

The Factorization Method for Inverse Scattering Problems Part II

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Recall: Outline of the Course

■ Part I:

- Introduction
- The Direct Scattering Problem, Dirichlet Boundary Conditions
- The Direct Scattering Problem, Inhomogeneous Medium
- The Inverse Scattering Problem (Dirichlet Boundary Conditions)

■ Part II:

- A Factorization of the Far Field Operator
- Range Identities
- The Factorization Method
- Some Numerical Simulations

■ Part III:

- The Inverse Scattering Problem for Inhomogeneous Media
- An Interior Transmission Eigenvalue Problem
- An Electromagnetic Inverse Scattering Problem (perhaps)

The Factorization Method

Recall: Incident plane wave $u^{inc}(x) = \exp(ik\hat{\theta} \cdot x)$ is scattered by obstacle $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and produces **scattered field** $u^s = u^s(x, \hat{\theta})$ and **total field** $u = u^{inc} + u^s$ satisfying

$$\Delta u + k^2 u = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{D}, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial D,$$

and u^s satisfies Sommerfeld's radiation condition (SRC).

u^s has asymptotic behaviour

$$u^s(x, \hat{\theta}) = \gamma_d \frac{\exp(ik|x|)}{|x|^{(d-1)/2}} [u^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}) + \mathcal{O}(1/|x|)], \quad |x| \rightarrow \infty,$$

uniformly with respect to $\hat{x} := x/|x| \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ and $\hat{\theta} \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$.

For **the inverse problem** we know $u^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta})$ for all $\hat{x}, \hat{\theta} \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$.

Define **far field operator** $F : L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ by

$$(Fg)(\hat{x}) := \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} u^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}) g(\hat{\theta}) ds(\hat{\theta}), \quad \hat{x} \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}.$$

The Factorization Method

Recall: $(Fg)(\hat{x}) := \int_{S^{d-1}} u^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}) g(\hat{\theta}) ds(\hat{\theta}), \quad \hat{x} \in S^{d-1}.$

$$u^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}) \longleftrightarrow u^{inc}(x, \hat{\theta}) = \exp(ik \hat{\theta} \cdot x)$$

$$(Fg)(\hat{x}) \longleftrightarrow \int_{S^{d-1}} u^{inc}(x, \hat{\theta}) g(\hat{\theta}) ds(\hat{\theta})$$

- F is compact.
- F is one-to-one with dense range $\mathcal{R}(F)$ provided k^2 is not a Dirichlet-eigenvalue of $-\Delta$ in D .
- F is normal; that is, $F^*F = FF^*$, and even: $S := I + \frac{ik}{2\pi} F$ is unitary (=scattering matrix).

Define $H : L^2(S^{d-1}) \longrightarrow H^{1/2}(\partial D)$ by

$$(Hg)(x) = \int_{S^{d-1}} u^{inc}(x, \hat{\theta}) g(\hat{\theta}) ds(\hat{\theta}) = \int_{S^{d-1}} e^{ik x \cdot \hat{\theta}} g(\hat{\theta}) ds(\hat{\theta}), \quad x \in \partial D.$$

The Factorization Method

Define $G : H^{1/2}(\partial D) \longrightarrow L^2(S^{d-1})$ by $f \mapsto v^\infty$, where v solves exterior boundary value problem:

$$\Delta v + k^2 v = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{D},$$

$$v = f \quad \text{on } \partial D, \quad \text{and (SRC).}$$

Since $u^s = -u^{inc}$ on ∂D we conclude $F = -GH$. Furthermore,

$$(H^* \varphi)(\hat{x}) = \int_{\partial D} e^{-ik \hat{x} \cdot y} \varphi(y) ds(y), \quad \hat{x} \in S^{d-1},$$

thus $H^* = GS$ with single layer boundary operator

$$(S\varphi)(x) = \int_{\partial D} \Phi(x, y) \varphi(y) ds(y), \quad x \in \partial D.$$

Theorem:

$$F = -GS^*G^*$$

The Factorization Method

Recall factorization: $F = -GS^*G^*$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L^2(S^{d-1}) & \xrightarrow{F} & L^2(S^{d-1}) \\
 \downarrow G^* & & \uparrow G \\
 H^{-1/2}(\partial D) & \xrightarrow{-S^*} & H^{+1/2}(\partial D)
 \end{array}$$

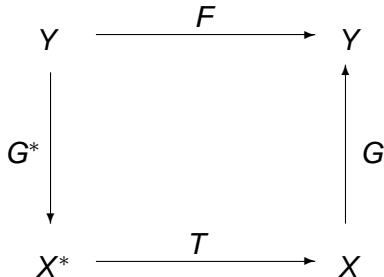
Theorem: Define $\phi_z \in L^2(S^{d-1})$ for $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ by

$$\phi_z(\hat{x}) = e^{-ik\hat{x} \cdot z}, \quad \hat{x} \in S^{d-1}.$$

Then $z \in D \iff \phi_z \in \mathcal{R}(G)$.

Range Identity

Aim: Express range $\mathcal{R}(G)$ by known operator F with use of $F = -GS^*G^*$. **General situation** $F = GTG^*$:



Theorem: If $T : X^* \rightarrow X$ is selfadjoint and coercive; that is,

$$\langle \psi, T\varphi \rangle = \overline{\langle \varphi, T\psi \rangle}, \quad \langle \varphi, T\varphi \rangle \geq c\|\varphi\|^2 \quad \text{for all } \psi, \varphi \in X^*,$$

then

$$\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{R}(F^{1/2}).$$

Range Identity

More general:

Theorem: Let $F = GTG^* : Y \rightarrow Y$ and $T : X^* \rightarrow X$ coercive in the generalized sense

$$|\langle \varphi, T\varphi \rangle| \geq c \|\varphi\|^2 \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \mathcal{R}(G^*).$$

Then: $\phi \in \mathcal{R}(G) \iff \inf\{|\langle \psi, F\psi \rangle_Y| : \psi \in Y, \langle \psi, \phi \rangle_Y = 1\} > 0$

Corollary: If $F = G_1 T_1 G_1^* = G_2 T_2 G_2^*$ and T_1, T_2 coercive in the generalized sense, then $\mathcal{R}(G_1) = \mathcal{R}(G_2)$.

Previous **example** where T selfadjoint and coercive:

$$F = GTG^* = F^{1/2} F^{1/2}, \quad \text{thus } \mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{R}(F^{1/2}).$$

Applications in **impedance tomography**: $F = \Lambda - \Lambda_0$ is relative Neumann-Dirichlet operator which is selfadjoint and coercive!

Application of theorem in **scattering theory**:

Application to Scattering Problem

Lemma: Let k^2 be no Dirichlet eigenvalue of $-\Delta$ in D . Then:

- (a) S is an isomorphism from $H^{-1/2}(\partial D)$ onto $H^{1/2}(\partial D)$.
- (b) $\text{Im}\langle \varphi, S\varphi \rangle < 0$ for all $\varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\partial D)$ with $\varphi \neq 0$.
- (c) Let S_i be the operator corresponding to $k = i$. Then S_i is selfadjoint and coercive.
- (d) $S - S_i$ is compact from $H^{-1/2}(\partial D)$ into $H^{1/2}(\partial D)$.

Corollary: There exists $c > 0$ with

$$|\langle \varphi, S\varphi \rangle| \geq c \|\varphi\|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial D)}^2 \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\partial D).$$

Theorem: Let k^2 be no Dirichlet eigenvalue of $-\Delta$ in D . Then

$$\begin{aligned} z \in D &\Leftrightarrow \phi_z \in \mathcal{R}(G) \quad \text{where } \phi_z(\hat{x}) = \exp(-ikz \cdot \hat{x}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \inf\{|\langle \psi, F\psi \rangle_{L^2}| : \psi \in L^2(\mathcal{S}^{d-1}), \langle \psi, \phi_z \rangle_{L^2} = 1\} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Characterization by **range?**

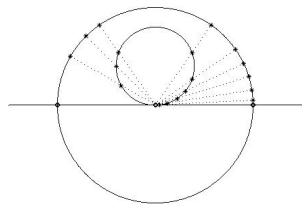
Range Identity, Cont.

Theorem: Let $F = GTG^* : Y \rightarrow Y$ be one-to-one and such that $I + irF$ is **unitary** for some $r > 0$. Furthermore, let $T : X^* \rightarrow X$ be compact perturbation of a selfadjoint and coercive operator and $\text{Im}\langle \varphi, T\varphi \rangle \neq 0$ for all $\varphi \neq 0$. Then $\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{R}((F^*F)^{1/4})$.

Idea of proof: $I + irF$ unitary implies F normal and thus $F\psi_j = \lambda_j\psi_j$. Then $F = |F|^{1/2}W|F|^{1/2}$ where

$$|F|^{1/2}\psi = \sum_j \sqrt{|\lambda_j|} \langle \psi, \psi_j \rangle_Y \psi_j,$$

$$W\psi = \sum_j \frac{\lambda_j}{|\lambda_j|} \langle \psi, \psi_j \rangle_Y \psi_j.$$



$$\begin{aligned} |\langle W\psi, \psi \rangle| &= \left| \sum_j \frac{\lambda_j}{|\lambda_j|} |\langle \psi, \psi_j \rangle_Y|^2 \right| \\ &\geq c \|\psi\|_Y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Range Identity

Scattering media/impedance tomography with absorption:

Theorem: Let $F = GTG^* : Y \rightarrow Y$ such that

(a) $G : X \rightarrow Y$ compact with dense range,

(b) $\operatorname{Re} T = \frac{1}{2}(T + T^*) : X^* \rightarrow X$ compact perturbation of a selfadjoint and coercive operator,

(c) $\operatorname{Im} T = \frac{1}{2i}(T - T^*)$ compact and strictly positive on $\overline{\mathcal{R}(G^*)}$; that is, $\operatorname{Im} \langle \varphi, T\varphi \rangle < 0$ for all $\varphi \in \overline{\mathcal{R}(G^*)}$, $\varphi \neq 0$.

Then $\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{R}(F_{\#}^{1/2})$ where $F_{\#} = |\operatorname{Re} F| + \operatorname{Im} F$.

Idea of **proof**: Factorization $F = GTG^*$ yields

$$\operatorname{Re} F = G(\operatorname{Re} T)G^* \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Im} F = G(\operatorname{Im} T)G^* .$$

Complicated: There exists T_1 such that $|\operatorname{Re} F| = GT_1G^*$, thus

$$F_{\#} = |\operatorname{Re} F| + \operatorname{Im} F = G[T_1 + \operatorname{Im} T]G^*$$

and $T_1 + \operatorname{Im} T$ is compact perturbation of coercive operator.

Application to Scattering Problem

Let k^2 be no Dirichlet-eigenvalue of $-\Delta$ in D .

Recall: $F = -GS^*G^*$ and F is **one-to-one** and $I + \frac{ik}{2\pi}F$ is **unitary** and $S^* = S_i + (S^* - S_i) : H^{-1/2}(\partial D) \rightarrow H^{1/2}(\partial D)$ where S_i is selfadjoint and **coercive** and $\text{Im}\langle \varphi, S^*\varphi \rangle > 0$ for all $\varphi \neq 0$. Thus

$$\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{R}((F^*F)^{1/4}).$$

Combination of previous theorems:

Theorem: Let k^2 be no Dirichlet-eigenvalue of $-\Delta$ in D . Then:

$$z \in D \iff \phi_z \in \mathcal{R}((F^*F)^{1/4})$$

Let $\{\lambda_j : j \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ be eigenvalues of F with normalized eigenfunctions $\psi_j \in L^2(S^{d-1})$ for $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

$$z \in D \iff \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle_{L^2}|^2}{|\lambda_j|} < \infty.$$

Numerical Simulations

Recall:

$$z \in D \iff \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle_{L^2}|^2}{|\lambda_j|} < \infty$$

$$\iff w(z) = \left[\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle_{L^2}|^2}{|\lambda_j|} \right]^{-1} > 0.$$

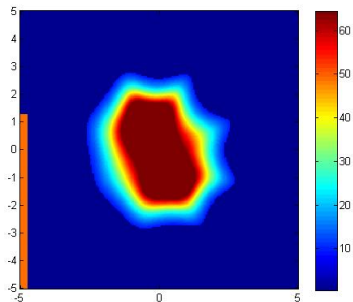
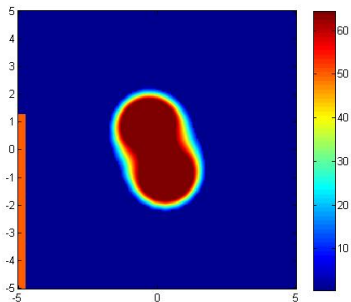
Therefore, $\text{sign}(w)$ is the characteristic function of D !

The following [examples](#) show plots of

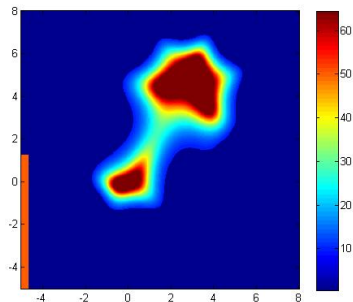
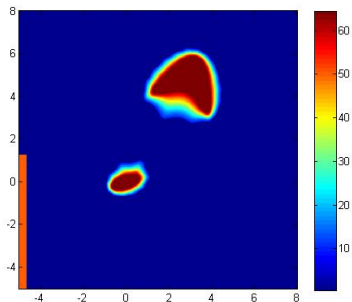
$$w_N(z) = \left[\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle|^2}{|\lambda_j|} \right]^{-1}, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}^2 :$$

for $N = 32$ or $N = 36$, respectively.

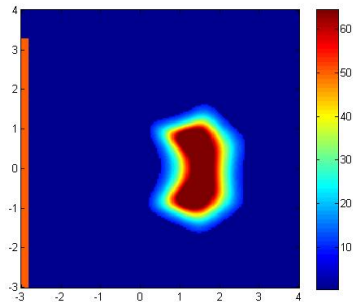
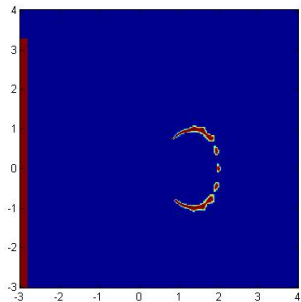
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