

Weakly Nonlinear Waves on Surface of Ideal Finite Depth Fluid

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1 Introduction

The waves on a surface of an incompressible fluid are one of the most common phenomena we observe in our life. Since the beginning of the last century the surface waves became the subject of intense analytical study. The theory of surface waves attracted the attention of many first class mathematicians. Boussinesq, Stokes and Airy are just the most famous names among them.

The *linear* theory of surface waves of infinitely small amplitude was mostly accomplished hundred years ago. Some achievements of these efforts were seminal to the Mathematical Physics as whole. For example, the Method of Stationary Phase was discovered in connection with the problem of surface waves.

In spite of the fact that the mathematical aspect of wave propagation is one of the classical subjects of Mathematical Physics, the theory of surface waves for many decades was an isolated island, just weakly connected with the main continent, the theory of sound and the theory of electromagnetic waves. One of the reasons for this was a dispersion. In a contrary to the light and to the sound, the waves on the surface of an incompressible fluid are strongly dispersive. Their phase velocity depends essentially on a wave number. Another reason was a belief that the theory of surface waves is not a “normal” subject of pure mathematics. The basic equations describing waves on a surface of an ideal fluid in their classical formulation are neither ordinary nor partial differential equations. They look like an “orphan” in a society of normal PDE equations, like the Maxwell equations or linearized Navier-Stokes equations describing the “ordinary” waves.

Nevertheless, the theory of surface waves became a cradle of the modern theory of waves in nonlinear dispersive media. It was Stokes who formulated the concept of a “progressive stationary wave” and calculated the nonlinear correction to dispersion relation. Another fundamental concept of modern nonlinear physics, the soliton, was also born in the theory of surface waves.

The isolation of the theory of surface waves was broken in fifties and sixties of this century. The fast development of plasma and solid state physics showed that a strong dispersion is a common thing for waves in real media, and non-dispersive sound and light waves are just very special exclusions in the world of waves, which mostly are strongly

dispersive. In the last three decades the the surface waves became a subject of intense study.

In 1966 the author of this article have found that the waves on a surface of ideal fluid in mathematical sense are Hamiltonian systems and their theory can be treated as a chapter in a general theory of dispersive waves. This fact made possible to establish numerous parallels between the theory of surface waves and theories of waves of different type in plasmas and nonlinear optics. Due to “translation” of basic statements of surface wave theory to a “Hamiltonian language”, it became possible to extend an essential part of the results obtained in this field to the waves of quite different types, like spin waves in ferromagnetics, for example.

From the mathematical point of view the system of surface waves is a Hamiltonian system of infinite number degrees of freedom. In reality, the number of degrees of freedom is finite but very large. In a typical situation it could reach the order of magnitude about 10^8 or more. Hence the problem of statistical description of the surface waves is very urgent. No doubt that a real behaviour of a sea surface is a stochastic process that has many common features with a turbulence in an incompressible fluid at the large Reynolds number, $R \simeq 10^5$ or more.

In a contrary to the turbulence in incompressible fluid, the turbulence of surface waves is *weak*. It means that the wave taking part in this turbulence is “almost linear”. For the waves on deep water the measure of their nonlinearity is a parameter $\mu \simeq (ka)^2$, where k is a characteristic wave number, and a is a typical wave amplitude. In a real situation this parameter is small, $\mu \simeq 10^{-3}$ or even less. The physical reason for this fact is obvious, that is existence of another small parameter, $\epsilon \sim \rho_a/\rho_w \sim 10^{-3}$, where ρ_a , ρ_w are air and water densities. A relative wave amplitude is small because waves on a surface of a heavy fluid (water) are excited by the motion of a very light substance (air). This consideration is a qualitative one. It is a very sophisticated problem to find of the analytical connection between μ and ϵ , because of a strong turbulence in the wind-driven sea waves.

Anyway, the parameter μ is small. This fact makes possible to develop close and self-sustained description of surface wave turbulence. On deep water it is described by the kinetic equation for spectral density of wave action, derived first by K.Hasselmann (Hasselmann, 1962). It was a great achievement of the theory of surface waves. It’s correctness was confirmed by numerous comparisons with experiment, and successful development of effective models for wave prediction (WAM model, see Komen et al, 1994). However, after thirty five satisfactory years, we can see now the limitations of this approach. For instance, we can not find the *space-time* correlation function for surface waves. Moreover, it can be applied only to waves on deep water.

Meanwhile, the experimentally established weakness of surface wave interactions makes possible to develop approximate *dynamic* models of nonlinear surface wave interaction, much more convenient for an analytical study than the initial exact Hamiltonian equation. For deep water such model was found in 1968 (Zakharov, 1968). Since this time it was used by many authors for analytical and numerical study of nonlinear surface waves. This approximate dynamic model is a solid foundation for statistical description of surface waves.

It was done in the works of Zakharov and Filonenko (Zakharov, Filonenko, 1966), and Saffmann, Lake and Yean (Saffmann et al, 1980). It was established recently (Dyachenko, Lvov, 1996) that the kinetic equation found in this way is identical to the equation initially derived by K.Hasselmann.

The capacities of the approximate analytical model derived in 1968 are not implemented in a proper degree to the statistical description of surface waves so far. It will be a subject of future publication.

The purpose of this article is to develop the approximate dynamical model for description of weakly nonlinear surface waves for the case of fluid of *finite depth*. We realize that construction of this model is a first and a very serious step towards developing of a proper model for *statistical description* of waves on surface of finite-depth water. The situation in this case is much more complicated than on deep water. Besides of the parameter μ , we have now a parameter $\delta = kh$, where h is the fluid depth. The case $kh \rightarrow 0$ (very shallow water) is especially interesting. It is known since the time of Stokes that progressive stationary waves are close to linear harmonics if only a very restrictive condition holds:

$$\mu \ll \delta^4 \tag{1.1}$$

We will show (not in this article) that for a broad in k -space spectra the Stokes condition can be released up to the level

$$\mu \ll \delta^3 \tag{1.2}$$

In reality the parameter δ is not too small. For instance, if $L/h \sim 30$ (L is a wave length), $\delta \simeq 0.2$, and the condition (1.2) still holds if $\mu \simeq 10^{-3}$. This development of the weakly nonlinear dynamical model makes sense even for waves on a very shallow water.

The basic point for construction of a proper dynamical model on deep water is an exclusion of quadratic nonlinearities in the dynamical equation by a multiscale expansion or by a canonical transformation. Theoretically speaking, the same technique can be implemented in the case of finite depth. However, we have to stress that two new circumstances, entirely pertaining to the case of finite depth, could play a very important role in any future statistical theory.

The first one is a dissipation of wave energy that takes place in the boundary layer near the sea bottom. It is important to underline that this is not only a relatively small contribution to the *linear* decrement of a wave decay. Much more important effect is the dissipation of energy by the forced, almost resonant beaming. This is nonlinear, but “non-Hamiltonian” effect, quite similar to a well-known “non-linear Landau damping” of Langmuir plasma waves. Even in the case of a moderate depth, $kh \simeq 1$, this damping can produce non-Hamiltonian non-linear interactions overriding the classical four-wave processes.

The second effect takes place if only the parameter δ is small enough, $\delta \ll 1$. In this case the leading terms in the coefficient four-wave interaction, and in higher-order coefficients as well, exactly cancelled. This cancellation is an quite nontrivial and deeply

hidden effect. It can be explained in a following way. In the case of a very shallow water nonlinear interactions of surface waves are described approximately by the well-known Kadomtsev - Petviashvili (KP-2) equation. However, this equation is an *exactly integrable* Hamiltonian system. In practice this integrability is realized by holding an infinite number of very unexpected identities, which can not be easily checked even in the most simple cases.

Both mentioned circumstances will play a very important role in a future statistical theory of gravity waves on the surface of a finite-depth fluid.

2 Hamiltonian formalism

We study waves on the surface of an ideal fluid in an infinite basin of constant depth h . Let z be the vertical coordinate. The unperturbed fluid surface is posed at $z = 0$, the bottom at $z = -h$. Coordinates in the horizontal plane are x, y , $r = (x, y)$, the displacement of the surface is $\eta(r, t) = \eta(x, y, t)$. The density of the fluid $\rho_w = 1$. The gravity acceleration g is directed downward, the surface tension coefficient is σ . Further we will apply the developed theory for the description of a real situation when the upper half-space $z > \eta(\vec{r}, t)$ is filled with air. We will assume that the air density ρ_a is small, thus $\epsilon = \rho_a/\rho_w$ is a small parameter $\epsilon \ll 1$.

We will suppose that the fluid is incompressible, $\text{div} V = 0$, and that the velocity field V is potential one:

$$V = \nabla \Phi. \quad (2.1)$$

Let us assume that:

$$\Psi(r, t) = \Phi|_{z=\eta(r, t)}, \quad (2.2)$$

where the potential Φ satisfies the Laplace equation

$$\Delta \Phi = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

under the boundary conditions:

$$\Phi|_{z=\eta} = \Psi(r, t) \quad \Phi_z|_{z=-h} = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

The boundary problem (2.3), (2.4) has a unique solution. Hence we can find the velocity field $V(\vec{r}, t)$ if $\eta(r, t)$ and $\Psi(r, t)$ are given. The total energy of the fluid, $H = T + U$, has the following expressions for kinetic and potential energies:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int dr \int_{-h}^{\eta} (\nabla \Phi)^2 dz, \quad (2.5)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} g \int \eta^2 dr + \sigma \int (\sqrt{1 + (\nabla_{\perp} \eta)^2} - 1) dr. \quad (2.6)$$

Traditionally, the dynamics of a free surface are described by imposing at $z = \eta$ of two nonlinear boundary conditions (see, for instance, Stokes):

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = + \left(-\nabla_{\perp} \Phi \nabla_{\perp} \eta + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \quad (2.7)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \Big|_{z=\eta} = -\frac{1}{2} \left((\nabla_{\perp} \Phi)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right) \Big|_{z=\eta} - g \eta + \sigma \nabla_{\perp} \frac{\nabla_{\perp} \eta}{\sqrt{1 + \nabla_{\perp} \eta^2}}, \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$\nabla_{\perp} = \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

The system (2.7), (2.8) is neither a system of PDE's, no even a "dynamical system". It can be turned to a dynamic system by using the identity

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \Big|_{z=\eta} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t}. \quad (2.9)$$

Combining (2.9) and (2.7) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} &= \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\nabla_{\perp} \Phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \nabla_{\perp} \Phi \nabla_{\perp} \right) \Big|_{z=\eta} - \\ &- g \eta + \sigma \nabla_{\perp} \frac{\nabla_{\perp} \eta}{\sqrt{1 + (\nabla_{\perp} \eta)^2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

The following fact is of basic importance:

Theorem 2.1

The system (2.7), (2.10) is a Hamiltonian system:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta \Psi} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\delta H}{\delta \eta}. \quad (2.12)$$

The relations (2.11), (2.12) were found by the author of this article in 1966 (Zakharov, 1966). The complete proof of Theorem 2.1 was published in 1968 (Zakharov, 1968). The original proof was relatively complicated. Later on, it was essentially simplified (Zakharov, Kuznetsov, 1986). Let us reproduce this simplified proof.

Proof

The dynamics of an incompressible fluid must realize the minimization of action $S = \int L dt$:

$$\delta S = 0, \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$L = T - U + \int \Phi \operatorname{div} V \, dz \, dr + \int \Psi \left(\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + V_{\perp} \nabla \eta - V_z \right) dr, \quad (2.14)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int dr \int_{-\eta}^r V^2 \, dz, \quad (2.15)$$

and U is given by (2.6).

The last two terms in (2.14) are the "Largangian factors". We have added them to take into account the condition of incompressibility $\operatorname{div} V = 0$, and the "kinematic" boundary condition (2.7). Using Green's formula we can transform

$$\begin{aligned} \int \Phi \operatorname{div} V \, dz \, dr &= - \int (V \nabla_{\perp} \Phi) \, dz \, dr + \int \Phi|_{z=\eta} V_n \, ds = \\ &= \int \Phi|_{z=\eta} (V_z - V_{\perp} \nabla_{\perp} \eta) \, dr. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

In virtue of (2.13), we have:

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta V} = 0. \quad (2.17)$$

Putting in (2.17) $-h < z < \eta$ we can obtain:

$$V = \nabla \Phi. \quad (2.18)$$

The condition (2.17) on the surface $z = \eta$ gives:

$$\Phi|_{z=\eta} = \Psi. \quad (2.19)$$

Taking into account (2.18) and (2.19) we can transform the Lagrangian L to the form:

$$L = \int \Psi \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} dr - H. \quad (2.20)$$

Variation of L with respect to Ψ and η gives (2.11), (2.12).

Apparently this proof can be generalized for the case of a bottom as an arbitrary function of the coordinates:

$$h \rightarrow h(r).$$

For the Hamiltonian equations (2.11), (2.12) in a full 3-dimensional case one cannot express the kinetic energy T in terms of canonical variables explicitly. In two-dimensional case one can realize the conformal transformation of the domain $-h < z < \eta$ to the stripe $-h < z < 0$. This transformation induces the canonical transformation from the initial variables $\eta(x, t), \Psi(x, t)$ to new variables $\eta(u, t), \xi(u, t)$. Here $\eta = \eta(u, t)$ is the displacement of the surface in the conformal coordinates, ξ are conjugated variables. The kinetic energy T can be expressed explicitly in terms of η, ξ (Dyachenko, Lvov, Zakharov, 1995). In a 3-D case one has to use the approximated expressions for H . There are two basic approximated methods for calculation of H . Both of them have roots in works of nineteen-century classics. The approximation of "small angles" referres to Stokes (Stokes, 1847), while the approximation of "shallow water" was invented by Airy (Airy, 1845).

3 Approximation of Small Angles

The boundary problem (2.2)-(2.4) can be solved explicitly for the flat surface $\eta = 0$. In this case:

$$\Phi(r, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \Psi(k) \frac{\cos hk(z+h)}{\cos hk h} e^{ikr} dk. \quad (3.1)$$

Here $\Psi(k)$ is the Fourier transform of $\Psi(r)$:

$$\Psi(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \Psi(r) e^{-ikr} dr. \quad (3.2)$$

The kinetic energy is now:

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int k \tanh(kh) |\Psi_k|^2 dk. \quad (3.3)$$

For the "almost flat" surface, when

$$|\nabla_{\perp} \eta| \ll 1, \quad (3.4)$$

one can solve the boundary problem (2.2)-(2.4) in form of a series on powers of $\nabla_{\perp} \eta$ as well. It is convinient to make the expansion for T in terms of Fourier transforms

$$T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n, \quad (3.5)$$

where T_0 is given by (3.3), and T_n is

$$\begin{aligned} T_n &= \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^n} \int L^{(n)}(k_1, k_2, k_3 \dots k_{2+n}) \Psi_{k_1} \Psi_{k_2} \eta_{k_3} \dots \eta_{k_{2+n}} \times \\ &\times \delta(k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_{n+2}) dk_1 \dots dk_{n+2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

$$L^{(1)}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = -(k_1 k_2) - |k_1 k_2| \tanh(k_1 h) \tanh(k_2 h) \quad (3.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L^{(2)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) &= \frac{1}{4} |k_1| |k_2| \tanh(k_1 h) \tanh(k_2 h) \times \\ &\times \left\{ -\frac{2|k_1|}{\tanh(k_1 h)} - \frac{2|k_2|}{\tanh(k_2 h)} + |k_1 + k_3| \tanh(|k_1 + k_3| h) + \right. \\ &+ |k_2 + k_3| \tanh(|k_2 + k_3| h) + |k_1 + k_4| \tanh(|k_1 + k_4| h) + \\ &\left. + |k_2 + k_4| \tanh(|k_2 + k_4| h) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

On deep water, when $kh \rightarrow \infty$, expressions (3.7), (3.8) simplify to

$$L^{(1)} = -(k_1 k_2) - |k_1| |k_2| \quad (3.9)$$

$$L^{(2)} = \frac{1}{4} |k_1| |k_2| \left\{ -2|k_1| - 2|k_2| + |k_1 + k_3| + |k_1 + k_4| + |k_2 + k_3| + |k_2 + k_4| \right\} \quad (3.10)$$

Expressions (3.9), (3.10) were found in the original papers of the author (V.Zakharov, 1967; V.Zakharov, 1968). Formulae (3.7), (3.8) were published in 1970 (V.Zakharov, Kharitonov, 1970). (See also, A.Radder, 1992; R.Lin, W.Petrie, 1997.)

In the present moment the calculation of $L^{(n)}$ for any n is a relatively easy problem. Kinetic energy can be presented in the form

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \int \Psi \hat{G} \Psi \, dr, \quad (3.11)$$

where $\hat{G} = \hat{G}(\eta)$ is the *Dirichet-Neumann Operator*, defined as

$$\hat{G}(\eta) \Psi = (1 + \nabla_{\perp} \eta)^{1/2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{z=\eta} \quad (3.12)$$

This operator is self-adjoint, non-negative, and can be presented in a form of series in powers of η :

$$G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n, \quad (3.13)$$

where

$$G_0 = |\nabla_{\perp}| \tanh(|\nabla_{\perp}| h). \quad (3.14)$$

The terms G_n may be computed systematically by the use of a recursion formula found by Craig and Sulem (Craig, Sulem, 1992). (See also, Craig, Groves, 1994.)

The potential energy U can be expanded in Taylor series on $\nabla_{\perp} \eta$ by the use of expansion on $\sqrt{1 + \nabla_{\perp} \eta^2}$ in (2.5). Finally, we obtain:

$$H = H_0 + H_1 + H_2 + \dots \quad (3.15)$$

The first three terms in this expansion are the following:

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int \{A_k |\Psi_k|^2 + B_k |\eta_k|^2\} dk \quad (3.16)$$

$$A_k = k \tanh(kh), \quad B_k = g + \sigma k^2$$

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2(2\pi)} \int L^{(1)}(k_1, k_2) \Psi_{k_1} \Psi_{k_2} \eta_{k_3} \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \quad (3.17)$$

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2} \int L^{(2)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) \Psi_{k_1} \Psi_{k_2} \eta_{k_3} \eta_{k_4} \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 - \\ - \frac{\sigma^2}{8(2\pi)^2} \int (k_1, k_2)(k_3, k_4) \eta_{k_1} \eta_{k_2} \eta_{k_3} \eta_{k_4} \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 \quad (3.18)$$

4 Normal Variables

The Fourier transforms, Ψ_k and η_k , satisfy the conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{-k} &= \Psi_k^* \\ \eta_{-k} &= \eta_k^*. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

They can be given as:

$$\eta_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{A_k}{B_k} \right)^{1/4} (a_k + a_{-k}^*), \quad (4.2)$$

$$\Psi_k = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{B_k}{A_k} \right)^{1/4} (a_k - a_{-k}^*), \quad (4.3)$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \left(\frac{B_k}{A_k} \right)^{1/4} \eta_k - i \left(\frac{A_k}{B_k} \right)^{1/4} \Psi_k \right\}. \quad (4.4)$$

The transformation $\Psi_k, \eta_k \rightarrow a_k$ is canonical in the following sense. One can check that

$$\frac{\partial a_k}{\partial t} + i \frac{\partial H}{\partial a_k^*} = 0, \quad (4.5)$$

where Hamiltonian H can be presented as a sum of two terms

$$H = H_0 + H_{int}. \quad (4.6)$$

For the first term we have

$$H_0 = \int \omega_k a_k a_k^* dk, \quad (4.7)$$

where $\omega_k > 0$, and is defined as

$$\omega_k = \sqrt{A_k B_k} = \sqrt{k \tanh(kh) (g + \sigma k^2)}. \quad (4.8)$$

The second term, H_{int} , is presented by the infinite series:

$$H_{int} = \frac{1}{n!m!} \sum_{n+m \geq 3} \int V^{n,m}(k_1 \dots k_n, k_{n+1} \dots k_{n+m}) a_{k_1}^* \dots a_{k_n}^* a_{k_{n+1}} \dots a_{k_{n+m}} \times \\ \times \delta(k_1 + \dots + k_n - k_{n+1} - \dots - k_{n+m}) dk_1 \dots dk_{n+m} \quad (4.9)$$

In the case under consideration we have

$$V^{(n,m)}(P, Q) = V^{(m,n)}(Q, P), \quad (4.10)$$

where $P = (k_1 \dots k_n)$ and $Q = (k_{n+1} \dots k_{n+m})$ are multiindices.

For more general Hamiltonian systems (in the presense of wind, for instance), the coefficients $V^{n,m}(P, Q)$ are complex, and

$$V^{(n,m)}(P, Q) = V^{*(m,n)}(Q, P). \quad (4.11)$$

Condition (4.11) guarantees that the Hamiltonian H_{int} is real.

For surface waves the coefficients can be written as:

$$V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \left(\frac{A_k B_{k_1} B_{k_2}}{B_k A_{k_1} A_{k_2}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(1)}(k_1, k_2) - \right. \\ \left. - \left(\frac{B_k A_{k_1} B_{k_2}}{A_k B_{k_1} A_{k_2}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(1)}(-k, k_1) - \left(\frac{B_k B_{k_1} A_{k_2}}{A_k A_{k_1} A_{k_2}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(1)}(-k, k_2) \right\} \quad (4.12)$$

$$V^{(0,3)}(k, k_1, k_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \left(\frac{A_k B_{k_1} B_{k_2}}{B_k A_{k_1} A_{k_2}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(1)}(k_1, k_2) + \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{B_k A_{k_1} B_{k_2}}{A_k B_{k_1} A_{k_2}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(1)}(k, k_1) + \left(\frac{B_k B_{k_1} A_{k_2}}{A_k A_{k_1} A_{k_2}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(1)}(k, k_2) \right\} \quad (4.13)$$

In this paper we will use only one coefficient of fourth order $V^{(2,2)}(P, Q)$. After a simple calculation we can obtain the following expression for this coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned}
V^{(2,2)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left\{ \tilde{L}^{(2)}(-k_1, -k_2, k_3, k_4) + \tilde{L}^{(2)}(k_3, k_4, -k_1, -k_2) - \tilde{L}^{(2)}(-k_1, k_3, -k_2, k_4) \right. \\
&- \tilde{L}^{(2)}(-k_1, k_4, -k_2, k_3) - \tilde{L}^{(2)}(-k_2, k_3, -k_1, k_4) - \tilde{L}^{(2)}(-k_2, k_4, -k_1, k_3) \left. \right\} - \\
&- \frac{\sigma^2}{64\pi^2} \left\{ (k_1, k_2)(k_3, k_4) + (k_1, k_3)(k_2, k_4) + (k_1, k_4)(k_2, k_3) \right\} \left(\frac{A_{k_1} A_{k_2} A_{k_3} A_{k_4}}{B_{k_1} B_{k_2} B_{k_3} B_{k_4}} \right)^{1/4}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

$$\tilde{L}^{(2)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{B_{k_1} B_{k_2} A_{k_2} A_{k_1}}{A_{k_1} A_{k_2} B_{k_3} B_{k_4}} \right)^{1/4} L^{(2)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) \tag{4.15}$$

We will not discuss the five-wave processes systematically. This makes it possible to use the following approximation for the Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \int \omega_k |a_k|^2 dk + \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \int V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2) (a_k a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^* + a_k^* a_{k_1} a_{k_2}) \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) dk dk_1 dk_2 + \\
&+ \frac{1}{6} \int V^{(0,3)}(k, k_1, k_2) (a_k a_{k_1} a_{k_2} + a_k^* a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^*) \delta(k + k_1 + k_2) dk dk_1 dk_2 + \\
&+ \frac{1}{4} \int V^{(2,2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) a_k^* a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2} a_{k_3} \delta(k + k_1 - k_2 - k_3) dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3
\end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

5 Canonical Transformation

In this chapter we will study only the gravity waves and put $\sigma = 0$. Now:

$$\omega_k = gk \tanh(kh). \tag{5.1}$$

The dispersion relation (5.1) is of the "non-decay type" and the equations

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_k &= \omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2} \\
k &= k_1 + k_a
\end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

have no real solution. It means that in the limit of small nonlinearity, the cubic terms in the Hamiltonian (4.16) can be excluded by a proper canonical transformation. The transformation

$$a(k, t) \rightarrow b(k, t) \tag{5.3}$$

must transform equation (4.5) into the same equation:

$$\frac{\partial b_k}{\partial t} + i \frac{\delta H}{\delta b_k^*} = 0. \tag{5.4}$$

This requirement imposes the following conditions on the Poisson's brackets between a_k and b_k :

$$\{a_k, a_{k'}\} = \int \left\{ \frac{\delta a_k}{\delta b_{k''}} \frac{\delta a_{k'}}{\delta b_{k''}^*} - \frac{\delta a_k}{\delta b_{k''}^*} \frac{\delta a_{k'}}{\delta b_{k''}} \right\} dk'' = 0 \quad (5.5)$$

$$\{a_k, a_{k'}^*\} = \int \left\{ \frac{\delta a_k}{\delta b_{k''}} \frac{\delta a_{k'}^*}{\delta b_{k''}^*} - \frac{\delta a_k}{\delta b_{k''}^*} \frac{\delta a_{k'}^*}{\delta b_{k''}} \right\} dk'' = \delta(k - k') \quad (5.6)$$

$$\{b_k, b_{k'}\} = \int \left\{ \frac{\delta b_k}{\delta a_{k''}} \frac{\delta b_{k'}}{\delta a_{k''}^*} - \frac{\delta b_k}{\delta a_{k''}^*} \frac{\delta b_{k'}}{\delta a_{k''}} \right\} dk'' = 0 \quad (5.7)$$

$$\{b_k, b_{k'}^*\} = \int \left\{ \frac{\delta b_k}{\delta a_{k''}} \frac{\delta b_{k'}^*}{\delta a_{k''}^*} - \frac{\delta b_k}{\delta a_{k''}^*} \frac{\delta b_{k'}^*}{\delta a_{k''}} \right\} dk'' = \delta(k - k') \quad (5.8)$$

The canonical transformation excluding cubic terms is given by the infinite series:

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= a_k^{(0)} + a_k^{(1)} + a_k^{(2)} + \dots \\ a_k^{(0)} &= b_k \\ a_k^{(1)} &= \int \Gamma_{k,k_1,k_2}^{(1)} b_{k_1} b_{k_2} \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) dk_1 dk_2 - 2 \int \Gamma_{k_2,k,k_2}^{(1)} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} \delta(k + k_1 - k_2) dk_1 dk_2 + \\ &\quad + \int \Gamma_{k,k_1,k_2}^{(2)} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2}^* \delta(k + k_1 + k_2) dk_1 dk_2 \\ a_k^{(2)} &= \int B_{k,k_1,k_2,k_3} b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} b_{k_3} \delta(k + k_1 - k_2 - k_3) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

Plugging (5.9) to (5.5), (5.6), we obtain infinite series in powers of b, b^* , which have to be identically zero in all orders except zero.

Let us accept

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2) = \Gamma^{(2)}(k_1, k, k_2) = \Gamma^{(2)}(k_2, k, k_1). \quad (5.10)$$

This condition provides that (5.5), (5.6) are satisfied in the first order on b, b^* . Substituting (5.9) to H we observe that cubic terms vanish:

$$\Gamma^{(1)}(k, k_1, k_2) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2)}{(\omega_k - \omega_{k_1} - \omega_{k_2})} \quad (5.11)$$

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{V^{(0,3)}(k, k_1, k_2)}{(\omega_k + \omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2})} \quad (5.12)$$

To calculate quadratic terms in the Hamiltonian, one has to calculate $B(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$. It can be done by putting zero quadratic in b, b^* , terms in (5.5), (5.6). This condition imposes on $B(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ the system of linear inhomogenous equations, which can be solved explicitly. This time-consuming work was done by V.Krasitskii (Krasitskii, 1991).

In this paper we offer another method for the construction of the canonical transformation, making possible to calculate b_k on all orders on b_k, b_k^* . Let us introduce a new variable τ , “auxiliary time”, and consider the following Hamiltonian system:

$$\frac{\partial a_k}{\partial \tau} + i \frac{\delta R}{\delta a_k^*} = 0, \quad (5.13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R = & +i \int \Gamma^{(1)}(k, k_1, k_2) (a_k^* a_{k_1} a_{k_2} - a_k a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^*) \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) dk dk_1 dk_2 \\ & + \frac{i}{3} \int \Gamma^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2) (a_k^* a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^* - a_k a_{k_1} a_{k_2}) \delta(k + k_1 + k_2) dk dk_1 dk_2, \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

and solve the equation (5.13) imposing the “initial condition”

$$a_k \Big|_{\tau=0} = b_k. \quad (5.15)$$

The following statement holds:

Solution of the equation (5.13) at $\tau = 1$ represents the canonical transformation (5.9).

To prove this fact we mention that in virtue of (5.13) the mapping $a(k, \tau) \rightarrow b(k, \tau)$ is canonical for any τ . The equation (5.13) is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial a_k}{\partial \tau} = & \int \Gamma^{(1)}(k, k_1, k_2) a_{k_1} a_{k_2} \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) dk_1 dk_2 \\ & - 2 \int \Gamma^{(1)}(k_2, k, k_1) a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2} \delta(k + k_1 + k_2) dk_1 dk_2 + \\ & + \int \Gamma^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2) a_{k_1}^* a_{k_2}^* \delta(k + k_1 + k_2) dk_1 dk_2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.16)$$

Expanding a_k in Taylor series on τ , one can find that the first term in this expansion coincides with quadratic terms $b^{(1)}$ in (5.9). Hence, we found the desired transformation.

$$\begin{aligned} B(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = & \Gamma^{(1)}(k_1, k_2, k_1 - k_2) \Gamma^{(1)}(k_3, k, k_3 - k) + \\ & \Gamma^{(1)}(k_1, k_3, k_1 - k_3) \Gamma^{(1)}(k_2, k, k_2 - k) - \\ & - \Gamma^{(1)}(k, k_2, k - k_2) \Gamma^{(1)}(k_3, k_1, k_3 - k_1) - \Gamma^{(1)}(k_1, k_3, k_1 - k_3) \Gamma^{(1)}(k_2, k_1, k_2 - k_1) - \\ & - \Gamma^{(1)}(k + k_1, k, k_1) \Gamma^{(1)}(k_2 + k_3, k_2, k_3) + \Gamma^{(2)}(-k - k_1, k, k_1) \Gamma^{(2)}(-k_2 - k_3, k_2, k_3) \end{aligned} \quad (5.17)$$

The expression (5.17) was found in 1991 (Zakharov, 1992). It coincided the Krasitskii equation found approximately at the same time but by the use of different methods.

To find all $a^{(1)}$ we can use the representation:

$$a(k, \tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{(n)} \tau^n, \quad (5.18)$$

substitute (5.18) to (5.13) and equalize terms of the power n . This procedure gives the recursion relation for calculation of $a^{(n)}$.

6 Shallow Water Approximation

The theory of surface waves can be essentially simplified in the “shallow water” limit $kh \rightarrow 0$. This approximation, first introduced by Airy (Airy, 1847) can be realized in terms of Hamiltonian formalism by two different ways.

The first way (Craig, Groves, 1994) is the most straightforward. We can present the solution of the Laplace equation

$$\nabla \Phi = 0 \quad (6.1)$$

in the form

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n(2n-1)} \Phi_n (z+h)^{2n}, \quad (6.2)$$

where Φ_0, Φ_n are functions on r , and

$$\Phi_{n+1} = -\Delta_{\perp} \Phi_n = -\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \Phi_n. \quad (6.3)$$

The solution (6.3) satisfies the boundary condition on the bottom:

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right|_{z=-h} = 0. \quad (6.4)$$

To satisfy the condition on a free surface we have to put:

$$\Psi = \Phi_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n-1)} \left(\Delta_{\perp}^n \Phi_0 \right) (\eta+h)^{2n}. \quad (6.5)$$

We assume that $\eta \leq h$. The expansion in (6.5) is going in powers of the parameter $(kh)^2$. Equation (6.5) can be solved by iteration

$$\Phi_0 = \Psi + \Psi^{(1)} + \dots, \quad (6.6)$$

where the second term is:

$$\Psi^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{\perp} \Psi. \quad (6.7)$$

For the kinetic energy we have:

$$T = T^{(0)} + T^{(1)} + \dots, \quad (6.8)$$

$$T^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} \int (\eta + h) (\Delta_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr, \quad (6.9)$$

$$T^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{6} \int (\eta + h)^3 (\Delta_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr - \frac{1}{2} \int (\eta + h)^2 (\nabla_{\perp} \eta \nabla_{\perp} \Psi) \Delta_{\perp} \Psi dr. \quad (6.10)$$

Further we will study the approximation of a shallow water in combination with the approximation of small angles. In this limit $T^{(1)}$ can be simplified to the form

$$T^{(1)} = -\frac{h^3}{6} \int (\Delta_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr. \quad (6.11)$$

In this approximation Hamiltonian H is:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_0 + H_1, \\ H_0 &= \frac{h}{2} \int (\nabla_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr - \frac{h^3}{6} \int (\Delta_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr + \frac{g}{2} \int \eta^2 dr + \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma}{2} \int (\nabla_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr, \end{aligned} \quad (6.12)$$

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int \eta (\nabla_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr. \quad (6.13)$$

The motion equations are:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \text{div}(\eta + h) \nabla_{\perp} \Psi = -\frac{h^3}{3} \Delta_{\perp}^2 \Psi, \quad (6.14)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_{\perp} \Psi)^2 + g\eta = \sigma \Delta_{\perp} \eta. \quad (6.15)$$

In one-dimensional geometry:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\eta + h) \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} &= -\frac{h^3}{3} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2}, \\ \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + g\eta &= \sigma \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial x^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6.16)$$

System (6.16) is completely integrable if $\sigma = 0$ (Kaup, 1976). It makes the whole system (6.14), (6.15) interesting from a pure theoretical point of view. However, this system is ill-posed in the region of very short waves. The linear analysis of (6.14), (6.15) gives the following expression for the dispersion relation:

$$\omega_k^2 = kh \left(g + \sigma k^2 \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} (kh)^2 \right), \quad (6.17)$$

if $1/3(kh)^2 > 1$. This is far beyond the limits of the applicability of the system (6.14), (6.15). Thus, this “instability” is nonphysical. However, this ill-posedness is the obstacle for the numerical simulation of this system.

7 Regularized Shallow-Water Equations

There are many different ways to regularize the ill-posed system (6.14)-(6.15). Usually, the regularization modifies the dispersion relation of surface waves. We offer below one more way for regularization of mentioned system, keeping untouched the dispersion relation:

$$\omega_k = \sqrt{(g_k + \sigma k^3) \tanh k}. \quad (7.1)$$

We preserve the exact formula for H_0 and will perform the transition $kh \rightarrow 0$ only in the interaction Hamiltonian H_{int} . This transition leads to a very simple expression

$$H_{int} = \frac{1}{2} \int \eta (\nabla_{\perp} \Psi)^2 dr \quad (7.2)$$

To justify this choice, one can compare $T^{(1)}$ given by (6.10), and $T^{(0)}$ given by (6.9). Since η can be at most of the order of h , we can conclude that:

$$T^{(1)} \simeq (kh)^2 T^{(0)}, \quad (7.3)$$

and more generally

$$T^{(n)} \simeq (kh)^{2n} T^{(0)}. \quad (7.4)$$

High-order terms in potential energy are very small as well.

Finally, we obtain for the Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left[k \tanh(kh) |\Psi_k|^2 + (g + \sigma k^2) |\eta_k|^2 \right] dk - \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi} \int (k_1 k_2) \Psi_{k_1} \Psi_{k_2} \eta_{k_3} \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

The motion equations become:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = k \tanh(kh) \Psi_k - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int (k k_1) \Psi_{k_1} \eta_{k_2} \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) dk_1 dk_2, \quad (7.6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -(g + \sigma k^2) \eta_k + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int (k_1 k_2) \Psi_{k_1} \Psi_{k_2} \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) dk_1 dk_2, \quad (7.7)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \text{div} \eta \nabla \Psi = \hat{L} \Psi = |\nabla_{\perp}| \tanh |\nabla_{\perp}| h \Psi, \quad (7.8)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \Psi)^2 + g \eta = \sigma \nabla \eta. \quad (7.9)$$

Equations (7.6)-(7.9) are very convinient for the direct numerical simulation by the use of a spectral code. In (7.8) \hat{L} is a pseudodifferential operator of convolution type, $(\hat{L} \Psi)_k = k \tanh(kh) \Psi_k$. It would be very interesting to know how good solitons in the system (7.8)-(7.9) describe real solitons.

8 Kadomtsev - Petviashvili Equation

Another way for combining both basic approximations is to perform the limit $kh \rightarrow 0$ in equations (4.5) after introducing normal variables. We can perform the expansion:

$$\omega_k = sk(1 - \alpha k^2 + \dots), \quad (8.1)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} h^2 - \frac{\sigma}{g} \right), \quad (8.2)$$

where coefficient α defines the dispersion of waves on shallow water. For deeper water:

$$h > h_0 \simeq \sqrt{\frac{3\sigma}{g}} \sim 3cm, \quad (8.3)$$

$\alpha > 0$, and the dispersion is negative. We will discuss this case further. For $h < h_0$ we have $\alpha < 0$, and the dispersion is positive.

Calculating H_{int} , we can put:

$$A_k \simeq h k^2, \quad B_k \simeq g. \quad (8.4)$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2) &= V^{(0,3)}(k, k_1, k_2) = V(k, k_1, k_2) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{g}{h} \right)^{1/4} (kk_1k_2)^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{(kk_1)}{kk_1} + \frac{(kk_2)}{kk_2} + \frac{(k_1k_2)}{k_1k_2} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (8.5)$$

This expression behaves at $kh \rightarrow 0$ like $(kh)^{-1/4}$. Analysis of expressions (3.8), (4.14) show that:

$$V^{(2,2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \simeq (kh) k^3, \quad kh \rightarrow 0. \quad (8.6)$$

The similar statement holds for all high-order coefficients. One can check that

$$V^{(n,m)}(P, Q) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{at} \quad kh \rightarrow 0 \quad (8.7)$$

for $n + m > 3$. Indeed, if $(n + m)$ is odd, then:

$$T^{n+m-2} \sim \eta^{n+m-2} \Psi^2 \sim h^{(n+m-2)/4}.$$

If $(n + m)$ is even,

$$T^{n+m-2} \simeq h \eta^{n+m-2} \Psi^2 \simeq h^{(n+m-2)/4+1}.$$

Thus one can neglect all interaction terms except cubical.

Further simplification can be done if we suppose that all excited waves propagate almost in the same direction, suppose along the axis x . We denote in this case: $k_x = p$, $k_y = q$, $q \ll p$, and $a(q, p) = 0$, if $p < 0$. In this approximation we have to put:

$$\omega(k) = \omega(p, q) = s \left(p + \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{p} - \alpha p^3 \right), \quad (8.8)$$

$$V(k, k_1, k_2) = \frac{3}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{g}{h} \right)^{1/4} (pp_1p_2)^{1/2} \theta(p) \theta(p_1) \theta(p_2), \quad (8.9)$$

$$\eta_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{h}{g} \right)^{1/4} |p|^{1/2} (a_{p,q} + a_{-p,-q}^*). \quad (8.10)$$

Here $\theta(p) = 1$ if $p > 0$, and $\theta(p) = 0$ if $p < 0$.

The equation (4.5) can be rewritten in the form:

$$\frac{\partial a_{pq}}{\partial t} + i \frac{\delta H}{\delta a_{p,q}^*} = 0 \quad (8.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial a_{pq}}{\partial t} + i \left(sp + \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{p} - \alpha p^3 \right) a_{pq} + i \frac{3}{8\pi\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{g}{h} \right)^{1/4} \int_{p_i > 0} (pp_1p_2)^{1/2} \times \\ & \times \left\{ a_{p_1q} a_{p_2,q} \delta(p - p_1 - p_2) \delta(q - q_1 - q_2) + \right. \\ & \left. + 2a_{p_1,q_1} a_{p_2,q_2}^* \delta(p - p_1 + p_2) \delta(q + q_1 + q_2) \right\} dp_1 dp_2 dq_1 dq_2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.12)$$

By use of (8.10) we can transform (8.12) to the equation on $\eta(p, q)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \eta_{pq}}{\partial t} + is \left(p + \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{p} - \alpha p^3 \right) \eta_{pq} + \\ & \frac{3}{8\pi} ip \frac{s}{h} \int \eta_{p_1q_1} \eta_{p_2q_2} \delta(p - p_1 - p_2) \delta(q - q_1 - q_2) dp_1 dp_2 dq_1 dq_2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.13)$$

Performing the Inverse Fourier transform we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + s \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \eta + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\eta^2}{h} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^x dx \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial y^2} + \alpha \frac{\partial^3 \eta}{\partial x^3} \right\} = 0. \quad (8.14)$$

This is called the so-called Kadomtsev - Petviashvili (KP) equation. There are two types of KP-equations in dependence on the sign of α . For deep water $\alpha > 1$, in this case (8.14) is KP-2 equation. For shallow water $\alpha < 0$, and (8.14) is KP-1 equation.

The dispersion relation (8.8) has a singularity at $p = 0$. To eliminate it, we will put

$$a(0, q) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \int \eta dx = 0. \quad (8.15)$$

This condition is compatible with the equation (8.11) and holds in time. By the change of variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + s \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \\ \eta &= 8u \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{|\alpha|^{1/4}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} &\rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{6}}{|\alpha|^{1/4}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{aligned} \quad (8.16)$$

the equation(8.14) can be transformed to a “standart” KP equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 6u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \right) + 3\beta^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad (8.17)$$

where $\beta^2 = \pm 1$. For the case of *negative* dispersion, $\alpha > 0$, $\beta^2 = 1$, equation (8.17) is the standart form for $KP - 2$ equation. In the case of *positive* dispersion, $\alpha < 0$, $\beta^2 = -1$, equation (8.17) is the $KP - 1$ equation written in the standart notation.

Introducing normal variables:

$$u(p, q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(a_{p,q} + a_{-p,-q}^* \right) \quad (8.18)$$

we can realize that $a_{p,q}$ satisfies the equation (8.11), and obtain the following expression for the Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_0 + H_{int}, \\ H_0 &= \int_{p>0} \omega(p, q) |a_{pq}|^2 dp dq, \quad \left(\omega(p, q) = p^3 - \frac{3\beta^2 q^2}{p} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{int} &= \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \int_{p_i>0} (p_1 p_2 p_3)^{1/2} \left\{ a_{p_1 q_1}^* a_{p_2 q_2} a_{p_3 q_3} + a_{p_1 q_1} a_{p_1 q_2}^* a_{p_3 q_3}^* \right\} \times \\ &\times \delta(p - p_1 - p_2) \delta(q - q_1 - q_2) dp dp_1 dp_2 dq dq_1 dq_2. \end{aligned} \quad (8.20)$$

Let us consider the equation (8.17) in the rectangular domain $0 < x < L_1$, $0 < y < L_2$, $S = L_1 L_2$. Now p, q run a discrete set of values

$$p_n = \frac{2\pi}{L_1} n, \\ q_m = \frac{2\pi}{L_2} m,$$

where $1 \leq n < \infty$ are positive integers, and $-\infty < m < \infty$ are all integers including zero. Assuming that

$$u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2S}} \sum_{n,m} |p_n|^{1/2} \left\{ a_{nm} e^{i(p_n x + q_m y)} + a_{nm}^* e^{-i(p_n x + q_m y)} \right\}, \quad (8.21)$$

we can check that a_{nm} satisfies the Hamiltonian system:

$$\frac{\partial a_{nm}}{\partial t} + i \frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial a_{nm}^*} = 0, \quad (8.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} = & \sum_{n,m} \omega(p_n q_m) |a_{nm}|^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2S}} \sum_{n_i, m_i > 0} (p_{n_1} p_{n_2} p_{n_3})^{1/2} \times \\ & \times \delta(n - n_1 - n_2) \delta(m - m_1 - m_2) \left[a_{n_1 m_1}^* a_{n_2 m_2} a_{n_3 m_3} + a_{n_1 m_1}^* a_{n_2 m_2}^* a_{n_3 m_3}^* \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (8.23)$$

Here Hamiltonian \hat{H} is the energy of fluid inside the rectangular $0 < x < L_1$, $0 < y < L_2$.

One can define the Poisson brackets between two complex functions $A(a_{nm}, a_{nm}^*)$, $B(a_{nm}, a_{nm}^*)$ as follow:

$$\{A, B\} = \sum_{n,m > 0} \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial a_{nm}} \frac{\partial B}{\partial a_{nm}^*} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a_{nm}^*} \frac{\partial A}{\partial a_{nm}} \right). \quad (8.24)$$

In (8.22)

$$\omega(p_n, q_m) = p_n^3 - \frac{3\beta^2}{p_n} q_m^2 \quad (8.25)$$

The KP equations have an infinite number of conservative quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_n}{dt} &= 0, \\ I_0 &= \int u \, dx \, dy, \\ I_1 &= \int w \, dx \, dy, \quad (w_x = \beta u_y) \\ I_2 &= \int u^2 \, dx \, dy \end{aligned} \quad (8.26)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &= \int u w \, dx \, dy, \\
I_4 &= \int \left(\frac{1}{2} u_x^2 - \frac{3}{2} \beta^2 w^2 + u^3 \right) dx \, dy, \\
I_5 &= \int \left\{ w u_y - u_x w_x + 2 w u^2 + \beta w \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \partial^{-1} w \right\} dx \, dy, \\
I_6 &= \dots
\end{aligned} \tag{8.27}$$

9 Integrability of KP-2 Equation

The KP equation (8.17) can be presented as a compatibility condition for the following linear system imposed on the auxiliary complex function Ψ :

$$\left(\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + u \right) \Psi = 0, \tag{9.1}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + 6u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 3u_x - 3\beta w \right) \Psi = 0, \tag{9.2}$$

where $w_x = u_y$.

This fact discovered in 1974 (Zakharov, Shabat, 1974; Dryuma, 1974) turned the KP equation to one of the most basic objects of modern nonlinear mathematical physics. An enormous number of articles are devoted to this equation. We can refer the reader to the book of Konopelchenko (Konopelchenko, 1993) and to review articles (Zakharov, Shulman, 1990; Zakharov, Balk, Shulman, 1993). We present below some consequences of representation (9.1), (9.2) which are most important from view-point of the theory of surface waves.

First we have to note that KP-1 and KP-2 are quite different Hamiltonian systems. This difference is very conspicuous if we introduce so-called “classical scattering matrix”. For any Hamiltonian system (4.5) one can replace the Hamiltonian (4.6) to the auxiliary Hamiltonian

$$H_\lambda = H_0 + e^{-\lambda|t|} H_{int}$$

and tend in (8.11) $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$. For any initial condition

$$a|_{t=0} = a_0(k)$$

we can find

$$a \rightarrow c_\lambda^\pm(k) e^{-i\omega(k)t} \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty. \tag{9.3}$$

The “asymptotic fields” $c_\lambda^\pm(k)$ are not independent. They are connected by the relation

$$c_\lambda^+ = \hat{S}_\lambda(c_\lambda^-). \quad (9.4)$$

The operator \hat{S}_λ is a nonlinear operator presented by the series

$$c_\lambda^{+s}(k) = c_\lambda^{-s}(k) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_n} \int S_{0,1\dots n}(\lambda) c_1^{-s_1} \dots c_n^{-s_n} \delta(-sk + s_1 k_1 + \dots + s_n k_n) dk_1 \dots dk_n \quad (9.5)$$

where $s = \pm 1$, $c_k^1 = c_k$, $c_k^{-1} = c_k^*$, and

$$S_{-0,1,\dots,n}(\lambda) = S_\lambda^{-s,s_1,\dots,s_n}(k, k_1, \dots, k_n)$$

Series (9.5) converged at least for large enough λ .

The classical scattering matrix S is defined by the limiting transition

$$\hat{S} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \hat{S}_\lambda, \quad c_\lambda^\pm(k) \rightarrow c^\pm(k). \quad (9.6)$$

After this transition the series (9.5) can diverge and turn to the formal series. Anyway, all its terms can be calculated algorithmically. We can easily find that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} S_{-0,1,\dots,n}^{(\lambda)} &= 2\pi i T^{-s,s_1,\dots,s_n}(k k_1 \dots k_n) \times \\ &\times \delta\left(-s\omega_k + s_1\omega_1(k_1) + \dots + s_n\omega_n(k_n)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (9.7)$$

The identity (9.7) is a result of energy conservation.

The coefficients $T^{-s,s_1,\dots,s_n}(k, k_1, \dots, k_n)$ are defined on the resonant manifolds

$$\begin{aligned} s k &= s_1 k_1 + \dots + s_n k_n \\ s \omega_k &= s_1 \omega_{k_1} + \dots + s_n \omega_{k_n}. \end{aligned} \quad (9.8)$$

A given manifold can occur to exist in dependence on the form of $\omega(k)$. For KP-1 equation we have

$$\omega(p, q) = p^3 + \frac{3q^2}{p}, \quad (9.9)$$

and the first nontrivial manifolds are given by systems:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= p_1 + p_2 & q &= q_1 + q_2 & \omega(p, q) &= \omega(p_1 q_1) + \omega(p_2 q_2) \\ p &= -p_1 + p_2 & q &= -q_1 + q_2 & \omega(p, q) &= -\omega(p_1 q_1) + \omega(p_2 q_2) \\ p &= p_1 - p_2 & q &= q_1 - q_2 & \omega(p, q) &= \omega(p_1 q_1) - \omega(p_2 q_2) \end{aligned} \quad (9.10)$$

In this case

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(-1,1,1)}(k, k_1, k_2) &= T^{(-1,-1,1)}(k, k_1, k_2) = T^{(-1,1,-1)}(k, k_1, k_2) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} (pp_1p_2)^{1/2} \theta(p) \theta(p_1) \theta(p_2). \end{aligned} \quad (9.11)$$

For KP-2 system:

$$\omega(p, q) = p^3 - \frac{3q^2}{p}, \quad (9.12)$$

and equations (9.11) have no real solutions.

The first nontrivial resonant manifold is given by equations:

$$\begin{aligned} p + p_1 &= p_2 + p_3 \\ q + q_1 &= q_2 + q_3 \\ \omega(p, q) + \omega(p_1, q_1) &= \omega(p_2, q_2) + \omega(p_3, q_3) \end{aligned} \quad (9.13)$$

The corresponding coefficient in the scattering operator is:

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(-1,-1,1,1)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{V(k + k_1, k, k_1) V(k_2 + K_3, k_2, k_3)}{\omega_{k+k_1} - \omega_k - \omega_{k_1}} + \right. \\ &+ \frac{V(k, k_2, k - k_2) V(k_3, k_3 - k_1, k_1)}{\omega_{k-k_2} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_3}} + \frac{V(k, k_3, k - k_3) V(k_2, k_2 - k_1, k_1)}{\omega_{k-k_3} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_3}} + \\ &\left. \frac{V(k_2, k, k_2 - k) V(k_1, k_1 - k_3, k_3)}{\omega_{k_2-k} + \omega_k - \omega_{k_2}} + \frac{V(k_3, k, k_3 - k) V(k_2, k_2 - k_1, k_1)}{\omega_{k_3-k} + \omega_k - \omega_{k_3}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (9.14)$$

where $V(k, k_1, k_2) = V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2) = 1/2\pi\sqrt{2}(pp_1p_2)^{1/2} \theta(p) \theta(p_1) \theta(p_2)$.

The following astonishing statement is of a serious importance for the theory of surface waves:

Theorem 9.1

$$T^{(-1,-1,1,1)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \equiv 0 \quad (9.15)$$

on the resonant manifold (9.14).

This theorem was formulated in 1980 (Zakharov and Shulman, 1980). One can check the identity (9.15) by direct calculations. It is possible, but the calculations are cumbersome and not necessary. Theorem (9.1) is just a very simple consequence of two much stronger theorems:

Theorem 9.2

For KP-2 equation all the coefficients

$$T^{-s, s_1, \dots, s_n}(k, k_1, \dots, k_n) \equiv 0$$

on the resonant manifolds (9.8) and the classical scattering matrix is the unit operator.

This theorem was formulated by Zakharov and Shulman in 1988 and corroborates with another theorem, which can be extracted from the work of Bullough, Manakov and Jiang (1988):

Theorem 9.3

Let us consider the Cauchy problem for KP-2 equation:

$$u|_{t=0} = u_0(x, y), \quad \int u_0(x, y) dx = 0.$$

If u_0 is a smooth function and L_2 norm of u_0 is small enough:

$$\|u_0\|^2 = \int u_0^2(x, y) dx dy < \epsilon, \quad (9.16)$$

then:

1. *The solution of KP-2 equation exists globally at $-\infty < t < \infty$.*
2. *Asymptotically at $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$, the function $u(x, y, t)$ tends to be a solution of the linearized equation:*

$$u(x, y, t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int c^\pm(p, q) e^{i(px+qy-\omega(p, q)t)} dp dq. \quad (9.17)$$

3. *Asymptotic states coincide:*

$$c^+(p, q) \equiv c^-(p, q). \quad (9.18)$$

Theorems (9.2) and (9.3) assert almost identical statements. They were proved almost in the same time, but the methods of proof were cardinally different. To prove (9.3) the authors used the Inverse Scattering Method. This proof is very simple and elegant. It can be generalized and applied to a certain class of systems having a “Lax representation” similar to (9.1), (9.2).

Both KP equations, KP-1 and KP-2, belong to a special class of nonlinear partial differential equations which can be treated by the use of “Inverse Scattering Method”. Colloquially, they are called “integrable” equations. This is not exactly correct. The concept of integrability of a finite dimensional Hamiltonian system has the clear mathematical meaning and assumes a possibility of the complete separation of variables in the Hamiltonian - Jacobi equation and introducing of action-angle variables. This concept can be

extended to the system of infinite but countable number of degrees of freedom. Nonlinear Hamiltonian PDE in a rectangular domain with periodic boundary conditions are classical examples of such systems.

We (Shulman and myself) have to admit that our proof of the Theorem (9.2) is more difficult and complicated, but it has its own merits. It is quite elementary proof, which can be extended to a very wide class of nonlinear wave systems.

Let us consider a nonlinear wave Hamiltonian system (4.5), (4.6), (4.7), (4.9) and assume that the wave vector k is 2-dimensional. We call the dispersion law ω_k degenerative if it satisfies two conditions:

1. The system of equations

$$\omega_{k+k_1} = \omega_k + \omega_{k_1} \quad (9.19)$$

defines in four-dimensional space (k, k_1) a three-dimensional surface Γ .

2. Another function

$$f \neq \alpha \omega + \beta k \quad (9.20)$$

satisfying on this surface the same equation

$$f_{k+k_1} = f_k + f_{k_1} \Big|_{\Gamma} \quad (9.21)$$

can be found. Otherwise the dispersion law is nongenerative.

We can generalize Theorem (9.2) to a following, much more general theorem:

Theorem 9.4

Let us consider the Hamiltonian wave system

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial a_k}{\partial t} + i \frac{\delta H}{\delta a_k^*} &= 0 \\ H &= \int \omega_k |a_k|^2 dk + \frac{1}{n!m!} \sum_{n+m \geq 3} \int V^{n,m}(k_1, \dots, k_n, k_{n+1}, \dots, k_{n+m}) \times \\ &\quad a_{k_1}^* \dots a_{k_n}^* a_{k_{n+1}} \dots a_{k_{n+m}} \delta(k_1 + \dots + k_n - k_{n+1} - \dots - k_{n+m}) dk_1 \dots dk_{n+m} \end{aligned} \quad (9.22)$$

and suppose that

1. *The dispersion law ω_k is non-degenerative,*
2. *System (9.22) has one additional constant of motion I , that is*

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = 0$$

and in virtue of (9.22), (9.23):

$$I_k = \int f_k |a_k|^2 dk + \frac{1}{n!m!} \sum_{n+m \geq 3} \int F^{n,m}(k_1, \dots, k_n, k_{n+1}, \dots, k_{n+m}) \times \\ \times a_{k_1}^* \dots a_{k_n}^* a_{k_{n+1}} \dots a_{k_{n+m}} \delta(k_1 + \dots + k_n + k_{n+1} + \dots + k_{n+m}) dk_1 \dots dk_{n+m} \quad (9.24)$$

3. All $F^{n,m}(k_1, \dots, k_n, k_{n+1}, \dots, k_{n+m})$ are continuous functions of their arguments.

Then:

1. Scattering is trivial. All elements of the scattering operators are identically zero on their resonant manifolds,

$$T^{-s, s_1, \dots, s_n}(k, k_1, \dots, k_n) \equiv 0. \quad (9.25)$$

2. System (9.22) has an infinite number of constants of motion similar to (9.24). We can replace f_k to any continuous function of two variables $g(k)$ and construct the integral \tilde{I} :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I} &= \int g_k |a_k|^2 dk + \dots \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.26)$$

with all higher-order coefficients $G^{n,m}(k_1 \dots k_{n+m})$ automatically be continuous.

3. All the constructed integrals commute, the Poisson's brackets between them are zero.

The KP-2 equation "almost satisfies" the conditions of Theorem 9.4. Equation (9.20) has no real solutions if

$$\omega(p, q) = p^3 - \frac{3q^2}{p},$$

so the dispersion law is non-degenerative. Integral I_5 in (8.26) is the desired additional integral. Its coefficients are not continuous. They have singularities at $p_i = 0$. However, this flaw can be fixed by imposing the condition $a(0, q) = 0$.

It is interesting that KP-1 equation does not satisfy the conditions of Theorem 9.4. The dispersion law

$$\omega(p, q) = p^3 + \frac{3q^2}{p}$$

is *degenerative*. As a result, scattering in the framework of this equation is nontrivial, and it has much less integrals of motion than KP-2 equation. See on this subject (Zakharov, Shulman; Zakharov, Balk, Shulman).

Practically, Theorem 9.4 claims that system (9.22) is completely integrable. This statement can be made more rigorous if on (x, y) plane system (9.22) is defined inside a rectangular with periodically boundary condition. In a k -space we have:

$$a_k = \sum_{\beta > 0} a_{nm} \delta(p - \alpha n) \delta(q - \beta m), \quad (9.27)$$

where $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$ are some constants.

System (9.22) turns now to a system with a countable number of degrees of freedom:

$$\dot{a}_{nm} + i \frac{\delta \tilde{H}}{\delta a_{nm}^*} = 0. \quad (9.28)$$

E.Shulman proved in 1988 the following important theorem (see also Krichever, 1989):

Theorem 9.5

If the conditions of Theorem 9.4 are satisfied, system (9.28) is integrable in a formal sense.

One can find the canonical transformation

$$a_N \rightarrow c_n, \quad N = (n, m), \quad K = (\alpha n, \beta m)$$

presented by a formal series

$$a_N^s = c_N^s + \sum_{s_i, N_i} \Gamma^{-, s_1, \dots, s_n}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) c_{k_1}^{s_1} \dots c_{k_n}^{s_n} \delta(sk - s_1 k_1 - \dots - s_n k_n) \quad (9.29)$$

such, that the Hamiltonian \tilde{H} has a form:

$$\tilde{H} = \sum \omega(k) |c_k|^2 + \sum_{k_1 \dots k_n} R(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) |c_{k_1}|^2 \dots |c_{k_n}|^2. \quad (9.30)$$

System (9.28) is integrable in a rigorous sense if series (9.29) and (9.30) are convergent.

System (8.20) satisfies to all formulated conditions and can be transformed to the form (9.30). The canonical transformation (9.29) coincides in quadratic term with the canonical transformation (5.9), excluding cubic terms in the Hamiltonian. In the next order these canonical transformations are different. The final expressions are complicated enough even for the first nontrivial term $R(k_1, k_2)$.

10 One Consequence of Integrability

A mathematically rigorous proof of integrability of the system (8.22), the KP-2 equation under periodically boundary conditions, would be a big achievement of a pure mathematics. However, even establishing of “formal” integrability of this system, described in the previous chapter, is a serious success. In practice it means the fulfilling of infinite number of very nontrivial identities. We discuss below the simplest among these identities -

one particular case of identity (8.25). Intriducing the standart notation $k_i = (p_i, q_i)$, we assume:

$$q = 0 \quad p_2 < q \quad p_3 < p \quad (10.1)$$

Under these assumptions the identity

$$T^{-1,-1,1,1}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = 0 \quad (10.2)$$

on the manifold

$$k + k_1 = k_2 + k_3 \quad (10.3)$$

$$\omega_k + \omega_{k_1} = \omega_{k_2} + \omega_{k_3} \quad (10.4)$$

is equivalent to the identity

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (p p_1 p_2 p_3)^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{(p + p_1)}{(p + p_1)^3 - p^3 - p_1^3 - \frac{3q_1^2}{p+p_1} + \frac{3q_1^2}{p_1}} + \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{(p - p_2)}{(p - p_2)^3 - p^3 + p_2^3 - \frac{3q_2^2}{p-p_2} + \frac{3q_2^2}{p_2}} + \frac{(p - p_3)}{(p - p_3)^2 - p^3 + p_3^3 - \frac{3q_3^2}{p-p_3} + \frac{3q_3^2}{p_3}} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10.5)$$

if

$$p + p_1 = p_3 + p_4 \quad (10.6)$$

$$q_1 = q_2 + q_3 \quad (10.7)$$

$$p^3 + p_1^3 - \frac{3q_1^2}{p_1} = p_2^3 + p_3^3 - \frac{3q_2^2}{p_2} - \frac{3q_3^2}{p_3} \quad (10.8)$$

The identity (10.5) can be transformed to the form:

$$\frac{p_1 (p + p_1)^2}{p_1^2 (p + p_1)^2 + q_1^2} = \frac{p_2 (p - p_2)^2}{p_2^2 (p - p_2)^2 + q_2^2} + \frac{p_3 (p - p_3)^2}{p_3^2 (p - p_3)^2 + q_3^2} \quad (10.9)$$

It is held on the manifold (10.6)-(10.8). A direct ckecking of this fact is a difficult task. Let us do this in a simple case $p_3 = p$. Than $p_1 = p_2$, and from (10.7), (10.8) we can obtain:

$$q_1 = -\frac{p + p_2}{p - p_2} q_2 \quad (10.10)$$

and the equality (10.9) is satisfied. To check the identity (10.9) ina generic case, one can use a program of analytical calculation on a computer. However, we have to repeat that these calculations (they were fulfilled once) are not necessary. The identity (10.5) is just the consequence of Theorem 9.4 and the fact of existense of the “extra integral” I_5 .

11 Effective Hamiltonian on Water of Finite Depth

Let us return to the canonical transformation (5.9). In new variables, β_k , we have:

$$H = H_0 + H_2 + H_3 + \dots, \quad (11.1)$$

$$H_0 = \int \omega_k |b_k|^2 dk, \quad (11.2)$$

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{4} \int T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) b_k^* b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} b_{k_3} \delta(k + k_1 - k_2 - k_3) dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3, \quad (11.3)$$

$$H_3 = \dots$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\tilde{T}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) + \tilde{T}(k_1, k, k_2, k_3) + \tilde{T}(k_2, k_3, k, k_1) + \tilde{T}(k_3, k_2, k, k_1) \right) \\ \tilde{T}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) &= V^{(2,2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) + R^{(1)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) + R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \end{aligned} \quad (11.4)$$

and

$$R^{(1)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = - \frac{V^{(0,3)}(-k - k_1, k, k_1) V(-k_2 - k_3, k_2, k_3)}{\omega(-k - k_1) + \omega(k) + \omega(k_2)} \quad (11.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) &= - \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k + k_1, k, k_1) V^{(1,2)}(k_2 + k_3, k_2, k_3)}{\omega_{k+k_1} - \omega_k - \omega_{k_1}} - \\ &- \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k, k_2, k - k_2) V^{(2,2)}(k_3, k_3 - k_1, k_1)}{\omega_{k-k_2} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_2}} - \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k, k_3, k - k_3) V^{(1,2)}(k_2, k_2 - k_1, k_1)}{\omega_{k-k_3} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_3}} - \\ &- \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k_2, k, k_2 - k) V^{(1,2)}(k_1, k_1 - k_3, k_3)}{\omega_{k_2-k} + \omega_k - \omega_{k_2}} + \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k_3, k, k_3 - k) V^{(1,2)}(k_2, k_2 - k_1, k_1)}{\omega_{k_3-k} + \omega_k - \omega_{k_3}} \end{aligned} \quad (11.6)$$

The motion equation in new variables (5.4) takes the form:

$$\frac{\partial b_k}{\partial y} + i \omega_k b_k = - \frac{i}{2} \int T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) b_{k_1}^* b_{k_2} b_{k_3} \delta(k + k_1 - k_2 - k_3) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \quad (11.7)$$

Mostly this equation has to be considered on the resonant manifold, describing four-wave interactions:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_k + \omega_{k_1} &= \omega_{k_2} + \omega_{k_3} \\ k + k_1 &= k_2 + k_3 \end{aligned} \quad (11.8)$$

In the limit of deep water equation (11.7) coincides on this resonant manifold with the equation derived by the author in 1968 (V.Zakharov, 1968).

Suppose, that all k_i in $T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ are of the same order k . On deep water in the limit

$$kh \rightarrow \infty$$

all the terms in (11.4) are comparable and

$$T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \simeq k^3. \quad (11.9)$$

On shallow water in the limit

$$kh \rightarrow 0$$

we have to study the behavior of all three components of $\tilde{T}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ separately. According to (8.6), the first term in (11.4) behaves like $kh \times k^3$, and can be neglected. Apparently,

$$R^{(1)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \simeq \frac{k^3}{kh} \simeq \frac{k^2}{h}. \quad (11.10)$$

The most interesting term in (11.4) is $R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$. Let us consider it on a resonant manifold (11.8). If vectors k_1, k are far from being parallel, denominators in (11.6) are not small, and we have the estimate:

$$R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \simeq \frac{k^2}{h}. \quad (11.11)$$

However, if k_1 and k are almost parallel, in virtue of (11.8), k_2 and k_3 are almost parallel to k as well. In this case all the denominators in (11.6) are small. They reach their minimal values if all the vectors k_i are parallel. For instance, for parallel vectors we have:

$$\omega_{k+k_1} - \omega_k - \omega_{k_1} = c(k + k_1 - k - k_1) - \alpha(k + k_1)^3 + \alpha k^3 + \alpha k_1^3 = 3\alpha k k_1(k + k_1), \quad (11.12)$$

and the first term in (11.6) is equal:

$$\frac{V^{1,2}(k, k_1, k + k_1) V^{1,2}(k_2 + k_3, k_2, k_3)}{\omega_{k+k_1} - \omega_k - \omega_{k_1}} \simeq \frac{9g^{1/2}}{16\pi^2 h^3}. \quad (11.13)$$

The following fact is the direct consequence of "formal integrability" of KP-2 equation:

The terms of the order $1/h^3$ on the resonant manifold (11.8) are cancelled.

Indeed, $R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ reaches its maximal value when all the vectors k_i are almost parallel. Suppose that k is a given vector and introduce on planes k_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) coordinates (p_i, q_i) , where p_i are parallel to k while q_i are orthogonal to k . According to our assumptions all p_i are *positive* and $|q_i| \ll |p_i|$. Expanding $\omega(p, q)$ in Taylor series, we can rewrite the resonant conditions (11.8) as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}
q_1 &= q_2 + q_3, \\
p + p_1 &= p_2 + p_3, \\
-\alpha(p^3 + p_1^3) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{q_1^2}{p_1} &= -\alpha(p_2^3 + p_3^3) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{q_2^2}{p_2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{q_3^2}{p_3}.
\end{aligned} \tag{11.14}$$

In the considered case $\alpha > 0$ and these conditions can be transformed to the equations (10.6)-(10.8) by a trivial change of variables. As far as all the vectors k_i are almost parallel, one can use for $V^{(1,2)}(k, k_1, k_2)$ its simplified expression (8.9). As a result, the leading term in $R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ is proportional to $T^{-1,-1,1,1}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ given by (9.14). According to Theorem 9.1, it is zero. In the particular case $p_2 < p, p_3 < p$, the leading term in $R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ coincides with (11.4).

Cancellation of the most singular terms in $T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ on the resonant manifold (11.8) is an extremely nontrivial fact, which hardly could be discovered unless a proper development of the Inverse Scattering Method is done. The fact of cancellation makes the problem of numerical simulation of surface waves on shallow water much more hard and tricky than on deep water.

There is one more possibility to make denominators in $R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$. The resonant conditions (11.8) can not be satisfied if one of the vectors k_i is zero. However, in the limit $kh \rightarrow 0$ these conditions could be satisfied if the length of one of the vectors, suppose k_3 , is much less than the length of other vectors, which in this case must be almost parallel.

Let us consider this situation on the simplest example. Suppose, vectors k, k_1, k_2 are of the same length, parallel, and pointed in the same direction, while vector k_3 is small, parallel to k , but pointed in the opposite direction. Hence $k_i = p_i$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$) and $k_3 = -p_3$. We have now:

$$\begin{aligned}
p + p_1 &= p_2 - p_3, \\
\omega(p) + \omega(p_1) &= \omega(p_2) + \omega(p_3).
\end{aligned} \tag{11.15}$$

Taking $\omega \simeq S(p - \alpha p^3)$, one can find from (11.15):

$$p_3 \simeq 3\alpha p p_1 (p + p_1).$$

For pure gravity waves we have the estimate:

$$\frac{R_3}{k} \simeq (kh)^2, \tag{11.16}$$

and the denominator

$$\omega_{k+k_1} - \omega_k - \omega_{k_1} \simeq \omega_k (kh)^2. \tag{11.17}$$

The same estimate is correct if vectors k, k_1, k_2 are slightly nonparallel. The small vector k_3 in this case can be pointed in an arbitrary direction. The estimate (11.16) shows that

the process under discussion is "quasi-resonant". As far as k_3 is not parallel to k_i , there is no reason for cancellation of this type terms in $R^{(2)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$. Due to the factor $|k_3|^{1/2}$ in the coefficients $V(k, k_1, k_2)$, the final estimate for the coefficient of four-wave quasi-resonant processes including a long wave is:

$$T \simeq \frac{1}{h^3} kh \simeq \frac{k}{h^2} \quad (11.18)$$

A possible significance of the processes of this type was mentioned by Lin and Perrie (Lin, Perrie, 1997). To estimate a real importance of these processes one has to take into account their small "phase volume". Indeed, $k_3^2 \simeq k^2 (kh)^4$ is a very small factor. Thus, the contribution of quasi-resonant processes depends essentially of the shape of distribution of energy in the k -space. This is a subject of a special detailed consideration.

Cancellation of the most important terms in the coefficient of four-wave interaction can lead to a hypothesis that some high-order (five-waves, six-waves, etc.) interactions could be more important on shallow water than four-wave interaction. This is not true. In virtue of Theorem 9.2 the leading terms in the coefficient of five-wave interaction are cancelled, as well as in the coefficient of four-wave interaction. The same is correct in any order. According to Theorem 9.2, in KP-2 equation coefficients of all n -wave interactions on the corresponding resonant manifolds are zero. In a real situation they are non-zero. However they are just "remnant", survived after cancellation of the leading terms, caused by integrability of KP-2 equation. The accurate calculation of these coefficients is a hard and time-consuming problem.

12 Non-Hamiltonian Effects

So far we discussed only wave-wave interaction described by the Hamiltonian fluid dynamics. But the system of surface waves is not closed in a physical sense and certain non-Hamiltonian effects are very important for developing of an adequate models of wind-driven sea waving. The most important among those effects is "wave-breaking" normally providing dissipation of most of the wave energy. An initial stage of the wave breaking can be described in the framework of Hamiltonian dynamics. It is the formation of a singularity on the initially smooth surface of a fluid.

Elaboration of a reliable theory of this process is one of the most challenging problems in Nonlinear Mathematical Physics. The most probable scenario of wave-breaking is the formation, in a finite time, of a "wedge-type" singularity - discontinuity of first space derivative η_x .

However, it is only the first act of wave-breaking scenario. The second act is the formation of a "white cap" - a surface covered with foam from above and full of intense turbulence and air bubbles inside. At most, one can hope to develop a proper qualitative and phenomenological theory of these types of phenomena. But in a typical situation wave-breaking is rare and the part of sea surface covered with "white caps" is small.

In this case wave breaking phenomena can be treated as a "universal sink" of wave energy in the region of large wave numbers and taken into account just as the boundary condition imposed at $k \rightarrow \infty$. The whole theory can be developed without the knowledge of the detailed mechanism of wave-breaking and the connected phenomena.

Another fundamental non-Hamiltonian process is the wind-wave interaction. This interaction is actually nothing but Cherenkov-type instability causing the generation of all waves having a small enough phase velocity, less than the wind velocity at a certain standard height. In oceanography this instability is traditionally called "Miles instability" (see Miles, 1958). Analytical calculations of the growth rate of this instability is a very hard problem due to intensive turbulence of the wind. Nevertheless, this growth rate is known from numerous experiments and computer simulations.

Due to the presence of the small parameter $\epsilon = \rho_a / \rho_w$ (ρ_a , ρ_w are air and water densities correspondingly), the interaction with a wind is weak, and one can take it into account just by replacing in (11.7)

$$\omega_k \rightarrow \omega_k + i\beta_k. \quad (12.1)$$

For β_k one can accept the expression offered by M.Donelan (M.Donelan, 1993):

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_k &= 0,194 \epsilon \omega_k \left(\frac{\vec{u}k}{\omega_k} - 1 \right)^2 \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\vec{u}k}{\omega_k} - 1 > 0 \\ \beta_k &= 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\vec{u}k}{\omega_k} - 1 < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (12.2)$$

This simple expression is especially good for short waves, $\vec{u}k \gg \omega_k$.

On a finite depth another non-Hamiltonian effect has to be taken into account. This is the bottom friction, which could not be excluded from consideration for two reasons:

1. Bottom friction is the mechanism of wave energy dissipation. I_N can be taken into account by change in (11.7):

$$\omega_k \rightarrow \omega_k - i\gamma_k \quad (12.3)$$

According to S.Weber (Komen et al, 1994):

$$\gamma_k = c_f \frac{|k|}{\sinh 2kh}, \quad (12.4)$$

where c_f typically is equal 0.001–0.01m/sec, depending on the bottom and flow conditions. It is important that γ_k decays exponentially at $kh \rightarrow \infty$ and turns to

$$\gamma_k \simeq \frac{c_f}{2h} \quad (12.5)$$

if $kh \rightarrow 0$.

2. Bottom friction leads to the additional mechanism of nonlinear wave interaction. Cubic term H_1 in the Hamiltonian (3.15) and the corresponding quadratic terms in the motion equation (4.5) generates forced beating with wave numbers $k_1 \pm k_2$, and frequencies $\omega_{k_1} \pm \omega_{k_2}$. These beatings, like the initial wave, loose the energy due to the bottom friction.

A linear dissipating of the beating is an additional reason for the *nonlinear* interaction of the basic waves. This is essentially non-Hamiltonian process. Similar processes have been studied very well in the theory of plasma turbulence (see, for instance, Zakharov, Musher, Rubenchik, 1985).

It is remarkable that this non-Hamiltonian process can be still described in a framework of equation (11.7). We just have to modify;

$$T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \rightarrow T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) + i S(k, k_1, k_2, k_3), \quad (12.6)$$

where $T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ is the Hamiltonian inyteraction coefficient satisfying the condition:

$$T(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = T^*(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = T(k_1, k, k_2, k_3) = T(k_2, k_3, k, k_1) \quad (12.7)$$

The non-Hamiltonian term $S(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ can be calculated by using of methods of multi-scale expansions, implemented in the article (V.Zakharov, 1968). Omitting the details of this calculation, let us present the final result:

$$\begin{aligned} S(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = & \gamma_{k-k_2} \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k, k_2, k-k_2) V^{(1,2)}(k_3, k_3-k_1, k_1)}{(\omega_{k-k_2} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_2})^2} + \\ & + \gamma_{k-k_3} \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k, k_3, k-k_3) V^{(1,2)}(k_2, k_2-k_1, k_1)}{(\omega_{k-k_3} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_3})^2} - \\ & - \gamma_{k_1-k_2} \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k_1, k_2, k_1-k_2) V^{(1,2)}(k_3, k_3-k, k)}{(\omega_{k_1-k_2} - \omega_k + \omega_{k_2})^2} - \\ & - \gamma_{k_1-k_3} \frac{V^{(1,2)}(k_1, k_3, k_1-k_3) V^{(1,2)}(k_2, k_2-k, k)}{(\omega_{k_1-k_3} - \omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_3})^2} \end{aligned} \quad (12.8)$$

The expression (12.8) satisfies the following symmetry condition:

$$S(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = S(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = -S(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) \quad (12.9)$$

In virtue of this condition the equation (11.7), though non-Hamiltonian still preserve the constant of motion, the total wave action:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 0, \quad N = \int |b_k|^2 dk \quad (12.10)$$

if only $G_m \omega_k = 0$.

Equation (11.7) includes all non-Hamiltonian corrections and is a proper and convinient base for statistical description of small-amplitude waves on a surface of a finite-depth fluid.

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