

The Local Well-posedness of The Higher-order Camassa-Holm Equation

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Abstract—In this paper, the local well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the higher-order Camassa-Holm equation is studied with the initial data in $H^s(R)$, $s \geq k$ by using Bourgain technology.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The formulation of the higher-order C-H equation is

$$u_t = B_k(u, u), \quad (1.1)$$

where $B_k(u, u) = A_k^{-1}C_k(u) - uu_x$, $A_k(u) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \partial_x^{2j} u$, $C_k(u) = -uA_k(\partial_x u) + A_k(u\partial_x u) - 2\partial_x uA_k(u)$.

The equation is first derived by Adrian Constantin and Boris Kolev as an Euler equation in [3], but first studied by G.M. Coclite, H. Holden and K.H. Karlsen as an independent equation in [4].

Rewrite the equation (1.1) as

$$u_t + u_{xxx} + A_k^{-1}(uA_k(u_x)) + 2A_k^{-1}(u_x A_k(u)) - u_{xxx} = 0. \quad (1.2)$$

In this paper we consider the Cauchy problem of the case of $k \geq 2$ for the equation (1.2). By using Bourgain technology in [5,6], the local well-posedness of the equation (1.2) is established with the initial data in H^s , $s \geq k$.

In this paper, we consider the Cauchy problem of the higher-order Camassa-Holm equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t + u_{xxx} + A_k^{-1}(uA_k(u_x)) + 2A_k^{-1}(u_x A_k(u)) - u_{xxx} = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) \end{cases}. \quad (1.3)$$

The equation (1.3) has the equivalent integral equation $u(\cdot, t) = W(t)\varphi - \int_0^t W(t-\tau)\omega(\tau)d\tau$, where $W(t) = e^{-t\partial_x^3}$ and $\omega = A_k^{-1}(uA_k(u_x)) + 2A_k^{-1}(u_x A_k(u)) - u_{xxx}$. Then we shall apply a fixed point argument to the following truncated version

$$u(x, t) = \psi_1(t) \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}(\xi) e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle + \xi^3 t} + \psi_1(t) \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle + \xi^3 t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\omega}(\xi, \lambda) \frac{e^{i(\lambda - \xi^3)t} - 1}{\lambda - \xi^3} d\lambda,$$

where ψ_1 is a cutoff function, satisfying $0 \leq \psi_1 \leq 1$, $\text{supp}(\psi_1) \subset [-2\delta, 2\delta]$, and $\psi_1 = 1$ on $[-\delta, \delta]$. Here δ is a positive real number. Let ψ_2 is another cutoff function, which satisfying $0 \leq \psi_2 \leq 1$, $\psi_2 = 1$ on $[-T, T]$, and $\text{supp}\psi \subset [-2T, 2T]$.

Define the norm $\|u\| = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} |n|^{2s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |\lambda - n^3|) |\hat{u}(n, \lambda)|^2 d\lambda \right\}^{1/2}$, $s \geq 0$, where $u = u(x, t), x \in \mathbb{R}, t \in [0, \infty)$.

Let $\chi^s = \{u \in L_2 \mid \|u\| < \infty\}$, then we obtain the main result.

Theorem 1.1. For $\varphi \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$, $s \geq k, k \geq 2$, there exists a $T > 0$ and a unique solution $u = u(x, t)$ satisfying the Cauchy problem (1.3) such that $u \in C([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R})) \cap C^1([0, T]; H^{s-1}(\mathbb{R}))$.

2. SOME LEMMAS

Lemma 2.1^[5,6] Following estimate holds

$$\|f\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty))} \leq c \left(\sum_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + |n - m^3|)^{2/3} |\hat{f}(m, n)|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where $f = f(x, t), x \in \mathbb{R}, t \in [0, \infty)$.

Corollary 2.2^[6] $\left(\sum_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}} (|n - m^3| + 1)^{-2/3} |\hat{f}(m, n)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq c \|f\|_{L^{4/3}(\mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty))}$

Corollary 2.3^[6] Assume $\lambda = (\lambda_{m, n})_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a multiplier satisfying $|\lambda_{m, n}| \leq (1 + |n - m^3|)^{-2/3}$ for all m, n . The λ acts boundedly from $L^{4/3}(\mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty))$ to $L^4(\mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty))$.

Rewrite ω as $\omega = -A_k^{-1}(u A_k(u_x)) + 2A_k^{-1}((u A_k(u))_x) - u_{xxx}$. From the properties of Fourier transformation, the estimate holds $|\hat{\omega}(n, \lambda)| \leq \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3$, where

$$\omega_1 = \sum_{n_1} \frac{|n_1| \sum_j n_1^{2j}}{\sum_j n^{2j}} \int d\lambda_1 |u(n_1, \lambda_1)| |u(n - n_1, \lambda - \lambda_1)|,$$

$$\omega_2 = \sum_{n_1} \frac{2|n| \sum_{j=0}^k n_1^{2j}}{\sum_{j=0}^k n^{2j}} \int d\lambda_1 |u(n_1, \lambda_1)| |u(n - n_1, \lambda - \lambda_1)|,$$

$$\omega_3 = |n^3| |\hat{u}(n, \lambda)|.$$

Denote $c_s(n, \lambda) = |n^s| (1 + |\lambda - n^3|)^{1/2} |\hat{u}(n, \lambda)|$. Thus $\|u\|$ is the L^2 -norm of $\{c_s(n, \lambda)\}$.

Lemma 2.4 For ω defined as above, we have

$$\left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{|\hat{\omega}(n, \lambda)|^2}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^{1/2} \leq c \|u\|^2, s \geq k$$

where c is a constant depending on s and k .

Proof: One can get $\left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{|\hat{\omega}(n, \lambda)|^2}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^{1/2} \leq c(I_1 + I_2 + I_3)$, where

$$I_1 = \left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{|\omega_1|^2}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^{1/2},$$

$$I_2 = \left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{|\omega_2|^2}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^{1/2},$$

$$I_3 = \left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{|\omega_3|^2}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^{1/2}.$$

The estimation for I_1 . From ω_1 ,

$$Y_1 = \frac{|n|^s |\omega_1|}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2}} \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{|n_1| |n|^s \left(\sum_{j=0}^k n_1^{2j} \right) |n_1|^{-s} |n-n_1|^{-s} c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{\left(\sum_{j=0}^k n^{2j} \right) (1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}, \quad (2.1)$$

By assumption on u , $c_s(0, \lambda) = 0$, so that we may assume $n_1 \neq 0$, $n-n_1 \neq 0$ (and $n \neq 0$). Obviously, $|n|^s \leq 2^{s+1} |n_1|^s |n-n_1|^s$. Then we consider two cases: $A = \{ |n| \geq |n_1| \}$ and $B = \{ |n| < |n_1| \}$.

Case A. It yields that $Y_1 \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{2^{s+1} |n| c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}$.

Also it holds that $|(\lambda-n^3) - [(\lambda_1-n_1^3) + (\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3)]| = 3n_1(n-n_1)n > 2n^2$. This results in that one of following cases happens

$$|\lambda-n^3| > 1/2 n^2, \quad (2.2)$$

$$|\lambda_1-n_1^3| > 1/2 n^2, \quad (2.3)$$

$$|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3| > 1/2 n^2. \quad (2.4)$$

Case (2.2). It yields that (2.1) $\leq \sum_{n_1 \neq 0, n} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{C(s) c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}$, where $C(s)$ is a constant depending on s .

Let $F(x, t) = \sum_m \int d\mu \left\{ e^{i(mx+\mu t)} \frac{c_s(m, \mu)}{(1+|\mu-m^3|)^{1/2}} \right\}$. Then $Y_1 \leq C(s) \hat{F}^2(n, \lambda)$. Thus we get

$$I_1 \sim \left[\sum_{n \neq 0} \int |\hat{F}^2(n, \lambda)|^2 d\lambda \right]^{1/2} \sim \|F\|_{L^4(dxdt(loc))}^2.$$

Since $\frac{2}{3} < 1$, Lemma 2.1 implies that $\|F\|_{L^4} \leq c(\sum_m \int c_s(m, \mu)^2 d\mu)^{1/2} = c \|u\|$.

Case (2.3). It yields that $Y_1 \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{C(s)c_s(n_1, \lambda_1)c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2}(1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}$.

Let $G(x, t) = \sum_m \int d\mu \{e^{i(mx+\mu t)} c_s(m, \mu)\}$ which L_2 -norm $\|G\|_2 \sim (\sum_m \int c_s(m, \mu)^2 d\mu)^{1/2} = \|u\|$.

From the above calculation, Corollary 2.2 yields that

$$I_1 \leq \left\{ \sum_n \int d\lambda \left[\frac{1}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2}} (F \cdot G)^{\wedge}(n, \lambda) \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \leq c \|FG\|_{L^{3/2}(dxdt(loc))} \leq c \|F\|_4 \|G\|_2 \leq c \|u\|^2.$$

Case (2.4). It yields that (2.1) $\leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{C(s)c_s(n_1, \lambda_1)c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2}(1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2}}$.

Replacing $(1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2}$ by $(1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}$, the following process is similar to the case of (2.3).

Case B. The estimating process is similar to the case A.

The estimation for I_2 .

$$Y_2 = \frac{|n|^s |\omega_2|}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2}} \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{|n| |n|^s (\sum_{j=0}^k n_1^{2j}) |n_1|^{-s} |n-n_1|^{-s} c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(\sum_{j=0}^k n^{2j}) (1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}. \tag{2.5}$$

The estimating process is similar to the estimation for I_1 .

The estimation for I_3 .

$$I_3 = \left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{n^6 |\hat{u}(n, \lambda)|^2}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^{1/2} = \left(\sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \int \frac{n^6}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^2} (1+|\lambda-n^3|) |\hat{u}(n, \lambda)|^2 d\lambda \right)^{1/2} \sim c \|u\|.$$

Lemma 2.4 is proved.

Lemma 2.5 For ω defined as above, we have

$$\left\{ \sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \left(\int \frac{|\hat{\omega}(n, \lambda)|}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} \leq c \|u\|^2, s \geq k,$$

where c is a constant depending on s and k .

Proof: By the computation, $\left\{ \sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \left(\int \frac{|\hat{\omega}(n, \lambda)|}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} \leq c(I_4 + I_5 + I_6)$, where

$$I_4 = \left\{ \sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \left(\int \frac{|\omega_1|}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2},$$

$$I_5 = \left\{ \sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \left(\int \frac{|\omega_2|}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2},$$

$$I_6 = \left\{ \sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \left(\int \frac{|\omega_3|}{1+|\lambda-n^3|} d\lambda \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

The estimation for I_4 .

$$Y_4 = \frac{|n|^s |\omega_1|}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)} \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{|n_1| |n|^s \left(\sum_{j=0}^k n_1^{2j} \right) |n_1|^{-s} |n-n_1|^{-s} c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{\left(\sum_{j=0}^k n^{2j} \right) (1+|\lambda-n^3|) (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}. \tag{2.6}$$

Case A. It yields that $Y_4 \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{|n| c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|) (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}.$

Case (2.2). To estimate I_4 , replace $\frac{1}{1+|\lambda-n^3|}$ by $\frac{1}{n^2+|\lambda-n^3|}$ in I_4 . Then consider a sequence $\{a_n\}$, satisfying $a_n \geq 0, \sum a_n^2 = 1$. Applying these conditions, we have $Y'_4 = \sum_n \int d\lambda \left\{ \frac{a_n |n|}{n^2+|\lambda-n^3|} \hat{F}^2(n, \lambda) \right\}.$

Define the function $H(x, t) = \sum_n \int d\lambda e^{i(nx+\lambda t)} \frac{|n| a_n}{n^2+|\lambda-n^3|}$ which L^2 -norm

$$\|H\|_2 \sim \left(\sum_n \int d\lambda \frac{|n|^2 a_n^2}{(n^2+|\lambda|)^2} \right)^{1/2} \sim \sum a_n^2 = 1.$$

Then by the Hölder inequality, it yields that $Y'_4 \leq c \|H\|_2 \|F\|_4^2 \leq c \|u\|^2.$

Case (2.3). It obviously yields that $Y_4 \leq c \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|) (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}.$

Choose $\frac{1}{3} < \rho < \frac{1}{2}$ and write $(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{-1} = (1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{-(1-\rho)} (1+|\lambda-n^3|)^{-\rho}$. By using the Cauchy- Schwartz inequality,

$$\text{it yields that } I_4 \leq c \left(\sum_n \int d\lambda \left\{ \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^\rho (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}} \right\}^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq c \left\{ \sum_n \int d\lambda \left[\frac{1}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)^\rho} (F \cdot G)^\wedge(n, \lambda) \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Corollary 2.2 yield the estimate $I_4 \leq c \|FG\|_{L^{4/3}(dxdt)(loc)} \leq c \|F\|_4 \|G\|_2 \leq c \|u\|^2.$

Case (2.4). It yields that $Y_4 \leq c \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|) (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2}}.$

Replacing $(1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2}$ by $(1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}$, the following process is similar to the case of (2.3) in this lemma.

Case B The process is similar to the case of A.

The estimation for I_5 . It yields that $\frac{|n|^s |\omega_2|}{(1+|\lambda-n^3|)} \leq \sum_{n_1} \int d\lambda_1 \frac{|n| |n|^s \left(\sum_{j=0}^k n_1^{2j} \right) |n_1|^{-s} |n-n_1|^{-s} c_s(n_1, \lambda_1) c_s(n-n_1, \lambda-\lambda_1)}{\left(\sum_{j=0}^k n^{2j} \right) (1+|\lambda-n^3|) (1+|\lambda_1-n_1^3|)^{1/2} (1+|\lambda-\lambda_1-(n-n_1)^3|)^{1/2}}.$

The following process is similar to the estimate of I_4 .

The estimation for I_6 . From ω_3 ,

$$I_6 = \left\{ \sum_{n \neq 0} |n|^{2s} \left(\int \frac{n^3 |\hat{u}|}{1 + |\lambda - n^3|} d\lambda \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} \leq c \left(\sum_n |n|^{2s} \int (1 + |\lambda - n^3|) |\hat{u}(n, \lambda)|^2 d\lambda \right)^{1/2} = c \|u\|.$$

Lemma 2.5 is proved.

Lemma 2.6 For limited constant $T > 0$, we have that $\|\psi_2 u\| \leq X(T) \|u\|$, where $X(T)$ is a monotonically increasing function at argument T .

Proof: Obviously, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi_2 u\| &= \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} |n|^{2s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |\lambda - n^3|) |\hat{\psi}_2 u(n, \lambda)|^2 d\lambda \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |\lambda - n^3|)^{1/2} |n|^s \hat{\psi}_2(\eta) \hat{u}(n, \lambda - \eta) d\eta \right\|_{L^2(n, \lambda)} \\ &\leq \|u\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} |\hat{\psi}_2(\eta)| d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of Fourier transformation, it holds

$$|\hat{\psi}_2(\eta)| = \left| \int_{-2T}^{2T} e^{-i\eta x} \psi_2(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{i\eta} (e^{2iT\eta} - e^{-2iT\eta}) = \frac{\sin 2T\eta}{\eta}$$

Denote $X(T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} \frac{\sin 2T\eta}{\eta} d\eta$. Then $X(T)$ is bounded. In fact it's known that

$$X(T) = 2 \int_0^{2T} (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} \frac{\sin 2T\eta}{\eta} d\eta + 2 \int_{\pi/4T}^{\infty} (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} \frac{\sin 2T\eta}{\eta} d\eta$$

Hence, $X(T)$ is convergent.

There exists a constant $M > 0$, satisfying

$$X(T) = X_1(T) + X_2(T),$$

where $X_1(T) = 2 \int_0^M (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} \frac{\sin 2T\eta}{\eta} d\eta$, $X_2(T) = 2 \int_M^{\infty} (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} \frac{\sin 2T\eta}{\eta} d\eta$, and $|X_2(T)| < \varepsilon$. Here ε is an arbitrarily small number. The first derivative of $X_1(T)$ is $X_1'(T) = 4 \int_0^M (1 + |\eta|)^{1/2} \cos(2T\eta) d\eta$. So for $0 < T < \frac{\pi}{4M}$, $0 < \eta < M$, we have

$X_1'(T) > 0$. That is, $X_1(T)$ is a monotonically increasing function at argument T . So $X(T)$ is a monotonically increasing function at argument T .

3. LOCAL WELL-POSEDNESS

Now we give the proof of theorem 1.1.

Lemma (2.4) and Lemma(2.5) yield that $\|u\|$ is bounded, i.e. $u \in \chi^s$. Denote Γ the transformation

$(\Gamma u)(x, t) = \psi_1(t)W(t)\varphi - \psi_1(t) \int_0^t W(t-\tau)\omega(\tau) d\tau$, where $\omega = A_k^{-1}(u A_k(u_x)) + 2A_k^{-1}(u_x A_k(u)) - u_{xxx}$. From the preceding it's

proved that $\|\Gamma u\| \leq c(\|\varphi\|_{H^s} + \|u\|^2)$. So Γ is a map from χ^s to χ^s . Then if consider $\Gamma u - \Gamma v$, ω is replaced by

$$A_k^{-1}(uA_k(u_x)) + 2A_k^{-1}(u_xA_k(u)) - u_{xxx} - A_k^{-1}(vA_k(v_x)) - 2A_k^{-1}(v_xA_k(v)) + v_{xxx}.$$

The preceding calculation yields that

$$\|\Gamma u - \Gamma v\| \leq c_1(\|\psi_2 u\| + \|\psi_2 v\|)\|u - v\| + c_2\|\psi_2(u - v)\| \leq [c_1X(T)(\|u\| + \|v\|) + c_2X(T)]\|u - v\|.$$

Hence, for small enough T , it holds that $\|\Gamma u - \Gamma v\| \leq \kappa(T)\|u - v\|$ where $\kappa(T)$ satisfies $0 < \kappa(T) < 1$.

So that Γ is a contraction and therefore Picard's theorem yields a function u satisfying $\Gamma u = u$. Moreover the solution is unique and persistent. By the Sobolev embedding theory, we prove the theorem 1.1.

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