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ON BOUNDED SOLUTIONS OF THIRD ORDER NONLINEAR
HYPERBOLIC EQUATIONS

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Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a compact interval containing zero. For the nonlinear hyperbolic equation

$$u^{(2,1)} = f(x, t, u, u^{(1,0)}, u^{(2,0)}, u^{(0,1)}, u^{(1,1)}) \quad (1)$$

consider the following problems on bounded in the half strip $\mathbb{R}_+ \times I$ and in the strip $\mathbb{R} \times I$ solutions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= \varphi(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}_+, \\ u^{(0,1)}(0, t) &= \psi(t), \quad \sup\{|u(x, t)| : x \in \mathbb{R}_+\} < +\infty \quad \text{for } t \in I; \end{aligned} \quad (2_1)$$

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$$u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \sup\{|u(x, t)| : x \in \mathbb{R}\} < +\infty \quad \text{for } t \in I. \quad (2_3)$$

Here

$$u^{(j,k)}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^{j+k} u(x, y)}{\partial x^j \partial y^k},$$

$f : \mathbb{R} \times I \times \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\psi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous functions, and $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice continuously differentiable function such that

$$\sup\{|\varphi(x)| + |\varphi'(x)| + |\varphi''(x)| : x \in \mathbb{R}\} < +\infty.$$

By a solution of the equation (1) we understand a classical solution, i.e., a function u having the continuous partial derivatives $u^{(j,k)}$ ($j = 0, 1, 2; k = 0, 1$) and satisfying the equation (1) at every point of the domain under consideration.

Such problems arise in the theory of seepage of homogeneous fluids through fissured rocks [1]. In [2] problems (1), (2_k) ($k = 1, 2, 3$) are studied in the case where

$$f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1) \equiv f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0).$$

To our best knowledge in general case these problems were not studied.

We consider the case, where in the set $\mathbb{R} \times I \times \mathbb{R}^5$ the function f satisfies the following conditions:

(E₁) there exists a positive constant l such that

$$|f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1)| \leq l(1 + |u_0| + |u_1| + |u_2| + |v_0| + |v_1|);$$

(E₂) there exists a positive constant δ such that

$$(f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1) - f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, \bar{v}_0, v_1)) \operatorname{sgn}(v_0 - \bar{v}_0) \geq \delta|v_0 - \bar{v}_0|;$$

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(E₃) $f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1)$ is locally Lipschitz continuous with respect to u_2 and v_1 , i.e., there exists a continuous function $\gamma : \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1) - f(x, t, u_0, u_1, \bar{u}_2, v_0, \bar{v}_1)| &\leq \\ &\leq \gamma(u_0, u_1, u_2, \bar{u}_2, z_0, z_1, \bar{z}_1)(|u_2 - \bar{u}_2| + |v_1 - \bar{v}_1|); \end{aligned}$$

(E₄) $f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1)$ is locally Lipschitz continuous with respect to u_0 and u_1 , i.e., there exists a continuous function $\eta : \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1) - f(x, t, \bar{u}_0, \bar{u}_1, u_2, v_0, v_1)| &\leq \\ &\leq \eta(u_0, \bar{u}_0, u_1, \bar{u}_1, u_2, v_0, v_1)(|u_0 - \bar{u}_0| + |u_1 - \bar{u}_1|). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. *Let the conditions (E₁)–(E₃) hold. Then for any $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ the problem (1), (2_k) is solvable. Moreover, if in addition the condition (E₄) holds, then problem (1), (2_k) is uniquely solvable.*

A particular case of the equation (1) is the linear equation

$$u^{(2,1)} = \sum_{j=0}^2 \sum_{k=0}^1 p_{jk}(x, t) u^{(j,k)} + q(x, t), \quad (3)$$

where $p_{jk} : \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($j = 0, 1, 2$; $k = 0, 1$) and $q : \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous functions. For this equation from Theorem 1 we get

Corollary 1. *Let there exist positive constants l and δ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} |p_{jk}(x, t)| &\leq l \quad (j = 0, 1, 2; k = 0, 1), \quad |q(x, t)| \leq l \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times I, \\ p_{01}(x, t) &\geq \delta \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times I. \end{aligned}$$

Then for any $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ the problem (3), (2_k) is uniquely solvable.

Now consider the case where $f(x, t, u_0, u_1, u_2, v_0, v_1)$ is independent of u_2 , i.e., the equation (1) has the form

$$u^{(2,1)} = f(x, t, u, u^{(1,0)}, u^{(0,1)}, u^{(1,1)}), \quad (1')$$

and the function f on the set $\mathbb{R} \times I \times \mathbb{R}^4$ satisfies the following conditions:

(E'₁) there exist a positive constant l such that

$$|f(x, t, u_0, u_1, 0, v_1)| \leq l(1 + |u_0| + |u_1| + |v_1|);$$

(E'₂) there exists a positive constant δ such that

$$(f(x, t, u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1) - f(x, t, u_0, u_1, \bar{v}_0, v_1)) \operatorname{sgn}(v_0 - \bar{v}_0) \geq \delta |v_0 - \bar{v}_0|;$$

(E'₃) $f(x, t, u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1)$ is locally Lipschitz continuous with respect to v_1 ;

(E'₄) $f(x, t, u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1)$ is locally Lipschitz continuous with respect to u_0 and u_1 .

Theorem 2. *Let the conditions (E'₁)–(E'₃) hold. Then for any $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ the problem (1'), (2_k) is solvable. Moreover, if in addition the condition (E'₄) holds, then the problem (1'), (2_k) is uniquely solvable.*

Unlike to Theorem 1 Theorem 2 covers the case where $f(x, t, u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1)$ is a rapidly growing function with respect to v_0 . For the equation

$$u^{(2,1)} = f_0(x, t, u) + f_1(x, t, u^{(1,0)}) + f_2(x, t, u^{(0,1)}) + f_3(x, t, u^{(1,1)}). \quad (4)$$

Theorem 2 implies

Corollary 2. *Let $f_j : \mathbb{R} \times I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($j = 0, 1, 2, 3$) be continuous functions having continuous partial derivative with respect to the third argument. Moreover, let there exist positive constants δ and l such that on the set $\mathbb{R} \times I \times \mathbb{R}$ the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial f_j(x, t, z)}{\partial z} \right| &\leq l \quad (j = 0, 1, 3), \quad \frac{\partial f_2(x, t, z)}{\partial z} \geq \delta, \\ |f_j(x, t, 0)| &\leq l \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, 3) \end{aligned}$$

hold. Then for any $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ the problem (4), (2_k) is uniquely solvable.

As an example consider the equation

$$u^{(2,1)} = p_0(x, t) \frac{u^{k_0}}{1 + |u|^{m_0}} + p_1(x, t) \frac{\left(u^{(1,0)}\right)^{k_1}}{1 + \left|u^{(1,0)}\right|^{m_1}} + p_2(x, t) \frac{\left(u^{(1,1)}\right)^{k_2}}{1 + \left|u^{(1,1)}\right|^{m_2}} + p(x, t) \sinh\left(u^{(0,1)}\right) + q(x, t). \quad (5)$$

Here $p_i : \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3$), p and $q : \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous functions, k_i ($i = 0, 1, 2$) are natural numbers, m_i are nonnegative integers and $m_i \geq k_i - 1$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$). Moreover there exist positive constants δ and l such that the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} |p_i(x, t)| \leq l \quad ; \quad (i = 0, 1, 2), \quad |q(x, t)| \leq l, \\ \delta \leq p(x, t) \leq l \end{aligned}$$

hold on the set $\mathbb{R} \times I$. Then by Corollary 2, for any $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ the problem (5), (2_k) is uniquely solvable.

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