

Water Waves and Hamiltonian Partial Differential Equations

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Outline

I. The Euler system for free surface water waves

1. Physical derivation of free surface water waves equations
2. Zakharov Hamiltonian formulation and canonical variables
3. The water wave system in terms of canonical variables – The Dirichlet - Neumann operator
4. Canonical variables: Where do they come from?

II. The Dirichlet-Neumann operator (DNO)

1. Basic properties
2. Variational derivatives of Hamiltonian w.r.t. canonical variables
3. Recovering the water wave system in terms of canonical variables – Shape derivative of DNO
4. Recovering conservation laws using Hamiltonian theory
5. Analyticity of DNO w.r.t. surface elevation - Explicit Taylor expansion in powers of surface elevation

III. Hamiltonian transformation theory - Model equations for water waves

1. Examples of Hamiltonian PDEs
2. Calculus of transformations - Examples
3. Derivation of Boussinesq equation
4. Derivation of Korteweg-de Vries equation
5. Interpretation and statement of rigorous results validating this derivation

IV. Birkhoff Normal Forms (BNF) for gravity water waves

1. Setting of the problem
2. Canonical transformations; Birkhoff Normal Forms; Approximate integrability
3. Dispersion relation; Complex symplectic coordinates; Poisson brackets, resonances
4. BNF of 3rd order – A first change of variable
5. A 2nd change of variable - Partial integrability

V. Application of BNF to the derivation of Nonlinear Schrödinger equation

1. Modulational Ansatz
2. Homogenization lemma
3. Derivation of NLS
4. Derivation of higher order NLS – The Dysthe equation
5. Comments

V. Initial value problem

1. Lagrangian/Eulerian formulation
2. The Taylor-sign condition
3. Description of results - local and global wellposedness

VI. Coupling of internal and surface waves

1. The physical problem
2. Euler equations for stratified fluids
3. Scaling regimes - Resonant condition.
4. Coupled KdV-linear Schrödinger system
5. Analysis and interpretation

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