

A SCIENTIFIC USE CASE

Direct and inverse acoustic scattering

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MOTIVATION

A simple example

Time-harmonic acoustic (electromagnetic/elastic) waves can be used to

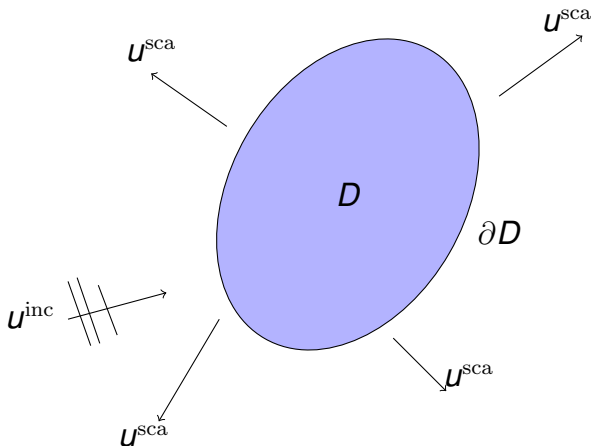
- detect defects in material (non-destructive testing).
- visualize the interior of a body (medical imaging).
- locate buried object.

⇒ This is an **inverse problem**.

THE DIRECT PROBLEM

Setup

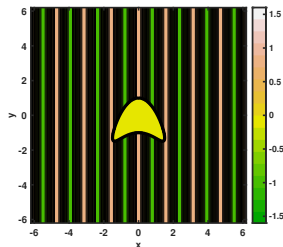
- Given an obstacle D (precisely its boundary ∂D) and an incident field, compute the scattered field (or the far-field) satisfying the Sommerfeld radiation condition.
- A PDE has to be solved.
- **Catch:** Computational domain is unbounded.
- **Solution:** Boundary integral equations (BEM).



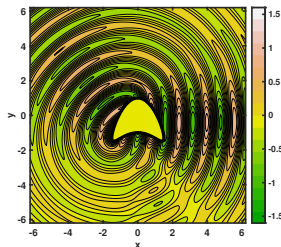
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Computation and visualization with MATLAB

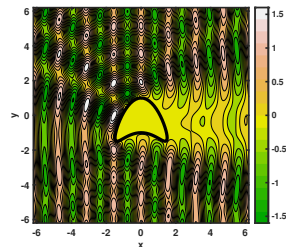
Rapid prototyping and easy visualization possible with MATLAB.



(a) Plane incident field



(b) Scattered field



(c) Total field

Figure: Real-part of incident field, numerical solution of the acoustic scattering problem, and total field for kite-shaped domain.

THE INVERSE PROBLEM

Synthetic data

Given one incident field and the corresponding far-field (or more than one), find D (or precisely its boundary ∂D)

\Rightarrow Inverse problem solved with the **factorization method**.

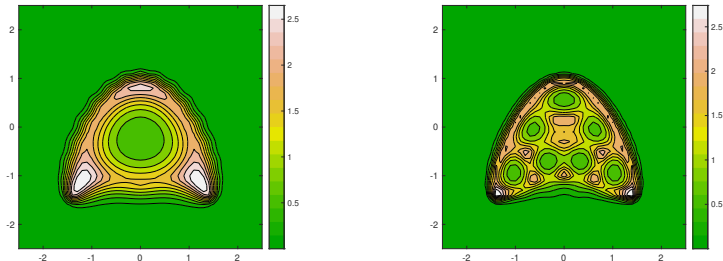


Figure: Reconstructions of a kite-shaped domain with the factorization method using far-field data with 72 incident and 72 observation directions for the wave numbers 2 and 5.

THE INVERSE PROBLEM

Real measurements

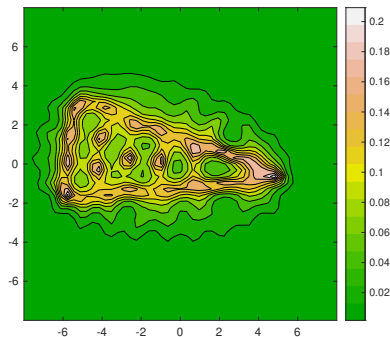


Figure: Reconstruction of an aluminum triangle with the factorization method using far-field data (36 incident and 36 observation directions) for the wave number ≈ 2.0944 .

SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- PDE solver needs only a few line of code.
- The same is true for the inverse solver.
- Extension to three dimensions and the vector-valued case is straightforward (possible memory issues).
- Code uses 'basic' linear algebra.
- BEM is a local method which can be easily parallelized.
- The same is true for the factorization method.

CODE EXAMPLE

The factorization method (the basic one without any regularization)

```
function W=FM(A,wavenumber)
    M=size(A,1);
    ii=0:1:M-1;ti=2*pi*ii/M;
    d=[cos(ti)' sin(ti)'];
    [~,sigma,V]=svd(A);
    diagsigma=diag(sigma);
    N=51;
    grid=linspace(-2.5,2.5,N);
    W=zeros(N,N);
    for i=1:N
        y=grid(i);
        for j=1:N
            x=grid(j);
            rz=exp(-1i*wavenumber*d*[x;y]);
            rhoz=V'*rz;
            W(ii,jj)=1/sum(abs(rhoz).^2./abs(diagsigma));
        end
    end
end
```

Listing 1: MATLAB code for the factorization method.