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Lines of research

Line A **Nonimaging freeform optics**



- Luminaires, street lights, ...
- Compute optical surfaces that convert given source into desired target distribution
- Freeform surfaces
- Fully nonlinear PDE of Monge-Ampère type

Line B Imaging optics



- Cameras, telescopes, …
- Make a very precise image of an object, minimizing aberrations
- Description with Lie transformations

Line C Improved direct methods



- Ray tracing: iterative procedure to compute final design. Slow convergence
- Advanced numerical schemes for Hamiltonian systems and Liouville's equation

William Rowan Hamilton

Sir William Rowan Hamilton (1805–1865)

Irish mathematician, astronomer and physicist

Work

- Geometrical optics
- Classical mechanics

• Quaternions
$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$$







Mass-spring system

 Compressed spring



 Equilibrium position



 Extended spring



- Position of mass relative to equilibrium position: q(t)
- Momentum: $p(t) = mv(t) = m\dot{q}(t)$
- Hamiltonian:

$$H(q,p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kq^2$$

Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

H is conserved:

$$\dot{H} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}\dot{q} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}\dot{p} = 0$$

Simulation mass-spring system



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Optical fiber



 ▶ Gradient-index material Refractive index (-1 ≤ q ≤ 1)

$$n(q) = \sqrt{n_0^2(1-q^2)+q^2}$$

Here: $n_0 > 1$ Note: $1 \le n(q) \le n_0$

Use z as evolution parameter

- Position: q(z)
- Optical momentum: $p(z) = n \frac{dq}{ds}$ with s arclength

Hamiltonian system



- Position of the mass: q(t)
- ▶ Momentum: *p*(*t*)
- Hamiltonian:

$$H(q,p) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kq^2$$

Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$



- Position of the ray: q(z)
- Optical momentum: p(z)
- Hamiltonian:

$$H(q,p) = -\sqrt{(n(q))^2 - p^2} = -p_z$$

Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

Simulation optical fiber



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Imaging optics

Consider imaging optical system



- Each ray is defined by position q(z) and optical momentum p(z)
- Hamiltonian optics:

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
 $\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$ $H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p^2}$

• Optical map:

$$egin{pmage} q_{ ext{image}}\ p_{ ext{image}}\end{pmatrix} = M egin{pmage} q_{ ext{object}}\ p_{ ext{object}}\end{pmatrix}$$

Ideal system:

$$M = M_{\text{linear}} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

- In practice M is nonlinear Goal: Mathematical description of deviations from linearity
- Deviations are called aberrations in optics

Aberrations

- Consider Taylor series expansion of optical map in phase-space coordinates (q, p) about (0, 0)
- First-order term: Gaussian optics, paraxial optics
- Higher-order terms: aberrations
 Reducing aberrations is important for image quality
- Rotationally symmetric system: Odd-term aberrations only

Third-order aberrations — image of regular 5×5 grid of point sources

Analytical expressions for aberrations

- Goal: Design optical systems with minimal aberrations
- **Needed:** Analytical expressions for aberrations
- Break down in steps: P—R—P—R—P

P: propagation R: refraction



- Each step is symplectic map: No light rays lost or created Volume conservation in phase space
- ► Symplectic maps can be written as concatenation of *Lie transformations*

Lie algebraic tools

► Let *f*, *g*, *h* be smooth functions on phase space Define **Poisson bracket** [*f*, *g*]

$$[f,g] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial q}$$

Bi-linear

$$\begin{split} & [\alpha f + \beta g, h] = \alpha [f, h] + \beta [g, h] \\ & [f, \alpha g + \beta h] = \alpha [f, g] + \beta [f, h] \end{split}$$

Anti-commutative

$$[f,g] = -[g,f]$$

Jacobi identity

$$[f, [g, h]] + [g, [h, f]] + [h, [f, g]] = 0$$

- Vector space of functions with Poisson bracket is Lie algebra
- Define Lie operator $[f, \cdot]$

 $[f,\cdot]g = [f,g]$

• Define Lie transformation $\exp([f, \cdot])$

$$\exp([f, \cdot]) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[f, \cdot]^k}{k!}$$

[f, \cdot]^0 = I
[f, \cdot]^k = [f, [f, \cdot]^{k-1}] for k = 1, 2, ...

• Lie transformation is symplectic

Lie formulation of Hamiltonian optics

Poisson bracket

$$[f,g] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial q}$$

Note:

$$[H,q] = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \cdot \frac{\partial q}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial q}{\partial q} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
$$[H,p] = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

Recall Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{q} = rac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
 $\dot{p} = -rac{\partial H}{\partial q}$

Rewrite as

$$\dot{q} = -[H, \cdot]q$$
 $\dot{p} = -[H, \cdot]p$

It follows that

$$q^{(k)} = (-[H, \cdot])^k q$$

Taylor series

$$q(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^k(0)}{k!} z^k$$

Conclusion:

$$q(z) = M(q(0))$$
$$M = \exp(-z[H, \cdot])$$

Propagation as Lie transformation

► Hamiltonian for light propagation in medium with constant refractive index *n*

$$H(q,p) = -\sqrt{n^2 - p^2}$$

Taylor expansion:

$$H(q,p) = -n\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{p}{n}\right)^2} = -n + \frac{p^2}{2n} + \frac{p^4}{8n^3} + \cdots$$



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Lie transformation

$$M = \exp(-z[H, \cdot])$$

= $\exp(-z[-n, \cdot]) \exp\left(\left[-z\frac{p^2}{2n}, \cdot\right]\right) \exp\left(\left[-z\frac{p^4}{8n^3}, \cdot\right]\right) \cdots$
= $\exp(-z[H_2, \cdot]) \exp(-z[H_4, \cdot]) \cdots$

Representing symplectic maps as Lie transformations

Dragt-Finn factorization
 Let M be analytic symplectic map
 Assume M(0) = 0

Then:

 $M = \exp([f_2, \cdot]) \exp([f_3, \cdot]) \exp([f_4, \cdot]) \cdots$

with f_m homogeneous polynomial of degree m:

 $f_m(\lambda q, \lambda p) = \lambda^m f_m(q, p)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

Approximate M by

 $M \approx M_r = \exp([f_2, \cdot]) \exp([f_3, \cdot]) \cdots \exp([f_r, \cdot])$

Note: M_r is symplectic

► If g is homogeneous polynomial of degree *m* then

$$[f_2,g] = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial q} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial q}$$

has degree m too Same way: $[f_2, \cdot]^k g$ has degree m $\exp([f_2, \cdot])g$ has degree m $\exp([f_2, \cdot])$ is linear operator

• More general: $\exp([f_m, \cdot])$ describes aberrations of order m - 1

Analytical expressions for aberrations

Consider imaging optical system



- Break down in steps: P—R—P—R—P
 P: propagation
 R: refraction
- Write each step as truncated Lie transformation Can be done for propagation, reflection, refraction
- Use the properties of Lie transformations to concatenate and rearrange them
- Use analytical expressions to design optical systems with minimal aberrations

 Spot diagram off-axis object: Lie approach vs OpticStudio (OS)





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Improved direct methods based on solving Liouville's equation



- Direct method: given source and optical system, compute light distribution at target
- Standard: Monte Carlo ray tracing Robust but slow convergence (order 1/\sqrt{N_{rays})
- Alternative: compute evolution of energy density in phase space by solving Liouville's equation Fast and more accurate
- *q* < 0: Water, refractive index *n*₁ = 1.4 *q* > 0: Air, *n*₂ = 1
- Define ray by position q(z) and direction p(z)
 - $p(0) = 0 \rightarrow q(z)$ constant
 - $p(0) > p_{crit} \rightarrow ray$ is reflected
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 - $0 < p(0) < p_{crit} \rightarrow ray$ is refracted

Phase space



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Liouville's equation

- Basic luminance $\rho = \rho(z, q, p)$: luminous flux per unit area and unit solid angle
- ► Along a ray:

$$\rho(z + \Delta z, q(z + \Delta z), p(z + \Delta z)) = \rho(z, q, p)$$

Differential form

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q} \dot{q} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \dot{p} = 0$$

Use Hamilton's equations

$$\dot{q} = rac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
 $\dot{p} = -rac{\partial H}{\partial q}$

to get

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = 0$$

Liouville's equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$
with $\nabla = (\partial/\partial q, \partial/\partial p)^{T}$,
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \\ -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \end{pmatrix}$$
Using $H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p^2}$, we find $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 - p^2}}$

• Using
$$H = -\sqrt{n^2 - p^2}$$
, we find

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 - p^2}} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

if *n* is constant. Hence:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q} = 0$$

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Space discretization

- 2D optical system: 2D phase space
 3D 4D
- Space discretization (q and p): Discontinuous Galerkin spectral element method (DGSEM)
- Straight-sided quadrilaterals



 \blacktriangleright Expand solution in reference domain $(\xi,\eta)\in [-1,1]^2$

$$\rho(z,\xi,\eta) \approx \sum_{i=0}^{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N} \rho_{ij}(z) L_{i}(\xi) L_{j}(\eta)$$

- L_i, L_j: Lagrange polynomials on Gauss-Legendre nodes
- Accuracy controlled by number of elements K and polynomial order N
- Evolution of ρ_{ij}(z) found from weak formulation of Liouville's equation

Optical interfaces

At optical interfaces

 $\rho(z^-, q(z^-), p(z^-)) = \rho(z^+, q(z^+), p(z^+))$

z and *q* continuous *p* discontinuous

• Compute $p(z^+)$ from law of reflection or Snell's law

 $p(z^+) = S(p(z^-))$

- Align mesh with optical interface
- Local energy balances to ensure energy conservation



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Time discretization

- Evolution parameter: z
 Arbitrary derivative (ADER) discretization
- Idea: use PDE to replace z-derivatives with spatial derivatives
- We have

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial q} = 0$$

Taylor series:

$$\rho(z + \Delta z, q, p) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{M} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{\partial^{k} \rho}{\partial z^{k}}(z, q, p) (\Delta z)^{k}$$

Replace z- with q-derivatives

$$\rho(z + \Delta z, q, p) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{M} C_k(\Delta z, q, p) \frac{\partial^k \rho}{\partial q^k}(z, q, p)$$

Cauchy-Kovalewski procedure



- Arbitrarily high order of accuracy in space (q and p) and time (z)
- ► CFL condition on ∆z causes problems near optical interfaces: sub-cell interface method



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Hybrid scheme

- Away from optical interfaces: light rays are straight lines if *n* is constant
- ► Can be solved more efficiently using semi-Lagrangian discontinuous Galerkin (SLDG) scheme
- ► Hybrid scheme: ADER-DG close to optical interface, SLDG elsewhere
- Divide computational domain in regions Intermediate element to couple ADER-DG and SLDG regions



Meniscus lens



- Light rays travel from left to right Refracted at both spherical surfaces
- Initial condition (z = 0)

$$ho(0,q,p) = \exp\left(rac{-q^2}{2\sigma_q^2}
ight) \exp\left(rac{-p^2}{2\sigma_p^2}
ight)$$

with $\sigma_q=$ 0.5, $\sigma_p=$ 0.08

• Mesh: $\Delta q_{\text{max}} = 0.16$, $\Delta p = 0.1$ Polynomial order: N = 7

Basic luminance









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Solar concentrator



- Light rays travel from left to right Refracted at left surface Total internal reflection (TIR) at top or bottom
- ADER-DG scheme with initial condition (z = 0)

 $\rho(0,q,p) = \Phi_{m,k}(q/\lambda_q)\Phi_{m,k}(p/\lambda_p)$

with $\phi_{m,k}(x) = \cos^{m+1}(\frac{\pi}{2}x^k)$, m = 10, k = 2

• Mesh: $\Delta q_{\text{max}} = 0.1$, $\Delta p = 0.1$ Polynomial order: N = 6

Basic luminance



Animation at https://youtu.be/NdsmRIT2auE

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Illuminance and comparison between methods



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Conclusions

- Model light propagation using Hamiltonian optics
- Nonlinearities in optical map: aberrations
 Reducing aberrations is important for image quality
- Approximate propagation, reflection and refraction by truncated Lie transformormations
- Concatenating and rearranging Lie transformations gives analytical expressions for aberrations
- Liouville's equation is alternative to ray tracing
- Advanced ADER-DG scheme to solve Liouville's equation
- Hybrid scheme: ADER-DG close to optical interface, SLDG elsewhere Outperforms ray tracing

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