On the energy estimates of second order hyperbolic equations with time dependent coefficients

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§1. Introduction

The Cauchy problem of 2nd order hyperbolic equation:

(C)
$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 + 2b\partial_t\partial_x - a^2\partial_x^2) \, u = 0, & (t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}, \\ (u(0, x), \partial_t u(0, x)) = (u_0(x), u_1(x)) & x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ a = a(t), \ b = b(t), \ a^2 + b^2 > 0. \end{cases}$$

Total energy of the solution of (C):

$$E(t) := \|\partial u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}_{x})}^{2} + \|\partial_{t} u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}_{x})}^{2}$$

"Generalized Energy Conservation (=(GEC)" as $t \to \infty$: $C^{-1}E(0) \leq E(t) \leq CE(0) \Leftrightarrow E(t) \simeq E(0).$

Basic properties

$$E_0(t) := a(t)^2 \|\partial u(t, \cdot)\|^2 + \|\partial_t u(t, \cdot)\|^2 \simeq E(t),$$

$$a \in C^1([0, \infty)), \ 0 < a_0 \le a(t) \le a_1.$$

$$E_0'(t) = 2a'(t)a(t) ||\partial u(t, \cdot)||^2 - 4b(t) (\partial \partial_t u(t, \cdot), \partial_t u(t, \cdot))$$

$$\stackrel{\leq}{=} \pm 2a_0^{-1} |a'(t)| E_0(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_0(t) \stackrel{\leq}{=} \exp\left(\pm 2a_0^{-1} \int_0^t |a'(s)| ds\right) E_0(0)$$

(i) b(t) has no influence for the estimate of $E_0(t)$; (ii) No "energy conservation" if $a'(t) \neq 0$; (iii) $a' \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+) \Rightarrow E_0(t) \simeq E_0(0) \ (= (\text{GEC}))$; (iv) (GEC) is not trivial if $a' \notin L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$.

§ 2. Previous results

Conditions to the coefficients

$$0 < c_0 \le \sqrt{a(t)^2 + b(t)^2} =: c(t) \le c_1,$$

$$\begin{cases} |a^{(k)}(t)| \lesssim (1+t)^{-k\beta_a} \\ |b^{(k)}(t)| \lesssim (1+t)^{-k\beta_b} \end{cases} \quad (k = 1, \cdots, m)$$

$$\int_0^t \left(|a(s) - a_\infty| + |b(s) - b_\infty| \right) \, ds \lesssim (1+t)^\alpha$$
$$(\exists a_\infty, \, \exists b_\infty, \, \alpha \in [0, 1))$$

(i) (GEC) is trivial if $\beta_a > 1$; (ii) $\alpha = 1$ gives a trivial condition. $\underline{b=0}$

$$\left[a(t) \in C^m, |a^{(k)}| \lesssim t^{-k\beta_a}, \int_0^t |a - a_\infty| ds \lesssim t^\alpha\right]$$

 $m = 1, \beta_a > 1 \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}) \text{ (trivial case)}$

 $m = 2, \beta_a = 1 \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}) \text{ (Yamazaki ('89), Reissig-Smith ('05))}$

 $m = \infty, \beta_a < 1 \Rightarrow not (GEC) (Reissig-Smith ('05))$

 $m \ge 2, \alpha < 1, \beta_a \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m} (<1) \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}) (\text{H. ('07)})$

 $m = \infty, \beta_a < \alpha < 1 \Rightarrow non (GEC) (H. ('07))$

 $a \in \gamma^{(s)} (Gevrey \ class), \beta_a \to \alpha + 0 (H. ('10))$

 $\underline{b(t) \neq 0}$

$$\begin{cases} a(t), b(t) \in C^m, |a^{(k)}| \lesssim t^{-k\beta_a}, |b^{(k)}| \lesssim t^{-k\beta_b}, \\ \int_0^t (|a - a_\infty| + |b - b_\infty|) \, ds \lesssim t^\alpha \end{cases}$$

 $m = 1, \beta_a > 1 \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}) \text{ (trivial case)}$ $m = 2, \ \beta_a = 1, \ \beta_b > 1 \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}) \ (\text{cf. Reissig-H. ('05)})$ $m = 2, \ \beta_a = \beta_b = 1 \Rightarrow non \ (GEC) \ (cf. Reissig-H. ('04))$ $m = 2, \ \beta_a = \beta_b = 1$, "Levi's condition" (L1): (L1) $\left| \int_{0}^{t} \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)} ds \right| \le C \implies (\text{GEC})$

(cf. Reissig-H. ('05), D'Abbicco-Lucente-Taglialatela ('09))

Summary of the previous results

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + 2b\partial_t\partial_x - a^2\partial_x^2)u &= 0, \quad c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \\ |a^{(k)}| &\lesssim t^{-k\beta_a}, \ |b^{(k)}| \lesssim t^{-k\beta_b}, \\ \int_0^t (|a - a_\infty| + |b - b_\infty|)ds \lesssim t^\alpha. \quad \left| \int_0^t \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)} ds \right| &\leq C \\ (L1) \end{aligned}$$

| | b = 0 | $b \neq 0$ |
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| m = 1 | $\beta_a > 1$ | |
| m = 2 | $\beta_a = 1$ | $\beta_a = \beta_b = 1, \text{(L1)}$ $(\beta_a = \beta_b = 1, \text{ non (L1)})$ |
| $m \ge 2$ | $\beta_a \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m}$ $(\beta_a < \alpha)$ | ??? |

Examples

$$\frac{\int_{0}^{t} |a(s) - a_{\infty}| \, ds \lesssim t^{\alpha}}{\chi(\tau) \in C^{m}([0, 1]), \, \chi(0) = \chi(1) = 1, \, \chi(\tau) \ge 0,} \\
I_{j} = [t_{j}, t_{j} + t_{j}^{\alpha}], \, t_{j} = 2^{j}, \\
a(t) = \begin{cases} \chi(t_{j}^{-\alpha}(t - t_{j})) & (t \in I_{j}, \, j = 1, 2, \cdots) \\ 1 & (t \notin \bigcup_{j} I_{j}) \end{cases}$$

$$\left| \int_0^t \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)} \, ds \right| \le C$$
$$a(t) = b(t) \implies \left| \int_0^t \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)} \, ds \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \int_0^t \frac{a'(s)}{a(s)} \, ds \right|$$

$$\frac{Why \text{ do we call (L1) "Levi's condition"?}}{\left(\partial_t^2 + 2b\partial_t\partial_x - a^2\partial_x^2\right)u = 0}\right)$$

$$\int v(t;\xi) = \hat{u}(t,\xi)$$

$$\frac{v'' + 2ib\xi v' + a^2\xi^2 v = 0}{\int w(t;\xi) = \exp\left(-i\xi\int_{\tau}^t b(s)\,ds\right)v(t;\xi)}$$

$$\frac{w'' + c^2\xi^2 w - i\xi b'w = 0, \ c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{\left|\int_t^\infty \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)}\,ds\right| \le C \Leftarrow k > l - 1}$$

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§ 3. Main theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\partial_t^2 + 2b(t)\partial_t\partial_x - a(t)^2\partial_x^2\right)u &= 0\\ \\ \left|a^{(k)}(t)| + |b^{(k)}(t)| \lesssim t^{-k\beta} \ (k = 1, \cdots, m)\\ \int_0^t \left(|a(s) - a_\infty| + |b(s) - b_\infty|\right)ds \lesssim t^\alpha\\ c &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \quad \left|\int_0^t \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)}ds\right| \le C \cdots (L1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{Theorem 1}}\\ m=2,\ \beta\geq \frac{\alpha+1}{2}(=\alpha+\frac{1-\alpha}{2}),\ (\text{L1})\Rightarrow (\text{GEC}).\\ m=3,\ \beta\geq \frac{2\alpha+1}{3}(=\alpha+\frac{1-\alpha}{3}),\ (\text{L1})\Rightarrow (\text{GEC}). \end{array}$$

Conditions for (GEC)

| | b = 0 | $b \neq 0$ |
|-----------|--|---|
| m = 1 | eta_a | > 1 |
| m = 2 | $\beta_a = 1$ | $\beta_a = \beta_b = 1, \text{ (L1)}$ $(\beta_a = \beta_b = 1, \text{ non (L1)})$ |
| | $\beta_a \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{2}$ | $\beta \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{2}$, (L1) |
| m = 3 | $\beta_a \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{3}$ | $\beta \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{3}$, (L1) |
| $m \ge 4$ | $\beta_a \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m}$ $(\beta_a < \alpha)$ | ??? |

$$\begin{split} & \left(\partial_t^2 + 2b(t)\partial_t\partial_x - a(t)^2\partial_x^2\right)u = 0\\ & \left(\begin{vmatrix} a^{(k)}(t) + |b^{(k)}(t)| \lesssim t^{-k\beta} \ (k = 1, \cdots, m) \\ \int_0^t \left(|a(s) - a_\infty| + |b(s) - b_\infty|\right) ds \lesssim t^\alpha\\ c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \quad \left|\int_0^t \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)} ds\right| \le C \cdots (\text{L1}) \end{matrix}\right)\\ \hline & \left|\int_t^\infty \frac{c(b'c'' - b''c') + b'((c')^2 - (b')^2)}{c^5} ds\right| \le t^{-2\alpha} \quad (\text{L2})\\ \hline & \frac{\text{Theorem 2}}{m = 4, 5}, \quad \beta \ge \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m}, \ (\text{L1}), \ (\text{L2}) \Rightarrow (\text{GEC}). \end{split}$$

Conditions for (GEC)



Remarks

$$|a^{(k)}(t)| + |b^{(k)}(t)| \leq t^{-k\beta} \ (k = 1, \cdots, m)$$

I. (L1) is not trivial for $\beta = \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m} (<1), \ m \ge 2.$ $\left| \int_0^t \frac{b'(s)}{c(s)} \, ds \right| \le \int_0^t \frac{|b'(s)|}{c_0} \, ds \lesssim \int_0^t (1+s)^{-\beta} \, ds \to \infty$

II. (L2) is not trivial for $\beta = \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m} \left(\left< \frac{2\alpha+1}{3} \right), m \ge 4$. $\left| \int_{t}^{\infty} \frac{c(b'c'' - b''c') + b'((c')^{2} - (b')^{2})}{c^{5}} ds \right|$ $\lesssim \int_{0}^{t} (1+s)^{-3\beta} ds \lesssim t^{1-3\beta} \left(\leq t^{-2\alpha} \text{ is not true} \right)$

§ 4. Sketch of the proof

Our goal: prove the estimate

$$\mathcal{E}(t;\xi) = |v'(t;\xi)|^2 + \xi^2 |v(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq \mathcal{E}(0;\xi)$$
$$v'' + 2ib\xi v' + a^2 \xi^2 v = 0$$

In low frequency part

We easily have the estimate $\mathcal{E}(t;\xi) \simeq \mathcal{E}(0;\xi)$ in Z_{Ψ} : $Z_{\Psi} = \{(t,\xi); 0 \le t < t_{\xi}\}, (1+t_{\xi})^{\alpha}|\xi| = N$ by

$$\int_0^t \left(|a(s) - a_\infty| + |b(s) - b_\infty| \right) \, ds \lesssim t^\alpha.$$

In high frequency part

$$Z_H = \{(t,\xi) ; t \ge t_{\xi}\}, \ (1+t_{\xi})^{\alpha} |\xi| = N$$

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$$f(t,\xi) \in S\{p,q\} \iff |\partial_t^k f(t,\xi)| \lesssim |\xi|^p (1+t)^{-\beta(k+q)}$$

$$\begin{split} S\{p,q\} &\supset S\{p-1,q+1\} \\ f(t,\xi) \in S\{-(m-1),m\} \\ &\Rightarrow \int_{t_{\xi}}^{t} |f(s,\xi)| \, ds \lesssim C \text{ for } \beta \geq \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{m} \end{split}$$

$$w'' + a^{2}\xi^{2}w - ib'\xi w = 0, \quad w(t;\xi) = e^{-i\xi \int_{\tau}^{t} b(s) ds} v(t;\xi)$$
$$\bigcup_{\substack{(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_{1} - R_{1})}^{(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_{1} - R_{1})} W_{1} = 0, \quad W_{1} = {}^{t}(w' + i\xi cw, w' - i\xi cw)$$
$$\Phi_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1+} & 0\\ 0 & \phi_{1-} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_{1\pm} = \pm i\xi c - \frac{c'}{2c} \mp \frac{b'}{2c}$$
$$R_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_{1+}\\ r_{1-} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad r_{1\pm} = -\frac{c'}{2c} \mp \frac{b'}{2c} \in S\{0, 1\}$$

$$|W_1(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq \mathcal{E}(t;\xi)$$

$$\lesssim \mathcal{E}(t_{\xi};\xi) \exp\left(C\left(\left|\int_{t_{\xi}}^t \Re\{\phi_{1\pm}\}ds\right| + \int_{t_{\xi}}^t |r_{1\pm}|ds\right)\right)$$

Without (L1)

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1\right) W_1 = 0, \ R_1 \in S\{0, 1\}$$

$$a, b \in C^2 \bigcup \exists M_1 \text{ in } Z_H, W_2 = M_1 W_1,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_2 - R_2 \end{pmatrix} W_2 = 0, R_2 \in S\{0, 1\} \ (R_2 \in S\{-1, 2\} \text{ for } b \equiv 0)$$

$$a, b \in C^3 \bigcup \exists M_2 \text{ in } Z_H, W_3 = M_2 W_2,$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_3 - R_3\right) W_3 = 0,$$

$$R_3 \in S\{0, 1\} \ (R_3 \in S\{-2, 3\} \text{ for } b \equiv 0)$$

 $\underline{\text{With } (L1)}$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_1 - R_1\right) W_1 = 0, \ R_1 \in S\{0, 1\}$$

$$a, b \in C^2 \bigcup \exists M_1 \text{ in } Z_H, W_2 = M_1 W_1,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_2 - R_2 \end{pmatrix} W_2 = 0, \\ R_2 \in S\{-1, 2\}, \ \left| \exp\left(\int_{t_{\xi}}^t \phi_{2\pm}(s, \xi) \right) \ ds \right| \le C$$

$$a, b \in C^3 \bigcup \exists M_2 \text{ in } Z_H, W_3 = M_2 W_2,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_3 - R_3 \end{pmatrix} W_3 = 0, R_3 \in S\{-2, 3\}, \ \left| \exp\left(\int_{t_{\xi}}^t \phi_{3\pm}(s, \xi) \right) \ ds \right| \le C$$

 $|W_1(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq |W_2(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq |W_3(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq \mathcal{E}(t;\xi)$

With (L1) and (L2) $\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_3 - R_3\right) W_3 = 0, \ R_3 \in S\{-2, 3\}$ $a, b \in C^4 \downarrow \downarrow \exists M_3 \text{ in } Z_H, W_4 = M_3 W_3,$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_4 - R_4 \right) W_4 = 0, \\ R_4 \in S\{-3, 4\}, \left| \exp\left(\int_{t_{\xi}}^t \phi_{4\pm}(s, \xi) \right) \, ds \right| \le C \end{array} \right)$ $a, b \in C^5 \downarrow \downarrow \exists M_4 \text{ in } Z_H, W_5 = M_4 W_4,$ $\left(\begin{array}{c} \left(\frac{d}{dt} - \Phi_5 - R_5 \right) W_5 = 0, \\ R_5 \in S\{-4, 5\}, \left| \exp\left(\int_{t_{\xi}}^t \phi_{5\pm}(s, \xi) \right) \, ds \right| \le C \end{array} \right)$

 $|W_4(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq |W_5(t;\xi)|^2 \simeq \mathcal{E}(t;\xi)$

Thank you very much for your attention!