Bloch wave excitation and the Wiener-Hopf technique

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Bloch waves

- A plane wave incident from outside can excite Bloch waves in a crystalline structure that supports them.
- Joannopoulos et al. describe the process, but no calculations are given.

'The amplitudes of the refracted and reflected waves ... require a more detailed solution of the Maxwell equations.'



'Photonic Crystals Molding the Flow of Light' Joannopoulos et al. (2008)

The wave equation

• Consider the acoustic wave equation, with speed of sound c:

$$\left(
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ight) U(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0.$$

Other physical contexts (electromagnetism, water waves, elasticity) are similar; the algebra for the electromagnetic case is a lot worse.

• Look for time-harmonic solutions:

$$U(\mathbf{r}, t) = u_1(\mathbf{r}) \cos(\omega t) - u_2(\mathbf{r}) \sin(\omega t)$$
$$= \operatorname{Re} \left[u(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\omega t} \right]$$

where u is a complex valued function of position.

• Now we just have to solve the Helmholtz equation for *u*:

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)u(\mathbf{r}) = 0, \quad k = \omega/c.$$

Single scattering

• Consider scattering by one circular cylinder (no variation in z).



• By separation of variables, the incident and scattered waves can be expanded in the form

$$u^{\mathrm{i}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I_n \mathcal{J}_n(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{ and } \quad u^{\mathrm{s}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n \mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{r})$$

where

$$\mathcal{J}_n(\mathbf{r}) = \mathsf{J}_n(kr) \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} n heta}$$
 and $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{r}) = \Big[\mathsf{J}_n(kr) + \mathrm{i} \, \mathsf{Y}_n(kr) \Big] \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} n heta}.$

- I_n is known; A_n is related to I_n by the boundary conditions.
- At low to moderate frequencies, $A_n \rightarrow 0$ rapidly as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$.
- We are not treating scatterers as points!

Multiple scattering

• The same idea works for multiple bodies, but now there is a set of unknowns associated with each scatterer.



• We consider an array that is infinite in x and semi-infinite in y, so

$$u^{\mathrm{s}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n^{jp} \mathcal{H}_n(k\mathbf{r}_{jp}).$$

• Also $u(\mathbf{r} + j\mathbf{s}_1) = e^{ikjs_1 \cos \psi_0} u(\mathbf{r})$, so $A_n^{jp} = e^{ikjs_1 \cos \psi_0} A_n^{0p}$; we need 'only' determine A_n^{0p} .

Array scanning

• Introduce the z-transform by writing

$$A_n^{0p} = \frac{1}{2\pi \mathrm{i}} \int_\Omega A_n^+(z) z^{-p-1} \,\mathrm{d}z,$$

where Ω is the unit circle (possibly with indentations).

• Dependence on row number (*p*) now appears in the exponent only.



• Since $A_n^{0p} = 0$ for p < 0, there must be no singularities inside Ω .

- Poles with |z| > 1: contribution to $A_n^{0p} \to 0$ as $p \to \infty$.
- Poles on |z| = 1: Bloch waves $A_n^{0p} \neq 0$ as $p \rightarrow \infty$.

Array scanning (ctd.)

• After z-transformation, we have

$$u^{\mathrm{s}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi \mathrm{i}} \int_{\Omega} \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n^+(z) \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} k j s_1 \cos \psi_0}}{z^{p+1}} \mathcal{H}_n(k \mathbf{r}_{jp}) \right] \, \mathrm{d}z.$$

- 'looks' quasiperiodic in transform space,
- the slowly convergent series contain no unknowns.
- There is one unknown function $A_n^+(z)$ for every mode included in the local expansions about the scatterers.
- Applying the boundary conditions on the cylinder surfaces leads to a matrix Wiener–Hopf equation for these.

Another view — grating modes

• Look for solutions with the same quasi-periodicity as the incident field:

 $u(\mathbf{r}) = e^{ikx\cos\psi_j}\phi(y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi(y) = e^{\pm iky\sin\psi_j},$

where $\cos \psi_j = \cos \psi_0 + 2j\pi/(ks_1)$.

• The field between rows can be expanded using a spectral basis.



upwards propagating downwards propagating

- A good approximation is obtained by truncating the series at |j| = Q, say, provided that cos ψ_Q > 1.
- This simple structure (plane & evanescent modes) rules out branch points in the Wiener–Hopf equation.

Wiener-Hopf equation

• Writing the transformed equations in matrix form yields (eventually)

 $K(z)\mathbf{A}^+(z) = \mathbf{T}^+(z) + \mathbf{T}^-(z).$

All functions are rational, $T^+(z)$ is known and $T^-(z) \to 0$ as $z \to \infty$.

- Poles in Ω⁻ (outside the contour) can be located using the LHS;
 T⁻(z) is known up to a set of constants.
- At points z_q ∈ Ω⁺ at which det K(z) = 0, only certain right-hand sides are permitted. In fact, if

$$K^*(z_q)\mathbf{E}_q=0 \quad ext{with} \quad |\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{q}}|
eq 0,$$

then

$$\mathbf{E}_q^* \big(\mathbf{T}^+(z_q) + \mathbf{T}^-(z_q) \big) = 0.$$

• It can be shown that the number of points z_q is equal to the number of unknown constants in the vector $\mathbf{T}^-(z)$.

Residues

• There are poles at points $z_q \in \Omega^-$ (outside Ω) where det K(z) = 0.

• Write $\mathbf{A}^+(z) = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{z - z_q} + \hat{\mathbf{A}}^+(z)$, where $\hat{\mathbf{A}}^+$ is regular at $z = z_q$.

• Use in Wiener–Hopf equation:

 $\mathcal{K}(z)\big[\mathbf{B}+(z-z_q)\hat{\mathbf{A}}^+(z)\big]=(z-z_q)\big[\mathbf{T}^+(z)+\mathbf{T}^-(z)\big];$

hence $K(z_q)\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ (*).

Also,

$$\mathcal{K}(z)\hat{\mathbf{A}}^+(z) = \mathbf{T}^+(z) + \mathbf{T}^-(z) + \frac{\mathcal{K}(z)}{z - z_q} \mathbf{B},$$

so

$$\mathbf{E}_q^*\left(\mathbf{T}^+(z_q)+\mathbf{T}^-(z_q)+\lim_{z\to z_q}\frac{\mathcal{K}(z)}{z-z_q}\,\mathbf{B}\right)=0.\quad (\dagger).$$

• **B** is determined by (*) and (†).

Amplitude of reflection



(Dirichlet boundary conditions.)

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A new result

 $s_1 = [1, 0], s_2 = [0, 1],$ Neumann boundary conditions. k = 1.4, a = 0.25; k = 2.0, a = 0.25; k = 2.0, a = 0.45



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 - More general work to follow.