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Rigidity of the conservation laws for the
Nonlinear Schrödinger equation

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The linear periodic Schrödinger equation

- In dimension 1, the linear periodic Schrödinger equation reads

$$\partial_t u = i \partial_x^2 u, \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad (1)$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/(2\pi\mathbb{Z})$ and $u : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

- For $u_0 \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ the solution of (1) is given by the exponential sum

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-itn^2} e^{inx} \widehat{u}_0(n),$$

where $\widehat{u}_0(n)$ is the n 'th Fourier coefficient of $u_0(x)$, i.e.

$$\widehat{u}_0(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-inx} u_0(x) dx.$$

- Observe that $u(t, x)$ is 2π -periodic in time : $u(t + 2\pi, x) = u(t, x)$.

Conservation of the Sobolev norms

- If a function $u : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ has a Fourier expansion

$$u(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{inx} \hat{u}(n)$$

then for $s \in \mathbb{R}$, the Sobolev norm H^s of u is defined by

$$\|u\|_{H^s}^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + n^2)^s |\hat{u}(n)|^2.$$

For $s = 0$, we recover an equivalent to the L^2 norm and moreover

$$\|u\|_{H^1} \approx \|u\|_{L^2} + \|u'\|_{L^2}, \quad \|u\|_{H^2} \approx \|u\|_{L^2} + \|u'\|_{L^2} + \|u''\|_{L^2}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

- It is now clear that the above solution of the linear periodic Schrödinger equation satisfies

$$\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{H^s} = \|u_0\|_{H^s}, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

- We can therefore uniquely extend the solution map $u_0(x) \mapsto u(t, x)$ to a continuous map from $H^s(\mathbb{T})$ to $C(\mathbb{R}; H^s(\mathbb{T}))$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover the $H^s(\mathbb{T})$ norm is preserved, i.e. we have (2).

The Zygmund argument

- Let $u(t, x)$ be the above defined solution of the linear Schrödinger equation with $u_0 \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$. As we do for Gauss sums, we compute

$$u^2(t, x) = \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-it(n_1^2 + n_2^2)} e^{i(n_1 + n_2)x} \widehat{u}_0(n_1) \widehat{u}_0(n_2).$$

- We now reorganise the double sum as follows :

$$u^2(t, x) = \sum_{m_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-im_1 t} e^{im_2 x} \left(\sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in A(m_1, m_2)} \widehat{u}_0(n_1) \widehat{u}_0(n_2) \right),$$

where

$$A(m_1, m_2) \equiv \left((n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n_1^2 + n_2^2 = m_1, n_1 + n_2 = m_2 \right).$$

For fixed $(m_1, m_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, the set $A(m_1, m_2)$ does not contain more than 2 elements. Therefore

$$\left| \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in A(m_1, m_2)} \widehat{u}_0(n_1) \widehat{u}_0(n_2) \right|^2 \leq 2 \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in A(m_1, m_2)} |\widehat{u}_0(n_1) \widehat{u}_0(n_2)|^2$$

The Zygmund argument (sequel)

- Therefore, we arrive at the bound

$$\|u^2(t, x)\|_{L^2_{t,x}}^2 \lesssim \sum_{m_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in A(m_1, m_2)} |\widehat{u}_0(n_1) \widehat{u}_0(n_2)|^2.$$

- We now reorganise the sum again and we get $\|u_0\|_{L^2}^2 \times \|u_0\|_{L^2}^2$. Thus

$$\|u(t, x)\|_{L^4_{t,x}}^4 = \|u^2(t, x)\|_{L^2_{t,x}}^2 \lesssim \|u_0\|_{L^2}^4.$$

- By a density argument, we get the following remarkable property :
If $u(t, x)$ solves the linear periodic Schrödinger equation with initial data

$$u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$$

then

$$\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^4} < \infty, \quad \text{a.s in } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This property can only hold only a.s. because of the strict inclusion

$$L^4(\mathbb{T}) \subset L^2(\mathbb{T}).$$

The linear Schrödinger equation on the line

- Consider now the 1d linear Schrödinger equation on the real line

$$\partial_t u = i \partial_x^2 u, \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x) \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3)$$

If u_0 is in the Schwartz class then the solution is given by

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-it\xi^2} e^{ix\xi} \widehat{u_0}(\xi) d\xi,$$

where $\widehat{u_0}(\xi)$, $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ is the Fourier transform of u_0 , defined by

$$\widehat{u_0}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ix\xi} u_0(x) dx.$$

- The Sobolev norm H^s of functions on \mathbb{R} is now defined by

$$\|f\|_{H^s}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi^2)^s |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

Since

$$\widehat{u(t, \cdot)}(\xi) = e^{-it\xi^2} \widehat{u_0}(\xi) \implies |\widehat{u(t, \cdot)}(\xi)| = |\widehat{u_0}(\xi)|$$

the solution of (3) satisfies

$$\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{H^s} = \|u_0\|_{H^s}.$$

The dispersion

- By applying a stationary phase estimate to

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-it\xi^2} e^{ix\xi} \widehat{u_0}(\xi) d\xi,$$

we obtain that there is $c \in \mathbb{C}$ and $C > 0$ such that for such that for every $t \geq 1$, every $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\left| u(t, x) - c \frac{e^{i\frac{x^2}{4t}}}{\sqrt{t}} \widehat{u_0}(x/2t) \right| \leq Ct^{-\frac{3}{4}} \|xu_0\|_{L^2}.$$

In particular, for $t \geq 1$,

$$|u(t, x)| \leq C(u_0) t^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- Therefore the solution disperses keeping the H^s norms conserved.
- Another manifestation of the dispersion is the Strichartz estimate

$$\|u(t, x)\|_{L^6(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})} \leq C \|u_0(x)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}.$$

A fully non linear model

- Consider the equation

$$\partial_t u = -i|u|^2 u, \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x).$$

- For $u_0 \in L^2$, the solution is given by :

$$u(t, x) = e^{-it|u_0(x)|^2} u_0(x).$$

- Then

$$\partial_x u(t, x) = e^{-it|u_0(x)|^2} \left(\partial_x u_0(x) - it u_0(x) \partial_x (|u_0(x)|^2) \right).$$

- Therefore for $u_0(x)$ such that $|u_0(x)|$ is not a constant, there exists $C > 0$ and $A \geq 1$ such that for $t \geq A$,

$$\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{H^1} \geq Ct,$$

i.e. the H^1 norm grows in time ! Similarly for H^s , $s \geq 0$ initial data

$$\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{H^s} \geq Ct^s.$$

- A remarkable work by P. Gérard- S. Grellier shows that the growth may become even faster (exponential ?) if one "truncates" $|u|^2 u \dots$

The 1d Nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLS)

- We considered so far the linear model

$$\partial_t u = i \partial_x^2 u$$

and the fully nonlinear model

$$\partial_t u = -i|u|^2 u$$

- The 1d NLS is obtained when one takes into account both effects :

$$\partial_t u = i \partial_x^2 u - i|u|^2 u$$

or equivalently

$$i\partial_t u + \partial_x^2 u = |u|^2 u.$$

- For the linear model the Sobolev norms H^s of the solutions remain bounded while for the fully nonlinear model they grow as far as $s > 0$.
- The question we discuss today is which effect dominates in the context of NLS.

Global well-posedness and basic conservation laws for NLS

- Thanks to the 1d Sobolev embedding $H^s \subset L^\infty$, $s > 1/2$, we can easily solve locally in H^s , $s > 1/2$ the problem

$$i\partial_t u + \partial_x^2 u = |u|^2 u. \quad (4)$$

- Multiply (4) with \bar{u} , $i\partial_t \bar{u}$, integrate over x and take the imaginary part. It comes :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\partial_x u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^4}^4 \right) = 0.$$

- One can deduce the second conservation law as the Hamiltonian conservation resulting from the Hamiltonian formulation of NLS.
- Therefore, for $s \geq 1$ we can extend globally in time the local solutions. Moreover, the L^2 and the H^1 norms of the solutions remain bounded in time. Therefore, concerning the H^1 norm, the linear effect dominates.

Question : What about the H^s , $s > 1$ norms ?

Remark : The question of growing Sobolev norms may be seen as a competition between the kinetic and the potential energies.

Higher order conservation laws for 1d NLS

- Using the Lax representation of the 1d NLS, Zakharov-Shabat (1972) obtained that if u is an H^s , $s \geq 2$ solution of

$$i\partial_t u + \partial_x^2 u = |u|^2 u$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\partial_x^2 u\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|\operatorname{Re}(\partial_x u \bar{u})\|_{L^2}^2 + 3\|u\partial_x u\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|u\|_{L^6}^6 \right) = 0.$$

Here x can be both in \mathbb{T} or \mathbb{R} .

- Therefore the H^2 norms of the solutions remain bounded in time.
- Similarly one gets uniform in time bounds for the H^s norms, $s = 3, 4, 5, \dots$
- Recent work (2016) by Koch-Tataru extends these bounds for all $s \geq 0$ in the case $x \in \mathbb{R}$ (for $x \in \mathbb{T}$, there is an earlier work by Grebert-Kappeler).

Conclusion of the 1d analysis

- In summary, for the 1d NLS both on \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{T} , the linear effect dominates concerning the bounds on the Sobolev norms of the solutions.
- What happens in higher dimensions, i.e. for the equation

$$i\partial_t u + \Delta u = |u|^2 u,$$

where Δ is the Laplace operator ?

- **Remark.** In higher dimensions, even the global well-posedness is a quite nontrivial problem.

The 3d NLS

- Let (M, g) be a smooth $3d$ riemannian manifold with a Laplace-Beltrami operator Δ . Consider the Cauchy problem

$$i\partial_t U + \Delta U = |U|^2 U, \quad U|_{t=0} = U_0, \quad U : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}. \quad (5)$$

- As in $1d$, in the context of (5), we again have the conserved quantities

$$\|U\|_{L^2(M)}, \quad \|U\|_{H^1(M)}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|U\|_{L^4(M)}^4.$$

Theorem 1 (Burq-Gérard-Tz. 2001)

Suppose that M is compact without boundary. For $s \geq 1$ and $U_0 \in H^s(M)$ there is a unique global solution of (5) in $C(\mathbb{R}; H^s(M))$. The dependence with respect to the initial data is continuous. The L^2 and the H^1 norms of the solutions are uniformly bounded in time.

- The result remains true for non compact manifolds with a controlled behaviour at infinity such as \mathbb{R}^3 , $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2$, $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{T}$, $\mathbb{R} \times S^2$ or a long range perturbation of \mathbb{R}^3 outside a compact set.

Question : Do the H^s norms, $s \neq 0, 1$ remain bounded ?

The 3d NLS on \mathbb{R}^3

Consider the Cauchy problem

$$i\partial_t U + \Delta U = |U|^2 U, \quad U|_{t=0} = U_0, \quad U : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}. \quad (6)$$

Theorem 2 (Ginibre-Velo, Bourgain, Dodson)

For $s > 5/7$ the problem (6) is globally well-posed in $H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Moreover, for every $U_0 \in H^s$ there is $C > 0$ such that for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$ the solution of (6) satisfies

$$\|U(t, \cdot)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C. \quad (7)$$

For $s \geq 1$, one may proceed in two steps :

- 1) Using Morawetz identities (a way of exploiting the good sign of the nonlinearity in a dispersive estimate) one first shows that the $L^p(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $p \in (2, 6)$ norms of the solution go to zero as t tends to infinity.
- 2) Then by a perturbative analysis one reinforces this information to a control on space-time norms like $L^{10}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ of the solutions which in turn implies (7).

The 3d NLS on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2$

- Consider the Cauchy problem

$$i\partial_t U + \Delta U = |U|^2 U, \quad U|_{t=0} = U_0, \quad U : \mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}. \quad (8)$$

- 1) The problem (8) is locally well-posed in $H^s(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2)$, $s > 1/2$ (ideas by Bourgain)
- 2) It is ill-posed for $s \in (0, 1/2)$ (ideas by Lebeau).
- 3) It is globally-well-posed for $s > 5/6$ (ideas by Tao et al.).

Theorem 3 (Pausader-Tz. 2017)

For every $s \in (1/2, \infty)$, $s \neq 1$ there exists $U_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2)$ such that the corresponding solution of (8) is globally defined and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|U(t)\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2)} = +\infty.$$

- Recall that for $s \geq 1$, the conservation laws provide an a priori bound on the $H^1(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2)$ norm. We also always have an a priori bound on the $L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2)$ norm. A nonlinear interpolation is therefore impossible.
- Previous work by Hani-Pausader-Tz.-Visciglia 2013, obtained this result for $s \geq 30$.

Reduction of the problem

- Let $U(t)$ be a solution of the cubic defocusing NLS, posed on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2$. Then $F(t) = e^{-it\Delta}U(t)$ solves

$$i\partial_t F(t) = \mathcal{N}^t[F(t), F(t), F(t)],$$

where the trilinear form \mathcal{N}^t is defined by

$$\mathcal{N}^t[F, G, H] := e^{-it\Delta} \left(e^{it\Delta} F \cdot e^{-it\Delta} \overline{G} \cdot e^{it\Delta} H \right).$$

- Denote by $\widehat{F}_p(\xi)$ or $\mathcal{F}(F)(\xi, p)$ the Fourier transform on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T}^2$ of F . Then one computes :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\mathcal{N}^t[F, G, H](\xi, p) = & \sum_{p-p_1+p_2-p_3=0} e^{it[|p|^2-|p_1|^2+|p_2|^2-|p_3|^2]} \\ & \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{it2\eta\kappa} \widehat{F}_{p_1}(\xi - \eta) \overline{\widehat{G}_{p_2}(\xi - \eta - \kappa)} \widehat{H}_{p_3}(\xi - \kappa) d\kappa d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Reduction of the problem (sequel)

- Ignoring the time oscillations (normal form reduction) and a stationary phase argument ($t \gg 1$) suggests to define \mathcal{R} as

$$\mathcal{FR}[F, G, H](\xi, p) := \sum_{\substack{p+p_2=p_1+p_3 \\ |p|^2+|p_2|^2=|p_1|^2+|p_3|^2}} \widehat{F}_{p_1}(\xi) \overline{\widehat{G}_{p_2}(\xi)} \widehat{H}_{p_3}(\xi)$$

and one expects that the nonlinearity can be decomposed as follows

$$\mathcal{N}^t[F, G, H] = \frac{\pi}{t} \mathcal{R}[F, G, H] + \text{better terms}$$

- We therefore define the resonant system as

$$i\partial_t G(t) = \mathcal{R}[G(t), G(t), G(t)].$$

- The dependence on ξ is merely parametric.
- We prove that given a solution G of the resonant system, bounded in "some norm", there is a solution of the true problem "close" to $G(\pi \ln(t))$ for $t \gg 1$.

How we justify the normal form reduction and the stationary phase ?

- This is a long argument, using the following tools :
 - 1) Variants of the Zygmund argument, we saw in the beginning of the lecture
 - 2) Variants of the dispersive estimate, we saw in the beginning of the lecture
 - 3) A new lemma of Christ-Kiselev type
 - 4) Almost orthogonality arguments, inspired by the work of Bourgain
 - 5) The Bourgain/Tataru spaces
- A combination of 1) and 2) provides a low regularity in the periodic variable $L^4_{t,x,y}$ dispersive estimate which is very efficient.

Reduction to the resonant system on \mathbb{T}^2

- We take initial data of the resonance system of the form

$$G_0(x, y) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}(\varphi)(x)g(y), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{T}^2,$$

with φ real valued. The solution $G(t)$ to the resonance system with initial data $G_0(x, y)$ as above is given in Fourier space by

$$\widehat{G}_p(t, \xi) = \varphi(\xi)a_p(\varphi(\xi)^2t), \quad a_p(0) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{T}^d}(g)(p),$$

where the vector $(a_p)_{p \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ solves the *resonant equation*

$$i\partial_t a_p(t) = \sum_{\substack{p+p_2=p_1+p_3 \\ |p|^2+|p_2|^2=|p_1|^2+|p_3|^2}} a_{p_1}(t)\overline{a_{p_2}(t)}a_{p_3}(t).$$

- In particular, if $\varphi = 1$ on an open interval I , then $\widehat{G}_p(t, \xi) = a_p(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\xi \in I$. We can therefore apply the following result.

Theorem 4 (growth for the resonant equation)

Let $s > 0$, $s \neq 1$. There exist global solutions to the resonant equation in $C(\mathbb{R}; h^s)$ such that

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|a_p(t)\|_{h^s} = \infty$$

but for every $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|a_p(t)\|_{h^{s-\varepsilon}} < \infty.$$

- **Notation :**

$$\|a_p\|_{h^s}^2 := \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}^2} (1 + |p|^2)^s |a_p|^2.$$

- **Remark.** Unfortunately, we have that, $a_p(t) \notin h^\sigma$ for $\sigma > s$.

On the analysis of the resonant equation

- The analysis of the resonant equation is inspired by a work of Colliander-Keel-Staffilani-Takaoka-Tao. Two important aspects are:
 - 1) There are many invariant subspaces for the resonant equation.
 - 2) There is a superposition principle : for some initial data it "behaves as a linear equation".