersolution, then  $u$  is called a viscosity solution.

**Remark 2.3.**

For  $u$  in (1.5) we can easily see that  $|u - (1 - |x|)| \leq M$  where  $M$  is constant independent of  $\epsilon$ . The classical solution  $u_\epsilon$  of (1.3)-(1.4) uniformly converges to  $u_0(x) = 1 - |x|$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** (uniqueness and existence) The function  $u_0(x) = 1 - |x|$  is a unique viscosity solution of (1.1)-(1.2).

*Sketch proof of Theorem 2.4.* By the definition 2.1 we can calculate

$$(2.1) \quad D^+ u_0(x) = D^- u_0(x) = 1 \quad \text{on} \quad -1 < x < 0,$$

$$(2.2) \quad D^+ u_0(x) = D^- u_0(x) = -1 \quad \text{on} \quad 0 < x < 1,$$

$$(2.3) \quad D^+ u_0(0) = \{p \in \mathbf{R} \mid |p| \leq 1\},$$

$$(2.4) \quad D^- u_0(0) = \emptyset.$$

From (2.1)-(2.4) we can easily see  $u_0$  is a viscosity solution of (1.1)-(1.2). Next we put

$$(2.5) \quad \tilde{u}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - |x| & (x \neq 0), \\ C & (x = 0), \end{cases}$$

which  $C \in \mathbf{R}$  is constant.

We see the function  $\tilde{u}(x)$  is not a viscosity solution of (1.1)-(1.2). Considering the results (2.1) and (2.2)  $u_0$  is a unique viscosity solution of (1.1)-(1.2).

**Remark 2.5.**

In the case that the equation  $H(Du) = 0$  is convex in  $Du$ , the viscosity solution is unique (see [5]). Here  $Du$  denotes the gradient of  $u$ .

### 3 Proposing the algorithm

In this section, we consider the viscosity solution algorithm. The approach for solving the problem is different from the convergence of the approximation by the vanishing viscosity method. We derive the viscosity solution by constraining ill-posed acts of equational solution. In the constraining, two verifications narrow down the candidate of the solution; aspect of test-functions successively on every independent variable and satisfying the boundary values.

#### 3.1 Numerical analysis of the differential equation

The numerical analysis is approximate means allowed for a margin of error because digital computer can not render infinitely-dividing. In the numerical analysis of the differential equation, the original equation  $u'(x)$  is digitized by  $u'[x]$  showing point sequence. The approximate solution is derived by sequential computing to population density of  $u'[x]$ . In consequence, the method needs boundary value and initial entry. As a result, the approximate solution shows point sequence of  $u[x]$ .

#### 3.2 Derivative of discrete function

Our strategy of discrete derivative is to do subtraction between neighborhood point and remarkable point. This follows the denition of the continuous function. In any function  $u[x]$ , derivative  $u'[x]$  at any  $x = x_n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is a gradient in a minute interval  $x = x_{n+1} - x_n$  as follows;

$$(3.1) \quad u'[x_n] = \frac{u[x_{n+1}] - u[x_n]}{\Delta x}.$$

However,  $u'[x_n]$  by (3.1) makes shift length  $x/2$  in  $x$  than continuous derivative  $u'(x)$ . To prevent the shift length problem, we redefine the framework of the discrete derivative  $D_s u[x_n]$  as follows;

$$(3.2) \quad D_s u[x_n] = \frac{u[x_{n+1}] - u[x_{n-1}]}{x_{n+1} - x_{n-1}}.$$

In this paper, we call  $D_s u[x_n]$  the "slope". From here, the value of  $u'[x_n]$  is described as the slope and  $D_s u[x_n]$  denotes as the gradient value.

Although the slope is rough rate-of-variability than the gradient, its precision betters with  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Here, it is to be noted that the slope is denable at a indifferntiable point in continuous functions. In Figure 1, we show difference between "slope" and "gradient".

#### 3.3 Constraining to act of derivative

A part and parcel of the viscosity solution is maximum principle (or minimum principle). For deriving derivative to indifferntiable function, viscosity solution make the transition to the test function by the maximum principle.

On the basis of comprehension so far, from digitized equation, there are constraints to aspect of ill-posed solutions.

- The two boundaries  $(x_s, u[x_s])$  and  $(x_l, u[x_l])$  are evident. Here,  $x_s < x_l$ .
- There are point(s) with different gradient on either side. The point(s)  $(x_0, u[x_0])$  are indifferntiable in  $u(x)$ .
- In the open interval  $[x_s, x_l]$ , the  $u[x_0]$  is maximum of the  $u[x]$ .

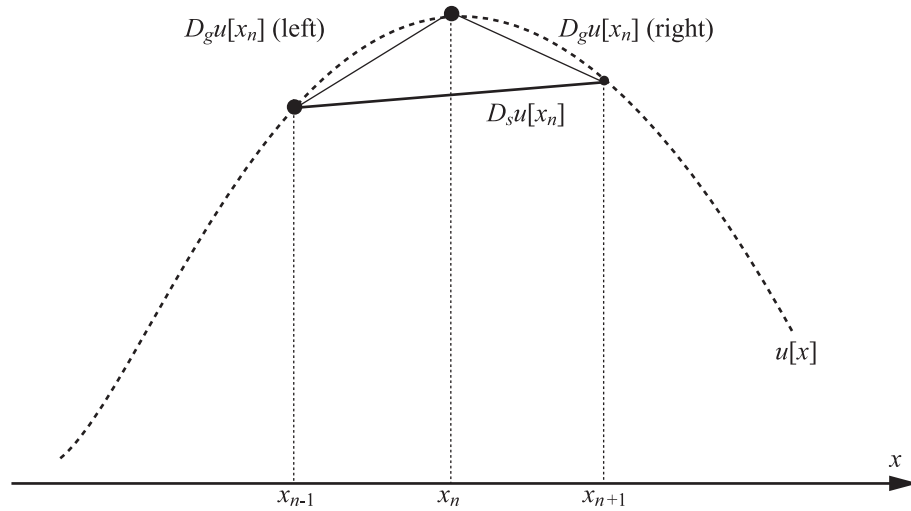


Figure 1: The “slope” and the “gradient”.

When the initial condition of differential equation is given and the equation's  $(x, u[x])$  points are successively computed, the maximum of  $u[x]$  is unknown. If the  $u[x]$  is maximum at  $x = x_0$  and  $u(x)$  is in differentiable at  $(x_0, u(x_0))$ , let us consider relation between the  $u[x]$  and following 2 curves as the test functions.. One is  $g^+[x]$ , this is always  $g^+[x] \geq u[x]$ . Another is  $g^-[x]$ , this is always  $g^-[x] \leq u[x]$ . Each of  $g^\pm$  is a set with function, either  $g^\pm[x_0] = u[x_0]$  and another is approximate about  $u[x]$ . Here,  $g^+[x]$  is supposition of the subordinate solutions and  $g^-[x]$  is supposition of the dominated solutions.

We assume that acts of  $u[x]$  is constrained by fitting these curves. The  $N$ -dimension curves contain simple parabola ( $N = 2$ ), that are enough to constrain the  $u[x]$  without a hitch. If the one of parabola is  $C_{1g}[x]$ , another is  $-g[x] + C_2$ . Here,  $g[x]$  is turned on 2 end points of  $u[x]$ ' domain and  $(x_0, u[x_0])$ . 2 constants are  $C_1 \leq 1$  and  $C_2 = 2(u[x_0] - u[x_s])$  in general. Figure 2 shows the relation of  $u[x]$ ,  $g[x]$ , one of  $g^+$  and one of  $g^-$ .

Our concrete strategy is as follows.

First, we aim at  $(x_n, u[x_n])$ . If  $(x_n, u[x_n])$  indifferentiable in  $u(x)$ , next point  $(x_{n+1}, u[x_{n+1}])$  is assumable and  $g^\pm[x]$  are found in  $(x_n, u[x_n])$ . In verifying a point  $(x_n, u[x_n])$ , some sets of such  $(x, u[x])$  might be produced including the possibility that  $g$  is considered at the following points.

Next, We apply rejecting-conditions to each  $(x, u[x])$  candidate set. When  $g^+[x]$  or  $g^-[x]$  does not satisfy the denition of the viscosity solution, such  $(x, u[x])$  set is not a candidate. As further rejecting-conditions, we check a possibility that  $u[x]$  arrives at  $(x_b, u[x_b])$ . In the verifying a  $(x, u[x])$  set successively, if the set is not able to arrive at  $(x_b, u[x_b])$ , such  $(x, u[x])$  set is not a candidate, too.

### 3.4 Algorithm

For a differential equation  $u'[x] = 0$ , there have to be a distance of the  $x$  and 2 boundaries. One bound-ary  $(x_s, u[x_s])$  is also the initial condition. Another boundary  $(x_b, u[x_b])$  is the end point of successive computing. Our algorithm is as follows.

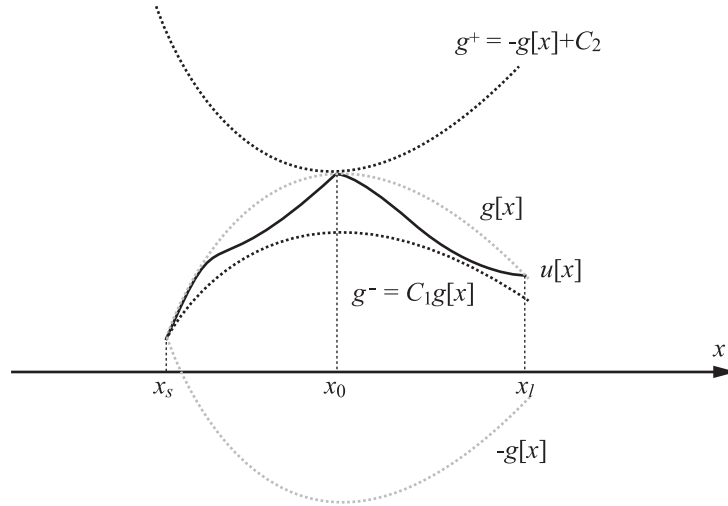


Figure 2: The aspect of each test function.

- Step 1** For  $x_l = x_s + \Delta x$  and  $x_2 = x_l + \Delta x$ , plot  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  under the condition of the  $D_s u[x_1]$ . A point sequence  $\{(x_s, u[x_s]), (x_1, u[x_1]), (x_2, u[x_2])\}$  is a candidate of the  $u[x]$ . However, there might be some  $s$ .
- Step 2** Plot  $x_2$  differ than step1 under the condition of the  $D_g u[x_1]$  because  $u(x)$  might be indifferntiable at  $x_1$ . Such point sequence(s)  $u$  is a candidate of the  $u[x]$ , too.
- Step 3** For each  $u$ , make a parabola  $g[x]$  by using 3 points  $(x_s, u[x_s]), (x_2, u[x_2])$  and the indifferntiable point of  $u(x)$ . If  $C_g[x]$  or  $-g[x] + C$  is not the test function under the denition of the viscosity solution, reject the  $u$  from candidate.
- Step 4** Check whether each  $u$  and  $u$  arrives at  $(x_l, u[x_l])$  by acs of  $u[x]$ . If an  $(u)$  is not able to arrive at  $(x_l, u[x_l])$ , reject the  $(u)$  from candidate.
- Step 5** For each remaining  $u$  and  $u$ , attend to  $(x_2, u[x_2])$  and plot next  $(x_3, u[x_3])$  as with Step 1 and Step 2. Here, the  $s$  and the  $u$ s are updating.
- Step 6** Renew candidate of the  $u[x]$  as with Step 3 and Step 4.
- Step 7** Repeat Step 5 - Step 6 from  $(x_3, u[x_3])$  to  $(x_l, u[x_l])$ . Rate a remained  $u$  (or  $u$ ) as the viscosity solution of the equation.

Here, we solve a differential equation, using (1.1) as an example. The boundaries are  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$ . The initial condition is  $(-1, 0)$ . For simplicity, we divide the domain into four  $x$ s (i.e. the  $x = 0.5$ ). Each sequence of point  $n = \{(x_s, u[x_s]), (x_l, u[x_l]), (x_2, u[x_2]), \dots, (x_b, u[x_b])\}$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is a derived candidate.

First, in Step 1 - Step3, there are four combinations of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  as follows (see Figure 3);

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 1)\}, \\ 1 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, -0.5), (0, -1)\}, \\ 2 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 0)\}, \\ 3 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, -0.5), (0, 0)\}. \end{aligned}$$

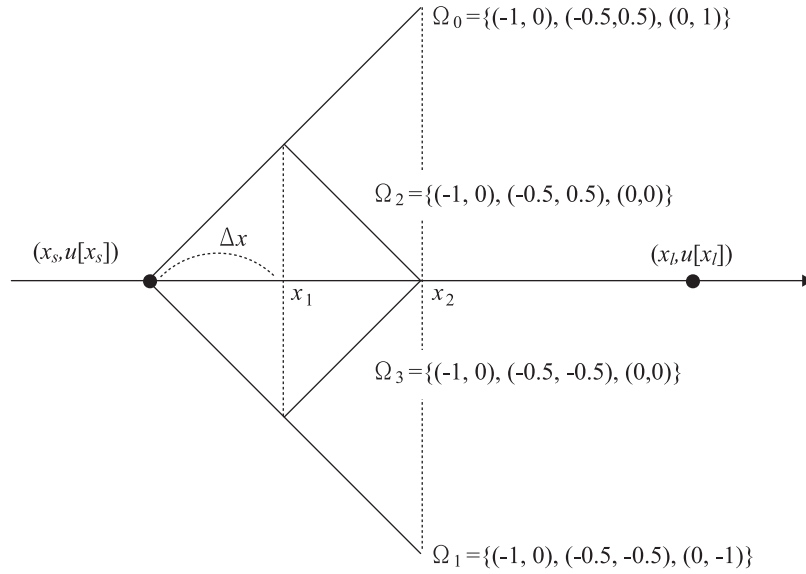


Figure 3: The initial condition of the equation (1.1).

Where,  $\Omega_3$  is not a candidate of solution because its test functions does not satisfy the viscosity solution in  $[x_s, x_2]$ .  $\Omega_2$  satisfies the requirement.  $\Omega_0$  and  $\Omega_1$  are not indifferentiable yet.

Next, in Step 4,  $\Omega_0$ ,  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are able to arrive at  $(x_b, u[x_b])$  via  $(x_3, u[x_3]) = (0.5, 0.5)$  or  $(0.5, -0.5)$ .

Next, in Step 5, by  $(x_3, u[x_3])$ , each  $\Omega_n$  is updated as follows (see Figure 4);

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_0 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 1), (0.5, 1.5)\}, \\ \Omega_1 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, -0.5), (0, -1), (0.5, -1.5)\}, \\ \Omega_2 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 0), (0.5, 0.5)\}, \\ \Omega_4 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 1), (0.5, 0.5)\}, \\ \Omega_5 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, -0.5), (0, -1), (0.5, -0.5)\}, \\ \Omega_6 &= \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 0), (0.5, -0.5)\},\end{aligned}$$

Where,  $\Omega_2$ ,  $\Omega_5$  (at  $x_2$ ) and  $\Omega_6$  (at  $x_3$ ) are not candidate as with  $\Omega_3$ . Moreover,  $\Omega_0$  and  $\Omega_1$  are not candidate because these are not able to arrive the  $(x_b, u[x_b])$  by next act of  $u[x]$ .

At last, only  $\Omega_4 = \{(-1, 0), (-0.5, 0.5), (0, 1), (0.5, 0.5), (1, 0)\}$  remains as the candidate of the viscosity solution.

### 3.5 Considering

To be approximate well in  $u(x)$ , the domain has to consist of many  $x$ s for  $u[x]$ . In our proposed algorithm, a distance of the  $x$  exerts an influence to arrive  $(x_b, u[x_b])$  successfully. In sec. 3.4,  $u[x]$  arrived  $(x_b, u[x_b])$  by dividing a domain in four  $x$ s. If the domain consists of five  $x$ s,  $u[x]$  is not able to arrive  $(x_b, u[x_b])$ .

The algorithm does not expect appropriate  $x$ 's distance for striking  $(x_b, u[x_b])$ . Therefore,  $u[x]$  should have error margin. Additionally, verifying  $u[x]$  in inverse direction from  $(x_b, u[x_b])$  is desirable for satisfying the boundaries condition. In the "bilateral verifying", estimating the crossing point's value is indispensable because each direction verifying has accumulative error (see Figure 5).

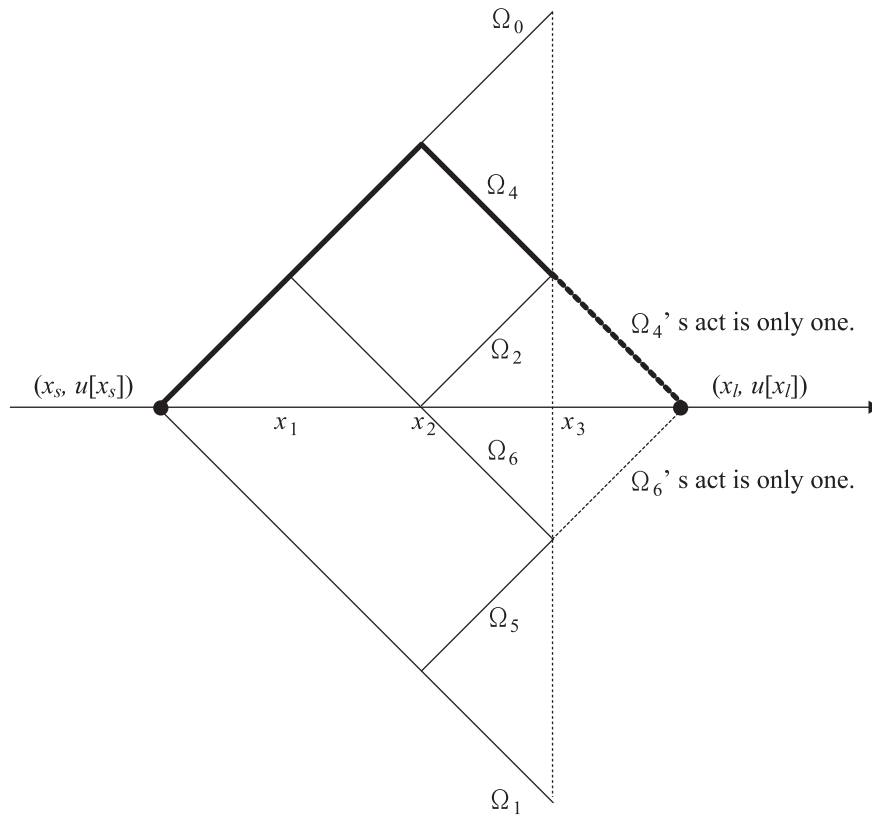


Figure 4: The candidates of the  $u[x]$  in  $x_3$ .

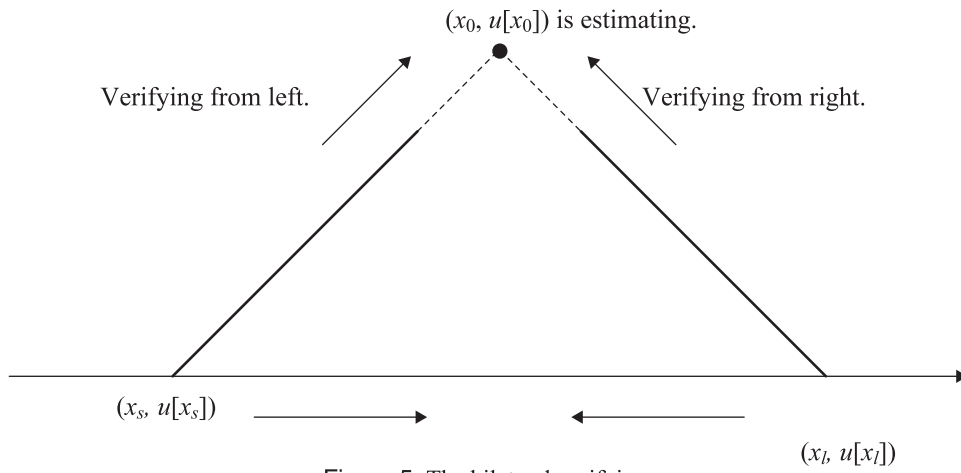


Figure 5: The bilateral verifying.



## 4 Conclusion

In this paper, for the boundary value problem of the first order ordinary differential equation, we described about the viscosity solution that is a solving method derives the unique solution. And we proposed the algorithm for deriving the viscosity solution. The algorithm solved a typical first order ordinary differential equation successfully. In the future problem, we will develop the bilateral verifying, and extend the algorithm for second order degenerate elliptic or parabolic equations.

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### ●要約

The visconsity solution was derived for a unique solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation by Crandall and Lions. However, the numerical analysis method for the visconsity solution is unestablished.

We consider the boundary problem for the first order ordinary differential equation. In this paper we prove the existence of a unique viscosity solution.

Our algorithm solve a typical first order ordinary differential equation successfully.

