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A dynamic equation for 2D surface waves on deep water

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Using the Hamiltonian formalism and the theory of canonical transformations, we have constructed a model of the dynamics of two-dimensional waves on the surface of a three-dimensional fluid. We find and apply a canonical transformation to a water wave equation to remove all nonresonant cubic and fourth-order nonlinear terms. The found canonical transformation also allows us to significantly simplify the fourth-order terms in the Hamiltonian by replacing the coefficient of four-wave Zakharov interactions with a new simpler one. As a result, unlike the Zakharov equation (written in k -space), this equation can be written in x -space, which greatly simplifies its numerical simulation. In addition, our chosen form of a new coefficient of four-wave interactions allows us to generalize this equation to describe two-dimensional waves on the surface of a three-dimensional fluid. An effective numerical algorithm based on the pseudospectral Fourier method for solving the new 2D equation is developed. In the limiting case of plane (one-dimensional) waves, we found solutions in the form of breathers propagating in one direction. The dynamics of such nonlinear traveling waves perturbed in the transverse direction is numerically investigated.

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