

Remarks on L^2 -wellposed Cauchy problem for some dispersive equations

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1. Introduction and results

We consider the Cauchy problem with data on line $t=0$ for the following operator A defined by

$$Au(t, x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(t, x) + \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3}u(t, x) + a(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(t, x) + b(x)u(t, x) \quad (1.1)$$

with the complex-valued coefficients $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ belonging to the space B^∞ consisting of all bounded smooth functions whose derivative of any order is also bounded on real line \mathbf{R} .

If the coefficients $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ are constant, we see by Fourier transformation that, when the imaginary part of the coefficient $a(x)$ is not zero, the Cauchy problem for A is not L^2 -wellposed.

This implies that the Cauchy problem for A is not always L^2 -wellposed. Indeed we see by the construction of asymptotic solutions that the following condition on the imaginary part of the coefficient $a(x)$, which is denoted by $a_I(x)$: there exists a constant K such that we have for any x and $y \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\left| \int_x^y a_I(s) ds \right| \leq K|x-y|^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{N})$$

is necessary for L^2 -wellposedness.

Our main interest is the sufficiency of (N). We show in this paper that the condition (N) implies L^2 -wellposedness.

Now we formulate the Cauchy problem. Let T be some given positive number. For given functions $g(x)$ and $f(t, x)$ find a solution $u(t, x)$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} Au(t, x) = f(t, x) & \text{on } [0, T] \times \mathbf{R} \\ u(0, x) = g(x) & \text{on } \mathbf{R} \end{cases} \quad (\text{C})$$

Let X be a subspace of the space of temperate distributions on \mathbf{R} . We say that the above problem (C) is X -wellposed if for any $g(x) \in X$ and $f(t, x)$