# An Integral Equations Method for the Cauchy Problem Connected with the Helmholtz Equation 

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#### Abstract

We are concerned with the Cauchy problem connected with the Helmholtz equation. We propose a numerical method, which is based on the Helmholtz representation, for obtaining an approximate solution to the problem, and then we analyze the convergence and stability with a suitable choice of regularization method. Numerical experiments are also presented to show the effectiveness of our method.


## 1. Introduction

The Cauchy problem for the Helmholtz equation arises in many areas of science, such as wave propagation, vibration, and electromagnetic scattering [1-4]. It is well known that the Cauchy problem is unstable. The solution is unique in some proper solution spaces, but it does not depend continuously on the Cauchy data. For the stability of this problem, we can refer to [5-7]. There are many authors in the literature to investigate this problem, and many numerical methods are proposed. In [8], Sun et al. investigate a potential function method for this method based on the Tikhonov regularization. In [4, 9], Marin et al. investigate the boundary element method via alternating iterative and conjugate gradient method. The boundary knot method can be found by Jin and Zheng [10, 11 ]. For the method of fundamental solutions, we can refer to Marin and Lesnic [12] and Wei et al. [13]. Study on the moment method and boundary particle method can be found in Wei et al. [14] and Chen and Fu [15].

The main purpose of this paper is to provide a numerical method for solving the Cauchy problem connected with the Helmholtz equation. The main idea is to formulate integral equations to the Cauchy problem by Green's representation theorem for the solution of the Helmholtz equation. This method was used to reconstruct the shape for the Laplace equation, we refer to Cakoni et al. [16, 17], and to solve a Cauchy problem by Chapko and Johansson [18]. In [19], the
authors gave a numerical method of the Cauchy problem for the Laplace equation by using single-layer potential function and jump relations and discussed the decay rate for singular values of Laplacian via singular value decomposition.

The outline of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we present the formulation of integral equations to the Cauchy problem. In Section 3, we solve the integral equations by the Tikhonov regularization method with the Morozov principle and analyze the convergence and stability. Finally, two numerical examples are included to show the effectiveness of our method.

## 2. Formulation of Integral Equations

Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^{2}$ be a bounded and simply connected domain with a regular boundary $\partial D \in \mathscr{C}^{2}$ and let $\partial D$ consist of two nonintersecting parts $\Gamma$ and $\Sigma, \Sigma \cup \Gamma=\partial D$, where $\Gamma$ and $\Sigma$ are nonempty. In general, we assume that $\Gamma$ is an open-connected subset of $\partial D$. Consider the following Cauchy problem. Given Cauchy data $f_{D}$ and $f_{N}$ on $\Gamma$, we find $u$, such that $u$ satisfies

$$
\begin{gather*}
\Delta u+k^{2} u=0, \quad \text { in } D  \tag{1}\\
u=f_{D}, \quad \text { on } \Gamma \\
\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=f_{N}, \quad \text { on } \Gamma \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $n$ is the unit normal to the boundary $\partial D$ directed into the exterior of $D$ and the wave number $k>0$. Without loss of generality, we make the assumption on the measured data that $f_{D} \in H^{1}(\Gamma)$ and $f_{N} \in L^{2}(\Gamma)$ and suppose that the Cauchy problem has a unique solution $u$ in $H^{3 / 2}(D)$ [14, 20].

From Green's representation theorem for the solutions of the Helmholtz equation [21], we know that the solution $u$ of (1) has the following form:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
u(x)=\int_{\partial D}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y) \\
x \in D \tag{3}
\end{array}
$$

Here, $\Phi(x, y)=(i / 4) H_{0}^{(1)}(k|x-y|)$.
From the jump relations, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{2} u(x)=\int_{\partial D}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} & d s(y) \\
x & \in \partial D \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

Then, we have the following integral equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\int_{\Sigma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y) \\
=\frac{1}{2} u(x)-\int_{\Gamma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y), \\
x \in \Gamma, \\
\int_{\Sigma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y)-\frac{1}{2} u(x) \\
=-\int_{\Gamma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y), \\
x \in \Sigma . \tag{5}
\end{gather*}
$$

Theorem 1. Integral equation (5) has at most one solution.
Proof. It is sufficient to prove that the homogeneous problem has a unique solution $\left(\left.u\right|_{\Sigma},\left.(\partial u / \partial \nu)\right|_{\Sigma}\right)=(0,0)$, which means that the following equations:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\Sigma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y)=0, \quad x \in \Gamma \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\int_{\Sigma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y)-\frac{1}{2} u(x)=0
$$

have a unique solution $\left(\left.u\right|_{\Sigma},\left.(\partial u / \partial \nu)\right|_{\Sigma}\right)=(0,0)$. Let

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\omega(x)=\int_{\Sigma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y)  \tag{8}\\
x \in R^{2} \backslash \partial D .
\end{array}
$$

By (6), we know that $\left.\omega(x)\right|_{\Gamma}=0$. From the properties of single-double layer and the jump relations [22-24], we deduce

$$
\begin{align*}
\lim _{x \rightarrow \Sigma^{+}} \omega(x)= & \int_{\Sigma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y) \\
& -\frac{1}{2} u(x) \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

By (7), we know that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{x \rightarrow \Sigma^{+}} \omega(x)=0 \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

from the radiation at infinite and the uniqueness of the exterior boundary value problem for the Helmholtz equation yields that $\omega$ vanishes in the exterior of $D$. So $\omega=0$ in $R^{2} \backslash \bar{D}$. Thus, we can easily get

$$
\begin{gather*}
\omega=0, \quad x \in \Gamma \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial n}=0, \quad x \in \Gamma . \tag{11}
\end{gather*}
$$

$\partial D \in \mathscr{C}^{2}$ yields the uniqueness of the Cauchy problem [7], and we conclude that $\omega=0$ in $R^{2} / \partial D$. From the jump relations [25], we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.u\right|_{\Sigma}=\left.u\right|_{\Sigma^{-}}-\left.u\right|_{\Sigma^{+}}=0,\left.\quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right|_{\Sigma}=\left.\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right|_{\Sigma^{+}}-\left.\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right|_{\Sigma^{-}}=0 \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

This completes the proof.

For simplicity, we define some operators and symbols as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\left(A_{1} \varphi\right)(x)=\int_{\Sigma} \varphi(y) \Phi(x, y) d s(y), & x \in \Gamma \\
\left(B_{1} \varphi\right)(x)=-\int_{\Sigma} \varphi(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)} d s(y), & x \in \Gamma \\
\left(A_{2} \varphi\right)(x)=\int_{\Sigma} \varphi(y) \Phi(x, y) d s(y), & x \in \Sigma \\
\left(B_{2} \varphi\right)(x)=-\int_{\Sigma} \varphi(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)} d s(y), & x \in \Sigma
\end{array}
$$

Table 1: Regularization parameter $\alpha$ and errors for Example 1 of Case 1 with $k=3$.

| Noise | $\alpha$ | $\left\\|U_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ | $\left\\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} /\left\\|\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $7.78 \times 10^{-15}$ | $8.29 \times 10^{-4}$ | $3.6 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 0.001 | $2.53 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.20 \times 10^{-2}$ | $5.62 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 0.01 | $2.08 \times 10^{-4}$ | $6.58 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.21 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| 0.03 | $7.75 \times 10^{-4}$ | $8.53 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.33 \times 10^{-1}$ |

Table 2: Regularization parameter $\alpha$ and errors for Example 1 of Case 1 with $k=8$.

| Noise | $\alpha$ | $\left\\|U_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ | $\left\\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} /\left\\|\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $3.36 \times 10^{-16}$ | $9 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.25 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 0.001 | $1.16 \times 10^{-6}$ | $3.56 \times 10^{-2}$ | $8.07 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 0.01 | $3.14 \times 10^{-5}$ | $5.13 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.07 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| 0.03 | $2.85 \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.24 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.19 \times 10^{-1}$ |

$$
\begin{gather*}
f(x)=\frac{1}{2} u(x) \\
-\int_{\Gamma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y), \\
\\
g(x)=-\int_{\Gamma}\left\{\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(y) \Phi(x, y)\right. \\
\left.-u(y) \frac{\Phi(x, y)}{\partial v(y)}\right\} d s(y), \\
\quad x \in \Sigma, \\
U(x)=\left.u(x)\right|_{\Sigma}, \quad V(x)=\left.\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(x)\right|_{\Sigma} \tag{13}
\end{gather*}
$$

By the above definitions, we have the following simple equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left(A_{1} V\right)(x)+\left(B_{1} U\right)(x)=f(x), \quad x \in \Gamma \\
\left(A_{2} V\right)(x)+\left(\left(B_{2}-\frac{1}{2} I\right) U\right)(x)=g(x), \quad x \in \Sigma . \tag{14}
\end{gather*}
$$

Supposing that the endpoints of $\Gamma$ are $A$ and $B$, we can find that $v$ satisfies the Helmholtz equation and satisfies $v(A)=$ $u(A), v(B)=u(B)$; let $\omega(x)=u(x)-v(x)$; then $\omega(x)$ is a solution of the Helmholtz equation and $\omega(A)=\omega(B)=0$, so we can fix $f_{D}(A)=f_{D}(B)=0$ and define

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(A_{2}^{\prime} \psi\right)(x)=\int_{\partial D} \psi(y) \Phi(x, y) d s(y), \quad x \in \Sigma \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\psi(y)= \begin{cases}\varphi(y), & y \in \Sigma  \tag{16}\\ 0, & y \in \Gamma\end{cases}
$$

Remark 2. For the construction of the function $v$, we can give a simple example. Supposing that $A=(0,0)$ and $B=(1,0)$, $u_{A}=a, u_{B}=b, a \neq b$, we can fix $v(x)=a\left(1-x_{1}\right) e^{i k x_{2}}+b x_{2} e^{i k x_{2}}$.

From zero extension, we will get the following lemma.
Lemma 3. The operator $A_{2}^{\prime}$ is compact from $L^{2}(\partial D)$ to $H^{1}(\partial D)$ [21, Theorem 3.6]; thus, the operators $A_{2}$ and $B_{2}$ are compact from $L^{2}(\Sigma)$ to $L^{2}(\Sigma)$ and $A_{1}$ and $B_{1}$ are compact from $L^{2}(\Sigma)$ to $L^{2}(\Gamma)$.

From Theorem 1, we know that the Cauchy problem has a unique solution without the restriction on $k^{2}$, and thus the homogeneous problem has only trivial solution. With the aid of the jump relations, it can be seen that $B_{2}-(1 / 2) I$ has a trivial null space (for details see [26, Chapter 3.4]). From the Rizes-Fredholm theorem, we can easily get the following theorem.

Theorem 4. The operator $B_{2}-(1 / 2) I$ is bounded invertible.
By the above conclusion, we can get following equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
{\left[A_{1}-B_{1}\left(B_{2}-\frac{I}{2}\right)^{-1} A_{2}\right] V=f-B_{1}\left(B_{2}-\frac{I}{2}\right)^{-1} g, \quad x \in \Gamma} \\
U=\left(B_{2}-\frac{I}{2}\right)^{-1}\left(g-A_{2} V\right), \quad x \in \Sigma \tag{17}
\end{gather*}
$$

To this end, we define the operator $\mathcal{N}: L^{2}(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^{2}(\Gamma)$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathscr{N} \varphi(x)=\left[A_{1}-B_{1}\left(B_{2}-\frac{I}{2}\right)^{-1} A_{2}\right] \varphi(x) . \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, the following property of the operator $\mathcal{N}$ holds.
Theorem 5. The operator $\mathcal{N}: L^{2}(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^{2}(\Gamma)$ is compact and injective.

Table 3: Regularization parameter $\alpha$ and errors for Example 2 with $k=5,1 \%$ noise.

| $\Theta$ | $\alpha$ | $\left\\|U_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ | $\left\\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} /\left\\|\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\pi / 2$ | $2.02 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.79 \times 10^{-1}$ | $2.94 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| $\pi$ | $1.03 \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.99 \times 10^{-2}$ | $9.43 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $3 \pi / 2$ | $3.81 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.90 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.96 \times 10^{-2}$ |

TABLE 4: Regularization parameter $\alpha$ and errors for Example 2 with $k=5,3 \%$ noise.

| $\Theta$ | $\alpha$ | $\left\\|U_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ | $\left\\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} /\left\\|\partial_{n} u\right\\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\pi / 2$ | $4.04 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.32 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.13 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| $\pi$ | $3.13 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.37 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.19 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| $3 \pi / 2$ | $1.54 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.83 \times 10^{-2}$ | $5.79 \times 10^{-2}$ |

Proof. By Lemma 3, we know the operator $\mathcal{N}$ is compact. By Theorems 1 and 4, we deduce that the operator $\mathcal{N}$ is injective.

Now, we turn to introducing our numerical algorithm. First, function $\phi$ is achieved by solving the following integral equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathscr{N} V=h(x), \quad x \in \Gamma \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
h(x)=f-B_{1}\left(B_{2}-\frac{I}{2}\right)^{-1} g, \quad x \in \Gamma \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Remark 6. In general, (19) is not solvable since we cannot assume that the Cauchy data $h$, especially the measured noisy data $h^{\delta}$, are in the range $\mathcal{N}\left(L^{2}(\Gamma)\right)$ of $\mathcal{N}$. Therefore, we will solve (19) by some regularization methods in the next section and then give the error estimates.

## 3. Tikhonov Regularization and Morozov Discrepancy Principle

In this section, we will use the Tikhonov regularization method and the Morozov discrepancy principle to solve the integral system (19) and then give the error estimates and convergence results. In general, we give the noise data $f_{D}^{\delta_{1}}$, $f_{N}^{\delta_{1}}$, and then we should consider the following equations:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{N} V^{\delta}=h^{\delta} . \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $h^{\delta} \in L^{2}(\Gamma)$ are measured noisy data satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|h-h^{\delta}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Gamma)} \leq \delta, \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

and it is obvious that $\delta=\mathcal{O}\left(\delta_{1}\right)$.
The Tikhonov regularization of integral system (21) is to solve the following equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha V_{\alpha}^{\delta}+\mathscr{N}^{*} \mathcal{N} V_{\alpha}^{\delta}=\mathscr{N}^{*} h^{\delta} \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

By introducing the regularization operators

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{\alpha}:=\left(\alpha I+\mathscr{N}^{*} \mathcal{N}\right)^{-1} \mathscr{N}^{*}, \quad \text { for } \alpha>0 \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

we can achieve the regularized solution $V_{\alpha}^{\delta}=R_{\alpha} h^{\delta}$ of (21). We choose the regularization parameter $\alpha$ by the Morozov discrepancy principle, and then we have the following result.

Theorem 7. Let $\delta$ be sufficiently small positive constant and $\delta<\left\|h^{\delta}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Gamma)}$. Let the Tikhonov solution $V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}$ satisfy $\left\|\mathcal{N} V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-h^{\delta}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Gamma)}=\delta$ for all $\delta \in\left(0, \delta_{0}\right)$ and let $V=\mathcal{N}^{*} z \in$ $\mathcal{N}^{*}\left(L^{2}(\Gamma)\right)$ with $\|z\|_{L^{2}(\Gamma)} \leq E$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-V\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} \leq 2 \sqrt{\delta E} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $V \in L^{2}(\Sigma)$ is the exact solution which satisfies (19).
Proof. The statement follows directly from Theorem 2.17 in [25].

Consider the following Neumann boundary value problem:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\Delta u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}+k^{2} u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}=0, \quad \text { in } D \\
\frac{\partial u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}}{\partial n}=f_{N}^{\delta_{1}}, \quad \text { on } \Gamma  \tag{26}\\
\frac{\partial u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}}{\partial n}=V_{\alpha}^{\delta}, \quad \text { on } \Sigma,
\end{gather*}
$$

where $\delta_{1}=\mathcal{O}(\delta)$, we know that there is a unique weak solution in $H^{1}(D)$ [14].

Then we have the following main result in this paper.
Theorem 8. Let the assumptions in Theorem 7 hold. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\|_{H^{1}(D)} \leq C_{1} \delta^{1 / 2} . \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, the following estimate on boundary $\Sigma$ holds:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}+\left\|\frac{\partial u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}}{\partial n}-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} \leq C \delta^{1 / 2} . \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

The positive constant $C$ depends only on $k, D$, and $E$.


Figure 1: Example 1: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with $k=3$ for Case 1.

-... Noise 0.03

* Noise 0.01


$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\cdots-\text { Noise } 0.03 & - \\
\rightarrow-\text { Noise } 0.001 \\
\rightarrow- & \text { Noise } 0.01
\end{array}
$$

(b) $d$

Figure 2: Example 1: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with $k=8$ for Case 1 .

Proof. From triangle inequality and Theorem 7, we get

$$
\begin{align*}
\| u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}- & u\left\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}+\right\| \frac{\partial u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}}{\partial n}-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} \\
= & \left\|\left(B_{2}-\frac{I}{2}\right)^{-1}\left[\left(g^{\delta}-A_{1} V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}\right)-\left(g-A_{1} V\right)\right]\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} \\
& +\left\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-V\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} \\
\leq & C_{3}\left\|g^{\delta}-g\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)}+C_{4}\left\|V_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-V\right\|_{L^{2}(\Sigma)} \leq C \delta^{1 / 2} \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

The inequalities imply the estimate (28).

From the assumption, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\|_{L^{2}(\Gamma)}+\left\|\frac{\partial u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}}{\partial n}-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right\|_{L^{2}(\Gamma)} \leq 2 \delta_{1} \leq C^{\prime} \delta^{1 / 2} \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}-u\right\|_{L^{2}(\partial D)}+\left\|\frac{\partial u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}}{\partial n}-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right\|_{L^{2}(\partial D)} \leq C^{\prime \prime} \delta^{1 / 2} \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

The trace theorem and the triangle inequality yield the estimate (27).


FIGURE 3: Example 1: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with $k=1$ for Case 2 .


Figure 4: Example 1: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with $k=3$ for Case 2 .

## 4. Numerical Examples

In this section, we report two examples of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ to test the effectiveness of our method. In the figures, we denote by $f$ and $d$ the function values and the normal derivative values, respectively. For the discrete of the integral equations, we use the Nyström method, see [23, Chapter 3.5].

Example 1. To test our code, consider the case in which the exact solution to the Cauchy problem is $u(x)=e^{i k x \cdot d}$. Let $D=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \mid x_{1}^{2}+x_{2}^{2}<0.5^{2}\right\}$, let $\Gamma=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \mid x_{1}^{2}+x_{2}^{2}=\right.$ $\left.0.5^{2}, x_{2} \geq 0\right\}$, and let $\Sigma=\partial D \backslash \Gamma$. In this example, we observe the effect of noise on the numerical solution on $\Sigma$.

Case 1. We choose $d=(0,1)$.
Case 2. We choose $d=(\sqrt{2} / 2, \sqrt{2} / 2)$.
The regularization parameters $\alpha$ chosen by the Morozov discrepancy principle and the errors are given in Tables 1 and 2.

Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 show the real part of the numerical solutions for different wave numbers with different levels of noise of Cases 1 and 2, respectively.

From the figures and tables, it can be seen that the numerical solutions are stable approximations of the exact solution, and it should be noted that the numerical solution


Figure 5: Example 2: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with different noises, $k=5$.


$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\cdots=\pi / 2 & -\Theta=3 \pi / 2 \\
\cdots \Theta=\pi & \text { - Exact }
\end{array}
$$

(a) $f$

$\cdots-\Theta=\pi / 2 \quad-\Theta-\Theta=3 \pi / 2$
$\rightarrow-\Theta=\pi$

- Exact
(b) $d$

Figure 6: Example 2: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with $k=5,1 \%$ noise.
converges to the exact solution as the level of noise decreases.

Example 2. Consider the unit disc $D=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \mid x_{1}^{2}+x_{2}^{2}<\right.$ $1\}$. Let $\Gamma=\{x \in \partial D \mid 0<\theta(x)<\Theta\}$ and let $\Sigma=\partial D \backslash \Gamma=\{x \in$ $\partial D \mid \Theta<\theta(x)<2 \pi\}$, where $\theta(x)$ is the polar angle of $x$ and $\Theta$ is a specified angle. In this example, we observe the effect of $\Theta$ on the numerical solution. Choose $u(x)=J_{1}(k r) e^{i \theta}$ as the exact solution, where $J_{1}$ is the Bessel function of order one.

Tables 3 and 4 give the regularization parameters and present the corresponding $L^{2}$ errors and relative $L^{2}$ errors for the approximation of $u$ and $\partial u / \partial n$ on boundary $\Sigma$.

Figure 5 shows the real part of the numerical solution with different levels of noise on $\Theta=\pi$.

In order to investigate the effect of $\Theta$, Figures 6 and 7 show the real part of the numerical solutions with different $\Theta$. It can be seen that large $\Theta$ will improve the results.

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we study the application of an integral equations method to solve the Cauchy problem connected with the Helmholtz equation. We give the uniqueness of this problem in Theorem 1, in Section 2, and this cannot be obtained directly since the restriction on $k^{2}$. Then we use the Tikhonov


Figure 7: Example 2: the exact solution and the numerical solution on $\Sigma$ with $k=5,3 \%$ noise.
regularization method with the Morozov discrepancy principle for solving this ill-posed problem. Convergence and stability of the method are then given with two examples. From the examples, we can see that the proposed method is more stable with more Cauchy data, and the numerical results are sensitive about the wavenumber.

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