The "Fast Hybrid Method" for Wave Scattering: New Advances in Time-Domain Integral Equations

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- Applications: photovoltaic efficiency, nanophotonics
- Characterization of propagation in dispersive materials
- Defense: RADAR, imaging systems

Challenging problem! Previous work

Existing Numerical Methods:

- Finite-difference / Finite-element time domain (FDTD / FETD)
- Direct solution of time-domain integral equations
- Convolution Quadrature



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Volumetric (FDTD/FETD) methods

- Must discretize entire volumetric grid
- For exterior problems, absorbing boundary conditions (Perfectly Matched Layers)
- Time-stepping ⇒ growing cost for large time
- Generally low-order accurate methods ⇒ computationally expensive
- Numerical dispersion ⇒ multiple scattering is problematic



Ref: Shin et al., JCP (2012)

Convolution Quadrature: A true Hybrid method

Still a time-stepping method — with connections to discrete Laplace transform. Use Z-transform relations for $\{u_d(t_i, \mathbf{r}) : 1 \le i \le N_d\}$:

$$U_d(z;\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_d(t_n,\mathbf{r}) z^n, \quad u_d(t_n,\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{U_d(z;\mathbf{r})}{z^{n+1}} dz.$$

Hybrid frequency/time method — decoupled modified Helmholtz problems for U_d :

$$\Delta U_d - s^2 U_d = 0, \quad U_d|_{\Gamma} = H_s$$

- Relies on a choice of A-stable integrator: BDF2, RK
- Two sources of temporal approximation error
 - Time-stepping error, smaller
 Δt
 - Contour integral error, more U_d solutions



Ref: Betcke, SIAM J. Sci. Comput. (2017)

Convolution Quadrature: Discussion

Advantages:

- Hybrid algorithm decouples solution Parallel in time
- Boundary integral equations: Dimensional reduction!
- Exploits fast frequency-domain solvers

Disadvantages:

- Limited order of accuracy, dispersion due to finite differences
- Fast solvers only demonstrated at low spatial order (linear Galerkin)
- Increasing cost for large time
- Need many frequency-domain solutions for full accuracy

Time Domain Integral Equations

Focuses on representation formula:

$$u(\mathbf{r},t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} \int_{\Gamma} G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') \varphi(\mathbf{r}', t') d\sigma(\mathbf{r}') dt'$$
(2)

where

$$G(\mathbf{r},t) = \begin{cases} \frac{H(ct-|\mathbf{r}|)}{2\pi\sqrt{(ct)^2-|\mathbf{r}|^2}} & \text{for } d=2 \text{ and} \\ \frac{\delta(ct-|\mathbf{r}|)}{4\pi|\mathbf{r}|} & \text{for } d=3. \end{cases}$$
(3)

Direct solution:

$$\iint_{\Gamma(t)} G(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}',t-t')\varphi(\mathbf{r}',t')d\sigma(\mathbf{r}')dt'$$
$$= h(\mathbf{r},t), \quad (\mathbf{r},t) \in \Gamma \times [0,T]$$

- Difficult to ensure stability
- Complex schemes
- Low-order convergence





$$-\iint_{t_l \le |x-y| \le t_{l+1}} (\cdots) \, d\sigma_x \, d\sigma_y,$$

Ref: Ha-Duong, Topics in Comput. Wave Propag. (2003)

Frequency-domain solvers: Boundary integral equations

Solution Method for Frequency-domain (Fourier-Time Transform) Analysis

$$\Delta U + \omega^2 U = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega \tag{4a}$$

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1st-kind integral equation:
$$(S_{\omega}\psi)(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\Gamma} G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}')\psi(\mathbf{r}')d\sigma = U^{i}(\mathbf{r})$$

2nd-kind integral equation: $\left[-\frac{1}{2}I + K_{\omega}^{*} + i\eta S_{\omega}\right](\psi)(\mathbf{r}) = \partial_{\nu}U^{i}(\mathbf{r}) + i\eta U^{i}(\mathbf{r})$

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A Hybrid Approach

Use Fourier transformation:

$$u(\mathbf{r},t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\mathbf{r},\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega,$$
(6)

Can use any frequency-domain solution, but for integral equations,

$$U(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \int_{\Gamma} \psi(\mathbf{r}',\omega) G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') d\sigma(\mathbf{r}').$$
(7)

Frequency-domain solutions are obtained via transforming incident fields and solving, e.g. with layer potentials,

$$(S_{\omega}\psi)(\mathbf{r},\omega) = -U^{i}(\mathbf{r},\omega)$$
(8)

Questions to address:

- How do we best exploit a Hybrid approach for HPC?
- What quadrature rule is used?
- How many frequency-domain problems need be solved? Relationship to t?

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- Requires global regularity and periodicity for high-order convergence.

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Integrating exactly and evaluating on $t_\ell = \ell \Delta t$,

$$u(t_{\ell}) = \sum_{m=-N/2}^{N/2-1} c_m b_{\beta\ell-m}$$
, where $\beta = \frac{W}{\pi} \Delta t$ and $b_q = 2W \operatorname{sinc}(q)$

On [a, b], more generally,

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Generalized Fourier Quadrature Rule: Analysis

We have the quadrature rule:

$$I_{a}^{b}[F](t_{\ell}) = \delta e^{-it_{\ell}\gamma} \sum_{m=-N/2}^{N/2-1} c_{m} \int_{-W}^{W} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{P}(\beta\ell-m)} d\omega, \quad \beta = \frac{\delta P}{2\pi} \Delta t$$
$$= \delta e^{-it_{\ell}\gamma} \sum_{m=-N/2}^{N/2-1} c_{m} b_{\beta m-\ell}, \quad \text{where} \quad b_{q} := 2W \operatorname{sinc}(\frac{2W}{P}q)$$

For L₁ ≤ ℓ ≤ L₂, defines a scaled convolution. Fast algorithms exist to evaluate in O(M log M) time, M = max(N, L₂ − L₁).

Uses Fractional Fourier Transforms and FFTs. Ref: Nascov & Logafotu (2009).

• Quadrature rule requires $\mathcal{O}(1)$ coefficients for **uniform error** as $t \to \infty$.

- Dispersionless
- For $F \in C_{per}$, $\mathcal{O}(e^{-\alpha N})$ convergence.
- For $F \notin C_{per}$, cf. Trapezoidal rule: $\mathcal{O}(1/N)$ convergence.
 - We observe high order convergence, e.g. $\mathcal{O}(1/N^{10})$.
 - Still a spectral (dispersionless) method

Numerical results: Fourier quadrature rule (periodic)



Overall hybrid algorithm

Given (incoming) boundary conditions: $u^{inc}(\mathbf{r},t), \mathbf{r} \in \Gamma$

- Fourier transform to obtain $U^{inc}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$.
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③ For each desired point $\mathbf{r} \in \Omega$, compute

$$U(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \int_{\Gamma} \psi(\mathbf{r}',\omega) G_{\omega}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') \, d\sigma(\mathbf{r}').$$

$$u(\mathbf{r},t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\mathbf{r},\omega) e^{-i\omega t} \, d\omega, \qquad (9)$$

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• When solving wave equation in \mathbb{R}^2 , nonsmooth behavior as $\omega \to 0^{\pm}$. Use Filon-Clenshaw-Curtis and nonperiodic Fourier rule.

Plane wave incident on kite scatterer in \mathbb{R}^2

Hybrid method solution with Gaussian-modulated plane wave incidence:

$$U^{inc}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = e^{-\frac{(\omega-\omega_0)^2}{\sigma^2}} e^{i\omega\frac{\mathbf{k}}{||\mathbf{k}||}\cdot\mathbf{r}}, \quad \text{where} \quad \omega_0 = 12, \sigma = 2, \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{e}_x + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{e}_y.$$

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Convergence





All-time L^{∞} error as function of freq. discretization refinement h_{ω} .

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Long-duration incident waves

- Dominant cost of Hybrid method: Frequency-domain solutions
 - Enables parallelization
 - Number of solutions dependent on complexity of incident field

Challenge when time-dependent field has long duration:



Figure: Smooth linear chirp signal, large t



Figure: Fourier transform of linear chirp

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Temporal Partition of Unity

Recall problem:

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(\mathbf{r},t) - c^2 \Delta u(\mathbf{r},t) = 0, \quad \mathbf{r} \in \Omega, \\ & u(\mathbf{r},t) = h(\mathbf{r},t) \quad \text{for} \quad (\mathbf{r},t) \in \Gamma \times [0,T]. \end{split}$$

Define a partition of unity of *time*. Let $s_k \in [0, T]$ and windowing functions w_k :

$$H_k(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w_k(t) h(\mathbf{r},t) e^{i\omega t} dt, \quad H_k^{slow}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = e^{-i\omega s_k} H_k(\mathbf{r},\omega).$$

Apply hybrid method: solve frequency-domain problems for U_k with H_k boundary conditions.

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What does the partition of unity yield?



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Temporal Partition of Unity II

Build time-partitioned solutions using Fourier shifting:

$$u_k(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_k(\mathbf{r},\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_k^{slow}(\mathbf{r},\omega) e^{-i\omega(t+s_k)} d\omega.$$

In practice,

$$u_k^W(\mathbf{r},t) = \int_{-W}^W U_k^{slow}(\mathbf{r},\omega) e^{-i\omega(t+s_k)} \, d\omega$$

and the overall solution is reconstituted as:

$$u(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} u_k(\mathbf{r},t) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{K} u_k^W(\mathbf{r},t)$$

Overall this allows efficient long-time computation.

- Note: $H_k^{slow}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = e^{-i\omega s_k} H_k(\mathbf{r},\omega)$
 - ► Implies we can re-use frequency-domain solutions! Use linearity..
- Need not compute $u_k^W(\mathbf{r}, t)$ for every \mathbf{r} , t. Track when windows are *active*.
 - Reliant on geometrical considerations and BIE densities.

Time-partitioning for long incident duration



Time-tracking of active windows



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Example: Whispering Gallery



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Questions?



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