

36. Asymptotic Expansions of Solutions of Fuchsian Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equations

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In this paper, we deal with a Fuchsian hyperbolic partial differential equation (in Tahara [2], [4]) and determine concrete asymptotic expansions (as $t \rightarrow +0$) of solutions in $C^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$.

1. Equation. Let us consider a linear partial differential equation of the form

$$(E) \quad (t\partial_t)^m u + \sum_{\substack{j+|\alpha| \leq m \\ j < m}} a_{j,\alpha}(t, x) (t^* \partial_x)^\alpha (t\partial_t)^j u = 0,$$

where $(t, x) = (t, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in [0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n$, $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$, $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$, $a_{j,\alpha}(t, x) \in C^\infty([0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$, $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n)$, $\kappa_i \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ and $(t^* \partial_x)^\alpha = (t^{\kappa_1} \partial_{x_1})^{\alpha_1} \dots (t^{\kappa_n} \partial_{x_n})^{\alpha_n}$.

For hyperbolicity, we assume the following condition; all the roots $\lambda_i(t, x, \xi)$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$) of the equation (in λ)

$$\lambda^m + \sum_{\substack{j+|\alpha| \leq m \\ j < m}} a_{j,\alpha}(t, x) \xi^\alpha \lambda^j = 0$$

are real valued, simple and bounded on $\{(t, x, \xi) \in [0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n; |\xi| = 1\}$. Then, (E) is one of the most fundamental models of Fuchsian hyperbolic equations discussed in Tahara [2], [4]. In [4], we have solved (E) in $C^\infty([0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ as characteristic Cauchy problems. But, here, we want to discuss (E) in $C^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ from the view point of asymptotic analysis (as $t \rightarrow +0$).

2. Result. Let $\rho_1(x), \dots, \rho_m(x)$ be the roots of the equation (in ρ)

$$\rho^m + \sum_{\substack{j+|\alpha| \leq m \\ j < m}} a_{j,(\alpha)}(0, x) \rho^j = 0.$$

Then, we can obtain the following result for (E) in $C^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$.

Theorem. Assume that $\rho_i(x) - \rho_j(x) \notin \mathbf{Z}$ holds for any $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$. Then, we have the following results.

(1) Any solution $u(=u(t, x)) \in C^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ of (E) can be expanded asymptotically into the form

$$(*) \quad u(t, x) \sim \sum_{i=1}^m \left\{ \varphi_i(x) t^{\rho_i(x)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{h=0}^{mk} \varphi_{k,h}^{(i)}(x) t^{\rho_i(x)+k} (\log t)^{m k - h} \right\}$$

(as $t \rightarrow +0$) for some $\varphi_i(x), \varphi_{k,h}^{(i)}(x) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Further, such coefficients $\varphi_i(x), \varphi_{k,h}^{(i)}(x)$ are uniquely determined by $u(t, x)$.

(2) Conversely, for any $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ we can find a solution $u(=u(t, x)) \in C^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ of (E) and coefficients $\varphi_{k,h}^{(i)}(x) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ so that the asymptotic relation in (1) holds. Further, such

a solution $u(t, x)$ and coefficients $\varphi_{k,h}^{(i)}(x)$ are uniquely determined by $\varphi_1(x), \dots, \varphi_m(x)$.

Here, the meaning of the asymptotic relation (*) in (1) is as follows. Denote by $R_N(t, x)$ the N -th remainder term, that is,

$$R_N(t, x) = u(t, x) - \sum_{i=1}^m \left\{ \varphi_i(x) t^{\rho_i(x)} + \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{h=0}^{mk} \varphi_{k,h}^{(i)}(x) t^{\rho_i(x)+k} (\log t)^{mk-h} \right\}.$$

Then, the asymptotic relation (*) above is defined by the following; for any $s > 0$ and any compact subset K of \mathbf{R}^n , there is an $N_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ such that for any $N \geq N_0$

$$\sup_{x \in K} |\partial_i^l \partial_x^\alpha R_N(t, x)| = o(t^{s-l})$$

(as $t \rightarrow +0$) holds for any l and α .

Remark. In the case of analytic category, analogous results are already obtained in Tahara [3] for general Fuchsian type partial differential equations. Note that we can easily obtain the asymptotic expansion of the above form by developing the fundamental solutions (constructed in [3]) into formal series. See also Chi Min-You [1].

3. Example. Let us consider the Euler-Poisson-Darboux equation (see Weinstein [5]) of the form

$$\partial_t^2 u - \Delta u + \frac{\alpha}{t} \partial_t u = 0,$$

where $(t, x) \in [0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n$, $\Delta = \partial_{x_1}^2 + \dots + \partial_{x_n}^2$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{C}$. Assume that $\alpha \neq \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots$. Then, any solution $u \in C^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ is characterized by the following asymptotic expansion

$$u(t, x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma((1+\alpha)/2) \Delta^k \varphi_1(x)}{2^{2k} \Gamma(k+1) \Gamma(k+(1+\alpha)/2)} t^{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma((3-\alpha)/2) \Delta^k \varphi_2(x)}{2^{2k} \Gamma(k+1) \Gamma(k+(3-\alpha)/2)} t^{2k+1-\alpha}$$

(as $t \rightarrow +0$), where $\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$.

Details and proofs will be published elsewhere.

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