

Global well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the mass-subcritical NLS with initial data in a modulation space

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Motivation

A Cauchy problem for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation

- Understand signal transmission in long nonlinear optical fibers.



- Governing equation is a cubic one-dimensional NLS

$$i\partial_t u = -\partial_{xx} u - |u|^2 u, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

- Initial condition

$$u_0 := u(\cdot, t = 0) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f_n(\cdot - n),$$

where f_n are selected from a finite set of functions.

- L^2 -theory is not applicable, as u_0 is neither decaying nor periodic.

Motivation

Why modulation spaces?

Short-time Fourier transform w.r.t. window function $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$ is

$$V_g f(x, k) = \mathcal{F}(g(\cdot - x)f)(k), \quad x, k \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Norm on modulation spaces $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} = \left\| \left\| k \mapsto \left(1 + |k|^2\right)^{\frac{s}{2}} \|V_g f(\cdot, k)\|_p \right\|_q \quad s \in \mathbb{R}, p, q \in [1, \infty].$$

- $u_0 \in L^\infty$, but: $e^{it\Delta} : L^p \rightarrow L^p$ iff $p = 2$.
- On the other hand: $u_0 \in M_{\infty,q}^s$ and $e^{it\Delta} : M_{p,q}^s \rightarrow M_{p,q}^s$.

Global well-posedness result

Theorem (C.)

Cauchy problem for mass sub-critical NLS

$$iu_t = -\Delta u \pm |u|^{\beta-1} u \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}, \quad u(\cdot, t=0) = u_0 \in M_{p,p'},$$

where $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $\beta \in \left(1, 1 + \frac{4}{d}\right)$ and $p \in (2, p_{\max})$ with $p_{\max} = p_{\max}(d, \beta)$,
is globally well-posed in the space

$$C(\mathbb{R}, L^2) \cap L_{loc}^{\frac{2}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\beta+1}\right)}}(\mathbb{R}, L^{\beta+1}) + C(\mathbb{R}, M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}).$$

- Sum of spaces corresponds to high-low frequency decomposition.
- Hundertmark, Kunstmann, Pattakos and C. (2017): $d = 1$, $\beta = 3$,
 $\tilde{p}_{\max} = 2 + \frac{1}{17} < 2 + \frac{1}{3} = p_{\max}$
- These were the first global well-posedness results for the NLS with large initial data in a modulation space (which is not H^S).

Two classical Strichartz estimates

Call $(r, q) \in [2, \infty]^2$ *admissible*, if $(r, q, d) \neq (\infty, 2, 2)$ and

$$\frac{2}{q} + \frac{d}{r} = \frac{d}{2}, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad q = q_a(r) = \left[\frac{d}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{r} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

Call (ρ, γ) *dually admissible*, if (ρ', γ') are admissible, i.e. $(\rho, \gamma) \in [1, 2]^2$, $(\rho, \gamma, d) \neq (1, 2, 2)$ and

$$\frac{2}{\gamma} + \frac{d}{\rho} = 2 + \frac{d}{2} \Leftrightarrow \gamma = \gamma_a(\rho) = \left[1 - \frac{d}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

For admissible and dually admissible pairs one has the *homogeneous* and *inhomogeneous* Strichartz estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| e^{it\Delta} u_0 \right\|_{L^{q_a(r)}([0, T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^d))} &\leq C \|u_0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}, \\ \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} F(\cdot, \tau) d\tau \right\|_{L^{q_a(r)}([0, T], L^r(\mathbb{R}^d))} &\leq C \|F\|_{L^{\gamma_a(\rho)}([0, T], L^\rho(\mathbb{R}^d))}. \end{aligned}$$

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Tsutsumi '87

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where $X_1(T) := C([0, T], L^2) \cap L^{q_a(\beta+1)}([0, T], L^{\beta+1})$.

- Solution size $R \approx \|v_0\|_2$ fixed by homogeneous Strichartz estimate.
- $\|f \cdots\|_{L^\infty(L^2)}, \|f \cdots\|_{L^{q_a(\beta+1)}(L^{\beta+1})} \lesssim T^{1-\frac{d}{4}(\beta-1)} \|v\|_{L^{q_a(\beta+1)}(L^{\beta+1})}^\beta$.
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- Global existence via mass conservation $\|v(\cdot, T)\|_2 = \|v_0\|_2$.

Initial values in $M_{p,p'}$

Local well-posedness

For $p \in (2, \beta + 1)$ one has

$$M_{p,p'} = [M_{2,2}, M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}]_{\theta} \hookrightarrow \left(L^2, M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'} \right)_{(\theta,\infty)} \hookrightarrow L^2 + M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}$$

It seems natural to consider the solution space

$$X(T) := C([0, T], L^2) \cap L^{q_a(\beta+1)}([0, T], L^{\beta+1}) + C([0, T], M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'})$$

Contraction operator \mathcal{T} for $u_0 = v_0 + w_0$ is given by

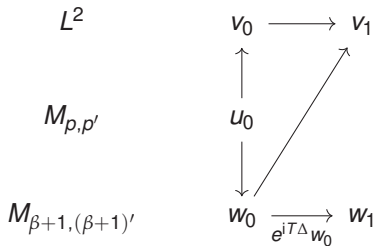
$$\mathcal{T}(u) = \underbrace{e^{it\Delta} w_0}_{M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}} + \underbrace{e^{it\Delta} v_0 \pm i \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (|u|^{\beta-1} u)(\tau) d\tau}_{L^2}$$

■ $M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'} \hookrightarrow L^{\beta+1}$, so $X \hookrightarrow L^{q_a(\beta+1)}(L^{\beta+1})$.

■ As in the L^2 case: $R \approx \|u_0\|$ and $T \approx \|u_0\|^{-\frac{1}{\beta-1-\frac{d}{4}}}$

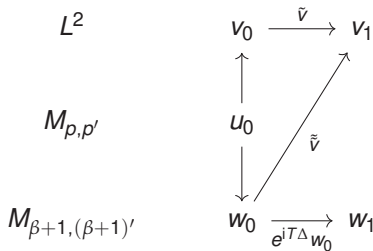
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Let \tilde{v} solve the NLS with IV v_0 . Refined splitting ansatz

$$u = \tilde{v} + \tilde{\tilde{v}} + e^{it\Delta} w_0$$

leads to a fixed-point equation for $\tilde{\tilde{v}}$. Banach's contraction mapping works for

- $T \approx \min \left\{ \left(\|v_0\|_2 + \|w_0\|_{M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}} \right)^{-a(d,\beta)}, \|w_0\|_{M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}}^{-b(d,\beta)} \right\},$
- $\|\tilde{\tilde{v}}(\cdot, T)\|_2 \lesssim R \approx T^{c(d,\beta)} \|w_0\|_{M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}}.$

Global well-posedness

Norms of the IVs and reiteration

Interpolation theory: there is an $\alpha = \alpha(p, \beta)$ such that for any $N > 0$

$$u_0 = v_0 + w_0, \quad \|v_0\|_2 \lesssim N^\alpha, \quad \|w_0\|_{M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}} \lesssim \frac{1}{N}.$$

Fix timestep “ $T = 2N^{-\alpha a(d,\beta)}$ ” and reiterate, as often as possible.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \tilde{v}^1 & & \tilde{v}^2 & & \cdots & & \\ & & \rightarrow & & \rightarrow & & \cdots & & \\ v_0 & & & v_1 & & v_2 & & \cdots & v_K \\ & \uparrow & & \nearrow & & \nearrow & & & \\ & u_0 & & \tilde{v}^1 & & \tilde{v}^2 & & & \\ & \downarrow & & & & & & & \\ w_0 & & \xrightarrow{e^{iT\Delta}} & w_1 & \xrightarrow{e^{i2T\Delta}} & w_2 & \cdots & & w_K \end{array}$$

$\|\cdot\|_2 \lesssim 2N^\alpha$
 $\|\cdot\|_{M_{\beta+1,(\beta+1)'}} \lesssim \frac{1}{N}$

- On bounded time intervals: $\|w_j\| \lesssim \frac{1}{N}$.
- Solve failure condition $\|v_K\|_2 > 2N^\alpha$ for $KT \gtrsim N^{d'(\alpha,d,\beta)} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty$.

Related works

Global well-posedness results

Modulation spaces

- Oh, T. and Wang, Y. (2018, preprint): $d = 1, \beta = 3$ in $M_{2,q}$ for $q < \infty$. Use conserved quantities constructed by Killip-Vişan-Zhang.
- Wang, B. and Hudzik, H. (2007), also Kato, T. (2014): Use Strichartz-type estimates in modulation space $M_{2,1}$. Require small initial data, do not cover $d = 1, \beta = 3$.

Other spaces outside L^2

- Hyakuna, R. and Tsustumi, M. (2012): $u_0 \in \widehat{L}^p$ with p sufficiently close to 2. Use HLF. Our main inspiration.
- Grünrock, A. (2005): $u_0 \in \widehat{L}^p$ with p sufficiently close to 2. LWP via the Fourier norm restriction method, GWP via HLF.
- Vargas A. and Vega L. (2001): $u_0 \in L^2 + Y_{3,6}$ with trading exponent $\alpha < 1$. Also HLF.

Modulation spaces

- Sugimoto, S. and Tomita, N and Wang, B. (2011). See also C. (2018): $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$ for $s \geq 0$ are Banach *-algebras \rightsquigarrow algebraic nonlinearities. Special cases in Feichtinger (1983); Wang, B. and Zhao, L. and Guo, B. (2006); Bényi, A. and Okoudjou, K. (2009).
- Guo, S. (2017): LWP for $d = 1$, $\beta = 3$ in $M_{2,q}$ for $q \in [2, \infty)$ via U^p , V^p spaces.
- Hundertmark, D. and Kunstmann, P. and Pattakos, N. and C. (2019, JEE): LWP for $d = 1$, $\beta = 3$ in $M_{p,q}^s$ for some ranges of p , q and s via the differentiation by parts technique.

More recent research

Tooth problems

Motivation

- Global existence in $M_{\infty, q}^S$ seems hard (no known conserved quantities).
- Easier problem: $u_0 \in H^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}) + H^{s_2}(\mathbb{T})$.
- Think of the first summand cancelling finitely many *teeth* of the second summand ($s_1 \leq s_2$).

Results

- HKPC (2018, preprint): LWP for $d = 1, \beta = 3$ in $H^s(\mathbb{R}) + H^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon}(\mathbb{T})$ for $s \in \left[\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ via the differentiation by parts technique.
- HKPC (2019, preprint): GWP for $d = 1, \beta = 2$ in $L^2(\mathbb{R}) + H^1(\mathbb{T})$ via Strichartz estimates and Gronwall's lemma.

Thank you for your attention!

Modulation spaces

An equivalent norm

Consider a smooth partition of unity $(\sigma_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \subseteq C^\infty$ satisfying

- $|\sigma_k(\xi)| \geq c$ for all $\xi \in Q_k := k + \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]^d$,
- $\text{supp}(\sigma_k) \subseteq B_{\sqrt{d}}(k)$,
- $\|\partial^\alpha \sigma_k\|_\infty \leq C_\alpha$ independently of k .

Define *isometric decomposition operators* $\square_k := \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \sigma_k \mathcal{F}$. Then

$$u \mapsto \left\| \left(\langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k u\|_p \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_q$$

is an equivalent norm for $M_{p,q}^s$.

Multiplier estimate

Moreover,

$$\|\square_k\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))} \leq C \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

Modulation spaces

Basic properties

- $M_{p,q}^s \subseteq \mathcal{S}'$ are Banach spaces.
- For $s_1 \leq s_2$, $p_1 \leq p_2$ and $q_1 \leq q_2$ one has

$$M_{p_1,q_1}^{s_2} \subseteq M_{p_2,q_2}^{s_1}.$$

- One has $\mathcal{S} \subseteq M_{p,q}^s$. If $p, q < \infty$ then \mathcal{S} is even dense in $M_{p,q}^s$.
- For $p, q < \infty$, one has $(M_{p,q}^s)' = M_{p',q'}^{-s}$ and (extension of L^2 -duality)

$$\langle v, u \rangle = \sum_{|l| \leq \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{d}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \overline{\square_{k+l} v} \square_k u \quad u \in M_{p,q}^s, v \in M_{p',q'}^{-s}.$$

- Let $p_1, q_1 \in [1, \infty)$, $p_2, q_2 \in [1, \infty]$, $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\theta \in (0, 1)$. Then

$$[M_{p_1,q_1}^{s_1}, M_{p_2,q_2}^{s_2}]_\theta = M_{p,q}^s \quad (\text{complex interpolation}), \text{ if}$$

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_1} + \frac{\theta}{p_2}, \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_1} + \frac{\theta}{q_2}, \quad s = (1-\theta)s_1 + \theta s_2.$$

Theorem (Dirk Hundertmark, Peer Kunstmann, Nikolaos Pattakos and C.)

The Cauchy problem for the NLS with an algebraic nonlinearity

$$iu_t = -\Delta u + F(|u|^2)u \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}, \quad u(\cdot, t=0) = u_0 \in M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1},$$

where $F(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ entire function and $s \geq 0$, is locally well-posed in $C([0, T], M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1})$.

- $M_{p,q}^s \hookrightarrow M_{\infty,1} \hookrightarrow C_b$ for $q = 1$ and $s \geq 0$ or $q > 1$ and $s > \frac{d}{q'}$.
- $M_{2,1}$: Wang, Zhao and Guo in '06.
- $M_{p,1}$ for $p \in [1, \infty]$: Bényi and Okoudjou in '09.
- Proof: boundedness of the Schrödinger propagator and algebra property of $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$.

Improved local well-posedness

Structure of the proof

Interested in mild solutions, i.e.

$$u(\cdot, t) = e^{it\Delta} u_0 + \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (F(|u|^2)u)(\tau) d\tau =: \mathcal{T}(u).$$

By Banach's fixed-point theorem, it is enough to show that \mathcal{T} is a contraction on

$$M(R, T) := \{u \in C([0, T], X) \mid \forall \tau \in [0, T] : \|u(\tau)\|_X \leq R\}$$

for some $R, T > 0$, where $X := M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$.

- Schrödinger propagator is polynomially bounded on X .
- X is a *Banach *-algebra*, hence $u \mapsto F(|u|^2)u$ is locally Lipschitz.

Algebra property of $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$

$M_{p,q}^s$ is a Banach $*$ -algebra, if $q = 1$ and $s \geq 0$ or $q > 1$ and $s > \frac{d}{q'}$.

- Shown first by Feichtinger in '83.
- Again for $M_{2,1}$ by Wang et al. in '06 and for $M_{p,1}$ by Bényi et al. in '09.
- For $M_{p,q}^s \cap M_{\infty,1}$, use an estimate as in Sugimoto, Tomita and Wang (2011).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|uv\|_{M_{p,q}^s} &= \left\| \left(\langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k uv\|_p \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_q, \\
 \langle k \rangle^s &\lesssim \langle k - m \rangle^s + \langle m \rangle^s \lesssim \langle k + l - m \rangle^s + \langle m \rangle^s, \\
 \mathcal{F}\square_k(uv) &= \sigma_k \sum_{l,m} (\sigma_{l-m} \hat{u}) * (\sigma_m \hat{v}) \\
 &= \sigma_k \sum_{l \in \Lambda} \sum_m (\sigma_{k+l-m} \hat{u}) * (\sigma_m \hat{v}), \\
 \Rightarrow \langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k(uv)\|_p &\lesssim \sum_{l \in \Lambda} \sum_m \langle k + l - m \rangle^s \|\square_{k+l-m} u \square_m v\|_p + \\
 &\quad \sum_{l \in \Lambda} \sum_m \langle m \rangle^s \|\square_{k+l-m} u\|_\infty \|\square_m v\|_p.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_{\max} = \begin{cases} 2 + \frac{2}{\beta} - \frac{d}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta}\right) & \text{if } \beta > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{4} + \sqrt{2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{d}{4}\right)^2}, \\ \beta + 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$