

# Ocean Acoustic Modeling in MATLAB

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- Rays
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Governing equation (the wave equation):

$$\nabla^2 p + \frac{1}{c^2(r, z)} p_{tt} = \frac{-\delta(r - r_s) \delta(z - z_s)}{r}$$

Helmholtz Equation:

$$\nabla^2 p + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(\mathbf{x})} p = -\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s),$$

## Ray Theory

Seek a solution of the Helmholtz equation in the following form:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i\omega\tau(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_j(\mathbf{x})}{(i\omega)^j}$$

where,  $k = \omega/c_0$ .

- called the *Ray Series*.
- generally divergent.
- provides an *asymptotic* approximation

Differentiate the ray series ...

$$p_x = e^{i\omega\tau} \left[ i\omega\tau_x \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_j}{(i\omega)^j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{j,x}}{(i\omega)^j} \right],$$

and

$$p_{xx} = e^{i\omega\tau} \left\{ [-\omega^2(\tau_x)^2 + i\omega\tau_{xx}] \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_j}{(i\omega)^j} + 2i\omega\tau_x \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{j,x}}{(i\omega)^j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{j,xx}}{(i\omega)^j} \right\}$$

Substitute back in the Helmholtz equation ...

$$\nabla^2 p = e^{i\omega\tau} \left\{ [-\omega^2 |\nabla\tau|^2 + i\omega \nabla^2\tau] \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_j}{(i\omega)^j} + 2i\omega \nabla\tau \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\nabla A_j}{(i\omega)^j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\nabla^2 A_j}{(i\omega)^j} \right\}$$

Equate terms of like order in  $\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} O(\omega^2) & : & |\nabla\tau|^2 & = c^{-2}(\mathbf{x}) & \text{Eikonal} \\ O(\omega) & : & 2\nabla\tau \cdot \nabla A_0 + (\nabla^2\tau)A_0 & = 0 & \text{Transport} \\ O(\omega^{1-j}) & : & 2\nabla\tau \cdot \nabla A_j + (\nabla^2\tau)A_j & = -\nabla^2 A_{j-1}, & j = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

## Solving the Eikonal Equation (Method of Characteristics)

Define *rays* as curves perpendicular to the *wavefronts* of  $\tau(\mathbf{x})$ :

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{ds} = c \nabla \tau$$

But, phase is still unknown.

Lots of work . . .

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{1}{c} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{ds} \right) = -\frac{1}{c^2} \nabla c$$

Rays are now defined just in terms of  $c(\mathbf{x})$ !

## Ray equations in cylindrical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dr}{ds} &= c \xi(s), & \frac{d\xi}{ds} &= -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{dc}{dr}, \\ \frac{dz}{ds} &= c \zeta(s), & \frac{d\zeta}{ds} &= -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{dc}{dz}\end{aligned}$$

$[r(s), z(s)]$  is the trajectory of the ray.

Initial Conditions

$$\begin{aligned}r &= r_s, & \xi &= \frac{\cos \theta}{c(0)}, \\ z &= z_s, & \zeta &= \frac{\sin \theta}{c(0)}\end{aligned}$$

## Solving the eikonal equation

Eikonal equation:

$$\nabla\tau \cdot \nabla\tau = \frac{1}{c^2}.$$

Therefore

$$\nabla\tau \cdot \frac{1}{c} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{ds} = \frac{1}{c^2},$$

or

$$\frac{d\tau}{ds} = \frac{1}{c}.$$

(eikonal equation in ray coordinate  $s$ ). Original nonlinear PDE is now a linear

Solution:

$$\tau(s) = \tau(0) + \int_0^s \frac{1}{c(s')} ds'.$$

Phase of the wave is delayed by its travel time.



## NORMAL MODES

Helmholtz equation (2-D):

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(z)} p = -\frac{\delta(r) \delta(z - z_s)}{2\pi r}$$

Solve by *separation of variables*. Seek  $p(r, z) = \Phi(r)\Psi(z)$ .

## Depth-separated equation

$\Psi(z)$  must satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2\Psi_m(z)}{dz^2} + \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(z)} - k_{rm}^2 \right] \Psi_m(z) &= 0 \\ \Psi(0) &= 0 \\ \left. \frac{d\Psi}{dz} \right|_{z=D} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This must be solved *numerically* for  $k_m$  and  $\Psi_m(z)$  (the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of this Sturm-Liouville problem).

- There are an infinite number of modes!
- Fortunately, we can make do with a finite number
- They can be scaled arbitrarily

## Depth-separated equation continued ...

Orthogonality property:

$$\int_0^D \Psi_m(z) \Psi_n(z) dz = 0, \quad \text{for } m \neq n$$

Normalization:

$$\int_0^D \Psi_m^2(z) dz = 1$$

## Range-separated equation

$\Phi(r)$  must satisfy:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left[ r \frac{d\Phi_n(r)}{dr} \right] + k_n^2 \Phi_n(r) = 0.$$

The range functions are easy:

$$\Phi_n(r) = H_0^{(1)}(k_n r).$$

We can evaluate the Hankel functions exactly but if we're more than  $\lambda$  away

$$H_0^{(1)}(kr) \rightarrow \left( \frac{2}{\pi kr} \right)^{1/2} e^{i(kr - \frac{\pi}{4})}$$

**A summing up ...**

$$p(r, z) = \frac{i}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Psi_m(z_s) \Psi_m(z) H_0^{(1)}(k_m r)$$

or, using the asymptotic approximation to the Hankel function,

$$p(r, z) \simeq \frac{i}{\sqrt{8\pi r}} e^{-i\pi/4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Psi_m(z_s) \Psi_m(z) \frac{e^{ik_m r}}{\sqrt{k_m}}$$

Transmission Loss

$$\text{TL}(r, z) \simeq -20 \log \left| \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{r}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Psi_m(z_s) \Psi_m(z) \frac{e^{ik_m r}}{\sqrt{k_m}} \right| .$$

### Example: Isovelocity profile ( $c(z) = 1500$ m/s)

- Solve for the modes

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2\Psi_m(z)}{dz^2} + \left[\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_m^2\right] \Psi_m(z) &= 0 \\ \Psi(0) &= 0 \\ \frac{d\Psi}{dz}\Big|_{z=D} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

General solution:

$$\Psi_m(z) = A \sin(k_z z) + B \cos(k_z z),$$

where the vertical wavenumber  $k_z$  is:

$$k_z = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - k^2}.$$

- Top BC implies  $B = 0$ .
- Bottom BC implies

$$Ak_z \cos(k_z D) = 0,$$

requiring

$$k_z D = \left(m - \frac{1}{2}\right) \pi, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots,$$

Thus,

$$k_m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - \left[\left(m - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\pi}{D}\right]^2}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Corresponding eigenfunctions are given by

$$\Psi_m(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{D}} \sin(k_{zm} z)$$

- Sum up the modes to get the pressure field

$$p(r, z) = \frac{i}{2D} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sin(k_{zm} z_s) \sin(k_{zm} z) H_0^{(1)}(k_m r)$$

## Numerics

Recall the modal equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi''(z) + \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(z)} - k^2 \right] \Psi(z) &= 0, \\ \Psi(0) &= 0, \\ \Psi(D) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Finite-difference approximation ( $\psi_j = \Psi(z_j)$ ):

$$\psi_j'' = \frac{\psi_{j-1} - 2\psi_j + \psi_{j+1}}{h^2} + O(h^2).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\psi_{j-1}}{h^2} + \left\{ \frac{-2}{h^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(z_j)} - k^2 \right\} \psi_j + \frac{\psi_{j+1}}{h^2} &= 0, & j = 1, \dots, N-1 \\ \psi_0 &= 0 \\ \psi_{N+1} &= 0\end{aligned}$$





## Mode Normalization

The integral term can be evaluated by the trapezoidal rule. That is,

$$\int_0^D \Psi_m^2(z) dz \simeq h \left( \frac{1}{2}\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \cdots + \phi_{N-1} + \frac{1}{2}\phi_N \right),$$

where

$$\phi_j = \left( \psi_j^{(m)} \right)^2.$$

## Say it all in matrices:

1. Solve the algebraic eigenvalue problem  $\mathbf{A}\psi = \lambda\psi$  ( $\mathbf{A}$  defined above).

Result:  $\psi^{(\mathbf{m})}, \lambda^{(m)}, m = 1, \dots, N$ .

Note:  $k_m \leftarrow \sqrt{\lambda}$ .

2. Sort  $k_m$  and keep the modes with the largest real part.
3. Normalize the eigenfunctions

$$\psi^{(m)} \leftarrow \frac{\psi^{(m)}}{\|\psi^{(m)}\|}$$

4. Assemble the eigenvectors into a matrix

$$\psi = \left[ \psi^{(\mathbf{1})} \quad \psi^{(\mathbf{2})} \quad \dots \quad \psi^{(\mathbf{M})} \right]$$

( $\psi_{im}$  is the  $i$ th element of the  $m$ th mode.)

5. Calculate mode excitation coefficients  $\mathbf{C}$ :

$$\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{isd,1} \\ \psi_{isd,2} \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{isd,M} \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Calculate  $\tilde{\psi}$ , a mode matrix scaled by the mode excitation:

$$\tilde{\psi} \leftarrow \psi \begin{bmatrix} 1/C_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & 1/C_M \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Calculate the  $\Phi$  is a phase matrix:

$$\Phi \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{k_1} & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & 1/\sqrt{k_M} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{ik_1r_1} & e^{ik_1r_2} & \dots & \dots & e^{ik_1r_{NR}} \\ e^{ik_2r_1} & e^{ik_2r_2} & & & e^{ik_2r_{NR}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ e^{ik_Mr_1} & e^{ik_Mr_2} & \dots & \dots & e^{ik_Mr_{NR}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{r} \\ \vdots \\ 1/\sqrt{r} \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Sum up the modes:

$$p = \tilde{\psi}\Phi$$

Recall,

$$p(r, z) \simeq \frac{i}{\sqrt{8\pi r}} e^{-i\pi/4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Psi_m(z_s) \Psi_m(z) \frac{e^{ik_m r}}{\sqrt{k_m}}$$

where,

## Adiabatic Modes

As the modes propagate in a range-dependent environment, they continuously change shape.

As they change shape, energy is continuously re-distributed amongst the modes.

However, for sufficiently slowly-varying environments the energy mostly stays in the same mode.

Then, the acoustic field can easily be computed using the *adiabatic mode* approximation:

$$p(r, z) \simeq \frac{i}{\sqrt{8\pi r}} e^{-i\pi/4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Psi_m(z_s) \Psi_m(r, z) \frac{e^{i \int_0^r k_m(r') dr'}}{\sqrt{k_m(r)}}.$$

## FAST FIELD PROGRAM

Apply a Fourier-Bessel transform to the Helmholtz equation:

$$g(k, z) = \int_0^\infty p(r, z) J_0(kr) r dr$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 g}{dz^2} + \left( \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(z)} - k^2 \right) g = \delta(z - z_s),$$
$$g(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dg}{dz}(D) = 0$$

The pressure field is reconstructed using the inverse transform:

$$p(r, z) = \int_0^\infty g(k, z) J_0(kr) k dk$$

which can be efficiently evaluated using an FFT (Marsh, DiNapoli(1967) ):

$$p(r, z) \approx \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \int_0^{K_{max}} g(k, z) \sqrt{k} e^{ikr} dk.$$





- This is a linear system of  $N$  equations.
- $\delta$  is a function that is 1 at the source depth and 0 elsewhere.
- For each choice of the horizontal wavenumber  $k$  we get a response  $g(k,$

## Overview of the numerical procedure

1. Set up the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
2. Define a sequence of wavenumbers

$$\begin{aligned}\{k_j &= k_{min} + j\Delta k + i\alpha, j = 1, NK\} \\ \Delta k &= \frac{k_{max} - k_{min}}{NK - 1} \\ \alpha &= \Delta k\end{aligned}$$

3. Solve  $[A - k_j I]g = \Delta$  for each wavenumber  $k_j$ .  
(Result is a matrix  $\mathbf{g}$  with  $g_{ij} \simeq g(z_i; k_j)$ )
4. Multiply by  $\sqrt{k}$ :

$$\mathbf{g}^T \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{k_1} & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & & 1/\sqrt{k_{NK}} \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Do an FFT:  $g(r, z) = FFT(g(k, z))$

6. Put in the cylindrical spreading and damping factor.

$$p = \mathbf{g} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\alpha r_1} / \sqrt{r_1} & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & e^{\alpha r_{NR}} / \sqrt{r_{NR}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## PARABOLIC EQUATION MODELING

(following Tappert and Hardin (1973))

Recall, Helmholtz equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 n^2 p = 0,$$

Seek,

$$p(r, z) = \psi(r, z) H_0^{(1)}(k_0 r),$$

where  $H_0^{(1)}(k_0 r)$  is the Hankel function and satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial^2 H_0^{(1)}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_0^{(1)}}{\partial r} + k_0^2 H_0^{(1)} = 0,$$

We find,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \left( \frac{2}{H_0^{(1)}} \frac{\partial H_0^{(1)}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 (n^2 - 1) \psi = 0.$$

## PE derivation continued ...

Far-field approximation to Hankel function:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + 2ik_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2(n^2 - 1)\psi = 0.$$

(still elliptic and not marchable)

Small-angle approximation (this is not well-motivated yet):

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} \ll 2ik_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}.$$

Gives the *standard parabolic equation*

$$2ik_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2(n^2 - 1)\psi = 0,$$

## Starting Fields

We can't start the PE with a delta function because it radiates uniformly and the PE abuses the high-angle paths.

Choices:

- Gaussian starter (just a smoothed delta function)

$$\psi(0, z) = \sqrt{k_0} e^{-\frac{k_0^2}{2}(z-z_s)^2},$$

- Modal starter
- Greene's source

$$\psi(0, z) = \sqrt{k_0} \left[ 1.4467 - 0.4201 k_0^2 (z - z_s)^2 \right] e^{-\frac{k_0^2 (z - z_s)^2}{3.0512}},$$



## Numerics (continued)

Recall,

$$2ik_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2(n^2 - 1)\psi = 0,$$

Thus,

$$2ik_0 \frac{\psi^{i+1} - \psi^i}{\Delta r} + A \frac{\psi^{i+1} + \psi^i}{2} = 0$$

Rearrange,

$$\left[ \frac{2ik_0}{\Delta r} + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \right] \psi^{i+1} = \left[ \frac{2ik_0}{\Delta r} - \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \right] \psi^i$$

Or,

$$\mathbf{C}\psi^{i+1} = \mathbf{B}\psi^i$$