

Asymptotic Behavior for Second Order Lattice Dynamical Systems

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We consider the existence of the global attractor for a second order lattice dynamical systems.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, there are more and more authors to study the various properties of solutions for lattice dynamical systems, mainly are coupled map lattices and lattice ordinary differential equations, see [1–5] and the references therein. Lattice systems can be found in many fields of applications, for example, in chemical reaction theory, image processing and pattern recognition. Lattice systems have their own forms, in some cases, they arise in the spatially discretizations of partial differential equations.

In this paper, we shall consider the asymptotic behavior of solutions for the following second order lattice dynamical system:

$$\ddot{u}_i + \alpha \dot{u}_i - (u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}) + \lambda u_i + f(u_i) = g_i, \quad i \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (1)$$

where α and λ is a positive constants, g_i is given, $f(s) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j s^{2j+1}$ with $a_j > 0$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$, is a polynomial. By introducing a new weight inner product and norm in the space $\ell^2 = \{u = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mid u_i \in \mathbb{R}, \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} u_i^2 < \infty\}$, we prove the existence of a global attractor of system (1). The idea of using such a technique is due to Zhou [6] and Bates¹, the later considered the existence of a global attractor for a first order lattice dynamical system.

Equation (1) can be regarded as a discrete analogue of the following continuous damped semi-linear wave equation:

$$u_{tt} + \alpha u_t - u_{xx} + \lambda u + f(u) = g. \quad (2)$$

The global attractor and its dimension to Eq. (2) in bounded domain and unbounded domain have been studied in Hilbert spaces by

¹ Peter W. Bates, Kening Lu, Bixiang Wang, *Attractors for lattice dynamical systems*, Preprint, 1999.

many people, see [6–12] and the references therein.

This paper is organized as follows. In the second section, we present the existence and uniqueness of solutions for system (1). In Section 3, we prove the uniformly boundedness of solutions. In Section 3, we prove the existence of the global attractor.

2. EXISTENCE AND BOUNDEDNESS OF SOLUTIONS

In this section, we consider the existence and uniqueness of solutions for system (1) with initial conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{u}_i + \alpha \dot{u}_i - (u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}) + \lambda u_i + f(u_i) = g_i, \\ u_i(0) = u_{i,0}, \quad \dot{u}_i(0) = u_{1i,0}, \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $\alpha, \lambda > 0$, $g = (g_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $f(s) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j s^{2j+1}$ with $a_j > 0$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$. For any $u = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \ell^2$, define

$$\begin{aligned} (Bu)_i &= u_{i+1} - u_i, \quad (\bar{B}u)_i = u_{i-1} - u_i, \\ (Au)_i &= -(u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}), \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

Then B, \bar{B}, A are linear operators from ℓ^2 to ℓ^2 and satisfy $A = \bar{B}B = B\bar{B}$.

For any two elements $u = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}, v = (v_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \ell^2$, define two bilinear forms as

$$\begin{cases} (u, v) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} u_i v_i, \quad \|u\|^2 = (u, u) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |u_i|^2; \\ (u, v)_\lambda = (Bu, Bv) + \lambda(u, v), \\ \|u\|_\lambda^2 = (u, u)_\lambda = \|Bu\|^2 + \lambda \|u\|^2 = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|u_{i+1} - u_i|^2 + \lambda |u_i|^2). \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Obviously, the bilinear forms (\cdot, \cdot) and $(\cdot, \cdot)_\lambda$ in (4) are both the inner products, moreover, the norms $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_\lambda$ are equivalent each other because

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \|u\|^2 &\leq \|u\|_\lambda^2 = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|u_{i+1} - u_i|^2 + \lambda |u_i|^2) \\ &\leq (4 + \lambda) \|u\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by ℓ^2, ℓ_λ^2 the spaces with the inner products and norms in (4), respectively $\ell^2 = (\ell^2, (\cdot, \cdot), \|\cdot\|)$, $\ell_\lambda^2 = (\ell^2, (\cdot, \cdot)_\lambda, \|\cdot\|_\lambda)$, then ℓ^2 and ℓ_λ^2 are Hilbert spaces. Let $E = \ell_\lambda^2 \times \ell^2$, endowed with the inner product and norm as: for $\varphi_j = (u^{(j)}, v^{(j)}) = ((u_i^{(j)}), (u_i^{(j)}))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in E$, $j = 1, 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)_E &= (u^{(1)}, u^{(2)})_\lambda + (v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}) \\ &= \sum_i [(Bu^{(1)})_i (Bu^{(2)})_i \\ &\quad + \lambda u_i^{(1)} u_i^{(2)} + v_i^{(1)} v_i^{(2)}], \\ \|\varphi\|_E^2 &= (\varphi, \varphi)_E, \quad \forall \varphi \in \ell_\lambda^2 \times \ell^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

It is convenient to reduce system (3) as an ordinary differential equation of first order in time on E . With above notations, problem (3) can be written as

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{u} + \alpha \dot{u} + Au + \lambda u + f(u) = g, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0) = (u_{i,0})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} = u_0, \quad \dot{u}(0) = (u_{1i,0})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} = u_{10}, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where $u = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}, f(u) = (f(u_i))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}, g = (g_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Let $v = \dot{u} + \varepsilon u$, where ε is chosen as

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\alpha \lambda}{\alpha^2 + 4\lambda} > 0, \quad (7)$$

then system (6) is equivalent to the following initial value problem in Hilbert space E

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\varphi} + C\varphi &= F(\varphi), \\ \varphi(0) &= (u_0, v_0)^T = (u_0, u_{10} + \varepsilon u_0)^T, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $\varphi = (u, v)^T, v = \dot{u} + \varepsilon u, F(\varphi) = (0, -f(u) + g)^T$,

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon I & -I \\ A + \lambda I + \varepsilon(\varepsilon - \alpha)I & (\alpha - \varepsilon)I \end{pmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

For any $u = (u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \ell^2, |u_i| \leq \|u\|$,

$$\|f(u)\| = \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |f(u_i)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \|u\| \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \|u\|^{2j}, \quad (10)$$

thus, f maps ℓ^2 into ℓ^2 , i.e., F maps E into itself. Let B be a bounded set in E , $\varphi_j = (u^{(j)}, v^{(j)}) = ((u_i^{(j)}), (v_i^{(j)}))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in B$, $j = 1, 2$, similar to (10), there exists $L(a_i, B)$ such that

$$\|F(\varphi_1) - F(\varphi_2)\|_E \leq L(a_i, B) \|\varphi_1 - \varphi_2\|_E,$$

thus, $F(\varphi)$ is locally Lipschitz from E to E . It is easy to see that the solutions of problem (3) is backward unique in time because if t and α are replaced by $-t$ and $-\alpha$, the Eq. (3) is not changed. By the standard theory of ordinary differential equations, we obtain the existence and uniqueness of local solution φ for problem (8).

LEMMA 1 *If $g = (g_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \ell^2$, then for any initial data $\varphi(0) = (u_0, v_0)^T \in E$, there exists an unique local solution $\varphi(t) = (u(t), v(t))^T$ of (8) such that $\varphi \in C^1(((-T_0, T_0), E))$ for some $T_0 > 0$. If $T_0 < +\infty$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow T_0} \|\varphi(t)\|_E = +\infty$.*

From Lemma 3 below, it is obtained that the local solution $\varphi(t)$ of (8) exists globally, that is, $\varphi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, E)$, which implies that maps

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) : \varphi(0) &= (u_0, v_0) \in E \rightarrow \varphi(t) = S(t)\varphi(0) \\ &= (u(t), v(t)) \in E, \quad t \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

generates a continuous semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ on E , where $v(t) = \dot{u}(t) + \varepsilon u(t)$.

3. BOUNDEDNESS OF SOLUTIONS

LEMMA 2 *For any $\varphi = (u, v)^T \in E$,*

$$(C\varphi, \varphi)_E \geq \sigma \|\varphi\|_E^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|v\|^2, \quad (12)$$

where

$$\sigma = \frac{\alpha\lambda}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + 4\lambda}(\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 + 4\lambda})}. \quad (13)$$

Proof It is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} (Bu, v) &= (u, \bar{B}v) \quad \text{and} \\ (Au, v) &= (Bu, Bv), \quad \forall u, v \in \ell^2. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (C\varphi, \varphi)_E - \sigma \|\varphi\|_E^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \|v\|^2 \\ \geq (\varepsilon - \sigma)[\|Bu\|^2 + \lambda \|u\|^2] \\ + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} - \varepsilon - \sigma \right) \|v\|^2 \\ - \frac{\alpha\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\lambda}} [\|Bu\|^2 + \lambda \|u\|^2]^{1/2} \|v\|, \end{aligned}$$

But

$$4(\varepsilon - \sigma) \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} - \varepsilon - \sigma \right) = \frac{\alpha^2 \varepsilon^2}{\lambda}.$$

Thus, the proof is completed.

We consider the boundedness of solutions $\varphi(t)$ of (8). Assume that $g \in \ell^2$. Let $\varphi(t) = (u(t), v(t))^T \in E$ be a solution of (8), where $v(t) = \dot{u}(t) + \varepsilon u(t)$.

Taking the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_E$ of (8) with $\varphi(t)$, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\varphi\|_E^2 + (C\varphi, \varphi)_E + (f(u), \dot{u}) + \varepsilon (f(u), u) = (g, v). \quad (14)$$

By (12),

$$(C\varphi, \varphi)_E \geq \sigma \|\varphi\|_E^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|v\|^2. \quad (15)$$

Write $G(s) = \int_0^s f(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{j=0}^m (a_j/(2j+2)) s^{2j+2}$, then

$$(f(u), \dot{u}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} f(u_i) \dot{u}_i = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_i) \right), \quad (16)$$

$$(f(u), u) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} f(u_i) u_i \geq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_i), \quad (17)$$

and

$$(g, v) \leq \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|g\|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|v\|^2. \quad (18)$$

By putting (15)–(18) into (14), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\|\varphi\|_E^2 + 2 \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_i) \right] \\ + \sigma \left[\|\varphi\|_E^2 + 2 \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_i) \right] \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|g\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

By Gronwall's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi\|_E^2 + 2 \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_i) \\ \leq \left[\|\varphi(0)\|_E^2 + 2 \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_{i0}) \right] e^{-\sigma t} \\ + \frac{1}{\alpha\sigma} \|g\|^2 (1 - e^{-\sigma t}). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G(u_{i0}) &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{a_j}{2j+2} u_{i0}^{2j+2} \\ &\leq f'(\|u(0)\|) \cdot \|u(0)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi\|_E^2 &\leq [\|\varphi(0)\|_E^2 + 2f'(\|u(0)\|) \cdot \|u(0)\|^2] e^{-\sigma t} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha\sigma} \|g\|^2 (1 - e^{-\sigma t}). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

From (20), for any initial data $\varphi(0) = (u_0, v_0)^T \in E$, then the solution $\varphi(t) = (u(t), v(t))^T$ is bounded for all $t \in [0, +\infty)$, that is, the solution $\varphi(t)$ exists globally on $[0, +\infty)$, maps $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ defined by (11) form a semigroup on E . Inequality (19) implies that the semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ possesses a bounded absorbing set in E .

LEMMA 3 *If $g \in \ell^2$, then there exists a bounded ball $O = O_E(0, r_0)$, centered at O with radius r_0 , such that for every bounded set B of E , there exists*

$T(B) \geq 0$ such that

$$S(t)B \subset O, \quad \forall t \geq T(B), \quad (21)$$

where $r_0^2 = (2/\alpha\sigma) \|g\|^2$.

Therefore, there exists a constant $T_0 \geq 0$ depending on O such that

$$S(t)O \subset O, \quad \forall t \geq T_0. \quad (22)$$

4. GLOBAL ATTRACTOR

Let H be a complete metric space and $\{S(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a continuous semigroup on H .

DEFINITION 1 A set X of H is called a global attractor for the semigroup $\{S(t), t \geq 0\}$ if (i) X is invariant set, i.e., $S(t)X = X, \forall t \geq 0$. (ii) X is a compact set. (iii) X attracts any bounded set of H , i.e., for any bounded set $B \subset H$, $d(S(t)B, X) = \sup_{x \in S(t)B} \inf_{y \in X} d(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

To obtain the existence of a global attractor for the semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ associated with (8) on E . We need prove the asymptotic compactness of $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$.

LEMMA 4 *If $g \in \ell^2$ and $\varphi(0) = (u_0, v_0) \in O$, then $\forall \eta > 0$, there exists $T(\eta)$ and $K(\eta)$ such that the solution $\varphi(t) = (\varphi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} = ((u_i(t)), (v_i(t)))_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in E$ of problem (8), $v_i(t) = \dot{u}_i(t) + \varepsilon u_i(t)$, satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|i| \geq K(\eta)} \|\varphi_i(t)\|_E^2 &= \sum_{|i| \geq k(\eta)} [(Bu(t))_i]^2 + \lambda |u_i(t)|^2 \\ &\quad + |v_i(t)|^2 \leq \eta, \quad \forall t \geq T(\eta), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where $(Bu(t))_i = u_{i+1}(t) - u_i(t)$.

Proof Choosing a smooth function $\theta \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$ satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} \theta(s) = 0, & 0 \leq s \leq 1, \\ 0 \leq \theta(s) \leq 1, & 1 \leq s \leq 2, \\ \theta(s) = 1, & s \geq 2, \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

then there exists a constant C_0 such that $|\theta'(s)| \leq C_0$ for $s \in R^+$.

Let $\varphi(t) = (u(t), v(t)) = (\varphi_i)_{i \in Z} = ((u_i(t)), (v_i(t)))_{i \in Z}$ be a solution of (8), where $v(t) = u(t) + \varepsilon u(t)$, $\varphi_i = (u_i, v_i)$, ε is as in (7).

Let k be a fixed integer and set $w_i = \theta(|i|/k)u_i$, $z_i = \theta(|i|/k)v_i$, $y = (w, z) = ((w_i), (z_i))_{i \in Z}$. Taking the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_E$ of (8) with y , we have

$$(\dot{\varphi}, y)_E + (C\varphi, y)_E = (F(\varphi), y)_E. \quad (25)$$

It is possible to check that

$$(\dot{\varphi}, y)_E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) \|\varphi_i\|_E^2, \quad (26)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_i\|_E^2 &= |(Bu)_i|^2 + \lambda|u_i|^2 + |v_i|^2 \\ &= |u_{i+1} - u_i|^2 + \lambda|u_i|^2 + |v_i|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (C\varphi, y)_E &= \varepsilon(Bu, Bw) - (Bv, Bw) + \lambda\varepsilon(u, w) \\ &\quad - \lambda(v, w) + (Au, z) + \lambda(u, z) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon^2(u, z) - \varepsilon(v, z) + (h(v - \varepsilon u), z), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (Bu, Bw)(t) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \left\{ \left[\theta\left(\frac{|i+1|}{k}\right) - \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. (u_{i+1} - u_i)u_{i+1} + \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. (u_{i+1} - u_i)^2 \right\} \\ &\geq -\frac{4C_0r_0^2}{k} + \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) (u_{i+1} - u_i)^2, \end{aligned} \quad \forall t \geq T_0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (Bv, Bw) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \left[\theta\left(\frac{|i+1|}{k}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. (v_{i+1} - v_i)u_{i+1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) (v_{i+1} - v_i)u_i \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (Bu, Bz) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \left[\theta\left(\frac{|i+1|}{k}\right) (u_{i+1} - u_i)v_{i+1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) (u_{i+1} - u_i)v_i \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (Bu, Bz) - (Bv, Bw) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \left(\theta\left(\frac{|i+1|}{k}\right) - \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) \right) \\ &\quad (u_{i+1}v_i - u_iv_{i+1}) \\ &\geq -\sum_{i \in Z} \frac{|\theta'(\tau_i)|}{k} \\ &\quad |u_{i+1}v_i - u_iv_{i+1}| \\ &\geq -\frac{4C_0r_0^2}{k}, \quad \forall t \geq T_0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (u, w) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) u_i^2, \\ (v, w) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) u_i v_i = (u, z), \\ (v, z) &= \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) v_i^2, \\ &\quad \varepsilon^2(u, z) + (h(v - \varepsilon u), z) \\ &\geq \alpha \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) u_i^2 - \varepsilon(\alpha - \varepsilon) \\ &\quad \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) u_i v_i, \end{aligned}$$

thus,

$$(C\varphi, y) \geq -\frac{8C_0r_0^2}{k} + \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) \left[\sigma \|\varphi_i\|_E^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} |v_i|^2 \right], \quad \forall t \geq T_0. \quad (29)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (F(\varphi), y)_E &= -(f(u), z) + (g, z) \\ (f(u), z) &\geq \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) G(u_i) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) G(u_i), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$(g, z) \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i \in Z} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) v_i^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \sum_{|i| \geq k} g_i^2. \quad (31)$$

Putting inequalities (26), (29)–(31) into (25), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) [\|\varphi_i\|_E^2 + 2G(u_i)] \\ & + \sigma \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) [\|\varphi_i\|_E^2 + 2G(u_i)] \\ & \leq \frac{8C_0r_0^2}{k} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{|i| \geq k} g_i^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since $g \in \ell^2$, then $\forall \eta > 0$, there exists $K(\eta)$ such that

$$\frac{8C_0r_0^2}{k} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{|i| \geq k} g_i^2 \leq \eta, \quad \forall k \geq K(\eta),$$

by Gronwall's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) [\|\varphi_i\|_E^2 + 2G(u_i)] \leq e^{-\sigma(t-T_0)} \\ & \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) [\|\varphi_i(T_0)\|_E^2 + 2G(u_i(T_0))] + \frac{\eta}{\sigma} \\ & \leq e^{-\sigma(t-T_0)} r_0^2 (1 + 2M_0) + \frac{\eta}{\sigma}, \quad \forall t \geq T_0. \end{aligned}$$

where $M_0 = |f'(r_0)|$. Taking

$$T(\eta) = \max \left\{ T_0, T_0 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \ln \frac{\sigma}{\eta} (1 + 2M_0) r_0^2 \right\},$$

then for $t \geq T(\eta)$ and $k \geq K(\eta)$, we have

$$\sum_{|i| \geq 2k} \|\varphi_i\|_E^2 \leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta\left(\frac{|i|}{k}\right) \|\varphi_i\|_E^2 \leq \frac{2\eta}{\sigma}. \quad (32)$$

which implies Lemma 4. The proof is completed.

LEMMA 5 *If $g \in \ell^2$, then the semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ is asymptotically compact in E , that is, if $\{\varphi_n\}$ is bounded in E and $t_n \rightarrow +\infty$, then $\{S(t_n)\varphi_n\}$ is precompact in E .*

Proof Let $\{\varphi_n\} \subset E = \ell_\lambda^2 \times \ell^2$ be bounded, assume that $\|\varphi_n\|_E \leq r$ for some positive constant

r , $n = 1, 2, \dots$. By Lemma 3, there exists T_r such that

$$S(t)\varphi_n \subset O, \quad \forall t \geq T_r, \quad (33)$$

where O is the absorbing set. By $t_n \rightarrow +\infty$, there exists $N_1(r)$ such that $t_n \geq T_r$ if $n \geq N_1(r)$, thus,

$$S(t_n)\varphi_n \subset O, \quad \forall n \geq N_1(r), \quad (34)$$

Since E is a Hilbert space and by (34), there exists $\varphi_0 \in E$ and a subsequence of $\{S(t_n)\varphi_n\}$ (denoted still by $\{S(t_n)\varphi_n\}$) such that

$$S(t_n)\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi_0 \quad \text{weakly in } E. \quad (35)$$

In what follows, the convergence here is a strong one, i.e., $\forall \eta > 0$, there exists $N(\eta)$ such that

$$\|S(t_n)\varphi_n - \varphi_0\|_E \leq \eta, \quad \forall n \geq N(\eta).$$

For $\eta > 0$, by Lemma 4 and (33), there exist $K_1(\eta)$, $T(\eta)$ such that

$$\sum_{|i| \geq K_1(\eta)} \|(S(t)(S(T_r))\varphi_n)_i\|_E^2 \leq \frac{\eta^2}{8}, \quad t \geq T(\eta),$$

By $t_n \rightarrow +\infty$, there exists $N_2(r, \eta)$ such that $t_n \geq T_r + T(\eta)$ if $n \geq N_2(r, \eta)$, hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|i| \geq K_1(\eta)} \|(S(t_n)\varphi_n)_i\|_E^2 \\ & = \sum_{|i| \geq K_1(\eta)} \|(S(t_n - T_r)S(T_r)\varphi_n)_i\|_E^2 \leq \frac{\eta^2}{8}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Again, since $\varphi_0 \in E$, there exists $K_2(\eta)$ such that

$$\sum_{|i| \geq K_2(\eta)} \|(\varphi_0)_i\|_E^2 \geq \frac{\eta^2}{8}. \quad (37)$$

Let $K(\eta) = \max\{K_1(\eta), K_2(\eta)\}$, by (35),

$$\begin{aligned} & ((S(t_n)\varphi_n)_{|i| \leq K(\eta)} \rightarrow ((\varphi_0)_i)_{|i| \leq K(\eta)} \\ & \text{strongly in } R_\lambda^{2K(\eta)+1} \times R^{2K(\eta)+1}, \quad n \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

that is, there exists $N_3(\eta)$ such that

$$\sum_{|i| \leq K(\eta)} \|(S(t_n)\varphi_n)_i - (\varphi_0)_i\|_E^2 \leq \frac{\eta^2}{2} \quad \forall n \geq N_3(\eta). \quad (38)$$

Setting $N(\eta) = \max\{N_1(r), N_2(r, \eta), N_3(\eta)\}$, from (36)–(38), then for $n \geq N(\eta)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S(t_n)\varphi_n - \varphi_0\|_E^2 \\ &= \sum_{|i| \leq K(\eta)} \|(S(t_n)\varphi_n)_i - (\varphi_0)_i\|_E^2 \\ &+ \sum_{|i| > K(\eta)} \|(S(t_n)\varphi_n)_i - (\varphi_0)_i\|_E^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2}{2} + 2 \sum_{|i| > K(\eta)} (\|S(t_n)\varphi_n)_i \|_E^2 - \|(\varphi_0)_i\|_E^2 \\ &\leq \eta^2. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed.

As a direct consequence of Lemmas 3, 5 and Theorem I. 1.1 of [8], we obtain the existence of a global attractor for semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$.

THEOREM 1 *If $g \in \ell^2$, then the semigroup $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ associated with (8) possesses a global attractor β in E .*

Remark Since the solutions of problem (8) are backward unique in time, the invariance of the global attractor β means

$$S(t)\beta = \beta \quad \text{for } t \in R. \quad (39)$$

We can consider the mapping $S_0(t) : (u_0, u_{10})^T \rightarrow (u(t), \dot{u}(t))^T \in \ell^2 \times \ell^2$ associated with problem (3)

in the space $\ell^2 \times \ell^2$ with the usual inner product and norm. Since $S_0(t) = R_{-\varepsilon} S(t) R_\varepsilon$, $R_\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \varepsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an isomorphism on $\ell^2 \times \ell^2$ and $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ possesses a global attractor β in E , the global attractor of $\{S_0(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ in E is $R_{-\varepsilon}\beta$, which implies that $\{S_0(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ possesses a global attractor in $\ell^2 \times \ell^2$ because $\ell^2 \times \ell^2$ and E have the same elements and their norms are equivalent.

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