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Poincaré Waves

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Recall "advective scaling" $\frac{1}{T} \approx \frac{U}{L}$

However many important motions are time-dependent with wave-like solutions which have

constant T (period), and L (wavelength)

even as $U \rightarrow 0$

$\therefore \frac{1}{T}$ may be $\gg \frac{U}{L}$

so we retain term ① in the scaling of mass

leaving

$$\text{①} \quad \frac{\text{mass}}{T} + H(u_x + v_y) = 0$$

$$\frac{\epsilon}{T} \quad \frac{HU}{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{①}}{\text{②}} = \frac{\epsilon}{H} \frac{L}{HU} = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{H} \right) \underbrace{\left(\frac{L}{UT} \right)}_{\gg 1} \approx \mathcal{O}(1 \approx)$$

we may also linearize x, y mom when $\frac{1}{T} \gg \frac{U}{L}$

e.g. $\frac{Du}{Dt} = u_t + \underbrace{u u_x + v u_y + w u_z}_{\text{no vertical shear}}$ $\cong u_t$

scales $\frac{U}{T}$ (1) $\frac{U^2}{L}$ (2)

no vertical shear for $\frac{H}{L} \ll 1, \rho = \text{const.}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{(2)}{(1)} = \frac{UL}{L} \ll 1$ so drop (2)

Thus our linearized equations are

<u>x mom</u>	$u_t - fv = -g\eta_x$	$\Rightarrow u_{xt} = fv_x - g\eta_{xx}$
<u>y mom</u>	$v_t + fu = -g\eta_y$	$\Rightarrow v_{yt} = -fu_y - g\eta_{yy}$
<u>mass</u>	$\eta_t + H(u_x + v_y) = 0$	

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ mass $\Rightarrow \eta_{tt} + H(u_{xt} + v_{yt}) = 0$

$\therefore \eta_{tt} - gH(\eta_{xx} + \eta_{yy}) + Hf(v_x - u_y) = 0$ (+)

or $Hf\zeta$ ("beta") where $\zeta = v_x - u_y$ vertical component of vorticity

★ for $f=0$ this is a wave equation with wave speed $c_0 = \sqrt{gH}$

For $f \neq 0$ we need two more steps to find ζ in terms of η :

Form: $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \boxed{y \text{ mom}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \boxed{x \text{ mom}}$

$\Rightarrow (\underbrace{u_x - u_y}_\zeta)_t + f(\underbrace{u_x + v_y}_{= -\frac{\eta_t}{H}}) = -g(\underbrace{\eta_{xx} - \eta_{yy}}_{\uparrow 0}) = 0$
from $\boxed{\text{mass}}$

$\Rightarrow H\zeta_t = f\eta_t$

so, if ζ and $\eta = 0$ initially, then $H\zeta = f\eta$

substituting this into (1)

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\eta_{tt} + f^2\eta - gH(\eta_{xx} + \eta_{yy}) = 0} \quad (++)$

for plane waves on an infinite f -plane we

seek solutions of the form

$\eta = \text{Re} \left\{ \hat{\eta} \exp i(kx + ly - \omega t) \right\}$

← "real part of"
← possibly complex

recall $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

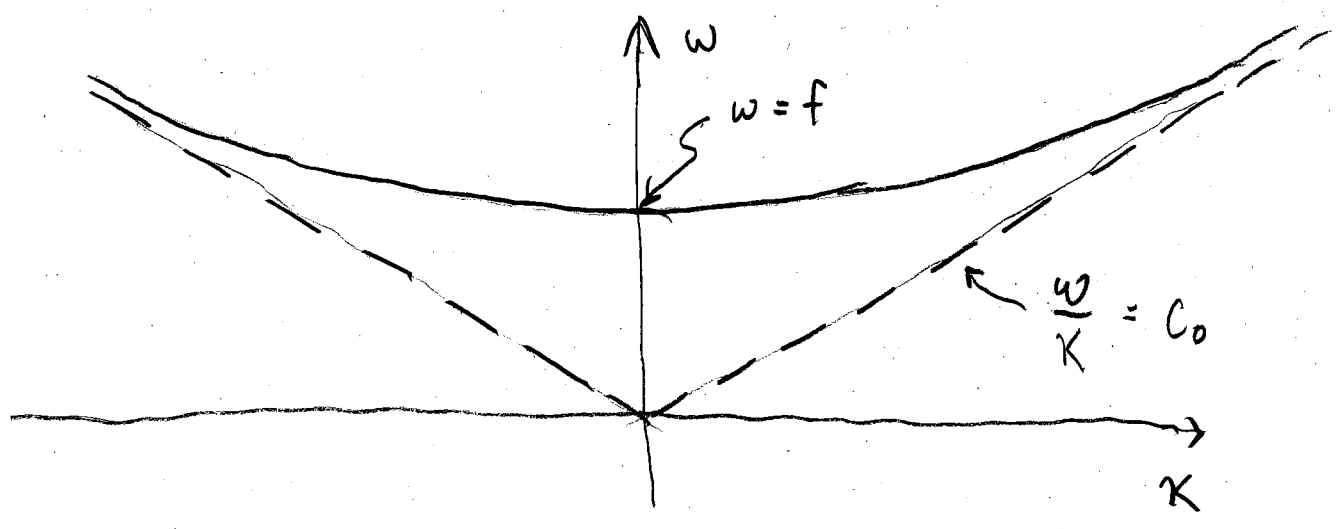
substituting into (++)

$$\Rightarrow -\omega^2 + f^2 + gH(k^2 + l^2) = 0$$

\Rightarrow "dispersion relation" (assume $\omega > 0$)

$$\omega = (K^2 c_0^2 + f^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\nearrow K^2 = k^2 + l^2, c_0 = \sqrt{gH}$



called "Poincaré Waves"