

Spectral stability of shock profiles in hyperbolically regularized systems of conservation laws

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This talk reports a proof that under natural assumptions on mappings

$$g, f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$$

heteroclinic travelling wave solutions

$$u(t, x) = v(x - st), \quad v(\pm\infty) = u^\pm$$

to the hyperbolically regularized system of conservation laws

$$g(u)_t + f(u)_x = -u_{tt} + u_{xx}$$

are spectrally stable, if their amplitude $|u^+ - u^-|$ is sufficiently small. This means that an associated Evans function $D : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$ an open superset of the closed right half plane $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \geq 0\}$, has only one zero, namely a simple zero at 0.

The result is analogous to one obtained in [1] and [2] for parabolically regularized system of conservation laws,

$$g(u)_t + f(u)_x = u_{xx}$$

and also distinctly extends findings of Mascia and Zumbrun [3] (cf. also Ueda's work with energy estimates in [4]) on the Jin-Xin relaxation case

$$u_t + f(u)_x = -u_{tt} + u_{xx}.$$

It should pave the way towards a treatment of the same question for systems of the form

$$g(u)_t + f(u)_x = B[u]$$

where B is a more general second-order hyperbolic operator, as occur notably in relativistic fluid dynamics [5, 6].

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