

(NON)UNIQUENESS OF MINIMIZERS IN LEAST GRADIENT PROBLEM

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The least gradient problem, which is related to conductivity imaging in medical scans and to free material design models, is a variational problem of the form

$$\min\left\{\int_{\Omega} |Du| : u \in BV(\Omega), Tu = f\right\},$$

where $f \in L^1(\Omega)$ and T denotes the trace operator. It is well known that for continuous boundary data the solution exists and is continuous up to the boundary. Here, we focus on the two-dimensional case and extend the class of functions for which the solution exists to $BV(\partial\Omega)$ and discuss how the set of minimizers looks like. However for discontinuous f uniqueness of solutions may fail, it turns out that the structure of superlevel sets of all minimizers is very similar and we may characterize all of them.

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