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“Evolution of the radius of spatial analyticity for the dispersion modified Degasperis-Procesi equation”



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Abstract:

The local well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the dispersion modified \mathbf{b} -equation with data in Sobolev spaces $H^s(\mathbb{R})$ and analytic Gevrey spaces $G^{\delta,s}(\mathbb{R})$ is proved for any $s > 1/4$. However, for $\mathbf{b} = 3$, which is the modified Degasperis-Procesi equation, a sharper result is established. In this case, the equation behaves as a nonlocal perturbation of the Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation and well-posedness is shown for $s > -3/4$. Furthermore, for $\mathbf{b} = 3$ this equation possesses a twisted- L^2 conservation law. This yields an almost conservation law in the analytic Gevrey spaces $G^{\delta,0}$. Using this almost conservation law global solutions are established and a lower bound, given by $c/t^{\frac{4}{3}+}$, for their radius of spatial analyticity is proved. Key ingredients in the proof of this result are the Paley-Wiener Theorem and bilinear estimates for the nonlinearity of the modified Degasperis-Procesi equation.