

# The Asymptotic Behavior of Solutions for a Nonlinear Higher Order Kirchhoff Type Equation<sup>①</sup>

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the author deals with the nonlinear higher order Kirchhoff type equation with weak dissipation

$$u_t + \left( \int_{\Omega} |D^m u|^2 dx \right)^q (-\Delta)^m u + \beta u_t + g(u) = 0 \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0$$

in a bounded domain, where  $m > 1$  is a positive integer, and  $q > 0$  is a positive constant. The author studies the asymptotic behavior of solutions to this equation in  $E_0 = H^m(\Omega) \times H(\Omega)$  and proves that the solutions to this equation are of asymptotic stability.

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In this paper, the main purpose is to study the asymptotic behavior of the solutions to a nonlinear higher order Kirchhoff type equation. To formalize this problem, we take  $\Omega$  be an open bounded set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) with smooth boundary  $\Gamma$ . Let us denote by  $\nu(x)$  the unit normal vector at  $x \in \Gamma$  outside of  $\Omega$  and let us consider the following initial boundary value problem:

$$u_t + \left( \int_{\Omega} |D^m u|^2 dx \right)^q (-\Delta)^m u + \beta u_t + g(u) = 0, \text{ in } Q = \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \quad (1)$$

$$u(x, t) = 0, \frac{\partial^i u}{\partial \nu^i} = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1, \text{ on } \Sigma = \Gamma \times (0, +\infty) \quad (2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \text{ in } x \in \Omega \quad (3)$$

where  $u$  is the transverse displacement and the function  $g \in C^1$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$\liminf_{|s| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G(s)}{s^2} \geq 0, G(s) = \int_0^s g(r) dr \quad (4)$$

$$\limsup_{|s| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|g'(s)|}{|s|^\gamma} = 0 \quad (5)$$

where  $0 \leq \gamma < +\infty$  ( $n=1, 2$ ),  $0 \leq \gamma < 2$  ( $n=3$ ),  $\gamma=0$  ( $n \geq 4$ ). Furthermore, there exists  $C_1 > 0$  such that

$$\liminf_{|s| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{sg(s) - C_1 G(s)}{s^2} \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

For example, when  $g(u) = |u|^\gamma u$ , then (4)–(6) hold with  $C_1 = 1 + \gamma$ . Problem (1)–(3) has its origin from the mathematical description of small amplitude vibrations of an elastic string<sup>[1]</sup>. In fact, a mathematical model deflecting an elastic string of length  $L > 0$  is given by the mixed problem for the nonlinear wave equation

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$$\rho h \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \left\{ p_0 + \frac{Eh}{2L} \int_0^L \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx \right\} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \text{ for } 0 < x < L, t \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

where  $u$  is the lateral deflection,  $x$  is the space coordinate,  $t$  is the time coordinate,  $E$  is the Young's modulus,  $\rho$  is the mass density,  $h$  is the cross section area and  $p_0$  is the initial axial tension. Kirchhoff was the first one to introduce (7) in the study of oscillations of stretched strings and plates, so that (7) is named after Kirchhoff as the wave equation of Kirchhoff type. The existence of global solutions and exponential decay to Kirchhoff equation (1) have been investigated by many authors<sup>[2-6]</sup>. Especially, when  $m=q=1$ ,  $g(u) = |u|^\gamma u$ , and  $0 \leq \gamma < \frac{2}{n-2}$  ( $n \geq 3$ ), Papadopoulos and Stavrakakis<sup>[6]</sup> have proved the global existence of solutions and blow-up results for (1) on  $R^n$ . There are some authors who have studied the solutions of nonlinear elliptic equation<sup>[7]</sup> and nonlinear parabolic equation<sup>[8-9]</sup>.

Throughout this paper we define  $H(\Omega) = L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $(u, v) := \int_\Omega u(x)v(x)dx$ ,  $\forall u, v \in L^2(\Omega)$ , and  $\|u\| = \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ . We also set  $E_0 = H^m(\Omega) \times H(\Omega)$ .

we will study the asymptotic behavior of solutions for problem (1)–(3). The main result of the paper is as follows.

**Theorem 1** Assume that  $(u_0, u_1) \in E_0$ , then the problem (1)–(3) admits a unique global solution  $u$  satisfying

$$u \in C(0, +\infty; H^m(\Omega)), u_t \in C(0, +\infty; H(\Omega))$$

Moreover, there exists a  $t_0 > 0$  and a constant  $\rho_0 > 0$  such that

$$\|D^m u(t)\|^2 + \|u_t(t)\|^2 \leq \rho_0^2, \text{ for } t \geq t_0 \quad (8)$$

**Proof** We apply the methods of Galerkin approximation to equation(1) of which the key step is priori estimates. By (4), (6), and apply the Poincaré inequality, there exist constants  $K_1, K_2 > 0$  only depending on  $u$ , such that

$$\int_\Omega G(u(x))dx + \eta \|D^m u\|^2 + K_1 \geq 0, \forall u \in H^m \quad (9)$$

$$\int_\Omega u g(u)dx - C_1 \int_\Omega G(u(x))dx + \eta \|D^m u\|^2 + K_2 \geq 0, \forall u \in H^m \quad (10)$$

We take the scalar product in  $H$  of equation (1) with  $\tilde{u} = u_t + \alpha u$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha_0$  will be chosen later. After a computation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2 \int_\Omega G(u)dx \right) + \\ \alpha \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + (\beta - \alpha) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 - \\ \alpha(\beta - \alpha) \int_\Omega u \tilde{u} dx + \alpha \int_\Omega g(u)u dx = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \int_\Omega g(u)u dx \geq \alpha C_1 \int_\Omega G(u)dx - \frac{\alpha}{4} \|D^m u\|^2 - \alpha K_2 \geq \\ \alpha C_1 \int_\Omega G(u)dx - \frac{\alpha}{4} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} - C(q) - \alpha K_2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $C(q)$  is a constant. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\beta - \alpha) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 - \alpha(\beta - \alpha) \int_\Omega u \tilde{u} dx \geq \\ (\beta - \alpha) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 - \frac{\alpha(\beta - \alpha)}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \|D^m u\| \|\tilde{u}\| \geq \\ (\beta - \alpha) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{4} \|D^m u\|^2 - \frac{\alpha(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1} \|\tilde{u}\|^2 \geq \\ \left( \beta - \alpha - \frac{\alpha(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1} \right) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{4} \|D^m u\|^2 \geq \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\beta - \alpha - \frac{\alpha(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1}\right) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{4} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} - C(q)$$

where  $\lambda_1$  is a constant,  $\lambda_1 = \inf_{v \in H^m, v \neq 0} \frac{\|\nabla^m v\|^2}{\|v\|^2}$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx \right) + \\ & \left( \beta - \alpha - \frac{\alpha(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1} \right) \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + \\ & \alpha C_1 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx \leq \alpha K_2 + 2C(q) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Choose  $\alpha_0$  such that

$$\alpha_0 \left( 1 + \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1} \right) = \frac{\beta}{2}$$

Since  $1 + \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1} > 1$ , and  $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$ , we have

$$\beta - \alpha - \frac{\alpha(\beta - \alpha)^2}{\lambda_1} \geq \frac{\beta}{2} \geq \alpha_0 \geq \alpha$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx \right) + \\ & \alpha \left( \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2C_1 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx \right) \leq 2\alpha K_2 + 4C(q) \end{aligned}$$

Set  $\delta = \min(\alpha, \alpha C_1)$  and then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx + 2K_1 \right) + \\ & \delta \left( \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx + 2K_1 \right) \leq \\ & 2\alpha K_2 + 4C(q) + 2\delta K_1 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Set

$$y(t) = \|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} \|D^m u\|^{2q+2} + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u) dx + 2K_1$$

From condition (9) we know  $y(t) \geq 0$  and (13) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{d}{dt} y(t) + \delta y(t) \leq 2\alpha K_2 + 4C(q) + 2\delta K_1$$

By Gronwall's inequality, we obtain

$$y(t) \leq y(0)e^{-\delta t} + \frac{2\alpha K_2 + 4C(q) + 2\delta K_1}{\delta} (1 - e^{-\delta t}), \quad t \geq 0 \quad (14)$$

For any bounded subset  $B$  of  $E_0$ ,  $(u_0, u_1) \in B$ ,  $\|D^m u_0\|^{2q+2}$  and  $\int_{\Omega} G(u_0) dx$  are bounded, too. Hence

$$R = R(B) = \sup_{(u_0, u_1) \in B} y(0) =$$

$$\sup_{(u_0, u_1) \in B} \left\{ \|u_1 + \alpha u_0\|^2 + \|D^m u_0\|^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u_0) dx + 2K_1 \right\} < +\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{(u_0, u_1) \in B} y(t) \leq \frac{2\alpha K_2 + 4C(q) + 2\delta K_1}{\delta} \equiv \mu_0^2 \quad (15)$$

Let  $\mu_1 > \mu_0$  be fixed, and

$$t_0 = t_0(R, \mu_1) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \frac{R}{\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}$$

for any  $t \geq t_0$ , we have  $y(t) \leq \mu_1^2$  and

$$\|D^m u(t)\|^2 + \|u_t(t)\|^2 =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \| D^m u(t) \|^2 + \| u_t(t) + \alpha u(t) - \alpha u(t) \|^2 \leq \\
& \| D^m u(t) \|^2 + 2( \| u_t(t) + \alpha u(t) \|^2 + \alpha^2 \| u(t) \|^2 ) \leq \\
& \| D^m u(t) \|^2 + 2 \| u_t(t) + \alpha u(t) \|^2 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\lambda_1} \| D^m u(t) \|^2 \leq \\
& \left( 1 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\lambda_1} \right) \| D^m u(t) \|^2 + 2 \| u_t(t) + \alpha u(t) \|^2 \leq \\
& \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\lambda_1}, 2 \right\} ( \| D^m u(t) \|^2 + \| u_t(t) + \alpha u(t) \|^2 ) \leq \\
& \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\lambda_1}, 2 \right\} y(t) \leq \\
& \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\lambda_1}, 2 \right\} \mu_1^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\| D^m u(t) \|^2 + \| u_t(t) \|^2 \leq \rho_0^2, \text{ for } t \geq t_0$$

where  $\rho_0^2 = \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{\lambda_1}, 2 \right\} \mu_1^2$ . The proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

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## 非线性高阶 Kirchhoff 型方程解的渐近性

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摘要: 本文考虑有界区域上弱耗散非线性高阶 Kirchhoff 型方程

$$u_{tt} + \left( \int_{\Omega} |D^m u|^2 dx \right)^q (-\Delta)^m u + \beta u_t + g(u) = 0 \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0$$

这里  $m > 1$  为正整数,  $q > 0$  为正常数. 研究了该方程在  $E_0 = H^m(\Omega) \times H(\Omega)$  中解的渐近性态, 证明了该方程的解是渐近稳定的.

关键词: Kirchhoff 型方程; 高阶; 渐近性