

Waves and Compressible Flow

Lecture 6

3. Methods for linear waves

- For finite domains, superimpose normal modes — find using separation of variables.
- For infinite domains, superimpose time-harmonic travelling wave solutions — find using a Fourier transform.
- Analyse Fourier integrals using method of stationary phase.
- Supersonic thin airfoil theory — use method of characteristics.

Separation of variables

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Example: Acoustic waves in a 1D box

- 1D waves in a box in $0 < x < a$, with fixed ends at $x = 0, a$, are governed by $\phi(x, t)$ s.t. ① $\phi_{tt} = c_0^2 \phi_{xx}$ for $0 < x < a$,
② $\phi_x = 0$ at $x = 0, a$.
- Seek normal mode with frequency ω , i.e. $\phi = f(x) e^{-i\omega t}$ (real part understood)
 $\Rightarrow f'' + \left(\frac{\omega}{c_0}\right)^2 f = 0$ for $0 < x < a$, with $f'(0) = f'(a) = 0$.

- Hence, $f(x) = A \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$ ($A \in \mathbb{C}$) and $\omega = \frac{n\pi c_0}{a}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$),
i.e. a countably infinite set of natural or resonant frequencies.

- ①-② linear so can superimpose (with $n \geq 0$ wlog) to obtain general

series solution

$$\phi(x, t) = \frac{B_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \left(B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c_0 t}{a}\right) + C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c_0 t}{a}\right) \right)$$

($B_n, C_n \in \mathbb{R}$).

- If $\phi(x, 0) = F(x)$, $\phi_t(x, 0) = G(x)$, then theory of Fourier series gives

$$B_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a F(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx, \quad \frac{n\pi c_0}{a} C_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a G(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx.$$

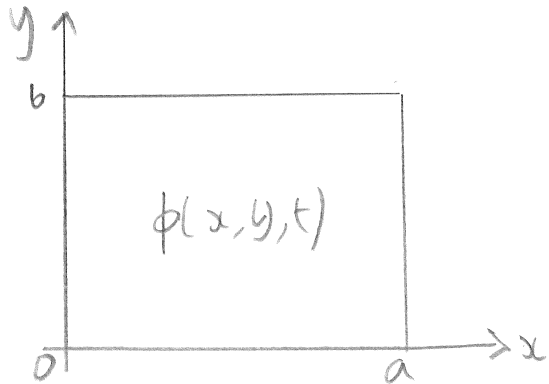
- NB: Can choose F s.t. $B_0 = 0$ wlog (as in online notes).

Qⁿ: What happens if one end of the box is oscillated?

- Suppose now LH boundary is at $x = \varepsilon e^{-i\omega t}$, where $\varepsilon \ll a$.
- Kinematic BC $\Rightarrow \phi_x = -i\omega\varepsilon e^{-i\omega t}$ at $x=0$ upon linearizing for $\varepsilon \ll a$.
- Try $\phi = e^{-i\omega t} f(x) \Rightarrow f'' + \left(\frac{\omega}{c_0}\right)^2 f = 0$ for $0 < x < a$, with $f'(0) = -i\omega\varepsilon$, $f'(a) = 0$.
- Solving gives $f(x) = -i c_0 \varepsilon \frac{\cos \frac{\omega}{c_0} (a-x)}{\sin \frac{\omega a}{c_0}}$ for $\sin \frac{\omega a}{c_0} \neq 0$.

- Amplitude becomes unbounded (resonance) as $\omega \rightarrow \frac{n\pi c_0}{a}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$),
i.e. as ω approaches one of the natural or resonant frequencies.
- Resonance is fundamental mechanism behind many physical phenomena, e.g. musical instruments.
- If $\omega = \frac{n\pi c_0}{a}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, seek instead a secular solution of the form $\phi = (f(x) + tg(x))e^{-i\omega t}$ - see online notes for f e.g.
- Find $g \neq 0$, so linearization breaks down at large times.

Example: Acoustic waves in a 2D box



$$\phi_{tt} = c_0^2 \nabla^2 \phi \quad \text{for } 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b;$$

$$\phi_x = 0 \text{ at } x = 0, a; \quad \phi_y = 0 \text{ at } y = 0, b.$$

$$\bullet \text{ Try } \phi = f(x)g(y)e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} fg = f''g + fg''$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f''}{f} = -\frac{g''}{g} - \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \quad (fg \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f''}{f} = -\lambda^2, \quad \frac{g''}{g} = -\mu^2, \quad \lambda^2 + \mu^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \quad (\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R})$$

with signs chosen for non-trivial solutions.

- $f'' + \lambda^2 f = 0$ for $0 < x < a$, with $f'(0) = f'(a) = 0 \Rightarrow$ non-trivial solutions

$$f(x) \propto \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right), \quad \lambda = \frac{n\pi}{a} \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

- $g'' + \mu^2 g = 0$ for $0 < y < b$, with $g'(0) = g'(b) = 0 \Rightarrow$ non-trivial solutions

$$g(y) \propto \cos\left(\frac{m\pi y}{b}\right), \quad \mu = \frac{m\pi}{b} \quad (m \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

- Combo $\Rightarrow \phi = A \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi y}{b}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$, $\omega^2 = \pi^2 c_0^2 \left(\frac{n^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2}\right)$ ($m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$)

- Hence, there is a doubly-infinite set of natural frequencies,

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Example: Acoustic waves in a 3D box

- In $\{0 < x < a, 0 < y < b, 0 < z < c\}$, normal modes are

$$\phi = A \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi y}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{l\pi z}{c}\right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

with

$$\omega^2 = \pi^2 c_0^2 \left(\frac{n^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} + \frac{l^2}{c^2} \right) \quad (m, n, l \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

- In general, find an infinite family of normal modes for each spatial dimension.
- Can still superimpose to satisfy ICs using Fourier theory.

Example: spherically symmetric acoustic waves

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• Suppose gas is contained in the annular region $a < r < b$.

• For spherically symmetric waves $\phi(r, t)$ satisfies

$$\phi_{tt} = \frac{c_0^2}{r} (r\phi)_{rr} \text{ for } a < r < b; \quad \phi_r = 0 \text{ on } r = a, b.$$

• Seek normal modes $\phi = f(r) e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\Rightarrow (rf)'' + \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} rf = 0 \text{ for } a < r < b; \quad f'(a) = f'(b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(r) = \frac{1}{r} \left(A \cos\left(\frac{\omega r}{c_0}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{\omega r}{c_0}\right) \right) \quad (A, B \in \mathbb{C})$$

• BCs \Rightarrow
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos ka + k a \sin ka & \sin ka - k a \cos ka \\ \cos kb + k b \sin kb & \sin kb - k b \cos kb \end{bmatrix}}_{M(k = \omega/c_0)} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(M) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (1 + k^2 ab) \tan k(b-a) = k(b-a)$

$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{ab}{c_0^2} \omega^2\right) \tan \frac{(b-a)}{c_0} \omega = \frac{(b-a)}{c_0} \omega$

• Given a, b, c_0 this transcendental equation for the natural frequencies ω has a countably infinite set of solutions.

Example: circularly symmetric acoustic waves

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- Suppose $\phi(r, t)$: $\phi_{tt} = c_0^2 (\phi_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} \phi_r)$ for $0 < r < a$;
 $\phi = o(1)$ at $r = 0$; $\phi_r = 0$ on $r = a$.

- Try $\phi = f(r)e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow f'' + \frac{1}{r}f' + \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2}f = 0$ for $0 < r < a$;
 $f(0) = o(1)$ and $f'(a) = 0$.

- Let $r = \frac{c_0}{\omega} \xi$, $f(r) = F(\xi)$, then $\xi^2 F'' + \xi F' + \xi^2 F = 0$, which is Bessel's equation of order 0; hence $F(\xi) = AJ_0(\xi) + BY_0(\xi)$
 $(A, B \in \mathbb{C})$

- But only J_0 is bounded at the origin, so $f(r) = A J_0\left(\frac{\omega r}{c_0}\right)$.

- Other BC $\Rightarrow J_0'\left(\frac{\omega a}{c_0}\right) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega a}{c_0} = \xi_{0,m} \quad (m \in \mathbb{Z}^+), \text{ where } \xi_{0,1} < \xi_{0,2} < \dots$$

are the countably infinite set of extrema of $J_0(\xi)$.

- Straight forward to extend analysis to find normal modes

in a pipe $\{r < a, 0 < z < L\}$ — see online notes.