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CONVERGENCE OF SOLUTIONS OF GENERALIZED
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Abstract: We indicate the proof of the convergence of solutions of generalized Korteweg-de Vries-Burgers equations to the solutions of the limit first order equation when the parameters of the equations tend to zero.

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This note deals with the convergence of solutions of one-dimensional equations describing propagation of the nonlinear waves of the type

$$(1) \quad u_t + f(u)_x + \mathcal{J}(Hu)_x + \varepsilon Bu = 0$$

as \mathcal{J} , ε approach zero. These equations - generalizing the KdV-B equation - have been studied in [1] where, under some assumptions on the pseudodifferential operators H , B characterizing dispersive and dissipative properties of the medium and on the nonlinear flux function f , several theorems on existence, uniqueness and regularity of solutions of the Cauchy problem for (1) were proved.

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We shall show that if the parameter σ' is small compared to ε then there exists a subsequence of the solutions of (1) converging to a solution of the limit conservation law

$$(2) \quad u_t + f(u)_x = 0.$$

More precisely: we consider (1) where $|f'(u)| \leq c(1 + |u|)$, $u \in \mathbb{R}$, $Bu = -u_{xx}$ (the simplest dissipative term) and $Hu(x) = -au(x) + \int p(\xi) \hat{u}(\xi) e^{ix\xi} d\xi$, $a \geq 0$ and the symbol p satisfies $0 \leq p(\xi) = p(-\xi) \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^\mu$ for some $\mu < 2$. Thus (1) is the KdV-B equation with perturbed dispersion operator ($a = 1$) and also (1) includes a class of the model wave equations with low order (< 3) dispersion operator ($a = 0$).

Below $\|\cdot\|_p$ denotes the $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ norm, $\|\cdot\|_m$ the Sobolev space $H^m(\mathbb{R})$ norm and C denotes different inessential positive constants.

Theorem. Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R} \times [0, T]$, $T > 0$, and $u_{\sigma'}^\varepsilon : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a sequence of solutions of (1) with the initial conditions $u_{\sigma'}^\varepsilon$ satisfying $\|u_{\sigma'}^\varepsilon\|_2 + \|u_{\sigma'}^\varepsilon\|_4 \leq C$.

If $\sigma' = o(\varepsilon^3)$, $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$, then there exists a subsequence $\{u^k\} = \{u_{\sigma'}^k\}$ converging weakly in $L^4(\Omega)$ to u , $f(u^k) \rightarrow f(u)$ (as distributions) and u is a solution of (2).

If in addition $f'' > 0$ then $u^k \rightarrow u$ strongly in $L^p(\Omega)$, $1 < p < 4$.

The proof repeats the main arguments in [2], where similar facts have been proved for the classical KdV-B equation (Th. 4.1, Th. 5.1) using Tartar's compensated compactness theory.

Similarly as in [2] it suffices to show that

$$(3) \quad \{u_{\sigma'}^\varepsilon\} \text{ is bounded in } L^4(\Omega),$$

$$(4) \quad \{\varepsilon (u_{\sigma'}^\varepsilon)_x\} \rightarrow 0$$

- (5) $\{\sigma^{\epsilon} H u_{\sigma}^{\epsilon}\}$ are compact in $L^2(\Omega)$,
 (6) $\{\epsilon (u_{\sigma}^{\epsilon})_{xx}^2\}$,
 (7) $\{\sigma^{\epsilon} (u_{\sigma}^{\epsilon})_{xx} H u_{\sigma}^{\epsilon}\}$ are bounded in $L^1(\Omega)$.

The conditions (6) and (4) follow from the energy inequality

$$(8) \quad |u(T)|_2^2 + 2\epsilon \int_0^T |u_x|_2^2 \leq C$$

obtained by taking the inner product of (1) with u and integrating in t .

Applying the multiplier $u^3 - 2\epsilon^2 c^{-2} u_{xx}$ to (1) after some integrations by parts we arrive at the inequality

$$(9) \quad \frac{1}{4} |u|_4^4 + \epsilon^2 c^{-2} |u_x|_2^2 + \epsilon \int_0^T |u u_x|_2^2 + \epsilon^3 c^{-2} \int_0^T |u_{xx}|_2^2 \leq \\ \leq -3a \sigma \int_0^T \int u_x u_{xx} u^2 + \sigma \int_0^T \int |f(\xi) \overline{\hat{u}(\xi)} \hat{u}^3(\xi)| d\xi.$$

The second integral on the right hand side of (9) is estimated by $C \cdot \|u\|_2^2$ using Schwarz inequality and some properties of multiplication in Sobolev spaces like Lemma 10 in [1].

If $a = 0$ then the assumption $\sigma = o(\epsilon^3)$ immediately implies (3). If $a > 0$ then a supplementary estimate is needed. Multiplying (1) by $\sigma^{\epsilon} H u + f(u)$ after rearrangements of terms and simple estimates we obtain

$$\frac{a}{2} \sigma |u_x|_2^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2} \int |f(\xi)| |\hat{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi + a \sigma \epsilon \int_0^T |u_{xx}|_2^2 \leq \\ \leq C + \epsilon \int_0^T \int |f'(u)| u_x^2 + \int |F(u)| \leq C(1 + |u|_{\infty})$$

from (8) and assumptions on f , F , $F' = f$, and next $|u|_{\infty} \leq C \cdot \sigma^{-1/3}$. This allows to estimate the first term on the right hand side of (9) by expressions like

$\frac{\epsilon}{2} c^{-2} \int_0^T |u_{xx}|_2^2$, $\epsilon \int_0^T |u u_x|_2^2$. Finally (3) in the case $a > 0$ is also a consequence of (9) as

$$(10) \quad \frac{1}{4} |u|_4^4 + \frac{\epsilon^3 c^{-2}}{2} \int_0^T |u_{xx}|_2^2 \leq C.$$

(5) and then (7) follow from (10) and $d = o(\varepsilon^3)$ - observing that $\|Hu\|_2 \leq C \cdot \|u\|_2$.

Remark. A similar result on convergence of solutions of (1) in $L^{2(K+1)}$ with special nonlinearity u^{2K} , $K \in \mathbb{N}$, holds if $d = O(\varepsilon^2)$. To see this, it suffices to multiply (1) by $dHu + u^{2K+1}/(2K+1)$, integrate and recall (8).

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