An asymptotic model for computing the scattering of waves by small heterogeneities in the time domain

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Motivation and context

« Non-destructive testing (NDT) is a wide group of analysis techniques used in science and industry to evaluate the properties of a material, component or system without causing damage. » Wikipedia

Applications:

- Medicine (ultrasonography, EEG, ...)
- Geophysics (ground exploration)
- Industrial maintenance (planes, nuclear plants, ...)









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Equation modeling some physical phenomenon occurring on Ω , with unknown $\boldsymbol{u}(x,t)$





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Mesh

Key parameter: the number of points on the mesh n

number of degrees of freedom



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Mesh

and Δt the time step.

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 Non destructive testing for ultrasonic waves in media containing small heterogeneities (for instance concrete with small aggregate in it).

- Propagation of waves inside smooth media disturbed by small defects with respect to the wavelength.
- Classical simulation tools struggles to deal with multi scale problems.

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Homogeneous medium

<u>Medium with defects</u>

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Homogeneous medium

about 90 000 degrees of freedom

Medium with defects

about 450 000 degrees of freedom

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central wavelength

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What we want:

 $\Delta x \simeq \lambda$

take ε -scale into account via special numerical feature based on asymptotics

A model problem

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Wave acoustic equation: look for $u_{\varepsilon}(x,t)$ such that

$$\rho_{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\varepsilon} \nabla \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}) = f, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0.$$

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$$\nabla f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \nabla \cdot \vec{g} = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_i}$$

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The physical parameters ρ_{ε} , μ_{ε} admit a jump on the defect boundary.

Construction of an approximate model: defect taken into account via auxiliary sources.

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MATCHED ASYMPTOTIC METHOD

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We would like something like

 $\mathbf{u}_{\varepsilon}(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^n \mathbf{u}_n(x,t)$

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and compute the u_n (independent of ε).

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•No uniform development of u_{ε} in function of ε !

 Need to distinguish a far-field zone and a near-field zone inside which development holds.

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We denote

$$\rho_{\varepsilon}(x) = \begin{cases} \rho^{-}(x) & \text{if } x \in \omega_{\varepsilon} \\ \rho^{+}(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^{d} \setminus \omega_{\varepsilon} \end{cases} \qquad \mu_{\varepsilon}(x) = \begin{cases} \mu^{-}(x) & \text{if } x \in \omega_{\varepsilon} \\ \mu^{+}(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^{d} \setminus \omega_{\varepsilon} \end{cases}$$

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Model problem

$$\rho_{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\varepsilon} \nabla \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}\right) = f,$$

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$\frac{\text{Model problem}}{\rho_{\varepsilon}} \frac{\partial^{2} \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t^{2}} - \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\varepsilon} \nabla \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}) = f,$

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Ansatz and total field

Select a cutoff function $\ \psi$,

scale it $\psi_{\varepsilon}(r) = \psi\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}\right)$,

and represent the total field as the sum

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}(x,t) = \psi_{\varepsilon}(|x|) \boldsymbol{U}_{\varepsilon}^{N}(x,t) + (1 - \psi_{\varepsilon}(|x|)) \boldsymbol{u}_{\varepsilon}^{F}(x,t)$$

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Matching principle

Near field equations

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \nabla \boldsymbol{U}_n) = 0, \quad n = 0, 1 \\ \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \nabla \boldsymbol{U}_n) = \rho \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{U}_{n-2}}{\partial t^2}, \quad n \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

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Matching principle

The partial sums $\sum_{n=0}^{N} \varepsilon^n u^n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{N} \varepsilon^n U^n$ must coïncide in the matching zone, $\forall N \ge 0$.

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Matching principle

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TOWARDS AN ASYMPTOTIC METHOD

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$$(P_{\varepsilon}) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon & e^{-vave operator, not suited for} \\ \rho_{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^2 u_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot (\mu_{\varepsilon} \nabla u_{\varepsilon}) = f, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0, \end{array}$$

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Case of a network of defects

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Conclusion and prospects

- Efficient and accurate numerical method for computing the scattering of waves by small defects.
- Rigorous error estimates.

To be done:

- Adapt the method to the 3D case.
- Extension to defects of arbitrary shape.
- Extension to the elastodynamic wave equation.

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