



Ocean Acoustic Theory

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The Wave Equation

Conservation of Mass

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{v}$$

Euler's Equation (Equation of motion)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p(\rho)$$

Constitutive Equation

$$p = p_0 + \rho' \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right]_S + \frac{1}{2} (\rho')^2 \left[\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \rho^2} \right]_S + \dots$$

Speed of Sound

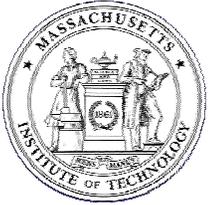
$$c^2 \equiv \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right]_S \quad (\text{Sound speed})$$

The Linear Wave Equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial t} &= -\rho_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p'(\rho), \\ p' &= \rho' c^2. \end{aligned}$$

Wave Equation for Pressure

$$\rho \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \right) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} = 0,$$



The Wave Equation

Wave Equation for Particle Velocity

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla (\rho c^2 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{v}}{\partial t^2} = \mathbf{0} .$$

Wavefield Potentials

Wave Equation for Velocity Potential

Constant density ρ :

$$\mathbf{v} = \nabla \phi .$$

$$\nabla \left(c^2 \nabla^2 \phi - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} \right) = \mathbf{0} .$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = 0 ,$$

Wave Equation for Displacement Potential

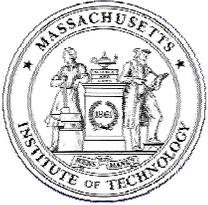
$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \psi ,$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = 0 .$$

$$p = -K \nabla^2 \psi ,$$

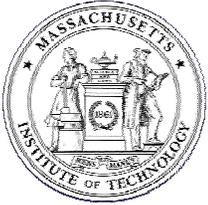
$$K = \rho c^2 .$$

$$p = -\rho \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} .$$



Solution of the Wave Equation

- 4-D Partial Differential Equation
- Analytical solutions only for few canonical problems
- Direct Numerical Solution (FDM, FEM)
 - Computationally intensive ($\Delta x \ll \lambda$, $\Delta t \ll T$).
- Dimension Reduction for PDE
 - Geometrical symmetries (Plane or axisymmetric problems)
 - Integral transforms
 - Analytical or numerical solution of ODE or low dimensional PDE.
 - Evaluation of inverse transforms (analytical or numerical)



The Helmholtz Equation

Frequency–time Fourier transform pair

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega ,$$

$$f(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt ,$$

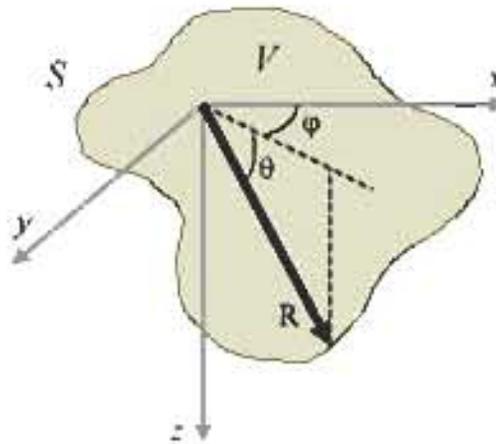
Helmholtz Equation

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2(\mathbf{r})] \psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = 0 ,$$

$$k(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\omega}{c(\mathbf{r})} .$$

Solution of Helmholtz Equation

- Dimensionality of the problem.
- Medium wavenumber variation $k(\mathbf{r})$, i.e., the sound speed variation $c(\mathbf{r})$.
- Boundary conditions.
- Source–receiver geometry.
- Frequency and bandwidth.



Homogeneous medium occupying the volume V bounded by the surface S .

Helmholtz Equation for Homogeneous Media

Cartesian Coordinates

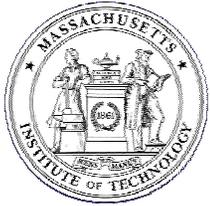
$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\psi(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} A e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \\ B e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \end{cases}$$

Wavefronts: $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \text{const}$

1-D propagation: $k_y, k_z = 0$:

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} A e^{ikx} & \text{Forward propagating} \\ B e^{-ikx} & \text{Backward propagating} \end{cases}$$



Cylindrical Coordinates

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}.$$

Axial Symmetry

$$\left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + k^2 \right] \psi(r) = 0,$$

bessel Functions

$$\psi(r) = \begin{cases} A J_0(kr) \\ B Y_0(kr), \end{cases}$$

Hankel Functions

$$\psi(r) = \begin{cases} C H_0^{(1)}(kr) = C [J_0(kr) + iY_0(kr)] \\ D H_0^{(2)}(kr) = D [J_0(kr) - iY_0(kr)]. \end{cases}$$

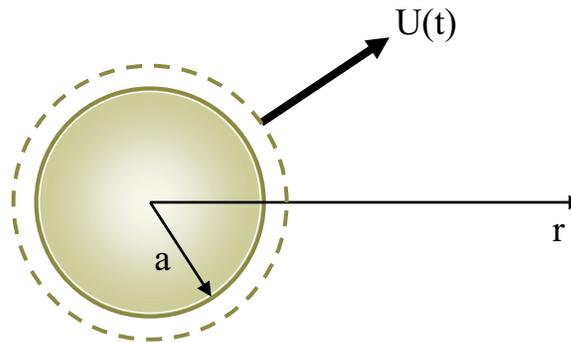
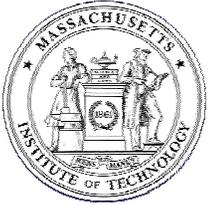
$$H_0^{(1)}(kr) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi kr}} e^{i(kr - \pi/4)} \text{ Diverging waves}$$

$$H_0^{(2)}(kr) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi kr}} e^{-i(kr - \pi/4)} \text{ Converging waves}$$

Spherical Coordinates

$$\left[\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + k^2 \right] \psi(r) = 0,$$

$$\psi(r) = \begin{cases} (A/r) e^{ikr} & \text{Diverging waves} \\ (B/r) e^{-ikr} & \text{Converging waves} \end{cases}$$



Vibrating sphere in an infinite fluid medium.

Source in Unbounded Medium Frequency Domain

$$u_r(a) = U(\omega) .$$

Spherical geometry solution

$$\psi(r) = A \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} ,$$

$$u_r(r) = \frac{\partial \psi(r)}{\partial r} = A e^{ikr} \left(\frac{ik}{r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right) .$$

Simple point source: $ka \ll 1$

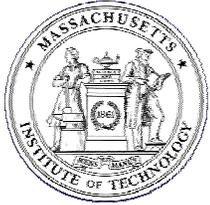
$$u_r(a) = A e^{ika} \frac{ika - 1}{a^2} \simeq -\frac{A}{a^2} ,$$

$$A = -a^2 U(\omega) .$$

\Rightarrow

$$\psi(r) = -S_\omega \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r} .$$

$$S_\omega = 4\pi a^2 U(\omega)$$



Green's function

$$g_\omega(r, 0) = \frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r},$$

Source at r_0

$$g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) = \frac{e^{ikR}}{4\pi R}, \quad R = |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|.$$

Helmholtz Equation for Green's function

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0),$$

Integrate over spherical volume V of radius $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$:

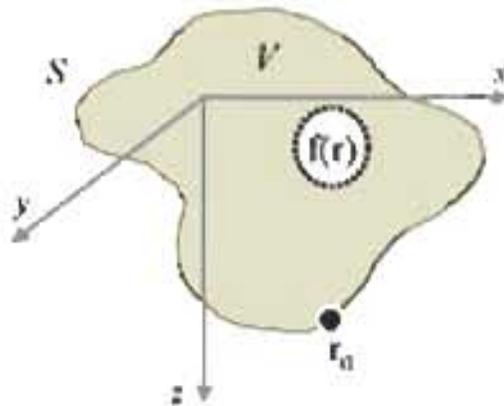
$$\int_V -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) dV = -1$$

$$\int_V k^2 g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) dV \rightarrow_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V \nabla^2 g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) dV &= \int_S \frac{\partial}{\partial R} g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) dS \\ &= \int_S \left[-\frac{e^{ik\epsilon}}{4\pi\epsilon^2} + \frac{ik e^{ik\epsilon}}{4\pi\epsilon} \right] dS \\ &= 4\pi\epsilon^2 \left[-\frac{e^{ik\epsilon}}{4\pi\epsilon^2} + \frac{ik e^{ik\epsilon}}{4\pi\epsilon} \right] \rightarrow_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} -1 \end{aligned}$$

Reciprocity

$$g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) = g_\omega(\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}),$$



Sources in a volume V bounded by the surface S .

Source in Bounded Medium

Inhomogeneous Helmholtz Equation

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] \psi(\mathbf{r}) = f(\mathbf{r}).$$

General Green's Function

$$G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) = g_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) + H_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}),$$

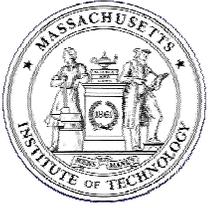
$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] H_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}) = 0.$$

\Rightarrow

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) = -\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0).$$

Green's Theorem

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_S \left[G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_0} - \psi(\mathbf{r}_0) \frac{\partial G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_0} \right] dS_0 - \int_V f(\mathbf{r}_0) G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) dV_0,$$



Source in infinite medium

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = - \int_V f(\mathbf{r}_0) g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) dV_0 .$$

For any imaginary surface enclosing the sources:

$$\int_S \left[g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_0} - \psi(\mathbf{r}_0) \frac{\partial g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_0} \right] dS_0 = 0 .$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_S \frac{e^{ikR}}{4\pi R} \left[\frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r}_0)}{\partial R} - ik \psi(\mathbf{r}_0) \right] dS_0 = 0 .$$

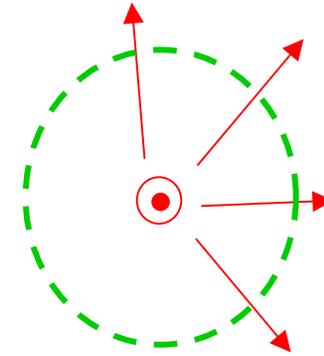
Radiation condition

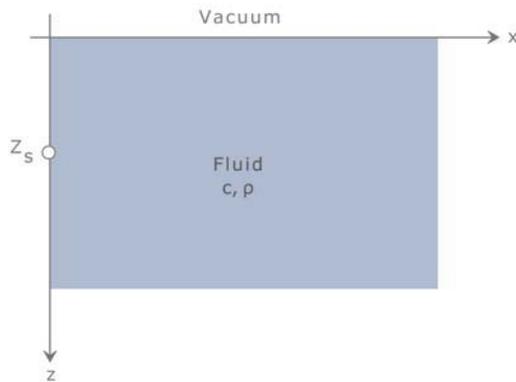
$$R \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial R} - ik \right] \psi(\mathbf{r}_0) \rightarrow 0, \quad R = |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0| \rightarrow \infty .$$

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Point Source in Fluid Halfspace

Acoustic Pressure

$$p(\mathbf{r}) = \rho\omega^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}),$$

Pressure-release boundary condition

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_0) \equiv 0, \quad \mathbf{r}_0 = (x, y, 0).$$

Green's theorem

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \int_S G_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_0} dS_0 - \int_V f(\mathbf{r}_0) G_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) dV_0.$$

Simple point source

$$f(\mathbf{r}_0) = S_\omega \delta(\mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{r}_s).$$

Green's Function

Choose $G_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) \equiv 0$ for $\mathbf{r}_0 = (x, y, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} G_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) &= g_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) + H_\omega(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \frac{e^{ikR}}{4\pi R} - \frac{e^{ikR'}}{4\pi R'} \\ &\Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = -S_\omega G_\omega(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s).$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{(x - x_s)^2 + (y - y_s)^2 + (z - z_s)^2}, \\ R' &= \sqrt{(x - x_s)^2 + (y - y_s)^2 + (z + z_s)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Acoustic Pressure

$$p(\mathbf{r}) = \rho\omega^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) = -\rho\omega^2 S_\omega \left[\frac{e^{ikR}}{4\pi R} - \frac{e^{ikR'}}{4\pi R'} \right],$$



Transmission Loss

$$TL(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s) = -20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{p(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s)}{p(R = 1m)} \right| ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(R = 1) &= \rho \omega^2 \psi(\omega, R = 1) \\ &= -\rho \omega^2 S_\omega \frac{e^{ik}}{4\pi} = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \\ S_\omega &= -\frac{4\pi}{\rho \omega^2} \end{aligned}$$

Transmission Loss Pressure

$$P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s) = \frac{p(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s)}{p(R = 1m)} ,$$

where

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s) = -\frac{4\pi}{\rho \omega^2} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s) .$$

Transmission Loss Helmholtz Equation

$$[\nabla^2 + k^2] P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s) = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s) .$$

Density Variations

$$\rho \nabla \cdot [\rho^{-1} \nabla P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s)] + k^2 P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_s) = -4\pi \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s) .$$