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PERIODIC SOLUTIONS OF A WEAKLY NONLINEAR WAVE  
EQUATION IN ONE DIMENSION

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we shall investigate the equation

$$(1.1) \quad u_{tt} - u_{xx} = \varepsilon f(t, x, u, u_t, u_x)$$

on the domain  $G = R \times (0, \pi)$  ( $R = (-\infty, \infty)$ ) of the plane  $(t, x)$  with the boundary conditions

$$(1.2) \quad \lim_{(t,x) \rightarrow (t,0)} u(t, x) = 0 = \lim_{(t,x) \rightarrow (t,\pi)} u(t, x).$$

We shall seek a solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2)  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $t$  under the assumption that the function  $f$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $t$ .

Vejvoda in [1] gave some sufficient conditions for the existence of periodic solutions of the problem (1.1), (1.2). In [3] the existence of  $2\pi$ -periodic solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2) is proved if  $f$  depends only on  $t, x, u$  and  $f_u \leq -\gamma < 0$ . Further in this paper Rabinowitz proved, that the problem (1.1), (1.2) has a  $2\pi$ -periodic solution if the right hand side of the equation (1.1) has the form  $\varepsilon(\alpha u_t + g(t, x, u))$  where  $\alpha$  is a constant.

In this paper in paragraph 2 the existence of  $2\pi$ -periodic solution in the linear case is treated. In paragraph 3 some auxiliary theorems are introduced. In paragraph 4 the existence of  $2\pi$ -periodic solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2) is proved under the assumptions  $\partial f / \partial u_t \leq -\gamma < 0$  on  $G_1$  and  $\sup_{G_1} \partial f / \partial u_x - \inf_{G_1} \partial f / \partial u_x < \gamma$ , where  $G_1 = G \times R \times R \times R$ , and certain restriction on the growth of  $f$ . In paragraph 5 the existence and continuous dependence on  $\varepsilon$  of  $2\pi$ -periodic solution, if  $f = f(t, x, u, \varepsilon)$  and  $f_u \leq -\gamma < 0$ , is proved under weaker assumptions on the smoothness of  $f$  than in paper [3].

We conclude the introduction with some notations. Let  $D_i f$  denote the derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $i^{\text{th}}$  variable. Then we shall denote by  $C_k$  the Banach space of

functions defined on  $G$ ,  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $t$ , for which  $D_1^i D_2^j f$  ( $i + j \leq k$ ,  $i, j \geq 0$ ) are continuous and bounded on  $G$ , with the norm:

$$f \in C_k : |f|_{C_k} = \|f\|_k = \sup_{i+j \leq k} \sup_{(t,x) \in G} |D_1^i D_2^j f(t, x)|.$$

Let us note, that functions which belong to  $C_k$  have derivatives up to the order  $k - 1$  continuous up to the boundary of  $G$ .

Let  $C^k$  denote the Banach space of  $2\pi$ -periodic functions  $p$  (of one variable) which are continuous together with their derivatives up to the order  $k$  and for which  $[p] = \int_0^{2\pi} p(y) dy = 0$ . The norm in  $C^k$  is given:  $|p|_{C^k} = |p|_k = \sup (|D^i p(y)|; 0 \leq i \leq k, y \in R)$ .

The space of all linear operators mapping a Banach space  $B_1$  into a Banach space  $B_2$  will be denoted by  $[B_1 \rightarrow B_2]$ .

$R(A), N(A)$  respectively denote a range and a null space respectively of the operator  $A$ .

## 2. THE LINEAR CASE

It is known (see e.g. [1]), that every classical solution of the homogeneous problem (1.1), (1.2) is  $2\pi$ -periodic and has a form

$$(2.1) \quad u(t, x) = p(t + x) - p(t - x),$$

where  $p$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic and continuous together with its second derivative.

For nonhomogeneous equation

$$(2.2) \quad u_{tt} - u_{xx} = f(t, x)$$

we shall derive necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $2\pi$ -periodic solution, which fulfils the condition (1.2).

Let  $u \in C_2$  be a solution of (2.2), (1.2). Integrating the equation (2.2) over the triangle  $[(t, x), (t - x + \pi, \pi), (t + x - \pi, \pi)]$  and using the Green formula on the left hand side we obtain (as  $u(t, \pi) = 0$ ):

$$u(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{t+x-\pi}^{t-x+\pi} u_x(\tau, \pi) d\tau - \frac{1}{2} \int_x^\pi \int_{t+x-\xi}^{t-x+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) d\tau d\xi.$$

Since  $u(t, 0) = 0$ , we get

$$\int_0^\pi \int_{t-\xi}^{t+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) d\tau d\xi = - \int_{t-\pi}^{t+\pi} u_x(\tau, \pi) d\tau = \text{const}$$

because  $u_x$  is also  $2\pi$ -periodic. Differentiating this relation with respect to  $t$  we get

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^\pi [f(t + \xi, \xi) - f(t - \xi, \xi)] d\xi = 0.$$

If the function  $f$  has continuous and bounded derivative  $D_1 f$ , the condition (2.3) is also sufficient for the existence of a solution  $u \in C_2$  of the problem (2.2), (1.2). Indeed, if (2.3) holds, then

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^\pi \int_{t-\xi}^{t+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) \, d\tau \, d\xi = \text{const} = k$$

and it is easily seen, that the function

$$(2.5) \quad u(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_x^\pi \int_{t+x-\xi}^{t-x+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) \, d\tau \, d\xi + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi - x}{\pi} k$$

is the sought solution.

Now let us prove, that the space  $C_0$  can be written in the form of a direct sum  $C_0 = N \oplus N^\perp$  where  $N$  is the set of such functions for which (2.3) is fulfilled (i.e. for which there exists a solution of the problem (2.2), (1.2)) and  $N^\perp$  is the set of functions which have the form (2.1) (i.e. which are solutions of the homogeneous problem).

Let us define the operators  $Z$  and  $Q$  on the spaces  $C^0$  and  $C_0$  respectively:

$$(2.6) \quad p \in C^0 : Zp(t, x) = p(t + x) - p(t - x), \quad (t, x) \in G,$$

$$(2.7) \quad f \in C_0 : Qf(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (f(y - s, s) - f(y + s, s)) \, ds, \quad y \in R.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** 1)  $Z \in [C^k \rightarrow C_k]$  for  $k \geq 0$  and

$$(2.8) \quad p \in C^k \Rightarrow \|Zp\|_k \leq 2\|p\|_k.$$

2)  $Q \in [C_k \rightarrow C^k]$  for  $k \geq 0$  and

$$(2.9) \quad f \in C_k \Rightarrow \|Qf\|_k \leq \|f\|_k.$$

3)  $QZ = E$ .

4) The operator  $P_1 = ZQ$  is a projector of  $C_0$  on  $R(Z)$  and for  $f \in C_k$  it holds

$$(2.10) \quad \|P_1 f\|_k \leq 2\|f\|_k.$$

5) The operator  $P_2 = E - P_1$  is a projector of  $C_0$  on  $N(Q)$  and for  $f \in C_k$  it holds

$$(2.11) \quad \|P_2 f\|_k \leq 3\|f\|_k.$$

**Proof.** It is obvious that 1) holds.

ad 2) Let  $f \in C_0$ . Evidently,  $Qf$  is continuous and  $2\pi$ -periodic. Let us prove, that  $[Qf] = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [Qf] &= \int_0^{2\pi} Qf(y) \, dy = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \int_0^\pi (f(y - s, s) - f(y + s, s)) \, ds \right) dy = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \left( \int_0^{2\pi} f(y - s, s) \, dy - \int_0^{2\pi} f(y + s, s) \, dy \right) ds = 0 \end{aligned}$$

because of  $\int_0^{2\pi} f(y-s, s) dy = \int_{-2s}^{2\pi-2s} f(y+s, s) dy = \int_0^{2\pi} f(y+s, s) dy$ . For  $f \in C_k$  it holds:  $D^i Qf(y) = QD^i f(y)$  and from here we get, that  $Qf \in C^k$  and  $|Qf|_k \leq \|f\|_k$ .

ad 3) Let  $p \in C^0$ . Then  $Zp(t, x) = p(t+x) - p(t-x)$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} QZ p(y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [(p(y) - p(y-2s)) - (p(y+2s) - p(y))] ds = \\ &= p(y) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi p(y-2s) ds - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi p(y+2s) ds = p(y) \end{aligned}$$

because  $\int_0^\pi p(y \pm 2s) ds = \frac{1}{2}[p] = 0$ .

ad 4)  $P_1^2 = (ZQ)(ZQ) = Z(QZ)Q = ZQ = P_1$  and so  $P_1$  is a projector. For  $f \in C_k$ ,  $P_1 f \in C_k$  and further  $\|P_1 f\|_k = \|Z(Qf)\|_k \leq 2|Qf|_k \leq 2\|f\|_k$ . Obviously  $R(P_1) \subset R(Z)$ . On the other hand if  $f \in R(Z)$ , then there exists  $p \in C^0$  such that  $f = Zp$  and  $P_1 f = (ZQ)Zp = Z(QZ)p = Zp = f$  and so  $R(P_1) = R(Z)$ .

ad 5) According to 4)  $P_2$  is a projector and for  $f \in C_k$   $\|P_2 f\|_k = \|(E - P_1)f\|_k \leq \|f\|_k + \|P_1 f\|_k \leq 3\|f\|_k$ . Let us prove, that  $R(P_2) = N(Q)$ .  $QP_2 = Q(E - ZQ) = Q - QZQ = 0$  and so  $R(P_2) \subset N(Q)$ . For  $f \in N(Q)$ :  $P_2 f = (E - ZQ)f = f - Z(Qf) = f$  and so  $R(P_2) = N(Q)$ .

Let us denote  $N = N(Q) = R(P_2)$ ,  $N^\perp = R(Z) = R(P_1)$ . Then by lemma 2.1  $C_0 = N \oplus N^\perp$ . Further let  $N_k$  denote  $N \cap C_k$ . From lemma 2.1 it follows easily, that  $N_k$  is a closed subspace of  $C_k$  and  $P_2$  is a linear bounded operator from  $C_k$  onto  $N_k$ .

Let us define the operators  $S'$  and  $S$  on the space  $N$ :

$$(2.12) \quad S'f(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi - x}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_{t-\xi}^{t+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) d\tau d\xi, \quad (t, x) \in G,$$

$$(2.13) \quad Sf(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_x^\pi \int_{t+x-\xi}^{t-x+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) d\tau d\xi, \quad (t, x) \in G,$$

and let us prove the following

**Lemma 2.2.**

$$(2.14) \quad 1) S' \in [N_k \rightarrow C_{k+1}], \quad \|S'f\|_{k+1} \leq \frac{\pi^2}{2} \|f\|_k.$$

$$(2.15) \quad 2) S \in [N_k \rightarrow C_{k+1}], \quad \|Sf\|_{k+1} \leq \left(k + \frac{\pi^2}{2}\right) \|f\|_k.$$

Proof. ad 1) For  $f \in N$   $\int_0^\pi \int_{t-\xi}^{t+\xi} f(\tau, \xi) d\tau d\xi = \text{const}$  and so only  $S'f$  and  $D_2 S'f$  are different from zero.

$$\|S'f\|_0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|f\|_0 \left( \int_0^\pi \int_{t-\xi}^{t+\xi} d\tau d\xi \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \|f\|_0$$

$$\|D_2 S'f\|_0 \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|f\|_0 \left( \int_0^\pi \int_{t-\xi}^{t+\xi} d\tau d\xi \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \|f\|_0 \leq \frac{\pi^2}{2} \|f\|_0.$$

From here follows that  $\|S'f\|_1 \leq (\pi^2/2) \|f\|_0$  and  $\|S'f\|_{k+1} = \|S'f\|_1 \leq (\pi^2/2) \cdot \|f\|_0 \leq (\pi^2/2) \|f\|_k$ .

ad 2) From the form of the operator  $S$  it follows immediately that  $\|Sf\|_0 \leq (\pi^2/2) \cdot \|f\|_0$ . Differentiating the relation (2.13) we get

$$(2.16) \quad D_1 S f(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x^\pi (f(t+x-s, s) - f(t-x+s, s)) ds,$$

$$(2.17) \quad D_2 S f(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x^\pi (f(t+x-s, s) + f(t-x+s, s)) ds$$

and from here  $\|D_i S f\|_0 \leq \pi \|f\|_0 \leq (\pi^2/2) \|f\|_0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

We shall prove that for  $k \geq 1$  and  $f \in N_k$  there hold the relations:

$$(2.18) \quad D_1^{k+1} S f = D_1 S D_1^k f,$$

$$(2.19) \quad D_1^k D_2 S f = D_2 S D_1^k f,$$

$$(2.20) \quad D_2^{k+1} S f = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (1 + (-1)^i) D_2^{k-1-i} D_1^i f + D_{b(k)} S D_1^k f,$$

where  $b(k) = 1$  for odd  $k$  and  $b(k) = 2$  for even  $k$ .

The first and the second relations are obvious, the third one will be proved by induction with respect to  $k$ .

For  $k = 1$  we get by differentiating of the relation (2.17):

$$D_2^2 S f = -f + D_1 S D_1 f.$$

Let us suppose that the relation (2.20) holds for  $k = n$ . Then

$$D_2^{n+2} S f = D_2 (D_2^{n+1} S f) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 + (-1)^i) D_2^{n-i} D_1^i f + D_2 D_{b(n)} S D_1^n f$$

$b(n) = 1$  for odd  $n$  and then

$$D_2 D_{b(n)} S D_1^n f = D_2 S D_1^{n+1} f = -\frac{1}{2} (1 + (-1)^n) D_2^0 D_1^n f + D_{b(n+1)} S D_1^{n+1} f$$

$b(n) = 2$  for even  $n$  and then

$$\begin{aligned} D_2 D_{b(n)} S D_1^n f &= D_2^2 S D_1^n f = -D_1^n f + D_1 S D_1^{n+1} f = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (1 + (-1)^n) D_2^0 D_1^n f + D_{b(n+1)} S D_1^{n+1} f. \end{aligned}$$

In both cases we get

$$D_2^{n+2} S f = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^n (1 + (-1)^i) D_2^{n-i} D_1^i f + D_{b(n+1)} S D_1^{n+1} f.$$

The inductive step is performed.

Let  $f \in N_k$ . We shall estimate  $\|D_1^i D_2^j S f\|_0$  for  $i + j \leq k + 1$ . If  $j = 0, i \geq 1$ , then it holds

$$\|D_1^i S f\|_0 = \|D_1 S D_1^{i-1} f\|_0 \leq \pi \|D_1^{i-1} f\|_0 \leq \frac{\pi^2}{2} \|f\|_k.$$

If  $j > 0$ , then  $\|D_1^i D_2^j S f\|_0 = \|D_2^j S D_1^i f\|_0 = \left\| -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{j-2} (1 + (-1)^m) D_2^{j-2-m} D_1^{i+m} f + D_{b(j-1)} S D_1^{i+j-1} f \right\|_0 \leq \sum_{m=0}^{j-2} \|D_2^{j-2-m} D_1^{i+m} f\|_0 + \pi \|D_1^{i+j-1} f\|_0 \leq (k + \pi^2/2) \|f\|_k$  and from here we get that for  $k \geq 0, f \in N_k$  it holds

$$\|S f\|_{k+1} \leq \left( k + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right) \|f\|_k.$$

Lemma is proved.

Let us define the operator  $A$  on  $N$

$$(2.21) \quad f \in N : A f = P_2(S + S') f.$$

From the preceding it follows that for  $k \geq 0$

$$(2.22) \quad A \in [N_k \rightarrow N_{k+1}], \quad \|A f\|_{k+1} \leq 3(k + \pi^2) \|f\|_k.$$

Remark 2.1.  $R(P_1) = R(Z)$  is by (2.1) a class of solutions of a homogeneous equation (2.2) and so the function  $u = A f = (S + S') f - P_1(S + S') f$  for  $f \in N_1$  is by (2.5), (2.4) a classical solution of the equation (2.2).

### 3. AUXILIARY THEOREMS

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $r_i$  be positive numbers ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, k + 1, k$  nonnegative integer) and let  $M_1 = \{p \in C^k, |D^i p|_0 \leq r_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, k\}$ ,  $M_2 = \{p \in C^{k+1}, |D^i p|_0 \leq r_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, k + 1\}$  (hence  $M_2 \subset M_1$ ). Let  $T$  be a continuous mapping of  $M_1 \subset C^k$  into  $C^k$ , which maps  $M_2$  into itself. Then there exists a fixed point of the operator  $T$  in  $M_1$ .

*Proof.* The closure  $\bar{M}_2$  of the set  $M_2$  in the space  $C^k$  is a convex and compact subset of  $M_1 \subset C^k$  and by the assumptions of the lemma  $T$  is a continuous mapping of  $\bar{M}_2$  into itself. Hence, by the Schauder fixed point theorem  $T$  has a fixed point in  $\bar{M}_2 \subset M_1$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Let the operator  $I$  be given on  $C^0$  by prescription

$$(3.1) \quad p \in C^0 : I p(y) = \int_0^y p(s) ds + \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{s}{2\pi} p(s) ds, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then it holds

$$(3.2) \quad 1) \quad D^{k+1}Ip = D^k p, \quad (p \in C^k), \quad ID^{k+1}p = D^k p, \quad (p \in C^{k+1}) \quad \text{for } k \geq 0,$$

$$2) \quad I \in [C^k \rightarrow C^{k+1}], \quad |Ip|_{k+1} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} |p|_k.$$

*Proof.* By an easy calculation we can verify that 1) holds and that  $Ip$  is a unique primitive function of  $p$  for which  $[Ip] = 0$  and then  $Ip \in C^{k+1}$  for  $p \in C^k$ . To estimate the norm of  $Ip$  let us remark that we can add to  $Ip$  any function of the form  $\int_0^{2\pi} f(y) \cdot p(s) ds = f(y) [p] = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |Ip(y)| &= \left| \int_0^y p(s) ds + \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{s}{2\pi} p(s) ds - \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{y}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \right) p(s) ds \right| = \\ &= \left| \int_0^y \left( \frac{s-y}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \right) p(s) ds + \int_y^{2\pi} \left( \frac{s-y}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \right) p(s) ds \right| \leq \\ &\leq |p|_0 \left( \int_0^y \left| \frac{s-y}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \right| ds + \int_y^{2\pi} \left| \frac{s-y}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \right| ds \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} |p|_0. \end{aligned}$$

From here and from 1) our assertion follows.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $p \in C^0$ ,  $J = (0, \pi)$ ,  $g$  be a continuous and bounded function on  $J$ ,  $-\beta \leq g(s) \leq -\gamma < 0$  ( $s \in J$ ). Let us denote  $J_k^+ = \{s \in J, p(y) - p(y - 2ks) \geq 0\}$ ,  $J_k^- = J \setminus J_k^+$ ,  $k$  a nonzero integer. Then it holds

$$(3.3) \quad -\pi\gamma p(y) - \pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^+} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) \leq \int_0^\pi g(s) (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds \leq$$

$$\leq -\pi\gamma p(y) + \pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^-} (p(y - 2ks) - p(y)).$$

*Proof.* Because of  $\int_{J_k^+} p(y - 2ks) ds = -\int_{J_k^-} p(y - 2ks) ds$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_J g(s) (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds &= \int_{J_k^+} + \int_{J_k^-} \leq -\gamma \int_{J_k^+} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds + \\ &+ \int_{J_k^-} |g(s)| (p(y - 2ks) - p(y)) ds \leq -\gamma p(y) m(J_k^+) - \gamma \int_{J_k^-} p(y - 2ks) ds + \\ &+ \pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^-} (p(y - 2ks) - p(y)) \leq -\gamma p(y) m(J_k^+) - \gamma \int_{J_k^-} p(y) ds + \\ &+ \pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^-} (p(y - 2ks) - p(y)) = -\pi\gamma p(y) + \pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^-} (p(y - 2ks) - p(y)). \end{aligned}$$



On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{J_k^+} g(s) (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds + \int_{J_k^-} g(s) (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds \geq \\
 & \geq -\beta \int_{J_k^+} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds - \gamma \int_{J_k^-} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) ds \geq \\
 & \geq -\pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^+} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) - \gamma p(y) m(J_k^-) - \gamma \int_{J_k^+} p(y - 2ks) ds \geq \\
 & \geq -\pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^+} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) - \gamma p(y) m(J_k^-) - \gamma \int_{J_k^+} p(y) ds = \\
 & = -\pi\beta \sup_{s \in J_k^+} (p(y) - p(y - 2ks)) - \pi\gamma p(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $p \in C^0$ ,  $J = (0, \pi)$ ,  $g$  be a continuous and bounded function on  $J$ ,  $a \leq g(s) \leq b$  ( $s \in J$ ),  $k$  a nonzero integer,  $J_k^+ = \{s \in J, p(y) + p(y - 2ks) \geq 0\}$ ,  $J_k^- = J \setminus J_k^+$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad & \pi a p(y) + (b - a) p(y) m(J_k^-) - \frac{\pi}{2} (b - a) |p|_0 \leq \\
 & \leq \int_0^\pi g(s) (p(y) + p(y - 2ks)) ds \leq \\
 & \leq \pi a p(y) + (b - a) p(y) m(J_k^+) + \frac{\pi}{2} (b - a) |p|_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_J g(s) (p(y) + p(y - 2ks)) ds &= \int_{J_k^+} + \int_{J_k^-} \leq b p(y) m(J_k^+) + b \int_{J_k^+} p(y - 2ks) ds + \\
 &+ a p(y) m(J_k^-) + a \int_{J_k^-} p(y - 2ks) ds = p(y) (b m(J_k^+) + a m(J_k^-)) + \\
 &+ (b - a) \int_{J_k^+} p(y - 2ks) ds \leq \pi a p(y) + (b - a) p(y) m(J_k^+) + \frac{\pi}{2} (b - a) |p|_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\int_{J_k^+} \pi(s) (p(y) + p(y - 2ks)) ds + \int_{J_k^-} g(s) (p(y) + p(y - 2ks)) ds \geq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq a p(y) m(J_k^+) + a \int_{J_k^+} p(y - 2ks) ds + b p(y) m(J_k^-) + b \int_{J_k^-} p(y - 2ks) ds = \\
&= p(y) (a m(J_k^+) + b m(J_k^-)) + (b - a) \int_{J_k^-} p(y - 2ks) ds \geq \\
&\geq \pi a p(y) + (b - a) p(y) m(J_k^-) - \frac{\pi}{2} (b - a) |p|_0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us conclude this paragraph by some estimates of the norm of a composite function.

Let  $f$  be a function of  $(n + 2)$  real variables and let  $u_m \in C_k$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ). Let us denote  $f[u_1, \dots, u_n]$  the function defined on  $G$  by

$$(3.5) \quad f[u_1, \dots, u_n](t, x) = f(t, x, u_1(t, x), \dots, u_n(t, x)).$$

Then it holds: Each derivative of the function  $f[u_1, \dots, u_n]$  of the order  $l \leq k$  has not more than  $l!(n + 2)^l$  members each of them being estimated at the point  $(t, x)$  by

$$\sup_{0 \leq |i| \leq l} |D^i f(t, x, u_1(t, x), \dots, u_n(t, x))| (\max(\sup_{1 \leq m \leq n} \sup_{i+j \leq l} |D_1^i D_2^j u_m(t, x)|, 1))^l$$

where  $i$  denotes the vector  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n+2})$ ,  $i_m$  a nonnegative integers,  $|i| = \sum_{m=1}^{n+2} i_m$  and  $D^i$  denotes the derivative  $D_1^{i_1} D_2^{i_2} \dots D_{n+2}^{i_{n+2}}$ .

If  $f$  is such that for any  $\varrho > 0$

$$(3.6) \quad F_f(k, \varrho) = \sup_{|i| \leq k} \sup_{\substack{\alpha_m \leq \varrho \\ (t, x) \in G}} |D^i f(t, x, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)| < +\infty$$

then for any  $u_m \in C_k$ ,  $\|u_m\|_k \leq r$ ,  $\|u_m\|_0 \leq r_0$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $r \geq 1$ ) the function  $f[u_1, \dots, u_n]$  belongs to  $C_k$  and

$$(3.7) \quad \|f[u_1, \dots, u_n]\|_k \leq k! (n + 2)^k F_f(k, r_0) r^k.$$

Let us denote  $K_f(k, r_0, r) = k! (n + 2)^k F_f(k, r_0) r^k$ .

Let  $u_m, v_m \in C_k$ ,  $\|u_m\|_k \leq r$ ,  $\|v_m\|_k \leq r$ ,  $\|u_m\|_0 \leq r_0$ ,  $\|v_m\|_0 \leq r_0$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ) and let  $D^i f$  be continuous for  $|i| \leq k + 1$ . Then from the mean-value theorem we obtain

$$f[u_1, \dots, u_n] - f[v_1, \dots, v_n] = \sum_{m=1}^n g_m(u_m - v_m)$$

where  $g_m(t, x) = \int_0^1 D_{m+2} f[v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}, v_m + \varrho(u_m - v_m), u_{m+1}, \dots, u_n](t, x) d\varrho$ . Evidently the functions  $g_m \in C_k$  and  $\|g_m\|_k \leq K_f(k + 1, r_0, r)$ . For  $i + j \leq k$  we

have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_1^i D_2^j (f[u_1, \dots, u_n] - f[v_1, \dots, v_n])\|_0 = \\ & = \left\| \sum_{i=0}^i \sum_{h=0}^j \binom{i}{l} \binom{j}{h} \sum_{m=1}^n D_1^{i-l} D_2^{j-h} g_m D_1^l D_2^h (u_m - v_m) \right\|_0 \leq \\ & \leq 2^{i+j} K_f(k+1, r_0, r) \sum_{m=1}^n \|u_m - v_m\|_{i+j}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the following lemma holds:

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $D^i f$  be continuous for  $|i| \leq k+1$  and let the condition (3.5) be fulfilled. Then for  $u_m, v_m \in C_k$ ,  $\|u_m\|_0 \leq r_0$ ,  $\|v_m\|_0 \leq r_0$ ,  $\|u_m\|_k \leq r$ ,  $\|v_m\|_k \leq r$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ) the following estimates hold*

$$(3.8) \quad 1) \quad \|f[u_1, \dots, u_n]\|_k \leq K_f(k, r_0, r),$$

$$(3.9) \quad 2) \quad \|f[u_1, \dots, u_n] - f[v_1, \dots, v_n]\|_k \leq 2^k K_f(k+1, r_0, r) \sum_{m=1}^n \|u_m - v_m\|_k,$$

where  $K_f(k, r_0, r) = k! (n+2)^k F_f(k, r_0) r^k$ ,  $F_f(k, r_0)$  is given by (3.6).

#### 4. NONLINEAR EQUATION

Let us solve the problem (1.1), (1.2) under the assumptions:

1°  $D^i f$  are continuous for  $|i| \leq k+1$  and the assumption (3.6) is fulfilled.

2° There exist  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $r_0 > 0$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad a) \quad D_4 f \leq -\gamma < 0 \quad \text{on} \quad G_2 = G \times \langle -\pi r_0, \pi r_0 \rangle \times \langle -2r_0, 2r_0 \rangle \times \langle -2r_0, 2r_0 \rangle,$$

$$(4.2) \quad b) \quad d = \gamma r_0 - \sup \{ |f(t, x, u, 0, w)|, (t, x) \in G, |u| \leq \pi r_0, |w| \leq 2r_0 \} > 0,$$

$$(4.3) \quad c) \quad \sup_{G_2} D_5 f - \inf_{G_2} D_5 f - \gamma = -\alpha < 0.$$

Let  $f\{p, u\}$  denote the function

$$(4.4) \quad f\{p, u\} = f[Z_1 p + u, Z p + D_1 u, Z_1 p + D_2 u],$$

where  $Z_1$  is the operator defined by  $Z_1 p(t, x) = p(t+x) + p(t-x)$ .

We shall prove the existence of a  $2\pi$ -periodic solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2) in the following way: First we shall prove that if  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small and  $p \in C^{k-1}$  then there exists a function  $a^\varepsilon(p) \in C_k$  which satisfies the equation  $(D_1^2 - D_2^2)(Z_1 p + a^\varepsilon(p)) = \varepsilon P_2 f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\}$  and further we shall seek such  $p$  for which  $P_2 f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\} = f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\}$ .

Let  $r_i$  ( $i = 0, \dots, k$ ) be positive numbers,  $r = \pi \max(r_i, 0 \leq i \leq k) + 1$ . Let us denote for  $i = 0, \dots, k$

$$(4.5) \quad A_i = \{p \in C^i, |D^j p|_0 \leq r_j, j = 0, \dots, i\}, \quad B_i = \{u \in N_{i+1}, \|u\|_{i+1} \leq 1\}$$

(then  $A_{i+1} \subset A_i, B_{i+1} \subset B_i$ ).

**Lemma 4.1.** *The equation*

$$(4.6) \quad u = \varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\}$$

has for  $p \in A_0$  and  $\varepsilon < [54 \cdot 2^k(k + \pi^2) K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r)]^{-1}$  a unique solution  $a^\varepsilon(p) \in B_0$  and further it holds

$$1) \quad a^\varepsilon(p) \in B_i \quad \text{for } p \in A_i \quad (i = 0, \dots, k),$$

$$(4.7) \quad 2) \quad \|a^\varepsilon(p)\|_{i+1} \leq \varepsilon K_1 \quad (p \in A_i),$$

$$(4.8) \quad 3) \quad \|a^\varepsilon(p) - a^\varepsilon(q)\|_{i+1} \leq \varepsilon K_2 |p - q|_i \quad (p, q \in A_i),$$

where  $K_1 = 9(k + \pi^2) K_f(k, \pi r_0 + 1, r)$ ,  $K_2 = 18(k + \pi^2) (\pi + 4) 2^k K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p \in A_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq k$ ). Then by (2.11) and (2.22)  $\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\}$  maps  $N_{i+1}$  into itself. Using lemma 3.4 we get for  $u \in B_i$

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\}\|_{i+1} &\leq \varepsilon 3(i + \pi^2) 3 \|f\{p, u\}\|_i \leq \\ &\leq \varepsilon 9(k + \pi^2) K_f(k, \pi r_0 + 1, r) < 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\}$  maps  $B_i$  into itself. Further for  $u \in B_i, v \in B_i$

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\} - \varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, v\}\|_{i+1} &\leq \varepsilon 9(i + \pi^2) \|f\{p, u\} - f\{p, v\}\|_i \leq \\ &\leq \varepsilon 9(k + \pi^2) 2^k K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) (\|u - v\|_i + \|D_1 u - D_1 v\|_i + \\ &+ \|D_2 u - D_2 v\|_i) \leq \varepsilon 27(k + \pi^2) 2^k K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) \|u - v\|_{i+1} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|u - v\|_{i+1}. \end{aligned}$$

We get that  $\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\}$  is a contraction on  $B_0$  for  $p \in A_0$ . Hence there exists a unique solution  $a^\varepsilon(p) \in B_0$  of the equation (4.6). As for  $p \in A_i$  the operator  $\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u\}$  is also a contraction in  $B_i$ , there exists for  $p \in A_i \subset A_0$  a solution of the equation (4.6) in  $B_i \subset B_0$  and from the uniqueness in  $B_0$  it follows that  $a^\varepsilon(p) \in B_i$  for  $p \in A_i$ .

The assertion 2) follows immediately from (4.9).

The solution  $a^\varepsilon(p)$  we can get by the method of successive approximations:  $u_0 = a^\varepsilon(q)$ ,  $u_{n+1} = \varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, u_n\}$ . By the well known estimates, using (4.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|a^\varepsilon(p) - a^\varepsilon(q)\|_{i+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - u_0\|_{i+1} \leq 2\|u_1 - u_0\|_{i+1} \leq \\ &\leq 2\|\varepsilon AP_2 f\{p, a^\varepsilon(q)\} - \varepsilon AP_2 f\{q, a^\varepsilon(q)\}\|_{i+1} \leq \varepsilon 18(i + \pi^2) \|f\{p, a^\varepsilon(q)\} - \\ &- f\{q, a^\varepsilon(q)\}\|_i \leq \varepsilon 18(k + \pi^2) 2^k K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) (\|ZI(p - q)\|_i + \\ &+ \|Z(p - q)\|_i + \|Z_1(p - q)\|_i) \leq \\ &\leq \varepsilon 18(k + \pi^2) (4 + \pi) 2^k K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) |p - q|_i. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma is proved.

Now let us solve the equation

$$(4.11) \quad P_2 f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\} = f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\},$$

where  $a^\varepsilon(p)$  is defined in lemma 4.1.

We shall solve this equation with help of lemma 3.1. The role of the sets  $M_1, M_2$  respectively will play the sets  $A_{k-1}, A_k$  respectively with  $r_0$  fulfilling the assumption  $2^\circ$  and  $r_i$  which are given by the recurrent formula

$$(4.12) \quad r_{i+1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} (F_f(1, \pi r_0) + (i + 1)! 8^{i+1} 2F_f(i + 1, \pi r_0) \cdot [\max(r_0, \dots, r_i)]^{i+1}) + 1.$$

Further let  $r = \pi \max r_i + 1$ ,  $A_i$  and  $\varepsilon$  be as in lemma 4.1 and besides it  $\varepsilon < \min(\alpha, d) (2^k 3K_f(k + 1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) K_1)^{-1}$ , where  $K_1$  is given by (4.7).

The equation (4.11) is by 5) of lemma 2.1 equivalent to the equation

$$(4.13) \quad Qf\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\} = 0.$$

Let  $T_1, T_2$  denote the operators defined on  $A_0$

$$(4.14) \quad T_1 p = Qf\{p, 0\},$$

$$(4.15) \quad T_2 p = Q(f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\} - f\{p, 0\})$$

and for  $\delta > 0$

$$(4.16) \quad T_\delta p = (E + \delta T_1 + \delta T_2) p.$$

According to lemma 2.1 and lemma 4.1 the mappings  $T_1, T_2$  map  $A_i$  into  $C^i$ . Further it is obvious that to solve the equation (4.13) means to find a fixed point of the operator  $T_\delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ .

Using (2.9), (3.9), (4.7) we get the estimate for the operator  $T_2$

$$(4.17) \quad |T_2 p|_i = |Q(f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\}) - f\{p, 0\}|_i \leq \|f\{p, a^\varepsilon(p)\} - f\{p, 0\}\|_i \leq \\ \leq 2^i K_f(i+1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) \|a^\varepsilon(p)\|_{i+1} \leq \varepsilon K_3,$$

where  $K_3 = 2^k 3 K_f(k+1, \pi r_0 + 1, r) K_1$  ( $K_1$  is given by (4.7)).

Let  $\eta = \min [(d - \varepsilon K_3)(F_f(1, \pi r_0))^{-1}, r_0]$ ,  $0 \leq \delta \leq \delta_0 \leq \min (\eta(F_f(1, \pi r_0))^{-1} + \varepsilon K_3)^{-1}, \gamma^{-1})$  and let us prove that  $T_\delta$  maps  $A_0$  into itself. If  $y$  is such that  $|p(y)| \leq r_0 - \eta$ , then

$$|T_\delta p(y)| = \left| p(y) + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [f\{p, 0\}(y-s, s) - f\{p, 0\}(y+s, s)] ds + \delta T_2 p(y) \right| \leq \\ \leq r_0 - \eta + \delta F_f(0, \pi r_0) + \delta \varepsilon K_3 \leq r_0.$$

If  $r_0 - \eta \leq p(y) \leq r_0$ , then from the same expression we obtain the estimate:  $T_\delta p(y) \geq r_0 - \eta - \delta F_f(0, \pi r_0) - \delta \varepsilon K_3 \geq -r_0$ . Using the mean-value theorem we get the operator  $T_\delta$  in the form

$$T_\delta p(y) = p(y) + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [g_1(y, s)(p(y) - p(y-2s)) + g_2(y, s)(p(y) - p(y+2s))] ds + \\ + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [f[ZIp, 0, Z_1 p](y-s, s) - f[ZIp, 0, Z_1 p](y+s, s)] ds + \delta T_2 p(y),$$

where  $g_m(y, s) = \int_0^1 D_4 f[ZIp, \varrho Zp, Z_1 p](y + (-1)^m s, s) d\varrho$  ( $m = 1, 2$ ).

From this expression we get for  $r_0 - \eta \leq p(y) \leq r_0$  by lemma 3.3 the estimate

$$T_\delta p(y) \leq p(y) - \delta \gamma p(y) + \delta F_f(1, \pi r_0) \eta + \\ + \delta \sup \{|f(t, x, u, 0, w)|, (t, x) \in G, |u| \leq \pi r_0, |w| \leq 2r_0\} + \\ + \delta \varepsilon K_3 \leq r_0 + \delta(-d + \eta F_f(1, \pi r_0) + \varepsilon K_3) \leq r_0.$$

In a similar way (using the first inequality in lemma 3.3) we get for  $-r_0 \leq p(y) \leq -r_0 + \eta$  that  $-r_0 \leq T_\delta p(y) \leq r_0$  and thus  $T_\delta p \in A_0$  for  $p \in A_0$ .

Let us assume that there exist such  $\delta_j > 0$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq i \leq k-1$ , that for  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_j$  the operator  $T_\delta$  maps the set  $A_j$  into itself and let us seek  $\delta_{i+1}$  such that  $T_\delta$  for  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_{i+1}$  maps  $A_{i+1}$  into itself.

$$(4.18) \quad D^{i+1} T_\delta p(y) = D^{i+1} p(y) + \\ + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [D_4 f\{p, 0\}(y-s, s)(D^{i+1} p(y) - D^{i+1} p(y-2s)) + \\ + D_4 f\{p, 0\}(y+s, s)(D^{i+1} p(y) - D^{i+1} p(y+2s))] ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + D_5 f\{p, 0\} (y - s, s) (D^{i+1} p(y) + D^{i+1} p(y - 2s)) - \\
& - D_5 f\{p, 0\} (y + s, s) (D^{i+1} p(y) + D^{i+1} p(y + 2s))] ds + \\
& + \delta X_{i+1}(y) + \delta D^{i+1} T_2 p(y),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $X_{i+1}$  is the sum of at most  $(i + 1)! 4^{i+1}$  members of the form

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [D^n f\{p, 0\} (y - s, s) h(y - s, s) - D^n f\{p, 0\} (y + s, s) h(y + s, s)] ds,$$

$|\mathbf{n}| \leq i + 1$  and  $h$  is the product of at most  $i + 1$  members  $D_1^j Z_1 p$ ,  $D_1^k Z_2 p$ ,  $D_1^l Z_1 p$  ( $1 \leq j \leq i + 1, 1 \leq k \leq i, 1 \leq l \leq i$ ) and from here an estimate for  $X_{i+1}$  follows

$$(4.19) \quad |X_{i+1}|_0 \leq (i + 1)! 8^{i+1} 2F_f(i + 1, \pi r_0) [\max(r_0, \dots, r_i)]^{i+1} \equiv c_{i+1}.$$

Let us suppose that  $p \in A_{i+1}$ . Then for  $y$  for which  $|D^{i+1} p(y)| \leq r_{i+1} - 1$  we get by (4.18), (4.19)

$$(4.20) \quad D^{i+1} T_\delta p(y) \leq r_{i+1} - 1 + \delta(2F_f(1, \pi r_0) 2r_{i+1} + c_{i+1} + \varepsilon K_3) \leq r_{i+1}$$

if  $0 < \delta < \delta_{i+1} = \min[\delta_i, (4F_f(1, \pi r_0) r_{i+1} + c_{i+1} + \varepsilon K_3)^{-1}]$ .

If  $r_{i+1} - 1 \leq D^{i+1} p(y) \leq r_{i+1}$ , then from (4.18) we get  $D^{i+1} T_\delta p(y) \geq -r_{i+1}$  and further by lemma 3.3 and lemma 3.4

$$\begin{aligned}
D^{i+1} T_\delta p(y) & \leq r_{i+1} + \delta(-\gamma r_{i+1} + F_f(1, \pi r_0) + \\
& + (\sup_{G_2} D_5 f\{p, 0\} - \inf_{G_2} D_5 f\{p, 0\}) r_{i+1} + c_{i+1} + \varepsilon K_3) \leq \\
& \leq r_{i+1} + \delta(-\alpha r_{i+1} + F_f(1, \pi r_0) + c_{i+1} + \varepsilon K_3) \leq r_{i+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

For  $-r_{i+1} \leq D^{i+1} p(y) \leq -r_{i+1} + 1$  we proceed analogously and finally we get  $|D^{i+1} T_\delta p(y)| \leq r_{i+1}$  if  $|D^{i+1} p(y)| \leq r_{i+1}$ .

Thus we have proved that for  $\delta$  fulfilling (4.20) and  $r_{i+1}$  given by (4.12) the operator  $T_\delta$  maps the set  $A_{i+1}$  into itself.

$T_\delta$  is a continuous mapping on  $C^k$  and from above it follows that it fulfils the assumptions of lemma 3.1 with  $M_1 = A_{k-1}$  and  $M_2 = A_k$ . Thus there exists a fixed-point  $p_0 \in A_{k-1}$  of the operator  $T_\delta$ . This  $p_0$  satisfies the equation (4.13) and hence

$$a^\varepsilon(p_0) = \varepsilon A f\{p_0, a^\varepsilon(p_0)\}.$$

From remark 2.1 it follows that the function  $u_\varepsilon = ZI p_0 + a^\varepsilon(p_0)$  is for  $k \geq 2$  a classical solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2). We have proved the following theorem

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f$  be defined on  $G_1 = R \times (0, \pi) \times R \times R \times R$  and fulfil the following assumptions:*

- 1)  *$f$  has derivatives up to the order  $k + 1$  and for  $r > 0$   $\sup \sup_{|i| \leq k+1} \{ |D^i f(t, x, u, v, w)|, (t, x) \in G, |u| \leq r, |v| \leq r, |w| \leq r \} < +\infty$ .*

2) There exist  $r_0 > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$  such that

a)  $D_4 f \leq -\gamma < 0$  on  $G_2 = G \times \langle -\pi r_0, \pi r_0 \rangle \times \langle -2r_0, 2r_0 \rangle \times \langle -2r_0, 2r_0 \rangle$ ,

b)  $\sup_{G_2} D_5 f - \inf_{G_2} D_5 f - \gamma = -\alpha < 0$ ,

c)  $d = \gamma r_0 - \sup \{|f(t, x, u, 0, w)|, (t, x) \in G, |u| \leq \pi r_0, |w| \leq 2r_0\} > 0$ .

Then there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for each  $\varepsilon \in \langle 0, \varepsilon_0 \rangle$  there exists the function  $u_\varepsilon \in C_k$  which is a solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2).

## 5. ANOTHER NONLINEAR CASE

We shall solve the equation

$$(5.1) \quad u_{tt} - u_{xx} = \varepsilon f(t, x, u, \varepsilon)$$

with the boundary conditions (1.2). Let  $f$  be defined on  $G_3 = R \times (0, \pi) \times R \times \langle 0, \varepsilon_0 \rangle$  and fulfil the following assumptions

1)  $D_1^{i_1} D_2^{i_2} D_3^{i_3} f$ ,  $i_1 + i_2 + i_3 \leq k + 1$ , are defined and continuous on  $G_3$ .

2) There exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$(5.2) \quad D_3 f \leq -\gamma < 0 \quad \text{on} \quad G_4 = G \times \langle -2r_0 - 1, 2r_0 + 1 \rangle \times \langle 0, \varepsilon_0 \rangle,$$

where

$$r_0 > \frac{1}{\gamma} \sup (|f(t, x, 0, 0)|; (t, x) \in G).$$

$$(5.3) \quad 3) \sup_{\substack{|i| \leq k+1 \\ i_4=0}} \sup_{G_4} |D^i f(t, x, u, \varepsilon)| < +\infty.$$

In this paragraph  $f[u, \varepsilon](t, x) = f(t, x, u(t, x), \varepsilon)$ .

As in the preceding case we shall seek a solution  $a^\varepsilon(p)$  of the equation  $u = \varepsilon AP_2 f[Zp + u, \varepsilon]$  and then we shall prove that there exists a function  $p$  such that  $P_2 f[Zp + a^\varepsilon(p), \varepsilon] = f[Zp + a^\varepsilon(p), \varepsilon]$  with help of the implicit function theorem. We could proceed in the same way as in paragraph 4, but using the implicit function theorem we obtain immediately a continuous dependence of the solution on  $\varepsilon$ .

Similarly as in lemma 4.1 for  $\varepsilon < \bar{\varepsilon} = \min ([18(k + \pi^2) 2^k K_f(k + 1, 2r_0 + 1, r)]^{-1}, \varepsilon_0)$  and  $p \in A_i = \{p \in C^i, |D^j p|_0 \leq r_j, j = 0, \dots, i\}$  the operator  $\varepsilon AP_2 f[Zp + u, \varepsilon]$  is a contraction on  $B_i = \{u \in N_{i+1}, |u|_{i+1} \leq 1\}$ , hence we get a unique solution  $a^\varepsilon(p) \in B_i$  for  $p \in A_i$  for which

$$(5.4) \quad 1) \|a^\varepsilon(p)\|_{i+1} \leq \varepsilon K_1,$$

$$(5.5) \quad 2) \|a^\varepsilon(p) - a^\varepsilon(q)\|_{i+1} \leq \varepsilon K_2 |p - q|_i,$$

where  $K_1 = 9(k + \pi^2) K_f(k, 2r_0 + 1, r)$ ,  $K_2 = 18(k + \pi^2) 2^{k+1} K_f(k + 1, 2r_0 + 1, r)$ ,  $r = 2 \max_{0 \leq i \leq k} r_i + 1$ .



Further we shall prove that  $a^\varepsilon(p)$  is continuous for  $(p, \varepsilon) \in A_k \times \langle 0, \bar{\varepsilon} \rangle$  and that there exists G-derivative  $a_p^\varepsilon(p)$  continuous in  $(p, \varepsilon)$ . As (5.5) holds, it suffices to prove that for a fixed  $p$  the function  $a^\varepsilon(p)$  is continuous in  $\varepsilon$ . Let  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in \langle 0, \bar{\varepsilon} \rangle$ . Then  $a^{\varepsilon_1}(p)$  we get from  $a^{\varepsilon_2}(p)$  by the method of successive approximations:  $u_0 = a^{\varepsilon_2}(p)$ ,  $u_{n+1} = \varepsilon_1 AP_2 f[Zp + u_n, \varepsilon_1]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|a^{\varepsilon_1}(p) - a^{\varepsilon_2}(p)\|_{k+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - u_0\|_{k+1} \leq 2\|u_1 - u_0\|_{k+1} \leq \\ &\leq 18(k + \pi^2) \|\varepsilon_1 f[Zp + a^{\varepsilon_2}(p), \varepsilon_1] - \varepsilon_2 f[Zp + a^{\varepsilon_2}(p), \varepsilon_2]\|_k \leq \\ &\leq 18(k + \pi^2) [(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \|f[Zp + a^{\varepsilon_2}(p), \varepsilon_1]\|_k + \\ &+ \varepsilon_2 \|f[Zp + a^{\varepsilon_2}(p), \varepsilon_1] - f[Zp + a^{\varepsilon_2}(p), \varepsilon_2]\|_k] \leq \omega(|\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2|), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega$  is a function on  $\langle 0, \bar{\varepsilon} \rangle$ , continuous in 0 and  $\omega(0) = 0$ ,  $\omega$  depends on  $f, k$  and  $r$ .

To prove the existence of  $a_p^\varepsilon(p)$  let us note that the function  $v^\varepsilon(p) = a^\varepsilon(p) + Zp$  satisfies the equation

$$v^\varepsilon(p) = Zp + \varepsilon AP_2 f[v^\varepsilon(p), \varepsilon].$$

Then according to the known theorem (see e.g. [4]) there exists for  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small ( $\varepsilon < (\|A\| \|P_2\| \sup_{G_4} |D_3 f|)^{-1}$ ) a G-derivative  $v_p^\varepsilon(p) = [E - \varepsilon R_\varepsilon(p)]^{-1} Zq$  and hence  $a^\varepsilon(p)$  has a G-derivative

$$(5.6) \quad a_p^\varepsilon(p)(q) = ([E - \varepsilon R_\varepsilon(p)]^{-1} - E) Zq,$$

where

$$R_\varepsilon(p)(w) = AP_2(D_3 f[v^\varepsilon(p), \varepsilon] w).$$

It is obvious that this derivative is continuous in  $p$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

Let  $\tilde{\varepsilon} \leq \bar{\varepsilon}$  be such that all above assumptions are fulfilled for  $\varepsilon < \tilde{\varepsilon}$ . Let us denote

$$(5.7) \quad V(p, \varepsilon) = Qf[Zp + a^\varepsilon(p), \varepsilon]$$

and let us prove that the operator  $V$  fulfils the assumptions of the implicit function theorem.

The operator  $V$  maps  $C^k \times \langle 0, \tilde{\varepsilon} \rangle$  into  $C^k$ . By lemma 3.1 we shall prove that the equation  $V(p, 0) = 0$  has a unique solution  $p_0 \in C^k$ . As in the preceding paragraph we shall prove the existence of a fixed point of the operator  $T_\delta p = p + \delta V(p, 0)$ . Let  $c = \sup(|f(t, x, 0, 0)|; (t, x) \in G)$  and  $r_0 > c/\gamma$ . Further let  $r_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k+1$ ) be given by recurrent formulas

$$(5.8) \quad r_i = \max\left(\frac{1}{\gamma} F_f(1, 2r_0) + \frac{1}{\gamma} 2^i(i+1)! F_f(i, 2r_0) [\max(r_0, \dots, r_{i-1})]^i, 1\right).$$

Let us denote  $M_1 = \{p \in C^k, |D^i p|_0 \leq r_i, i = 0, \dots, k\}$ ,  $M_2 = \{p \in C^{k+1}, |D^i p|_0 \leq r_i, i = 0, \dots, k+1\}$ . Let  $p \in M_2$ . We shall prove that also  $T_\delta p \in M_2$ .

If  $0 < \eta < r_0$ , then for  $y$  such that  $|p(y)| \leq r_0 - \eta$  we get  $|T_\delta p(y)| \leq r_0 - \eta + \delta F_f(0, 2r_0)$ .

From the mean-value theorem we get the operator  $T_\delta$  in the form

$$T_\delta p(y) = p(y) + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [g_1(y, s)(p(y) - p(y - 2s)) + g_2(y, s)(p(y) - p(y + 2s))] ds + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [f(y - s, s, 0, 0) - f(y + s, s, 0, 0)] ds,$$

where

$$g_m(y, s) = \int_0^1 D_3 f[\varrho Zp, 0](y + (-1)^m s, s) d\varrho.$$

Then by lemma 3.3 we get for  $r_0 - \eta \leq p(y) \leq r_0$

$$T_\delta p(y) \leq p(y) - \delta\gamma p(y) + \delta\eta F_f(1, 2r_0) + \delta c.$$

Obviously for such  $y$

$$T_\delta p(y) \geq r_0 - \eta - F_f(0, 2r_0).$$

If  $0 < \eta < \min[(\gamma r_0 - c)(F_f(1, 2r_0))^{-1}, r_0]$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_0 = \min[\eta(F_f(0, 2r_0))^{-1}, \gamma^{-1}]$ , then  $|T_\delta p(y)| \leq r_0$ . In the same way we can make the estimates if  $-r_0 \leq p(y) \leq -r_0 + \eta$  and hence  $|T_\delta p|_0 \leq r_0$ .

For  $i \geq 1$  we have

$$D^i T_\delta p(y) = D^i p(y) + \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [D_3 f[Zp, 0](y - s, s)(D^i p(y) - D^i p(y - 2s)) + D_3 f[Zp, 0](y + s, s)(D^i p(y) - D^i p(y + 2s))] ds + \delta X_i(y),$$

where  $|X_i(y)|$  is estimated by  $c_i = 2^i(i+2)! F_f(i, 2r_0) [\max(r_0, \dots, r_{i-1})]^i$ .

Now if we choose  $\eta = 1$  and  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_i = \min(\delta_{i-1}, (2F_f(1, 2r_0) r_i + c_i)^{-1})$  we can prove similarly as above that  $|D^i T_\delta p|_0 \leq r_i$ . Then the mapping  $T_\delta$  fulfils the assumptions of lemma 3.1 and hence there exists a fixed point  $p_0 \in M_1$  of the operator  $T_\delta$  which is a solution of the equation  $V(p, 0) = 0$ .

This  $p_0$  is unique in  $C^0$ , because if  $p_1 \in C^0$  is another solution of the equation  $V(p, 0) = 0$ , then for  $p' = p_0 - p_1$  it holds

$$0 = V(p_0, 0)(y) - V(p_1, 0)(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [g_1(y, s)(p'(y) - p'(y - 2s)) + g_2(y, s)(p'(y) - p'(y + 2s))] ds,$$

where

$$g_m(y, s) = \int_0^1 D_3 f [Zp_0 + \varrho(Zp_1 - Zp_0)] (y + (-1)^m s, s) d\varrho.$$

From this expression we get for  $p' \neq \text{const.}$  and  $y_0$  such that  $p'(y_0) = \max(p'(y); y \in R)$ ,  $V(p_0, 0)(y_0) - V(p_1, 0)(y_0) < 0$  which is a contradiction and hence  $p' = \text{const} = 0$  because  $[p'] = 0$ .

From above it follows that the operator  $V(p, \varepsilon)$  is continuous in  $p$  and  $\varepsilon$  in a neighbourhood of  $(p_0, 0)$  and that it has a G-derivative  $V_p(p, \varepsilon)$  continuous in  $p$  and  $\varepsilon$  in the neighbourhood of  $(p_0, 0)$ . Further we must prove that the operator  $H = V_p(p_0, 0)$  has an inverse operator  $H^{-1}$ . It is easily seen that  $H$  maps  $C^k$  into itself. We shall prove that  $H$  is an 1-1 mapping. Let  $p \in C^k$  be such that  $Hp = 0$ . Let  $p(y_0) = \max(p(y); y \in R)$ . If for some  $s$   $p(y_0 - 2s) < p(y_0)$  or  $p(y_0 + 2s) < p(y_0)$ , then

$$0 = \int_0^\pi [D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y - s, s) (p(y_0) - p(y_0 - 2s)) + D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y + s, s) (p(y_0) - p(y_0 + 2s))] ds < 0.$$

This is a contradiction and hence  $p = \text{const} = 0$  because  $[p] = 0$ .

Let us denote  $g(y, s) = D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y - s, s) + D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y + s, s)$ ,  $g_0(y) = \int_0^\pi g(y, s) ds$ . Then we can write the operator  $H$  as a sum  $H = H_1 + H_2$ , where

$$H_1 p(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} g_0(y) p(y) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g_0(s) p(s) ds,$$

$$H_2 p(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g_0(s) p(s) ds - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi (D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y - s, s) p(y - 2s) + D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y + s, s) p(y + 2s)) ds.$$

Evidently  $H_1, H_2$  are the operators from  $C^k$  into  $C^k$ ,  $H_1$  has on  $C^k$  a bounded  $H_1^{-1}$

$$H_1^{-1} p(y) = \frac{1}{g_0(y)} \left( p(y) - \left( \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{g_0(s)} ds \right)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{g_0(s)} p(s) ds \right).$$

We shall prove that the operator  $H_2$  is completely continuous. Let  $U$  be a bounded set of  $C^k$ . To prove that  $H_2(U)$  is compact in  $C^k$  it suffices to prove that the derivatives of the order  $k$  of functions from  $H_2(U)$  fulfil the assumptions of Arzela's theorem.

It is obvious that they are uniformly bounded. Further (if  $k \geq 1$ )

$$D^k H_2 p(y) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi [D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y - s, s) D^k p(y - 2s) + D_3 f [Zp_0, 0] (y + s, s) D^k p(y + 2s)] ds + X_k =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_y^{y-2\pi} D_3 f[Zp_0, 0] \left( \frac{y+s}{2}, \frac{y-s}{2} \right) D^k p(s) ds - \\ - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_y^{y+2\pi} D_3 f[Zp_0, 0] \left( \frac{s+y}{2}, \frac{s-y}{2} \right) D^k p(s) ds + X_k.$$

In  $X_k$  are only derivatives of  $p$  up to the order  $k-1$ , so they are equicontinuous. Further it is easily seen that the first and second integrals are also equicontinuous with respect to  $p \in U$ . So the operator  $H_2$  is completely continuous. As the operator  $E + H_1^{-1}H_2 = H_1^{-1}H$  is also an 1-1 operator and  $H_1^{-1}H_2$  is a completely continuous operator, there exists by the well known theorem a linear bounded  $(E + H_1^{-1}H_2)^{-1}$  on  $C^k$  and then there exists on  $C^k$  also the linear bounded  $H^{-1} = (E + H_1^{-1}H_2)^{-1}H_1^{-1}$ .

Now we have verified all assumptions of the implicit function theorem and hence the following theorem holds:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f$  be defined on  $G_3 = R \times (0, \pi) \times R \times \langle 0, \varepsilon_0 \rangle$  and fulfil the following assumptions:

- 1)  $D_1^{i_1} D_2^{i_2} D_3^{i_3} f$ ,  $i_1 + i_2 + i_3 \leq k+1$ , are defined and continuous on  $G_3$ .
- 2) There exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$D_3 f \leq -\gamma < 0 \quad \text{on } G \times \langle -2r_0 - 1, 2r_0 + 1 \rangle \times \langle 0, \varepsilon_0 \rangle,$$

where

$$r_0 > \gamma^{-1} \sup \{ |f(t, x, 0, 0)|; (t, x) \in G \}.$$

- 3)  $\sup_{\substack{|i| \leq k+1 \\ i_4=0}} \sup \{ |D^i f(t, x, u, \varepsilon)|, (t, x) \in G, |u| \leq 2r_0 + 1, \varepsilon \in \langle 0, \varepsilon_0 \rangle \} < +\infty$ .

Let  $p_0 \in C^k$  be a solution of the equation  $Qf[Zp, 0] = 0$  (which is unique). Then there exists  $\varepsilon^* > 0$  such that for  $\varepsilon \in \langle 0, \varepsilon^* \rangle$  there exists a solution  $u_\varepsilon$  of the problem (5.1), (1.2) such that  $u_0 = Zp_0$  and  $u_\varepsilon$  depends continuously on  $\varepsilon$  in the space  $C_k$ .

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