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Mathematicians and physicists have long been interested in the subject of water waves. The problems formulated in this subject can be considered fundamental, but many questions remain unanswered. For instance, a satisfactory analytic theory of such a common and important phenomenon as wave breaking has yet to be developed. Our knowledge of the formation of rogue waves is also fairly poor despite the many efforts devoted to this subject.

One of the most important tasks of the theory of water waves is the construction of simplified mathematical models that are applicable to the description of these complex events under the assumption of weak nonlinearity. The Zakharov equation, as well as the Nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLSE) and the Dysthe equation (which are actually its simplifications), are among them.

In this article, we derive a new modification of the Zakharov equation based on the assumption of unidirectionality (the assumption that all waves propagate in the same direction). To derive the new equation, we use the Hamiltonian form of the Euler equation for an ideal fluid and perform a very specific canonical transformation. This transformation is possible due to the "miraculous" cancellation of the nontrivial four-wave resonant interaction in the one-dimensional wave field. The obtained equation is remarkably simple. We call the equation the "super compact water wave equation". This equation includes a nonlinear wave term (à la NLSE) together with an advection term that can describe the initial stage of wave-breaking. The NLSE and the Dysthe equations (Dysthe (1979)) can be easily derived from the super compact equation. This equation is also suitable for analytical studies as well as for numerical simulation. Moreover, this equation also allows one to derive a spatial version of the water wave equation that describes experiments in flumes and canals.

## 1. Introduction

A potential flow of an ideal incompressible fluid with a free surface in a gravity field is described (Zakharov 1968) by the following Hamiltonian system:

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\delta H}{\delta \eta} \qquad \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta \psi}. \quad (1.1)$$

Hereafter, we study only the case of one horizontal direction: unidirectional waves. Now,

$\eta = \eta(x, t)$  - shape of the surface,

$\psi = \psi(x, t) = \phi(x, \eta(x, t), t)$  - potential on the surface,

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$$\phi(x, z, t) - \text{potential inside the fluid.} \quad (1.2)$$

The Hamiltonian  $H$  is

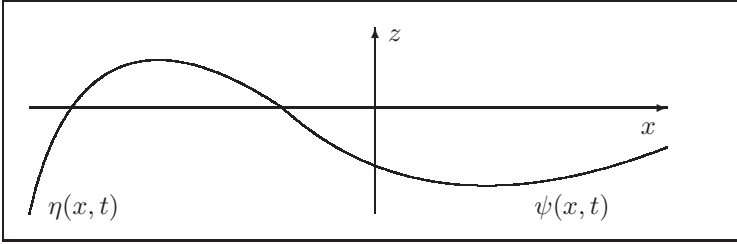
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int dx \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} |\nabla \phi|^2 dz + \frac{g}{2} \int \eta^2 dx \quad (1.3)$$

The potential  $\phi(x, z, t)$  satisfies the Laplace equation:

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

with the asymptotic boundary conditions:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{at } z \rightarrow -\infty.$$



If the steepness of the surface is small,  $|\eta_x| \ll 1$ , the Hamiltonian can be represented by the infinite series

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_2 + H_3 + H_4 + \dots \\ H_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int (g\eta^2 + \psi \hat{k} \psi) dx, \\ H_3 &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \{(\hat{k} \psi)^2 - (\psi_x)^2\} \eta dx, \\ H_4 &= \frac{1}{2} \int \{\psi_{xx} \eta^2 \hat{k} \psi + \psi \hat{k} (\eta \hat{k} (\eta \hat{k} \psi))\} dx \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\hat{k} \psi$  means multiplication by  $|k|$  in  $k$ -space ( $\hat{k} = \sqrt{-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}}$ ).

Equations (1.1), although truncated according to (1.4), even for the full 3-D case, can be efficiently used for numerical simulations of water wave dynamics (see, for instance, (Korotkevich et al 2008)). However, they are not convenient for analytic study because  $\eta(x, t)$  and  $\psi(x, t)$  are not “optimal” canonical variables. One can choose better Hamiltonian variables by performing a proper canonical transformation. This transformation can be achieved in two steps. In the first step, we eliminate all third-order terms and some fourth-order terms – all so-called “nonresonant” cubic and quartic terms in the Hamiltonian. What we obtain as a result of this transformation is the so-called Zakharov equation, which has been widely used in recent years by many researchers (see, for instance, (Crawford et al 1980; Debnath 1994)) and more recent publications (Annenkov & Shrira 2011, 2013). In the second step, one can “improve” the Zakharov equation by applying an appropriate canonical transformation to simplify the only remaining resonant fourth-order term. This “improvement” is possible due to a very special property of the quartic Hamiltonian in the Zakharov equation, specifically, an unexpected cancellation (Dyachenko & Zakharov 1994) of nontrivial four-wave interactions. This cancellation only occurs in the one-dimensional case and makes it possible to replace the “generic” Zakharov equation by a substantially more suitable “compact equation”, (Dyachenko & Zakharov 2012), which was intensively used as a base for both numerical simulations

(Fedele & Dutykh 2012a,b; Dyachenko 2013; Dyachenko et al 2014; Fedele 2014a,b; Dyachenko et al 2015,a,b) and an analytical proof of the nonintegrability of the Zakharov equation (Dyachenko et al 2013a).

In this paper, we analyzed this second step in the canonical transformation, which is not a unique procedure. One can accomplish this in many different ways, thereby obtaining different forms of the compact equation. Here, we present the most optimal (in our opinion) version of the compact equation, which we call “the super compact equation” for water waves. In addition, we present some preliminary results of the numerical simulations of the super compact equation.

It should be mentioned that this new equation enables a remarkably straightforward derivation of the spatial version of the equation. The spatial compact equation solves the Cauchy problem in space and is an exceptionally convenient tool for comparison of the theory and experimental study in laboratory flumes for nonlinear gravity waves (Dyachenko & Zakharov (2016)).

## 2. The Zakharov equation

For a detailed derivation of the Zakharov equation, see references (Zakharov (1968); Krasitskii (1990); Zakharov et al (1992)). A brief outline starting with the Hamiltonian (1.4) is given as follows:

1. We introduce complex normal variables  $a_k$ :

$$\eta_k = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_k}{2g}}(a_k + a_{-k}^*) \quad \psi_k = -i\sqrt{\frac{g}{2\omega_k}}(a_k - a_{-k}^*)$$

Here,  $\omega_k = \sqrt{g|k|}$  is the dispersion law for the gravity waves, and the Fourier transformations  $\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi_k$  and  $\eta(x) \rightarrow \eta_k$  are defined as follows:

$$f_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int f(x)e^{-ikx}dx, \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int f_k e^{+ikx}dk.$$

In the new variables  $a_k$ , the Hamiltonian takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 &= \int \omega_k a_k a_k^* dk, \\ H_3 &= \int V_{k_1 k_2}^k \{a_k^* a_{k_1} a_{k_2} + a_k a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^*\} \delta_{k-k_1-k_2} dk dk_1 dk_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \int U_{k_1 k_2} \{a_k a_{k_1} a_{k_2} + a_k^* a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^*\} \delta_{k+k_1+k_2} dk dk_1 dk_2, \\ H_4 &= \frac{1}{2} \int W_{k_1 k_2}^{k_3 k_4} a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^* a_{k_3} a_{k_4} \delta_{k_1+k_2-k_3-k_4} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \int G_{k_1 k_2 k_3}^{k_4} (a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^* a_{k_3}^* a_{k_4} + c.c.) \delta_{k_1+k_2+k_3-k_4} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{12} \int R_{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4} (a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^* a_{k_3}^* a_{k_4}^* + c.c.) \delta_{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 \end{aligned}$$

For our purposes, the exact expressions for the coefficients of the Hamiltonian are unimportant. Nevertheless, a careful reader can find them in references (Zakharov (1998, 1999); Dyachenko et al (2015)).

The equations of motion (1.1) now yield the following:

$$\frac{\partial a_k}{\partial t} + i \frac{\delta H}{\delta a_k^*} = 0.$$

2. In the variables  $a_k$ , the Hamiltonian contains nonresonant three-wave interactions, and hence, the variables are still suboptimal. We introduce yet another set of variables  $b_k$  by another canonical transformation  $a_k \rightarrow b_k$  to cancel all the nonresonant cubic and quartic terms in the new Hamiltonian. An efficient way to construct this transformation was offered in reference (Zakharov et al 1992) and can be written as follows:

$$a_k = b_k + \int \left[ 2\tilde{V}_{kk_2}^{k_1} b_{k_1} b_{k_2}^* \delta_{k_1-k-k_2} - \tilde{V}_{k_1 k_2}^k b_{k_1} b_{k_2} \delta_{k-k_1-k_2} - \tilde{U}_{kk_1 k_2} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2}^* \delta_{k+k_1+k_2} \right] dk_1 dk_2 \\ + \int \left[ A_{kk_1 k_2 k_3}^k b_{k_1} b_{k_2} b_{k_3} + A_{k_2 k_3}^{kk_1} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} b_{k_3} + A_{k_3}^{kk_1 k_2} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2}^* b_{k_3} + A^{kk_1 k_2 k_3} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2}^* b_{k_3}^* \right] dk_1 dk_2 dk_3, \quad (2.1)$$

where the exact expressions for the coefficients of the transformation (2.1) can be found in Dyachenko et al (2015). The resulting Hamiltonian after the transformation yields

$$H = \int \omega_k b_k b_k^* dk + \frac{1}{2} \int T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3} b_k^* b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} b_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 + \tilde{H}, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\tilde{H}$  is an infinite series in  $b_k, b_k^*$  starting from the fifth-order terms. The explicit (and cumbersome) expression for  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  can be found in (Zakharov 1968; Zakharov 1998, 1999). The motion equation

$$\frac{\partial b_k}{\partial t} + i \frac{\delta H}{\delta b_k^*} = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

(neglecting  $\tilde{H}$ ) is the traditional Zakharov equation.

### 3. Canonical transformation for the Zakharov equation

A possibility for further simplification of equation (2.3) is based on the following remarkable fact, established in (Dyachenko & Zakharov 1994). Let us consider the resonance conditions for the four-wave interactions:

$$k + k_1 = k_2 + k_3, \\ \omega_k + \omega_{k_1} = \omega_{k_2} + \omega_{k_3}, \quad (3.1)$$

In the 1-D case, all solutions of this system of equations (3.1) can be divided into two parts – so-called ”trivial” and ”nontrivial” parts. The ”nontrivial” solution can be solved as follows:

$$k = a(1 + \zeta)^2, \\ k_1 = a(1 + \zeta)^2 \zeta^2, \\ k_2 = -a\zeta^2, \\ k_3 = a(1 + \zeta + \zeta^2)^2 \quad \text{here } 0 < \zeta < 1. \quad (3.2)$$

Notice the product  $kk_1 k_2 k_3 < 0$ . Now,

$$T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3} = F(a, \zeta) = a^3 f(\zeta).$$

Direct calculation shows that for the “nontrivial” resonance (3.2),

$$f(\zeta) \equiv 0. \quad (3.3)$$

This fact means that “nontrivial” four-wave resonances are absent!

Moreover,  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3} \equiv 0$  if the product  $kk_1k_2k_3 \leq 0$ . In addition, it has a very simple form:

$$T_{k_2k_3}^{kk_1} = \theta(kk_1k_2k_3) \frac{(kk_1k_2k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{\omega\omega_1}{\omega_2\omega_3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( \frac{\omega_2\omega_3}{\omega\omega_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \quad (3.4)$$

$\min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$  is minimum of  $(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ .

Here,  $\theta(k)$  is the step function

$$\theta(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

Obviously, for positive  $k_i$  with resonant condition

$$k + k_1 = k_2 + k_3,$$

$$\min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{1}{4}(k + k_1 + k_2 + k_3 - |k - k_2| - |k - k_3| - |k_1 - k_2| - |k_1 - k_3|). \quad (3.5)$$

This means that a system initially consisting of unidirectional waves retains this property for all times. Indeed, a wave with negative  $k$  can appear only from the following equation with all positive  $k$  in the R.H.S.:

$$i \frac{\partial b_k}{\partial t} = \omega_k b_k + \int T_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} b_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

However,  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3}$  for such a selection of  $k$  is identically zero.

Now, one can see that the Zakharov equation is a compact equation but can be further “improved”. In other words, the coefficient (3.4) can be simplified even further.

The system (3.1) also has the following “trivial” solution:

$$k_2 = k_1, \quad k_3 = k, \quad \text{or} \quad k_2 = k, \quad k_3 = k_1. \quad (3.6)$$

We introduce  $T_{kk_1}$  (diagonal part) as the value of the four-wave coefficient on the trivial manifold (3.6). This was calculated in (Zakharov 1968) and is equal to

$$T_{kk_1} = T_{kk_1}^{kk_1} = \frac{1}{4\pi} |k| |k_1| (|k + k_1| - |k - k_1|) = \frac{1}{2\pi} |k| |k_1| \min(|k|, |k_1|)$$

Let us introduce  $\tilde{T}_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3}$  as follows:

$$\tilde{T}_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3} = \theta(kk_1k_2k_3) \left[ \frac{1}{2}(T_{kk_2} + T_{kk_3} + T_{k_1k_2} + T_{k_1k_3}) - \frac{1}{4}(T_{kk} + T_{k_1k_1} + T_{k_2k_2} + T_{k_3k_3}) \right] \quad (3.7)$$

A canonical transformation of the second step replaces Zakharov’s  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3}$  from (2.2) with the simpler  $\tilde{T}_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3}$  while keeping their diagonal part the same.

The simple method to construct the canonical transformation is based on the fact that a Hamiltonian system (with variable  $\tilde{c}_k(t)$ ) is invariant under translation in time and that the transformation  $\tilde{c}_k(0) \rightarrow \tilde{c}_k(\tau)$  is canonical. Let us construct this transformation (as a power series) using an auxiliary Hamiltonian  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  (starting from the quartic term) of the form:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} \tilde{c}_k^* \tilde{c}_{k_1}^* \tilde{c}_{k_2} \tilde{c}_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 + \dots, \quad (3.8)$$

where the symmetry relations

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}_1\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} = \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_3\mathbf{k}_2} = (\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}^{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1})^*$$

are necessary to obtain a real-valued  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ . Using a Taylor series, we can express the old canonical  $b_k(\tau) = \tilde{c}_k(\tau)$  in terms of  $\tilde{c}_k(0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{c}_k(\tau) &= \tilde{c}_k(0) + \tau \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_k(\tau)}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} + \dots \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_k(\tau)}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} &= -i \frac{\delta \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(\tilde{c}_k(\tau), \tilde{c}_k^*(\tau))}{\delta \tilde{c}_k^*(\tau)} \Big|_{\tau=0}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$b_k = \tilde{c}_k - i \int \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} \tilde{c}_{k_1}^* \tilde{c}_{k_2} \tilde{c}_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 + \dots \quad (3.9)$$

is a canonical transformation. Now, we plug this transformation into the Hamiltonian (2.2) of the Zakharov equation and obtain the new Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned}H &= \int \omega_k \tilde{c}_k \tilde{c}_k^* dk + \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ T_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3} - i(\omega_k + \omega_{k_1} - \omega_{k_2} - \omega_{k_3}) \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} \right] \times \\ &\quad \times \tilde{c}_k^* \tilde{c}_{k_1}^* \tilde{c}_{k_2} \tilde{c}_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 + \dots\end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

The coefficient  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}$  of the auxiliary Hamiltonian is the same as the coefficient of the canonical transformation. It controls the four-wave coefficient  $T_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  in the Hamiltonian of the Zakharov equation (3.10). To replace Zakharov's  $T_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  by the simpler  $\tilde{T}_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3}$ , the coefficient  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}$  has to be equal to

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3} = i \frac{\tilde{T}_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3} - T_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3}}{\omega_k + \omega_{k_1} - \omega_{k_2} - \omega_{k_3}}. \quad (3.11)$$

One can check that  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}$  has no singularities at  $k + k_1 = k_2 + k_3$ . Indeed, in the region where the product  $kk_1k_2k_3 \leq 0$ , the singularities are canceled by virtue of the identity (3.3). In the region where the product  $kk_1k_2k_3 > 0$ , the singularities are canceled due to the special choice of  $\tilde{T}_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3}$ . The exact expression for  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}$  was published in (Dyachenko et al 1995). This leads to the derivation of the ‘‘compact water wave equation’’ (not yet the super compact).

Due to the absence of nontrivial resonances, waves moving in the same direction do not generate waves moving in the opposite direction, and hence, we can assume without loss of generality that for all wavenumbers  $k_i > 0$ , this leads to the following simplification:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{k k_1}^{k_2 k_3} &= \left[ -\frac{1}{8\pi} (kk_2|k - k_2| + kk_3|k - k_3| + k_1k_2|k_1 - k_2| + k_1k_3|k_1 - k_3|) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{8\pi} (kk_1(k + k_1) + k_2k_3(k_2 + k_3)) \right] \theta(k)\theta(k_1)\theta(k_2)\theta(k_3)\end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Returning from the Fourier space, we can write the following compact expression for the Hamiltonian in  $x$ -space:

$$H = \int \tilde{c}^* \hat{\omega} \tilde{c} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \left| \frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial x} \right|^2 \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left( \tilde{c} \frac{\partial \tilde{c}^*}{\partial x} - \tilde{c}^* \frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial x} \right) - \hat{k} |\tilde{c}|^2 \right] dx, \quad (3.13)$$

where  $\hat{\omega}$  denotes multiplication by  $\sqrt{g|k|}$  in Fourier space. The compact equation, with Hamiltonian (3.13), was used for the numerical simulations in papers (Dyachenko & Zakharov 2012; Fedele & Dutykh 2012a,b).

#### 4. Super compact equation

Note that the choice of (3.7) is not unique for introducing the new Hamiltonian. The conditions imposed on  $\tilde{T}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  are rather loose:

(i) The symmetry conditions require that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3} = \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{k_1 k}^{k_2 k_3} = \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_3 k_2} = \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{k_2 k_3}^{kk_1}.$$

(ii) The diagonal part must be strictly defined as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3} = T_{kk_1} = \frac{1}{4\pi} |k||k_1|(|k+k_1| - |k-k_1|) = \frac{1}{2\pi} |k||k_1| \min(|k|, |k_1|).$$

The symmetry conditions suggest that  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  may be invariant under permutations of all  $k_i$ . Let us choose  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3} &= \frac{(kk_1 k_2 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi} \min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \theta_k \theta_{k_1} \theta_{k_2} \theta_{k_3}, \\ \theta_k &- \text{ is the step function, } \theta_k = \theta(k) \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

and  $\min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$  is defined in (3.4) and (3.5). We substitute the new  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  (4.1) into the coefficient  $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  (3.11) and apply the canonical transformation (3.9). After that transformation, the functions  $\tilde{c}_k$  satisfy the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} i\dot{\tilde{c}}_k &= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \tilde{c}_k^*} = \omega_k \tilde{c}_k + \\ &+ \frac{k^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta_k}{2\pi} \int \min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) (k_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta_{k_1} \tilde{c}_{k_1}^*) (k_2^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta_{k_2} \tilde{c}_{k_2}) (k_3^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta_{k_3} \tilde{c}_{k_3}) \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

It is convenient to introduce a new Hamiltonian variable:

$$c_k = k^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta_k \tilde{c}_k. \quad (4.3)$$

$c_k$  is the Fourier transform of a function analytic in the upper complex half-plane. Note, the nonlinear term in (4.2) preserves the analyticity property. Multiplying (4.2) by  $ik^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and using the definition of  $c_k$  (4.3) results in

$$\dot{c}_k + ik\theta_k \left[ \frac{\omega_k}{k} c_k + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) c_{k_1}^* c_{k_2} c_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \right] = 0 \quad (4.4)$$

which is exactly the super compact equation written in  $k$ -space.

The expression in square brackets of (4.4) is the variational derivative of the following Hamiltonian:

$$H = \int \frac{\omega_k}{k} |c_k|^2 dk + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) c_k^* c_{k_1} c_{k_2} c_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \quad (4.5)$$

Using the following relations between  $k$ -space and  $x$ -space,

$$\begin{aligned} kc_k^* &\Leftrightarrow i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c^*(x), & kc_k &\Leftrightarrow -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c(x), \\ |k-k_2| c_k^* c_{k_2} &\Leftrightarrow \hat{k}(|c(x)|^2), & (k+k_1) c_k c_{k_1} &\Leftrightarrow -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (c(x)^2), \end{aligned}$$

and definition of  $\min(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$  (3.5), the new Hamiltonian, whose fourth order is defined by the new coefficient  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  (4.1), can be written in  $x$ -space:

$$H = \int c^* \hat{V} c dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \frac{i}{4} (c^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c^{*2} - c^{*2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c^2) - |c|^2 \hat{k}(|c|^2) \right] dx \quad (4.6)$$



Here, the operator  $\hat{V}$  is in  $k$ -space so that  $V_k = \frac{\omega_k}{k}$ . If one also introduces a bracket similar to the Gardner-Zakharov-Faddeev one (see Zakharov & Faddeev (1971)), then

$$\partial_x^+ \Leftrightarrow ik\theta_k \quad (4.7)$$

Then, the equation of motion is the following:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \partial_x^+ \frac{\delta H}{\delta c^*} = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

We introduce the advection velocity

$$\mathcal{U} = \hat{k}|c|^2, \quad (4.9)$$

and taking a variational derivative, one can write equation (4.8) in the following form:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + i\hat{\omega}c - i\partial_x^+ \left( |c|^2 \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) = \partial_x^+ (\mathcal{U}c). \quad (4.10)$$

Note that  $|c|^2$  has dimensions of potential. One can recognize two terms in the equation:

- nonlinear wave term:  $i\hat{\omega}c - i\partial_x^+ \left( |c|^2 \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right)$
- advection term:  $\partial_x^+ (\mathcal{U}c)$ .

Along with the usual quantities, such as energy and both momenta, equation (4.10) conserves the action, or the number of waves:

$$N = \int_0^\infty \frac{|c_k|^2}{k} dk.$$

Equation (4.10) has an exact self-similar solution:

$$c(x, t) = g(t_0 - t)^{\frac{3}{2}} C \left( \frac{x}{g(t_0 - t)^2} \right).$$

It is easy to check that  $C(\xi)$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\frac{3}{2}C - 2\xi \frac{\partial C}{\partial \xi} + i\hat{K}^{\frac{1}{2}}C - i\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( |C|^2 \frac{\partial C}{\partial \xi} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( (\hat{K}|C|^2)C \right) \quad (4.11)$$

where  $C(\xi)$  is a dimensionless function that is analytic in the upper half-plane and  $\hat{K}$  is a dimensionless operator.

In  $k$ -space, this solution (according to (4.4)) has the following form:

$$c(k, t) = g^2(t_0 - t)^{\frac{7}{2}} F(gk(t_0 - t)^2)$$

It is easy to check that the dimensionless function  $F(\xi)$  satisfies the following equation:

$$\frac{7}{2}F + 2\xi \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} = i\xi^{\frac{1}{2}}F + \frac{i\xi}{2\pi} \int \min(\xi, \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) F^*(\xi_1) F(\xi_2) F(\xi_3) \delta_{\xi+\xi_1-\xi_2-\xi_3} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 d\xi_3 \quad (4.12)$$

This equation may have a solution with singularities, but this has not been studied yet.

## 5. Back to $\eta$ and $\psi$

The physical variables,  $\eta_k$  and  $\psi_k$ , are hidden in the normal complex variable  $c_k$  and must be recovered. It is necessary when comparing the theory with experiment.

According to canonical transformation (2.1),  $\eta_k$  and  $\psi_k$  are power series of  $b_k$ . On the other hand, using (3.9), the definition of  $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}$  (3.11) with  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}_1}^{\mathbf{k}_2\mathbf{k}_3}$  (4.1) and relation

(4.3), they can be easily written as power series of  $c_k$ . The accuracy of the super compact equation provides power series up the third order:

$$\eta_k = \eta_k^{(1)} + \eta_k^{(2)} + \eta_k^{(3)}, \quad \psi_k = \psi_k^{(1)} + \psi_k^{(2)} + \psi_k^{(3)}. \quad (5.1)$$

The details on recovering the physical quantities  $\eta(x, t)$  and  $\psi(x, t)$  are given in Dyachenko et al (2015). Here, we present only the linear and second-order terms. All of these terms can be written in  $k$ -space in a compact form. This is an important property that allows one to recover physical values without multidimensional integrals.

$$\eta^{(1)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}g^{\frac{1}{4}}}(\hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x) + \hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x)^*), \quad \psi^{(1)}(x) = -i\frac{g^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{k}^{-\frac{3}{4}}c(x) - \hat{k}^{-\frac{3}{4}}c(x)^*). \quad (5.2)$$

The operators  $\hat{k}^\alpha$  act in the Fourier space as multiplication by  $|k|^\alpha$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^{(2)}(x) &= \frac{\hat{k}}{4\sqrt{g}}[\hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x) - \hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x)^*]^2, \\ \psi^{(2)}(x) &= \frac{i}{2}[\hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x)^*\hat{k}^{\frac{1}{4}}c(x)^* - \hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x)\hat{k}^{\frac{1}{4}}c(x)] + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\hat{H}[\hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x)\hat{k}^{\frac{1}{4}}c(x)^* + \hat{k}^{-\frac{1}{4}}c(x)^*\hat{k}^{\frac{1}{4}}c(x)], \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

Here,  $\hat{H}$  is the Hilbert transformation with eigenvalue  $i\mathbf{sign}(k)$ .

This accuracy (second-order power series) is sufficient to compare numerical data with the data in a flume.

## 6. Numerical Simulation

### 6.1. Breather

The super compact equation (4.10) has a localized breather-type solution:

$$c(x, t) = C(x - \mathcal{V}t)e^{i(k_0x - \omega_0t)} \quad \text{or} \quad c_k(t) = e^{i(\Omega + \mathcal{V}k)t}\phi_k$$

where  $\phi_k$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\Omega + \mathcal{V}k - \omega_k)\phi_k = \frac{1}{2} \int T_{kk_1}^{k_2k_3} \phi_{k_1}^* \phi_{k_2} \phi_{k_3} \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

Here,  $\mathcal{V}$  is the group velocity and  $k_0$  and  $\omega_0$  are the wavenumber and frequency of the carrier wave, respectively.  $\Omega$  is close to  $\frac{\omega_0}{2}$ . This solution can be found numerically by the Petviashvili method (see Petviashvili (1976)). A uniform grid is introduced in the periodic domain  $x \in [0, L]$ . Therefore, the wavenumbers  $k$  become discrete, with a stepsize of  $\Delta k = \frac{2\pi}{L}$ , and all integrals over  $k$  transform to sums over  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k^{n+1} &= \frac{NL_k^n}{M_k} \left[ \frac{\sum_{k'} (\phi_{k'}^n NL_{k'}^n)}{\sum_{k'} (\phi_{k'}^n M_{k'} \phi_{k'}^n)} \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \quad M_k = \Omega + \mathcal{V}k - \omega_k, \\ NL^n &= -\frac{\partial^+}{\partial x} \left( |\phi^n|^2 \frac{\partial \phi^n}{\partial x} \right) + i \frac{\partial^+}{\partial x} \left( \hat{k} (|\phi^n|^2) \phi^n \right), \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $n$  is the number of the iteration.  $C(x - \mathcal{V}t)$  has an obvious association with a soliton for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation.

A free surface profile of the breather solution of this equation in the periodic domain  $L = 10$  km with  $k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{L}100$  is shown in Fig.1. The gravity acceleration  $g = 9.81 \frac{m}{sec^2}$ .

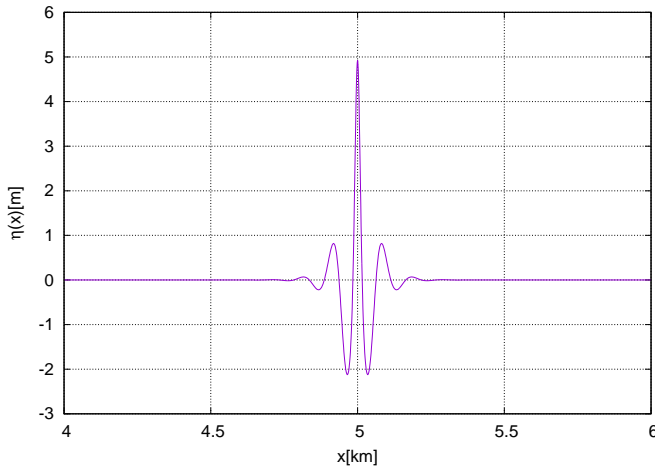


FIGURE 1. Narrow breather with three crests. Free surface profile.

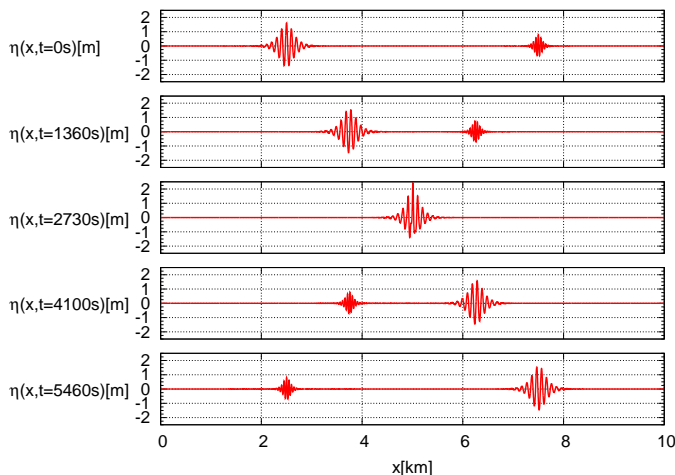


FIGURE 2. Snapshots of breathers collision

A breather is a very stable structure. A collision of two breathers moving with different velocities (or with  $k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{L}100$  and  $k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{L}200$ ) is shown in Fig.2. An animation of this collision can be viewed in the movie "Collision of 2 breathers" on the JFM site.

### 6.2. Modulational instability

A freak-wave appearing from the slowly modulated Stokes wave of small amplitude ( $\eta \simeq \eta_0 \cos(k_0 x - \omega_{k_0} t)$ ), with  $k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{L}100$  and  $\eta_0 \simeq 1.35m$ , is shown in Fig.3:

One can see the beginning of the wave breaking in Fig.4: One can see that the wave is going to break to the right (the right slope of the wave is steeper than the left slope).

The animation of a typical freak wave arising can be found in the two movies, "Freak wave pre-breaking" and "Freak wave pre-breaking zoomed", on the JFM site.

The analytical study of the small-scale instabilities by the "frozen coefficient" method allows one to conclude that the Cauchy problem for the super compact equation is a well-posed problem.

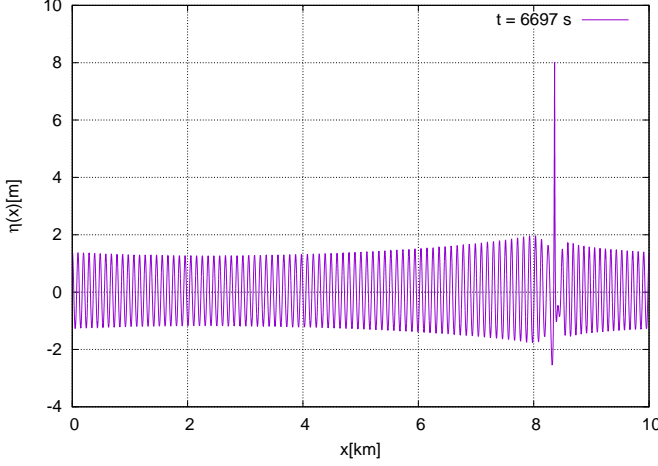


FIGURE 3. Amplitude of freak-wave in the periodic domain  $L = 10$  km.

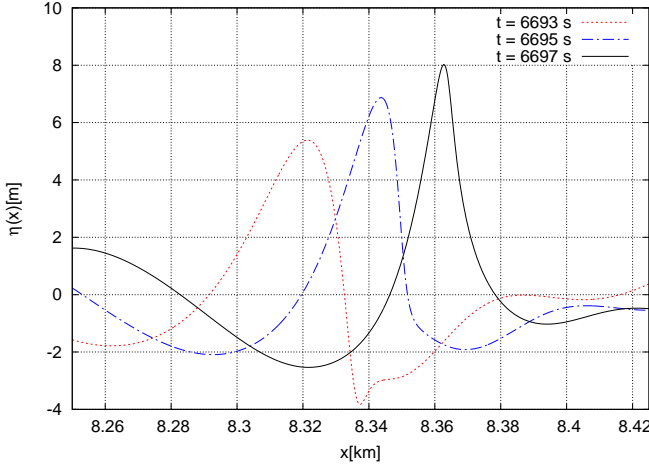


FIGURE 4. Three snapshots showing the beginning of the wave breaking (zoomed near  $x = 8.34$  km)

## 7. Spatial compact equation

The simplicity of the super compact equation enables an easy derivation of the spatial version of the equation. The details of this derivation can be found in Dyachenko & Zakharov (2016). The idea of the derivation is based on the fact that the Fourier image (after transforming equation (4.10) in both space and time)  $c_{k\omega}$  is supported on the shadowed area in the vicinity of the dispersion curve, as shown in Fig.5. Note that for unidirectional waves, both  $k$  and  $\omega$  are positive. This equation (after multiplying by  $(\omega + \sqrt{gk})$ ) looks like the following:

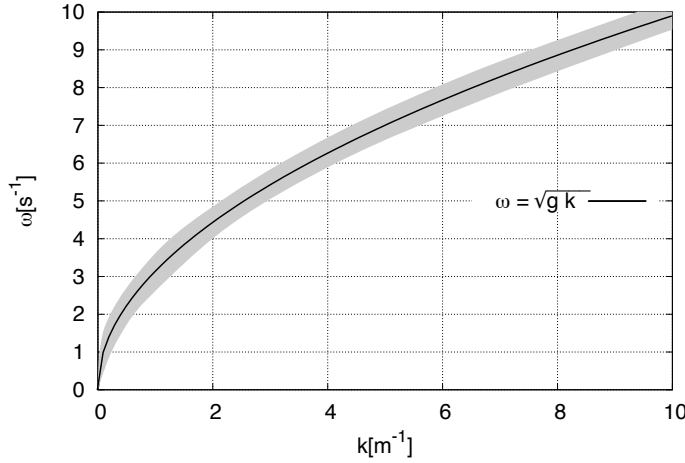
$$(\omega^2 - gk)c_{k\omega} = \frac{(\omega + \omega_k)k\theta_k}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{k_i, \omega_i > 0} T_{k_2 k_3}^{k k_1} c_{k_1 \omega_1}^* c_{k_2 \omega_2} c_{k_3 \omega_3} \times \\ \times \delta_{k+k_1-k_2-k_3} \delta_{\omega+\omega_1-\omega_2-\omega_3} dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 d\omega_1 d\omega_2 d\omega_3 \quad (7.1)$$

For all  $c_{k_i \omega_i}$ , the following relations for their arguments are valid:

$$\omega_i = \sqrt{gk_i} + \tilde{\omega}_{nl}.$$

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FIGURE 5. Domain (gray) in  $k - \omega$  space where all waves evolve

Here,  $\tilde{\omega}_{nl}$  is a nonlinear frequency shift, which can be estimated from (7.1) as

$$\tilde{\omega}_{nl} \sim |c|^2.$$

Then, one can replace  $T_{k_2 k_3}^{k k_1}$  on  $T_{\omega_2 \omega_3}^{\omega^2 \omega_1^2}$  and drop all the terms with  $\tilde{\omega}_{nl}$ . After performing the backward Fourier transformation in  $k$ -space, the following equation is derived:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c_\omega}{\partial x} - i \frac{\omega^2}{g} c_\omega &= - \frac{2\omega^3 \theta_\omega}{g^3} \frac{i}{2\pi} \int T_{\omega_2 \omega_3}^{\omega^2 \omega_1^2} c_{\omega_1}^* c_{\omega_2} c_{\omega_3} \delta_{\omega + \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3} d\omega_1 d\omega_2 d\omega_3 \\ T_{\omega_2 \omega_3}^{\omega^2 \omega_1^2} &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \theta_\omega \theta_{\omega_1} \theta_{\omega_2} \theta_{\omega_3} \min(\omega^2, \omega_1^2, \omega_2^2, \omega_3^2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

This is the Hamiltonian spatial equation for water waves with the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{g} \int \frac{1}{\omega} |c_\omega|^2 d\omega - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{g^3} \int T_{\omega_2 \omega_3}^{\omega^2 \omega_1^2} c_\omega^* c_{\omega_1} c_{\omega_2} c_{\omega_3} \delta_{\omega + \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3} d\omega d\omega_1 d\omega_2 d\omega_3.$$

The equation of motion  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} c_\omega = i\omega^3 \theta_\omega \frac{\delta H}{\delta c_\omega^*}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \frac{i}{g} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\hat{P}^-}{2g^3} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^3} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (|c|^2 c) + 2|c|^2 \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial t^2} + c^2 \frac{\partial^2 c^*}{\partial t^2} \right] + \\ &+ \frac{i\hat{P}^-}{g^3} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (c\hat{\omega}|c|^2) + \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \hat{\omega}|c|^2 + c\hat{\omega} \left( c^* \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial c^*}{\partial t} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7.3)$$

The operator  $\hat{P}^-$  is the projection operator:

$$\hat{P}^- = \frac{1}{2}(1 - i\hat{H}), \text{ here, } \hat{H} \text{ is the Hilbert transformation,}$$

and it is equal to  $\theta_\omega$  in Fourier space.

An analytical study of the small-scale instabilities by the "frozen coefficient" method also allows one to conclude that the Cauchy problem for the compact spatial equation is a well-posed problem (although it includes a fifth derivative).

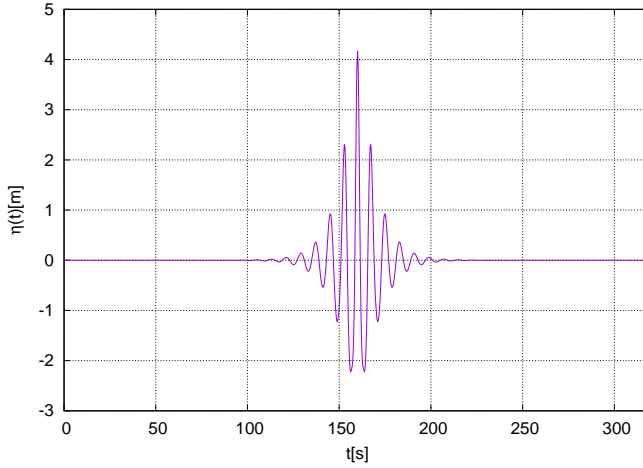


FIGURE 6. Breather solution. Free surface profile.

## 8. Some numerics for spatial equation

### 8.1. Breather

A breather is the localized solution of the spatial equation of the following type:

$$c(x, t) = C(t - \frac{x}{V})e^{i(k_0x - \omega_0t)} \quad (8.1)$$

Fourier transforming over time, one can obtain:

$$c_\omega(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int C(t - \frac{x}{V})e^{ik_0x - i(\omega_0 - \omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int C(\xi)e^{-i(\omega_0 - \omega)\xi} e^{ik_0x - i(\omega_0 - \omega)\frac{x}{V}} d\xi, \quad (8.2)$$

or

$$c_\omega(x) = \phi_\omega e^{i(\mathcal{K} + \frac{\omega}{V})x} \quad (8.3)$$

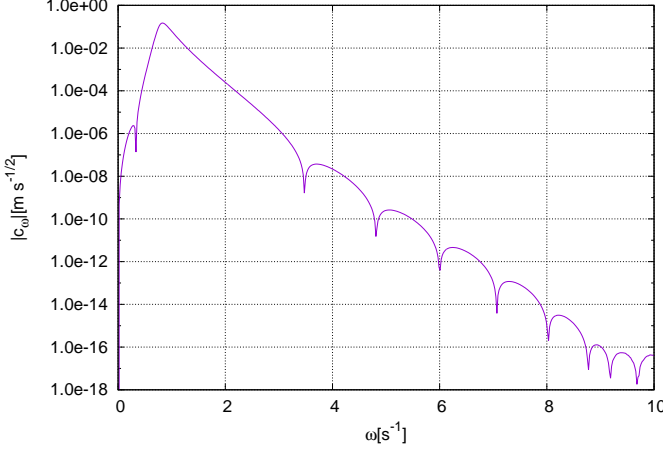
Here,  $\mathcal{K} = k_0 - \frac{\omega_0}{V}$  is close to  $-\frac{\omega_0^2}{g}$ , and  $\phi_\omega$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\mathcal{K} + \frac{\omega}{V} - \frac{\omega^2}{g})\phi_\omega = -\frac{2\omega^3\theta_\omega}{g^3} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int T_{\omega^2\omega_1^2}^{\omega_2\omega_3} \phi_{\omega_1}^* \phi_{\omega_2} \phi_{\omega_3} \delta_{\omega+\omega_1-\omega_2-\omega_3} d\omega_1 d\omega_2 d\omega_3 \quad (8.4)$$

This can be found by use of the iterative Petviashvili method ( $n$  is the number of the iteration). A uniform grid is introduced in the periodic domain  $t \in [0, T]$ . Therefore, the frequencies  $\omega$  become discrete, with a stepsize of  $\Delta\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ , and all integrals over  $\omega$  transform to sums over  $\omega$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\omega^{n+1} &= \frac{NL_\omega^n}{M_\omega} \left[ \frac{\sum_{\omega'} (\phi_{\omega'}^n NL_{\omega'}^n)}{\sum_{\omega'} (\phi_{\omega'}^n M_{\omega'} \phi_{\omega'}^n)} \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \quad M_\omega = \mathcal{K} + \frac{\omega}{V} - \frac{\omega^2}{g}, \\ NL^n &= \frac{-i\hat{P}^-}{2g^3} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^3} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (|\phi^n|^2 \phi^n) + 2|\phi^n|^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi^n}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi^{n*}}{\partial t^2} \phi^{n2} \right] + \\ &+ \frac{\hat{P}^-}{g^3} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi^n \hat{\omega} |\phi^n|^2) + \frac{\partial \phi^n}{\partial t} \hat{\omega} |\phi^n|^2 + \phi^n \hat{\omega} \left( \frac{\partial \phi^n}{\partial t} \phi^{n*} - \phi^n \frac{\partial \phi^{n*}}{\partial t} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

A free surface profile of the breather solution of this equation, in the periodic domain  $T = 320s$ , with  $\omega_0 = 0.78[s^{-1}]$  and  $\mathcal{K} = -6.428 \cdot 10^{-2}$ , is shown in Fig.6. The Fourier harmonics ( $|c_\omega|$ ) of the breather solution in a logarithmic scale are shown in Fig.7.

FIGURE 7. The Fourier harmonics ( $|c_\omega|$ ) of the breather solution.

An animation of breather generation in a "digital" flume can be found in the movie "Breathers in a flume" on the JFM site.

### 8.2. Modulational instability

In the spatial equation, the modulational instability of a monochromatic wave also occurs. The monochromatic wave

$$c(x, t) = c_0 e^{ik_0 x - i\omega_0 t}, \text{ or } c(x, \omega) = \sqrt{2\pi} c_0 e^{ik_0 x} \delta(\omega - \omega_0) \quad (8.5)$$

is the simplest solution of (7.3) and (7.2). Substituting (8.5) into (7.2) yields the following relation:

$$k_0 = \frac{\omega_0^2}{g} - \frac{2\omega_0^5}{g^3} |c_0|^2, \quad (8.6)$$

( $-\frac{2\omega_0^5}{g^3} |c_0|^2$  could be called a "nonlinear wavelength shift"). The perturbed solution has the following form:

$$c(x, \omega) = \sqrt{2\pi} (c_0 \delta(\omega - \omega_0) + c_+(x) \delta(\omega - \omega_+) e^{ik_+ x} + c_-(x) \delta(\omega - \omega_-) e^{ik_- x}) e^{ik_0 x} \quad (8.7)$$

Here,  $\omega_\pm = \omega_0 \pm \omega$  and  $k_+ = -k_-$  with the following condition:

$$|c_+|, |c_-| \ll |c_0|. \quad (8.8)$$

Substituting (8.7) into (7.2), one can obtain the sum of two independent equations:

$$\left[ \frac{\partial c_+}{\partial x} + i(k_0 + k_+) c_+ - \frac{i}{g} \omega_+^2 c_+ + \frac{4i\omega_+^3}{g^3} T_{\omega_+^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_+^2 \omega_0^2} |c_0|^2 c_+ + \frac{2i\omega_+^3}{g^3} T_{\omega_0^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_+^2 \omega_0^2} c_0^2 c_-^* \right] e^{ik_+ x} +$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial c_-}{\partial x} + i(k_0 + k_-) c_- - \frac{i}{g} \omega_-^2 c_- + \frac{4i\omega_-^3}{g^3} T_{\omega_-^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_-^2 \omega_0^2} |c_0|^2 c_- + \frac{2i\omega_-^3}{g^3} T_{\omega_0^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_-^2 \omega_0^2} c_0^2 c_+^* \right] e^{ik_- x} = 0 \quad (8.9)$$

Expressions for  $T_{\omega_+^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_+^2 \omega_0^2}$ ,  $T_{\omega_0^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_+^2 \omega_0^2}$  and  $T_{\omega_-^2 \omega_0^2}^{\omega_-^2 \omega_0^2}$  can be easily obtained from (4.1). Suppose that  $c_\pm$  grow according to

$$c_\pm \Rightarrow c_\pm e^{\gamma_\omega x} \quad (8.10)$$

Then, we can obtain the formula for  $\gamma_\omega$  given by a tenth-degree polynomial. By introducing steepness for the monochromatic wave  $\eta(x) = \eta_0 \cos k_0 x$  as  $\mu = \eta_0 k_0$ , one can

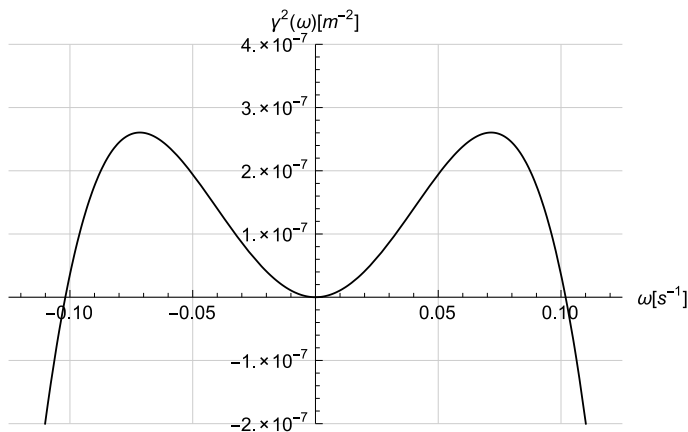


FIGURE 8. The growth rate squared  $\gamma^2(\omega)$  of the perturbation  $c_{\pm}$  of the monochromatic wave solution of the spatial equation (7.2). Here,  $\omega_0 = 0.78[s^{-1}]$ , and steepness of the carrier wave  $\mu \approx 0.1$ .

easily find (see Section 5) that in terms of  $c(x) = c_0 e^{ik_0 x}$ ,

$$\mu = \frac{\sqrt{2}|c_0|\omega_0^{\frac{3}{2}}}{g} \quad (8.11)$$

The growth rate squared  $\gamma^2(\omega)$  for  $\omega_0 = 0.78[s^{-1}]$ , and the steepness of the carrier wave  $\mu = 0.1$  is shown in Fig. 8. Perturbations whose frequencies  $\omega$  are such that  $\gamma^2(\omega) > 0$  are unstable, and they grow as  $c_{\pm} \sim e^{\gamma(\omega)x}$ . Perturbations whose frequencies  $\omega$  are such that  $\gamma^2(\omega) < 0$  are stable; therefore, they only change phase  $c_{\pm} \sim e^{i\sqrt{-\gamma^2(\omega)}x}$ .

## 9. Conclusion

We derived and discussed a new compact and elegant form of the Hamiltonian and equation for the gravity waves at the surface of deep water. Starting with the classical canonical variables  $(\eta_k, \psi_k)$ , the equation was derived in four steps.

First, the normal complex variable  $a_k$  was introduced in Section 2.

Second, a canonical transformation was applied to eliminate the nonresonant terms (third and fourth order) in the Hamiltonian. As the result, we obtained the Zakharov equation and observed that the four-wave coefficient has a remarkable property in the 1-D case:

$$T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3} \equiv 0 \quad \text{if the product } k k_1 k_2 k_3 \leq 0.$$

The fact that  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  is zero on the resonant manifold is just part of the above.

Third, this property allowed us to simplify  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  by applying another canonical transformation. As a result, the compact equation with an explicit form for  $T_{kk_1}^{k_2 k_3}$  in  $x$ -space was derived (see (3.13)).

Fourth, we derived probably the simplest form of the Hamiltonian and equation for 1-D water waves, where the order of the differential equation was reduced from 3 to 2. We call this the super compact equation.

The equation allows one to obtain a spatial version of the water wave equation that is suitable for the simulation of a laboratory experiment whereby the free surface is governed by wavemakers. Cauchy problems for both temporal and spatial equations are well-posed problems.



Thus,

- the Hamiltonian of the super compact equation, in both  $k$ -space (4.5) and  $x$ -space (4.6), is very simple;
- the equation itself is very straightforward, consisting of only two terms - nonlinear waves and advection;
- advection is obviously responsible for wave-breaking, and the super compact equation can describe the pre-breaking wave; and
- it can be easily implemented for numerical simulations.

The equation can be generalized for “almost” 2-D waves, just as the KdV is generalized to the Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equation:

$$H = \int c^* \hat{V} c \, dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \frac{i}{4} (c^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c^{*2} - c^{*2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c^2) - |c|^2 \hat{k}_x (|c|^2) \right] dx dy \quad (9.1)$$

Here, the operator  $\hat{V}$  in  $k$ -space is  $V_{\vec{k}} = \frac{\omega_{\vec{k}}}{k_x}$ .

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