

Uniform Stabilization of a family of Boussinesq systems

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- Description of the model: a family of Boussinesq systems
- Setting of the problem: stabilization of a coupled system of two Benjamin-Bona-Mahony (**BBM**) equations
- Main results
- Main Idea of the proofs
- Remarks and open problems

The Benjamin-Bona-Mahony (BBM) equation

The BBM equation

$$u_t + u_x - u_{xxt} + uu_x = 0, \quad (1)$$

was proposed as an alternative model for the Korteweg-de Vries equation (KdV)

$$u_t + u_x + u_{xxx} + uu_x = 0, \quad (2)$$

to describe the propagation of one-dimensional, unidirectional small amplitude long waves in nonlinear dispersive media.

- $u(x, t)$ is a real-valued functions of the real variables x and t .

In the context of shallow-water waves, $u(x, t)$ represents the displacement of the water surface at location x and time t .

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$w = w_\theta$ is the horizontal velocity in the flow at height θh , where h is the undisturbed depth of the liquid;

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Controllability and Stabilization

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$$b, d \geq 0, a \leq 0, c \leq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad b, d \geq 0, a = c > 0.$$

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where $0 < x < 2\pi$ and $t > 0$, with boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial^r \eta}{\partial x^r}(0, t) = \frac{\partial^r \eta}{\partial x^r}(2\pi, t), \quad \frac{\partial^r w}{\partial x^r}(0, t) = \frac{\partial^r w}{\partial x^r}(2\pi, t)$$

and initial conditions

$$\eta(x, 0) = \eta^0(x), \quad w(x, 0) = w^0(x).$$

- f and g are locally supported forces.

Periodic boundary conditions

For $b, d > 0$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \geq 0$, we consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_t + w_x - b\eta_{txx} + (\eta w)_x + \beta_1 M_{\alpha_1} \eta &= 0, \\ w_t + \eta_x - dw_{txx} + ww_x + \beta_2 M_{\alpha_2} w &= 0,\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

with periodic boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(0, t) &= \eta(2\pi, t); \quad \eta_x(0, t) = \eta_x(2\pi, t), \\ w(0, t) &= w(2\pi, t); \quad w_x(0, t) = w_x(2\pi, t),\end{aligned}$$

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In (4), M_{α_j} are Fourier multiplier operators given by

$$M_{\alpha_j} \left(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} v_k e^{ikx} \right) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_j}{2}} \widehat{v}_k e^{ikx}.$$

The energy associated to the model is given by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (\eta^2 + b\eta_x^2 + w^2 + dw_x^2) dx \quad (5)$$

and we can (formally) deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) &= -\beta_1 \int_0^{2\pi} (M_{\alpha_1} \eta) \eta dx - \beta_2 \int_0^{2\pi} (M_{\alpha_2} w) w dx \\ &\quad - \int_0^{2\pi} (\eta w)_x \eta dx. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since $\beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0$ and

$$(M_{\alpha_j} v, v)_{L^2(0,2\pi)} \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2,$$

the terms $M_{\alpha_1} \eta$ and $M_{\alpha_2} w$ play the role of feedback damping mechanisms, at least for the linearized system.

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For any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we denote by \widehat{v}_k the k -Fourier coefficient of v ,

$$\widehat{v}_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} v(x) e^{-ikx} dx,$$

and, for any $s \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the space

$$H_p^s(0, 2\pi) = \left\{ v = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{v}_k e^{ikx} \in H^s(0, 2\pi) \mid \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\widehat{v}_k|^2 (1 + k^2)^s < \infty \right\},$$

which is a Hilbert space with the inner product defined by

$$(v, w)_s = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{v}_k \overline{\widehat{w}_k} (1 + k^2)^s. \quad (7)$$

Then,

$$M_{\alpha_j} : H_p^{\alpha_j}(0, 2\pi) \rightarrow L^2(0, 2\pi).$$

$$M_{\alpha_j} v = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_j}{2}} \widehat{v}_k e^{ikx}, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

The Linearized System

Since

$$\begin{aligned}(I - b\partial_x^2)\eta_t + w_x + \beta_1 M_1 \eta &= 0, \\(I - d\partial_x^2)w_t + \eta_x + \beta_2 M_2 \eta &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

the linear system can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}U_t + AU &= 0, \\U(0) &= U_0,\end{aligned}$$

where A is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 (I - b\partial_x^2)^{-1} M_{\alpha_1} & (I - b\partial_x^2)^{-1} \partial_x \\ (I - d\partial_x^2)^{-1} \partial_x & \beta_2 (I - b\partial_x^2)^{-1} M_{\alpha_2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

For $\alpha > 0$, the operator $(I - \alpha\partial_x^2)^{-1}$ is defined in the following way:

$$(I - \alpha\partial_x^2)^{-1}\varphi = v \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} v - \alpha v_{xx} = \varphi & \text{in } (0, 2\pi), \\ v(0) = v(2\pi), \quad v_x(0) = v_x(2\pi). \end{cases}$$

Spectral Analysis

If we assume that

$$(\eta^0, w^0) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\hat{\eta}_k^0, \hat{w}_k^0) e^{ikx},$$

the solution can be written as

$$(\eta, \omega)(x, t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\hat{\eta}_k(t), \hat{\omega}_k(t)) e^{ikx},$$

where the pair $(\hat{\eta}_k(t), \hat{\omega}_k(t))$ fulfills

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + bk^2)(\hat{\eta}_k)_t + ik\hat{\omega}_k + \beta_1(1 + k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_1}{2}} \hat{\eta}_k &= 0, \\ (1 + dk^2)(\hat{\omega}_k)_t + ik\hat{\eta}_k + \beta_2(1 + k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_2}{2}} \hat{\omega}_k &= 0, \\ \hat{\eta}_k(0) = \hat{\eta}_k^0, \quad \hat{\omega}_k(0) = \hat{\omega}_k^0, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where $t \in (0, T)$.

We set

$$A(k) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\beta_1(1+k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_1}{2}}}{1+bk^2} & \frac{ik}{1+bk^2} \\ \frac{ik}{1+dk^2} & \frac{\beta_2(1+k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_2}{2}}}{1+dk^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then system (9) is equivalent to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\eta}_k \\ \hat{w}_k \end{pmatrix}_t (t) + A(k) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\eta}_k \\ \hat{w}_k \end{pmatrix} (t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\eta}_k \\ \hat{w}_k \end{pmatrix} (0) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\eta}_k^0 \\ \hat{w}_k^0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lemma

The eigenvalues of the matrix A are given by

$$\lambda_k^\pm = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\beta_1(1+k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_1}{2}}}{1+bk^2} + \frac{\beta_2(1+k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_2}{2}}}{1+dk^2} \pm \frac{2|k|\sqrt{e_k^2-1}}{\sqrt{(1+bk^2)(1+dk^2)}} \right),$$

where

$$e_k = \frac{1}{2k} \left(\beta_1(1+k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1+dk^2}{1+bk^2}} - \beta_2(1+k^2)^{\frac{\alpha_2}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1+bk^2}{1+dk^2}} \right),$$

and $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$.

Observe that

- $\lambda_k^\pm = \lambda_{-k}^\pm$.
- If $e_k < 1$, the eigenvalues $\lambda_k^\pm \in \mathbb{C}$.
- If $e_k \geq 1$, the eigenvalues $\lambda_k^\pm \in \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma

The solution $(\hat{\eta}_k(t), \hat{w}_k(t))$ of (9) is given by

$$\hat{\eta}_k(t) = \frac{1}{1-\zeta_k^2} \left[(\hat{\eta}_k^0 + i\alpha_k \zeta_k \hat{w}_k^0) e^{-\lambda_k^+ t} - (\zeta_k^2 \hat{\eta}_k^0 + i\alpha_k \zeta_k \hat{w}_k^0) e^{-\lambda_k^- t} \right],$$

$$\hat{w}_k(t) = \frac{1}{1-\zeta_k^2} \left[(i\theta_k \zeta_k \hat{\eta}_k^0 - \zeta_k^2 \hat{w}_k^0) e^{-\lambda_k^+ t} - (i\theta_k \zeta_k \hat{\eta}_k^0 - \hat{w}_k^0) e^{-\lambda_k^- t} \right],$$

if $|e_k| \neq 1$ and $k \neq 0$,

$$\hat{\eta}_k(t) = \left[\left(1 - \frac{k\zeta_k}{\sqrt{(1+bk^2)(1+dk^2)}} t \right) \hat{\eta}_k^0 - \frac{ikt}{1+bk^2} \hat{w}_k^0 \right] e^{-\lambda_k^+ t},$$

$$\hat{w}_k(t) = \left[-\frac{ikt}{1+dk^2} \hat{\eta}_k^0 + \left(1 + \frac{k\zeta_k}{\sqrt{(1+bk^2)(1+dk^2)}} t \right) \hat{w}_k^0 \right] e^{-\lambda_k^+ t},$$

if $|e_k| = 1$ and $k \neq 0$, and finally,

$$\hat{\eta}_0(t) = \hat{\eta}_0^0 e^{-\beta_1 t}, \quad \hat{w}_0(t) = \hat{w}_0^0 e^{-\beta_2 t}.$$

Here, $\alpha_k = \sqrt{\frac{1+dk^2}{1+bk^2}}$, $\theta_k = \sqrt{\frac{1+bk^2}{1+dk^2}}$ and $\zeta_k = e_k - \sqrt{e_k^2 - 1}$.

The case $s = 0$

For any $t \geq 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have that

$$b|\widehat{\eta}_k(t)|^2 + d|\widehat{w}_k(t)|^2 \leq M (b|\widehat{\eta}_k^0|^2 + d|\widehat{w}_k^0|^2) e^{-2t \min\{|\Re(\lambda_k^+)|, |\Re(\lambda_k^-)|\}},$$

where

$$\min\{|\Re(\lambda_k^+)|, |\Re(\lambda_k^-)|\} \geq D > 0,$$

and D is a positive number, depending on the parameters $\beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, b$ and d .

Moreover,

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Let us introduce the space

$$V^s = H_p^s(0, 2\pi) \times H_p^s(0, 2\pi).$$

Then, the following holds:

Theorem (Micu, P., Preprint, 2016)

The family of linear operators $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ defined by

$$S(t)(\eta^0, w^0) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\widehat{\eta}_k(t), \widehat{w}_k(t)) e^{ikx}, \quad (\eta^0, w^0) \in V^s, \quad (10)$$

is an analytic semigroup in V^s and verifies the following estimate

$$\|S(t)(\eta^0, w^0)\|_{V^s} \leq C \|(\eta^0, w^0)\|_{V^s}, \quad (11)$$

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Moreover, μ may be taken as in the linearized problem.

The energy $E(t)$ satisfies

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Main results

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Spectral analysis and eigenvectors expansion of solutions

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