

# Package ‘waydown’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Computation of Approximate Potentials for Weakly Non-Gradient Fields

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**Description** Computation of approximate potentials for both gradient and non gradient fields. It is known from physics that only gradient fields, also known as conservative, have a well defined potential function. Here we present an algorithm, based on the classical Helmholtz decomposition, to obtain an approximate potential function for non gradient fields. More information in Rodríguez-Sánchez (2020) <[doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007788](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007788)>.

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`approxPot1D`*Approximate potential in one dimension*

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**Description**

Approximate potential in one dimension

**Usage**

```
approxPot1D(f, xs, V0 = "auto")
```

**Arguments**

<code>f</code>	One-dimensional representing the flow (right hand side of differential equation)
<code>xs</code>	Vector of positions to evaluate
<code>V0</code>	(Optional) Value of V at first element of xs. When default, the global minimum is assigned 0

**Value**

The potential estimated at each point in xs

**Author(s)**

Pablo Rodríguez-Sánchez (<https://pabrod.github.io>)

**References**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.05615>

**See Also**

[approxPot2D](#), [deltaV](#)

**Examples**

```
# Flow
f = function(x) { sin(x) }

# Sampling points
xs <- seq(0, 2*pi, length.out = 1e3)

# Approximated potential
Vs <- approxPot1D(f, xs)
```

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`approxPot2D`*Approximate potential in two dimensions*

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**Description**

Approximate potential in two dimensions

**Usage**

```
approxPot2D(f, xs, ys, V0 = "auto", mode = "mixed")
```

**Arguments**

<code>f</code>	Two-dimensional representing the flow (right hand side of differential equation)
<code>xs</code>	Vector xs positions to evaluate
<code>ys</code>	Vector of ys positions to evaluate
<code>V0</code>	(Optional) Value of V at first element of (xs,ys). When default, the global minimum is assigned 0
<code>mode</code>	(Optional) Integration mode. Options are horizontal (default), vertical and mixed

**Value**

The potential estimated at each point (xs, ys)

**Author(s)**

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**References**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.05615>

**See Also**

[approxPot1D](#), [deltaV](#)

**Examples**

```
# Flow
f = function(x) {c(-x[1]*(x[1]^2 - 1.1), -x[2]*(x[2]^2 - 1))}

# Sampling points
xs <- seq(-1.5, 1.5, length.out = 10)
ys <- seq(-1.5, 1.5, length.out = 15)

# Approximated potential
Vs <- approxPot2D(f, xs, ys, mode = 'horizontal')
```

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`deltaV`*Approximate potential difference between two points*

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**Description**

Approximate potential difference between two points

**Usage**

```
deltaV(f, x, x0, normType = "f")
```

**Arguments**

<code>f</code>	Flow equations (right hand side of differential equation)
<code>x</code>	Position where we want to know the approximate potential
<code>x0</code>	Reference position (center of the Taylor expansion)
<code>normType</code>	(default: 'f') Matrix norm used to compute the error

**Value**

A list containing the approximate potential difference between `x` and `x0` and the estimated error

**Author(s)**

Pablo Rodríguez-Sánchez (<https://pabrod.github.io>)

**References**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.05615>

**See Also**

[approxPot1D](#), [approxPot2D](#), [norm](#)

**Examples**

```
# One dimensional flow
f <- function(x) { cos(x) }

# Evaluation points
x0 <- 1
x1 <- 1.02

dV <- deltaV(f, x1, x0)

# Two dimensional flow
f <- function(x) { c(
  -2*x[1]*x[2],
```

```
-x[1]^2 - 1
)}

# Evaluation points
x0 <- matrix(c(1,2), ncol = 1)
x1 <- matrix(c(0.98,2.01), ncol = 1)

dV <- deltaV(f, x1, x0)
```

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