

Computation of a Green's kernel in a bounded domain

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1 Computation of the Green kernel

Let Ω be a connex bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , and we are interested about studying the wave equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(t, \mathbf{x}) - \Delta u(t, \mathbf{x}) = n(t, \mathbf{x}), & \text{for } (t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}}(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0, & \text{for } (t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Let us denote G the Green's kernel, solution in sense of distribution of the equation, for a given $\mathbf{y} \in \Omega$:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial t^2}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \Delta G(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \delta(t)\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}), & \text{for } (t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \Omega \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial \vec{n}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0, & \text{for } (t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Then, from (2), one can recompose solution of (1) by using the formula

$$u(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t G(t-s, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) n(s, \mathbf{y}) ds d\mathbf{y} \quad (3)$$

Now we focus on computation of Green's kernel. Let us denote \hat{G} the Fourier transform of G with respect to time, defined by

$$\hat{G}(\omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} G(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \exp(-i\omega t) dt \quad (4)$$

Equation (2) becomes, in Fourier domain,

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \hat{G}(\omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \Delta \hat{G}(\omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}), & \text{for } (\omega, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \\ \frac{\partial \hat{G}}{\partial \vec{n}}(\omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0, & \text{for } (\omega, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R} \times \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Now, assume that we know the eigenvalues and the eigenfunctions of the Laplacien, *i.e.* that we know the sequence $(\lambda_n, \Phi_n)_{n \geq 0}$ with λ_n sorted in ascend order such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \Phi_n(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda_n \Phi_n(\mathbf{x}), & \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial \vec{n}} = 0, & \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Moreover, we assume that the functions Φ_n are orthogonal in $L^2(\Omega)$. We can decompose then G by using

$$\hat{G}(\omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\langle G(\omega, \cdot, \mathbf{y}), \Phi_n \rangle}{\langle \Phi_n, \Phi_n \rangle} \Phi_n(\mathbf{x}) \quad (7)$$

We also have

$$\langle \Delta G(\omega, \cdot, \mathbf{y}), \Phi_n \rangle = \langle G(\omega, \cdot, \mathbf{y}), \Delta \Phi_n \rangle = -\lambda_n \langle G(\omega, \cdot, \mathbf{y}), \Phi_n \rangle \quad (8)$$

and

$$\langle \delta(\cdot - \mathbf{y}), \Phi_n \rangle = \Phi_n(\mathbf{y}) \quad (9)$$

Now, taking the scalar product in (5) with respect to Φ_n and using both (8, 9) leads to

$$\left(\lambda_n - \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \right) \langle G(\omega, \cdot, \mathbf{y}), \Phi_n \rangle = \Phi_n(\mathbf{y}) \quad (10)$$

We replace (10) in (7), and we get

$$\hat{G}(\omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{\left(\lambda_n - \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \right)} \frac{\Phi_n(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_n(\mathbf{y})}{\langle \Phi_n, \Phi_n \rangle} \quad (11)$$

2 Computation of eigenvalues / eigenfunctions

2.1 General case

We consider problem (6) in $H^1(\Omega)$, and we multiply by a function test $V \in H^1(\Omega)$. Using Neumann condition, we can write variational formulation of this problem as follow:

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \Phi_n \cdot \nabla V = \lambda_n \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n V \quad (12)$$

We assume that we've build matrices K and M corresponding to rigidity and mass matrix, then we compute N first eigenvalues and eigenvectors as

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[V,D]=eigs(K,M,N,'SM');
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D is a $N \times N$ diagonal matrix containing smallest eigenvalues, and V is a $N_{\text{ddl}} \times N$ matrix containing eigenvectors.

$$K V = M V D$$

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mesh = meshcircle(1,0.001);
[~,ddl,~,lblddl,Diag,Phi,PhiX,PhiY]=mef(mesh,1,2);
Rigidity = PhiX'*Diag*PhiX+PhiY'*Diag*PhiY;
Mass = Phi'*Diag*Phi;
[V,D]=eigs(Rigidity, Mass, 7, 'SM');
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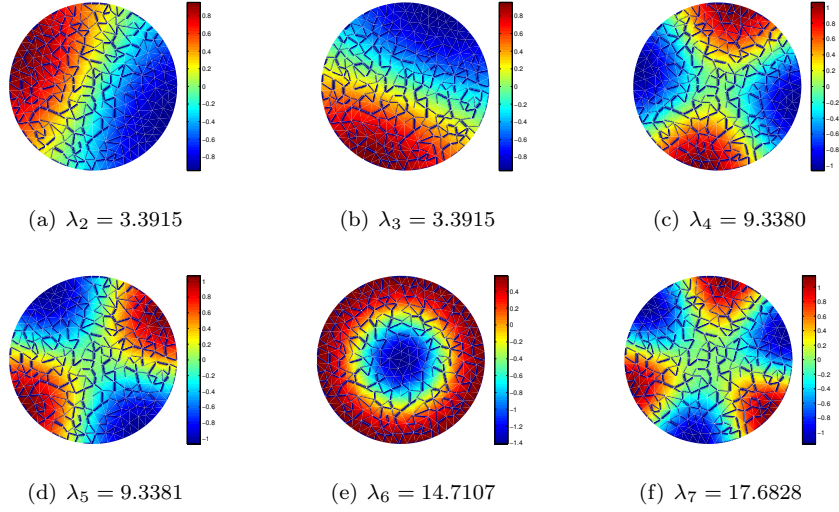


Figure 1: Computation of six first nonconstant eigenvectors when $\Omega = B(0, 1)$

2.2 Rectangular domain

We consider domain $\Omega = (0, L_x) \times (0, L_y)$, and we consider problem (6). Since variables are separable in this domain, one can look at eigenproblem of Laplacian in $(0, L)$ with Neumann condition: function is given by

$$\phi_p(x, L) = \cos\left(\frac{p\pi x}{L}\right), \quad p \geq 0 \quad (13)$$

Then, one define, for a couple of integers (p, q) , one defines $\Phi_{p,q}(x, y)$ as

$$\Phi_{p,q}(x, y) = \phi_p(x, L_x)\phi_q(y, L_y) = \cos\left(\frac{p\pi x}{L_x}\right)\cos\left(\frac{q\pi y}{L_y}\right) \quad (14)$$

and computation of Laplacian gives

$$\Delta\Phi_{p,q}(x, y) = -\left(\left(\frac{p\pi}{L_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q\pi}{L_y}\right)^2\right)\Phi_{p,q}(x, y) \quad (15)$$

so that we can define eigenvalues $\lambda_{p,q}$ as

$$\lambda_{p,q} = \left(\frac{p\pi}{L_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q\pi}{L_y}\right)^2 \quad (16)$$