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**ON THE STABILITY OF THE BOUNDARY VALUE
PROBLEM FOR EVEN ORDER EQUATION**

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In this paper we consider ill-posed problem for one even-order equation. The stability of the problem is proved with the additional assumption.

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Introduction

We consider following problem for even order equation:

$$\frac{\partial^{2k}u}{\partial x^{2k}} - \frac{\partial^{2p}u}{\partial t^{2p}} = 0, \quad k, p \in N, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad 0 < t < \alpha\pi,$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2m}u}{\partial x^{2m}}(0, t) = \frac{\partial^{2m}u}{\partial x^{2m}}(\pi, t) = 0, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots, k-1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \alpha\pi,$$

$$\frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, 0) = \varphi_j(x), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi,$$

$$\frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, \alpha\pi) = \psi_j(x), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi,$$

where α is a positive constant.

If $k = p = 1$ we get The Dirichlet problem for the vibrating string equation, which is a classical ill-posed problem due to its irregular behavior. Its solution may neither exists, nor be uniquely determined, nor depend continuously on the data (see [1]-[3]).

In [2], the Dirichlet problem for the wave equation was studied with the additional assumption of an "a priori" bound for the gradient of the solution. Case when $p = 1, k \in N$ was studied in [6].

The present research leads to some problems of Diophantine approximation.

Let us note that formulate problem is ill-posed problem if $k - p$ is even number.

Therefore, the above problem cannot be suitably dealt with if α and $\varphi_j(x), \psi_j(x), j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ are known within a certain approximation.

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Main results and comments

Let $\varphi_j(x), \psi_j(x), (j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1)$ be functions in $C^{2k}[0, \pi]$ such that $\varphi_j^{(2i)}(0) = \varphi_j^{(2i)}(\pi) = \psi_j^{(2i)}(0) = \psi_j^{(2i)}(\pi) = 0, i = 0, 1, \dots, k-1, j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$.

Let t, E, α, δ be positive constants. We consider solutions u in $C_{x,t}^{2k,2p}([0, \pi] \times (0, +\infty))$ of the following problem:

$$\frac{\partial^{2k} u}{\partial x^{2k}} - \frac{\partial^{2p} u}{\partial t^{2p}} = 0, \quad k, p \in N, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0, \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2m} u}{\partial x^{2m}}(0, t) = \frac{\partial^{2m} u}{\partial x^{2m}}(\pi, t) = 0, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots, k-1, \quad t \geq 0, \tag{2}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, 0) - \varphi_j(x) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]} \leq \delta \pi \sqrt{E}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \tag{3}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, \tau_j \pi) - \psi_j(x) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]} \leq \delta \pi \sqrt{E}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \quad |\tau_j - \alpha| \leq \delta, \tag{4}$$

$$\int_0^\pi \left(\left(\frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial^p u}{\partial t^p} \right)^2 \right) dx \leq E, \quad t \geq 0. \tag{5}$$

for real numbers $\tau_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ depending on u and satisfying $|\tau_j - \alpha| \leq \delta$. The meaning $|\tau_j - \alpha| \leq \delta$ is that the final time $\alpha\pi$ is known up to a given error.

We denote by Γ_δ the set of all $C_{x,t}^{2k,2p}([0, \pi] \times (0, +\infty))$ solutions of (1)-(5). We note that if $\delta = 0$, then the problem (1)-(5) is reduced to the classical boundary value problem with additional assumption (5). It was studied in [6] that this problem may have no solutions.

Let $Diam \Gamma_\delta = \sup_{v, w \in \Gamma_\delta} \|v - w\|$. Let $v_1, v_2 \in \Gamma_\delta$. Then there are τ_{ij} such that

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, \tau_{ij} \pi) - \psi_j(x) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]} \leq \delta \pi \sqrt{E}, \quad i = 0, 1, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \quad |\tau_{ij} - \alpha| \leq \delta$$

and let

$$u(x, t) = v_1(x, t) - v_2(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in [0, \pi] \times [0, +\infty) \tag{6}$$

Then $u \in C_{x,t}^{2k,2p}([0, \pi] \times [0, +\infty))$. Moreover, u satisfies equation (1), conditions (2) and following

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, 0) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]} \leq 2\delta \pi \sqrt{E}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \tag{7}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, \alpha\pi) - \psi_j(x) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]} \leq 4\delta \pi \sqrt{E}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \tag{8}$$

$$\int_0^\pi \left(\left(\frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial^p u}{\partial t^p} \right)^2 \right) dx \leq 4E, \quad t \geq 0. \tag{9}$$

It is easy to verify (1), (2), (7)-(9). We can write the function satisfying (1) and (2) in the following form

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sin nx \left\{ \frac{A_n \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} (\alpha \pi - t)}{\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi} + B_n \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} t \right\}.$$

Similarly, we can rewrite (7)-(9) as follows:

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} A_n^2 \leq 8\delta^2 \pi E, \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} B_n \sin^2 n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi \leq 32\delta^2 E, \tag{11}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k}(\cdot, t) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial^p u}{\partial t^p}(\cdot, t) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]}^2 \leq 4E, \quad t \geq 0. \tag{12}$$

Defining:

$$\sigma_n = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{A_n \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} (\alpha \pi - t)}{\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi} + B_n \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} t \right),$$

we obtain from (12)

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k}(\cdot, t) \right\|_{L_2[0, \pi]}^2 \leq \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{2k} \sigma_n^2 \leq 4E,$$

whence

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_2[0, \pi]}^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma_n^2 + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sigma_n^2 < \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma_n^2 + \frac{4E}{N^{2k}}.$$

We now have following bound:

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_2[0, \pi]}^2 < \frac{\pi}{2} \max_{n=1, N} \left(\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi \right)^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left[A_n^2 \sin^2 n^{\frac{k}{p}} (\alpha \pi - t) + B_n^2 \sin^2 n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi \cdot \sin^2 n^{\frac{k}{p}} t + 2|A_n| |B_n| \left| \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} (\alpha \pi - t) \right| \left| \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} t \right| \left| \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi \right| \right] + \frac{4E}{N^{2k}}.$$

Therefore, from (10) and (11) it follows that

$$\max_{t \in [0, \alpha \pi]} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L_2[0, \pi]}^2 = \|u\|^2 < 40\delta^2 \pi^2 E \max_{n=1, N} \left(\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi \right)^{-2} + \frac{4E}{N^{2k}}, \quad N = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \dots}}$$

be the simple continued fraction for α , where the partial quotients a_n are integers such that, $a_n \geq 1$.

We consider the set of irrational numbers with bounded partial quotients, i.e. the numbers α , for which there exists a constant A_α satisfying $a_n \leq A_\alpha$ for all n . We note that if α is a quadratic irrational, then the expansion of α as a simple continued fraction is ultimately periodic, which implies that a_n has bounded partial quotients.

Then from theory of continued fractions (see [5] p.37) we easily obtain

$$\max_{n=1,N} \left(\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \alpha \pi \right)^{-2} < \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{(A_\alpha + 2) N^{\frac{k}{p}}} \right)^{-2}, N = 1, 2, \dots$$

Since $\sin x \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\pi}x$ for $x \in [0, \pi/3]$, we have for every N

$$\|u\|^2 < \frac{160}{27} \delta^2 \pi^2 E (A_\alpha + 2)^2 N^{\frac{2k}{p}} + \frac{4E}{N^{2k}}, N = 1, 2, \dots \tag{13}$$

Now let

$$g(t) = \frac{160}{27} \delta^2 \pi^2 E (A_\alpha + 2)^2 t^{\frac{2k}{p}} + 4Et^{-2k}.$$

The minimum value of g for $t > 0$ is attained at

$$\bar{t} = \left(\frac{27p}{40} \right)^{\frac{p}{2k(p+1)}} (\delta\pi(A_\alpha + 2))^{-\frac{p}{k(p+1)}}$$

Since g is an increasing function on the interval $[\bar{t}, +\infty)$, we have

$$g([\bar{t} + 1]) < g(\bar{t} + 1).$$

We obtain

$$\|u\|^2 \leq \frac{160E}{27} (\delta\pi(A_\alpha + 2))^{\frac{2p}{p+1}} \left[1 + \left(\left(\frac{27p}{40} \right)^{\frac{p}{(p+1)2k}} + (\delta\pi(A_\alpha + 2)) \right)^{\frac{p}{(p+1)k}} \right]^{\frac{2k}{p}}. \tag{14}$$

So we proved following

Theorem 1. *Let α is an irrational number and has the simple continued fraction with bounded partial quotients. Then for $(Diam\Gamma_\delta)^2$ (14) is valid.*

Now we use some results obtained in [4]. By corollary 6 of [7], since α has a type $\Omega < \infty$, there exist $K = K(\theta, \alpha) > 0$ and, for any $\delta > 0$, a number $\xi \in R \setminus Q$ such that

$$|\xi - \alpha| < \delta, \tag{15}$$

and

$$\max_{n=1,N} (\sin n\pi\xi)^{-2} \leq \left(\sin \left(\frac{\pi(3 - \sqrt{5})}{2N} \right) \right)^{-2} \tag{16}$$

for all $N \geq K\delta^{-\theta}$. From (15) it follows that $|\tau_j - \alpha| \leq \delta$, for every τ_j satisfying $|\xi - \tau_j| \leq 2\delta$.

If u is defined by (6), we obtain from (8)

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^j u}{\partial t^j}(x, \xi\pi) \right\|_{L_2[0,\pi]} \leq 4\delta\pi\sqrt{E}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1. \tag{17}$$

Therefore, u satisfies conditions (1), (2), (7), (9) and (17). The solutions of the problem (1), (2), (7), (9) and (17) $u \in C_{x,t}^{2k,2p}([0, \pi] \times [0, +\infty))$ of the form

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sin nx \left\{ \frac{A_n \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} (\xi \pi - t)}{\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \xi \pi} + B_n \sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} t \right\}.$$

which satisfies (10), (12) and

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} B_n \sin^2 n^{\frac{k}{p}} \xi \pi \leq 72 \delta^2 E. \quad (18)$$

As in proof of theorem 1 we obtain

$$\|u\|^2 < 80 \delta^2 \pi^2 E \max_{n=1, N} \left(\sin n^{\frac{k}{p}} \xi \pi \right)^{-2} + \frac{4E}{N^{2k}}, \quad N = 1, 2, \dots$$

Using (16) and $\sin x \geq \frac{2}{\pi} x$ for all $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, we obtain

$$\|u\|^2 < \frac{80}{(3 - \sqrt{5})^2} \delta^2 \pi^2 E N^{\frac{2k}{p}} + \frac{4E}{N^{2k}}, \quad N \geq K \delta^{-\theta}. \quad (19)$$

Let

$$g(t) = \frac{80}{(3 - \sqrt{5})^2} \delta^2 \pi^2 E t^{\frac{2k}{p}} + \frac{4E}{t^{2k}}, \quad t > 0. \quad (20)$$

The minimum of g for $t > 0$ is attained at

$$\bar{t} = \left(\frac{p}{20} \right)^{\frac{p}{2k(p+1)}} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{\pi \delta} \right)^{\frac{p}{k(p+1)}}.$$

We choose δ as

$$0 < \delta < \left\{ K \left(\frac{p}{20} \right)^{\frac{p}{2k(p+1)}} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{\pi \delta} \right)^{\frac{p}{k(p+1)}} \right\}^{\frac{k(p+1)}{k\theta(p+1) - p}}. \quad (21)$$

It follows from (21) that $\bar{t} < K \delta^{-\theta}$. Let \bar{N} be the integer $\geq K \delta^{-\theta}$ for which the right side of (20) is minimum. Since g is increasing on the interval $[\bar{t}, +\infty)$, \bar{N} satisfies $K \delta^{-\theta} \leq \bar{N} < K \delta^{-\theta} + 1$. Hence

$$\|u\|^2 \leq g(K \delta^{-\theta} + 1),$$

and finally

$$\|u\|^2 \leq \frac{80 \pi^2 E}{(3 - \sqrt{5})^2} \left[K \delta^{\frac{k}{p} - \theta} + \delta^{\frac{k}{p}} \right]^{\frac{2k}{p}} + \frac{4E \delta^{2k\theta}}{K^{2k}} \quad (22)$$

which proofs following:

Theorem 2. *Let α be an irrational number and has a type $\Omega < \infty$. Then for any fixed θ , $\frac{\Omega}{\Omega+1} < \theta < 1$, there is constant $K = K(\theta, \alpha) > 0$ such that*

$$\|u\|^2 \leq \frac{80\pi^2 E}{(3-\sqrt{5})^2} \left[K\delta^{\frac{k}{p}-\theta} + \delta^{\frac{k}{p}} \right]^{\frac{2k}{p}} + \frac{4E\delta^{2k\theta}}{K^{2k}}$$

for any $0 < \delta < \left\{ K \left(\frac{p}{20} \right)^{\frac{p}{2k(p+1)}} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{\pi\delta} \right)^{\frac{p}{k(p+1)}} \right\}^{\frac{k(p+1)}{k\theta(p+1)-p}}$.

We conclude with the proof of the following:

Theorem 3. *The problem (1)-(5) is stable if and only if α is irrational. Moreover, if α is irrational then $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (Diam\Gamma_\delta) = 0$ uniformly in $\varphi_j(x), \psi_j(x), (j = 0, 1, \dots, p-1)$*

Proof. Let $\alpha \notin \mathcal{Q}$. By corollary 9 of [4], there exist a function $f(\delta)$ such that

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} f(\delta) = \infty, \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \delta f(\delta) = 0, \tag{23}$$

and, for any sufficiently small δ , a number $\xi \notin \mathcal{Q}$, satisfying (15) and (16) for all $N \geq f(\delta)$. The same argument given in the proof of theorem 2 shows that

$$\|u\|^2 \leq g(f(\delta) + 1),$$

where g is defined by (20), i.e.

$$\|u\|^2 \leq \frac{80\pi^2 E}{(3-\sqrt{5})^2} \left[f(\delta)\delta^{\frac{k}{p}} + \delta^{\frac{k}{p}} \right]^{\frac{2k}{p}} + \frac{4E}{f(\delta)^{2k}}$$

By (23), this yields

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (Diam\Gamma_\delta) = 0.$$

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