

The Linear Stability of Traveling Waves to the Compound Kdv-Burgers Equation¹

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Abstract

Herein the traveling waves of compound Kdv-Burgers are considered, with the help of an analytic function $D(\lambda)$, the traveling wave is stable.

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1 Introduction

The compound Kdv-Burgers equation with diffusion terms

$$u_t + auu_x + bu^2u_x + ru_{xx} + \beta u_{xxx} = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

where nonlinearity coefficients a, b and dispersion coefficient β are positive constants, diffusion coefficient r isn't positive constant

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$$u_t + auu_x + bu^2u_x + \beta u_{xxx} = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

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Many authors^[1-3] have investigated the existence and stability of equation (1.2) and (1.3), such as Zhang Weiguo^[4] solve the four solitary solutions and six periodic waves by hypothesis undetermined method. C. Jose^[5] discussed numerically the stability of the shock solution of equation (1.3) for $a = 2$. L. Pego^[6] studied the stability of traveling wave solutions of a generalization of the Kdv-Burgers $u_t + u^p u_x + u_{xxx} = \alpha u_{xx}$, as the parameters p and α are varied, by Evan's function and numerical experiment, and obtained that linear instability took place when: a) for fixed positive wave velocity c and $p > 4$, α is made sufficiently small. b) for fixed positive α and $p > 4$, wave velocity c is made sufficiently small. c) for fixed positive α and wave velocity c , p is made sufficiently large.

2 Linear stability

In this section, we investigate the linear stability of oscillatory wave solution^[7] $\phi(\xi)$ which satisfies:

$$1) \phi(\xi) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0, & \xi \rightarrow +\infty \\ u_0, & \xi \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}, \text{ where } u_0 = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{9 + 48c}}{4}$$

2) when $r^2 < \frac{8\beta c\sqrt{3+16c}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3+16c}}$ holds, $\phi(\xi)$ is monotonically decreasing and decay to zero as $\xi \rightarrow +\infty$, while $\phi(\xi) \rightarrow u_0$ in an oscillatory fashion as $\xi \rightarrow -\infty$

A natural one for our purposes is the space

$$BC(R, R) = \{u : R \rightarrow R \mid u \text{ is bounded and uniformly continuous}\}$$

supplied with supremum norm, see Henry^[8]. There exists a solution of equation (1.1) with the initial value $u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \in BC(R, R)$, see^[9]. If (1.1) is recast in a moving coordinate frame, that is, in terms of variables $\xi = x - ct$ and t , assuming that $a = b = 1$, $r < 0$, it becomes

$$u_t + uu_\xi + u^2 u_\xi + ru_{\xi\xi} + \beta u_{\xi\xi\xi} = cu_\xi \quad (2.1)$$

To consider the stability, we use the linearized criterion. By substituting $u(x, t) = \phi(x - ct) + v(x - ct, t)$ into equation (1.1), neglecting the terms which are $O(v^2)$, the linear equation is

$$v_t = Lv \quad (2.2)$$

where $L = -\beta\partial_\xi^3 - r\partial_\xi^2 + c\partial_\xi - \partial_\xi f'(\phi)$, $f(\phi) = \frac{\phi^2}{2} + \frac{\phi^3}{3}$

The linearized criterion for stability of the traveling wave $\phi(\xi)$ is that the spectrum of L (except for 0) lies in the left half plane.

If λ is an eigenvalue of L with corresponding L^2 function Y , then Y is a solution of the differential equation

$$\lambda Y = LY \tag{2.3}$$

i.e.

$$\lambda Y = \partial_\xi(-\beta\partial_\xi^2 - r\partial_\xi + c - f'(\phi))Y = \partial_\xi L_c Y \tag{2.4}$$

equals to equation

$$\frac{dy}{d\xi} = A(\xi, \lambda)y \tag{2.5}$$

where $y = (Y, Y', Y'')^T$,
$$A(\xi, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\beta}(\lambda + \partial_\xi f'(\phi)) & -\frac{1}{\beta}(c - f'(\phi)) & -\frac{r}{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

and we note asymptotical behavior matrix $A^+ = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} A(\xi, \lambda)$, $A^- = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow -\infty} A(\xi, \lambda)$. So

$$A^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{\lambda}{\beta} & -\frac{c}{\beta} & -\frac{r}{\beta} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{\lambda}{\beta} & \frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta} & -\frac{r}{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

If μ is the eigenvalues of matrix A^\pm , then

$$\hbar_+(\mu) = \mu^3 + \frac{r}{\beta}\mu^2 - \frac{c}{\beta}\mu + \frac{\lambda}{\beta} = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

and

$$\hbar_-(\mu) = \mu^3 + \frac{r}{\beta}\mu^2 - \frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta}\mu + \frac{\lambda}{\beta} = 0 \tag{2.7}$$

Obviously, if $\mu = i\tau$ ($\tau \in R$), then we find easily

$$S_e^+ = \{\lambda : \lambda = r\tau^2 + i(\beta\tau^3 + c\tau)\}$$

$$S_e^- = \{\lambda : \lambda = r\tau^2 + i(\beta\tau^3 + \tau(\frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8}))\}$$

Because $r < 0$ and $S_e^+ \cup S_e^-$ determines the information of the essential spectrum (see Henry^[8]), so we know the essential spectrum $\sigma_e(L)$ of L lies entirely in the left half plane and cause no problem for stability. We discuss mainly the isolate spectrum $\sigma_n(L)$ by defining a analytic function $D(\lambda)$, which is Evan's function^[10] clarifying the isolate spectrum. The complement of $S_e^+ \cup S_e^-$ consists of a number of disjoint connected components. Let Ω denote the component which contains the right half plane. Then the essential spectrum can be characterized by the following results which is proved in ^[6]

Proposition 3 The essential spectrum of L contains $S_e^+ \cup S_e^-$, but contains no point of the component Ω , in particular, points in the spectrum of lying in Ω , must be isolated eigenvalues.

Ω does not consist entirely of eigenvalues, however, this does not influence the discuss about stability because of the following proposition 6 and 7.

Assuming $\lambda = 0$, by (2.6) and (2.7) we compute the eigenvalues of A^+ are

$$\mu_1^+ = \frac{-r - \sqrt{r^2 + 4\beta c}}{2\beta}, \quad \mu_2^+ = 0, \quad \mu_3^+ = \frac{-r + \sqrt{r^2 + 4\beta c}}{2\beta} \tag{2.8}$$

and the eigenvalues of A^- are

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1^- &= 0, \quad \mu_2^- = \frac{-2r - \sqrt{4r^2 + 2\beta(\sqrt{9+48c} - 3 - 16c)}}{4\beta}, \\ \mu_3^- &= \frac{-2r + \sqrt{4r^2 + 2\beta(\sqrt{9+48c} - 3 - 16c)}}{4\beta} \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Differentiating (2.6) in λ , when $\mu = 0$, we observe $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{c} > 0$ and find $\mu > 0$ holds if $\lambda > 0$,

Differentiating (2.7) in λ , when $\mu = 0$, we observe $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{9+48c} - 3 - 16c} < 0$ and find $\mu < 0$ holds if $\lambda > 0$.

when $r^2 < \frac{8\beta c\sqrt{3+16c}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3+16c}}$, so $4r^2 + 2\beta(\sqrt{9+48c} - 3 - 16c) < 0$, therefore real part of the eigenvalues μ_2^- and μ_3^- are positive.

Then A^\pm exists unique negative real part eigenvalue, therefore

Proposition 4 there exists $a > 0$, such that $\Omega_+ = \{\lambda : Re\lambda \geq -a\} \subset \Omega$.

Now let us define Evan’s function $D(\lambda)$. Firstly we need the following contents.

$$\frac{dz}{d\xi} = -zA(\xi, \lambda) \tag{2.10}$$

is the adjoint system of (2.5), using the equation (1.31) of [11], it may be related to the adjoint equation

$$\lambda z = (-\beta\partial_\xi^2 + r\partial_\xi + c - f'(\phi))\partial_\xi z = L_c\partial_\xi z$$

$\mu_j^\pm (j = 1, 2, 3)$ denotes the eigenvalues A^\pm and satisfies $Re\mu_1^\pm \leq Re\mu_j^\pm$, by the proposition (1.2) of [11], there exists unique solution ζ^+ of system (2.5) and unique solution η^- of system (2.10) which are analytic for $\lambda \in \Omega_+$, satisfy

$$\zeta^+ \sim exp(\mu_1^+\xi)v^+ \quad (as \quad \xi \rightarrow +\infty), \tag{2.11}$$

$$\eta^- \sim exp(-\mu_1^-\xi)w^- \quad (as \quad \xi \rightarrow -\infty) \tag{2.12}$$

where the notations

$$v^+ = (1, \mu_1^+, (\mu_1^+)^2)^T, \quad v^- = (1, \mu_1^-, (\mu_1^-)^2)^T$$

and

$$w^+ = \frac{(\mu_1^+(\mu_1^+ + \frac{r}{\beta}) - \frac{c}{\beta}, \mu_1^+ + \frac{r}{\beta}, 1)}{\tilde{h}'_+(\mu_1^+)}, \quad w^- = \frac{(\mu_1^-(\mu_1^- + \frac{r}{\beta}) - \frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta}, \mu_1^- + \frac{r}{\beta}, 1)}{\tilde{h}'_-(\mu_1^-)}$$

satisfy

$$(A^\pm - \mu_1^\pm I)v^\pm = 0, \quad w^\pm(A^\pm - \mu_1^\pm I) = 0, \quad w^+ \cdot v^+ = w^- \cdot v^- = 1$$

by the proposition (1.4)of [11], we find

$$\zeta^+ \sim (\eta^- \cdot \zeta^+)(\lambda)exp(\mu_1^- \xi)v^-(\lambda) \quad (as \quad \xi \rightarrow -\infty)$$

Secondly we may define Evan's function $D(\lambda) = (\eta^- \cdot \zeta^+)(\xi, \lambda)$. If $D(\lambda)$ satisfies the below propositions,we can investigate the stability of oscillatory wave solution $\phi(\xi)$.

Proposition 5 Evan's function $D(\lambda)$ is independent of ξ and analytic for $\lambda \in \Omega_+$

Proof: because the solution ζ^+, η^- are analytic,so is $D(\lambda)$; computing

$$\frac{\partial D(\lambda)}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial \eta^-}{\partial \xi} \cdot \zeta^+ + \eta^- \cdot \frac{\partial \zeta^+}{\partial \xi} = -\eta^- A(\xi, \lambda) \cdot \zeta^+ + \eta^- \cdot A(\xi, \lambda)\zeta^+ = 0$$

so $D(\lambda)$ is independent of ξ . Using theorem 1.9 by [11],we have

Proposition 6 If $\lambda \in \Omega_+$, λ is a eigenvalue of equation (2.3) if and only if $D(\lambda) = 0$.

To investigate stability , we must press for

Proposition 7 For $\lambda \in \Omega_+$, $D(\lambda)$ satisfy i) $D(0) = 0$, ii) $D(\lambda) \neq 0$, for $Re\lambda > 0$, and iii) $\frac{dD(\lambda)}{d\lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} > 0$.

proof: Differentiating (2.1) in ξ , we observe

$$\beta\phi''' + r\phi'' - c\phi' + \phi\phi' + \phi'\phi^2 = 0 \tag{2.13}$$

comparing (2.13) with (2.4), and using the (1.34)of [11], we find $D(0) = 0$,i)holds.

Assuming that $D(\lambda) = 0$ when $Re\lambda > 0$, for $\lambda \in \Omega_+$, by the definition of $D(\lambda)$, we know there exists solution Y which decays to zero as $|\xi| \rightarrow -\infty$ together with its derivatives. Integrating (2.4) yields

$$\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y = 0$$

so we can define

$$T(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x Y(w)dw$$

obviously $T \rightarrow 0$ as $|\xi| \rightarrow \infty$ and the derivatives of $T \rightarrow 0$ as $|\xi| \rightarrow \infty$, substituting T into (2.4), we observe T satisfies

$$\lambda T = (-\beta\partial_\xi^2 - r\partial_\xi + c - f'(\phi))\partial_\xi T \tag{2.14}$$

With the integration by parts and the asymptotic propositions of T , computing

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \operatorname{Re}\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T\bar{T}d\xi &= \operatorname{Re} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (-\beta\partial_\xi^2 - r\partial_\xi + c - f'(\phi))\partial_\xi T\bar{T}d\xi \\ &= r \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |T'|^2d\xi + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |T|^2 f''(\phi)\phi' d\xi \end{aligned}$$

because of the proposition of ϕ and $f''(\phi) = 1 + 2\phi > 0, \phi' \leq 0$, we know the right hand of the above inequality is negative, however the left hand is positive, This contradiction establishes the results. Then ii) holds.

we compute $\frac{dD(\lambda)}{d\lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0}$ by using the (1.34) and (1.35) of [11], for $\lambda = 0, Y^+ = \zeta_1^+$ is unique solution of equation (2.5), that is

$$0 = \partial_\xi(-\beta\partial_\xi^2 - r\partial_\xi + c - f'(\phi))Y^+ \tag{2.15}$$

and $Z^- = \eta_m^-$ is unique solution of equation (2.10), that is

$$0 = (-\beta\partial_\xi^2 + r\partial_\xi + c - f'(\phi))\partial_\xi Z^- \tag{2.16}$$

Y^+ satisfy $Y^+e^{-\mu_1^+\xi} \rightarrow v_1$ (as $\xi \rightarrow +\infty$) and Z^- satisfy $Z^-e^{\mu_1^-\xi} \rightarrow w_m$ (as $\xi \rightarrow -\infty$); where $v_1w_m\bar{h}'_-(\mu_1^-) = 1$.

By (2.7)-(2.9), we may choose $v_1 = 1, w_m = \frac{1}{\bar{h}_-(0)}$, in addition to (2.11)-(2.13) we find $(\phi, \phi') \rightarrow e^{\mu_1^+\xi}(1, \mu_1^+)$ as $\xi \rightarrow +\infty$; by the uniqueness of solution we may choose $Y^+ = (\mu_1^+)^{-1}\phi'$; very similarly, we find $(\phi, \phi') \rightarrow \frac{(-\frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta}, \frac{r}{\beta})}{\bar{h}_-(0)}$ as $\xi \rightarrow -\infty$ and choose $Z^- = (-\frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta})^{-1}\phi$, in virtue of (1.35) of [11], we compute

$$\frac{dD(\lambda)}{d\lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta}\mu_1^+\right)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi\phi'd\xi = \left(\frac{\sqrt{9+48c-3-16c}}{8\beta}\right)^{-1} \frac{u_0^2}{2(\mu_1^+)} > 0$$

so iii) holds. the proof is little different from that given by Pego R.^[11]. Now we get the main lemma.

Lemma 1 Let L be given by (2.2), $L : BC \rightarrow BC$. Then

- (1) $\sigma(L) \setminus \{0\}$ lies entirely in the left half plane.

(2) 0 is a simple eigenvalue.

Proof: by proposition 6 and 7, we know easily (2) holds; by proposition 3, 4, 6 and 7, we know easily (1) holds;

Therefore we have no difficulties to get the main results.

Theorem 1 If $r^2 < \frac{8\beta c\sqrt{3+16c}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3+16c}}$, $r < 0$, the oscillatory wave $\phi(\xi)$ is linear stable.

The proof of this theorem is obvious by lemma 1.

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