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# Orbital stability of solitary waves to the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations with two components

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**Abstract:** This paper is to study the following coupled version of compound KdV and MKdV equations with two components

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \alpha v v_x + \beta u^2 u_x + u_{xxx} + \lambda u u_x = 0, \ \beta > 0, \\ v_t + \alpha (uv)_x + 2v v_x = 0, \end{cases}$$

which clearly has Hamiltonian form. In this paper, we mainly consider the orbital stability and instability of solitary waves with zero or nonzero asymptotic value for this equations. Precisely, we first obtain two explicitly exact solitary waves with zero asymptotic value and four explicitly exact solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value. Secondly, we conclude some results on the orbital stability of solitary waves with zero or nonzero asymptotic value. To this aim, in order to overcome the difficulty in studying orbital stability of solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value. To this aim, in order to overcome the difficulty in studying orbital stability of solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value, we use a translation transformation to transfer this problem into solitary waves with zero asymptotic value for a reduced nonlinear coupled equations. Then by applying the classical orbital stability theory presented by Grillakis et al. and Bona et al., we obtain the orbital stability and instability of solitary waves with zero asymptotic value for the new equations. We finally derive some results on orbital stability of solitary waves with zero or nonzero asymptotic value. In addition, we also obtain the stability results for the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations with the degenerate condition v = 0, called the compound KdV and MKdV equation, which have been studied by Zhang et al.

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#### 1. Introduction

The coupled Korteweg-de Vries equations

$$\begin{cases} u_t - 6\alpha u u_x - 2\beta v v_x - \alpha u_{xxx} = 0, \\ v_t + 3u v_x + v_{xxx} = 0 \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

were presented firstly by Hirota and Satsuma [1] in 1981, which indicated Eq.(1.1) exhibited a soliton solution and three basic conserved quantities. System (1.1) is used to describe the interaction of two long waves with different dispersion relations [2]. If v = 0, then system (1.1) is reduced to the well-known KdV equation. From then on, the coupled nonlinear wave equations draw much more attention from mathematicians. In recent years, system (1.1) has been extensively studied. Many profound results have already been obtained, on the orbital stability of solitary waves, cnoidal waves and dnoidal waves for the system (1.1) and its generalization, see Refereces [3–5] and the reference therein.

As we known, the following compound KdV and MKdV equation or the Gardner equation

$$u_t + \beta u^2 u_x + \gamma u_{xxx} + \lambda u u_x = 0, \qquad (1.2)$$

has also been well studied during these decades. This equation is presented as a model for wave propagation in a one-dimensional nonlinear lattice and has widespread applications in the field of solid-state physics, plasma physics, fluid physics, and quantum field theory [6–8]. In plasma physics, Eq.(1.2) describes the small amplitude propagation of ion acoustic waves without Landau damping. When  $\beta = 0$ , Eq.(1.2) becomes the famous KdV equation, which is a classical model describing the one-way wave propagating in fluid. When  $\lambda = 0$ , Eq.(1.2) becomes MKdV equation, which is applied to describe the sonic wave propagating in some non-harmonic lattices and Alfven wave in the plasma free cold collision.

Recently, Eq.(1.2) has been widely studied in physics and mathematics, see for example [9–15]. Using Hirota's method, the modified method of full approximation, a special transformation based on the similarity variables, mapping approach and Fan's direct algebraic method, [9–14] studied the conservation laws, N-soliton, exact solitary solution etc. for Eq.(1.2). Zhang and Shi et al. [15] presented four explicit exact solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value and two explicit exact solitary waves with zero asymptotic value for Eq.(1.2), and applied the orbital stability theory presented by Grillakis-Shatah-Strauss [16,17] to consider orbital stability of these solitary waves solutions. Alejo [18] presented local well-posedness results in the classical Sobolev space  $H^{s}(R)$  with  $s > \frac{1}{4}$  for the Cauchy problem of the Gardner equation and proved that the soliton was orbitally stable in the energy space using the standard techniques given by Zhidkov [19]. Muñoz [20] studied the stability of multi-kink solutions of the Gardner equation. Andrade and Pastor [21] established sufficient conditions for the orbital stability of periodic traveling wave solutions for one-dimensional dispersive equations by combining Lyapunov stability theorem and GSS orbital stability theory, and gave several applications for well known dispersive equations, such as KdV equation, MKdV euqation and Gardner equation et al. Moreover, Alves et al. [22] dealt with sufficient conditions for orbital stability of periodic waves of a general class of evolution equations supporting nonlinear dispersive waves and studied orbital stability of periodic waves for KdV eqaution, generalized KdV equation and Kawahara equation et al. The stability results revealed the behaviour of solution for

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KdV-type equation, and guided us to understand the evolution mechanism of physical quantity or state of these equations.

As is well known, the coupled nonlinear equations in which a KdV structure are embedded occur naturally in shallow water wave problems. Guha-Roy et al. [23–25] have studied the coupled nonlinear partial differential equations that can be solved exactly. Even if the stability of solitary waves with zero asymptotic value has been widely studied, few results are known on the orbital stability of solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value. Moreover, the stability of solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value cannot be easily obtained. As far as we know, the orbital stability of solitary wave and periodic wave of the coupled version of compound KdV and MKdV equations with two components have not been studied. In this paper, we are concerned with the following coupled version of compound KdV and MKdV equations with two components

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \alpha v v_x + \beta u^2 u_x + u_{xxx} + \lambda u u_x = 0, \quad \beta > 0, \\ v_t + \alpha (uv)_x + 2v v_x = 0, \end{cases}$$
(1.3)

where  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  are arbitrary constants. The system (1.3) models the physical problem of describing the strong interaction of two-dimensional long internal gravity waves propagating on neighboring pycnoclines in a stratified fluid. It is interesting to point out that for v = 0, system (1.3) is reduced to the compounded KdV and MKdV equation (1.2) with  $\gamma = 1$ . In this paper, we shall focus our attentions on the orbital stability of solitary waves with zero and nonzero asymptotic value for Eqs.(1.3). The study of orbital stability considered in this paper is original and valuable. In addition, our work on Eqs.(1.3) includes and improves the results of Zhang et al. [15].

In this paper, we will apply the general theory of orbital stability presented by Grillakis et al. [16,17] to study orbital stability and instability of Eqs.(1.3). To overcome the difficulty of studying orbital stability of solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value for Eqs.(1.3), we use a translation transformation to transfer this problem into solitary waves with zero asymptotic value for a reduced nonlinear coupled equations. Applying the translation transformation  $u = \varphi + D$  and  $v = \psi + \overline{D}$  to Eqs.(1.3), we have

$$\varphi_t + \alpha \psi \psi_x + \alpha \overline{D} \psi_x + (\lambda + 2\beta D) \varphi \varphi_x + \beta \varphi^2 \varphi_x + (\beta D^2 + \lambda D) \varphi_x + \varphi_{xxx} = 0, \qquad (1.4)$$

$$\psi_t + \alpha(\varphi\psi)_x + \alpha D\varphi_x + (\alpha D + 2D)\psi_x + 2\psi\psi_x = 0.$$
(1.5)

By direct computation, we obtain that if  $u(\xi)$  is a solitary wave with D asymptotic value, and  $v(\xi)$  is a solitary wave with  $\overline{D}$  asymptotic value of Eqs.(1.3), then  $\varphi = u - D$  and  $\psi = v - \overline{D}$  are solitary waves with zero asymptotic value of Eqs.(1.4) and (1.5). Therefore, to prove orbital stability of solitary waves with D and  $\overline{D}$  asymptotic values for Eqs.(1.3), we only need to verify that solitary waves  $\varphi = u - D$ and  $\psi = v - \overline{D}$  with zero asymptotic value of Eqs.(1.4) and (1.5) are orbitally stable.

Because the stability in view here refers to perturbations of the solitary wave profile itself, a study of the initial value problem (1.3) is necessary. Similar to Theorem 1–2 in [26] and Theorem in [27], we can obtain the existence of solutions to the initial value problem of Eqs.(1.4) and (1.5).

**Theorem 1.1.** For any fixed  $(\varphi_0, \psi_0) \in H^1(R) \times H^1(R)$ , there exists a unique solution  $(\varphi, \psi) \in C([0, \infty); H^1(R) \times H^1(R))$  satisfying  $(\varphi(0), \psi(0) = (\varphi_0, \psi_0))$  for Eqs.(1.4) and (1.5).

We define the orbital stability as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** The solitary waves  $T(ct)\Phi(x)$  are orbitally stable if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  with the following property: If  $||U_0 - \Phi(x)||_X < \delta$  and U(t) is a solution of (1.4) and (1.5) in some interval  $[0, t_0)$  with  $U(0) = U_0$ , then U(t) can be continued to a solution in  $0 \le t < +\infty$ , and

$$\sup_{0 \le t < +\infty} \inf_{s \in \mathbb{R}} \|U(t) - T(s)\Phi\|_X < \varepsilon,$$
(1.6)

where  $\Phi(x) = (\varphi(x), \psi(x))$ . Otherwise  $T(ct)\Phi(x)$  are called orbitally unstable.

Then, by applying the extension version of the general theory of orbital stability presented by Grillakis et al. and Bona et al., we obtain the orbital stability of solitary waves for Eqs.(1.4) and (1.5). **Theorem 1.2.** The solitary wave  $T(ct)\Phi(x)$  of (1.4) and (1.5) are stable in X if the condition  $p(d'') = n(H_c)$  holds, where  $n(H_c)$  be the number of negative eigenvalues of  $H_c$ , p(d'') be the numbers of positive eigenvalue of d'',

$$d(c) = E(\Phi) - cQ(\Phi),$$

and

$$H_c = E''(\Phi) - cQ''(\Phi).$$

More specifically, if d''(c) > 0, then solitary waves  $\Phi(x)$  are orbitally stable. Otherwise,  $\Phi(x)$  are orbitally unstable.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we obtain six solitary waves with zero and nonzero asymptotic values of Eqs.(1.3) (see Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.1). Section 3 shows that Eqs.(1.4) and (1.5) can be written as a Hamiltonian system and fulfills the conditions of orbital stability theory. In section 4, we show that six solitary waves of the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations (1.3) are orbital stability and instability under some conditions (see Theorem 4.1). A brief summary is provided in the last section.

#### 2. Exact solitary waves of the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations

The method of seeking the solitary wave solutions are various, such as inverse scattering transform, Painlevé analysis, Hirota bilinear transform method, Exp-function method, similarity transformation and so on., but we study the orbital stability for one specific form of solution in this paper. For simplicity, we will seek the solution of sech-type by a direct method.

Considering the traveling wave solutions of Eqs.(1.3)

$$u(x,t) = u(x - ct) = u(\xi), \quad v(x,t) = v(x - ct) = v(\xi), \tag{2.1}$$

and substituting (2.1) into Eqs.(1.3), we have

$$-cu' + \alpha vv' + \beta u^{2}u' + u''' + \lambda uu' = 0, \qquad (2.2)$$

$$-cv' + \alpha(uv)' + 2vv' = 0.$$
(2.3)

Integrating Eq.(2.3) once with respect to  $\xi$  yields

$$-cv + \alpha uv + v^2 = E_1, \tag{2.4}$$

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where  $E_1$  is an integration constant. Then, we obtain from (2.4)

$$u(\xi) = \frac{E_1}{\alpha v} + \frac{c}{\alpha} - \frac{v}{\alpha}.$$
(2.5)

It is to be noted here that *u* would be regular everywhere (in particular, as  $v(\xi) \rightarrow 0$ ) provided  $E_1$  vanishes. As a result, Eq.(2.5) yields

$$v(\xi) = c - \alpha u(\xi). \tag{2.6}$$

Integrating (2.2) once and inserting (2.6), one can eliminate v from (2.2) to get

$$u'' + \frac{\beta}{3}u^3 + (\frac{\lambda}{2} + \frac{\alpha^3}{2})u^2 - (\alpha^2 + 1)cu = E_2 - \frac{\alpha}{2}c^2,$$
(2.7)

where  $E_2$  is an integration constant. Following the idea in [15], we seek the solitary wave satisfying

$$u'(\xi), \ u''(\xi), \ u'''(\xi) \to 0, \ |\xi| \to \infty,$$
 (2.8)

and the asymptotic values  $C_{\pm} = \lim_{\xi \to \pm \infty} u(\xi)$  satisfy the algebraic equation

$$\frac{1}{3}a_3x^3 + \frac{1}{2}a_2x^2 - a_1x = 0,$$
(2.9)

where  $a_3 = \beta$ ,  $a_2 = \lambda + \alpha^3$ , and  $a_1 = (\alpha^2 + 1)c$ . We can assume  $E_2 = \frac{\alpha}{2}c^2$  in (2.7) without loss of generality. Then, (2.7) reduces to

$$u'' + \frac{1}{3}a_3u^3 + \frac{1}{2}a_2u^2 - a_1u = 0.$$
(2.10)

In what follows, we assume the solutions of (2.10) with the following form

$$u(\xi) = \frac{Ae^{k(\xi+\xi_0)}}{(1+e^{k(\xi+\xi_0)})^2 + Be^{k(\xi+\xi_0)}} + D = \frac{Asech^2\frac{k}{2}(\xi+\xi_0)}{4 + Bsech^2\frac{k}{2}(\xi+\xi_0)} + D,$$
(2.11)

where A, B, k and D are constants to be determined later. Substitution of (2.11) into (2.10) leads to the simultaneous equations with respect to A, B, k, and D

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}a_3D^3 + \frac{1}{2}a_2D^2 - a_1D = 0, \\ k^2 + a_2D + a_3D^2 - a_1 = 0, \\ (\frac{1}{2}a_2 + a_3D)A - 3k^2(2 + B) = 0, \\ \frac{1}{3}a_3A^2 + (2 + B)(\frac{1}{2}a_2 + a_3D)A - k^2(2 + B)^2 - 8k^2 = 0. \end{cases}$$
(2.12)

If D satisfies the equality  $2a_3D^3 + 3a_2D^2 - 6a_1D = 0$ , then system (2.12) has solutions

$$\begin{cases} k = \sqrt{a_1 - a_2 D - a_3 D^2}, \\ B = -2 \pm \frac{2|a_2 + 2a_3 D|}{\sqrt{6a_3 k^2 + (a_2 + 2a_3 D)^2}}, \\ A = \frac{6k^2 (2 + B)}{a_2 + 2a_3 D}, \end{cases}$$
(2.13)

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as  $a_2 + 2a_3D \neq 0$ , and

$$k = \sqrt{a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D}, \quad A = \pm \sqrt{\frac{24}{a_3}(a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D)}, \quad B = -2,$$
 (2.14)

as  $a_2 + 2a_3D = 0$ ,  $a_3 > 0$ , and  $a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D > 0$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Since *sechx* is an even function, we take  $k = \sqrt{a_1 - a_2D - a_3D^2}$  and  $k = \sqrt{a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D}$  in Eqs.(2.13) and (2.14), respectively.

By combining (2.6), (2.11) with (2.13) and (2.14), respectively, we get the following theorem: **Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that *D* satisfies the equality  $a_3D^3 + \frac{3}{2}a_2D^2 - 3a_1D = 0$ .

(1) If  $a_2 + 2a_3D \neq 0$  and  $a_1 > a_2D + a_3D^2$ , the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations (1.3) have the bell-shaped solitary waves  $(u^+, v^+)$  and  $(u^-, v^-)$ , where *u* is the form of (2.11), *v* is the form of (2.6), and *A*, *B*, *k* and *D* are given by (2.13),  $u^+$  represents the solution taking "+" in *B* of (2.13), while  $u^-$  represents another case.

(2) If  $a_2 + 2a_3D = 0$ , and  $a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D > 0$ , the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations (1.3) has two solutions of the form (2.6) and (2.11)

$$u^{\pm}(\xi) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{6}{a_3}(a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D)} \operatorname{sech} \sqrt{a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D}(\xi + \xi_0) + D, \qquad (2.15)$$

$$v^{\pm}(\xi) = c - \alpha D \mp \alpha \sqrt{\frac{6}{a_3}(a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D)} \operatorname{sech} \sqrt{a_1 - \frac{a_2}{2}D}(\xi + \xi_0), \qquad (2.16)$$

where  $u^+$  denotes the solution taking "+" in front of radical sign in (2.15),  $u^-$  denotes another case. Also,  $v^+$  represents the solution taking "-" in front of radical sign in (2.16),  $v^-$  represents another case.

**Remark 2.2.** As an example, we give the 3D surfaces of *u* by taking the values  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = 2$ ,  $a_3 = 0.5$ , and D = -2 in the following Figures 1 and 2.



**Figure 1.** The 3D graphics of  $u^+(\xi)$  corresponding to (a)  $\xi_0 = -3$ , (b)  $\xi_0 = 0$ , (c)  $\xi_0 = 3$ .



**Figure 2.** The 3D graphics of  $u^{-}(\xi)$  corresponding to (a)  $\xi_0 = -3$ , (b)  $\xi_0 = 0$ , (c)  $\xi_0 = 3$ .

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**Remark 2.3.** When  $a_3 \neq 0$  and D = 0, from Theorem 2.1, system (1.3) has the solitary waves  $(u^{\pm}(\xi), v^{\pm}(\xi))$ , with (0, c) asymptotic value

$$u^{+}(\xi) = \frac{\frac{6a_{1}|a_{2}|}{a_{2}\sqrt{6a_{3}a_{1}+a_{2}^{2}}}\operatorname{sech}^{2}\frac{\sqrt{a_{1}}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2+(-1+\frac{|a_{2}|}{\sqrt{6a_{3}a_{1}+a_{2}^{2}}})\operatorname{sech}^{2}\frac{\sqrt{a_{1}}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}, \quad v^{+}(\xi) = c - \alpha u^{+}(\xi),$$
(2.17)

$$u^{-}(\xi) = -\frac{\frac{6a_{1}|a_{2}|}{a_{2}\sqrt{6a_{3}a_{1}+a_{2}^{2}}}\operatorname{sech}^{2}\frac{\sqrt{a_{1}}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2+(-1-\frac{|a_{2}|}{\sqrt{6a_{3}a_{1}+a_{2}^{2}}})\operatorname{sech}^{2}\frac{\sqrt{a_{1}}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}, \quad v^{-}(\xi) = c - \alpha u^{-}(\xi).$$
(2.18)

Meanwhile, the exact solutions  $(u(\xi), v(\xi))$  are the solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value of Eqs.(1.3) as  $D \neq 0$  in Theorem 2.1. Since the asymptotic value D is the solution of  $a_3D^3 + \frac{3}{2}a_2D^2 - 3a_1D = 0$ , we know that Theorem 2.1 gives the solitary waves  $(u(\xi), v(\xi))$  with the following three asymptotic values

$$(D_1, c - \alpha D_1), \ (D_2, c - \alpha D_2) = (0, c), \ (D_3, c - \alpha D_3),$$
 (2.19)

where  $D_1 = \frac{-3a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{4a_3}$ ,  $D_3 = \frac{-3a_2 - \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{4a_3}$ , in the case of  $3a_2^2 + 16a_1a_3 > 0$ .

For convenience of express, we take  $q_i = a_2 + 2a_3D_i$  (i = 1, 3). It follows from Theorem 2.1,  $u_{q_i>0}^{\pm}(\xi)$  represents solitary wave taking "+" in *B* of (2.13),  $u_{q_i>0}^{-}(\xi)$  represents another case, and  $v_{q_i>0}^{\pm}(\xi) = c - \alpha u_{q_i>0}^{\pm}$ . Meanwhile, we similarly define  $u_{q_i<0}^{+}(\xi)$  and  $u_{q_i<0}^{-}(\xi)$ , where  $v_{q_i<0}^{\pm}(\xi) = c - \alpha u_{q_i<0}^{\pm}$ . Furthermore, it is easy to see that  $u_{q_i>0}^{+}(\xi)$  is equivalent to  $u_{q_i<0}^{-}(\xi)$ , and  $u_{q_i<0}^{+}(\xi)$  is equivalent to  $u_{q_i>0}^{-}(\xi)$ . By some simple computations, we get the corollary as follows.

**Corollary 2.1.** (1) For wave speed c > 0, the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations (1.3) have the solitary waves  $(u(\xi), v(\xi))$  with (0, c) asymptotic value

$$\begin{cases} u_{1}(\xi) = \frac{\frac{6c(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}) \\ v_{1}(\xi) = c - \frac{\frac{6ac(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}), \end{cases}$$
(2.20)  
$$\begin{cases} u_{1}(\xi) = c - \frac{\frac{6ac(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}), \\ u_{2}(\xi) = -\frac{\frac{6c(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}), \\ u_{2}(\xi) = c + \frac{\frac{6ac(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}), \\ v_{2}(\xi) = c + \frac{\frac{6ac(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}), \\ u_{2}(\xi) = c + \frac{\frac{6ac(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}), \\ u_{2}(\xi) = c + \frac{6ac(1+a^{2})}{\sqrt{6\betac(1+a^{2})+(\lambda+a^{3})^{2}}} sech^{2} \frac{\sqrt{c(1+a^{2})}}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0})}{2}(\xi+\xi_{0}). \end{cases}$$

In the condition of  $\alpha > \frac{c}{M_1}$ , where  $M_1 = \inf |u_1(\xi)|$ , we have  $v_1 < 0$ . In the condition of  $\alpha < -\frac{c}{M_2}$ , where  $M_2 = \inf |u_2|$ , we have  $v_2 < 0$ .

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(2) Suppose that  $3(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 16\beta c(1 + \alpha^2) > 0$ ,  $(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 6\beta c(1 + \alpha^2) \neq 0$ . If  $\lambda + \alpha^3 > 0$  and c < 0, the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations (1.3) have the solitary waves  $(u(\xi), v(\xi))$  with  $(D_1, c - \alpha D_1)$  asymptotic value

$$\begin{cases} u_{3}(\xi) = \frac{A_{1}sech^{2}\frac{k_{1}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + B_{1}sech^{2}\frac{k_{1}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})} + D_{1} \\ = \begin{cases} u_{q_{1}>0}^{+}, & -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < 0, \\ u_{q_{1}<0}^{-}, & -\frac{3(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{16\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})}, \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$(2.22)$$

$$v_{3}(\xi) = c - \alpha D_{1} - \frac{A_{1}\alpha sech^{2}\frac{k_{1}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + B_{1}sech^{2}\frac{k_{1}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})},$$

$$\begin{cases} u_{4}(\xi) = \frac{-A_{1} sech^{2} \frac{k_{1}}{2} (\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + (-4 - B_{1}) sech^{2} \frac{k_{1}}{2} (\xi + \xi_{0})} + D_{1} \\ = \begin{cases} u_{q_{1}<0}^{+}, & -\frac{3(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{16\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})}, \\ u_{q_{1}>0}^{-}, & -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(2.23)$$

$$v_{4}(\xi) = c - \alpha D_{1} + \frac{\alpha A_{1} sech^{2} \frac{k_{1}}{2} (\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + (-4 - B_{1}) sech^{2} \frac{k_{1}}{2} (\xi + \xi_{0})},$$

where

$$\begin{split} k_1 &= \sqrt{a_1 - a_2 D_1 - a_3 D_1^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^3) \sqrt{9(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 48\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)} - (3(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 16\beta c(1 + \alpha^2))}{8\beta}} \\ B_1 &= -2 + \frac{2|a_2 + 2a_3 D_1|}{\sqrt{6a_3 k_1^2 + (a_2 + 2a_3 D_1)^2}} \\ &= -2 + \frac{2(-(\lambda + \alpha^3) + \sqrt{9(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 48\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)})}{\sqrt{(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + (\lambda + \alpha^3) \sqrt{9(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 48\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)}}}, \\ A_1 &= \frac{6k_1^2(2 + B_1)}{a_2 + 2a_3 D_1}. \end{split}$$

In addition, if  $c < \min\{\alpha D_1, 0, \alpha(\frac{A_1}{4+B_1} + D_1)\}$ , we have  $v_3(\xi) < 0$ . Also, if  $c < \min\{\alpha D_1, 0, \alpha(\frac{A_1}{B_1} + D_1)\}$ , we have  $v_4(\xi) < 0$ .

(3) Assume that  $3(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 16\beta c(1 + \alpha^2) > 0$ ,  $(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 6\beta c(1 + \alpha^2) \neq 0$ . If  $\lambda + \alpha^3 < 0$  and c < 0, the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations (1.3) have the solitary waves  $(u(\xi), v(\xi))$  with

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 $(D_3, c - \alpha D_3)$  asymptotic value

$$\begin{cases} u_{5}(\xi) = \frac{A_{3}sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + B_{3}sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})} + D_{3} \\ = \begin{cases} u_{q_{3}>0}^{+}, -\frac{3(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{16\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})}, \\ u_{q_{3}<0}^{-}, -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(2.24)$$

$$v_{5}(\xi) = c - \alpha D_{3} - \frac{A_{3}\alpha sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + B_{3}sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}, \\ \begin{cases} u_{6}(\xi) = \frac{-A_{3}sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + (-4 - B_{3})sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})} + D_{3} \\ = \begin{cases} u_{q_{3}>0}^{-}, -\frac{3(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{16\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})}, \\ u_{q_{3}<0}^{+}, -\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^{3})^{2}}{6\beta(1 + \alpha^{2})} < c < 0, \end{cases} \\ v_{6}(\xi) = c - \alpha D_{3} + \frac{\alpha A_{3}sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}{4 + (-4 - B_{3})sech^{2}\frac{k_{3}}{2}(\xi + \xi_{0})}, \end{cases}$$

$$(2.25)$$

where

$$\begin{split} k_3 &= \sqrt{a_1 - a_2 D_3 - a_3 D_3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{-\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^3)\sqrt{9(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 48\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)} + (3(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 16\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)))}{8\beta}}, \\ B_3 &= -2 + \frac{2|a_2 + 2a_3 D|}{\sqrt{6a_3 k_1^2 + (a_2 + 2a_3 D)^2}} \\ &= -2 + \frac{2(-(\lambda + \alpha^3) - \sqrt{9(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 48\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)})}{\sqrt{(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + (\lambda + \alpha^3)\sqrt{9(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 48\beta c(1 + \alpha^2)}}}, \\ A_3 &= \frac{6k_3^2(2 + B_3)}{a_2 + 2a_3 D_3}. \end{split}$$

Moreover, if  $c < \min\{\alpha D_3, 0, \alpha(\frac{A_3}{4+B_3} + D_3)\}$ , we have  $v_5(\xi) < 0$ . Also, if  $c < \min\{\alpha D_3, 0, \alpha(\frac{A_3}{B_3} + D_3)\}$ , we have  $v_6(\xi) < 0$ .

## 3. General conclusion for orbital stability of solitary waves to Eqs.(1.3)

We first employ the translation transformation  $u = \varphi + D$  and  $v = \psi + \overline{D}$  to Eqs.(1.3). It follows from (1.3) by simple computation

$$\varphi_t + \alpha \psi \psi_x + \alpha \overline{D} \psi_x + (\lambda + 2\beta D) \varphi \varphi_x + \beta \varphi^2 \varphi_x + (\beta D^2 + \lambda D) \varphi_x + \varphi_{xxx} = 0, \qquad (3.1)$$

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$$\psi_t + \alpha(\varphi\psi)_x + \alpha \overline{D}\varphi_x + (\alpha D + 2\overline{D})\psi_x + 2\psi\psi_x = 0.$$
(3.2)

We will prove that system (3.1)–(3.2) are a Hamiltonian system, and satisfies the conditions of the general orbital stability theory proposed by Grillakis *et al.* [16].

Let  $U = (\varphi, \psi)$ . The function space on which we shall work is defined by  $X = H^1(R) \times H^1(R)$ . Let the inner product of X be

$$(f,g) = \int_{R} (f_1g_1 + f_{1x}g_{1x} + f_2g_2 + f_{2x}g_{2x})dx,$$
(3.3)

for  $f = (f_1, f_2), g = (g_1, g_2) \in X$ . The dual space of X is  $X^* = H^{-1}(R) \times H^{-1}(R)$ , there exists a nature isomorphism  $I : X \to X^*$  defined by

$$\langle If,g\rangle = (f,g),\tag{3.4}$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the pairing between *X* and *X*<sup>\*</sup>

$$\langle f,g\rangle = \int_{R} (\sum_{i=1}^{2} f_{i}g_{i})dx.$$
(3.5)

From (3.3)–(3.5), we can see that

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} & 0\\ 0 & 1 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (3.6)

Let T be one-parameter groups of unitary operator on X defined by

$$T(s)U(\cdot) = U(\cdot - s), \quad for \ U(\cdot) \in X, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}.$$
(3.7)

Differentiating (3.7) with respect to *s* at s = 0, we have

$$T'(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0\\ 0 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (3.8)

It follows from Theorem 2.1, (3.1) and (3.2) that there exist solitary waves  $T(ct)\Phi(x)$  of (3.1) and (3.2) with  $\Phi(x)$  defined by

$$\Phi(x) = (\varphi(x), \psi(x)) = \left(\frac{Asech^{2}\frac{k}{2}x}{4 + Bsech^{2}\frac{k}{2}x}, -\frac{A\alpha sech^{2}\frac{k}{2}x}{4 + Bsech^{2}\frac{k}{2}x}\right).$$
(3.9)

In this and the following sections, we shall consider the orbital stability of solitary waves  $T(ct)\Phi(x)$  of (3.1) and (3.2).

Let us define a functional vector on X

$$E(U) = \int_{R} \left[\frac{\varphi_{x}^{2}}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\varphi\psi^{2} - \alpha\overline{D}\varphi\psi - \frac{\lambda + 2\beta D}{6}\varphi^{3} - \frac{\beta}{12}\varphi^{4} - \frac{\beta D^{2} + \lambda D}{2}\varphi^{2} - \frac{\alpha D + 2\overline{D}}{2}\psi^{2} - \frac{\psi^{3}}{3}\right]dx.$$
(3.10)

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By (3.7) and (3.10), we can verify that E(U) is invariant under T

$$E(T(s)U) = E(U), \text{ for any } s \in \mathbb{R}.$$
(3.11)

For any  $t \in R$ , we get

$$E(U(t)) = E(U(0)).$$
(3.12)

Note that system (3.1) and (3.2) can be written as the following Hamiltonian system

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = JE'(U), \tag{3.13}$$

where  $U = (\varphi, \psi)$ , J is a skew-symmetrically linear operator defined by

$$J = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{array}\right),$$

and

$$E'(U) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\alpha}{2}\psi^2 - \alpha\overline{D}\psi - \frac{\lambda+2\beta D}{2}\varphi^2 - \frac{\beta}{3}\varphi^3 - (\beta D^2 + \lambda D)\varphi - \varphi_{xx} \\ -\alpha\varphi\psi - \alpha\overline{D}\varphi - (\alpha D + 2\overline{D})\psi - \psi^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3.14)

is the Frechet derivative of E.

Let

$$B = \left(\begin{array}{cc} -1 & 0\\ 0 & -1 \end{array}\right)$$

such that T'(0) = JB, and

$$Q(U) = \frac{1}{2} \langle BU, U \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{R} (\varphi^{2} + \psi^{2}) dx.$$
(3.15)

By (3.7) and (3.15), we can prove that

$$Q(T(s)U) = Q(U), \quad for \ any \ s \in R, \tag{3.16}$$

$$Q(U(t)) = Q(U(0)), \tag{3.17}$$

and

$$Q'(U) = BU = \begin{pmatrix} -\varphi \\ -\psi \end{pmatrix}.$$
(3.18)

Furthermore, notice that  $U(\xi) = (\varphi(\xi), \psi(\xi))$  satisfies system (3.1)–(3.2), where  $\xi = x - ct$ , we have

$$-c\varphi' + \alpha\psi\psi' + \alpha\overline{D}\psi' + (\lambda + 2\beta D)\varphi\varphi' + \beta\varphi^2\varphi' + (\beta D^2 + \lambda D)\varphi' + \varphi''' = 0, \qquad (3.19)$$

$$-c\psi' + \alpha(\varphi\psi)' + \alpha\overline{D}\varphi' + (\alpha D + 2\overline{D})\psi' + 2\psi\psi' = 0.$$
(3.20)

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We integrate (3.19) and (3.20) once, respectively, then have

$$-c\varphi + \frac{\alpha}{2}\psi^2 + \alpha\overline{D}\psi + \frac{\lambda + 2\beta D}{2}\varphi^2 + \frac{\beta}{3}\varphi^3 + (\beta D^2 + \lambda D)\varphi + \varphi'' = 0, \qquad (3.21)$$

$$-c\psi + \frac{\alpha}{2}\varphi\psi + \alpha\overline{D}\varphi + (\alpha D + 2\overline{D})\psi + \psi^2 = 0.$$
(3.22)

Combining (3.14), (3.18), (3.21) and (3.22), we have

$$E'(\Phi) - cQ'(\Phi) = 0.$$
(3.23)

Define an operator from X to  $X^*$ 

$$H_{c} = E''(\Phi) - cQ''(\Phi)$$
  
=  $\begin{pmatrix} -\partial_{x}^{2} - (\lambda + 2\beta D)\varphi - \beta\varphi^{2} - \beta D^{2} - \lambda D + c & -\alpha\psi - \alpha\overline{D} \\ -\alpha\psi - \alpha\overline{D} & -\psi - \overline{D} \end{pmatrix}$ . (3.24)

Observe that  $H_c$  is self-adjoint in the sense that  $H_c^* = H_c$ . This means that  $I^{-1}H_c$  is a bounded selfadjoint operator on X. The spectrum of  $H_c$  consists of the real numbers  $\lambda$  such that  $H_c - \lambda I$  is not invertible. By complex calculation with (3.8) and (3.24), we get that

$$H_c T'(0)\Phi = 0, (3.25)$$

that is,  $\lambda = 0$  belongs to the spectrum of  $H_c$ .

For any  $y = (y_1, y_2) \in X$ , by (3.24), we have

$$\langle H_c y, y \rangle = \langle Ly_1, y_1 \rangle - \int_R (\psi + \overline{D})(\alpha y_1 + y_2)^2 dx, \qquad (3.26)$$

where  $L = -\partial_x^2 - (\lambda + 2\beta D)\varphi - \beta\varphi^2 - \beta D^2 - \lambda D + c + \alpha^2(\psi + \overline{D})$ . Next, let's study the spectrum structure of the linear operators *L*. For *L*, when  $x \to \infty$ , we have  $\varphi \to 0, \psi \to 0$  and  $-(\lambda + 2\beta D)\varphi - \beta\varphi^2 + \alpha^2\psi \to 0$ . Therefore, by Weyl's essential spectral theorem, the essential spectrum of *L* is  $\sigma_{ess}L = [-\beta D^2 - \lambda D + \alpha^2 \overline{D} + c, +\infty)$ . It follows from (2.6) and (3.19) that

$$L\varphi_x = 0. \tag{3.27}$$

Since  $\varphi_x$  has a unique zero at x = 0, by using the Sturm-Liouville theorem, we know that zero is the second eigenvalue of *L*, and *L* has exactly one strictly negative eigenvalue  $-\sigma^2$ , with an eigenfunction  $\chi$ , that is,

$$L\chi = -\sigma^2 \chi. \tag{3.28}$$

According to the Lemma in Appendix of [28], for any real functions  $y \neq 0 \in H^1(R)$  satisfying  $\langle y, \chi \rangle = \langle y, \varphi_x \rangle = 0$ , there exists a positive number  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\langle Ly, y \rangle \ge \delta ||y||_{H^1(R)}^2$ . Then, we get  $\langle Ly, y \rangle > 0$ .

For any  $\Psi = (y_1^-, y_2^-) \in X$ , we choose  $y_1^- = \chi$ ,  $y_2^- = -\alpha \chi$ ,  $\Psi^- = (\chi, -\alpha \chi)$ , then

$$\langle H_c \Psi^-, \Psi^- \rangle = -\sigma^2 \langle \chi, \chi \rangle. \tag{3.29}$$

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Combining (3.25)–(3.29), the spectrum property of *L* and the conditions in Corollary 2.1, we know that  $H_c$  has exactly one strictly negative eigenvalue  $-\sigma^2$ , zero is the second eigenvalue. Let

$$P = \{ p \in X | p = (p_1, p_2), \langle p_1, \chi \rangle = \langle p_1, \varphi_x \rangle = 0 \}.$$
(3.30)

Again using the Lemma in Appendix of [28], we get that the third eigenvalue of  $H_c$  is strictly positive, that is, for any  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in P$ ,  $p \neq (0, 0)$ , there exist  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\langle H_c p, p \rangle > \delta ||p||_X^2$ . Let

$$Z = \{k_1 T'(0)\Phi | k_1 \in R\},\tag{3.31}$$

$$N = \{k_2 \Psi^- | k_2 \in R/\{0\}\}.$$
(3.32)

Then, the assumption 3.3 in [16] holds.

Next, we define  $d(c) : R \to R$  by

$$d(c) = E(\Phi) - cQ(\Phi) \tag{3.33}$$

and define d''(c) to be the second derivative of function d with respect to c. In addition, we use p(d'') to denote the numbers of positive eigenvalue of d''.

Then, by applying the extension version of the general theory of orbital stability presented by Grillakis et al., the results obtained in [28] or by the similar derivation, we obtain the orbital stability of solitary waves in Theorem 1.2.

#### 4. Orbital stability of solitary waves for Eqs.(1.3)

In this section, we shall verify that p(d'') = 1 and give the detailed proof of Theorem 1.2. Combining (3.8), (3.15) with (3.23) and differentiating (3.33) once with respect to c, it follows that

$$d'(c) = \langle E'(\Phi), \Phi' \rangle - c \langle Q'(\Phi), \Phi' \rangle - Q(\Phi)$$
  
=  $-Q(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int \varphi^2 + \psi^2 dx = \frac{1 + \alpha^2}{2} \int \varphi^2 dx.$  (4.1)

According to the stability theory developed by Grillakis *et al.* [16], we only need to observe the sign of d'', from which we can obtain the orbital stability of solitary waves  $\Phi(\xi)$  with zero asymptotic value for system (3.1)–(3.2). Since orbital stability of  $\Phi(\xi)$  is equivalent to that of solitary waves  $(u(\xi), v(\xi))$  of Eqs.(1.3), we only need to prove d'' > 0 or d'' < 0 for  $\Phi(\xi)$ . According to the case of the value  $a_2 + 2a_3D$ , we discuss the orbital stability and instability of the corresponded solutions.

#### 4.1. Orbital stability of solitary waves for Eqs.(1.3) in the case of $a_2 + 2a_3D = 0$

In the case of  $a_2 + 2a_3D = 0$ , k, A, and B are given by (2.14). From (4.1), we have

$$d'(c) = \frac{1+\alpha^2}{2} \int_R \left[\frac{Ae^{k\xi}}{(1+e^{k\xi})^2 + Be^{k\xi}}\right]^2 d\xi = \frac{1+\alpha^2}{2} \int_R \left(\frac{Ae^{k\xi}}{1+e^{2k\xi}}\right)^2 d\xi.$$
(4.2)

Let  $y = e^{2k\xi}$ , we get

$$d'(c) = \frac{A^2(1+\alpha^2)}{4k} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} dy = \frac{A^2(1+\alpha^2)}{4k}$$

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$$= \frac{6(1+\alpha^2)}{\beta} \sqrt{c(1+\alpha^2) - \frac{(\lambda+\alpha^3)D}{2}},$$
  
$$d''(c) = \frac{3(1+\alpha^2)^2}{\beta\sqrt{c(1+\alpha^2) - \frac{(\lambda+\alpha^3)D}{2}}} > 0,$$
 (4.3)

since  $\beta > 0$  and  $2(1 + \alpha^2)c > (\lambda + \alpha^3)D$ . Then, we get conclusion as follows: **Conclusion 4.1.** If  $a_2 + 2a_3D = 0$ , and the wave speed *c* satisfies  $c \in E = \{c | c < \min\{-\frac{\alpha(\lambda + \alpha^3)}{2\beta}\}$ ,  $\frac{\alpha(\sqrt{24c(1+\alpha^2)+6(\lambda+\alpha^3)^2}-\lambda-\alpha^3)}{2\beta}, c > -\frac{(\lambda+\alpha^3)^2}{4(1+\alpha^2)\beta}\}, \text{ then the solitary waves } u^+ \text{ and } v^+ \text{ in (2.15) and (2.16) of Eqs.(1.3) are orbitally stable. If } a_2 + 2a_3D = 0, \text{ and the wave speed } c \text{ satisfies } c \in E = \{c|c < \min\{-\frac{\alpha(\lambda+\alpha^3)}{2\beta}, \frac{-\alpha(\lambda+\alpha^3+\sqrt{24c(1+\alpha^2)+6(\lambda+\alpha^3)^2})}{2\beta}\}, c > -\frac{(\lambda+\alpha^3)^2}{4(1+\alpha^2)\beta}\}, \text{ then the solitary waves } u^- \text{ and } v^- \text{ in (2.15) and } (2.16) \text{ of Eqs.(1.3) are orbitally stable.}$ 

Remark 4.1 We simulate numerically the orbital stability of the solitary wave (2.15) and (2.16) for Eqs.(1.3) by Maple, to show the result obtained visually. Figure 3 is the 3D surface of d''(c) in (4.3) by taking the values  $\lambda = 1.2$ ,  $\alpha = 0.3$ .



**Figure 3.** The 3D graphic of d''(c) corresponding to (i)  $\beta = 0.1$ , (ii)  $\beta = 0.2$ , (iii)  $\beta = 0.7$ .

It is shown in Figure 3 that d''(c) is positive when  $\beta > 0$  and  $D = -\frac{\lambda + \alpha^3}{2\beta}$ . So there exists a wave speed interval, such that d''(c) is positive.

#### 4.2. Orbital stability of solitary waves for Eqs.(1.3) in the case of $a_2 + 2a_3D \neq 0$

In the case of  $a_2 + 2a_3D \neq 0$ , k, A, B are given by (2.13). From (4.1), we have

$$d'(c) = \frac{1+\alpha^2}{2} \int_R \left[\frac{Ae^{k\xi}}{(1+e^{k\xi})^2 + Be^{k\xi}}\right]^2 d\xi.$$
(4.4)

Let  $z = e^{k\xi}$ , we get

$$d'(c) = \frac{A^2(1+\alpha^2)}{2k} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{z}{[(1+z)^2 + Bz]^2} dz$$
  
=  $\frac{A^2(1+\alpha^2)}{2k} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{z}{[(z+\frac{B+2}{2})^2 + 1 - \frac{(B+2)^2}{4}]^2} dz$   
=  $\frac{A^2(1+\alpha^2)}{2k} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{z}{[(z+p)^2 + 1 - p^2]^2} dz$ 

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$$= \frac{A^2(1+\alpha^2)}{2k} \left[\frac{1}{2} - p \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{[(z+p)^2 + 1 - p^2]^2} dz\right],$$
(4.5)

where  $p = \frac{B+2}{2}$ . From (2.13), we have  $p^2 = \frac{(a_2+2a_3D)^2}{6a_3k^2+(a_2+2a_3D)^2} < 1$ . Due to

$$\int_{0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{[(z+p)^{2}+1-p^{2}]^{2}} dz = -\frac{p}{2(1-p^{2})} + \frac{1}{2(1-p^{2})} \int_{0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(z+p)^{2}+1-p^{2}} dz$$
$$= -\frac{p}{2(1-p^{2})} + \frac{1}{2(1-p^{2})} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-p^{2}}} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^{2}}})$$
(4.6)

and (4.5), we have

$$d'(c) = \frac{A^{2}(1+\alpha^{2})}{2k} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{p^{2}}{2(1-p^{2})} - \frac{p}{2(1-p^{2})^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^{2}}}\right)\right]$$
$$= \frac{A^{2}(1+\alpha^{2})}{4k} \left[\frac{1}{1-p^{2}} - \frac{p}{(1-p^{2})^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^{2}}}\right)\right].$$
(4.7)

From (2.13) and  $p = \frac{B+2}{2}$ , we get

$$A = \frac{6k^2(2+B)}{a_2 + 2a_3D} = \frac{12k^2p}{a_2 + 2a_3D}.$$
(4.8)

Substituting (4.8) into (4.7), we have

$$d'(c) = \frac{36k^3p^2(1+\alpha^2)}{(a_2+2a_3D)^2} \left[\frac{1}{1-p^2} - \frac{p}{(1-p^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}}\right)\right]$$
  
= 
$$\frac{6(1+\alpha^2)\sqrt{(1+\alpha^2)c - (\lambda+\alpha^3)D - \beta D^2}}{\beta} \left[1 - \frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}}\right)\right],$$
  
(4.9)

where p is a function of D and D is a function of c. Hence

$$d''(c) = -\frac{6(1+\alpha^2)\sqrt{(1+\alpha^2)c - (\lambda+\alpha^3)D - \beta D^2}}{\beta}$$
  

$$\cdot \left[\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}})\right]'_p p'_c$$
  

$$+ \frac{3(1+\alpha^2)[1+\alpha^2 - (\lambda+\alpha^3 + 2\beta D)D'_c]}{\beta\sqrt{(1+\alpha^2)c - (\lambda+\alpha^3)D - \beta D^2}}$$
  

$$\cdot \left[1 - \frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}})\right].$$
(4.10)

Since

$$\left[\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}}(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}})\right]_p' = \frac{1}{1-p^2}\left[-p + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-p^2}}(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}})\right],$$

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$$(4.11)$$
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$$p^{2} = \left(\frac{B+2}{2}\right)^{2} = \frac{(a_{2}+2a_{3}D)^{2}}{6a_{3}(a_{1}-a_{2}D-a_{3}D^{2}) + (a_{2}+2a_{3}D)^{2}},$$
(4.12)

$$\frac{p}{1-p^2} = \frac{(a_2 + 2a_3D)}{6a_3(a_1 - a_2D - a_3D^2)},$$
(4.13)

and

$$2pp'_{c} = \frac{4a_{3}p^{2}D'_{c}}{a_{2} + 2a_{3}D} - \frac{2a_{3}p^{4}}{(a_{2} + 2a_{3}D)^{2}}[3(1 + \alpha^{2}) - (a_{2} + 2a_{3}D)D'_{c}], \qquad (4.14)$$

we have

$$p'_{c} = \frac{a_{3}p}{(a_{2} + 2a_{3}D)^{2}} [2(a_{2} + 2a_{3}D)D'_{c} - p^{2}(3(1 + \alpha^{2}) - (a_{2} + 2a_{3}D)D'_{c})].$$
(4.15)

Substituting (4.11) and (4.15) into (4.10), we have

$$d''(c) = -\frac{6(1+\alpha^2)\sqrt{(1+\alpha^2)c - (\lambda+\alpha^3)D - \beta D^2 p}}{(1-p^2)(a_2+2a_3D)^2}$$

$$\cdot \left[-p + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-p^2}} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}})\right]l$$

$$+ \left[1 - \frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{p}{\sqrt{1-p^2}})\right]$$

$$\cdot \frac{3(1+\alpha^2)[1+\alpha^2 - (\lambda+\alpha^3+2\beta D)D'_c]}{\beta\sqrt{c(1+\alpha^2) - (\lambda+\alpha^3)D - \beta D^2}},$$
(4.16)

where  $l = 2(a_2 + 2a_3D)D'_c - p^2(3(1 + \alpha^2) - (a_2 + 2a_3D)D'_c)$ . Furthermore, substituting  $p = \pm \frac{|a_2 + 2a_3D|}{\sqrt{6a_3k^2 + (a_2 + 2a_3D)^2}}$  into (4.16), we have

$$d''(c) = \frac{6(1+\alpha^2)k}{6a_3k^2 + (a_2+2a_3D)^2} [3(1+\alpha^2) - (a_2+2a_3D)D'_c]$$
  
$$\mp \frac{6\sqrt{2}(1+\alpha^2)|a_2+2a_3D|D'_c}{\sqrt{3a_3}(a_2+2a_3D)} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan(\frac{\pm|a_2+2a_3D|}{k\sqrt{6a_3}})), \qquad (4.17)$$

where  $a_1 = c(1 + \alpha^2)$ ,  $a_2 = \lambda + \alpha^3$ ,  $a_3 = \beta$ , and k is given by (2.13). The choice of the signs in parenthesis of (4.17) is the same as that in B of (2.13). From Theorem 2.1, assumption  $q = a_2 + 2a_3D$  and (4.17), we can get that

(1) the same expression of the discrimination of orbital stability for  $u_{q>0}^+(\xi)$  and  $u_{q<0}^-(\xi)$  is

$$d''(c) = \frac{6(1+\alpha^2)\sqrt{a_1-a_2D-a_3D^2}}{6a_3k^2+(a_2+2a_3D)^2}[3(1+\alpha^2)-(a_2+2a_3D)D'_c] - \frac{6\sqrt{2}(1+\alpha^2)D'_c}{\sqrt{3a_3}}(\frac{\pi}{2}-\arctan(\frac{(a_2+2a_3D)}{k\sqrt{6a_3}})).$$
(4.18)

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(2) the same expression of the discrimination of orbital stability for  $u_{a<0}^+(\xi)$  and  $u_{a>0}^-(\xi)$  is

$$d''(c) = \frac{6(1+\alpha^2)\sqrt{a_1-a_2D-a_3D^2}}{6a_3k^2+(a_2+2a_3D)^2}[3(1+\alpha^2)-(a_2+2a_3D)D'_c] + \frac{6\sqrt{2}(1+\alpha^2)D'_c}{\sqrt{3a_3}}(\frac{\pi}{2}+\arctan(\frac{(a_2+2a_3D)}{k\sqrt{6a_3}})).$$
(4.19)

**Remark 4.2.** Figures 4 and 5 are the 3D surfaces of d''(c) in (4.18) and (4.19) by taking the values  $\lambda = 1.2$  and  $\beta = 0.3$ .



**Figure 4.** The 3D graphics of d''(c) corresponding to (i)  $\alpha = 1$ , (ii)  $\alpha = 1.5$ , (iii)  $\alpha = 2$ .



**Figure 5.** The 3D graphics of d''(c) corresponding to (i)  $\alpha = -0.1$ , (ii)  $\alpha = -0.5$ , (iii)  $\alpha = 1$ .

It is shown in Figure 4 that d''(c) may be positive or negative when  $\beta > 0$  and  $\lambda + \alpha^3 + 2\beta D \neq 0$ . So there exists a wave speed interval, such that d''(c) is positive or negative for solutions  $u_{q>0}^+(\xi)$  and  $u_{q<0}^-(\xi)$ . Meanwhile, it is shown in Figure 5 that d''(c) is positive when  $\beta > 0$  and  $\lambda + \alpha^3 + 2\beta D \neq 0$ . So there exist the wave speed interval, such that d''(c) is positive for solutions  $u_{q<0}^+(\xi)$  and  $u_{q>0}^-(\xi)$ .

Using mathematical analysis methods, we have the following theorem from the discrimination (4.17)-(4.19):

**Theorem 4.1.** (1) If  $(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2 + 6\beta c(1 + \alpha^2) > 0$  and  $\alpha > \frac{c}{M_1}$ , where  $M_1 = \inf |u_1(\xi)|$ , then the solitary waves  $(u_1(\xi), v_1(\xi))$  with (0, c) asymptotic value are orbitally stable. If  $\alpha < -\frac{c}{M_2}$ , where  $M_2 = \inf |u_2(\xi)|$ , then the solitary waves  $(u_2(\xi), v_2(\xi))$  with (0, c) asymptotic value are orbitally stable.

(2) If  $3a_2^2 + 16a_1a_3 > 0$ ,  $a_2^2 + 6a_1a_3 \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda + \alpha^3 > 0$ ,  $E_1 = \{c|c < \min\{\alpha D_1, 0, \alpha(D_1 + \frac{A_1}{4+B_1})\}$  and  $E_2 = \{c|c < \min\{\alpha D_1, 0, \alpha(D_1 + \frac{A_1}{B_1})\}$ , then the solitary waves  $(u_3(\xi), v_3(\xi))$  and  $(u_4(\xi), v_4(\xi))$  with  $(D_1, c - \alpha D_1)$  asymptotic value have the following stability results, respectively.

(2.1) There exist  $c_0 \in (-\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, 0)$  and  $c_1 \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3})$  such that  $(u_3(\xi), v_3(\xi))$  are orbitally stable as  $c \in (c_1, c_0) \cap E_1$  and  $c \neq -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}$ , and they are orbitally unstable as

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 $c \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, c_1) \cap E_1 \text{ or } c \in (c_0, 0) \cap E_1.$ 

(2.2)  $(u_4(\xi), v_4(\xi))$  are orbitally stable when the wave speed *c* satisfies  $c \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, 0) \cap E_2$  and  $c \neq -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}$ .

(3) Suppose that  $3a_2^2 + 16a_1a_3 > 0$ ,  $a_2^2 + 6a_1a_3 \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda + \alpha^3 < 0$ ,  $E_3 = \{c|c < \min\{\alpha D_3, 0, \alpha(D_3 + \frac{A_3}{4+B_3})\}$ and  $E_4 = \{c|c < \min\{\alpha D_3, 0, \alpha(D_3 + \frac{A_3}{B_3})\}$ , then the solitary waves  $(u_5(\xi), v_5(\xi))$  and  $(u_6(\xi), v_6(\xi))$  with  $(D_3, c - \alpha D_3)$  asymptotic value have the following properties, respectively.

(3.1)  $(u_5(\xi), v_5(\xi))$  are orbitally stable when the wave speed  $c \in \{-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, 0\} \cap E_3$  and  $c \neq -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}$ .

(3.2) There exist  $c_2 \in (-\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, 0)$  and  $c_3 \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3})$  such that  $(u_6(\xi), v_6(\xi))$  are orbitally stable as  $c \in (c_3, c_2) \cap E_4$  and  $c \neq -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}$ , and they are orbitally unstable as  $c \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, c_3) \cap E_4$  or  $c \in (c_2, 0) \cap E_4$ .

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.* (1) Firstly, we show that conclusion (1) in Theorem 4.1 holds.

According to  $D_2 = 0$  and (4.17), we have

$$d''(c) = \frac{18(1+\alpha^2)^2 \sqrt{(1+\alpha^2)c}}{6a_3a_1+a_2^2} > 0,$$
(4.20)

when c > 0 and  $a_2^2 + 6a_1a_3 > 0$ . Hence, conclusion (1) holds.

(2) Secondly, we prove the orbital stability of  $(u_4(\xi), v_4(\xi))$  in (2.2) of Theorem 4.1.

Since  $(u_4(\xi), v_4(\xi)) = (u_{q_1>0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^-)$  as  $q_1 > 0$ , and  $(u_4(\xi), v_4(\xi)) = (u_{q_1<0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^+)$  as  $q_1 < 0$ , we only need to show the stabilities of solitary waves  $(u_{q_1>0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^-)$  and  $(u_{q_1<0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^+)$ .

From  $D_1$  in (2.19), we have

$$D'_{1c} = \frac{6(1+\alpha^2)}{\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}} > 0, \tag{4.21}$$

and

$$3(1 + \alpha^{2}) - (a_{2} + 2a_{3}D_{1})D'_{1c} = 3(1 + \alpha^{2}) - (a_{2} + 2a_{3}D_{1})\frac{6(1 + \alpha^{2})}{\sqrt{9a_{2}^{2} + 48a_{1}a_{3}}}$$
$$= \frac{3(1 + \alpha^{2})a_{2}}{\sqrt{9a_{2}^{2} + 48a_{1}a_{3}}} > 0.$$
(4.22)

Substituting (4.21) and (4.22) into (4.19), we have d''(c) > 0. Then,  $(u_{q_1>0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^-)$  and  $(u_{q_1<0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^+)$  are orbitally stable at  $D_1$ . Hence, we get that  $(u_4, v_4)$  are orbitally stable.

(3) Thirdly, we prove the orbital stability of  $(u_3(\xi), v_3(\xi))$  in (2.1) of Theorem 4.1.

Similar to proof (2), since  $(u_3(\xi), v_3(\xi)) = (u_{q_1>0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^+)$  as  $q_1 > 0$ , and  $(u_3(\xi), v_3(\xi)) = (u_{q_1<0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^-)$  as  $q_1 < 0$ , we only need to prove the stabilities of solitary waves  $(u_{q_1>0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^+)$  and  $(u_{q_1<0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^-)$ .

(3.1) Stability and instability of  $(u_{q_1>0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^+)$ .

From Theorem 2.1, we know that the existence range of  $(u_{q_1>0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^+)$  is  $a_2 > 0$  and  $c \in (-\frac{(\lambda + \alpha^3)^2}{6(1 + \alpha^2)a_3}, 0) \cap E_1$ . Taking  $k = k_1$  and  $D = D_1$ , we have

$$a_{2} + 2a_{3}D_{1} = \frac{-a_{2} + \sqrt{9a_{2}^{2} + 48a_{1}a_{3}}}{2} = \begin{cases} < 0, & \text{for } a_{2} > 0, & a_{2}^{2} + 6a_{1}a_{3} < 0, \\ > 0, & \text{for } a_{2} > 0, & a_{2}^{2} + 6a_{1}a_{3} > 0, \end{cases}$$
(4.23)

$$k_1^2 = \frac{a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_3a_1 - (3a_2^2 + 16a_1a_3)}}{8a_3}$$
(4.24)

Combining (4.21), (4.23), (4.24) and (4.18), we have

$$d''(c) = \frac{24(1+\alpha^2)}{a_2^2 + a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}} \frac{\sqrt{a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3} - (3a_2^2 + 16a_1a_3)}}{2\sqrt{2a_3}} \frac{3a_2(1+\alpha^2)}{\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}$$

$$- \frac{12\sqrt{6}(1+\alpha^2)^2}{\sqrt{a_3}\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}} (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{\sqrt{3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}} - (9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3)})$$

$$= \frac{12\sqrt{6}(1+\alpha^2)^2}{\sqrt{a_3}\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}} (\frac{\sqrt{3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3} - (9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3)}}{2(a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3})} - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$+ \arctan\frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{\sqrt{3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}} - (9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3)}). \quad (4.25)$$

Let

$$x = \frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{\sqrt{3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3} - (9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3)}}, \quad -\frac{a_2^2}{6a_3(1 + \alpha^2)} < c < 0$$
(4.26)

in (4.25), we have

$$x'(c) = \frac{6a_3(1+\alpha^2)(a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2+48a_1a_3}+3a_2^2)}{(3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2+48a_1a_3}-(9a_2^2+48a_1a_3))^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{9a_2^2+48a_1a_3}} > 0,$$
(4.27)

that is, x = x(c) is monotone increasing with respect to c. Therefore, when c changes from  $-\frac{a_2^2}{6a_3(1+a^2)}$  to 0, x changes from 0 to  $+\infty$ . For convenience, we write the part in curly braces of (4.25) as the following form

$$f_1(x) = g \cdot \frac{1}{x} - (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x), \quad 0 < x < +\infty,$$
 (4.28)

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where  $g = \frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{2(a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3})}$ . Since  $a_2 + 2a_3D_1 > 0$ ,  $a_2 > 0$ , and  $a_2^2 + 6a_1a_3 > 0$ , we get 0 < g < 1. In order to determine the sign of d''(c) in (4.25), we discuss the sign of  $f_1(x)$ . Differentiating (4.28) with respect to *x*, we have

$$f_1'(x) = -\frac{g}{x^2} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{-g(1+x^2) + x^2}{x^2(1+x^2)} = \frac{(1-g)x^2 - g}{x^2(1+x^2)}.$$
(4.29)

Solving  $(1 - g)x^2 - g = 0$ , we have  $x_0 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{1-g}}$  and  $x_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{g}{1-g}}$ . By computation, we have  $f_1(x)$  is monotone decreasing in  $(0, \sqrt{\frac{g}{1-g}})$  and monotone increasing in  $(\sqrt{\frac{g}{1-g}}, +\infty)$ . According to  $\lim_{x\to 0^+} f_1(x) = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x\to +\infty} f_1(x) = 0$  and the intermediate value theorem of continuous functions, we get that there exists  $x_2 \in (0, +\infty)$  such that  $f_1(x_2) = 0$ ,  $f_1(x) > 0$  in  $(0, x_2)$ , and  $f_1(x) < 0$  in  $(x_2, +\infty)$ . Therefore, we have that d''(c) > 0 in  $(0, x_2)$ , and d''(c) < 0 in  $(x_2, +\infty)$ . Since x = x(c) is monotone increasing with respect to c, there exists  $c_0 \in (-\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, 0)$  such that  $(u_{q_1>0}^+, c - \alpha u_{q_1>0}^+)$  are orbitally stable as  $c \in (-\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, c_0) \cap E_1$  and orbitally unstable as  $c \in (c_0, 0) \cap E_1$ .

(3.2) Stability and instability of  $(u_{q_1<0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^-)$ .

From (4.18), we know that the discrimination d''(c) of orbital stability of solitary wave  $(u_{q_1<0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^-)$  is also given by (4.25). From Theorem 2.1, we get that the existence range of  $(u_{q_1<0}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1<0}^-)$  is  $a_2 > 0$  and  $c \in (-\frac{3(\lambda+\alpha^3)^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, -\frac{(\lambda+\alpha^3)^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}) \cap E_1$ . Taking  $k = k_1$  and  $D = D_1$ , for  $q_1 < 0$ , we have

$$a_2 + 2a_3D_1 = \frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{2} < 0.$$
(4.30)

Let

$$x(c) = \frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{\sqrt{3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3} - (9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3)}},$$

$$-\frac{3a_2^2}{16a_3(1+\alpha^2)} < c < -\frac{a_2^2}{6a_3(1+\alpha^2)}$$
(4.31)

in (4.25), we have

$$x'(c) = \frac{6a_3(1+\alpha^2)(a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2+48a_1a_3}+3a_2^2)}{(3a_2\sqrt{9a_2^2+48a_1a_3}-(9a_2^2+48a_1a_3))^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{9a_2^2+48a_1a_3}} > 0,$$
(4.32)

that is, x = x(c) is monotone increasing with respect to c. Therefore, x changes from  $-\infty$  to 0 as c changes from  $-\frac{3a_2^2}{16a_3(1+\alpha^2)}$  to  $-\frac{a_2^2}{6a_3(1+\alpha^2)}$ . For convenience, we write the part in curly braces of (4.25) as the following form

$$f_2(x) = g \cdot \frac{1}{x} - (\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x), \quad -\infty < x < 0, \tag{4.33}$$

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where  $g = \frac{-a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3}}{2(a_2 + \sqrt{9a_2^2 + 48a_1a_3})}$ . Since  $a_2 + 2a_3D_1 < 0$ ,  $a_2 > 0$ , and  $a_2^2 + 6a_1a_3 > 0$ , we have g < 0. In order to determine the sign of d''(c) in (4.25), we discuss the sign of  $f_1(x)$ . Differentiating (4.33) with respect to x, we have

$$f_{2}'(x) = -\frac{g}{x^{2}} + \frac{1}{1+x^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{-g(1+x^{2}) + x^{2}}{x^{2}(1+x^{2})} = \frac{(1-g)x^{2} - g}{x^{2}(1+x^{2})} > 0, \quad -\infty < x < 0.$$
(4.34)

Then,  $f_2(x)$  is monotone increasing in  $(-\infty, 0)$ . According to  $\lim_{x\to 0^-} f_2(x) = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x\to -\infty} f_2(x) = -\pi$  and the intermediate value theorem of continuous functions, we get that there exists  $x_3 \in (-\infty, 0)$  such that  $f_2(x_3) = 0$ ,  $f_2(x) < 0$  in  $(-\infty, x_3)$ , and  $f_2(x) > 0$  in  $(x_3, 0)$ . Then, we have that d''(c) < 0 in  $(-\infty, x_3)$ , and d''(c) > 0 in  $(x_3, 0)$ . Since x = x(c) is monotone increasing with respect to c, there exists  $c_1 \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3})$  such that  $x(c_1) = x_3$ . Hence, we conclude that there exists  $c_1 \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3})$  such that  $(u_{q_1}^-, c - \alpha u_{q_1}^-))$  are orbitally unstable as  $c \in (-\frac{3a_2^2}{16(1+\alpha^2)a_3}, c_1) \cap E_1$  and orbitally stable as  $c \in (c_1, -\frac{a_2^2}{6(1+\alpha^2)a_3}) \cap E_1$ .

For  $(u_5(\xi), v_5(\xi))$ , similar to the proof of orbital stability of  $(u_4(\xi), v_4(\xi))$ , by (4.16), we obtain that they are orbitally stable. Also, similar to the proof of orbital stability of  $(u_3(\xi), v_3(\xi))$ , by (4.17), we conclude the results on the orbital stability of  $(u_6(\xi), v_6(\xi))$  in Theorem 4.1. In summary, the proof of Theorem 4.1 is finished.

#### 5. Conclusion

In this article, we are interested in studying the stability of the solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value for a coupled version of compound KdV and MKdV equations with two components (1.3). In order to overcome the difficulty of studying orbital stability of solitary waves with nonzero asymptotic value for the coupled compound KdV and MKdV equations, we use a translation transformation to transfer this problem into solitary waves with zero asymptotic value for a reduced nonlinear coupled equations. By applying the orbital stability theory presented by Grillakis et al., the results obtained by Bona et al. and detailed spectral analysis, we obtain the orbital stability and instability of solitary waves with zero asymptotic value for a reduced new coupled nonlinear equation. From Conclusion 4.1 and Theorem 4.1, it is easy to see that the orbital stability and instability of solitary waves with zero and nonzero asymptotic value are related to wave speed c. The influence regions of stability and instability are given separately in Conclusion 4.1 and Theorem 4.1. As v = 0, we can also obtain the stability and instability of solitary waves for the compound KdV equation. Our work not only extends GSS methods to study the orbital stability and instability of solitary wave solutions with nonzero asymptotic value, but also includes and improves the results of Zhang et al. [15]. Moreover, the orbital stability of periodic solitary wave is an open problem, we will go on to study this problem.

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