The nonlinear Schrödinger equation A little bit of pop culture

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Fixed point or Contraction Mapping Theorem

Consider X a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and $T: I \to \mathbf{R}$ a contraction, that is

$$|T(x) - T(y)|| \le c||x - y||, \ 0 \le c < 1.$$

Then T has a unique fixed point in I and all sequences $x_0 \in I$, $x_{n+1} = T(x_n)$ converge to this unique fixed point.

Example: consider

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Then
$$U(t)u_0 = \exp\left(\int_0^t a(s) ds\right) u_0$$
 is solution.

We can deduce solutions to:

$$\dot{u} = a(t)u + b(t), \quad u(0, \cdot) = u_0, \quad a, b \text{ are continuous.}$$

Then a solution is given by

(Duhamel formula)
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Local/global solutions

Consider a data in \mathcal{H} . We are looking for

- 1. local existence in a Banach X,
- 2. uniqueness of the solution in X,
- 3. The flow $\Phi: u_0 \mapsto u(t)$ is continuous,
- 4. global existence in a Banach X.
- \rightarrow locally/globally **well-posed** problem in X.

Fixed point method gives (1, 2, 3). Conservation laws gives (4).

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Let T > 0. Maybe T small (we'll see later). Strichartz estimates on Φ on [0, T] yield

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with Hölder, $H^1 \subset L^4$.

The green term makes us handle ∇u too.

$$i\partial_t \nabla u + \Delta \nabla u = \kappa \nabla (|u|^2 u) \quad ; \quad \nabla u(0,.) = \nabla u_0 \in H^1,$$

and again

$$\|\nabla \Phi u(t)\|_{L^{\infty}L^{2} \cap L^{8/3}L^{4}} \leq C \left[\|\nabla u_{0}\|_{L^{2}} + T^{2/\theta}\|u\|_{L^{\infty}H^{1}}^{2}\|\nabla u\|_{L^{8/3}L^{4}}\right]$$

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VI. Qualitative study of long-time behaviour

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Definitions

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$$u, \nabla u \in C(\mathbf{R}, L^2) \cap L^p(\mathbf{R}, L^q), \quad \text{for some } (p, q).$$

Moreover

Asymptotic completeness: For all $u_0 \in H^1$, one can produce a $u_{\pm} \in H^1$ s.t. (**) is satisfied.

Existence of the wave operator: For all $u_{\pm} \in H^1$, one can associate a solution u(t) to (NLS), satisfying (**).

Why are global in time Strichartz estimates crucial here ?

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* if you want to have details about *iii*., please ask (but will be on blackboard).

* if you want to stop, blink very fast.