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EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS OF SOME NONLINEAR WAVE EQUATIONS

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0. Introduction and Theorem

Let H be a real Hilbert space and A be a positive self adjoint operator in H. Let ϕ be a lower semi continuous proper convex function from H to $(-\infty,\infty]$ and $\partial \phi$ be the subdifferential of ϕ . Then we shall consider the following equation

(0.1)
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}u + Au + \partial \phi u \ni f(\cdot, u) \\ u(0) = a, \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(0) = b \quad \text{on } [0, T] \end{cases}$$

where T is a positive number.

The above equation was studied in Schatzman [3], [4], [5] and Maruo [2]. In this paper we prove the existence of a solution of the problem (0.1) under certain assumptions which are somewhat weaker than those of Schatzman [5] and Maruo [2].

In [5] Schatzman showed the existence and uniqueness of a solution of the following nonlinear wave equation

$$\left(\left(\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial t^{2}}u-\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}}u\right)(u-r)=0, \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial t^{2}}u-\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}}u\geq0\right)$$
in the sense of distributions in $[0,1]\times[0,T]$,
$$u(x,t)\geq r(x), \quad u(x,0)=u_{0}(x), \text{ for } x\in[0,1],$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t)=u_{1}(x) \text{ a.e. in } [0,1],$$

$$u(0,t)=u(1,t)=0 \text{ for } t\in[0,T],$$

where r is a continuous given function such that r(0)<0, r(1)<0 and $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}r(x)$ ≥ 0 (in the distribution sense). Set $K=\{f\in L_2(0, 1); f(x)\ge r(x)\}$. The equation (0.2) is rewritten as the following equation in $L_2(0, 1)$

(0.3)
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}u + Au + \partial I_K u \ni 0 \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(0) = u_1 \end{cases}$$

where
$$I(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u \in K \\ \infty & \text{if } u \notin K \end{cases}$$
 and

$$A = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$
 (Dirichlet problem).

We will show that we can apply our main theorem to this equation if only r is a continuous function satisfying r(0)<0, r(1)<0 to deduce the existence of a solution of (0.3). The solution of (0.3), however, does not always satisfy the locally energy conserving condition (see [5]). Hence we cannot get the uniqueness of a solution.

Let Ω be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n with smooth boundary and consider the case $\phi(u) = \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{p+1} dx$, p > 1. Then the equation (0.1) represents a nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation. It will be shown that if (n+2) > p(n-2), the result of this paper can be applied to (0.1) in this case. Note that when n=3 this inequality is satisfied for p=3.

Now we state notations which will be used throughout this paper. The inner product of H is denoted by (\cdot, \cdot) . When S is a Banach space, its norm is denoted by $|\cdot|_S$. We denote by V the domain of $A^{1/2}$ endowed with the graph norm. By $\partial \phi_{\lambda}$ and ϕ_{λ} we denote the Yosida approximations of $\partial \phi$ and ϕ respectively (i.e. $\partial \phi_{\lambda} x = \lambda^{-1} (1 - J_{\lambda})^{-1} x$ and $\phi_{\lambda}(x) = (2\lambda)^{-1} |x - J_{\lambda} x|_H^2 + \phi(J_{\lambda} x)$ where $J_{\lambda} = (1 + \lambda \partial \phi)^{-1}$).

Next we shall introduce the assumptions.

Let X_1 and X_2 be real Banach spaces.

Assumption 1. The following inclusion relations hold:

$$V \subset X_1 \subset H \subset X_2$$
 and $X_1 \subset \{\text{the dual space of } X_2\}$

where each inclusion mapping is continuous. Moreover X_1 is separable and the inclusion mapping from V to X_1 is compact. H is dense in X_2 .

Assumption 2. There exists $z \in V$ such that

$$(\partial \phi_{\lambda} x, x-z) \geq c_1 |\partial \phi_{\lambda} x|_{x_2} - c_2$$

for $x \in V$, $|x|_V \le R$ and $|\phi(x)| \le R$ where c_1 and c_2 are positive constants depending only on R and z.

Assumption 3. The continuous function f from $[0, T] \times H$ to H satisfies

for any $t \in [0, T]$ and $x, y \in H$

$$|f(t, x)-f(t, y)|_{H} \leq h(t)|x-y|_{H},$$

 $|\frac{d}{dt}f(t, x)|_{H} \leq h(t)(1+|x|_{H})$

where h is a function belonging to $L_1(0, T)$.

Assumption 4. The closure of $D(\phi) \cap V$ in H is equal to the closure of $D(\phi)$ in H.

Clearly V and X_1 are dense in H. By assumption H is dense in X_2 . We use the same notation (\cdot, \cdot) as the inner product of H to denote the pairings between V, X_1, X_2 and their corresponding duals.

Now we define the solution of (0.1).

DEFINITION. We say that a function $u \in C([0, T]; X_1) \cap W^1_{\infty}(0, T; H)$ is a solution of the equation (0.1) when it satisfies the following requirements;

- 1) For any $t \in [0, T]$ $u(t) \in D(\phi) \cap V$.
- 2) There exist weak right and left derivatives $\frac{d^{\pm}}{dt}u(t) \in H$ for any $t \in [0, T]$. Moreover for any $t \in [0, T]$

$$|\frac{d^{\pm}}{dt}u(t)|_{H}^{2}+|u(t)|_{V}^{2}+2\phi(u(t)) \leq |b|_{H}^{2}+|a|_{V}^{2}+2\phi(a)$$

$$+2\int_{0}^{T}(f(s, u(s)), \frac{d}{ds}u(s)) ds$$

(with necessary modifications at 0 and T).

3) There exists a linear functional F on $C([0, T]; X_1)$ such that

$$F(v-u) \leq \int_0^T \phi(v(s)) ds - \int_0^T \phi(u(s)) ds$$

for any $v \in C([0, T]; X_1)$ and

$$\int_0^T \left(\frac{d}{ds} u(s), \frac{d}{ds} v(s)\right) ds + \int_0^T \left(f(s, u(s)) - Au(s), v(s)\right) ds + (b, v(0)) - \left(\frac{d}{dt} u(T), v(T)\right) = F(v)$$

for any $v \in C([0, T]; X_1) \cap L_1(0, T; V) \cap W^1_{\infty}(0, T; H)$.

4) The initial conditions are satisfied in the following sense

$$u(0) = a, b - \frac{d}{dt} u(0) \in \partial I_{\kappa_0} a$$

where K_0 is the closure of the domain of ϕ , I_{K_0} is the indicator function of

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 K_0 and ∂I_{K_0} is the subdifferential of I_{K_0} .

We state the theorem.

Theorem. Let a and b be given elements satisfying

$$a \in V \cap D(\phi)$$
, $b \in H$.

Then under the assumptions 1, 2, 3 and 4 we have at least one solution of (0.1).

To prove the above theorem we consider the following approximate equations for $\lambda > 0$

(0.4)
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} u_{\lambda} + Au_{\lambda} + \partial \phi_{\lambda} u_{\lambda} = f(\cdot, u_{\lambda}) \\ u_{\lambda}(0) = a, \quad \frac{d}{dt} u_{\lambda}(0) = b. \end{cases}$$

In the next section using a method similar to that of [2] we shall investigate the convergence of the solutions of the approximate equations (0.4). In section 2 we prove the theorem. In section 3 we show some examples.

1. Convergence of approximate solutions

In this section under the assumptions 1, 2, 3 and 4 we shall study the convergence of the solutions of (0.4). In what follows let initial values a and b belong to $V \cap D(\phi)$ and H respectively.

First we show some properties of the approximate solutions.

Lemma 1. For any $\lambda > 0$ we have solutions of the problem (0.4) such that

$$u_{\lambda} \in C([0, T]; H) \cap L_{\infty}(0, T; V) \cap W^{1}_{\infty}(0, T; H) \cap W^{2}_{\infty}(0, T; V^{*})$$

where V^* is the dual space of V.

Proof. See p. 289 Barbu [1].

Lemma 2. We hold the following equality and inequality

1)
$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} u_{\lambda}(t) \right|_{H}^{2} + \left| u_{\lambda}(t) \right|_{V}^{2} + 2\phi_{\lambda} (u_{\lambda}(t))$$

$$= \left| b \right|_{H}^{2} + \left| a \right|_{V}^{2} + 2\phi_{\lambda}(a) + 2 \int_{0}^{t} (f(s, u_{\lambda}(s)), \frac{d}{ds} u_{\lambda}(s)) ds$$

2)
$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} u_{\lambda}(t) \right|_{H}^{2} + \left| u_{\lambda}(t) \right|_{V}^{2} + 2\phi_{\lambda}(u_{\lambda}(t))$$

 $\leq C_{1}(|b|_{H}^{2} + |a|_{H}^{2} + |a|_{V}^{2} + 1)$

where C_1 is a constant depending only on h and T.

Proof. See Lemma 2.2 in [2].

Lemma 3. There exists a constant independent of λ such that

$$\int_0^T |\partial \phi_{\lambda} u_{\lambda}(s)|_{X_2} ds \leq Constant.$$

Proof. In the inequality of assumption 2 we put $x=u_{\lambda}(t)$. From Lemma 2 the constants c_1 and c_2 are independent of λ . Replacing $\partial \phi_{\lambda} u$ by $-(u_{\lambda}''+Au_{\lambda}-f(\cdot,u_{\lambda}))$, integrating over [0,T], using the integration by parts and noting 2) of Lemma 2 we get the conclusion of the Lemma.

Lemma 4. We have a continuous function u from [0, T] to H such that a subsequence $\{u_{\lambda_i}\}$ of the sequence $\{u_{\lambda}\}$ converges uniformly to u in H as $\lambda_i \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. In view of 2) of Lemma 2 $|u_{\lambda}(t)|_{V}$ is uniformly bounded. Hence from the assumption 1 we know that $\{u_{\lambda}(t)\}$ is a relatively compact subset of H for any $t \in [0, T]$. From 2) of Lemma 2 $\{u_{\lambda}\}$ is uniformly continuous. Thus using Ascoli-Arzela's theorem this lemma is proved.

For simplicity we denote this subsequence by $\{u_{\lambda}\}$.

Lemma 5. There exists a subsequence $\{\lambda_j\}$ of $\{\lambda\}$ such that $\{u_{\lambda_j}\}$ converges to u in $C([0, T]; X_1)$, $\left\{\frac{d}{dt}u_{\lambda_j}\right\}$ converges to $\frac{d}{dt}u$ in weak*- $L_{\infty}(0, T; H)$ and $\{u_{\lambda_j}(t)\}$ weakly converges to u(t) in V for any $t \in [0, T]$. Hence we know that

$$u \in C([0, T]; X_1) \cap W^1_{\infty}(0, T; H)$$

and

$$u(t) \in D(\phi) \cap V$$
 for any $t \in [0, T]$.

Proof. From 2) of Lemma 2 it is easy to prove that some subsequence $\left\{\frac{d}{dt}u_{\lambda_j}\right\}$ converges to $\frac{d}{dt}u$ in weak*- $L_{\infty}(0, T; H)$. Since $\{u_{\lambda_j}(t)\}$ is bounded in V it follows from Lemma 4 that $\{u_{\lambda_j}(t)\}$ weakly converges to u(t) in V. Next we assume that there exists a sequence $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ such that

(1.1)
$$\begin{cases} \lim_{i \to \infty} t_i = t_{\infty}, \\ |u(t_i) - u(t_{\infty})|_{X_1} \ge \delta_0 > 0 \text{ and } t_i \in [0, T] \\ \text{for } i = 1, 2, \cdots. \end{cases}$$

Since $|u(t_i)|_V$ is bounded there exists a subsequence $\{u(t_{ij})\}$ which converges

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to some element w of X_1 . On the other hand u is continuous in H. Hence $w=u(t_\infty)$. The above results contradict (1.1). Thus u is continuous in X_1 . Combining that for any $t \in [0, T]$ $\{u_{\lambda j}(t)\}$ is a relatively compact set in X_1 , that $\{u_{\lambda j}\}$ is uniformly convergent to u in H and that u is continuous in X_1 we can prove that $\{u_{\lambda j}\}$ is uniformly convergent to u in X_1 .

For simplicity we denote the subsequence $\{\lambda_j\}$ by $\{\lambda\}$.

We denote $\int_0^t \partial \phi_{\lambda} u_{\lambda}(t) dt$ by $\rho_{\lambda}(t)$ for any $t \in [0, T]$. Then ρ_{λ} belongs to $W^1_{\infty}([0, T]; H)$.

Lemma 6. There exists a subsequence $\{\lambda_j\} \subset \{\lambda\}$ such that for $\alpha \in X_1$ and $t \in [0, T]$, $\{(\rho_{\lambda_j}(t), \alpha)\}$ converges.

Proof. From Lemma 3 for any $\alpha \in X_1$ we know that the total variation of the function $\{(\rho_{\lambda}(t), \alpha)\}$ on [0, T] is uniformly bounded in λ . Noting that X_1 is separable and using Helly's choice theorem and the diagonal method we have a subsequence $\{\lambda_j\}$ such that

$$\lim_{\lambda_{j} \to 0} (\rho_{\lambda_{j}}(t), \alpha)$$
 exists for any $\alpha \in X_{1}$.

For simplicity we denote $\{\lambda_j\}$ by $\{\lambda\}$.

Put

$$\int_0^t (\partial \phi_{\lambda} u_{\lambda}(s), v(s)) \ ds = F_{\lambda,t}(v) \quad \text{for } v \in C([0, T]; X_1) \text{ and } t \in [0, T].$$

Lemma 7. For each $t \in [0, T]$ there exists a linear continuous functional F_t on $C([0, T]; X_1)$ such that

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} F_{\lambda,t}(v) = F_t(v) \text{ for any } v \in C([0, T]; X_1).$$

Proof. Combining Lemmas 3 and 6 and approximating v by step functions we can prove this lemma.

Lemma 8. For any $v \in C([0, T]; X_1)$ there exist

right
$$\lim_{t \to t_0} F_t(v)$$
 and left $\lim_{t \to t_0} F_t(v)$

where $t_0 \in [0, T]$ (with necessary modifications at 0 and T).

Proof. From Lemma 7 it follows

$$|F_{i}(v) - F_{s}(s)| \leq \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \int_{s}^{t} |\partial \phi_{\lambda} u_{\lambda}(\tau)|_{X_{2}} d\tau \cdot \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} |v(\tau)|_{X_{1}}.$$

Combining this inequality with Lemma 3 we see that $F_t(v)$ is of bounded variation. Thus the lemma is proved.

We put

$$\lim_{t\to r} F_t(v) = F(v).$$

Lemma 9. For any $t \in [0, T]$ there exist weak right and left derivatives $\frac{d^{\pm}}{dt}$ u(t) in H (with necessary modifications at 0 and T).

Proof. Let v be an arbitrary element of $C^1([0, T]; X_1) \cap C([0, T]; V)$. Forming the inner product of (0.4) and v and integrating by parts we get

(1.2)
$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}u_{\lambda}(t),v(t)\right) = (b,v(0)) + \int_{0}^{t} \left(\frac{d}{ds}u_{\lambda}(s),\frac{d}{ds}v(s)\right)ds + \int_{0}^{t} (f(s,u_{\lambda}(s)) - Au_{\lambda}(s),v(s))ds - F_{\lambda,t}(v).$$

From Lemmas 4, 5 and 7, the right side of the above equality converges for any $t \in [0, T]$ as $\lambda \to 0$. Since $\left\{ \frac{d}{dt} u_{\lambda}(t) \right\}$ is uniformly bounded in H in view of Lemma 2, it follows that $\left\{ \frac{d}{dt} u_{\lambda}(t) \right\}$ converges weakly in H for any $t \in [0, T]$. Put

$$Y_0 = \{t \in [0, T]; \text{ weak } \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{d}{dt} u_{\lambda}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} u(t)\}$$
.

Put $v(t)=v_0 \in V$ in (1.2). We know that the total variation on Y_0 of the right side of (1.2) is uniformly bounded for λ . Hence the total variation on Y_0 of $\left(\frac{d}{dt}u(t), v_0\right)$ is bounded. Thus using that V is dense in H we have the existence of

weak left
$$\lim_{t \in \mathbf{r}_0, t \to t_0} \frac{d}{dt} u(t)$$
 and weak right $\lim_{t \in \mathbf{r}_0, t \to t_0} \frac{d}{dt} u(t)$.

Therefore this lemma is proved.

Lemma 10. Let $v \in C([0, T]; X_1)$ and $v(t) \in D(\phi)$ for a.e $t \in [0, T]$. Then it follows

$$\overline{\lim_{t\to T}} \, \overline{\lim_{\lambda\to 0}} \, \int_0^t \left(\phi_{\lambda}(v(s)) - \phi_{\lambda}(u_{\lambda}(s))\right) \, ds \leq \int_0^T \left(\phi(v(s)) - \phi(u(s))\right) \, ds \; .$$

Proof. From Lemma 4 and 5 the sequence $\{J_{\lambda}u_{\lambda}(t)\}$ converges to u(t). Since ϕ is lower semi continuous it follows

$$\underline{\lim_{\lambda\to 0}} \phi_{\lambda}(u_{\lambda}(t)) \geq \underline{\lim_{\lambda\to 0}} \phi(J_{\lambda}u_{\lambda}(t)) \geq \phi(u(t)).$$

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From Theorem 2.2 in [1] (p. 57) we have

$$\phi_{\lambda}(v(t)) \leq \phi(v(t))$$
 and $\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \phi_{\lambda}(v(t)) = \phi(v(t))$.

Combining the above two results and Fatou's lemma we can prove our assertion.

Lemma 11. The function u satisfies the initial conditions in the sense stated in 4) of Definition.

Proof. For any $v \in D(\phi) \cap V$ from (1.2) it follows

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}u(t), v-u(t)\right) - (b, v-a)$$

$$= \int_0^t (f(s, u(s)) - Au(s), v-u(s)) ds - \int_0^t \left(\frac{d}{ds}u(s), \frac{d}{ds}u(s)\right) ds$$

$$-F_t(v-u) \equiv I_1 - I_2 + I_3.$$

The left side of the above tends to $\left(\frac{d^+}{dt}u(0)-b, v-a\right)$ as $t\to 0$. From $u\in L_{\infty}(0, T; V)\cap W^1_{\infty}(0, T; H)$ we have

$$\lim_{t\to 0} I_1 = 0$$
 and $\lim_{t\to 0} I_2 = 0$.

On the other hand from Lemmas 5 and 7 it follows

$$F_t(v-u) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} F_{\lambda,t}(v-u_{\lambda}).$$

Hence arguing as in the proof of Lemma 10

$$\lim_{t\to 0} F_t(v-u) \leq \overline{\lim}_{t\to 0} \lim_{\lambda\to 0} \int_0^t (\phi_{\lambda}(v) - \phi_{\lambda}(u_{\lambda}(s))) ds = 0.$$

Thus

$$\left(\frac{d^+}{dt}u(0)-b, v-a\right) \ge 0$$
 for any $v \in D(\phi) \cap V$.

Therefore using the assumption 4 we obtain

$$b-\frac{d^+}{dt}u(0)\in\partial I_{K_0}a$$
.

2. The proof of Theorem

Combining the definition of the subdifferential and Lemma 5, 7 and 10 we have the first half of 3) in Definition of the solution. From Lemmas 4, 5, 7

(1.2), 1) and the second half of 3) follow. Combining 2) of Lemmas 2, 5 and 9 we have 2) in Definition. From Lemma 11 we know 4). Thus the proof of the theorem is complete.

3. Examples

Example 1. Let Ω be a bounded domain in R^n with a smooth boundary. Set

$$H=L_2(\Omega),\, X_1=L_{p+1}(\Omega),\, X_2=L_{(p+1)/p}(\Omega)$$
 , $A=-\Delta$ (Dirichlet problem) and $\phi(u)=\int_\Omega |u(x)|^{p+1}\, dx$

where p>1.

Then we know $\partial \phi u = (p+1)|u|^{p-1}u$.

Putting $w_{\lambda} = (1 + \lambda \partial \phi)^{-1} f$ we have $\partial \phi_{\lambda}(f) = \partial \phi(w_{\lambda})$, $|w_{\lambda}(x)| \leq |f(x)|$ and $w_{\lambda}(x) \cdot f(x) \geq 0$. Hence it follows that

$$(\partial \phi_{\lambda} f, f) = (p+1) \int_{\Omega} |w_{\lambda}(x)|^{p} |f(x)| dx \ge (p+1) \int_{\Omega} |w_{\lambda}(x)|^{p+1} dx$$

and

$$|\partial \phi_{\lambda} f|_{X_{2}} = (p+1) \left(\int_{\Omega} |w_{\lambda}(x)|^{p+1} dx \right)^{p/(p+1)}.$$

Then we have

$$(\partial \phi_{\lambda} f, f) \geq (p+1)^{-1/p} |\partial \phi_{\lambda} f|_{X_{2}}^{(p+1)/p} > (p+1)^{-1/p} (|\partial \phi_{\lambda} f|_{X_{2}} - 1).$$

Thus the assumption 2 is satisfied.

If (n+2)>p(n-2) using Sobolev's lemma we know that the assumption 1 is satisfied. Since $A=-\Delta$ (Dirichlet problem) it is easy to show the assumption 4.

EXAMPLE 2. Put $H=L_2(0, 1)$, $X_1=C([0, 1])$, $X_2=L_1(0, 1)$ and $A=-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ (Dirichlet problem).

Let r be a continuous function on [0, 1] such that r(0) < 0 and r(1) < 0. Set

$$K = \{ f \in L_2(0, 1); f(x) \ge r(x) \text{ a.e } x \in [0, 1] \}$$
.

Let $\phi = I_K$ which is the indicator function of K. From Sobolev's lemma the assumptions 1 and 4 follow. We choose a function $\theta \in C^1([0, 1])$ such that $\theta(0) = \theta(1) = 0$ and $\theta(x) - r(x) \ge \delta_0 > 0$ for any $x \in [0, 1]$. Since

$$\partial \phi_{\lambda} f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f(x) \geq r(x) \\ \lambda^{-1} (f(x) - r(x)) & \text{if } f(x) < r(x) \end{cases},$$

and f(x) < r(x) implies

$$\theta(x) - f(x) > \theta(x) - r(x) \ge \delta_0$$

we have

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$$(\partial \phi_{\lambda} f, f - \theta) \geq \delta_0 |\partial \phi_{\lambda} f|_{X_2}$$
.

Hence the assumption 2 holds with $z=\theta$, $c_1=\delta_0$ and $c_2=0$.

EXAMPLE 3. Let K be a closed convex set in H with inner points and $X_1=H=X_2$. Let A be a positive self adjoint operator in H and V be Domain $(A^{1/2})$ endowed with the graph norm of $A^{1/2}$. If an inclution mapping from V to H is compact it follows that the assumption 1 holds. From Lemma 2.3 in [2] we have the assumption 2.

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