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Motivation



Aim: Find out how fifth order dispersion arises from modulational arguments, apply to water wave problems and other physically interesting systems.

Outline

Abstract Setup

- Multisymplectic formulation and relative equilibria
- Linear operator and solvability
- Conservation laws in multisymplectic settings
- Jordan chain theory

Modulation and Summary of Asymptotics

Examples

- Shallow water plate problem
- Higher Order NLS equation

Future Work/ Next Steps

Euler-Lagrange Equations and Conservation Laws I

Start from the Multisymplectic form of the Euler-Lagrange equations,

$$\mathbf{M}Z_t + \mathbf{J}Z_x + \mathbf{K}Z_y = \nabla S(Z), \qquad \mathbf{M}^T = -\mathbf{M}, \, \mathbf{J}^T = -\mathbf{J}, \, \mathbf{K}^T = -\mathbf{K}.$$

Assume the existence of a single phase *relative equilibrium* (e.g. periodic travelling wave) solution,

$$Z(x, y, t) = \widehat{Z}(\theta; k, m, \omega), \quad \theta = kx + my + \omega t + \theta_0$$
(1.1)

for wavenumbers k, m and frequency ω .

Euler-Lagrange Equations and Conservation Laws II

Define the linear operator about \widehat{Z} as

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathrm{D}^2 S(\widehat{Z}) - (\omega \mathbf{M} + k \mathbf{J} + m \mathbf{K}) \partial_{\theta},$$

which leads to the results

$$\mathbf{L}\widehat{Z}_{\theta} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{L}\widehat{Z}_{k} = \mathbf{J}\widehat{Z}_{\theta}$$

Assuming the kernel is no larger, solvability of systems in this setting requires that

$$\mathsf{L} {F} = G \quad ext{is solvable when} \quad \langle\!\langle \widehat{Z}_{ heta}, G
angle\!
angle = 0,$$

for suitable inner product $\langle\!\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle\!\rangle$.

Euler-Lagrange Equations and Conservation Laws III

Define the quantities

$$\mathcal{A}(Z) = rac{1}{2} \langle\!\langle Z, \mathbf{M} Z_{ heta}
angle, \quad B = rac{1}{2} \langle\!\langle Z, \mathbf{J} Z_{ heta}
angle, \quad C = rac{1}{2} \langle\!\langle Z, \mathbf{K} Z_{ heta}
angle$$

which form the conservation law

$$A_t + B_x + C_y = 0.$$

Evaluate these along \widehat{Z} to give these as function of k m and ω :

$$A(\widehat{Z}), B(\widehat{Z}), C(\widehat{Z}) \equiv \mathscr{A}(k, m, \omega), \mathscr{B}(k, m, \omega), \mathscr{C}(k, m, \omega).$$

The derivatives of these relate to solvability requirements and coefficients in the final equation.

Jordan Chain Theory I

The theory admits Jordan chains of the form

$$\mathbf{L}\xi_1 = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{L}\xi_{i+1} = \mathbf{J}\xi_i.$$

As has been seen, $\xi_1=\widehat{Z}_{ heta},\,\xi_2=\widehat{Z}_k$ and a third element exists when

$$\mathscr{K}_2 = \langle\!\langle \mathbf{J}\xi_1, \xi_2 \rangle\!\rangle = -\langle\!\langle \widehat{Z}_{\theta}, \mathbf{J}\widehat{Z}_k \rangle\!\rangle = -\mathscr{B}_k = \mathbf{0}.$$

The chain is always even in length (since ${\sf L}$'s zero eigenvalue is even) and so fifth element exists when

$$\mathscr{K}_4 = \langle\!\langle \mathbf{J}\widehat{Z}_\theta, \xi_4 \rangle\!\rangle = 0.$$

Consequence: No third order dispersion.

Jordan Chain Theory II

There is also a mixed chain of the form

$$\mathbf{L}\zeta_1 = \mathbf{J}\widehat{Z}_m + \mathbf{K}\widehat{Z}_k, \quad \mathbf{L}\zeta_{i+1} = \mathbf{J}\zeta_i + \mathbf{K}\xi_{i+2},$$

which will lead to mixed dispersion. The first element exists when

$$\mathscr{M}_0 = -\langle\!\langle \widehat{Z}_{\theta}, \mathbf{J}\widehat{Z}_m + \mathbf{K}\widehat{Z}_k \rangle\!\rangle = \mathscr{B}_m + \mathscr{C}_k = \mathbf{0}.$$

This chain is also of even length, and in the analysis the relevant coefficient that emerges is

$$\mathscr{M}_2 = -\langle\!\langle \widehat{Z}_\theta, \mathbf{J}\zeta_2 + \mathbf{K}\xi_4 \rangle\!\rangle,$$

which may or may not vanish, depending on the application considered.

Modulation Approach

Idea: Find relative equilibrium \hat{Z} , then consider an ansatz by perturbing the independent variables (modulation) as

$$Z = \widehat{Z} (\theta + \varepsilon^{3} \phi(X, Y, T), k + \varepsilon^{4} q(X, Y, T), m + \varepsilon^{6} r(X, Y, T),$$
$$\omega + \varepsilon^{8} \Omega(X, Y, T)) + \varepsilon^{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{n} W_{n}(\theta, X, Y, T) \quad (2.2)$$

with $X = \varepsilon x$, $Y = \varepsilon^3 y$, $T = \varepsilon^5 t$ and $\varepsilon \ll 1$. Method is to substitute the ansatz into the Euler-Lagrange equation, expand around $\varepsilon = 0$ and solve at each order.

Strengths of the approach:

- Do asymptotics on general Euler-Lagrange equations <u>once</u>, then result applies to all systems that can be put in that form (providing relevant criterion met).
- Coefficients are related to properties of the basic state can be determined *a-priori* and are simple to compute.

Summary of Key Step in Asymptotics

 Everything is trivial until O(ε⁵) (by ansatz construction), at which stage we must solve

$$\mathbf{L}W_0 = q_X \mathbf{J}\widehat{Z}_k,$$

which can be done when $\mathscr{B}_k = 0$.

• The mixed chain emerges at $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^6)$:

$$\mathsf{L}(W_1 - q_{XX}\xi_4) = q_Y(\mathsf{J}\widehat{Z}_m + \mathsf{K}\widehat{Z}_k),$$

which is solvable when $\mathscr{B}_m + \mathscr{C}_k = 0$.

- At $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^7)$ the third order dispersive term in X emerges, which vanish when $\langle\!\langle \hat{Z}_{\theta}, \mathbf{J}_{\xi_4} \rangle\!\rangle = -\mathscr{K}_4 = 0$. If it doesn't then regular KP is most suitable model.¹
- Solvability at $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^9)$ leads to the fifth order KP

$$\left((\mathscr{A}_{k}+\mathscr{B}_{\omega})q_{T}+\mathscr{B}_{kk}qq_{X}+\mathscr{M}_{2}q_{XXY}+\mathscr{K}_{6}q_{XXXX}\right)_{X}+\mathscr{C}_{m}q_{YY}=0$$

¹T. J. Bridges. "Emergence of dispersion in shallow water hydrodynamics via modulation of uniform flow". In: *J. Fluid Mech.* 761 (2014), R1.

Summary of Result

The key result is that the fifth order KP equation is a suitable model when

$$\mathscr{K}_2 = \mathscr{K}_4 = 0, \quad \mathscr{B}_m + \mathscr{C}_k = 0,$$

and therefore three conditions need to be met. If the system has the symmetry $y \mapsto -y$, then the last is automatic (by choosing m = 0), but a consequence is that $\mathcal{M}_2 = 0$ also.

Example 1 - Biharmonic Elastic Sheet

Consider the potential shallow water system with linear (biharmonic) elastic plate on the surface

$$\eta_t + \nabla \cdot (\eta \nabla \phi) = 0,$$

$$\phi_t + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2 + g\eta + \frac{D}{\rho} \nabla^4 \eta = R,$$
(3.3)

for velocity potential ϕ , free surface height η , rigidity constant D and Bernoulli constant R.



Basic solution is constant velocity, thus

$$\phi = \theta$$
, $\eta = \eta_0 = g^{-1} \left(R - \omega - \frac{k^2 + m^2}{2} \right)$.

Criticality and Emergence of KP-5

The conservation law components are

$$\mathscr{A} = \eta_0, \quad \mathscr{B} = k\eta_0, \quad \mathscr{C} = m\eta_0$$

Criticality in ${\mathscr B}$ occurs when

$$\eta_0 - rac{k^2}{g} = 0$$
 (Froude number criticality).

Fifth order dispersion then happens automatically. Transverse symmetry imposes m = 0.

The modulation theory gives the resulting fifth order KP as

$$\left(q_T+rac{3}{2}qq_X-rac{Dk}{2
ho g}q_{XXXX}
ight)_X+rac{k}{2}q_{YY}=0,\quad k=\pm\sqrt{g\eta_0}.$$

Example II: Higher Order NLS

Consider the model

$$i\psi_t + \nabla^2 \psi + \frac{1}{2}\lambda \nabla^4 \psi + \psi - |\psi|^2 \psi = 0,$$

which has been proposed to model higher order dispersive effects in Maxwell's equations².

Relative equilibrium associated with the SO(2) symmetry group gives the solution $\psi=\psi_0e^{i\theta}$ with

$$|\psi_0|^2 = 1 - (k^2 + m^2) + \frac{1}{2}\lambda(k^2 + m^2)^2.$$

²V.I. Karpman. "Influence of high-order dispersion on self-focusing. I. Qualitative investigation". In: *Phys. Lett. A* 160.6 (1991), pp. 531–537.

Criticality and Emergence

The conservation laws along the relative equilibrium are given by

$$\mathscr{A}=rac{1}{2}|\psi_0|^2, \hspace{1em} \mathscr{B}=kig(1-\lambda(k^2+m^2)ig)|\psi_0|^2, \hspace{1em} \mathscr{C}=mig(1-\lambda(k^2+m^2)ig)|\psi_0|^2.$$

The first and third order dispersion terms vanish when $k \approx -0.533$, m = 0, $\lambda \approx -1.796$ (solving numerically). In which case we the resulting fifth order KP is

$$(q_T + aqq_X + bq_{XXXXX})_X + cq_{YY} = 0$$

with

$$a \approx 4.569, \quad b \approx -1.483, \quad c \approx 0.139$$

Next Steps

• If $\mathscr{B}_{kk} = 0$, one expects terms like

$$\ldots + \left[\frac{1}{2}\mathscr{B}_{kkk}q^2q_X + \partial_k\mathscr{K}_4(qq_{XXX} + 2q_Xq_{XX})\right]_X + \ldots,$$

which appear in CRAIG AND GROVES^3 and PARAU AND $\operatorname{GUYENNE}^4.$

Find examples where
$$\mathcal{M}_2 \neq 0!$$

Undertake a similar analysis for multiple conservation laws (which have more parameters and so fifth order models are more attainable) - can potentially lead to coupled 5th order models.

 $^{^3}W.$ Craig and M. D. Groves. "Hamiltonian long-wave approximations to the water-wave problem". In: Wave motion 19.4 (1994), pp. 367–389.

⁴P. Guyenne, E. I. Părău, et al. "Asymptotic Modeling and Numerical Simulation of Solitary Waves in a Floating Ice Sheet". In: *The Twenty-fifth International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference*. International Society of Offshore and Polar Engineers. 2015.

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