Numerical Optimization Applied to Space-Related Problems

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New Solutions to the \( n \)-Body Problem
Lagrange Style Orbits

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3, 4, 5 Bodies
Exotic But Unstable
New Ones

- Star of David
- Triangle
- Four Corners
- Five Point Star
- Binary Ellipse
- Hexagon
Given: \( n \) bodies.

Let:

- \( m_j \) denote the mass and
- \( z_j(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_j(t) \\ y_j(t) \end{bmatrix} \) denote the position in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) (or \( \mathbb{R}^3 \)) of body \( j \) at time \( t \).

Action Functional:

\[
A = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \sum_j \frac{1}{2} m_j \| \dot{z}_j \|^2 + \sum_{j,k:k<j} \frac{G m_j m_k}{\| z_j - z_k \|} \right) dt.
\]

**Theorem:** Any critical point of the action functional is a solution of the \( n \)-body problem.
Equation of Motion

First Variation:

\[ \delta A = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \sum_j m_j \dot{z}_j T \dot{\delta z}_j - \sum_{j,k:k<j} Gm_jm_k \frac{(z_j - z_k)^T(\delta z_j - \delta z_k)}{||z_j - z_k||^3} \right) dt \]

\[ = -\int_0^{2\pi} \sum_j \left( m_j \ddot{z}_j + \sum_{k:k\neq j} Gm_jm_k \frac{z_j - z_k}{||z_j - z_k||^3} \right)^T \delta z_j dt \]

Setting first variation to zero, we get:

\[ m_j \ddot{z}_j = -\sum_{k:k\neq j} Gm_jm_k \frac{z_j - z_k}{||z_j - z_k||^3}, \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, n. \]

Note: If \( m_j = 0 \) for some \( j \), then the first order optimality condition reduces to \( 0 = 0 \), which is not the equation of motion for a massless body.
param n := 4;  # number of masses
param T := 40000;  # number of terms in numerical approx to integral

param G := 1;
param period := 2*pi/omega0;  # temporal length of the orbit segment
param dt := period / T;
set Time circular = setof {j in 0..T-1} j*dt;

var x {j in 1..n, t in Time} >= -5, <= 5;
var y {j in 1..n, t in Time} >= -5, <= 5;

var xdot {j in 1..n, t in Time} = (x[j,next(t)]-x[j,t])/dt;
var ydot {j in 1..n, t in Time} = (y[j,next(t)]-y[j,t])/dt;

var K {t in Time}
   = 0.5 * sum {j in 1..n} (xdot[j,t]^2 + ydot[j,t]^2);
var P {t in Time}
   = - sum {j in 1..n, k in 1..n: k<j} 1/sqrt((x[j,t]-x[k,t])^2 + (y[j,t]-y[k,t])^2);
minimize Action: sum {t in Time} (K[t] - P[t])*dt;
A Double/Double Initialization

Let \( \omega_0 = 1/2 \)

Let \( \omega_1 = 1/1 \)

Let \( \phi_p = -\pi/2 \)

Let \( \phi_m = \pi/2 \)

Let \( r_0 = \left(\frac{G}{2\omega_0^2}\right)^{1/3} \)

Let \( r_1 = \left(\frac{G}{4\omega_1^2}\right)^{1/3} \)

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ x[0,t] := r_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) + r_1 \sin(-\omega_1 t + \phi_p); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ y[0,t] := r_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) + r_1 \cos(-\omega_1 t + \phi_p); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ x[1,t] := r_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) - r_1 \sin(-\omega_1 t + \phi_p); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ y[1,t] := r_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) - r_1 \cos(-\omega_1 t + \phi_p); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ x[2,t] := -r_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) + r_1 \cos(-\omega_1 t + \phi_m); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ y[2,t] := -r_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) + r_1 \sin(-\omega_1 t + \phi_m); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ x[3,t] := -r_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) - r_1 \cos(-\omega_1 t + \phi_m); \\
\text{let } & \{ t \in \text{Time} \} \ y[3,t] := -r_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) - r_1 \sin(-\omega_1 t + \phi_m); \\
\text{solve};
\end{align*}
\]
Limitations of the Model

• The physical problem is *infinite dimensional*—a continuum.

• Such problems can be really tough. Let’s call it the *curse of the continuum*.

• *Discretize* the integral to a finite sum.

• Solutions can occur at *local maxima* and at *saddle points*. Looking only for *local minima*, we miss these others.
Minimizing the action functional is an unconstrained optimization problem...

\[
\text{minimize} \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \sum_j \frac{1}{2} m_j \|\dot{z}_j\|^2 + \sum_{j,k: k < j} \frac{G m_j m_k}{\|z_j - z_k\|^3} \right) dt,
\]

subject to no constraints,

Instead, we could simply look for trajectories that satisfy Newton’s laws:

\[
\text{minimize} \quad 0,
\]

subject to \quad \[m_j \ddot{z}_j = - \sum_{k: k \neq j} G m_j m_k \frac{z_j - z_k}{\|z_j - z_k\|^3}, \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \; 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.
\]

(Note: the \(z_j\)'s are vectors in space so this is 2 (or 3) times \(n\) times a continuum.)
AMPL Model for the Equations of Motion

var x {i in 1..n, t in Time} >= -5, <= 5;
var y {i in 1..n, t in Time} >= -5, <= 5;

var xdot {i in 1..n, t in Time} = (x[i,next(t)]-x[i,t])/dt;
var ydot {i in 1..n, t in Time} = (y[i,next(t)]-y[i,t])/dt;

var xdot2 {i in 1..n, t in Time} = (xdot[i,t]-xdot[i,prev(t)])/dt;
var ydot2 {i in 1..n, t in Time} = (ydot[i,t]-ydot[i,prev(t)])/dt;

minimize zero: 0;

subject to F_equals_ma_x {i in 1..n, t in Time}:
    xdot2[i,t]
    = sum {j in 1..n: j != i}
        (x[j,t]-x[i,t]) / ((x[j,t]-x[i,t])^2+(y[j,t]-y[i,t])^2)^(3/2);

subject to F_equals_ma_y {i in 1..n, t in Time}:
    ydot2[i,t]
    = sum {j in 1..n: j != i}
        (y[j,t]-y[i,t]) / ((x[j,t]-x[i,t])^2+(y[j,t]-y[i,t])^2)^(3/2);
A Mini/Month/Year Design  Action Minimization  Equations of Motion

NOTE: Action minimization found an orbit. But, it is immediately unstable as the middle figure shows.
Making Stability an Objective

To the *Equations of Motion* model, add these perturbation parameters:

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set Tim ordered = setof {j in -1..T} j*dt;
param dx := 1e-3;
param dy := 1e-3;
param dvx := 1e-3;
param dvy := 1e-3;

These new variables and objective function:

# perturbed trajectories
var xp {l in 1..n, k in 1..4, i in 1..n, t in Tim};
var yp {l in 1..n, k in 1..4, i in 1..n, t in Tim};
var xp_dot {l in 1..n, k in 1..4, i in 1..n, t in Tim: t != last(Tim)}
  = (xp[l,k,i,next(t)]-xp[l,k,i,t])/dt;
var yp_dot {l in 1..n, k in 1..4, i in 1..n, t in Tim: t != last(Tim)}
  = (yp[l,k,i,next(t)]-yp[l,k,i,t])/dt;
var xp_dot2 {l in 1..n, k in 1..4, i in 1..n, t in Tim: t in Time}
  = (xp_dot[l,k,i,t]-xp_dot[l,k,i,prev(t)])/dt;
var yp_dot2 {l in 1..n, k in 1..4, i in 1..n, t in Tim: t in Time}
  = (yp_dot[l,k,i,t]-yp_dot[l,k,i,prev(t)])/dt;
```

And...
Add this objective:

\[
\text{minimize instability:} \\
\sum_{l \in 1..n, j \in 1..n: l \neq j} (x_{l,1,j,last(Time)} - x_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{j \in 1..n} (x_{j,1,j,last(Time)} - dx - x_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{l \in 1..n, j \in 1..n: l \neq j} (y_{l,2,j,last(Time)} - y_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{j \in 1..n} (y_{j,2,j,last(Time)} - dy - y_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{l \in 1..n, j \in 1..n: l \neq j} (\dot{x}_{l,3,j,last(Time)} - \dot{x}_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{j \in 1..n} (\dot{x}_{j,3,j,last(Time)} - dvx - \dot{x}_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{l \in 1..n, j \in 1..n: l \neq j} (\dot{y}_{l,4,j,last(Time)} - \dot{y}_{j,last(Time)})^2 \\
+ \sum_{j \in 1..n} (\dot{y}_{j,4,j,last(Time)} - dvy - \dot{y}_{j,last(Time)})^2
\]

And these constraints defining the perturbed trajectories:

subject to F_eq_ma_x_pert \{l \in 1..n, k \in 1..4, i \in 1..n, t \in Time\}: \\
\text{x}_{p2}[l,k,i,t] \\
= \sum_{j \in 1..n: j \neq i} (x_{l,k,j,t} - x_{l,k,i,t}) / \\
(\text{ss}((x_{l,k,j,t} - x_{l,k,i,t})^2+(y_{l,k,j,t} - y_{l,k,i,t})^2)^{3/2})

subject to F_eq_ma_y_pert \{l \in 1..n, k \in 1..4, i \in 1..n, t \in Time\}: \\
\text{y}_{p2}[l,k,i,t] \\
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subject to x_pert_init \{i \in 1..n\}: x_{i,1,i,0} = x_{i,0} + dx; \\
subject to y_pert_init \{i \in 1..n\}: y_{i,2,i,0} = y_{i,0} + dy;

subject to xdot_pert_init \{i \in 1..n\}: \dot{x}_{i,3,i,0} = \dot{x}_{i,0} + dvx; \\
subject to ydot_pert_init \{i \in 1..n\}: \dot{y}_{i,4,i,0} = \dot{y}_{i,0} + dvy;
## Numerical Results

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Fast-Fourier Optimization — Sparsifying the Constraint Matrix
High-Contrast Optics \((d = 2)\)

A key problem in *high-contrast imaging* is to maximize light through an *apodized* circular aperture subject to the constraint that virtually no light reaches a given *dark zone* \(D\) in the image:

\[
\text{maximize} \quad \int \int f(x, y) \, dx \, dy \quad \left( \quad = \hat{f}(0, 0) \quad \right)
\]

subject to
\[
\left| \hat{f}(\xi, \eta) \right| \leq \varepsilon \, \hat{f}(0, 0), \quad (\xi, \eta) \in D,
\]
\[
f(x, y) = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 > 1,
\]
\[
0 \leq f(x, y) \leq 1, \quad \text{for all } x, y.
\]

Here, \(\varepsilon\) is a small positive constant (on the order of \(10^{-5}\)).

In general, the Fourier transform \(\hat{f}\) is complex valued.

As formulated, this optimization problem has a *linear objective* function and both *linear* and *second-order cone* constraints.

Hence, a discretized version can be solved (to a *global optimum*).
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Rebuttal: Almost every problem in electrical engineering involves Fourier transforms. The few problem areas I’ve worked on are just the tip of an enormous iceberg.
Assuming that the apodization can be symmetric with respect to reflection about both axes, i.e., \( f(x, y) = f(-x, y) = f(x, -y) = f(-x, -y) \), the Fourier transform can be written as

\[
\hat{f}(\xi, \eta) = 4 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \cos(2\pi x \xi) \cos(2\pi y \eta) f(x, y) \, dx \, dy.
\]

In this case, the Fourier transform is real and so the second-order-cone constraints can be replaced with a pair of inequalities,

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\]

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\]

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**Curse of Dimensionality:** No! It’s because \( d = 2 \) and \( \infty^2 \gg \infty^1 \).
Consider a two-dimensional Fourier transform
\[ \hat{f}(\xi, \eta) = 4 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \cos(2\pi x \xi) \cos(2\pi y \eta) f(x, y) dx dy. \]

Its discrete approximation can be computed as
\[ \hat{f}_{j_1, j_2} = 4 \sum_{k_2=1}^{n} \sum_{k_1=1}^{n} \cos(2\pi x_{k_1} \xi_{j_1}) \cos(2\pi y_{k_2} \eta_{j_2}) f_{k_1,k_2} \Delta x \Delta y, \quad 1 \leq j_1, j_2 \leq m, \]
where
\[ x_k = (k - 1/2) \Delta x, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \]
\[ y_k = (k - 1/2) \Delta y, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \]
\[ \xi_j = j \Delta \xi, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m, \]
\[ \eta_j = j \Delta \eta, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m, \]
\[ f_{k_1,k_2} = f(x_{k_1}, y_{k_2}), \quad 1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq n, \]
\[ \hat{f}_{j_1,j_2} \approx \hat{f}(\xi_{j_1}, \eta_{j_2}), \quad 1 \leq j_1, j_2 \leq m. \]

**Complexity:** \( m^2 n^2 \).
A Trivial (but Smart!) Idea

The obvious brute force calculation requires $m^2n^2$ operations.

However, we can “factor” the double sum into a nested pair of sums.

Introducing new variables to represent the inner sum, we get:

\[
\begin{align*}
g_{j_1,k_2} &= 2 \sum_{k_1=1}^{n} \cos(2\pi x_{k_1} \xi_{j_1}) f_{k_1,k_2} \Delta x, \quad 1 \leq j_1 \leq m, \ 1 \leq k_2 \leq n, \\
\hat{f}_{j_1,j_2} &= 2 \sum_{k_2=1}^{n} \cos(2\pi y_{k_2} \eta_{j_2}) g_{j_1,k_2} \Delta y, \quad 1 \leq j_1, j_2 \leq m,
\end{align*}
\]

Formulated this way, the calculation requires only $mn^2 + m^2n$ operations.

This trick is *exactly the same idea* that underlies the *fast Fourier Transform*.
On the following page two formulations of this problem in AMPL are shown.

On the left is the version expressed in the straightforward one-step manner.

On the right is the AMPL model for the same problem but with the Fourier transform expressed as a pair of transforms—let’s call this the two-step process.

The dark zone $\mathcal{D}$ is a pair of sectors of an annulus with inner radius 4 and outer radius 20.

Except for different discretizations, the two models produce the same result.
Two AMPL Models

param rho0 := 4;  param rho1 := 20;
param m := 35;    # discretization parameter
param n := 150;   # discretization parameter
param dx := 1/(2*n);  param dy := dx;

set Xs := setof {j in 0..n-0.5 by 1} j/(2*n);
set Ys := Xs;
set Pupil :=
    setof {x in Xs, y in Ys: x^2+y^2<0.25} (x,y);
set Xis := setof {j in 0..m} j*rho1/m;
set Etas := Xis;
set DarkHole := setof {xi in Xis, eta in Etas: 
    xi^2+eta^2=rho0^2 && 
    xi^2+eta^2<=rho1^2 && 
    eta <= xi } (xi,eta);

var f {(x,y) in Pupil} >= 0, <= 1;

var fhat {xi in Xis, eta in Etas};

maximize area: sum {(x,y) in Pupil} f[x,y]*dx*dy;

subject to fhat_def {xi in Xis, eta in Etas}:
    fhat[xi,eta] = 4*sum {(x,y) in Pupil} 
        f[x,y]*cos(2*pi*x*xi) 
            *cos(2*pi*y*eta)*dx*dy;

subject to sidelobe_pos {(xi,eta) in DarkHole}:
    fhat[xi,eta] <= 10^(-5)*fhat[0,0];
subject to sidelobe_neg {(xi,eta) in DarkHole}:
    -10^(-5)*fhat[0,0] <= fhat[xi,eta];
solve;

param rho0 := 4;  param rho1 := 20;
param m := 35;   # discretization parameter
param n := 1000; # discretization parameter
param dx := 1/(2*n);         param dy := dx;

set Xs := setof {j in 0..n-0.5 by 1} j/(2*n);
set Ys := Xs;
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var g {xi in Xis, y in Ys};
var fhat {xi in Xis, eta in Etas};

maximize area: sum {(x,y) in Pupil} f[x,y]*dx*dy;

subject to g_def {xi in Xis, y in Ys}:
    g[xi,y] = 2*sum {x in Xs: (x,y) in Pupil} 
        f[x,y]*cos(2*pi*x*xi)*dx;
subject to fhat_def {xi in Xis, eta in Etas}:
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    -10^(-5)*fhat[0,0] <= fhat[xi,eta];
solve;
Optimal Solution

**Left.** The optimal apodization found by either of the models shown on previous slide.

**Center.** Plot of the star’s image (using a linear stretch).

**Right.** Logarithmic plot of the star’s image (black $= 10^{-10}$).

**Note:**
- The “apodization” turns out to be purely opaque and transparent (i.e., a mask).
Brute force with $n = 150$

Two-step with $n = 1000$
Comparison between a few sizes of the one-step and two-step models.

Problem-specific stats.

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Hardware/Solution-specific performance comparison data.

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AFTA Space Telescope

Repurposed NRO Spy Satellite

Originally, five design concepts were proposed. Our shaped pupil concept (shown here) was selected. The high-contrast imaging system is being built. The satellite will launch sometime mid 2020’s.
The Plan...

New Solutions to the $n$-Body Problem

Planet Finding via High-Contrast Imaging

Fast-Fourier Optimization — Sparsifying the Constraint Matrix
Let

\[ F := [f_{k_1, k_2}], \quad G := [g_{j_1, k_2}], \quad \hat{F} := [\hat{f}_{j_1, j_2}], \quad \text{and} \quad K := [\kappa_{j_1, k_1}], \]

where \( K \) denotes the \( m \times n \) Fourier kernel matrix whose elements are

\[ \kappa_{j_1, k_1} = 2 \cos(2\pi x_{k_1} \xi_{j_1}) \Delta x. \]

The two-dimensional Fourier transform \( \hat{F} \) can be written simply as

\[ \hat{F} = KFK^T \]

and the computation of the transform in two steps is just the statement that the two matrix multiplications can (and should!) be done separately:

\[ G = KF \]
\[ \hat{F} = GK^T. \]
Linear programming algorithms solve problems in this form:

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{maximize} & c^T x \\
&\text{subject to} & Ax = b, \\
& & x \geq 0,
\end{align*}
\]

where \(b\) and \(c\) are given vectors and \(A\) is a given matrix.

Of course, \(x\) is a vector.

Optimization modeling languages, such as AMPL, convert a problem from its “natural” formulation to this matrix/vector paradigm and then hands it off to a solver.

Let’s take a look at this conversion...
Let \( f_j, g_j, \) and \( \hat{f}_j \) denote the column vectors of matrices \( F, G, \) and \( \hat{F}: \)

\[
F = [f_1 \cdots f_n], \quad G = [g_1 \cdots g_n], \quad \hat{F} = [\hat{f}_1 \cdots \hat{f}_m].
\]

We can list the elements of \( F, G \) and \( \hat{F} \) in column vectors:

\[
\text{vec}(F) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{vec}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{vec}(\hat{F}) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{f}_m \end{bmatrix}.
\]

It is straightforward to check that

\[
\text{vec}(G) = \begin{bmatrix} K \\ \vdots \\ K \end{bmatrix} \text{vec}(F)
\]

and that

\[
\text{vec}(\hat{F}) = \begin{bmatrix} \kappa_{1,1} I & \cdots & \kappa_{1,n} I \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \kappa_{m,1} I & \cdots & \kappa_{m,n} I \end{bmatrix} \text{vec}(G).
\]
One-Step Method:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\kappa_{1,1}K & \cdots & \kappa_{1,n}K & -I \\
\vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
\kappa_{m,1}K & \cdots & \kappa_{m,n}K & -I \\
\vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
f_1 \\
\vdots \\
f_n \\
\hat{f}_1 \\
\vdots \\
\hat{f}_m \\
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
\vdots \\
0 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The big left block is a \textit{dense} $m^2 \times n^2$ matrix.

Two-Step Method:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
K & -I & \cdots & -I \\
\vdots & -I & \cdots & \vdots \\
\kappa_{1,1}I & \cdots & \kappa_{1,n}I & -I \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\kappa_{m,1}I & \cdots & \kappa_{m,n}I & -I \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
f_1 \\
\vdots \\
f_n \\
g_1 \\
\vdots \\
g_n \\
\hat{f}_1 \\
\vdots \\
\hat{f}_m \\
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
\vdots \\
0 \\
0 \\
\vdots \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The big upper-left block is a \textit{sparse} block-diagonal $mn \times n^2$ matrix with $mn^2$ nonzeros.

The middle block is an $m \times n$ matrix of sub-blocks that are each $m \times m$ diagonal matrices. Hence, it is very \textit{sparse}, containing only $m^2n$ nonzeros.