

## SELECTED TOPICS LECTURE 2

### { Waves and capillary phenomena

#### IDEAL FLUID

$$\eta = 0$$

Feynman  $\rightarrow$  "dry water"

1° continuous med. : no viscosity  $\rightarrow$  energy & momentum conserved

2° ideal fluid flow - persistence of irrotational flow

$$\text{irrotational flow } \underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{v} = 0$$

$\nwarrow$  vorticity

3° N-S reduce to Euler eq.

$$\rho \frac{D\underline{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \underline{f}$$

$\uparrow$   
body force density

$$4^\circ \quad \frac{D\underline{\omega}}{Dt} = 0$$

5° Irrotational flow  $\underline{\omega} = 0$  is automatically

satisfied if

$$\underline{v} = \nabla \phi \quad \leftarrow \text{velocity potential}$$

Such flows are called potential flows

6° Incompressible fluid  $\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi = 0 = \nabla^2 \phi \quad \text{Laplace's eq.}$$

### Bernoulli's theorem

- Ideal fluid, potential flow  $\rightarrow \phi(\underline{r})$
- conservative force with potential  $\psi$

$$\rho \frac{D}{Dt} \nabla \phi = -\nabla p + \rho \nabla \psi$$

$$\left( \rho = \text{const.} \right)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\underline{v} \cdot \nabla) \right) \nabla \phi = -\nabla p + \rho \nabla \psi$$

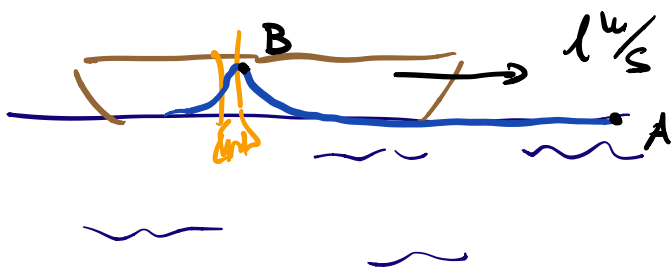
$$\nabla \left( \rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) + \rho \underbrace{\underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v}}_{\nabla \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right)} = -\nabla p + \rho \nabla \psi$$

$$\left( \nabla \left( \rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + p + \rho \psi \right) = 0 \right)$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} + p + \rho \psi = 0$$

throughout the  
fluid volume

Bernoulli's theorem



Steady  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0$

A)  $z=0$ ,  $p=p_a$ ,  $v = u$

B)  $z=h$ ,  $p=p_a$ ,  $v=0$

$$\frac{\rho v^2}{2} + p + \rho g z = \text{const.}$$

$$\rightarrow h = \frac{1}{2g} \sim 5 \text{ cm}$$

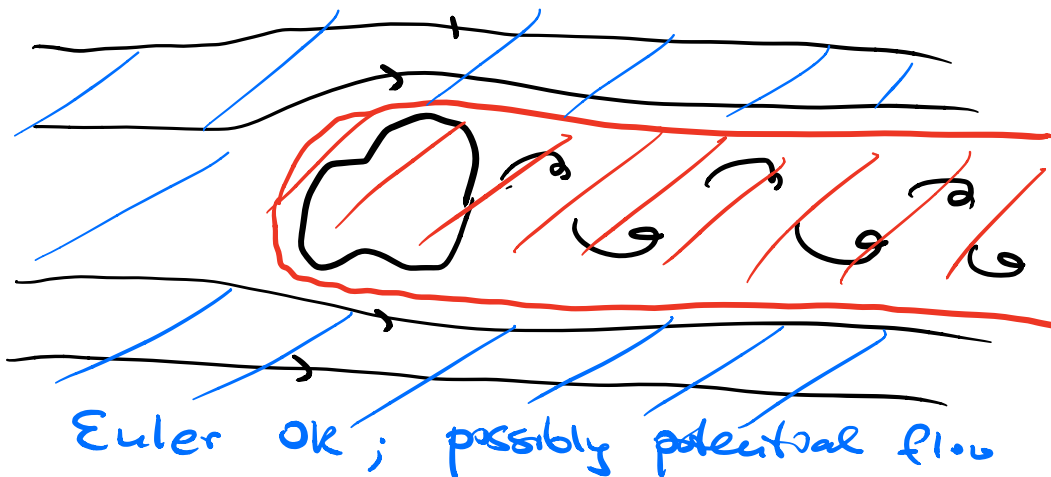
When is the ideal fluid approximation valid?

a) a fluid with  $\eta = 0$

liquid  $^4\text{He}$  below 2.712 K is a mixture of two fluids, one of which has zero viscosity.

b)  $Re = \frac{\rho u L}{\eta} = \frac{\text{'inertial'}}{\text{'viscous'}}$

large  $Re$  flows far away from walls,  
if the bulk flow is not turbulent



No GO  
boundary layers  
(viscous diffusion)  
+ wake behind  
(vorticity generation)

Potential flows  $\rightarrow$  Acheson

## SURFACE WAVES

- can be treated in the ideal fluid approximation  
 $\rightarrow$  neglect flow attenuation effects from viscosity



surface deformation +  
two restoring mechanisms:

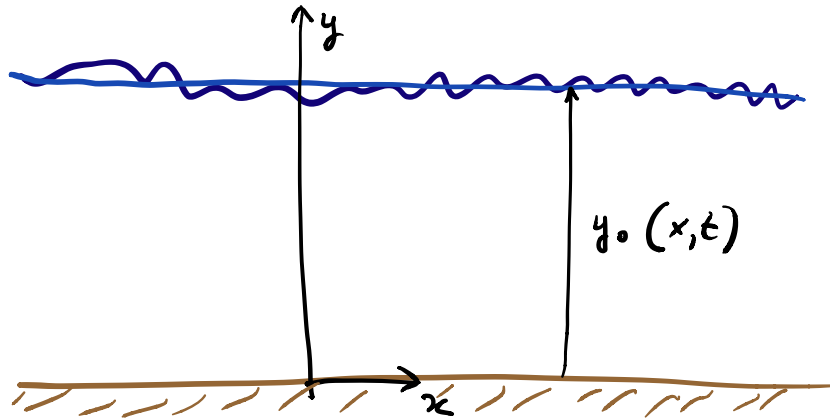


- gravity counteracts deviations from the horizontal
- capillary forces (surface tension) oppose any curvature of the surface

Dispersion - dependence of the wave speed on the wave vector (direction & frequency)

Waves are generally dispersive and non-linear (speed depends on the amplitude). For small amplitudes we linearise the equations.

# Dispersion relation for surface waves



- avg. depth  $h$
- 2D
- seek solutions for waves

• assume potential flow  $\phi(x, y, t)$

• assume small amplitude, so terms

$$|(\underline{v} \cdot \underline{\nabla}) \underline{v}| \text{ are small} \ll \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} \ll \nabla p$$

• small curvature of the interface

$y_0$  - instantaneous position of the surface

$$\frac{\partial y_0}{\partial x} \ll 1$$

We will use

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{p}{\rho} + gy}_{(*)} = \text{const.} \quad (**)$$

The pressure on the surface

$$p = p_0 - \frac{\gamma}{R}$$

$\gamma$  - surface tension coefficient

$R$  - local radius of curvature of the interface



$$R = 1 / \left( \frac{\partial^2 y_0}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Boundary conditions:

① bottom wall - no normal velocity  $\underline{v} = \nabla \phi$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = 0$$

② top surface - vertical component at interf. equal to interface velocity

$$v(y=y_0) = \left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right|_{y=y_0} = \frac{\partial y_0}{\partial t} \quad (\text{approximately, within linear theory})$$

We seek a solution to incompressible potential flow

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0 \\ \underline{v} = \nabla \phi \end{array} \right\} \quad \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad (*)$$

+ b.c. as above

Separation of variables

• need a solution in the form of a travelling wave

$$f(u) = f(x - ct)$$

(with speed  $c$  in the  $x$ -direction)

amplitude  $q(y)$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x, y, t) = f(u) q(y) = f(x - ct) q(y)$$

From (\*)

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} q + f \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} = - \frac{1}{q} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial y^2}$$

So we must have

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} = - \frac{1}{q} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial y^2} = -k^2 = \text{const.}$$

B.C.

(a)

$$q'(0) = 0$$

$$q'' = k^2 q$$

(b)

$$q'(y_0) = y_0'(t)$$

$$q = A e^{ky} + B e^{-ky}$$

$$q' = k A e^{ky} - k B e^{-ky}$$

$$q'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = B$$

$$q = A \cosh(ky)$$

We must have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= f(x-ct) q(y) = \\ &= A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \cosh(ky) \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  (Bernoulli eq) gives

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} + \rho \frac{\partial y_0}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{now use } p = p_0 - \frac{\gamma}{R} = p_0 - \gamma \left( \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

and (b)

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \Big|_{y_0} = \frac{\partial y_0}{\partial t}$$

We finally get:

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} + \rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\gamma}{\rho} \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial x^2 \partial y} \right]_{y=y_0} = 0$$

using the solution for  $\phi$ , we get:

$$\phi = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \cosh(ky)$$

$$-A\omega^2 \cosh(ky_0) + A g k \sinh(ky_0) + \frac{\gamma}{s} \sinh(ky_0) k^3 A = 0$$

We get the dispersion relation

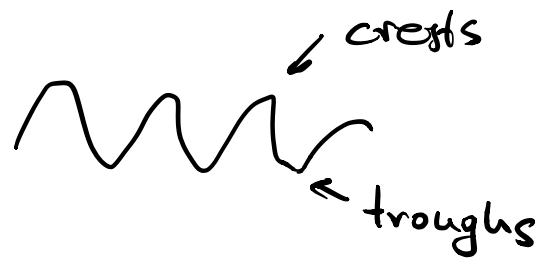
$$\boxed{\omega^2 = \left( gk + \frac{\gamma k^3}{s} \right) \tanh(kh)}$$

avg. value of  $y_0$

Dispersion relation for water waves

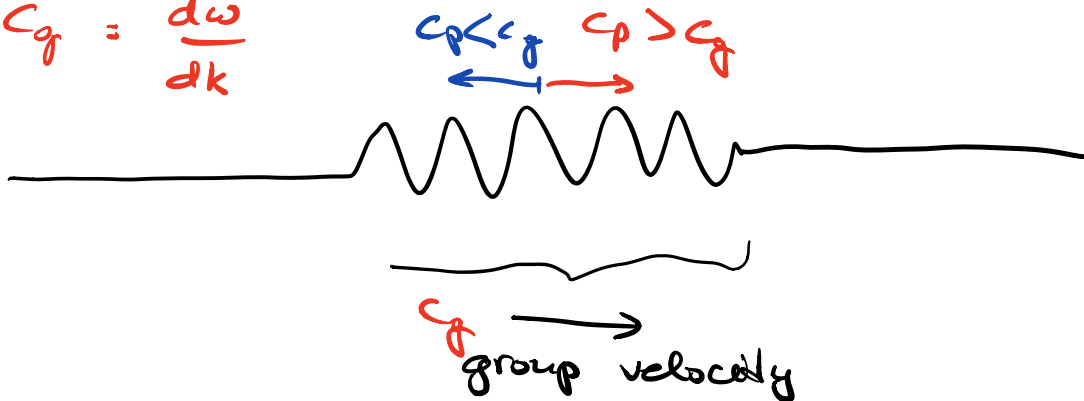
Phase velocity - "

$$c_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$$



Group velocity

$$c_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$



Phase velocity of water waves

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{g}{k} \tanh(kh) \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma k^2}{s g} \right)$$

Length scales

• depth  $h$

• wave length  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$

• capillary length  $l_c = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{s g}}$

• amplitude  $A$  (small)

$$\gamma \sim k g \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} \quad s \sim \frac{4\pi}{\lambda}$$

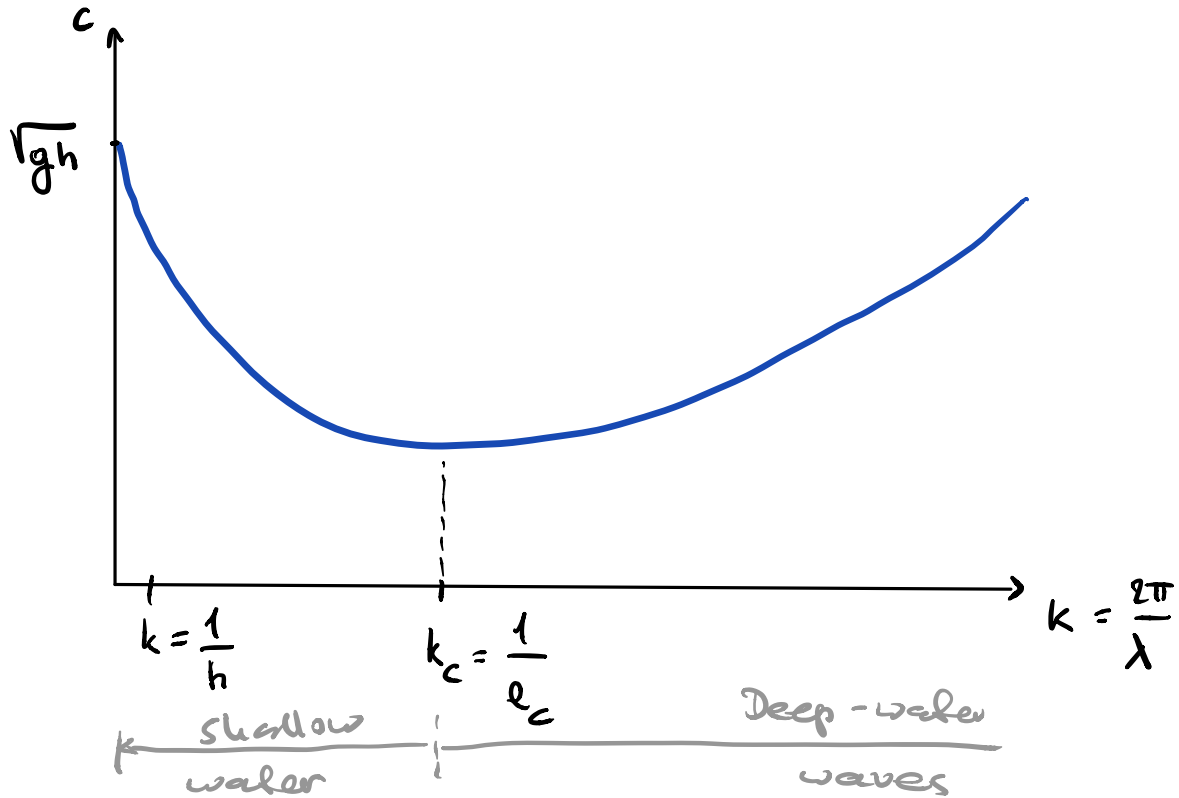
$$g = \frac{u}{s^2}$$



$$c^2 = \frac{g}{k} \tanh(kh) (1 + k^2 l_c^2)$$

we consider here  $h \gg l_c$

for water  
 $l_c \sim 3 \text{ mm}$



Ⓐ If  $h \gg \lambda$ ,  $\tanh(kh) \approx 1$

$$c^2 = \frac{g}{k} (1 + k^2 l_c^2)$$

deep-water  
waves

Ⓑ If also  $kl_c \ll 1$  ( $\lambda$  large compared to  $l_c$ )  
we have gravity waves

$$c = \sqrt{g/k} \quad (\text{no external length scale})$$

ex. ocean swells

Ⓒ for short wave lengths

$$kl_c \gg 1$$

$$c = \sqrt{g k l_c} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma k}{\rho}}$$

ex. cat's paws  
(wind-caused)

① Minimum velocity corresponds to comparable gravity & capillary effects.

Critical wavelength  $\lambda_c = 2\pi l_c = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\rho g}}$

$$\lambda_c \sim 17 \text{ mm}$$

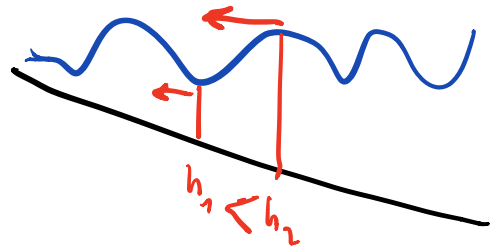
$$c(\lambda_c) \sim 23 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

② When both  $kh \ll 1$ ,  $kl_c \ll 1$

$$c = \sqrt{gh}$$

shallow-water waves

Ex. Breaking waves



Ex. Turning waves

