Cancellation of Acoustic Waves

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Introduction

- Interference: when two waves meet
- Destructive interference: when two waves meet and cancel each other
- Why reduce, or cancel, acoustic waves?
 - Reduce unwanted sound (background noise, mufflers, machines)
 - Reduce transmission of vibration energy, decrease wear on machine components
 - Health and psychological effects (hearing loss, loss of sleep, stress, etc.)

Project Steps

- 1D wave equation cancellation
- 2D wave cancellation approaches
 Analytical
 - Differential flatness
- 2D wave cancellation scenarios
 - Equidistant input and control
 - Input and control are not equidistant from the desired point of noise cancellation



1D wave cancellation

• 1D wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

• Solve using method of characteristics:

u(x,t) = F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)

• Solution for canceling wave is intuitive:

$$u(x,t) = -F(L-x+ct) - G(L-x-ct)$$



2D wave cancellation

• 2D wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0$$

• Transform into cylindrical coordinates and solve using separation of variables:

$$u(r,\theta,t) = BJ_{\alpha}\left(\frac{\omega r}{c}\right)\cos(\alpha\theta)\cos(\omega t)$$

where B is an unknown constant, ω is frequency, and α is an integer

 $\lim_{r\to\infty} u(r,\theta,t) = 0$

BC:

2D wave cancellation

• For equidistant input and control, solution is intuitive, i.e.

 $u(r_{c},\theta_{c},t) = -u(r_{i},\theta_{i},t)$



Upcoming work

• Solve 2D wave cancellation problem for sources not equidistant



Upcoming work

- Solve for the 'controlling' wave
- Will use solution in the following form:

$$u(r,\theta,t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i J_i \left(\frac{\omega r}{c}\right) \cos(i\theta) \cos(\omega t)$$

• Would like the following condition to be true:

$$u(r,\theta,t) = u(r_i,\theta_i,t) + u(r_c,\theta_c,t) = 0$$

• Calculate eigenfunction coefficients, eigensolutions, plot the results

Upcoming work

• Canceling a human wave



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Questions & Comments?