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Continuous Dependence and Stability For Non Linear Dispersive and Dissipative Waves.

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Introduction.

In this paper we give some continuous dependence and stability theorems for nonlinear dispersive and dissipative waves according to the Korteweg-de Vries-Burgers (K.d.V.B.) equation [1]. Our goal is to obtain the afore said theorems only by assumptions on the data and without assuming, a priori, on perturbations any kind of convergence at large spatial distance. To this end we use the weight function method [2], [3], [4] by which it is possible to remove from perturbation to the weight function the convergence conditions.

The paper is divided into four sections. In the first one—devoted to preliminaries—we obtain a weighted energy equality for the K.d.V.B. equation (lemma 1) and recall a pointwise estimates for functions with bounded first derivatives (lemma 2).

In section 2 we prove a L^2 energy inequality for solution u to the perturbed equation which, a priori, may grow polinomially at large spatial distance. As a consequence of the afore said L^2 energy inequality in sections 3, 4 we give two continuous dependence theorems (sec. 3) and two stability theorem both in the L^2 and in the pointwise norm.

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1. Preliminaries.

The initial value problem (I.V.P.) associated to the K.d.V.B. equation, as is well known, is:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} v_t + vv_x + \mu v_{xxx} = \varkappa v_{xx} + F & (x, t) \in R \times R^+ \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x) & x \in R \end{cases}$$

where $\mu \in R$ is the constant of dispersion and $\varkappa = \text{const} > 0$ is a coefficient of viscosity. The term F which appears in the right hand side may represent some kind of forcing action on the physical system and may also be considered as a control term which represents—in some sense—the net error entailed in equation (1) with $F = 0$ as an approximate model. In the sequel we shall consider F ascribed and depending by x and t . Denoting by v and $v + u$ two classical solutions of the I.V.P. (1) and by $\{v_0, v_0 + u_0\}$, $\{F, F + f\}$ the initial data and the forces (the controls), the perturbation u satisfies the following I.V.P.:

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} u_t = -(v + u)u_x - uv_x - \mu u_{xxx} + \varkappa u_{xx} + f \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x). \end{cases}$$

Let $g(x, t) \geq 0$ be a generally differentiable « weight function » and denote by \mathcal{E}^\dagger the weighted $L^2(R)$ norm defined by

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{E} = \|\sqrt{g}u\|^2 = \int_x gu^2 dx.$$

DEFINITION 1. We shall say that a solution u to problem (2) is in the class Γ_ν iff

$$(4) \quad \exists M, l > 0: |v|, |v_x|, |u|, |u_x|, |u_{xx}|, |u_0|, |f| \leq M|x|^\nu$$

$$(K > 0, |x| > l).$$

LEMMA 1. If $u \in \Gamma_\nu$ then u verifies the weighted energy equality

$$(5) \quad \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} = \int_R \left\{ \left[g_t + g_x \left(v + \frac{2}{3}u \right) + (\kappa g_{xx} + \mu g_{xxx}) - gv_x^2 \right] u^2 + \right. \\ \left. - \left(\kappa g + \frac{3}{2} \mu g_x \right) u_x^2 + 2gfu \right\} dx$$

where

$$(6) \quad g = \exp[-\alpha(1 + \varepsilon x)(t + t_0)^\beta]$$

with

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} \alpha > 0; & t_0, \beta \geq 0 \\ \varepsilon = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ -1 & x \leq 0. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

PROOF. Multiplying (2₁) by $g \cdot u$ and integrating, we easily get (5) (1). In the sequel we shall use the following lemma:

LEMMA 2. Let N be a fixed positive constant and let \mathfrak{J}_N be the class of functions:

$$\varphi: R \rightarrow R, \quad \varphi \in C^1(R), \quad |\varphi'| \leq N.$$

Then $\forall x_0 \in R$ and $\forall h \in R^+$

$$(8) \quad \varphi \in \mathfrak{J}_N \Rightarrow |\varphi(x_0)| \leq K \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} \varphi^2 dt + \left(\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} \varphi^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(1) Take into account that:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} guu_t &= \frac{1}{2} (gu^2)_t - \frac{1}{2} g_t u^2, & guu_x &= \frac{1}{2} (gu^2)_x - \frac{1}{2} g_x u^2 \\ (v + u)guu_x &= \left(\frac{1}{2} vgu^2 + \frac{1}{3} gu^3 \right)_x - \frac{1}{2} g_x \left(v + \frac{2}{3}u \right) u^2 - \frac{1}{2} gv_x u^2 \\ guu_{xx} &= \left(guu_x - g_x \frac{u^2}{2} \right)_x + g_{xx} \frac{u^2}{2} - gu_x^2 \\ guu_{xxx} &= \left(guu_{xx} - g_x uu_x - g \frac{u_x^2}{2} + g_{xx} \frac{u^2}{2} \right)_x - g_{xxx} \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} g_x u_x^2. \end{aligned} \right.$$

where K is a positive constant independent of x_0 ⁽²⁾.

2. L^2 energy inequality.

Let T be a positive constant. We have ⁽³⁾:

THEOREM 1. *Let $u \in \Gamma_v$ with*

$$(9) \quad |v|, |u| \leq M(1 + |x|), \quad |v_x| \leq M.$$

Then

$$(10) \quad \begin{cases} u_0 \in L^2(R) \\ f \in L^2(R \times [0, T]) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u \in L^2(R) & \forall t > 0 \\ u_x \in L^2(R \times [0, T]) \end{cases}$$

and moreover u obeys the L^2 energy inequality $\forall t \leq T$, i.e.

$$(11) \quad \|u(t)\|^2 \leq \|u_0\|^2 - \int_0^t \int_R (V_x u^2 + 2\kappa u_x^2 - 2fu) dx.$$

PROOF. Since

$$(12) \quad \begin{cases} g_t = -\alpha\beta(1 + |x|)(t + t_0)^{\beta-1}g, & g_x = -\alpha\varepsilon(t + t_0)^\beta g \\ g_{xx} = \alpha^2(t + t_0)^{2\beta}g, & g_{xxx} = -\alpha^3\varepsilon(t + t_0)^{2\beta}g \end{cases}$$

we have

$$(13) \quad \kappa g_{xx} + \mu g_{xxx} \leq \alpha^2(T + t_0)^2[\kappa + |\mu|\alpha(T + t_0)]g$$

⁽²⁾ For the sake of completeness we shall sketch here the proof. We have:

$$\varphi^2(x_0) = \varphi^2(x) - \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} \frac{d}{dt} \varphi^2 dt \leq \varphi^2(x) + Nh^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} \varphi^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Integrating over $(x_0, x_0 + h)$ we obtain

$$h\varphi^2(x_0) \leq \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} \varphi^2(t) dt + 2Nh^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} \varphi^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

⁽³⁾ We denote by $\|\cdot\|$ the $L^2(R)$ norm, as we already made in relation (3).

and, for $\beta > \frac{5}{3} M(T + t_0)$

$$(14) \quad g_t + \left(v + \frac{2}{3} u\right) g_x \leq \alpha g(1 + |x|)(t + t_0)^\beta \left(\frac{5}{3} M - \frac{\beta}{T + t_0}\right) < 0.$$

Moreover, letting

$$(15) \quad \bar{\kappa} = \kappa - \frac{3}{2} |\mu| \alpha (T + t_0)^\beta$$

for

$$(16) \quad 0 < \alpha < \frac{2\kappa}{3 |\mu| (T + t_0)^\beta}$$

and for the assumption made on v_x we have

$$(17) \quad \kappa g + \frac{3}{2} \mu g_x \geq \bar{\kappa} g \geq 0.$$

Therefore, taking into account (13)-(17) and the Cauchy inequality $2fu \leq f^2 + u^2$, from (5) we obtain

$$(18) \quad \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \leq A\varepsilon + \int_R (g(f^2 - 2\bar{\kappa}u_x^2) dx$$

with

$$(19) \quad A = \alpha^2(T + t_0)^2[\kappa + |\mu|\alpha(T + t_0)] + 1 + M.$$

Integrating (18) from 0 to $t \leq T$ we thus obtain ⁽⁴⁾

$$(20) \quad 2\bar{\kappa} \int_0^t \int_R g u_x^2 dx ds + \varepsilon(t) \leq \exp(AT) \left[\varepsilon(0) + \int_0^T \int_R g f^2 dx \right].$$

Therefore, since by assumptions (10) the right hand side of (20) con-

⁽⁴⁾ Take into account the following generalization of the Gronwall's lemma [6]:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &\leq K(t) + \int_0^t x(s)y(s) ds, \quad t \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow y(t) \leq K(0) \exp \int_0^t x(s) ds + \exp \int_0^t x(s) ds \cdot \int_0^t K'(s) \exp \left[- \int_0^s y(\xi) d\xi \right] \cdot ds. \end{aligned}$$

verges to a finite quantity as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, by the monotone convergence theorem we deduce

$$(21) \quad \int_0^t ds \int_R u_x^2 dx + \int_R u^2 dx < \infty, \quad \forall t \leq T.$$

Let us come back now to identity (5). Taking into account (14) we obtain

$$(22) \quad \varepsilon(t) \leq \varepsilon_0 + \int_0^t ds \int_R g[(\alpha^2 A_1 - v_x)u^2 - 2\bar{\kappa}u_x^2 + 2fu] dx$$

with

$$(23) \quad A_1 = (T + t_0)^2[\kappa + |\mu|\alpha(T + t_0)].$$

Letting $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ in (22), we obtain the inequality (11).

3. Continuous dependence theorems.

The inequality (20) allows to obtain immediately a continuous dependence theorem upon the data u_0 and f for solutions which may grow spatially according to (4) + (9).

THEOREM 2. *Let $u \in \Gamma_V$ and let (9) holds. Then*

$$(24) \quad \|u_0\|^2 + \int_0^T \|f\|^2 ds < \delta \Rightarrow \int_0^T \|u_x\|^2 ds + \|u\|^2 \leq A^* \delta, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

where $A^*(> 0)$ is a constant independent of δ .

PROOF. From (20), taking into account (19) and letting $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, we obtain

$$(25) \quad 2h \int_0^T \|u_x\|^2 ds + \|u\|^2 \leq \exp[(1 + M)T] - \left[\|u_0\|^2 + \int_0^T \|f\|^2 ds \right],$$

$\forall t \in [0, T]$

which proves the theorem.

Starting from the theorem 2, which in particular assures continuous dependence in the norm of L^2 , it is possible to obtain continuous dependence in the pointwise norm.

THEOREM 3. *Let the assumptions of theorem 2 be satisfied with*

$$(26) \quad |u_x| \leq N \quad (N = \text{const} > 0).$$

Then

$$(27) \quad \|u_0\|^2 + \int_0^T \|f\|^2 ds < \delta \Rightarrow \sup_{R \times [0, T]} |u| < A_1^* \delta^p \quad (p > 0)$$

with A_1^* constant independent of δ .

From theorem 2 follows

$$\|u\|^2 \leq A^* \delta, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

with A^* constant independent of δ . The theorem 3 follows easily then from the lemma 2.

REMARK (Uniqueness). *Let the assumptions of theorem 2 be satisfied with $f = 0$. Then*

$$(28) \quad u_0 = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0, \quad \forall (x, t) \in R \times R^+.$$

4. Stability.

Starting from the L^2 energy inequality (11) and taking into account the lemma 2 it is possible to obtain a stability theorem in the L^2 norm and a stability theorem in the pointwise norm. ([5], n. 5).

Let

$$(29) \quad \varkappa^* = \frac{1}{2} \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} \left[\sup_{w \in \Sigma} \frac{-\int_R v_x w^2 dx}{\int_R w_x^2 dx} \right]$$

where Σ is the set of one time differentiable functions in R . The following theorem holds:

THEOREM 4. *Let the hypotheses of theorem 2 be satisfied with $f = 0$ and $\forall T > 0$. Then, if*

$$(30) \quad \kappa^* < \kappa$$

the unperturbed solution v is stable in the L^2 norm.

PROOF. From (29) and from (11), we obtain $\forall t > 0$

$$(31) \quad \|u(t)\|^2 \leq \|u_0\|^2 + 2(r^* - r) \int_0^t \int_R u_x^2 dx .$$

Therefore from (30)+(31) we deduce

$$(32) \quad \|u_0\|^2 < \delta \Rightarrow \|u(t)\|^2 < \delta, \quad \forall t \geq 0 .$$

THEOREM 5. *Let the hypotheses of theorem 4 be satisfied. Then, if u_x is uniformly bounded in $R \times R^+$ the solution v is pointwise stable.*

PROOF. Starting from inequality (8) in lemma 2 and taking into account (32) we thus obtain

$$(33) \quad |u(x, t)| \leq K(\delta + \delta^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

from which we deduce

$$(34) \quad \|u_0\|^2 < \delta \Rightarrow \sup_{R \times R^+} |u| < K\delta^p \quad (p > 0)$$

which proves the theorem.

REMARK 2. Since lemma 2 holds even in $C(R) \cap L_2(R)$, theorems 3 and 5 continue to hold substituting the hypothesis u_x bounded with $u_x \in L_2(R)$.

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