

Multi-soliton solutions for the supercritical generalized Korteweg-de Vries equations

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Theorem (Local existence, Kenig, Ponce and Vega '93)

For all $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$, there exist $T^ = T^*(\|u_0\|_{H^1}) > 0$ and $X_T \subset C([0, T], H^1(\mathbb{R}))$ such that (gKdV) has a unique solution $u \in X_T$ with $u(0) = u_0$ for all $T < T^*$. Moreover, $u_0 \mapsto u$ is a continuous map from $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ to $C([0, T], H^1(\mathbb{R}))$, and if $T^* < +\infty$, then $\lim_{t \nearrow T^*} \|u(t)\|_{H^1} = +\infty$.*

Conservation laws and Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality

- ① **Conservation laws:** If $u \in C([0, T], H^1(\mathbb{R}))$ is a solution of (gKdV) with $u(0) = u_0$, then, for all $t \in [0, T]$,

$$m(u(t)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^2(t) dx = m(u_0),$$

$$E(u(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} u_x^2(t) dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^{p+1}(t) dx = E(u_0).$$

- ② **Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality:** For all $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ and for all $p \geq 1$, one has

$$\int |u|^{p+1} \leq C(p) \left(\int u^2 \right)^{\frac{p+3}{4}} \left(\int u_x^2 \right)^{\frac{p-1}{4}}.$$

Globalization

- For $p < 5$ (subcritical case), there is global well posedness in $H^1(\mathbb{R})$.
- For $p = 5$ (critical case), blow up occurs for a large class of initial data (Martel and Merle '02).
- For $p > 5$ (supercritical case), the existence of blow up solutions is an open problem.

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Existence of solitons

The (gKdV) equation admits traveling wave solutions (also called **solitons**):

$$R_{c,x_0}(t, x) = Q_c(x - ct - x_0)$$

where $(c, x_0) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \mathbb{R}$, and Q_c satisfies the ordinary differential equation

$$Q_c'' + Q_c^p = cQ_c,$$

which has a unique solution (up to translations) if we impose $Q_c \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $Q_c > 0$.

Properties of Q_c

- 1 One has

$$Q_c(x) = c^{\frac{1}{p-1}} Q(\sqrt{c}x)$$

where $Q = Q_1$ is given by $Q(x) = \left(\frac{p+1}{2 \cosh^2\left(\frac{p-1}{2}x\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$.

- 2 $Q_c(x) \sim C_p e^{-\sqrt{c}|x|}$ when $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$.
- 3 $\|Q_c\|_{L^2}^2 = c^{\frac{5-p}{2(p-1)}} \|Q\|_{L^2}^2$.

Previous stability results

- 1 Solitons are *orbitally* stable for subcritical gKdV (Benjamin, Bona, Cazenave and Lions, Weinstein, Grillakis *et al.*).
- 2 Solitons are **orbitally unstable** for critical gKdV (Martel and Merle) and supercritical gKdV (Bona *et al.*).
- 3 Solitons are *asymptotically* stable (Pego and Weinstein, Martel and Merle).
- 4 Sums of decoupled solitons are stable for subcritical gKdV (Martel, Merle and Tsai).

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Definition of N -solitons

Let $N \geq 1$. Given $2N$ real parameters

$$0 < c_1 < \dots < c_N, \quad x_1, \dots, x_N \in \mathbb{R},$$

we denote $R(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N R_{c_j, x_j}(t)$.

Definition

We call a solution φ of (gKdV) an N -soliton if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|\varphi(t) - R(t)\|_{H^1} = 0.$$

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Variational characterization of Q_c

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Corollary

Suppose that $p \leq 5$. If u is a solution of (gKdV) such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|u(t) - R_{c,x_0}(t)\|_{H^1} = 0,$$

then $u = R_{c,x_0}$.

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Preliminary remarks

- 1 Since we consider only one soliton, we can suppose by scaling invariance that $c = 1$.
- 2 The proof of the following theorem is an adaptation for (gKdV) of previous works of Duyckaerts and Merle '09, and of the following works of Duyckaerts and Roudenko, on the L^2 supercritical nonlinear Schrödinger equation.

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- ② Conversely, if u is a solution of (gKdV) such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}} \|u(t) - Q(\cdot - y)\|_{H^1} = 0,$$

then there exist $A \in \mathbb{R}$, $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $u(t) = U^A(t, \cdot - x_0)$ for $t \geq t_0$.

Linearized equation around Q

If $u(t, x) = Q(x - t) + h(t, x - t)$ satisfies (gKdV), then h satisfies

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Theorem (Pego and Weinstein '92)

Let $\sigma(\mathcal{L})$ be the spectrum of the operator \mathcal{L} defined on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$.

Then

$$\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \mathbb{R} = \{-e_0, 0, e_0\} \text{ with } e_0 > 0.$$

Furthermore, e_0 and $-e_0$ are simple eigenvalues of \mathcal{L} with eigenfunctions Y^+ and Y^- which have an exponential decay at infinity, and the null space of \mathcal{L} is spanned by Q' .

Properties of the family (U^A)

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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}$. If $t_0 = t_0(A) \in \mathbb{R}$ is large enough, then there exists a solution $U^A \in C^\infty([t_0, +\infty), H^\infty)$ of (gKdV) such that, for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $C > 0$ such that

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Proposition

Up to translations in time and in space, there are only three special solutions: U^1 , U^{-1} and Q . More precisely, one has (for t large enough in each case):

- (a) If $A > 0$, then $U^A(t) = U^1(t + t_A, \cdot + t_A)$ for some $t_A \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (b) If $A = 0$, then $U^0(t) = Q(\cdot - t)$.
- (c) If $A < 0$, then $U^A(t) = U^{-1}(t + t_A, \cdot + t_A)$ for some $t_A \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Theorem (Martel '05)

Suppose that $p \leq 5$. Then there exist $T_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and a **unique** solution $\varphi \in C([T_0, +\infty), H^1(\mathbb{R}))$ of (gKdV) such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|\varphi(t) - R(t)\|_{H^1} = 0.$$

Moreover, for all $s \geq 0$, $\varphi \in C([T_0, +\infty), H^s(\mathbb{R}))$ and there exists $A_s > 0$ such that, for all $t \geq T_0$ and for some $\gamma > 0$,

$$\|\varphi(t) - R(t)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})} \leq A_s e^{-\gamma t}.$$

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Theorem (Côte, Martel and Merle '09)

Suppose that $p > 5$. Then there exist $T_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, $C, \sigma_0 > 0$ and a solution $\varphi \in C([T_0, +\infty), H^1)$ of (gKdV) such that

$$\forall t \in [T_0, +\infty), \quad \|\varphi(t) - R(t)\|_{H^1} \leq C e^{-\sigma_0^{3/2} t}.$$

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This result is also based on refinements of a previous work of Martel, Merle and Tsai (2002), with an additional topological argument and using the precise description of the spectrum of \mathcal{L} by Pego and Weinstein (1992).

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Key proposition for the construction

For all $j \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket$, we denote

$$Y_j^\pm(t, x) = c_j^{-1/2} Y^\pm(\sqrt{c_j}(x - c_j t - x_j)) \quad \text{and} \quad e_j = c_j^{3/2} e_0.$$

Note that

$$0 < e_1 < e_2 < \dots < e_N.$$

Proposition (Perturbation along one soliton)

Let $j \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket$, $A_j \in \mathbb{R}$, and φ be any N -soliton of (gKdV). Then there exist $t_0 > 0$ and a solution $u \in C([t_0, +\infty), H^1)$ of (gKdV) such that

$$\forall t \geq t_0, \quad \|u(t) - \varphi(t) - A_j e^{-e_j t} Y_j^+(t)\|_{H^1} \leq e^{-(e_j + \gamma)t},$$

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- 4 Finally, $\varphi_{A_1, \dots, A_N}$ constructed by this way satisfies the theorem.

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Lemma

There exist $\gamma, t_0, C > 0$ such that, for all $t \geq t_0$,

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Adjoint of \mathcal{L}_c

Let $c > 0$. We define

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and

$$e_c = c^{3/2} e_0 > 0, \quad Y_c^\pm(x) = c^{-1/2} Y^\pm(\sqrt{c}x).$$

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Let $Z_c^\pm = L_c Y_c^\pm$. Then the following properties hold:

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Convergence at exponential rate e_1

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Proof. For $j \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket$, we recall that $e_j = e_{c_j}$,

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We also denote $Z_j^\pm(t, x) = Z_{c_j}^\pm(x - c_j t - x_j)$ and

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$$\left| \int \tilde{\varepsilon}(t) R_{jx}(t) \right| \leq Ce^{-\gamma t} \|\varepsilon(t)\|_{H^1}.$$

Estimates

We can find the following estimates, for all $j \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket$ and all $t \geq t_0$:

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