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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Nonlinear four order wave equations can be applied in mechanics of elastic constructions, and have a long history([1]-[11]). But few of the studies consider attractor of the nonlinear four order wave equations. In this paper we study attractor of the following nonlinear four order wave equations

$$u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u + \alpha u_t = f(u), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \tag{1.1}$$

$$u = \Delta u = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \tag{1.2}$$

$$u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{1.3}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian operator,  $\Omega$  denotes an open bounded set of  $R^n (n = 1, 2, 3)$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , and  $f(s) \in C^1(R)$  satisfies the following conditions

$$F(s) = \int_{\Omega} f(s) dx \leq c, \tag{1.4}$$

$$sf(s) - F(s) \leq c, \tag{1.5}$$

and there is a  $0 \leq r < \infty$ , such that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(s)}{s^r} = 0. \tag{1.6}$$

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As far as the theory of infinite-dimensional dynamical system is concerned, we refer to [12]-[22]. In the study of infinite dimensional dynamical system, the long-time behavior of the solution to equations is an important issue. The long-time behavior of the solution to equations can be shown by the global attractor with the finite-dimensional characteristics. Some authors have already studied the existence of the global attractor for some evolution equations. The global attractor strictly defined as  $\omega$ -limit set of ball, which under additional assumptions is nonempty, compact, and invariant ([14],[16]). We investigate global attractor of the equations (1.1)-(1.3) in this article.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we recall preliminary results. In Section 3, we obtain global attractor of the equations.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  and  $X_1$  be two Banach spaces,  $X_1 \subset X$  a compact and dense inclusion. Consider the abstract nonlinear evolution equation defined on  $X$ , given by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = Lu + G(u), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0. \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $u(t)$  is an unknown function,  $L : X_1 \rightarrow X$  a linear operator, and  $G : X_1 \rightarrow X$  a nonlinear operator.

A family of operators  $S(t) : X \rightarrow X (t \geq 0)$  is called a semigroup generated by (2.1) if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $S(t) : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous map for any  $t \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $S(0) = id : X \rightarrow X$  is the identity,
- (3)  $S(t + s) = S(t) \cdot S(s), \forall t, s \geq 0$ . Then, the solution of (2.1) can be expressed as

$$u(t, u_0) = S(t)u_0.$$

Next, we introduce the concepts and definitions of invariant sets, global attractors, and  $\omega$ -limit sets for the semigroup  $S(t)$ .

**Definition 2.1** Let  $S(t)$  be a semigroup defined on  $X$ . A set  $\Sigma \subset X$  is called an invariant set of  $S(t)$  if  $S(t)\Sigma = \Sigma, \forall t \geq 0$ . An invariant set  $\Sigma$  is an attractor of  $S(t)$  if  $\Sigma$  is compact, and there exists a neighborhood  $U \subset X$  of  $\Sigma$  such that for any  $u_0 \in U$ ,

$$\inf_{v \in \Sigma} \|S(t)u_0 - v\|_X \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

In this case, we say that  $\Sigma$  attracts  $U$ . Especially, if  $\Sigma$  attracts any bounded set of  $X$ ,  $\Sigma$  is called a global attractor of  $S(t)$  in  $X$ .

For a set  $D \subset X$ , we define the  $\omega$ -limit set of  $D$  as follows

$$\omega(D) = \bigcap_{s \geq 0} \overline{\bigcup_{t \geq s} S(t)D},$$

where the closure is taken in the  $X$ -norm. Lemma 2.2 is the classical existence theorem of global attractor by Temam [16].

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $S(t) : X \rightarrow X$  be the semigroup generated by (2.1). Assume the following conditions hold

- (1)  $S(t)$  has a bounded absorbing set  $B \subset X$ , i.e., for any bounded set  $A \subset X$  there exists a time  $t_A \geq 0$  such that  $S(t)u_0 \in B, \forall u_0 \in A$  and  $t > t_A$ ;
- (2)  $S(t)$  is uniformly compact, i.e., for any bounded set  $U \subset X$  and some  $T > 0$  sufficiently large, the set  $\overline{\bigcup_{t \geq T} S(t)U}$  is compact in  $X$ .

Then the  $\omega$ -limit set  $\mathcal{A} = \omega(B)$  of  $B$  is a global attractor of (2.1), and  $\mathcal{A}$  is connected providing  $B$  is connected.

**Definition 2.3**<sup>[15]</sup> We say that  $S(t) : X \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $C$ -condition, if for any bounded set  $B \subset X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $t_B > 0$  and a finite dimensional subspace  $X_1 \subset X$ , such that  $\{PS(t)B\}$  is bounded, and

$$\|(I - P)S(t)u\|_X < \varepsilon, \quad \forall t \geq t_B \text{ and } u \in B,$$

where  $P : X \rightarrow X_1$  is a projection.

**Lemma 2.4**<sup>[15]</sup> Let  $S(t) : X \rightarrow X(t \geq 0)$  be a dynamical systems. If the following condition are satisfied

- (1) there exists a bounded absorbing set  $B \subset X$ ,
- (2)  $S(t)$  satisfies  $C$ -condition,

then  $S(t)$  has a global attractor in  $X$ .

We introduce the spaces

$$H = L^2(\Omega), \quad V = \{u \in H^2 | u|_{\partial\Omega} = \Delta u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}, \quad E = H \times V.$$

The denotations  $(\cdot, \cdot), \|\cdot\|$  are the inner product and norm in  $H$  respectively, i.e., for any  $u, v \in H, (u, v) = \int_{\Omega} uv dx, \|u\| = (\int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The norm in  $V$  is  $\|u\|_V = \|\Delta u\|$  and we have  $\|\Delta u\|^2 \geq \beta_1 \|u\|^2$ , where  $\beta_1$  is the first eigenvalue of  $\Delta u$  with boundary condition (1.2).

**Lemma 2.5** Assume the nonlinear term  $f : R \rightarrow R$  satisfies (1.6). Then the nonlinear operator  $f : V \rightarrow H$  is compact.

**Proof.** Let  $\{u_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $V$ . By the Soblev embedding theorem,  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded in  $L^k(\Omega)$  for any  $1 \leq k < \infty$ , and has a convergent subsequence in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Without loss of generality, we assume  $\{u_n\}$  converges to  $u_0$  in  $H$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $\{f(u_n)\}$  converges to  $f(u_0)$  in  $H$ .

From (1.6), for any  $\eta > 0$ , we have

$$|f'(s)|^2 \leq \eta |s|^{2r} + c_{\eta},$$

where  $c_{\eta} \rightarrow 0$  if  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ .

Then, for some  $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |f(u_n) - f(u_0)|^2 dx &= \int_{\Omega} |f'(u_0 + (1 - \varepsilon)(u_n - u_0))|^2 |u_n - u_0|^2 dx \\ &\leq \eta \int_{\Omega} |u_0 + (1 - \varepsilon)(u_n - u_0)|^{2r} |u_n - u_0|^2 dx + c_{\eta} \int_{\Omega} |u_n - u_0|^2 dx \\ &= \eta \int_{\Omega} |\varepsilon u_0 + (1 - \varepsilon)u_n|^{2r} |u_n - u_0|^2 dx + c_{\eta} \int_{\Omega} |u_n - u_0|^2 dx \\ &\leq 4^r \eta \int_{\Omega} (|u_0|^{2r} + |u_n|^{2r}) |u_n - u_0|^2 dx + c_{\eta} \int_{\Omega} |u_n - u_0|^2 dx \\ &\leq 4^r \eta [(\int_{\Omega} |u_0|^{2rp} dx)^{\frac{1}{p}} + (\int_{\Omega} |u_n|^{2rp} dx)^{\frac{1}{p}}] (\int_{\Omega} |u_n - u_0|^{2q} dx)^{\frac{1}{q}} + c_{\eta} \int_{\Omega} |u_n - u_0|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

where  $p > 0, q > 0$ , and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ . We have

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(u_n) - f(u_0)|^2 dx = 0.$$

Then the nonlinear operator  $f : V \rightarrow H$  is compact.

### III. EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL ATTRACTOR

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $\varphi \in H, \psi \in V$ , and  $f$  satisfy the conditions (1.4) and (1.5). Suppose that the problem (1.1)-(1.3) has a unique weak solution and  $S(t), t > 0$ , defined by  $S(t)(\varphi, \psi) =$

$(u(t), u_t(t))$ , is the semigroup generated by the problem (1.1)-(1.3). Then  $S(t)$  has a bounded absorbing ball.

**Proof.** Take the inner product of (1.1) in  $H$  with  $v = u_t + \theta u$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq \theta_0$ , and  $\theta_0$  will be chosen later. we obtain

$$(u_{tt}, v) + (\Delta^2 u, v) + \alpha(u_t, v) = (f, u).$$

Using the condition (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\|v\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 - 2 \int_{\Omega} F(u) dx) + (\alpha - \theta) \|v\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u\|^2 \\ & + (\theta^2 - \alpha\theta)(u, v) - \theta \int_{\Omega} f(u) u dx = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Using the Hölder inequality, Young inequality and the condition (1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\alpha - \theta) \|v\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u\|^2 + (\theta^2 - \alpha\theta)(u, v) - \theta \int_{\Omega} f(u) u dx \\ & \geq (\alpha - \theta) \|v\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u\|^2 + (\theta^2 - \alpha\theta) \|u\| \|v\| - \theta \int_{\Omega} (F(u) + c) dx \\ & \geq (\alpha - \theta) \|v\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u\|^2 - \frac{\alpha\theta}{\beta_1^{\frac{1}{2}}} \|\Delta u\| \|v\| - \theta \int_{\Omega} (F(u) + c) dx \\ & \geq (\alpha - \theta) \|v\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u\|^2 - \frac{\theta}{2} \|\Delta u\|^2 - \theta \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_1} \|v\|^2 - \theta \int_{\Omega} (F(u) + c) dx \\ & \geq [\alpha - \theta(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_1})] \|v\|^2 + \frac{\theta}{2} \|\Delta u\|^2 - \theta \int_{\Omega} (F(u) + c) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $\theta_0$ , such that  $\theta_0(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_1}) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ . Hence,  $\alpha - \theta(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_1}) \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} \geq \theta$ .

From (3.1), we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\|v\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 - 2 \int_{\Omega} F(u) dx) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|v\|^2 + \frac{\theta}{2} \|\Delta u\|^2 - \theta \int_{\Omega} (F(u) + c) dx \leq 0.$$

Then, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} [\|v\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} (c - F(u)) dx] + \theta [\|v\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} (c - F(u)) dx] \\ & \leq 4c\theta|\Omega|, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where  $|\Omega|$  is measure of the  $\Omega$ .

Let  $y(t) = \|v\|^2 + \|\Delta u\|^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} (c - F(u)) dx$ . Then  $y(t) \geq 0$  and (3.2) can be read as

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \theta y \leq 4c\theta|\Omega|.$$

Using the Gronwall inequality, we have

$$y(t) \leq y(0)e^{-\theta t} + 4c|\Omega|(1 - e^{-\theta t}), \quad t \geq 0.$$

For any bounded set  $B$  of  $E$ ,  $(\varphi, \psi) \in B$  and  $\int_{\Omega}[c - F(\varphi)]dx$  is bounded. Then

$$R(B) = \sup_{(\varphi, \psi) \in B} y(0) = \sup_{(\varphi, \psi) \in B} \{ \|\varphi\|_V^2 + \|\psi + \theta\varphi\| + 2 \int_{\Omega} (c - F(\varphi))dx \} < \infty,$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{(\varphi, \psi) \in B} y(t) \leq 4c|\Omega| = \mu_0^2.$$

Let  $\mu_1 > \mu_0$  be fixed, and there is a  $t_0 = t_0(R(B), \mu_1) = \frac{1}{\theta} \ln \frac{R(B)}{\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}$  such that for any  $t \geq t_0$ , we have  $y(t) \leq \mu_1^2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t)\|_V^2 + \|u_t(t)\|^2 &\leq \|u(t)\|_V^2 + 2\|u_t(t) + \theta u(t)\|^2 + 2\theta^2 \|u(t)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u(t)\|_V^2 + 2\|u_t(t) + \theta u(t)\|^2 + \frac{2\theta^2}{\beta_1} \|u(t)\|_V^2 \\ &\leq 2\left(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_1}\right) (\|u(t)\|_V^2 + \|u_t(t) + \theta u(t)\|^2) \\ &\leq 2\left(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_1}\right) y(t) \leq 2\left(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_1}\right) \mu_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\rho_0^2 = 2\left(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_1}\right) \mu_1^2$ . Then For all  $t \geq t_0$ , we have

$$\|u\|_V^2 + \|u_t\|^2 \leq \rho_0^2, \tag{3.3}$$

which implies that the ball of  $E$ ,  $B_0 = B_E(0, \rho_0)$ , centered at 0 of radius  $\rho_0$ , is an absorbing set.

**Theorem 3.2** Assume  $f : R \rightarrow R$  satisfies (1.4)-(1.6). Then the semigroup  $S(t), t \geq 0$  associated with problem (1.1)-(1.3) possesses a global attractor.

**Proof.** The eigenvalue equation

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 u = \beta u, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = \Delta u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \end{cases} \tag{3.4}$$

has eigenvalues  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k, \dots$  and eigenvector  $\{e_k | k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , and  $0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq \beta_k \leq \dots$ . If  $k \rightarrow \infty, \beta_k \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\{e_k | k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  constitutes an orthogonal base of  $H$ .

For  $\forall u \in H$ , we have

$$u = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k e_k, \quad \|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k^2,$$

Introduce subspace  $E_1 = span\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\} \subset H$ . Let  $E_2$  be an orthogonal subspace of  $E_1 \subset H$ .

For  $\forall(u_t, u) \in E$ , we find

$$u_t = u_{1t} + u_{2t}, \quad u_{1t} = P_m u_t, \quad u_{2t} = (I - P_m)u_t,$$

and

$$u = u_1 + u_2, \quad u_1 = P_m u, \quad u_2 = (I - P_m)u,$$

where  $P_m : H \rightarrow E_1$  be the orthogonal projection.

Let  $P_i : E \rightarrow E_i \times E_i$  be the orthogonal projection. Thanks to Definition 2.3, we will prove that for any bounded set  $B \subset E$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $t_* > 0$  such that

$$\|P_1 S(t)B\|_H \leq M, \quad \forall t > t_*, \quad M \text{ is a constant,} \tag{3.5}$$

$$\|P_2 S(t)B\|_H \leq \varepsilon, \quad \forall t > t_*, \quad \varphi \in B. \tag{3.6}$$

From Theorem 3.1,  $S(t)$  has an absorbing set  $B_M$ . Then for any bounded set  $B \subset E$ , there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $S(t)B \subset B_M, \forall t > t_0$ , which imply (3.5).

From Lemma 2.5,  $f : V \rightarrow H$  is compact, then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|(I - P_m)f\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Multiply (1.1) by  $v_2 = u_{2t} + \theta u_2$  ( $0 < \theta \leq \theta_1$ ), and integrate over  $\Omega$ . We obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} (u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u + \alpha u_t) v_2 dx = \int_{\Omega} f v_2 dx.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\|v_2\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2\|^2) + (\alpha - \theta) \|v_2\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u_2\|^2 \\ & + (\theta^2 - \alpha\theta)(u_2, v_2) \leq (f, v_2) \leq \|(I - P_m)f\| \|v_2\| \leq \varepsilon \|v_2\| \leq \frac{\alpha}{4} \|v_2\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Using the Hölder inequality and Young inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\alpha - \theta) \|v_2\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u_2\|^2 + (\theta^2 - \alpha\theta)(u_2, v_2) \\ & \geq (\alpha - \theta) \|v_2\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u_2\|^2 + (\theta^2 - \alpha\theta) \|u_2\| \|v_2\| \\ & \geq (\alpha - \theta) \|v_2\|^2 + \theta \|\Delta u_2\|^2 - \frac{\alpha\theta}{\beta_{m+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \|\Delta u_2\| \|v_2\| \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\geq (\alpha - \theta)\|v_2\|^2 + \theta\|\Delta u_2\|^2 - \frac{\theta}{2}\|\Delta u_2\|^2 - \theta\frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_{m+1}}\|v_2\|^2 \\ &\geq [\alpha - \theta(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_{m+1}})]\|v_2\|^2 + \frac{\theta}{2}\|\Delta u_2\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $\theta_1$ , such that  $\theta_1(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_1}) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ . Hence,  $\alpha - \theta(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta_1}) \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} \geq \theta$ .

From (3.7), we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\|v_2\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2\|^2) + \frac{\alpha}{4}\|v_2\|^2 + \frac{\theta}{2}\|\Delta u_2\|^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}.$$

Then, it follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\|v_2\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2\|^2) + \theta(\|v_2\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2\|^2) \leq \frac{2\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}. \tag{3.8}$$

Using the Gronwall inequality, we have

$$\|v_2(t)\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2(t)\|^2 \leq (\|v_2(0)\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2(0)\|^2)e^{-\theta t} + \frac{2\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}(1 - e^{-\theta(t-t_0)}), \quad t \geq t_0.$$

where  $t_0$  is given in the proof of Theorem 3.1. Then

$$\|v_2(0)\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2(0)\|^2 \leq \rho_0^2.$$

Let  $t_1 - t_0 = \frac{1}{\theta} \ln \frac{\rho_0^2 \alpha}{\varepsilon^2}$ . Hence

$$\|v_2(t)\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{3\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}, \quad t \geq t_1.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_2(t)\|_V^2 + \|u_{2t}(t)\|^2 &\leq \|u_2(t)\|_V^2 + 2\|u_{2t}(t) + \theta u_2(t)\|^2 + 2\theta^2\|u_2(t)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u_2(t)\|_V^2 + 2\|u_{2t}(t) + \theta u_2(t)\|^2 + \frac{2\theta^2}{\beta_{m+1}}\|u_2(t)\|_V^2 \\ &\leq 2(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_{m+1}})(\|u_2(t)\|_V^2 + \|u_{2t}(t) + \theta u_2(t)\|^2) \\ &\leq 2(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_{m+1}})(\|v_2(t)\|^2 + \|\Delta u_2(t)\|^2) \leq (1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_{m+1}})\frac{6\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $C = \frac{6}{\alpha}(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\beta_{m+1}})$ . Then for all  $t \geq t_1$ , we have

$$\|u\|_V^2 + \|u_t\|^2 \leq C\varepsilon^2, \tag{3.9}$$

which implies (3.6).

From Lemma 2.4, the equations(1.1)-(1.3) possess a global attractor.

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