

Extra problems for Mek 4320

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Ex. 1 *Shallow water waves on a two-layer fluid.* A fluid consists of two layers, with different densities. We assume that they do not mix, which imply that there is a sharp interface between the layers with a jump in the density. We ignore capillary effects, compressibility and viscosity. The equilibrium thicknesses of the upper and lower layers are h_1 (constant.) and $h_2(x)$, respectively. We assume motion in one horizontal direction (x) and the vertical (z) only. The lower layer, with density ρ_2 , is then confined to $-(h_1 + h_2) \leq z \leq -h_1 + \eta_2$, where $\eta_2(x, t)$ is the displacement of interface between the layers. The upper layer with density ρ_1 , is then confined to $-h_1 + \eta_2 \leq z \leq \eta_1$, where $\eta_1(x, t)$ is the surface elevation. Make a sketch of the fluid configuration.

Furthermore, we assume long gravity waves and a hydrostatic pressure distribution. The horizontal velocities of the two layers are u_1 and u_2 , respectively, and we assume that they are vertically uniform within each layer at $t = 0$. The acceleration of gravity is g and the relative density difference between the layers is $\epsilon = \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2}$. The motion is then governed by the equations

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} + u_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} = -g \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} + u_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} = -g(1 - \epsilon) \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} - g\epsilon \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x}, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\eta_1 - \eta_2) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}((h_1 + \eta_1 - \eta_2)u_1) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}((h_2 + \eta_2)u_2) \quad (4)$$

a) Derive these equations. You must start with the Eulers equations of motion in each layer and then proceed much as is done in the Compendium for the NLSW equations. It may be a good idea first to repeat the derivation of the Compendium with only x and t .

b) Henceforth, we assume a flat bottom $h_2 = \text{constant}$. Find the harmonic modes for the linearized equation set. Show that there are two classes of modes and discuss their properties.

c) The equation set does also inherit solution in the form of pulses with permanent shape. Again there are two modes, corresponding to the modes in the previous sub-problem.

Ex. 2 Wave breaking. A pulse is propagating in the positive x -direction. Initially it has the form

$$\eta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } x < -L \\ A(x+L)/L & \text{when } -L < x < 0 \\ A(L-x)/L & \text{when } 0 < x < L \\ 0 & \text{when } L < x \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

The equilibrium depth is h and we assume weakly nonlinear shallow water theory (only leading nonlinearities are included). When does the wave break?

Ex. 3 Wave source in shallow water. An equilibrium depth is defined by the profile

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} h_0 x/L & \text{for } x < L \\ h_0 & \text{for } x \geq L \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

However, we will have wave propagation in the xy plane. At a location with $h = h_m < h_0$ a wave maker (buoy) produces circular-symmetric waves with frequency ω . We assume that all wave energy that reaches the shore $h = 0$ is absorbed. Employ ray theory for shallow water waves to estimate the fraction of the energy from the wave maker that escapes into deep water ($h = h_0$). Briefly discuss the modifications to this solution when we invoke finite depth. How much of the energy will then escape if $h_0 \rightarrow \infty$.

Ex. 4 Stokes waves and the Klein-Gordon equation. A nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation is written

$$u_{t^*t^*}^* - c_0^2 u_{x^*x^*}^* + q u^* - r(u^*)^3 = 0. \quad (7)$$

Scale the equation to obtain

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + u - \epsilon u^3 = 0 \quad (8)$$

Assume a periodic wave of permanent form. Adapt the scaling such that $u = O(1)$ and ϵ is small. Find the first two terms in a “Stokes Wave” solution in this case.

Ex. 5 Internal Waves. In a stratified fluid we have the density

$$\rho = \begin{cases} \rho_0 - \Delta\rho & \text{when } z < -B \\ \rho_0 + \frac{\Delta\rho}{B}z & \text{when } -B \leq z \leq B \\ \rho_0 + \Delta\rho & \text{when } B < z \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where the z -axis is pointing vertically downwards.

a) We wish to approximate the buoyancy frequency (Brunt-Väisälä), N , by a constant for $-B < z < B$. When is this justified?

b) Internal modes due to the stratification is governed by

$$\hat{w}'' + k^2 \left(\frac{N^2}{\omega^2} - 1 \right) \hat{w} = 0, \quad (10)$$

where \hat{w} defines the vertical variation of the vertical velocity component, k is the wave number in the horizontal direction and ω is the frequency.

Show that, for the stratification in (9), modes are given by (10) combined with the boundary conditions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{w}' - k\hat{w} &= 0 & \text{at } z &= -B \\ \hat{w}' + k\hat{w} &= 0 & \text{at } z &= B \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

c) Solve the eigenvalue problem from the preceding point to obtain implicit expressions for $\beta = \sqrt{\frac{N^2}{\omega^2} - 1}$. Show that there are two groups of modes, with \hat{w} that are symmetric and anti-symmetric with respect to $z = 0$, respectively.

d) The dispersion relations may be represented as the intersections between a functions that are linear and periodic in β . Show this and explain why the symmetric modes have 1, 3, 5 etc. extremes in the interval $-B < z < B$, whereas the anti-symmetric modes have 2, 4, 6 ... Depict \hat{w} for the lowest two modes of each kind.

e) Instead of an unbounded fluid we now assume a semi-unbounded one with a rigid lid at $z = -H$. Outline briefly how to find the modes in this case.

Ex. 6 Fourier transform and stationary phase. The linearized KdV equation

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + c_0 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{c_0 H^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3 \eta}{\partial x^3} = 0, \quad (12)$$

is to be solved, subjected to the initial condition

$$\eta(x, 0) \equiv \eta_0(x) = \frac{Q}{2L\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-(\frac{x}{2L})^2}. \quad (13)$$

a) Apply the Fourier transform to the equations and show that

$$\eta(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\eta}_0(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk,$$

where $\tilde{\eta}_0$ is the transform of η_0 . What is the relation between k and ω ?

b) Show that the solution may be recast into

$$\eta(x, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Re} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{\eta}_0(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk \right\}. \quad (14)$$

This result differs from the corresponding ones from section 2.7 in the Compendium and from the slides on the Klein-Gordon example by a factor 2. Why ?

c) Let $L \rightarrow 0$ in (13). Use results from the Compendium to find the exact inversion of (14), meaning find $\eta(x, t)$, in this case.

d) Apply the stationary phase method to (14).

Ex. 7 An exact solution of the LSW equation for a trapped mode. Elimination of the velocities from the usual LSW equations yields

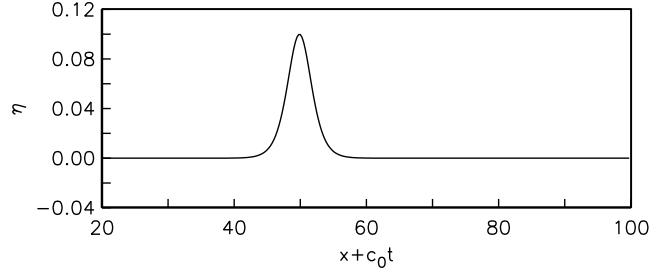
$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot (gH(x, y) \nabla \eta) = 0, \quad (15)$$

where H is the equilibrium depth. In the start of section 4.1, in the Compendium, a trapped mode, which is an exact solution of linear potential theory is given. In this case $h = \tan \theta x$.

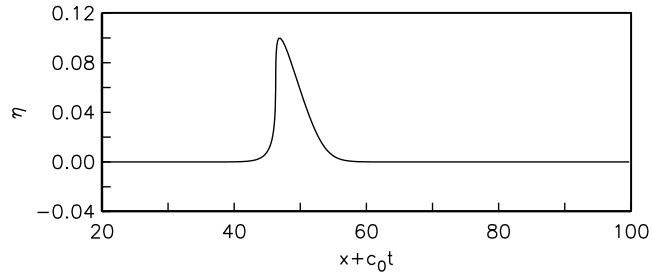
- a) Find the corresponding exact solution for (15)
- b) When is the solution from the previous subproblem a good approximation to that from the Compendium?

Ex. 8 *Guess the equation.*

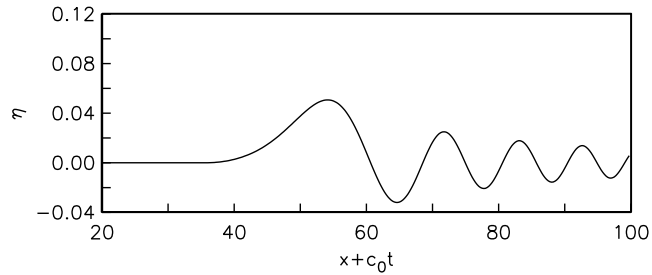
(a): Which equation(s) give(s) this surface?



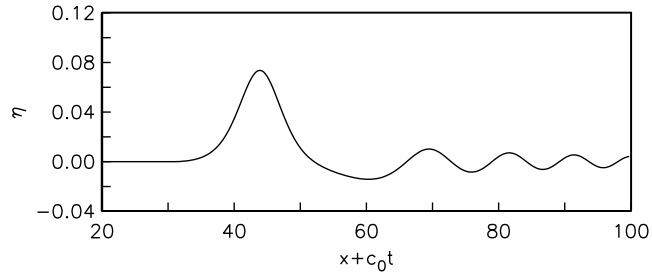
(b): and this ? ($t = 20$)



(c): and this, then ? .



(d): and, finally, this ?



The figure shows the evolution of the surface elevation from a symmetric initial wave, moving towards the left, as obtained by the application of different equations. The plots are normalized with respect to equilibrium depth and the initial height and length are 0.1 and 10, respectively. The coordinate system moves in the negative x direction with the shallow water speed. At $t = 0$ the crest is at $x' = x + c_0 t = 50$. Apart from in diagram (b) the elapsed time equals 200 units, meaning that 200 depth would have been covered when moving with the linear shallow water speed. Match panels and possible equations (there may be more than one set for each panel).