153. On the Principle of Limiting Amplitude

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§1. Introduction and Theorem. We study the behavior for large time of solutions of wave equations with a harmonic forcing term in the three dimensional euclidian space. That is called the principle of limiting amplitude. This principle states that every solution $u(x_i,t)$ for the initial value problem,

(1.1)
$$\left\{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + b(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \varDelta + c(x)\right\} u(x, t) = f(x)e^{iwt}$$

(1.2)
$$u(x, t)\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(x, t)\Big|_{t=0} = 0,$$

tends to the steady state solution, $e^{i\omega t}v(x, i\omega)$, uniformly on bounded sets at $t \rightarrow \infty$. There $v(x, i\omega)$ satisfies the elliptic equation.

(1.3) $\{-\varDelta + c(x) + i\omega b(x) - \omega^2\} V(x, i\omega) = f(x),$

and the Sommerfeld radiation conditions at infinity. In the case when $b(x) \equiv 0$ and the real valued function c(x) is once continuously differentiable and its support is compact, this principle has been proved by D. A. Ladyzenskaja [1]. Here the rate of approach to steady state is like $e^{-\epsilon t}$, $\exists \varepsilon > \sigma$, as $t \to \infty$. When b(x) and c(x) satisfy that $b(x) \ge 0$, $b(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^{3+\epsilon}}$, $c(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^{2+\epsilon}}$ as $|x| \to \infty$, and others, S. Mizohata and K. Mochizuki [2] has shown the principle, but they did not give the rate of approach. In this paper, we shall obtain the rate under the assumption that the real-valued function $b(x) \ge 0$, $c(x) \ge 0$ are bounded and their supports are compact.

Theorem. Let f(x) b(x), and c(x) be functions which satisfy the following conditions.

- i) f(x), b(x), and c(x) vanish outside a bounded set
- ii) $\sum |D^{lpha}f| \in L^2(E^3)$

iii) $b(x) \ge 0$, $c(x) \ge 0$, and they are bounded functions.

And let u(x, t) be a solution for initial value problem (1.1), (1.2). Then there exists a steady sate $e^{-i\omega t}V(x)$, such that

(1.4) $\max_{x \in k} |u(x, t) - V(x)e^{i\omega t}| \leq C \cdot e^{-\varepsilon t}, \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ as } t \to \infty,$ and V is a solution (1.3) satisfying the Sommerfeld radiation conditions at infinity. Here K is a bounded set of E^3 . We can regard a solution u(x, t) as a twice continuously differentiable function u(t) from $[0, \infty)$ to $L^2(E^3)$ and as a continuous function to $\varepsilon_{L^2}^2(E^3)$. In this sense there exists the unique solution of (1.1), (1.2) if