

# The quasi-parabolic nature of the KdV equation in the asymmetrically weighted Sobolev space

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In 1983, Tosio Kato in the paper *On the Cauchy Problem for the (Generalized) Korteweg-de Vries Equation*, considers the initial value problem for (KdV):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + D^3 u + u D u = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad u(0) = \phi, \quad (1)$$

where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ , for initial data in asymmetric spaces with the resulting irreversibility in time. Specifically  $\phi \in Y = H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})$  where  $L_b^2(\mathbb{R}) = L^2(e^{2bx} dx)$  for  $s \geq 0, b > 0$ .

He notes that the semigroup  $\exp(-t D^3)$  in  $L_b^2(\mathbb{R})$ , is *formally* equivalent to the semigroup

$$U_b(t) = \exp[-t (D - b)^3], \quad t \geq 0, \quad (2)$$

considered in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}) = H^0$ . Really of

$$(D - b) e^{bx} u = e^{bx} Du,$$

there follows

$$(D - b)^3 e^{bx} u = e^{bx} D^3 u.$$

where  $U_b(t)$  satisfies

**Lemma 1** (T. Kato).

$\{U_b(t) : t > 0\}$  is an infinitely differentiable semigroup on  $H^s(\mathbb{R})$  for each real  $s$ , with

$$\|D^n U_b(t)\|_{B(L^2(\mathbb{R}), L^2(\mathbb{R}))} \leq c_n t^{-n/2} \exp(b^3 t), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\|(d/dt)U_b(t)\|_{B(L^2(\mathbb{R}), L^2(\mathbb{R}))} \leq c t^{-3/2} \exp(b^3 t).$$

$U_b(t)$  is bounded on  $H^s$  to  $H^{s'}$ , with

$$\|U_b(t)\|_{B(H^s, H^{s'})} \leq c t^{-(s'-s)/2} \exp(b^3 t), \quad s \leq s'. \quad (3)$$

These results are easy consequences of the factorization

$U_b(t) = \exp(b^2 t) \exp(-3b^2 t D) \exp(3 b t D^2) \exp(-t D^3)$ ,  
where  $\exp(-3b^2 t D)$  and  $\exp(-t D^3)$  are unitary on  $H^s$   
and  $\exp(3 b t D^2)$  is heat semigroup, which is holomorphic  
in  $t > 0$ .

Moreover T. Kato (see Lemma 9.2.) shows which, if  
 $e^{bx} u \in L^\infty([0, T]: L^2(\mathbb{R}))$ ,  $e^{bx} f \in L^\infty([0, T]: H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}))$   
and  $u$  satisfies

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + D^3 u = f, \quad 0 < t < T,$$

then

$$e^{bx} \in C([0, T]: L^2(\mathbb{R})) \cap C([0, T]: H^s(\mathbb{R})) \quad \forall s < 1$$

and

$$e^{bx} u = U_b(t) e^{bx} u(0) + \int_0^t U_b(t-r) e^{bx} f(r) dr.$$

Now for the case not autonomous

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + D^3 u + a(t) Du = 0, \quad t \in I, \quad (4)$$

where  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval,  $T$ . Kato shows which (see Lemma 9.3. in [Kato]), if  $(a - c) \in C(I; H^\infty(\mathbb{R}))$ , where  $c$  is a constant and  $u$  satisfies (4), then

$$e^{bx} u \in C(I; H^\infty(\mathbb{R})),$$

this lemma shows the quasi-parabolic nature of the equation (4).

Results for the globally well posed is obtained by Kato (see Theorem 10.1 in [Kato]), if  $\phi \in H^s \cap L_b^2$ ,  $s \geq 2$  and  $b > 0$ , then exists a unique solution  $u$  to (1) such that  $u \in C([0, +\infty); H^s \cap L_b^2)$ , with the map  $\phi \rightarrow u$  continuous. Moreover,  $e^{bx} u \in C([0, +\infty); H^{s'})$  for any  $s' < s + 2$ . In the case  $\phi \in H^0 \cap L_b^2$ ,  $b > 0$ , exists a unique solution

$$u \in C_w([0, +\infty); H^0),$$

(see Theorem 12.1 in [Kato]).

In 2002, Kenig - Ponce - Vega in the work *On the support of solutions to the generalized KdV equation* [KPV] showed that if  $u(x, t)$  is solution of the k-gKdV equation

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x^3 u + u^k \partial_x u = 0,$$

such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})} < +\infty,$$

and such that for a given  $\beta > 0$   $e^{\beta x} u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  then  $e^{\beta x} u \in C([0, 1]: L^2(\mathbb{R}))$  (Lemma 2.1 in [KPV]) and an extension to higher derivatives.

We use the ideas of the proof of the following Carleman estimates (see Lemma 2.3 in [KPV])

$$\|e^{\lambda x} f\|_{L^8(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq c \|e^{\lambda x} \{\partial_t + \partial_x^3\} f\|_{L^{8/7}(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $f \in C_0^{3,1}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  this is,  $\partial_x f, \partial_x^2 f, \partial_x^3 f, \partial_t f \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^2)$  with compact support.

We also follow the ideas contained in the work *On uniqueness properties of solutions of the k-generalized KdV equations* by Escauriaza - Kenig - Ponce - Vega '2007 [EKPV] and *Lower bounds for non-trivial traveling wave solutions of equations of KdV type* by Kenig - Ponce - Vega '2012 [KPV2].

Also use arguments analogous to those found in the work of Carvajal - Panthee *Well-posedness for some perturbations of the KdV equation with low regularity data* '2008, they considering the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + u_{xxx} + \eta Lu + u u_x &= 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$



where  $\eta > 0$  is a constant and the linear operator  $L$  is defined via the Fourier transform by  $\widehat{Lu}(\xi) = -\Phi(\xi) \widehat{u}(\xi)$ . The Fourier symbol

$$\Phi(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{2m} c_{i,j} \xi^i |\xi|^j, \quad c_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad c_{2m,n} = -1, \quad (6)$$

is a real valued function which is bounded above, they proved in [CP] the IVP (5) with  $\eta > 0$  and  $\Phi(\xi)$  given by (6) is locally well-posed for any data  $u_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $s > -3/4$  (see Theorem 1.1 in [CP]).

We consider the Cauchy problem for the forced Korteweg-de Vries equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + D^3 u + u D u = f, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (7)$$

with initial data in  $Y = X^s \cap L_b^2$  where  $X^s$  is the Sobolev space  $H^s(\mathbb{R})$  or the Zhidkov spaces

$$\left\{ \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}) : \phi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \quad \phi' \in H^{(s-1)}(\mathbb{R}) \right\}.$$

Without loss of generality we consider  $b = 1$ , since

$$u_b(y, t') = b^{-2} u(b^{-1}y, b^{-3}t'),$$

satisfies

$$\frac{\partial u_b}{\partial t'} + \frac{\partial^3 u_b}{\partial y^3} + u_b \frac{\partial u_b}{\partial y} = f_b, \quad (8)$$

where  $f_b(y, t') = b^{-5} f(b^{-1}y, b^{-3}t')$ .

Multiplying by  $e^x$  (7) obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^x u) + (D - 1)^3 (e^x u) + u (D - 1) (e^x u) = e^x f, \quad (9)$$

We denote by  $v = e^x u$  and  $g = e^x f$  obtaining,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (D - 1)^3 v + u (D - 1) v = g. \quad (10)$$

Since the linear symbol of (10) is  $i\tau + (i\xi - 1)^3$ , by analogy with the spaces introduced by Molinet and Ribaud '2002 (see [MR]) for Korteweg- de Vries - Burgers equation, we define the function space  $X^{a,s}$  endowed with the norm

$$\|v\|_{X^{a,s}} = \|\langle i\tau + (i\xi - 1)^3 \rangle^a \langle \xi \rangle^s \widehat{v}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)},$$

where  $\langle \cdot \rangle = (1 + |\cdot|^2)^{1/2}$ , so that

$$\|v\|_{X^{a,s}} = \| \langle |\tau - \xi^3 + \xi| + |\xi^2 - 1| \rangle^a \langle \xi \rangle^s \widehat{v} \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}.$$

We can re-express the norm of  $X^{a,s}$  as

$$\|v\|_{X^{a,s}} \sim \|U(-t)v\|_{H^{a,s}} + \|v\|_{L_t^2 H^{s+2a}},$$

where  $U(t) = \exp(-tD^3)$  and

$$\|v\|_{H^{a,s}}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \langle \tau \rangle^{2a} \langle \xi \rangle^{2s} |\widehat{v}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau.$$

We denote by  $W$  the semigroup  $U_b(t)$  in (2) for  $b = 1$ , associated with the free evolution of (10),  $\forall t > 0$

$$\mathcal{F}_x(W(t)\phi)(\xi) = \exp[-3\xi^2 t + t + i(\xi^3 - 3\xi)t], \phi \in S',$$

and we extend  $W$  to a linear operator defined on the whole real axis by setting  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}_x (W(t)\phi) (\xi) = \exp \left[ -3\xi^2|t| + t + i (\xi^3 - 3\xi) t \right], \phi \in S',$$

Using Duhamel's principle, we will mainly work on the integral formulation of the equation (10)

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) = & W(t)\phi - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t W(t-t') [D(uv) - uv] (t') dt' + \\ & \int_0^t W(t-t') f(t') dt', \quad t \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

For  $T > 0$  consider the localized spaces  $X_T^{a,s}$  endowed with the norm

$$\|v\|_{X_T^{a,s}} = \inf_{w \in X^{a,s}} \{ \|w\|_{X^{a,s}} : w(t) = v(t) \text{ on } [0, T] \}.$$

If  $f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  time independent and  $\phi \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$  for  $s \geq -3/4$ , using the linear estimates and bilinear estimates in Zihua Guo '2009 (see [GUO]) and Colliander - Keel - Staffilani - Takaoka- Tao '2003 (see [CKSTT]), we can adapt the proofs to show the existence the  $T > 0$  and  $u \in C([-T, T]: H^{-s}(\mathbb{R}))$  unique solution of (7) for  $s \geq -3/4$ .

If  $g = e^{bx} f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\phi \in H_b^s(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \psi \in S' : e^{bx} \psi \in H^s(\mathbb{R}) \right\},$$

and  $u \in C([0, T]: H^s(\mathbb{R}))$  be a solution to (7) for  $s \geq -3/4$  and using the argument used in Molinet and Ribaud '2002 ([MR]) find estimates analogous to (2.1) for example, exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|\psi(t) W(t)\phi\|_{X^{1/2, s}} \leq C \|\phi\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})}, \quad \forall \phi \in H^s(\mathbb{R}),$$

$s \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\psi$  is a time cutoff function satisfying

$$\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \quad \text{supp } \psi \subset [-2, 2], \quad \psi \equiv 1 \text{ on } [-1, 1].$$

Also show estimates analogous to (2.2), (2.9), (2.33), (2.34) and bilinear estimates as in Proposition 3.1, show the existence the  $T' > 0$  such that, there exists a unique solution

$$v \in C\left([0, T'] : H^s(\mathbb{R})\right) \cap X_{T'}^{1/2, s},$$

of (10).

Combining these results we prove the local existence result

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  time independent,  $e^{bx} f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\phi \in H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap H_b^s(\mathbb{R})$  for  $s \geq -3/4$  and  $b > 0$ . Then there exist  $T > 0$  and unique solution  $u(t)$  of the IVP (7) in the time interval  $[0, T]$  in*

$$C([0, T]: H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap H_b^s(\mathbb{R})).$$

*Moreover, the map  $\phi \mapsto u$  is smooth from  $H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap H_b^s(\mathbb{R})$  to  $C([0, T]: H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap H_b^s(\mathbb{R}))$ ;*

*$u$  and  $e^{bx} u$  belongs to  $C(]0, T]: H^\infty(\mathbb{R}))$ .*



Using the results for the local existence of KdV for  $s \geq 0$  and ideas of Kato [Kato] (see Theorem 11.1), follows easily

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  time independent,  $e^{bx} f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\phi \in H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})$  for  $s \geq 0$  and  $b > 0$ . Then there exist  $T > 0$  and unique solution  $u(t)$  of the IVP (7) in the time interval  $[0, T]$  in*

$$C\left([0, T]: H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})\right).$$

*Moreover, the map  $\phi \mapsto u$  is smooth from  $H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})$  to  $C\left([0, T]: H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})\right)$ ;*

*$u$  and  $e^{bx} u$  belongs to  $C\left([0, T]: H^\infty(\mathbb{R})\right)$ .*

To prove the global well-posedness in  $H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})$  for  $s \geq 0$ , first we establish a series of *a priori* estimates.

We can adapt Fourier proof that  $\|u(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = \|\phi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $u$  solution the KdV equation (see [CKSTT]).

By Plancherel,

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 = \int_{\xi_1 + \xi_2 = 0} \hat{u}(\xi_1) \hat{u}(\xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2.$$

Hence, for  $u$  local solution of (7), we apply  $\partial_t$ , use symmetry, and the equation to find

$$\partial_t \left( \|u(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 \right) = 2 \int_{\xi_1 + \xi_2 = 0} \hat{f}(\xi_1) \hat{u}(\xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2,$$

we have

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|\phi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} + \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} t, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (12)$$

For  $t > 0$ , multiplying by  $v$  and integrating by parts in  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to  $x$  the equation

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (D - b)^3 v + u (D - b) v = g,$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int v^2 dx = -3b \int (Dv)^2 dx - \int u v Dv dx + b \int u v^2 dx + \int g v dx.$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and Gagliardo-Nirenberg interpolation, we obtain the estimate

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int v^2 dx = C \left( \frac{1}{b^3} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^4 + b \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^{4/3} \right) \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 + \|g\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}.$$

An application of Gronwall's inequality, using (12) and theorem (3) gives

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  time independent,  $e^{bx} f \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\phi \in L_b^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap H^s(\mathbb{R})$  for  $s \geq 0$  and  $b > 0$ . Then exist a unique solution  $u(t)$  of the IVP (7) in*

$$C\left([0, +\infty[; L_b^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap H^s(\mathbb{R})\right).$$

*Moreover, the map  $\phi \mapsto u$  is smooth from  $H^s(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L_b^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap H^s(\mathbb{R})$ ;*

*$u$  and  $e^{bx} u$  belongs to  $C([0, +\infty[; H^\infty(\mathbb{R}))$ .*

For initial value problem in spaces Zhidkov, we can adapt the estimates in  $H^s(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_b^2(\mathbb{R})$  and apply the methods used in Iorio-Linares-Scialom '1998 (see [ILS]) and Gallo '2005 (see [G]) for establish existence the global solutions of (7) for  $s \geq 1$ .

We are interested in the case forced for the existence of global attractors in  $Y$ , this is, a compact invariant set  $\mathcal{A}$  attracts an open set of initial conditions and Hausdorff dimension finite, is a consequence of the quasiparabolic nature of the KdV equation in the asymmetrically weighted Sobolev space.

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