

3. Main equation

$$\gamma(1-2\lambda\omega(t))(\omega'(t)^2 + (1+\mathcal{L}\omega(t))^2) = 1 \quad \forall \text{ a.e. } t \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

We replace the equation (CP) with another one of more convenient form.

Let Y denote the space of 2π -periodic absolutely continuous even functions $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $u' \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$, endowed with

$$\|u\|_Y^2 = \|u\|_{L^2[-\pi, \pi]}^2 + \|u'\|_{L^2[-\pi, \pi]}^2.$$

Let X (resp. Z) be the space of even (resp. odd) functions in $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$.

Theorem 10.3.2 Suppose that $\omega \in Y$ is a solution of

$$(C) \quad \mathcal{L}\omega' = \lambda \{ \omega + \omega \mathcal{L}\omega' + \mathcal{L}(\omega\omega') \}.$$

Then, we have

(a) ω satisfies (CP).

(b) $1-2\lambda\omega > 0$ on $[-\pi, \pi] \Leftrightarrow \omega' \in L^3[-\pi, \pi]$.

(c) If $\omega \in C^{2,\alpha}$, $1-2\lambda\omega > 0$ and $1+\mathcal{L}\omega' > 0$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$, then Z defined by (Z) is injective (and ^{By our previous analysis,} the solution ω of (C) gives rise to a symmetric Stokes wave with profile

$$S = \{ (t + \mathcal{L}\omega(t), \omega(t)) : t \in \mathbb{R} \}, \text{ wh. } 1+\mathcal{L}\omega' > 0 \text{ on } [-\pi, \pi].$$

pf: (a) We rewrite (C) as

$$(1-2\lambda\omega)(1+\mathcal{L}\omega') + \mathcal{L}((1-2\lambda\omega)\omega') = 1 \quad (*)$$

applying $\mathcal{L}$ to both sides gives

$$(1-2\lambda\omega)\omega' = \mathcal{L}((1-2\lambda\omega)(1+\mathcal{L}\omega')) \quad [\mathcal{L}^2 u = -u \quad \forall \text{ } 2\pi\text{-per. } u.]$$

So that

$$\mathcal{L}u = (1-2\lambda w)w', \text{ where } u = (1-2\lambda w)(1+\mathcal{L}w').$$

By Theorem 10.2.3, there exists a holomorphic function U on D with

$$(w \in Y \Rightarrow w \in L^2, w' \in L^2 \Rightarrow u \in L^2)$$

$$U|_{S^1} = u + i\ell u = (1-2\lambda w)(1+\ell w' + iw')$$

$$= i(1-2\lambda w)(w' - i(1+\ell w')).$$

Again by Thm 10.2.3, there exists a holomorphic function W on D such that

$$w|_{S^1} = \omega' + i(1 + \ell(\omega')).$$

Thus, we have

$$UW|_{S^1} = i(1-2\lambda w)(w'^2 + (1+\ell w')^2) \in i\mathbb{R}.$$

By the last part of Thm 10.2.3, UV is constant on D .

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u + i\ell u) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u dt + \underbrace{\frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \ell u dt}_{= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1-2\lambda w) w' dt} \\
 &\quad \uparrow \text{Cauchy's integral formula} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1-2\lambda w)(1+\ell w') dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1 dt - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \ell((1-2\lambda w)w') dt}_{= \ell \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1-2\lambda w) w' dt = \ell(0) = 0} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Restricted on S_1^1

Similarly, $W(0) = i$ (check it!). Therefore, $UW = i$ on D . This gives (CP).

" $\Rightarrow$ "
 (b) Let $w \in Y$ satisfy (C). Since $1 - 2\lambda w > 0$ and w is continuous, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $1 - 2\lambda w \geq \varepsilon$. On the other hand, w satisfies (CP) by (a), i.e. $(1 - 2\lambda w(t))(w'(t)^2 + (1 + \ell(w'(t)))^2) = 1$. Thus,

$$w'(t)^2 + (1 + \ell(w'(t)))^2 \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow w' \in L^\infty(-\pi, \pi) \subset L^3[-\pi, \pi].$$

" $\Leftarrow$ "
 Let $w \in Y$ be such that $w' \in L^3[-\pi, \pi]$. By Thm of M. Riesz, we have $\ell w' \in L^3[-\pi, \pi]$. Since by (a), w satisfies (CP), it is clear that $1 - 2\lambda w \geq 0$. Assume now to the contrary that $1 - 2\lambda w(a) = 0$ for some $a \in [-\pi, \pi]$. Then,

$$|1 - 2\lambda w(t)| = 2\lambda \left| \int_a^t w'(s) ds \right| \leq 2\lambda \|w'\|_{L^3} \cdot |t - a|^{2/3}$$

↑
Hölder's ineq. $p=3, q=3/2$.

By (CP), then

$$w(t)^2 + (1 + \ell(w'(t)))^2 \geq \frac{1}{2\lambda \|w'\|_{L^3} \cdot |t - a|^{2/3}}$$

Since $|t - a|^{-1} \notin L^1[-\pi, \pi]$, $w + (1 + \ell(w'))^2 \notin L^{\frac{3}{2}}[-\pi, \pi]$ $\nRightarrow$ $w' \in L^3[-\pi, \pi]$ $\nRightarrow$ $L^{\frac{3}{2}}[-\pi, \pi] \subset L^p[-\pi, \pi]$ $\forall 1 \leq p < \frac{3}{2} \leq \infty$

(c) We use Lemma 10.2.4.

$Z|_{\partial D} : t \mapsto (t + \ell(w(t)), w(t))$ is injective, since $\left(\frac{d}{dt}(t + \ell(w(t))), \frac{d}{dt} w(t) \right)$

↑
the image of Z when restricted to ∂D is S .

$$= (1 + \ell(w'(t)), w'(t)) \neq (0, 0),$$

also $Z \in C^{2,\alpha}(\bar{D})$, since $w \in C^{2,\alpha}$ and $\ell w \in C^{2,\alpha}$ by Theorem Privalov.

$$\begin{aligned} & \uparrow \\ & w'(t)^2 + (1 + \ell(w'(t)))^2 \neq 0 \\ & \text{by (CP).} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Lemma 10.2.4, Z is a global bijection.

Finally, by Lemma 10.1.2, $1 + \ell w' > 0$ on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

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Some convenient properties of $(\mathcal{L})$ are:

$$\mathcal{L}w' = \lambda(w + w\mathcal{L}w' + \mathcal{L}(ww'))$$

- (i) It is the Euler-Lagrange equation of the functional

$$J(w) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (w\mathcal{L}w' - \lambda w^2(1 + \mathcal{L}w')) dt, \quad w \in Y$$

(using the fact that $u \mapsto \mathcal{L}u$ is self-adjoint, i.e. $\langle \mathcal{L}u, x \rangle = \langle u, \mathcal{L}x \rangle$.)

- (ii) It is a quadratic equation (with no higher order terms), whose non-zero solutions give rise to exact solutions of the steady periodic water-wave problem (without approximation).

- (iii) It has the trivial solution $w=0$ for all λ . Linearizing w.r.t. w at the trivial solution yields the self-adjoint eigenvalue problem

$$\mathcal{L}w' = \lambda w, \quad w \in Y,$$

which has a complete set of eigenfunctions $\{\cos(nt)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ^{corresponding} to eigenvalues $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ (since Y consists of even functions).

- (iv) It can be rewritten as ^(10.18)

$$(1-2\lambda w)\mathcal{L}w' = \lambda(w - \mathcal{Q}(w)) \text{ or } \mathcal{L}((1-2\lambda w)w') = \lambda(w + \mathcal{Q}(w)), \quad (10.19)$$

where $\mathcal{Q}(w) = w\mathcal{L}w' - \mathcal{L}(ww')$ (properties of $\mathcal{Q}$ are to be discussed)

- (v) It can be rewritten as $G(\lambda, w) = 0$ where $G: (0, \infty) \times Y \rightarrow X$ is defined by

$$G(\lambda, w) = \mathcal{L}w' - \lambda(w + w\mathcal{L}w' + \mathcal{L}(ww')).$$

For $(\lambda, w) \in \mathcal{U}$, where $\mathcal{U} = \{(\lambda, w) \in (0, \infty) \times Y: 1-2\lambda w > 0\}$,

$\partial_w G(\lambda, w): Y \rightarrow X$ is a Fredholm operator with index 0 (to be elaborated).

10.5 Weak solutions are classical

At the beginning of the discussion on Stokes waves, we described the profil of a "classical" solution by

$$S := \{ (x, \omega(x)) : x \in \mathbb{R} \}, \text{ where } \omega \in \underline{C}^{2,\alpha}, \alpha \in (0,1), \text{ } 2\pi\text{-per, even,}$$

In 10.2-10.3, we reduced the original water wave equation to finding "weak" solutions of (CP) $(1-2\lambda\omega(t))(\omega'(t)^2 + (1+(\omega'(t))^2)) = 1, t \in [\pi, \pi], \text{ a.e.}$

or equivalently (C) $\mathcal{L}\omega' = \lambda(\omega + \omega\mathcal{L}\omega' + \mathcal{L}(\omega\omega'))$, where $\underline{\omega} \in Y^{2\pi\text{-per, even,}} \hat{=} \omega' \in L_2[-\pi, \pi]$,

We show that if $1-2\lambda\omega > 0$, then every weak solution is classical.

For a per. function u with $u' \in L_2[-\pi, \pi]$, define

$$Q(u)(t) := u(t)\mathcal{L}u'(t) - \mathcal{L}(uu')(t).$$

Lemma 10.5.1 If u is 2π -per. and $u' \in L_2[-\pi, \pi]$, then for almost all $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$0 \leq Q(u)(t) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(\frac{u(t)-u(s)}{\sin \frac{t-s}{2}} \right)^2 ds \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \|u'\|_{L_2[-\pi, \pi]}^2.$$

p.f: based on the formula $\mathcal{L}u(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{u(s)}{\tan \frac{t-s}{2}} ds$. #

Lemma 10.5.2 $u' \in L_p[-\pi, \pi]$, for some $2 < p < \infty \Rightarrow Q(u) \in C^{1-\frac{2}{p}}$.

Lemma 10.5.3 $u' \in C^\alpha$, for some $\alpha \in (0,1) \Rightarrow Q(u) \in C^{1,\delta}$, for some $0 < \delta < \alpha$.

p.f of 10.5.2, 10.5.3 are based on the formula of $Q(u)$ in 10.5.1. #

Corollary of regularity: Suppose $u \in L_2[-\pi, \pi]$. Then,

(a) $Q(u)(x) > 0$ for almost all $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$, unless $u \equiv \text{constant}$. (10.5.1)

(b) $Q(u) \in L_\infty[-\pi, \pi]$, i.e. bounded (10.5.1)

(c) $Q(u) \in C^\alpha$, $\forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$, if $u \in L_p[-\pi, \pi]$, $\forall p < \infty$. (10.5.2)

(d) $Q(u) \in C^{1, \alpha}$, $\forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$, if $u \in C^\beta$, $\forall \beta \in (0, 1)$ (10.5.3)

pf: 10.5.1 – 10.5.3.

Let $\mathcal{U} = \{(\lambda, w) \in (0, \infty) \times Y : 1 - 2\lambda w > 0\}$.

$$\ell w' = \lambda(w + w \ell w' + \ell(w w'))$$

Theorem 10.5.4 Suppose $(\lambda, w) \in \mathcal{U}$ is a solution of (C). Then,

$$w \in C^{2, \alpha}, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1).$$

pf: Recall (C) can be rewritten as (cf (10.18))

$$(*) \quad (1 - 2\lambda w) \ell w' = \lambda(w - Q(w))$$

$$\xrightarrow{1-2\lambda w > 0} \ell w' = \frac{\lambda(w - Q(w))}{1 - 2\lambda w} \stackrel{(b)}{\in} L_\infty[-\pi, \pi] \subset L_p[-\pi, \pi], \forall p \geq 1.$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Riesz}} w' \in L_p[-\pi, \pi] \quad \forall 1 < p < \infty \quad \xrightarrow[\text{inequality}]{\text{Hölder}} w \in C^\beta, \forall \beta \in (0, 1) \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} w' \in L_p[-\pi, \pi] \\ w \in C^\beta \end{matrix}} \right\} \xrightarrow{(c)} Q(w) \in C^\beta, \forall \beta \in (0, 1)$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow \ell w' \in C^\beta, \forall \beta \in (0, 1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Privalov}} w' \in C^\beta, \forall \beta \in (0, 1) \stackrel{(d)}{\Rightarrow} Q(w) \in C^{1, \alpha}, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1) \quad \left. \vphantom{w' \in C^\beta} \right\} \stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow} \ell w' \in C^{1, \alpha}, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Privalov}} w \in C^{1, \alpha}, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Privalov}} w' \in C^{1, \alpha}, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow w \in C^{2, \alpha}, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$$

Clearly, the proof of Thm. 10.5.4 can be continued infinitely to prove by induction that w can be extended as infinitely differentiable 2π -periodic function on $\mathbb{R}$. And we see from Thm. 10.3.2 & Thm. 10.5.4 that the assumption $1-2\lambda w > 0$ (strict inequality) everywhere is essential to this conclusion.

Remark 10.5.5 If $\{(\lambda_k, w_k)\}$ is a sequence of solutions of (C) with $1-2\lambda_k w_k(t) \geq d > 0$, $\forall t \in [-\pi, \pi]$, and $\{\lambda_k\}$ is bounded, then (CP) gives that $\{w_k'\}$ is bounded in $L_2[-\pi, \pi]$, thus by the argument in the proof of Thm 10.5.4, $\{w_k\}$ is bounded in $C^{2,\alpha}$, $\forall \alpha \in (0, 1)$. Since $C^{2,\alpha} \hookrightarrow C^2$ is compactly embedded (by Ascoli-Arzelà), $\{w_k\}$ is compact in C^2 .

To proceed, we need

Theorem (dominated convergence theorem)

Suppose that $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions, that

$f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise almost everywhere, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and that

$|f_n| \leq g$ for all n , where g is integrable. Then, f is integrable,

and

$$\int f d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu.$$

Fredholm property

Recall that (C) can be rewritten as $G(\lambda, w) = 0$, where

$$G: (0, \infty) \times Y \rightarrow X$$
$$(\lambda, w) \mapsto \mathcal{L}w' - \lambda(w + w\mathcal{L}w' + \mathcal{L}(ww')).$$

We show that for $(\lambda, w) \in \mathcal{U}$, $\partial_w G(\lambda, w): Y \rightarrow X$ is Fredholm with index 0.

$\mathcal{U} = \{(\lambda, w) \in (0, \infty) \times Y : 1 - 2\lambda w > 0\}$

We rewrite G in terms of Q as

$$G(\lambda, w) = (1 - 2\lambda w)(\mathcal{L}w' + w) + \lambda Q(w) - (1 - 2\lambda w + \lambda)w.$$

Thus,

$$\partial_w G(\lambda, w) \cdot h = \underbrace{(1 - 2\lambda w)(\mathcal{L}h' + h)}_{\text{homeom.}}$$
$$+ \underbrace{\lambda dQ(w) \cdot h}_{\text{compact}} - \underbrace{2\lambda h(\mathcal{L}w' + w) - \lambda h + 4\lambda wh - h}_{\text{compact}},$$

where $h \mapsto \underbrace{(1 - 2\lambda w)}_{>0} \underbrace{(\mathcal{L}h' + h)}_{\text{homeom.}}$ is a homeomorphism, since $h \mapsto \mathcal{L}h' + h$ is linear, and $\mathcal{L}h' + h = 0 \Rightarrow h = 0$

and $h \mapsto 2\lambda h(\mathcal{L}w' + w)$, $h \mapsto -\lambda h$, $h \mapsto 4\lambda wh$, $h \mapsto -h$ are compact linear operators from Y to X , since $Y \hookrightarrow X$ is a compact embedding. We show that $Q: Y \rightarrow X$ is compact, which then implies $h \mapsto \lambda dQ(w) \cdot h$ is compact,

so $\partial_w G(\lambda, w) = T + K$ for a homeom. T and a compact operator K from Y to X .

then by Thm 2.7.6, $\partial_w G(\lambda, w)$ is Fredholm with index 0.

Recall:

We show a general result for $\mathcal{Q}$: $\mathcal{Q}: Y \rightarrow L_\infty[-\pi, \pi] \subset L_p[-\pi, \pi]$
 $\forall p \geq 1$

Theorem 10.5.6 $\mathcal{Q}: Y \rightarrow L_p[-\pi, \pi]$ is sequentially continuous, with respect to the weak topo. on Y , and strong topo. on L_p , for all $1 < p < \infty$.

pf: $\mathcal{Q}: Y \rightarrow L_p$ is sequentially conts., if $v_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} v$ in Y implies $\mathcal{Q}(v_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(v)$ in L_p .

Let $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a sequence in Y such that

$$v_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} v \text{ in } Y, \text{ i.e. } \langle v_n, y \rangle_Y \rightarrow \langle v, y \rangle_Y \quad \forall y \in Y, \text{ since } Y \text{ is Hilbert, thus reflexive.}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \langle v_n - v, y \rangle_Y \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall y \in Y$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (v_n - v)y + (v_n' - v')y' dt \rightarrow 0$$

Then, $v_n' \rightarrow v'$ in L_2 .

$$\text{Let } u_n(t) = \int_0^t v_n'(s) - v'(s) ds = v_n(t) - v(t) - v_n(0) + v(0).$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(u_n)(t) = \mathcal{Q}(v_n - v)(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathcal{Q}(v_n - v)(t) dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathcal{Q}(u_n)(t) dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u_n(t) \mathcal{L}' u_n'(t) - \mathcal{L}(u_n u_n')(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u_n(t) \mathcal{L}' u_n'(t) dt - \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathcal{L}(u_n u_n')(t) dt}_{=0}, \text{ since } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathcal{L} v(t) dt = 0 \quad \forall v \in L_2[-\pi, \pi]$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u_n(t) \mathcal{L}'(v_n' - v')(t) dt \rightarrow 0, \text{ since } \mathcal{L}' \text{ is bounded, } v_n' \rightarrow v' \text{ in } L_2, \text{ and } u_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } L_2.$$

By Lemma 10.5.1, $\mathcal{Q}(v_n - v)(t) \rightarrow 0$ for almost all t , thus

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\mathcal{Q}(v_n - v)(t)| dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathcal{Q}(v_n - v)(t) dt \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\text{i.e. } \mathcal{Q}(v_n - v) \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } L_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(v_n)(t) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(v)(t) \text{ for almost all } t.$$

dominated convergence thm $\xrightarrow{\{\mathcal{Q}(v_n)\} \text{ is bdd. by Lemma 10.5.1.}}$ $\mathcal{Q}(v_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(v)$ in L_p , $\forall 1 < p < \infty$. ~~10.5.6~~

Corollary 10.5.7 $Q: Y \rightarrow X$ is a compact map.

pf: Q is compact, if $\overline{Q(B)}$ is compact, for every bounded set $B \subset Y$.

or equivalently (since X is metric space), $\{Q(y_n)\}$ has a convergent subsequence, for every bounded sequence $\{y_n\} \subset Y$.

Let $\{y_n\} \subset Y$ be bounded. $\overset{Y \text{ is Hilbert}}{\Rightarrow} \{y_n\}$ contains a weakly convergent subsequence $\{y_{n_k}\}$. $\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 10.5.6}} Q(y_{n_k}) \rightarrow Q(y)$

Banach-Alaoglu theorem:

the closed unit ball of the dual of a normed vector space is compact in weak topology

$\Rightarrow$ in a Hilbert space, every bounded and closed set is weakly relatively compact.

$\Rightarrow$ every bounded sequence has a weakly convergent subsequence.