## Trailers

l've worked in several areas:

- Atmospheric Science
- Porous Media
- Multiphysics
- Nonlinear Waves


## Atmospheric Science

(Cyclonic) Flows


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GOAL:
Recover wind velocity from pressure gradient.

## Porous Media

## Parameter discovery

$$
\partial_{t} u-\partial_{x}\left(D(u) \partial_{x} u\right)=0
$$

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GOAL:
Given some output measurements of this system, recover $D(u)$.

## Porous Media

## Methane



System

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System
GOAL:
Understand methane dynamics over a wide range of ecological setting.

## Multiphysics

Fluid flow with heating


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GOAL:
How is stability of flow affected by temperature dependent viscosity?

## Nonlinear waves

## Domain Recovery



## Nonlinear waves

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GOAL:
What does the bottom topography look like?

## Main Event

Now, sit back and enjoy the main event!

# Spectral Stability <br> or: Can we find stable wave forms? 

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## Introduction

We'll talk about computing the spectra of linear operators, including the associated eigenfunctions.
Why is this important?

- Spectral Stability Given an equilibrium solution, we can see if it is stable under perturbation


## Patterns in waves


www.amath.washington.edu/ bernard

## Soliton interaction


www.math.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/images/soliton-big.jpg

## More patterns


www.math.psu.edu/dmh/FRG

## What I do

## Use a simple numerical method to examine the spectral stability of solutions of various models:

- NLS (deep water,....)
- KP (shallow water)
- Euler


## Spectral Stability

Consider the evolution system

$$
u_{t}=N(u)
$$

with an equilibrium solution $u_{e}$ :

$$
N\left(u_{e}\right)=0 .
$$

Is this solution stable or unstable?
Linear analysis: let

$$
u=u_{e}+\epsilon \psi .
$$

Substitute in and retain first-order terms in $\epsilon$ :

$$
\psi_{t}=\mathcal{L}\left[u_{e}(x)\right] \psi .
$$

## Eigenfunction expansion

Separation of variables: $\psi(x, t)=e^{\lambda t} \phi(x)$ :

$$
\mathcal{L}\left[u_{e}(x)\right] \phi=\lambda \phi .
$$

- This is a spectral problem.
- If $\Re(\lambda) \leq 0$ for all bounded $\phi(x)$, then $u_{e}$ is spectrally stable.


## Application

Our starting point is

$$
\mathcal{L} \phi=\lambda \phi
$$

with

$$
\mathcal{L}=\sum_{k=0}^{M} f_{k}(x) \partial_{x}^{k}, \quad f_{k}(x+L)=f_{k}(x)
$$

We want to find

- Spectrum $\sigma(\mathcal{L})=\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}:\|\phi\|<\infty\}$.
- Corresponding eigenfunctions $\phi(\lambda, x)$ ?


## NLS

I've been looking at solutions of the 2-D cubic nonlinear Schrödinger (NLS) equation, given by

$$
i \phi_{t}+\alpha \phi_{x x}+\beta \phi_{y y}+\gamma|\phi|^{2} \phi=0 .
$$

The NLS equation arises in many models:

- Bose-Einstein condensates $(\alpha \beta>0)$
- Deep water models $(\alpha \beta<0)$
- Optics $(\alpha \beta>0)$


## NLS

Consider

$$
i \psi_{t}+\alpha \psi_{x x}+\beta \psi_{y y}+|\psi|^{2} \psi=0
$$

This equation has exact 1-D traveling wave solutions of the form

$$
\psi(x, t)=\phi(x) e^{i \omega t+i \theta(x)}
$$

where $\phi$ and $\theta$ are real-valued functions and $\omega$ is a real constant.

- If $\theta(x)=$ constant then the solution has trivial phase (TP).
- if $\theta(x) \neq$ constant the solution has nontrivial phase (NTP).


## NLS

More exactly,

$$
\psi(x, t)=\phi(x) e^{i \omega t+i \theta(x)}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\phi^{2}(x) & =\alpha\left(-2 k^{2} \operatorname{sn}^{2}(x, k)+B\right) \\
\theta(x) & =c \int_{0}^{x} \phi^{-2}(\tau) d \tau \\
\omega & =\frac{1}{2} \alpha\left(3 B-2\left(1+k^{2}\right)\right), \quad \text { and } \\
c^{2} & =-\frac{\alpha^{2}}{2} B\left(B-2 k^{2}\right)(B-2)
\end{aligned}
$$

$k$ and $B$ are free parameters and $\mathrm{sn}(x, k)$ is the Jacobi elliptic sine function.

## Focusing

NLS is focusing or attractive in the $x$ dimension if $\alpha>0$. To make $\phi$ real in this case, we choose $B$ in $\left[2 k^{2}, 2\right]$.


## Defocusing

NLS is defocusing or repulsive if $\alpha<0$. To make $\phi$ real in this case, we choose $B \leq 0$.


## Linearized TP spectral problem

Now consider the (modulus and phase) perturbed TP solution of the form

$$
\psi_{p}=(\phi+\epsilon u+i \epsilon v) e^{i \omega t}
$$

Linearizing and considering real and imaginary contributions yields the system

$$
\begin{aligned}
\omega u-3 \phi^{2} u-\beta u_{y y}-\alpha u_{x x} & =-v_{t} \\
\omega v-\phi^{2} v-\beta v_{y y}-\alpha v_{x x} & =u_{t}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Linearized TP spectral problem

Let $u(x, y, t)=U(x) e^{i p y+\lambda t}$ and $v(x, y, t)=V(x) e^{i \rho y+\lambda t}$.
Then

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$$

and

$$
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$$

This is our linearized TP spectral problem. The coefficients are periodic.

## Floquet's Theorem

Consider

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{x}=A(x) \varphi, \quad A(x+L)=A(x) . \tag{*}
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Conclusion: All bounded solutions of ( $*$ ) are of the form

$$
\varphi=e^{i \mu x} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\varphi}_{n} e^{i 2 \pi n x / L},
$$

with $\mu \in[0,2 \pi / L)$.

## Eigenfunctions

The periodic eigenfunctions can be expanded as

$$
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$$

with $\mu \in[0, \pi / L)$

Substitute in the equation and cancel $e^{i \mu x}$.

The Floquet parameter $\mu$ only appears in derivative terms.

## Hill's method

- Find Fourier coefficients of all functions
- Choose a number of $\mu$ values $\mu_{1}, \mu_{2}, \ldots$
- For all chosen $\mu$ values, construct $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{N}(\mu)$
- Use favorite eigenvalue/vector solver


## Recall

We can finally consider the spectral stability of the periodic coefficient linear problem

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We now build the matrix $\hat{L}_{-}(\mu)$. The same method generates $\hat{L}_{+}(\mu)$.

## Fourier coefficients

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We could compute Fourier coefficients, but ... thanks to Jacobi, we have an exact form:

$$
\operatorname{sn}^{2}(x, k)=\frac{1}{k^{2}}\left(1-\frac{E}{K}\right)-\frac{2 \pi^{2}}{k^{2} K^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n q^{n}}{1-q^{2 n}} \cos \left(\frac{n \pi x}{K}\right),
$$

with

$$
\begin{aligned}
k^{\prime} & =\sqrt{1-k^{2}} \\
K(k) & =\int_{0}^{\pi / 2}\left(1-k^{2} \sin ^{2} x\right)^{-1 / 2} d x, \\
E(k) & =\int_{0}^{\pi / 2}\left(1-k^{2} \sin ^{2} x\right)^{1 / 2} d x, \\
q & =e^{-\pi K\left(k^{\prime}\right) / K(k)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Construct $\hat{L}_{-}(\mu)$

## Since

$\hat{\sin }^{2}(x)=\left(\ldots,-\frac{\pi^{2}}{k^{2} K^{2}} \frac{q}{1-q^{2}}, \frac{1}{k^{2}}\left(1-\frac{E}{K}\right),-\frac{\pi^{2}}{k^{2} K^{2}} \frac{q}{1-q^{2}}, \ldots\right)$
and

$$
\hat{\phi}^{2}(k, B)=\alpha\left(-2 k^{2} \hat{\sin }^{2}(k)+B\right),
$$

we write

$$
\hat{L}_{-}=\underbrace{\omega-\hat{\phi}^{2}+\beta \rho^{2}}_{\left(\ldots, \hat{q}_{-1}, \hat{q}_{0}, \hat{q}_{1}, \ldots\right)}-\left(i \mu+\frac{i 2 \pi n}{P L}\right)^{2}
$$

## Construct $\hat{L}_{-}(\mu)$

The Fourier coefficients ...


## Construct $\hat{L}_{-}(\mu)$

The partial operator ...


## Construct $\hat{L}_{-}(\mu)$

Combining these, we get


## SN plus

In the literature, you might find graphs for spectra associated to periodically perturbed TP solutions.


## SN plus

We can now compute "all" unstable modes.


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But it has some problems, too:
Operator is NOT COMPACT!!

## Thanks!!!



