

# Variational balance relations and applications

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## Plan

1. Variational balance relations
2. Balance models in fluid dynamics
3. PDE case study: the semilinear Klein–Gordon equation

# 1. Why balance models?

## Balance relation as gravity wave diagnostics

- High-order balance relations?
- Mathematical properties?
- Numerical implementation?
- Data assimilation

## Balance models as limiting test case for full models

- Fast rotating limits cause scale separation!

## General method for certain singular perturbation problems?

- Systems with strong gyroscopic forces
- Non-relativistic limit of semilinear Klein–Gordon
- Modified equations for variational time integrators?

## 1.1. Why variational?

### Rigid construction

- Understand conservation law structure
- Noether's theorem persists under model reduction
- For fluids: get conservation of energy and balance model PV

### Flexible construction

- Variational balance relations are far from unique
- Use this freedom to get well-posedness in standard setting
- In examples: easy choice is often a good choice

## 1.2. Idea

**Family of Lagrangians with small parameter  $\varepsilon$ :**

$$0 = \delta S = \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L_\varepsilon(q_\varepsilon, \dot{q}_\varepsilon) dt = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta q_\varepsilon^T \left( D_q L_\varepsilon(q_\varepsilon, \dot{q}_\varepsilon) - \frac{d}{dt} D_{\dot{q}} L_\varepsilon(q_\varepsilon, \dot{q}_\varepsilon) \right) dt$$

so that

$$\text{EL}_\varepsilon[q_\varepsilon] \equiv D_q L_\varepsilon(q_\varepsilon, \dot{q}_\varepsilon) - \frac{d}{dt} D_{\dot{q}} L_\varepsilon(q_\varepsilon, \dot{q}_\varepsilon) = 0$$

**Introduce transformation  $q_\varepsilon = \Phi[q]$ :**

$$0 = \delta S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta q^T D\Phi[q]^* \left( D_q L_\varepsilon(\Phi[q], \frac{d}{dt} \Phi[q]) - \frac{d}{dt} D_{\dot{q}} L_\varepsilon(\Phi[q], \frac{d}{dt} \Phi[q]) \right) dt$$

So Euler–Lagrange equation reads

$$D\Phi[q]^* \text{EL}_\varepsilon[\Phi[q]] = 0$$

**Now choose  $\Phi$  such that**

$$D\Phi[q]^* \text{EL}_\varepsilon[\Phi[q]] = \text{EL}_{\text{slow}}^n[q] + O(\varepsilon^{n+1})$$

## 1.3. Turning the construction into a proof

**From before:**

$$D\Phi[q]^* \text{EL}_\varepsilon[\Phi[q]] = \text{EL}_{\text{slow}}^n[q] + \varepsilon^{n+1} \text{EL}_R^n[q]$$

**Take a solution  $q$  of the slow equation:**

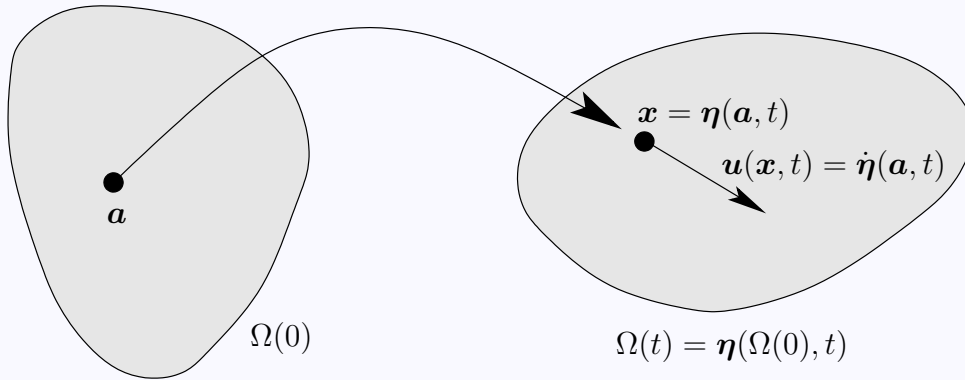
- $\text{EL}_{\text{slow}}^n[q] = 0$  by definition
- Any derivative of  $q$  is  $O(1)$
- Consequently,  $\text{EL}_R^n[q] = O(1)$
- Then  $\text{EL}_\varepsilon[\Phi[q]] = O(\varepsilon^{n+1})$

**Conclusion:**

$z \equiv \Phi[q]$  satisfies the full equation to an  $O(\varepsilon^{n+1})$  remainder.

*Now use non-variational stability estimates to control the difference  $q_\varepsilon - z$*

## 2. Lagrangian fluid dynamics



**For fluids, the configuration space is the group of flow maps  $\eta$ .**

- Lagrangian vs. Eulerian fluid velocity:  $\dot{\eta} = u \circ \eta$
- Lagrangian vs. Eulerian variation:  $\delta\eta = w \circ \eta$
- Lagrangian vs. Eulerian transformation:  $\eta' = v \circ \eta$

*Note:* Affine Lagrangians (Lagrangians which are linear in the velocity) lead to kinematic Euler–Lagrange equations in Eulerian variables!

## 2.1. Example: Rotating shallow water

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon (\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) + f \mathbf{u}^\perp + \frac{\text{Bu}}{\varepsilon} \nabla h &= 0 \\ \partial_t h + \nabla \cdot (h \mathbf{u}) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Rossby number  $\varepsilon = U/(fL) \ll 1$
- Burger number  $\text{Bu} = gH/(f^2 L^2)$

**Semi-geostrophic scaling (aka. Phillips type 2 scaling/frontal geostrophic regime):**

$$\text{Bu} = \varepsilon$$

(Quasi-geostrophic regime is  $\text{Bu} = O(1)$  with  $h = 1 + O(\varepsilon)$ ; not considered here.)

**Eliassen/Hoskins: geostrophic momentum approximation**

$$\varepsilon (\partial_t + \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla) \nabla^\perp h_\varepsilon + \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon^\perp + \nabla h_\varepsilon = 0$$

- Canonical Hamiltonian system
- Advected PV in geostrophic coordinates (Hoskins, 1975)

## 2.2. Example ctd.: First order balance models

$$L_\varepsilon = \int h_\varepsilon (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon |\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon|^2 - \frac{1}{2} h_\varepsilon) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

where  $\nabla^\perp \cdot \mathbf{R} = f \equiv 1$

Expansion in  $\varepsilon$

$$L_\varepsilon = \int h (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2} h) \, d\mathbf{x} + \varepsilon \int h (\mathbf{v}^\perp \cdot \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{x} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Degeneracy condition

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^\perp + \lambda \nabla h$$

Salmon's (1985)  $L_1$ -model:

- Any balance model will have  $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^\perp h + O(\varepsilon)$ , so  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  implies  $\mathbf{v} = O(\varepsilon)$
- Forget the transformation!



## 2.3. First order model dynamics

Set  $\sigma = \varepsilon(\lambda + \frac{1}{2})$ . Then

$$\partial_t q + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla q = 0$$

$$(q - \sigma \Delta)h = f$$

$$(1 - \sigma (h\Delta + 2\nabla h \cdot \nabla))\mathbf{u} = \nabla^\perp [h - \varepsilon \lambda (2h\Delta h + |\nabla h|^2)]$$

### What is known:

- Derivation: Salmon (1985), O. (2006)
- Solution theory: Çalık, O., Vasylykevych (2013)
- Numerically well-behaved models, consistent initialization is difficult: Dritschel, Gottwald, O. (WIP)
- Justification: *open*

## 2.4. The bigger picture

### Semigeostrophic equations

- Derivation: Hoskins (1975), O. (2014)
- Solution theory: Cullen, Purser, Gangbo, Feldman, ... (1980s–today)
- Justification: *open*

### Generalizations

- Spatially varying Coriolis parameter: O., Vasylykevych (2013)
- Stratified models: O., Vasylykevych (2013)
- Quasigeostrophic scaling, higher order models: O. (2006)

### Beyond fluids

- Nonlinear oscillator in magnetic field: exponential asymptotics by Cotter and Reich (2006), variational proofs by Gottwald and O. (2014)
- The semilinear Klein–Gordon equation (to follow)
- Analysis of variational time-integrators

### 3. PDE case study: semilinear Klein–Gordon equation

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2mc^2} \ddot{\Psi} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \Psi + \frac{mc^2}{2} \Psi + f(|\Psi|^2) \Psi = 0$$

#### Modulated wave function

$$\psi = \Psi e^{\frac{imc^2 t}{\hbar}}$$

Then

$$i\hbar \dot{\psi} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc^2} \ddot{\psi} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \psi - f(|\psi|^2) \psi = 0$$

#### Non-relativistic limit $c \rightarrow \infty$

- Convergence to NLS in energy space (Machihara, Nakanishi, Ozawa, Masmudi, 2000s)
- Structurally a “semigeostrophic” limit
- Can we use variational methods to derive a hierarchy of “balance models” for slow motion in the weakly relativistic regime?

## 3.1. Setup

### Lagrangian (non-dimensionalized)

$$L(u, \dot{u}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |\dot{u}|^2 + \frac{i}{2} \dot{u} \bar{u} - \frac{1}{2} |u_x|^2 + V(u, \bar{u}) \right) dx$$

### Full model as first order system

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \Delta/\varepsilon & i/\varepsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g(u)/\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation:  $g(u) = f(|u|^2)u$  where  $V(u, \bar{u}) = \frac{1}{2} F(|u|^2)$  with  $F' = f$ .

### Eigenoperators of linear part

$$L_{\pm} = i \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4\varepsilon\Delta}}{2\varepsilon}$$

### Ansatz for fast variable – remove linear slow motion *to all orders*

$$w = v - iL_- u - F_{\text{slow}}^{n+1}(u)$$

## 3.2. Recurrence relation for slow vector field

### Slow-fast splitting

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} &= iL_- u + F_{\text{slow}}^n(u) + \varepsilon^{n+1} f_{n+1}(u) + w \\ \dot{w} &= \left( \frac{i}{\varepsilon} - iL_- - DF_{\text{slow}}^{n+1}(u) \right) w + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (g(u) + i(1 - \varepsilon L_-) F_{\text{slow}}^{n+1}(u)) \\ &\quad - iDF_{\text{slow}}^{n+1}(u)L_- u - DF_{\text{slow}}^{n+1}(u) F_{\text{slow}}^{n+1}(u)\end{aligned}$$

### Construction of the slow vector field

$$M^{-1} \equiv 1 - \varepsilon L_- = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\varepsilon\Delta}}{2}$$

is positive, self-adjoint, first-order with compact inverse  $M$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}f_0(u) &= iMg(u) \\ f_{\ell+1} &= M \left( Df_\ell(u)L_- u - i \sum_{j+k=\ell} Df_j(u)f_k(u) \right)\end{aligned}$$

**No recurrent loss of regularity!** Persistence of  $L^2$ -smallness of  $w$  can be achieved to any order in  $\varepsilon$  *uniformly in the regularity class of the initial data*.

### 3.3. Variational asymptotics for *linear* Klein–Gordon

#### Quadratic action functional

$$S_\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \langle T^2 u_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle T u_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Delta u_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon \rangle.$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the space-time inner product and  $T \equiv i \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  is formally self-adjoint.

**Degeneracy condition: Can we choose  $u_\varepsilon = \phi(\varepsilon T, \varepsilon \Delta) u$  such that**

$$S_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \langle (\varepsilon T^2 + T + \Delta) \phi^2(\varepsilon T, \varepsilon \Delta) u, u \rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2} \langle (T + \Delta \theta(\varepsilon \Delta)) u, u \rangle$$

I.e., find *generating functions*  $\phi(\xi, \eta)$  and  $\theta(\eta)$ , analytic near the origin, with

$$(\xi^2 + \xi + \eta) \phi^2(\xi, \eta) = \xi + \eta \theta(\eta)$$

It can be shown that there is a *unique* choice, namely

$$\theta(\eta) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\eta}}{2\eta} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\sqrt{k(\eta)}}{\sqrt{1 + \xi k(\eta)}} \quad \text{with} \quad k(\eta) = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\eta}}$$

### 3.4. Expansion of the linear transformation

- When plugging the linear transformation into the potential, we need to expand
- Can we do this without losing derivatives?

#### Naive expansion

Let  $K$  be the compact operator with symbol  $k$ . Then

$$\phi(\varepsilon T, \varepsilon \Delta) = \frac{\sqrt{K}}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon TK}} = \sqrt{K} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{j} \varepsilon^j (TK)^j$$

On solutions of the slow equation,  $TK$  is a zero order operator, but its operator norm is  $O(\varepsilon^{-1})$  unless we lose derivatives

#### Better expansion – use lower order “balance”

$$\phi(\varepsilon T, \varepsilon \Delta) = \frac{\sqrt{K}}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon TK}} = \frac{\sqrt{M}}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon (T + L_-)M}} \quad \text{with} \quad M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 4\varepsilon \Delta}}$$

On solutions of the slow equation,  $(T + L_-)M$  is of zero order uniformly!

### 3.5. Shadowing theorem

Let  $u$  denote a solution of the slow Euler–Lagrange equation  $u(0) \in H^2$ . Let  $u_\varepsilon$  solve the full Euler–Lagrange equation consistently initialized via

$$\begin{aligned}u_\varepsilon(0) &= \Phi_n[u] \Big|_{t=0} \\ \dot{u}_\varepsilon(0) &= \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_n[u] \Big|_{t=0}\end{aligned}$$

Then for every fixed  $T > 0$  there exist  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and  $c = c(u(0), T)$  such that for all  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ ,

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u_\varepsilon(t) - \Phi_n[u(t)]\|_{L^2} \leq c \varepsilon^{n+1}$$

#### Proof

Note that all operators are bounded – proceed as in finite dimensions.

#### Conclusion

*Hamiltonian PDE asymptotics without “loss of derivatives”*