

On periodic solutions of a model equation for surface waves of moderate amplitude in shallow water

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The work which will be presented is mainly on a nonlinear evolution equation for surface waves of moderate amplitude in shallow water given below:

$$(1) \quad u_t + u_x + \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon uu_x - \frac{3}{8}\varepsilon^2 u^2 u_x + \frac{3}{16}\varepsilon^3 u^3 u_x + \frac{\mu}{12}(u_{xxx} - u_{xxt}) + \frac{7\varepsilon}{24}\mu(uu_{xxx} + 2u_x u_{xx}) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0.$$

Here $u(x, t)$ is the free surface elevation and ε and μ represent the amplitude and shallowness parameters, respectively. Solutions of the Cauchy problem corresponding to (1) which are spatially periodic of period 1 are investigated. Local well-posedness is attained by an approach due to Kato which is based on semigroup theory for quasi-linear equations. Moreover, it is shown that singularities for the model equation can occur only in the form of wave breaking, in particular surging breakers. This work has been supported by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) under International Postdoctoral Research Scholarship Programme.

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