

Lagrangian theory of nonlinear gravity waves in shallow-water and related models

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Preliminary remarks

Standard first approach in studying waves : looking for **plane waves** i.e. 1D waves. Rotation mixes up 2 velocity components \Rightarrow purely 1D approach impossible.

1.5D system : no dependence on one spatial coordinate, but corresponding velocity maintained.

Lagrangian 1.5D RSW

(Semi-) Lagrangian momentum equations with no y -dependence :

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{X}(x, t) - fv + g\partial_X h(X, t) &= 0, \\ \dot{v}(X, t) + f\dot{X}(x, t) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Initial-value problems :

$$X(x, 0) = x, \quad u(X, 0) = u_I(x), \quad v(X, 0) = v_I(x), \quad h(X, 0) = h_I(x).$$

Mass conservation :

$$h(X, t) dX = h_I(x) dx, \quad \Rightarrow \quad h(X, t) = h_I(x)\partial_X x. \quad (2)$$

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Reduction to a single PDE

Straightforward integration of (53) :

$$v(X, t) + f X(x, t) = f x + v_I(x), \quad (3)$$

Chain differentiation ($' \equiv \partial_x$) :

$$\partial_X h = \partial_X (h_I(x) \partial_x X) = h_I'(X')^{-2} - h_I(x) X'' (X')^{-3}, \rightarrow$$

Closed 2nd order nonlinear "Master" equation for X :

$$\ddot{X} + f^2 X + g h_I' (X')^{-2} + \frac{g h_I}{2} \left[(X')^{-2} \right]' = f(fx + v_I(x)). \quad (4)$$

In terms of parcels' displacements : $\chi(x, t) = X(x, t) - x$:

$$\ddot{\chi} + f^2 \chi + g h_I' \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right) + \frac{g h_I}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' = f v_I. \quad (5)$$

Focus on propagating waves : considered on the whole x -axis with rapid decay boundary conditions.

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Scaling, non-dimensionalization, linearization

Starting with a state of rest (or using mass-weighted labels) :

$$h_l = H = \text{const}, v_l = 0 \Rightarrow h = H/(1 + \chi'), \quad v = -f \chi. \quad (6)$$

Scaling adapted to wave motions :

$$(x, \chi) \sim L, t \sim L/\sqrt{gH} \rightarrow u \sim \sqrt{gH} \rightarrow \quad (7)$$

$$\ddot{\chi} + \gamma^2 \chi + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' = 0, \quad \gamma = fL/\sqrt{gH}. \quad (8)$$

Control parameter ϵ for wave amplitudes : $\chi \rightarrow \epsilon \chi, \epsilon \ll 1$.

Linearization \Leftrightarrow lowest order in $\epsilon \rightarrow$ **Klein-Gordon equation** :

$$\ddot{\chi} + \gamma^2 \chi - \chi'' = 0. \quad (9)$$

Solutions : harmonic **inertia-gravity** waves with wavenumbers k and frequencies ω : $\chi \propto e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \rightarrow$,

$$\omega = \pm \sqrt{k^2 + \gamma^2} \quad (10)$$

Long-wave dispersion, short waves non-dispersive.

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General solution in non-rotating limit

Below : limit of **weak rotation**

No rotation : $f = 0 \leftrightarrow \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow$ no dispersion (phase velocity $c = \omega/k = \text{const} \Rightarrow$ standard second-order wave equation for **gravity waves** :

$$\ddot{\chi} - \chi'' = 0 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial \xi_+ \partial \xi_-} = 0, \quad \xi_{\pm} := x \pm t, \quad (11)$$

ξ_{\pm} - **characteristic variables**. General solution : **rightward and leftward running wave-packets keeping their shape** :

$$\chi(x, t) = F_+(\xi_+) + F_-(\xi_-), \quad (12)$$

where $F_{\pm}(\xi_{\pm})$ are arbitrary functions - envelopes of superpositions of harmonic waves with phases $k(x \pm t)$ and different wavenumbers k .

Remarks : $\chi = \text{const}$ - trivial solution if b. c. are **periodic** in space. $\chi \propto t$ is admissible solution, if fluid parcels are allowed to move with a constant velocity.

Galilean invariance allows to exclude this.

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Asymptotic expansion, no rotation

Solution of (8) : **multi time scale asymptotic expansion** in ϵ , with a **slow time** $T \sim \epsilon^{-1}t$:

$$\chi = \chi_0(x, t, T) + \epsilon\chi_1(x, t, T) + \dots$$

No rotation, $\gamma \equiv 0$. First two orders in ϵ :

$$\ddot{\chi}_0 - \chi_0'' = 0, \quad (13)$$

$$\ddot{\chi}_1 - \chi_1'' = - (3\chi_0'\chi_0'' + 2\dot{\chi}_{0T}) := -\mathcal{R}[\chi_0] \quad (14)$$

From (13) : $\chi_0(x, t) = F_+(\xi_+, T) + F_-(\xi_-, T) \Rightarrow$

$$2\frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial \xi_+ \partial \xi_-} = -\mathcal{R}[F_+] - \mathcal{R}[F_-] - 3(F_+'F_-' + F_-'F_+') \quad (15)$$

Terms depending **only** on F_+ or on F_- in r.h.s. of (15) are **resonant** : independence on one of the variables \Rightarrow linear growth of solution in this variable after integration over it. Mixed terms non-resonant if F_{\pm} bounded and decaying at $\pm\infty$.

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Killing resonances : modulation equations

Absence of **secular growth** in $\xi_{\pm} \Rightarrow$

$$\pm 2F'_{\pm T} + 3F'_{\pm} F''_{\pm} = 0, \quad (16)$$

where $\dot{F}_{\pm} = \pm F'_{\pm}$ is used. **Modulation equations** describing slow evolution of the wave-packet envelopes.

Recall

$$X = x + \epsilon \chi, \quad \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = \frac{H}{h} = (1 + \epsilon \eta)^{-1} \Rightarrow \eta_0 = -\chi'_0 \quad (17)$$

where $\epsilon \eta$ is a non-dimensional height perturbation $\rightarrow (16) \equiv$ **Hopf equation** = inviscid Burgers = simple-wave equation (subscript 0 omitted) :

$$\mp \eta_{\pm T} + \frac{3}{2} \eta_{\pm} \eta'_{\pm} = 0 \quad (18)$$

Describes **wave-breaking and shock formation in finite time.**

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Slow rotation

Suppose $\gamma^2 \sim \epsilon \Rightarrow$ r.h.s. of (14) acquires additional term :

$$\mathcal{R} [\chi_0] \rightarrow \mathcal{R} [\chi_0] + \chi_0. \quad (19)$$

Conditions of absence of secular growth change, and give :

$$\pm 2F'_{\pm T} + 3F'_{\pm} F''_{\pm} + F_{\pm} = 0. \quad (20)$$

Differentiating once \rightarrow **reduced Ostrovsky** =
Ostrovsky-Hunter (OH) = Vakhnenko equation

$$\left(\mp \eta_{\pm T} + \frac{3}{2} \eta_{\pm} \eta'_{\pm} \right)' - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\pm} = 0, \quad (21)$$

Exhibits both **wave-breaking and shock formation** and **finite-amplitude stationary waves**, depending on initial conditions.

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Comment on inertial oscillations

Arbitrary constant $\bar{\chi}$ can be added to zeroth-order solution, if boundary conditions allow. Can be considered as a function of an **intermediate slow time** $\tau = \sqrt{\epsilon}$. Additional resonant term appears in the r.h.s. of the equation for χ_1 , and should be “killed” \Rightarrow harmonic oscillator equation for $\bar{\chi}$:

$$\frac{d^2 \bar{\chi}}{d\tau^2} + \bar{\chi} = 0. \quad (22)$$

Recall

$$u = \dot{\bar{\chi}}, \quad v = -\bar{\chi} \rightarrow$$

(22) \equiv equations for **inertial oscillations** :

$$\frac{d\bar{u}}{d\tau} - \bar{v} = 0, \quad \frac{d\bar{v}}{d\tau} + \bar{u} = 0, \quad (23)$$

\bar{u} and \bar{v} are x - and t - independent components of the velocity field. \Rightarrow wave-packets in the presence of rotation propagate on a slowly oscillating background.

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Eulerian 1.5D RSGN

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + u \partial_x u - fv + g \partial_x h + \frac{1}{3h} \partial_x (h^2 (\partial_t + u \partial_x)^2 h) = 0, \\ \partial_t v + u \partial_x v + fu = 0, \\ \partial_t h + u \partial_x h + h \partial_x u = 0, \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

Lagrangian RSGN and master equation

Mass and the y- momentum equations- same as in 1.5D RSW, x- momentum equation :

$$\ddot{X} - fv + g \partial_x h + \frac{1}{3h} \partial_x (h^2 \ddot{h}) = 0. \quad (25)$$

Same scaling \rightarrow RSGN **master equation** :

$$\ddot{\chi} + \gamma^2 \chi + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' + \frac{\delta^2}{3} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \left(\frac{\ddot{\chi}}{(1 + \chi')} \right) \right]' = 0, \quad (26)$$

Parameter $\delta = H/L$ controls non-hydrostatic effects. 

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No rotation

The non-hydrostatic effects : weak by construction, we take $\delta^2 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, **no rotation** : $\gamma^2 \equiv 0 \rightarrow$ r.h.s. of (14) becomes

$$\mathcal{R}[\chi_0] \rightarrow \left(-\ddot{\chi}''_0/3 + 3\dot{\chi}'_0\chi''_0 + 2\dot{\chi}_0\tau \right) \quad (27)$$

Killing resonances \rightarrow :

$$\pm 2F'_{\pm\tau} + 3F'_{\pm}F''_{\pm} + \frac{1}{3}F_{\pm}'''' = 0, \quad (28)$$

equivalent to **Korteweg - deVries (KdV)** equations for η_{\pm} :

$$\mp \eta_{\pm\tau} + \frac{3}{2}\eta_{\pm}\eta'_{\pm} - \frac{1}{6}\eta_{\pm}''' = 0. \quad (29)$$

If considered on the whole x - axis :

no wave-breaking, completely integrable, and has solitary wave (soliton), and multi-soliton solutions.

If considered on the finite interval :

exact periodic finite-amplitude wave solutions.

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Slow rotation

If $\gamma^2 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$, r.h.s of (14) becomes

$$\mathcal{R}[\chi_0] \rightarrow \left(\chi_0 - \ddot{\chi}''_0/3 + 3\dot{\chi}'_0\chi''_0 + 2\dot{\chi}_{0T} \right) \quad (30)$$

Killing resonances \rightarrow :

$$\pm 2F'_{\pm T} + 3F'_{\pm}F''_{\pm} + \frac{1}{3}F_{\pm}'''' + F_{\pm} = 0. \quad (31)$$

Ostrovsky = rotation-modified KdV equation. Extra differentiation and passage to η variables :

$$\left(\mp \eta_{\pm T} + \frac{3}{2}\eta_{\pm}\eta'_{\pm} - \frac{1}{6}\eta_{\pm}'''' \right)' - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\pm} = 0. \quad (32)$$

Admit **no soliton solutions, nor shock formation, and is not completely integrable.**

If periodic b.c., slow inertial oscillations accompany even slower inertia-gravity wave packets.

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Comments on “zero-mass paradox”

“Zero-mass paradox” : constraint $\int dx \eta = 0$ not imposed in derivation. Lagrangian view : **no paradox**.

$$\int_{-L}^L \eta dx = - \int_{-L}^L \chi' dx = \chi|_L - \chi|_{-L} \equiv 0.$$

Same constraint for χ : $\mathcal{X}_1 \equiv \int dx \chi = 0 \Leftrightarrow \int dx x \eta = 0$ for (32). Integrate (26) over the domain of the flow :

$$\ddot{\mathcal{X}}_1 + \gamma^2 \mathcal{X}_1 = 0, \quad (33)$$

harmonic oscillator equation. Asymptotic expansion :

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial T} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial T^2} \right) (\mathcal{X}_1^{(0)} + \epsilon \mathcal{X}_1^{(1)} + \dots) + \epsilon (\mathcal{X}_1^{(0)} + \epsilon \mathcal{X}_1^{(1)} + \dots) = 0. \quad (34)$$

Lowest order : $\mathcal{X}_1^{(0)}$ does not depend on t . Next order :

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{X}_1^{(1)} + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial T} \mathcal{X}_1^{(0)} + \mathcal{X}_1^{(0)} = 0. \quad (35)$$

$\mathcal{X}_1^{(0)}$ does not depend on $t \Rightarrow$ to exclude secular growth of $\mathcal{X}_1^{(1)}$ the lowest-order $\mathcal{X}_1^{(0)}$ should vanish \Rightarrow **singular character of the asymptotic expansion in γ^2** .

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Lagrangian 2.5D equations for the deep layer

Volume-preserving flow map :

$$(x, z) \rightarrow (X(x, z, t), Z(x, z, t)) \rightarrow$$

$$\ddot{X} - fV = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial X} = -\frac{1}{\rho_2} \frac{\partial (P, Z)}{\partial (x, z)} \quad (36)$$

$$\dot{v} + f\dot{X} = 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\ddot{Z} + g = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial Z} = -\frac{1}{\rho_2} \frac{\partial (X, P)}{\partial (x, z)} \quad (38)$$

$$\frac{\partial (X, Z)}{\partial (x, z)} = 1. \quad (39)$$

Flat bottom : $Z = z = -H_2$, and interface top : $Z = \eta$ -
material surfaces.

Solving for v : $v = v_I - f(X - x)$ and introducing the deviations of fluid parcels from initial positions, and deviation of pressure from its hydrostatic value :

$$X(x, z, t) = x + \chi(x, z, t), \quad Z = z + \zeta(x, z, t), \quad P = -\rho_2 g Z + p.$$

Interface deviation : $\eta(x, t) \equiv \zeta(x, 0, t)$.

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Scaling and non-dimensionalization

Scaling :

$$(x, \chi) \sim L, (z, \zeta) \sim H_2, t \sim L/\sqrt{gH_2}, p \sim \rho_2 g H_2, v_I \sim \sqrt{gH_2}.$$

Deep layer : $H_2 \sim L \Rightarrow \delta_2 = \frac{H_2}{L} = \mathcal{O}(1) \Rightarrow$ hydrostatics out.

Non-dimensional system for deviations, $\gamma_2^2 = \frac{f^2 L}{g}$:

$$\ddot{\chi} + \gamma_2^2 \chi + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(p, \zeta)}{\partial(x, z)} = \gamma_2 v_I, \quad (40)$$

$$\ddot{\zeta} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial(\chi, p)}{\partial(x, z)} = 0, \quad (41)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial(\chi, \zeta)}{\partial(x, z)} = 0, \quad (42)$$

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Small-amplitude motions in the deep layer

Setup

Amplitudes of the displacements small : $|\chi|, |\zeta| = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \ll 1$.

Waves over the state of rest : $v_I = 0$. Slow rotation : $\gamma_2^2 \ll \epsilon$.

Consistent with the previous $\gamma_1^2 = \frac{f^2 L^2}{g H_1} \sim \epsilon$, $\delta_1^2 = \frac{H_1^2}{L^2} \sim \epsilon$

for a thin layer choice is $\gamma_2^2 \sim \epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}$, as $\gamma_2^2 = \gamma_1^2 \delta$.

Equations in the leading order in ϵ :

$$\ddot{\chi}^{(1)} + \frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (43)$$

$$\ddot{\zeta}^{(1)} + \frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial z} = 0, \quad (44)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^{(1)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \zeta^{(1)}}{\partial z} = 0. \quad (45)$$

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Solving for pressure

Cross-differentiating and using (45) \rightarrow Laplace equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 p^{(1)}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p^{(1)}}{\partial z^2} = 0. \quad (46)$$

To be solved, within same accuracy, in the strip $-1 \leq z \leq 0$, with the Neumann boundary conditions following from (44) :

$$\left. \frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial z} \right|_{z=-1}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} = -\ddot{\zeta}^{(1)}(x, 0, t). \quad (47)$$

Solution well-known, can be obtained by Fourier transformations :

$$p^{(1)}(x, z, t) = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{x} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk e^{ik(x-\bar{x})} \frac{\cosh k(z+1)}{k \sinh k} \ddot{\zeta}^{(1)}(\bar{x}, 0, t). \quad (48)$$

Relevant for upper layer quantity is

$$\left. \frac{\partial p^{(1)}}{\partial x} \right|_{z=0} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{x} \ddot{\zeta}^{(1)}(\bar{x}, 0, t) \coth \frac{\pi(\bar{x}-x)}{2}.$$

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Eulerian 1.5D equations for upper-layer

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1 + u_1 \partial_x u_1 - f v_1 = +g \partial_x h_1 - \frac{1}{\rho_1} \partial_x P|_{z=H_1-h_1} , \\ \partial_t v_1 + u_1 \partial_x v_1 + f u_1 = 0 , \\ \partial_t h_1 + u_1 \partial_x h_1 + h_1 \partial_x u_1 = 0 , \end{cases} \quad (50)$$

P - pressure at the interface.

Displacement of the upper surface of the deep layer $\zeta(x, 0, t)$ in terms of the thickness of the upper layer :

$$\zeta(x, 0, t) = Z(x, 0, t) = H_1 - h_1(x, t). \quad (51)$$

Restoring dimensions and omitting superscripts :

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right|_{z=0} &= -\frac{\rho_2}{2H_2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{x} \ddot{\zeta}(\bar{x}, 0, t) \coth \frac{\pi(\bar{x} - x)}{2H_2} \\ &\equiv -\rho_2 \mathcal{F} \left[\ddot{\zeta}(\bar{x}, 0, t) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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Eulerian form :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_1 + u_1 \partial_x u_1 - f v_1 = g \left(1 - \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right) \partial_x h_1 + \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \mathcal{F} \left[\ddot{h}_1(\bar{x}, t) \right], \\ \partial_t v_1 + u_1 \partial_x v_1 + f u_1 = 0, \\ \partial_t h_1 + u_1 \partial_x h_1 + h_1 \partial_x u_1 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (52)$$

$\mathcal{F} \rightarrow$ Hilbert transform for $H_2 \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\mathcal{F}[h] \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{x} \frac{h(\bar{x})}{(\bar{x} - x)}$$

Lagrangian form :

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{X}_1 - f v_1 + g \left(\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} - 1 \right) \partial_x h_1 &= \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \mathcal{F} \left[\ddot{h}_1(\bar{x}, t) \right], \\ h_1 dX &= h_{1l} dx; \quad \dot{v}_1 + f \dot{X}_1 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

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Same scaling with $H \rightarrow H_1$, and same manipulations as before \rightarrow non-dimensional **master equation** for deviations $\chi = X_1 - x$:

$$\ddot{\chi} + \gamma^2 \chi + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' = \frac{\delta}{2} \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\ddot{\chi}}{(1 + \chi')} \right]. \quad (54)$$

Keeping nonlinear in χ terms in r.h.s. is over the accuracy \rightarrow

$$\ddot{\chi} + \gamma^2 \chi + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' = -\frac{\delta}{2} \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \mathcal{F}[\ddot{\chi}']. \quad (55)$$

Remark : r.h.s. is $\mathcal{O}(\delta)$, while non-hydrostatic correction is $\mathcal{O}(\delta^2)$, which explains the omission of the latter.

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Setup

$\chi \rightarrow \epsilon \chi$, $\epsilon \ll 1$, $\gamma^2 \lesssim \epsilon$. Weak coupling : $\delta \sim \epsilon \rightarrow$ wave equation in the lowest order \Rightarrow

$$\chi_0 = F_+(x+t) + F_-(x-t)$$

Further steps - as before, with modified dispersive correction

Killing the resonances

R.h.s of the wave equation for χ_1 :

$$\mathcal{R}[\chi_0] \rightarrow \left(-\frac{\rho_2}{2\rho_1} \mathcal{F}[\ddot{\chi}'] + 3\dot{\chi}'_0 \chi''_0 + 2\dot{\chi}'_0 \tau \right) \quad (56)$$

Killing the resonances \rightarrow :

$$\pm 2F'_{\pm\tau} + 3F'_{\pm} F''_{\pm} - \frac{\rho_2}{2\rho_1} \mathcal{F}[F'''_{\pm}] + F_{\pm} = 0. \quad (57)$$

Magenta term disappears in the absence of rotation.

Modulation equations

Recalling $\eta = -\chi'$ (lowest order) \Rightarrow
(rotating) **intermediate long waves (ILW)** equations :

$$\left(\mp \eta_{\pm\tau} + \frac{3}{2} \eta_{\pm} \eta'_{\pm} + \frac{\rho_2}{4\rho_1} \mathcal{F}[\eta''_{\pm}] \right)' - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\pm} = 0. \quad (58)$$

In the limit $H_2 \rightarrow \infty$ (rotating) **Benjamin-Ono (BO)**
equations :

$$\left(\mp \eta_{\pm\tau} + \frac{3}{2} \eta_{\pm} \eta'_{\pm} + \mathcal{H}[\eta''_{\pm}] \right)' - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\pm} = 0. \quad (59)$$

In the absence of rotation (terms in magenta) both ILW and BO equations admit **soliton solutions**, and BO is **completely integrable**.

No soliton solutions in the presence of rotation.

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Eulerian 2-layer 1.5D RSW system

$$\partial_t u_1 + u_1 \partial_x u_1 - f v_1 + \rho_1^{-1} \partial_x p_1 = 0, \quad (60a)$$

$$\partial_t v_1 + u_1 (f + \partial_x v_1) = 0, \quad (60b)$$

$$\partial_t u_2 + u_2 \partial_x u_2 - f v_2 + \rho_2^{-1} \partial_x p_2 = 0, \quad (60c)$$

$$\partial_t v_2 + u_2 (f + \partial_x v_2) = 0, \quad (60d)$$

$$\partial_t h_1 + \partial_x (h_1 u_1) = 0, \quad (60e)$$

$$\partial_t h_2 + \partial_x (h_2 u_2) = 0, \quad (60f)$$

$$p_2 = p_1 + g \Delta \rho \eta, \quad \Delta \rho := \rho_2 - \rho_1. \quad (60g)$$

Rigid lid : $h_1 + h_2 = H = \text{const} \Rightarrow h_{1(2)} = H_{1(2)} - (+)\eta$.

η - interface displacement, $H_{1,2}$ - unperturbed thicknesses.

Summing up (60e), (60f), and using (51) \rightarrow :

$$\partial_x (h_1 u_1 + h_2 u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow h_1 u_1 + h_2 u_2 = HU(t), \quad (61)$$

$U(t)$ - arbitrary function.

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Eliminating barotropic pressure

(60a) $h_1 + (60c) h_2 \rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial p_2}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{h_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{h_2}{\rho_2} \right)^{-1} \left(f(h_1 v_1 + h_2 v_2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (h_1 u_1^2 + h_2 u_2^2) - H\dot{U}(t) + g\Delta\rho h_1 \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x} \right) \Rightarrow \quad (62)$$

System of 4 equations $h_1 = H - h_2$, $u_1 = \frac{HU(t) - h_2 u_2}{H - h_2}$:

$$\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + u_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} - f v_2 + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2 h_1 + \rho_1 h_2} \left(f(h_1 v_1 + h_2 v_2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (h_1 u_1^2 + h_2 u_2^2) + \frac{g\Delta\rho}{\rho_1} h_1 \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x} - H\dot{U}(t) \right) = 0, \quad (63)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_2}{\partial t} + u_2 \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x} + h_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (64)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_2}{\partial t} + u_2 \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} + f u_2 = 0, \quad (65)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial t} + u_2 \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + (u_1 - u_2) \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + f u_1 = 0, \quad (66)$$

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Semi-Lagrangian form of equations

"Oceanographic" limit : $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \rightarrow 1$. Lagrangian coordinate $X(x, t)$ of a fluid parcel in lower layer. Lagrangian derivative is $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$. Mass-conservation : $h_{2i}(x)dx = h_2(X, t)dX$.

$$v_2(x, t) + f\chi(x, t) = v_{2i}(x). \quad (67)$$

2-layer semi-Lagrangian system, $h = \frac{h_l(x)}{H_2 X'}$:

$$\ddot{X} - f(1-h)(v_l - v_1 - f(X-x)) - \frac{1}{X'} \left[\frac{h(\dot{X}^2 - 2U(t)\dot{X})}{1-h} + \frac{U^2(t)}{1-h} \right]' + \quad (68)$$

$$g'H(1-h) \frac{h'}{X'} - \dot{U}(t) = 0, \quad = 0,$$

$$\dot{v}_1 - \frac{\dot{X}}{1-h} \left(\frac{v_1'}{X'} + fh \right) + \frac{U(t)}{1-h} \left(\frac{v_1'}{X'} + f \right) = 0, \quad (69)$$

$g' = g \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2}$ - reduced gravity, prime over g omitted below.

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Displacements $\chi = X - x \rightarrow X' = 1 + \chi'$, $\dot{X} = \dot{\chi}$, "wave" configurations : $v_1 = 0$, $h_1 = H_2$. Non-dimensional unperturbed thickness : $D_2 = \frac{H_2}{H} \rightarrow h = \frac{D_2}{1+\chi'}$. Equations (69), (69) with $D_1 = 1 - D_2$:

$$\ddot{\chi} + f \left(\frac{D_1 + \chi'}{1 + \chi'} \right) (v_1 + f\chi) - \frac{1}{1 + \chi'} \left[\frac{D_2(\dot{\chi}^2 - 2U(t)\dot{\chi}) + U^2(t)(1 + \chi')}{D_1 + \chi'} \right]' + \frac{gH}{2} (D_1 + \chi') \left(\frac{D_2}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' - \dot{U}(t) = 0, \quad (70)$$

$$\dot{v}_1 - \frac{\dot{\chi}}{(D_1 + \chi')(1 + \chi')} (v_1' + fD_2) + U(t) \left(\frac{1 + \chi'}{D_1 + \chi'} \right) \left(\frac{v_1'}{1 + \chi'} + f \right) = 0. \quad (71)$$

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Non-dimensional master equations

\sqrt{gH} scaling for U and v_1 , and the same as before “wave” scaling for time \rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} & \ddot{\chi} + \gamma \left(\frac{D_1 + \chi'}{1 + \chi'} \right) (v_1 + \gamma\chi) - \\ & \frac{1}{1 + \chi'} \left[\frac{D_2(\dot{\chi}^2 - 2U(t)\dot{\chi}) + U^2(t)(1 + \chi')}{D_1 + \chi'} \right]' + \\ & \frac{1}{2} (D_1 + \chi') \left(\frac{D_2}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' - \dot{U}(t) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \dot{v}_1 - \frac{\dot{\chi}}{(D_1 + \chi')(1 + \chi')} (v_1' + \gamma D_2) + \\ & U(t) \left(\frac{1 + \chi'}{D_1 + \chi'} \right) \left(\frac{v_1'}{1 + \chi'} + \gamma \right) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

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No rotation, $\gamma \equiv 0$

Parcel displacements small : $\chi \rightarrow \epsilon\chi$, as well as global flux $U \rightarrow \epsilon U$. Suppose $U = U(T)$, $T = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1}) \leftrightarrow U$ - velocity of a **tide**. Master equations uncouple :

$$\ddot{\chi} - \frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon\chi'} \left[\frac{D_2 (\dot{\chi}^2 - 2U(T)\dot{\chi}) + U^2(T)(1 + \epsilon\chi')}{D_1 + \epsilon\chi'} \right]' - (D_1 + \epsilon\chi') \left(\frac{D_2}{(1 + \epsilon\chi')^3} \right) \chi'' - \epsilon \dot{U}(T) = 0. \quad (74)$$

Asymptotic expansion $\chi = \chi_0(x, t, T) + \epsilon\chi_1(x, t, T) + \dots$

Leading order - wave equation for gravity waves at the interface with phase velocity $c = \sqrt{D_1 D_2}$:

$$\ddot{\chi}_0 - D_1 D_2 \chi_0'' = 0 \Rightarrow \quad (75)$$

$$\chi_0 = F_+(x + ct) + F_-(x - ct),$$

F_{\pm} - arbitrary localized functions.

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Killing resonances in the next order \Rightarrow

$$\pm 2\dot{F}_{\pm T} + 2U(T) \frac{D_2}{D_1} \dot{F}'_{\pm} - 2 \frac{D_2}{D_1} \dot{F}_{\pm} \dot{F}'_{\pm} + (3D_1 D_2 - D_2) F'_{\pm} F''_{\pm} = U_T. \quad (76)$$

Right-moving waves $(\dot{\dots}) = -c(\dots)' \Rightarrow :$

$$\dot{F}_{-T} + U(T) \frac{D_2}{D_1} \dot{F}'_{-} + A \dot{F}_{-} \dot{F}'_{-} = \frac{1}{2} U_T, \quad (77)$$

where $A = \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2D_1} - \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)$. Nglobal flux $U = 0 \rightarrow$ **Hopf equation**. U brings in advection and forcing. Advection by U can be eliminated : $w := \dot{F}_{-} - \frac{D_2}{AD_1} U \rightarrow$ **Forced Hopf equation** with time-dependent forcing.

$$w_T + Aww' = CU_T, \quad (78)$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{D_2}{AD_1} = \frac{1}{2D_1}.$$

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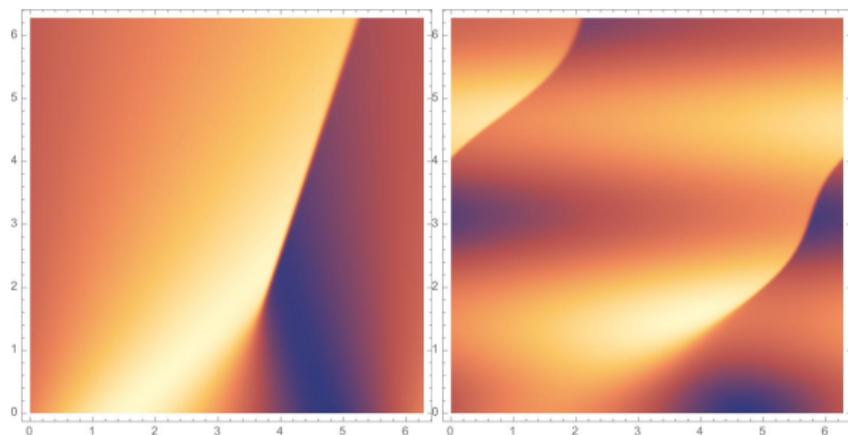
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Periodic forcing and shock formation

Forcing does not remove breaking inherent to the Hopf equation, just modulates the propagating shock.



Evolution of initial $w = 1/3 + 2/3 \sin x$ in the $x - t$ plane of unforced (left), and periodically forced (right panel) Burgers equations for w with very small viscosity 0.001 and periodic boundary conditions. Lighter(darker) colors : higher (lower) values of w .

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Slow rotation, $\gamma \rightarrow \sqrt{\epsilon}\gamma$

Transverse velocity correspondingly small : $v_1 \rightarrow \epsilon^{3/2}v_1$.

Master equations (72) and (73) coupled, and in the leading order :

$$\dot{v}_{10} - \gamma \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1} \dot{\chi}_0 - \frac{1}{D_1} U \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \quad (79)$$

$U = U(T)$: **inconsistent**, leads to incurable secular growth in v_1 . Reason : constant (in fast time) zonal velocity $U \rightarrow$ Coriolis force \rightarrow growth of the meridional velocity. Stoppable only by a pressure gradient in y , forbidden in 1.5D setup \Rightarrow only reasonable setting : $U = U(t)$.

New variable $\bar{\chi} = \chi + \mathcal{U}(t)$, leading order in $\epsilon \rightarrow$

$$\chi_0 = F_+(x + ct) + F_-(x - ct) - \mathcal{U}(t). \quad (80)$$

$t = \frac{\xi_+ - \xi_-}{2c}$, where $\xi_{\pm} = (x \pm ct) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(t)$ is a function of both $\xi_{\pm} \Rightarrow$ terms containing $\mathcal{U}(t)$ in the r.h.s. of the equation for the first correction χ_1 non-resonant, and do not enter the **reduced Ostrovsky equations** for F_{\pm} .

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RMCC system and pressure elimination

$$\partial_t u_1 + u_1 \partial_x u_1 - f v_1 + \rho_1^{-1} \partial_x p_1 + \frac{1}{3h_1} \partial_x (h_1^2 (\partial_t + u_1 \partial_x)^2 h_1) = 0 ,$$

$$\partial_t v_1 + u_1 (f + \partial_x v_1) = 0 ,$$

$$\partial_t u_2 + u_2 \partial_x u_2 - f v_2 + \rho_2^{-1} \partial_x p_2 + \frac{1}{3h_2} \partial_x (h_2^2 (\partial_t + u_2 \partial_x)^2 h_2) = 0 ,$$

$$\partial_t v_2 + u_2 (f + \partial_x v_2) = 0 ,$$

$$\partial_t h_1 + \partial_x (h_1 u_1) = 0 ,$$

$$\partial_t h_2 + \partial_x (h_2 u_2) = 0$$

$$p_2 = p_1 + g \Delta \rho \eta$$

Eliminating $p_{1,2} \rightarrow (62)$ with additional terms in big parentheses in its r.h.s.

$$\frac{1}{3} \partial_x (h_1^2 (\partial_t + u_1 \partial_x)^2 h_1) + \frac{1}{3} \partial_x (h_2^2 (\partial_t + u_2 \partial_x)^2 h_2) . \quad (82)$$

Same addition (82) in big parentheses in (63), other equations the same.

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Equation for X with SGN-type addition :

$$\ddot{X} - f(1-h)(v_l - v_1 - f(X-x)) - \quad (83)$$

$$\frac{1}{X'} \left[\frac{h(\dot{X}^2 - 2U(t)\dot{X})}{1-h} + \frac{U^2(t)}{1-h} \right]' +$$

$$g'H(1-h) \frac{h'}{X'} - \dot{U}(t) + \frac{H}{3X'} \left(\ddot{h}(1-2h) \right)' = 0, \quad (84)$$

Correspondingly,

$$\ddot{\chi} + f \left(\frac{D_1 + \chi'}{1 + \chi'} \right) (v_1 + f\chi) -$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \chi'} \left[\frac{D_2(\dot{\chi}^2 - 2U(t)\dot{\chi}) + U^2(t)(1 + \chi')}{D_1 + \chi'} \right]' +$$

$$\frac{gH}{2} (D_1 + \chi') \left(\frac{D_2}{(1 + \chi')^2} \right)' - \dot{U}(t) +$$

$$\frac{\delta^2}{3} \frac{D_2}{1 + \chi'} \left[\left(\frac{\ddot{\chi}}{1 + \chi'} \right) \frac{D_2 - D_1 - \chi'}{1 + \chi'} \right]' = 0, \quad (85)$$

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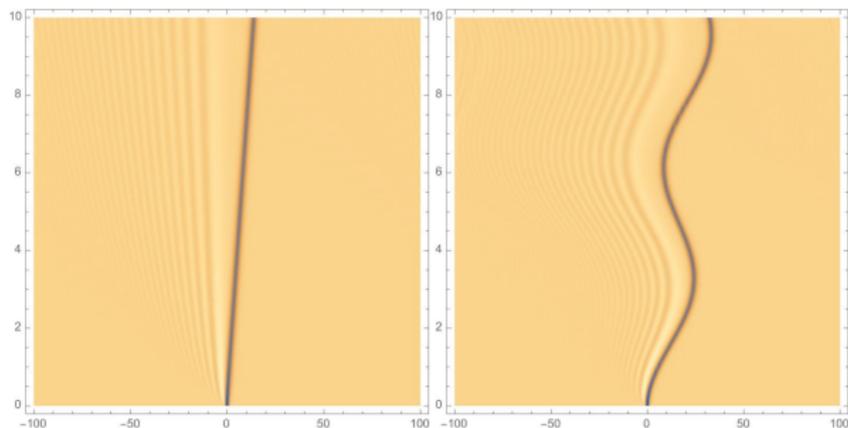
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Unforced vs periodically forced KdV solutions



Characteristic $(x - t)$ diagrams of the evolution of an initial localized bump in the non-forced (left), and periodically forced (right) KdV equations. Darker color = higher amplitude.

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