Aeroacoustics

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Goals

Through this course you will gain an appreciation of aeroacoustics, i.e. flow-generated sound, as a component in holistic aerodynamic design. No prior familiarity with classical acoustics is assumed. By the end of the course, given a well-resolved flow field, you will be able to efficiently compute its sound field. Also, you will be in a position to delve into the current literature on aeroacoustics. The material will be theoretical in nature, with assignments involving some coding.

Syllabus

Conservation equations, wave equation. Acoustic energy, intensity, Fourier analysis, power spectrum. One-dimensional and three-dimensional sound propagation. Sources of sound: elementary sources, monopole, dipole and multipole sources. Generalized functions, Green's function for wave equation. Acoustics of rigid solid boundaries: reciprocity theorem, Kirchhoff's formula. Sound generation by flow: Lighthill's acoustic analogy, its successors. Ffowcs Williams and Hawking's theory. Particular examples of aeroacoustics applications. Topics in classical acoustics: sound waves at a discontinuity, ray theory, resonators, acoustic nonlinearities.

Primary reference

- Goldstein, M. E., Aeroacoustics, McGraw-Hill, 1976
- Crighton, D. G., Basic principles of aerodynamic noise generation, Prog. Aerospace Sci., 16(1), 1975 pp. 31-96

Secondary reference

- Howe, M. S., Theory of vortex sound, Cambridge, 2003
- Pierce, A. D., Acoustics, Acoustical Society of America, 1989
- Crighton, D. G., Dowling, A. P., Ffowcs Williams, J. E., Heckl, M. and Leppington, F. G., Modern methods in analytical acoustics, Springer, 1992
- Recent literature

Grading policy

- 40%: Homework (4 assignments, 10% each)
- 10%: Class quiz (Best 4 out of 6, 2.5% each)
- 20%: Mid-term exam
- 10%: Literature study report and presentation (5% each)
- 20%: Final exam (with questions on literature study)

Letter grades will be assigned to actual scores obtained, without any further manipulation. No collaboration is allowed in homeworks or project; penalty is 50% of allocated marks.

Submission of homeworks *after* the assigned class: penalty is 20% of allocated marks.

Prerequisites Fluid dynamics