

# DIMENSION BREAKING

Solutions of the KP equation

$$\partial_{xx} \left( u_{xx} - u - \frac{3}{2} u^2 \right) - u_{zz} = 0 \quad (\text{KP})$$

which do not depend upon  $z$  and decay as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$  satisfy the KdV equation

$$u_{xx} - u - \frac{3}{2} u^2 = 0 \quad (\text{KdV})$$

(KdV) has the solitary-wave solution

$$u(x) = -\text{sech}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

(KP) has a family

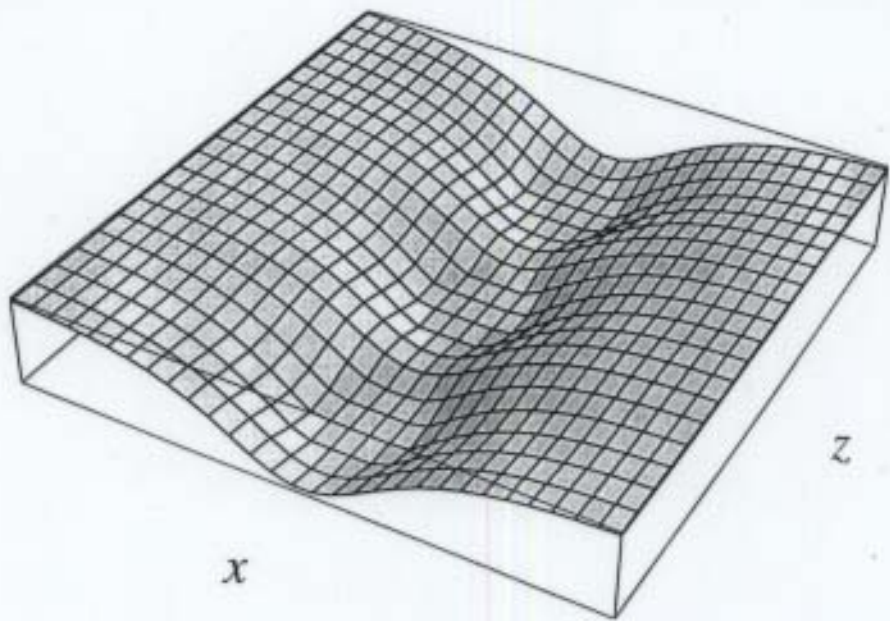
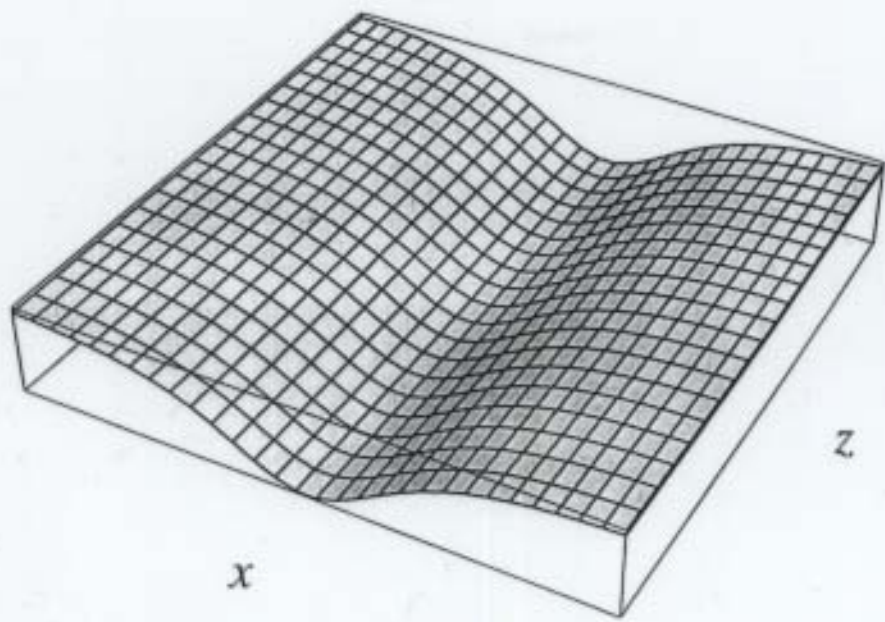
$$u_\varepsilon(x, z) = -\frac{4(1-\varepsilon^2)}{4-\varepsilon^2} \frac{1 - \varepsilon \cosh(a_\varepsilon x) \cos(\omega_\varepsilon z)}{(\cosh(a_\varepsilon x) - \varepsilon \cos(\omega_\varepsilon z))^2}, \quad \varepsilon \in [0, 1)$$

$$a_\varepsilon = \left( \frac{1-\varepsilon^2}{4-\varepsilon^2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \omega_\varepsilon = \frac{(3(1-\varepsilon^2))^{1/2}}{4-\varepsilon^2}$$

of waves which are periodic in  $z$  and decay as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ .

- $u_0$  is the KdV line solitary wave
- $u_\varepsilon, \varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  is a periodically modulated solitary wave
- $u_1$  is a fully localised solitary wave  
(it decays as  $z \rightarrow \pm \infty$ )

The periodically modulated solitary waves emerge from the line solitary wave in a dimension-breaking bifurcation.

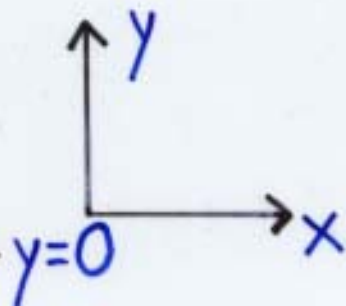


# THE WATER-WAVE PROBLEM


$$y = h + p(x, z, t)$$

$$\phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} + \phi_{zz} = 0$$

$$\phi_y = 0$$



Nonlinear boundary conditions:

$$p_t = \phi_y - \rho_x \phi_x - \rho_z \phi_z$$

$$\phi_t + \frac{1}{2}(\phi_x^2 + \phi_y^2 + \phi_z^2) + gp$$

$$- \sigma \left[ \frac{\rho_x}{\sqrt{1 + \rho_x^2 + \rho_z^2}} \right]_x - \sigma \left[ \frac{\rho_z}{\sqrt{1 + \rho_x^2 + \rho_z^2}} \right]_z = 0$$

Travelling waves:

$$p(x, z, t) = p(x - ct, z) \quad \phi(x, y, z, t) = \phi(x - ct, y, z)$$

Parameters:  $\alpha = gh/c^2$ ,  $\beta = \sigma/hc^3$

• Line solitary waves:  $p(x, z) = p(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$

• Periodically modulated solitary waves:

$$p(x, z + P) = p(x, z)$$

$$p(x, z) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

# MODEL EQUATIONS

KdV equation

$$u_{xx} - u - \frac{3}{2}u^2 = 0$$

Formulated 1895 as  
a model equation  
for 2D water waves

Line solitary wave

$$u = -\operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Dimension-breaking  
bifurcation

KP equation

$$\partial_{xx}(u_{xx} - u - \frac{3}{2}u^2) - u_{zz} = 0$$

Formulated 1970 as  
a model equation  
for 3D water waves

Periodically modulated  
solitary waves

Euler equations for  
2D water waves

Amick & Kirchgässner (1989):  
line solitary wave

$$\eta = -\varepsilon \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{1/2}x}{2(\beta - 1/3)^{1/2}}\right) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\alpha = 1 + \varepsilon, \quad \beta > 1/3$$

Dimension-breaking  
bifurcation?

Euler equations for  
3D water waves

Periodically modulated  
solitary waves?

# SPATIAL DYNAMICS

Formulate the 3D water-wave problem as an evolutionary equation

$$u_z = L_\varepsilon u + N_\varepsilon(u), \quad u \in X \quad (1)$$

$z$  is the 'time-like' variable

$X$  is a Hilbert space of functions which decay as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$

Observation:

Equilibrium solutions of (1)  $\longleftrightarrow$  Line solitary waves

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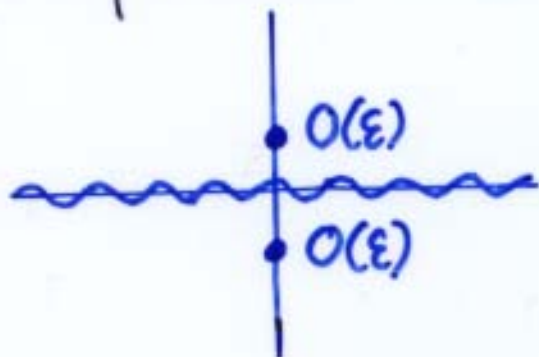
$$u(x, z) = u^*(x) + w(x, z)$$

$u^*(x)$  is a line solitary wave (Amick & Kirchgässner)

and study

$$w_z = Lw + N(w) \quad (2)$$

The spectrum of  $L$  for  $\alpha \in (1, 1+\varepsilon)$ ,  $\beta > 1/3$ :



- Lyapunov centre theorem  $\Rightarrow$  periodic solutions of (2)
- Periodic solutions of (2)  $\Rightarrow$  Periodically modulated solitary waves

# EVOLUTIONARY EQUATIONS

Formal variational principle:

$$\delta \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_0^{1+\rho(x,z)} (-\phi_x + \frac{1}{2}(\phi_x^2 + \phi_y^2 + \phi_z^2)) dy + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\rho^2 + \beta[\sqrt{1+\rho_x^2 + \rho_z^2} - 1] \right\} dx dz = 0$$

New variables:

$$\tilde{y} = y/(1+\rho), \quad \Phi(x, \tilde{y}, z) = \phi(x, y, z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L(\rho, \Phi, \rho_z, \Phi_z) dz$$

Legendre transform:

$$\omega = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \rho_z}, \quad \xi = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \Phi_z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_z = \rho_z(\rho, \omega, \Phi, \xi), \quad \Phi_z = \Phi_z(\rho, \omega, \Phi, \xi)$$

Hamiltonian:

$$H(\rho, \omega, \Phi, \xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^1 \Phi_z \xi d\tilde{y} dz + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho_z \omega dz - L(\rho, \Phi, \rho_z, \Phi_z)$$

Hamilton's equations:

$$\rho_z = \frac{\delta H}{\delta \omega}, \quad \omega_z = -\frac{\delta H}{\delta \rho}, \quad \Phi_z = \frac{\delta H}{\delta \xi}, \quad \xi_z = -\frac{\delta H}{\delta \Phi}$$

+ nonlinear boundary conditions

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Eliminate with a 'linearising diffeomorphism'

# EVOLUTIONARY EQUATIONS

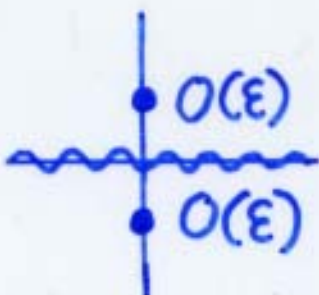
$$\frac{d}{dz} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ \omega \\ \phi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} = L_c \begin{pmatrix} p \\ \omega \\ \phi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} + N_c \begin{pmatrix} p \\ \omega \\ \phi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}$$

- We study this evolutionary equation in a Hilbert space of functions which decay as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .
- Equilibrium solutions of (1)  $\leftrightarrow$  Line solitary waves
- Seek solutions

$$u(x,z) = u^*(x) + w(x,z)$$

$\downarrow$  Line solitary wave

$$w_z = Lw + N(w)$$

$\rightarrow \sigma(L):$  

- $\lambda$  is a spectral point of  $L$  if  $(L - \lambda I)^{-1}$  does not exist
  - $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue if  $L - \lambda I$  is not injective
  - Otherwise  $\lambda$  is a point of the essential spectrum of  $L$

# LINEAR SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

Scaled resolvent equations:

$$L \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \omega \\ \Phi \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} - ik\varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \omega \\ \Phi \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho^\dagger \\ \omega^\dagger \\ \Phi^\dagger \\ \xi^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \\ (4) \end{matrix}$$

with boundary conditions  $\Phi_{\tilde{y}}|_{\tilde{y}=0,1} = B(\rho, \Phi)$ .

- Solve (1), (2), (4):

$$\rho = \rho(\Phi_x, k\Phi, \omega^\dagger), \quad \omega = \omega(k\Phi, \omega^\dagger), \quad \xi = \xi(k\Phi, \omega^\dagger)$$

- Insert into (3), BCs, Fourier transform, Green's function:

$$\hat{\Phi} = \int_0^1 G \mathcal{F}(\hat{\Phi}, \omega^\dagger) d\tilde{y} + G|_{\tilde{y}=0,1} \mathcal{F}(\hat{\Phi}, \omega^\dagger)$$

$\uparrow$   
=  $G_0$  + h.o.t.

- Write  $\Phi(x, \tilde{y}) = \Phi_1(x) + \Phi_2(x, \tilde{y})$ , where

$$\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(\Phi_{1x}, k\Phi_1, \omega^\dagger)$$

$$\Phi_{1xxxxx} - \Phi_{1xxx} + 3(\operatorname{sech}^2(\frac{x}{2})\Phi_{1xx}) + k^2\Phi_1 + \varepsilon^{1/4}R_{\varepsilon,k}(\Phi_1) = \mathcal{F}(\omega^\dagger)$$

This operator has  $\sigma = [0, \infty) \cup \{-\omega_0^2\}$

- Hence  $L - ik\varepsilon I$  is invertible except when

$$k^2 = k_\varepsilon^2, \quad |k_\varepsilon - \omega_0| = O(\varepsilon^{1/4})$$

# LINEAR SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

The origin lies in the 'essential spectrum' of  $L$ :

$$L \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \omega \\ \Phi \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho^\dagger \\ \omega^\dagger \\ \Phi^\dagger \\ \xi^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1^\dagger \end{pmatrix}_x + \begin{pmatrix} \xi_2^\dagger \end{pmatrix}_y$$

$$\Phi_{\tilde{y}} = B(\rho, \Phi) \quad \text{on } \tilde{y} = 0, 1$$

Use the same reduction procedure:

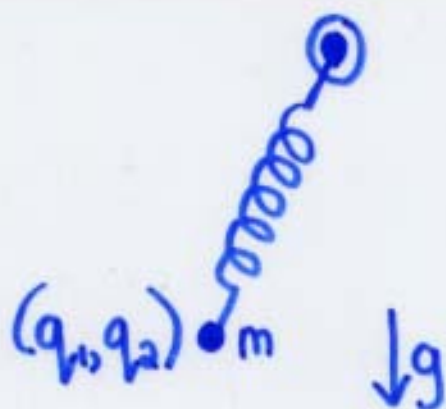
- $\omega = \omega(\omega^\dagger), \quad \xi = \xi(\omega^\dagger)$
- $\rho = \rho(\Phi_{1x}, \Phi_2, \omega^\dagger)$
- $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(\Phi_{1x}, \omega^\dagger)$

$\Phi_1$  satisfies the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{1xxxx} - \Phi_{1xx} + 3 \left( \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \Phi_{1x} \right)_x + \varepsilon^{1/4} (m(\Phi_{1x}))_x \\ = \partial_x(\gamma(\omega^\dagger)) + \partial_x(\gamma(\xi_1^\dagger)) \end{aligned}$$

- We integrate once with respect to  $x$
- The operator  $\partial_{xx} + 3 \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 1$  is invertible. Hence we can determine  $\Phi_{1x}$  but not  $\Phi_1$ .
- The function  $N(\omega)$  belongs to the range of  $L$ .

# A SIMPLE EXAMPLE



A spring pendulum

- Variational principle:

$$\delta \int L dt = 0, \quad L = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{q}_1^2 + \dot{q}_2^2) + mgq_2 - \sigma((q_1^2 + q_2^2)^{1/2})$$

- Legendre transform:

$$p_1 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_1} = m\dot{q}_1, \quad p_2 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_2} = m\dot{q}_2, \quad H = p_1\dot{q}_1 + p_2\dot{q}_2 - L$$

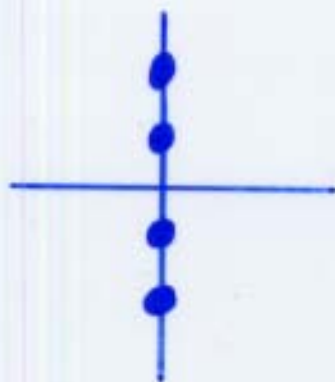
$$\dot{q}_1 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1}, \quad \dot{q}_2 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2}, \quad \dot{p}_1 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_1}, \quad \dot{p}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_2}$$

- $(0, -\ell, 0, 0)$  is an equilibrium:

$$u = (0, -\ell, 0, 0) + w$$

$$\dot{w} = Lw + N(w)$$

$\sigma(L)$ :



$$\pm i\sqrt{g/\ell}$$

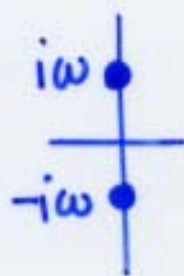
$$\pm i\sqrt{\sigma''(\ell)/m}$$

# LYAPUNOV CENTRE THEOREM

- Classical form for Hamiltonian systems:

$$\dot{q}_j = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_j}, \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

$$\dot{p}_j = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_j}, \quad j=1, \dots, n$$



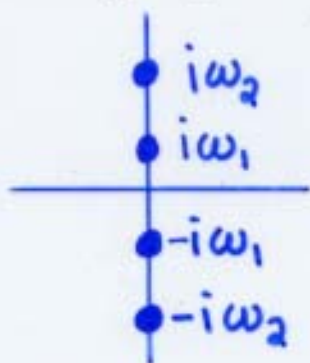
Nonresonance condition:  
 $i n \omega$ ,  $n \neq \pm 1$   
 is not an eigenvalue

$\Rightarrow$  There exists a family of solutions  $u = (q, p)$

$$u_s(t + 2\pi/\omega_s) = u_s(t), \quad |u_s(t)| \ll 1$$

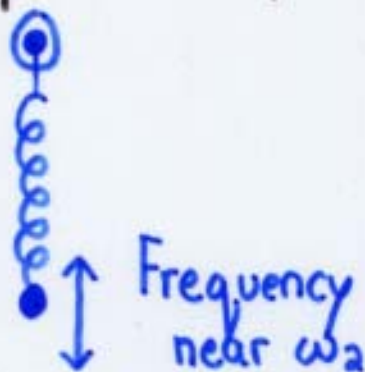
$$\omega_s \rightarrow \omega, \quad u_s \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0$$

Example (spring pendulum):

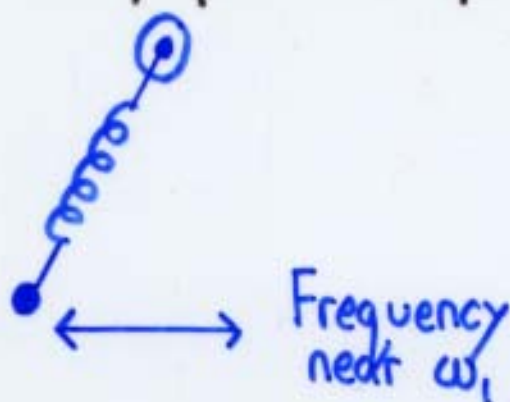


Generically  $\omega_2/\omega_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

First Lyapunov family:



Second Lyapunov family:



# GENERALISATIONS

- Moser/Weinstein: The nonresonance condition can be dropped if  $H''(0) > 0$ . For example

$$H = \frac{\omega}{2} (p_1^2 + q_1^2) + \omega (p_2^2 + q_2^2) + \dots$$

⇒ Two Lyapunov families (frequencies  $\sim \omega, \sim 2\omega$ )

- Devaney: The Hamiltonian structure can be replaced by reversibility:

$$u_t = Lu + N(u) \quad u \in X$$

is reversible if  $u$  a solution  $\Leftrightarrow Su$  a solution,  $S^2 = I, SL = -LS, SN = -NS$ . Hamiltonian systems:

$$S(q, p) = (q, -p)$$

- Iooss:

- Devaney's method does not require  $X$  to be finite dimensional. We need that  $\pm i n \omega, n \neq \pm 1$  is not a spectral point.

- Devaney's method does not require that  $0$  is not a spectral point. We need merely that

$$Lu = N(u)$$

has a unique solution  $u$  for each  $w$ .

# PERIODIC SOLUTIONS

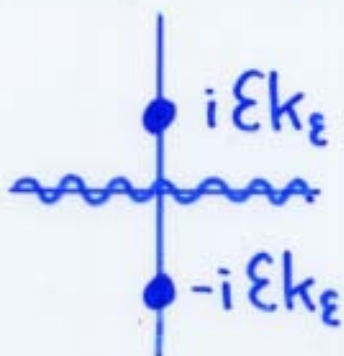
What do we know about our spatial dynamics problem

$$w_z = Lw + N(w), \quad w \in X?$$

- It is a reversible Hamiltonian system

$$S(p, w, \Phi, \xi) = (p, -w, \Phi, -\xi)$$

- $\sigma(L)$ :



- 0 belongs to the essential spectrum of L. The equation

$$Lv = N(w)$$

has a unique solution  $v$  for each  $w$ , but only the derivatives of  $\Phi$  are determined

- $L$  and  $N$  depend upon  $\Phi$  only through its derivatives
- The Devaney/Iooss method yields a family  $w_s(x, z + 2\pi/\omega_s) = w_s(x, z)$ ,  $|w_s| \ll 1$ ,  
 $\omega_s \rightarrow \epsilon k_\epsilon$ ,  $w_s \rightarrow 0$  as  $s \rightarrow 0$
- Periodically modulated solitary waves  $v^*(x) + w_s(x, z)$

# THE DEVANEY-IOOSS METHOD

$$w_z = Lw + N(w), \quad w \in X$$

$$Le = iwe, \quad L\bar{e} = -i\bar{w}\bar{e}, \quad Se = \bar{e}$$

We write

$$s = (w + \mu)z,$$

$$w = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} w_n e^{ins}, \quad w_{-n} = \bar{w}_n$$

to arrive at

$$Lw_0 = -[N(w)]_0 \quad (1)$$

$$(L - i\omega I)w_n = -[N(w)]_n + in\mu w_n, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \quad (2)$$

and

$$(L - i\omega I)w_{11} = -[N(w)]_1 + i\mu(w_{11} + ae), \quad w_1 = w_{11} + ae \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Solvability condition } \Omega(\dots, \bar{e}) = 0 \quad (4)$$

- Project the RHS of (3), solve (1), (2), (3):

$$w_0 = \mathcal{M}_0(\mu, a, \bar{a}), \quad w_{11} = \mathcal{M}_{11}(\mu, a, \bar{a}), \quad w_n = \mathcal{M}_n(\mu, a, \bar{a})$$

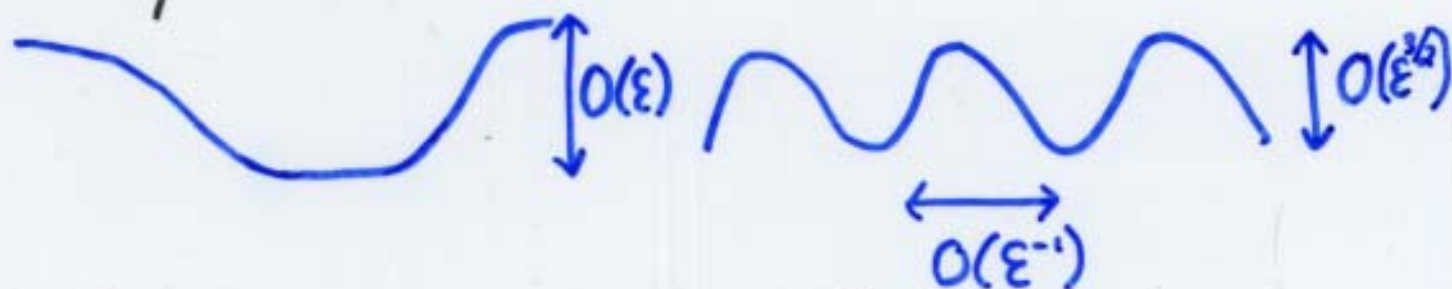
- Substitute  $w = \mathcal{M}_0 + (ae + \mathcal{M}_{11})e^{is} + \mathcal{M}_2 e^{2is} + \dots$  into (4):

$$\underbrace{\mu + \mathcal{L}_g(\mu, |a|^2)} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu = \Lambda(|a|^2)$$

Reversibility used to deduce this structure

# COMMENTS

- We have constructed periodically modulated solitary waves.



Profile in  $x$

Profile in  $z$

We cannot construct fully localised solitary waves by taking limits.

- It is a consequence of the dimension-breaking result that the Amick & Kirchgässner line solitary wave is unstable with respect to perturbations of the type

$$v(x, y, z, t) = e^{\sigma t} \underbrace{U(x, y, z)}, \quad 0 < \sigma \ll 1$$

We can find  $U_\sigma$ , periodic in  $z$ , so that  $v$  satisfies the linearised water-wave problem around  $v^*(x, y)$