

## 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*



# Linear Wave Theory

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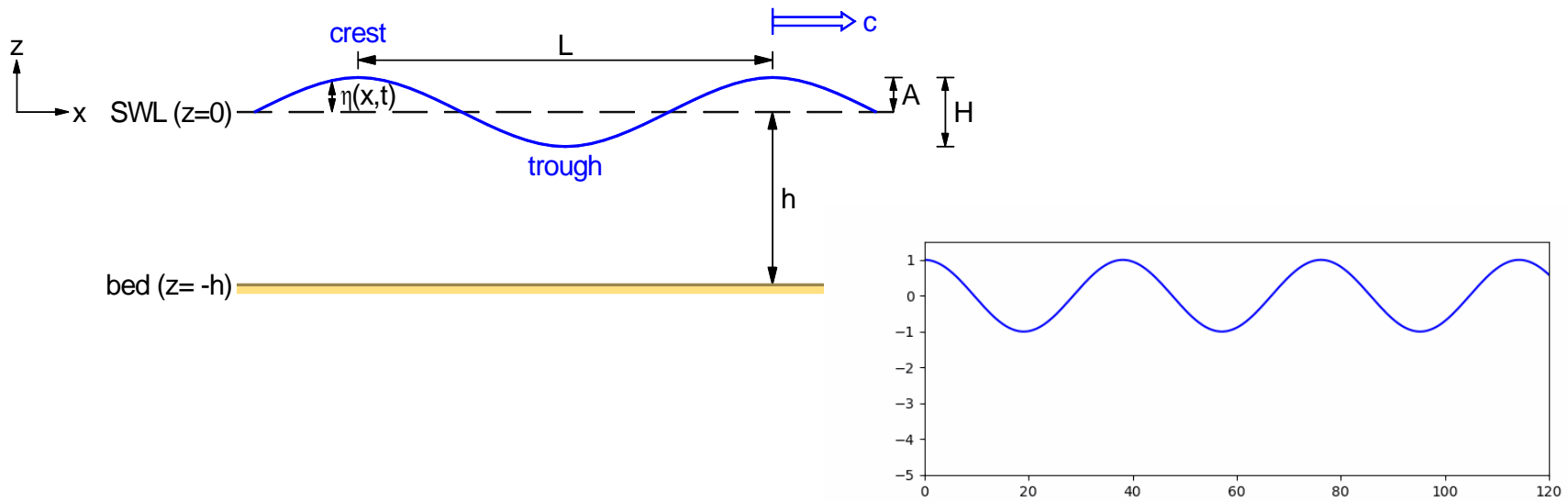
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# Linear Wave Theory



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

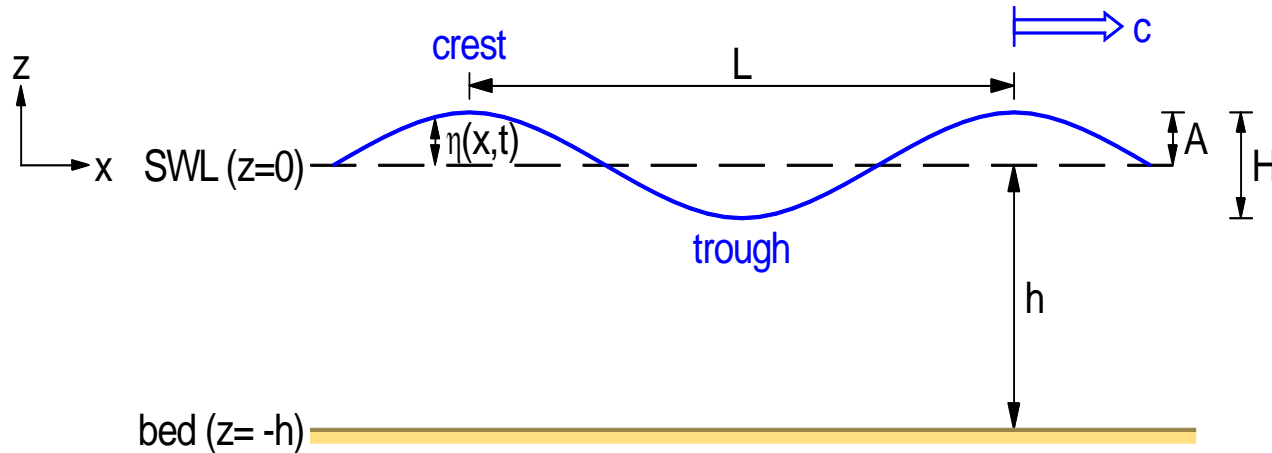
$$\eta = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

**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

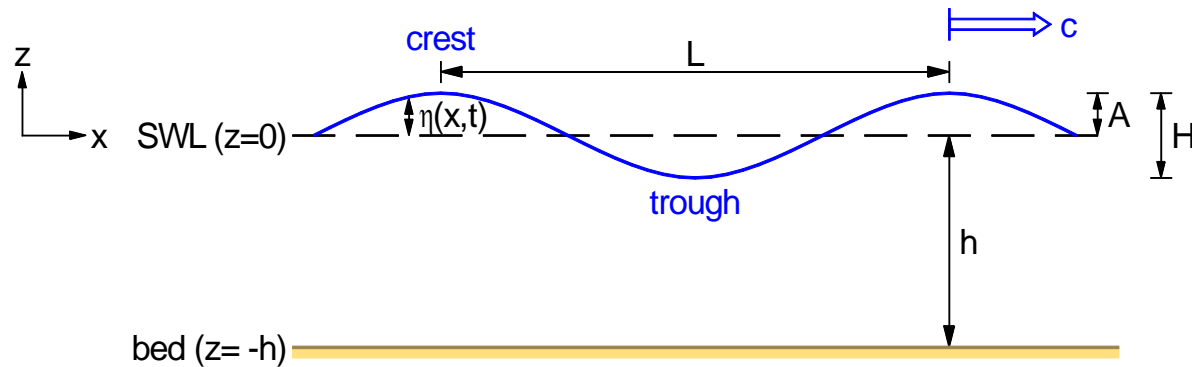


$$\eta = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

- **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,  $H = 2A$
- 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:

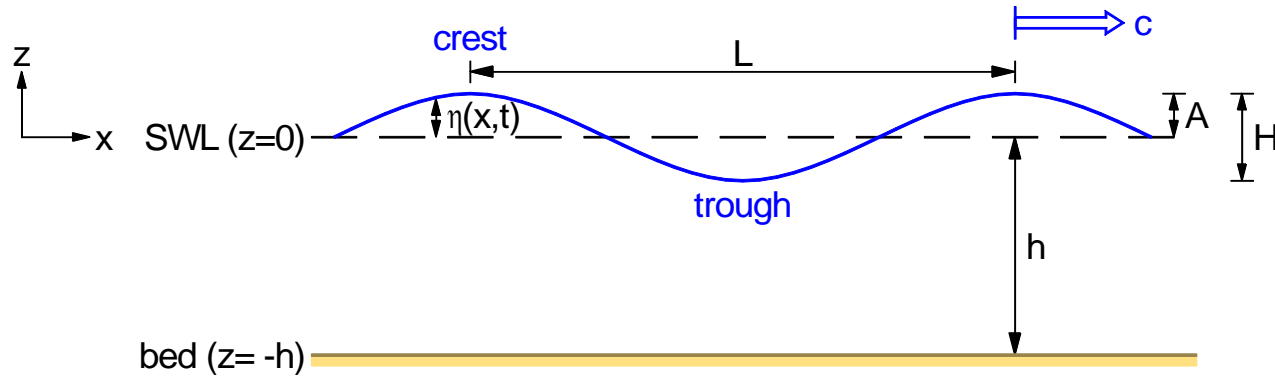
$$kL = 2\pi$$

$\Rightarrow$

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



# Frequency and Period



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

- $\omega$  is the wave **angular frequency**
- **Period**  $T$  is the time over which the wave form repeats:

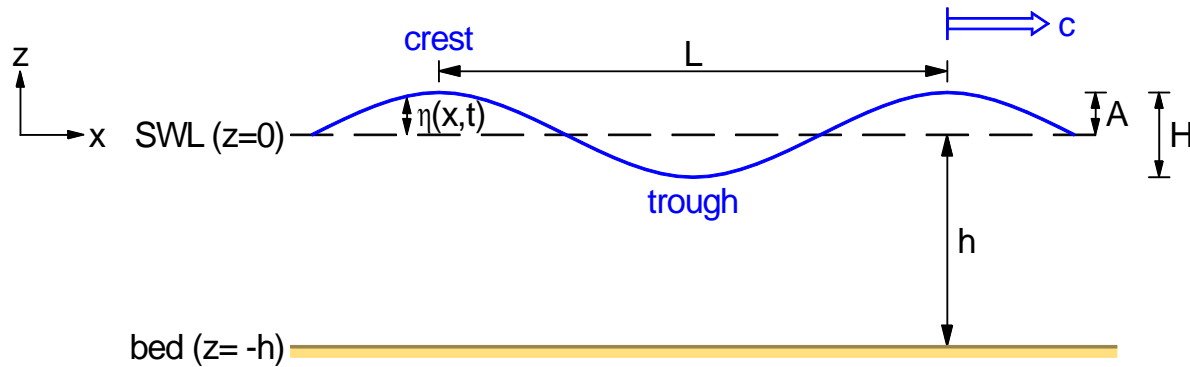
$$\omega T = 2\pi \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

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

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



# Wave Speed



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

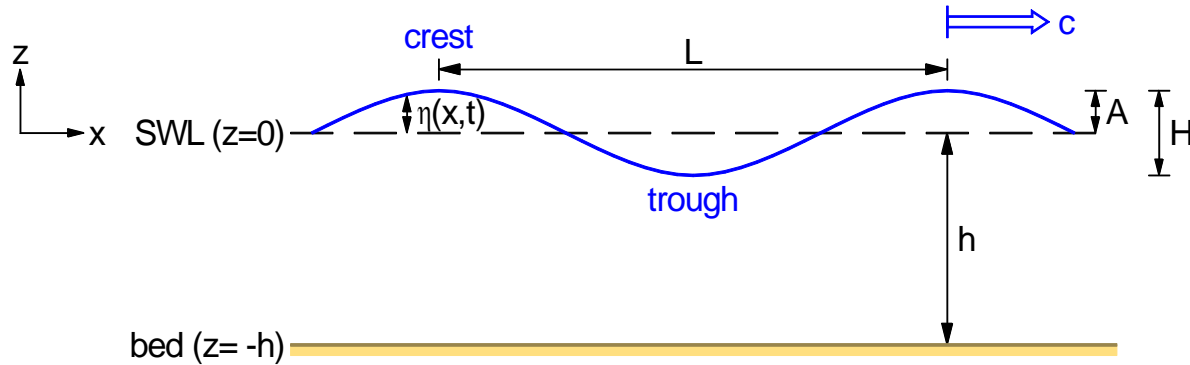
- $c$  is the **phase speed** or **celerity**
- $c$  is the speed at which the wave form translates

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





# Summary



Surface elevation:

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

Wavenumber  $k$ , wavelength  $L$ :

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

Angular frequency  $\omega$ , period  $T$ :

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

Phase speed (celerity)  $c$ :

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{L}{T}$$

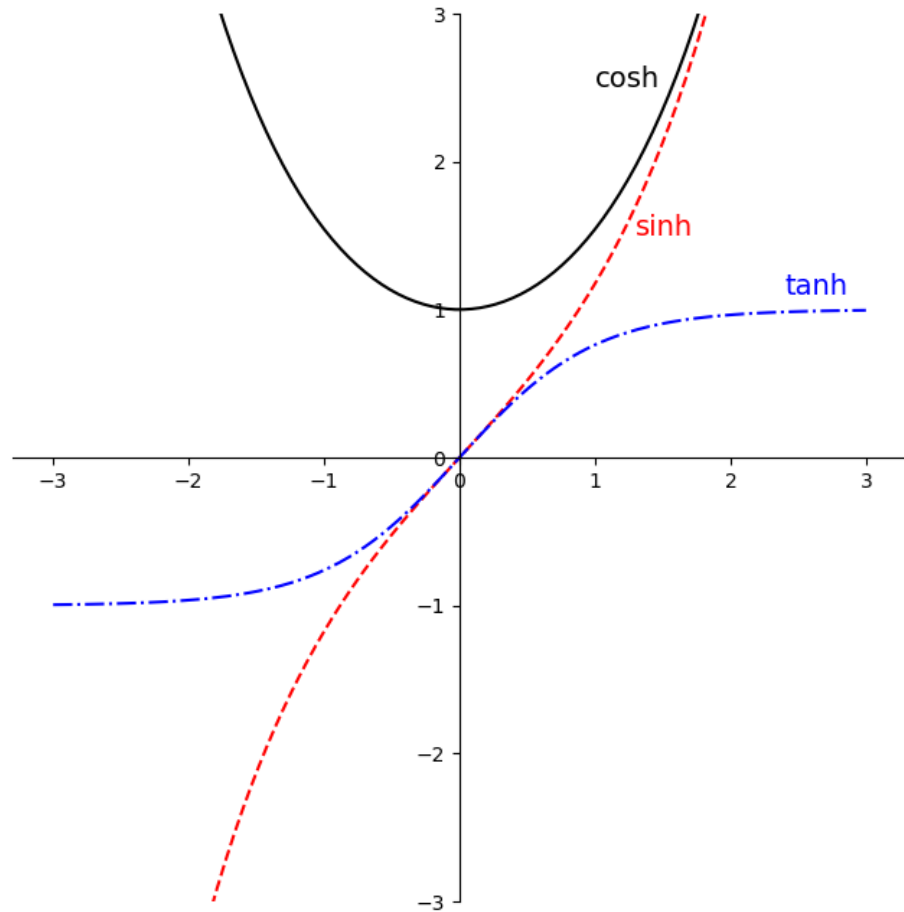


# Hyperbolic Functions

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

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

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



# Hyperbolic Functions

## Trigonometric-like formulae:

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

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

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

## Derivatives:

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

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

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

## Asymptotic behaviour:

Small  $x$ :

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

Large  $x$ :

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



# 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:

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

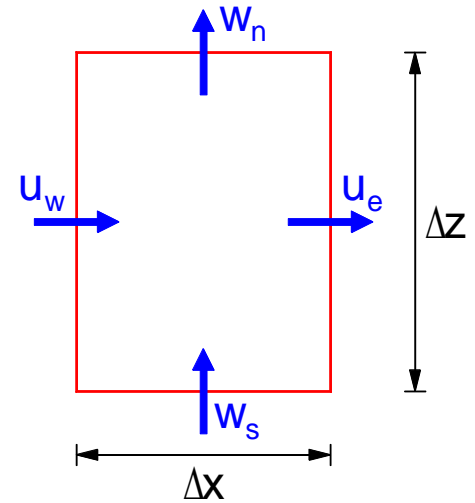
$\phi$  is a **velocity potential**

Time-dependent **Bernoulli equation**:

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



# Continuity



Net volume outflow:

$$u_e \Delta z - u_w \Delta z + w_n \Delta x - w_s \Delta x = 0$$

Divide by  $\Delta x \Delta z$ :

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

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

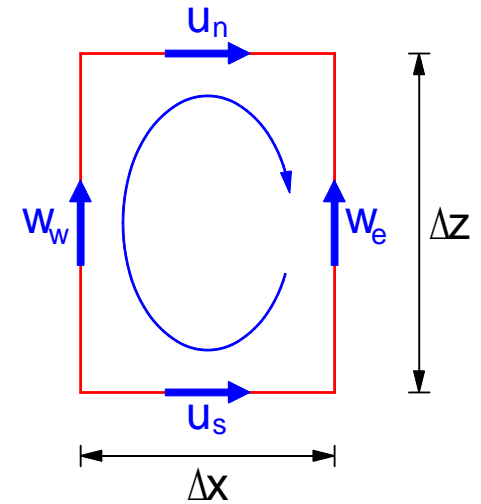
$\Delta x, \Delta z \rightarrow 0$ :

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



# 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  $\Delta x \Delta z$ :

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

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

$\Delta x, \Delta z \rightarrow 0$ :

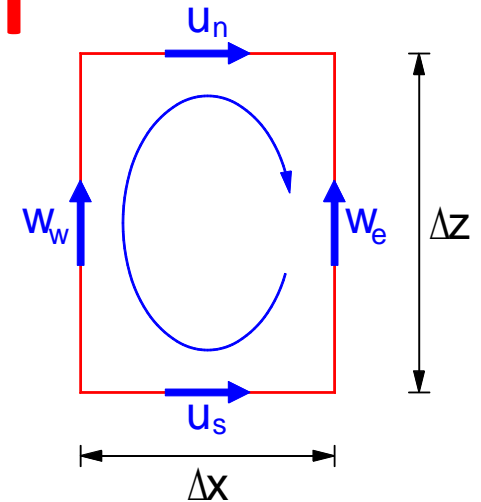
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$$



# Velocity Potential

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

$$d\phi = u dx + w dz$$



For *any* 2-d function:

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$$

The velocity components are the gradient of the **velocity potential**  $\phi$ :

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

**Aim:** solve a single scalar equation for  $\phi$ , then derive everything else from it.



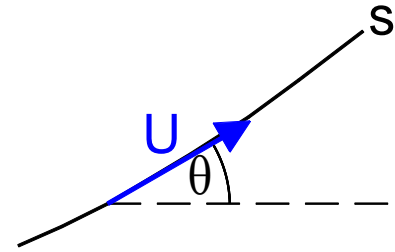
# Time-Dependent Bernoulli Equation

mass  $\times$  acceleration = force

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

$$U = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s}$$

$$\sin \theta = \partial z / \partial s$$



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

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

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

Special case: if steady-state then

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 + \rho g z = C, \quad \text{along a streamline}$$





# Recap of Fluid-Flow Equations

Continuity

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

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

Laplace's equation

Velocity potential

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

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

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

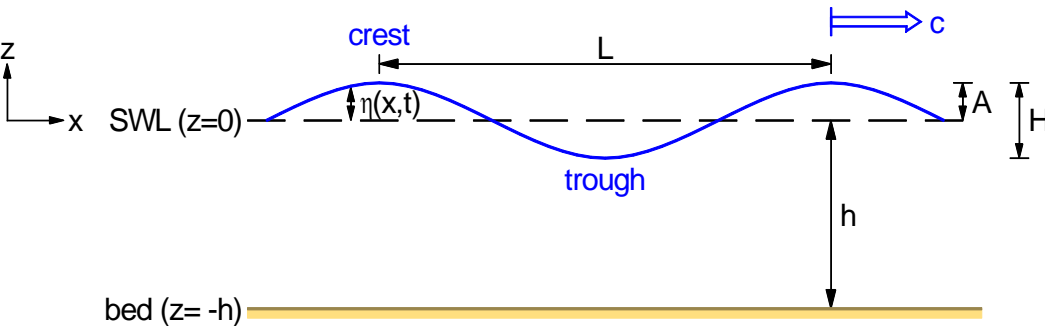
$$\frac{D}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

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

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



# Boundary Conditions



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

## KBBC – Kinematic Bed Boundary Condition

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

## KFSBC – Kinematic Free-Surface Boundary Condition

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

## DFSBC – Dynamic Free-Surface Boundary Condition

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



# Linearised Equations

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

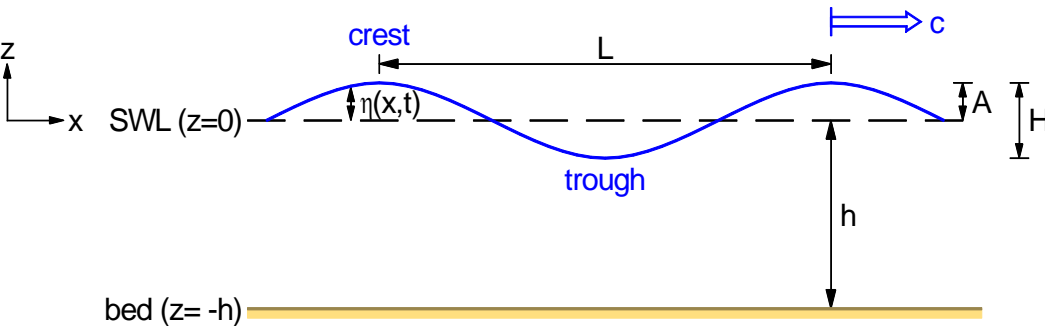
- If  $\varepsilon$  is small, ignore quadratic and higher powers:

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

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



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

## DFSBC – Dynamic Free-Surface Boundary Condition

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

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



# 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, $\phi$

Surface displacement:

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

Look for solution by separation of variables:

$$\phi = X(x, t)Z(z)$$

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

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

Hence:

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

WLOG:

$$X = \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\left. \frac{dZ}{dz} \right|_{z=0} = A\omega$$

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

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

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = k^2 Z$$

General solution:

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



# Solution For Velocity Potential, $\phi$

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

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

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

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

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

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





# Dispersion Relationship

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

How is wavenumber ( $k$ ) related to wave angular frequency ( $\omega$ )?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Summary of Solution

Surface displacement:

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

Velocity potential:

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

Dispersion relation:

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

This is all we need!!!

$$\text{Velocity: } u \equiv \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad w \equiv \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

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



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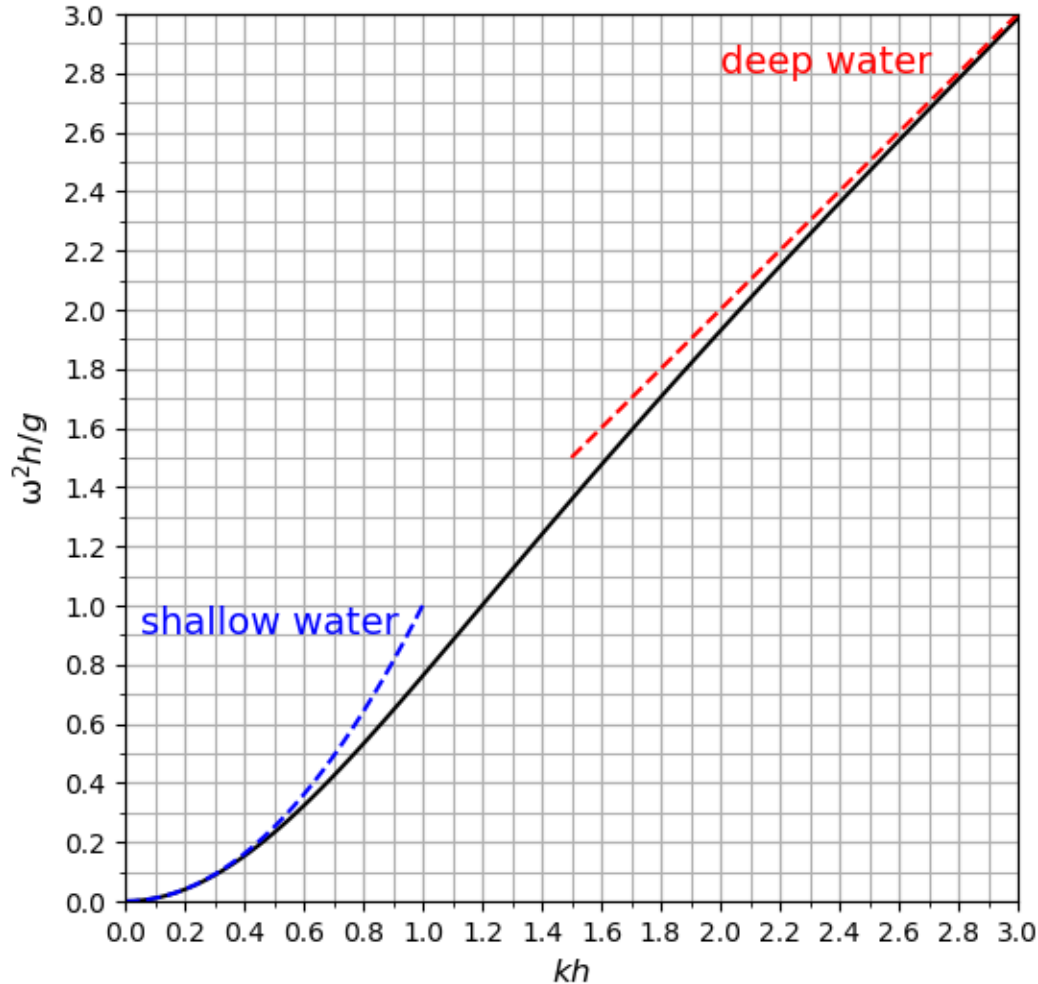


# Dispersion Relationship

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

or

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



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

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

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



# Variation of Phase Speed With Depth

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

When waves propagate into **shallower water**:

Period  $T$  - and hence  $\omega$  - 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  $\omega$

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



# Solving the Dispersion Relationship

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

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

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

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

$$Y = X \tanh X$$

Iterate  $X = \frac{Y}{\tanh X}$  or

$$X = \frac{1}{2} \left( X + \frac{Y}{\tanh X} \right)$$

Gives  $X = kh$  and hence  $k$

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



# Example

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$$h = 15 \text{ m}$$

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

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

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

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

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

phase speed (celerity):  $c = \frac{\omega}{k} = 8.259 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
(or  $\frac{L}{T}$ )



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

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

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

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

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.9432$$

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

$$kh = 1.152$$

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

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

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



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# Velocity

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

Velocity potential:

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

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

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



# Pressure

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

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

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

A pressure sensor is located 0.6 m above the sea bed in a water depth  $h = 12$  m. The pressure fluctuates with period 15 s. A maximum gauge pressure of 124 kPa is recorded.

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



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(a) What is the wave height?

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

$$z = -11.4 \text{ m}$$

$$T = 15 \text{ s}$$

$$p_{\max} = 124000 \text{ Pa}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.2147$$

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

$$kh = 0.4806$$

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

$$z = 0 \quad (\text{surface})$$

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

$$kh = 0.4806$$

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

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

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

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





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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:** 
$$\overline{\text{KE}} = \overline{\int_{z=-h}^{\eta} \frac{1}{2} \rho (u^2 + w^2) dz} = \frac{1}{4} \rho g A^2$$

- **Potential energy:** 
$$\overline{\text{PE}} = \overline{\int_{z=-h}^{\eta} \rho g z dz} = \frac{1}{4} \rho g A^2 + \text{constant}$$

- (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)

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{KE} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho \int_{z=-h}^0 (u^2 + w^2) dz = \frac{1}{2} \rho \left( \frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \int_{-h}^0 \{ \cosh^2 k(h+z) + \sinh^2 k(h+z) \} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho \left( \frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \int_{-h}^0 \cosh 2k(h+z) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho \left( \frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sinh 2k(h+z)}{2k} \right]_{-h}^0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho \left( \frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sinh 2kh}{2k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho \left( \frac{Agk}{\omega \cosh kh} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2 \sinh kh \cosh kh}{2k} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{\rho A^2 g^2 k \tanh kh}{\omega^2} \qquad \omega^2 = gk \tanh kh \end{aligned}$$

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



# Potential Energy (Appendix A4)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PE} &= \int_{z=-h}^{\eta} \rho g z \, dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho g [z^2]_{-h}^{\eta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho g (\eta^2 - h^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho g (A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) + \text{constant}) \end{aligned}$$

Only the wave component is needed

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

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



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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

$$c_g \equiv \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

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



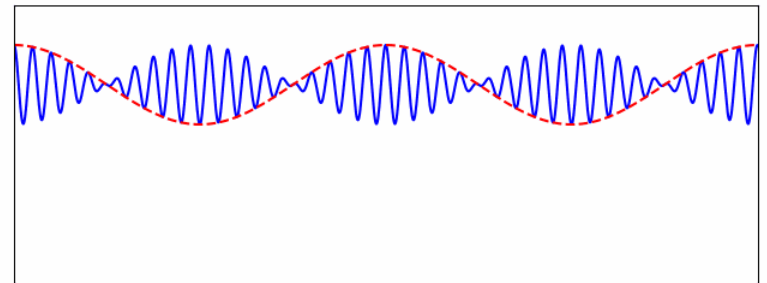
# Combination of Frequency Components

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

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

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

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



Amplitude modulation:

$$A(t) = 2a \cos(\Delta k x - \Delta\omega t)$$

Speed of amplitude envelope:

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k}$$

**Group velocity**

$$c_g \equiv \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$



# Group Velocity (Appendix A5)

Group velocity

$$c_g \equiv \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

Dispersion relation

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

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

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

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

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

$$c_g = nc$$

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

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

$$\frac{1}{2} < n < 1$$

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**

$$P = E c_g$$

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

$$c_g = n c \quad (\text{group velocity})$$



# Wave Power (Appendix A6)

Wave power = (time-averaged) rate of working of pressure forces (pressure  $\times$  area  $\times$  velocity)

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} pu &= \rho g A \frac{\cosh k(h+z)}{\cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t) \times \frac{Agk \cosh k(h+z)}{\omega \cosh kh} \cos(kx - \omega t) \\ &= \frac{\rho g^2 A^2 k \cosh^2 k(h+z)}{\omega \cosh^2 kh} \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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



# Wave Power

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$E$                        $1$                                        $n$                                        $c$

$$P = E c_g$$

power

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

energy density

$$c_g = n c$$

group velocity



# Example

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

$$T = 7.5 \text{ s}$$

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

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

$$P = E c_g$$

$$c_g = n c$$

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

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

$$\omega^2 = g k \tanh kh$$

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

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.6440$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$c_g = n c = 6.758 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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



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# Particle Motion

Velocity:

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

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

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = u = a\omega \cos(kX_0 - \omega t) \quad a = A \frac{\cosh k(h+Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$$

$$\frac{dZ}{dt} = w = b\omega \sin(kX_0 - \omega t) \quad b = A \frac{\sinh k(h+Z_0)}{\sinh kh}$$

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

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

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



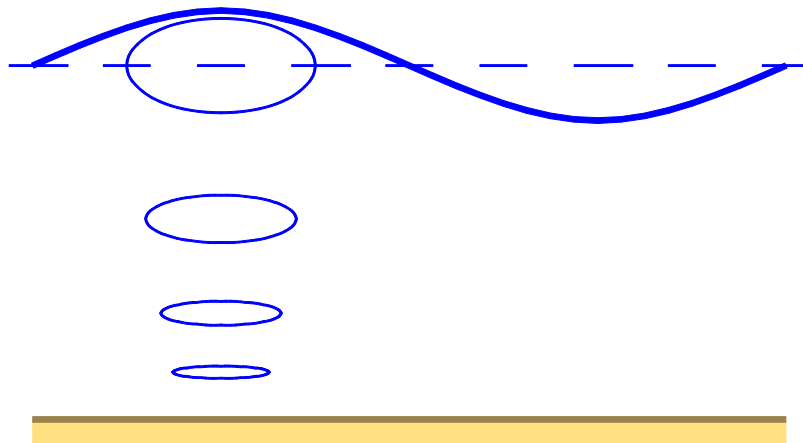
# Particle Motion

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

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

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

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



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# Shallow-Water / Deep-Water Limits

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

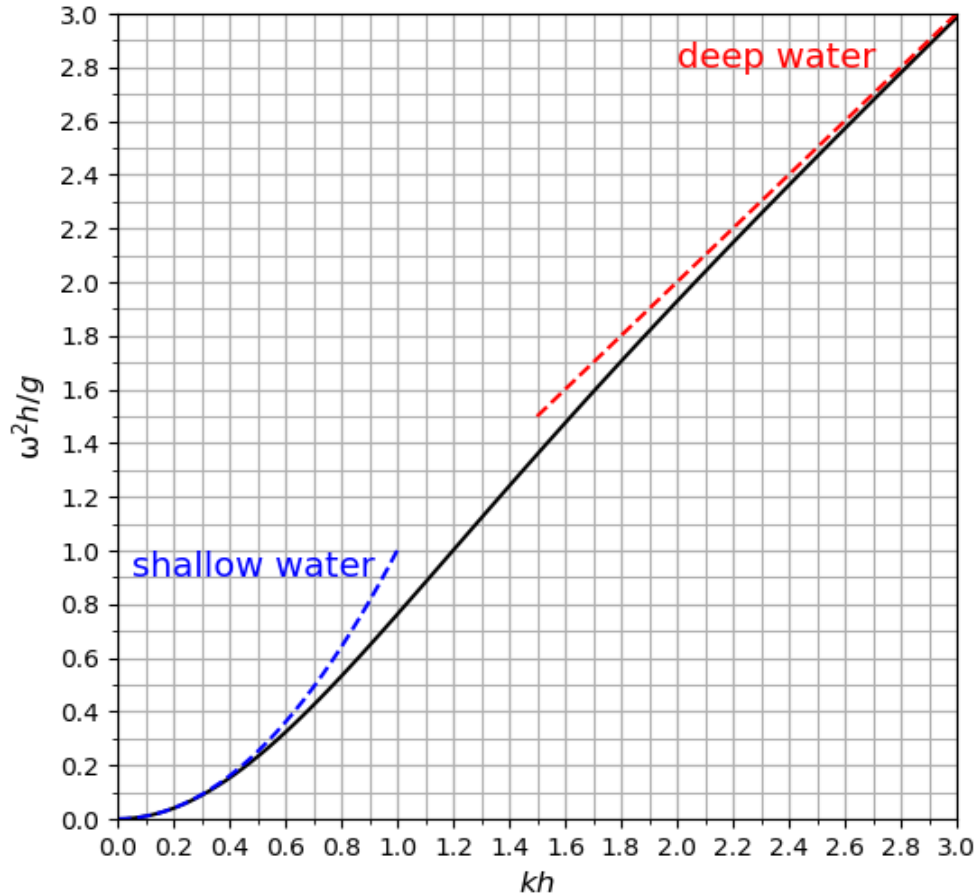
Asymptotic behaviour:  $\tanh kh \sim kh$  (as  $kh \rightarrow 0$ )  
 $\tanh kh \rightarrow 1$  (as  $kh \rightarrow \infty$ )

**Shallow water** (or long waves):  $kh \ll 1$   
 $\omega^2 \approx k^2 gh$  or  $\omega \approx k\sqrt{gh}$   
 $c = c_g = \sqrt{gh}$   $n = 1$  (non-dispersive)

**Deep water** (or short waves):  $kh \gg 1$   
 $\omega^2 \approx gk$   
 $L = \frac{gT^2}{2\pi}$   
 $c = \frac{L}{T} = \frac{gT}{2\pi}$ ,  $n = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $c_g = \frac{1}{2}c$  (dispersive)



# Shallow / Deep Limits



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

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

**Shallow:**

$$kh < \frac{\pi}{10}$$

$$h < \frac{1}{20} L$$

**Deep:**

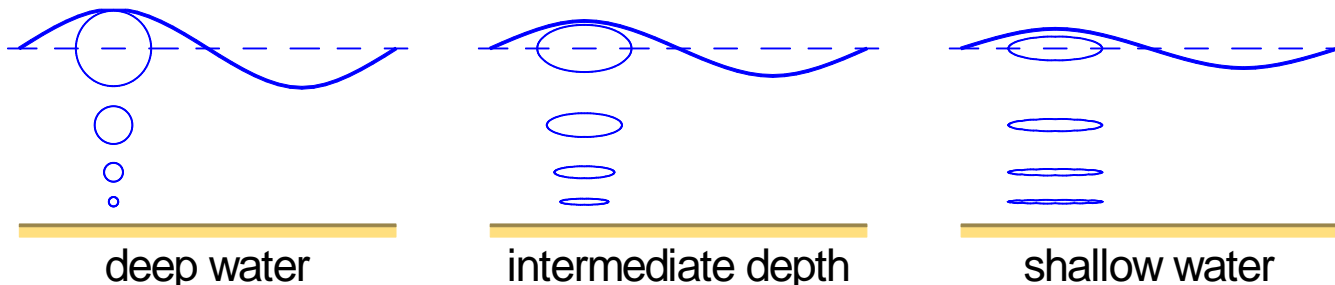
$$kh > \pi$$

$$h > \frac{1}{2} L$$



# Shallow / Deep Particle Motions

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



**Deep:**  $kh \gg 1$

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

Circles diminishing in size over half a wavelength

**Shallow:**  $kh \ll 1$

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

Highly-flattened ellipses; horizontal excursion almost independent of depth



# Shallow / Deep Pressure

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

**Deep:**  $kh \gg 1$

$p \approx -\rho g z + \rho g \eta e^{-k|z|}$       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:

$$kh \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\tanh kh \rightarrow 1$$

$$\omega^2 = gk$$

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

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

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

**Shallow** water:

$$kh \rightarrow 0$$

$$\tanh kh \sim kh$$

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

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

$$c = \sqrt{gh}$$

$$L = cT$$



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$$T = 12 \text{ s}$$

Deep:  $c = \frac{gT}{2\pi} = 18.74 \text{ m s}^{-1}$        $L = \frac{gT^2}{2\pi} = 224.8 \text{ m}$

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

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

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

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

$$kh \tanh kh = 0.08384$$

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$$kh = 0.2937$$

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

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



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# Waves on Currents

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

$$x_r = x - Ut$$

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

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

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

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



# Example

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- (a) no mean current;
- (b) a current of  $3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in the same direction as the waves;
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$$h = 12 \text{ m}$$

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

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

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

$$k = \frac{(0.7854 - kU)^2}{9.81 \tanh 12k} \quad \text{or}$$

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

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

