B. Waves

1. **Linear** wave theory
2. Wave **transformation**
3. **Random** waves and **statistics**
4. **Wave loading** on structures

Recommended Books

- **Dean and Dalrymple**, *Water Wave Mechanics For Engineers and Scientists*
- **Kamphuis**, *Introduction to coastal engineering and management*

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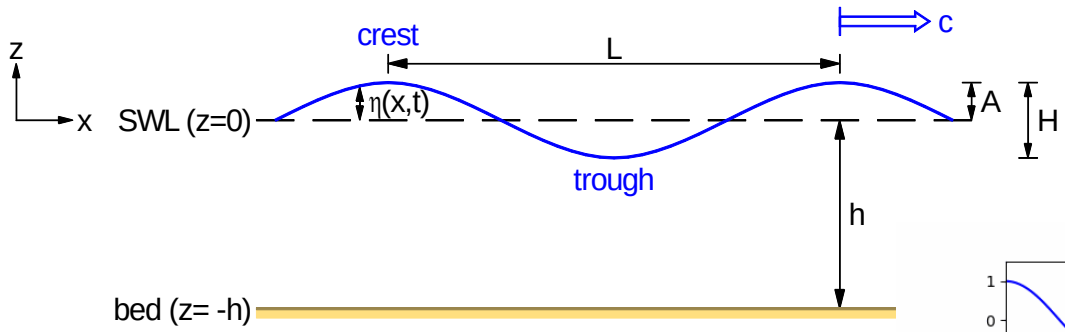
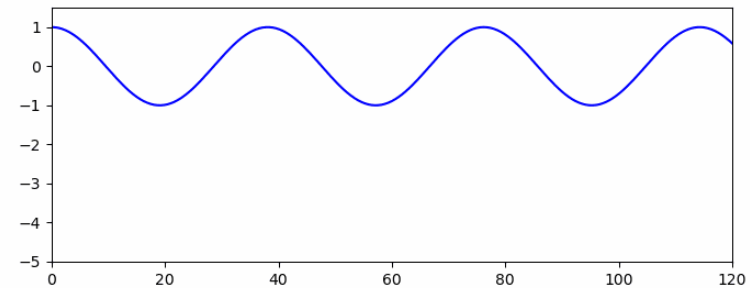




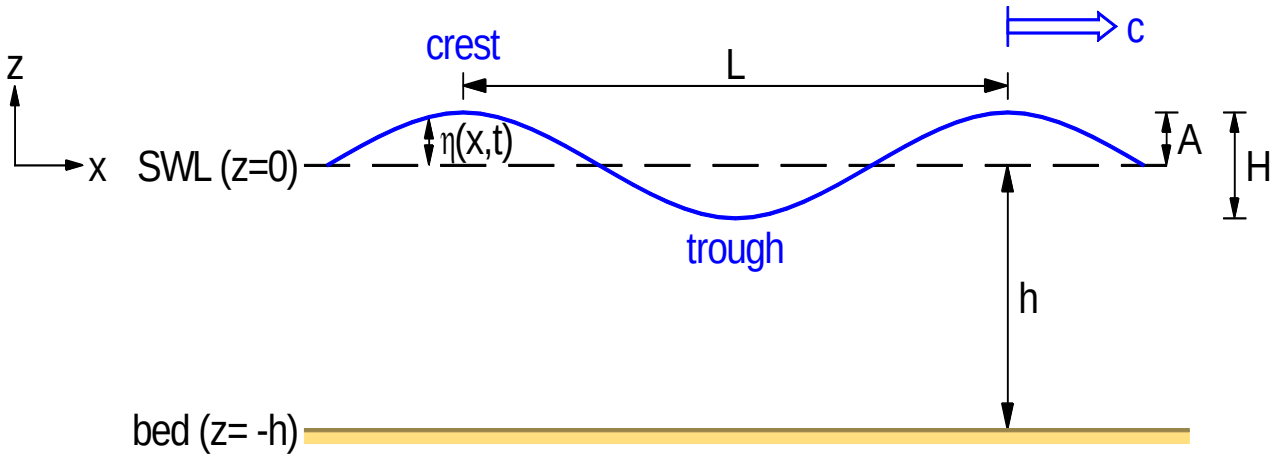
Single-frequency ("monochromatic", "regular") **progressive** wave on **still water**:

$$\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Linear wave theory:

- aka **Airy** wave theory
- assume **amplitude small** (compared with depth and wavelength)
  - neglect powers and products of wave perturbations
  - sum of any such wave fields also a solution

Amplitude and Height



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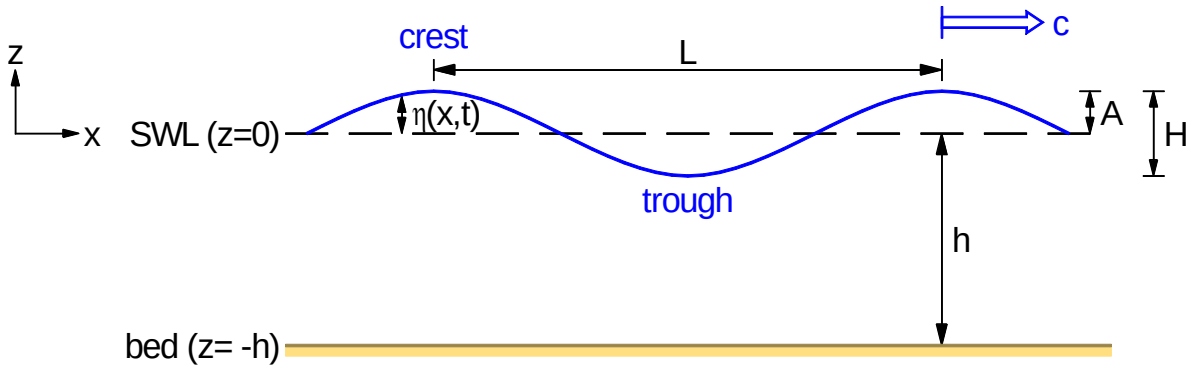
- **Amplitude** A is the maximum displacement from still-water level (SWL)
- **Wave height** H is the vertical distance between neighbouring crest and trough
- For sinusoidal waves, $\boldsymbol{H = 2A}$
- For **regular** waves, formulae more naturally expressed in terms of A
- For **irregular** waves, H is the more measurable quantity

Wavenumber and Wavelength

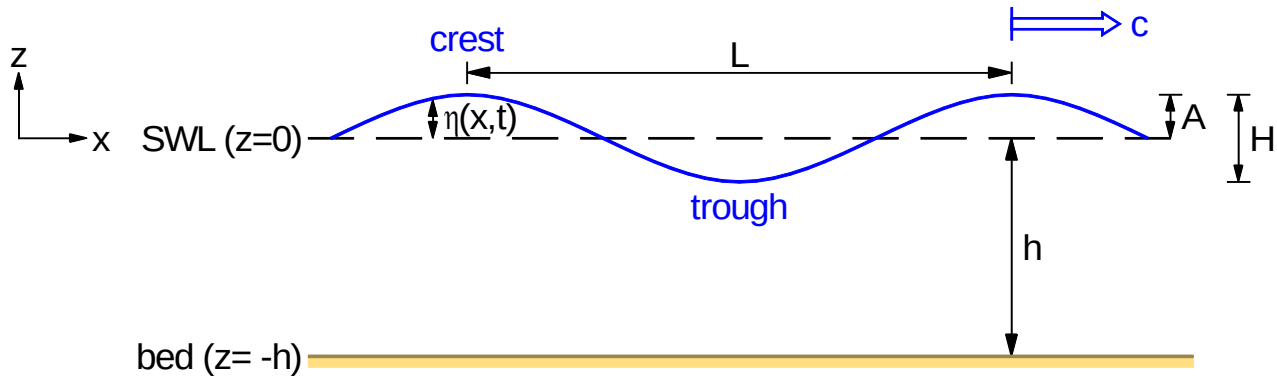


$$\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$$

- k is the **wavenumber**
- **Wavelength** L is the horizontal distance over which wave form repeats:

$$kL = 2\pi \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad L = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

Frequency and Period



$$\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$$

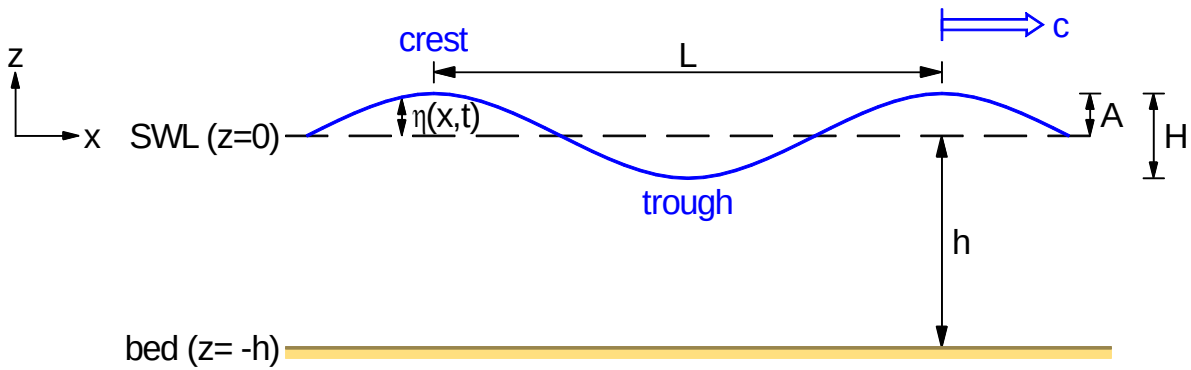
- ω is the wave **angular frequency**
- **Period** T is the time over which the wave form repeats:

$$\omega T = 2\pi \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

- The actual **frequency** f (cycles per second, or Hertz) is

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

Wave Speed

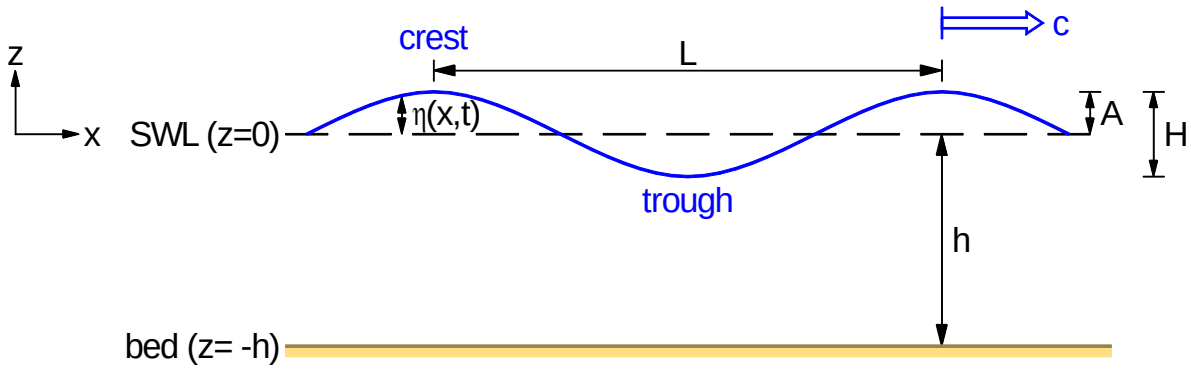


$$\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t) \qquad = A\cos\left[k\left(x - \frac{\omega}{k}t\right)\right] \qquad = A\cos[k(x - ct)]$$

- c is the **phase speed** or **celerity**
- c is the speed at which the wave form translates

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{\omega}{k} \\ &= \frac{L}{T} \qquad \left(\frac{\text{wavelength}}{\text{period}}\right) \\ &= fL \qquad (\text{frequency} \times \text{wavelength}) \end{aligned}$$

Summary



Surface elevation: $\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$

Wavenumber k, wavelength L: $L = \dfrac{2\pi}{k}$

Angular frequency ω, period T: $T = \dfrac{2\pi}{\omega}$

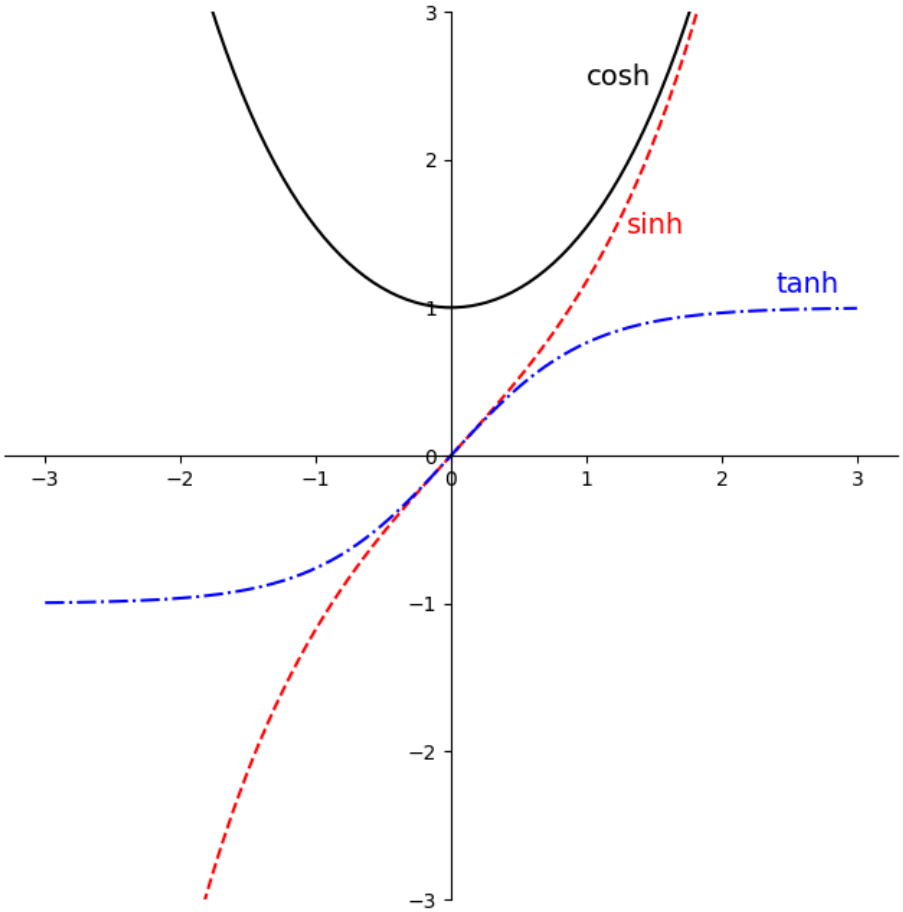
Phase speed (celerity) c: $c = \dfrac{\omega}{k} \quad = \dfrac{L}{T}$

Hyperbolic Functions

$$\sinh x \equiv \frac{e^{x} - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\cosh x \equiv \frac{e^{x} + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\tanh x \equiv \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x}$$



Hyperbolic Functions

Trigonometric-like formulae:

$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

$$\cosh 2x = \cosh^2 x + \sinh^2 x \quad = \; 2\cosh^2 x - 1$$

$$\sinh 2x = 2\sinh x \cosh x$$

Derivatives:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\sinh x) = \cosh x$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\cosh x) = \sinh x$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\tanh x) = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$$

Asymptotic behaviour:

Small x:

$$\sinh x \sim \tanh x \sim x, \quad \cosh x \to 1 \;\text{ as } x \to 0$$

Large x:

$$\sinh x \sim \cosh x \sim \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{e}^x, \quad \tanh x \to 1 \;\text{ as } x \to \infty$$

Fluid-Flow Equations

Continuity:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

Irrotationality:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$$

or:

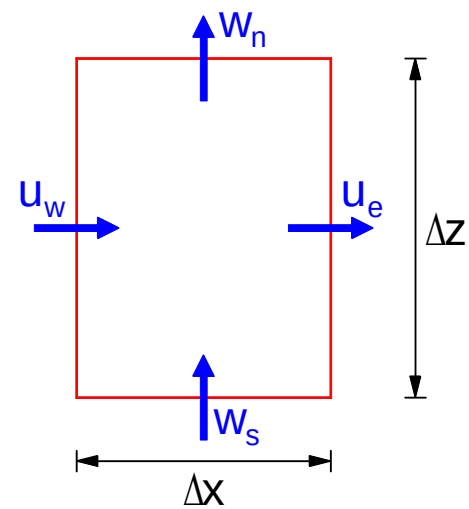
$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \qquad w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

ϕ is a **velocity potential**

Time-dependent **Bernoulli equation**:

$$\rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + p + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 + \rho g z = C(t), \qquad \text{along a streamline}$$

Continuity



Net volume outflow: $$u_e \Delta z - u_w \Delta z + w_n \Delta x - w_s \Delta x = 0$$

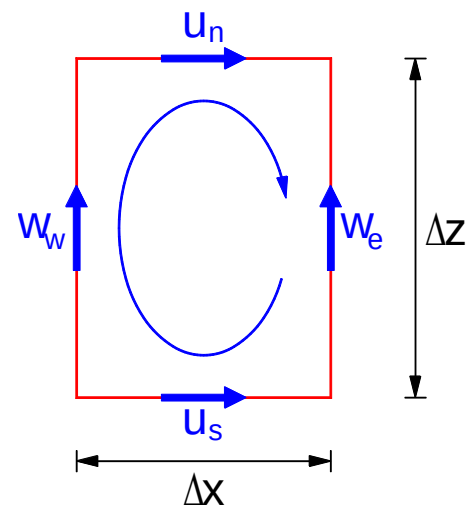
Divide by $\Delta x \Delta z$: $$\frac{u_e - u_w}{\Delta x} + \frac{w_n - w_s}{\Delta z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} + \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = 0$$

$\Delta x, \Delta z \to 0$: $$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

Irrotationality

Pressure forces act normal to surfaces, so can cause no rotation.



Circulation: $$u_n \Delta x - w_e \Delta z - u_s \Delta x + w_w \Delta z = 0$$

Divide by $\Delta x \Delta z$: $$\frac{u_n - u_s}{\Delta z} - \frac{w_e - w_w}{\Delta x} = 0$$

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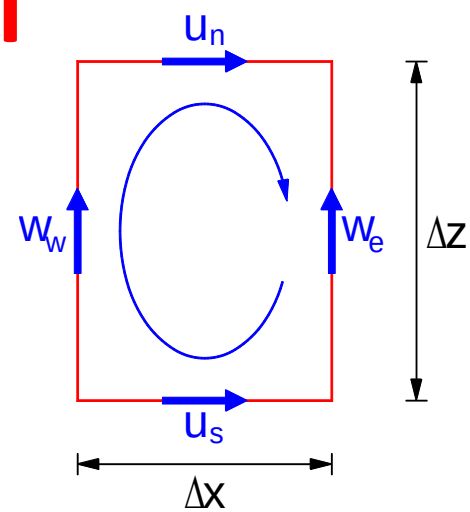
Velocity Potential



The no-circulation condition makes the following well-defined:

$$\mathrm{d}\phi = u\,\mathrm{d}x + w\,\mathrm{d}z$$

For *any* 2-d function:

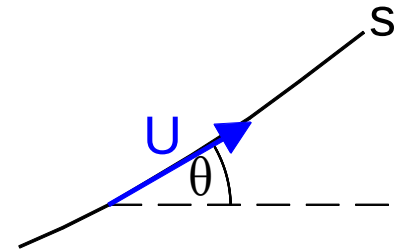
$$\mathrm{d}\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\,\mathrm{d}x + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\,\mathrm{d}z$$

The velocity components are the gradient of the **velocity potential** ϕ:

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\,, \qquad w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

Aim: solve a single scalar equation for ϕ, then derive everything else from it.

Time-Dependent Bernoulli Equation



mass × acceleration = force

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial t}+U\frac{\partial U}{\partial s}\right)=-\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}-\rho g\sin\theta$$

$$U=\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial s}\qquad \sin\theta=\partial z/\partial s$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial t\,\partial s}+\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\left(\tfrac{1}{2}U^2\right)\right)=-\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}-\rho g\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\left[\rho\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t}+\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2+p+\rho gz\right]=0$$

$$\rho\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t}+p+\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2+\rho gz=C(t),\qquad \text{along a streamline}$$

Special case: if steady-state then

$$p+\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2+\rho gz=C,\qquad \text{along a streamline}$$

Recap of Fluid-Flow Equations

Continuity

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

Velocity potential

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Laplace's equation

Bernoulli equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + p + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 + \rho g z = C(t)$$

Boundary Conditions

- **Kinematic boundary condition**: no net flow through boundary
- **Dynamic boundary condition**: stress continuous at interface

$$z = z_{\text{surf}}(x,t) \xrightarrow{\text{KBC}} \frac{\mathrm{D}}{\mathrm{D}t}(z - z_{\text{surf}}) = 0 \qquad \text{on surface}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}}{\mathrm{D}t} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + w\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$w - \frac{\partial z_{\text{surf}}}{\partial t} - u\frac{\partial z_{\text{surf}}}{\partial x} = 0 \qquad \text{on the surface}$$

$$w = \frac{\partial z_{\text{surf}}}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial z_{\text{surf}}}{\partial x} \qquad \text{on} \qquad z = z_{\text{surf}}(x,t)$$

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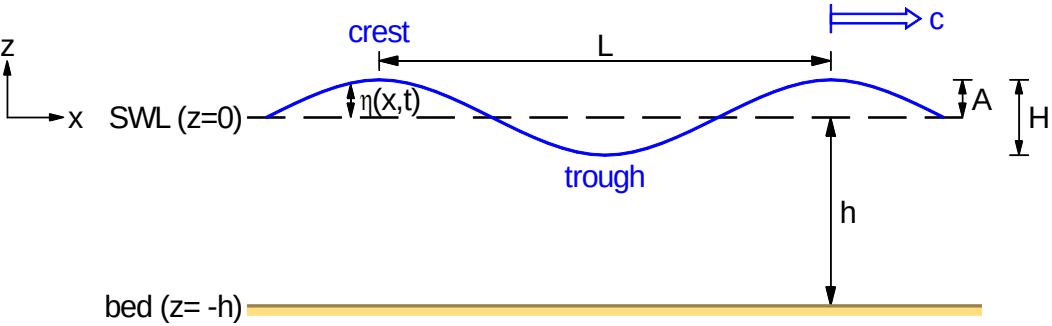

$$w = \frac{\partial z_{\text{surf}}}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial z_{\text{surf}}}{\partial x} \quad \text{on} \quad z = z_{\text{surf}}$$

KBBC – Kinematic Bed Boundary Condition

$$w = 0 \qquad \text{on} \qquad z = -h$$

KFSBC – Kinematic Free-Surface Boundary Condition

$$w = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + u\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \qquad \text{on} \qquad z = \eta(x,t)$$

DFSBC – Dynamic Free-Surface Boundary Condition

$$p = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad z = \eta(x,t)$$

Linearised Equations

$$y = a + b\varepsilon + c\varepsilon^2 + \cdots$$

- If ε is small, ignore quadratic and higher powers:

$$y = a + b\varepsilon + \cdots$$

- Boundary conditions on $z = \eta(x, t)$ can be applied on $z = 0$

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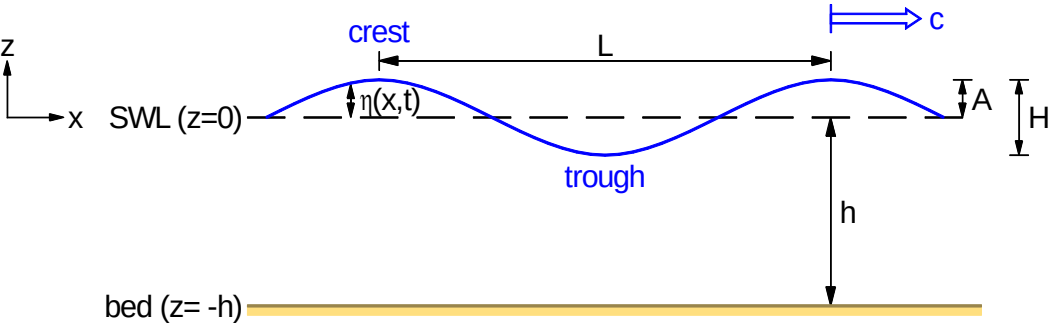

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$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \qquad \text{on} \qquad z = 0$$

DFSBC – Dynamic Free-Surface Boundary Condition

$$p = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad z = \eta(x,t)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + g\eta = C(t) \qquad \text{on} \qquad z = 0$$

Summary of Equations and BCs

Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

KBBC

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad z = -h$$

KFSBC

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \quad \text{on} \quad z = 0$$

DFSBC

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + g\eta = C(t) \quad \text{on} \quad z = 0$$

Solution For Velocity Potential, ϕ

Surface displacement: $\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$

Look for solution by separation of variables: $\phi = X(x,t)Z(z)$

KFSBC: $\dfrac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \dfrac{\partial \eta}{\partial t}$ on $z = 0$

$$X\left.\frac{\mathrm{d}Z}{\mathrm{d}z}\right|_{z=0} = A\omega\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Hence: $X \propto \sin(kx - \omega t)$

WLOG: $X = \sin(kx - \omega t)$ $\quad \left.\dfrac{\mathrm{d}Z}{\mathrm{d}z}\right|_{z=0} = A\omega$

Laplace's equation: $\dfrac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \dfrac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$

$$-k^2 XZ + X\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 Z}{\mathrm{d}z^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 Z}{\mathrm{d}z^2} = k^2 Z$$

General solution: $Z = \alpha \mathrm{e}^{kz} + \beta \mathrm{e}^{-kz}$

Solution For Velocity Potential, ϕ

So far: $$\phi = Z(z)\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$Z = \alpha e^{kz} + \beta e^{-kz}$$

KFSBC: $$\frac{dZ}{dz} = A\omega \quad \text{on} \quad z = 0$$

KBBC: $$\frac{dZ}{dz} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad z = -h$$

Solution: $$Z = \frac{A\omega}{k}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\sinh kh}$$

$$\phi = \frac{A\omega}{k}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\sinh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Dispersion Relationship

$$\phi = \frac{A\omega}{k}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\sinh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

How is wavenumber (k) related to wave angular frequency (ω)?

DFSBC: $$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + g\eta = C(t) \quad \text{on} \quad z = 0$$

$$-\frac{A\omega^2}{k}\frac{\cosh kh}{\sinh kh}\cos(kx - \omega t) + Ag\cos(kx - \omega t) = C(t)$$

LHS has zero space average ... so $C(t)$ must be zero

$$-\frac{\omega^2}{k}\frac{\cosh kh}{\sinh kh} + g = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = gk\tanh kh$$

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \left(\frac{g}{\omega}\right)\frac{\sinh kh}{\cosh kh}$$

$$\phi = \frac{Ag}{\omega}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Summary of Solution

Surface displacement: $\eta = A\cos(kx - \omega t)$

Velocity potential: $\phi = \dfrac{Ag}{\omega}\dfrac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$

Dispersion relation: $\omega^2 = gk\tanh kh$

This is all we need!!!

Velocity: $u \equiv \dfrac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}$ $\qquad w \equiv \dfrac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}$

Pressure: $p = -\rho g z - \rho\dfrac{\partial\phi}{\partial t}$

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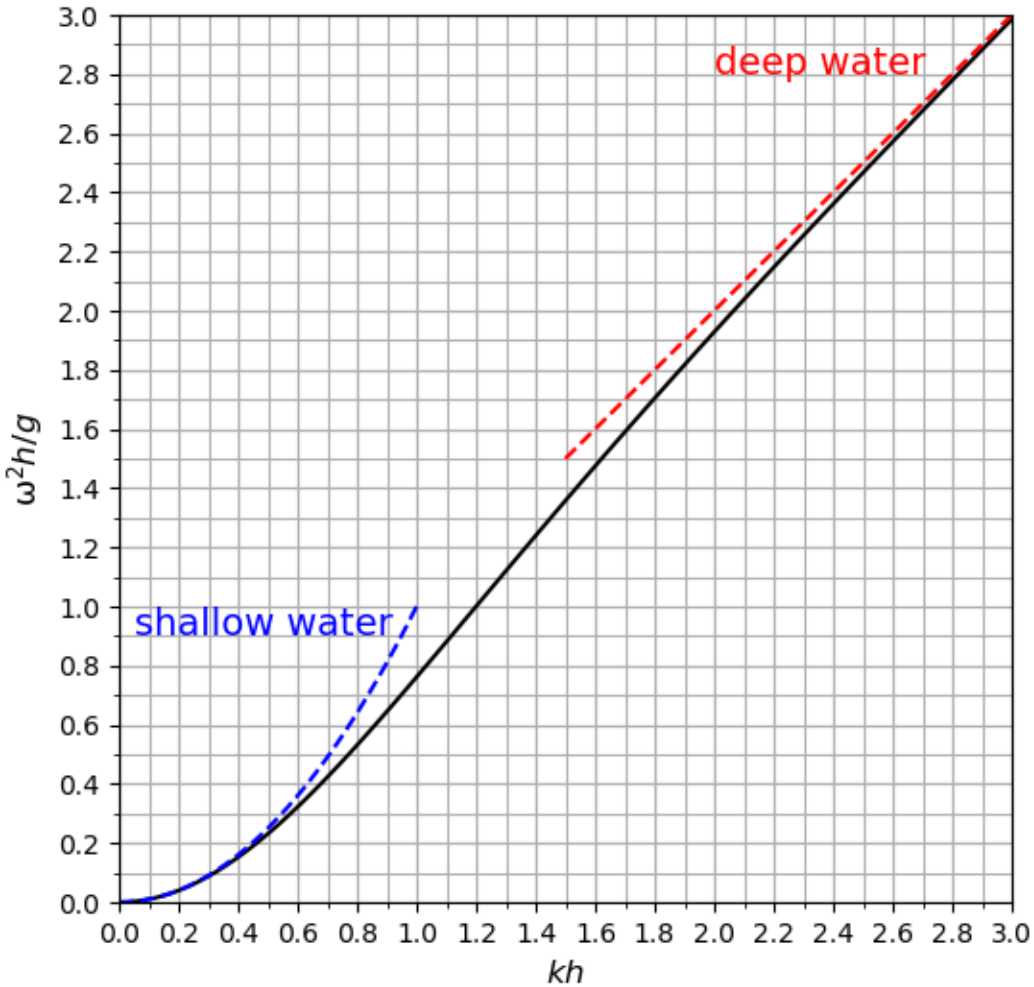

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \qquad L = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

$$c \equiv \frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k} \tanh kh}$$

Variation of Phase Speed With Depth

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

When waves propagate into **shallower water**:

Period T - and hence ω - are unchanged

Depth h decreases … so wavenumber k increases

Wavelength L decreases

Speed c decreases **This is VERY important !**

Solving the Dispersion Relationship

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

1. Know wavelength (L) … find period (T)

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{L}$$

Substitute: gives ω

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

Solving the Dispersion Relationship

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

2. Know period (T) … find wavelength (L)

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Rewrite as $\dfrac{\omega^2 h}{g} = kh \tanh kh$ $\qquad Y = X \tanh X$

Iterate $X = \dfrac{Y}{\tanh X}$ or $X = \dfrac{1}{2}\left(X + \dfrac{Y}{\tanh X}\right)$

Gives $X = kh$ and hence k

$$L = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

Example

Find, in still water of depth 15 m:

(a) the period of a wave with wavelength 45 m;

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$h = 15 \text{ m}$

wavelength: $L = 45 \text{ m}$

wavenumber: $k = \dfrac{2\pi}{L} = 0.1396 \text{ m}^{-1}$

angular frequency: $\omega = 1.153 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

period: $T = \dfrac{2\pi}{\omega} = \mathbf{5.449 \text{ s}}$

phase speed (celerity): $c = \dfrac{\omega}{k} = \mathbf{8.259 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$

$\left(\text{or } \dfrac{L}{T}\right)$

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$h = 15 \text{ m}$

period: $T = 8 \text{ s}$

angular frequency: $\omega = \dfrac{2\pi}{T} = 0.7854 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

$$\frac{\omega^2 h}{g} = kh \tanh kh$$

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.9432$$

$$kh = \frac{0.9432}{\tanh kh} \quad \text{or} \quad kh = \frac{1}{2}\left(kh + \frac{0.9432}{\tanh kh}\right)$$

$$kh = 1.152$$

wavenumber: $k = 0.0768 \text{ m}^{-1}$

wavelength: $L = \dfrac{2\pi}{k} = \mathbf{81.81 \text{ m}}$

phase speed (celerity): $c = \dfrac{\omega}{k} = \mathbf{10.23 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$

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Velocity potential: $$\phi = \frac{Ag}{\omega}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$u \equiv \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{Agk}{\omega}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$w \equiv \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{Agk}{\omega}\frac{\sinh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Pressure

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Bernoulli equation: $$\rho\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t} + p + \rho g z = 0$$

$$p = -\rho g z - \rho\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t}$$

$$p = \underbrace{-\rho g z}_{\text{hydrostatic}} + \underbrace{\rho g A\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\cos(kx - \omega t)}_{\text{hydrodynamic (i.e. wave)}}$$

$$= -\rho g z + \rho g \eta \times \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}$$

Example

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(b) What are the maximum horizontal and vertical velocities at the surface?

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$h = 12$ m

$z = -11.4$ m

$T = 15$ s

$p_{\max} = 124000$ Pa

$$124000 = 114630 + 10060A \frac{\cosh(k \times 0.6)}{\cosh kh}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 0.4189 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

$$\frac{\omega^2 h}{g} = kh \tanh kh$$

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.2147$$

$$kh = \frac{0.2147}{\tanh kh}$$

or

$$kh = \frac{1}{2}\left(kh + \frac{0.2147}{\tanh kh}\right)$$

$$kh = 0.4806$$

$$k = 0.04005 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$124000 = 114630 + 10060A \times 0.8949$$

$$A = 1.041 \text{ m}$$

$$H = 2A = \mathbf{2.082 \text{ m}}$$

(b) What are the maximum horizontal and vertical velocities at the surface?

$$u = \frac{Agk}{\omega}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$w = \frac{Agk}{\omega}\frac{\sinh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$z = 0$ (surface)

$\omega = 0.4189 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

$kh = 0.4806$

$k = 0.04005 \text{ m}^{-1}$

$A = 1.041 \text{ m}$

$$u_{\max} = \frac{Agk}{\omega} = \mathbf{0.9764 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$$

$$w_{\max} = \frac{Agk}{\omega}\tanh kh = \mathbf{0.4362 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$$

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Wave Energy

- **Wave energy density** E is average energy per unit horizontal area.
- Found by integrating over the water column, and averaging over a wave cycle.

- **Kinetic energy**: $$\overline{\mathrm{KE}} = \overline{\int_{z=-h}^{\eta} \frac{1}{2}\rho(u^2 + w^2)\,\mathrm{d}z} = \frac{1}{4}\rho g A^2$$
- **Potential energy**: $$\overline{\mathrm{PE}} = \overline{\int_{z=-h}^{\eta} \rho g z\,\mathrm{d}z} = \frac{1}{4}\rho g A^2 + \text{constant}$$

- (Under linear theory) average wave-related KE and PE are the same.
- Total energy: $$E = \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2 = \frac{1}{8}\rho g H^2$$

Kinetic Energy (Appendix A4)

$$\mathrm{KE} = \frac{1}{2}\rho \int_{z=-h}^{\eta} (u^2 + w^2)\,\mathrm{d}z$$

$$u^2 + w^2 = \left(\frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh}\right)^2 \{\cosh^2 k(h+z)\cos^2(kx - \omega t) + \sinh^2 k(h+z)\sin^2(kx - \omega t)\}$$

$$\overline{\mathrm{KE}} = \frac{1}{2}\rho \int_{z=-h}^{0} \left(\overline{u^2 + w^2}\right)\mathrm{d}z \qquad = \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\int_{-h}^{0} \{\cosh^2 k(h+z) + \sinh^2 k(h+z)\}\,\mathrm{d}z$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\int_{-h}^{0} \cosh 2k(h+z)\;\mathrm{d}z$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\sinh 2k(h+z)}{2k}\right]_{-h}^{0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sinh 2kh}{2k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2\sinh kh \cosh kh}{2k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}\frac{\rho A^2 g^2 k \tanh kh}{\omega^2} \qquad \omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

$$\overline{\mathrm{KE}} = \frac{1}{4}\rho g A^2$$

Potential Energy (Appendix A4)

$$\mathrm{PE} = \int_{z=-h}^{\eta} \rho g z \, \mathrm{d}z$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho g [z^2]_{-h}^{\eta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho g (\eta^2 - h^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho g (A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) + \text{constant})$$

Only the wave component is needed

$$\overline{\mathrm{PE}} = \frac{1}{2}\rho g \times \frac{1}{2}A^2$$

$$\overline{\mathrm{PE}} = \frac{1}{4}\rho g A^2$$

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Phase and Group Velocities

Phase velocity $$c \equiv \frac{\omega}{k}$$

- velocity at which the **waveform** translates
- really only meaningful for a regular wave, or single frequency component

Group velocity $$c_g \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{\mathrm{d}k}$$

- velocity at which **energy** propagates
- more appropriate for a wave packet comprised of multiple frequency components

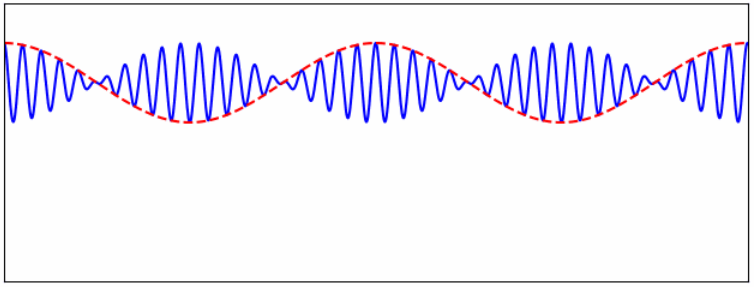
Combination of Frequency Components

Two components: frequencies $\omega \pm \Delta\omega$ and wavenumbers $k \pm \Delta k$

$$\eta = \underbrace{a\cos[(k+\Delta k)x - (\omega+\Delta\omega)t]}_{\text{component 1}} \quad + \quad \underbrace{a\cos[(k-\Delta k)x - (\omega-\Delta\omega)t]}_{\text{component 2}}$$

$$\cos\alpha + \cos\beta = 2\cos\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\cos\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}$$

$$\eta = 2a\cos(kx - \omega t)\cos(\Delta k.x - \Delta\omega.t)$$



Amplitude modulation: $A(t) = 2a\cos(\Delta k\, x - \Delta\omega\, t)$

Speed of amplitude envelope: $\dfrac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k}$

Group velocity $c_g \equiv \dfrac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{\mathrm{d}k}$

Group Velocity (Appendix A5)

Group velocity

$$c_g \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{\mathrm{d}k}$$

Dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

$$2\omega \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{\mathrm{d}k} = g \tanh kh + gkh \operatorname{sech}^2 kh$$

$$= \frac{\omega^2}{k} + \frac{\omega^2}{\tanh kh} \frac{h}{\cosh^2 kh}$$

$$= \frac{\omega^2}{k}\left[1 + \frac{kh}{\sinh kh \cosh kh}\right]$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{\mathrm{d}k} = \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right]\frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$c_g = nc \qquad c \equiv \frac{\omega}{k} \qquad n = \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right]$$

$\frac{1}{2} < n < 1$ group velocity < phase velocity

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Wave Power

Wave power P is the (average) rate of energy transfer per unit length of wave crest.

It can be calculated from the rate of working of pressure forces.

Power $P = Ec_g$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2 \qquad \text{(energy density)}$$

$$c_g = nc \qquad \text{(group velocity)}$$

Wave Power (Appendix A6)

Wave power = (time-averaged) rate of working of pressure forces (pressure × area × velocity)

Per unit length of wave crest: $$\text{power} = \overline{\int_{z=-h}^{\eta} pu \, \mathrm{d}z}$$

pressure (p) × area ($1 \times dz$) × velocity (u)

$$pu = \rho g A \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad \times \quad \frac{Agk}{\omega} \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$= \frac{\rho g^2 A^2 k}{\omega} \frac{\cosh^2 k(h+z)}{\cosh^2 kh} \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\text{power} = \frac{\rho g^2 A^2 k}{\omega \cosh^2 kh} \times \boxed{\int_{-h}^{0} \cosh^2 k(h+z) \; \mathrm{d}z} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-h}^{0} (\cosh 2k(h+z) + 1) \, \mathrm{d}z$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sinh 2k(h+z)}{2k} + z \right]_{-h}^{0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sinh 2kh}{2k} + h \right)$$

Wave Power

$$\text{power} = \frac{\rho g^2 A^2 k}{\omega \cosh^2 kh} \times \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\sinh 2kh}{2k} + h\right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2 \times \frac{gk}{\omega \cosh^2 kh} \times \frac{\sinh 2kh}{2k}\left(1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2 \times \frac{gk}{\omega \cosh^2 kh} \times \frac{2 \sinh kh \cosh kh}{2k}\left(1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2 \times \frac{gk \tanh kh}{\omega^2} \times \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right) \times \frac{\omega}{k}$$

E $\quad$ 1 $\quad$ n $\quad$ c

$P = E c_g$

power

$E = \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2$

energy density

$c_g = nc$

group velocity

Example

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$z = -h$ (sea bed)

$\Delta p_{\mathrm{wave}} = 5900\ \mathrm{Pa}$ (amplitude)

$T = 7.5\ \mathrm{s}$

$$p_{\mathrm{wave}} = \rho g A \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2$$

$$P = E c_g \qquad c_g = nc \qquad n = \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right]$$

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 0.8378\ \mathrm{rad\ s^{-1}}$$

$$\frac{\omega^2 h}{g} = kh \tanh kh$$

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.6440$$

$$kh = \frac{0.6440}{\tanh kh} \quad \text{or} \quad kh = \frac{1}{2}\left(kh + \frac{0.6440}{\tanh kh}\right)$$

$$kh = 0.8994$$

$$k = 0.09993\ \mathrm{m^{-1}}$$

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$$P = E c_g \qquad c_g = nc \qquad n = \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right]$$

$$5900 = 10055A \times \frac{1}{\cosh 0.8994}$$

$$A = 0.8405\ \mathrm{m}$$

$$H = 2A \quad = \mathbf{1.681\ m}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\rho g A^2 \quad = \mathbf{3552\ J\ m^{-2}}$$

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad = 8.384\ \mathrm{m\ s^{-1}}$$

$$n = \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + \frac{2kh}{\sinh 2kh}\right] \quad = 0.8061$$

$$c_g = nc \quad = 6.758\ \mathrm{m\ s^{-1}}$$

$$P = E c_g \quad = \mathbf{24000\ W\ m^{-1}}$$

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Particle Motion

Velocity: $$u = A\frac{gk}{\omega}\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\cos(kx-\omega t) \qquad = \omega A\frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\sinh kh}\cos(kx-\omega t)$$

$$w = A\frac{gk}{\omega}\frac{\sinh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}\sin(kx-\omega t) \qquad = \omega A\frac{\sinh k(h+z)}{\sinh kh}\sin(kx-\omega t)$$

Dispersion relation: $$\omega^2 = gk\tanh kh \qquad \rightarrow \qquad \frac{\omega}{\sinh kh} = \frac{gk}{\omega\cosh kh}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}X}{\mathrm{d}t} = u \qquad = a\omega\cos(kX_0-\omega t) \qquad a = A\frac{\cosh k(h+Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}Z}{\mathrm{d}t} = w \qquad = b\omega\sin(kX_0-\omega t) \qquad b = A\frac{\sinh k(h+Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$$

$$X = X_0 - a\sin(kX_0-\omega t) \qquad \frac{X-X_0}{a} = -\sin(kX_0-\omega t)$$

$$Z = Z_0 + b\cos(kX_0-\omega t) \qquad \frac{Z-Z_0}{b} = \cos(kX_0-\omega t)$$

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

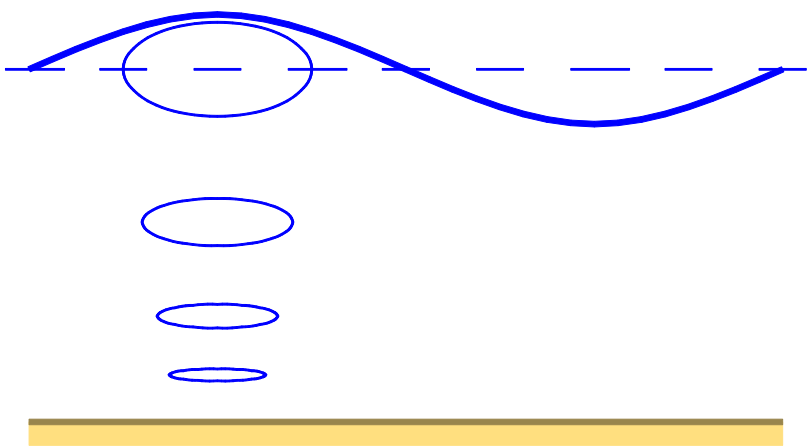
Particle Motion

$$\frac{(X - X_0)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(Z - Z_0)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$a = A\frac{\cosh k(h + Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$$

$$b = A\frac{\sinh k(h + Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$$

Ellipse, centre (X_0, Z_0) and semi-axes a and b



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Shallow-Water / Deep-Water Limits

Dispersion relationship: $\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$ $\qquad kh = 2\pi \frac{h}{L}$

Asymptotic behaviour: $\tanh kh \sim kh$ (as $kh \to 0$)

$\tanh kh \to 1$ (as $kh \to \infty$)

Shallow water (or long waves): $kh \ll 1$

$\omega^2 \approx k^2 gh$ or $\omega \approx k\sqrt{gh}$

$c = c_g = \sqrt{gh}$ $\qquad n = 1$ (non-dispersive)

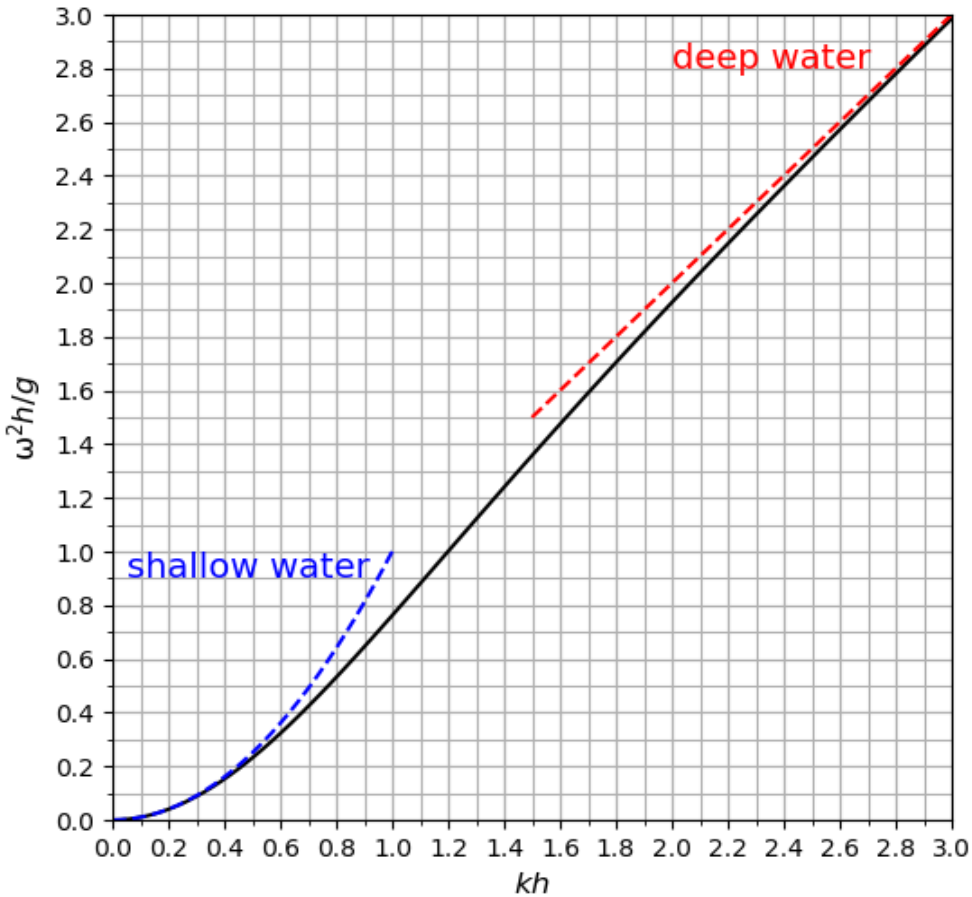
Deep water (or short waves): $kh \gg 1$

$\omega^2 \approx gk$

$$L = \frac{gT^2}{2\pi}$$

$$c = \frac{L}{T} = \frac{gT}{2\pi}, \qquad n = \frac{1}{2}, \qquad c_g = \frac{1}{2}c$$ (dispersive)

Shallow / Deep Limits



$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

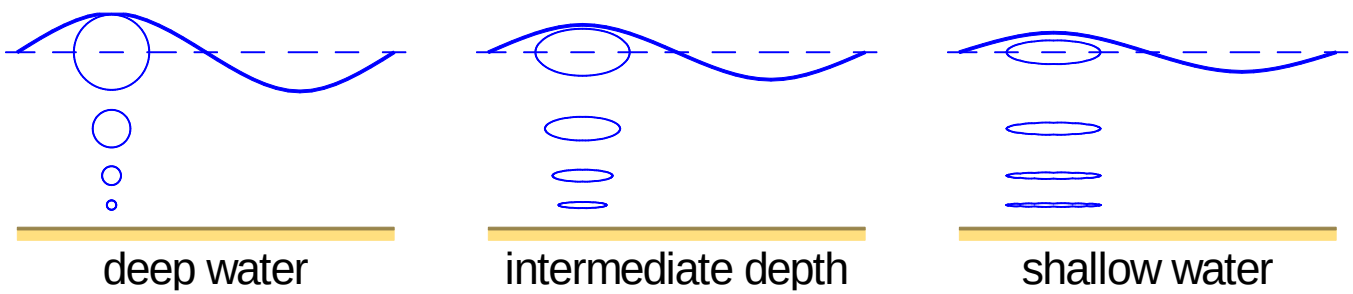
$$\frac{\omega^2 h}{g} = kh \tanh kh$$

Shallow: $kh < \frac{\pi}{10}$ $\quad h < \frac{1}{20} L$

Deep: $kh > \pi$ $\quad h > \frac{1}{2} L$

Shallow / Deep Particle Motions

Ellipses: $a = A\dfrac{\cosh k(h+Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$, $b = A\dfrac{\sinh k(h+Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$



Deep: $kh \gg 1$

$a = b \approx A\mathrm{e}^{-k|Z_0|}$

Circles diminishing in size over half a wavelength

Shallow: $kh \ll 1$

$a \approx \dfrac{A}{kh}$, $\dfrac{b}{a} \ll 1$

Highly-flattened ellipses; horizontal excursion almost independent of depth

Shallow / Deep Pressure

$$p = -\rho g z - \rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \qquad = \underbrace{-\rho g z}_{\text{hydrostatic}} + \underbrace{\rho g \eta \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh}}_{\text{hydrodynamic}}$$

Deep: $kh \gg 1$

$p \approx -\rho g z + \rho g \eta \mathrm{e}^{-k|z|}$ Perturbation decays over half a wavelength

Shallow: $kh \ll 1$

$p \approx \rho g(\eta - z)$ Hydrostatic

Example

(a) Find the deep-water speed and wavelength of a wave of period 12 s.

(b) Find the speed and wavelength of a wave of period 12 s in water of depth 3 m. Compare with the shallow-water approximation.

Reminder of Deep and Shallow Limits

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

Deep water:

$k\boldsymbol{h} \to \infty$

$\tanh kh \to 1$

$$\omega^2 = gk$$

$$\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 = g\left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)$$

$$L = \frac{gT^2}{2\pi}$$

$$c = \frac{gT}{2\pi}$$

Shallow water:

$k\boldsymbol{h} \to \mathbf{0}$

$\tanh kh \sim kh$

$$\omega^2 = gk^2h$$

$$\left(\frac{\omega}{k}\right)^2 = gh$$

$$c = \sqrt{gh}$$

$$L = cT$$

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$T = 12\ \mathrm{s}$

Deep: $c = \dfrac{gT}{2\pi} = \mathbf{18.74\ m\ s^{-1}}$ $\qquad L = \dfrac{gT^2}{2\pi} = \mathbf{224.8\ m}$

Exact, with $h = 3\ \mathrm{m}$:

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 0.5236\ \mathrm{rad\ s^{-1}}$$

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

$$\frac{\omega^2 h}{g} = kh \tanh kh$$

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.08384$$

$$kh = \frac{0.08384}{\tanh kh} \quad \text{or} \quad kh = \frac{1}{2}\left(kh + \frac{0.08384}{\tanh kh}\right)$$

$$kh = 0.2937$$

$$k = 0.09790\ \mathrm{m^{-1}} \qquad c = \frac{\omega}{k} = \mathbf{5.348\ m\ s^{-1}} \qquad L = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \mathbf{64.18\ m}$$

Shallow: $c = \sqrt{gh} = \mathbf{5.425\ m\ s^{-1}}$ $\qquad L = cT = \mathbf{65.10\ m}$

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Waves on Currents

- Waves co-exist with background current U
- Formulae hold in **relative** frame moving with the current:

$$x_r = x - Ut$$

$$\eta = A\cos(kx_r - \omega_r t)$$

$$= A\cos[kx - (\omega_r + kU)t] \quad = A\cos[kx - \omega_a t]$$

$$\omega_a = \omega_r + kU$$

$$c_a = \frac{\omega_a}{k} \qquad = c_r + U$$

- Dispersion relationship: $(\omega_a - kU)^2 \quad = \quad \omega_r^2 \quad = \quad gk\tanh kh$

Example

An acoustic depth sounder indicates regular surface waves with apparent period 8 s in water of depth 12 m. Find the wavelength and absolute phase speed of the waves when there is:

(a) no mean current;

(b) a current of 3 m s^{-1} in the same direction as the waves;

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$$h = 12 \text{ m}$$

$$(\omega_a - kU)^2 = \omega_r^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

$$T_a = 8 \text{ s} \qquad \text{(absolute)}$$

$$\omega_a = \frac{2\pi}{T_a} = 0.7854 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

$$k = \frac{(0.7854 - kU)^2}{9.81 \tanh 12k} \qquad \text{or} \qquad k = \frac{1}{2}\left[k + \frac{(0.7854 - kU)^2}{9.81 \tanh 12k}\right]$$

	$U = 0$	$U = +3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	$U = -3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Iteration:	$k = \frac{1}{2}\left[k + \frac{0.7854^2}{9.81 \tanh 12k}\right]$	$k = \frac{1}{2}\left[k + \frac{(0.7854 - 3k)^2}{9.81 \tanh 12k}\right]$	$k = \frac{1}{2}\left[k + \frac{(0.7854 + 3k)^2}{9.81 \tanh 12k}\right]$
k (m^{-1})	0.08284	0.06024	0.1951
L (m) $= \frac{2\pi}{k}$	**75.85**	**104.3**	**32.20**
c_a (m s^{-1}) $= \frac{\omega_a}{k}$	**9.481**	**13.04**	**4.026**