

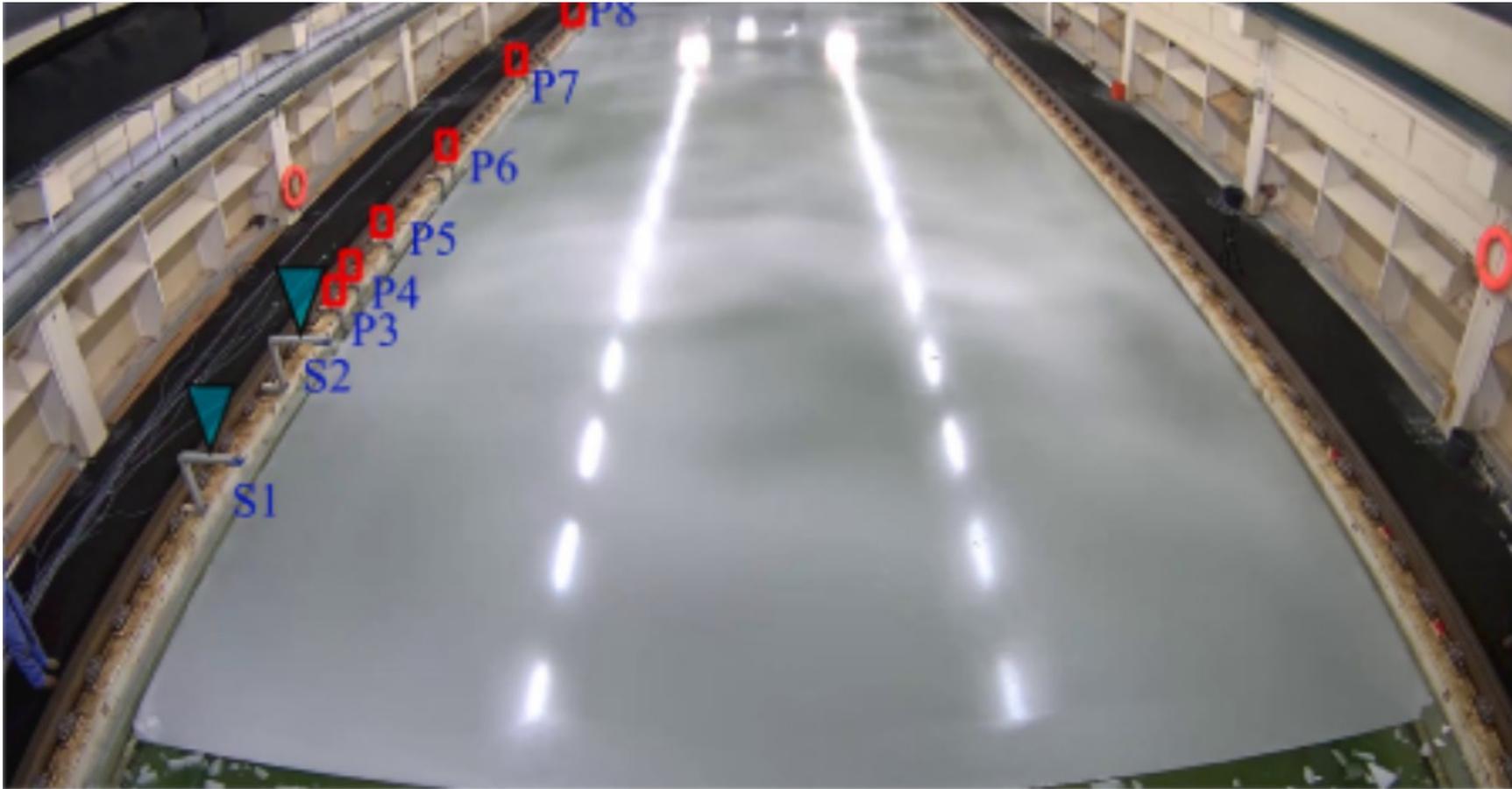
A large, dark blue ice sheet floating on the ocean, with white foam from a wave in the foreground.

Boundary Element Method for Floating Ice Sheet

2.29 Final Project

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Ice-Covered Wave Tank



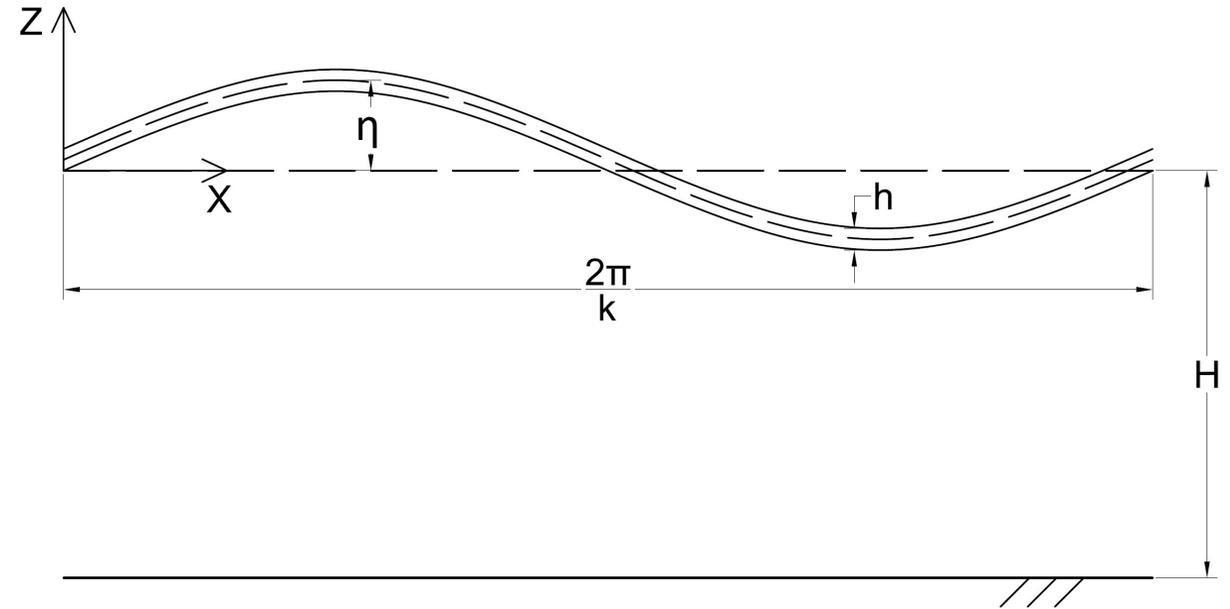
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Objectives

- Modify existing numerical wave tank (“open water”) to model a thin, continuous ice covering (“ice-covered”)
- Discuss difficulties resulting from inherent instabilities and stiff equations

Model Assumptions

Fluid {
Potential flow, $\vec{V} = \nabla\phi$
Nominally 2D
Linear waves
Finite depth



Structure {
Thin
Homogeneous
Small deflections



Euler-Bernoulli Beam Model

Boundary Value Problem

- Governing Equation: $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$
- Boundary Conditions

Kinematic	$\left. \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right _{z=0} = 0$	on $\mathbf{r} \in S_F$
Dynamic	$\frac{\partial \phi^s}{\partial t} + \eta + \tilde{D} \frac{\partial^4 \eta}{\partial x^4} = -P_a$	on $\mathbf{r} \in S_F$
Body Kinematic	$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0$	on $\mathbf{r} \in S_B$
	$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = \vec{U}_p \cdot \vec{n}$	on $\mathbf{r} \in S_P$

$$S_F: \phi = \phi^s(t)$$

$$S_P: \phi_n = -\phi_x(t)$$

$$S_B: \phi_n = 0$$

- BVP solved using quadratic boundary element method

$$[A] \begin{bmatrix} \phi_z \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ -\phi_x \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solved using GMRES
- Time marching using 4th-order Runge Kutta

Saw-Tooth Instability

- Numerical noise of wavelength $2\Delta x$ inherent to the BVP

$$\delta\eta_j \sim \delta A (-1)^j$$

- Considering single mode of Fourier decomposition inserted into exact spatial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial^4 (f(t)e^{ikx})}{\partial x^4} = k^4 f(t)e^{ikx}$$

- Inviscid assumption – no physical damping

Smoothing

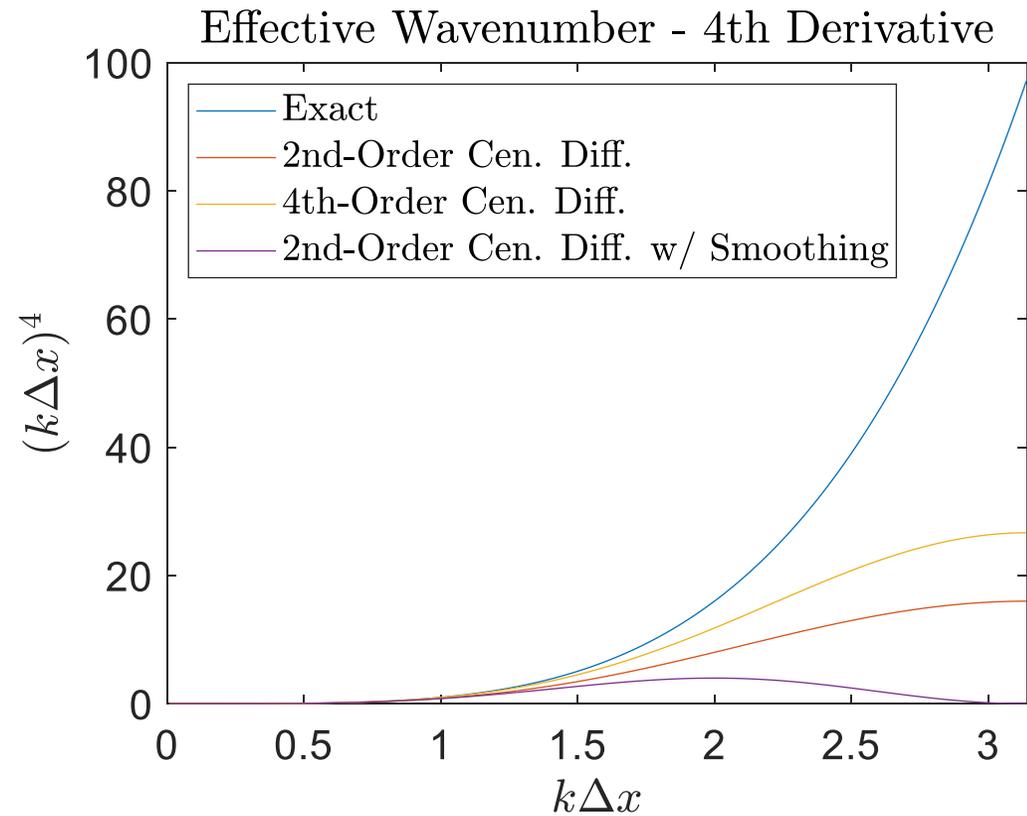
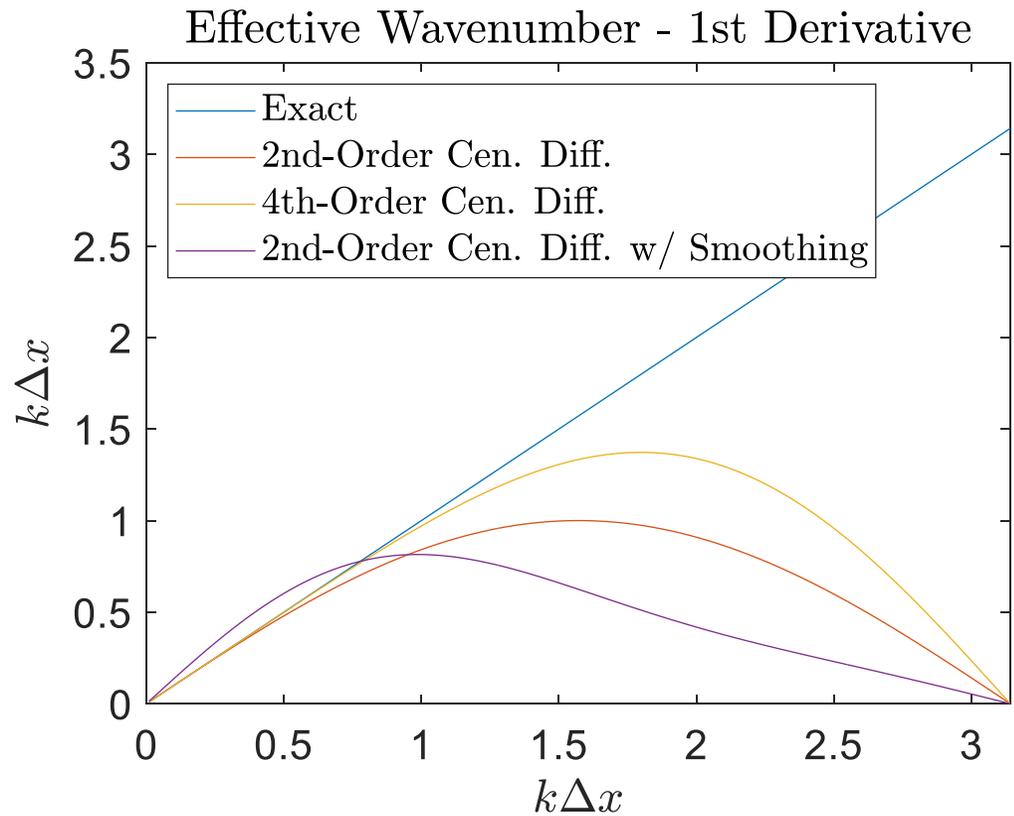
- Use knowledge of saw-tooth instability to derive specific smoothing scheme

$$h(x) = (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n) + (-1)^j (b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1})$$

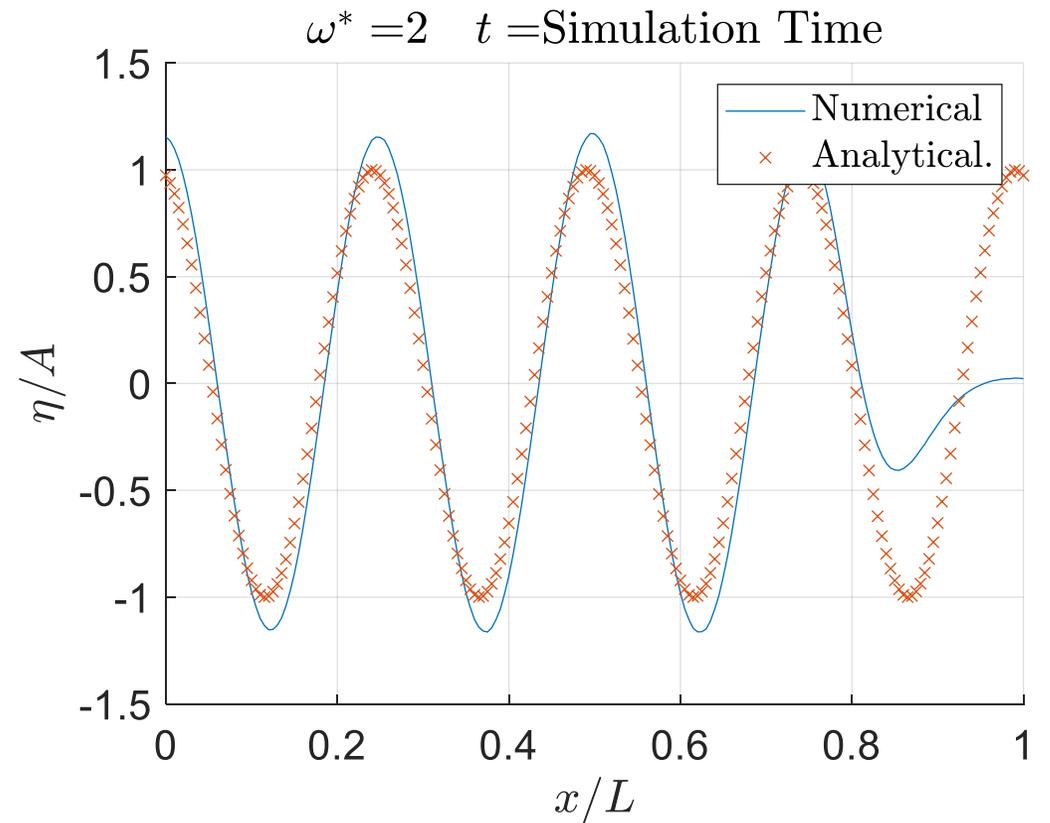
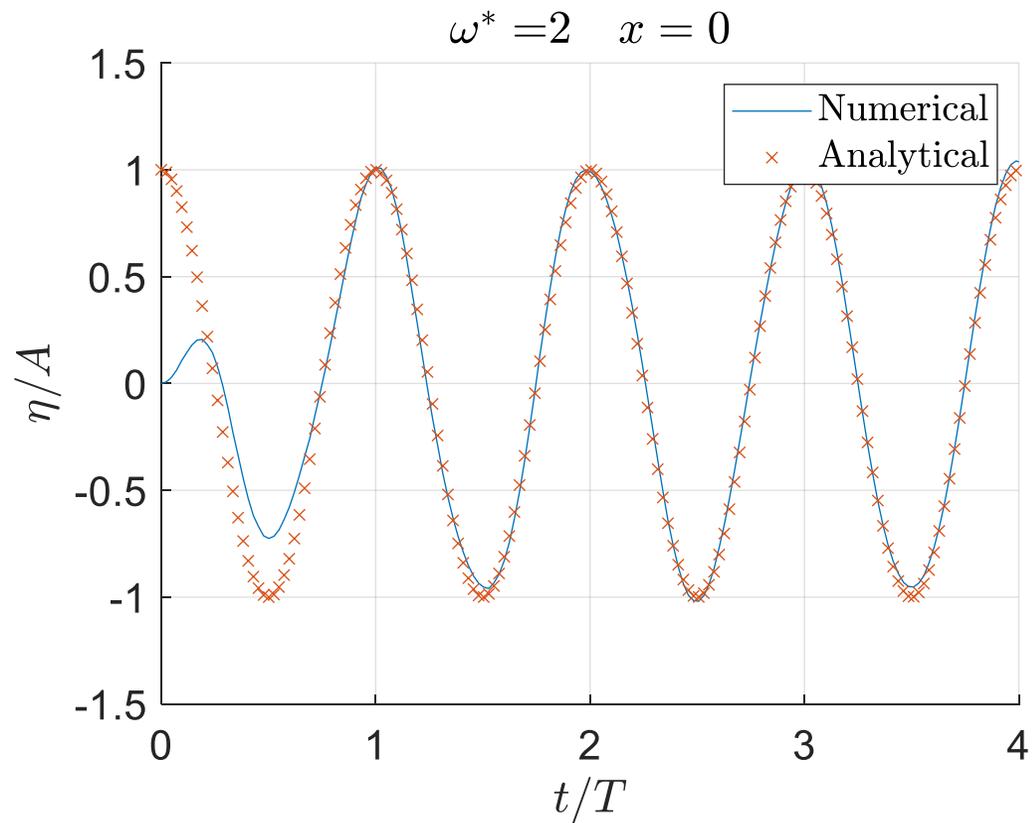
- 5-Point Scheme

$$\bar{f}_j = \frac{1}{16} (-f_{j-2} + 4f_{j-1} + 10f_j + 4f_{j+1} - f_{j+2})$$

Effective Wavenumber with Smoothing



Open Water Verification



Modifications to Include Ice-Covering

- Velocity potential update changes to resemble hyperbolic PDE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \phi^s}{\partial t} = -\eta - \tilde{D} \frac{\partial^4 \eta}{\partial x^4} \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} \end{cases}$$

- Adopted 2nd-order upwind scheme to evaluate the fourth derivative to take advantage of numerical diffusion

Stiff System of Equations

- Time step sized in accordance with open water leads to loss of convergence
- Reducing time step significantly helped resulting in $\sim 1/2$ wavelength of realistic solution
- Adopt deferred-correction time marching scheme to gain stability of implicit method

Next Steps

- Von Neumann stability analysis $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \phi^s}{\partial t} = -\cancel{\eta}^0 - \tilde{D} \frac{\partial^4 \eta}{\partial x^4} \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} \end{array} \right.$
- Isolate the flexural wave

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- $y_j(x_j) = \cos(x_j) + \delta y (-1)^j U_j (0,1)$

Vector Norms of Amplitude-Normalized Free Surface Elevation Showing Instability

dt	2 nd -Order Cen. Diff.	4 th -Order Cen. Diff.	2 nd -Order Upwind	4 th -Order Upwind
1	1.14x10 ⁻⁴	6.38x10 ⁻⁴	5.96x10 ⁻⁵	1.67x10 ⁻⁴
2	1.52	888	0.567	32.0

