Project #01 Due May 1, 2024

This project examines the numerical solution of the wave equation in a liquid in two dimensions, subject to various boundary conditions. Ultimately you will account for variable depth and see how it changes the propagation of the waves.

1 2-D Wave equation

Let's examine the propagation of a 2-D wave confined to a rectangular region of dimension $0 \le x \le L_x$ by $0 \le y \le L_y$. Since the surface of the liquid now varies with both x and y location and with time t, we will refer to $u(x_i, y_j, t_k) = u_{i,j}^k$. If one assumes the depth of the fluid measured down from the equilibrium surface position is h(x, y), then the governing partial differential equation is

$$\frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(h(x,y)\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(h(x,y)\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right). \tag{1}$$

The two initial conditions will be a flat surface at equilibrium, u(x, y, 0) = 0, and zero velocity, $u_t(x, y, 0) = 0$. To simplify your code, assume "free-floating" conditions on three out of the four sides of the rectangular region in the x-y plane. Specifically, $u_x(L_x, y, t) = 0$, $u_y(x, 0, t) = 0$, $u_y(x, L_y, t) = 0$. The remaining boundary condition along x = 0 is, again, a short sinusoidal wiggle. Specifically $u(0, y, t) = \sin(2\pi t)$ for $0 \le t \le 0.5$, and u(0, y, t) = 0for $0.5 \le t$. You may also assume that $\Delta x = \Delta y$.

Note that in this document, we refer to u(x, y, t) values at different times and locations as $u_{i,j}^k$. However in lab we were using Matlab variable names such as uInit, uCur, and uFut to visually simplify the appearance of the code. Relative to any given spatial location (x_i, y_j) and time t_k , the specific translation is uInit(i,j) = $u_{i,j}^{k-1}$, uCur(i,j) = $u_{i,j}^k$, and uFut(i,j) = $u_{i,j}^{k+1}$.

1.1 2-D uniform depth

To start the 2-D analysis, take a look at the simple case of uniform depth, h(x, y) = 1. In this case, the general 2-D wave equation (1) becomes

$$\frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}.$$
(2)

- Convert (2) to finite difference form using the notation $u(x_i, y_j, t_k) = u_{i,j}^k$. The result should involve values of $u_{i,j}^k$ at five spatial locations in the t_k plane. It should also involve one value of u in the t_{k-1} plane, and one value in the t_{k+1} plane, both at location (x_i, y_j) . Except for the very first time step $t = \Delta t$, all $u_{i,j}^k$ values are assumed to be known for times t_{k-1} and t_k . Hence the only unknown $u_{i,j}^k$ would be at time t_{k+1} .
- Call your code for this Wave2D.m. You may keep your code simple by assuming "free-floating" boundary conditions on the top, bottom and right boundaries of the rectangular region. In other words, $u_n = 0$ where n is x on the right side, and n is y on the top and bottom.
- Make a nice illuminated surface plot of the fluid surface over the rectangular region for each time step. You might want to use the "AKWaterColormap.mat" colormap file that is included in this distribution package.

1.2 2-D variable depth

Finally, address the more general problem of solving (1) on a rectangular region with the same boundary and initial conditions from the previous section.

- Convert (1) to finite difference form. The result should still involve five values of u in the t_k plane. It should also still involve one value of u in the t_{k-1} plane, and one value in the t_{k+1} plane, both at location (x_i, y_j) . However, the coefficients on the various u terms should now involve spatially local values of h(x, y), dh/dx and dh/dy.
- Make a copy of Wave2D.m and name it Tsunami2D.m. Modify this file to incorporate the finite difference version of (1).
- Your Tsunami2D.m file should call a supporting file named Depth2D.m that accepts two-dimensional arrays of x and y coordinates and returns three two-dimensional arrays of h, $\partial h/\partial x$ and $\partial h/\partial y$ values at specific (x, y) locations.

Be careful to keep the bottom of your "ocean" below the water surface. In other words, don't let h(x, y) become negative at any location in your $L_x \times L_y$ region.

- You may still simplify your Tsunami2D.m code by assuming "free-floating" boundary conditions on the top, bottom and right sides of the rectangular region. In other words, $u_n = 0$ where n is x on the right side, and n is y on the top and bottom.
- Make a nice illuminated surface plot of the surface of the fluid over the rectangular region for each time step.

Electronic work should:

- have all code and any output inside a directory (folder) named YourLastNamePR02. This directory should be "zipped" in an archive file named YourLastNamePR02.zip and submitted via email to adam@colorado.edu with a header YourLastName Submission Proj02.
- contain the following comment lines at the beginning of each file, (with the appropriate information filled in):
 - % A one-line description of the program % Your name % Today's date % APPM 3050, Project #02
- contain sufficient comments to clearly explain what is being done at various points in the program.