

# PERIODICAL SOLUTIONS OF POISSON MULTI-TIME LINEAR EQUATIONS

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*In this paper, we study the differential equation*

$$\Delta x - q(t) \cdot x = 0, \quad t \in [0, T^1] \times \dots \times [0, T^p] \subset \mathbb{R}^p,$$

*Where  $p=1$  is Hill's equation.*

*We will consider the periodic solutions of this equation. We will study the minimum of the action that produces Poisson multi-time linear equation. Using minimizing sequences, we show that the action has a minimum periodical point  $x$  which is solution for Poisson multi-time linear equation.*

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## 1. Introduction

The differential equations  $x'' - q(t)x = 0$ , with periodic boundary conditions  $x(0) = x(T)$ ,  $x'(0) = x'(T)$ , was first examined by G.W. Hill in [22].

This differential equation of this work extends the case of Hill's equation. In the paper we will note by  $W_T^{1,2}$  the Sobolev spaces of the functions  $x \in L^2[T_0, R]$  which have the weak derivative  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \in L^2[T_0, R]$  [5], where  $T_0 = [0, T^1] \times \dots \times [0, T^p] \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  [17,12].

The weak derivatives are defined using the space  $C_T^\infty$  of all indefinitely differentiable multiple  $T$ -periodic functions from  $\mathbb{R}^p$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We denote by  $H_T^1$  the Hilbert space  $W_T^{1,2}$ . The geometry on  $H_T^1$  is realized by the scalar product

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \int_{T_0} \left( x(t)y(t) + \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t^\alpha}(t) \frac{\partial y}{\partial t^\beta}(t) \right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p,$$

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and the associated Euclidian norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . These are induced by the scalar product (Riemannian metric)

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta^{\alpha\beta} \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } R^{1+p}.$$

Let  $t = (t^1, \dots, t^p)$  be a generic point in  $R^p$ .

The opposite faces of the parallelepiped  $T_0$  can be described by the equations

$$S_\alpha^- : t^\alpha = 0, \quad S_\alpha^+ : t^\alpha = T^\alpha \text{ for each } \alpha = 1, \dots, p.$$

We denote

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{L^2} &= \int_{T_0} x^2(t) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p, \\ \left\| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right\|_{L^2} &= \int_{T_0} \left( \delta^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t^\alpha}(t) \frac{\partial x}{\partial t^\beta}(t) \right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p, \end{aligned}$$

The Poisson multi-time linear equation with periodic boundary conditions is

$$\Delta x - q(t) \cdot x = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$x|_{S_\alpha^-} = x|_{S_\alpha^+}, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}|_{S_\alpha^-} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}|_{S_\alpha^+}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, p.$$

## 2. Action that produces Poisson multi-time linear equation

We consider the multi-time variable  $t = (t^1, \dots, t^p) \in R^p$ , the functions

$$x : R^p \rightarrow R, \quad (t^1, \dots, t^p) \rightarrow x(t^1, \dots, t^p),$$

and we denote  $x_\alpha = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t^\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

The Lagrange functions

$$L : R^{p+1+p} \rightarrow R, \quad \left( t, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right) \rightarrow L\left( t, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right)$$

give the Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t^\alpha} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_\alpha} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, p \quad [17]$$

(second order **PDE<sub>s</sub>** equation on the  $n$ -dimensional space).

We consider the Lagrangian

$$L : T_0 \times R \times R^p \rightarrow R, \quad \left(t, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}\right) \rightarrow L\left(t, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}\right)$$

$$L\left(t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right) = \left|\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right|^2 + q(t)x^2(t)$$

where  $q : T_0 \rightarrow R$ .

The function that realizes the minimum of the action

$$\varphi(x) = \int_{T_0} L\left(t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p$$

verifies a **PDE<sub>s</sub>** (1).

### 3. Continuously differentiable action

The next theorem establishes some conditions in which the action

$$\varphi : W_T^{1,2} \rightarrow R, \quad \varphi(x) = \int_{T_0} \left( \left|\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right|^2 + q(t)x^2(t) \right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p.$$

is continuously differentiable.

#### Theorem 1.

Let

$$L : T_0 \times R \times R^p \rightarrow R, \quad (t, x, y) \rightarrow L(t, x, y),$$

$$L\left(t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right) = \left|\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right|^2 + q(t)x^2(t)$$

where  $q : T_0 \rightarrow R$ , is integrable function.

If there is  $M \in R^+$ , such that  $|q(t)| \leq M$ , for any  $t \in T_0$ , then functional  $\varphi$

defined by  $\varphi(x) = \int_{T_0} L\left(t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t)\right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p$

is continuously differentiable on  $W_T^{1,2}$ , and his gradient derives from the formula

$$(\nabla \varphi(x), z) = \int_{T_0} \left[ \left( \nabla_x L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right), z(t) \right) + \left( \nabla_y L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right), \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(t) \right) \right] dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \quad (2)$$

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove that  $\varphi$  has the derivative  $\varphi'(x) \in (W_T^{1,p})^*$  given by the relation (2) and that the function

$$\varphi'(x) \in W_T^{1,p} \rightarrow (W_T^{1,p})^*, \quad x \rightarrow \varphi'(x)$$

is continuous.

For  $x$  and  $y$  fixed in  $W_T^{1,2}$ ,  $t \in T_0$ ,  $\lambda \in [-1, 1]$ , let

$$F(\lambda, t) = L \left( t, x(t) + \lambda z(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) + \lambda \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(t) \right)$$

and

$$\psi(\lambda) = \int_{T_0} F(\lambda, t) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p = \varphi(x + \lambda y).$$

Because

$$\left| \nabla_x L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right) \right| = |2q(t) \cdot x(t)| \leq 2M \cdot |x(t)| \in L^2(T_0, R^+)$$

and

$$\left| \nabla_y L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right) \right| = \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right| \in L^2(T_0, R^+)$$

we have

$$|\nabla_\lambda F(\lambda, t)| \leq d(t) \in L^1(T_0, R^+).$$

Thus, Leibniz formula of differentiation under integral is applicable and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(0) &= \int_{T_0} D_\lambda F(0, t) dt \\ &= \int_{T_0} \left[ \left( \nabla_x L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right), z(t) \right) + \left( \nabla_y L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right), \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(t) \right) \right] dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \\ &= \int_{T_0} \left( 2q(t)x(t)z(t) + 2\delta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t^\alpha}(t) \frac{\partial z}{\partial t^\beta}(t) \right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\psi'(0) = \int_{T_0} \left( 2q(t)x(t)z(t) + 2 \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(t) \right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p$$

and with Cauchy-Schwartz inequality we find

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(0) &\leq 2 \left( \int_{T_0} \left| \left( q(t)x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right) \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \int_{T_0} \left| \left( z(t), \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(t) \right) \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq c \cdot \|z\|. \end{aligned}$$

The Krasnoselski theorem implies that the application

$$x \rightarrow \left( \nabla_x L \left( \cdot, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right) \right)$$

from  $W_T^{1,2}$  to  $L^1 \times L^2$  is continuous, so  $\varphi'$  is continuous from  $W_T^{1,2}$  into  $(W_T^{1,2})^*$  and the proof is complete.

#### 4. Poisson multi-time linear equation

##### Theorem 2.

Let be the Lagrangian

$$L : T_0 \times R \times R^p \rightarrow R, \left( t, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right) \rightarrow L \left( t, x, \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right), \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

$$L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right) = \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right|^2 + q(t)x^2(t)$$

where  $q : T_0 \rightarrow R$ .

If  $q$  is integrable and bounded real function, then exist  $x$  that minimizes the action

$$\varphi(x) = \int_{T_0} L \left( t, x(t), \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t) \right) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \text{ in } H_T^1$$

and the Dirichlet problem

$$\Delta x - q(t)x(t) = 0, \quad x|_{S_\alpha^+} = x|_{S_\alpha^-}, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}|_{S_\alpha^+} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}|_{S_\alpha^-} \quad \text{has at least one solution.}$$

*Proof.* For  $u \in H_T^1$  we use the decomposition  $u = \bar{u} + \tilde{u}$ , where

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{T_1 \dots T_p} \int_{T_0} u(t) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p.$$

The convexity of function

$$P(t, x(t)) = q(t)x^2(t)$$

implies

$$P(t, x(t)) \geq P(t, \bar{x}) + (\nabla P(t, \bar{x}), x(t) - \bar{x}).$$

It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &= \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + \int_{T_0} P(t, \bar{x}) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + \\ &\quad + \int_{T_0} (\nabla P(t, \bar{x}), x(t) - \bar{x}) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \\ &= \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + \int_{T_0} P(t, \bar{x}) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + \\ &\quad + \int_{T_0} (\nabla P(t, \bar{x}), \tilde{x}(t)) dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Schwartz inequality we can write

$$(\nabla P(y, \bar{x}), \tilde{x}(t)) \leq |\nabla P(y, \bar{x})| \cdot |\tilde{x}(t)| \leq C_1 |\tilde{x}(t)|, \quad C_1 > 0$$

The function  $q(t)$  is integrable. It follows

$$\varphi(x) \geq \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + C_2 - C_1 \int_{T_0} |\tilde{x}(t)| dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p$$

Because the function  $\tilde{x}(t)$  has the mean zero, we can use the Wirtinger inequality [1] and we find

$$\varphi(x) \geq \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + C_2 - C_3 \left( \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The function of degree two from the right side of the inequality is bounded below since the action  $\varphi(x)$  is bounded below. Let  $(u_k)$  be a minimizing sequence for the action  $\varphi$ .

We have

$$\varphi(x_k) \geq \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p + C_2 - C_3 \left( \int_{T_0} \left| \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial t} \right|^2 dt^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dt^p \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

This means that the limit of  $\|x_k\|$  is not  $\infty$  because the sequence  $\varphi(x_k)$  is bounded below. So, the sequence  $(x_k)$  is bounded in  $H_T^1$ . The Hilbert space  $H_T^1$  is reflexive and  $\varphi$  is a continuously, convex function bounded below.

By consequence the action  $\varphi$  has a minimum point  $x \in H_T^1$  that verifies Euler-Lagrange equations (1) and periodic boundary conditions because  $x$  has the weak derivatives and weak divergence  $\Delta x$  [1].

## 5. Conclusions

This work generalizes the case of Hill's equation [22]. We establish the conditions under which the action that produces the Poisson multi-time linear equation has a minimum on  $H_T^1$ . The function  $x$  that realizes the minimum of action, verifies Euler-Lagrange equation (the differential equation  $\Delta x - q(t) \cdot x = 0$ ) and respects the boundary conditions

$$x|_{S_\alpha^+} = x|_{S_\alpha^-}, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \Big|_{S_\alpha^+} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \Big|_{S_\alpha^-}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

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