

Equations for 1D waves on the surface of deep water

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We apply a canonical transformation to a water wave equations to remove cubic nonlinear terms and to drastically simplify fourth-order terms in the Hamiltonian. This transformation from natural Hamiltonian variables η, ψ to new complex normal variables c, c^* explicitly uses the fact of vanishing exact four-wave interaction for water gravity waves for a 2D potential fluid. The new variable is the sum $c(x, t) = c^+(x, t) + c^-(x, t)$ of two analytic functions: $c^+(x, t)$ – is analytic in the upper half-plane, $c^-(x, t)$ – is analytic in the lower-plane. We obtained system of two coupled differential equations for c^+ and c^- which is very suitable for analytical studies and numerical simulations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c^+}{\partial t} + i\hat{\omega}c^+ &= \partial_x^+ \left[i(|c^+|^2 - |c^-|^2) c_x^+ + c^+ \hat{k} (|c^+|^2 - |c^-|^2) - ic^+ c^- c_x^{-*} - c^{-*} \hat{k} (c^+ c^-) \right], \\ \frac{\partial c^-}{\partial t} + i\hat{\omega}c^- &= \partial_x^- \left[i(|c^-|^2 - |c^+|^2) c_x^- - c^- \hat{k} (|c^-|^2 - |c^+|^2) - ic^- c^+ c_x^{+*} + c^{+*} \hat{k} (c^+ c^-) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Here $\hat{\omega}$ and \hat{k} are correspond to the multiplication by \sqrt{gk} and $|k|$ in the Fourier space, * denotes complex conjugation, the subscript x is the derivative with respect to the variable x , the differentiation operators ∂_x^+ and ∂_x^- are $ik\Theta(k)$ and $ik\Theta(-k)$, where $\Theta(k)$ is the Heaviside step function. Physical variables $\eta(x, t)$ and $\psi(x, t)$ can be restored from complex variable $c(x, t)$. The system (1) has the simple solution:

$$c^+ = Ae^{ik_A x - i\omega_A t}, \quad c^- = Be^{-ik_B x - i\omega_B t},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_A &= \omega_{k_A} + k_A^2 (|A|^2 - |B|^2) - k_A k_B |B|^2 + k_A |k_A - k_B| |B|^2 \\ \omega_B &= \omega_{k_B} + k_B^2 (|B|^2 - |A|^2) - k_A k_B |A|^2 + k_B |k_A - k_B| |A|^2 \end{aligned}$$

We performed numerical simulation of system (1) for water waves moving in opposite directions.