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研究成果の概要（和文）：本研究では、主に三つの課題について研究を行なった。第1部では、距離空間におけるeikonal方程式について、新しい概念であるMonge解を導入し、既存の解の概念の同値性を示しました。さらに、そのMonge解を用いて不連続なeikonal方程式についても研究した。第2部では、距離空間におけるHamilton-Jacobi方程式のゲーム論的解釈を確立した。時間連続ゲームを構築し、その値関数を用いた明示的な解の表現公式を与えた。第3部では、Heisenberg群における凸関数と準凸関数の性質について考察し、偏微分方程式に基づくアプローチをよる新たな特徴づけを導出した。

#### 研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

Although several notions of viscosity solutions to the HJ equations on metric spaces have been introduced, our research reveals intrinsic connections between numerous results on HJ equations in general settings and has great potential to be applied in other fields.

研究成果の概要（英文）：First, showing the equivalence of solutions of eikonal equations in metric spaces by introducing a new simple notions called Monges solution. Exploiting the notion of Monge solution and using it to study discontinuous eikonal equations in metric measure spaces which produces even new results in the Euclidean spaces. Second, constructing a two-person continuous-time game in a geodesic space and show that the value function is the unique solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Our result develops, in a general geometric setting, the classical connection between differential games and the viscosity solutions to possibly nonconvex Hamilton-Jacobi equations. Third, using first-order and second-order PDE-based approaches to study the horizontally quasiconvex (h-quasiconvex for short) functions in the Heisenberg group and apply the characterizations to construct h-quasiconvex envelope and study the h-convexity preserving property for horizontal curvature flow in the Heisenberg group.

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## 1. 研究開始当初の背景

Hamilton-Jacobi equations in the Euclidean spaces are widely applied in various fields such as optimal control, geometric optics, computer vision and image processing. It is well known that the HJ equations in general do not admit classical solutions. The viscosity solution theory provides a very successful framework for studying the well-posedness including existence, uniqueness and stability of the solutions and achieves fruitful results solving questions raised from diverse fields.

In the recent decade, motivated by the developments of mean field games, optimal transport and other related areas, there emerges a pressing need to generalize the HJ equations to general metric spaces. Based on distinct perspectives from the viscosity solution theory in the Euclidean spaces, several different notions of viscosity solutions to the HJ equations on metric spaces have been proposed in different contexts. This leads to the natural questions about the equivalence of these solutions in general spaces and whether there is a unified framework for the well-posedness of a more general class of the HJ equations.

## 2. 研究の目的

The purpose of the project is to enhance the understanding of solutions to the first order differential equations in metric spaces. The first aim is to answer the following key questions of our projects: How can we compare these different approaches to viscosity solutions to the HJ equations on metric spaces? The second aim is to study the properties of various HJ equations in different geometric settings and explore the applications.

## 3. 研究の方法

The methods employed in the projects include the theory of viscosity solutions in the Euclidean spaces, optimal control interpretation and differential game interpretation of Hamilton-Jacobi equations, characterization of various notions of convex functions and sets via first or second order equations, first-order analysis on metric spaces.

## 4. 研究成果

We list the research results below:

1. The key scientific questions are studied in two papers. In the first paper, we prove the equivalence between some known notions of solutions to continuous eikonal equation and more general analogs of the Hamilton-Jacobi equations in complete and rectifiably connected metric spaces. The notions considered are that of curve-based viscosity solutions, slope-based viscosity solutions, and Monge solutions. By using the induced intrinsic metric, we reduce the metric space to a length space

and show the equivalence of these solutions to the associated Dirichlet boundary problem. Without utilizing the boundary data, we also localize our argument and directly prove the equivalence for the definitions of solutions. Regularity of solutions related to the Euclidean semi-concavity is discussed as well. In the second paper, we study the eikonal equation in metric measure spaces, where the inhomogeneous term is allowed to be discontinuous, unbounded and merely  $p$ -integrable in the domain with a finite  $p$ . Generalizing the notion of Monge solutions in our setting, we establish uniqueness and existence results for the associated Dirichlet boundary problem. The key in our approach is to adopt a new metric, based on the optimal control interpretation, which integrates the discontinuous term and converts the eikonal equation to a standard continuous form. We also discuss the Holder continuity of the unique solution with respect to the original metric under regularity assumptions on the space and the inhomogeneous term.

2. The second project is concerned with a game-based interpretation of Hamilton-Jacobi-Isaacs equations in metric spaces. We construct a two-person continuous-time game in a geodesic space and show that the value function, defined by an explicit representation formula, is the unique solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Our result develops, in a general geometric setting, the classical connection between differential games and the viscosity solutions to possibly nonconvex Hamilton-Jacobi equations.
3. The last project concerns a PDE-based approach to the horizontally quasiconvex (h-quasiconvex for short) functions in the Heisenberg group. In the first paper, we provide a characterization for upper semicontinuous, h-quasiconvex functions in terms of the viscosity subsolution to a first-order nonlocal Hamilton-Jacobi equation. We also construct the corresponding envelope of a continuous function by iterating the nonlocal operator. One important step in our arguments is to prove the uniqueness and existence of viscosity solutions to the Dirichlet boundary problem for the nonlocal Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Applications of our approach to the h-convex hull of a given set in the Heisenberg group are discussed as well. The second paper is concerned with a PDE approach to horizontally quasiconvex (h-quasiconvex) functions in the Heisenberg group based on a nonlinear second order elliptic operator. We discuss sufficient conditions and necessary conditions for upper semicontinuous, h-quasiconvex functions in terms of the viscosity subsolution to the associated elliptic equation. Since the notion of h-quasiconvexity is equivalent to the horizontal convexity (h-convexity) of the function's sublevel sets, we further adopt these conditions to study the h-convexity preserving property for horizontal curvature flow in the Heisenberg group. Under the comparison principle, we show that the curvature flow starting from a star-shaped h-convex set preserves the h-convexity during the evolution.

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