



On the Integration of the Dullin–Gottwald–Holm Equation with a Self-Consistent Source in the Class of Rapidly Decreasing Functions

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Abstract. In this paper, we investigate the Cauchy problem for the Dullin–Gottwald–Holm equation with a self-consistent source in the class of rapidly decreasing functions and present an algorithm for constructing a solution via the IST method. Physically, sources arise in solitary waves with variable speed and lead to a variety of dynamics in physical models. Such systems are commonly used to describe interactions between different solitary waves. We also present an efficient method to obtain the time evolution of scattering data. The advantage of this method lies in its reliability and applicability to other soliton equations with sources. The resulting equalities fully determine the scattering data at any time t , enabling the application of the IST method to solve the Cauchy problem for the Dullin–Gottwald–Holm equation with a self-consistent source. An illustrative example of a one-soliton solution is provided.

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1. Introduction

The Dullin–Gottwald–Holm (DGH) equation

$$u_t + u_{xxt} + 2\omega u_x + 3uu_x + \gamma u_{xxx} = \alpha^2(u_{xxt} + 2u_xu_{xx} + uu_{xxx}) \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1)$$

was derived in [1] describing the unidirectional propagation of surface waves in a shallow water regime. Where the constants α^2 and $\frac{\gamma}{2\omega}$ are squares of length scales and $2\omega > 0$ is the linear wave speed for undisturbed water at rest, at spatial infinity. It is important to note that the equation (1) is connected with two separately integrable equations: for $\alpha = 0$ and $\gamma \neq 0$ this equation becomes the Korteweg–de Vries equation

$$u_t + 2\omega u_x + 3uu_x = -\gamma u_{xxx},$$

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when $\alpha = 1$ and $\gamma = 0$, it reduces to the Camassa–Holm (CH) equation

$$u_t + 2\omega u_x + 3uu_x - u_{xxt} = 2u_xu_{xx} + uu_{xxx}.$$

Since [1] the DGH system has been the subject of various studies and several methods for solving it have been developed[2–15]. For instance, the Cauchy problem for the Eq.(1) has been studied in [2, 3]. It has been shown that this equation is locally well-posed for initial data $u_0 \in H^S(R)$, $s > \frac{3}{2}$. The scattering problem for equation (1) is investigated in [3] through the associated iso-spectral problem. The inverse scattering problem for the DGH equation is discussed in [4–6] where the reduction, by the Liouville transformation, of the iso-spectral problem to the the classical Sturm-Liouville problem is used. In [7, 8], the orbital stability of one single solitary waves and the sum of N peakons for Eq. [1] have been proved. In [9–15], some peakons, kinks, compactons, solitons, solitary wave solutions and exact solutions are obtained.

In the present paper, we study the Dullin-Gottwald-Holm equation with a source

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \alpha^2 u_{xxt} + 2\omega u_x + 3uu_x - \alpha^2 (2u_xu_{xx} + uu_{xxx}) + \gamma u_{xxx} = \sum_{k=1}^N (m'_x g_k^2 + 2(m + \Omega)(g_k^2)'_x), \\ g''_{kxx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta_k(m + \Omega) \right) g_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

under the initial condition

$$u(x, t)|_{t=0} = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (3)$$

and the normalizing conditions

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) g_k^2 dx = A_k(t), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (4)$$

where $A_k(t)$ are given arbitrary positive continuous functions for all $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, $m = u - \alpha^2 u_{xx}$, $\Omega = \omega + \frac{\gamma}{2\alpha^2} = \text{const} > 0$, $m + \Omega > 0$ and $g_k = g_k(x, t) = g(x, \eta_k, t)$ is an eigenfunction of the equation

$$\psi''_{xx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta (m + \Omega) \right) \psi \quad (5)$$

corresponding to the eigenvalue η_k . Moreover, the function $u_0(x)$ satisfy the following condition:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |x|) (|u_0(x)| + |u_{0xx}(x)|) dx < \infty. \quad (6)$$

Over the last few years, the interest has been growing in the soliton equations with a self-consistent source [16–40]. Physically, sources arise in solitary waves with a variable

speed and lead to a variety of dynamics of physical models. With regard to their applications, these kinds of systems are usually used to describe interactions between different solitary waves.

The goal of this work is to obtain formulations for the solutions of the new system constructed within the framework of the inverse scattering theory for equation (5).

2. Main facts about the scattering problem

In this section, we give the basic information about the scattering theory for the problem (5)(see [4]). For convenience, we temporarily omit the variable t .

Consider the equation

$$\psi''_{xx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta(m + \Omega) \right) \psi, \quad (7)$$

where $m = u - \alpha^2 u_{xx}$, $\eta(k) = -\frac{1}{\Omega} (k^2 + \frac{1}{4\alpha^2})$, $\Omega = \omega + \frac{\gamma}{2\alpha^2} = \text{const} > 0$, $m + \Omega > 0$, with the function $u(x)$ satisfying the condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |x|) (|u(x)| + |u_{xx}(x)|) dx < \infty. \quad (8)$$

Under assumption (8), equation (7) possesses the Jost solutions with the following asymptotics:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(x, k) &= e^{-ikx} + o(1), & x \rightarrow +\infty, \\ \psi_2(x, k) &= e^{ikx} + o(1), & x \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(x, k) &= e^{-ikx} + o(1), & x \rightarrow -\infty, \\ \varphi_2(x, k) &= e^{ikx} + o(1), & x \rightarrow -\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

When k are real, the pairs $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$ and $\{\psi_1, \psi_2\}$ are pairs of linearly independent solutions for equation (7). Therefore, the following relation holds:

$$\varphi_1(x, k) = a(k) \psi_1(x, k) + b(k) \psi_2(x, k). \quad (11)$$

One can readily see that

$$a(k) = -\frac{1}{2ik} W \{ \psi_2(x, k), \varphi_1(x, k) \}.$$

The function $a(k)$ admits an analytic continuation into the upper half-plane and has a finite number of zeros $k = ik_n$, $k_n > 0$ ([4]). Meanwhile,

$$\eta_n = -\frac{1}{\Omega} \left(-k_n^2 + \frac{1}{4\alpha^2} \right), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

is an eigenvalue of Equation (7) so that

$$\varphi_1(x, ik_n) = b_n \psi_2(x, ik_n), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (12)$$

Moreover, the following expansion on the half-plane $\text{Im } k > 0$ takes place for the coefficient $a(k)$:

$$\ln a(k) = -i\sigma k + \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \frac{k - ik_n}{k + ik_n} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(1 - |R(k')|^2)}{k' - k} dk', \quad (13)$$

where $\sigma = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{m(x)}{\Omega}} - 1 \right) dx$, $R(k) = \frac{b(k)}{a(k)}$.

The set $\left\{ R(k) = \frac{b(k)}{a(k)}, k \in \mathbb{R}, k_n, b_n, n = 1, 2, \dots, N \right\}$ is called the scattering data for Equation (7). The inverse scattering problem consists in recovering the function $m(x)$, and consequently $u(x)$ of Equation (7) by the scattering data.

The inverse problem of recovering the function $u(x)$ by the scattering data is solved by means of the following equations [41]:

$$\overline{\psi_1}(x, k) = \left(\frac{\xi(x)}{\xi'(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(k') \overline{\psi_2}(x, k') [\xi(x)]^{2ik'} \frac{dk'}{k' - k} + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{b_n [\xi(x)]^{-2k_n} \overline{\psi_1}(x, -ik_n)}{\dot{a}(ik_n)(ik_n - k)}, \quad (14)$$

$p = 1, 2, \dots, N$,

$$\overline{\psi_1}(x, -ik_p) = \left(\frac{\xi(x)}{\xi'(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(k') \overline{\psi_2}(x, k') [\xi(x)]^{2ik'} \frac{dk'}{k' + ik_p} + i \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{b_n [\xi(x)]^{-2k_n} \overline{\psi_1}(x, -ik_n)}{\dot{a}(ik_n)(k_p + k_n)}, \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} [\xi(x)]^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \left(\frac{\xi(x)}{\xi'(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(k') \overline{\psi_2}(x, k') [\xi(x)]^{2ik'} \frac{dk'}{k' + i/2} + \\ &+ i \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{b_n [\xi(x)]^{-2k_n} \overline{\psi_1}(x, -ik_n)}{\dot{a}(ik_n)(k_n + \frac{1}{2})}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Here

$$\xi(x) = \exp \left\{ x + \int_{\infty}^x \left(\sqrt{\frac{m(y) + \Omega}{\Omega}} - 1 \right) dy \right\},$$

$$\overline{\psi_1}(x, k) \equiv \psi_1(x, k) [\xi(x)]^{ik},$$

$$\overline{\varphi_1}(x, k) \equiv \varphi_1(x, k) \exp \left\{ ik \left(x + \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\sqrt{\frac{m(y) + \Omega}{\Omega}} - 1 \right) dy \right) \right\},$$

$$\frac{\overline{\varphi_1}(x, k)}{e^{i\alpha k} a(k)} = \overline{\psi_1}(x, k) + R(k) \overline{\psi_2}(x, k) [\xi(x)]^{2ik}.$$

The function $m(x)$, and consequently $u(x)$ are defined as follows:

$$m(x) = \Omega \left[\left(\frac{\xi'(x)}{\xi(x)} \right)^2 - 1 \right], \quad (17)$$

$$u(x) - \alpha^2 u''(x) = m(x). \quad (18)$$

We note that the functions

$$h_n(x) = \frac{\frac{d}{dk} (\varphi_1 - b_n \psi_2) |_{k=ik_n}}{a(ik_n)}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (19)$$

are solutions to the equation (7), and the asymptotics

$$\begin{aligned} h_n(x) &\rightarrow -b_n e^{-k_n x} \text{ when } x \rightarrow -\infty, \\ h_n(x) &\rightarrow e^{k_n x} \text{ when } x \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

are true. According to (12), (9), (20), the equalities

$$W \{ \varphi_{1n}, h_n \} \equiv \varphi_{1n} h'_n - \varphi'_{1n} h_n = 2k_n b_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (21)$$

hold, where $\varphi_{1n} = \varphi_1(x, ik_n)$, $\psi_{2n} = \psi_2(x, ik_n)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Lemma 1. *If functions f and g are solutions to equations*

$$\begin{aligned} f''_{xx} &= \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \tau(m + \Omega) \right) f, \\ g''_{xx} &= \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \nu(m + \Omega) \right) g, \end{aligned}$$

the following equality holds for them:

$$(m + \Omega) f g = \frac{1}{\tau - \nu} \frac{d}{dx} W \{ g, f \}.$$

The lemma is proved by direct verification.

3. Evolution of the Scattering Data

In this section, we derive the time evolution of the scattering data, which allows us to present an algorithm for solving problem (2)–(6). Let us consider the equation

$$u_t - \alpha^2 u_{xxt} + 2\omega u_x + 3u u_x - \alpha^2 (2u_x u_{xx} + u u_{xxx}) + \gamma u_{xxx} = G(x, t), \quad (22)$$

where the function $G = G(x, t)$ is sufficiently smooth and $G(x, t) = o(1)$ when $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $t \geq 0$.

Lemma 2. *If the function $u(x, t)$ is a solution to Eq. (22), then the scattering data $\{R(k, t), k \in \mathbb{R}, k_n(t), b_n(t), n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$ of the problem*

$$\psi''_{xx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta(m(x, t) + \Omega) \right) \psi \quad (23)$$

depend on t as follows:

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = -\frac{ik}{\alpha^2} R \left(\frac{4\Omega}{4\alpha^2 k^2 + 1} - 2\gamma \right) - \frac{4\alpha^2 k^2 + 1}{8ik\Omega a^2(k)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \varphi_1^2 dx \quad (\text{Im } k = 0), \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{db_n(t)}{dt} = \frac{k_n b_n}{\alpha^2} \left(\frac{4\Omega}{1 - 4\alpha^2 k_n^2} - 2\gamma \right) + \frac{1 - 4\alpha^2 k_n^2}{8\Omega k_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \varphi_{1n} h_n dx, \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{dk_n(t)}{dt} = i \frac{4\alpha^2 k_n^2 - 1}{8\Omega k_n b_n \dot{a}(ik_n)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \varphi_{1n}^2 dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (26)$$

Proof. We seek the Lax pair for Equation (22) in the form:

$$\varphi''_{1xx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta(m + \Omega) \right) \varphi_1, \quad (27)$$

$$\varphi'_{1t} = \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta} + 2\gamma \right) - u \right) \varphi'_{1x} + \frac{1}{2} u'_{xx} \varphi_1 + \beta \varphi_1 + F(x, k, t), \quad (28)$$

where $m(x, t) = u(x, t) - u''_{xx}(x, t)$, $\beta = \frac{ik}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta} + 2\gamma \right)$, and $\varphi_1 = \varphi_1(x, k, t)$ are the Jost solutions of the equation (27) with the asymptotics (10). Using the compatibility condition

$$\varphi'''_{1xxt} = \varphi'''_{1txx}, \quad (29)$$

and taking into account the equalities (22), (27) and (28), we obtain

$$F''_{xx} - \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta(m + \Omega) \right) F = \eta G \varphi_1. \quad (30)$$

We seek solution of Eq. (30) in the form

$$F(x, k, t) = A(x, t) \varphi_1(x, k, t) + B(x, t) \varphi_2(x, k, t). \quad (31)$$

Substituting (31) into (30) we get

$$\begin{cases} A'_{xx} \varphi_1 + B'_{xx} \varphi_2 = 0 \\ A'_{x} \varphi'_{1x} + B'_{x} \varphi'_{2x} = \eta G \varphi_1. \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

Passing to the limit $x \rightarrow -\infty$ in the equality (28) we derive that $F(x, t) \rightarrow 0$. It follows that the solution of the system of equations (32) has the form:

$$A(x, t) = -\frac{\eta}{2ik} \int_{-\infty}^x G\varphi_1\varphi_2 dx, \quad (33)$$

$$B(x, t) = \frac{\eta}{2ik} \int_{-\infty}^x G\varphi_1^2 dx. \quad (34)$$

Putting (33) and (31) into (28) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'_{1t} = & \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta} + 2\gamma \right) - u \right) \varphi'_{1x} + \left(\frac{u'_x}{2} + \beta \right) \varphi_1 \\ & - \frac{\eta}{2ik} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x G\varphi_1\varphi_2 dx \right) \varphi_1 + \frac{\eta}{2ik} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x G\varphi_1^2 dx \right) \varphi_2 \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Passing to the limit $x \rightarrow \infty$ in the equality (35) by virtue of (8), (9), (10) and (11), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} a_t(k, t) = & -\frac{ik}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta} + 2\gamma \right) a(k, t) + \beta a(k, t) \cdot \frac{\eta}{2ik} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G\varphi_1\varphi_2 dx \\ & + \frac{\eta}{2ik} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G\varphi_1^2 dx \cdot \bar{b}(k, t), \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_t(k, t) = & \frac{ik}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta} + 2\gamma \right) b(k, t) + \beta b(k, t) - \frac{\eta}{2ik} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G\varphi_1\varphi_2 dx \cdot b(k, t) \\ & + \frac{\eta}{2ik} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G\varphi_1^2 dx \cdot \bar{a}(k, t). \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Now, using the definition of the function $R(k, t)$ and substituting $\eta(k) = -\frac{1}{\Omega} (k^2 + \frac{1}{4\alpha^2})$, we get (24).

Further, we calculate the dependence of $b_n(t)$ and $k_n(t)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$, on time t .

Similarly to the case of the continuous spectrum, we seek the Lax pair in case of the discrete spectrum in the following form:

$$\varphi''_{1nxx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta_n(m + \Omega) \right) \varphi_{1n}, \quad (38)$$

$$\varphi'_{1nt} = \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta_n} + 2\gamma \right) - u \right) \varphi'_{1nx} + \frac{1}{2} u'_x \varphi_{1n} + \beta_n \varphi_{1n} + F_n. \quad (39)$$

Then, using the compatibility condition (29) to the (38) and (39), we obtain the equation

$$F''_{nxx} - \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta_n(m(x, t) + \Omega) \right) F_n = \eta_n G \varphi_{1n}. \quad (40)$$

Let us solve (40) in the form

$$F_n(x, t) = A_n(x, t) \varphi_{1n} + B_n(x, t) h_n. \quad (41)$$

Putting (41) into (40) we get

$$A_n(x, t) = -\frac{\eta_n}{2k_n b_n} \int_{-\infty}^x G \varphi_{1n} h_n dx,$$

$$B_n(x, t) = \frac{\eta_n}{2k_n b_n} \int_{-\infty}^x G \varphi_{1n}^2 dx.$$

Thus, the second equation (39) of the Lax pair in this case has the form :

$$\varphi'_{1nt} = \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta_n} + 2\gamma \right) - u \right) \varphi'_{1nx} + \left(\frac{u'_x}{2} + \beta_n \right) \varphi_{1n},$$

$$-\frac{\eta_n}{2k_n b_n} \int_{-\infty}^x G \varphi_{1n} h_n dx \cdot \varphi_{1n} + \frac{\eta_n}{2k_n b_n} \int_{-\infty}^x G \varphi_{1n}^2 dx \cdot h_n. \quad (42)$$

On the other hand, differentiating the equalities

$$\varphi_1(x, ik_n, t) = b_n(t) \psi_2(x, ik_n, t), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (43)$$

with respect to t , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \varphi_{1n}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial k} \Big|_{k=ik_n} \frac{d(ik_n)}{dt} = \frac{db_n}{dt} \psi_{2n} + b_n \left(\frac{\partial \psi_{2n}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial k} \Big|_{k=ik_n} \frac{d(ik_n)}{dt} \right).$$

According to (19), the last equality can be written as follows

$$\frac{\partial \varphi_{1n}}{\partial t} = \frac{db_n}{dt} \psi_{2n} - \dot{a}(ik_n) h_n \frac{d(ik_n)}{dt} + b_n \frac{\partial \psi_{2n}}{\partial t}. \quad (44)$$

Passing to the limit in this equality (42) when $x \rightarrow \infty$, taking into account (44), and the using asymptotics (10), (20) and (43), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1}{\eta_n} + 2\gamma \right) (-k_n) b_n e^{-k_n x} + \beta_n b_n e^{-k_n x} - \left(\frac{\eta_n}{2k_n b_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \varphi_{1n} h_n dx \right) b_n e^{-k_n x}$$

$$+ \frac{\eta_n}{2k_n b_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G \varphi_{1n}^2 dx \cdot e^{k_n x} = \frac{db_n}{dt} e^{-k_n x} - \dot{a}(ik_n) \frac{d(ik_n)}{dt} e^{k_n x}.$$

Substituting $\eta_n = -\frac{1}{\Omega} (-k_n^2 + \frac{1}{4\alpha^2})$ and comparing the coefficients of the exponents, we derive (25) and (26). \square

The following theorem contains the main results in the paper.

Theorem 1. *If the functions $u(x, t)$, $g_k(x, t)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ are the solution to the problem (2)–(4) then, the scattering data of the equation (5) changes with respect to t as follows:*

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = -\frac{ik}{\alpha^2} \left(\frac{4\Omega}{4\alpha^2 k^2 + 1} - 2\gamma \right) R, \quad (\text{Im } k = 0), \quad (45)$$

$$\frac{db_n(t)}{dt} = \left(\frac{k_n}{\alpha^2} \left(\frac{4\Omega}{1 - 4\alpha^2 k_n^2} - 2\gamma \right) + \frac{4\alpha^2 k_n^2 - 1}{4\Omega} A_n(t) \right) b_n, \quad (46)$$

$$\frac{dk_n(t)}{dt} = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (47)$$

Proof. Let us apply the result of Lemma 2 when

$$G = \sum_{k=1}^N (m'_x g_k^2 + 2(m + \Omega)(g_k^2)'_x).$$

Using Lemma 1 for $\text{Im } k = 0$, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, t) \varphi_1^2(x, k, t) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (2((m + \Omega)g_k^2)'_x - m'_x g_k^2) \varphi_1^2 dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m'_x g_k^2 + 2(m + \Omega)g_k g'_{kx} - m'_x g_k^2) \varphi_1^2 dx + (m + \Omega)g_k^2 \varphi_1^2 \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \\ &- \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega)g_k^2 (\varphi_1^2)'_x dx = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) (g_k g'_{kx} \varphi_1^2 - g_k^2 \varphi_1 \varphi_1') dx = \\ &= \frac{2}{\eta_k - \eta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W\{\varphi_1, g_k\} \frac{d}{dx} W\{\varphi_1, g_k\} dx = \frac{1}{\eta_k - \eta} W^2\{\varphi_1, g_k\} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

According to (24) we get (45).

To prove (46) we use the equality $g_n(x, t) = c_n \varphi_{1n}(x, t)$. Let $k \neq n$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, t) \varphi_{1n} h_n dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (2((m + \Omega)g_k^2)'_x - m'_x g_k^2) \varphi_{1n} h_n dx = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ((m + \Omega)g_k^2 \varphi'_{1n,x} h_n - g_k^2 \varphi_{1n} h'_n) dx + (m + \Omega)g_k^2 \varphi_{1n} h_n \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega)g_k^2 (\varphi_{1n} h_n)'_x dx = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) (g_k h_n (g'_{kx} \varphi_{1n} - g_k \varphi'_{1n,x}) + g_k \varphi_{1n} (g'_{kx} h_n - g_k h'_{n,x})) dx = \\
&= \frac{1}{\eta_k - \eta_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{dx} W\{h_n, g_k\} W\{\varphi_{1n}, g_k\} + \frac{d}{dx} W\{\varphi_{1n}, g_k\} W\{h_n, g_k\} \right) dx = \\
&= \frac{1}{\eta_k - \eta_n} W\{h_n, g_k\} W\{\varphi_{1n}, g_k\} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 0. \tag{49}
\end{aligned}$$

For $k = n$, according to (21) and (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, t) \varphi_{1n} h_n dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (2((m + \Omega) g_n^2)'_x - m'_x g_n^2) \varphi_{1n} h_n dx = \\
&\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m'_x g_n^2 + 2(m + \Omega) g_n g'_{nx} - m'_x g_n^2) \varphi_{1n} h_n dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) g_n^2 (\varphi_{1n} h_n)'_x dx = \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) [g_n h_n (g'_{nx} \varphi_{1n} - g_n \varphi'_{1nx}) + g_n \varphi_{1n} (g'_{nx} h_n - g_n h'_{nx})] dx = \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) g_n^2 W\{h_n, \varphi_{1n}\} dx = -2k_n b_n A_n(t). \tag{50}
\end{aligned}$$

Putting (49) and (50) into (25) we obtain (46).

Now we prove (47). For $k \neq n$ we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (2((m + \Omega) g_k^2)'_x - m'_x g_k^2) \varphi_{1n}^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m'_x g_k^2 + 2(m + \Omega) g_k g'_{kx} - m'_x g_k^2) \varphi_{1n}^2 dx + \\
&+ (m + \Omega) g_k^2 \varphi_{1n}^2 \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) g_k^2 (\varphi_{1n}^2)'_x dx = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) (g_k g'_{kx} \varphi_{1n}^2 - g_k^2 \varphi_{1n} \varphi'_{1n}) dx = \\
&= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega) g_k \varphi_{1n} (g'_{kx} \varphi_{1n} - g_k \varphi'_{1n}) dx = \frac{2}{\eta_k - \eta_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W\{\varphi_{1n}, g_k\} \frac{d}{dx} W\{\varphi_{1n}, g_k\} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\eta_k - \eta_n} W^2\{\varphi_{1n}, g_k\} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 0. \tag{51}
\end{aligned}$$

For $k = n$, using the equality $g_n(x, t) = c_n \varphi_{1n}(x, t)$, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m'_x g_n^2 + 2(m + \Omega)g_n g'_{nx} - m'_x g_n^2) \varphi_{1n}^2 dx + (m + \Omega)g_n^2 \varphi_{1n}^2 \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega)g_n^2 (\varphi_{1n}')_x^2 dx = \\ & = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega)g_n \varphi_{1n} (g'_{nx} \varphi_{1n} - g_n \varphi'_{1n}) dx = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m + \Omega)c_n \varphi_{1n}^2 W\{\varphi_{1n}, c_n \varphi_{1n}\} dx = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

It follows from (51) and (52) that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, t) \varphi_{1n}^2(x, t) dx = 0. \quad (53)$$

Substituting (53) into (26) we obtain (47).

Theorem is proved.

4. An Illustrative Example

We illustrate the application of Theorem 1 to solving problem (2)–(4) for the initial condition

$$u_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{\infty} e^{x-z} m_0(z) dz + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-(x-z)} m_0(z) dz$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m_0(x) = & \Omega \left[\frac{4}{(3e^x + 4)} \left[3e^x \left(\cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \arccos \frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^x + 4}} \right) \right) + \right. \right. \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3e^x - 5}} \sin \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \arccos \frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^x + 4}} \right) \right) \left. \right) \left. \right) / (2\sqrt{3e^x + 4} \times \\ & \left. \times \cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \arccos \frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^x + 4}} \right) \right) - 3) \right]^2 - 1 \right], \end{aligned}$$

with $\alpha = 1$. Solving the direct problem for the equation

$$\psi''_{xx} = \left(\frac{1}{4\alpha^2} + \eta (m_0(x) + \Omega) \right) \psi,$$

we find the scattering data for $t = 0$:

$$b_1(0) = \sqrt{3}, \quad k_1(0) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad R(k, 0) = 0.$$

By Theorem 1, we have

$$R(k, t) = 0,$$

$$k_1(t) = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$b_1(t) = \sqrt{3}e^{B(t)},$$

where $B(t) = (\frac{4\Omega}{3} - \frac{\gamma}{2})t + \frac{3}{16\Omega} \int_0^t A_1(\tau) d\tau$.

Applying the inverse problem method, we find:

$$\sqrt{\xi(x, t)} = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4} \cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \arccos \left(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4}} \right) \right) - 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} m(x, t) &= \Omega \left[\left(\frac{\xi'(x, t)}{\xi(x, t)} \right)^2 - 1 \right] = \\ &= \Omega \left[\frac{4}{(3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4)} \left[3e^{x-2B(t)} \left(\cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \arccos \frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4}} \right) \right) \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4}} \sin \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \arccos \frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4}} \right) \right) \right) \right] / \left(2\sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4} \times \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. \times \cos \left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\pi - \arccos \frac{3}{\sqrt{3e^{x-2B(t)} + 4}} \right) \right) \right) - 3 \right] \right]^2 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we find

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x^\infty e^{x-z} m(z, t) dz + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-(x-z)} m(z, t) dz.$$

Therefore, using representation (15), we obtain

$$\psi_1(x, \frac{i}{4}, t) = \frac{[\xi(x, t)]^{\frac{5}{4}}}{\sqrt{\xi'(x, t)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi(x, t)} + e^{B(t)}},$$

and from the normalization (4), we obtain

$$c_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^\infty (m(x, t) + \Omega) \psi_1^2 \left(x, \frac{i}{4}, t \right) dx = A_1(t),$$

$$c_1^2 = \frac{A_1(t)}{\int_{-\infty}^\infty (m(x, t) + \Omega) \psi_1^2 \left(x, \frac{i}{4}, t \right) dx},$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\sqrt{A_1(t)}}{\sqrt{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m(x, t) + \Omega) \psi_1^2(x, \frac{i}{4}, t) dx}},$$

$$g_1(x, t) = \frac{\sqrt{A_1(t)}}{\sqrt{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (m(x, t) + \Omega) \psi_1^2(x, \frac{i}{4}, t) dx}} \frac{[\xi(x, t)]^{\frac{5}{4}}}{\sqrt{\xi'_x(x, t)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi(x, t) + e^{B(t)}}}.$$

5. Conclusion

We have solved the integrable Dullin–Gottwald–Holm equation with a self-consistent source via IST method. Physically, sources arise in solitary waves with a variable speed and lead to a variety of dynamics of physical models. With regard to their applications, these kinds of systems are usually used to describe interactions between different solitary waves. We also present an efficient method to obtain the time evolution of scattering data. The advantage of this method is its reliability and the possibility of using other soliton equations with a source to obtain the time evolution of scattering data. An example is given illustrating the application of the obtained results to one soliton solution. The results obtained will be useful in carrying out further analysis in the context of shallow water waves that arises in the context of oceanography.

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