

Smooth and peaked waves in the reduced Ostrovsky equation

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Note the difference from *the short-pulse equation* derived as a model for propagation of pulses with few cycles [Schäfer, Wayne 2004]:

$$(u_t - u^2 u_x)_x = u.$$

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- ▶ **Local solutions break in finite time for large initial data.**
[Liu & P. & Sakovich 2009, 2010 for $p = 1, p = 2$]
- ▶ **Global solutions exist for small initial data.**
[Grimshaw & P. 2014 for $p = 1$]

Theorem (Grimshaw & P., 2014)

Let $u_0 \in H^3$ such that $1 - 3u_0''(x) > 0$ for all x . There exists a unique solution $u(t) \in C(\mathbb{R}, H^3)$ with $u(0) = u_0$.

This result is based on the preliminary works:

- ▶ Hone & Wang (2003) obtained Lax pair

$$\begin{cases} 3\lambda\psi_{xxx} + (1 - 3u_{xx})\psi = 0, \\ \psi_t + \lambda\psi_{xx} + u\psi_x - u_x\psi = 0, \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Kraenkel, LeBlond, & Manna (2014) showed equivalence to the Bullough–Dodd (Tzitzeica) equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t \partial z} = e^{-2V} - e^V.$$

Conserved quantities for the reduced Ostrovsky equation

Brunelli & Sakovich (2013) found bi-infinite sequence of conserved quantities for the reduced Ostrovsky equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \dots \\ E_{-1} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{3} u^3 + (\partial_x^{-1} u)^2 \right) dx, \\ E_0 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^2 dx \\ E_1 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[(1 - 3u_{xx})^{1/3} - 1 \right] dx, \\ E_2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{(u_{xxx})^2}{(1 - 3u_{xx})^{7/3}} dx \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic variable for the reduced Ostrovsky equation

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Let us introduce $f(x, t) = (1 - 3u_{xx})^{1/3} = F(\xi, t)$. Then,

$$F(\xi, t)\phi(\xi, t) = F_0(\xi)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial \xi} \log(F) = \frac{1}{3} F_0(\xi) (F^2 - F^{-1}).$$

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- ▷ A local solution $V \in C([0, T], H^1(\mathbb{R}))$ to the Tzitzéica equation follows from a local solution $u \in C([0, T], H^3(\mathbb{R}))$:

$$V(z, t) = -\frac{1}{3} \log(1 - 3u_{xx}(x, t)).$$

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- ▷ Together with the invertible coordinate transformation

$$u_{xx}(x, t) = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - e^{-3V(z, t)} \right)$$

and conserved quantities

$$E_0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^2 dx, \quad E_2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{(u_{xxx})^2}{(1 - 3u_{xx})^{7/3}} dx$$

this controls the H^3 norm of $u \in C([0, T], H^3(\mathbb{R}))$.

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Theorem (Hunter, 1990)

Let $u_0 \in C_{\text{per}}^1$ and define

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{S}} u_0'(x) = -m \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{x \in \mathbb{S}} |u_0(x)| = M.$$

If $m^3 > 4M(4 + m)$, a smooth solution $u(t, x)$ breaks in a finite time.

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Theorem (Liu, P. & Sakovich, 2010)

Assume that $u_0 \in H_{\text{per}}^2$. The solution breaks if

$$\text{either} \quad \int_{\mathbb{S}} (u'_0(x))^3 dx < - \left(\frac{3}{2} \|u_0\|_{L^2} \right)^{3/2}, \quad (1)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \exists x_0 : \quad u'_0(x_0) < -1 (\|u_0\|_{L^\infty} + T_1 \|u_0\|_{L^2})^{1/2}. \quad (2)$$

Proof of the sufficient condition (1)

Direct computation gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{S}} u_x^3 dx &= -2 \int_{\mathbb{S}} u_x^4 dx + 3 \int_{\mathbb{S}} uu_x^2 dx \\ &\leq -2\|u_x\|_{L^4}^4 + 3\|u\|_{L^2}\|u_x\|_{L^4}^2.\end{aligned}$$

By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$|V(t)| \leq \|u_x\|_{L^3}^3 \leq \|u_x\|_{L^4}^3, \quad V(t) = \int_{\mathbb{S}} u_x^3(t, x) dx < 0.$$

Let $Q_0 = \|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2$ and $V(0) < -\left(\frac{3}{2}Q_0\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$. Then,

$$\frac{dV}{dt} \leq -2 \left(|V|^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{3Q_0}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{9Q_0^2}{8},$$

There is $T < \infty$ such that $V(t) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $t \uparrow T$.

Proof of the sufficient condition (2)

Introduce characteristic variables for $u_t + uu_x = \partial_x^{-1}u$:

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At characteristics $x = X(\xi, t)$, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X}(t) = U, \\ X(0) = \xi, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{U}(t) = G, \\ U(0) = u_0(\xi), \end{cases}$$

Let $V(\xi, t) = u_x(t, X(\xi, t))$. Then

$$\dot{V} = -V^2 + U \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{V} \leq -V^2 + (\|u_0\|_{L^\infty} + t\|u_0\|_{L^2})$$

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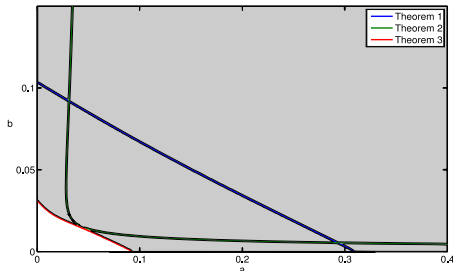
Numerical simulations

By using a pseudospectral method based on Fourier series:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{u}_k = -\frac{i}{k} \hat{u}_k - \frac{ik}{2} \mathcal{F} \left[(\mathcal{F}^{-1} \hat{u})^2 \right]_k, \quad k \neq 0, \quad t > 0,$$

where the initial condition is

$$u_0(x) = a \cos(x) + b \sin(2x),$$



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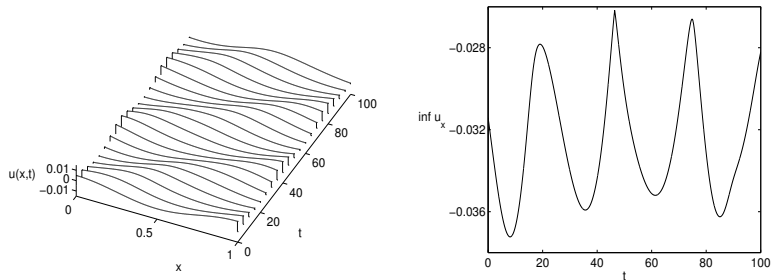


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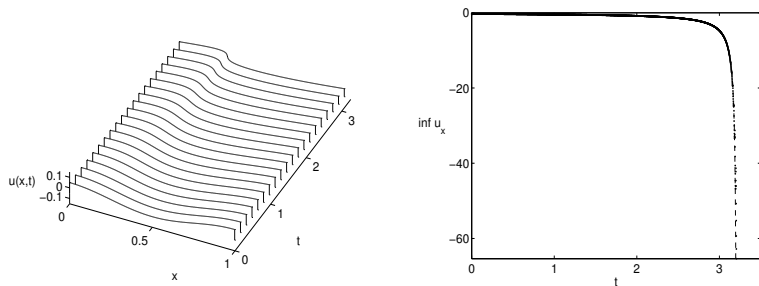


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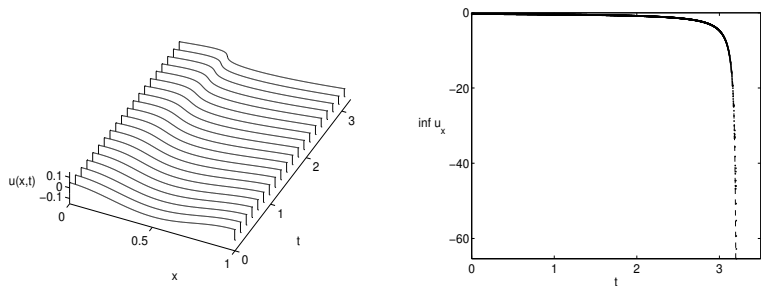


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Conjecture: The smooth solution breaks in a finite time if $u_0 \in H^3$ yields sign-indefinite $1 - 3u_0''(x)$.

Plan of my talk

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where $\int_{-T}^T U(z) dz = 0$, i.e. the periodic waves have zero mean.

ODE technique

Let $c > 0$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$. A function U is a smooth periodic solution of

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left((c - U^p) \frac{dU}{dz} \right) + U = 0 \quad (\text{ODE})$$

iff $(u, v) = (U, U')$ is a periodic orbit γ_E of the planar system

$$\begin{cases} u' = v, \\ v' = \frac{-u + pu^{p-1}v^2}{c - u^p}, \end{cases}$$

which has the first integral

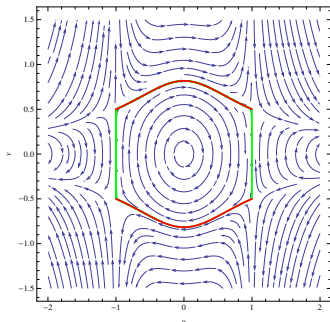
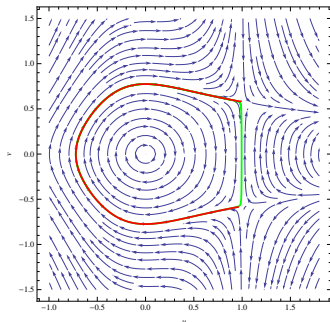
$$E(u, v) = \frac{1}{2}(c - u^p)^2 v^2 + \frac{c}{2}u^2 - \frac{1}{p+2}u^{p+2}.$$

The periodic wave U is smooth iff $c - U(z)^p > 0$ for every z .

Existence of smooth periodic traveling waves

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There exists a smooth family of periodic solutions parametrized by the energy $E \in (0, E_c)$, where $2T$ depends on E .

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Theorem (Geyer & P., 2017)

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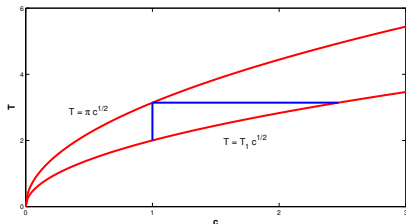
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The map $E \mapsto T$ for fixed c is transferred to the map $E \mapsto c$ for fixed T by the scaling transformation

$$U(z; c) = c^{1/p} \tilde{U}(\tilde{z}), \quad z = c^{1/2} \tilde{z}, \quad T = c^{1/2} \tilde{T},$$

where \tilde{U} is a $2\tilde{T}$ -periodic solution of the same (ODE) with $c = 1$.



Peaked 2π -periodic wave for $p = 1$

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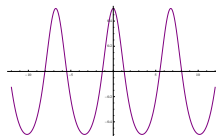
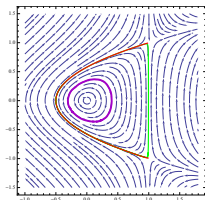
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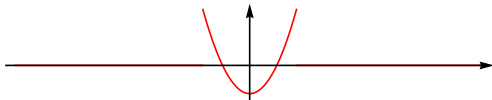
There exists $c_ > 1$ such that for every $c \in (1, c_*)$, the BVP admits a unique smooth periodic wave U satisfying $U(z) < c$ for $z \in [-\pi, \pi]$.*



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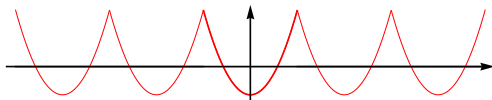


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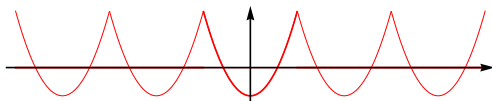


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The peaked periodic wave $U_* \in H_{\text{per}}^s(-\pi, \pi)$ for $s < 3/2$:

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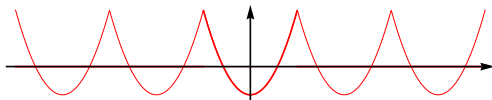
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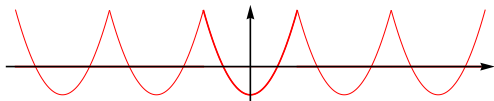
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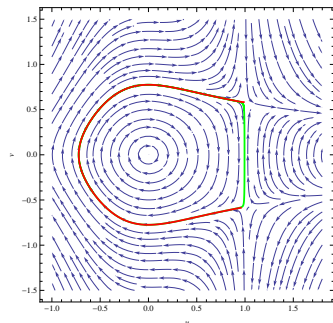
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The peaked periodic wave U_ is the unique peaked solution with the jump at $z = \pm\pi$.*

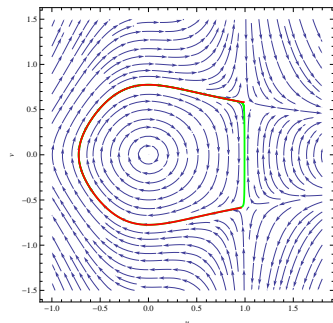
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This is true if the following two conditions hold:

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Both conditions are proven using strict monotonicity of the energy-to-period map $T(E)$.

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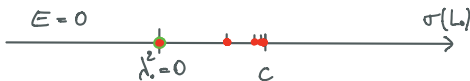
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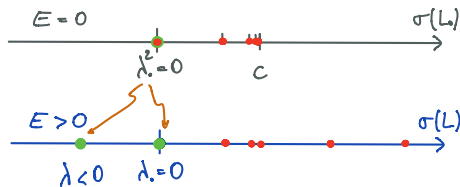
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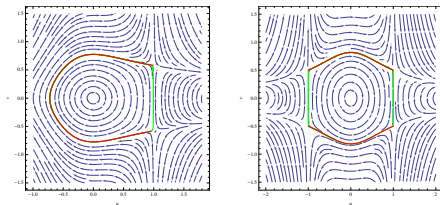
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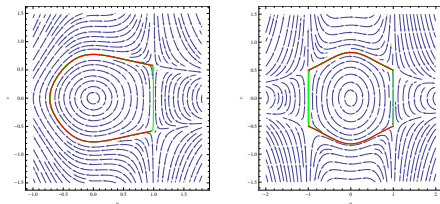
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