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# 2-D acoustic and electromagnetic waves

## 1.1 Physical laws

The expression of the force of the source applied to its surrounding is derived from Newton's law  $F = ma$ :

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla p = r_v \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the average density of the surrounding,  $\vec{u}$  is the velocity field,  $p$  is the variation of pressure and  $r_v$  is the "pressure force".

The conservation law of energy is

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} + \chi \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = s_v \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\chi$  is the compressibility [ $kg^{-1}ms^2$ ] and is given by the equation  $\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \chi p$ .  $s_v$  is the "velocity source".

## 1.2 Wave equation

The wave equation is

$$\nabla^2 p - \rho_0 \chi \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} = -\rho_0 \frac{\partial s_v}{\partial t} \quad (1.3)$$

In 1D, with  $s_v = 0$ , the solution is any function  $f(t - \frac{x}{v})$  or  $g(x - tv)$  with  $v = 1/\sqrt{\rho_0 \chi}$ .

## 1.3 Plane wave

In the plane, the standard wave is given by

$$p(x, t) = p_0 \cos(\omega t - kx) \quad (1.4)$$

where the phase velocity is  $v_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\chi \rho_0}}$ .

The wave impedance is  $\eta = \frac{p}{u_x} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{\chi}}$  [ $kgm^{-2}s^{-1}$ ].

## 1.4 Harmonic case

In the case of a harmonic soundwave, we can use phasors:

$$p(\vec{r}, t) = \text{Re}\{P(\vec{r})e^{j\omega_0 t}\} \quad (1.5)$$

→ Note: there is a relationship between the phasors and the Fourier transform:

$$F\{p\} = \text{Re}(P)\pi[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0)] + j\text{Im}(P)\pi[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \delta(\omega + \omega_0)] \quad (1.6)$$

with  $\omega$  the frequency variable.

In the frequency domain, the PDE becomes

$$\nabla^2 P + k^2 P = -j\omega\rho_0 S_V = Q \quad (1.7)$$

where  $k$  is the wavenumber  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$ . This is useful to make the time dependence disappear.

### 1.4.1 Green function

The Green function is the solution  $G$  to the following Fourier PDE;

$$\nabla^2 G + k^2 G = \delta(x)\delta(y) \quad (1.8)$$

The general solution is

$$G(\rho) = -\frac{j}{4}H_0^{(2)} - \frac{j}{4}(J_0(k\rho) - jY_0(k\rho)) \quad (1.9)$$

where  $J_0$  and  $Y_0$  are respectively the Bessel functions of order 1 and 2, and  $\rho$  is the distance between the source and the observer.

The Bessel functions  $J_n(x)$  are solutions of the equation

$$x^2 J_n''(x) + x J_n'(x) + (x^2 - n^2)J_n(x) = 0 \quad (1.10)$$

and there exists an approximation of the Hankel function  $H_0^{(2)}$  for  $x \gg 1$ :

$$H_0^{(2)}(x) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} e^{j\pi/4} e^{-jx} \quad (1.11)$$

### 1.4.2 From velocity source to pressure

The pressure due to a velocity source spread over infinitesimal segment  $\Gamma'$ :

$$p(r) = G(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')(j\omega\rho_0)v_n(\vec{r}')d\Gamma' \quad (1.12)$$

To get the total pressure, we have to do an integral:

$$p = p_{inc} + \frac{\omega\rho_0}{4} \int_{\Gamma} H_0^{(2)}(k|r - r'|)v_n(\vec{r}')d\Gamma' \quad (1.13)$$

Which is obtained from the velocity source  $-j\omega\rho_0 S_v$  from equation (1.7), and doing a convolution with the Green function.

This integral can be approximated with a pointwise approach:

$$I \approx C \sum_i v_i G(\rho_i) dl_i \quad (1.14)$$

where  $C = -j\omega\rho_0$ ,  $v_i$  is the normal component of the velocity vector, and  $dl_i$  the length of the segment.

## 1.5 Singularity

In the case of a singularity, the Green function is infinite. We thus need to find a workaround. For this, we use the following trick:

$$H_0^{(2)}(x) = \left( H_0^{(2)}(x) + \frac{2j}{\pi} \ln(x) \right) - \frac{2j}{\pi} \ln(x) \quad (1.15)$$

The first term will be integrate numerically, while the second can be done analytically. When  $x \approx 0$ , we use a series development of the Green function for the integral of the first term:

$$H_0^{(2)}(x) \approx 1 - \frac{2j}{\pi} (\ln(x/2) + \gamma) \quad (1.16)$$

where  $\gamma$  is the Euler constant. For the second term near zero, the integral is finite and no approximation is required.

## 1.6 Radiated wave from an incident wave

Let us now imagine the situation where a planar wave is coming from a certain direction. The object on which we analyse the radiation is discretized into  $m$  segments. On each segment, we define a basis function  $v_{n,i}$  for the normal speed. It is piecewise constant, i.e. it has a certain value on the segment, and 0 on the rest of the object. To determine the overall normal speed on each segment, we write it as a linear combination of the  $v_{n,i}$ :

$$v_n = \sum_i x_i v_{n,i} \quad (1.17)$$

where the  $x_i$  are unknown. We impose on the middle of each segment that the radiated pressure is 0, so that we get a system  $Ax = b$  to solve, where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ij} &= \frac{\omega \rho_0}{4} \int_{\Gamma'_i} H_0^{(2)}(k|r_{0,j} - r'|) v_{n,i} d\Gamma'_i \\ b_j &= -p_{incident}(r_{0,j}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.18)$$

from equation (1.13). Once the coefficients  $x_i$  are computed, the pressure field on the domain can be computed as it was previously in section 1.4.2.

If we define  $\hat{u}$  as the unit vector in the direction of propagation of the incident wave, the final pressure in the domain is

$$p(\vec{r}) = P_0 e^{-jk\hat{u} \cdot \vec{r}} \quad (1.19)$$