On the determination of the principal coefficient from boundary measurements in a KdV equation

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  where C can be chosen small !!

- We shall need $y_{0,xxx}(x)$ bounded by below by a positive constant!

- Here Carleman estimates will be used. Time-singular weights are required!

Remark: This kind of inequality is called observability in control theory

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BMK method - Extension for negative time

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$$\|v(x,0)\|_X \leq C\|f_\sigma\|_Y + \text{ (boundary terms)}$$

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Main Result.

$$\begin{cases} y_t + a(x) y_{xxx} + y_x + y y_x = g, & \forall (x,t) \in (0,L) \times (0,T), \\ y(0,t) = g_0(t), \quad y(L,t) = g_1(t), & \forall t \in (0,T), \\ \qquad\qquad\qquad\quad y_x(L,t) = g_2(t), & \forall t \in (0,T), \\ y(0,x) = y_0(x), & \forall x \in (0,L). \end{cases}$$

Data (g, g_k, y_0) fixed and regular enough!

Theorem

Let $|y_{0,xxx}(x)| \geq \delta > 0$*, also symmetric wrt* $L/2$*. Let*

$$\Sigma = \left\{ a \text{ symmetric wrt } L/2 \middle/ a \geq a_0 > 0, \|a\|_{W^{3,\infty}} \leq M_1, \text{ and } \|y(a)\|_{W^{1,\infty}(Q)} \leq M_2 \right\}$$

There exists a constant $C = C(L, T, a_0, M_1, M_2, \delta) > 0$ *such that for any* $a, \tilde{a} \in \Sigma$*:*

$$C\|a - \tilde{a}\|_{L^2(0,L)} \leq \|y_x(0,t) - \tilde{y}_x(0,t)\|_{H^1(0,T)} + \|y_{xx}(0,t) - \tilde{y}_{xx}(0,t)\|_{H^1(0,T)} + \|y_{xx}(L,t) - \tilde{y}_{xx}(L,t)\|_{H^1(0,T)}$$

Thank you for your attention!