

# Lectures on Attractors of Hamilton Nonlinear PDEs

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# 1 Attractors of dynamical systems

## 1.0.1 Attractors of dynamical systems

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a topological space,

Let  $U(t) : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be a semigroup of maps

**Definition**  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{E}$  is the *point* attractor of the group  $U(t)$  if

- a)  $U(t)Y \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  for any  $Y \in \mathcal{E}$
- b) This attraction fails for any proper open subset  $\mathcal{A}' \subset \mathcal{A}$

# 1.1 Examples

## 1.1.1 Hamilton system: harmonic oscillator

$\ddot{x}(t) = -\omega^2 x(t)$ , the elastic force

Hamiltonian  $H(x, p) = \frac{p^2}{2} + \omega^2 \frac{x^2}{2}$

$\dot{x} = H_p, \dot{p} = -H_x$

solutions  $x(t) = x_0 \cos \omega t + \frac{v_0}{\omega} \sin \omega t$

with initial data  $x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = v_0$

**Lemma** *Energy conservation:*  $H(x(t), v(t)) = \text{const}$

**Proof**  $\dot{H} = H_x \dot{x} + H_p \dot{p} = H_x H_p + H_p (-H_x) = 0 \quad \square$

Phase trajectories: *ellipses*,  $\frac{p^2}{2} + \omega^2 \frac{x^2}{2} = C$

**Attractor:**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{R}^2$

### 1.1.2 Dissipative system: damped oscillator

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -\omega^2 x(t) - \gamma \dot{x}(t), \quad \gamma > 0 \text{ (friction coefficient)}$$

$$\text{equations } \dot{x} = p = H_p, \dot{p} = -\omega^2 x - \gamma p = -H_x - \gamma p$$

**Energy dissipation:**

$$\dot{H} = H_x \dot{x} + H_p \dot{p} = H_x H_p + H_p (-H_x - \gamma p) = -\gamma p^2 < 0$$

Phase trajectories – *spirals*:

$$|x(t)| + |p(t)| \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$

**Attractor:**  $\mathcal{A} = \{0\}$

## 2 Attractors of *linear* PDEs

### 2.1 PDEs on finite regions: $x \in [0, l]$

#### 2.1.1 Hamilton systs: Wave and Klein-Gordon

Wave equation:  $\ddot{\psi}(x, t) = \psi''(x, t), \quad x \in [0, l]$

Klein-Gordon:  $\ddot{\psi}(x, t) = \psi''(x, t) - m^2 \psi(x, t), \quad x \in [0, l]$

Boundary conditions:  $\psi(0, t) = \psi(l, t) = 0$

Hamiltonian form:  $\dot{\psi}(x, t) = H_\pi, \quad \dot{\pi}(x, t) = -H_\psi$

Hamilton functional (real solutions):

$$H(\psi, \pi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l [\pi^2(x) + |\psi'(x)|^2 + m^2 \psi^2(x)] dx$$

**Phase Space**  $\mathcal{E} := \{(\psi, \pi) \in H^1(0, l) \oplus L^2(0, l)\}.$

**Lemma** *Energy conservation:*  $H(x(t), v(t)) = \text{const}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

*Proof*  $\dot{H} = \langle H_\psi, \dot{\psi} \rangle + \langle H_\pi, \dot{\pi} \rangle = \langle H_\psi, H_\pi \rangle + \langle H_\pi, -H_\psi \rangle = 0 \quad \square$

**Cauchy problem:**  $\psi(x, 0) = \psi_0(x)$ ,  $\pi(x, 0) = \pi_0(x)$ ,  $x \in [0, l]$

$$\frac{d}{dx} X_k(x) = -\omega_k^2 X_k(x), \quad x \in [0, l]; \quad X_k(0) = X_k(l) = 0$$

$$X_k = \sin \frac{k\pi}{l} x, \quad \omega_k = \frac{k\pi}{l} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad \|X_k\|_{L^2(0,l)}^2 = l/2$$

$$\psi(t) = \sum \hat{\psi}(k, t) X_k, \quad \psi_0 = \sum \hat{\psi}_0(k) X_k, \quad \pi_0 = \sum \hat{\pi}_0(k) X_k$$

$$\ddot{\hat{\psi}}(k, t) = -\omega_k^2 \hat{\psi}(k, t), \quad \hat{\psi}(k, 0) = \hat{\psi}_0(k), \quad \dot{\hat{\psi}}(k, 0) = \hat{\pi}_0(k)$$

**Solution** 
$$\hat{\psi}(k, t) = \hat{\psi}_0(k) \cos \omega_k t + \hat{\pi}_0(k) \frac{\sin \omega_k t}{\omega_k}$$

**Attractor:**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{E}$  (exercise)



## 2.1.2 Dissipative system: Diffusion equation

$$\psi(x,t) = \psi''(x,t), \quad x \in [0,l] + \text{Dirichlet b.c.}$$

**Cauchy problem:**  $\psi(x,0) = \psi_0(x), \quad x \in [0,l]$

**Phase Space**  $\mathcal{E} := L^2(0,l), \quad \psi(t) = \sum \hat{\psi}(k,t)X_k$

$$\dot{\hat{\psi}}(k,t) = -\omega_k^2 \hat{\psi}(k,t), \quad \hat{\psi}(k,0) = \hat{\psi}_0(k)$$

$$\hat{\psi}(k,t) = \hat{\psi}_0(k)e^{-\omega_k^2 t} \rightarrow 0 \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$

*Exercise:* Prove

$$\|\psi(t)\|_{L^2(0,l)} \leq \|\psi_0\|_{L^2(0,l)} e^{-\omega_1 t}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$

**Corollary** Attractor  $\mathcal{A} = \{0\}$

## 2.2 PDEs in infinite space: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Fourier transform:  $\tilde{\psi}(\xi) = F\psi := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i\xi x} \psi(x) dx$

Parseval-Plancherel Theorem:  $\|\tilde{\psi}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 = \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2$

### 2.2.1 Diffusion equation

**Cauchy problem:**  $\psi(x, 0) = \psi_0(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$

**Phase Space**  $\mathcal{E} := L^2(\mathbb{R})$

**Solution**  $\tilde{\psi}(\xi, t) = \tilde{\psi}_0(\xi) e^{-|\xi|^2 t}$

**Exercise:** Prove  $\|\psi(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \rightarrow 0, t \rightarrow \infty$

**Corollary** The attractor  $\mathcal{A} = \{0\}$

## 2.2.2 Wave and Klein-Gordon equations

$$\ddot{\psi}(x,t) = \psi''(x,t) - m^2\psi(x,t), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}; \quad m \geq 0$$

**Cauchy problem:**  $\psi(x,0) = \psi_0(x)$ ,  $\pi(x,0) = \pi_0(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Hamilton functional (real solutions):

$$H(\psi, \pi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [\pi^2(x) + |\psi'(x)|^2 + m^2\psi^2(x)] dx$$

**Phase Space**  $\mathcal{E} := \{(\psi, \pi) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}) \oplus L^2(\mathbb{R})\}$  if  $m > 0$ .

**Solution**  $\tilde{\psi}(\xi, t) = \tilde{\psi}_0(\xi) \cos \omega(\xi)t + \tilde{\pi}_0(\xi) \frac{\sin \omega(\xi)t}{\omega(\xi)}$

the *dispersion relation*  $\omega(\xi) := \sqrt{\xi^2 + m^2}$

*Exercise:*  $\forall (\psi_0, \pi_0) \in \mathcal{E} \exists!$  solution  $(\psi(t), \pi(t)) \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{E})$

**Attractor:**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{E}$  (*exercise*)

## 2.3 Local energy decay in infinite space: $x \in \mathbb{R}$

**Theorem 1** Let  $(\psi_0, \pi_0) \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then for any  $R > 0$

$$\int_{|x| < R} [\dot{\psi}^2(x, t) + |\psi'(x, t)|^2 + m^2 \psi^2(x, t)] dx \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

**Proof for the case  $m = 0$ :** i)  $\psi(x, t) = f(x - t) + g(x + t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} H(\psi, \dot{\psi}) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [|-f'(x-t) + g'(x+t)|^2 + |f'(x-t) + g'(x+t)|^2] dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} [|f'(x-t)|^2 + |g'(x+t)|^2] dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} [|f'(y)|^2 + |g'(y)|^2] dy < \infty \end{aligned}$$

ii) Hence, as  $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$ ,

$$\int_{-R}^R [\dot{\psi}^2(x, t) + |\psi'(x, t)|^2] dx = \int_{-R-t}^{R-t} [|f'(y)|^2] dy + \int_{-R+t}^{R+t} |g'(y)|^2 dy \rightarrow 0 \quad \square$$

$$m > 0, \pi_0 = 0: \psi(x, t) = C \int e^{-i\xi x} \tilde{\psi}_0(\xi) \cos \omega(\xi)t d\xi = \psi_+ + \psi_-$$

$$\psi_+(x, t) = C \int e^{-i\xi x} \tilde{\psi}_0(\xi) e^{i\omega(\xi)t} d\xi = C \int \frac{e^{-i\xi x} \tilde{\psi}_0(\xi)}{\omega'(\xi)t} d e^{i\omega(\xi)t}$$

Assume  $\tilde{\psi}_0 \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\tilde{\psi}_0(\xi) \equiv 0$  for  $|\xi| < \varepsilon$ . Then

$$|\psi_+(x, t)| \leq C_1 \frac{|x| + 1}{|t|} \implies |\psi_+(x, t)|^2 \leq 2C_1^2 \frac{|x|^2 + 1}{|t|^2}$$

since  $|\omega'(\xi)| \geq \varkappa(\varepsilon) > 0$  for  $|\xi| \geq \varepsilon > 0$ .

$$\text{Hence, } \forall R > 0: \int_{|x| < R} |\psi_+(x, t)|^2 dx \leq C_2 \frac{R^3 + 1}{|t|^2} \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

General case  $\psi_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ :  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \psi_0(x) = \tilde{\varphi}(x) + h(x)$ ,

$$\tilde{\varphi} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \tilde{\varphi}(\xi) \equiv 0 \text{ for } |\xi| < \varepsilon, \quad \|h\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq \varepsilon$$

$$\int_{|x| < R} |\psi_{\tilde{\varphi}}(x, t)|^2 dx \leq C_3 \frac{R^3 + 1}{|t|^2}, \quad \|\psi_h(t)\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_4 \varepsilon \quad \square$$

## 2.4 Attractors in local seminorms

### 2.4.1 Klein-Gordon equation ( $m > 0$ )

**Definition** *The set of stationary states:*

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(\psi, 0) : \psi''(x) - m^2\psi(x) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}; H(\psi, 0) < \infty\}$$

*Exercise:* Check i)  $\mathcal{S} = \{(0, 0)\}$  for  $m > 0$

ii)  $\mathcal{S} = \{(C, 0) : C \in \mathbb{R}\}$  for  $m = 0$

**Definition**  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}$  is  $\mathcal{E}$  with topology  $H_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}) \oplus L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R})$

**Corollary**  $\mathcal{A} = \{0\}$  in phase space  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}$ :

$$Y(t) := (\psi(t), \pi(t)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}} 0.$$

## 2.4.2 Wave equation ( $m = 0$ )

**Proposition**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{S}$  in phase space  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}$ .

**Proof:** By Theorem 1,

$$\int_{|x| < R} [\pi^2(x, t) + |\psi'(x, t)|^2] dx \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

Define  $S(t) = (\psi(0, t), 0) \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\psi(t), \pi(t)) - S(t)\|_{H^1(-R, R) \oplus L^2(-R, R)}^2 &= \|\psi(t) - \psi(0, t)\|_{H^1(-R, R)}^2 \\ &= \int_{|x| < R} [|\psi'(x, t)|^2 + |\psi(x, t) - \psi(0, t)|^2 + |\pi(x, t)|^2] dx, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(x, t) - \psi(0, t)|^2 &= \left| \int_0^x \psi'(y, t) dy \right|^2 \\ &\leq |x| \int_0^x |\psi'(y, t)|^2 dy \leq |R| \int_{-R}^R |\psi'(y, t)|^2 dy. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Linear Schrödinger Eqn

Linear Schrödinger Eqn

$$i\psi(x,t) = \Delta\psi(x,t) + V(x)\psi(x,t), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n; \quad \psi(\cdot, 0) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

If the potential  $V(x)$  is sufficiently smooth and decays sufficiently rapidly as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\psi(x,t) = \sum_1^N \psi_k(x)e^{-i\omega_k t} + w(x,t)$$

$$w(\cdot, t) \xrightarrow{L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)} 0, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

**Corollary** Attractor  $\mathcal{A} = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_N) \equiv \mathbb{C}^N$  in  $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

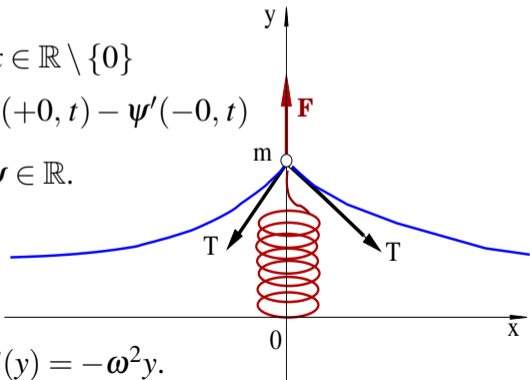


## 4 Attractors and scattering in nonlinear Lamb system

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$$\begin{cases} \ddot{\psi}(x,t) = \psi''(x,t), & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \\ m\ddot{y}(t) = F(y(t)) + \psi'(+0,t) - \psi'(-0,t) \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) \equiv \psi(0,t), m > 0, \psi \in \mathbb{R}.$$



**H. Lamb (1900):** for  $F(y) = -\omega^2 y$ .

$$Z := \{C \in \mathbb{R} : F(C) = 0\}, \quad Y(t) := (\psi(\cdot, t), \dot{\psi}(\cdot, t), \dot{y}(t))$$

**Set of Stationary States**  $\mathcal{S} = \{S = (C, 0, 0) : C \in Z\}$

$$\psi|_{t=0} = u_0(x), \quad \dot{\psi}|_{t=0} = \pi_0(x), \quad \dot{y}|_{t=0} = p_0$$

$$\dot{Y}(t) = \mathcal{F}(Y(t)) \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$Y(0) = Y_0 = (\psi_0, \pi_0, p_0)$$

**Hilbert phase space**

$$\mathcal{E} := \{Y = (\psi, \pi, p) : \psi', \pi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), p \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

$$\|Y\|_{\mathcal{E}} := \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} + |\psi(0)| + \|\pi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} + |p|.$$

$\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}$  is the space  $\mathcal{E}$  with **local energy seminorms**

$$\|(\psi, \pi, p)\|_{\mathcal{E}, R} \equiv \|\psi'\|_R + |\psi(0)| + \|\pi\|_R + |p|, \quad R > 0.$$

Assumptions:

$$F(\psi) = -V'(\psi)$$

$$V(\psi) \rightarrow +\infty, \quad |\psi| \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\psi, \pi, p) = \frac{1}{2} \int [|\pi(x)|^2 + |\psi'(x)|^2] dx + m \frac{|p|^2}{2} + V(\psi(0))$$

**Proposition** For any  $Y_0 \in \mathcal{E} \exists$  a unique solution  $Y(t) \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{E})$ ,

and the energy is conserved:  $H(Y(t)) = \text{const}, t \in \mathbb{R}$

**Theorem 1** *Let a solution  $Y(t) \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{E})$ . Then*

i)  $Y(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}} \mathcal{S}, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$

ii) *Let  $Z$  be discrete in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$Y(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}} S_{\pm} \in \mathcal{S}, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

**Theorem 2** *Let a solution  $Y(t) \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{E})$  and*

$$\exists \psi_0^{\pm} := \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \psi_0(x), \quad I_0 := \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\pi_0(y)| dy < \infty$$

*Then there exist  $S_{\pm} = (C_{\pm}, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $\Psi_{\pm} \in \mathcal{E}$ ,*

$$Y(t) = S_{\pm} + W(t)\Psi_{\pm} + r_{\pm}(t), \quad \|r_{\pm}(t)\|_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

*$W(t)$  is the dynamical group of **free wave equation***

**Proof:** For  $\pm x > 0$  the solution admits the d'Alembert representation

$$\psi(x, t) = f_{\pm}(x - t) + g_{\pm}(x + t)$$

$$\dot{\psi}(x, t) = -f'_{\pm}(x - t) + g'_{\pm}(x + t), \quad \psi'(x, t) = f'_{\pm}(x - t) + g'_{\pm}(x + t)$$

$$f'_{\pm}, g'_{\pm} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^d) \text{ since } (\psi_0, \pi_0) \in \mathcal{E}.$$

For  $\pm z > 0$ , the d'Alembert formulas

$$f_{\pm}(z) := \frac{\psi_0(z)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^z \pi_0(y) dy, \quad g_{\pm}(z) := \frac{\psi_0(z)}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^z \pi_0(y) dy$$

give the solution for  $|x| > |t|$ .

For  $|x| < |t|$  we need “reflected waves”:  $f_+(z), z < 0; g_-(z), z > 0$ .

“gluing condition” at  $x = 0$ :

$$y(t) := \psi(0, t) = f_+(-t) + g_+(t) = f_-(-t) + g_-(t)$$

$$f_+(-t) := y(t) - g_+(t), \quad g_-(t) := y(t) - f_-(-t), \quad t > 0$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \begin{cases} y(t-x) + g_+(x+t) - g_+(t-x), & 0 < x < t \\ y(t+x) + f_-(x-t) - f_-(-x-t), & -t < x < 0 \end{cases} \Big|_{t > 0}$$

$$\ddot{y}(t) = F(y(t)) - 2\dot{y}(t) + 2\dot{w}_{\text{in}}(t), \quad t > 0; \quad y(0) = \psi_0(0), \quad \dot{y}(0) = p_0$$

$$w_{\text{in}}(t) = g_+(t) + f_-(-t), \quad \dot{w}_{\text{in}} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

### A priori bound

$$\sup_{t>0} |y(t)| + \sup_{t>0} |\dot{y}(t)| + \int_0^\infty |\dot{y}(t)|^2 dt \leq B(Y_0) < \infty$$

**Corollary i)**  $y(t) \rightarrow Z \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\dot{y}(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ ;

ii) moreover,  $y(t) \rightarrow z_+ \in Z$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  if  $Z$  is discrete ...  $\square$