

Consider the wave equation in 2 spacial dimensions, $x = (x_1, x_2)$

$$u_{tt} - u_{x_1 x_1} - u_{x_2 x_2} = 0 ,$$

with initial data

$$\begin{aligned} u|_{t=0} &= e^{-100|x|^2} e^{ik(-x_1+x_2^2)} \\ u_t|_{t=0} &= \left[ik\sqrt{1+4x_2^2} \right] e^{-100|x|^2} e^{ik(-x_1+x_2^2)} , \end{aligned}$$

so that the waves propagate in the positive x_1 direction.

1. Derive the Eikonal and transport equations for solutions of the form,

$$u = A(t, x) e^{ik\phi(t, x)} .$$

2. Write a function in some programming language (Matlab would be the easiest using `ode45`) to solve the ODEs that define the bicharacteristics for the Eikonal equation. In the notation from class, the bicharacteristics are

$$(T(s), X(s), \tau(s), \xi(s)) ,$$

where $X = (X_1, X_2)$ and $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$.

Your code should take as inputs, t , $X(0) = (y_1, y_2)$ and $\xi(0) = (\eta_1, \eta_2)$ and return $(T(s_0), X(s_0), \tau(s_0), \xi(s_0))$ for s_0 such that $T(s_0) = t$. You can use the analytic solution to find this s_0 .

Note: You do not need to numerically integrate the τ equation, since $\tau^2 = |\xi|^2$ for all s . Choose the root for τ which gives you propagation in the positive x_1 direction.

3. Enlarge your ODE system to also compute ϕ and its second derivatives on the bicharacteristic originating from $(0, y_1, y_2, \eta_1, \eta_2)$. You will need initial conditions for ϕ and all second derivatives involving x_1 and x_2 . Remember that you can get derivatives involving t using derivatives of the Eikonal equation directly. Also, compute the amplitude on this bicharacteristic (it will need an initial value as well).
4. Consider a representation of the initial data as follows,

$$A(x) e^{ik\phi(x)} \approx \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_{\Omega} A(y) e^{ik(T_2^y[\phi](x) + i|x-y|^2/2)} dy ,$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= e^{-100|x|^2} \\ \phi(x) &= -x_1 + x_2^2 , \end{aligned}$$

and $T_2^y[\phi](x)$ is the second order Taylor polynomial of ϕ about the point y as a function of x . The domain Ω is the square $[-0.2, 0.2]^2$.

Now, looking at $T_2^y[\phi](x) + i|x-y|^2/2$ as the entire initial phase and $A(y)$ as the amplitude, decide what you need to send as input to your code from the previous part, so that you can calculate the phase, its derivatives, and the amplitude at a given time t for the characteristics originating from (y_1, y_2) at $t = 0$.

5. For a fixed y , fixed t , and the appropriate initial conditions from the previous part, calculate ϕ , its first and second derivatives and the amplitude at s_0 (this is the same s_0 as before). Then form

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(t, x; y) &= \phi(s_0) + \nabla_x \phi(s_0) \cdot (x - y) + \frac{1}{2}(x - y) \cdot H_x \phi(s_0)(x - y) \\ A(t, x; y) &= A(s_0),\end{aligned}$$

where $\nabla_x \phi = (\phi_{x_1}, \phi_{x_2})$ and $H_x \phi$ is the 2×2 Hessian matrix of ϕ containing its x derivatives.

Finally, compute the wave field for one Gaussian beam for $k = 10^4$,

$$v(t, x; y) = \frac{k}{2\pi} A(t, x; y) e^{ik\psi(t, x; y)}.$$

Computationally, you will need to evaluate $v(t, x; y)$ on some grid: fix a value for t and y (say something like $t = .25$, $y = (0, 0)$, but you should be able to vary these values later) and create a mesh for (x_1, x_2) (say on the rectangle $[-0.2, 1.2] \times [-0.2, 0.2]$), then evaluate $v(t, x; y)$ on this grid.

6. Finally, loop over your code in the last part to compute

$$u(t, x) = \int_{\Omega} v(t, x; y) dy.$$

As with x , you will need a grid on Ω to calculate this integral. Test your code by computing $u(t, x)$ at $t = 0$ and comparing the result to the initial condition for u . Make several plots showing u (its real, and absolute values) at $t = 0, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1.00$. You may find it useful to look at the article “Superpositions and higher order Gaussian beams” available at

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and more specifically, sections 3.1 and 3.4.