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• with $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}_0 \exp i (k_1 x + k_2 y - \omega t)$

$$0 = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \omega \mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{x} , \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & iH \\ -\beta \frac{\mathbf{g}}{f} \mathbf{k}_1 & 0 & if \\ -ig\mathbf{k}^2 & -if & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow |\mathbf{A} + \omega \mathbf{1}| = 0$$

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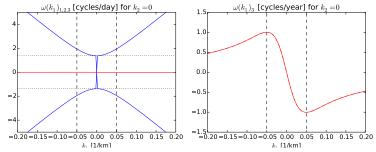
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- set $\beta = 0 \rightarrow$ geostrophy and gravity waves
- assume $\omega^2 \ll f^2 \to \mathsf{Rossby}$ waves
- find roots $\omega_{1,2,3}$ of characteristic equation numerically for $R=\sqrt{gH}/f\approx 20~{\rm km}$ (dashed), $f=10^{-4}~{\rm s}^{-1}$ (dotted) and $\beta=2\times 10^{-11}~{\rm m}^{-1}{\rm s}^{-1}$



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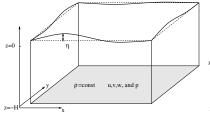
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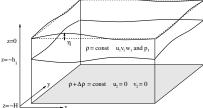
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non-linear barotropic or reduced gravity model

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{u} + f \, \, \underline{\boldsymbol{u}} = -g \nabla h \, \, , \, \, \, \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{h} + h) \boldsymbol{u} = 0$$

with mean height $\bar{h}=const$ and total height $H=\bar{h}+h$ and $\mathbf{u}=(-v,u)$ which denotes anticlockwise rotation of \mathbf{u} by 90^o





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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + q \mathbf{U} + \nabla (K + gh) = 0$$

with total transport ${\pmb U}=H{\pmb u}$, relative vorticity $\zeta=\nabla\cdot{\pmb u}$, potential vorticity $q=(f+\zeta)/H$ and kinetic energy $K={\pmb u}^2/2$ given by $\frac{\partial K}{\partial t}+{\pmb u}\cdot\nabla K+{\pmb u}\cdot\nabla(gh)=0$

since $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}H = 0$

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▶ total energy H(K + gH/2) is given by adding H times kinetic energy equation+ and gH times thickness equation

$$H\frac{\partial K}{\partial t} + H\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla K + H\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla (gh) = 0 \quad , \quad gH\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + gH\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0$$

$$H\frac{\partial K}{\partial t} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla K + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla (gH) + gH\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + gH\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (HK)}{\partial t} + K\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla K + gH\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (gH\mathbf{U}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (HK + gH^2/2) + \nabla \cdot ((K + gH)\mathbf{U}) = 0$$

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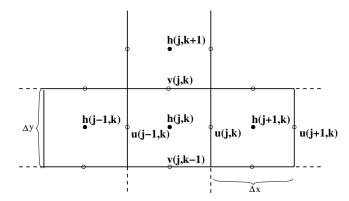
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▶ the linearized 2D shallow water equations with rotation are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = fv - \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} , \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -fu - \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} , \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -c^2 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)$$



discrete linearized shallow water equations with rotation

$$\frac{du_{j,k}}{dt} = f \overline{v_{j,k}}^{j+k-} - \delta_x^+ h_{j,k} , \frac{dv_{j,k}}{dt} = -f \overline{u_{j,k}}^{j-k+} - \delta_y^+ h_{j,k}$$

with the finite differencing operators

$$\delta_{x}^{+} h_{j,k} = (h_{j+1,k} - h_{j,k})/\Delta_{x} , \quad \delta_{x}^{-} h_{j,k} = (h_{j,k} - h_{j-1,k})/\Delta_{x}
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and with the finite averaging operators

$$\overline{h_{j,k}}^{j+} = (h_{j,k} + h_{j+1,k})/2 , \overline{h_{j,k}}^{j-} = (h_{j,k} + h_{j-1,k})/2$$

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$$U_{j,k} = u_{j,k} \overline{H}^{i+}$$
, $V = v_{j,k} \overline{H}^{j+}$, $d_t h = -\delta_x^- U_{j,k} - \delta_y^- V_{j,k}$

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which is the energy conserving scheme by Sadourny (1975)



Rossby waves

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Nonlinear model

Nonlinear momentum equation Nonlinear energy equations Spatial discretisation for non-linear mode

Two level time discretisation

consider the linear system again

$$\partial_t \boldsymbol{z} + i \boldsymbol{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{z} = 0$$

with eigenvalues ω_s , left, right eigenvectors $m{Q}^s$ and $m{P}^s$ for $s=0,\pm$

lacktriangle interpolate $m{z}$ at time level $\emph{n},\ \emph{n}-1$ with weights $\alpha=1.5,\ \beta=-0.5$

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and

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\Delta_t \omega_{s_0} (\alpha/2)^2 / \beta \right)$$

which is not converging to analytical frequency \rightarrow computational mode which is strongly damped

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▶ imaginary part $Im(\bar{\omega})$ is larger than zero for $\alpha = 1.5$, $\beta = -0.5$ but for $\alpha = (1.5 + \epsilon)$, $\beta = -(0.5 + \epsilon) \rightarrow Im(\bar{\omega}) < 0$