

Spurious Quasi-Resonances for Stabilized BIE-Volume Formulations for Helmholtz Transition Problem

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1 Problem

We start by formulating the problem. We want to investigate the occurrence of spurious quasi-resonances in the variational formulation of the following Helmholtz transition problem.

Definition 1.1 (Helmholtz Transmission Problem). *Find $u \in H_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Gamma) \cap \text{SRC}(k\sqrt{c_o})$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta + \tilde{\kappa}^2 c_i) u^- &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega^- \\ (\Delta + \tilde{\kappa}^2 c_o) u^+ &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega^+ \\ \gamma_C^+ u^+ &= \gamma_C^- u^- + \mathbf{f} && \text{on } \Gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

1.1 Deriving the variational formulation

We will now state the variational formulation of the problem in Ω^- .

Integration by parts in Ω^- using Green's first formula implies

$$a(U, V) - (\gamma_1^- U, \gamma_0^- V)_\Gamma = 0 \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega^-)$$

This variational equation can be coupled to the transmission conditions using the BIE. As the problem is equivalent to the problem in the doctoral thesis of P. Meury (section 3) with $U_i = 0, f = 0, n(x) = c_i/c_o, \kappa = \tilde{\kappa}\sqrt{c_o}$, we can use the same formulation.

The formulation is:

Find $U \in H^1(\Omega), \theta \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$ and $p \in H^1(\Gamma)$ such that for all $V \in H^1(\Omega), \varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$ and $q \in H^1(\Gamma)$ there holds

$$\begin{aligned} q_\kappa(U, V) + (W_\kappa(\gamma_D^- U), \gamma_D^- V)_\Gamma - \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K'_\kappa \right)(\theta), \gamma_D^- V \right)_\Gamma &= g_1(V) \\ \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K_\kappa \right)(\gamma_D^- U), \varphi \right)_\Gamma + (V_\kappa(\theta), \varphi)_\Gamma + i\bar{\eta}(p, \varphi)_\Gamma &= \overline{g_2(V)}(\varphi) \\ - (W_\kappa(\gamma_D^- U), q)_\Gamma - \left((K'_\kappa + \frac{1}{2} \text{Id})(\theta), q \right)_\Gamma + b(p, q) &= g_3(V)(q). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(V) &:= (f, V)_\Omega - (g_N, \gamma_D^- V)_\Gamma - (W_\kappa(g_D), \gamma_D^- V)_\Gamma \\ g_2(V)(\varphi) &:= \left(\varphi, \left(K_\kappa - \frac{1}{2} \text{Id} \right)(g_D) \right)_\Gamma \\ g_3(V)(q) &:= (W_\kappa(g_D), q)_\Gamma, \end{aligned}$$

$$q_\kappa(U, V) := \int_\Omega \text{grad } U \cdot \text{grad } \bar{V} - \kappa^2 n(\mathbf{x}) U \bar{V} \, d\mathbf{x} \text{ and } b(p, q) := (\text{grad}_\Gamma p, \text{grad}_\Gamma q)_\Gamma + (p, q)_\Gamma.$$

2 Derivation of Galerkin Matrix

First, we notice that we can restrict ourselves to finding functions on $H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma) \times H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma) \times H^1(\Gamma)$, since the bilinear form on the left hand side only depends on the restriction $\gamma_D^- U$.¹

Now we will further restrict this space to finite subspaces $\mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma), \mathcal{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$ and $\mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma)$ defined by the orthonormal bases we choose for them. for the finite subspaces.

1. We will see this later.

2.1 Basis functions of $\mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$

We make the Fourier Ansatz $V_n = V_n^r e^{in\phi}$. Since U must satisfy $(\Delta + \frac{c_i}{c_o} \kappa^2)U = 0$ from eq. 1, we have

$$r^2 \partial_r^2 V_n^r + r \partial_r V_n^r + (r^2 \frac{c_i}{c_o} \kappa^2 - n^2) V_n^r = 0.$$

This is Bessel's equation. Since we require convergence at the origin we have $V_n^r(r) = J_n(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa r)$.

We restrict our functions to $H^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and want to get an orthonormal basis $U_n(\phi) = v_n V_n(1, \phi)$ for this space:

$$(U_n, U_m)_{H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)} = \delta_{nm}$$

This implies:

$$\begin{aligned} (U_n, U_m)_{H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)} &= (U_n, U_m)_{\Gamma} + (\nabla_{\Gamma} U_n, \nabla_{\Gamma} U_m)_{\Gamma} = \delta_{nm} \\ &= |v_n|^2 2\pi(1+n^2) |J_n(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa)|^2 \delta_{nm} \stackrel{!}{=} \delta_{nm} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can choose real constants $v_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+n^2)|J_n(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa)|}}$.

2.2 Basis functions for $\mathcal{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$ and $\mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma)$

We also pick orthonormal basis functions for $\mathcal{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$ and $\mathcal{H}^1(\Gamma)$. We choose

$$\theta_n = w_n e^{in\phi} \text{ where } w_n = \frac{(1+n^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

for $\mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$ and for $\mathcal{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$ we choose

$$p_n = l_n e^{in\phi} \text{ where } l_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(1+n^2)}}.$$

Notes

See P. Meury 3.22 (Lemma) for an explanation why these bases are orthogonal (*to be added in here later*).

3 Constructing the Galerkin Matrix

Now let's restrict ourselves to the space $\mathcal{S}_N^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^1$ where $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathcal{S}_N^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is the restriction to $\text{span}(U_{-N}, -U_{-N+1}, \dots, U_N)$ and similarly for $\mathcal{S}_N^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ and \mathcal{S}_N^1 . Now we can construct the Galerkin Matrix.

3.1 Redefining the problem

We reduce our problem to the space $\mathcal{S}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}^1$:

Definition 3.1 (The restricted problem). *Find $(u, \theta, p) \in \mathcal{S}_N^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^1$ such that for all $(V, \varphi, p) \in \mathcal{S}_N^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^1$ there holds*

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\kappa}(U, V) + (W_{\kappa}(\gamma_D^- U), \gamma_D^- V)_{\Gamma} - \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K'_{\kappa} \right) (\theta), \gamma_D^- V \right)_{\Gamma} &= g_1(V) \\ \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K_{\kappa} \right) (\gamma_D^- U), \varphi \right)_{\Gamma} + (V_{\kappa}(\theta), \varphi)_{\Gamma} + i\bar{\eta}(p, \varphi)_{\Gamma} &= \overline{g_2(V)}(\varphi) \\ - (W_{\kappa}(\gamma_D^- U), q)_{\Gamma} - \left((K'_{\kappa} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Id})(\theta), q \right)_{\Gamma} + b(p, q) &= g_3(V)(q). \end{aligned}$$

Now let's simplify the notation of this problem a bit. First, let's extend $(u, \theta, p) = \sum_{n=-N}^N (C_n^U U_n, C_n^{\theta} \theta_n, C_n^p p_n)$, $f_1 = \sum_{j=-N}^N \frac{1}{2\pi} f_1^j e^{ij\theta}$

and $f_2 = \sum_{j=-N}^N \frac{1}{2\pi} f_2^j e^{ij\theta}$.

Define $\vec{C}_n = (C_n^U, C_n^{\theta}, C_n^p)$.

Let's introduce a few new constants before deriving the Galerkin Matrix.

Definition 3.2. *Define the notation $P_n^{ab} = (a_n, b_n)_{\Gamma}$ where $a_n, b_n \in L^2(\Gamma)$. In particular, the following values will be helpful:*

- $P_n^{UU} = 2\pi |\tilde{v}_n|^2$
- $P_n^{\theta U} = 2\pi w_n \overline{\tilde{v}_n}$
- $P_n^{U\theta} = \overline{P_n^{\theta U}}$

- $P_n^{\theta\theta} = 2\pi|w_n|^2$
- $P_n^{p\theta} = 2\pi l_n \overline{w_n}$
- $P_n^{Up} = \frac{2\pi \tilde{v}_n l_n}{c_o}$
- $P_n^{\theta p} = P_n^{p\theta}$

where $\tilde{v}_n = J_n(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa) v_n$.

Let's introduce the following matrix and vector:

Definition 3.3.

$$A_n := \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha_n + \lambda_n^{(w)} P_n^{UU}) & -(\frac{1}{2} - \lambda_n^{(K')}) P_n^{\theta U} & 0 \\ (\frac{1}{2} - \lambda_n^{(K)}) P_n^{U\theta} & \lambda_n^{(V)} P_n^{\theta\theta} & i\bar{\eta} P_n^{p\theta} \\ -\lambda_n^{(W)} P_n^{Up} & -(\lambda_n^{(K')} + \frac{1}{2}) P_n^{\theta p} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\vec{b}_n = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(U_n) \\ g_2(\theta_n) \\ g_3(p_n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\overline{v_n} f_2^n - \lambda_n^{(W)} \overline{v_n} f_1^n \\ (\lambda_n^{(K)} - 0.5) \overline{w_n} f_1^n \\ \lambda_n^{(W)} \overline{l_n} f_1^n \end{bmatrix} = f_1^n \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_n^{(W)} \overline{v_n} \\ (\lambda_n^{(K)} - 0.5) \overline{w_n} \\ \lambda_n^{(W)} \overline{l_n} \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_1} + f_2^n \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\overline{v_n} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_1}.$$

The following theorem summarises the Galerkin formulation of the problem:

Theorem 3.4. $(u, \theta, p) \in \mathcal{H}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{H}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{H}^1$ solves the problem in definition 3.1. if and only if $A_n \vec{C}_n = \vec{b}_n$ for all $n = -N, -N+1, \dots, N$.

Before we proof this we need the following Lemma from P. Meury doctoral thesis:

Lemma 3.5. The following eigenvalue equations hold for $y_n = e^{in\phi}$:

$$\begin{aligned} V_\kappa(y_n) &= \lambda_n^{(V)} y_n, & \lambda_n^{(V)} &:= \frac{i\pi}{2} J_n(\kappa) H_n^{(1)}(\kappa) \\ K_\kappa(y_n) &= \lambda_n^{(K)} y_n, & \lambda_n^{(K)} &:= \frac{i\pi\kappa}{2} J_n(\kappa) H_n^{(1)'}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{i\pi\kappa}{2} J_n'(\kappa) H_n^{(1)}(\kappa) - \frac{1}{2} \\ K'_\kappa(y_n) &= \lambda_n^{(K')} y_n, & \lambda_n^{(K')} &:= \frac{i\pi\kappa}{2} J_n(\kappa) H_n^{(1)'}(\kappa) + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{i\pi\kappa}{2} J_n'(\kappa) H_n^{(1)}(\kappa) - \frac{1}{2} \\ \mathcal{W}_\kappa(y_n) &= \lambda_n^{(W)} y_n, & \lambda_n^{(W)} &:= -\frac{i\pi\kappa^2}{2} J_n'(\kappa) H_n^{(1)'}(\kappa). \end{aligned}$$

in particular these eigenvalue equations are satisfied for U_n, θ_n, p_n .

The following formulas will also be helpful for the proof.

Lemma 3.6. $q_\kappa(U_n, U_m) = 2\pi\delta_{nm}|v_n|^2 \kappa J_n(\kappa) J_n'(\kappa) =: \alpha_n$.

Proof of Lemma. We start by using Greens first formula $\int_U (\psi \Delta \varphi + \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla \varphi) dV = \oint_{\partial U} \psi \nabla \varphi \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ to see that

$$\begin{aligned} q_\kappa(U_n, U_m) &= \int_{\Omega^-} (\nabla \cdot U_n \nabla \cdot \overline{U_m} - \frac{c_i}{c_o} \kappa^2 U_n \overline{U_m}) \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega^-} \overline{U_m} \nabla \cdot U_n d\vec{S} - \int_{\Omega^-} \underbrace{(\frac{c_i}{c_o} \kappa^2 U_n + \Delta U_n)}_{=0} \overline{U_m} d\vec{S} \\ &= \delta_{nm} \int_{\partial\Omega^-} \overline{U_n} \nabla \cdot U_n d\vec{S} \\ &= \delta_{nm} |v_n|^2 \sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa J_n(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa) J_n'(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa) \int_{\partial\Omega^-} e^{in\phi} e^{-in\phi} dS \\ &= \delta_{nm} 2\pi |v_n|^2 \kappa \sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} J_n(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa) J_n'(\sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}} \kappa) \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark 3.7. In the previous proof U_n is integrated over Ω^- , while U_n is technically only defined on Γ . However, note that, knowing the coefficients of U_n , it is straightforward to extend U to Ω^- using our basis vectors V_n . Also, the end result only depends on the restriction to Γ .²

2. These two points is what justified the restriction of U_n to Γ in the first place.

Lemma 3.8. $b(p_n, p_m) = (p_n, p_m)_{H^1(\Gamma)} = \delta_{nm}$.

Now we can proof theorem 3.4

Proof. p_n is was constructed to be orthogonal w.r.t $(-, -)_{H^1(\Gamma)}$. □

Proof of theorem 3.4. Both sides of the problem in definition 3.3 are linear in (V, φ, q) . Therefore the condition in the problem is satisfied for all $(V, \varphi, q) \in \mathcal{S}_N^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \mathcal{S}_N^1$ if and only it is satisfied for $(V, \varphi, q) \in (U_n, \theta_n, p_n) \forall n \in \{-N, -N+1, \dots, N\}$. So we end up with $(2N+1)$ systems of equations of the form

$$\begin{aligned} q_\kappa(U, U_n) + (W_\kappa(\gamma_D^- U), U_n)_\Gamma - \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K'_\kappa \right)(\theta), U_n \right)_\Gamma &= f_2(U_n) \\ \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K_\kappa \right)(\gamma_D^- U), \theta_n \right)_\Gamma + (V_\kappa(\theta), \theta_n)_\Gamma + i\bar{\eta}(p, \theta_n)_\Gamma &= \overline{g_2(V)}(\theta_n) \\ - (W_\kappa(\gamma_D^- U), p_n)_\Gamma - \left((K'_\kappa + \frac{1}{2} \text{Id})(\theta), p_n \right)_\Gamma + b(p, p_n) &= g_3(V)(p_n). \end{aligned}$$

Now, before plugging in for (U, θ, p) note the following structural feature: Each of the summands of the left side of the problem has a factor that contains one of the following three bilinear forms:

- A scalar product $(a, b)_\Gamma$ of one of the entries of (U, θ, p) and a basis function.
- The bilinear form $b(a, b)$ of of the entries of (U, θ, p) and a basis function.
- The bilinear form $q_\kappa(a, b)$ of of the entries of (U, θ, p) and a basis function.

Note that for each of these bilinear forms s we have the orthogonality property $s(a_n, b_m) = 0$ for $n \neq m$, $a, b \in \{U, \theta, p\}$. Also considering that our basis are also eigenvectors of the BIO, this implies that for each of the $(2N+1)$ problems all but one x_n is in the kernel of the left hand side. Or, said more simply, the problem can be written as a blockdiagonal problem with 3×3 blocks.

Plugging the relations derived in the former lemmata for $q_\kappa(U, U_n)$, $b(p, p_n)$, the BIOs and the scalar products elementary calculation yields $A_n x_n$ for the left hand side of the problem.

For the right, plugging in our extension for f_1, f_2 yields b_n . This concludes the proof. □

4 Validation

4.1 Solving a special case

To validate the correctness of our derived matrix we show that it yields the correct numerical solution for a simple example. Consider the special case

$$\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} H_n^{(1)}(\kappa) - J_n(\tilde{c}\kappa) \\ H_n'^{(1)}(\kappa) - J_n'(\tilde{c}\kappa) \end{bmatrix} e^{in\phi}$$

where $\tilde{c} = \sqrt{\frac{c_i}{c_o}}$ and $n = -N, -N+1, \dots, N$
Then the solution is

$$u = J_n(\tilde{c}\kappa r) e^{in\phi}, x \in \Omega^-, u = H_n^{(1)}(\kappa r) e^{in\phi}, x \in \Omega^+.$$

This can be seen directly by plugging in.

Remark 4.1. Note that the discretized problem will yield the same solution as the original one as the restricted space contains the analytical solution.

Proposition 4.2. With regards to our chosen basis, the analytical solution can be written as $(U, \theta, p) = (\frac{1}{v_n} U_n, \frac{1}{w_n} \kappa H_n'^{(1)}(\kappa) \theta_n, 0)$. So the solution vector should be

$$C_j^U = \delta_{nj} \frac{1}{v_n}, C_j^\theta = \delta_{nj} \frac{1}{w_n} \kappa H_n'^{(1)}(\kappa), C_j^p = 0, \forall j.$$

Proof. still to be written out, but the main point is: $\theta = \partial_r(u_{\Omega^+})|_\Gamma = -\frac{1}{w_0} \kappa_o H_1^{(1)}(\kappa_o) \theta_0$ and $p = 0$, (from page 33 Thesis P. Meury). □

Let's validate whether we get the same numerical solution using our matrix A_n . We just use the \vec{b}_n as computed above, with $f_1^j = \delta_{nj} 2\pi (J_n(\tilde{c}\kappa) - H_n^{(1)}(\kappa))$, $f_2^j = \delta_{nj} 2\pi (\tilde{c}\kappa J_1'(\tilde{c}\kappa) - \kappa H_n'^{(1)}(\kappa))$.

To measure how good the solution is, let's introduce the ζ -number:

Definition 4.3 (ζ -number). For a fixed n and a fixed κ , let $\vec{C}_n^{num}(\kappa)$ be the numerical solution vector to the problem $\text{diag}(A_{-N}, \dots, A_N) \vec{C}_n^{num}(\kappa) = (\vec{b}_{-N}, \dots, \vec{b}_N)$. Let $\vec{C}_n^{ana}(\kappa)$ be the analytical solution vector for the same problem constructed in proposition 4.2. The ζ -number is defined as

$$\zeta(\kappa) = \max_{n \in [-N, \dots, N]} \frac{\|\vec{C}_n^{num}(\kappa) - \vec{C}_n^{ana}(\kappa)\|}{\|\vec{C}_n^{ana}(\kappa)\|}$$

Fig. 1: Maximum residuum of the numerical solution by wave number. On the left plot we have $c_i = 1, c_o = 3$ and on the right plot we have $c_i = 3, c_o = 1$. We always use $N = 100$ from here on.

Fig. 2: Euclidian matrix norm of composed matrix $P_3 A_n^{-1} P_{V_{\vec{b}}}$. On the left plot we have $c_i = 1, c_o = 3$ and on the right plot we have $c_i = 3, c_o = 1$.

Let As seen in fig. 1, the ζ -number is negligible across all values of κ and n which validates our derivation of A_n and b_n .

4.2 $p = 0$

We validate our matrix A with another method, using the following remark from the doctoral thesis from P.Meury:

Remark 4.4. *At second glance, we realise that $p = 0$, if (U, θ) solve the problem.*

Let's assume A_n is invertible³. We can use the remark to validate that our derived matrix A_n is correct, using the following proposition:

Proposition 4.5. *Let $V_{\vec{b}} := \text{span}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2)$ and let $P_{V_{\vec{b}}}$ be the projector onto $V_{\vec{b}}$. Let P_3 be the projector onto $(0, 0, 1)$. Then $P_3 A_n^{-1} P_{V_{\vec{b}}} = 0$.*

Proof. Because of the remark 4.4, every solution of $A_n \vec{x} = \vec{b}_n$ satisfies $x_3 = 0$ where $\vec{b} \in V_{\vec{b}}$. Therefore $V_{\vec{b}} \subset \text{Ker}(P_3 A_n^{-1})$. Since \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 are linearly independent, $\dim V_{\vec{b}} = 2$, which implies $V_{\vec{b}} = \text{Ker}(P_3 A_n^{-1})$. So $P_3 A_n^{-1} P_{V_{\vec{b}}} = 0$. \square

Let's check whether this is actually satisfied by calculating the euclidian matrix norm of A for a range of κ values.

As we see in fig 3, this is satisfied which is another validation of our matrix A .

5 Numerical Results

Now let's investigate maximal singular value of $A = \text{diag}(A_{-N}, A_{-N+1}, \dots, A_N)$. Again, we look at the scenarios where $c_i = 1, c_o = 3$ and vice versa. We see that the peaks coincide with the zeros of the Bessel function. We see that the the spikes are smaller for the case PLUG IN HERE, but they are not fully gone.

3. This is fair to assume for most frequencies since the variational problem is supposed to have a unique solution.

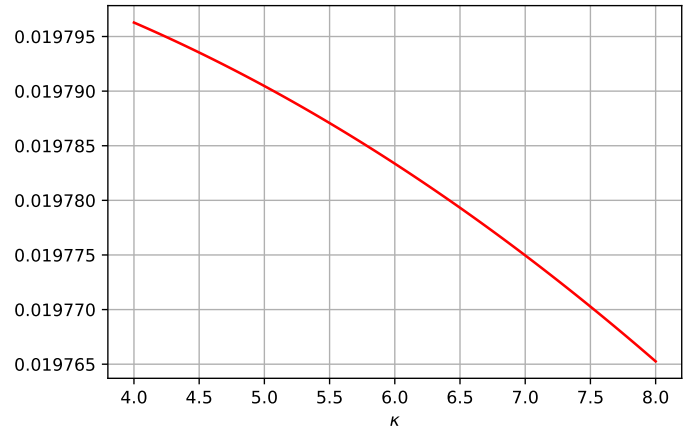
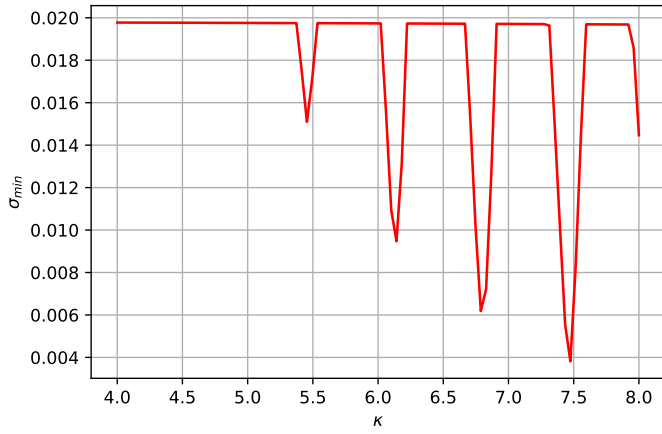


Fig. 3: Minimum singular value of the matrix $diag(A_n)$ by wave number κ . On the left side we have $c_i = 1, c_o = 3$ and on the right plot we have $c_i = 3, c_o = 1$.