

SHALLOW WATER WAVES

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Start from our Shallow Water Equations ($\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 0$) = 1D

x mom

$$u_t + uu_x = -g\eta_x$$

} nonlinear *

mass

$$\eta_t + (hu)_x = 0$$

$$h = H + \eta$$

Consider small perturbations away from a state of rest

⇒ allows us to linearize

consider mass + scale $[\eta] = \epsilon$, assume $\epsilon \ll H$

$$\left[\eta_t + Hu_x + \eta u_x + \cancel{H_x u} + \eta_x u = 0 \right]$$

$$\frac{\epsilon}{T}$$

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$$\frac{H\epsilon}{L}$$

②

$$\frac{\epsilon^2}{L}$$

③

$$\frac{\epsilon^2}{L}$$

④

② \gg ③ or ④ so drop ③ + ④ ✓

leaves mass $\eta_t + Hu_x = 0$ linear!

Wait! Previously, we assumed "advective scaling" $\Rightarrow \frac{L}{T} \sim \frac{u}{L}$

which would mean ① was also negligible!

But ... many important wave flows (Tides, Kelvin Waves, etc.) have constant T (wave period) $\textcircled{2}$
 L (wavelength)

even as $U \rightarrow 0$

\Rightarrow for waves $\frac{1}{T}$ may be $\gg \frac{U}{L}$!

so we retain term $\textcircled{1}$ (means we require $\frac{1}{T} \gg \frac{U}{L}$)

Next, consider x mom

$$\left[u_t + u u_x = -g \eta_x \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u}{T} \quad \frac{u^2}{L} \quad \frac{g \epsilon}{L}$$

$\textcircled{1} \quad \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \quad \quad \textcircled{3}$

$\textcircled{1} \gg \textcircled{2}$ since $\frac{1}{T} \gg \frac{U}{L} \Rightarrow$ drop $\textcircled{2}$

leaves

x mom	$u_t = -g \eta_x$
$mass$	$\eta_t + H u_x = 0$

2 equations in u, η

Take $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ mass $\Rightarrow \eta_{tt} + H u_{xt} = 0$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ xmmm $\Rightarrow u_{xt} = -g \eta_{xx}$

$\Rightarrow \eta_{tt} - gH \eta_{xx} = 0$ a wave equation!

this admits a general solution of the form

$\eta = f(\zeta)$ where $\zeta = x \pm ct$

so $\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{df}{d\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = \pm f' c \Rightarrow \eta_{tt} = f'' c^2$

$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = \frac{df}{d\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} = f' \Rightarrow \eta_{xx} = f''$

so $f'' c^2 - gH f'' = 0$

$\Rightarrow c = \sqrt{gH}$ (take positive root)

