

## CONTROLLABILITY AND PERIODIC SOLUTIONS OF NONLINEAR WAVE EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. The controllability of time-periodic solutions of a  $n$ -dimensional nonlinear wave equation is established with  $n = 2, 3$ . The result is used to establish the existence of time-periodic solutions of a nonlinear wave equation.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the article is to establish the existence of time-periodic solutions of a nonlinear wave equation in bounded domains of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $n = 2, 3$ , using controllability. Following the pioneering work of Rabinowitz [8, 9] on time-periodic solutions of the one-dimensional nonlinear wave equation, extensive studies of the problem were done by Berti-Bolle [1, 2], Brezis-Nirenberg [3] and others. Controllability and fictitious domains were used by Glowinski and his collaborators [5], Glowinski-Rossi [6] to treat numerically the existence of time-periodic solutions of the linear wave equation in cylindrical domains. For higher spatial dimensions, Berti and Polle [3] used The Nash-Moser iteration to study T-periodic solutions of the problem

$$\begin{aligned}u'' - \Delta u + mu &= \varepsilon F(\omega t, x, u) \\ u(t, x) &= u(t, x + 2k\pi) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^n\end{aligned}$$

where  $F$  is  $2\pi/\omega$  periodic in time and  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $x_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

In [10, 11] the author established the existence of time-periodic solutions of a nonlinear wave equation in non-cylindrical domains of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = 2, 3$  with the forcing term in a non-empty subset of  $K^\perp$  with

$$K = \{v : v \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)), \int_0^T v(\cdot, t) dt = 0\}$$

In this paper we shall show that for any  $f$  in  $K^\perp$  there exists a time-periodic solution of a nonlinear wave equation in cylindrical domains. The proof is carried out in Section 5. Notations and the basic assumption of the paper are given in Section 2.

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Given  $f$  in  $K^\perp$  and  $u_0$  in  $H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$  we shall establish the existence of a control  $g_f(u_0)$  in  $(H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))^*$  and a time-periodic solution of the nonlinear wave equation

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u &= f - g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{u, u'\}|_{t=0} = \{u, u'\}|_{t=T} = \{u_0, 0\} \end{aligned}$$

The solution and its derivative take prescribed values at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = T$ .

In Section 4 we consider a semi-exact controllability problem. Given  $f$  in  $K^\perp$  and  $u_0$  in  $H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$ , we shall prove the existence of (i) a control  $g_f(u_0)$  and (ii) a time-periodic solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u &= f - g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad u(0) = u_0 = u(T), \quad u'(0) = u'(T). \end{aligned}$$

As the solution  $u$  takes a prescribed common value at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = T$ , its derivative  $u'$  is not required to take a specific value at the two end points, we shall call it a semi-exact controllability problem.

**Notation.** Let  $G$  be a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $n = 2, 3$ , and let

$$K = \{v : v \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)), \int_0^T v(\cdot, s) ds = 0\}.$$

The set  $K$  is a closed convex subset of  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$  and let  $J$ , be the duality mapping of  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$  into  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$  with gauge function  $\Phi(r) = r$ . The penalty function

$$\beta(v) = J(v - P_K v)$$

where  $P_K$  is the projection of  $K$  onto  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$ , is well-defined. For a given  $u$  in  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$  there exists a unique  $P_K u$  in  $K$  such that

$$\|u - P_K u\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(G))} \leq \|u - k\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(G))} \quad \forall k \in K.$$

In this article, we denote by  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  the various pairings between  $L^2(G)$ ,  $L^p(G)$  and their duals.

**Assumption.** We assume that  $2 \leq p < \infty$  if  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $2 \leq p \leq 4$  if  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

## 2. EXACT CONTROLLABILITY TIME PERIODIC PROBLEM

The main result of the section is the following theorem

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\{f, u_0\}$  be in  $K^\perp \times \{H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\}$  then there exist:*

- (i)  $g_f(u_0)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$
- (ii)  $\{u, u'\}$  in  $L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)) \times L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))$ , solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u &= f - g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T) \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{u, u'\}|_{t=0} = \{u, u'\}|_{t=T} = \{u_0, 0\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

We consider the initial boundary-value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_\varepsilon'' - \varepsilon \Delta u_\varepsilon' - \Delta u_\varepsilon + |u_\varepsilon|^{p-2}u_\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1} \beta(u_\varepsilon') &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u_\varepsilon = u_\varepsilon' &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{u_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon'\}|_{t=0} = \{u_0, u_1\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\{f, u_0, u_1\}$  be in  $K^\perp \times [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)] \times L^2(G)$  then there exists a unique solution  $u_\varepsilon$  of (2.2). Moreover*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u'_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2\varepsilon \|\nabla u'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,t;L^2(G))}^2 + \|\nabla u_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 \\ & + 2p^{-1} \|u_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^p(G)}^p + 2\varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^t (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), u'_\varepsilon) ds \\ & \leq \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^p + 2 \int_0^t (f, u'_\varepsilon) ds \end{aligned}$$

The standard Galerkin approximation method gives the existence of a unique solution of (2.2) with the stated estimate. We shall not reproduce the proof.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be as in Lemma 2.2 then there exists a subsequence such that*

$$\{u_\varepsilon, u'_\varepsilon, \beta(u'_\varepsilon)\} \rightarrow \{u, u', 0\}$$

in the space

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ C(0, T; L^2(G)) \cap [L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))]_{weak^*} \right\} \\ & \times [L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))]_{weak^*} \times [L^2(0, T; L^2(G))]_{weak}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore  $\beta(u') = 0$ , i.e.  $u'$  in  $K$  and thus,  $u(\cdot, 0) = u(\cdot, T) = u_0$ .

*Proof.* (1) From the estimate of Lemma 2.2 and the Gronwalls lemma, there exists a subsequence such that  $\{u_\varepsilon, u'_\varepsilon\} \rightarrow \{u, u'\}$  in

$$C(0, T; L^2(G)) \cap [L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))]_{weak^*} \times [L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))]_{weak^*}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\beta(u'_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} &= \|J(u'_\varepsilon - P_K u'_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \\ &= \Phi(\|u'_\varepsilon - P_K u'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))}) \\ &= \|u'_\varepsilon - P_K u'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \\ &\leq \|u'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} + \|P_K u'_\varepsilon - P_K 0\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \\ &\leq 2\|u'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \leq M \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\beta(u'_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \chi \quad \text{in } (L^2(0, T; L^2(G)))_{weak}.$$

(2) We now show that  $\chi = 0$ . From (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\varepsilon \int_0^T (u'_\varepsilon, \varphi') dt + \varepsilon^2 \int_0^T (\nabla u'_\varepsilon, \nabla \varphi) dt + \varepsilon \int_0^T (\nabla u_\varepsilon, \nabla \varphi) dt \\ & + \varepsilon \int_0^T (|u_\varepsilon|^{p-2} u_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt + \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt \\ & = \varepsilon \int_0^T (f, \varphi) dt \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$$

Since  $\beta(u'_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \chi$  in  $[L^2(0, T; L^2(G))]_{weak}$ , we deduce that  $\chi = 0$ .

(3) We now show that  $\beta(u') = 0$ . Since  $\beta$  is monotone in  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$  we have

$$\int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon) - \beta(v'), u'_\varepsilon - v') dt \geq 0 \quad \forall v' \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)),$$

in particular for all  $v$  with

$$v = \int_0^t \varphi(\cdot, s) ds, \quad \varphi \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)).$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon) - \beta(\varphi), u'_\varepsilon - \varphi) dt \geq 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)).$$

From the estimate of Lemma 2.2 and from the above we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), u'_\varepsilon) dt = 0 = \lim_{\varepsilon} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt.$$

Hence

$$- \int_0^T (\beta(\varphi), u' - \varphi) dt \geq 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)).$$

Take  $\varphi = u' + \lambda w$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $w$  in  $L^2(0, T; L^2(G))$ . We have

$$\int_0^T (\beta(u' + \lambda w), w) dt \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)).$$

Letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  we obtain

$$\int_0^T (\beta(u'), w) dt \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)).$$

Changing  $w$  to  $-w$  and we deduce that  $\beta(u') = 0$  i.e.  $u' \in K$  and  $u(\cdot, 0) = u(\cdot, T) = u_0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\{u_\varepsilon, u\}$ , be as in Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3. There exists  $g_f(u_0, u_1)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$  and associated with  $g_f(u_0, u_1)$ , a unique solution  $u$ , of the problem*

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u &= f - g_f(u_0, u_1) \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{u, u'\}|_{t=0} = \{u_0, u_1\} = \{u(\cdot, T), u_1\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

with

$$\int_0^T (g_f(u_0, u_1), \varphi) dt = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt$$

for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$ . Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf \|u'_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u(t)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u(t)\|_{L^p(G)}^p \\ \leq \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^p + 2 \int_0^t (f, u') ds. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* (1) Since  $u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u$  in  $C(0, T; L^2(G)) \cap (L^\infty(0, T; L^p(G)))_{weak^*}$ , a standard argument gives

$$|u_\varepsilon|^{p-2}u_\varepsilon \rightarrow |u|^{p-2}u \quad \text{in } [L^\infty(0, T; L^q(G))]_{weak^*}.$$

(2) Let  $\varphi$  be in  $C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$  then  $\varphi'$  is in  $K$  and we have

$$\int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon) - \beta(\varphi'), u'_\varepsilon - \varphi') dt = \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), u'_\varepsilon - \varphi') dt \geq 0.$$

It follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, u'_\varepsilon - \varphi') dt + \int_0^T (\nabla(\varepsilon u'_\varepsilon + u_\varepsilon), \nabla(u'_\varepsilon - \varphi')) dt \\ & + \int_0^T (|u_\varepsilon|^{p-2} u_\varepsilon, u'_\varepsilon - \varphi') dt + \varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), u'_\varepsilon - \varphi') dt \\ & = \int_0^T (f, u'_\varepsilon - \varphi') dt \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u'_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2\varepsilon \|\nabla u'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))}^2 + \|\nabla u_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^p(G)}^p \\ & - 2 \int_0^T (f, u'_\varepsilon) dt - \left\{ \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^p \right\} \\ & \leq 2 \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, \varphi') dt + 2 \int_0^T (\nabla(\varepsilon u'_\varepsilon + u_\varepsilon), \nabla \varphi') dt + 2 \int_0^T (|u_\varepsilon|^{p-2} u_\varepsilon - f, \varphi') dt \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf \|u'_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u(T)\|_{L^p(G)}^p \\ & - \left\{ \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^p \right\} \\ & \leq 2 \int_0^T \langle u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2} u - f, \varphi' \rangle dt \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$ . We have used the fact that  $f \in K^\perp$  and that  $u'$  is in  $K$ . Set

$$\Phi(u, \varphi') = 2 \int_0^T \langle u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2} u - f, \varphi' \rangle dt$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E(u) &= \liminf \|u'_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2p^{-1} \|u(T)\|_{L^p(G)}^p - \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2 \\ & - \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(G)}^2 - 2p^{-1} \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^p \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$E(u) \leq \Phi(u, \varphi') \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)).$$

In particular

$$E(u) \leq \Phi(u, -\varphi') \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$$

Hence

$$E(u) \leq \Phi(u, \varphi') \leq -E(u) \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$$

Let  $\lambda > 0$  then  $\lambda^{-1}\varphi$  is in  $C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$  and we have

$$\lambda E(u) \leq \Phi(u, \varphi') \leq -\lambda E(u)$$

Letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  we obtain

$$\Phi(u, \varphi') = \int_0^T \langle u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2} u - f, \varphi' \rangle dt = 0$$

for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$ . Therefore

$$\{u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u - f\}' = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T; [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*).$$

It follows that

$$u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u - f = g_f(u_0, u_1) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T; [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*) \quad (2.5)$$

for any  $g_f(u_0, u_1)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$ .

(3) We now show that  $g_f(u_0, u_1)$  is uniquely defined. From (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^T (u'_\varepsilon, \varphi') dt + \int_0^T (\nabla(\varepsilon u'_\varepsilon + u_\varepsilon), \nabla \varphi) dt + \int_0^T (|u_\varepsilon|^{p-2}u_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt \\ & + \varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt - \int_0^T (f, \varphi) dt = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$ .

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^T (u', \varphi') dt + \int_0^T (\nabla u, \nabla \varphi) dt \\ & + \int_0^T (|u|^{p-2}u, \varphi) dt + \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt \\ & = \int_0^T (f, \varphi) dt \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$ . Thus,

$$u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u + \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-1} \beta(u'_\varepsilon) = f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T; [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*)$$

Comparing with (2.4) and we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-1} \beta(u'_\varepsilon) = g_f(u_0, u_1) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T; [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*)$$

It is clear that if  $h$  is any other element of  $(H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))^*$  in (2.5) then

$$h = g_f(u_0, u_1) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^{-1} \beta(u'_\varepsilon) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T; [H_0^1 \cap L^p(G)]^*)$$

(4) Suppose that  $v$  is a solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} v'' - \Delta v + |v|^{p-2}v + g_f(u_0, u_1) &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ v &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad v(\cdot, 0) = u_0, \quad v'(\cdot, 0) = u_1 \end{aligned}$$

Then an argument as in Lions [11, p.14-15], shows that  $u = v$  and completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $g_f(u_0, u_1)$  be as in Lemma 2.4 then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|g_f(u_0, u_1)\|_{[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*} \\ & \leq C \{1 + \|u_0\|_{H_0^1(G)}^{p-1} + \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^{p-1} + \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^{p-1} + \|f\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(G))}\} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $h$  be in  $H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$  and let  $\zeta$  be in  $C_0^\infty(0, T)$  with  $\zeta \geq 0$ . From Lemma 2.4 we have

$$\int_0^T \zeta(g_f(u_0, u_1), h) = \int_0^T (f, \zeta h) dt + \int_0^T (u', \zeta' h) - \int_0^T (\nabla u, \zeta \nabla h) dt$$

$$- \int_0^T (|u|^{p-2}u, \zeta h) dt$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha |g_f(u_0, u_1), h| \leq C & \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} + \|u'\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \right. \\ & \left. + \|u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^p(G))}^{p-1} \right\} \|h\|_{H_0^1(G)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $h$  in  $H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$  and where

$$\alpha = \int_0^T \zeta dt > 0.$$

Since  $2 \leq p$ , it follows from the estimate of Lemma 2.4 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_f(u_0, u_1)\|_{[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*} \\ \leq C \left\{ 1 + \|u_0\|_{H_0^1(G)} + \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)} + \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^{p-1} + \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $u'_\varepsilon$  be as in Lemma 2.2. Then*

$$\|u''_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*)} \leq C$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$ . Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} u'_\varepsilon \rightarrow u' \quad \text{in } C(0, T; [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^* \cap [L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))]_{\text{weak}^*}), \\ \|u'(T)\|_{L^2(G)} \leq \liminf \|u'_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^2(G)} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  be in  $C_0^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$  and set

$$\gamma_\varepsilon(\varphi) = \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt.$$

- Case 1:  $\gamma_\varepsilon(\varphi) \geq 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim \left| \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt \right| \\ &= \lim \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt \\ &= - \int_0^T (\nabla u, \nabla \varphi) dt - \int_0^T (|u|^{p-2}u, \varphi) dt - \lim \varepsilon^{-1} \int_0^T (\beta(u'_\varepsilon), \varphi) dt + \int_0^T (f, \varphi) dt \\ &= - \int_0^T (\nabla u, \nabla \varphi) dt - \int_0^T (|u|^{p-2}u, \varphi) dt - \int_0^T (g_f(u_0, u_1), \varphi) dt + \int_0^T (f, \varphi) dt \\ &\leq C \left\{ \|u\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(G))} + \|u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^p(G))}^{p-1} + \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \right\} \\ &\quad \times \|\varphi\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))} \end{aligned}$$

- Case 2:  $\gamma_\varepsilon(\varphi) \leq 0$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim \left| \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt \right| \\ &= \lim - \int_0^T (u''_\varepsilon, \varphi) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^T (\nabla u, \nabla \varphi) dt + \int_0^T (|u|^{p-2} u, \varphi) dt + \int_0^T (g_f(u_0, u_1), \varphi) dt - \int_0^T (f, \varphi) dt \\
&\leq C \{ \|u\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(G))} + \|u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^p(G))}^{p-1} + \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(G))} \} \\
&\quad \times \|\varphi\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\lim \left| \int_0^T (u_\varepsilon'', \varphi) dt \right| \leq M \|\varphi\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))} \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)).$$

Since  $C_0^\infty(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$  is dense in  $L^2(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))$ , we have

$$\|u_\varepsilon''\|_{L^2(0,T;[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*)} \leq M$$

The other assertions of the lemma are trivial to verify.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* Taking  $u_1 = 0$ , from Lemma 2.4 there exists  $g_f(u_0)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$  and

$$\{u, u'\} \in L^\infty(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)) \times L^\infty(0,T;L^2(G)),$$

solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned}
&u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2} u = f - g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0,T), \\
&u = 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0,T), \quad u(\cdot, 0) = u(\cdot, T) = u_0, \quad u'(\cdot, 0) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

From the estimate in Lemma 2.4 we obtain

$$\|u'(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 \leq 0$$

as  $f$  is in  $K^\perp$  and  $u'$  is in  $K$ . Therefore

$$u'(\cdot, 0) = 0 = u'(\cdot, T).$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. SEMI EXACT CONTROLLABILITY

In this section we shall establish the existence of time-periodic solutions of a nonlinear wave equation with the solution taking a prescribed value at  $t = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\{f, u_0\}$  be in  $K^\perp \times \{H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\}$ . There exists*

- (i)  $g_f(u_0)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$
- (ii) a solution  $u$  of the problem

$$\begin{aligned}
&u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2} u = f - g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0,T), \\
&u = 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0,T), \quad \{u, u'\}|_{t=0} = \{u, u'\}|_{t=T} = \{u_0, u'(0)\}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

with  $\{u, u'\}$  in  $L^\infty(0,T;H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)) \times L^\infty(0,T;L^2(G))$ .

As  $u'(\cdot, 0)$  and  $u'(\cdot, T)$  are not required to take a prescribed value and are allowed to take the same value derived from the equation, we have only half of the exact controllability condition.

A simple corollary of the theorem yields the existence of time-periodic solutions of linear wave equations.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $f$  be in  $K^\perp$  then there exists  $\{\tilde{u}, \tilde{u}'\}$  in  $L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G)) \times L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))$ , solution of the problem*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}'' - \Delta \tilde{u} + \tilde{u} &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ \tilde{u} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{\tilde{u}, \tilde{u}'\}|_{t=0} = \{\tilde{u}, \tilde{u}'\}|_{t=T} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* Given  $f$  in  $K^\perp$  and a  $u_0$  in  $H_0^1(G)$  it follows from the theorem that there exists  $g_f(u_0)$  in  $H^{-1}(G)$  and associated with it a solution  $u$  of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + u + g_f(u_0) &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{u, u'\}|_{t=0} = \{u, u'\}|_{t=T} = \{u_0, u'(0)\} \end{aligned}$$

Consider the elliptic boundary problem

$$-\Delta \hat{u} + \hat{u} = g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G, \quad \hat{u} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial G.$$

There exists a unique solution  $\hat{u}$  in  $H_0^1(G)$  of the problem. Set  $\tilde{u} = u + \hat{u}$  and the corollary is proved  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* (1) Let

$$\{f, u_0, u_1\} \in K^\perp \times \{H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\} \times L^2(G)$$

then there exists  $g_f(u_0, u_1)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$  and associated with it, a unique solution  $u$  of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u + g_f(u_0, u_1) &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad u(\cdot, 0) = u_0 = u(\cdot, T), \quad u'(\cdot, 0) = u_1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Moreover Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6 show that

$$\|u'(T)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 \leq \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2$$

(2) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{v : \|v\|_{L^2(G)} \leq 1\}$ . Then it is clear that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a compact convex subset of  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  the mapping of  $\mathcal{B}$  into  $\mathcal{B}$  given by

$$\mathcal{A}(u_1) = u'(T) \quad (3.4)$$

as  $f \in K^\perp$  and  $u'$  is in  $K$ . The mapping is well-defined and takes  $\mathcal{B}$  into  $\mathcal{B}$ .

We now show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$ -continuous mapping. Let  $u_{1,n}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ , then corresponding to  $\{f, u_0, u_{1,n}\}$ , there exists  $g_f(u_0, u_{1,n})$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$  and  $u_n$ , solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_n'' - \Delta u_n + |u_n|^{p-2}u_n + g_f(u_0, u_{1,n}) &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u_n &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad u_n(0) = u_0 = u_n(T), \quad u_n'(0) = u_{1,n} \end{aligned}$$

From Lemmas 2.4–2.6 we get

$$\|g_f(u_0, u_{1,n})\|_{[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*} + \|u_n\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))} + \|u_n'\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))} \leq C$$

We have a subsequence such that

$$\{u_n, u_n', g_f(u_0, u_{1,n})\} \rightarrow \{u, u', g_f(u_0, u_1)\}$$

in

$$[L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G))]_{weak^*} \times [L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))]_{weak^*} \times [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]_{weak^*}$$

It is clear that  $\{u_n, u_n'\} \rightarrow \{u, u'\}$  in  $C(0, T; L^2(G)) \times C(0, T; [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*)$ , and therefore

$$\{u_n(0), u_n'(0), u_n'(T)\} \rightarrow \{u(0), u'(0), u'(T)\}$$

in  $L^2(G) \times [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^* \times [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$ . Hence  $u(0) = u_0 = u(T)$  and  $u'(0) = u_1$ . A standard argument shows that

$$|u_n|^{p-2}u_n \rightarrow |u|^{p-2}u \quad \text{in } [L^q(0, T; L^q(G))]_{\text{weak}}$$

and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u + g_f(u_0, u_1) &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad u(0) = u_0 = u(T), \quad \text{quad } u'(0) = u_1 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\mathcal{A}(u_1) = u'(T)$ .

An application of the Schauder fixed point theorem yields the existence of  $\hat{u}_1$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}(\hat{u}_1) = \hat{u}_1$ . With  $u_0$  given and with the fixed point  $\hat{u}_1$ , there exists as in Lemma 2.4 a control  $g_f(u_0, \hat{u}_1) = \hat{g}_f(u_0)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$  and associated with the control, a solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}'' - \Delta \hat{u} + |\hat{u}|^{p-2}\hat{u} &= f - \hat{g}_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ \hat{u} &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{\hat{u}, \hat{u}'\}|_{t=0} = \{\hat{u}, \hat{u}'\}|_{t=T} \end{aligned}$$

with  $\hat{u}(0) = \hat{u}(T) = u_0$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$

#### 4. PERIODIC SOLUTIONS

In this section we shall use  $u_0$  of Theorem 3.1 as a control to show that for any given  $f \in K^\perp$ , there exists

$$\{\tilde{f}, \tilde{u}_0, g_{\tilde{f}}(\tilde{u}_0)\} \in K^\perp \times H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G) \times [H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$$

such that  $f = \tilde{f} - g_{\tilde{f}}(\tilde{u}_0)$ . The main result of the section and of this article is the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $f$  be in  $K^\perp$ . Then there exists a solution  $\{u, u'\}$  in the space  $L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)) \times L^\infty(0, T; L^2(G))$  for the problem*

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{u, u'\}|_{t=0} = \{u, u'\}|_{t=T}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

*Proof.* First we consider the initial boundary-value problem

$$\begin{aligned} w'' - \Delta w + |w|^{p-2}w &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ w &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{w, w'\}|_{t=0} = \{u_0, u_1\} \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

It is known that for a given

$$\{f, u_0, u_1\} \in L^2(0, T; L^2(G)) \times \{H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G) \times L^2(G)\},$$

there exists a unique solution of (4.2) with

$$\begin{aligned} &\|w'(t)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla w(t)\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2/p \|w(t)\|_{L^p(G)}^p \\ &\leq e^t \{ \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(G)}^2 + 2/p \|u_0\|_{L^p(G)}^p + \|f\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(G))}^2 \} \end{aligned}$$

Consider the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(f) &= \inf \left\{ \|u(0) - u(T)\|_{L^2(G)} + \|u'(0) - u'(T)\|_{L^2(G)} : u \text{ is the solution of (4.2)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \forall \{u_0, u_1\} \text{ with } \|u_0\|_{H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)} + \|u_1\|_{L^2(G)} \leq R \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

From Theorem 3.1 we know that for each  $u_0$  in  $H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$ , for a given  $f$  in  $K^\perp$  there exists  $g_f(u_0)$  in  $[H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)]^*$  and a solution  $u$  of

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \Delta u + |u|^{p-2}u &= f - g_f(u_0) \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad u(0) = u_0 = u(T), \quad u'(0) = u'(T). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$S = \cup_{f \in K^\perp} \{f \oplus \{-g_f(u_0) : u_0 \in H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\}\},$$

where  $g_f(u_0)$  is as in Theorem 3.1 and thus,  $\alpha(f - g_f(u_0)) = 0$ .

The set  $S$  is non-empty and  $L^2(G) = L^2(G) \oplus 0 \subset S$ . Indeed  $L^2(G) \subset K^\perp$  as the stationary solution of the elliptic boundary problem

$$-\Delta w + |w|^{p-2}w = f(x) \text{ in } G, \quad w = 0 \text{ on } \partial G$$

is time-periodic. Thus  $\alpha(f) = 0 = \alpha(f - g_f)$  and  $g_f = 0$ , and hence  $f$  is in  $S$ .

We have

$$S \subset K^\perp \oplus \cup_{h \in K^\perp} \{-g_h(u_0) : u_0 \in H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} L^2(G) &= \{L^2(G) \oplus 0\} \cap \{K^\perp \oplus 0\} \\ &\subset S \cap \{K^\perp \oplus 0\} \\ &\subset \{K^\perp \oplus \cup_{h \in K^\perp} \{-g_h(u_0) : u_0 \in H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\}\} \cap \{K^\perp \oplus 0\} \\ &\subset K^\perp \oplus 0. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed

$$0 \in \cup_{h \in K^\perp} \{-g_h(u_0) : u_0 \in H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)\}$$

as  $\alpha(\hat{f}) = 0 = g_{\hat{f}}$  for  $\hat{f} \in L^2(G)$ . Hence  $\{K^\perp \oplus 0\} \subset S$ .

Let  $f$  in  $\{K^\perp \oplus 0\}$  then there exists  $h$  in  $K^\perp$  and  $g_h(u_0)$  for some  $u_0$  in  $H_0^1(G) \cap L^p(G)$  such that

$$f = h - g_h(u_0), \quad \alpha(h - g_h(u_0)) = 0$$

and therefore  $\alpha(f) = 0$ . Thus for  $f \in K^\perp$  there exists  $\tilde{u}$ , solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}'' - \Delta \tilde{u} + |\tilde{u}|^{p-2}\tilde{u} &= f \quad \text{in } G \times (0, T), \\ \tilde{u} &= 0 \text{ on } \partial G \times (0, T), \quad \{\tilde{u}, \tilde{u}'\}|_{t=0} = \{\tilde{u}, \tilde{u}'\}|_{t=T} \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

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