

(Next topic:)

Weakly Nonlinear Waves (in deep water)

(due to Rayleigh)

Assume a steady motion in coordinate system moving at Speed  $c$  (Phase speed):

$$\phi = -c(x-ct) + a c \sin k(x-ct) e^{ky}$$

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 Uniform flow to      Amplitude  
 left (not  $y$  dependent)

(for a right-running wave)

(this is the full Potential, not just the Perturbation Potential)

Since  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = u \equiv \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = v \equiv -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$

(also give the 2-d cylindrical form  $v_r \equiv \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$ ,  $v_\theta \equiv -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$  and axisymmetric 3-d case:  $v_r \equiv -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ ,  $v_z \equiv \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$ )

$$\Rightarrow \psi = -cy + ac \cos k(x-ct) e^{ky}$$

Take  $\psi=0$  at free surface (i.e. fs is a Streamline)

(we've been denoting the position of the free surface)  $y = \eta$

Solve for  $\eta$ :

$$0 = -c\eta + ac \cos k(x-ct) e^{k\eta} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(for linear case,  $k\eta \rightarrow 0$  and find  $\eta = a \cos k(x-ct)$ )  
 (but for a weakly nonlinear analysis)

Still assume small amplitude, i.e.  $ka \ll 1$ ,  
 but keep higher order terms. ( $\propto \frac{a}{\lambda}$ )

Try: (-expanding the normalized surface elevation in powers of the small quantity in this problem:)

$$\frac{\eta}{a} = \eta_1 + ka \eta_2 + (ka)^2 \eta_3 + \text{HOT.}$$

( $\eta_n$  are dimensionless functions)

Substitute this in Eqn (1) ( $x=0$  @  $y=\eta$ )

$$\eta_1 + ka \eta_2 + (ka)^2 \eta_3 + \dots = \cos k(x-ct) e^{ka\eta_1 + (ka)^2 \eta_2 + \dots} \quad 22/7$$

(expand in Taylor series since  $ka$  is still small)

$$= \cos k(x-ct) (1 + ka \eta_1 + (ka)^2 \eta_2 + \dots)$$

Equate terms of order 1,  $O(ka)$ ,  $O(ka)^2$ , ...

$$\eta_1 = \cos k(x-ct) \quad (\text{this is what we got from linear theory})$$

$$\eta_2 = \eta_1 \cos k(x-ct) = \cos^2 k(x-ct) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2k(x-ct)$$

$$\eta_3 = \eta_2 \cos k(x-ct) = \dots$$

Thus,  $\eta - \frac{1}{2} ka^2 = a \cos k(x-ct) + \frac{1}{2} (ka) a \cos 2k(x-ct) + \dots$

This is equivalent to the kinematic surface condition (which implies that fluid element at surface remains there)

Also-

Choose origin so that mean value of  $\eta$  is zero:

(Reality check:)  $\eta = a \cos k(x-ct) + \frac{1}{2} (ka) a \cos 2k(x-ct) + \dots$

Is this eqn. consistent with Dynamic FS Condition?

(i.e. is the form of  $\eta$  we chose appropriate)

(Since at surface)  $P = P_0$  (atmospheric pressure)

(substituting back into the unsteady Bernoulli eqn.)

Constant =  $g\eta + \phi_t + \frac{1}{2} (\phi_x^2 + \phi_y^2)$  at  $y = \eta$  (with new origin)

(Since our origin was moved) (Substitute in the  $\eta$ .)

New Constant =  $g(a \cos k(x-ct) + \dots)$

$$k(a \cos k(x-ct) + \dots)$$

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$$- k a c^2 \cos k(x-ct) e$$

$$2 k a \cos k(x-ct) + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} k^2 a^2 e + \text{HOT}$$

$$\text{Newer} = \left\{ g a - k a c^2 + \frac{k^2 a^2 c^2}{2} 2 k a \right\} \cos k(x-ct) + \text{Constant}$$

(Since LHS is constant and can not depend on  $x$  or  $t$ )

Eqn is satisfied only if  $\{ \quad \} = 0$ , i.e.

$$0 = g a - k a c^2 + \frac{k^2 a^2 c^2}{2} 2 k a$$

or

$$c^2 = \frac{g}{k(1 - k^2 a^2)} \Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{g}{k} (1 + k^2 a^2 + \dots) \text{ since } ka \ll 1$$

No longer just  $c^2 = \frac{g}{k}$ , but also a small correction.

So, the dispersion relation now depends on amplitude.

$$\text{Using } c = \frac{\omega}{k} \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{gk} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} k^2 a^2 + \dots \right)$$

The correction to  $\gamma$  makes crests sharper & stretches out the troughs.



By a local solution can show angle, at now a sharp crest  $\Rightarrow 120^\circ$  as  $a \rightarrow a_{\max}$  (see Lamb or Yih)

By taking additional terms, find  $k \cdot a_{\max} \approx 0.44$  ( $a_{\max} \approx 7\% \text{ of } \lambda$ ) 4/7

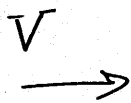
$$\Rightarrow c_{\max} \approx 1.1 \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$$

(i.e. Up to a 10% increase in phase speed due to non linearity. However instabilities & wave breaking (white caps) complicate things significantly)

(Final topic in surface waves:)

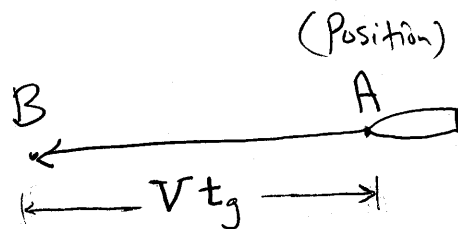
## Ship waves ("Kelvin Wave Pattern") (Ref. Lighthill)

When a disturbance moves through water, the wave field is identical to that of a uniform flow past a stationary obstacle:

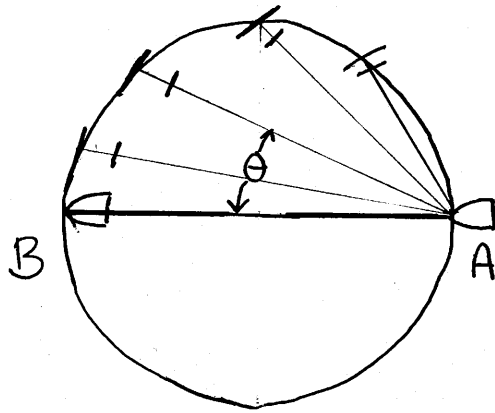


Thus stationary waves are possible when phase speed  $c$  equals  $V$ .

Consider a surface vessel moving at a constant velocity  $\vec{V}$ .



$t_g$  is time since generating a given set of waves at some previous position



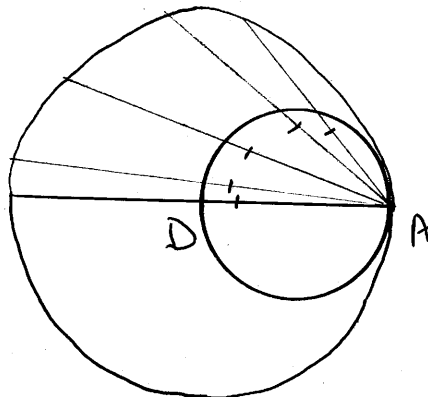
Circle AB would contain the waves traveling with the ship; different wave lengths going at different speeds, the longest wavelength  $\lambda_{\max}$  corresponding to  $V = C = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$  traveling in the direction of the ship, all others moving at

$C = V \cos \theta$ , i.e. Shortest waves moving laterally.

But we know that the waves associated with a ship are of gravity type ( $C = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$ ) and a packet

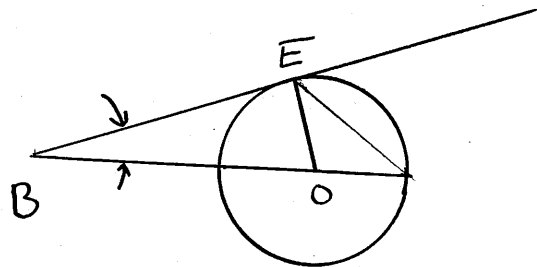
of gravity waves moves at group velocity  $C_g = \frac{1}{2} C$

Thus, ship waves can only go  $\frac{1}{2}$  as far as depicted above.



Therefore, waves traveling with the ship that were generated when ship was at A will be contained in circle AD

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So, when the ship gets to B, its waves must be contained inside a triangle:



So the "Kelvin Ship-Wave" wedge has a half angle of:

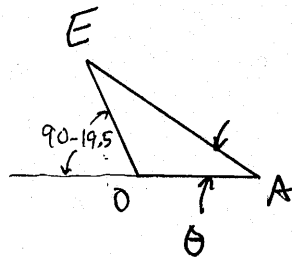
$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 19.5^\circ$$

The waves traveling at the center of the wedge

$$\text{have a phase speed } c = V = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{max}} = \frac{2\pi V^2}{g}. \quad \text{Waves at the boundary of wedge (E)}$$

are traveling at angle  $\theta$

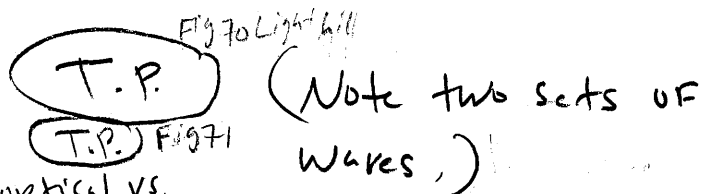


$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}(90 - 19.5^\circ) = 35.3^\circ$$

Thus, their phase speed  $c = V \cos \theta = 0.816 V$

$$\text{and their } \lambda = \frac{2}{3} \lambda_{\text{max}}$$

Overall Wave Pattern:



Recent Observations. (SAR images)



Munk, Scully-Power & Zachariasen Proc. Royal Soc. London A 412  
231-254 (1987) narrow V & wedges.

Fig 70 Light hill

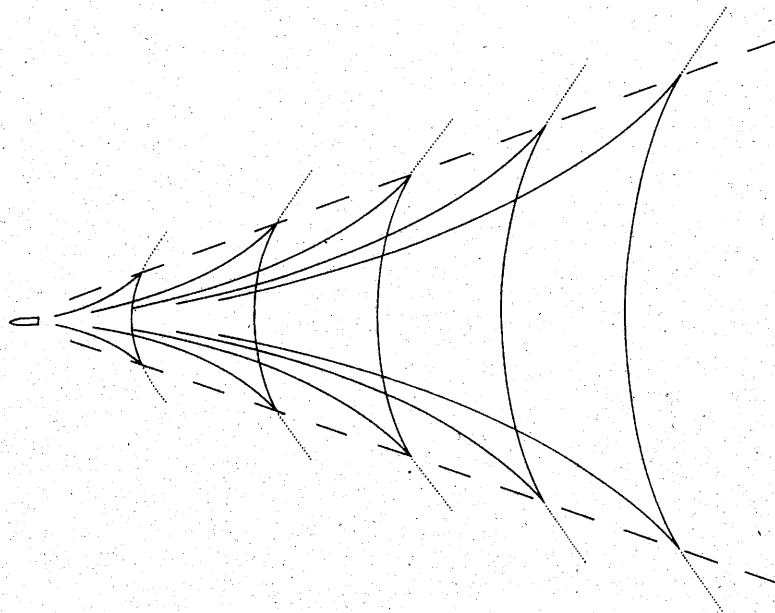


Figure 70. Plain lines: Kelvin ship-wave pattern. Broken lines: boundary of Kelvin wedge. Dotted lines: extension of waves beyond the Kelvin wedge indicated by the theory of sections 4.11 and 4.12.

Fig. 71 Lighthill (p. 278)



Figure 71. An observed ship-wave pattern. [Courtesy of Aerofilms Ltd.]