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The nonrelativistic limit of the nonlinear Dirac equation

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ABSTRACT. – It is proved that there exist solutions of the nonlinear Dirac equation, smooth in time, on a time interval which is independent of c. Moreover after multiplication by a phase factor (dependent on c) these solutions converge to the solution of a coupled system of nonlinear Schrödinger type equations.

Key words : Nonlinear Dirac equations, nonrelativistic limit, Schrödinger equation.

RÉSUMÉ. – La limite non relativistique de l'équation de Dirac non linéaire. – On montre qu'existent des solutions de l'équation de Dirac non linéaire, régulières en temps, sur un intervalle en temps indépendant de c. En plus, après la multiplication avec un facteur de phase (c-dépendant) ces solutions convergent vers la solution d'un système couplé d'équations du type Schrödinger non linéaire.

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INTRODUCTION

We consider the initial value problem for the nonlinear Dirac equation

$$i\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = -ic\,\alpha\nabla\Psi + c^2\,\beta\Psi + 2\,\lambda\,(\beta\Psi\,|\,\Psi)\,\beta\Psi \\ \Psi(0) = \Psi_{0c}, \qquad (1)$$

where λ and c are positive constants, Ψ is a function from \mathbb{R}^3 into \mathbb{C}^4 , $\alpha \nabla$ stands for $\sum_{j=1}^{3} \alpha_j \partial_j$ and α_j and β are 4×4 matrices satisfying $\alpha_j \alpha_k + \alpha_k \alpha_j = 2 \delta_{jk} I$, $\alpha_j \beta + \beta \alpha_j = 0$, β is diagonal and $\beta^2 = I$.

This equation has first been investigated by the physicists; see the references in [1], [2], [3]. L. Vazquez, T. Cazenave *et al.* ([3], [2], [1]) recently started the investigation of the existence of localized (or stationary) solutions of (1).

We are interested in the solutions of the equation with arbitrary (*i. e.* not necessarily radially symmetric as in the above references) initial conditions and their convergence as the speed of light c increases to ∞ .

Introducing
$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2c^2}$$
, we write (1) in the equivalent form

$$i\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = -i\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}}\alpha\nabla\Psi + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\beta\Psi + 2\lambda(\beta\Psi|\Psi)\beta\Psi$$

$$\Psi(0) = \Psi_{0\varepsilon}.$$
(2)

We first prove the existence of a classical solution of (2) on an interval independent of ε .

In the following theorem as well as in the rest of this paper H^S stands for the Sobolev space H^S (\mathbb{R}^3)⁴ and L² stands for L² (\mathbb{R}^3)⁴.

THEOREM 1. – Let
$$\varepsilon_0 > 0$$
. Assume that $\Psi_{0 \varepsilon} \in H^2$ $(0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0)$ and

$$\sup_{\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0} \|\Psi_{0 \varepsilon}\|_{H^2} < \infty.$$

Then there exists an interval J = [-T, T] such that for every ε with $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ there exists a unique solution

$$\Psi_{\varepsilon} \in C^{2}(J, L^{2}) \cap C^{1}(J, H^{1}) \cap C(J, H^{2})$$

of the initial value problem (2).

Next we investigate the nonrelativistic limit $\varepsilon \to 0$ [*i.e.* $c \to \infty$ in (1)]. Since Ψ_{ε} cannot be expected to converge, motivated by the linear theory (*see* [5], [6]), we introduce the new function $\Phi = 2e^{i\beta t/\varepsilon}\beta\Psi$. Inserting this into (2) we obtain an equivalent initial value problem

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}} e^{i\beta t/\varepsilon} \alpha \nabla \Phi - \frac{i\lambda}{2} (\beta \Phi \mid \Phi) \beta \Phi$$

$$\Phi (0) = \Phi_{0\varepsilon}, \qquad (3)$$

with $\Phi_{0\epsilon} = 2 \beta \Psi_{0\epsilon}$.

Theorem 1 evidently holds verbatim for Φ_{ε} . Differentiating (3) with respect to t we conclude that the smooth solutions of (3) (their existence is shown in Theorem 1) is also the solution of the initial value problem

$$\frac{\partial^{2} \Phi}{\partial t^{2}} - \frac{1}{2 \varepsilon} \left[\Delta \Phi + 2 i \beta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} - \lambda (\beta \Phi | \Phi) \Phi \right] = F_{\varepsilon}(\Phi)$$

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi_{0 \varepsilon}, \qquad \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(0) = \Phi_{1 \varepsilon},$$
(4)

where
$$\Phi_{1\epsilon} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\epsilon}} \alpha \nabla \Phi_{0\epsilon} - \frac{i\lambda}{2} (\beta \Phi_{0\epsilon} | \Phi_{0\epsilon}) \beta \Phi_{0\epsilon}$$
 and
 $F_{\epsilon}(t, \Phi) = -\frac{\lambda^2}{2} (\beta \Phi | \Phi)^2 \Phi$
 $-\frac{i\lambda}{2} \epsilon^{-1/2} \sum_j \{ e^{i\beta t/\epsilon} [\partial_j (\beta \Phi | \Phi)] \alpha_j \beta \Phi + 2 \operatorname{Re} (\beta \Phi | e^{i\beta t/\epsilon} \alpha_j \partial_j \Phi) \beta \Phi \}.$

Conversely, as the initial value problem (3) is equivalent to the initial value problem (2) which has a skew-adjoint linear part, standard arguments show that a solution of (4) which is C^2 in time is also a solution of the first order system (3).

This suggests that the solutions Φ_{ϵ} of (3) converge to the solution Φ_{0} of the nonlinear Schrödinger type equation

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} i \beta \Delta \Phi - \frac{i \lambda}{2} (\beta \Phi | \Phi) \beta \Phi$$

$$\Phi (0) = \Phi_{00}.$$
(5)

We shall prove an existence result for Φ_0 and the convergence of Φ_ϵ to Φ_0 :

THEOREM 2. – Assume that $\Phi_{00} \in H^2$. Then there exists an interval J = [-T, T] such that the initial value problem (5) has a unique solution

$$\Phi_0 \in C^1(J, L^2) \cap C(J, H^2).$$

THEOREM 3. – Let $\varepsilon_0 > 0$. Assume that $\Phi_{0\varepsilon} \in H^2(0 \le \varepsilon \le \varepsilon_0)$ and moreover

$$\sup_{\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0} \|\Phi_{0\varepsilon}\|_{\mathrm{H}^2} < \infty.$$
 (6)

Further assume that there exists some $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \Phi_{0\varepsilon} = \Phi_{00} \quad \text{in } H^{\alpha}.$$
 (7)

Let J = [-T, T] be such that there exists a unique solution $\Phi_{\varepsilon} \in C^2(J, L^2) \cap C^1(J, H^1) \cap C(J, H^2)$ of the initial value problem (3) for $\varepsilon > 0$ and a unique solution $\Phi_0 \in C^1(J, L^2) \cap C(J, H^2)$ of the initial value problem (5). Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \Phi_{\varepsilon} = \Phi_{0} \quad \text{in } C(J, H^{\alpha}).$$
(8)

Proofs

LEMMA 4. – There exists K > 0 such that for all $u \in H^2$ following inequalities hold:

$$\| u \|_{L^{\infty}} \leq K \| u \|_{L^{2}}^{1/4} \| \Delta u \|_{L^{2}}^{3/4},$$
(9)

$$\|\nabla u\|_{\mathbf{L}^{4}} \leq \mathbf{K} \|u\|_{\mathbf{L}^{2}}^{1/8} \|\Delta u\|_{\mathbf{L}^{2}}^{7/8}.$$
 (10)

Proof. – Let \hat{u} be the Fourier transform of u. The Plancherel Theorem implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \| u \|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} &\leq \| \hat{u} \|_{L^{1}}^{2} \leq \left(\int_{|x| \leq R} | \hat{u} |^{2} \right) \left(\int_{|x| < R} dx \right) \\ &+ \left(\int_{|x| \geq R} |x^{2} \hat{u}|^{2} \right) \left(\int_{|x| \geq R} \frac{dx}{|x|^{4}} \right) \leq C \left(R^{3} \| u \|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \frac{1}{R} \| \Delta u \|_{L^{2}}^{2} \right), \\ \| \nabla u \|_{L^{4}}^{4} &\leq \| x \hat{u} \|_{L^{4/3}}^{4} \leq \left(\int | \hat{u} |^{2} \right)^{2} \left(\int_{|x| < R} |x|^{4} dx \right) \\ &+ \left(\int_{|x| \geq R} |x|^{4} | \hat{u} |^{2} \right)^{2} \left(\int_{|x| \geq R} \frac{dx}{|x|^{4}} \right) \leq C \left(R^{7} \| u \|_{L^{2}}^{4} + \frac{1}{R} \| \Delta u \|_{L^{2}}^{4} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\mathbf{R} = \left(\frac{\|\Delta u\|_{\mathbf{L}^2}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2}}\right)^{1/2}$ we obtain (9) and (10).

LEMMA 5. – Assume $\epsilon_0 > 0$ and

$$\sup_{0<\epsilon\leq\epsilon_0} \|\Psi_{0\,\epsilon}\|_{H^2}\!<\!\infty.$$

Then there exists an interval J = [-T, T] such that if for each $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$ the initial value problem (2) has a solution $\Psi_{\varepsilon} \in C^1(J, L^2) \cap C(J, H^2)$ then

$$\sup_{0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0} \| \Psi_{\epsilon} \|_{C(J, H^2)} < \infty, \tag{11}$$

$$\sup\left\{\left\|\Psi_{\varepsilon}(t)\right\|_{L^{\infty}}: 0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_{0}, \ t \in J\right\} < \infty.$$
(12)

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Proof. – It is sufficient to prove (11) since (12) follows from (11) and the embedding theorem. In fact it is sufficient to prove

$$\sup_{0<\varepsilon\leq\varepsilon_0} \|\Psi_{\varepsilon}\|_{C([0,T],H^2)} < \infty,$$
(13)

since $t \in [-T, 0]$ is treated similarly.

In the proof of (13) we need the conservation of L^2 norm

$$\|\Psi_{\varepsilon}(t)\|_{L^{2}} = \|\Psi_{0\varepsilon}\|_{L^{2}} \qquad (t \in \mathbf{J})$$

$$(14)$$

which follows easily from (2) by scalar multiplication in L^2 by Ψ_{ϵ} .

Now we turn to the proof of (13). Apply the operator Δ to both sides of (2). It follows that $\omega = \Delta \Psi$ is the solution of the initial value problem.

$$i\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t} = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}}\alpha\nabla\omega + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\beta\omega + 2\lambda(\beta\Psi|\Psi)\beta\omega + 2\lambda[\Delta(\beta\Psi|\Psi)]\beta\Psi + 2\lambda\sum_{j}[\partial_{j}(\beta\Psi|\Psi)]\beta\partial_{j}\Psi + 2\lambda[\Delta(\beta\Psi|\Psi)]\beta\partial_{j}\Psi$$

$$\omega(0) = \omega_{0\varepsilon} := \Delta\Psi_{0\varepsilon}.$$
(15)

Multiplying by ω and taking the imaginary part we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \| \omega_{\varepsilon}(t) \|_{L^{2}}^{2} &\leq \mathbf{K} \int (|\Psi_{\varepsilon}|^{2} |\omega_{\varepsilon}|^{2} + |\Psi_{\varepsilon}| |\omega_{\varepsilon}| |\nabla \Psi_{\varepsilon}|^{2}) \\ &\leq \mathbf{K} (\|\Psi_{\varepsilon}\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} ||\omega_{\varepsilon}||_{L^{2}}^{2} + \|\Psi_{\varepsilon}\|_{L^{\infty}} ||\nabla \Psi_{\varepsilon}||_{L^{4}}^{2} ||\omega_{\varepsilon}||_{L^{2}}^{2}). \end{aligned}$$

From (9), (10) and (14) it follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \| \omega_{\varepsilon}(t) \|_{\mathrm{L}^2} \leq \mathrm{K} \| \omega_{\varepsilon}(t) \|_{\mathrm{L}^2}^{5/2}.$$

From this it follows that if $KT \| \Psi_{0 \epsilon} \|_{H^2}^{3/2} < 1$ then

$$\sup_{0 \le t \le \mathrm{T}} \|\Delta \Psi_{\varepsilon}(t)\| \le \left(\frac{\|\Psi_{0\varepsilon}\|_{\mathrm{H}^{2}}^{3/2}}{1 - \mathrm{KT} \|\Psi_{0\varepsilon}\|_{\mathrm{H}^{2}}^{3/2}}\right)^{2/3}.$$

Together with (14) this implies (13).

Let γ be a matrix and $j, k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. Define the functions

$$f_1(u): = (\gamma u | u) u, \qquad f_2(u): = (\gamma u | u)^2 u, f_3: = \partial_j f_1, \qquad f_4: = \partial_{jk}^2 f_1, \qquad f_5: = \partial_j f_2, \qquad f_6: = j_{jk}^2 f_2.$$

LEMMA 6. – The functions f_i , $i=1, \ldots, 6$, are locally Lipschitz continuous functions from H^2 to L^2 : for every K>0 there exists $C_K>0$ such that $\|u\|_{H^2} \leq K$, $\|u\|_{H^2} \leq K$ imply

$$\|f_j(u) - f_j(v)\|_{L^2} \leq C_K \|u - v\|_{H^2}$$
 (16)

Moreover for $\alpha = 0$ and 1

$$\|f_1(u) - f_1(u)\|_{\mathbf{H}^{\alpha}} \leq C_{\mathbf{K}} \|u - v\|_{\mathbf{H}^{\alpha}}.$$
 (17)

We omit the easy proof (which repeatedly uses Lemma 4 and the Embedding Theorem).

Define the mappings $N_{\epsilon}(\epsilon \ge 0)$ by

$$\begin{split} N_{0}(\Phi) &:= -\frac{\lambda}{2} (\beta \Phi \,\big| \, \Phi) \, \Phi \\ N_{\varepsilon}(\Phi) &:= \varepsilon \, F_{\varepsilon}(\Phi) + N_{0}(\Phi) \, (\varepsilon > 0). \end{split}$$

LEMMA 7. – (a) For $\varepsilon > 0$ the mapping N_{ε} is a locally Lipschitz continuous map from H^2 to H^1 : for every K > 0 there exists $c_K > 0$ such that $\|\Phi\|_{H^2} \leq K$, $\|\Psi\|_{H^2} \leq K$ imply

$$\left\| N_{\varepsilon}(\Phi) - N_{\varepsilon}(\Psi) \right\|_{H^{1}} \leq C_{K} \left\| \Phi - \Psi \right\|_{H^{2}}.$$

- (b) The mapping N_0 is a locally Lipschitz continuous map on H^2 .
- (c) There exists C>0 such that for all Φ , $\Psi \in H^2$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ the estimate

$$\| N_{0}(\Phi) - N_{0}(\Psi) \|_{H^{\alpha}} \leq C \left(\| \Phi \|_{H^{2}} + \| \Psi \|_{H^{2}} \right)^{2} \| \Phi - \Psi \|_{H^{\alpha}}.$$
(18)

Proof. – (a) and (b) are straightforward consequences of Lemma 6. To prove (c), fix Φ , Ψ and define the linear map $R_{\Phi, \Psi}$ by $R_{\Phi, \Phi}(\theta) = (\beta \Phi | \Phi) \theta + (\beta \Phi | \theta) \Psi + (\theta | \beta \Psi) \Psi$. Then

$$\mathbf{N}_0(\Phi) - \mathbf{N}_0(\Psi) = \mathbf{R}_{\Phi,\Psi}(\Phi - \Psi).$$

It is easy to show that $\|\mathbf{R}_{\Phi,\Psi}(\theta)\|_{H^{\alpha}} \leq C(\|\Phi\|_{H^{2}} + \|\Psi\|_{H^{2}})^{2} \|\theta\|_{H^{\alpha}}$ for $\alpha = 0$ and $\alpha = 1$ (in fact such estimate appears in the proof of Lemma 6). Since $\mathbf{R}_{\Phi,\Psi}$ is linear, the same estimate holds for all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

Proof of Theorem 1. – As mentioned in the Introduction, it is sufficient to prove the statement of Theorem 1 for the solution of the initial value problem (4), since it follows by standard methods that this solution is also solution of (2).

The substitution $U = e^{-i\beta t/2\varepsilon} \Phi$ transforms the initial value problem (4) into

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta U + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} U = N_{\epsilon}(U)$$

$$U(0) = U_{0\epsilon}: = \Phi_{0\epsilon}, \qquad \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}(0) = U_{1\epsilon}: = \Phi_{1\epsilon} - \frac{i\beta}{2\epsilon} \Phi_{0\epsilon}.$$
(19)

Converting this equation into an integral equation (cf. [4]) we find that any smooth solution of (4) is also a solution of

$$\Phi_{\varepsilon}(t) = \mathbf{I}_{\varepsilon}(t) \Phi_{0\varepsilon} + \mathbf{J}_{\varepsilon}(t) \Phi_{1\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{t} \mathbf{J}_{\varepsilon}(t-s) \mathbf{N}_{\varepsilon}(\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s)) ds$$
(20)

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with

$$I_{\varepsilon}(t) = e^{i\beta t/2\varepsilon} \left(\cos t A_{\varepsilon} - \frac{i\beta}{2\varepsilon} A_{\varepsilon}^{-1} \sin t A_{\varepsilon} \right), \qquad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\varepsilon}(t) = e^{i \beta t/2\varepsilon} \mathbf{A}_{\varepsilon}^{-1} \sin t \mathbf{A}_{\varepsilon}$$
(22)

and A_{ε} the positive square root of $\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\varepsilon A + \frac{1}{4} \right)$, $A = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta$, naturally defined in L².

We shall use the following well known result: let \mathscr{A} be a *m*-dissipative operator in a Hilbert space X and let $D(\mathscr{A})$ be its domain endowed with the graph norm. Let F be a locally Lipschitz continuous mapping on $D(\mathscr{A})$. Then for every $x_0 \in D(\mathscr{A})$ the initial value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \mathscr{A} x + F(x)$$
$$x(0) = x_0$$

has a maximal classical solution

t

$$x \in C^1([0, T_{\max}), X) \cap C([0, T_{\max}), D(\mathscr{A})).$$

Moreover if $T_{max} < \infty$ then

$$\lim_{X \to T_{\max}} \left(\left\| \mathscr{A} x(t) \right\|_{\mathbf{X}} + \left\| x(t) \right\|_{\mathbf{X}} \right) = \infty.$$

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. We apply the above result to the space $X = D(A_{\varepsilon}) \times L^2 = H^1 \times L^2$ endowed with the norm

$$||(u, v)||_{\mathbf{X}} = (||\mathbf{A}_{\varepsilon} u||_{\mathbf{L}^2}^2 + ||v||_{\mathbf{L}^2}^2)^{1/2},$$

to the operator A in X defined on $D(\mathscr{A}) = D(A_{\varepsilon}^2) \times D(A_{\varepsilon}) = H^2 \times H^1$ by

$$\mathscr{A}(u, v) = (v, -A_{\varepsilon}^{2} u),$$

and to the mapping F defined by

$$\mathbf{F}(u, v) = (0, \mathbf{N}_{\varepsilon}(u)).$$

Then \mathscr{A} is skew-adjoint and F is locally Lipschitz continuous on $D(\mathscr{A})$ by lemma 7. We conclude that there exists $T_{\varepsilon} > 0$ and a unique classical solution U_{ε} of (19) on $[0, T_{\varepsilon})$ and moreover that

$$\lim_{t \neq T_{\varepsilon}} \left(\left\| \mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}(t) \right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{2}} + \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}}{\partial t} \right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{1}} \right) = \infty$$

if $T_{\epsilon} < \infty$.

Since (19) and (4) are equivalent, it follows that there exists a unique classical solution Φ_{ϵ} of (4) on $[0, T_{\epsilon})$ and moreover that if $T_{\epsilon} < \infty$ then

$$\lim_{t \to T_{\varepsilon}} \left(\left\| \Phi_{\varepsilon}(t) \right\|_{H^{2}} + \left\| \frac{\partial \Phi_{\varepsilon}(t)}{\partial t} - \frac{i\beta}{2\varepsilon} \Phi_{\varepsilon}(t) \right\|_{H^{1}} \right) = \infty.$$

Since Φ_{ε} is the solution of (3) and since (3) is equivalent to (2), we can apply lemma 5 and conclude that if $T_{\varepsilon} < T$ (T is the number in that lemma) then $\lim_{t \to T_{\varepsilon}} \|\Phi_{\varepsilon}(t)\|_{H^{2}} < \infty$, consequently $\lim_{t \to T_{\varepsilon}} \left\|\frac{\partial \Phi_{\varepsilon}(t)}{\partial t}\right\|_{H^{1}} = \infty$. However the equation (2) implies $\left\|\frac{\partial \Phi_{\varepsilon}(t)}{\partial t}\right\|_{H^{1}} \leq C \|\Phi_{\varepsilon}(t)\|_{H^{2}}$ which leads to a contradiction is

tion.

This implies $T_{\varepsilon} \ge T$. From the symmetry of the equation (19) with respect to *t* we conclude that the maximal existence for Φ_{ε} (hence also for Ψ_{ε}) is in fact $(-T_{\varepsilon}, T_{\varepsilon})$.

Proof of Theorem 2. - Using the notation from the proof of Theorem 1, the initial value problem (5) can be written as

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = -i\beta A \Phi + i\beta N_0(\Phi)
\Phi(0) = \Phi_{00},$$
(23)

Since $-i\beta A$ is a skew adjoint operator in L² and N₀ is a locally Lipschitz map on D(A)=H² by Lemma 7, the conclusions of Theorem 2 are a straightforward application of the classical existence result that was used in the proof of Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 3. – Denote

$$I_0(t) = e^{-i\beta A t}$$

Then the solution of the initial value problem (23) [and consequently (5)] satisfies also the integral equation

$$\Phi_{0}(t) = I_{0}(t) \Phi_{00} + i \int_{0}^{t} \beta I_{0}(t-s) N_{0}(\Phi_{0}(s)) ds; \qquad (24)$$

note that β , A and $I_0(t)$ are diagonal commuting.

Using the representations (20) and (24) of the solutions Φ_{ϵ} and Φ_{0} , their difference can be written as

$$\Phi_{\varepsilon}(t) - \Phi_{0}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{6} L_{\varepsilon}^{(i)}(t),$$

where

$$L_{\varepsilon}^{(1)}(t) = [I_{\varepsilon}(t) - I_{0}(t)] \Phi_{00}$$

$$L_{\varepsilon}^{(2)}(t) = I_{\varepsilon}(t) (\Phi_{0_{\varepsilon}} - \Phi_{00})$$

$$L_{\varepsilon}^{(3)}(t) = J_{\varepsilon}(t) \Phi_{1_{\varepsilon}}$$

$$L_{\varepsilon}^{(4)}(t) = \int_{0}^{t} \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} J_{\varepsilon}(t-s) - i\beta I_{0}(t-s)\right] N_{0} (\Phi_{0}(s)) ds$$

$$L_{\varepsilon}^{(5)}(t) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{t} J_{\varepsilon}(t-s) \left[N_{\varepsilon}(\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s)) - N_{0}(\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s)) \right] ds$$
$$L_{\varepsilon}^{(6)}(t) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{t} J_{\varepsilon}(t-s) \left[N_{0}(\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s)) - N_{0}(\Phi_{0}(s)) \right] ds$$

We shall prove

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} L_{\varepsilon}^{(i)} = 0 \quad \text{in } C([0, T]; H^{\alpha})$$
(25_i)

for i = 1, ..., 5.

Since $\Phi_{00} \in H^{\alpha}$ and $N_0(\Phi_0(\cdot)) \in C([0, T]; H^2)$ by Theorem 2, the statements (25_1) and (25_4) follow directly from Lemma 2.2 in [5]. Noting the estimate

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \left(\left\| \mathbf{I}_{\varepsilon}(t) \right\|_{\mathscr{L}(\mathbf{L}^{2})} + \left\| \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathbf{J}_{\varepsilon}(t) \right\|_{\mathscr{L}(\mathbf{L}^{2})} \right) < \infty,$$
(26)

we see that (25_2) is a consequence of (7).

Similarly, the estimate

$$\begin{split} \epsilon \| \Phi_{1 \epsilon} \|_{H^{1}} &\leq C \left(\epsilon^{1/2} \| \Phi_{0 \epsilon} \|_{H^{2}} + \epsilon \| N_{0} \left(\Phi_{0 \epsilon} \right) \|_{H^{1}} \right) \\ &\leq C \left(\epsilon^{1/2} \| \Phi_{0 \epsilon} \|_{H^{2}} + \epsilon \| \Phi_{0 \epsilon} \|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \| \Phi_{0 \epsilon} \|_{H^{1}} \right) \end{split}$$

together with (6) and the Sobolev embedding theorem imply $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \epsilon \Phi_{1\epsilon} = 0$

in H^1 , therefore (25₃) follows from (26). Next

$$\|F_{\varepsilon}(\Phi)\|_{H^{1}} \leq C(\varepsilon \|\Phi\|_{L^{\infty}}^{4} + \varepsilon^{1/2} \|\Phi\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2} \|\Phi\|_{H^{2}}^{2} + \varepsilon^{1/2} \|\Phi\|_{W^{1,4}}^{4} \|\Phi\|_{L^{\infty}}^{2}),$$

hence it follows from (26) and Lemma 4 that

$$\left\| \mathbf{L}_{\varepsilon}^{(5)}(t) \right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{\alpha}} \leq \mathbf{C} \varepsilon \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \mathbf{F}_{\varepsilon}(\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s)) \right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{\alpha}} ds \leq \mathbf{C} \varepsilon \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \mathbf{F}_{\varepsilon}(\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s)) \right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{1}} ds$$

Using Lemma 4 and Lemma 5 [recall that in (11) and (12) Ψ_{ε} can be replaced by Φ_{ε}] it follows that $\|L_{\varepsilon}^{(5)}(t)\|_{H^{\alpha}} \leq C t \varepsilon^{1/2}$, hence the equality (24₅) is also proved. Using (26) once again we see that

$$\left\| L_{\varepsilon}^{(6)}(t) \right\|_{\mathrm{H}^{\alpha}} \leq C \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \Phi_{\varepsilon}(s) - \Phi_{0}(s) \right\|_{\mathrm{H}^{\alpha}} ds.$$

It follows that

$$\left\|\Phi_{\varepsilon}(t) - \Phi_{0}(t)\right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{\alpha}} \leq \mathbf{C}\left(a_{\varepsilon} + \int_{0}^{t} \left\|\Phi_{\varepsilon}(s) - \Phi_{0}(s)\right\|_{\mathbf{H}^{\alpha}} ds\right) \qquad (0 \leq t \leq \mathbf{T})$$

with $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} a_{\epsilon} = 0$. This implies (8) on [0, T]; the proof for [-T, 0] is identical.

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