

1D Source Inversion

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1D acoustic wave equation is given by

$$\frac{1}{c^2(z)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} p(z, t; z_s) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} p(z, t; z_s) = \delta(z - z_s) s(t). \quad (1)$$

Perturbing the source function $s(t)$ results in a perturbation of the pressure field $p(z, t; z_s)$ and equation (1) becomes

$$\frac{1}{c^2(z)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} [p(z, t; z_s) + \delta p(z, t; z_s)] - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} [p(z, t; z_s) + \delta p(z, t; z_s)] = \delta(z - z_s) [s(t) + \delta s(t)] \quad (2)$$

Subtracting equation 1 from equation 2 yields

$$\frac{1}{c^2(z)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \delta p(z, t; z_s) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \delta p(z, t; z_s) = \delta(z - z_s) \delta s(t). \quad (3)$$

The solution to equation (3) can be written in term of the Green's function as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta p(z, t; z_s) &= \int G(z', t; z_s, 0) * [\delta(z' - z_s) \delta s(t)] dz' \\ &= G(z_s, t; z_s, 0) * \delta s(t) \\ &= \int G(z_s, t' - t; z_s, 0) \delta s(t') dt' \\ &= \int G(z_s, t'; z_s, t) \delta s(t') dt' \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The pressure field is recorded at $z = z_g$. Thus, we have

$$V(z_g, t; z_s | t') = \frac{\partial p(z_g, t; z_s)}{\partial s(t')} = G(z_g, t; z_s, t') \quad (5)$$

and

$$\delta s(t') = V^T(t' | z_g, t; z_s) \delta p(z_g, t; z_s) = V(z_g, t; z_s | t') \delta p(z_g, t; z_s). \quad (6)$$

Therefore, the perturbation in the source function can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\delta s(t') &= \sum_s \sum_g \int G(z_g, t; z_s, t') \delta p(z_g, t; z_s) dt \\ &= \sum_s \sum_g G(z_g, -t'; z_s, 0) * \delta p(z_g, t'; z_s).\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$