

1. Consider the case where a fluid is contained in the infinite plane with a mean depth D . A uniform flow $\bar{u} = U_0 \hat{i}$ is directed parallel to the x -axis.
 - a) Formulate the linearized gravity wave problem for *steady* waves and find the condition U_0 must satisfy for a wave-like solution to exist.
 - b) Finally, specialize to the shallow-water case and put a wall at $y = y_B = \cos kx$. Find the boundary condition for v at y_B .
2. Consider the linearized, Boussinesq equations of motion on the f -plane in the hydrostatic approximation, with $N=\text{constant}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_t - fv = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} p_x \\ v_t + fu = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} p_y \\ 0 = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} p_z - \frac{g\rho}{\rho_0} \\ u_x + v_y + w_z = 0 \\ \rho_t + w \frac{d\rho_0}{dz} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

(Notice that even if $w_t \ll g$ in the third momentum equation, $w_t \neq 0$!!)

Following a procedure like the one developed in class, reduce the system to a unique equation for the vertical velocity w .

Assume a plane wave as solution

$$w = e^{-i\omega t + ikx + ily + imz}$$

and derive the dispersion relationship. Write it in terms of the angle θ of the polar system in wave-number space as well as in terms of the wave numbers (k, l, m) .

Discuss the two limiting cases, $N=0$ and $f=0$. Provide a short discussion comparing this solution with the one derived for the non-hydrostatic case.

3. Consider the case of a non-rotating stratified but compressible fluid for which the Boussinesq approximation does not hold. The momentum and mass conservation equations are still

$$\frac{du^*}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho^*} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dv^*}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho^*} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dw^*}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho^*} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z} - g \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} + \underline{\nabla} \cdot (\rho^* \underline{u}^*) = 0 \quad (4)$$

but the energy equation is now:

$$\frac{d\rho^*}{dt} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{dp^*}{dt} \quad (5)$$

where c_s is the sound speed.

Assume as previously

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{u}^* = \vec{u}_0 + \vec{u} \equiv \vec{u} \\ p^* = p_0(z) + p \\ \rho^* = \rho_0(z) + \rho \end{array} \right.$$

where the basic state is at rest ($\vec{u}_0 \equiv 0$) and is in hydrostatic equilibrium.

- a) Transform eq. (4) in such a way as to use eq. (5) for $\frac{d\rho^*}{dt}$. This will be the new equation (4).

- b) Linearize all the equations of motion, remembering that the Brünt-Vaisala frequency is now:

$$N^2(z) = -\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz} - \frac{g^2}{c_s^2}.$$

- c) Equations (1), (2), (3) will be analogous to those derived in class for the incompressible case. Equations (4) and (5) will be different, containing terms involving the sound speed, c_s . Derive again for the entire set two equations in (w,p) .
- d) In the two equations obtained for (w,p) , assume the coefficients to be constant and the time dependence of $e^{-i\omega t}$, which will allow you to derive in a simple way a final equation for p , by eliminating w .
- e) In the p -equation assume a sinusoidal wave as a solution. Derive the dispersion relationship. What is its limit when $c_s \rightarrow \infty$?
- f) Optional: as the surfaces of constant ω are surfaces of revolution around the m -axis, expressing $m=m(\omega)$, find the projections of the ω =constant surfaces in the (m,k_H) plane in the two limits $\frac{\omega}{N} \ll 1$ and $\frac{\omega}{N} \gg 1$.

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