

Stokes waves - nonlinear modification of the linear monochromatic wave

Exact kinematic surface condition

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{at } z = \eta$$

Exact dynamic surface condition

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + g\eta + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] = 0 \quad \text{at } z = \eta$$

Waves with typical wavenumber k_c , angular frequency ω_c , and typical amplitude a_c .

Normalize

$$x' = k_c x \quad z' = k_c z \quad t' = \omega_c t$$

$$\eta = a_c \eta' \quad \phi = \frac{\omega_c a_c}{k_c} \phi'$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} = k_c \frac{\partial}{\partial x'}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} = \omega_c \frac{\partial}{\partial t'}$$

Plug in

$$\omega_c a_c \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial t'} + k_c \frac{\omega_c a_c}{k_c} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x'} k_c a_c \frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial x'} - k_c \frac{\omega_c a_c}{k_c} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial z'} = 0$$

$$\omega_c \frac{\omega_c a_c}{k_c} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial t'} + g a_c \eta' + \frac{1}{2} \left(k_c \frac{\omega_c a_c}{k_c} \right)^2 \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial x'} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial z'} \right)^2 \right] = 0$$

both at $z' = k_c a_c \eta'$

Introduce steepness $\epsilon \equiv k_c a_c \ll 1$
and drop the primes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \left(\frac{g k_c}{\omega_c^2} \right) \eta + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{at } z = \epsilon \eta$$

$\left(\frac{g k_c}{\omega_c^2} \right) \eta$
 $= 1$ by virtue of the linear dispersion relation $\omega_c^2 = g k_c$

Since $\epsilon \ll 1$ is small we can Taylor-expand around $z = 0$ up to cubic nonlinear terms

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \epsilon^2 \eta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial z} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - \epsilon \eta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \eta \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial z^3} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \epsilon \eta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t \partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 \eta^2 \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial t \partial z^2} + \eta + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \eta \left[2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial z} + 2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right] = 0$$

at $z = 0$

In addition we have Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad -A < z < 0$$

bottom "boundary" condition $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0$ for $z \rightarrow -A$

It will turn out that we will need a slow scale response at $t_2 = \epsilon^2 t$

thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t_2} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \epsilon^2 \eta \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial z} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - \epsilon \eta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 \eta^2 \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial z^3} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t_2} + \epsilon \eta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t \partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 \eta^2 \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial t \partial z^2} + \eta \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] + \epsilon^2 \eta \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right] = 0$$

perturbation expansion

- 1 means linear
- 2 means quadratic
- 3 means cubic

$$\eta = \eta_1 + \epsilon \eta_2 + \epsilon^2 \eta_3 + \dots$$

$$\phi = \phi_1 + \epsilon \phi_2 + \epsilon^2 \phi_3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial t} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \eta_3}{\partial t} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t_2} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x}$$

$$+ \epsilon^2 \eta_1 \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial x \partial z} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} - \epsilon \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} - \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$- \epsilon \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} - \epsilon^2 \eta_2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} - \epsilon^2 \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 \eta_1^2 \frac{\partial^3 \phi_1}{\partial z^3} = 0$$

Let us put g back in, so we recognize where it appears

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial t} + \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial t} + \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t_2} \\ & + \varepsilon \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial t \partial z} + \varepsilon^2 \eta_2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial t \partial z} + \varepsilon^2 \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial t \partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 \eta_1 \frac{\partial^3 \phi_1}{\partial t \partial z^2} \\ & + g \eta_1 + \varepsilon g \eta_2 + \varepsilon^2 g \eta_3 \\ & + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] + \varepsilon^2 \left[\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \right] \\ & + \varepsilon^2 \eta_1 \left[\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + g \eta_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} z=0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad z < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0 \quad z \rightarrow -\infty$$

Assume $\begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \phi_1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\eta}_1 \\ \hat{\phi}_1 \end{pmatrix} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} + \text{c.c.}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -i\omega \hat{\eta}_1 - \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_1}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ -i\omega \hat{\phi}_1 + g \hat{\eta}_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} z=0 \quad \hat{\eta}_1 = A$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -k^2 \hat{\phi}_1 + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\phi}_1}{\partial z^2} &= 0 \quad z < 0 \\ \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_1}{\partial z} &\rightarrow 0 \quad z \rightarrow -\infty \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}_1 = B e^{kz}$$

$$-i\omega A - kB = 0$$

$$-i\omega B + gA = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i\omega & -k \\ g & -i\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-\omega^2 + gk = 0 \qquad B = -\frac{ig}{\omega} A$$

$$\hat{\eta}_1 = A \qquad \hat{\phi}_1 = -\frac{ig}{\omega} A e^{kz}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \phi_1 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{ig}{\omega} e^{kz} \end{pmatrix} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} + c.c.$$

$$O(\epsilon^1) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} &= -\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} + \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned} \right\} z=0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial t} + g\eta_2 = -\eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial t \partial z} - \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial z^2} = 0 \qquad z < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0 \qquad z \rightarrow -\infty$$

Inhomogeneous terms (right hand side) are quadratic

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} & e^{-i(kx - \omega t)} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} & e^{-i(kx - \omega t)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2i\ell & -2i\ell \\ e & e & e \end{pmatrix}$$

Forcing will be zeroth or second harmonic

$$\eta_2 = \hat{\eta}_{2,0} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{\eta}_{2,2} e^{2i(\cdot)} + \hat{\eta}_{2,-2} e^{-2i(\cdot)} \right)$$

$$\phi_2 = \hat{\phi}_{2,0} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{\phi}_{2,2} e^{2i(\cdot)} + \hat{\phi}_{2,-2} e^{-2i(\cdot)} \right)$$

$O(\epsilon')$ zeroth harmonic

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{2,0}}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \hat{\eta}_{2,0} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{at } z=0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\phi}_{2,0}}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad z < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{2,0}}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow -\infty$$

Solution $\hat{\eta}_{2,0} = 0$ $\hat{\phi}_{2,0} = \overline{\Phi}(x, t, t_2)$
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 arbitrary horizontal current

$O(\epsilon')$ second harmonic $e^{2i(kx - \omega t)}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -2i\omega \hat{\eta}_{2,2} - \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{2,2}}{\partial z} &= -\frac{igk^2}{\omega} A^2 \\ -2i\omega \hat{\phi}_{2,2} + g \hat{\eta}_{2,2} &= \frac{gk}{2} A^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{at } z=0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\phi}_{2,2}}{\partial z^2} - 4k^2 \hat{\phi}_{2,2} &= 0 \quad z < 0 \\ \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{2,2}}{\partial z} &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow -\infty \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Easy to find Solution

$$\hat{\eta}_{2,2} = \frac{k}{2} A^2 \quad \hat{\phi}_{2,2} = 0$$

It is remarkable that $\hat{\phi}_{2,2}$ vanishes!
This only happens for infinite depth!

$O(\epsilon^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \eta_3}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial z} = & -\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t_2} - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} \\ & - \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial x \partial z} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x} + \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial z^2} + \eta_2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \eta_1^2 \frac{\partial^3 \phi_1}{\partial z^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial t} + g \eta_3 = -\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t_2} - \eta_1 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial z \partial t} - \eta_2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z \partial t}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \eta_1^2 \frac{\partial^3 \phi_1}{\partial z^2 \partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z}$$

$$- \eta_1 \left[\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_1}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_3}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_3}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad z < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow -\infty$$

~~Third order~~

The inhomogeneous terms (right hand side)

are linear, quadratic or cubic,

they are

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first harmonic

or

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first second
or zeroth

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first
harmonic

$$(+1, -1) + (+2, 0, -2) = (+3, +1, -1, -3)$$

$$(+1, -1) + (+1, -1) + (+1, -1) = (+3, +1, -1, -3)$$

The inhomogeneous terms are first or third harmonic

The response should therefore be

$$\eta_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\eta_{3,3} e^{3i(t)} + \eta_{3,1} e^{i(t)} + \eta_{3,-1} e^{-i(t)} + \eta_{3,-3} e^{-3i(t)} \right)$$

$$\phi_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{\phi}_{3,3} e^{3i(t)} + \dots \right)$$

Third order first harmonic

$$-i\omega \hat{\eta}_{3,1} - \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{3,1}}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial t_2} - \frac{5gk^3}{8\omega} |A|^2 A \equiv F$$

$$-i\omega \hat{\phi}_{3,1} + g \hat{\eta}_{3,1} = \frac{ig}{\omega} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_2} - \frac{3gk^2}{8} |A|^2 A \equiv G$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\phi}_{3,1}}{\partial z^2} - k^2 \hat{\phi}_{3,1} = 0 \quad z < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{3,1}}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0 \quad z \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\hat{\phi}_{3,1} = B e^{kz}$$

$$-i\omega F + kG = 0$$

$$-i\omega \mid -i\omega \hat{\eta}_{3,1} - kB = F$$

$$k \mid g \hat{\eta}_{3,1} - i\omega B = G$$

$$0 = -i\omega F + kG$$

$$-i\omega F + kG = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial A}{\partial t_2} + \frac{i\omega k^2}{2} |A|^2 A = 0$$

$$A = a e^{-i \frac{\omega k^2 a^2}{2} t_2 + i\theta}$$

where a and θ are two real constants

~~Third order~~
Third order third harmonic

$$-3i\omega \hat{\eta}_{3,3} - \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{3,3}}{\partial z} = -\frac{9igk^3}{8\omega} A^3 \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{3,3}}{\partial z}} \right\} \text{at } z=0$$

$$-3i\omega \hat{\phi}_{3,3} + g \hat{\eta}_{3,3} = \frac{3gl^2}{8} A^3$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\phi}_{3,3}}{\partial z^2} - gk^2 \hat{\phi}_{3,3} = 0 \quad \text{for } z < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_{3,3}}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\eta}_{3,3} = \frac{3k^2}{8} A^3 \quad \hat{\phi}_{3,3} = 0$$

It is remarkable that $\hat{\phi}_{3,3}$ vanishes!
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Summary:

$$\eta = a \cos \psi + \frac{1}{2} k a^2 \cos 2\psi + \frac{3}{8} k^2 a^3 \cos 3\psi$$

$$\phi = \frac{g a}{\omega} e^{kz} \sin \psi$$

$$\psi = kx - \omega \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} (ka)^2 \right) t + \Theta$$

where a is the linear amplitude and Θ is constant phase angle.

Kinematics field (velocity) is linear!

Crest : $\psi = 2\pi n$, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 = kam

$$\eta_c = a \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon + \frac{3}{8} \epsilon^2 \right)$$

Crested lifted slightly

Trough : $\psi = \pi + 2\pi n$, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 = kam

$$\eta_t = -a \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon + \frac{3}{8} \epsilon^2 \right)$$

Trough lifted slightly

wave height = bot/height : $H = \eta_c - \eta_t = 2a \left(1 + \frac{3}{8} \epsilon^2 \right)$

Second-order waveheight = first-order waveheight!

Third-order waveheight is slightly higher.

Profile is "pointed upward" with peaked crest and shallow trough

Suppose we fix the wavelength = $\frac{2\pi}{k}$ 12

Linear wave without frequency modification

Linear wave with frequency modification (larger frequency)

Second order nonlinear profile with higher more peaked crest, shallower and less peaked trough.

