

An Adaptive Algorithm for Optimal Control Inverse Problems

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In this talk I will describe in what sense optimal control problems are inverse problems (ill-posed), and in what sense they are not. A numerical method is presented. It uses the fact that minimizers of the optimal control problems also solve a Hamiltonian System. This system is discretized by the Symplectic Euler scheme. An a posteriori error representation is obtained by using both that solutions to the Symplectic Euler scheme correspond to a discrete variational problem, as well as that the value function associated with the optimal control problem satisfies a Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation. This error representation can be used for adaptive algorithms. We will look at one such algorithm and how it performs on some test examples.

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