

# Numerical Dispersion Relations

Aim: explain qualitative observations  
in flaws in numerical solution  
of wave equation in terms of  
dispersion relations.

Observation:

$$e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

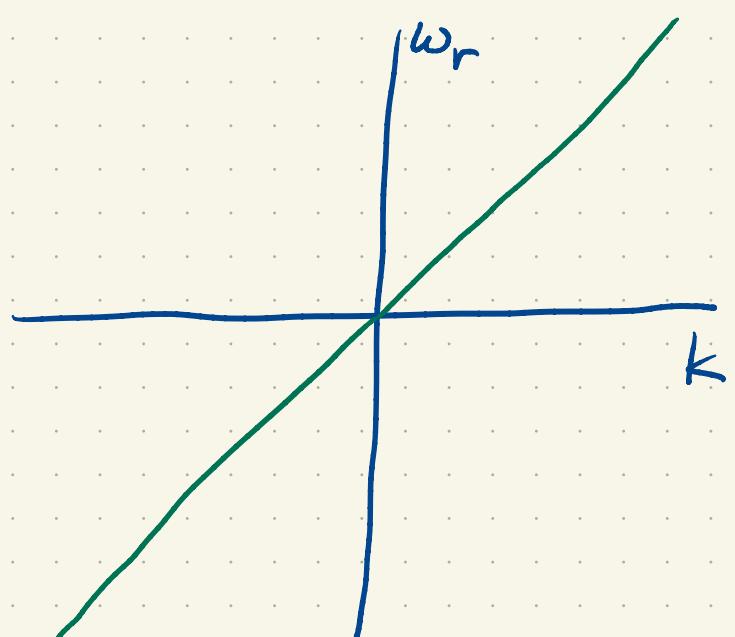
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$$i(-\omega + ak) = -d$$

$$\omega - ak = -id$$

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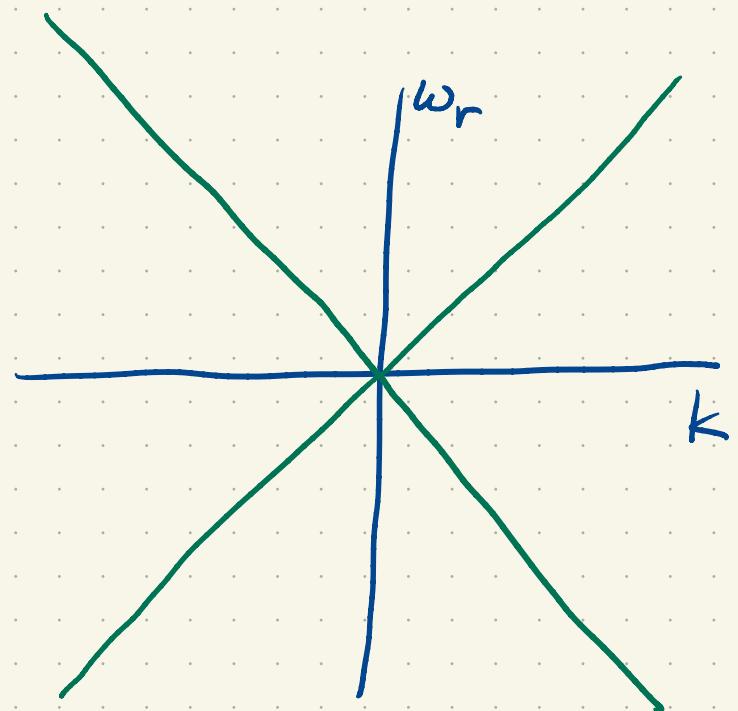
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$$(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2) u = 0$$

$$-\omega^2 + c^2 k^2 = 0$$

$$\omega = \pm ck$$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega_r}{k} = \pm c$$



$$u_{i,j+1} = 2u_{i,j} - \lambda^2 [u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}] - u_{i,j-1}$$

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$$(k^j e^{Ix_i}, r = \bar{k}, k = e^{-I\bar{\omega}t}) \quad t_j = k_j$$

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$$e^{-I\bar{\omega}k} - 2 + e^{+I\bar{\omega}k} = \lambda^2 [e^{I\bar{k}h} - 2 + e^{-I\bar{k}h}]$$

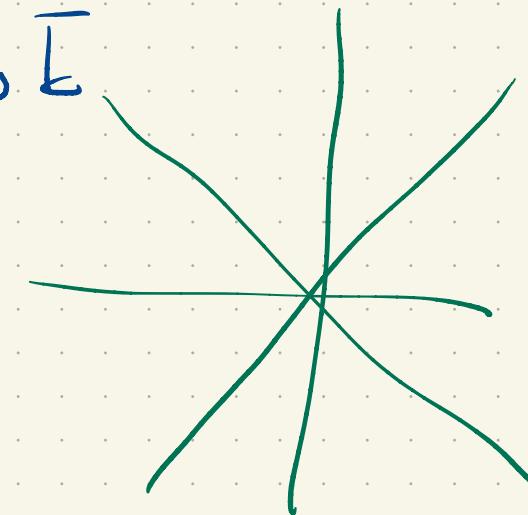
$$2[\cos(\bar{\omega}k) - 1] = \lambda^2 2[\cos(\bar{k}h) - 1]$$

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\bar{\omega}k}{2}\right) = \lambda^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\bar{E}h}{2}\right) \quad \lambda = \frac{ck}{h}$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \sin(\bar{\omega} k/2) = \pm c \frac{1}{h} \sin\left(\frac{\bar{E}h}{2}\right) : \text{disperse!}$$

$k$  small relative to  $\bar{\omega}$ ,  $h$  small relative to  $\bar{E}$

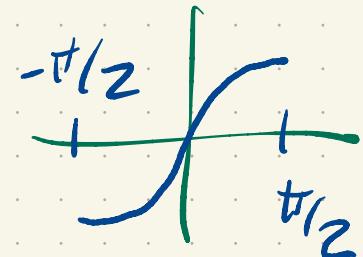
$$\frac{\bar{\omega}}{2} \approx \pm c \frac{\bar{E}}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\bar{E}} = \pm c$$



(in the limit)

$$\arcsin(\sin(\theta)) = \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \sin(\bar{\omega} \frac{k}{2}) = \pm c \frac{1}{h} \sin\left(\frac{kh}{2}\right)$$



Assuming  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\bar{\omega} k}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{kh}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\bar{\omega} = \pm \frac{2}{k} \arcsin \left[ \lambda \sin\left(\frac{kh}{2}\right) \right] \quad \bar{\omega} = \pm c \sqrt{k} \quad |\lambda| \leq 1$$

①  $\lambda = 1 \quad \bar{\omega} = \pm c \sqrt{k} \quad \checkmark$

②  $\omega$  is real, always (non-dissipative)

③

$$V_{np} = \frac{\bar{\omega}}{k} = \pm \frac{2}{\lambda k} \frac{h}{h} \leq \text{arsinh}(\lambda \sin(\frac{k h}{2}))$$
$$= \pm \frac{2c}{\lambda k h} \text{arsinh}(\lambda \sin(\frac{k h}{2}))$$

$$z = \frac{kh}{2} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq z \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$V_{np} = \pm c \arcsin(\lambda \sin(z))$$

$$|\lambda| < 1$$

$$\arcsin(x) = x + \frac{x^3}{6} + O(x^5)$$

$$\sin(z) = z - \frac{z^3}{6} + O(z^5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{np} &= \pm c \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda z} \left[ \lambda z - \frac{\lambda z^3}{6} + \frac{\lambda^3 z^3}{6} + O(z^5) \right] \right] \\ &= \pm c \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{6} (1 - \lambda^2) z^2 + O(z^4) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{hp} = \pm c \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{24} (1-\zeta^2) (\bar{k}h)^2 + O(h^4) \right]$$



$$\frac{\downarrow}{\lambda z} \arcsin(\lambda \sin(z))$$

$$\lambda = 1$$



$$\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\lambda} \arcsin(\lambda)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\bar{\omega} = \pm \frac{2}{k} \arcsin \left[ \lambda \sin \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$v_{ng} = \frac{\partial \bar{\omega}}{\partial k} = \frac{2}{k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right)}} \cdot \frac{\lambda \cos \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right)}{2} \frac{h}{2}$$

$$= c \frac{\cos \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right)}{\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right)}}$$

$$|\lambda|^2 \leq 1$$

$$= c \frac{\cos \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right)}{\sqrt{(1-\lambda^2) + \lambda^2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{kh}{2} \right)}}$$

$$v_{\text{sg}} = c \frac{\cos(z)}{\sqrt{(1-\lambda^2) + \lambda^2 \cos^2(z)}}$$

$$> \cos^2(z) \quad \text{if} \quad 0 \leq \lambda < 1$$

Group velocity is also  $< c$ .

Upward:

$$\chi_{r,j} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2}ah(1-\lambda)}_{-\varepsilon} u_{xx}$$

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$-\varepsilon$

$$u_c + au_x = 0$$

Suppose  $u_c + au_x = \varepsilon u_{xx}$ .

Substitute into upwind approx for its "LTE"

$$u(x, t+k) = u + u_t k + u_{tt} \frac{k^2}{2} + u_{666} \frac{k^3}{6} + O(k^4)$$

$$u_t = -au_x + \varepsilon u_{xx}$$

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$$\frac{u(x, t+k) - u(x, t)}{k} = u_t + \frac{a^2 k u_{xx}}{2} + O(\epsilon k) + O(k^2)$$

$$a \frac{u(x+h) - u(x-h, t)}{h} = a \left[ u_x - \frac{u_{xx}}{2} h + O(h^2) \right]$$

$$\text{LTE: } u_t + a_{xx} + \left[ \frac{a^2 k}{2} - \frac{ah}{2} \right] a_{xx} + O(h^2) + O(k^2) + O(hk)$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{ah}{2} [1 - \lambda]$$

$$\frac{ah}{2} \left[ \frac{ak}{h} - 1 \right] = -\epsilon$$

$$\frac{ah}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{ak}{h} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{u_t + a_{xx} - \epsilon a_{xx}}_{= 0} + O(h^2) + O(k^2) + O(hk)$$

Upshot:

The solution of  $u_t + au_x = \epsilon u_{xx}$

better satisfies the numerical method.

The  $\epsilon u_{xx}$  term makes the PDE act like

heat equation, gives diffusion.

Same gone for LW:

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{6} \left[ ah^2 - c_2 k^2 \right] u_{xxx} + \dots$$

$$\frac{ak}{h}$$

$$u_t + a u_x = -\frac{1}{6} \left[ ah^2 - c_2 k^2 \right] u_{xxx} \quad \text{solves}$$

discrete better

→ effect is dispersion.

$$-I\bar{\omega} + aI\bar{F} = a\frac{h^2}{6} [1 - \chi^2] I^3 \bar{k}^3$$

$$\bar{\omega} = a\bar{k} - \frac{a h^2}{6} (1 - \chi^2) \bar{k}^3$$

$$= a\bar{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{(h\bar{k})^2}{6} (1 - \chi^2) \right]$$

dispersive speeds  $< a$ .