

Existence of traveling wave solutions to a nonlocal scalar equation with sign-changing kernel

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Introduction

We consider the following nonlocal scalar equation

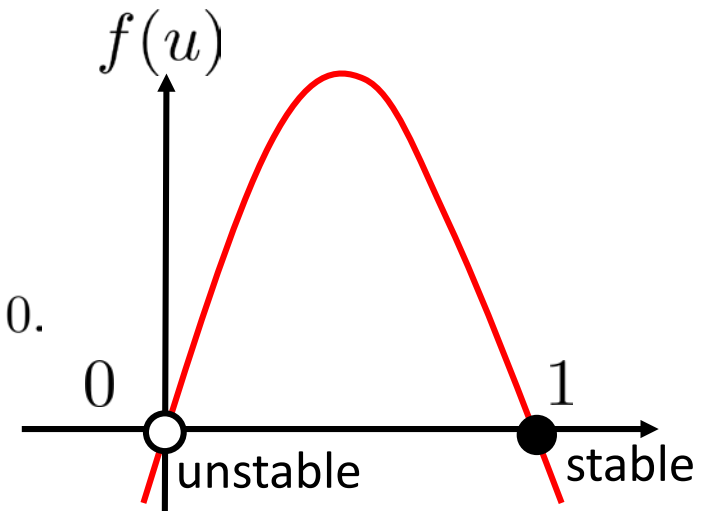
$$u_t = \underbrace{du_{xx}}_{\text{Diffusion}} + \underbrace{K * u - \alpha u}_{\text{Nonlocal effects}} + \underbrace{f(u)}_{\text{Reaction}}, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $u(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$, $d \geq 0$, $K * u(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} K(x - y)u(t, y)dy$, $\alpha := \int_{\mathbb{R}} K(y)dy$

Condition

(K1) $C(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}) \ni K \not\equiv 0$, $K(x) = K(-x)$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}} K(y)dy = \alpha \geq 0$

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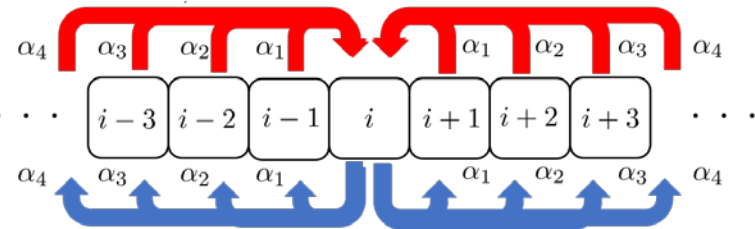
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- Nonlocal-diffusion [V. Huston et al. (2003)F. A. Vaillo et al. (Springer, 2006)]

$$u_t = K * u - \alpha u, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sum_j \alpha_{|i-j|} u_j - \left(\sum_j \alpha_j \right) u_i$$

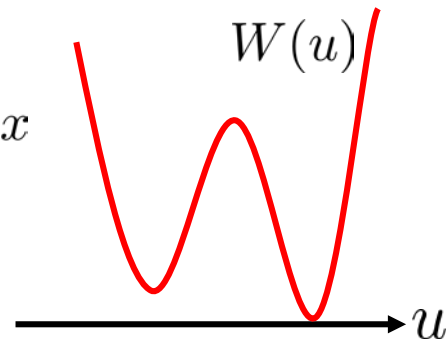


- Phase transition [P. W. Bates et al. (1997, 2005, ...)]

$$E(u) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} K(x - y)(u(x) - u(y))^2 dx dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} W(u(x)) dx$$

L^2 - gradient flow

$$u_t = K * u - \alpha u - W'(u), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$



- Neural science [J. D. Murray (1993)]
- Pattern formation problem [S. Kondo (2017), S.-I. Ei, H. I., S. Kondo, T. Miura, Y. Tanaka (preprint)]
- dispersal motion of cell or organism [V. Huston (2003)]

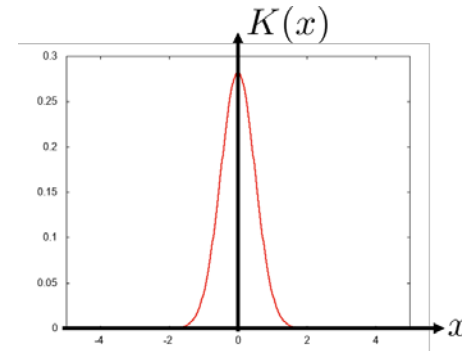
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$K(x)$: non-negative function

There are many results of localized patterns.

- J. Coville and C. Dupaigne (2007)
- H. Yagishita (2009)
- Y. -J. Sun, W.-T. Li and Z.-C. Wang (2011)



$K(x)$: sign-changing function

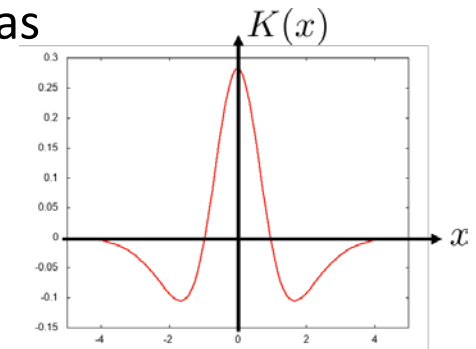
There are few results. In numerical simulation, this equation has

→ **spatial periodic solutions** (induced by Turing instability)

[J. Siebert, E. Schöll (2015), S. Kondo(2017)]

→ **non-monotonic traveling wave solutions**

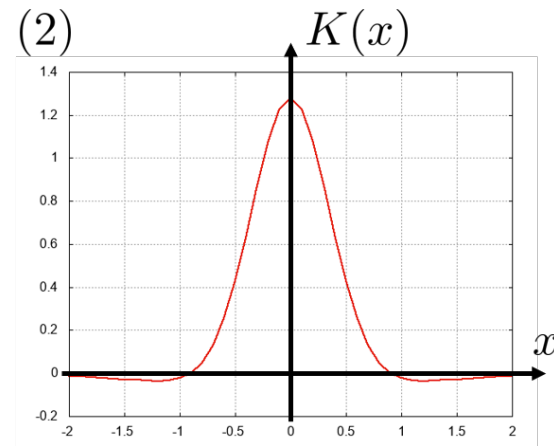
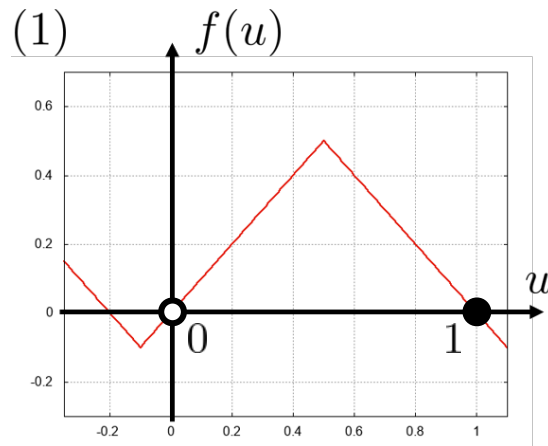
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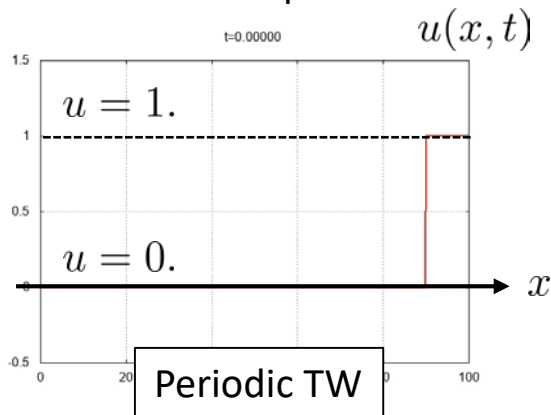
Numerical simulation

$$u_t = du_{xx} + K * u - \alpha u + f(u), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

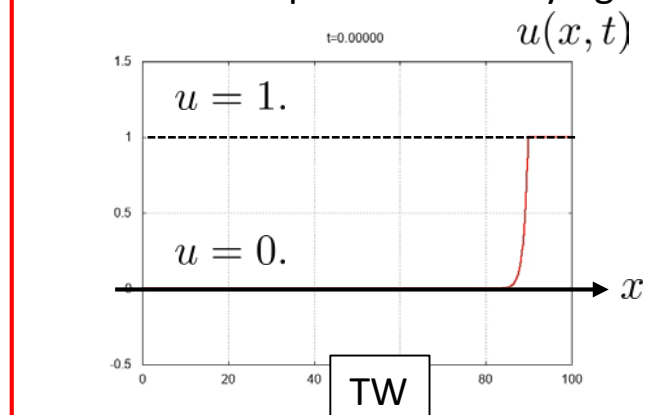
When the kernel has negative parts, this equation does not have comparison principle.



Initial data: step function



Initial data: exponential decaying function



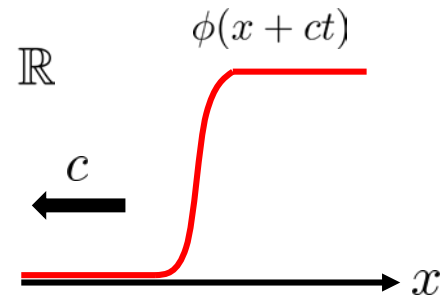
Traveling wave solution

$$u_t = du_{xx} + K * u - \alpha u + f(u), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

Today, we consider that the existence of traveling wave solutions connecting two states.

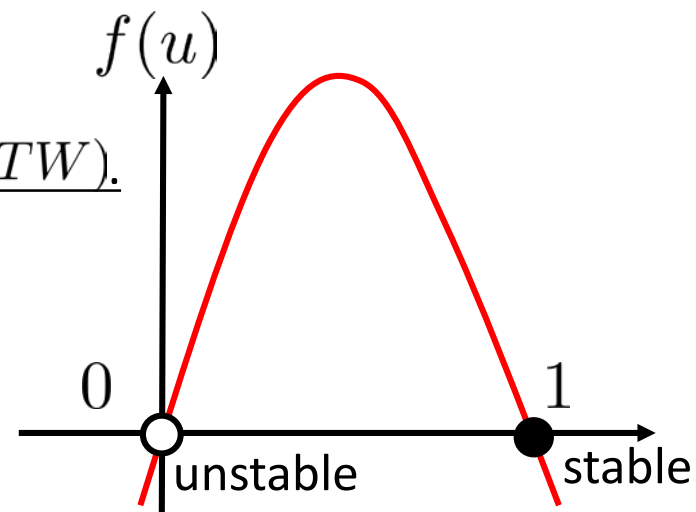
$$u(t, x) = \phi(x + ct) = \phi(\xi) \quad (\text{wave speed } c, \text{ wave profile } \phi)$$

$$(TW) \begin{cases} c\phi'(\xi) = d\phi''(\xi) + K * \phi(\xi) - \alpha\phi(\xi) + f(\phi(\xi)), & \xi \in \mathbb{R} \\ \phi(-\infty) = 0, \quad \phi(+\infty) = 1. \end{cases}$$



The existence of the traveling wave solutions when $K \geq 0$ (p.73).

When K has negative parts, there is no results of the existence of traveling wave solutions satisfying (TW).
(to the best of my knowledge).



Motivation

We show the existence of traveling wave solutions satisfying

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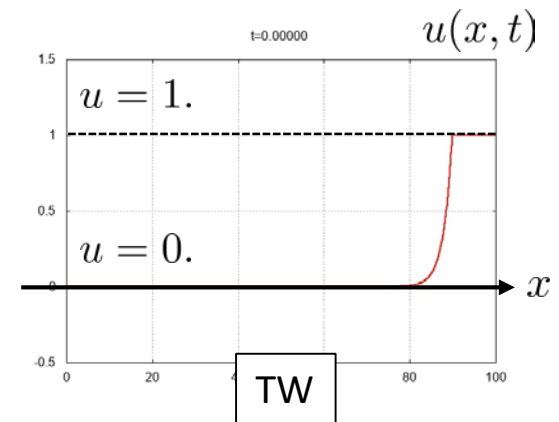
We always assume that

(K1) $C(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}) \ni K \not\equiv 0$, $K(x) = K(-x)$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}} K(y)dy = \alpha \geq 0$

(K2) $\forall \lambda > 0$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |K(x)|e^{-\lambda x}dx < \infty$

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(F2) $f(u) \leq f'(0)u$ for $u \in [0, u^+]$,
for some constant $u^+ > 1$.



Main results

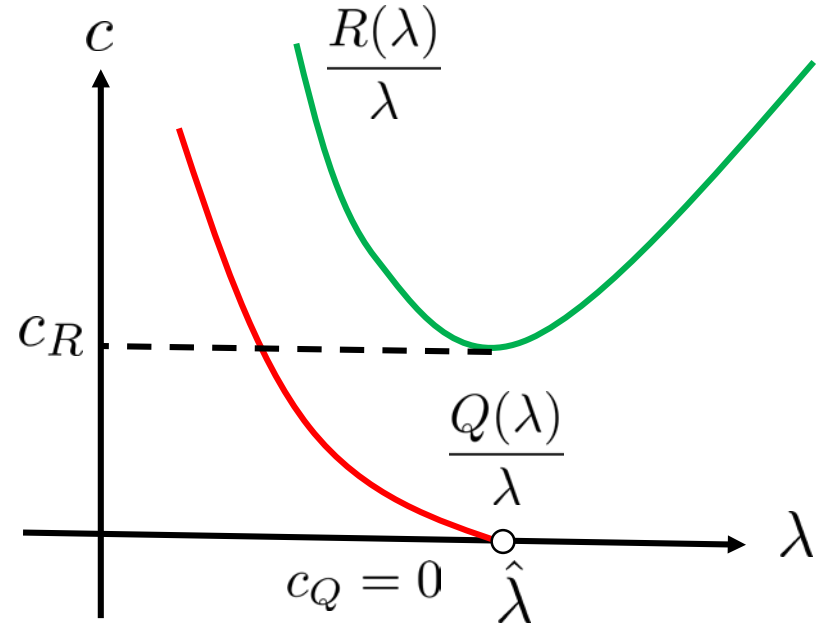
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Define

$$K^+(x) := \max\{K(x), 0\}, \text{ (positive part)}$$

$$K^-(x) := \max\{-K(x), 0\} \text{ (negative part)}$$

- $K(x) = K^+(x) - K^-(x)$
- $|K(x)| = K^+(x) + K^-(x)$



We define two quantities

$$c_Q := \inf_{\lambda \in (0, \hat{\lambda})} \frac{Q(\lambda)}{\lambda}, \quad Q(\lambda) := d\lambda^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} K(y)e^{-\lambda y} dy - \alpha + f'(0),$$

$$c_R := \inf_{\lambda \in (0, \infty)} \frac{R(\lambda)}{\lambda}, \quad R(\lambda) := d\lambda^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |K(y)|e^{-\lambda y} dy - \alpha + f'(0),$$

where $\hat{\lambda}$ is defined to be the first positive zero of $Q(\lambda)$, if it exists, otherwise, set $\hat{\lambda} = \infty$.

Main results

Assumption 3.2

(1) $\exists \eta \in (0, 1)$ s.t. $f(u) = f'(0)u$ for $u \in [0, \eta]$.

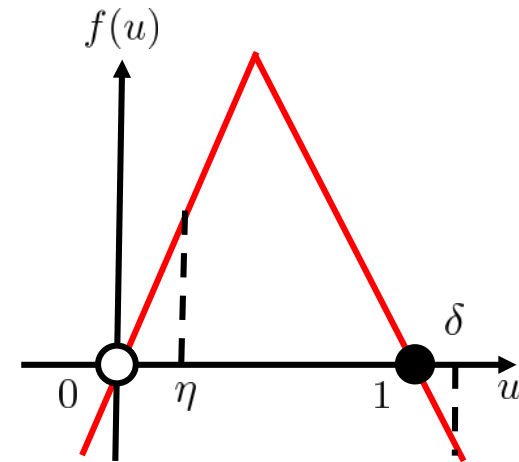
linear

(2) f satisfies $f'(0) > \alpha$.

(3) K satisfies

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} K^-(y) dy \leq \min \left\{ \frac{-f(\delta)}{\delta}, \frac{(f'(0) - \alpha)\eta}{\delta} \right\}$$

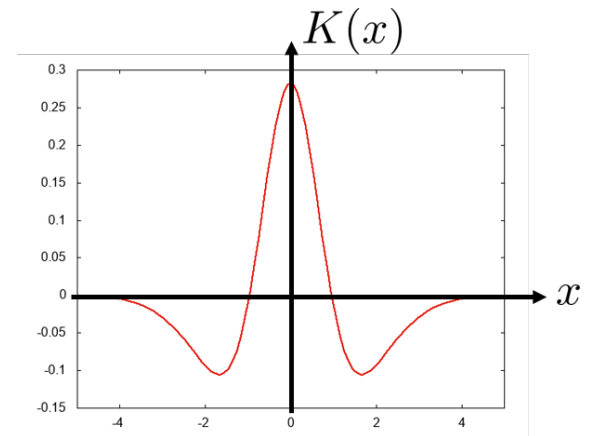
for some constant $\delta \in (1, u^+)$.



Example

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} 2 - 2u, & u > \frac{1}{2}, \\ 2u, & u \leq \frac{1}{2}, \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} K^+(y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}} K^-(y) dy \leq \frac{2}{3}$$



Main results

$$(TW) \begin{cases} c\phi'(\xi) = d\phi''(\xi) + K * \phi(\xi) - \alpha\phi(\xi) + f(\phi(\xi)), & \xi \in \mathbb{R} \\ \phi(-\infty) = 0, \phi(+\infty) = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$C_b^k(X) := \{\phi \in C^k(X) \mid \sup_{\xi \in X} |\phi^{(j)}(\xi)| < \infty \ (j = 0, 1, \dots, k)\}, \ (X \subset \mathbb{R}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

Theorem 3.4 [S.-I. Ei, J.-S. Guo, H. I., C.-C. Wu (2020, JMAA), H. I. (Master's thesis)]

Let Assumption 3.2 be enforced.

Then for any $c > c_R$ there exists the wave profile $\phi > 0$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} c\phi'(\xi) = d\phi''(\xi) + K * \phi(\xi) - \alpha\phi(\xi) + f(\phi(\xi)), & \xi \in \mathbb{R} \\ \phi(-\infty) = 0, \quad \underline{\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(\xi) > 0}. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if $\phi \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $c > \max\{c_R, c_K\}$, then $\phi(+\infty) = 1$.

Here,

$$c_K := \sqrt{\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} |K(y)| dy\right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} y^2 |K(y)| dy\right)}.$$

Remark $d > 0 \Rightarrow \phi \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$, $d = 0, f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \phi \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$

Remark This result does not need the stability of $u = 1$ in the sense of PDE.

Outline of proof (The existence of the positive wave profile)

$$(TW1) \quad c\phi'(\xi) = d\phi''(\xi) + K * \phi(\xi) - \alpha\phi(\xi) + f(\phi(\xi)), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition 4.1

Given a constant $c > 0$. A pair of continuous functions $\{\bar{\phi}, \underline{\phi}\}$ are upper and lower solutions of (TW1) if $\bar{\phi}, \underline{\phi} \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \setminus A)$,

$$c\bar{\phi}'(\xi) \geq d\bar{\phi}''(\xi) + (K^+ * \bar{\phi})(\xi) - \underline{(K^- * \phi)}(\xi) - \alpha\bar{\phi}(\xi) + f(\bar{\phi}(\xi)), \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R} \setminus A,$$

$$c\underline{\phi}'(\xi) \leq d\underline{\phi}''(\xi) + (K^+ * \underline{\phi})(\xi) - \underline{(K^- * \bar{\phi})}(\xi) - \alpha\underline{\phi}(\xi) + f(\underline{\phi}(\xi)), \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R} \setminus A,$$

for some finite set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$.

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Proposition 4.3

Suppose that there exists a pair of upper-lower-solution $\{\bar{\phi}, \underline{\phi}\}$ such that

- (1) $\underline{\phi}, \bar{\phi} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, u^+]$,
- (2) $\underline{\phi}(\xi) \leq \bar{\phi}(\xi) \quad (\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R})$,
- (3) $\bar{\phi}'(z-) \geq \bar{\phi}'(z+), \quad \underline{\phi}'(z-) \leq \underline{\phi}'(z+), \quad (\forall z \in A)$.

Then (TW1) has a solution ϕ such that $\underline{\phi} \leq \phi \leq \bar{\phi}$ in \mathbb{R} .

Idea of Proof : [S. Ma (2001)]

$$\Gamma := \{\psi \in C(\mathbb{R}) \mid \underline{\phi} \leq \psi \leq \bar{\phi}\}$$

The integral operator $P_d^c : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \quad \exists(c, \phi)$ satisfying (TW1) $\Leftrightarrow \phi = P_d^c[\phi]$ (p.77)

To use Schauder's fixed point theorem, we check the property of P_d^c .

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Lemma 4.2

Let Assumption 3.2 be enforced. For a given $c > c_R$, we set

$$\bar{\phi}(\xi) = \min\{\underline{e^{\lambda\xi} + he^{\nu\lambda\xi}}, \delta\} \quad \underline{\phi}(\xi) = \begin{cases} \underline{e^{\lambda\xi} - he^{\nu\lambda\xi}}, & \xi \leq \xi_M, \\ \eta, & \xi \geq \xi_M. \end{cases}$$

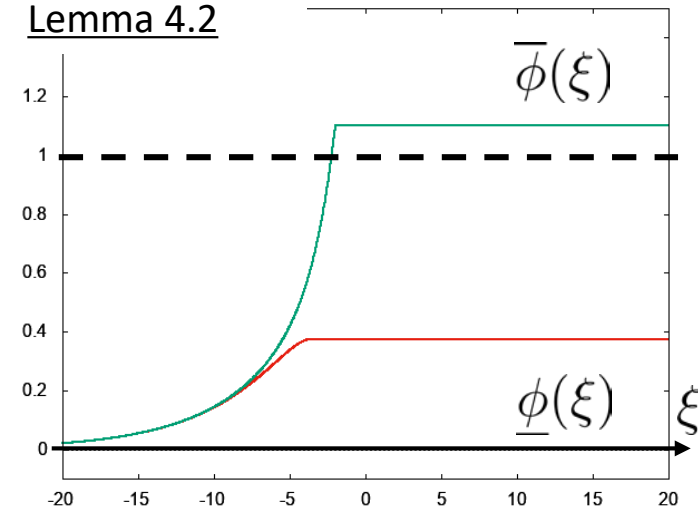
for suitable constants λ, ν, h, ξ_M .

Then the functions $\{\bar{\phi}, \underline{\phi}\}$ are upper and lower solutions of (TW1).



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Outline of proof (Asymptotic behavior)

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Using L^2 estimates based on [M.Alfalo and J.Coville (2012)], we can gain this lemma.

Lemma 4.4

$$c > c_K \text{ and } \phi \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \phi' \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } \phi'(+\infty) = 0.$$

Idea of proof

We multiply (TW1) by ϕ' and then integrate from $-q < 0$ to $p > 0$ to get

$$\underline{cI_{p,q}} \leq \sqrt{I_{p,q}} \left(\int_{-q}^p \{(K * \phi - \alpha\phi)(\xi)\}^2 d\xi \right)^{1/2} + C_1 \leq \underline{c_K \sqrt{I_{p,q}^2 + C_2 I_{p,q}} + C_1},$$

where $I_{p,q} = \int_{-q}^p (\phi')^2 dx$ and C_1, C_2 are positive constants.

$$\int_{-q}^p \{K * \phi(\xi) - \alpha\phi(\xi)\}^2 d\xi = \int_{-q}^p \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_0^1 K(\xi - y)(y - \xi)\phi'(\xi + s(y - \xi)) ds dy \right\}^2 d\xi \leq c_K^2 (I_{p,q} + C_2),$$

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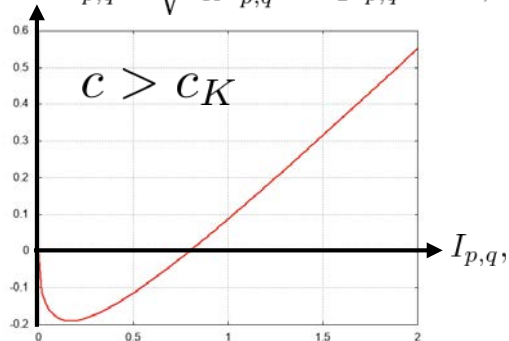
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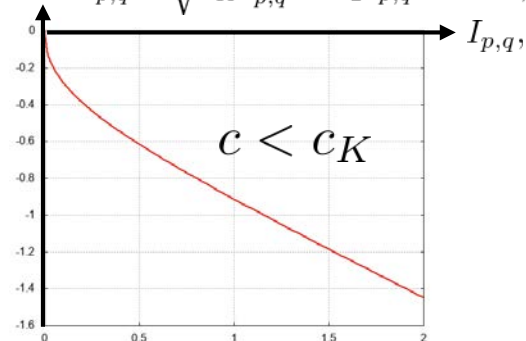
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$$cI_{p,q} - \sqrt{c_K I_{p,q}^2 + C_2 I_{p,q}} \rightarrow \infty, \quad (I_{p,q} \rightarrow \infty)$$



$$cI_{p,q} - \sqrt{c_K I_{p,q}^2 + C_2 I_{p,q}} \rightarrow -\infty, \quad (I_{p,q} \rightarrow \infty)$$



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Proposition 4.5

$$c > c_K \text{ and } \phi \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \underline{\phi(+\infty) \text{ exists and satisfies } f(\phi(+\infty)) = 0.}$$

Summary

1. When the kernel has small negative parts and the nonlinear term satisfies suitable condition, we could prove the existence of traveling wave solutions with positive wave profile.

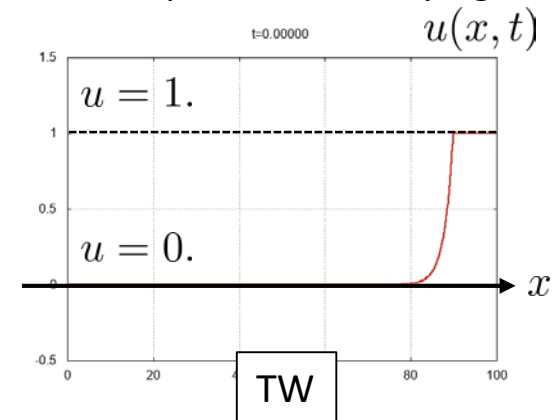
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2. In particular, the sufficiently rapid traveling waves connect two constant states.

Future work

- Stability
- Minimal speed
- Uniqueness
- Pulsating front

Initial data: exponential decaying function



Thank you for your attention