

Numerically solving generated Jacobian equations in freeform optical design

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Abstract. We present an efficient numerical algorithm that can be used to solve the generalized Monge-Ampère equations for a single freeform reflector and lens surface. These equations are instances of so-called ‘generated Jacobian equations’ which are characterized by associated generating functions. The algorithm has a wide applicability to any optical system that can be described by a smooth generating function.

1 Introduction

We consider two optical systems: (System 1) a lens surface for a point source and far-field target intensity, and (System 2) a reflector surface for a parallel incoming beam and near-field target illuminance. For System 1 the source emits light radially outward and we consider a source emittance in spherical coordinates $f_1(\phi, \theta)$ in [lm/sr]. The target intensity distribution $g_1(\psi, \chi)$ in [lm/sr] in the far field is expressed with respect to a different set of spherical coordinates (ψ, χ) with origin the lens surface approximated as a point in space (far-field approximation). The first surface of the lens is spherical and the second surface is freeform. For System 2 we are given an emittance of the source domain $f_2(\mathbf{x})$ in [lm/m²] and a target illuminance in the near field given by $g_2(\mathbf{y})$ in [lm/m²], where \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are the local Cartesian coordinates of the source and target planes, respectively. In figure 1 a schematic representation is given for System 2. Our goal is to compute the optical surfaces that define the mappings \mathbf{m}_1 and \mathbf{m}_2 transforming f_1 into g_1 and f_2 into g_2 , respectively.

2 Mathematical model

In previous work on System 1 [1], we used optimal transport theory to derive a relation of the form $u_1(\mathbf{x}) + u_2(\mathbf{y}) = c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$, where u_1 specifies the location of the freeform optical surface and $c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is a logarithmic cost function in optimal transport theory with (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) denoting the stereographic coordinates obtained from performing coordinate transformations on the source and target domains. Subsequently, we could derive an optical map \mathbf{m} and derive the generalized Monge-Ampère equation as

$$\det(D\mathbf{m}) = \frac{\det(\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}))}{\det(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})))} = \frac{f_1(\mathbf{x}) (1 + |\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})|^2)^2}{g_1(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})) (1 + |\mathbf{x}|^2)^2},$$

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where $D\mathbf{m}$ is the Jacobi matrix of \mathbf{m} , \mathbf{P} is a symmetric positive-definite (SPD) matrix and $\mathbf{C} = D_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}}c = (c_{x_i y_j})$ is the matrix of mixed second-order partial derivatives with respect to the stereographic coordinates of the source and target.

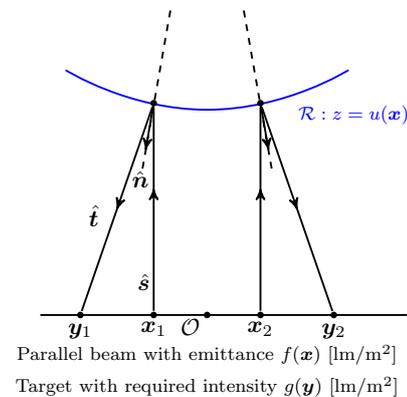


Figure 1: Schematic representation of a parallel beam of light rays, reflected by the reflector surface onto a target in the near field.

However, for some optical systems such as System 2 a relation of the form $u_1(\mathbf{x}) + u_2(\mathbf{y}) = c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ does not exist in any coordinate system. In this paper, we generalize the cost-function formulation in optimal transport theory to a generating-function formulation by defining $u(\mathbf{x}) = G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, z(\mathbf{y}))$ and $z(\mathbf{y}) = H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, u(\mathbf{x}))$, where u is the unknown location of the optical surface, G and H are smooth functions and $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \cdot)$ and $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \cdot)$ are each other’s inverses. For both systems, we can reformulate the generalized Monge-Ampère equation as a generated Jaco-

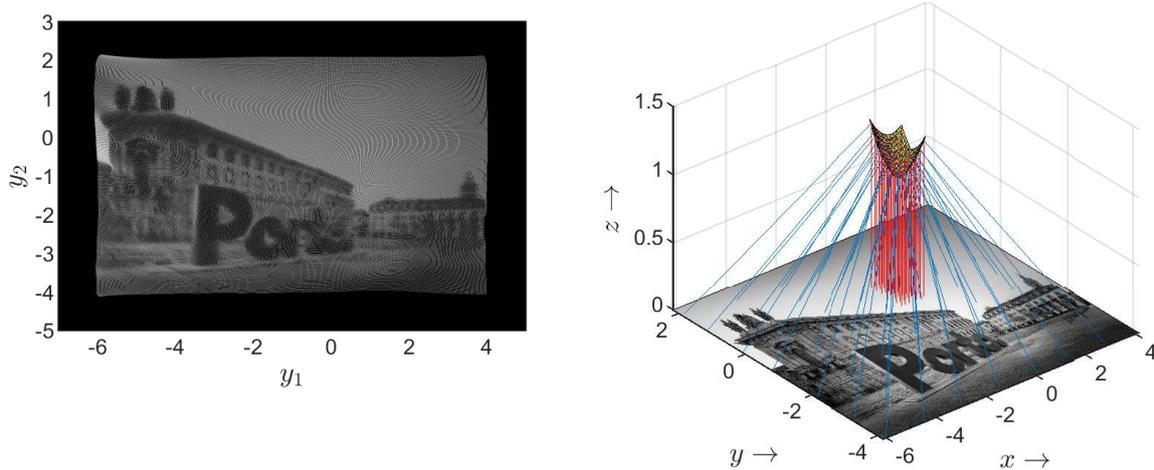


Figure 2: (Left) Ray traced image of Porto projected on a screen in the near field. (Right) Cartoon of a single freeform reflector that converts a small parallel beam (in red) into an output beam (in blue) that produces a picture of Porto on a screen in the near field. Only a small subset of the total rays traced (approximately 100.000) has been plotted.

bian equation [2]

$$\det(D\mathbf{m}) = \frac{\det(\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}))}{\det(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x})))} = \frac{F(\mathbf{x})}{G(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}))},$$

where \mathbf{P} is a symmetric positive-definite (SPD) matrix and we redefine \mathbf{C} as $\mathbf{C} = D_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}}H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x})) = (H_{x_i y_j})$. Note the added dependency of \mathbf{C} on the surface u . For System 1, we consider the stereographic coordinates (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) and have $F(\mathbf{x}) = f_1(\mathbf{x})/(1 + |\mathbf{x}|^2)^2$ and $G(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})) = g_1(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}))/(1 + |\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})|^2)^2$. For System 2, we take Cartesian coordinates $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$, and derive $F(\mathbf{x}) = f_2(\mathbf{x})$ and $G(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x})) = g_2(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}))$.

For System 1, we use Hamilton's angular characteristic and derive $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, u(\mathbf{x})) = u(\mathbf{x}) \left(n - 1 + \frac{2|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{(1+|\mathbf{x}|^2)(1+|\mathbf{y}|^2)} \right)$. Inverting this equation gives the generating function

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, z(\mathbf{y})) = z(\mathbf{y}) \left(n - 1 + \frac{2|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{(1+|\mathbf{x}|^2)(1+|\mathbf{y}|^2)} \right)^{-1}.$$

For System 2, the function H is Hamilton's point characteristic $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, u(\mathbf{x})) = u(\mathbf{x}) + \sqrt{|\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{x}|^2 + u(\mathbf{x})^2}$ which is equal to the optical path length from a point \mathbf{x} on the source domain to a point \mathbf{y} on the target domain, see figure 1. Inverting this equation gives the generating function $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, z(\mathbf{y})) = u$ with $z(\mathbf{y}) = 1/H$ as derived in [2, 3]

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, z) = \frac{1}{2z} - \frac{z}{2} |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2.$$

3 Numerical method

Using a generalized least-squares approach [4] we iteratively update the mapping \mathbf{m} . We write the generalized Monge-Ampère equation as the matrix equation $\mathbf{C}D\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$, where $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$ satisfies $\det(\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})) =$

$F(\mathbf{x})/G(\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}))$, cf. [5]. An iterative procedure is used to find the mapping, which involves an efficient procedure to find the numerical solution of a constrained minimization problem for each grid point to compute \mathbf{P} and the solution of a linear elliptic boundary value problem to compute \mathbf{m} . In order to update the matrix \mathbf{C} during the iterative procedure, the location of the optical surface is calculated from the mapping also in a least-squares sense.

The numerical method can be used to compute reflector and lens surfaces for various examples. For instance, we can compute the reflector surface that transforms light of a parallel beam into a near-field picture of Porto, as shown in figure 2. For System 1 we will compare the results of the cost-function approach previously presented in [1] to the new generating-function approach.

By using a generating-function approach we are able to extend the applicability of the least-squares procedure originally presented in [5] to any optical system that can be described by a smooth generating function.

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