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*Diffusion phenomena for the wave equation
with structural damping in the $L^p - L^q$ framework*

Abstract

The goal of this talk is to explain the *diffusion phenomena* for the wave equation with structural damping

$$(1) \quad u_{tt} - \Delta u + 2a(-\Delta)^\sigma u_t = 0, \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(0, x) = u_1(x),$$

with $a > 0$ and $\sigma \in (0, 1/2)$. We show that u has a heat-type profile for low frequencies, i.e., u behaves like the solution v to

$$v_t + \frac{1}{2a} (-\Delta)^{1-\sigma} v = 0, \quad v(0, x) = v_0(x),$$

for suitable choice of initial data v_0 . More precisely, we derive $L^p - L^q$ decay estimates for the difference $u - v$ and its time and space derivatives, where $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$, possibly not on the conjugate line, satisfying some additional condition related to σ . In particular, we show that, under suitable assumptions on p, q, σ , a *double diffusion phenomenon* appears, that is, the difference $u - v$ behaves like the solution to

$$w_t + 2a(-\Delta)^\sigma w = 0, \quad w(0, x) = w_0(x),$$

for a suitable choice of initial data w_0 .

The motivation for this work was the results obtained in the articles [2], [3] and by a remark done by the first author of the present work [1] about the $L^2 - L^2$ decay estimates for the solution of (1). In [3] the authors got some $L^p - L^q$ estimates for the solution u of (1), with $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ and $\sigma \in (0, 1]$. The limit case $\sigma = 0$ in (1) corresponds to the classical damped wave, for which the *diffusion phenomena* was already obtained (see [2] and the references therein).

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