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# ACOUSTIC PROPAGATION MODELLING



## **Part I**

# **Helmholtz Equation**



Taken from Computational Ocean Acoustics<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Jensen, F. B., Kuperman, W. A., Porter, M. B., and Schmidt, H. (2011). *Computational ocean acoustics*. Springer Science & Business Media

$$\begin{aligned}
 O(\omega^2) : \quad & |\nabla \tau|^2 = \frac{1}{c^2(\vec{x})} \\
 O(\omega^1) : \quad & 2\nabla \tau \cdot \nabla A_0 + (\nabla^2 \tau) A_0 = 0 \\
 O(\omega^{1-j}) : \quad & 2\nabla \tau \cdot \nabla A_j + (\nabla^2 \tau) A_j = -\nabla^2 A_{j-1}
 \end{aligned}$$



# *Eikonal Equation*

The eikonal equation

$$|\nabla \tau|^2 = \frac{1}{c^2(\vec{x})}$$

is a first-order nonlinear PDE for modelling the path taken by a ray.

## *First-Order System*

In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr}{ds} &= c\tilde{\zeta}(s) & \frac{d\tilde{\zeta}}{ds} &= \frac{-1}{c(r,z)^2} \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \\ \frac{dz}{ds} &= c\zeta(s) & \frac{d\zeta}{ds} &= \frac{-1}{c(r,z)^2} \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} \\ \frac{d\tau}{ds} &= \frac{1}{c(r,z)} \end{aligned}$$

with initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned} r &= r_0 & \tilde{\zeta} &= \frac{\cos(\theta_0)}{c(r_0, z_0)} \\ z &= z_0 & \zeta &= \frac{\sin(\theta_0)}{c(r_0, z_0)} \\ \tau &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and boundary conditions defined as reflection off the bathymetry  $z_{\text{bty}}(r)$  and altimetry  $z_{\text{ati}}(r)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i &= c(r, z) \cos^{-1}(\tilde{\zeta}_i) \\ &= c(r, z) \sin^{-1}(\zeta_i) \\ \theta_r &= 2\theta_{\text{bnd}} - \theta_i \\ \tilde{\zeta}_r &= \frac{\cos(\theta_r)}{c(r, z)} \\ \zeta_r &= \frac{\sin(\theta_r)}{c(r, z)} \end{aligned}$$





## *Bibliography*

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## **Part II**

# **Concocting Equations**



*Celerity*

$$c_{\max} = 1600$$

$$c_{\min} = 1500$$

$$c(r,z) = c_0 + c_1z + c_2z^2$$

$$c_0 + c_1z_{\text{ati}} + c_2z_{\text{ati}}^2 = c(r,z_{\text{ati}}) = c_{\max}$$

$$c_0 + c_1\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2} + c_2\left(\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2}\right)^2 = c(r,\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2}) = c_{\min}$$

$$c_0 + c_1z_{\text{bty}} + c_2z_{\text{bty}}^2 = c(r,z_{\text{bty}}) = c_{\max}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & z_{\text{ati}} & z_{\text{ati}}^2 \\ 1 & \frac{z_{\text{ati}}+z_{\text{bty}}}{2} & \left(\frac{z_{\text{ati}}+z_{\text{bty}}}{2}\right)^2 \\ 1 & z_{\text{bty}} & z_{\text{bty}}^2 \end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} c_{\max} \\ c_{\min} \\ c_{\max} \end{array}\right)$$