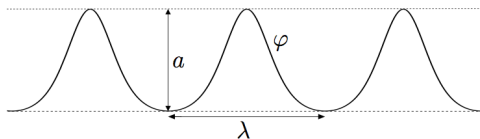


# On periodic traveling waves of the Camassa-Holm equation

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- ▶ arises as a shallow water approximation of the Euler equations for inviscid incompressible homogeneous fluids.
- ▶  $u = u(t, x)$  represents the water's free surface and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  is a parameter related to the critical shallow water speed.
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R. Camassa and D. Holm, An integrable shallow water equation with peaked solitons, Phys. Rev. Lett. 71 (1993)

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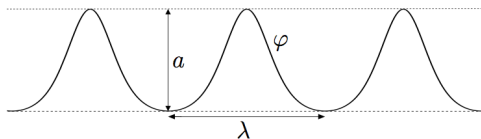
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The bifurcation values are  $r_1 = -\frac{2}{3}(k - \frac{1}{2}c)^2$ ,  $r_2 = c(\frac{1}{2}c + 2k)$ , and  $r_{b_1} = k(c - \frac{1}{2}k)$ ,  $r_{b_2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}-3}{12}(3k\sqrt{6} + 2c + 8k)(k\sqrt{6} - 2c - 2k)$

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and the wave length is qualitatively the same as for CH.



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↪ Chebyshev criterion for Abelian integrals [Grau, Mañosas, Villadelprat, '11]

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### Theorem (Garijo & Villadelprat, 2014)

Under hypotheses **(H)** let  $\mu_0 = -1$  and define for  $i \geq 1$

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If the **number of zeros of  $\mathcal{B}_\sigma(\ell_k)$**  on  $(0, x_r)$ , counted with multiplicities, is  $n \geq 0$  and it holds that  $k > n$ , then the number of **critical periods** of the center at the origin, counted with multiplicities, is at most  $n$ .

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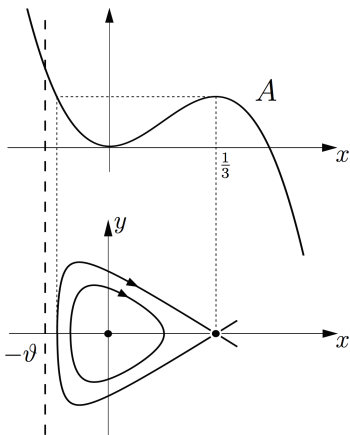
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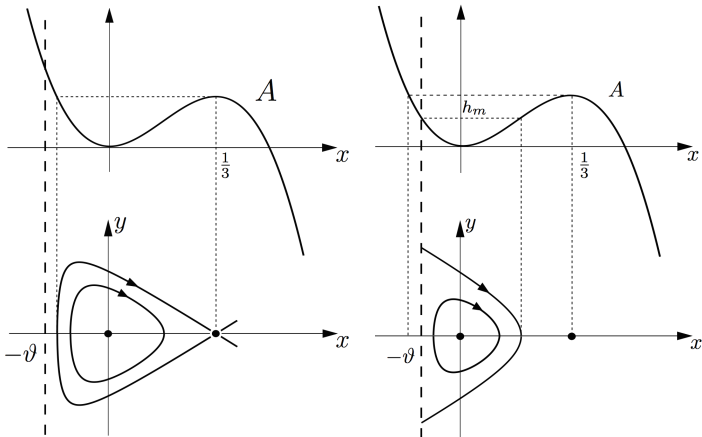
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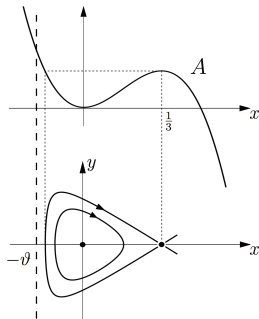
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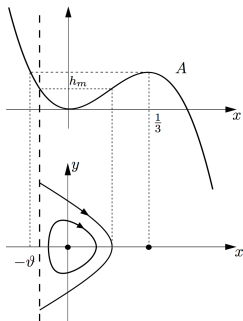
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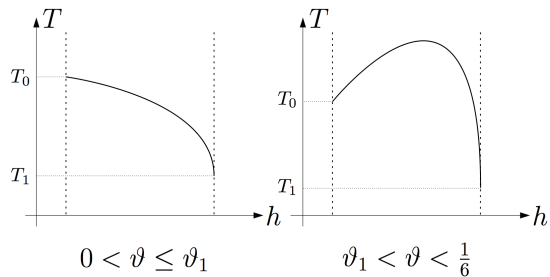
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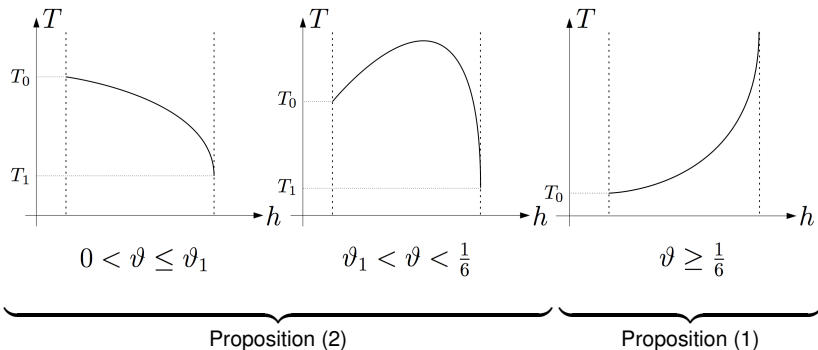
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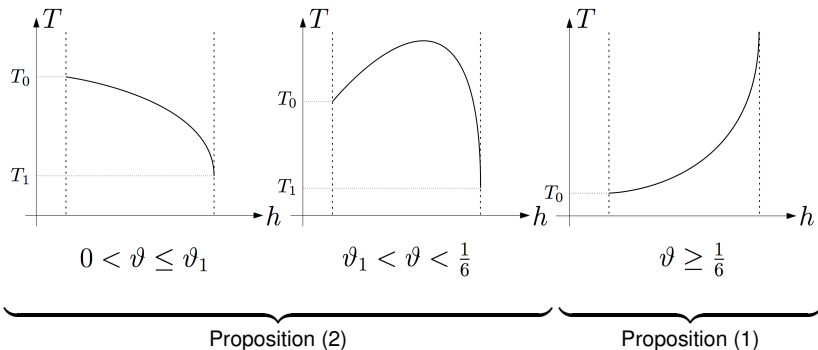


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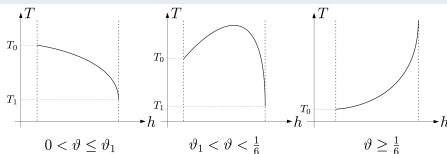


$$T_0 = 2\pi\sqrt{2\vartheta}, \quad T_1 = 2 \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{(2\vartheta + 1)(1 - 6\vartheta)}}{1 + 6\vartheta - 4\sqrt{\vartheta(1 + 3\vartheta)}} \right) > 0$$

# Summary

wave length  $\lambda$  of  $\varphi$  = period  $T$  of  $\gamma_\varphi$   
 wave height  $a$  of  $\varphi$  =  $\ell(h_\varphi)$

$\{\varphi_a\}_{a \in (0, a_M)}$   $\leftrightarrow$   $\{\gamma_h\}_{h \in (h_0, h_1)}$



## Theorem

Given  $c \neq -k$ , there exist real numbers  $r_1 < r_{b_1} < r_{b_2} < r_2$  such that the **Camassa-Holm equation** has smooth periodic TWS satisfying

$$\varphi''(\varphi - c) + \frac{(\varphi')^2}{2} + r + (c - 2k)\varphi - \frac{3}{2}\varphi^2 = 0,$$

if and only if  $r \in (r_1, r_2)$ . The set of **smooth periodic TWS** form a continuous family  $\{\varphi_a\}_a$  parametrized by the wave height  $a$ .

The wave length  $\lambda = \lambda(a)$  of  $\varphi_a$  satisfies the following:

- ▶ If  $r \in (r_1, r_{b_1}]$ , then  $\lambda(a)$  is monotonous increasing.
- ▶ If  $r \in (r_{b_1}, r_{b_2})$ , then  $\lambda(a)$  has a unique critical point (maximum).
- ▶ If  $r \in [r_{b_2}, r_2)$ , then  $\lambda(a)$  is monotonous decreasing.