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# ACOUSTIC PROPAGATION MODELLING



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## **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  $z_{\text{ati}}(r)$ .

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



## *Boundary Reflection*

$$\vec{t}_{\text{rfl}} = \vec{t}_{\text{inc}} - 2 (\vec{t}_{\text{inc}} \cdot \vec{n}_{\text{bnd}}) \vec{n}_{\text{bnd}}$$



# Sonar Equations

## Detection Threshold

## Detection Index

The detection index is expressed as

$$d = \left( \frac{\mu_{\text{spn}} - \mu_{\text{nse}}}{\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right)^2$$

For a Gaussian noise and signal-plus-noise with a non-fluctuating signal, note that  $\sigma_{\text{nse}} = \sigma_{\text{spn}}$  so

$$f_{\text{nse}}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{nse}}}{\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right)^2 \right\}$$
$$f_{\text{spn}}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{spn}}}{\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right)^2 \right\}$$

Their respective cumulative density functions are

$$F_{\text{nse}}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{nse}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right) \right]$$
$$F_{\text{spn}}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{spn}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right) \right]$$

The probability of detection and probability of false alarm are defined via the point at which the two density values meet, integrated above as

$$p_{\text{dte}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{spn}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right) \right], \quad p_{\text{fal}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{nse}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right) \right]$$
$$\Rightarrow p_{\text{dte}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{spn}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right), \quad p_{\text{fal}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{x - \mu_{\text{nse}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right)$$
$$\Rightarrow x = \mu_{\text{spn}} + \sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}} \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{dte}}), \quad x = \mu_{\text{nse}} + \sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}} \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{fal}})$$

So equating these expressions yields

$$\mu_{\text{spn}} + \sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}} \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{dte}}) = \mu_{\text{nse}} + \sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{nse}} \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{fal}})$$
$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\mu_{\text{spn}} - \mu_{\text{nse}}}{\sigma_{\text{nse}}} \right)^2 = 2 \left[ \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{fal}}) - \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{dte}}) \right]^2$$

where the left hand side is the definition of the detection index. Thus,

$$d = 2 \left[ \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{fal}}) - \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{dte}}) \right]^2$$

Rearranged,

$$p_{\text{dte}} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc} \left( \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{fal}}) - \sqrt{\frac{d}{2}} \right)$$

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## **Part II**

# **Appendix**



*Concocting Equations*

*Celerity*

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\max} &= 1600 \\ c_{\min} &= 1500 \\ c(r,z) &= c_0 + c_1z + c_2z^2 \\ c_0 + c_1z_{\text{ati}} + c_2z_{\text{ati}}^2 &= c(r,z_{\text{ati}}) = c_{\max} \\ c_0 + c_1\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2} + c_2\left(\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2}\right)^2 &= c(r,\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2}) = c_{\min} \\ c_0 + c_1z_{\text{bty}} + c_2z_{\text{bty}}^2 &= c(r,z_{\text{bty}}) = c_{\max} \\ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & z_{\text{ati}} & z_{\text{ati}}^2 \\ 1 & \frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2} & \left(\frac{z_{\text{ati}} + z_{\text{bty}}}{2}\right)^2 \\ 1 & z_{\text{bty}} & z_{\text{bty}}^2 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array}\right) &= \left(\begin{array}{c} c_{\max} \\ c_{\min} \\ c_{\max} \end{array}\right) \end{aligned}$$

*Bathymmetry*

$$z_{\min} = 700$$

$$z_{\max} = 1000$$

$$r_0 = 300$$

$$z_{\text{bty}}(r) = z_{\max} - (z_{\max} - z_{\min}) \exp\left(-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{A_r}\right)$$

$$z_{\text{bty}}\left(\frac{r_0}{3}\right) = z_{\min} + \frac{z_{\min} + z_{\max}}{10} = z_{\max} - (z_{\max} - z_{\min}) \exp\left(-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{A_r}\right)$$

$$z_{\min} + \frac{z_{\min} + z_{\max}}{10} = z_{\max} - (z_{\max} - z_{\min}) \exp\left(-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{A_r}\right)$$

$$(z_{\max} - z_{\min}) \exp\left(-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{A_r}\right) = z_{\max} - z_{\min} - \frac{z_{\min} + z_{\max}}{10}$$

$$\exp\left(-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{A_r}\right) = \frac{\frac{9}{10}z_{\max} - \frac{11}{10}z_{\min}}{z_{\max} - z_{\min}}$$

$$-\frac{(r - r_0)^2}{A_r} = \ln\left(\frac{9z_{\max} - 11z_{\min}}{10(z_{\max} - z_{\min})}\right)$$

$$A_r = \frac{4r_0^2/9}{\ln\left(\frac{9z_{\max} - 11z_{\min}}{10(z_{\max} - z_{\min})}\right)}$$

# *Sonar Equation Manipulation*

*Calculating Probability of Detection*

$$d = Bt \left( \frac{SL - TL}{BNL} \right)^2$$
$$p_{\text{dtc}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc} \left( \sqrt{\frac{d}{2}} + \text{erfc}^{-1}(2p_{\text{fal}}) \right)$$