

Approximate Symmetries and Conservation Laws; their Applications to PDEs

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Regular perturbation of an ODE

- Original (unperturbed) ODE:

$$y^{(n)}(x) = f_0[y] \equiv f_0(x, y(x), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x))$$

- Small parameter: ϵ of an ODE: the leading derivative(s) does not change.
- Perturbed ODE:

$$y^{(n)}(x) = f_0[y] + \epsilon f_1[y] + o(\epsilon).$$

ODE systems, PDEs, PDE systems

- Same idea: a regular perturbation where $O(\epsilon)$ terms do not break the structure of the solved form; DEs still have the same leading derivatives.

Problem:

- Analytical structure of the unperturbed model may be lost under perturbation.

A simple PDE example: lost point symmetries

Consider a nonlinear wave-type equation on $u = u(x, t)$:

$$u_{tt} = u_x u_{xx} \quad (1)$$

Exact point symmetry generator:

$$X^0 = \xi_0^1(x, t, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \xi_0^2(x, t, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \eta_0(x, t, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

Final result: the PDE (1) admits six point symmetries given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_1^0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, & X_2^0 &= t \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, & X_3^0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, & X_4^0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \\ X_5^0 &= u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - \frac{t}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, & X_6^0 &= t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

corresponding to three translations (X_1^0 , X_3^0 and X_4^0), the Galilei group (X_2^0), and two scalings (X_5^0 and X_6^0).

A simple PDE example: lost point symmetries

A perturbed PDE:

$$u_{tt} + \epsilon uu_t = u_x u_{xx} \quad (3)$$

- The perturbation term distorts symmetry structure. Exact point symmetries of (3) are generated by

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= X_3^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \\ Y_2 &= X_4^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \\ Y_3 &= \frac{4}{3}X_5^0 - \frac{1}{3}X_6^0 = -t\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{x}{3}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + u\frac{\partial}{\partial u}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

a **three-dimensional** subalgebra of the **six-dimensional** Lie algebra of point symmetries (2).

- Where did the other three go? **Stable** vs. **unstable** symmetries.
- Can unstable symmetries re-appear as, in some sense, "**approximate**" symmetries of the perturbed PDE (3)?

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BGI approximate symmetries

- For simplicity, consider a single PDE on $u = u(x) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$.
- Original (unperturbed) PDE:

$$F_0[u] = 0 \quad (5)$$

- Perturbed DE (regular perturbation):

$$F_0[u] + \epsilon F_1[u] = 0 \quad (6)$$

- BGI approximate point symmetry generator:

$$X = X^0 + \epsilon X^1 = \left(\xi_0^i(x, u) + \epsilon \xi_1^i(x, u) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + (\eta_0(x, u) + \epsilon \eta_1(x, u)) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

- Easier to work with characteristic forms which generalize to local symmetries:

$$\hat{X} = \hat{X}^0 + \epsilon \hat{X}^1 = (\zeta_0[u] + \epsilon \zeta_1[u]) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

- Determining equations:

$$(\hat{X}^{0\infty} + \epsilon \hat{X}^{1\infty})(F_0[u] + \epsilon F_1[u]) \Big|_{F_0[u] + \epsilon F_1[u] = o(\epsilon)} = o(\epsilon)$$

- $O(\epsilon^0)$ part of the determining equations:

$$\hat{X}^{0\infty} F_0[u] \Big|_{F_0[u]=0} = 0$$

- Every BGI approximate point symmetry of the perturbed equation corresponds to an exact point symmetry $\hat{X}^{0\infty}$ of the unperturbed equation.
- Opposite is **not true** (previous example).
- $O(\epsilon)$ part of the determining equations:

$$\hat{X}^{1\infty} F_0[u] \Big|_{F_0[u]=0} = H[u],$$

where $H[u]$ is the $O(\epsilon)$ part of the expression

$$-\hat{X}^{0\infty}(F_0[u] + \epsilon F_1[u]) \Big|_{F_0[u]+\epsilon F_1[u]=o(\epsilon)}.$$

- These are **extra conditions** on \hat{X}^0 that can make some symmetries **unstable**.

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- Original (unperturbed) DE:

$$F_0[u] = 0 \quad (7)$$

- Perturbed DE (regular perturbation):

$$F_0[u] + \epsilon F_1[u] = 0 \quad (8)$$

- Seek solution as a regular perturbation

$$u(x) = v(x) + \epsilon w(x) + o(\epsilon).$$

Split (8) into $O(1)$ and $O(\epsilon)$ parts (FS system):

$$\begin{aligned} G_1[v, w] &\equiv F_0[v] = 0, \\ G_2[v, w] &\equiv F_{0v}w + F_{0v_i}w_i + F_{0v_{ij}}w_{ij} + \dots + F_{0v_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k}}w_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k} + F_1[v] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

- Find usual point/local symmetries of (9): infinitesimal generators

$$\hat{Z} = \zeta_0[v, w] \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \zeta_1[u, w] \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$$

- Determining equations are again restrictive on ζ_0 ; can lead to **stable** or **unstable** local symmetries of (7), now in the FS sense.

BGI vs. FS approximate symmetry forms

- Point:

$$X = \left(\xi_0^i(x, u) + \epsilon \xi_1^i(x, u) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + (\eta_0(x, u) + \epsilon \eta_1(x, u)) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

$$Z = \lambda^i(x, v, w) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \phi_1(x, v, w) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \phi_2(x, v, w) \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$$

- General local, characteristic form:

$$\hat{X} = \hat{X}^0 + \epsilon \hat{X}^1 = (\zeta_0[u] + \epsilon \zeta_1[u]) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

$$\hat{Z} = \zeta_0[v, w] \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \zeta_1[u, w] \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$$

Which is more general?

In both BGI and FS approximate symmetries, the following kinds arise.

- Directly inherited from the original PDE: $\zeta_0 = \zeta_0[u]$, $\zeta_1 = 0$
- Genuine approximate: $\zeta_0, \zeta_1 \neq 0$
- “Trivial” approximate: $\zeta_0 = 0$ (“trivial” = “always appear”)

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BGI vs. FS: a computational comparison

- Unperturbed and perturbed PDEs, $u = u(x, t)$:

$$u_{tt} = u_x u_{xx}$$

$$u_{tt} + \epsilon F_1(u, u_t) = u_x u_{xx}$$

- Six point symmetries of the unperturbed PDE:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1^0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, & X_2^0 &= t \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, & X_3^0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, & X_4^0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \\ X_5^0 &= u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - \frac{t}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, & X_6^0 &= t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, \end{aligned}$$

- Which of these are **stable** (as point symmetries) when $F_1 \neq 0$, in BGI and/or FS frameworks?
- Classify** with respect to inequivalent forms of $F_1(u, u_t)$.

BGI vs. FS: a computational comparison

\hat{X}_1^0 $= \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = Q_1(u_t) + a_1 uu_t + a_2 u,$ $\hat{X}_1 = \left(1 - \epsilon \left(\frac{a_1}{10}t(tu_t + 4u) + \frac{a_2}{2}t^2\right)\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> $F_1 = e^{a_3 v} Q_4(v_t) + a_2 v t + a_1,$ $\hat{Z}_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + a_3 \left(\frac{a_2}{10}t(tv_t + 4v) + w + \frac{a_1}{2}t^2\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$
\hat{X}_2^0 $= t \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = a_1 u_t^2 + a_2 u_t + a_3 u + a_4,$ $\hat{X}_2 = \left(t - \epsilon \left(\frac{a_1}{5}t(tu_t + 4u) + \frac{1}{6}t^2(a_3 t + 3a_2)\right)\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> $F_1 = a_1 v_t^2 + a_2 v_t + a_3 v + a_4,$ $\hat{Z}_2 = t \frac{\partial}{\partial v} - \left(\frac{a_1}{5}t(tv_t + 4v) + \frac{1}{6}t^2(a_3 t + 3a_2)\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$
\hat{X}_3^0 $= u_t \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = F_1(u, u_t), \quad \hat{X}_3 = u_t \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = F_1(v, v_t), \quad \hat{Z}_3 = v_t \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + w_t \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$

BGI vs. FS: a computational comparison

\hat{X}_4^0 $= u_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = F_1(u, u_t), \quad \hat{X}_4 = u_x \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = F_1(v, v_t), \quad \hat{Z}_4 = v_x \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + w_x \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$
$\hat{X}_5^0 = \left(u + \frac{tu_t}{2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = u^2 Q_2 \left(u_t/u^{3/2} \right) + a_2 u_t + a_1$ $\hat{X}_5 = \left(u + \frac{tu_t}{2} + \epsilon \left(a_1 t^2 + \frac{a_2}{20} t(tu_t + 4u) \right) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = v^{a_3} Q_5 \left(v_t/v^{3/2} \right) + a_2 v_t + a_1,$ $\hat{Z}_5 = \left(v + \frac{tv_t}{2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \left((a_3 - 1)w + \frac{tw_t}{2} + \frac{a_2}{20} (2a_3 - 3)t(tv_t + 4v) + \frac{a_1 a_3}{2} t^2 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$
$\hat{X}_6^0 = (u - xu_x - tu_t) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = u^{-1} Q_3(u_t) + a_2 u_t + a_1,$ $\hat{X}_6 = \left(u - xu_x - tu_t - \epsilon \left(\frac{a_2}{10} t(tu_t + 4u) + \frac{a_1}{2} t^2 \right) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$	$F_1 = v^{a_3} Q_6(v_t) + a_2 v_t + a_1,$ $\hat{Z}_6 = (v - xv_x - tv_t) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \left((a_3 + 2)w - xw_x - tw_t + \frac{a_2 a_3}{10} t(tv_t + 4v) + \frac{a_1 a_3}{2} t^2 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$

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A nonlinear wave equation

- A class of nonlinear wave equations with a small parameter:

$$u_{tt} = (1 + \epsilon Q(u_x))u_{xx}$$

- FS system: $v_{tt} = v_{xx}$, $w_{tt} = w_{xx} + Q(v_x)v_{xx}$.
- Power nonlinearity $Q(v_x) = v_x^s$ ($s \neq -1$): genuine approximate FS symmetry

$$Z = v \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + (s+1)w \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$$

- “Large” and “small” solution components are scaled differently
- An approximately invariant solution:

$$\frac{dt}{0} = \frac{dx}{0} = \frac{dv}{v} = \frac{dw}{(s+1)w}$$

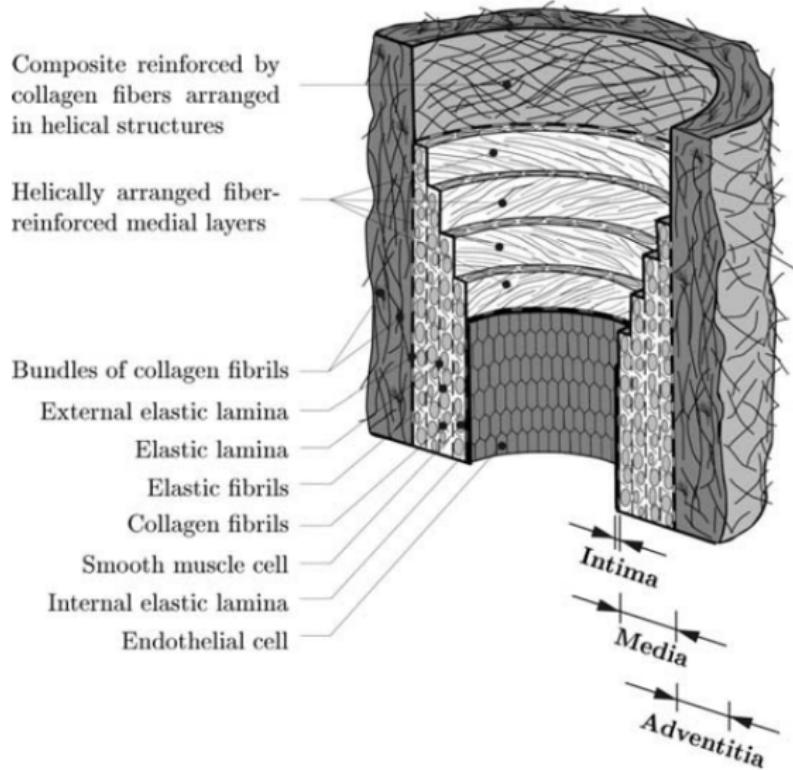
Take $v = g(x \pm t)$. Then $w = g^{s+1}\phi$, and

$$g^{s+1}(\phi_{tt} - \phi_{xx}) + 2(s+1)g^s g'(\pm\phi_t - \phi_x) - (g')^s g'' = 0$$

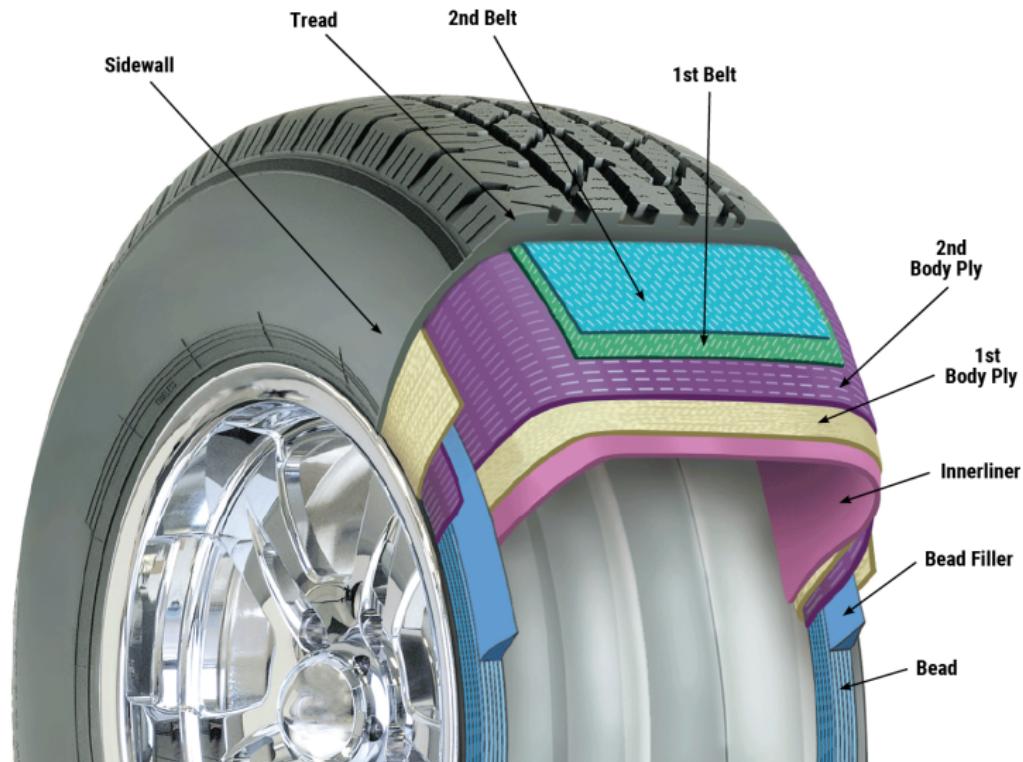
- $\phi = \phi(x, t)$, and so the approximate solution $u = v + \epsilon w$, can be found explicitly.

- **Motivation:** biological and artificial elastic materials with families of aligned fibers
- Anisotropic elastodynamics

1D nonlinear waves in fiber-reinforced solids



1D nonlinear waves in fiber-reinforced solids



- Fully nonlinear Eulerian shear displacements $u(x, t)$ (not small) in terms of material coordinate X
- Viscoelastic dynamics [A.S. and Ganghoffer (2015)]

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} = & \left(\alpha + 3\beta u_x^2 \right) u_{xx} \\ & + \eta u_x \left(2(4u_x^2 + 1)u_{xx}u_{tx} + (2u_x^2 + 1)u_x u_{txx} \right) \\ & + \zeta u_x^3 \left(4(6u_x^2 + 1)u_{xx}u_{tx} + (4u_x^2 + 1)u_x u_{txx} \right) \end{aligned}$$

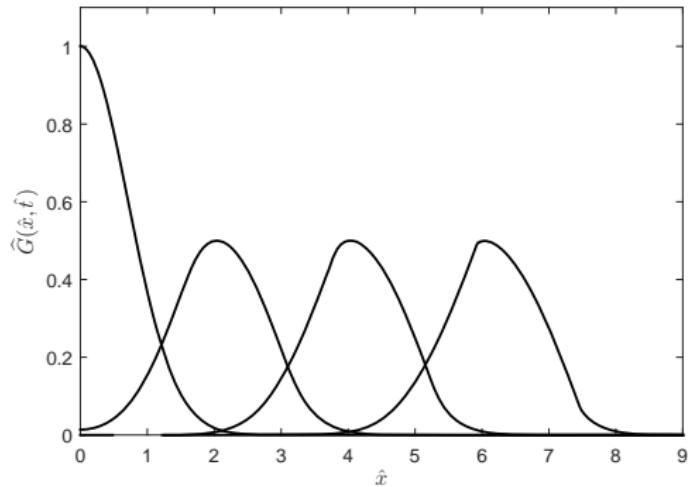
- Possible small parameters: β, η, ζ
- Hyperelastic simplification:

$$u_{tt} = \left(\alpha + 3\beta u_x^2 \right) u_{xx} \rightarrow \boxed{u_{tt} = (1 + \epsilon u_x^2) u_{xx}}$$

- Member of the previous wave equation family with power nonlinearity u^s , $s = 2$
- Produces “breaking waves:” finite-time singularity formation

1D nonlinear waves in fiber-reinforced solids

- Numerical solution, $\epsilon = 0.5$:



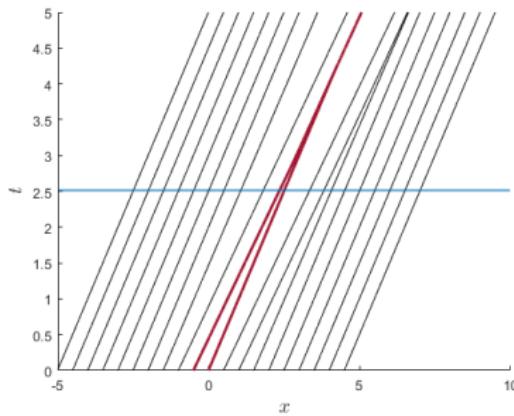
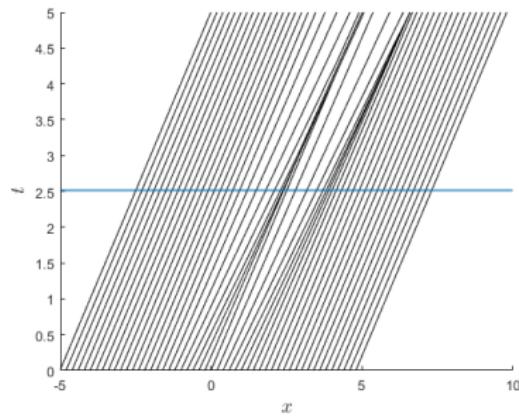
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- One can show that the PDE $u_{tt} = (1 + \epsilon u_x^2)u_{xx}$ can be reduced to the first-order characteristic form

$$u_t = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}} \left(\sqrt{\epsilon} u_x \sqrt{1 + \epsilon (u_x)^2} + \ln \left(\sqrt{\epsilon} u_x + \sqrt{1 + \epsilon (u_x)^2} \right) \right)$$

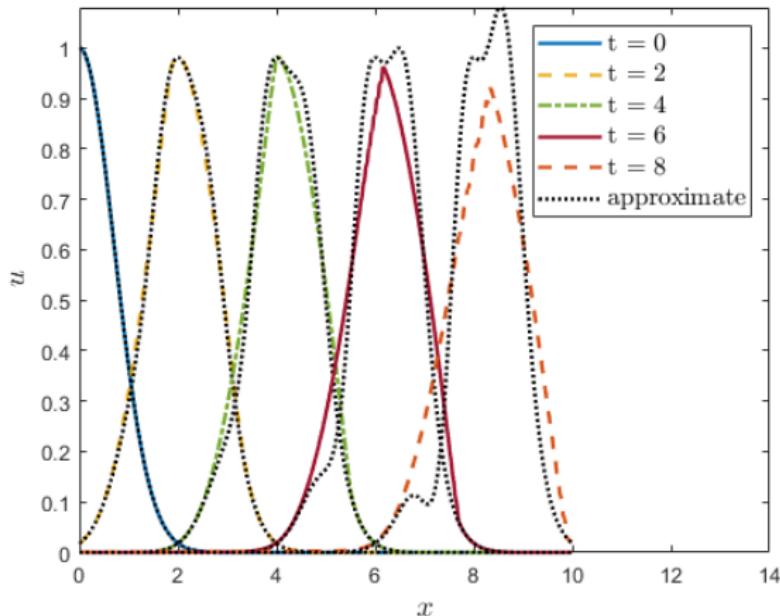
on the characteristic curves

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \pm \sqrt{1 + \epsilon (u_x)^2}.$$



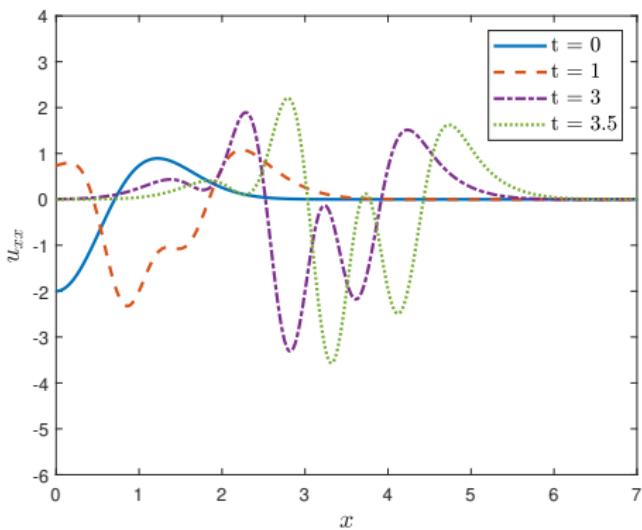
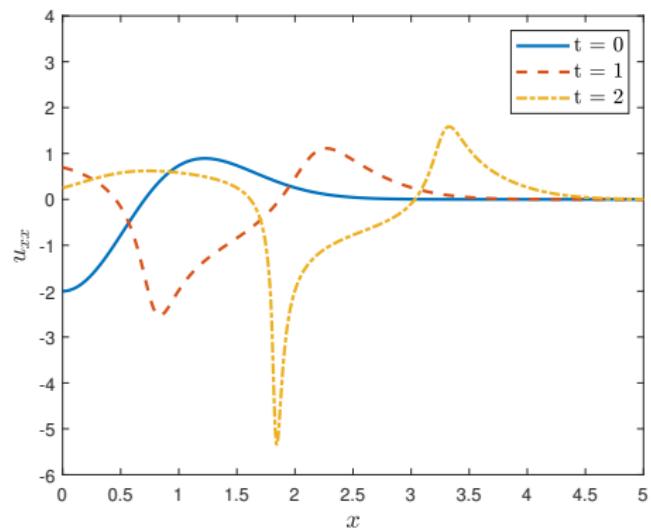
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- Compare behaviour with the approximate solution



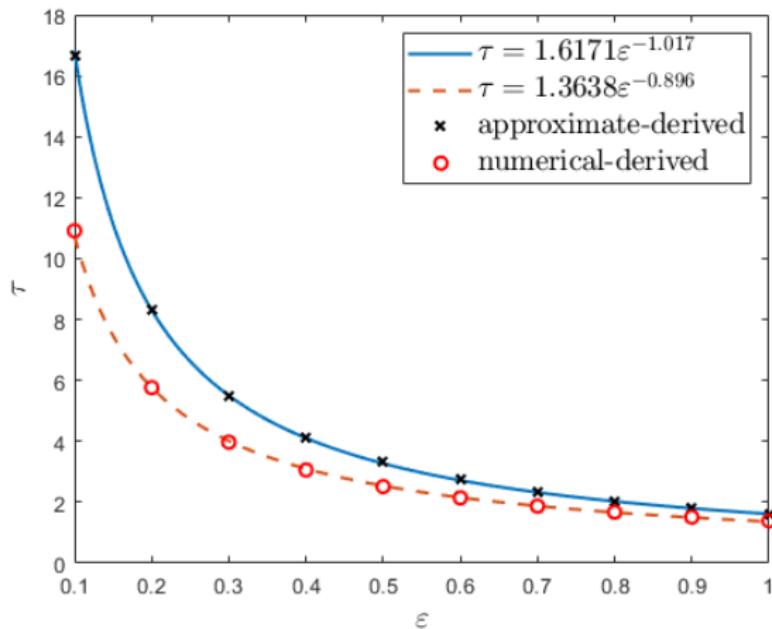
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- Wave breaking \sim formation of an **extra inflection point** on the approximate solution.
- Left: u_{xx} for the numerical solution; right: same for the approximate solution



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- Estimate wave breaking times [Tarayrah, Pitzel, A.S.]



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Another motivating example: nonlinear shallow water PDE models



- A solitary wave

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- A solitary wave: channel fun

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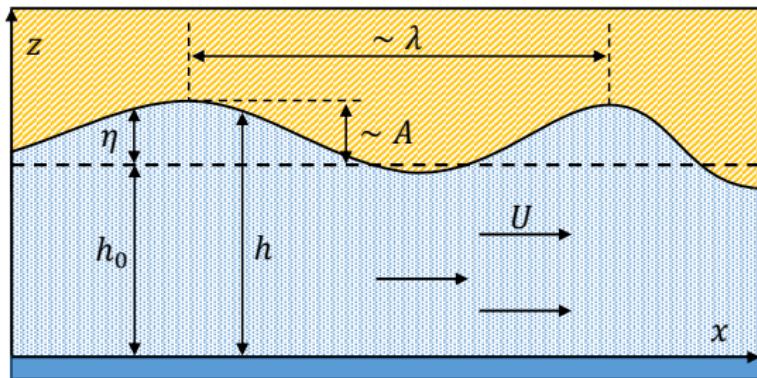
- A cnoidal wave

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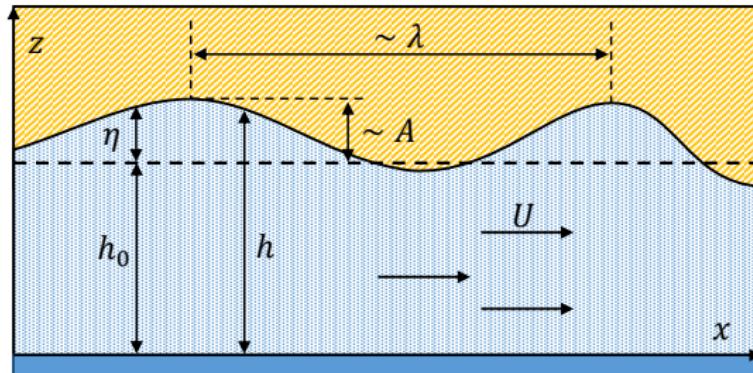
- A wave train [NLS]

Shallow water models



- $\delta = \frac{h_0}{\lambda}$: dispersion parameter; $\varepsilon = \frac{A}{h_0}$: amplitude parameter
- Weakly nonlinear dispersionless equations, characterized by $\delta^2 \ll \varepsilon \ll 1$.
Example: **shallow water equations**

$$u_{t^*}^* + \eta_{x^*}^* + \varepsilon u^* u_{x^*}^* = 0,$$
$$h_t^* + (h^* u^*)_{x^*} = 0$$



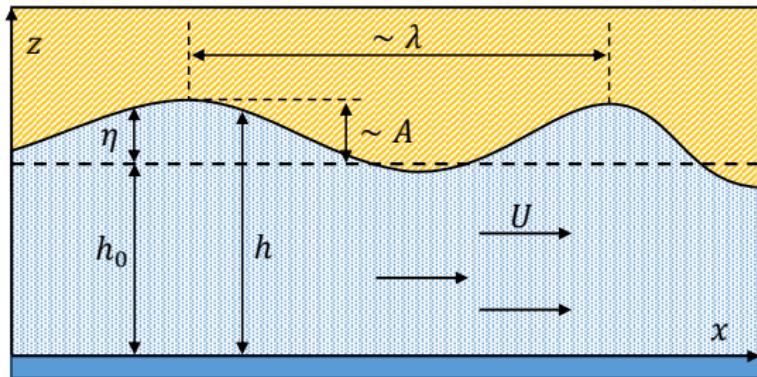
- $\delta = \frac{h_0}{\lambda}$: dispersion parameter; $\varepsilon = \frac{A}{h_0}$: amplitude parameter
- Weakly nonlinear and weakly dispersive equations: Boussinesq regime $\delta^2 \sim \varepsilon \ll 1$.
Examples: the Boussinesq equation

$$\eta_{t^* t^*}^* = \eta_{x^* x^*}^* + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left(((\eta^*)^2)_{x^* x^*} + 2((u_0^*)^2)_{x^* x^*} \right) + \frac{\delta^2}{3} \eta_{x^* x^* x^* x^*}^*$$

The KdV equation

$$\eta_{t^*}^* + \eta_{x^*}^* + \frac{3}{2} \varepsilon \eta^* \eta_{x^*}^* + \frac{\delta^2}{6} \eta_{x^* x^* x^*}^* = 0.$$

Shallow water models



- $\delta = \frac{h_0}{\lambda}$: dispersion parameter; $\varepsilon = \frac{A}{h_0}$: amplitude parameter
- Strongly nonlinear weakly dispersive models: $\delta^2 \ll 1$, $\varepsilon = O(1)$.
Example: the Serre-Su-Gardner-Green-Naghdi equations

$$u_{t^*}^* + \varepsilon u^* u_{x^*}^* + \eta_{x^*}^* = \frac{\delta^2}{3h^*} \left((h^*)^3 \left(u_{x^* t^*}^* + \varepsilon^* u_{x^* x^*}^* - \varepsilon (u_{x^*}^*)^2 \right) \right)_{x^*},$$
$$h_{t^*}^* + \varepsilon (h^* u^*)_{x^*} = 0$$

KdV and BBM: physical dimensionless vs. canonical forms

- KdV canonical: $u_t + 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0$
- BBM (Benjamin-Bona-Mahony) canonical: $u_t + u_x + uu_x - u_{xxt} = 0$
- KdV physical dimensionless:

$$\eta_{t^*}^* + \eta_{x^*}^* + \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon\eta^*\eta_{x^*}^* + \frac{\delta^2}{6}\eta_{x^*x^*x^*}^* = 0$$

- BBM physical dimensionless – same degree of approximation:

$$\eta_{t^*}^* + \eta_{x^*}^* + \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon\eta^*\eta_{x^*}^* - \frac{\delta^2}{6}\eta_{x^*x^*t^*}^* = 0$$

- Both valid in the unidirectional Boussinesq regime $\delta^2 \sim \varepsilon$ where $\eta_{x^*}^* = -\eta_{t^*}^* + O(\varepsilon, \delta)$
- Same order of approximation $O(\varepsilon, \delta)$, very different analytical properties.

KdV

KdV: $u_t + 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0$ S-integrable

- Bi-Hamiltonian
- Point symmetries:

$$X_1 = \partial_x, \quad X_2 = \partial_t, \quad X_3 = 6t\partial_x + \partial_u, \quad X_4 = x\partial_x + 3t\partial_t - 2u\partial_u.$$

- The Galilei group:

$$x_1 = x - 6at, \quad u_1 = u - a, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$$

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- An infinite hierarchy of local higher-order symmetries [and there is more]:

$$\hat{X}_i = K_i \partial_u, \quad K_m = \mathcal{R} K_{m-1}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$K_0 = u_x, \quad K_1 = 6uu_x + u_{xxx},$$

$$K_2 = 30u^2u_x + 20u_xu_{xx} + 10uu_{xxx} + u_{xxxxx},$$

$$\vdots$$

- An infinite hierarchy of local conservation laws [and there is more]:

$$D_t u + D_x(3u^2 + u_{xx}) = 0,$$

$$D_t \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2 \right) + D_x \left(2u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2 + uu_{xx} \right) = 0,$$

$$D_t \left(u^3 - \frac{1}{2}u_x^2 \right) + D_x \left(\frac{9}{2}u^4 + u_xu_t + 3u^2u_{xx} + \frac{1}{2}u_{xx}^2 \right) = 0,$$

$$\vdots$$

BBM: $u_t + u_x + uu_x - u_{xxt} = 0$ non-integrable

- Single Hamiltonian
- Point symmetries:

$$X_1 = \partial_x, \quad X_2 = \partial_t, \quad X_3 = t\partial_t - (u + 1)\partial_u$$

- No Galilei invariance
- No higher-order symmetries
- Exactly three local conservation laws [Olver]:

$$D_t(u - u_{xx}) + D_x\left(u + \frac{1}{2}u^2\right) = 0,$$

$$D_t\left(\frac{1}{2}(u^2 + u_x^2)\right) + D_x\left(\frac{1}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{2}u^2 - uu_{xt}\right) = 0,$$

$$D_t\left(\frac{1}{6}u^3 + \frac{1}{2}u^2\right) + D_x\left(\frac{1}{8}u^4 + \frac{1}{2}(u - u_{xt} + 1)u^2 - uu_{xt} + \frac{1}{2}(u_{xt}^2 - u_t^2)\right) = 0.$$

- A better dispersion relation: $\omega = k - k^3 \rightarrow k/(1 + k^2)$.

BBM: recover Galilei symmetry as an approximate symmetry

- Canonical: $u_t + u_x + uu_x - u_{xxt} = 0$
- Physical dimensionless: $\eta_{t^*}^* + \eta_{x^*}^* + \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon\eta^*\eta_{x^*}^* - \frac{\delta^2}{6}\eta_{x^*x^*t^*}^* = 0$
- Boussinesq regime: $\varepsilon \sim \delta^2$, $\delta^2 = K\varepsilon$
- Small-parameter form: (drop asterisk, use $\eta \equiv u$):

$$u_t + u_x + \varepsilon \left(\frac{3}{2}uu_x - \frac{K}{6}u_{xxx} \right) = 0, \quad \varepsilon = A/h_0 \ll 1$$

- Exact point symmetries

$$X_1 = \partial_x, \quad X_2 = \partial_t, \quad X_3 = \varepsilon t\partial_t - \left(\varepsilon u + \frac{2}{3} \right) \partial_u$$

- Try to recover Galilei symmetry as an **approximate symmetry**

1. Baikov-Gazizov-Ibragimov approach

- Point BGI generator, 6 components depending on (x, t, u) :

$$X = X^0 + \epsilon X^1 = (\xi_x^0 + \epsilon \xi_x^1) \partial_x + (\xi_t^0 + \epsilon \xi_t^1) \partial_t + (\eta^0 + \epsilon \eta^1) \partial_u$$

- General solution (GeM/Maple):

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> sol_BGI_point:=pdsolve(rif_BGI_BBM[Solved],BGI_symm_components)
sol_BGI_point := {ηθ(x, t, U) = ∫ -2f_3(-x + t) dx + c_1, ηI(x, t, U) = f_1(U, -x + t) + xf_3(-x + t) U + xD^(2)(f_3)(-x + t) K / 3, xi_tθ(x, t, U) = c_2,
xi_tI(x, t, U) = f_4(t) + f_3(-x + t) + 2 ∫ [ ∫ ^x _-b f_3(_-a + _b - x + t) da db ] dt, xi_xθ(x, t, U) = c_3, xi_xI(x, t, U) = ∫ [ - D(f_3)(-x + t) / 2 + xf_3(-x + t) + ∫ [ ∫ [ D^(2)(f_3)(-x + t) / 2 - xD(f_3)(-x + t) + f_3(-x + t) dx ] dt + f_3(-x + t) / 2 + c_4 ] dt ] dx + f_4(t) + ∫ [ ∫ [ D^(2)(f_3)(-x + t) / 2 - xD(f_3)(-x + t) + f_3(-x + t) dx ] dt + f_3(-x + t) / 2 + c_5 ] dt + c_6}
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- Reason for the “richness”: $O(\epsilon^0)$ PDE is linear!
- A particular solution: approximate Galilei symmetry

$$X = X^0 + \epsilon X^1 = \partial_u + \frac{3}{2} \epsilon t \partial_x$$

1. Fushchich-Shtelen framework

- BBM in small-parameter form:

$$u_t + u_x + \varepsilon \left(\frac{3}{2}uu_x - \frac{K}{6}u_{xxx} \right) = 0, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

- FS system from $u = u_1 + \varepsilon u_2 + O(\varepsilon^2)$:

$$(u_1)_t + (u_1)_x = 0,$$

$$(u_2)_t + (u_2)_x + \frac{3}{2}u_1(u_1)_x + \frac{K}{6}(u_1)_{xxx} = 0$$

- No Galilei point symmetry! But there is a **Galilei-type evolutionary higher-order symmetry**
- Evolutionary generator:

$$\hat{X} = \eta^1[u_1, u_2] \partial_{u_1} + \eta^2[u_1, u_2] \partial_{u_2}$$

- A particular solution (GeM/Maple):

$$\hat{X}_g = \partial_{u_1} - \frac{3}{2}t(u_1)_x \partial_{u_2}$$

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Discussion

- Approximate symmetries can be found using BGI and FS frameworks (“somewhat” related), and are useful.
- Approximate conservation laws can arise in a similar manner.
- PDE models with multiple small parameters?

Anisotropic dynamic viscoelasticity, shear waves

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} = & (\alpha + 3\beta u_x^2) u_{xx} \\ & + \eta u_x \left(2(4u_x^2 + 1)u_{xx}u_{tx} + (2u_x^2 + 1)u_x G_{txx} \right) \\ & + \zeta u_x^3 \left(4(6u_x^2 + 1)u_{xx}u_{tx} + (4u_x^2 + 1)u_x u_{txx} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Serre-Su-Gardner-Green-Naghdi shallow water equations (+ other SW models)

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + \epsilon uu_x^* + \eta_x &= \frac{\delta^2}{3h} \left(h^3 (u_{xt} + \epsilon uu_{xx} - \epsilon u_x^2) \right)_x, \\ h_t + \epsilon(hu)_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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