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SEMILINEAR WAVE EQUATIONS

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Stability of positive solutions for some semilinear wave equations
under nonlinear perturbation near blow-up solutions in 1-space
dimension

$$\square u - u^p + \lambda u^q = 0 \quad (\text{I})$$

Abstract

In this research we treat the stability of positive solutions of some particular semilinear wave equations under nonlinear perturbation in bounded domain near blow-up solutions in 1-space dimension.

1. Introduction

In this paper we want to study the stability of positive solutions for the semilinear wave equation

$$(0.1) \quad \square u = u^p + \lambda u^q \text{ in } [0, T) \times (R_1, R_2)$$

with boundary value null and initial values $u(0, x) = u_0(x) \in H^2(R_1, R_2) \cap H_0^1(R_1, R_2)$ and $\dot{u}(0, x) = u_1(x) \in H_0^1(R_1, R_2)$, where $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ and $(R_1, R_2) \subset \mathbb{R}$.

We will use the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot &:= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, Du := \left(\dot{u}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right), \square u := \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \\ a(t) &:= \int_{R_1}^{R_2} u^2(t, x) dx, E_\lambda(t) := \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \left(|Du|^2 - \frac{2}{p+1} u^{p+1} - \frac{2\lambda}{q+1} u^{q+1} \right)(t, x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

For a Banach space X and $0 < T \leq \infty$ we set

$$\begin{aligned} C^k(0, T, X) &= \text{Space of } C^k \text{ - functions } : [0, T) \rightarrow X, \\ H1 &:= C^1(0, T, H_0^1(R_1, R_2)) \cap C^2(0, T, L^2(R_1, R_2)). \end{aligned}$$

The existence result to the equation (0.1) is proved [Li 3] and the positive solution blows-up in finite time if $\lambda \geq 0$ [Li 2], this means that the positive solutions for the semilinear wave equation

$$(0.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \square u &= u^p \text{ in } [0, T) \times (R_1, R_2), \\ u(0, x) &= u_0(x) \in H^2(R_1, R_2) \cap H_0^1(R_1, R_2), \\ \dot{u}(0, x) &= u_1(x) \in H_0^1(R_1, R_2), \end{aligned}$$

is stable under nonlinear perturbation λu^q providing $p > 1, q > 1, \lambda > 0$; but it is not clearly whether it is also true for any $p > 1, q > 1, \lambda < 0$? If so, we would want to estimate the blow-up time and the blow-up rate under such a situation.

It is also important to study the asymptotic behavior of the solution u_λ ; the velocity and the rate of the approximation for λ approaches to zero.

Such questions are also not easy to answer even under the case for the ordinary differential equation

$$(0.3) \quad \begin{aligned} u'' &= u^p (c + \lambda u'(t)^q), \\ u(0) &= u_0, u'(0) = u_1, \\ p > 1, q > 1, c > 0, \lambda > 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have studied the blow-up behavior of the solution for problem (0.3) and got some estimates on blow-up time and blow-up rate [Li4] but it is difficult to find the real blow-up time (life-span). Further literature could be found in [S], [R], [W1] and [W2].

In this study we hope that our ideals used in [Li 4], [Li 5] can do help us dealing such problem (0.1) on our topics.

1. Definition and Fundamental Lemma

There are many definitions of the weak solutions of the initial-boundary problems of the wave equation, we use here as following.

Definition 1.1: For $p > 1$, $u \in H1$ is called a positive weakly solution of equation (0.1), if

$$\int_0^t \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \left[\dot{u}(r, x) \dot{\varphi}(r, x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(r, x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \varphi(r, x) + (u^p + \lambda u^q)(r, x) \varphi(r, x) \right] dx dr = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in H1$$

and

$$\int_0^t \int_{R_1}^{R_2} u(r, x) \psi(r, x) dx dr \geq 0$$

for each positive $\psi \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times (R_1, R_2))$.

Remark 1.2:

1) Our definition 1.1 is resulted from the multiplication with φ to the equation (0.1) and integration in (R_1, R_2) from 0 to t .

2) From the local Lipschitz functions $u^p + \lambda u^q$, $p > 1$, $q > 1$ the initial-boundary value problem (0.1) possesses a unique solution in $H1$ [Li1]. Hereafter we use the notations:

$$\frac{1}{C_{(R_1, R_2)}} := \eta_1 = \sup \left\{ \|u\|_2 / \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\|_2 : u \in H_0^1(R_1, R_2) \right\},$$

$$\lambda_q = \sup \left\{ \|u\|_q / \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right\|_2 : u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap L_q(\Omega) \right\}, q > 1.$$

In this study we need the following lemmas

Lemma 1.3: Suppose that $u \in H1$ is a weakly positive solution of (SL) with $E_\lambda(0) = 0$ for $p > 1, q > 1$, then for $a(0) > 0$ we have:

- (i) $a \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^+)$ and $E_\lambda(t) = E_\lambda(0) \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$.
- (ii) $a'(t) > 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$, provided $a'(0) > 0$.
- (iii) $a'(t) > 0 \quad \forall t \in (0, T)$, if $a'(0) = 0$.
- (iv) For $a'(0) < 0$, there exists a constant $t_0 > 0$ with

$$a'(t) > 0 \quad \forall t > t_0$$

and $a'(t) = 0$.

Lemma 1.4: Suppose that u is a positive weakly solution in $H1$ of equation (0.1) with $u(0, \cdot) = 0 = \dot{u}(0, \cdot)$ in $L^2(R_1, R_2)$. For $p > 1, q > 1, \lambda > 0$, we have $u \equiv 0$ in $H1$.

According to Lemma 1.4, we discuss the following theme

- (3) $E_\lambda(0) = 0, a(0) > 0$ and $a'(0) \geq 0$ or $a'(0) < 0$.
- (4) $E_\lambda(0) < 0, a(0) > 0$ and $a'(0) \geq 0$ or $a'(0) < 0$.

We should study the problem (0.1) under the following situations:

2. Estimates for the Life-Span of the Solutions of (0.1) under Null-Energy

We study the case that $E_\lambda(0) = 0$, $p > 1, q > 1, \lambda > 0$ and divide it into two parts

- (i) $a(0) > 0, a'(0) \geq 0$
and
- (ii) $a(0) > 0, a'(0) < 0$.

Remark 2.1. 1) The local existence and uniqueness of solutions of equation (0.1) in H^1 are known [Li2].

2) For higher space dimensional special cases under general bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $\lambda = 0$:

i) If $n = 2, p > 1$ and $E_\lambda(0) = 0$, the life-span of the positive solution $u \in H^1$ of equation (0.1) is bounded by

$$T \leq \alpha_1 := k_2^{-1} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1 a^{\frac{p-1}{4}}(0)} \right)$$

with

$$k_1 := \frac{p-1}{4} \cdot a^{-\frac{p-1}{4}}(0) \sqrt{a'(0) a^{-2}(0) + 4C_\Omega^2}, \quad k_2 := \frac{p-1}{2} C_\Omega,$$

$$\frac{1}{C_\Omega} := \eta_1 = \sup \{ \|u\|_2 / \|Du\|_2 : u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \}.$$

ii) For $n = 3, p = 2$ and $E_\lambda(0) = 0$, the life-span of the positive solution $u \in H^1$ of equation (0.1) is bounded

$$T \leq \alpha_2 := 2\eta_1 \sin^{-1} \left[2C_\Omega \left(a'(0)^2 a(0)^{-2} + 4C_\Omega^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

for some constant C_Ω . If $T = \alpha_2$, then $a(t) \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow T$.

iii) For $n = 3, p = 3, E_\lambda(0) = 0$ the life-span of the positive solution $u \in H^1$ of equation (0.1) is bounded

$$T \leq \alpha_3 := \eta_1 \sin^{-1} \left[2C_\Omega \left(a'(0)^2 a(0)^{-2} + 4C_\Omega^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right].$$

If $T = \alpha_3$, then $a(t) \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow T$.

iv) For $a'(0) = 0$, we have

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\pi}{p-1} C_\Omega.$$

v) For $|\Omega| \rightarrow \infty$, we have also $\alpha_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{p-1} \frac{a(0)}{a'(0)}$.

As $|\Omega| \rightarrow 0$, then $\alpha_1 \rightarrow \frac{2}{p-1} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} C_\Omega^{-1} \right)$.

3. Estimates for the Life-Span of the Solutions of equation (0.1) under Negativ-Energy

We use the following result and those argumentations of proof are not true for positive energy, so under positive energy we need another method to show the similar results.

Lemma 3: *Suppose that $u \in H^1$ is a positive weakly solution of equation (0.1) with $a(0) > 0$ and $E_\lambda(0) < 0$ for $\lambda = 0$. Then*

(i) *for $a'(0) \geq 0$, we have*

$$a'(t) > 0 \quad \forall t > 0.$$

(ii) *for $a'(0) < 0$, there exists a constant $t_5 > 0$ with*

$$a'(t) > 0 \quad \forall t > t_5, \quad a'(t_5) = 0$$

and

$$t_5 \leq t_6 := \frac{-a'(0)}{(p-1)(\delta^2 - E_\lambda(0))},$$

where δ is the positive root of the equation

$$\frac{2}{p+1} \lambda_{p+1}^{p+1} \cdot r^{p+1} - r^2 + E_\lambda(0) = 0.$$

4. Stability of positive solutions of equation (0.1) near blow-up solutions under Negative-Energy

In this study we use our ideals used in [Li4], [Li5] and [Li 7] to deal such problem (0.1) on our topics under negative energy and obtain the following results:

Theorem 4.1: *Suppose that $u_\lambda \in H^1$ is a weakly positive solution of (SL) with $E_\lambda(0) \leq 0$ for $p > 1, q > 1$, then for $a(0) > 0$ we have:*

The equation (0.1) is stable for $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$; this means that weakly positive solution u_λ of (SL) blows up in finite time for $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$.

Theorem 4.2: *Suppose that $u_\lambda \in H^1$ is a weakly positive solution of (SL) with $E_\lambda(0) \leq 0$ for $p > 1, q > 1$, then for $a(0) > 0$ we have:*

The equation (0.1) is stable for $p > q, \lambda \rightarrow 0^-$; this means that weakly positive solution u_λ of (SL) blows up in finite time for $p > q, \lambda \rightarrow 0^-$.

Theorem 4.3: *Suppose that $u_\lambda \in H^1$ is a weakly positive solution of (SL) with $E_\lambda(0) \leq 0$ for $p > 1, q > 1$, then for $a(0) > 0$ we have:*

The equation (0.1) is unstable for $p < q, \lambda \rightarrow 0^-$; this means that some weakly positive solution u_λ of (SL) blow up in finite time for $p < q, \lambda \rightarrow 0^-$; but also there were some global weakly positive solution u_λ of (SL) for $p < q, \lambda \rightarrow 0^-$.

Remarks:

The decay rate of the difference of life-spans T_λ of u_λ and T of u , can not be estimated very well for $\lambda \rightarrow 0$; thus it will be a good topic on asymptotic behavior near the blow-up solutions.

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