

HÖLDER CONTINUITY OF THE DATA TO SOLUTION MAP FOR HR IN THE WEAK TOPOLOGY

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ABSTRACT. It is shown that the data to solution map for the hyperelastic rod equation is Hölder continuous from bounded sets of Sobolev spaces with exponent $s > 3/2$ measured in a weaker Sobolev norm with exponent $r < s$ in both the periodic and non-periodic cases. The proof is based on energy estimates coupled with a delicate commutator estimate and multiplier estimate.

1. INTRODUCTION

The hyperelastic rod (HR) equation

$$\partial_t u = -\gamma u \partial_x u - \partial_x (1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1} \left[\frac{3 - \gamma}{2} u^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} (\partial_x u)^2 \right] \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{T} \text{ or } \mathbb{R}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1.2)$$

was first derived by Dai in [Dai98] as a one-dimensional model for the propagation of finite-length and small-amplitude axial deformation waves in thin cylindrical rods composed of a compressible Mooney-Rivlin material. Unlike competing models for small-amplitude wave propagation such as the Korteweg-de Vries equation and its regularized counterpart the Boussinesq equation, for $\gamma \neq 0$ not all traveling wave solutions of HR are smooth. More precisely, there are a variety of traveling wave solutions to the HR equation that can be obtained using various combinations of peaks, cusps, compactons, fractal-like waves, and plateaus (see Lenells [Len06]).

For the case $\gamma = 0$, we obtain the BBM equation, first proposed by Benjamin, Bona, and Mahony [BBM72] as a model for the unidirectional evolution of long waves. Solitary-wave solutions to this equation are smooth, global, and orbitally stable (see Benjamin [Ben72], Benjamin, Bona, and Mahony [BBM72], and Lenells [Len06]). For the case $\gamma = 1$, we obtain the Camassa-Holm equation, a bi-Hamiltonian water wave equation first written explicitly by Camassa and Holm [CH93]. There is an extensive literature devoted to the Camassa-Holm equation. We refer the reader to the work of Himonas, Kenig, and Misiolek [HKM10], Himonas and Kenig [HK09], Constantin and Lannes [CL09], Bressan and Constantin [BC07], Molinet [Mol04], Constantin and Strauss [CS00b], and the references therein.

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The HR equation is well-posed in the sense of Hadamard (existence, uniqueness, and continuous dependence of solutions on initial data) in Sobolev spaces H^s , $s > 3/2$ on both the line and circle, see Yin [Yin03], Zhou [Zho05], and Karapetyan [Kar10]. A natural question is whether or not the continuous dependence can be strengthened to uniform dependence or better. For Camassa-Holm, it was shown in [HK09] and [HKM10] that dependence is not uniform. The method relied upon the use of energy estimates to show that the difference between actual solutions and appropriately chosen approximate solutions with coinciding initial data is small (see also Koch and Tzvetkov [KT05]). Mirroring this method, non-uniform dependence for HR was shown in [Kar10].

For the Burgers equation, it is also known that for $s > 3/2$, dependence is not better than continuous. Furthermore, Kato [Kat75] showed that for $s > 3/2$ the data to solution map $u_0 \mapsto u(t)$ is not Hölder continuous from a closed ball in $H^s(\mathbb{R})$ centered at 0 and measured in the $H^r(\mathbb{R})$ norm, $r < s$, to $C([0, T], H^r(\mathbb{R}))$, where T depends upon the $H^s(\mathbb{R})$ radius of the ball. More precisely, for fixed $0 < \gamma < 1$ and fixed constant $c > 0$, there exist solutions u, v of Burgers with bounded initial data in $H^s(\mathbb{R})$ (and hence, a common lifespan T) and $0 < t_0 < T$ such that

$$\|u(t_0) - v(t_0)\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})} > c \|u_0 - v_0\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})}^\gamma.$$

However, for certain general quasi-linear hyperbolic systems, Kato also obtained uniform continuity of the data to solution map for initial data in Sobolev spaces with integer index, measured in a weaker Sobolev norm. More recently, Tao [Tao04] obtained Lipschitz continuity of the data to solution map for the Benjamin-Ono equation for $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ initial data measured in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$. Herr, Ionescu, Kenig, and Koch [HIKK10] have also obtained Lipschitz continuity in a weaker topology for the Benjamin-Ono with generalized dispersion. Hence, it is reasonable to ask whether a result similar to these holds for HR. Our main motivation stems from the work of Chen, Liu, and Zhang [CLZ11] on the b-family

$$\partial_t u = -u \partial_x u - \partial_x (1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1} \left[\frac{b}{2} u^2 + \frac{3-b}{2} (\partial_x u)^2 \right], \quad (1.3)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{T} \text{ or } \mathbb{R}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1.4)$$

for which they proved Hölder continuity of the data to solution map from a closed ball $B(0, h)$ in $H^s(\mathbb{R})$, $s > 3/2$ (measured in the $H^r(\mathbb{R})$ topology, $r < s$) to $C([0, T], H^r(\mathbb{R}))$, with $T = T(h) > 0$ and Hölder index $\alpha = \alpha(b, s, r)$ given by

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 1, & (s, r) \in \Omega_1 \\ 1, & b = 3 \text{ and } (s, r) \in \Omega_2 \\ 2(s-1)/(s-r), & b \neq 3 \text{ and } (s, r) \in \Omega_2 \\ s-r, & (s, r) \in \Omega_3 \end{cases}$$

where

$$\Omega_1 = \{(s, r) : s > 3/2, 0 \leq r \leq s-1, r \geq 2-s\}$$

$$\Omega_2 = \{(s, r) : 3/2 < s < 2, 0 < r < 2-s\}$$

$$\Omega_3 = \{(s, r) : s > 3/2, s-1 < r < s\}.$$

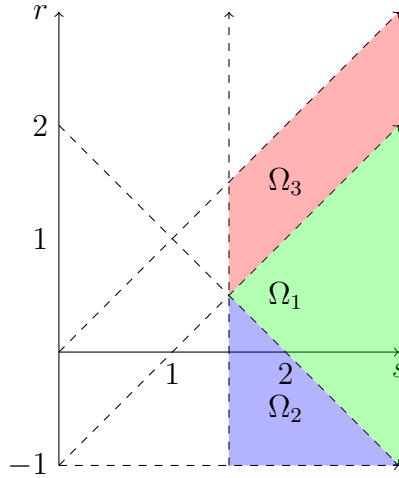
Given this result, and the similarities between the b -family and HR (both can be thought of as weakly dispersive nonlocal perturbations of Burgers), in this work we study the continuity properties of the data-to-solution map for the HR equation, expanding upon the work in [Kar10]. More precisely, following [CLZ11] we show the following result:

Theorem 1. *For $\gamma \neq 0$, the data to solution map for HR is Hölder continuous on both the line and circle from $B_{H^s}(R)$ (in the topology of H^r) to $C([0, T], H^r)$, where $T = T(R)$, for $s > 3/2$, $-1 \leq r < s$. More precisely, consider the following sets*

$$\Omega_1 = \{(s, r) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : s > 3/2, -1 \leq r \leq s-1, r \geq 2-s\}$$

$$\Omega_2 = \{(s, r) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 3/2 < s < 3, -1 \leq r < 2-s\}$$

$$\Omega_3 = \{(s, r) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : s > 3/2, s-1 < r < s\}.$$



Then for two initial data $u_0, v_0 \in B_{H^s}(R)$, there exist unique corresponding solutions $u(x, t), v(x, t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T = T(R)$ to the HR equation (1.1) which satisfy

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\|_{H^r} \leq C \|u_0 - v_0\|_{H^r}^{\alpha(s, r)}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

where

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 1, & (s, r) \in \Omega_1 \\ 2(s-1)/(s-r), & (s, r) \in \Omega_2 \\ s-r, & (s, r) \in \Omega_3. \end{cases}$$

We remark that this result is sharper than the analogue obtained in [CLZ11] for the b -family. We are confident that the techniques applied in this paper can be applied to sharpen the results obtained in [CLZ11].

2. PROOF OF HÖLDER CONTINUITY

We note that the only significant difference between the proof of Hölder continuity in the periodic and non-periodic cases is in the proof of Lemma 2, which we address in Section 3. Hence, we focus our attention on the proof of Hölder continuity in the periodic case.

Region Ω_1 . Let $u_0(x), v_0(x) \in B_{H^s}(R)$, $s > 3/2$ be two initial data. Then from the well-posedness theory for HR [Kar10], we know that there exists unique corresponding solutions $u, v \in C(I, B_{H^s}(2R))$ to (1.1). Set $v = u - w$. Then v solves the Cauchy-problem

$$\partial_t v = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \partial_x [v(u+w)] \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\partial_x (1 - \partial_x^2)^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3-\gamma}{2} [v(u+w)] + \frac{\gamma}{2} [\partial_x v \cdot \partial_x (u+w)] \right\}, \\ v(x, 0) &= u_0(x) - v_0(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Let

$$D^m \doteq (1 - \partial_x^2)^{m/2}, \quad m \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Applying D^r to both sides of (2.1), then multiplying both sides by $D^r v$ and integrating, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v\|_{H^r}^2 &= -\frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^r \partial_x [v(u+w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \\ &\quad - \frac{3-\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^{r-2} \partial_x [v(u+w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^{r-2} \partial_x [\partial_x v \cdot \partial_x (u+w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

We now estimate (2.3) in parts.

Estimate of Integral 1. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| -\frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^r \partial_x [v(u+w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \\ &= \left| -\frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} [D^r \partial_x, u+w] v \cdot D^r v \, dx - \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} (u+w) D^r \partial_x v \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \\ &\lesssim \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} [D^r \partial_x, u+w] v \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| + \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} (u+w) D^r \partial_x v \cdot D^r v \, dx \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Observe that integrating by parts gives

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} (u+w) D^r \partial_x v \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \leq \|\partial_x (u+w)\|_{L^\infty} \|v\|_{H^r}^2. \quad (2.5)$$

To estimate the remaining integral of (2.4), we shall need the following following result taken from [HKM10]:

Lemma 1. *If $s > 3/2$ and $-1 \leq r \leq s-1$, then*

$$\|[D^r \partial_x, f]g\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|f\|_{H^s} \|g\|_{H^r}.$$

An application of Cauchy-Schwartz and Lemma 1 then yields

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} [D^r \partial_x, u + w] v \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \lesssim \|u + w\|_{H^s} \|v\|_{H^r}^2. \quad (2.6)$$

Combining (2.5) and (2.6) and applying the Sobolev embedding theorem, we obtain the estimate

$$\left| -\frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^r \partial_x [v(u + w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \lesssim \|u + w\|_{H^s} \|v\|_{H^r}^2, \quad s > 3/2, \quad -1 \leq r \leq s - 1. \quad (2.7)$$

Estimate of Integral 2. We shall need the following.

Lemma 2. *For $s > 3/2$, $r \leq s$, $s + r \geq 2$, we have*

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}} \lesssim \|f\|_{H^{r-1}} \|g\|_{H^{s-1}}.$$

Applying Cauchy-Schwartz and Lemma 2, we obtain

$$\left| -\frac{3-\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^{r-2} \partial_x [v(u + w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \lesssim \|u + w\|_{H^{r-1}} \|v\|_{H^r}^2$$

which implies

$$\left| -\frac{3-\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^{r-2} \partial_x [v(u + w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \lesssim \|u + w\|_{H^s} \|v\|_{H^r}^2 \quad (2.8)$$

for $s > 3/2$, $r \leq s$, and $s + r \geq 2$.

Estimate of Integral 3. We first apply Cauchy-Schwartz to obtain

$$\left| -\frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^{r-2} \partial_x [\partial_x v \cdot \partial_x (u + w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \lesssim \|[\partial_x v \cdot \partial_x (u + w)]\|_{H^{r-1}} \|v\|_{H^r}.$$

Applying Lemma 2 and the inequality $\|f_x\|_{H^{m-1}} \leq \|f\|_{H^m}$, we conclude that

$$\left| -\frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\mathbb{T}} D^{r-2} \partial_x [\partial_x v \cdot \partial_x (u + w)] \cdot D^r v \, dx \right| \lesssim \|u + w\|_{H^s} \|v\|_{H^r}^2 \quad (2.9)$$

for $s > 3/2$, $r \leq s$, and $s + r \geq 2$. Grouping (2.7), (2.8), and (2.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v\|_{H^r}^2 &\lesssim \|u + w\|_{H^s} \|v\|_{H^r}^2, \quad |t| < T \\ &\leq 4R \|v\|_{H^r}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $y(t) = \|v\|_{H^r}^2$, we obtain

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \leq cy$$

where $c = c(s, r, R) > 0$. Hence

$$y(t) \leq y(0) e^{ct}, \quad |t| < T$$

which implies

$$y(t) \leq y(0) e^{cT}.$$

Substituting back in for y , we see that

$$\|v\|_{H^r}^2 \leq \|v(0)\|_{H^r}^2 e^{cT}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^r} &\leq C \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^r}, \\ \text{for } |t| < T, \ s > 3/2, \ -1 \leq r \leq s-1, \ s+r &\geq 2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Hence, in region Ω_1 , the data to solution map is locally Lipschitz from $B_{H^s}(R)$ (measured with the H^r norm) to $C([-T, T], H^r)$, with Lipschitz constant $C = C(s, r, R)$.

Region Ω_2 . We have the estimate

$$\|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^r} < \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^{2-s}}. \quad (2.11)$$

We see that (2.10) is valid for $r = 2 - s$, $3/2 < s \leq 3$. Hence, applying (2.10) to (2.11), we obtain

$$\|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^r} \lesssim \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^{2-s}}.$$

We need the following interpolation result.

Lemma 3. For $m_1 < m < m_2$,

$$\|f\|_{H^m} \leq \|f\|_{H^{m_1}}^{(m_2-m)/(m_2-m_1)} \|f\|_{H^{m_2}}^{(m-m_1)/(m_2-m_1)}.$$

Applying the lemma with $m_1 = r$, $m = 2 - s$, and $m_2 = s$ (notice $m_2 > m$ for $s > 1$), we bound

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^{2-s}} &\leq \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^r}^{\frac{2(s-1)}{s-r}} \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^s}^{\frac{2-s-r}{s-r}} \\ &\lesssim \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^r}^{\frac{2(s-1)}{s-r}}. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^r} \lesssim \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^r}^{\frac{2(s-1)}{s-r}}.$$

Region Ω_3 . Applying Lemma 3 with $m_1 = s - 1$, $m = r$ and $m_2 = s$, and using the estimate

$$\|u - w\|_{H^s} \leq 4R$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^r} &\lesssim \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^{s-1}}^{s-r} \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^s}^{1-s+r} \\ &\simeq \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^{s-1}}^{s-r}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

We see that (2.10) is valid for $r = s - 1$, $s \geq 3/2$. Hence, applying (2.10) to (2.12) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^r} &\lesssim \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^{s-1}}^{s-r} \\ &\leq \|u_0 - w_0\|_{H^r}^{s-r}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

3. PROOFS OF LEMMAS

Proof of Lemma 2. For the periodic case we have

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}}^2 \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1+n^2)^{r-1} \left[\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\widehat{f}(k)| |\widehat{g}(n-k)| (1+k^2)^{\frac{1-s}{2}} (1+k^2)^{\frac{s-1}{2}} \right]^2.$$

Applying Cauchy Schwartz in k , we bound this by

$$\|f\|_{H^{s-1}}^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1+n^2)^{r-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{|\widehat{g}(n-k)|^2}{(1+k^2)^{s-1}}.$$

But by change of variables and Fubini

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1+n^2)^{r-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{|\widehat{g}(n-k)|^2}{(1+k^2)^{s-1}} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\widehat{g}(k)|^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}}. \quad (3.1)$$

Without loss of generality, we assume $k \geq 0$ and write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq 2k} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} + \sum_{n > 2k} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} \\ &+ \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n+k)^2]^{1-r}} \\ &\doteq I + II + III. \end{aligned}$$

We have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} II &\leq \sup_{n > 2k} \frac{1}{[1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} \sum_{n > 2k} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1}} \\ &\lesssim (1+k^2)^{r-1}, \quad s > 3/2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Similarly

$$III \lesssim (1+k^2)^{r-1}, \quad s > 3/2.$$

To estimate I , we assume without loss of generality that k is even and write

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq k/2} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} + \sum_{k/2 < n \leq 3k/2} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} \\ &+ \sum_{3k/2 < n \leq 2k} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1} [1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} \\ &\doteq i + ii + iii. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, estimating as in (3.2), we have

$$i, iii \lesssim (1+k^2)^{r-1}, \quad s > 3/2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ii &\leq \sup_{k/2 \leq n \leq 3k/2} \frac{1}{(1+n^2)^{s-1}} \sum_{k/2 \leq n \leq 3k/2} \frac{1}{[1+(n-k)^2]^{1-r}} \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{(1+k^2)^{s-1}}, \quad r \leq 1/2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} I + II + III &\lesssim (1+k^2)^{1-s} + (1+k^2)^{r-1}, \quad r \leq 1/2, \quad s > 3/2 \\ &\lesssim (1+k^2)^{r-1}, \quad r-1 \geq 1-s. \end{aligned}$$

Applying this estimate to (3.1) and recalling (3), we obtain

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}} \lesssim \|f\|_{H^{s-1}} \|g\|_{H^{r-1}}, \quad s > 3/2, \quad r \leq 1/2, \quad s+r \geq 2. \quad (3.3)$$

We now need the following result taken from Taylor [Tay95].

Lemma 4 (Sobolev Interpolation). *For fixed $j \leq k, m \leq n$ suppose that $T : H^j \rightarrow H^m$ continuously and $T : H^k \rightarrow H^n$. Then $T : H^{\theta j + (1-\theta)k} \rightarrow H^{\theta m + (1-\theta)n}$ continuously for all $\theta \in (0, 1]$.*

To apply Lemma 4, we note that (3.3) and the algebra property of the Sobolev space H^t , $t > 1/2$ imply that for $s > 3/2$

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}} \lesssim \|g\|_{H^{r-1}}, \quad \text{where } r = 1/2 \text{ or } r = s, \quad \|f\|_{H^{s-1}} = 1.$$

That is, for fixed $f \in H^{s-1}$ with $\|f\|_{H^{s-1}} = 1$, the map $g \mapsto Tg = fg$ is linear continuous from $H^{-1/2}$ to $H^{-1/2}$ and from H^{s-1} to H^{s-1} . Therefore, by Lemma 4, it is continuous from $H^{\theta(s-1)+(1-\theta)(-1/2)}$ to $H^{\theta(s-1)+(1-\theta)(-1/2)}$ for all $\theta \in [0, 1]$. Setting $\theta = (r-1/2)/(s-1/2)$, $1/2 \leq r < s$, we obtain that T is continuous from H^{r-1} to H^{r-1} . Since T is also linear from H^{r-1} to H^{r-1} , we see that

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}} \lesssim \|g\|_{H^{r-1}}, \quad 1/2 \leq r \leq s, \quad s > 3/2, \quad \|f\|_{H^{s-1}} = 1$$

and so for general $f \in H^{s-1}$ we have

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}} \lesssim \|f\|_{H^{s-1}} \|g\|_{H^{r-1}}, \quad 1/2 \leq r \leq s, \quad s > 3/2. \quad (3.4)$$

Combining (3.3) and (3.4) completes the proof in the periodic case. For the non-periodic case we have

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}}^2 \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+\xi^2)^{r-1} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{f}(\eta)| |\widehat{g}(\xi-\eta)| (1+\eta^2)^{\frac{1-s}{2}} (1+\eta^2)^{\frac{s-1}{2}} d\eta \right]^2 d\xi.$$

Applying Cauchy Schwartz in η , we bound this by

$$\|f\|_{H^{s-1}}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+\xi^2)^{r-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\widehat{g}(\xi-\eta)|^2}{(1+\eta^2)^{s-1}} d\eta d\xi.$$

We now wish to bound the integral term. Applying a change of variable, we see it is equal to

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+\xi^2)^{r-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\widehat{g}(\eta)|^2}{[1+(\xi-\eta)^2]^{s-1}} d\eta d\xi$$

which by Fubini is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{[1 + (\xi - \eta)^2]^{s-1} (1 + \xi^2)^{1-r}} d\xi d\eta \\ & \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{[1 + |\xi - \eta|]^{2(s-1)} (1 + |\xi|)^{2(1-r)}} d\xi d\eta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

We now need the following lemma.

Lemma 5. *Fix $p, q > 0$ such that $p + q > 1$, and let $r = \min\{p - \varepsilon_q, q - \varepsilon_p, p + q - 1\}$, where $\varepsilon_j > 0$ is arbitrarily small for $j = 1$ and $\varepsilon_j = 0$ for $j \neq 1$. Adopt the notation $\langle x - \alpha \rangle \doteq 1 + |x - \alpha|$. Then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle x - \alpha \rangle^p \langle x - \beta \rangle^q} dx \leq \frac{c_r}{\langle \alpha - \beta \rangle^r}.$$

To be able to apply the lemma to the integral term in (3.5), we must first check that its conditions are met. Let $s = 3/2 + \varepsilon$, $r = 1 - \delta$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta \geq 0$ and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 2(s - 1) + 2(1 - r) &= 2(s - r) \\ &= 2[3/2 + \varepsilon - (1 - \delta)] \\ &= 2(1/2 + \varepsilon + \delta) \\ &= 1 + 2\varepsilon + 2\delta > 1. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, $2(s - 1), 2(1 - r) > 0$. Hence, Lemma 5 is applicable. Note that since $s > 3/2$, we see that $2(s - 1) \neq 1$. However, it is possible that $2(1 - r) = 1$; hence we must now separate the cases $r \neq 1/2$ and $r = 1/2$. Suppose $r \neq 1/2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{2(s - 1), 2(1 - r), 2(s - 1) + 2(1 - r) - 1\} &= \min\{1 + 2\varepsilon, 2\delta, 2\varepsilon + 2\delta\} \\ &= \min\{1 + 2\varepsilon, 2\delta\} \\ &= 2\delta, \quad \delta \leq 1/2 + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

If $r = 1/2$, then since $s > 3/2$, we can choose $\eta > 0$ sufficiently small such that

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{2(s - 1) - \eta, 2(1 - r), 2(1 - r) + 2(s - 1) - 1\} &= 1 \\ &= 2(1 - r) \\ &= 2\delta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $0 \leq \delta \leq 1/2 + \varepsilon$, $\varepsilon > 0$, (3.5) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} C_{s,r} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{g}(\eta)|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{(1 + |\eta|)^{2\delta}} d\xi d\eta &\lesssim \|g\|_{H^{-\delta}}^2 \\ &= \|g\|_{H^{r-1}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Our restriction on δ is equivalent to the restriction

$$1 - r \leq 1/2 + s - 3/2, \quad r \leq 1, \quad s > 3/2,$$

or

$$s + r \geq 2, \quad r \leq 1, \quad s > 3/2.$$

Therefore,

$$\|fg\|_{H^{r-1}} \lesssim \|f\|_{H^{s-1}} \|g\|_{H^{r-1}}, \quad s + r \geq 2, \quad s > 3/2, \quad r \leq 1.$$

The remainder of the proof is analogous to that in the periodic case. \square

Proof of Lemma 5. By the change of variable $x \mapsto x/2 + (\alpha + \beta)/2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle x - \alpha \rangle^p \langle x - \beta \rangle^q} dx &\simeq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle x/2 - (\alpha - \beta)/2 \rangle^p \langle x/2 + (\alpha - \beta)/2 \rangle^q} dx \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle x - (\alpha - \beta) \rangle^p \langle x + (\alpha - \beta) \rangle^q} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle a - x \rangle^p \langle a + x \rangle^q} dx, \quad a = \alpha - \beta \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

which for $a = 0$ reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle x \rangle^{p+q}} dx &= 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+x)^{p+q}} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{p+q-1}. \end{aligned}$$

We now handle the case $a \neq 0$. Note that by the change of variable $x \mapsto -x$ we may restrict our attention to the case $a > 0$ without loss of generality. Split

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p \langle a-x \rangle^q} dx &= \int_{-2a}^{2a} \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p \langle a-x \rangle^q} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{|x| \geq 2a} \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p \langle a-x \rangle^q} dx \\ &= I + II. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$I = \int_0^{2a} \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p \langle a-x \rangle^q} dx + \int_{-2a}^0 \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p \langle a-x \rangle^q} dx.$$

We bound the first term by

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 2a} \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p} \int_0^{2a} \frac{1}{\langle a-x \rangle^q} dx &= \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^p} \int_0^{2a} \frac{1}{(1+|a-x|)^q} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\langle a \rangle^p} \int_0^a \frac{1}{(1+a-x)^q} dx \\ &\lesssim \begin{cases} 1/\langle a \rangle^p |1 - 1/(1+a)^{q-1}|, & q \neq 1 \\ \log(1+a)/\langle a \rangle^p, & q = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^p} \left| 1 - \frac{1}{(1+a)^{q-1}} \right| \lesssim \begin{cases} 1/\langle a \rangle^p, & q > 1 \\ 1/\langle a \rangle^{p+q-1}, & q < 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\frac{\log(1+a)}{\langle a \rangle^p} \leq \frac{c_\varepsilon}{\langle a \rangle^{p-\varepsilon}} \text{ for any } \varepsilon > 0.$$

For the second term, we bound by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{-2a \leq x \leq 0} \frac{1}{\langle a-x \rangle^q} \int_{-2a}^0 \frac{1}{\langle a+x \rangle^p} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^q} \int_{-2a}^0 \frac{1}{(1+|a+x|)^p} dx \\
&= \frac{2}{\langle a \rangle^q} \int_{-a}^0 \frac{1}{(1+a+x)^p} dx \\
&\lesssim \begin{cases} 1/\langle a \rangle^q |1 - 1/(1+a)^{p-1}|, & p \neq 1 \\ \log(1+a)/\langle a \rangle^q, & p = 1. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

But

$$\frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^q} \left| 1 - \frac{1}{(1+a)^{p-1}} \right| \lesssim \begin{cases} 1/\langle a \rangle^q, & p > 1 \\ 1/\langle a \rangle^{p+q-1}, & p < 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\frac{\log(1+a)}{\langle a \rangle^q} \leq \frac{c_\varepsilon}{\langle a \rangle^{q-\varepsilon}} \text{ for any } \varepsilon > 0.$$

Therefore,

$$I \leq \frac{c_{p,q,\varepsilon}}{\langle a \rangle^{\min\{p-\varepsilon_q, q-\varepsilon_p, p+q-1\}}}.$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
II &= \int_{x \geq 2a} \frac{1}{(1+x-a)^p (1+x+a)^q} dx \\
&\leq \int_{x \geq 2a} \frac{1}{(1+x-a)^{p+q}} dx \\
&\simeq \frac{1}{\langle a \rangle^{p+q-1}}, \quad p+q > 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Collecting our estimates for I and II we see that for $p, q > 0$ such that $p+q > 1$, and $r = \min\{p-\varepsilon_q, q-\varepsilon_p, p+q-1\}$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\langle a-x \rangle^p \langle a+x \rangle^q} dx \leq \frac{c_r}{\langle a \rangle^r}.$$

Recalling (3.6), the proof is complete. \square

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