

Global analytic solutions to hyperbolic systems *

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to extend to some classes of systems the global existence of analytic solutions to scalar equations of Kirchhoff type.

1 Introduction

The quasilinear integro-differential equations

$$u_{tt} - \varphi \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \right) \Delta u = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $\varphi(r)$ is a continuous function ≥ 0 on $\{r \geq 0\}$ and Ω an open domain of \mathbf{R}^n , are currently called Kirchhoff equations; in the case when $\varphi(r) = 1 + r$ and $n = 1$, Equation (1) was proposed in [10], as a mathematical model for the small, transversal oscillations of an elastic string.

The first mathematical results for these equations were obtained by S. Bernstein [4], who considered the Cauchy problem for (1) with $n = 1$, $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]$ and looked for 2π -periodic solutions $u(t, \cdot)$: assuming that $\varphi(r)$ is a \mathcal{C}^1 function with $\varphi(r) \geq \nu > 0$, he proved the local well-posedness in suitable Sobolev spaces, as well as the global existence with real analytic data. After Bernstein, Kirchhoff type equations have been considered by several authors; we refer to [1] and [13] for a survey on the scalar case; for the vector case we mention [5] and [11] where a class

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of Kirchhoff type systems has been considered for which there is global existence for small, compact supported data.

In the non-coercive case, i.e. when the function $\varphi(r)$ is merely continuous and non negative, the global solvability for (1) with analytic initial data was firstly proved in [2] under the following additional assumption on $\varphi(r)$:

$$\text{either } \varphi(r) \text{ is bounded } \quad \text{or} \quad \int_0^\infty \varphi(r) dr = \infty.$$

This assumption was later removed in [6], where the same conclusion was obtained under the only condition that $\varphi(r) \geq 0$.

Such a result is based on the following facts:

- the global well-posedness in the analytic class (more exactly, the *a priori* estimate for the analytic solutions) of the linear equation

$$u_{tt} - a(t)\Delta u = 0, \quad \text{as soon as } a(t) \geq 0, \quad a(t) \in L^1;$$

- the variational character of Eq.(1), which ensures that, if $\Phi'(r) = \varphi(r)$, $\Phi(0) = 0$, the positive functional

$$E(u, t) = \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^2 dx + \Phi \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \right),$$

keeps constant in time for any solution $u(t, x)$.

The purpose of this paper is to extend this global existence result to some Kirchhoff type systems. In particular we shall prove the global well-posedness in the class of analytic, 2π -periodic functions, for the Cauchy problem to the system

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \psi \left(\int_0^{2\pi} v^2 dx, \int_0^{2\pi} w^2 dx \right) v_x + \alpha \left(\int_0^{2\pi} w^2 dx \right) w_x \\ w_t &= \beta \left(\int_0^{2\pi} v^2 dx \right) v_x + \psi \left(\int_0^{2\pi} v^2 dx, \int_0^{2\pi} w^2 dx \right) w_x \end{cases}$$

where $\psi(r, s), \alpha(s), \beta(r)$ are continuous functions and

$$\alpha(s) \geq 0, \quad \beta(r) \geq 0, \quad \int_0^\infty \alpha(s) ds + \int_0^\infty \beta(r) dr = \infty.$$

Another system to which our global existence results apply, is

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \left(C_1 + \int_0^{2\pi} v^2 dx \right) w_x, \\ w_t &= \left(C_2 + \int_0^{2\pi} w^2 dx \right) v_x \end{cases}$$

where C_i are constants ≥ 0 .

2 Statements of the results

Let us consider the $N \times N$ systems of the general form

$$u_t - \sum_{j=1}^n A_j \left(\int_{\Omega} u_1^2 dx, \dots, \int_{\Omega} u_N^2 dx \right) u_{x_j} = 0, \tag{2}$$

where $u = (u_1(t, x), \dots, u_N(t, x)) \in \mathbf{R}^N$ and $A_j(r_1, \dots, r_n)$ are real valued $N \times N$ matrices, continuous on \mathbf{R}_+^n . This system is *weakly hyperbolic* when the matrix

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j A_j(r_1, \dots, r_n) \tag{3}$$

has real eigenvalues for all $\xi_j \in \mathbf{R}$ and all $r_i \geq 0$.

For simplicity, we shall consider here only the *periodic boundary condition* in x (however, see Remark 4 below), i.e., we take $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^n$ and look for a solution $u(t, x)$, 2π -periodic in each space variable x_i . In this context, we denote by $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N$ the class of \mathbf{R}^N valued, 2π -periodic, analytic functions on \mathbf{R}^n .

We then prove:

Theorem 1 *The Cauchy-periodic problem for (2), with $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^n$, is globally well posed in the analytic class $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N$ whenever (2) is weakly hyperbolic and the coefficients $A_j(r_1, \dots, r_n)$ are continuous and bounded on \mathbf{R}_+^n .*

Remark 1 *If (2) is a symmetric hyperbolic system, i.e. all the matrices A_j are symmetric, the global well posedness in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$ is obvious. Indeed in this case one has immediately:*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\| \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x_j^k} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n, \quad k \in \mathbf{N}.$$

In order to obtain some results without any boundedness assumption on the coefficients, we shall restrict ourselves to the 2×2 systems in one space dimension of the form

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \psi_1 (\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) v_x + \varphi_1 (\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) w_x \\ w_t &= \varphi_2 (\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) v_x + \psi_2 (\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) w_x \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

where $\varphi_1(r, s), \varphi_2(r, s), \psi_1(r, s), \psi_2(r, s)$ are real, continuous functions on \mathbf{R}_+^2 and

$$\|v(t)\|^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} |v(t, x)|^2 dx, \quad \|w(t)\|^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} |w(t, x)|^2 dx.$$

The hyperbolicity condition for (4) is

$$(\psi_1 - \psi_2)^2 + 4\varphi_1\varphi_2 \geq 0,$$

but in the following we shall always make the stronger assumption

$$\varphi_1 \cdot \varphi_2 \geq 0. \tag{5}$$

If we take

$$\psi_1 = \psi_2 \equiv 0, \quad \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi(s), \quad \varphi_2 \equiv 1, \quad \text{and} \quad v = u_x, \quad w = u_t,$$

we see that the class of systems of type $\{(4),(5)\}$ includes the scalar equations of type (1). However, due to the lack of a conserved energy functional, there are systems of this type for which the Cauchy problem is not globally well-posed in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$. In the following example, the system is *strictly hyperbolic*, i.e. the eigenvalues of the matrix (3) are real and simple, and satisfies (5).

Example 1 *There exists a pair of initial data v_0, w_0 in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$ for which the problem*

$$\begin{cases} v_t = \left(1 + \int_0^{2\pi} v^2 dx\right) w_x, & w_t = w_x \\ v(0, x) = v_0(x), & w(0, x) = w_0(x) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

has no global solution.

To obtain the global existence for a system of type (4), we are forced to make, besides (5), some additional assumption on the coefficients $\varphi_1(r, s), \varphi_2(r, s)$:

Theorem 2 *Let $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \psi_1, \psi_2$ be real and continuous functions on \mathbf{R}_+^2 and assume that $\varphi_1 \cdot \varphi_2 \geq 0$. Then, the Cauchy-periodic problem for (4) is globally well-posed in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$ in each of the following cases.*

- *If $\varphi_1(r, s)$ and $\varphi_2(r, s)$ are bounded on \mathbf{R}_+^2 .*
- *If there is a C^1 function $L(r, s)$ defined on \mathbf{R}_+^2 , with*

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial r} \cdot \varphi_1 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial s} \cdot \varphi_2, \quad (7)$$

such that, either

$$L(r, s) \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{as} \quad r + s \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (8)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{s \geq 0} L(r, s) &\rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{as} \quad r \rightarrow +\infty, \\ |\varphi_1(r, s)| + |\varphi_2(r, s)| &\leq \Lambda(r) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

for some continuous function Λ .

Of course, (9) can be replaced by the symmetric conditions in (r, s) .

The most common case to which Theorem 2 applies, is for

$$\varphi_1 = \alpha(r, s) \cdot \varphi(r, s), \quad \varphi_2 = \beta(r, s) \cdot \varphi(r, s)$$

where α, β are functions ≥ 0 satisfying

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial s}. \tag{10}$$

In such a case (7) is fulfilled by the function

$$L(r, s) = \int_0^r \beta(\rho, s) d\rho + \int_0^s \alpha(0, \sigma) d\sigma \equiv \int_0^r \beta(\rho, 0) d\rho + \int_0^s \alpha(r, \sigma) d\sigma.$$

Hence (8), is equivalent to

$$\int_0^\infty \alpha(0, s) ds = \int_0^\infty \beta(r, 0) dr = +\infty,$$

and (9) to

$$\int_0^\infty \beta(r, 0) dr = +\infty, \quad |\alpha(r, s)| + |\beta(r, s)| + |\varphi(r, s)| \leq \Lambda(r).$$

In particular, (10) is trivially fulfilled when $\alpha = C_1 + r, \quad \beta = C_2 + s$, or when $\alpha = \alpha(s), \beta = \beta(r)$. Thus we get:

Corollary 1

1. *The Cauchy-periodic problem for the system*

$$\begin{cases} v_t = \psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) v_x + (C_1 + \|v\|^2) \cdot \varphi(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) w_x \\ w_t = (C_2 + \|w\|^2) \cdot \varphi(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) v_x + \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) w_x \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

where C_i are constants ≥ 0 and ψ_1, ψ_2, φ real continuous functions, is globally well-posed in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$.

2. *The same conclusion holds true for the system*

$$\begin{cases} v_t = \psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) v_x + \alpha(\|w\|^2) \cdot \varphi(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) w_x \\ w_t = \beta(\|v\|^2) \cdot \varphi(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) v_x + \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) w_x \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \psi_1, \psi_2, \varphi$ are real continuous functions, with $\alpha \geq 0, \quad \beta \geq 0$ and, either

$$\int_0^\infty \alpha(s) ds = \int_0^\infty \beta(r) dr = \infty$$

or

$$\alpha(s) \text{ is bounded, } \int_0^{+\infty} \beta(r) dr = +\infty, \quad |\varphi(r, s)| \leq \Lambda(r).$$

Finally, we prove the following result which is an extension of the quoted result for the scalar Kirchhoff equations ([6]) and improves the second part of Corollary 1 for bounded φ and $\psi_1 = \psi_2$.

Theorem 3 *The Cauchy-periodic problem for (4), where $\varphi_1, \psi_1, \varphi_2, \psi_2$, are real continuous functions, and $\varphi_i \geq 0$, is well-posed in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$ as soon as the following conditions are both fulfilled:*

(i) *there is a C^1 function $L(r, s)$, with*

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial r} \cdot \varphi_1 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial s} \cdot \varphi_2,$$

such that

$$\inf_{s \geq 0} L(r, s) \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (13)$$

and

$$|\varphi_2(r, s)| \leq \Lambda(r) < \infty. \quad (14)$$

(ii) *there is a constant C such that*

$$|\psi_2(r, s) - \psi_1(r, s)|^2 \leq C\varphi_1(r, s). \quad (15)$$

Of course, (13)–(15) can be replaced by the symmetric conditions in (r, s) .

By this we obtain

Corollary 2 *The periodic-Cauchy problem for system (12), where $\alpha(s), \beta(r), \varphi(r, s), \psi_1(r, s), \psi_2(r, s)$ are real continuous functions, and $\alpha, \varphi, \beta \geq 0$, is well-posed in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$ as soon as:*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \beta(r) dr &= +\infty, \\ |\varphi(r, s)| &\leq \Lambda(r), \\ |\psi_2(r, s) - \psi_1(r, s)|^2 &\leq C\alpha(s)\varphi(r, s). \end{aligned}$$

Of course, the same conclusion holds under the symmetric assumptions

$$\int_0^\infty \alpha(s) ds = \infty, \quad |\varphi(r, s)| \leq \Lambda(s) < \infty$$

and

$$|\psi_2(r, s) - \psi_1(r, s)|^2 \leq C\beta(r)\varphi(r, s).$$

More generally, we have the following

Corollary 3 *The Cauchy-periodic problem for the system*

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) v_x + \alpha_1(\|v\|^2) \cdot \alpha_2(\|w\|^2) \cdot \varphi(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) w_x \\ w_t &= \beta_1(\|v\|^2) \cdot \beta_2(\|w\|^2) \cdot \varphi(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) v_x + \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) w_x \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

is globally well-posed in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2$ as soon as: $\alpha_1, \beta_2 > 0, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \varphi \geq 0,$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\beta_1(r)}{\alpha_1(r)} dr = +\infty,$$

and at least one of the following properties is verified:

either

- $\alpha_1(r)\beta_2(s)\varphi(r, s) \leq \Lambda(r),$ and

$$|\psi_1(r, s) - \psi_2(r, s)|^2 \leq C\alpha_1(r)\alpha_2(s)\varphi(r, s),$$

or

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$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\alpha_2(s)}{\beta_2(s)} ds = +\infty.$$

Remark 2 For $\psi_i \equiv 0$ and $\varphi \equiv \beta \equiv 1,$ Corollary 2 give the result of [6] for Equation (1).

Remark 3 By effecting the Fourier transform we can obtain similar results to them of Theorems 2 and 3 for a pseudo- differential 2×2 system like

$$U_t = A(r(t), s(t), D) |D|U.$$

This makes it possible, in particular, to deal with second order scalar equations in several space variables.

Remark 4 The same results of Theorems 1, 2 and 3 hold true if we consider, instead of the Cauchy-periodic problem, the Cauchy problem on the whole $\mathbf{R}^n.$ In this case the analytic class $\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ must be replaced by

$$\mathcal{A}_{L_2}(\mathbf{R}^n) = \left\{ w : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^N : \|D^\alpha w\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)} \leq M\Lambda^{|\alpha|}\alpha!, \forall \alpha \in \mathbf{N}^n \right\}.$$

Remark 5 Similar conclusions to those of Theorems 1, 2, 3 hold true for the more general systems

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \psi_1 v_x + \varphi_1 w_x + \rho_1 v + \rho_2 w \\ w_t &= \varphi_2 v_x + \psi_2 w_x + \mu_1 v + \mu_2 w \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

under suitable conditions on the lower order terms $\rho_1, \rho_2, \mu_1, \mu_2$ (which, of course, are depending on $\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2$).

3 Proofs

Let us firstly recall that, if

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{h \in \mathbf{Z}^n} \hat{\varphi}_h e^{i(x,h)}$$

is the Fourier expansion of the 2π -periodic vector valued function $\varphi(x)$, then $\varphi \in [\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N$ if and only if

$$\sum_{h \in \mathbf{Z}^n} e^{\delta|h|} |\hat{\varphi}_h|^2 < +\infty \quad (18)$$

for some $\delta > 0$.

Using this characterization we can easily prove (see [2], Section 2) the local well-posedness in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N$ for any system like (2), with $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]^n$.

As to the global existence results in Theorems 1, 2, 3, they rely on two Lemmata concerning the global solvability in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N$ for weakly hyperbolic *linear* systems.

Lemma 1 *Let $u \in C^1([0, T[, [\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N)$ be a solution to the linear system*

$$u_t - \sum_{j=1}^n A_j(t) u_{x_j} = 0 \quad (19)$$

where $A_j(t)$ are $N \times N$ matrix valued, measurable functions on $[0, T[$ such that

$$A(t, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j A_j(t) \quad (20)$$

has real eigenvalues for all $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

Moreover suppose that

$$\int_0^T |A_j(t)| dt < +\infty \quad (1 \leq j \leq n).$$

Then $u(t, \cdot)$ has a limit in $[\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R}^n)]^N$ for $t \rightarrow T^-$.

When $N = 2$, the sommability of the diagonal coefficients can be dropped in several important cases (cf. [14]):

Lemma 2 *Let $(v, w) \in C^1([0, T[, [\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})]^2)$ be a solution to the linear system:*

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \psi_1(t)v_x + \lambda(t)w_x, \\ w_t &= \mu(t)v_x + \psi_2(t)w_x, \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

where λ, μ, ψ_i are real valued measurable functions, on $[0, T[$ and

$$\lambda(t) \cdot \mu(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, T[. \tag{22}$$

Suppose that

$$\int_0^T |\lambda(t)| dt < +\infty, \quad \int_0^T |\mu(t)| dt < +\infty.$$

Then $v(t, \cdot)$ and $w(t, \cdot)$ have a limit in $\mathcal{A}_{2\pi}(\mathbf{R})$ for $t \rightarrow T^-$.

Proof of Lemma 1. This Lemma was proved by E. Jannelli in [9], under an integrability assumption on the eigenvalues of $A(t, \xi)$. We give here a proof for the sake of completeness.

The proof is based on the existence of a smooth *quasi-symmetrizer* for any weakly hyperbolic matrix $A(t, \xi)$ on $[0, T[\times \mathbf{R}^n$ such that A is homogeneous in ξ of order one and

$$|A(t, \xi)| \leq \Lambda(t)|\xi|$$

for some $\Lambda \in L^1(0, T)$. This quasi-symmetrizer is constructed in Appendix A.

For a quasi-symmetrizer we mean here a family $\{Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi)\}$, $\varepsilon > 0$, of $N \times N$ matrices such that one has on $[0, T[\times \mathbf{R}^n$:

$$\nu_\varepsilon I \leq Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi) = Q_\varepsilon^*(t, \xi) \leq I,$$

$$A(t, \xi)Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi) - Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi)A^*(t, \xi) \leq \varepsilon|\xi|\Lambda_\varepsilon(t)Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi)$$

with

$$\int_0^T \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) dt \leq C,$$

and

$$|Q'_\varepsilon(t, \xi)| \leq C_\varepsilon,$$

for some positive constants $\nu_\varepsilon, C_\varepsilon, C$ independent on (t, ξ) . Here Q' denotes the time derivative of Q , and for two $N \times N$ matrices, $A \leq B$ means $(Av, v) \leq (Bv, v)$ for all $v \in \mathbf{C}^N$.

The conclusion of Lemma 1 then follows by a standard argument.

If $\{\hat{u}_h(t)\}$, are the Fourier coefficients of the solution $u(t, \cdot)$, we have:

$$\hat{u}'_h = iA(t, h)\hat{u}_h \quad (h \in \mathbf{Z}^n).$$

Thus, defining the energy functions

$$E_{h,\varepsilon}(t) = (Q_\varepsilon(t, h)\hat{u}_h(t), \hat{u}_h(t))$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} E'_{h,\varepsilon} &= (Q'_\varepsilon \hat{u}_h, \hat{u}_h) + 2\text{Re}[i(Q_\varepsilon A \hat{u}_h, \hat{u}_h)] \\ &\leq C_\varepsilon |\hat{u}_h|^2 + C_\varepsilon |h| \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) E_{h,\varepsilon} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{C_\varepsilon}{\nu_\varepsilon} + C_\varepsilon |h| \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) \right) E_{h,\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

and hence, for $0 \leq t < T$,

$$E_{h,\varepsilon}(t) \leq E_{h,\varepsilon}(0) \exp \left(\frac{C_\varepsilon}{\nu_\varepsilon} T + C\varepsilon|h| \int_0^T \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) dt \right).$$

In conclusion we have proved the inequality

$$|\hat{u}_h(t)|^2 \leq M(\varepsilon, T) |\hat{u}_h(0)|^2 e^{C\varepsilon|h|},$$

which, recalling the characterization (18) of the analytic functions, gives the conclusion of Lemma 1. \square

Proof of Lemma 2. The proof is based on the following fact:

For any pair of functions $\lambda, \mu \in L^1(0, T)$ satisfying (22), and for all $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, it is possible to find two Lipschitz continuous functions $\lambda_\varepsilon, \mu_\varepsilon > 0$ on $[0, T]$, in such a way that

$$\int_0^T \frac{|\mu_\varepsilon \lambda - \lambda_\varepsilon \mu|}{\sqrt{\lambda_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\mu_\varepsilon}} dt \leq C\varepsilon (\|\lambda\|_{L^1(0,T)} + \|\mu\|_{L^1(0,T)}) \tag{23}$$

with C independent on $\varepsilon, \lambda, \mu$, and

$$\varepsilon^2 \leq \frac{\lambda_\varepsilon(t)}{\mu_\varepsilon(t)} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}. \tag{24}$$

Let us suppose for the moment to have constructed $\lambda_\varepsilon, \mu_\varepsilon$ as above.

Denoting by \hat{v}_h, \hat{w}_h the Fourier coefficients of $v(t, \cdot), w(t, \cdot)$, we have by (21)

$$\begin{cases} \hat{v}'_h &= ih \psi_1(t) \hat{v}_h + ih \lambda(t) \hat{w}_h, \\ \hat{w}'_h &= ih \mu(t) \hat{v}_h + ih \psi_2(t) \hat{w}_h. \end{cases} \tag{25}$$

Therefore, if we define

$$E_{\varepsilon,h}(t) = \lambda_\varepsilon |\hat{w}_h|^2 + \mu_\varepsilon |\hat{v}_h|^2,$$

we find a.e. on $[0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned} E'_{\varepsilon,h} &= \frac{\lambda'_\varepsilon}{\lambda_\varepsilon} \lambda_\varepsilon |\hat{w}_h|^2 + \frac{\mu'_\varepsilon}{\mu_\varepsilon} \mu_\varepsilon |\hat{v}_h|^2 \\ &\quad + 2(\lambda_\varepsilon \operatorname{Re}(\hat{w}'_h \overline{\hat{w}_h}) + \mu_\varepsilon \operatorname{Re}(\hat{v}'_h \overline{\hat{v}_h})) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{|\lambda'_\varepsilon|}{\lambda_\varepsilon} + \frac{|\mu'_\varepsilon|}{\mu_\varepsilon} \right) E_{\varepsilon,h} + 2|h|(\mu_\varepsilon \lambda - \lambda_\varepsilon \mu) \operatorname{Im}(\hat{v}_h \overline{\hat{w}_h}) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{|\lambda'_\varepsilon|}{\lambda_\varepsilon} + \frac{|\mu'_\varepsilon|}{\mu_\varepsilon} \right) E_{\varepsilon,h} + |h| \frac{|\mu_\varepsilon \lambda - \lambda_\varepsilon \mu|}{\sqrt{\lambda_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\mu_\varepsilon}} E_{\varepsilon,h}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (23), there exist some constants C, C_ε such that

$$E_{\varepsilon,h}(t) \leq C_\varepsilon E_{\varepsilon,h}(0) e^{C|h|\varepsilon}. \tag{26}$$

Now if $r_0 > 0$ is such that

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2r_0|h|} (|\hat{v}_{0,h}|^2 + |\hat{w}_{0,h}|^2) < +\infty,$$

we have

$$e^{r_0|h|} E_{\varepsilon,h}(t) \leq C_\varepsilon E_{\varepsilon,h}(0) e^{2r_0|h|} e^{-|h|(r_0-C\varepsilon)},$$

and hence for $\varepsilon \leq \frac{r_0}{C}$

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{r_0|h|} E_{\varepsilon,h}(t) \leq \bar{C}_\varepsilon, \quad \text{on } [0, T].$$

Therefore v and w can be extended to the closed interval $[0, T]$ as analytic functions of x .

Now we prove the fact stated at the beginning.

Let us firstly assume that λ, μ are strictly positive, Lipschitz continuous functions on $[0, T]$.

Given $\varepsilon \in]0, 1[$, we define the intervals

$$I_\varepsilon = \{t : \lambda(t) \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \mu(t)\} \quad J_\varepsilon = \{t : \mu(t) \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \lambda(t)\},$$

and the positive, Lipschitz continuous functions

$$\lambda_\varepsilon(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu(t)}{\varepsilon^2} & \text{on } I_\varepsilon \\ \lambda(t) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \mu_\varepsilon(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda(t)}{\varepsilon^2} & \text{on } J_\varepsilon \\ \mu(t) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the function

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon(t) \equiv \Lambda_\varepsilon(\lambda, \mu, t) = \frac{|\mu_\varepsilon(t)\lambda(t) - \lambda_\varepsilon(t)\mu(t)|}{\sqrt{\lambda_\varepsilon(t)\mu_\varepsilon(t)}} \tag{27}$$

satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) &= \left| \frac{\mu(t)}{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon\lambda(t) \right| \leq 2\varepsilon\lambda(t) & \text{on } I_\varepsilon, \\ \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) &= \left| \frac{\lambda(t)}{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon\mu(t) \right| \leq 2\varepsilon\mu(t) & \text{on } J_\varepsilon, \\ \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) &\equiv 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, taking into account that I_ε and J_ε are disjoint, we get (23) with $C = 2$.

In the general case, when λ, μ are only integrable functions with $\lambda \cdot \mu \geq 0$, we approximate $|\lambda|$ and $|\mu|$ by Lipschitz continuous, strictly positive functions $\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}$ such that

$$\| |\lambda| - \tilde{\lambda} \|_{L^1(0,T)} \leq \delta \quad \| |\mu| - \tilde{\mu} \|_{L^1(0,T)} \leq \delta.$$

Therefore we can find $\tilde{\lambda}_\varepsilon, \tilde{\mu}_\varepsilon$ Lipschitz continuous and strictly positive, which satisfy (23) for $C = 2$, (with respect to $\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}$) and (24).

But (22) implies

$$\left| \tilde{\lambda}_\varepsilon |\mu| - \tilde{\mu}_\varepsilon |\lambda| \right| = \left| \tilde{\lambda}_\varepsilon \mu - \tilde{\mu}_\varepsilon \lambda \right|,$$

hence, recalling (27), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_\varepsilon(\lambda, \mu, t)\|_{L^1} &= \|\Lambda_\varepsilon(|\lambda|, |\mu|, t)\|_{L^1} \\ &\leq \|\Lambda_\varepsilon(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}, t)\|_{L^1} + \frac{2\delta}{\varepsilon} \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon(\|\tilde{\lambda}\|_{L^1} + \|\tilde{\mu}\|_{L^1}) + \frac{2\delta}{\varepsilon} \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon(\|\lambda\|_{L^1} + \|\mu\|_{L^1}) + 4\varepsilon\delta + \frac{2\delta}{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

For $\delta = \varepsilon^2(\|\lambda\|_{L^1} + \|\mu\|_{L^1})$ we find (23) with $C = 8$.

This completes the proof of Lemma 2. □

Now we can prove our principal results.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $u(t, x)$ a (local) analytic solution of (2) defined on some strip $[0, T[\times \mathbf{R}^n$, and let $A_j(t) = A_j(\|u_1(t)\|_2^2, \dots, \|u_N(t)\|_2^2)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Since the A_j 's are bounded, we can apply Lemma 1 to extend u on the closed strip $[0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n$ as an analytic periodic function. Thus we obtain the global existence of u . □

Proof of Theorem 2. Let T be such that Problem (4) has a local solution defined on $[0, T[\times \mathbf{R}^2$.

If φ_1, φ_2 are bounded functions we can conclude the proof as in Theorem 1, by using Lemma 2.

In the other case, there exists a conserved energy for our Problem (4). Indeed if we define:

$$E(t) = L(\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2)$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} v v_t dx + 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial s} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} w w_t dx \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} \cdot \varphi_1 \int_0^{2\pi} v v_x dx + 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial s} \cdot \varphi_2 \int_0^{2\pi} v_x w dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

- if holds (8) there exists a constant $K = K(v_0, w_0)$ such that

$$\|v(t)\|^2 + \|w(t)\|^2 \leq K \quad \text{on } [0, T[;$$

- if holds (9), there exists a constant $K = K(v_0, w_0)$ such that

$$\|v(t)\|^2 \leq K, \quad \text{on } [0, T[,$$

so that $\Lambda(\|v(t)\|^2)$ is bounded.

But therefore (9) implies that φ_1, φ_2 are bounded, and we can conclude the proof as above. \square

Proof of Theorem 3. We shall follow an argument similar to [6].

We recall that $\|\phi\|^2, \langle \phi, \psi \rangle$ denote the L^2 -norm and the L^2 -inner product in $L^2(0, 2\pi)$.

Let (v, w) an analytic periodic solution of (4) on $[0, T[\times\mathbf{R}^2$. It is not restrictive to suppose that for all $0 \leq t < T$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} v(t, x) dx = \int_0^{2\pi} w(t, x) dx = 0.$$

Indeed the average

$$\mu(t) = \int_0^{2\pi} v(t, x) dx$$

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'(t) &= \int_0^{2\pi} v_t(t, x) dx \\ &= \psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) \int_0^{2\pi} v_x(t, x) dx + \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) \int_0^{2\pi} w_x(t, x) dx \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the same is true for

$$\nu(t) = \int_0^{2\pi} w(t, x) dx.$$

Hence the functions

$$\underline{v} = v - \int_0^{2\pi} v_0(t, x) dx, \quad \underline{w} = w - \int_0^{2\pi} w_0(t, x) dx$$

are solutions to system (4) with null average.

Now we have

$$E(t) \equiv L(\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) = \text{constant},$$

thus by (13), (14), there exist two constants C_1, C_2 such that:

$$\|v(t)\|^2 \leq C_1, \quad \varphi_2(\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) \leq C_2 \quad \text{on } [0, T[.$$

On the other hand, if $z(t, x)$ denotes the unique periodic function with null average in x , such that

$$z_x = w$$

(we recall that w has null average in x) we have

$$z_{tx} = \varphi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)v_x + \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)w_x,$$

hence also

$$z_t = \varphi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)v + \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)w.$$

Observing that

$$\langle w, z \rangle = \langle z_x, z \rangle = 0,$$

we then find

$$\begin{aligned} (\|z\|^2)' &= \varphi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) \\ &\leq \sqrt{C_1 C_2} \|z\|, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\|z(t)\| \leq C_3 \quad \text{on } [0, T].$$

Moreover we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_t, z \rangle &= \psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\langle v_x, z \rangle + \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\langle w_x, z \rangle \\ &= -\psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\langle v, w \rangle - \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\|w\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\langle v, z_t \rangle = \varphi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\|v\|^2 + \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\langle v, w \rangle.$$

From this, recalling (15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\|w\|^2 &= -\langle v, z \rangle' + \langle v, z_t \rangle - \psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\langle v, w \rangle \\ &\leq -\langle v, z \rangle' + C_1 C_2 + \\ &\quad + |\psi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) - \psi_2(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)| \cdot |\langle v, w \rangle| \\ &\leq C_1 C_2 - \langle v, z \rangle' + \sqrt{C} \sqrt{\varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)} \sqrt{C_1} \|w\| \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\|w\|^2 \leq C_4 - \langle v, z \rangle'$$

for some constant C_4 . Integrating on $[0, t]$ we find

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \varphi_1(\|v(s)\|^2, \|w(s)\|^2)\|w(s)\|^2 ds &\leq C_4 T + \langle v_0, z_0 \rangle - \langle v(t), z(t) \rangle \\ &\leq C_4 T + |\langle v_0, z_0 \rangle| + \sqrt{C_1} C_3, \end{aligned}$$

in particular

$$\varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\|w\|^2 \in L^1(0, T).$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \varphi_1(\|v(s)\|^2, \|w(s)\|^2) ds &= \int_{0 \leq t < T, \|w\| \leq 1} \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) ds + \\ &+ \int_{0 \leq t < T, \|w\| > 1} \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2) ds \\ &\leq MT + \int_0^T \varphi_1(\|v\|^2, \|w\|^2)\|w\|^2 ds < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

where we have put

$$M := \sup\{\varphi_1(r, s) : r \leq C_1, s \leq 1\}.$$

In conclusion we have proved that

$$\lambda(t) \equiv \varphi_1(\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) \in L^1(0, T)$$

and

$$\mu(t) \equiv \varphi_2(\|v(t)\|^2, \|w(t)\|^2) \in L^\infty(0, T),$$

and therefore we can apply Lemma 2 to conclude that the solution $v(t, x)$, $w(t, x)$ can be continued behind $t = T$. \square

Proof of Corollary 2. We have only to remark that all the hypotheses of Theorem 3 are satisfied with:

$$L(r, s) = \int_0^r \beta(\rho) d\rho + \int_0^s \alpha(\rho) d\rho. \quad \square$$

Proof of Corollary 3. We rewrite system (16) in the form

$$\begin{cases} v_t &= \psi_1(\|v\|_2^2, \|w\|_2^2)v_x + \alpha(\|w\|_2^2)\theta(\|v\|_2^2, \|w\|_2^2)w_x \\ w_t &= \beta(\|v\|_2^2)\theta(\|v\|_2^2, \|w\|_2^2)v_x + \psi_1(\|v\|_2^2, \|w\|_2^2)w_x \end{cases}$$

where

$$\theta(r, s) = \alpha_1(r)\beta_2(s)\varphi(r, s),$$

and

$$\alpha(s) = \frac{\alpha_2(s)}{\beta_2(s)}, \quad \beta(r) = \frac{\beta_1(r)}{\alpha_1(r)}.$$

Then we are reduced to the cases of Theorems 2, 3. \square

Proof of Remark 4. The proofs are similar to those of Theorems 1, 2, 3. We only remark two facts.

- One can easily prove the existence of a local solution by using a version of the abstract Cauchy-Kowalewsky Theorem (see [8]).
- For all $g \in \mathcal{A}_{L^2}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ there exists some $r_0 > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{r_0|\xi|} |\hat{g}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < +\infty. \quad \square$$

Proof of Example 1. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\|w\|^2)' &= 0, \\ (\|v\|^2)' &= -2(\|v\|^2 + 1) \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h \operatorname{Im}(\overline{\hat{v}_h} \hat{w}_h), \\ (\overline{\hat{v}_h} \hat{w}_h)' &= ih \overline{\hat{v}_h} \hat{w}_h - ih(\|v\|^2 + 1)|\hat{w}_h|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\overline{\hat{v}_h} \hat{w}_h = e^{iht} \overline{\hat{v}_{0,h}} \hat{w}_{0,h} - ih \int_0^t e^{ih(t-s)} (\|v\|^2 + 1) |\hat{w}_h|^2 ds.$$

By this, if the initial data satisfy $\overline{\hat{v}_{0,h}} \hat{w}_{0,h} = 0$ for every h , we get:

$$(\|v\|^2)' = 2(\|v\|^2 + 1) \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h^2 \int_0^t \cos((t-s)h) |\hat{w}_{0,h}|^2 (\|v(s)\|^2 + 1) ds.$$

Let us now suppose that $\hat{w}_{0,h} \neq 0$ only for a finite number of h . For τ sufficiently small with respect to w_0 , say $\tau \leq \tau_0$, we have:

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h^2 \cos(\tau h) |\hat{w}_{0,h}|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h^2 |\hat{w}_{0,h}|^2$$

so that for $t \leq \tau_0$:

$$(\|v\|^2)' \geq (\|v\|^2 + 1) \|(w_0)_x\|^2 \int_0^t (\|v(s)\|^2 + 1) ds.$$

In conclusion, if $\|(w_0)_x\|^2 \neq 0$, we can find some v_0 in such a way that $\|v(t)\|^2$ blows-up in a time $T \leq \tau_0$. \square

A Appendix

Denoting by \mathbf{M}_N the linear space of $N \times N$ matrices, we have the following

Proposition 1 *Let $A : [0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_N$ such that:*

- $A(t, \xi)$ is integrable in t and continuous in ξ ,
- $A(t, \xi)$ has real eigenvalues for all (t, ξ) ,
- A is homogeneous in ξ of order one and

$$|A(t, \xi)| \leq \Lambda(t)|\xi|;$$

for some $\Lambda \in L^1(0, T)$.

Then there exists a family $\{Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi)\}$, $\varepsilon > 0$ of $N \times N$ matrix valued smooth functions such that one has on $[0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n$:

$$\nu_\varepsilon I \leq Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi) = Q_\varepsilon^*(t, \xi) \leq I, \tag{28}$$

$$A(t, \xi)Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi) - Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi)A^*(t, \xi) \leq \varepsilon|\xi|\Lambda_\varepsilon(t)Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi) \tag{29}$$

with

$$\int_0^T \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) dt \leq C,$$

and

$$|Q'_\varepsilon(t, \xi)| \leq C_\varepsilon, \tag{30}$$

for some positive constants $\nu_\varepsilon, C_\varepsilon, C$ independent on (t, ξ) .

Proof. We shall use the following lemma of real Analysis (cf. [12])

Lemma *Let S be a compact subset of \mathbf{R}^n and $f(t, \xi) : [0, T] \times S \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ a Carathéodory function, i.e. integrable in t and continuous in ξ , such that:*

$$|f(t, \xi)| \leq \Lambda(t)$$

with $\Lambda \in L^1(0, T)$.

Then for all $\delta > 0$ there exist $I_\delta \subseteq [0, T]$, $\Lambda_\delta \in L^1(0, T)$, and $f_\delta(t, \xi)$ continuous on $[0, T] \times S$ in such a way that:

- $f(t, \xi) = f_\delta(t, \xi)$ for $t \notin I_\delta$,
- $|f_\delta(t, \xi)| \leq \Lambda_\delta(t)$ for $t \in I_\delta$,
- $\int_{I_\delta} (\Lambda(t) + \Lambda_\delta(t)) dt \leq \delta$.

Now, let $\sigma = \sigma(\delta) > 0$ be such that

$$|f_\delta(y) - f_\delta(y')| \leq \delta \quad \text{for } |y - y'| \leq \sigma$$

and let us consider a finite covering $\{B_1, \dots, B_m\}$ of $[0, T] \times S$ by open sets with diameter $\leq \sigma$. We can assume that for some $m' \leq m$ one has

$$B_k \subseteq I_\delta \times S \quad \iff \quad k = m' + 1, \dots, m.$$

Thus, taking a partition of the unity $\{\chi_k\}$ with $\text{supp}(\chi_k) \subseteq B_k$, we obtain the following

Corollary *There exist some nonnegative, smooth functions $\chi_1(t, \xi), \dots, \chi_m(t, \xi)$ on $D = [0, T] \times S$ such that, for some $m' \leq m$ and some $(t_k, \xi_k) \in \text{supp}(\chi_k)$, one has*

- $\sum_1^m \chi_k(t, \xi) \equiv 1$ on D ;
- $\sum_1^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi) |f(t, \xi) - f(t_k, \xi_k)| \leq \varphi_\delta(t)$
- $\sum_{m'+1}^m \chi_k(t, \xi) |f(t, \xi)| \leq \varphi_\delta(t)$

where $\int_0^T \varphi_\delta(t) dt \leq \delta$.

Now we can prove Proposition 1.

For any constant matrix A with real eigenvalues, it is easy to construct (see [9] and [7]) a family of matrices $Q_\varepsilon = Q_\varepsilon(A)$, $\varepsilon > 0$, with the following properties:

$$\nu_\varepsilon I \leq Q_\varepsilon = Q_\varepsilon^* \leq I,$$

$$AQ_\varepsilon - Q_\varepsilon A^* \leq C_0 |A| \varepsilon Q_\varepsilon.$$

Now let us set $S^1 = \{\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n : |\xi| = 1\}$, and for $\delta > 0$ (δ will be chosen suitably small with respect to ε) let us consider a smooth partition of the unity $\{\chi_k(t, \xi)\}_{1 \leq k \leq m}$ of $D = [0, T] \times S^1$, as in the previous Corollary. Then we define

$$A_k = A(t_k, \xi_k), \quad Q_{k, \varepsilon} = Q_\varepsilon(A_k) \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, m'$$

and

$$Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}(t, \xi) = \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi) Q_{k, \varepsilon} + \sum_{m'+1}^m \chi_k(t, \xi) I.$$

Clearly, the family $Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}$ satisfies conditions (28) and (30) on D , as soon as $\nu_\varepsilon \leq 1$.

As to (29), we have the equality:

$$\begin{aligned} A(t, \xi)Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}(t, \xi) &= A(t, \xi) \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)Q_{k, \varepsilon} + A(t, \xi) \sum_{k=m'+1}^m \chi_k(t, \xi)I \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)(A(t, \xi) - A_k)Q_{k, \varepsilon} + \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)A_kQ_{k, \varepsilon} + A(t, \xi) \sum_{k=m'+1}^m \chi_k(t, \xi)I \end{aligned}$$

and a similar equality holds for $Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}A^*$.

On the other hand, by the Corollary we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)(A_kQ_{k, \varepsilon} - Q_{k, \varepsilon}A_k^*) &\leq C_0\varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)Q_{k, \varepsilon}|A_k| \\ &\leq C_0\varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)|A_k - A(t, \xi)|I + \\ &\quad + C_0\varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{m'} \chi_k(t, \xi)Q_{k, \varepsilon}|A(t, \xi)| \\ &\leq C_0\varepsilon \left(\frac{\varphi_\delta(t)}{\nu_\varepsilon} + \Lambda(t) \right) Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}(t, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

Hence using again the Corollary, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A(t, \xi)Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}(t, \xi) - Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}(t, \xi)A^*(t, \xi) &\leq \\ &\leq C_0\varepsilon \left(\frac{\varphi_\delta(t)}{\nu_\varepsilon} + \Lambda(t) \right) Q_{\delta, \varepsilon}(t, \xi) + 2\varphi_\delta(t)I, \end{aligned}$$

which gives (29) for

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon(t) = C_0 \left(\frac{\varphi_\delta(t)}{\nu_\varepsilon} + \Lambda_\delta(t) \right) + 2\frac{\varphi_\delta(t)}{\nu_\varepsilon}.$$

But $\int_0^T \varphi_\delta(t) dt \leq \delta$; thus if we take δ small enough with respect to ε we see that

$$\int_0^T \Lambda_\varepsilon(t) dt \leq C < +\infty.$$

Finally we extend $Q_\varepsilon(t, \xi) \equiv Q_{\delta(\varepsilon), \varepsilon}(t, \xi)$ on $[0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n$ as a homogeneous function in ξ of degree zero. □

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