

ON THE WELL-POSEDNESS PROBLEM FOR  
THE GENERALIZED  $b$ -FAMILY OF EQUATIONS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study the local well posedness of the Cauchy problem for the generalized  $b$ -family equations. By applying some Sobolev's inequalities, semigroup theorem and related knowledge of PDE and using Kato's theory, we prove that there is a unique local solution of this problem which is continuously depending on the initial value.

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1. Introduction

Recently, Holm and Staley [8], [9] studied a one-dimensional version of active fluid transport that is described by the following family of 1+1 evolutionary equations

$$m_t + um_x + bu_xm = 0, \quad u = g * m, \quad (1.1)$$

where the fluid velocity  $u(t; x)$  is defined on the real line vanishing at spatial infinity and  $u = g * m$  denotes the convolution (or filtering)

$$u(x) = \int_R g(x - y)m(y)dy.$$

The family of equations (1.1) is characterized by the kernel  $g$  and the real dimensionless constant  $b$ , which is the ratio of stretching to convective transport. The parameter  $b$  is also the number of covariant dimensions associated with the momentum density  $m$ , The function  $g(x)$  will determine the travelling wave

shape and length scale for equation (1.1), while the constant  $b$  will provide a balance or bifurcation parameter for the nonlinear solution behavior. Here we take  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}$ , this means  $m = u - u_{xx}$ , so equation (1.1) becomes the following form:

$$u_t - u_{txx} + (b+1)uu_x = bu_xu_{xx} + uu_{xxx}, \quad t > 0, x \in R \quad (1.2)$$

It was proved by Degasperis and Procesi using the method of asymptotic integrability that equation (1.2) cannot be completely integrable unless  $b = 2$  or  $b = 3$ .

If  $b = 2$ , equation (1.2) becomes the Camassa-Holm (CH) equation of the form

$$u_t - u_{xxt} + 3uu_x = 2u_xu_{xx} + uu_{xxx}, \quad t > 0, x \in R \quad (1.3)$$

modeling the unidirectional propagation of shallow water waves over a flat bottom. Again  $u(t; x)$  stands for the fluid velocity at time  $t$  in the spatial  $x$  direction [1], [5], equation (1.3) has a bi-Hamiltonian structure [6] and is completely integrable [1], [2]. It has been shown that this equation is locally well-posed [3], [19] with the initial data  $u_0 \in H^s(R)$  for  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ . The Camassa-Holm equation (1.3) possesses the peak-on solitons of the form

$$u(x, t) = ce^{-|x-ct|}, \quad c > 0. \quad (1.4)$$

If  $b = 3$ , equation (1.2) becomes the Degasperis-Procesi (DP) equation of the form

$$u_t - u_{txx} + 4uu_x = 3u_xu_{xx} + uu_{xxx}, \quad t > 0, x \in R \quad (1.5)$$

Degasperis, Holm and Hone [4] proved the formal integrability of the Degasperis-Procesi equation by constructing a Lax pair. They also showed that the equation has bi-Hamiltonian structure and an infinite sequence of conserved quantities. Recently Lundmark [17] showed that the Degasperis-Procesi equation (1.5) has not only peaked solitons (1.4), but also shock peakons of the form

$$u(x, t) = -\frac{1}{t+k} \operatorname{sgn}(x)e^{-|x|}, \quad k > 0.$$

Equation (1.5) can be regarded as a model for nonlinear shallow water dynamics and its asymptotic accuracy is the same as for the Camassa-Holm shallow water equation. Dullin, Gottwald and Holm showed that the Degasperis-Procesi equation can be obtained from the shallow water elevation equation by an appropriate Kodama transformation.

After the Degasperis-Procesi equation was derived, many papers were devoted to its study. For example, Yin proved local well-posedness to equation

(1.5) with initial data  $u_0 \in H^s(R)$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$  on the line [21] and the precise blow-up scenario and a blow-up result were derived. The global existence of strong solutions and global weak solutions to equation (1.5) are also investigated in [22]. Recently, Lenells [15] classified all weak travelling wave solutions. Matsuno [18] studied multisoliton solutions and their peak-on limits.

For equation (1.2) some papers were also devoted to its study. In [7], Gui-long Gui, Yue Liu and Lixin Tian investigated its local well-posedness, existence and uniqueness of the global solution and the blow-up phenomena. Here we consider the generalized form of equation (1.2) as follows:

$$u_t - u_{xxt} + (b + 1)u^m u_x = bu_x u_{xx} + uu_{xxx} + \gamma(u - u_{xx}), \quad t > 0, x \in R \tag{1.6}$$

Obviously, equation (1.2) is the special case of equation (1.6) when  $m = 1, \gamma = 0$ . In this paper our goal is to study the local well-posedness problem of equation (1.6).

### 2. Notation and Some Useful Lemmas

As above and henceforth, we denote the norm of the Lebesgue space  $L^p$  by  $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and the norm in the Sobolev space  $H^s$ ,  $s \in R$  by  $\|\cdot\|_s$ . We also use  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  to represent the standard inner product in  $L^2(R)$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_s$  the standard inner product in  $H^s(R)$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Hilbert spaces such that  $Y$  is continuously and densely embedded in  $X$ , and let  $S : Y \mapsto X$  be a topological isomorphism.  $\mathbf{L}(Y; X)$  denotes the space of all bounded linear operators from  $Y$  to  $X$ . If  $X = Y$ , we denote this space by  $\mathbf{L}(X)$ .  $[A, B] = AB - BA$  denote the commutator of linear operators  $A, B$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $s, t \in R$  such that  $-s < t \leq s$ . Then*

$$\|fg\|_t \leq c \|f\|_s \|g\|_t \quad \text{if } s > \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\|fg\|_{s+t-m/2} \leq c \|f\|_s \|g\|_t \quad \text{if } s < \frac{1}{2},$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant depending on  $s, t$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** (Kato's) *Let  $f \in H^r$ ,  $r > \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $M_f$  is the multiplication operator by  $f$ . Then*

$$\Lambda^{-\tilde{s}}[\Lambda^{\tilde{s}+\tilde{t}+1}, M_f]\Lambda^{-\tilde{t}} \in L(L^2(R)) \quad \text{if } |\tilde{t}|, |\tilde{s}| \leq r - 1.$$

Moreover

$$\|\Lambda^{-\tilde{s}}[\Lambda^{\tilde{s}+\tilde{t}+1}, M_f]\Lambda^{-\tilde{t}}\omega\|_0 \leq c\|f'\|_{r-1}\|\omega\|_0,$$

where  $c > 0$  is a constant.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $f, g \in H^s$  and  $s > \frac{1}{2}$ , then*

$$\|fg\| \leq c\|f\|_s\|g\|_s.$$

That is because  $H^s$  is a Banach algebra for  $s > \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ , then  $\|u_x\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|u\|_s$ .*

This lemma follows directly from the Sobolev Embedding Theorem.

### 3. Kato's Theory

Consider the Cauchy problem associated to a quasilinear evolution equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + A(u)u = f(u) \in X, & t \geq 0, \\ u(0) = u_0 \in Y, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $A(u)$  is a linear operator depending on the unknown, and the initial value. To study the Cauchy problem (local in the time) associated to (3.1) we will make the following assumptions:

(X)  $X$  and  $Y$  are reflexive Banach spaces where  $X \subset Y$  with the inclusion continuous and dense, and there is an isomorphism  $S$  from  $Y$  onto  $X$  such that  $\|\phi\|_Y = \|S\phi\|_X$  for all  $\phi \in Y$ .

(A<sub>1</sub>) Let  $W$  be an open ball centered in 0 and contained in  $Y$ . The linear operator  $A(u) \in G(X, 1, \beta)$ , where  $\beta$  is a real number, i.e.,  $-A(u)$  generates a  $c_0$ -semigroup such that

$$\|e^{-sA(u)}\|_{L(X)}$$

Note that if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $A(u) \in G(X, 1, \beta)$  if and only if:

$$(a) \langle A\phi, \phi \rangle_X \geq -\beta\|\phi\|_X^2, \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbf{D}(A).$$

(b)  $(A + \lambda)$  is onto for some (all)  $\lambda > \beta$ . Under these conditions  $A(u)$  is said to be quasi-m-accretive.

(A<sub>2</sub>) The map

$$w \in W \rightarrow B(w) = [S, A(w)]S^{-1} \in L(X)$$

is uniformly bounded and Lipchitz continuous, that is, there exist constants  $\lambda_1, \mu_1 > 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(w)\|_{\mathbf{L}(X)} &\leq \lambda_1, \\ \|B(w) - B(y)\|_{\mathbf{L}(X)} &\leq \mu_1 \|w - y\|_y, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

for all  $w, y \in W$ .

( $A_3$ )  $Y \subseteq \mathbf{D}(A(w))$  for each  $w \in W$  (so that  $A|_Y \in \mathbf{L}(X, Y)$  by the Closed Graph theorem). Moreover, the map  $w \in W \rightarrow A(w) \in \mathbf{L}(Y, X)$  satisfies the following Lipschitz condition:

$$\|A(w) - A(y)\|_{\mathbf{L}(Y, X)} \leq \mu_2 \|w - y\|_X, \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $w, y \in W$ , where  $\mu_2$  is a non-negative constant.

( $f_1$ ) The function  $f : W \rightarrow Y$  is bounded, i.e. there is a constant  $\lambda_2 > 0$  such that

$$\|f(w)\|_Y \leq \lambda_2, \tag{3.4}$$

for all  $w \in W$ , and the function  $w \in W \rightarrow f(w)$  is Lipschitz in  $X(Y)$ , i.e.

$$\|f(w) - f(y)\|_X \leq \mu_3 \|w - y\|_X, \quad \forall w, y \in W, \tag{3.5}$$

$$\|f(w) - f(y)\|_Y \leq \mu_4 \|w - y\|_Y, \quad \forall w, y \in W, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $\mu_3, \mu_4$  is non-negative constant.

In practice, as we will see, the value of  $\beta, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4$  are functions of  $r$ , the radius of ball  $W$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** (Kato) *Assume conditions (X), ( $A_1$ ) – ( $A_3$ ), ( $f_1$ ). Given  $u_0 \in Y$ ; there is  $T > 0$  and unique solution*

$$u \in C([0, T], Y) \cap C^1([0, T], X)$$

to (3.1) with  $u(0) = u_0$ . Moreover, the map

$$u_0 \in Y \rightarrow u \in C([0, T], Y) \cap C^1([0, T], X)$$

is a continuous map from  $Y$  to  $C([0, T], Y) \cap C^1([0, T], X)$ .

### 4. Local Theory

In this section we will apply Kato’s theory to establish local well posedness for the Cauchy problem associated to the generalized b-family equations. The equation (1.6) can be rewritten in the following way

$$\begin{cases} u_t + uu_x - \gamma u = \partial_x(1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{b-3}{2}u_x^2 - \frac{b+1}{m+1}u^{m+1}), \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x). \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $u_0 \in H^s, s > \frac{3}{2}$ , then for any constant  $b$  there exists  $T > 0$  depending on  $\|u_0\|_s$ , and unique solution  $u$  to (1.6) (or (4.1)) such that  $u \in C([0, T], H^s) \cap C^1([0, T], H^{s-1})$ . Moreover, the mapping  $u_0 \in H^s \rightarrow u \in C([0, T], H^s) \cap C^1([0, T], H^{s-1})$  is continuous.*

To prove this theorem, we will apply Kato’ theory with  $X = H^{\frac{1}{2}}, Y = H^s, S = \Lambda^{s-1/2}, \Lambda = (1 - \partial_x^2)^{1/2}, A(u) = (u\partial_x - \gamma), f(u) = \partial_x(1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{b-3}{2}u_x^2 - \frac{b+1}{m+1}u^{m+1})$ . Obviously,  $S$  is an isomorphism of  $H^s$  onto  $H^{1/2}$ . Thus, in order to derive Theorem 4.1 from Theorem 3.1, we only need to verify that  $A(u)$  and  $f(u)$  satisfy the conditions  $(X), (A_1) - (A_3), (f_1)$ . We break the argument into several lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.** (see [23]) *The operator  $A(u) = (u\partial_x - \gamma)$  with  $u \in H^s, s > \frac{3}{2}$  belongs to  $G(H^{\frac{1}{2}}, 1, \beta)$ .*

**Lemma 4.2.** (i)  $\forall u \in H^s, s > \frac{3}{2}, B(u) = [\Lambda^{s-1/2}, (u\partial_x - \gamma)]\Lambda^{1/2-s} \in \mathbf{L}(H^{1/2})$ .

(ii)  $\|(B(u) - B(v))w\|_{1/2} \leq \|w\|_{1/2}\|u - v\|_s, s > \frac{3}{2}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} [\Lambda^{s-1/2}, (u\partial_x - \gamma)]\Lambda^{1/2-s} &= [\Lambda^{s-1/2}, u\partial_x]\Lambda^{1/2-s} - [\Lambda^{s-1/2}, \gamma]\Lambda^{1/2-s} \\ &= [\Lambda^{s-1/2}, u]\Lambda^{1/2-s}\partial_x - 0, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(u)w\|_{1/2} &= \|\Lambda^{1/2}[\Lambda^{s-1/2}, u]\Lambda^{1-s}\Lambda^{-1/2}\partial_x w\|_0 \\ &\leq \|u\|_s\|\Lambda^{-1/2}\partial_x w\|_0 \leq \|u\|_s\|w\|_{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

For (ii) we only have to replace  $u$  by  $u - v$  into (i), we can obtain the following result easily

$$\|(B(u) - B(v))w\|_{1/2} \leq \|w\|_{1/2}\|u - v\|_s.$$

This will complete the proof of Lemma 4.2. □

**Lemma 4.3.** (i)  $H^s \subseteq D(u\partial_x - \gamma) = \{f \in H^{1/2} | (u\partial_x - \gamma)f \in H^{1/2}\}$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ .

(ii)  $A(u) \in L(H^s, H^{1/2})$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ .

(iii)  $\|A(u) - A(v)\|_{L(H^s, H^{1/2})} \leq \mu \|u - v\|_{1/2}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\omega \in H^s$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$  then

$$\|(u\partial_x - \gamma)w\|_{1/2} \leq \|u\partial_x - \gamma\|_{1/2} \|\partial_x w\|_{s-1} \leq \|u - \gamma\|_{1/2} \|w\|_s.$$

This proves (i) and (ii). Since

$$\|(A(u) - A(v))w\|_{1/2} = \|(u - v)\partial_x w\|_{1/2} \leq \|u - v\|_{1/2} \|w\|_s$$

So Lemma 4.3 is proved. □

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $f(u) = \partial_x(1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{b-3}{2}u_x^2 - \frac{b+1}{m+1}u^{m+1})$  then:

(i)  $\|f(u)\|_s \leq \mu$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ .

(ii)  $\|f(u) - f(v)\|_{1/2} \leq c \|u - v\|_{1/2}$ .

(iii)  $\|f(u) - f(v)\|_s \leq c \|u - v\|_s$ ,  $s > \frac{3}{2}$ , where  $\mu$  and  $c$  are positive constants.

*Proof.* We prove (ii) first

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(u) - f(v)\|_{1/2} &\leq \|\Lambda^{-1/2}(u^2 - v^2)\|_0 + \frac{b-3}{2} \|\Lambda^{-1/2} \partial_x(u-v) \partial_x(u+v)\|_0 \\ &\quad + \frac{b+1}{m+1} \|\Lambda^{-1/2}(u^{m+1} - v^{m+1})\|_0 \\ &\leq \|(u+v)(u-v)\|_0 + \frac{b-3}{2} \|\partial_x(u+v) \partial_x(u-v)\|_{-1/2} \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{m+1} \|u^{m+1} - v^{m+1}\|_0, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\|(u-v)(u+v)\|_0 \leq \|u+v\|_{L^\infty} \|u-v\|_0 \leq \|u+v\|_s \|u-v\|_{1/2}, \tag{4.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial_x(u+v) \partial_x(u-v)\|_{-1/2} &\leq \|\partial_x(u-v)\|_{-1/2} \|\partial_x(u+v)\|_{s-1} \\ &\leq \|u+v\|_s \|u-v\|_{1/2}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^{m+1} - v^{m+1}\|_0 &= \|(u-v)(u^m + u^{m-1}v + \dots + v^m)\|_0 \\ &\leq \|u-v\|_0 \|u^m + u^{m-1}v + \dots + v^m\|_s. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $s > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $H^s$  is a Banach algebra

$$\|u^m + u^{m-1}v + \dots + v^m\|_s \leq \|u\|_s^m \|v\|_s + \dots + \|v\|_s^m \triangleq K < \infty,$$

then

$$\|u^{m+1} - v^{m+1}\| \leq K\|u - v\|_{1/2}. \quad (4.4)$$

Combining (4.2)-(4.4) we completed the proof of (ii)

For (iii) we can directly apply Lemma 4.3 and get the following conclusion

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(u) - f(v)\|_s &\leq \|\partial_x(1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}(u^2 - v^2) + \frac{b-3}{2}(u_x^2 - v_x^2))\|_s \\ &+ \|\partial_x(1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1}\frac{b+1}{m+1}(u^{m+1} - v^{m+1})\|_s \\ &\leq \|\frac{b-3}{2}(u_x^2 - v_x^2)\|_{s-1} + \|\frac{b+1}{m+1}(u^{m+1} - v^{m+1})\|_{s-1} \\ &+ \|\frac{1}{2}(u^2 - v^2)\|_{s-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_x^2 - v_x^2\|_{s-1} &\leq \|(u+v)(u-v)\|_s \leq \|u+v\|_s \|u-v\|_s \\ \|u^2 - v^2\|_{s-1} &\leq \|(u-v)(u+v)\|_s \leq \|u+v\|_s \|u-v\|_s \\ \|u-v\|_{s-1} &\leq \|u-v\|_s \\ \|u^{m+1} - v^{m+1}\|_{s-1} &\leq K\|u-v\|_s \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there is constant  $c > 0$  satisfies (iii). We can easily find that (i) is an immediate consequence of (iii), since we choose  $v = 0$ . So far, we have verified conditions of Theorem 3.1, that is to say the proof of Theorem 4.1 is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *The existence time for equation (1.6)(or (4.1)) may be chosen independently of  $s$  in the following sense. If*

$$u \in C([0, T], H^s) \cap C^1([0, T], H^{s-1})$$

*is the solution of equation (1.6) with  $u(0) = u_0 \in H^{s'}$  for some  $s' \neq s, s' > \frac{3}{2}$  then,  $u \in C([0, T], H^{s'}) \cap C^1([0, T], H^{s'-1})$  with the same time  $T$ . In particular, if  $u_0 \in H^\infty$  then  $u \in C([0, T], H^\infty)$ .*

It suffices to consider the case  $s' > s$ , since the case  $s' < s$  is obvious from the uniqueness of solutions which is guaranteed by Theorem 4.1. Also we can suppose that  $s < s' \leq s+1$ . Since if  $s' > s+1$ , we obtain the result by iterated application of the below argument.



If we apply operator  $\Lambda^2$  to (4.1), we obtain the following evolution equation for  $m(t) = \Lambda^2 u(t) = u - uxx$ :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}m(t) + A(t)m + B(t)m = f(t), \\ m(0) = \Lambda^2 u(0), \end{cases} \tag{4.5}$$

where  $A(t)m = \partial_x(um)$ ,  $B(t)m = [(b + 1)u_x - \gamma]m$ ,  $f(t) = (b + 1)(u - u^m)u_x$ . And  $u \in C([0, T], H^s)$  is viewed as a known function. Note also that  $m \in C([0, T], H^{s-2})$  and  $m(0) = \Lambda^2 u(0) \in H^{s'-2}$ . Our objective is to prove that  $m \in C([0, T], H^{s'-2})$  which will imply  $u \in C([0, T], H^{s'})$  because  $(1 - \partial_x^2)$  is an isomorphism from  $H^{s'}$  to  $H^{s'-2}$ . Note that  $u \in C([0, T], H^s)$ ,  $u_x \in H^{s-1}$ , and that  $H^{s-1}$  is a Banach algebra. Then we obtain  $B(t) \in \mathbf{L}(H^{s-1})$ ,  $f(t) \in C([0, T], H^{s-1})$ .

We also break the proof into several lemmas.

**Lemma 4.5.** *There exists a unique propagator  $\{U(t, s)\}$  associate to the family  $\{A(t)\}$  with the corresponding spaces  $X = H^h$ ,  $Y = H^k$ , where*

$$-s \leq h \leq s - 2, \quad 1 - s \leq k \leq s - 1 \text{ and } k \geq h + 1. \tag{4.6}$$

In particular,  $U(t, s)$  maps  $H^r$  into itself for  $-s \leq r \leq s - 1$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1. We only have to verify three conditions.

(i)  $A(t) \in G(X, 1, \beta)$ , that is, we will show that  $\langle A(t)m, m \rangle_h \geq -\beta \|m\|_h^2$ , i.e.

$$\langle A(t)m, m \rangle_h \geq -\beta \|m\|_h^2. \tag{4.7}$$

We begin estimating the term on the left-hand side of this inequality, which can be written in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A(t)m, m \rangle_h &= \langle \Lambda^h A(t)m, \Lambda^h m \rangle_0 = \langle \Lambda^h \partial_x(um), \Lambda^h m \rangle_0 \\ &= -\langle \Lambda^h(um), \partial_x \Lambda^h m \rangle_0 = -\langle \Lambda^h(u\Lambda^{-h}(\Lambda^h m)), \partial_x \Lambda^h m \rangle_0 \\ &= -\langle u\Lambda^h m, \partial_x \Lambda^h m \rangle_0 + \langle \Lambda^{h+1}[\Lambda^{-h}, u]\Lambda m, \partial_x \Lambda^{h-1} m \rangle_0 \\ &= \langle \partial_x u, (\Lambda^h m)^2 \rangle_0 + \langle \Lambda^{h+1}[\Lambda^{-h}, u]\Lambda^h m, \partial_x \Lambda^{h-1} m \rangle_0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial_x u, (\Lambda^h m)^2 \rangle_0 &\leq \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty} \|\Lambda^h m\|_0^2 \leq \|u\|_k \|m\|_h^2 \\ \langle \Lambda^{h+1}[\Lambda^{-h}, u]\Lambda^h m, \partial_x \Lambda^{h-1} m \rangle_0 &\leq \|u\|_k \|\Lambda^h m\|_0 \|\Lambda^{h-1} \partial_x m\|_0 \leq \|u\|_k \|m\|_h^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus (4.7) is proved.

(ii)  $\Lambda^h \partial_x [\Lambda^{k-h}, u(t)] \Lambda^{-k}$  is uniformly  $L^2$ -bounded, by applying Lemma 3.2 we obtain the following estimates

$$\|\Lambda^h \partial_x [\Lambda^{k-h}, u] \Lambda^{-k} \omega\|_0 \leq c \|u\|_s \|\omega\|_0.$$

Here we have used that  $\Lambda^{k-h}$  is the isomorphism of  $Y$  to  $X$ .

(iii)  $A(t) \in \mathbf{L}(Y, X)$  is strongly continuous in  $t$ , but this is a consequence of the continuity of  $u$  and of the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A(t + \Delta t) - A(t))m\|_h &= \|\partial_x((u(t + \Delta t) - u(t))\omega)\|_h \\ &\leq \|(u(t + \Delta t) - u(t))\omega\|_{h+1} \\ &\leq \|u(t + \Delta t) - u(t)\|_{s-1} \|\omega\|_{h+1} \\ &\leq \|u(t + \Delta t) - u(t)\|_s \|\omega\|_k. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.6.**

$$m(t) = U(t, 0)m(0) + \int_0^t U(t, \tau)[-B(\tau)m(\tau) + f(\tau)]d\tau. \tag{4.8}$$

*Proof.* In Lemma 4.5, choose  $h = s - 3$ ,  $k = s - 2$  (which satisfy (4.6)). Since  $m \in C([0, T], H^{s-2}) \cap C^1([0, T], H^{s-3})$ , as is easily verified by  $u \in C([0, T]; H^s)$ , we can carry out the standard computation

$$\frac{dU(t, \tau)m(\tau)}{d\tau} = U(t, \tau)\left[\frac{dm(\tau)}{d\tau} + A(\tau)m(\tau)\right] = U(t, \tau)[-B(\tau)m(\tau) + f(\tau)].$$

And obtain (4.8) on integration  $\tau \in [0, t]$ . This is essentially a uniqueness proof for the solution  $m$  of (4.5) in the class  $C([0, T], H^{s'-2})$ .

**Lemma 4.7.**  $m \in C([0, T], H^{s'-2})$

*Proof.* Note that if  $s < s' \leq s + 1$ , then we have that

$$f(t) \in C([0, T], H^{s-1}) \subset C([0, T], H^{s'-2})$$

and  $B(t) \in \mathbf{L}(H^{s'-2})$  is strongly continuous in  $[0, t)$  and that  $H^{s-1}H^{s'-2} \subset H^{s'-2}$  by  $s - 1 > \frac{1}{2}$ . Due to  $-s < s - 2 \leq s' - 2 < s - 1$  the family  $U(t, \tau) : H^{s'-2} \mapsto H^{s'-2}$  is strongly continuous on  $H^{s'-2}$  to itself. Observe that  $m(0) \in H^{s'-2}$ . We have only see (4.8) as an integral equation of Volterra type, which can be solved for  $m$  by successive approximation. This completes the proof of Theorem.

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