

1 SWW soliton

The continuity equation is:

$$h_t + uh_x + u_xh = 0 \quad (1)$$

the momentum equation is

$$(uh)_t + \left(u^2h + g\frac{h^2}{2}\right)_x = 0$$

expanding

$$u_th + uh_t + (u^2h)_x + gh_hx = 0$$

$$u_th + uh_t + 2uu_xh + u^2h_x + gh_hx = 0$$

using (1)

$$u_th - u^2h_x - uu_xh + 2uu_xh + u^2h_x + gh_hx = 0$$

$$u_th + uu_xh + gh_hx = 0$$

when $h > 0$

$$u_t + uu_x + gh_x = 0 \quad (2)$$

want solutions to (1) and (2) such that

$$h(x, t) = \phi(y), \quad y = x - ct$$

$$u(x, t) = \psi(y), \quad y = x - ct$$

Substituting these into (1) gives

$$-c\phi'(y) + \psi(y)\phi'(y) + \psi'(y)\phi(y) = 0$$

$$[\psi(y) - c]\phi'(y) + \psi'(y)\phi(y) = 0$$

$$[\psi(y) - c]\phi'(y) + \psi'(y)\phi(y) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Substituting these into (2) gives

$$-c\psi'(y) + \psi(y)\psi'(y) + g\phi'(y) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[\psi(y) - c] \psi'(y) + g\phi'(y) &= 0 \\
[\psi(y) - c] \psi'(y) + g\phi'(y) &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Rearranging (4) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\psi(y) - c] \psi'(y) &= -g\phi'(y) \\
[\psi(y) - c] &= \frac{-g\phi'(y)}{\psi'(y)}
\end{aligned}$$

subbing into (3):

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{-g\phi'(y)}{\psi'(y)} \phi'(y) + \psi'(y) \phi(y) &= 0 \\
(\psi'(y))^2 \phi(y) &= g (\phi'(y))^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\psi'(y) = \sqrt{g} \frac{\phi'(y)}{\sqrt{\phi(y)}}$$

In particular since $(\sqrt{f(x)})' = f(x)f^{-1/2}(x)$ we must have

$$\psi(y) = \sqrt{g}\sqrt{\phi(y)} + D$$

$$u(x, t) = \sqrt{g}\sqrt{h(x, t)} + D$$