

# UPPER SEMICONTINUITY OF ATTRACTORS FOR THE DISCRETIZATION OF STRONGLY DAMPED WAVE EQUATIONS

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## Abstract

In this paper we prove the upper semicontinuity of attractors for the discretization of damped hyperbolic problems of the form

$$u_{tt} + 2\eta\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}u_t + 2au_t + \Lambda u = f(u)$$

with  $D(\Lambda) = \{u \in H^2(0,1) : u_x(0) = u_x(1) = 0\}$ ,  $\Lambda : D(\Lambda) \subset X \rightarrow X$ ,  $\Lambda u = -u_{xx} + \delta u$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $\eta \geq 0$  as the discretization step goes to zero.

## 1 Introduction

For each  $\eta > 0$ , we consider the strongly damped wave equation

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} + 2\eta\Lambda^{1/2}u_t + 2au_t &= -\Lambda u + f(u), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\ u_x(0) = u_x(1) &= 0, \quad t > 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

and its discretization given by

$$\ddot{U} + 2\eta\Lambda_n^{1/2}\dot{U} + 2a\dot{U} = -\Lambda_n U + f(U) \quad (1.2)$$

where  $a > 0$ ,  $\Lambda u = -u_{xx} + \frac{\delta}{2}u$ ,  $\Lambda_n$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix,  $\Lambda_n = \Delta_n + \frac{\delta}{2}I$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $\Delta_n$  is the discretization of the Laplacian with Neumann boundary conditions

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given by

$$\Delta_n = n^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.3)$$

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $C^2$  function satisfying the dissipative condition

$$\limsup_{|u| \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(u)}{u} \leq -\delta, \quad (1.4)$$

$f(U) = (f(u_1), \dots, f(u_n))^T$  and  $U = (u_1, \dots, u_n)^T$ .

In this paper we study how the dynamics of the continuous equation (1.1) can be approximated by the dynamics of the discretization (1.2). More precisely, we prove that the family of global attractors of the discretization (1.2) is upper semicontinuous to the global attractor of the continuous problem (1.1), as  $n$  goes to  $\infty$ .

We study the problem (1.1) in an abstract form (in the sense of Henry [8]). Let's denote by  $\Lambda$ , the operator  $\Lambda : D(\Lambda) \subset X^0 \rightarrow X^0$  given by  $\Lambda u = -u_{xx} + \frac{\delta}{2}u$ ,  $X = L^2 = X^0$  and  $D(\Lambda) = \{u \in H^2(0, 1); u'(0) = u'(1) = 0\} = X^1$ . So we can write (1.1) as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = A_\eta \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} + h \left( \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (1.5)$$

where  $D(A_\eta) = X^1 \times X^{\frac{1}{2}} = Y^1$ ,

$$A_\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -\Lambda & -2(\eta\Lambda^{1/2} + a) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad h \left( \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f^e(u) \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\eta > 0$ ,  $-A_\eta$  is a sectorial operator and generates an analytic semi-group of contractions (see [6, 7]). For  $\eta \geq 0$ , the equation (1.5) generates a

$C^1$ -semigroup  $T_\eta$  on  $Y^0 = H^1 \times L^2$ .  $T_\eta(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , is a gradient system asymptotically smooth. Furthermore, as proved in [5] to a more general case,  $T_\eta(t)$  admits a global attractor  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$ . By using regularity results we have  $\mathcal{A}_\eta \subset Y^1$ .

In order to keep the similarity, we rewrite (1.2) in a matrix form

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix} = A_{\eta n} \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix} + H\left(\begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$A_{\eta n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -A_n & -2(\eta A_n^{1/2} + a) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad H\left(\begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(U) \end{bmatrix}$$

For (1.6), we have a global attractor  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$ .

Considering

$$\delta_Y(A, B) = \sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} d_Y(x, y) \quad (1.7)$$

we can define the continuity of a family of sets  $B_\eta \subset Y$  in the following form: a family  $B_\eta$  is continuous in  $\eta_0$  if it is upper semicontinuous at  $\eta_0$ , that is,  $\delta_Y(B_\eta, B_{\eta_0}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow \eta_0$ ; and it is lower semicontinuous at  $\eta_0$ , that is,  $\delta_Y(B_{\eta_0}, B_\eta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow \eta_0$ .

In most problems, the ideal situation is having the asymptotic dynamics of one equation the same of the asymptotic dynamics of its discretization. Nevertheless, studying the linear wave equation, we noted that the spectrum of the discretization and the spectrum of its continuous counterpart are far away from each other, no matter how fine the discretization is. That also happens to some parabolic equations but in this set of problems the nonconvergent part is controlled by the fact that the real part of the eigenvalues is negative and very large in absolute values (the corresponding modes do not interfere in the asymptotics). The spectrum of  $A_\eta$  with  $\eta = 0$  do not have this property. That is restrictive to the hyperbolic equation, i.e.  $\eta = 0$ .

In order to overcome this problem we propose to approach the semilinear damped wave equation with  $\eta = 0$  (hyperbolic case) by a “parabolic equation” strongly damped ( $\eta > 0$ ) and then to make the approximation of this equation by its discretization.

In [3], they proved that the family of global attractors  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$ ,  $\eta \geq 0$  is continuous (lower and upper) in  $\eta = 0$ . Note that  $\eta = 0$  in (1.5) give us the damped wave equation.

In order to compare the problems (1.5) and (1.2) it was necessary to consider the space  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  embedded in the phase space of the continuous problem. We also consider two norms in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  which are the discretization of norms in the continuous space ( $Y^0$  and  $Y^1$ ). Studying the problem, we realize it was not possible to reduce the phase space dimension using a finite dimensional invariant manifold. The reduction to a finite invariant manifold was used to prove the topological equivalence between the dynamics of the discretization and the continuous heat equation, see [4]. The spectrum of  $A_\eta$  do not satisfy the existence of a large gap, since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\pm(k+1)}) - \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\pm k}) = \eta$ , where  $\lambda_k$  is the  $k^{th}$  eigenvalue of  $A_\eta$ , therefore we could not use this technic.

We workout this problem for a fix  $\eta > 0$  as follows. First, we analyze the closeness of the linear semigroups in the norm  $Y^0$ . In order to do that, we decompose the semigroups in two parts. One of them, is defined on an infinite space dimension, such that  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\pm k}) \rightarrow -\infty$ , where  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . It means that the semigroup norm can be set arbitrarily small. So our problem becomes to compare the semigroups in a finite dimension space. We did that using the convergence of the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the discrete problem to the continuous problem. Then, we compare the nonlinear semigroups and, finally, we prove the upper semicontinuity of the global attractors  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$ . This procedure

was used in [1]

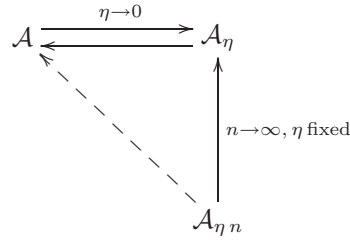
The main result of this paper is

**Theorem 1.1.** *The family of global attractors  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  is upper semicontinuous at  $n = \infty$ , for any  $\eta > 0$ .*

Theorem 1.1, and the fact that the family  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$  is upper continuous (see [3]), leads to the following important result

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the attractor of (1.1) for  $\eta = 0$ . Then, there exists a sequence  $(\eta, n_\eta)$  such that  $\delta(\mathcal{A}_{\eta n_\eta}, \mathcal{A})$  converges to zero when  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ .*

These results can be summarized in the following diagram



where the arrows denotes upper semicontinuity when it points to the limit problem and lower semicontinuity when it points to the family problems.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 recalls some spectral properties of  $A_\eta$  and  $A_{\eta n}$ . We also define the norms and some relations between  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $Y^0$  and  $Y^1$ . In Section 3 we make the comparison of the linear semigroups. The comparison of the nonlinear semigroups is done in Section 4. Finally, the last section proves the upper semicontinuity of attractors  $A_{\eta n}$ .

## 2 Spectral properties of $A_\eta$ and $A_{\eta n}$ .

In this section, we recall from [6, 7] some important spectral properties of  $A_\eta$  and  $A_{\eta n}$ . We also define the norms and some relations between  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $Y^0, Y^1$ .

Let  $\nu_k = (k\pi)^2 + \frac{\delta}{2}$  be the eigenvalues of  $\Lambda$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . The eigenvalues,  $\lambda_{\pm k}$ , of  $A_\eta$  are the solutions of

$$\lambda^2 + (2\eta\nu_k^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2a\nu_k)\lambda + \nu_k = 0$$

and they are given by:

$$\lambda_{\pm k} = -(\eta\nu_k^{1/2} + a) \pm \sqrt{(\eta\nu_k^{1/2} + a)^2 - \nu_k}$$

For each  $\eta > 0$ , there exist an  $k_0 = k_0(\eta) \geq 0$  such that  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  is a real number for  $k < k_0$  and  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  is a complex number for  $k \geq k_0$ .

The correspondents eigenfunctions are given by:

$$\phi_{\pm k} = \begin{bmatrix} e_k \\ \lambda_{\pm k} e_k \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $e_k = \cos(k\pi x)$  is a eigenfunction of  $\Lambda$  with respect the eigenvalue  $\nu_k$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  is a double eigenvalue then  $\psi_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e_k \end{bmatrix}$  is a generalized eigenfunction associated with  $\lambda_{\pm k}$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  is a complex eigenvalue then we consider the following vectors  $\psi_{+k} = \text{Re}(\phi_{\pm k})$  and  $\psi_{-k} = \text{Im}(\phi_{\pm k})$ , in the real eigenspace associated with  $\lambda_{\pm k}$ .

We have the following properties:

- 1) the family  $(\phi_{+k})_{k=0}^{k_0}, (\psi_{+k})_{k=k_0}^\infty$  is orthogonal in  $Y^0$ ;
- 2) the family  $(\phi_{-k})_{k=0}^{k_0}, (\psi_{-k})_{k=k_0}^\infty$  is orthogonal in  $Y^0$ ;
- 3)  $\langle \phi_{-i}, \phi_{+j} \rangle_{Y^0} = 0, \langle \psi_{-i}, \psi_{+j} \rangle_{Y^0} = 0, \langle \phi_{-i}, \psi_{+j} \rangle_{Y^0} = 0, \langle \psi_{-i}, \phi_{+j} \rangle_{Y^0} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

Using the same arguments of [3] in section 2, we have that there are  $K \geq 1$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , independent of  $\eta$ , such that  $\|e^{A_\eta t}\| \leq Ke^{-\gamma}$ , for  $\eta > 0$ .

Similarly, the eigenvalues of  $\Lambda_n$  are given by  $\nu_k^n = 4n^2 \sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} + \frac{\delta}{2}$  and the associated eigenvectors are  $e_k^n = (\cos k\pi x_1, \dots, \cos k\pi x_n)$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$  and  $x_i = \frac{2i-1}{2n}$ . The eigenvalues,  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$ , of  $A_{\eta n}$  are the solutions of the equation  $\lambda^2 + (2\eta(\nu_k^n)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2a\nu_k^n)\lambda + \nu_k^n = 0$  and are given by:

$$\lambda_{\pm k}^n = -(\eta(\nu_k^n)^{1/2} + a) \pm \sqrt{(\eta(\nu_k^n)^{1/2} + a)^2 - \nu_k^n}$$

The correspondents eigenvectors are given by:

$$\phi_{\pm k}^n = \begin{bmatrix} e_k^n \\ \lambda_{\pm k}^n e_k^n \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $e_k^n$  is the eigenvector of  $\Lambda_n$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\nu_k^n$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  is a double eigenvalue then  $\psi_k^n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e_k^n \end{bmatrix}$  is a generalized eigenvector associated with  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$ .

If  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  is a complex eigenvalue then we consider the following vectors  $\psi_{+k}^n = \text{Re}(\phi_{\pm k}^n)$  and  $\psi_{-k}^n = \text{Im}(\phi_{\pm k}^n)$ , in the real eigenspace associated with  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$ .

We also get that for each  $\eta > 0$  and  $n > 0$  exist a  $k_0 = k_0(\eta, n) \geq 0$  such that  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  is a real number for  $k < k_0$  and  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  is a complex number for  $k_0 \leq k < n$ .

In order to compare the problems (1.5) and (1.6), it is necessary to consider in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  a compatible norm with the norm in  $Y^0$ . Therefore, we define in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  the following inner product:

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} W \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_0 = \langle \Lambda_n U, W \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} + \langle V, Z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\langle U, W \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} u_i w_i$  is the inner product  $L^2$  discretized. We denote for  $Y_n^0$  the space  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  with the inner product given above.

About the eigenvectors of  $A_{\eta n}$  in the space  $Y_n^0$  we have:

- 1) the family  $(\phi_{+k}^n)_{k=0}^{k_0}, (\psi_{+k}^n)_{k=k_0}^n$  is orthogonal in  $Y_n^0$ ;
- 2) the family  $(\phi_{-k}^n)_{k=0}^{k_0}, (\psi_{-k}^n)_{k=k_0}^n$  is orthogonal in  $Y_n^0$ ;
- 3)  $\langle \phi_{-i}^n, \phi_{+j}^n \rangle_{Y_n^0} = 0$ ,  $\langle \psi_{-i}^n, \psi_{+j}^n \rangle_{Y_n^0} = 0$ ,  $\langle \phi_{-i}^n, \psi_{+j}^n \rangle_{Y_n^0} = 0$ ,  $\langle \psi_{-i}^n, \phi_{+j}^n \rangle_{Y_n^0} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .

We also need to consider another inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  compatible with the inner product in  $Y^1$ , that means,

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} W \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_1 = \langle \Lambda_n U, \Lambda_n W \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} + \langle \Lambda_n V, Z \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} \quad (2.4)$$

We denote by  $Y_n^1$  the space  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  with the inner product given above. We make the distinction in the inner products by the index 0 or 1.

With a simple evaluation we get that

$$\langle \Lambda_n U, W \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} n(u_{i+1} - u_i)(w_{i+1} - w_i) + \frac{\delta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} u_i w_i.$$

We use the notation  $Y_n^0$  or  $Y_n^1$  to indicate the inner product and the norm considered in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ . Furthermore, we use in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , three different norms given by  $\|U\|_{L_d^2} = \langle U, U \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}^{1/2}$  which we call  $L^2$ -discretized,  $\|U\|_{H_d^1} = \langle \Lambda_n U, U \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}^{1/2}$  which we call  $H^1$  discretized and  $\|U\|_{H_d^2} = \langle \Lambda_n U, \Lambda_n U \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}^{1/2}$  which we call  $H^2$  discretized. In order to avoid mistakes, we denote by  $\|U'\|_{L_d^2} = \langle \Delta_n U, U \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}^{1/2}$  the  $L^2$  norm discretized of the discretized derivative.

We also decompose the spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $H^1 \times L^2$ .

We write  $H^1 \times L^2 = \oplus E_k$  where  $E_k$  is the generalized real eigenspace 2-dimensional associated with the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{\pm k}$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  are real then  $E_k = [\phi_{+k}, \phi_{-k}]$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  are complex, we consider the vectors  $\psi_{+k} = \text{Re}\phi_{+k}$  and  $\psi_{-k} = \text{Im}\phi_{+k}$  the base of  $E_k$ . We observe that the family  $E_k$  is orthogonal.



We denote by  $\angle_{+k}^{-k}$  the angle between  $\psi_{+k}$  and  $\psi_{-k}$ . We observe that  $\cos(\angle_{+k}^{-k}) < 1 - \xi$ , for some  $\xi > 0$  and for any  $k$ . In fact, considering  $\|e_k\|_{L^2} = 1$  we get

$$\cos(\angle_{+k}^{-k}) = \frac{\|e_k\|_{H^1}^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{+k})\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{+k})}{\sqrt{\|e_k\|_{H^1}^4 + (\operatorname{Re}^2(\lambda_{+k}) + \operatorname{Im}^2(\lambda_{+k}))\|e_k\|_{H^1}^2 + (\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{+k})\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{+k}))^2}},$$

remembering that  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{+k}) = O(-\eta\|e_k\|_{H^1})$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_{+k}) = O((1-\eta^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\|e_k\|_{H^1})$  then,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \cos^2(\angle_{+k}^{-k}) \leq \frac{(1 + \eta(1 - \eta^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})^2}{2 + \eta(1 - \eta^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq 1 - \xi$$

for some  $\xi > 0$ . With this fact, we obtain the equivalence between the sum norm, the max norm and inner product norm in each  $E_k$ , with equivalence constants independent of  $k$ .

Therefore, for  $(u, v) \in H^1 \times L^2$  we write

$$(u, v) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((u, v)_k^+ \phi_{+k} + (u, v)_k^- \phi_{-k}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (u, v)_k.$$

Using the orthogonal properties of  $E_k$ , we have  $\|(u, v)\|_{Y^0} = (\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|(u, v)_k\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  where  $(u, v)_k$  is a projection of  $(u, v)$  in the space  $E_k$ .

Similarly, we write  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n = \oplus E_k^n$  where  $E_k^n$  is a two dimensional space associated with the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  are real eigenvalues then  $E_k^n = [\phi_{+k}^n, \phi_{-k}^n]$ , where  $\phi_{\pm k}^n$  is the normalized eigenvector associated with  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$ . If  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  is complex we consider the vectors  $\psi_{+k}^n = \operatorname{Re}\phi_{+k}^n$  and  $\psi_{-k}^n = \operatorname{Im}\phi_{+k}^n$  a base de  $E_k^n$ .

Thus,  $(U, V) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$(U, V) = \sum_{k=1}^n ((U, V)_k^+ \phi_{+k}^n + (U, V)_k^- \phi_{-k}^n)$$

and  $\|(U, V)\|_{Y_n^0} = (\sum_{k=1}^n \|(U, V)_k\|^2)^{1/2}$ , where  $(U, V)_k$  is a projection of  $(U, V)$  in the  $E_k^n$  which are orthogonal.

In order to make the comparison proposed, we use a technique of Numerical Analysis which is denominated *Internal Approximation of a Normed Space*, see [9]. We define a family  $\{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n, P_{2n}, i_{2n}\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $P_{2n} : Y^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $i_{2n} : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow Y^0$  are denominated projection and inclusion respectively.

Let  $(U, V) = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ , the inclusion application,  $i_{2n}$ , is defined by  $i_{2n}(U, V) = (u(x), v(x))$  where  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  are given by

$$u(x) = u_1 \chi_{[0, \frac{1}{2n})} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (u_i + (u_{i+1} - u_i)n(x - x_i)) \chi_{[\frac{2i-1}{2n}, \frac{2i+1}{2n})} + u_n \chi_{[\frac{2n-1}{2n}, 1]} \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$v(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \chi_{I_i} \quad (2.6)$$

where  $I_i$  is the interval  $[\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n})$ .

We also defined a projection of  $Y^0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  in the following way. For each  $e_k$  we define  $P_n(e_k) = U = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $u_i = e_k(x_i)$ , hence,  $P_n(e_k) = e_k^n$ . We define  $P'_n : L^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $P'_n(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k e_k^n$ ,  $P''_n : H^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $P''_n(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k e_k^n$ , and  $P_{2n} : H^1 \times L^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $P_{2n}(u, v) = (P''_n(u), P'_n(v))$ .

For the inclusion and projection applications we have

**Theorem 2.1.** *The inclusion application,  $i_{2n} : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow H^1 \times L^2$  is continuous. Furthermore, the continuity is uniform in  $n$ .*

**Proof:** In fact, let  $u(x)$  given by (2.5), then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(x)\|_{L^2}^2 &= \frac{u_1^2}{2n} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} u^2(x) dx + \frac{u_n^2}{2n} \\ &\leq \frac{u_1^2}{2n} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{u_{j+1}^2}{2n} + \frac{u_j^2}{2n} \right) + \frac{u_n^2}{2n} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{u_j^2}{n} = \|U\|_{L_d^2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\|u(x)\|_{H^1}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} n(u_{j+1} - u_j)^2 = \|U\|_{H_d^1}^2$$

and let  $v(x)$  given by (2.6), then  $\|v(x)\|_{L^2}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{n} v_j^2 = \|V\|_{L_d^2}^2$ . Thus,

$$\|i(U, V)\|_{Y^0} = (\|u(x)\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|u(x)\|_{L^2}^2 + \|v(x)\|_{L^2}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|(U, V)\|_{Y_n^0}$$

**Theorem 2.2.** *The projection application,  $P_{2n}$ , is continuous. Furthermore, the continuity is uniform in  $n$ .*

**Proof:** In fact, let  $U = P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) = (\cos(k\pi x_1), \dots, \cos(k\pi x_1))$  then we have

$$\|U\|_{L_d^2}^2 = \sum_1^n \frac{1}{n} u_i^2 = \sum_1^n \frac{1}{n} \cos^2(k\pi x_i) \leq 1 = 2 \|\cos(k\pi x)\|_{L^2}^2 \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|U\|_{H_d^1}^2 &= \sum_1^{n-1} n(u_{i+1} - u_i)^2 = \sum_1^{n-1} n(\cos(k\pi x_{i+1}) - \cos(k\pi x_i))^2 \\ &= \sum_1^{n-1} n(k\pi)^2 \sin^2(k\pi \bar{x}_i) \frac{1}{n^2} \leq (k\pi)^2 \leq 2 \|k\pi \sin(k\pi x)\|_{L^2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_{2n}(\phi_{\pm k})\|_{Y_n^0} &= \|(P_n(e_k), \lambda_{\pm k} P_n(e_k))\|_{H_d^1 \times L_d^2} \\ &= (\|P_n(e_k)\|_{H_d^1}^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|P_n(e_k)\|_{L_d^2}^2 + |\lambda_{\pm k}| \|P_n(e_k)\|_{L_d^2}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq (2\|e_k\|_{H^1} + \frac{\delta}{2} 2\|e_k\|_{L^2} + |\lambda_{\pm k}| 2\|e_k\|_{L^2}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \|\phi_{\pm k}\|_{Y^0} \end{aligned}$$

By using Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 we have that these applications are stable (see [9]).

Another result is

**Theorem 2.3.** *i) Let  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  be the eigenvalues of  $A_\eta$  and  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$  the eigenvalues of  $A_{\eta n}$ , then for each  $k$  fixed we have that  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n \rightarrow \lambda_{\pm k}$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
ii) Let  $\phi_{\pm k}$  be the eigenvectors of  $A_\eta$  and  $\phi_{\pm k}^n$  the eigenvectors of  $A_{\eta n}$ , then for each  $k$  fixed we have that  $i(\phi_{\pm k}^n) \rightarrow \phi_{\pm k}$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $P_n(e_k) = e_n^n$ .*

For the inclusion application we use only  $i$  and the dimension of the space is omitted.

### 3 Comparison of Linear Semigroups

Let be  $e^{A_\eta t}$  and  $e^{A_{\eta n} t}$  the semigroups generated by  $A_\eta$  and  $A_{\eta n}$  respectively. We have the following result comparing the semigroups

**Theorem 3.1.** *For each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $n_o(\epsilon)$  such that  $\forall n \geq n_0$*

$$\|e^{A_\eta t}(u_0, v_0) - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))\|_{Y^0} \leq M\epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}, t > 0 \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $(u_0, v_0) \in C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha$  and

$$\|e^{A_\eta t} i(U_0, V_0) - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} (U_0, V_0))\|_{Y^0} \leq M\epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^0}, t > 0 \quad (3.2)$$

for all  $(U_0, V_0) \in \bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$ .

**Proof:** We make the proof for the first inequality and when it is necessary we note the changes for the second one.

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be a real parameter. We consider two cases

i) for  $0 < t \leq \epsilon$ . In this case, when  $t$  is small, we use that  $e^{-\gamma t}$  is bounded by  $K\epsilon^\nu t^{-\beta}$  for  $\beta > \nu > 0$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{A_\eta t}(u_0, v_0) - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))\|_{Y^0} &\leq K' e^{-\gamma t} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0} \\ &\leq M\epsilon^\nu t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0}. \end{aligned}$$

ii) for  $t > \epsilon$ , we need estimate

$$\|e^{A_\eta t}(u_0, v_0) - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))\|_{Y^0}.$$

In this case, we decompose  $Y^0$  in two subspaces. In the subspace of finite dimension, we have the uniform convergence of eigenvalues and inclusion of eigenvectors for the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the continuous problem. In the subspace of infinite dimension, we have that the real part of eigenvalues goes to  $-\infty$ .

By using that  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n \rightarrow \lambda_{\pm k}$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\pm k}) \rightarrow -\infty$ , when  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and considering  $\beta \in (0, 1)$  a fixed number then there are  $K(\epsilon)$  and  $N(\epsilon)$  such that

$$e^{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\pm k}^n)t} \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta}, \quad e^{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{\pm k})t} \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \text{ for all } n \geq N(\epsilon) \text{ and } k \geq K(\epsilon). \quad (3.3)$$

Using  $K = K(\epsilon)$  given in (3.3), we consider the following subspaces  $\oplus E_k^n$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq K$ ,  $\oplus E_k^n$ ,  $K+1 \leq k \leq n$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\oplus E_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq K$ ,  $\oplus E_k$ ,  $K+1 \leq k < \infty$  of  $Y^0$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|e^{A_\eta t}(u_0, v_0) - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))\|_{Y^0} \\ & \leq \|e^{A_\eta t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k)\|_{Y^0} \\ & \quad + \|e^{A_\eta t} \sum_{k=K+1}^\infty (u_0, v_0)_k\|_{Y^0} + \|i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=K+1}^n (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k)\|_{Y^0} \end{aligned}$$

By the continuity, uniform in  $n$ , of the applications inclusion and projection, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=K+1}^n (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k)\|_{Y^0} \leq M \|e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=K+1}^n (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k\|_{Y_n^0} \\
& = M \left( \sum_{k=K+1}^n \|e^{A_{\eta n} t} (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k\|_{Y_n^0}^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq M \left( \sum_{k=K+1}^n (e^{Re \lambda_{\pm}^n t} \|(P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k\|_{Y_n^0})^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq M \epsilon t^{-\beta} \left( \sum_{k=K+1}^n \|(P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k\|_{Y_n^0}^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq M \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|P_{2n}(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y_n^0} \\
& \leq M' \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0}
\end{aligned}$$

In the similar way, we have

$$\|e^{A_{\eta} t} \sum_{k=K+1}^{\infty} (u_0, v_0)_k\|_{Y^0} \leq M \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)_k\|_{Y^0}$$

We consider another operator  $B_n$ , which possess the same eigenvalues of  $A_{\eta n}$  but, associated with the eigenvectors of  $A_{\eta}$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|e^{A_{\eta} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k)\|_{Y^0} \\
\leq \|e^{A_{\eta} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - e^{B_n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k\|_{Y^0} \\
+ \|e^{B_n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k)\|_{Y^0}
\end{aligned}$$

If each  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq K$ , is real then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \sum_{k=1}^K e^{A_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k - \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k \right\|_{Y^0} \\
& \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \left\| (e^{\lambda_{+k} t} - e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t})(u_0, v_0)_{+k} + (e^{\lambda_{-k} t} - e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t})(u_0, v_0)_{-k} \right\|_{Y^0}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq 2M \max_{1 \leq k \leq K} \{ |e^{\lambda_{+k} t} - e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t}|, |e^{\lambda_{-k} t} - e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t}| \} \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \|(u_0, v_0)_k\|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq 2Mt \max_{1 \leq k \leq K} \{ |e^{\tilde{\lambda}_{+k}^n t}| |\lambda_{+k} - \lambda_{+k}^n|, |e^{\tilde{\lambda}_{-k}^n t}| |\lambda_{-k} - \lambda_{-k}^n| \} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0} \\
& \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq n_1 \geq n_0$ , where  $\tilde{\lambda}_{-k}^n$  is between  $\lambda_{-k}$  and  $\lambda_{-k}^n$ ; and  $\tilde{\lambda}_{+k}^n$  is between  $\lambda_{+k}$  and  $\lambda_{+k}^n$ .

In the case  $\lambda_{\pm k}$  complex, we denote by  $(u_0, v_0)_k$  the component of  $(u_0, v_0)$  in  $E_k$  and  $(u_0, v_0)_k = 2a(\cos \delta, -\sin \delta)$  in the base  $\psi_{+k}, \psi_{-k}$ . In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{A_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k &= 2ae^{\alpha_k t} (\cos(\beta_k t + \delta) \psi_{+k} - \sin(\beta_k t + \delta) \psi_{-k}), \\
e^{B_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k &= 2ae^{\alpha_k^n t} (\cos(\beta_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{+k} - \sin(\beta_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{-k}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_{\pm k} = \alpha_k \pm \beta_k$  and  $\lambda_{\pm k}^n = \alpha_k^n \pm \beta_k^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|e^{A_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k - e^{B_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k\|_{Y^0} \\
& \leq \|2ae^{\alpha_k t} [(\cos(\beta_k t + \delta) - \cos(\beta_k^n t + \delta)) \psi_{+k} - (\sin(\beta_k t + \delta) - \sin(\beta_k^n t + \delta)) \psi_{-k}]\| \\
& \quad + \|2a[\cos(\beta_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{+k} - \sin(\beta_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{-k}]\| |e^{\alpha_k t} - e^{\alpha_k^n t}| \\
& \leq e^{\alpha_{+k} t} |\beta_k - \beta_k^n| \| -2a \sin(\tilde{\beta}_k^n + \delta) \psi_{+k} - 2a \cos(\tilde{\beta}_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{-k} \| \\
& \quad + e^{\tilde{\alpha}_{+k} t} |\alpha_k - \alpha_k^n| \| 2a \cos(\beta_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{+k} - 2a \sin(\beta_k^n t + \delta) \psi_{-k} \| \\
& \leq L(e^{\alpha_{+k} t} t |\beta_k - \beta_k^n| + e^{\tilde{\alpha}_{+k} t} t |\alpha_k - \alpha_k^n|) \|(u_0, v_0)_k\|
\end{aligned}$$

If  $(P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k = a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n$  and  $(u_0, v_0)_k = a_{+k} \psi_{+k} + a_{-k} \psi_{-k}$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|e^{B_n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k)\|_{Y^0} \\
& \leq \| \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t} (u_0, v_0)_k - \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t} (a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) \|_{Y^0} \\
& + \| \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t} (a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) - \sum_{k=1}^K i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k) \|_{Y^0} \\
& \leq e^{\alpha_1^n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (|a_{+k} - a_{+k}^n| \|\psi_{+k}\| + |a_{-k} - a_{-k}^n| \|\psi_{-k}\|) \\
& + \| \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t} (a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) - \sum_{k=1}^K i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n) \|_{Y^0}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we need to estimate  $|a_{+k} - a_{+k}^n|$  and  $|a_{-k} - a_{-k}^n|$ . In order to calculate this, we write  $a_{+k}^n = \frac{b_{+k}^n}{c_{+k}^n}$  and  $a_{+k} = \frac{b_{+k}}{c_{+k}}$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{+k}^n &= \langle P_{2n}(u_0, v_0), \psi_{+k}^n \rangle \|\psi_{-k}^n\|^2 - \langle P_{2n}(u_0, v_0), \psi_{-k}^n \rangle \langle \psi_{-k}^n, \psi_{+k}^n \rangle, \\
c_{+k}^n &= \|\psi_{+k}^n\|^2 \|\psi_{-k}^n\|^2 - \langle \psi_{+k}^n, \psi_{-k}^n \rangle^2
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{+k} &= \langle (u_0, v_0), \psi_{+k} \rangle \|\psi_{-k}\|^2 - \langle (u_0, v_0), \psi_{-k} \rangle \langle \psi_{-k}, \psi_{+k} \rangle, \\
c_{+k} &= \|\psi_{+k}\|^2 \|\psi_{-k}\|^2 - \langle \psi_{+k}, \psi_{-k} \rangle^2
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$|a_{+k} - a_{+k}^n| \leq \frac{|c_{+k}^n| |b_{+k} - b_{+k}^n| + |c_{+k} - c_{+k}^n| |b_{+k}^n|}{|c_{+k}| |c_{+k}^n|}.$$

Thus, it is sufficient estimate  $|b_{+k} - b_{+k}^n|$  and  $|c_{+k} - c_{+k}^n|$ . We consider two cases:

I)  $(u_0, v_0) = i(U_0, V_0)$  and  $P_{2n}(u_0, v_0) = (U_0, V_0)$  for  $(U_0, V_0) \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$ ;

II)  $(u_0, v_0)$  in  $C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha$ .

Since that



- i)  $\|\psi_{+k}\|_{Y^0} = \|\psi_{+k}^n\|_{Y_n^0} + O(\frac{1}{n})$ ,
- ii)  $\langle \psi_{+k}, \psi_{-k} \rangle_{Y^0} = \langle \psi_{+k}^n, \psi_{-k}^n \rangle_0 + O(\frac{1}{n})$
- iii)  $\langle i(P_n(u_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H^1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} n(u_{i+1} - u_i) k\pi \sin(k\pi x) dx$ ,
- iv)  $\langle P_n(u_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{H_d^1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} n(u_{i+1} - u_i) k\pi \sin(k\pi \bar{x}_i) dx$ .

then

$$|\langle i(P_n(u_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H^1} - \langle P_n(u_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{H_d^1}| \leq k^2 \pi^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} (u_{i+1} - u_i).$$

If  $(u_0, v_0) = i(U_0, V_0)$  for some  $(U_0, V_0) \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  then, by [2], we have  $\bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  is bounded in  $H_d^2 \times H_d^1$  and  $n|u_{i+1} - u_i| \leq \|U\|_{H_d^1} + \|U\|_{H_d^2} \leq 2K$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , thus

$$|\langle i(P_n(u_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H^1} - \langle P_n(u_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{H_d^1}| \leq \frac{k^2 \pi^2}{n} (\|U_0\|_{H_d^1} + \|U_0\|_{H_d^2}).$$

We also have

- v)  $\langle i(P_n(v_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{L^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} v_i \cos(k\pi x) dx$ ,
- iv)  $\langle P_n(v_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{L_d^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} v_i \cos(k\pi x_i) dx$ .

Hence,

$$|\langle i(P_n(v_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{L^2} - \langle P_n(v_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{L_d^2}| \leq k\pi \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n^2} v_i.$$

We are in the case of  $(u_0, v_0) = i(U_0, V_0)$  for some  $(U_0, V_0) \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  then, using that  $\bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  is bounded in  $H_d^2 \times H_d^1$  and  $|v_i| \leq \|V\|_{L_d^2} + \|V\|_{H_d^1} \leq 2K$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  then,

$$|\langle i(P_n(v_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{L^2} - \langle P_n(v_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{L_d^2}| \leq \frac{k^2 \pi^2}{n} (\|V_0\|_{L_d^2} + \|V_0\|_{H_d^1}).$$

Therefore,

$$|\langle i(P_{2n}(u_0, v_0)), \psi_{\pm k} \rangle_{Y^0} - \langle P_{2n}(u_0, v_0), \psi_{\pm k}^n \rangle_{Y_n^0}| \leq \frac{\tilde{K}}{n} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^1}.$$

If  $(u_0, v_0) \neq i(U_0, V_0)$  and  $(u_0, v_0) \in C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha$  then we have  $|u_{i+1} - u_i| \leq n^{-1} \|u_0\|_{C^{1+\alpha}}, |v_i| \leq \|v\|_{C^\alpha}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle u_0, \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H^1} - \langle P_n(u_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{H_d^1}| \\ & \leq |\langle u_0, \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H^1} - \langle i(P_n(u_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H_d^1}| \\ & + |\langle i(P_n(u_0)), \cos(k\pi x) \rangle_{H^1} - \langle P_n(u_0), P_n(\cos(k\pi x)) \rangle_{H_d^1}|. \end{aligned}$$

However,

$$\|(u_0, v_0) - i(P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))\|_{Y^0} \leq \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}.$$

Hence,

$$|\langle (u_0, v_0), \psi_{\pm k} \rangle_{Y^0} - \langle P_{2n}(u_0, v_0), \psi_{\pm k}^n \rangle_{Y_n^0}| \leq \frac{\tilde{K}}{n^\alpha} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}.$$

Therefore, for case I)

$$|b_{+k} - b_{+k}^n| \leq Mn^{-1} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^1},$$

for case II),

$$|b_{+k} - b_{+k}^n| \leq Mn^{-\alpha} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}$$

and in analogous form, for  $k, 1 \leq k \leq K$  we get

$$|c_{+k} - c_{+k}^n| \leq Mn^{-1}.$$

Analogously, we obtain  $|a_{-k} - a_{-k}^n|$ .

We came back to estimate  $e^{\alpha_1^n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (|a_{+k} - a_{+k}^n| \|\psi_{+k}\| + |a_{-k} - a_{-k}^n| \|\psi_{-k}\|)$ .

In the case I)

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{\alpha_1^n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (|a_{+k} - a_{+k}^n| \|\psi_{+k}\| + |a_{-k} - a_{-k}^n| \|\psi_{-k}\|) \\ & \leq e^{\alpha_1^n t} \tilde{M} n^{-1} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^1} \sum_{k=1}^K (\|\psi_{+k}\| + \|\psi_{-k}\|) \\ & \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^1} \end{aligned}$$

and in the case II)

$$\begin{aligned}
& e^{\alpha_1^n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (|a_{+k} - a_{+k}^n| \|\psi_{+k}\| + |a_{-k} - a_{-k}^n| \|\psi_{-k}\|) \\
& \leq e^{\alpha_1^n t} \tilde{M} n^{-\alpha} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^K (\|\psi_{+k}\| + \|\psi_{-k}\|) \\
& \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}
\end{aligned}$$

Now we go to estimate

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t} (a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) - \sum_{k=1}^K i(e^{A_{\eta^n} t} a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n) \right\|_{Y^0}$$

In order to do this, we consider a complex inclusion, that means the inclusion of real part and the inclusion of imaginary part. In this case, we are considering complex solutions.

Since that  $a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k} = d_{+k}^n \phi_{+k} + d_{-k}^n \phi_{-k}$  and  $a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n = d_{+k}^n \phi_{+k}^n + d_{-k}^n \phi_{-k}^n$  where  $d_{+k} = 1/2(a_{+k}^n - ia_{-k}^n)$  and  $d_{-k} = 1/2(a_{+k}^n + ia_{-k}^n)$  then

$$e^{B_n t} (a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) = e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} d_{+k}^n \phi_{+k} + e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} d_{-k}^n \phi_{-k}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
i(e^{A_{\eta^n} t} (a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n)) &= i(e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} d_{+k}^n \phi_{+k}^n + e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} d_{-k}^n \phi_{-k}^n) \\
&= d_{+k}^n i(e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} \phi_{+k}^n) + d_{-k}^n i(e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} \phi_{-k}^n)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|e^{B_n t}(a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t}(a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n))\| \\
& \leq |d_{+k}^n| \|e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} \phi_{+k} - i(e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} \phi_{+k}^n)\| + |d_{-k}^n| \|e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} \phi_{-k} - i(e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} \phi_{-k}^n)\| \\
& = |d_{+k}^n| \|e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} \phi_{+k} - e^{\lambda_{+k}^n t} i(\phi_{+k}^n)\| + |d_{-k}^n| \|e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} \phi_{-k} - e^{\lambda_{-k}^n t} i(\phi_{-k}^n)\| \\
& \leq |d_{+k}^n| e^{\alpha_{+k}^n t} \|\phi_{+k} - i(\phi_{+k}^n)\| + |d_{-k}^n| e^{\alpha_{-k}^n t} \|\phi_{-k} - i(\phi_{-k}^n)\| \\
& \leq |d_{+k}^n| e^{\alpha_{+k}^n t} K/n \|\phi_{+k}\| + |d_{-k}^n| e^{\alpha_{-k}^n t} K/n \|\phi_{-k}\| \\
& \leq e^{\alpha_{+k}^n t} \tilde{K}/n \|(u_0, v_0)_k\| \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)_k\|
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^K e^{B_n t}(a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k} + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}) - \sum_{k=1}^K i(e^{A_{\eta n} t}(a_{+k}^n \psi_{+k}^n + a_{-k}^n \psi_{-k}^n)) \right\|_{Y^0} \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0}$$

Finally, in the case I),

$$\left\| e^{B_n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k) \right\|_{Y^0} \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{Y^0},$$

and in the case II)

$$\left\| e^{B_n t} \sum_{k=1}^K (u_0, v_0)_k - i(e^{A_{\eta n} t} \sum_{k=1}^K (P_{2n}(u_0, v_0))_k) \right\|_{Y^0} \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(u_0, v_0)\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}.$$

## 4 Comparison of nonlinear semigroups

About the nonlinear semigroups we have

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $T_\eta(t)$  and  $T_{\eta n}(t)$  be the nonlinear semigroups generated by (1.5) and (1.6), respectively, then*

$$\|T_\eta(t, i(U_0, V_0)) - i(T_{\eta n}(t, (U_0, V_0)))\|_{Y^0} \leq M \epsilon K_0 t^{-\beta}, \quad (4.1)$$

for  $t \in (0, \tau)$ ,  $(U_0, V_0) \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  and for  $n \leq n(\epsilon)$

**Proof:** By the variation of constants formula and for  $(U_0, V_0) \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  we have

$$T_{\eta n}(t, (U_0, V_0)) = e^{A_{\eta n}t}(U_0, V_0) + \int_0^t e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} H(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0))) ds \quad (4.2)$$

$$T_{\eta}(t, i(U_0, V_0)) = e^{A_{\eta}t}i(U_0, V_0) + \int_0^t e^{A_{\eta}(t-s)} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0))) ds \quad (4.3)$$

Then, for  $t \in (0, \tau)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_{\eta}(t, i(U_0, V_0)) - i(T_{\eta n}(t, (U_0, V_0)))\|_{Y^0} \\ & \leq \|e^{A_{\eta}t}i(U_0, V_0) - i(e^{A_{\eta n}t}(U_0, V_0))\|_{Y^0} \\ & + \left\| \int_0^t e^{A_{\eta}(t-s)} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0))) - i(e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} P_{2n} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))) ds \right\|_{Y^0} \\ & + \left\| \int_0^t i(e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} P_{2n} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))) - i(e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} H(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0)))) ds \right\|_{Y^0} \\ & \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^0} \\ & + \int_0^t \|e^{A_{\eta}(t-s)} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0))) - i(e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} P_{2n} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0))))\|_{Y^0} ds \\ & + \int_0^t \|i(e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} P_{2n} h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))) - i(e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} H(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0))))\|_{Y^0} ds \end{aligned}$$

Since that  $i(U_0, V_0)$  is bounded in  $H^1 \times L^2$  we have  $(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))_1$  is bounded in  $C^\alpha$ , thus  $\|h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha}$  is bounded for all  $(U_0, V_0) \in \bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$ . We also have  $H(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0))) = P_{2n}(h(i(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0)))))$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_{\eta}(t, i(U_0, V_0)) - i(T_{\eta n}(t, (U_0, V_0)))\|_{Y^0} \\ & \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} \|(U_0, V_0)\|_{Y_n^0} + \epsilon \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta} \|h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))\|_{C^{1+\alpha} \times C^\alpha} ds \\ & + \int_0^t \|e^{A_{\eta n}(t-s)} \|P_{2n}(h(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0)))) - P_{2n}(h(i(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0))))\|_{Y_n^0} ds \\ & \leq \epsilon t^{-\beta} K_0 + \epsilon \tau \frac{t^{-\beta} K_0}{1-\beta} + L \int_0^t \|(T_{\eta}(s, i(U_0, V_0))) - i(T_{\eta n}(s, (U_0, V_0)))\|_{Y^0} ds \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Gronwall Inequality, we have that exists a constant  $M(\beta, \tau, L)$  such

that

$$\|T_\eta(t, i(U_0, V_0)) - i(T_{\eta n}(t, (U_0, V_0)))\|_{H^1 \times L^2} \leq M\epsilon K_0 t^{-\beta}, \quad (4.4)$$

for  $t \in (0, \tau)$ ,  $(U_0, V_0) \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  and for  $n \leq n(\epsilon)$

## 5 Upper Semicontinuity of global attractors $\mathcal{A}_\eta$ and $i(\mathcal{A}_{\eta n})$ in $H^1 \times L^2$

Now we can prove the main result

**Theorem 5.1.** *The family of global attractors  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  is upper semicontinuous at  $n = \infty$ , for any  $\eta > 0$ .*

**Proof:** Since that  $\bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and also  $\|i(U, V)\|_{H^1 \times L^2} \leq \|(U, V)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n}$  then  $\|i(\bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n})\|_{H^1 \times L^2} \leq \|\bigcup_n \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} \leq K$ .

The global attractor  $\mathcal{A}_\eta$  attracts bounded of  $H^1 \times L^2$  thus,  $\forall \delta > 0$ , exists  $\tau = \tau(\delta)$  such that

$$\delta_{Y_0}(T_\eta(\tau, i(\phi_n)), \mathcal{A}_\eta) \leq \delta/2$$

for all  $\phi_n \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  and for all  $n$ .

The attractors  $\mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  are invariant, thus if  $\psi_n \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  then exists  $\phi_n \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  such that  $T_{\eta n}(\tau, \phi_n) = \psi_n$ .

Hence, we choose  $n_0(\delta) = n(\epsilon(\delta)) > 0$  such that

$$\|T_\eta(\tau, i(\phi_n)) - i(T_{\eta n}(\tau, \phi_n))\| \leq M\epsilon\tau^{-\beta}\|\phi_n\| \leq \delta/2$$

for  $n \geq n_0(\delta)$ .

Therefore,

$$\delta_{Y_0}(i(\psi_n), \mathcal{A}_\eta) \leq \delta_{Y_0}(i(\psi_n), T_\eta(\tau, i(\phi_n))) + \delta_{Y_0}(T_\eta(\tau, i(\phi_n)), \mathcal{A}_\eta) \leq \delta$$

for all  $\psi_n \in \mathcal{A}_{\eta n}$  and for all  $n \geq n_0(\delta)$ .

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