

Re: Non-linear overlaying of waves in water

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> *"heiko ackermann" <heiack@gmx.de> wrote in message*

> *news:410fff40.0501230900.4ba5271@posting.google.com...*

> > *Hey,*

> > *If I overlay two acoustic waves with different frequencies in
water,*

> > *and my amplitudes are high enough for linear effects.*

> > *There will be four waves, the two wave frequencies and the new two*

> > *ones, $f_1 - f_2$ and $f_1 + f_2$*

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> *These sum and difference frequencies will not occur if you are*

> *considering a linear system, as you said above here.*

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> > *Now I want to know if what's about the amplitude of the two new*

> *ones.*

> > *Will the amplitude change, or will it be the always the same.*

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> *Play around with an expression of the kind*

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> $y = y_1 * \sin(w_1 * t) + y_2 * \sin(w_2 * t) + \alpha * \sin(w_1 * t) * y_2 * \sin(w_2 * t)$

> *until you have only a sum of simple sinusoidal oscillations. Alpha*

> *would be indicative of the relative strength of the non-linearity.*

It might have been more obvious if I had extracted the two amplitudes
explicitly out of alpha, to replace it by

$\alpha = \beta * y_1 * y_2$

Franz

> > *In the linear case the beating amplitudie will change, but whats*

> *about*

> > *the non-linear chase.*

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> *Franz*

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