

Fully nonlinear weakly dispersive travelling capillary–gravity waves

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Serre–(Green–Naghdi) equations

Shallow water equations

Credits:

- Lord RAYLEIGH (1876) [1]
- F. SERRE (1953) [2]
- C. SU & C. GARDNER (1969) [3]
- A. GREEN & P. NAGHDI (1976) [4]
- E. PELINOVSKY & ZHELEZNYAK (1985) [5]



Modern derivations:

- **Asymptotic methods:** Lannes & Bonneton (2009) [6]
- **Variational methods:**
 - **Particle description:** Miles & Salmon (1985) [7]
 - **Eulerian description:** Clamond & DD (2012) [8]



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Serre's equations with surface tension

1D case: the governing equations

- Governing equations (the mass conservation + momentum):

$$h_t + [h\bar{u}]_x = 0,$$

$$\bar{u}_t + \bar{u}\bar{u}_x + g h_x + \frac{1}{3} h^{-1} \partial_x [h^2 \tilde{\gamma}] = \tau [h_x (1 + h_x^2)^{-1/2}]_{xx}$$

- Vertical acceleration:

$$\tilde{\gamma} = h(\bar{u}_x^2 - \bar{u}_{xt} - \bar{u}\bar{u}_{xx}) = 2h\bar{u}_x^2 - h[\bar{u}_t + \bar{u}\bar{u}_x]_x$$

- Conservative form:

$$[h\bar{u}]_t + \left[h\bar{u}^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 + \frac{1}{3}h^2\tilde{\gamma} - \tau R \right]_x = 0$$

- Surface tension:

$$R = hh_{xx} (1 + h_x^2)^{-3/2} + (1 + h_x^2)^{-1/2},$$

Serre's equations: the conservation laws

- Momentum conservations:

$$\left[h\bar{u} - \frac{1}{3}(h^3\bar{u}_x)_x \right]_t + \left[h\bar{u}^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 - \frac{1}{3}2h^3\bar{u}_x^2 - \frac{1}{3}h^3\bar{u}\bar{u}_{xx} - h^2h_x\bar{u}\bar{u}_x - R \right]_x = 0$$

- Tangential velocity at the free surface:

$$\left[\bar{u} - \frac{(h^3\bar{u}_x)_x}{3h} \right]_t + \left[\frac{1}{2}\bar{u}^2 + gh - \frac{1}{2}h^2\bar{u}_x^2 - \frac{\bar{u}(h^3\bar{u}_x)_x}{3h} - \frac{\tau h_{xx}}{(1+h_x^2)^{3/2}} \right]_x = 0$$

- Energy conservation:

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}h\bar{u}^2 + \frac{1}{6}h^3\bar{u}_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 + \tau\sqrt{1+h_x^2} \right]_t + \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\bar{u}^2 + \frac{1}{6}h^2\bar{u}_x^2 + gh + \frac{1}{3}h\gamma - \frac{\tau R}{h} \right) h\bar{u} + \tau\bar{u}\sqrt{1+h_x^2} + \frac{\tau h h_x \bar{u}_x}{\sqrt{1+h_x^2}} \right]_x = 0$$

Serre-CG equations: travelling waves

$$\text{Fr} = c^2/gd, \text{Bo} = \tau/gd^2, \text{We} = \text{Bo} / \text{Fr} = \tau/c^2d$$

- Mass conservation: $\bar{u} = -cd / h, d = \langle h \rangle = \frac{1}{2\ell} \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} h dx$

- Momentum conservations lead:

$$\frac{\text{Fr} d}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2 d^2} + \frac{\tilde{\gamma} h^2}{3gd^2} - \frac{\text{Bo} h h_{xx}}{(1 + h_x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\text{Bo}}{(1 + h_x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \text{Fr} + \frac{1}{2} - \text{Bo} + K_1$$

- Tangential velocity:

$$\frac{\text{Fr} d^2}{2 h^2} + \frac{h}{d} + \frac{\text{Fr} d^2 h_{xx}}{3 h} - \frac{\text{Fr} d^2 h_x^2}{6 h^2} - \frac{\text{Bo} d h_{xx}}{(1 + h_x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{\text{Fr}}{2} + 1 + \frac{\text{Fr} K_2}{2}$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}/g = \text{Fr} d^3 h_{xx}/h^2 - \text{Fr} d^3 h_x^2/h^3$$

- Integration constants:

$$K_2 = \left\langle \frac{(3 + h_x^2) d^2}{3 h^2} - 1 \right\rangle$$

$$K_1 + \frac{1}{2} + \text{Fr} - \text{Bo} = \left\langle \frac{\text{Fr} d^2}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\text{Bo} d / h}{(1 + h_x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\rangle / \left\langle \frac{d}{h} \right\rangle.$$

Serre–CG equations: travelling waves

Particular emphasis on solitary waves

- Combination of two equations:

$$\frac{\text{Fr} d}{2 h} - \frac{h^2}{2 d^2} - \frac{\text{Fr} d h_x^2}{6 h} - \frac{\text{Bo}}{(1 + h_x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{(\text{Fr} + 2 + \text{Fr} K_2) h}{2 d} = \text{Cnst}$$

- Consider solitary waves ($K_1 = K_2 \equiv 0$):

$$F(h, h') \equiv \frac{\text{Fr} h'^2}{3} + \frac{2 \text{Bo} h/d}{(1 + h'^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \text{Fr} + \frac{(2\text{Fr} + 1 - 2\text{Bo}) h}{d} - \frac{(\text{Fr} + 2) h^2}{d^2} + \frac{h^3}{d^3} = 0$$

- Property: $h(x) \equiv h(-x)$
- At the crest of a **regular** wave: $h(0) = d + a$, $h'(0) = 0$
 $\text{Fr} = 1 + a/d$

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- We are interested in solutions: $h(\infty) = d$, $h'(\infty) = 0$

Serre–CG equation: Limiting cases I

Pure gravity and pure capillary waves

- Pure gravity waves: $Bo \rightarrow 0$

$$h = d + a \operatorname{sech}^2(\kappa x/2), \quad (\kappa d)^2 = 3a/(d+a), \quad Fr = 1 + a/d$$

- Pure capillary waves: $Fr \rightarrow \infty, Bo \rightarrow \infty, We = \text{Const}$

$$\frac{h^2}{3} + \frac{2 We h/d}{(1+h^2)^{1/2}} - 1 + \frac{2(1-We)h}{d} - \frac{h^2}{d^2} = 0$$

In the limit $We \rightarrow 0$:

- Capillary wave equation reads: $h' = \pm \sqrt{3}(1 - h/d)$
- Solitary wave with angular crest:

$$h = d + a \exp(-\sqrt{3}|x|)$$

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Droplet solution (opposite limit $Fr \rightarrow 0$):

$$(h/d) \left[2Bo (1+h'^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 1 - 2Bo - 2h/d + (h/d)^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\left[1 - \frac{1}{(1+\eta'^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]^{1/2} = \pm \frac{\eta/d}{\sqrt{2Bo}}, \quad \eta = h - d$$

Serre–CG equation: Limiting cases II

Introduce a simplification to equations

- Small slope approximation [9]:

$$(1 + h^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} h^2 + \dots$$

- Master equation becomes:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Fr}^2}{3} - \frac{\text{Bo} h}{d}\right) h^2 = \text{Fr}^2 - \frac{(2\text{Fr}^2 + 1) h}{d} + \frac{(\text{Fr}^2 + 2) h^2}{d^2} - \frac{h^3}{d^3}$$

- Change of independent variables:

$$d\xi = |1 - 3\text{We} h/d|^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \quad (\star)$$

Analytical solution (\equiv pure gravity case):

- $h(\xi) = d + a \operatorname{sech}^2(\kappa\xi/2)$
- $(\kappa d)^2 = 3a/(d+a)$, $\text{Fr} = 1 + a/d$
- $x(\xi)$ can be found from (\star)

Asymptotic analysis

Following McCOWAN (1891) [10]

- Exponentially decaying solitary waves:

$$h(x) \sim d + a \exp(-\kappa x), \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \quad \kappa > 0$$

'Dispersion' relation:

$$\text{Fr}^2 = \frac{3 - 3 \text{Bo} (\kappa d)^2}{3 - (\kappa d)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad (\kappa d)^2 (\text{Fr} - 3 \text{Bo}) = 3 (\text{Fr}^2 - 1)$$

- κ can be any real **or** purely imaginary
 - Solitary waves **or** Periodic waves
- Critical values:
 - $\text{Fr} = 1, \text{Bo} = 1/3, \kappa d = \sqrt{3}$ or $\text{Bo} = \frac{1}{3}\text{Fr}$

- Algebraic decay:

$$h(x) \sim d + a(\kappa x)^{-\alpha}, \quad x \rightarrow +\infty, \quad \alpha > 1$$

- Then necessarily $\implies \text{Fr} \equiv 1$
- $\alpha = 1 \implies \text{Bo} \neq \frac{1}{3}, \quad \alpha > 2 \implies \text{Bo} = \frac{1}{3}$

Phase-space analysis: local behaviour

Nonlinear autonomous ODE analysis

- Two-parameter (Fr, Bo) family of real algebraic curves in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$F_{Fr, Bo}(h, k) := \frac{Fr}{3}k^2 + 2\frac{Bo h}{(1+k^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \\ - Bo + (2Fr - 2Bo + 1)h - (Fr + 2)h^2 + h^3 = 0$$

- With asymptotic behaviour at $x \rightarrow \infty$ ($k := h'$):

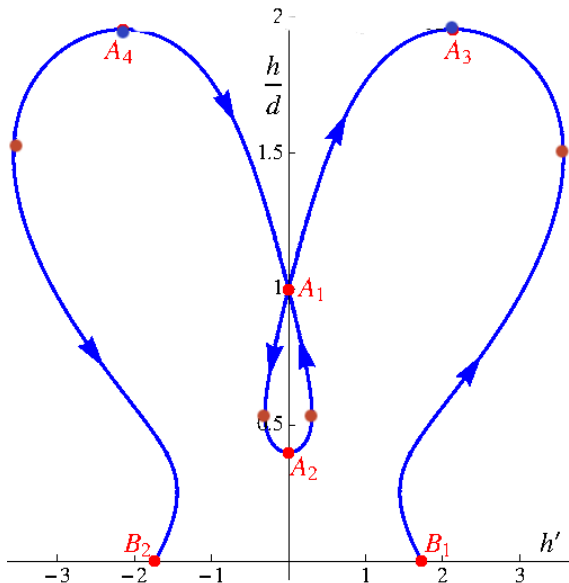
$$h(\infty) = 1, \quad k(\infty) = 0$$

Typical workflow with a parametrized curve:

- Find multiple points (with horizontal tangent): $\partial_k F_{Fr, Bo} = 0$
- Find points with vertical tangent: $\partial_h F_{Fr, Bo} = 0$
- Decompose it into oriented branches ($k \gtrless 0$, $h \nearrow \searrow 0$)
- Study the family of algebraic curves $F_{Fr, Bo}(h, k) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with certified topology methods [11]

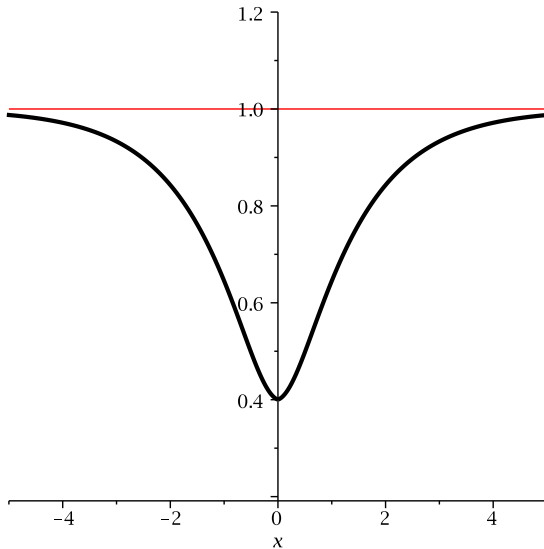
Phase-space analysis: depression wave

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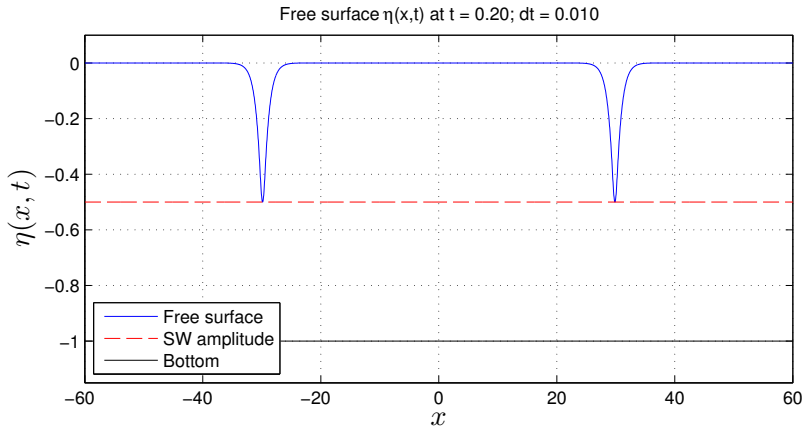
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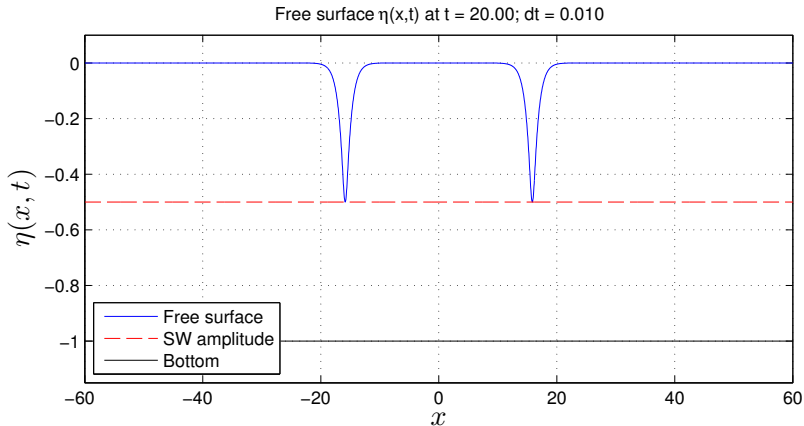
Solitary waves collision

Solitary waves of depression: $a/d = -1/2$, $Fr = 1/2$, $Bo = 1/2$



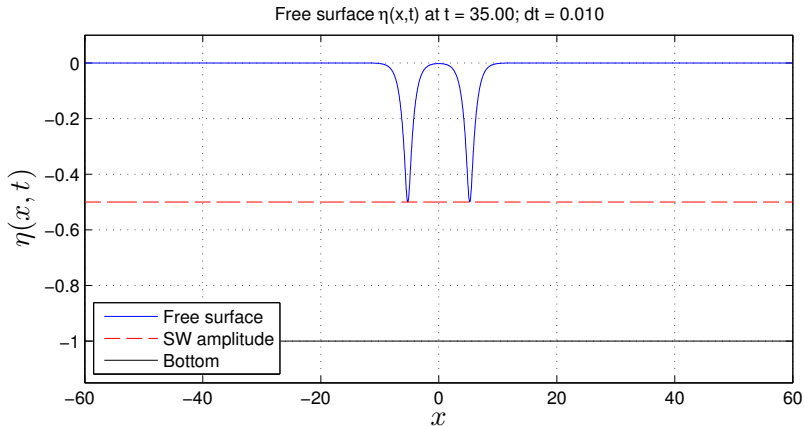
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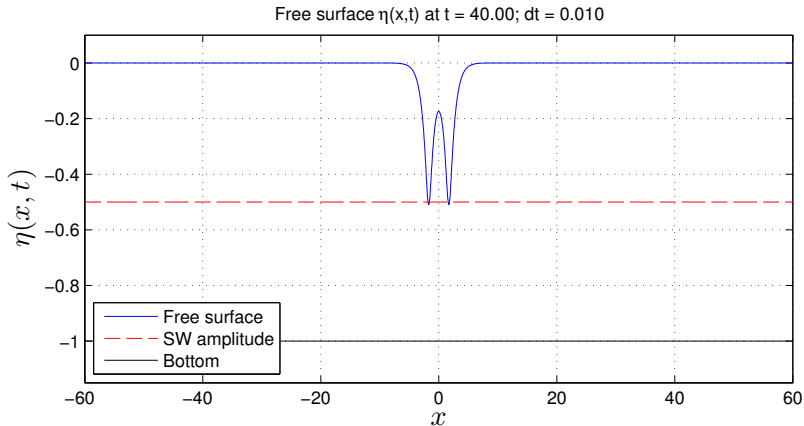
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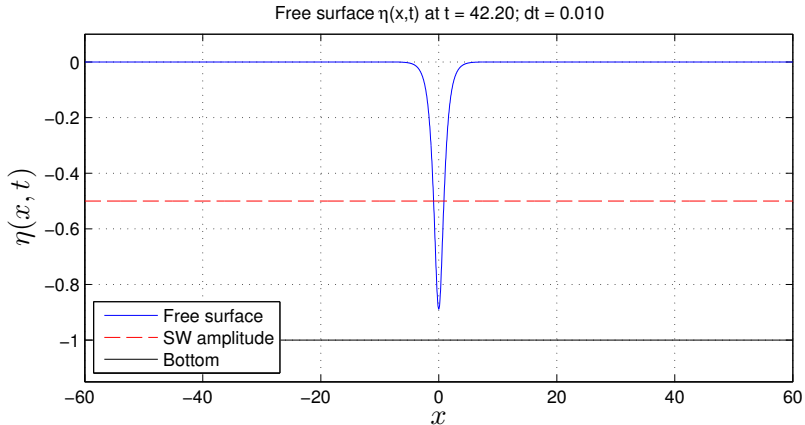
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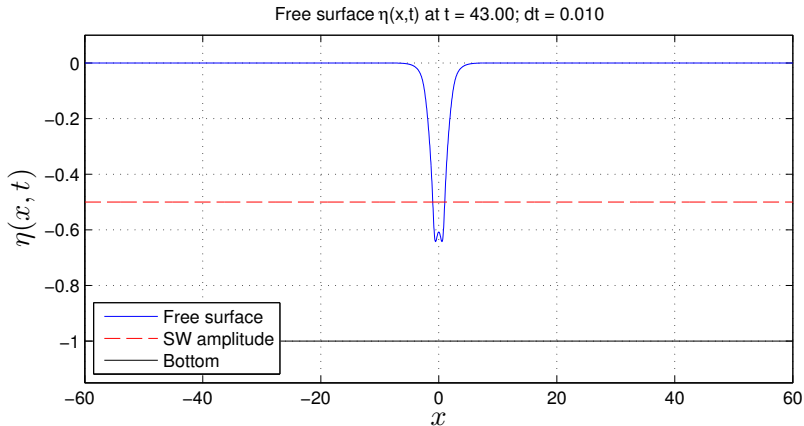
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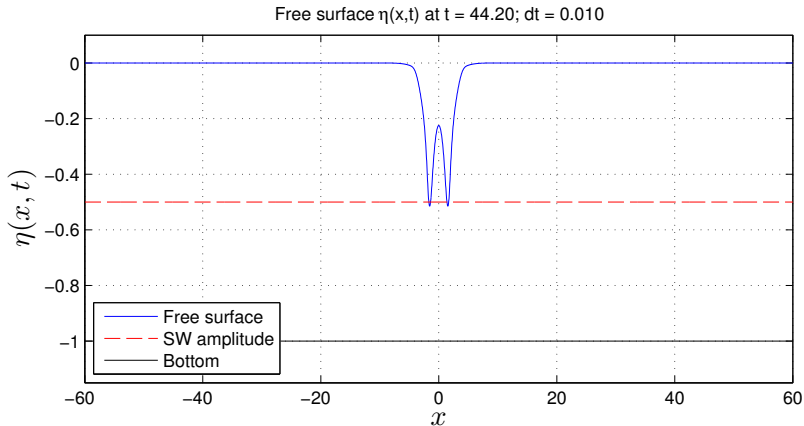
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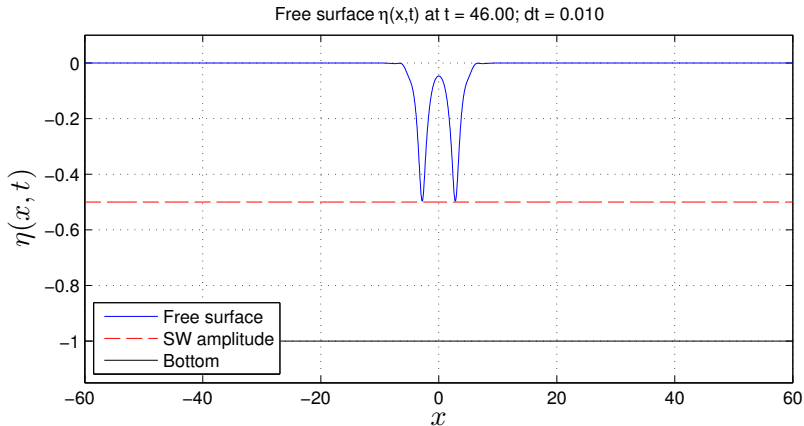
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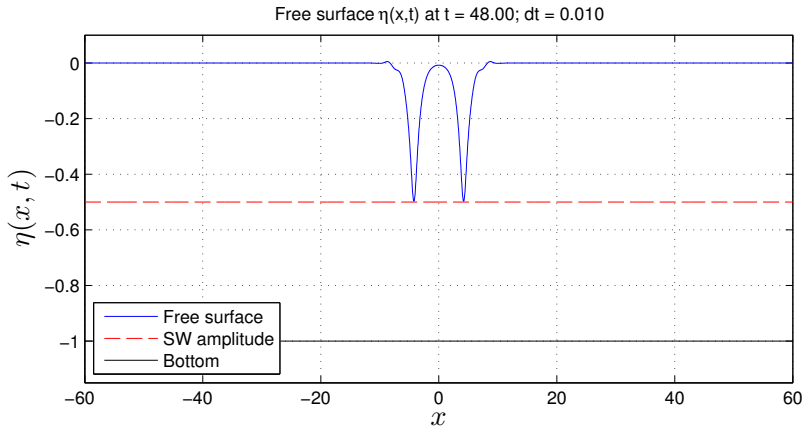
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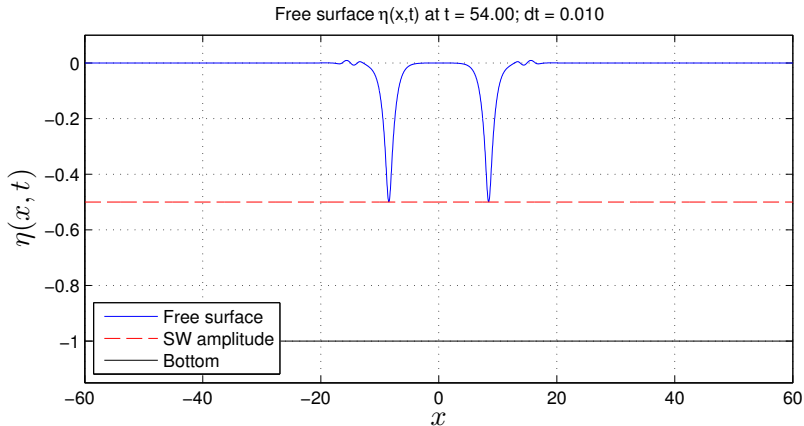
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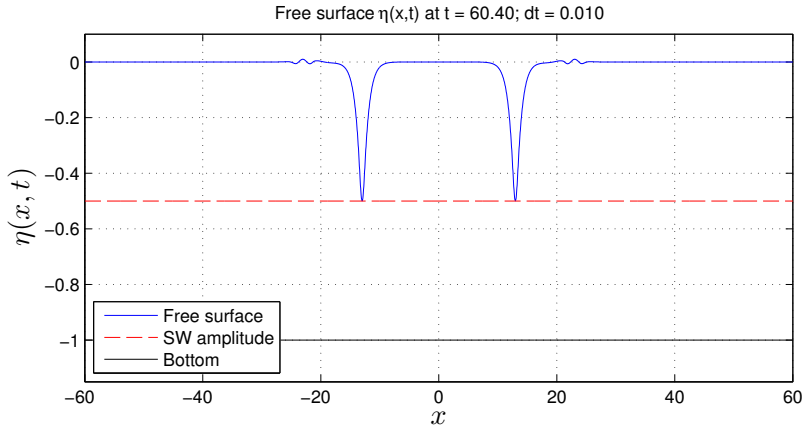
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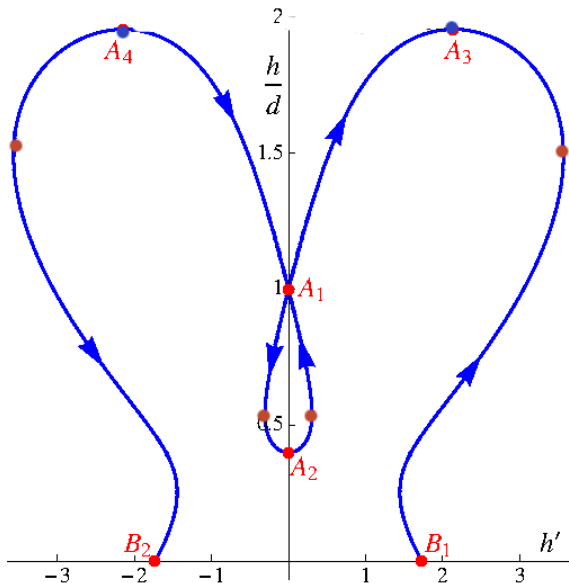
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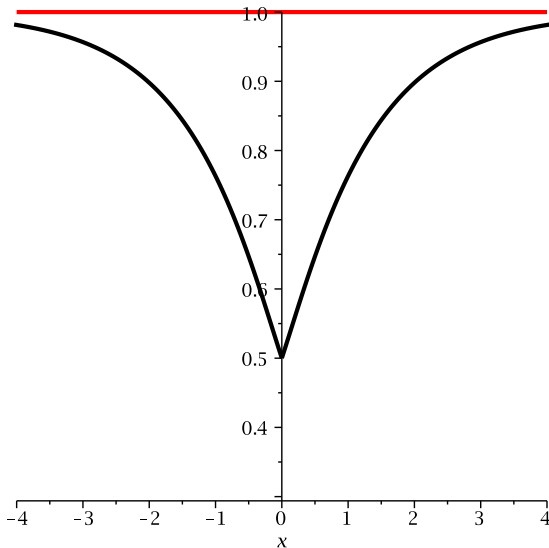
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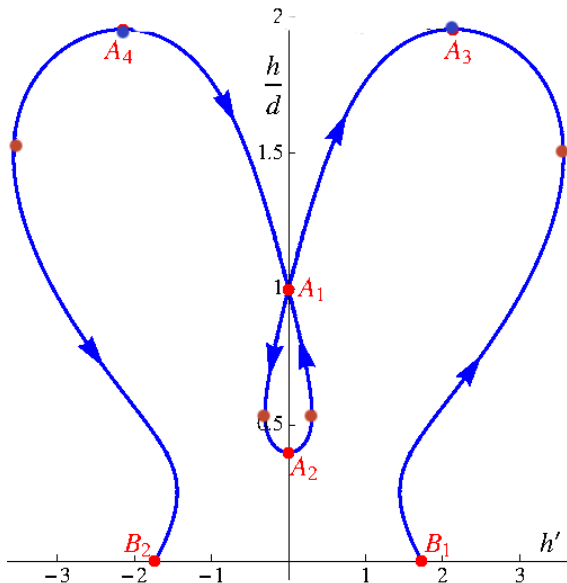
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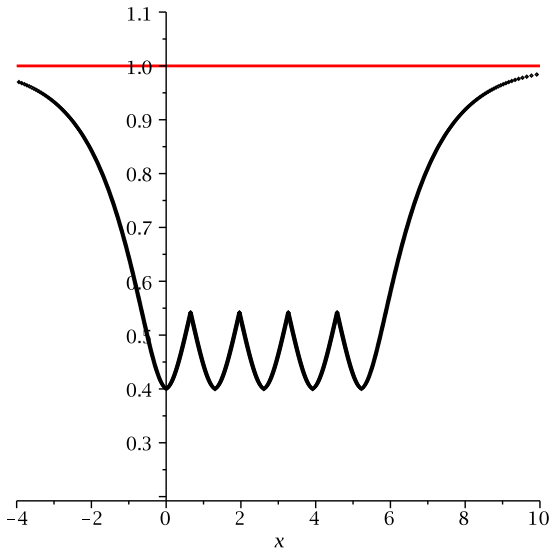
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Phase space analysis: global behaviour

Detection of multiple points

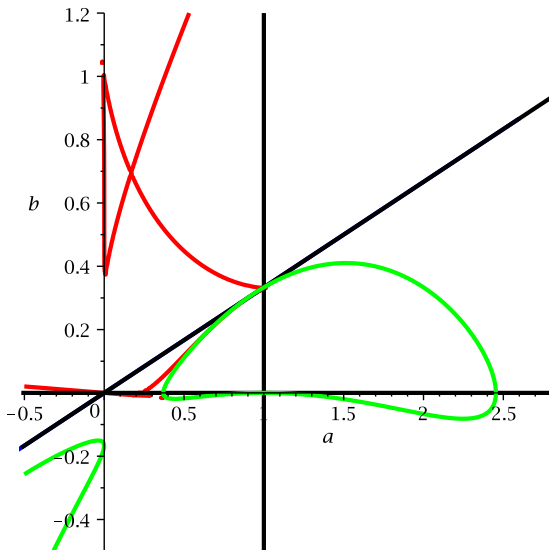
- Points with horizontal tangent satisfy:
 - $F_{\text{Fr}, \text{Bo}}(k, h) = 0$
 - $\partial_k F_{\text{Fr}, \text{Bo}}(k, h) = 0$
- The 2nd equation can be solved analytically:
 - $k = 0$
 - $\text{Fr}(k^2 + 1)^3 = 9\text{Bo}^2 h^2$
- To avoid cubic roots, change of variables:
 - $k^2 = y^2 - 1, y \geq 1$
 - Wave height can be expressed as $h = \frac{\text{Fr}}{3\text{Bo}} Y^3$
- Polynomial equation in y :

$$f := \text{Fr}^2 y^9 - (3\text{Fr} - 2)\text{Fr} \text{Bo} y^6 + 9\text{Bo}^2(1 + 2\text{Fr} - 2\text{Bo})y^3 + 27\text{Bo}^3 y^2 - 36\text{Bo}^3$$

- Adapted tool to describe the real roots in (Fr, Bo) space: discriminant locus! $\mathcal{D} = (\text{Fr} - 3\text{Bo})^2 \times \mathbb{P}_{10}$

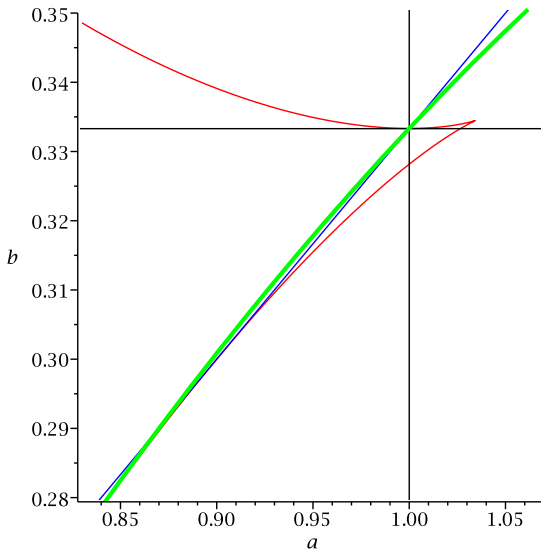
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Contains ≈ 11 cells with 0 to 3 real roots such as $y > 1$



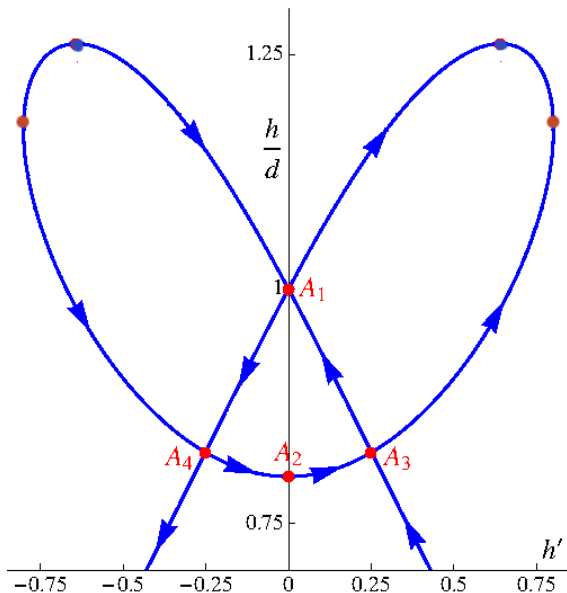
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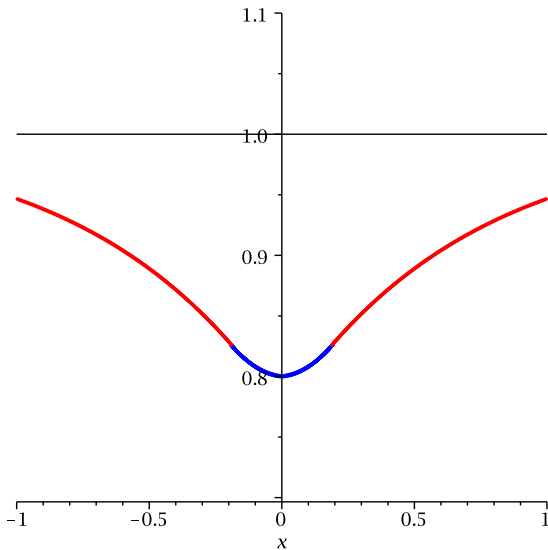
Phase-space analysis: weakly singular solitary wave

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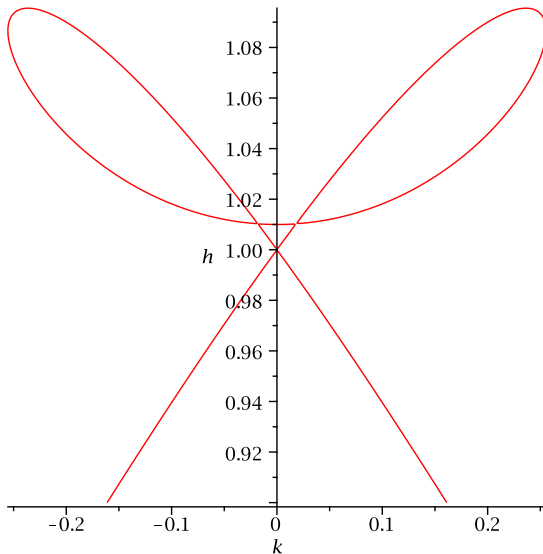
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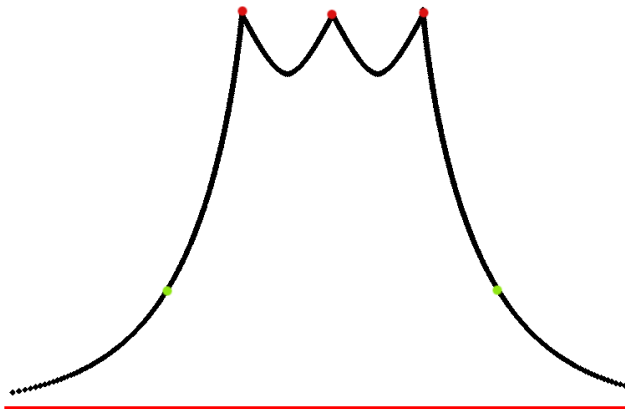
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A particular example for $Fr = 1.01$, $Bo = 0.333412 > 1/3$



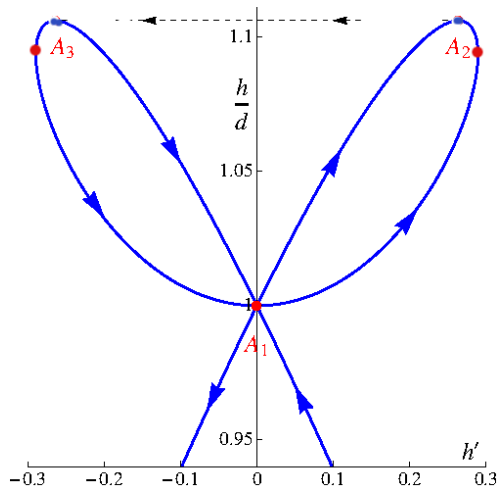
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Phase-space analysis: wave with algebraic decay

A particular example for $Fr = 1.0$, $Bo = 1/3$



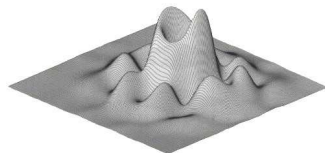
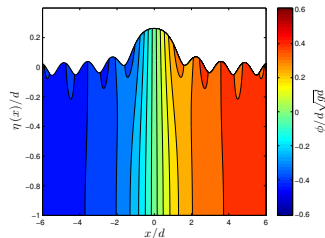
Conclusions & Perspectives

Conclusions:

- Capillary–gravity solitary waves were analyzed in shallow water regime
- Fully nonlinear & weakly dispersive model
 - Algebraic geometry +
 - Certified topology methods
- Only two types of regular solitary waves ($+a$, $-a$)

Perspectives:

- Go to 3D !
 - Compute fully nonlinear lump-solitary waves



Thank you for your attention!



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