

63. Asymptotic Property of Solutions of Some Higher Order Hyperbolic Equations. II

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3. In this part, we consider the inhomogeneous equation

$$(2)' \quad \prod_{j=1}^m [\partial_t^2 + \alpha_j L] u(t) = g e^{i\omega t},$$

where $g \in X$ and $\omega \neq 0$ real. We restrict ourselves to the case when the Hilbert space X and the operator $H = L^{1/2}$ satisfy the following conditions, and prove the so called limiting amplitude principle.

[C.1] There exists a Fréchet space Y , into which X is densely injected, with semi-norms $\{\rho_\nu(f) = [\rho_\nu(f, f)]^{1/2}; \nu = 1, 2, \dots\}$ having the following properties:

$$(28) \quad \rho_\nu(f) \leq \rho_{\nu+1}(f) \leq \|f\| \text{ and } \sup_\nu \rho_\nu(f) = \|f\| \text{ for all } f \in X.$$

[C.2] The set X' defined below is dense in X .

Definition. We denote by X' the set of all $g \in X$ which satisfy the following two conditions:

(i) Let $[a, b]$ be any bounded interval in \mathbb{R}_+^1 . Then, as $\varepsilon \rightarrow \pm 0$, $(H - \sigma - i\varepsilon)^{-1}g$ converges uniformly in $\sigma \in [a, b]$ in the sense of each ρ_ν -topology.

(ii) We put $(H - \sigma \mp i0)^{-1}g \equiv \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow \pm 0} (H - \sigma - i\varepsilon)^{-1}g$. Then $(H - \sigma \mp i0)^{-1}g$ is a Hölder continuous function of $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}_+^1$ with values in Y .

[C.3] The origin 0 is not an eigenvalue of H .

Now, by the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 3, we see that the initial value problem (2)', (3) has a unique solution in the class $\bigcap_{0 \leq j \leq 2m} \mathcal{E}_i^j(D(H^{2m-j+1}))$. Further, it follows that

$$(29) \quad H^{2m-j} \partial_t^{j-1} u(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (\gamma_k)^{j-1} e^{\gamma_k H t} \sum_{l=1}^{2m} n_{kl} H^{2m-l} \varphi_l + \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (\gamma_k)^{j-1} \int_0^t e^{\gamma_k H(t-s)} n_{k2m} g e^{i\omega s} ds$$

(cf., (26)).

Lemma 3. If we choose $g \in X'$, then as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$(30) \quad H^{2m-j} \partial_t^{j-1} u(t) \rightarrow i e^{i\omega t} \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (\gamma_k)^{j-1} (-i \gamma_k H - \omega + i0)^{-1} n_{k2m} g$$

in the sense of each ρ_ν -topology.

Proof. Note that for any $\gamma \neq 0$ pure imaginary and $f \in X$,

$$e^{\gamma H t} f = \int_0^\infty e^{\gamma s t} dE_\sigma^H f$$

and
$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t e^{\gamma H(t-s)} f e^{i\omega s} ds \\ &= s\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_0^\infty e^{(\gamma\sigma - \varepsilon)t} \left[\int_0^t e^{(-\gamma\sigma + i\omega + \varepsilon)s} ds \right] dE_\sigma^H f^3) \\ &= s\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{i\omega t} - e^{(\gamma\sigma - \varepsilon)t}}{-\gamma\sigma + i\omega + \varepsilon} dE_\sigma^H f. \end{aligned}$$

Then it follows from (29) that

$$(31) \quad H^{2m-j} \partial_t^{j-1} u(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (\gamma_k)^{j-1} \int_0^\infty e^{\gamma_k \sigma t} dE_\sigma^H \tilde{\varphi}_k + \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (\gamma_k)^{j-1} s\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{i\omega t} - e^{(\gamma_k \sigma - \varepsilon)t}}{-\gamma_k \sigma + i\omega + \varepsilon} dE_\sigma^H \tilde{g}_k,$$

where we put $\tilde{\varphi}_k = \sum_{l=1}^{2m} n_{kl} H^{2m-l} \varphi_l$ and $\tilde{g}_k = n_{k2m} g$.

Given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\tilde{\psi}_k \in X'$ such that

$$\|\tilde{\varphi}_k - \tilde{\psi}_k\| < \varepsilon$$

by [C.2]. On the other hand, if we note [C.3], then there exists a sufficiently large $r = r(\varepsilon)$ such that

$$\|\tilde{\psi}_k - \{E_r^H - E_{1/r}^H\} \tilde{\psi}_k\| < \varepsilon.$$

It follows from (i) in Definition that

$$dE_\sigma^H \tilde{\psi}_k = \{(H - \sigma - i0)^{-1} \tilde{\psi}_k - (H - \sigma + i0)^{-1} \tilde{\psi}_k\} d\sigma / 2\pi i.$$

Hence, by the Riemann-Lebesgue theorem we have

$$\rho_\nu \left(\int_{1/r}^r e^{\gamma_k \sigma t} dE_\sigma^H \tilde{\psi}_k \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Summing up we conclude that as $t \rightarrow \infty$, the first term of the right member of (31) tends to zero in the sense of each ρ_ν -topology.

For the second term, we have

$$\begin{aligned} s\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{i\omega t} - e^{(\gamma_k \sigma - \varepsilon)t}}{-\gamma_k \sigma + i\omega + \varepsilon} dE_\sigma^H \tilde{g}_k &= i e^{i\omega t} (-i\gamma_k H - \omega + i0)^{-1} \tilde{g}_k \\ &+ \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{(\gamma_k \sigma - \varepsilon)t}}{\gamma_k \sigma - i\omega - \varepsilon} dE_\sigma^H \tilde{g}_k, \end{aligned}$$

where the last limit is taken in the sense of ρ_ν -topology. It is not difficult to see that

$$\rho_\nu \left(\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{(\gamma_k \sigma - \varepsilon)t}}{\gamma_k \sigma - i\omega - \varepsilon} dE_\sigma^H \tilde{g}_k \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

if we note (ii) in Definition and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_e \frac{e^{(i\sigma - \varepsilon)t}}{\sigma + i\varepsilon} d\sigma = 0$$

for each interval e which includes the origin.

q.e.d.

Lemma 4. For any $f \in X$ and $\kappa = i\omega + \varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon \neq 0$), the reduced equation

$$(32) \quad \prod_{j=1}^m [\kappa^2 + \alpha_j L] v_\kappa \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{2m} [\kappa + \gamma_j H] v_\kappa = f$$

3) s-lim means the strong limit in X .

has a unique solution $v_\kappa \in \mathcal{D}(H^{2m})$. Further, it follows that

$$(33) \quad H^{2m-j} \kappa^{j-1} v_\kappa = -i \sum_{k=1}^{2m} (\gamma_k)^{j-1} (-i\gamma_k H + i\kappa)^{-1} n_{k2m} f.$$

Proof. We put $V_\kappa = {}^t(v_\kappa, \kappa v_\kappa, \dots, \kappa^{2m-1} v_\kappa)$ and $F = {}^t(0, 0, \dots, f)$. Then it follows from (32) that

$$(\kappa - iDH)NE(H)V_\kappa = NF.$$

Since $(\kappa - iDH)$ is invertible, we have

$$E(H)V_\kappa = N^{-1}(\kappa - iDH)^{-1}NF,$$

which proves (33).

q.e.d.

From (30) and (33), we now get the following theorem which asserts the limiting amplitude principle.

Theorem 4. Suppose [C.1], [C.2] and [C.3]. Then for any $g \in X'$ and $\Phi = {}^t(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_{2m}) \in \mathcal{D}(H^{2m}) \times \mathcal{D}(H^{2m-1}) \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}(H)$, the solution $u(t)$ of the initial value problem (2)', (3) has the following asymptotic properties:

$$(34) \quad \rho_\nu(H^{2m-j} \partial_t^{j-1} u(t) - H^{2m-j}(i\omega)^{j-1} v_{i\omega}^- e^{i\omega t}) \rightarrow 0 \quad (j=1, 2, \dots, 2m)$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, for each $\nu=1, 2, \dots$, where $v_{i\omega}^-$ is the limit as $\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$ of the solution of (32) with f replaced by $-g$ in the sense of each ρ_ν -topology.

4. Example. We consider strictly hyperbolic equations of the form

$$(35) \quad \prod_{j=1}^m [\partial_t^2 + \alpha_j P(x, D)]u(x, t) = g(x)e^{i\omega t}, \quad 0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_m,$$

in a domain G in \mathbf{R}^n ($n \geq 3$) exterior to a sufficiently smooth compact hypersurface ∂G , where

$$P(x, D) = - \sum_{j,k=1}^n D_j [a_{jk}(x) D_k] + c(x) \quad (D_j = \partial / \partial x_j)$$

We assume the followings:

[A.1] $a_{jk}(x)$ is real valued, $a_{jk}(x) = a_{kj}(x)$, and $\sum_{j,k} a_{jk}(x) \xi_j \xi_k \geq c |\xi|^2$ ($c > 0$) for any $x \in \bar{G}$ and $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$. Further, $a_{jk}(x)$ is sufficiently smooth and $a_{jk}(x) - \delta_{jk}$ is of compact support.

[A.2] $c(x) \geq 0$. $c(x)$ is sufficiently smooth and

$$|c(x)|_{p,\theta} = \sup_{x \in G} (1+|x|)^\theta \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} |D_x^\alpha c(x)| < +\infty$$

for $p = [n/2] - 1$ and $\theta = (n+1+\delta)/2$ ($\delta > 0$).

[A.3] $g(x) \in \mathcal{E}_{L^2, 10c}^{[n/2]+1}(G^4)$ and

$$\|g(x)\|_{p,\theta} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \left\{ \int_G (1+|x|)^{2\theta} |D_x^\alpha g(x)|^2 dx \right\}^{1/2} < \infty$$

for $p = [n/2] + 1$ and $\theta = (n+\delta)/2$ ($\delta > 0$).

We put the boundary conditions in one of the following form:

4) $\mathcal{E}_{L^2}^p(G)$ is the space of all functions such that $D_x^\alpha f(x) \in L^2(G)$, $|\alpha| \leq p$, with norm $(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \|D_x^\alpha f\|_{L^2(G)}^2)^{1/2}$. $f \in \mathcal{E}_{L^2, 10c}^p(G)$ if $\varphi f \in \mathcal{E}_{L^2}^p(G)$ for all C^∞ -functions $\varphi(x)$ having compact supports in G .

(36) (Dirichlet type)

$$u|_{\partial G} = P(x, D)u|_{\partial G} = \dots = P(x, D)^{m-1}u|_{\partial G} = 0,$$

(37) (Neumann type)

$$\begin{aligned} \{\partial_n + \sigma(x)\}u|_{\partial G} &= \{\partial_n + \sigma(x)\}P(x, D)u|_{\partial G} = \dots \\ &= \{\partial_n + \sigma(x)\}P(x, D)^{m-1}u|_{\partial G} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\partial_n = \sum_{j,k} a_{jk}(x) \cos(x_j, \nu) D_k$, ν being the outer normal to ∂G at x , and $\sigma(x) \geq 0$ and is sufficiently smooth.

Now let $X = L^2(G)$ and L be the selfadjoint operator determined uniquely from $P(x, D)$ with domain

(Dirichlet case) $\mathcal{D}(L) = \mathcal{E}_{L^2}^2(G) \cap \mathcal{D}_{L^2}^1(G)$,⁵⁾

(Neumann case) $\mathcal{D}(L) = \{f \in \mathcal{E}_{L^2}^2(G); (\partial_n + \sigma(x))u|_{\partial G} = 0\}$.

Then, as is proved in Mochizuki [3], under the above assumptions,

$$(Lf, f) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{D}(L)$$

and the spectrum of L is strongly absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure. Further, if we put $Y = L_{loc}^2(\bar{G})$ with seminorms

$$\rho_\nu(f) = \left\{ \int_{G_\nu} |f(x)|^2 dx \right\}^{1/2}, \quad G_\nu = \{x \in G; |x| \leq \nu\},$$

and X' being the set of functions $g(x)$ satisfying [A.3], then we know also in [3] that X and $H = L^{1/2}$ satisfy [C.1] and [C.2] in the previous section. Hence the assertions of Theorems 3 and 4 hold true for the solution of (35), (36) or (35), (37) if we give the initial data $\partial_t^{j-1}u|_{t=0} = \varphi_j(x)$ in $\mathcal{D}(H^{2m-j+1})$ ($j=1, 2, \dots, 2m$).

In conclusion, we remark that the function $v_{i\omega}(x)$ appearing in (24) satisfies the reduced equation

$$(38) \quad \prod_{j=1}^m [-\omega^2 + \alpha_j P(x, D)] v_{i\omega}(x) = -g(x),$$

the boundary condition (36) or (37) and the radiation conditions formulated as follows:

$$(39) \quad v_{i\omega}(x) \in C^{2m-1}(G) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2m-1} |D_x^\alpha v_{i\omega}(x)| \leq \text{const}(1 + |x|)^{-(n-1)/2};$$

$$(40) \quad \left(\sqrt{\alpha_j} \frac{d}{d|x|} + i\omega \right) \prod_k^{(j)} [-\omega^2 + \alpha_k P(x, D)] v_{i\omega}(x) = 0 (|x|^{-\gamma - (n-1)/2})$$

$$(j=1, 2, \dots, m), \quad \gamma = \min(1, 2\delta/(1+\delta)),$$

where $\prod_k^{(j)} K_k = K_1 K_2 \dots K_{j-1} K_{j+1} \dots K_m$.

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