

Evolution of starshaped hypersurfaces by general curvature functions

Rachid Regbaoui

We investigate a fully nonlinear evolution equation for hypersurfaces in the Euclidean space. More precisely, let $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($n \geq 2$) be a smooth function, and let $M_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ be a starshaped hypersurface, which we suppose parametrized by a smooth immersion $X_0 : \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Then we consider the following evolution problem :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t X(t, x) = \left(K(\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n) - f(X(t, x)) \right) \nu(t, x) \\ X(0, x) = X_0(x) , \end{cases}$$

where $X : [0, T) \times \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ such that, for each $t \in [0, T)$, $X(t, \cdot)$ is the parametrization of a starshaped hypersurface M_t , $\nu(t, x)$ is the outer unit normal vector field at $X(t, x)$, and K is a given function of the principal curvatures $(\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n)$ of M_t , which we suppose symmetric and homogeneous of degree $k \leq 0$.

We prove, under some assumptions on K and f , that the above evolution equation admits a global smooth solution defined on $[0, +\infty)$, and as $t \rightarrow +\infty$, it converges to a smooth map $X_\infty : \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ parametrizing a starshaped hypersurface M_∞ , whose principal curvatures satisfy the following prescribed curvature equation :

$$K(\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n) = f(X).$$