

The Factorization Method for Inverse Scattering Problems Part III

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Recall: Outline of the Course

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Inhomogeneous Medium

Direct scattering problem: Given bounded domain D and $k > 0$ and $q \in L^\infty(D)$ with $q \geq \hat{q} > 0$ on D and $u^{inc}(x) = \exp(ik\hat{\theta} \cdot x)$, determine total field u and scattered field $u^s = u - u^{inc}$ such that

$$\operatorname{div}[(1 + q)\nabla u] + k^2 u = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d, \quad u^s \text{ satisfies SRC.}$$

Inverse scattering problem: Given $u^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta})$ for all $\hat{x}, \hat{\theta} \in S^{d-1}$, determine q – or at least D !

Far field operator $F : L^2(S^{d-1}) \rightarrow L^2(S^{d-1})$ defined by

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

is again **compact** and **normal** and $I + \frac{ik}{2\pi} F$ is **unitary**.

Inhomogeneous Medium

Theorem: F has factorization $F = -H^*TH$ where $H : L^2(S^{d-1}) \rightarrow L^2(D)^d$ and $T : L^2(D)^d \rightarrow L^2(D)^d$ are defined as

$$(Hg)(x) = \sqrt{q(x)} \nabla \int_{S^{d-1}} g(\hat{\theta}) e^{ikx \cdot \hat{\theta}} ds(\hat{\theta}), \quad x \in D,$$

$Tf = f - \sqrt{q} \nabla v|_D$ where v is the radiating solution of

$$\operatorname{div}[(1+q)\nabla v] + k^2 v = \operatorname{div}(\sqrt{q}f) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Check assumption for range identity. **Crucial:** T coercive in general sense on $\overline{\mathcal{R}(H)}$ and F one-to-one.

Theorem: F is one-to-one if k^2 is not an interior transmission eigenvalue of

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}[(1+q)\nabla u] + k^2 u &= 0 \text{ in } D, & \Delta w + k^2 w &= 0 \text{ in } D, \\ u &= w \text{ on } \partial D, & (1+q)\partial_\nu u &= \partial_\nu w \text{ on } \partial D. \end{aligned}$$

Inhomogeneous Medium

Theorem: T coercive in general sense on $\overline{\mathcal{R}(H)}$ provided k^2 is not an interior transmission eigenvalue.

Theorem: $z \in D$ if, and only if, $\phi_z \in \mathcal{R}(H^*)$.

Application of range identity:

Theorem: Let k^2 be no interior transmission eigenvalue. Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 z \in D &\iff \phi_z \in \mathcal{R}((F^*F)^{1/4}) \\
 &\iff \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle_{L^2}|^2}{|\lambda_j|} < \infty \\
 &\iff w(z) = \left[\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle_{L^2}|^2}{|\lambda_j|} \right]^{-1} > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The Interior Transmission EVP

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}[(1+q)\nabla u] + \lambda u &= 0 \text{ in } D, & \Delta w + \lambda w &= 0 \text{ in } D, \\ u &= w \text{ on } \partial D, & (1+q)\partial_\nu u &= \partial_\nu w \text{ on } \partial D. \end{aligned}$$

Example: B ball and q constant:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u + \frac{\lambda}{1+q} u &= 0 \text{ in } D, & \Delta w + \lambda w &= 0 \text{ in } D, \\ u &= w \text{ on } \partial D, & (1+q)\partial_\nu u &= \partial_\nu w \text{ on } \partial D. \end{aligned}$$

Ansatz ($d = 2$): $u(r) = \alpha J_0(\sqrt{\lambda/(1+q)} r)$, $w(r) = \beta J_0(\sqrt{\lambda} r)$

Determine α and β from transmission conditions! Asymptotics of Besselfunctions yields **infinite sequence** $\lambda_j \rightarrow \infty$ with vanishing determinant.

The Interior Transmission EVP

Now **general case**: $q \in L^\infty(D)$ real-valued with $q(x) \geq \hat{q} > 0$ on D .

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}[(1+q)\nabla u] + \lambda u &= 0 \quad \text{in } D, \\ \Delta w + \lambda w &= 0 \quad \text{in } D. \end{aligned}$$

Replace u by $v = w - u$. Then $v \in H_0^1(D)$ and

$$\operatorname{div}[(1+q)\nabla v] + \lambda v = \operatorname{div}(q\nabla w) \quad \text{in } D.$$

Note that $\iint_D v dx = 0$. Define $T_\lambda : H_{0,\diamond}^1(D) \rightarrow H_\diamond^1(D)$ by $v \mapsto w$. Then $T_\lambda = T_0 + \lambda T_1$. Find $v \in H_{0,\diamond}^1(D)$ such that $\Delta w + \lambda w = 0$ in D ; that is

$$a_\lambda(v, \psi) = \iint_D [\nabla w \cdot \nabla \bar{\psi} - \lambda w \bar{\psi}] dx = 0, \quad \psi \in H_{0,\diamond}^1(D),$$

where $w = T_\lambda v$.

The Interior Transmission EVP

λ transmission eigenvalue if there exists nontrivial $v \in H_{0,\diamond}^1(D)$ such that $a_\lambda(v, \psi) = 0$ for all $\psi \in H_{0,\diamond}^1(D)$.

$a_\lambda = a_0 + \lambda a_1 + \lambda^2 a_2$ with hermitean forms a_j and a_0 is **coercive** and a_2 **positive**. This leads to **compact, self-adjoint operators**

$K_1, K_2 : H_{0,\diamond}^1(D) \rightarrow H_{0,\diamond}^1(D)$ by representation theorem of Riesz.

Variational equation takes the form:

$$v + \lambda K_1 v + \lambda^2 K_2 v = 0.$$

K_2 positive implies existence of $K_2^{1/2}$. With $z = \lambda K_2^{1/2} v$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} v \\ z \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2^{1/2} \\ -K_2^{1/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus: spectrum is discrete!

Maxwell's Equations, Introduction

Electric field $E : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ and magnetic field $H : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{curl} E &= i\omega\mu H \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \operatorname{curl} H &= -i\omega\varepsilon E + \sigma E \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3,\end{aligned}$$

and tangential components of E and H are continuous at interfaces.

Parameters:

dielectricity $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r$, permeability $\mu = \mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Vs}}{\text{Am}}$,

conductivity σ , speed of light $c_0 = 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0} \approx 3 \cdot 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

wave number: $k = \omega/c_0 = \omega\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0}$

Assumption: $\varepsilon_r \in L^\infty(D)$ positive, $\sigma = 0$. Then $E, H \in H_{loc}(\operatorname{curl}, \mathbb{R}^3)$ where

$$F \in H_{loc}(\operatorname{curl}, \mathbb{R}^3) \iff F|_B, \operatorname{curl} F|_B \in L^2(B)$$

for all balls $B \subset \mathbb{R}^3$.

Maxwell's Equations, Introduction

Solution has to be understood in the variational sense:

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\operatorname{curl} E \cdot \operatorname{curl} \psi - k^2 \varepsilon_r E \cdot \psi] dx = 0$$
$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\varepsilon_r^{-1} \operatorname{curl} H \cdot \operatorname{curl} \psi - k^2 H \cdot \psi] dx = 0$$

for all $\psi \in H(\operatorname{curl}, \mathbb{R}^3)$ with compact support.

(Additional assumption: $\varepsilon_r^{-1} \in L^\infty(D)$).

Scattering problem: Given E^{inc}, H^{inc} , determine total fields E, H and scattered fields $E^s = E - E^{inc}$ and $H^s = H - H^{inc}$ such that E, H solve system and E^s, H^s satisfy a radiation condition (Silver-Müller radiation condition).

Maxwell's Equations, Introduction

Every radiating solution v of

$$\operatorname{curl}^2 v - k^2 v = 0 \quad \text{outside some ball}$$

has asymptotic behaviour of the form

$$v(x) = \frac{\exp(ik|x|)}{4\pi|x|} v^\infty(\hat{x}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{|x|^2}\right), \quad |x| \rightarrow \infty.$$

uniformly w.r.t. $\hat{x} = x/|x|$ where $v^\infty : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ is **far field pattern**.

Plane incident field of direction $\hat{\theta} \in S^2$ and polarization $p \in \mathbb{C}^3$ with $p \cdot \hat{\theta} = 0$:

$$H^{inc}(x, \hat{\theta}; p) = p e^{ik\hat{\theta} \cdot x} \quad \text{and} \quad E^{inc} = -\frac{1}{i\omega\epsilon_0} \operatorname{curl} H^{inc}$$

corresponds to far field pattern $H^\infty = H^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}; p)$.

Maxwell's Equations, Introduction

Inverse scattering problem: Given $H^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}; p)$ for all $\hat{x}, \hat{\theta} \in S^2$ and $p \in \mathbb{C}^3$ with $p \cdot \theta = 0$, find ε_r or (only) the support \overline{D} of $\varepsilon_r - 1$!

Uniqueness: D. Colton, L. Päivärinta 1992: ε_r is uniquely determined by $H^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}; p)$ for all $\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}, p$.

Standard reference: D. Colton and R. Kress: Inverse Acoustic and Electromagnetic Scattering Theory, 2nd edition, Springer, 1998.

Also possible: **Anisotropic case**; that is, ε_r is matrix-valued and $\varepsilon_r(x)$ symmetric for a.a. x and $\varepsilon_r(x), \varepsilon_r^{-1}(x)$ are uniformly positive definite on D .

Then uniqueness only up to “change of coordinates”.

Our goal: Determine only support D of contrast $\varepsilon_r - 1$!

Maxwell's Equations, Far Field Operator

Far field operator $F : L_t^2(S^2) \rightarrow L_t^2(S^2)$, defined as

$$(Fp)(\hat{x}) := \int_{S^2} H^\infty(\hat{x}, \hat{\theta}; p(\hat{\theta})) ds(\hat{\theta}), \quad \hat{x} \in S^2,$$

satisfies
$$F - F^* = \frac{ik}{8\pi^2} F^* F.$$

Scattering operator $\mathcal{S} := I + \frac{ik}{8\pi^2} F$ is unitary and F is normal.

Maxwell's Equations, Factorization

Recall: $\operatorname{curl} \left[\varepsilon_r^{-1} \operatorname{curl} H \right] - k^2 H = 0$; that is,

$$\operatorname{curl} \left[\varepsilon_r^{-1} \operatorname{curl} H^s \right] - k^2 H^s = \operatorname{curl} [q \operatorname{curl} H^{inc}] \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3,$$

where $q = 1 - \varepsilon_r^{-1}$ denotes **contrast**.

Assumption: $q(x) \geq \hat{q} > 0$ on D . Define: $\mathcal{H}: L_t^2(S^2) \rightarrow L^2(D, \mathbb{C}^3)$ and $\mathcal{T}: L^2(D, \mathbb{C}^3) \rightarrow L^2(D, \mathbb{C}^3)$ by

$$(\mathcal{H}p)(x) = \sqrt{q(x)} \operatorname{curl} \int_{S^2} p(\theta) e^{ikx \cdot \theta} ds(\theta), \quad x \in D, \text{ and}$$

$\mathcal{T}f = [f + \sqrt{q} \operatorname{curl} v]$ and $v \in H_{loc}(\operatorname{curl}, \mathbb{R}^3)$ solves

$$\operatorname{curl} \left[\varepsilon_r^{-1} \operatorname{curl} v \right] - k^2 v = \operatorname{curl} [\sqrt{q} f] \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Theorem: The following factorization holds:

$$F = \mathcal{H}^* \mathcal{T} \mathcal{H}$$

Factorization Method, cont.

Theorem: For $z \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and fixed $p \in \mathbb{C}^3$ define $\phi_z \in L_t^2(S^2)$ by

$$\phi_z(\hat{x}) = -ik (\hat{x} \times p) e^{-ik\hat{x} \cdot z}, \quad \hat{x} \in S^2.$$

Then: $z \in D \iff \phi_z \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H}^*)$

Theorem: Assume that k^2 is not an interior transmission eigenvalue (see below). Then

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

Corollary:

$$z \in D \iff \phi_z \in \mathcal{R}((F^*F)^{1/4}) \iff \sum_j \frac{|\langle \phi_z, \psi_j \rangle_{L^2}|^2}{|\lambda_j|} < \infty$$

where $\{\lambda_j, \psi_j\}$ spectral system of (normal!) operator F .

Interior Transmission Eigenvalue

Definition: $\lambda > 0$ is called **interior transmission eigenvalue** if there exists $u, w \in H(\text{curl}, D)$ with

$$\begin{aligned}\text{curl}[(1 + q) \text{curl } u] - \lambda u &= 0 \quad \text{in } D, \\ \text{curl curl } w - \lambda w &= 0 \quad \text{in } D,\end{aligned}$$

$$\nu \times u = \nu \times w \quad \text{on } \partial D, \quad (1 + q) \nu \times \text{curl } u = \nu \times \text{curl } w \quad \text{on } \partial D.$$