Trailers

I'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.

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



System



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GOAL:

Understand methane dynamics over a wide range of ecological setting.

Multiphysics

Fluid flow with heating



Multiphysics

Fluid flow with heating



GOAL:

How is stability of flow affected by temperature dependent viscosity?

Nonlinear waves

Domain Recovery



Nonlinear waves

Domain Recovery



GOAL:

What does the bottom topography look like?

Main Event

Now, sit back and enjoy the main event!

Spectral Stability *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 :

 $N(u_e) = 0.$

Is this solution *stable* or *unstable*? Linear analysis: let

$$u = u_e + \epsilon \psi.$$

Substitute in and retain first-order terms in ϵ :

$$\psi_t = \mathcal{L}[u_e(x)]\psi.$$

Eigenfunction expansion

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

$$\mathcal{L}[u_e(x)]\phi = \lambda\phi.$$

- 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

$$i\phi_t + \alpha\phi_{xx} + \beta\phi_{yy} + \gamma \left|\phi\right|^2 \phi = 0.$$

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

$$i\psi_t + \alpha\psi_{xx} + \beta\psi_{yy} + |\psi|^2\psi = 0.$$

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 ϕ and θ are real-valued functions and ω is a real constant.

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

NLS

More exactly,

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

where

$$\begin{split} \phi^2(x) &= \alpha \left(-2k^2 \mathrm{sn}^2(x,k) + B \right), \\ \theta(x) &= c \int_0^x \phi^{-2}(\tau) d\tau, \\ \omega &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha (3B - 2(1+k^2)), \quad \text{and} \\ c^2 &= -\frac{\alpha^2}{2} B(B - 2k^2)(B - 2). \end{split}$$

k and B are free parameters and sn(x, k) is the Jacobi elliptic sine function.

Focusing

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



Defocusing

NLS is *defocusing* or *repulsive* if $\alpha < 0$. To make ϕ 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

$$\omega u - 3\phi^2 u - \beta u_{yy} - \alpha u_{xx} = -v_t$$
$$\omega v - \phi^2 v - \beta v_{yy} - \alpha v_{xx} = u_t$$

Linearized TP spectral problem

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

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becomes

$$\omega U - 3\phi^2 U + \beta \rho^2 U - \alpha U_{xx} = -\lambda V$$
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Linearized TP spectral problem

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as

$$\mathcal{L}\begin{bmatrix} U\\ V\end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & L_{-}\\ -L_{+} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U\\ V \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} U\\ V \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$L_{+} = \omega - 3\phi^{2} + \beta\rho^{2} - \partial_{xx}$$

and

$$L_{-} = \omega - \phi^2 + \beta \rho^2 - \partial_{xx}$$

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

Floquet's Theorem

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$$\varphi = e^{i\mu x} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\varphi}_n \, e^{i2\pi n x/L},$$

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

Eigenfunctions

The periodic eigenfunctions can be expanded as

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

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

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

The Floquet parameter μ only appears in derivative terms.

Hill's method

- Find Fourier coefficients of all functions
- Choose a number of μ values μ_1, μ_2, \ldots
- For all chosen μ 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 $\hat{L}_{+}(\mu)$.

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

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

with

$$k' = \sqrt{1 - k^2},$$

$$K(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x\right)^{-1/2} dx,$$

$$E(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x\right)^{1/2} dx,$$

$$q = e^{-\pi K(k')/K(k)}.$$

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

Since

$$\hat{\mathbf{sn}^2}(x) = (\dots, -\frac{\pi^2}{k^2 K^2} \frac{q}{1-q^2}, \frac{1}{k^2} \left(1 - \frac{E}{K}\right), -\frac{\pi^2}{k^2 K^2} \frac{q}{1-q^2}, \dots)$$

and

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

we write

$$\hat{L}_{-} = \underbrace{\omega - \hat{\phi}^2 + \beta \rho^2}_{(...,\hat{q}_{-1},\hat{q}_0,\hat{q}_1,...)} - \left(i\mu + \frac{i2\pi n}{PL}\right)^2$$

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

The Fourier coefficients ...



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

The partial operator ...



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

Combining these, we get



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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!!!

