

State-constrained optimization for identification of small inclusions

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The inverse problem of identification of small geometric objects (defects, inclusions) of unknown topological properties is under the investigation. This problem is treated within the state-constrained optimization framework. Using topological sensitivity analysis and methods of singular perturbations, a proper approximation by the asymptotic model is justified rigorously. The underlying parametric optimization problem is solved semi-analytically by a variational calculus.

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The field of inverse problems for identification of unknown inclusions has a long history of numerous engineering applications in the context of non-destructive testing. From the mathematical viewpoint, the asymptotic analysis due to singular perturbations in the direct problem is useful to restore geometric and physical parameters of a test inclusion; see [4, 6]. Newly, the concept of topological derivative was adapted in this field, e.g., [1, 3]. Further, applying variational methods we avoid the restrictions on geometric properties of the test inclusions. Our approach is based on the variational principles for singular problems [7] and its perturbation analysis [2, 5, 8–11].

Let $\omega \subset B_1(0) \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ (where $B_1(0)$ is the unit disk centered at 0) be a generic geometric object with the piecewise Lipschitz boundary $\partial\omega$, thus allowing cracks, multi-junks and alike. Rescaling with the 'size' $\varepsilon > 0$ it produces small inclusions $\omega_\varepsilon(x_0) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^2 : \frac{x-x_0}{\varepsilon} \in \omega\} \subset \Omega$ over trial points $x_0 \in \text{int } \Omega$ in the reference domain $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ with the Lipschitz boundary $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_D$. For the test inclusion $\omega_{\varepsilon^*}^*(x^*) \subset \Omega$ associated the sound hard obstacle, we consider the model described by the scalar Helmholtz equation:

$$-(\Delta + k^2)u^* = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_{\varepsilon^*}^*(x^*)}, \quad \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\omega_{\varepsilon^*}^*(x^*), \quad u^* = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D, \quad \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial n} = g \text{ on } \Gamma_N.$$

Here $g \in L^2(\Gamma_N)$ and $k \in \mathbf{R}$ are given, and n will denote the normal vector defined almost everywhere at the boundary and outward to the domain.

Since $\omega_{\varepsilon^*}^*(x^*)$ is unknown a-priori, the measurement of the true solution u^* at Γ_N provides a proper misfit function to test obstacles $\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)$ posed trial in Ω . Thus we arrive at the state-constrained optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } J(u^\varepsilon, \omega_\varepsilon(x_0)) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_N} |u^\varepsilon - u^*|^2 dS_x \text{ over admissible } \omega, \varepsilon, x_0 \text{ subject to the variational problem:} \\ &\text{find } u^\varepsilon \text{ such that } \int_{\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}} (\nabla u^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v - k^2 u^\varepsilon v) dx = \int_{\Gamma_N} gv dS_x \text{ for all } v \in H^1(\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}): v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Further we assume that the infsup-condition hold for the bilinear form $\int (\nabla u \cdot \nabla v - k^2 uv) dx$ and is uniform over all $\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}$.

With the help of the Fenchel–Legendre duality we can rewrite (1) equivalently as

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } L(u^\varepsilon, v^\varepsilon, \omega_\varepsilon(x_0)) := J(u^\varepsilon, \omega_\varepsilon(x_0)) + \int_{\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}} (\nabla u^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v^\varepsilon - k^2 u^\varepsilon v^\varepsilon) dx - \int_{\Gamma_N} gv^\varepsilon dS_x \\ &\text{over admissible } \omega, \varepsilon, x_0 \text{ and } u^\varepsilon, v^\varepsilon \in H^1(\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}): u^\varepsilon = v^\varepsilon = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The 1st order optimality condition for (2) implies the direct primal and adjoint variational problems:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } u^\varepsilon \text{ such that } \int_{\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}} (\nabla u^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v - k^2 u^\varepsilon v) dx = \int_{\Gamma_N} gv dS_x, \text{ for all } v \in H^1(\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}): v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D, \\ &\text{and } v^\varepsilon \text{ such that } \int_{\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}} (\nabla v^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v - k^2 v^\varepsilon v) dx = - \int_{\Gamma_N} (u^\varepsilon - u^*)v dS_x. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The unique solvability of (3) follows from the infsup condition. Next we apply the asymptotic arguments for small $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

Passing $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in (3), the limit problems in the reference domain Ω read:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } u^0 \text{ such that } \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u^0 \cdot \nabla v - k^2 u^0 v) dx = \int_{\Gamma_N} gv dS_x, \text{ for all } v \in H^1(\Omega): v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D, \\ &\text{and } v^0 \text{ such that } \int_{\Omega} (\nabla v^0 \cdot \nabla v - k^2 v^0 v) dx = - \int_{\Gamma_N} (u^0 - u^*)v dS_x. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

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Using (4) and the 2nd Green formula we decompose the optimal value function J from (1) in small ε as

$$J(u^\varepsilon, \omega_\varepsilon(x_0)) = \underbrace{J(u^0)}_{O(1)} + \underbrace{I_C}_{O(\varepsilon^2)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_N} (u^\varepsilon - u^0)^2 dS_x}_{O(\varepsilon^4 |\ln \varepsilon|)}, \quad I_C := \int_C \left(\frac{\partial v^0}{\partial n} (u^\varepsilon - u^0) - \frac{\partial (u^\varepsilon - u^0)}{\partial n} v^0 \right) dS_x,$$

where integral I_C is invariant over any contour $C \subset \Omega \setminus \omega_\varepsilon(x_0)$ and admits the expansion $I_C = \varepsilon^2 T(\omega, x_0) + O(\varepsilon^3 \sqrt{|\ln \varepsilon|})$. Note that the 1st asymptotic term $T(\omega, x_0)$ implies the *topological derivative* of J with respect to the diminishing inclusion $\omega_\varepsilon(x_0) \rightarrow \{x_0\}$. We set $C = \partial B_\varepsilon(x_0)$ to be the circle of the radius ε from the center x_0 and calculate $T(\omega, x_0)$ from I_C .

For this reason, in the disk $B_\delta(x_0)$ of the radius δ we expand u^0 and v^0 in the Fourier series with the Bessel functions J_n :

$$\begin{aligned} u^0(x) &= u^0(x_0) J_0(k|x-x_0|) + 2J_1(k|x-x_0|) \nabla u^0(x_0) \cdot \frac{x-x_0}{|x-x_0|} + U(x), & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} U d\theta &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} U \frac{x-x_0}{|x-x_0|} d\theta = 0, \\ v^0(x) &= v^0(x_0) J_0(k|x-x_0|) + 2J_1(k|x-x_0|) \nabla v^0(x_0) \cdot \frac{x-x_0}{|x-x_0|} + V(x), & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} V d\theta &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} V \frac{x-x_0}{|x-x_0|} d\theta = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ is the polar angle to $x - x_0$. The perturbed solution u^ε admits the expansion in $\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)}$ as

$$u^\varepsilon(x) = u^0(x) - \varepsilon \nabla u^0(x_0) \cdot w\left(\frac{x-x_0}{\varepsilon}\right) + Q(x), \quad \|Q\|_{H^1(\Omega \setminus \overline{\omega_\varepsilon(x_0)})} = O(\varepsilon^2 \sqrt{|\ln \varepsilon|}) \quad (6)$$

with the solution $w(y) \in [H_\mu^1(\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\omega}) \setminus \mathbf{P}_0]^2$ of the limit Neumann problem in the exterior of $\overline{\omega}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\omega}} \nabla w \cdot \nabla v dy &= - \int_{\partial \omega} n v dS_y \text{ for all } v \in H_\mu^1(\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\omega}), \text{ in the weighted Sobolev space} \\ H_\mu^1(\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\omega}) &:= \left\{ \frac{1}{\mu} v, \nabla v \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\omega}) \right\} \text{ with the weight } \mu(y) \sim |y| \ln |y| \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{B_1(0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

It yields the Fourier series $w(y) = A_\omega \frac{y}{|y|^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{|y|^2}\right)$ in $\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \overline{B_1(0)}$ with the virtual mass matrix $A_\omega \in \text{spsd}(\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2})$.

Substituting (5)–(7) into I_C we calculate $T(\omega, x_0)$ and derive the asymptotic model of the optimization problem (1):

$$\text{minimize } T(\omega, x_0) = -2\pi \nabla u^0(x_0)^\top A_\omega \nabla v^0(x_0) + k^2 \text{meas}_2(\omega) u^0(x_0) v^0(x_0) \text{ over } A_\omega \in \text{spsd}(\mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}), x_0 \in \Omega. \quad (8)$$

Admissible obstacles ω in the approximation (8) have only 3 degrees of freedom and can be represented by equivalent ellipses

$$\omega = \left\{ y : \left(\frac{y_1 \cos \phi + y_2 \sin \phi}{a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y_1 \sin \phi - y_2 \cos \phi}{b} \right)^2 \leq 1 \right\}, \quad A_\omega = \frac{a+b}{2} R \begin{pmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} R^\top, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

with $\text{meas}_2(\omega) = \pi ab$. Note that disks occur when $a = b$, and cracks occur when $b = 0$. Firstly, for every trial point x_0 in Ω we solve (8) and (9) with respect to unknown $a \geq b \geq 0$, $\phi \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ to find the optimal ellipse $\omega(x_0)$. For this reason, we determine the eigenvalues $\mu_1(x_0) \leq \mu_2(x_0)$ of the symmetric matrix $M(x_0) := \text{sym}(\nabla u^0(x_0) \nabla v^0(x_0)^\top) \in \mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$, and

$$\text{if } \mu_2(x_0) \leq 0 \text{ then } a(x_0) = b(x_0) = 0 \text{ and no inclusion, else } \frac{b(x_0)}{a(x_0)} = \frac{\max\{0, \mu_1(x_0)\}}{\mu_2(x_0)}, \quad \tan \phi(x_0) = \frac{\mu_1(x_0) - M_{11}(x_0)}{M_{12}(x_0)}.$$

Second, we fulfill the minimization with the ellipses $\omega(x_0)$ over all trial points $x_0 \in \Omega$ with $\mu_2(x_0) > 0$:

$$\text{minimize } T(\omega(x_0), x_0) = -\max\{0, \mu_1(x_0)\}^2 - \mu_2(x_0)^2 + \frac{\mu_2(x_0) \cdot \max\{0, \mu_1(x_0)\}}{\mu_2(x_0) + \max\{0, \mu_1(x_0)\}} k^2 u^0(x_0) v^0(x_0),$$

thus finding the solution of (8): the optimal point x_0^* , the optimal ratio $\frac{b(x_0^*)}{a(x_0^*)}$, and the optimal direction $\phi(x_0^*)$, but no size ε of the optimal ellipse $\omega_\varepsilon(x_0^*)$ can be determined in this approximate model.

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