

ON THE CAUCHY PROBLEM FOR A SEMI-LINEAR  
HYPERBOLIC SYSTEM AND ITS TRAVELING  
WAVE-LIKE SOLUTIONS

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**Introduction**

We consider the Cauchy problem of the following system of semi-linear partial differential equations for  $u(x, t)$  and  $v(x, t)$ :

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \lambda \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -uv + g(u)\varepsilon, \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = uv + h(v)\varepsilon, \quad (x, t) \in R \times R_+, \end{cases}$$

with the initial data

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = \phi(x), \\ v(x, 0) = \psi(x), \quad x \in R, \end{cases}$$

where  $R = (-\infty, +\infty)$  and  $R_+ = (0, +\infty)$ ;  $\lambda, \mu (\lambda \neq \mu)$  and  $\varepsilon$  are real constants;  $g$  and  $h$  are real-valued and real analytic functions at the origin with radii  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  respectively, that is to say

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} g(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k u^k, \quad h(v) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k v^k; \\ \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{|a_k|} = \frac{1}{\rho_1}, \quad \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{|b_k|} = \frac{1}{\rho_2}. \end{cases}$$

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $0 < \rho_1 \leq \rho_2$ , and we suppose that

$$(4) \quad \phi(x), \psi(x) \geq 0, \quad x \in R; \quad \phi(x), \psi(x) \in \mathfrak{B}^1(R),$$

where by  $\mathfrak{B}^1(I)$  we mean the function space of all real-valued  $C^1$ -functions which are bounded on  $R$  together with their first derivatives. From now on by  $C^1(S)$  we mean the function space of all real-valued continuously differentiable functions defined on  $S$ .

The system (1)-(2) has an ecological meaning when both  $g$  and  $h$  are some