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# On smoothing properties of Nonlinear Schrödinger Equations

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## 1 Introduction and Main Results

In this paper, we estimate smoothing properties of local solutions to nonlinear Schrödinger equations with initial data which belong to Sobolev spaces  $H^s$ ,  $s \geq 0$ .

We consider the following equation;

$$i\partial_t u = -\Delta u + F(u), \tag{1}$$

where  $u$  is a complex-valued function of  $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\partial_t = \partial/\partial t$ ,  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $F(u) = F \circ u$  is a local nonlinear operator given by a complex-valued function  $F$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Here we consider the following assumptions on the nonlinear term  $F$  in Kato[8];

**Assumption (F1)**  $F \in C^{\{s\}}(\mathbb{C}; \mathbb{C})$ , with  $F(0) = 0$ , where  $\{s\} = [s] + 1$  if  $s \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\{s\} = s$  if  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\{0\} = 1$ .

**Assumption (F2)** If  $s > n/2$ , no assumption.

If  $s \leq n/2$  and if  $F$  is a polynomial in  $\zeta = \xi + i\eta$  and  $\bar{\zeta}$ , then degree of  $F$  is equal to  $k \leq 1 + 4/(n - 2s)$ .

If  $s \leq n/2$  and if  $F$  is not a polynomial,

$$|D^i F(\zeta)| \equiv \max_{0 \leq j \leq i} \{|\partial_{\zeta}^j \partial_{\bar{\zeta}}^{i-j} F|\} \leq M_i |\zeta|^{k-i}, \quad \text{for } |\zeta| \geq 1,$$

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \{s\}$ , where  $\partial_{\zeta} = (\partial_{\xi} - i\partial_{\eta})/2$ ,  $\partial_{\bar{\zeta}} = (\partial_{\xi} + i\partial_{\eta})/2$ ,

and  $k$  is a finite number such that

$$\{s\} \leq k \leq 1 + \frac{4}{n - 2s}.$$

We denote  $\partial_x = (\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n)$ , for a multi-index  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $\partial_x^\alpha = (\partial_1^{\alpha_1}, \dots, \partial_n^{\alpha_n})$  and we often denote  $\partial_x$  by  $\partial$ , and use  $\partial^\alpha$  if  $|\alpha| = 1$ .

The Cauchy problems of equation (1) with above assumptions were studied by many authors. In Kato[6], Tsutsumi[17], they discussed about local or global wellposedness in the case that the initial data belongs to  $L^2$ , in Ginibre and Velo[3], Kato[5][6], they discussed about local wellposedness in the case that the initial data belongs to  $H^1$ , and in Ginibre and Velo[4], Kato[5][6], about the existence of global solution. Sjölin's result[15] that we noted below was based on the existence of local solutions discussed in Kato[5]. In Kato[6], he discussed about local wellposedness in the case that the initial data belongs to  $H^2$ , and in

Kato[5][6], Tsutsumi[18], about the existence of global solution.

We try to estimate regularity of local solutions to equation (1)

with  $u(0) = u_0 \in H^s$ , for  $s \geq 0$ , which were obtained by Kato[8].

In Sjölin[14], he obtained the following inequality; For some  $C > 0$ , depending on  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\phi(t, x)(1 - \Delta)^{\frac{1}{4}} e^{it\Delta} f|^2 dx dt \leq C \|f\|_{L^2}^2, \quad \forall f \in L^2. \quad (2)$$

This inequality manifests that the free Schrödinger propagator  $e^{it\Delta}$  has the smoothing effect which can improve the properties of differentiability locally in time and space. Independently, Vega[19] was obtained the same as the local smoothing property for the free Schrödinger equation, Constantin and Saut[2] were obtained the same as the one for general dispersive equations in homogeneous or inhomogeneous cases.

Later the similar property for  $e^{-itH}$ , where  $H = -\Delta + V$  is a self-adjoint operator and  $V = V(x)$  or  $V(t, x)$  are various scalar

potentials, was studied by many authors (Ben-Artzi[1], Ruiz and Vega[12], etc.). In particular, Kato and Yajima[9] obtained the inequality replacing  $\phi$  in (2) by  $(1 + |x|^2)^{-\frac{1}{4}-\varepsilon}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and Yajima[21] obtained the similar estimate for the propagators of Schrödinger equations with time dependent magnetic and scalar potentials which may increase at infinity  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

In Sjögren and Sjölin[13], they obtained the extension of (2) in the following form; They defined

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv \{\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \text{There exists } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ such that}$$

$$|\partial^\alpha \varphi(x)| \leq C_\alpha (1 + |x|)^{-\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon}, \forall \alpha\},$$

where introduced mixed Sobolev spaces  $H^{r,\rho} = H^{r,\rho}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n) = (G_r \otimes G_\rho) * L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ , where  $G_r$  and  $G_\rho$  are Bessel kernels in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , respectively. If  $r \geq 0$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$ , then, for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\|\psi \varphi e^{-it\bar{H}} u\|_{H^{r,\rho}} \leq C_{\psi\varphi} \|u\|_{H^{mr+\rho-\frac{1}{2}(m-1)}}, \quad (3)$$

for some  $C_{\varphi,\psi} > 0$ . Here  $\bar{H} = -P + V$ , where  $P$  is a elliptic operators with constant coefficient which degree is  $m \geq 2$  and  $V = V(x)$  is a real-valued function in  $C^\infty$  with  $D^\alpha V$  bounded for every  $\alpha$ .

In Sjölin[15][16] he adapted these estimates for equation (1), nonlinear Schödinger equation, with  $H^1$  or  $H^2$ -initial data. The author extended in [10]  $p$ 's range when the initial data belong to  $H^2$ .

Kato[8] proved that assume (F1) and (F2), if  $s \geq n/2$ , or if  $s < n/2$  and  $k < 1 + \max\{4, 2s+2\}/(n-2s)$ , and  $k < 2/(1-2s)$  if  $k = 1$ , then there exists a number  $T > 0$  and a unique solution  $u \in C(I; H^s)$  of equation (1) with  $u(0) = u_0 \in H^s$ ,  $s > 0$ , where  $I = [0, T]$ . Moreover  $u \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}_s(I) \equiv \{u \in \bar{\mathcal{X}}(I) | \Lambda^\sigma u \in \bar{\mathcal{X}}(I), 0 \leq \sigma \leq s\}$ , where

$$\bar{\mathcal{X}}(I) \equiv \left( \bigcap L^s(I; L^q) \right) \cap C(I; L^2), \quad (4)$$

where  $\cap$  is the intersection in  $(q, s)$  satisfying  $1/q + 2/ns = 1/2$  and  $1/2 - 1/n < 1/q \leq 1/2$  and  $\Lambda^\sigma u = (-\Delta)^{\sigma/2} u$ . In this paper we shall adapt Sjölin's estimates to the solution of equation (1) with  $H^s$ -initial values. We obtain the following Theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Assume (F1) and (F2). If  $s > 1$ , then the unique solution  $u \in C(I; H^s)$  of the equation (1) with  $u(0) = u_0 \in H^s$  satisfies  $\varphi u \in L^2(I; H^{s+1/2})$  for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$ . If  $0 \leq s \leq 1$ , then, in  $1 \leq n \leq 2s + 4$ ,  $\varphi u \in L^2(I; H^{s+1/2})$  for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$ . When  $n \geq 2s + 5$ , under the additional condition  $p < 1 + 2/(n - 2s - 2)$   $\varphi u \in L^2(I; H^{s+1/2})$  for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Remark 1** Applying this theorem to Theorem 1 in Yajima[21], we can obtain the regularity estimate of solutions to nonlinear Schrödinger equations with magnetic fields in the case that the initial data belongs to  $H^s$ . The author[11] obtained the results in the case of  $H^1$ .



We use the standard notations. We abbreviate  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $H^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p$  and  $H^k$ , respectively. We denote usual  $L^p$ -norm by  $\| \cdot \|_p$ . For  $I = [0, T]$ , put  $L^{p,r} = L^r(I; L^p)$ , where  $1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq r \leq \infty$ , with its norm denoted by

$$\|f\|_{p,r} \equiv \left( \int_I \|f(t)\|_p^r dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

We denote various constants by  $C, M$ , etc. They may differ from line to line.

## 2 Proof of Theorem

We introduce the following linear operators.

$$(\Gamma\phi)(t) = U(t)\phi = e^{it\Delta}\phi, \quad t \in I, \quad (5)$$

$$(Gf)(t) = \int_0^t U(t-\tau)f(\tau)d\tau, \quad t \in I. \quad (6)$$

The following lemmas is well known. (see, for example, Kato[5][6][7], Yajima[20])

**Lemma 2.1**  $\Gamma$  is a bounded operator from  $L^2$  to  $L^{p_1, r_1}$ , where  $(p_1, r_1)$  satisfies  $1/p_1 + 2/nr_1 = 1/2$  and  $1/2 - 1/n < 1/p_1 \leq 1/2$ . The bound is independent of  $T$ , and is uniform for any  $(p_1, r_1)$ . Here  $L^{2, \infty}$  may be replaced by  $C(I; L^2)$ .

**Lemma 2.2**  $G$  is a bounded operator from  $L^{p_2, r_2}$  to  $L^{p_1, r_1}$ , where  $(p_1, r_1)$  and  $(p_2, r_2)$  satisfy  $1/p_1 + 2/nr_1 = 1/2$  and  $1/2 + 1/n < 1/p_1 \leq 1/2$ ,  $1/p_2 + 2/nr_2 = 1/2 + 2/n$  and  $1/2 \leq 1/p_2 < 1/2 + 1/n$ , respectively. The bound is independent of  $T$ , and is uniform for any  $(p_1, r_1)$  and  $(p_2, r_2)$ . Here  $L^{2, \infty}$  may be replaced by  $C(I; L^2)$ .

For the nonlinear term  $F$ , the following lemma is well known.

**Lemma 2.3** (Kato[8]) Assume (F1) and (F2) with  $s \leq n/2$ . If  $F$  is a polynomial of degree  $k$ , it is obviously the sum of homogeneous polynomials of degree 1 to  $k$ . Otherwsie,  $F$  can

be written in the form

$$F = F_1 + F_2 + \cdots + F_{\{s\}-1} + F_{\{s\}} + F_k,$$

where the  $F_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \{s\} - 1$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree  $j$ , while  $F_{\{s\}}$  and  $F_k$  are quasi-homogeneous of order  $\{s\}$  and of degree  $\{s\}$  and  $k$ , respectively. If  $k = \{s\}$ ,  $F_{\{s\}}$  is redundant and should be omitted.

We say that a function  $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is quasi-homogeneous of degree  $k$  and order  $m$ , if the following estimate hold;

$$|D^i F(\zeta)| \leq M |\zeta|^{k-i}, \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq m, \zeta \in \mathbb{C}.$$

**Lemma 2.4** (Kato[8]) Let  $F \in C^j(\mathbb{C}; \mathbb{C})$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume that there is  $k \geq j$  such that

$$|D^i F(\zeta)| \leq M |\zeta|^{k-i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, j.$$

If  $0 \leq \sigma \leq j$ , then

$$\|\Lambda^\sigma F(\phi)\|_r \leq c \|\phi\|_q^{k-1} \|\Lambda^\sigma \phi\|_p, \quad 1/r = 1/p + (k-1)/q, \quad p, q, r \in (1, \infty),$$

where  $c$  depends on  $\sigma$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$ . Moreover,

$$\|\Lambda^\sigma F(u)\|_{r_1, r_2} \leq c \|u\|_{q_1, q_2}^{k-1} \|\Lambda^\sigma u\|_{p_1, p_2}, \text{ for, } 1/r_j = 1/p_j + (k-1)/q_j, j = 1, 2,$$

where  $c$  depends on  $\sigma$ ,  $p_j$ ,  $q_j$  and  $r_j$ . And if  $F(\zeta)$  is a polynomial in  $\zeta$  and  $\bar{\zeta}$  of degree  $k \geq 1$ , then the above inequalities are true for any  $\sigma \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.5** Assume (F1) and (F2). Suppose  $u \in \bar{\mathcal{Y}}_s(I_0)$ , where  $I_0 = [0, T_0]$  with  $T_0 < \infty$ , and  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}(I_0)$  is defined in (6) with  $I_0$  instead of  $I$ . If  $s > 1$ , then  $F(u) \in L^1(I_0; H^s)$ . If  $0 \leq s \leq 1$ , and  $1 \leq n \leq 2s + 4$ , then  $F(u) \in L^1(I_0; H^s)$ . If  $0 \leq s \leq 1$ , and  $n \geq 2s + 5$ , then  $F(u) \in L^1(I_0; H^s)$  with the additional assumption  $k < 1 + 2/(n - 2s - 2)$ .

*Proof.* We may estimate each  $F_j(u)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \{s\}, k$ , in Lemma 2.3. It suffices to find  $(p_1, r_1)$ ,  $(p_2, r_2)$  which satisfy

$$\frac{j-1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{j-1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} < 1, \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{s+1}{n} < \frac{1}{p_1} \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{p_2} \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad (10)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{r_1} = \max\left\{0, \frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{s}{n} - \frac{1}{p_1}\right)/2\right\}, \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{1}{r_2} = \frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p_2}\right), \quad (12)$$

Indeed, by (10), (12) and the definition of  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}(I_0)$ , we have  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}(I_0) \subset L^{p_2, r_2}$ , and, set  $1/p_3 = 1/p_1 + s/n$ , then, from (9) and (11), it follows  $\bar{\mathcal{X}}(I_0) \subset L^{p_3, r_1}$ . Hence, by Sobolev's embedding theorem, we have  $\bar{\mathcal{Y}}_s(I_0) \subset L^{p_1, r_1}$ . And, if (7) and (8) hold, then we have, by Hölder inequality,

$$\|\Lambda^\sigma u F_j(u)\|_{2,1} \leq MT^{1-1/r_3} \|u\|_{p_1, r_1}^{j-1} \|\Lambda^\sigma u\|_{p_2, r_2}, \quad (13)$$

where  $(p-1)/r_1 + 1/r_2 = 1/r_3 < 1$  and for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \{s\}, k$  and  $0 \leq \sigma \leq s$ . Hence the right hand side of (13) converge,

respectively.

Actually, there are  $(p_1, r_1)$  and  $(p_2, r_2)$  satisfying the equalities and inequalities from (7) to (12). Solving (7) and (8), we obtain that  $1/p_1 = 2/nr_2(j-1)$ . By  $1/2 - (s+1) < 1/p_1 \leq 1/2$ , we have  $1/2 - (s+1) < 2/nr_2(j-1) \leq 1/2$ , namely  $(n-2s-2)(j-1)/4 < 1/r_2 \leq n(j-1)/4$ . By  $1 \leq j \leq k$ ,  $(n-2s-2)(k-1)/4 < 1/r_2 \leq n(k-1)/4$ . (10) and (12) implies that  $2 < r_2 \leq \infty$ . Since we assume the condition  $p < 1 + 2/(n-2s-2)$ , there is a desirable  $r_2$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Recall that  $u = \Gamma u_0 - iGF(u)$  is the unique solution of equation (1). Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\varphi u = \varphi \Gamma u_0 - i\varphi GF(u)$ . Since  $\|\varphi \Gamma u_0\|_{L^2(I; H^{s+1/2})} \leq C\|u_0\|_{H^s}$  by (3) with  $\bar{H} = -\Delta$ ,  $r = 0$ ,  $\rho = s + 1/2$ , it suffices to estimate  $\|\varphi GF(u)\|_{L^2(I; H^{s+1/2})}$ . But it is easily seen that Theorem 3.1 in Canstantin and Saut[2] holds for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}$  instead of  $\chi \in C(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ .

We note  $\varphi(\check{x}_j) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_{x_j})$ , where  $\check{x}_j = (x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n)$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus it suffices to prove  $F(u) \in L^1(I; H^s)$ ,  $s \geq 0$ . By Lemma 2.5, we can prove Theorem.

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