# Instability of solitary waves for nonlinear Schrödinger equations of derivative type

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**Abstract.** We study the orbital stablity and instability of solitary wave solutions for nonlinear Schrödinger equations of derivative type.

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## §1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the instability of solitary wave solutions for nonlinear Schrödinger equations of the form

(1.1) 
$$i\partial_t u = -\partial_x^2 u - i|u|^2 \partial_x u - b|u|^4 u, \quad (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R},$$

where  $b \ge 0$  is a constant. Eq. (1.1) appears in various areas of physics such as plasma physics, nonlinear optics, and so on (see, e.g., [12, 13] and also Introduction of [16]). It is known that (1.1) has a two parameter family of solitary wave solutions

(1.2) 
$$u_{\omega}(t,x) = e^{i\omega_0 t} \phi_{\omega}(x - \omega_1 t),$$

where 
$$\omega = (\omega_0, \omega_1) \in \Omega := \{(\omega_0, \omega_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \omega_1^2 < 4\omega_0\}, \ \gamma = 1 + \frac{16}{3}b,$$

(1.3) 
$$\phi_{\omega}(x) = \tilde{\phi}_{\omega}(x) \exp\left(i\frac{\omega_1}{2}x - \frac{i}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{x} |\tilde{\phi}_{\omega}(\eta)|^2 d\eta\right),$$

(1.4) 
$$\tilde{\phi}_{\omega}(x) = \left\{ \frac{2(4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2)}{-\omega_1 + \sqrt{\omega_1^2 + \gamma(4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2)} \cosh(\sqrt{4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2} x)} \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Here, we note that  $\phi_{\omega}(x)$  is a solution of

$$(1.5) -\partial_x^2 \phi + \omega_0 \phi + \omega_1 i \partial_x \phi - i |\phi|^2 \partial_x \phi - b |\phi|^4 \phi = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and  $\tilde{\phi}_{\omega}(x)$  is a solution of

(1.6) 
$$-\partial_x^2 \phi + \frac{4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2}{4} \phi + \frac{\omega_1}{2} |\phi|^2 \phi - \frac{3}{16} \gamma |\phi|^4 \phi = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For  $v, w \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) = L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ , we define

$$(v,w)_{L^2} = \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}} v(x) \overline{w(x)} \, dx,$$

and regard  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  as a real Hilbert space. Similarly,  $H^1(\mathbb{R}) = H^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$  is regarded as a real Hilbert space with inner product

$$(v, w)_{H^1} = (v, w)_{L^2} + (\partial_x v, \partial_x w)_{L^2}.$$

We define the energy  $E: H^1(\mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}$  by

(1.7) 
$$E(v) = \frac{1}{2} \|\partial_x v\|_{L^2}^2 - \frac{1}{4} (i|v|^2 \partial_x v, v)_{L^2} - \frac{b}{6} \|v\|_{L^6}^6.$$

Then, we have

$$E'(v) = -\partial_x^2 v - i|v|^2 \partial_x v - b|v|^4 v,$$

and (1.1) can be written in a Hamiltonian form  $i\partial_t u = E'(u)$  in  $H^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ . For  $\theta = (\theta_0, \theta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we define

(1.8) 
$$T(\theta)v(x) = e^{i\theta_0}v(x - \theta_1) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Note that the energy E is invariant under T, i.e.,

(1.9) 
$$E(T(\theta)v) = E(v), \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^2, v \in H^1(\mathbb{R}),$$

and that the solitary wave solution (1.2) is written as  $u_{\omega}(t) = T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$ .

The Cauchy problem for (1.1) is locally well-posed in the energy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$  (see [16] and also [7, 8, 9]). For any  $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ , there exist  $T_{\max} \in (0,\infty]$  and a unique solution  $u \in C([0,T_{\max}),H^1(\mathbb{R}))$  of (1.1) with  $u(0)=u_0$  such that either  $T_{\max}=\infty$  or  $T_{\max}<\infty$  and  $\lim_{t\to T_{\max}}\|u(t)\|_{H^1}=\infty$ . Moreover, the solution u(t) satisfies

$$E(u(t)) = E(u_0), \quad Q_0(u(t)) = Q_0(u_0), \quad Q_1(u(t)) = Q_1(u_0)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T_{\text{max}})$ , where  $Q_0$  and  $Q_1$  are defined by

(1.10) 
$$Q_0(v) = \frac{1}{2} \|v\|_{L^2}^2, \quad Q_1(v) = \frac{1}{2} (i\partial_x v, v)_{L^2}.$$

For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we define

$$U_{\varepsilon}(\phi_{\omega}) = \{ u \in H^{1}(\mathbb{R}) : \inf_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{2}} \|u - T(\theta)\phi_{\omega}\|_{H^{1}} < \varepsilon \}.$$

Then, the stability and instability of solitary waves are defined as follows.

**Definition 1.** We say that the solitary wave solution  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  of (1.1) is *stable* if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $u_0 \in U_{\delta}(\phi_{\omega})$ , then the solution u(t) of (1.1) with  $u(0) = u_0$  exists for all  $t \geq 0$ , and  $u(t) \in U_{\varepsilon}(\phi_{\omega})$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Otherwise,  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is said to be *unstable*.

For the case b=0, Colin and Ohta [2] proved that the solitary wave solution  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  of (1.1) is stable for all  $\omega \in \Omega$  (see also [6, 20]). We remark that the instability of solitary waves for (1.1) is not studied in previous papers [2, 6, 20]. For a recent result on a generalized derivative nonlinear Schrödinger equation, see [10].

In this paper, we consider the case b > 0, and prove the following.

**Theorem 1.** Let b > 0. Then there exists  $\kappa = \kappa(b) \in (0,1)$  such that the solitary wave solution  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  of (1.1) is stable if  $-2\sqrt{\omega_0} < \omega_1 < 2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0}$ , and unstable if  $2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0} < \omega_1 < 2\sqrt{\omega_0}$ .

**Remark 1.** Let b > 0,  $\gamma = 1 + \frac{16}{3}b$ , and

(1.11) 
$$g(\xi) = \frac{2(\gamma - 1)}{\xi} \tan^{-1} \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + \xi^2}}{\xi}, \quad \xi \in (0, \infty).$$

Then,  $g:(0,\infty)\to(0,\infty)$  is strictly decreasing and bijective. Thus, for any b>0, there exists a unique  $\hat{\xi}=\hat{\xi}(b)\in(0,\infty)$  such that  $g(\hat{\xi})=1$ . The constant  $\kappa$  in Theorem 1 is given by  $\kappa=(1+\hat{\xi}^2/\gamma)^{-1/2}$  (see Lemma 1 below).

**Remark 2.** The sufficient condition  $-2\sqrt{\omega_0} < \omega_1 < 2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0}$  for stability of  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is equivalent to  $Q_1(\phi_{\omega}) > 0$ , and the sufficient condition  $2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0} < \omega_1 < 2\sqrt{\omega_0}$  for instability is equivalent to  $Q_1(\phi_{\omega}) < 0$  (see Lemma 1 and Proof of Theorem 1 below). We also remark that  $E(\phi_{\omega}) = -\frac{\omega_1}{2}Q_1(\phi_{\omega})$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

**Remark 3.** We do not study the borderline case  $\omega_1 = 2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0}$  in this paper, and leave it as an open problem. Note that  $E(\phi_\omega) = Q_1(\phi_\omega) = 0$  in the case  $\omega_1 = 2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0}$ . For related results for one-parameter family of solitary waves in borderline cases, see [1, 15, 14, 11].

**Remark 4.** It is not known whether (1.1) has finite time blowup solutions or not. It will be interesting to study relations between unstable solitary wave solutions obtained in Theorem 1 and the existence of blowup solutions for (1.1). For a recent progress in this direction, see Wu [18, 19].

For  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we define the action  $S_\omega : H^1(\mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}$  by

$$S_{\omega}(v) = E(v) + \sum_{j=0}^{1} \omega_j Q_j(v),$$

where E,  $Q_0$  and  $Q_1$  are defined by (1.7) and (1.10). Note that  $Q'_0(v) = v$ ,  $Q'_1(v) = i\partial_x v$ , and that (1.5) is equivalent to  $S'_{\omega}(\phi) = 0$ .

We also define a function  $d: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  by

$$d(\omega) = S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) = E(\phi_{\omega}) + \sum_{j=0}^{1} \omega_{j} Q_{j}(\phi_{\omega}).$$

Then, we have

$$d'(\omega) = (\partial_{\omega_0} d(\omega), \partial_{\omega_1} d(\omega)) = (Q_0(\phi_\omega), Q_1(\phi_\omega)),$$

and the Hessian matrix  $d''(\omega)$  of  $d(\omega)$  is given by

$$d''(\omega) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \partial_{\omega_0}^2 d(\omega) & \partial_{\omega_1} \partial_{\omega_0} d(\omega) \\ \partial_{\omega_0} \partial_{\omega_1} d(\omega) & \partial_{\omega_1}^2 d(\omega) \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \partial_{\omega_0} Q_0(\phi_\omega) & \partial_{\omega_1} Q_0(\phi_\omega) \\ \partial_{\omega_0} Q_1(\phi_\omega) & \partial_{\omega_1} Q_1(\phi_\omega) \end{array} \right].$$

To prove Theorem 1, we use the following sufficient conditions for stability and instability in terms of the Hessian matrix  $d''(\omega)$  (see [5]).

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\omega \in \Omega$ . If the matrix  $d''(\omega)$  has a positive eigenvalue, then the solitary wave solution  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  of (1.1) is stable.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\omega \in \Omega$ . If  $d''(\omega)$  is negative definite (all eigenvalues of  $d''(\omega)$  are negative), then the solitary wave solution  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  of (1.1) is unstable.

Theorem 2 can be proved in the same way as in Colin and Ohta [2], and we omit the proof. We give the proof of Theorem 3 in Section 3 below. As we stated above, the instability of solitary waves for (1.1) has not been studied in previous papers [2, 6, 20].

Moreover, by the explicit form (1.3) with (1.4) of  $\phi_{\omega}$ , and by elementary computations, we have the following.

**Lemma 1.** Let b > 0 and  $\gamma = 1 + \frac{16}{3}b$ . For  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we have

$$Q_{0}(\phi_{\omega}) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_{1} + \sqrt{\omega_{1}^{2} + \gamma(4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2})}}{\sqrt{\gamma(4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2})}},$$

$$Q_{1}(\phi_{\omega}) = \frac{1}{\gamma^{3/2}} \left\{ \sqrt{\gamma(4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2})} - 2(\gamma - 1)\omega_{1} \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_{1} + \sqrt{\omega_{1}^{2} + \gamma(4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2})}}{\sqrt{\gamma(4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2})}} \right\},$$

$$\det[d''(\omega)] = \frac{-4Q_{1}(\phi_{\omega})}{\sqrt{4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2}} \left\{ \omega_{1}^{2} + \gamma(4\omega_{0} - \omega_{1}^{2}) \right\}}.$$

Theorem 1 follows from Theorems 2 and 3, Lemma 1 and Remark 1.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let  $\omega \in \Omega$ . If  $\omega_1 \leq 0$ , then by Lemma 1, we have  $Q_1(\phi_{\omega}) > 0$  and  $\det[d''(\omega)] < 0$ . Thus, the matrix  $d''(\omega)$  has one positive eigenvalue and one negative eigenvalue. Therefore, by Theorem 2,  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is stable.

Next, we consider the case  $\omega_1 > 0$ . We put  $\xi = \sqrt{\gamma \left(\frac{4\omega_0}{\omega_1^2} - 1\right)}$ . Then, by Lemma 1, we have

$$Q_1(\phi_\omega) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2} \{1 - g(\xi)\},\,$$

where  $g(\xi)$  is defined by (1.11) in Remark 1.

If  $g(\xi) < 1$ , then  $Q_1(\phi_{\omega}) > 0$  and  $\det[d''(\omega)] < 0$ . Thus,  $d''(\omega)$  has a positive eigenvalue, and by Theorem 2,  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is stable.

On the other hand, if  $g(\xi) > 1$ , then  $Q_1(\phi_{\omega}) < 0$  and  $\det[d''(\omega)] > 0$ . Moreover, since

$$\partial_{\omega_0}^2 d(\omega) = \partial_{\omega_0} Q_0(\phi_\omega) = \frac{-4\omega_1}{\sqrt{4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2} \{ \gamma(4\omega_0 - \omega_1^2) + \omega_1^2 \}} < 0,$$

we see that  $d''(\omega)$  is negative definite. Thus, it follows from Theorem 3 that  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is unstable.

Finally, by Remark 1, we see that  $g(\xi) < 1$  is equivalent to  $\omega_1 < 2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0}$ , and that  $g(\xi) > 1$  is equivalent to  $\omega_1 > 2\kappa\sqrt{\omega_0}$ .

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give a variational characterization of  $\phi_{\omega}$ . This part is essentially the same as Section 3 of [2], so we omit the details. In Section 3, we give the proof of Theorem 3. We divide the proof into two parts. In Subsection 3.1, we prove that if  $d''(\omega)$  is negative definite, then there exists an unstable direction  $\psi$ . In Subsection 3.2, we prove the instability of  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  using the variational characterization of  $\phi_{\omega}$  and the unstable direction  $\psi$ .

#### §2. Variational characterization

In this section, we give a variational characterization of  $\phi_{\omega}$ . Although  $\phi_{\omega}$  is given by (1.3) and (1.4) explicitly, we need such a variational characterization to prove stability and instability of solitary wave solutions  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$ .

Throughout this section, we assume that b > 0. The case b = 0 is studied in Section 3 of [2], and the proof for the case b > 0 is almost the same as that for b = 0, so we will omit the details.

For  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we define

$$L_{\omega}(v) = \|\partial_{x}v\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \omega_{0}\|v\|_{L^{2}}^{2} + \omega_{1}(i\partial_{x}v, v)_{L^{2}},$$

$$S_{\omega}(v) = \frac{1}{2}L_{\omega}(v) - \frac{1}{4}(i|v|^{2}\partial_{x}v, v)_{L^{2}} - \frac{b}{6}\|v\|_{L^{6}}^{6},$$

$$K_{\omega}(v) = L_{\omega}(v) - (i|v|^{2}\partial_{x}v, v)_{L^{2}} - b\|v\|_{L^{6}}^{6},$$

and consider the following minimization problem:

(2.1) 
$$\mu(\omega) = \inf\{S_{\omega}(v) : v \in H^{1}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}, \ K_{\omega}(v) = 0\}.$$

Note that (1.5) is equivalent to  $S'_{\omega}(\phi) = 0$  and that  $K_{\omega}(v) = \partial_{\lambda} S_{\omega}(\lambda v)|_{\lambda=1}$ . We also define

$$\tilde{S}_{\omega}(v) = S_{\omega}(v) - \frac{1}{4}K_{\omega}(v) = \frac{1}{4}L_{\omega}(v) + \frac{b}{12}||v||_{L^{6}}^{6}.$$

## Lemma 2. Let $\omega \in \Omega$ .

- (1) There exists a constant  $C_1 = C_1(\omega) > 0$  such that  $L_{\omega}(v) \geq C_1 ||v||_{H^1}^2$  for all  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (2)  $\mu(\omega) > 0$ .
- (3) If  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies  $K_{\omega}(v) < 0$ , then  $\mu(\omega) < \tilde{S}_{\omega}(v)$ .

*Proof.* (1) See Lemma 7 (1) of [2].

(2) Let  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}$  satisfy  $K_{\omega}(v) = 0$ . Then, by (1) and the Sobolev inequality, there exists  $C_2 > 0$  such that

$$C_1 \|v\|_{H^1}^2 \le L_{\omega}(v) = (i|v|^2 \partial_x v, v)_{L^2} + b\|v\|_{L^6}^6$$
  
 
$$\le \|\partial_x v\|_{L^2} \|v\|_{L^6}^3 + b\|v\|_{L^6}^6 \le \frac{C_1}{2} \|v\|_{H^1}^2 + C_2 \|v\|_{H^1}^6.$$

Since  $v \neq 0$ , we have  $||v||_{H^1}^4 \geq \frac{C_1}{2C_2}$ . Thus, we have

$$\mu(\omega) = \inf\{\tilde{S}_{\omega}(v) : v \in H^{1}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}, \ K_{\omega}(v) = 0\}$$
  
 
$$\geq \frac{1}{4}\inf\{L_{\omega}(v) : v \in H^{1}(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}, \ K_{\omega}(v) = 0\} \geq \frac{C_{1}}{4}\sqrt{\frac{C_{1}}{2C_{2}}} > 0.$$

(3) Let  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\}$  satisfy  $K_{\omega}(v) < 0$ . Then, there exists  $\lambda_1 \in (0,1)$  such that

$$K_{\omega}(\lambda_1 v) = \lambda_1^2 L_{\omega}(v) - \lambda_1^4 (i|v|^2 \partial_x v, v)_{L^2} - \lambda_1^6 b \|v\|_{L^6}^6 = 0.$$

Since  $v \neq 0$ , we have

$$\mu(\omega) \leq \tilde{S}_{\omega}(\lambda_1 v) = \frac{\lambda_1^2}{4} L_{\omega}(v) + \frac{\lambda_1^6 b}{12} ||v||_{L^6}^6 < \tilde{S}_{\omega}(v).$$

This completes the proof.

Let  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega}$  be the set of all minimizers for (2.1), i.e.,

$$\mathcal{M}_{\omega} = \{ \varphi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}) \setminus \{0\} : S_{\omega}(\varphi) = \mu(\omega), \ K_{\omega}(\varphi) = 0 \}.$$

Then, we obtain the following.

**Lemma 3.** For any  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we have  $\mathcal{M}_{\omega} = \{T(\theta)\phi_{\omega} : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ . In particular, if  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies  $K_{\omega}(v) = 0$  and  $v \neq 0$ , then  $S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) \leq S_{\omega}(v)$ .

The proof of Lemma 3 is almost the same as that of Lemma 10 of [2], so we omit it.

The following lemma plays an important role in the proof of Lemma 12.

**Lemma 4.** If 
$$v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$$
 satisfies  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), v \rangle = 0$ , then  $\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})v, v \rangle \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), v \rangle = 0$ . Since  $K_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) = 0$  and  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \phi_{\omega} \rangle \neq 0$ , by the implicit function theorem, there exist a constant  $\delta > 0$  and a  $C^2$ -function  $\gamma : (-\delta, \delta) \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\gamma(0) = 0$  and

(2.2) 
$$K_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + sv + \gamma(s)\phi_{\omega}) = 0, \quad s \in (-\delta, \delta).$$

Taking  $\delta$  smaller if necessary, we also have  $\phi_{\omega} + sv + \gamma(s)\phi_{\omega} \neq 0$  for  $s \in (-\delta, \delta)$ . Differentiating (2.2) at s = 0, we have

$$0 = \langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), v \rangle + \gamma'(0) \langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \phi_{\omega} \rangle.$$

Since  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), v \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \phi_{\omega} \rangle \neq 0$ , we have  $\gamma'(0) = 0$ .

Moreover, since  $\phi_{\omega} \in \mathcal{M}_{\omega}$  by Lemma 3, it follows from (2.2) that the function  $s \mapsto S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + sv + \gamma(s)\phi_{\omega})$  has a local minimum at s = 0. Thus, we have

$$0 \leq \frac{d^2}{ds^2} S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + sv + \gamma(s)\phi_{\omega})\big|_{s=0}$$
  
=  $\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})(v + \gamma'(0)\phi_{\omega}), v + \gamma'(0)\phi_{\omega} \rangle + \langle S'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \gamma''(0)\phi_{\omega} \rangle$   
=  $\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})v, v \rangle$ .

This completes the proof.

#### §3. Proof of Theorem 3

In this section, we give the proof of Theorem 3. We divide the proof into two parts. In Subsection 3.1, we prove that if  $d''(\omega)$  is negative definite, then there exists an unstable direction  $\psi$  (see Lemma 6). In Subsection 3.2, we prove the instability of  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  using the variational characterization of  $\phi_{\omega}$  and the unstable direction  $\psi$  (see Proposition 1). Theorem 3 follows from Lemma 6 and Proposition 1.

### 3.1. Existence of unstable direction

**Lemma 5.**  $\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})\phi_{\omega},\phi_{\omega}\rangle < 0.$ 

*Proof.* Since the function

$$(0,\infty)\ni\lambda\mapsto S_{\omega}(\lambda\phi_{\omega})=\frac{\lambda^{2}}{2}L_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})-\frac{\lambda^{4}}{4}(i|\phi_{\omega}|^{2}\partial_{x}\phi_{\omega},\phi_{\omega})_{L^{2}}-\frac{\lambda^{6}}{6}\|\phi_{\omega}\|_{L^{6}}^{6}$$

has a strictly local maximum at  $\lambda = 1$ , we have

$$0 > \frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} S_{\omega}(\lambda \phi_{\omega}) \big|_{\lambda=1} = \langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) \phi_{\omega}, \phi_{\omega} \rangle.$$

This completes the proof.

**Lemma 6.** Assume that  $d''(\hat{\omega})$  is negative definite. Then there exists  $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\langle Q_0'(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}), \psi \rangle = \langle Q_1'(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}), \psi \rangle = 0, \quad \langle S_{\hat{\omega}}''(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\psi, \psi \rangle < 0.$$

*Proof.* For  $(s, \omega)$  near  $(0, \hat{\omega})$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times \Omega$ , we define

$$F(s,\omega) := \left[ \begin{array}{c} Q_0(s\phi_{\hat{\omega}} + \phi_{\omega}) - Q_0(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}) \\ Q_1(s\phi_{\hat{\omega}} + \phi_{\omega}) - Q_1(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}) \end{array} \right].$$

Then, we have  $F(0,\hat{\omega}) = 0$ . Moreover, since  $D_{\omega}F(0,\hat{\omega}) = d''(\hat{\omega})$  is negative definite and invertible, by the implicit function theorem, there exist a constant  $\delta > 0$  and a  $C^1$ -function  $\gamma : (-\delta, \delta) \to \Omega$  such that  $\gamma(0) = \hat{\omega}$  and

$$Q_0(s\phi_{\hat{\omega}} + \phi_{\gamma(s)}) = Q_0(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}), \quad Q_1(s\phi_{\hat{\omega}} + \phi_{\gamma(s)}) = Q_1(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})$$

for  $s \in (-\delta, \delta)$ . We define  $\varphi_s := s\phi_{\hat{\omega}} + \phi_{\gamma(s)}$  for  $s \in (-\delta, \delta)$ , and

$$w_j := \partial_{\omega_j} \phi_{\omega}|_{\omega = \hat{\omega}} \quad (j = 0, 1), \quad \psi := \partial_s \varphi_s|_{s = 0} = \phi_{\hat{\omega}} + \sum_{j = 0}^1 \gamma_j'(0) w_j.$$

Then, for j = 0, 1, we have

(3.1) 
$$0 = \frac{d}{ds} Q_j(\varphi_s)|_{s=0} = \langle Q'_j(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}), \psi \rangle$$
$$= \langle Q'_j(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}), \phi_{\hat{\omega}} \rangle + \sum_{k=0}^{1} \gamma'_k(0) \langle Q'_j(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}), w_k \rangle.$$

Moreover, differentiating

$$0 = S'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) = E'(\phi_{\omega}) + \sum_{k=0}^{1} \omega_k Q'_k(\phi_{\omega}),$$

with respect to  $\omega_j$  for j = 0, 1, we have

$$(3.2) 0 = E''(\phi_{\omega})(\partial_{\omega_{j}}\phi_{\omega}) + \sum_{k=0}^{1} \omega_{k} Q_{k}''(\phi_{\omega})(\partial_{\omega_{j}}\phi_{\omega}) + Q_{j}'(\phi_{\omega})$$
$$= S_{\omega}''(\phi_{\omega})(\partial_{\omega_{j}}\phi_{\omega}) + Q_{j}'(\phi_{\omega}).$$

By (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$\langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\psi,\psi\rangle = \langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\phi_{\hat{\omega}},\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle + 2\sum_{j=0}^{1}\gamma'_{j}(0)\langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})w_{j},\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle$$

$$+ \sum_{j,k=0}^{1}\gamma'_{j}(0)\gamma'_{k}(0)\langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})w_{j},w_{k}\rangle$$

$$= \langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\phi_{\hat{\omega}},\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle - 2\sum_{j=0}^{1}\gamma'_{j}(0)\langle Q'_{j}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}),\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle - \sum_{j,k=0}^{1}\gamma'_{j}(0)\gamma'_{k}(0)\langle Q'_{j}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}),w_{k}\rangle$$

$$= \langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\phi_{\hat{\omega}},\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle + \sum_{j,k=0}^{1}\gamma'_{j}(0)\gamma'_{k}(0)\langle Q'_{j}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}}),w_{k}\rangle$$

$$= \langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\phi_{\hat{\omega}},\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle + \sum_{j,k=0}^{1}\gamma'_{j}(0)\gamma'_{k}(0)\partial_{\omega_{j}}\partial_{\omega_{k}}d(\hat{\omega}).$$

Since  $d''(\hat{\omega})$  is negative definite, it follows from Lemma 5 that

$$\langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\psi,\psi\rangle \leq \langle S''_{\hat{\omega}}(\phi_{\hat{\omega}})\phi_{\hat{\omega}},\phi_{\hat{\omega}}\rangle < 0.$$

This completes the proof.

#### 3.2. Proof of instability

In this subsection, we prove the following.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\omega \in \Omega$ , and assume that there exists  $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$(3.3) \langle Q_0'(\phi_\omega), \psi \rangle = \langle Q_1'(\phi_\omega), \psi \rangle = 0, \quad \langle S_\omega''(\phi_\omega)\psi, \psi \rangle < 0.$$

Then, the solitary wave solution  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  of (1.1) is unstable.

To prove Proposition 1, we use the argument of Gonçalves Ribeiro [3] (see also [17, 4]) with some modifications. Throughout this subsection, we fix  $\omega \in \Omega$ , and assume that  $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies (3.3).

**Lemma 7.** There exists a constant  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that

$$S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + \lambda \psi) < S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})$$

for all  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_0, 0) \cup (0, \lambda_0)$ .

*Proof.* By Taylor's expansion, for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + \lambda \psi)$$

$$= S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) + \lambda \langle S_{\omega}'(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle + \lambda^{2} \int_{0}^{1} (1 - s) \langle S_{\omega}''(\phi_{\omega} + s\lambda \psi)\psi, \psi \rangle ds$$

$$= S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) + \lambda^{2} \int_{0}^{1} (1 - s) \langle S_{\omega}''(\phi_{\omega} + s\lambda \psi)\psi, \psi \rangle ds.$$

Since  $\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})\psi,\psi\rangle < 0$ , by the continuity of  $\lambda \mapsto \langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + \lambda\psi)\psi,\psi\rangle$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that

$$\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + \lambda \psi)\psi, \psi \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})\psi, \psi \rangle$$

for all  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_0, \lambda_0)$ . Thus, for  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_0, 0) \cup (0, \lambda_0)$ , we have

$$S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega} + \lambda \psi) \leq S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) + \frac{\lambda^2}{4} \langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})\psi, \psi \rangle < S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}).$$

This completes the proof.

For  $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we define

$$T_0' u = iu, \quad T_1' u = -\partial_x u.$$

Then, by (1.8) and (1.10), we have

(3.4) 
$$\partial_{\theta_i} T(\theta) u = T(\theta) T'_i u = T'_i T(\theta) u, \quad \langle Q'_i(u), v \rangle = (T'_i u, iv)_{L^2}$$

for  $\theta = (\theta_0, \theta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $u, v \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  and j = 0, 1. We denote  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Lemma 8.** There exist a constant  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and a  $C^1$ -function

$$\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1) : U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega) \to \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$$

such that  $\alpha(\phi_{\omega}) = 0$ , and

(1) 
$$\alpha(T(\xi)u) = \alpha(u) + \xi \text{ for all } u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega) \text{ and } \xi \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

(2) 
$$(T'_i u, T(\alpha(u))\phi_{\omega})_{L^2} = 0$$
 for all  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_{\omega})$  and  $j = 0, 1$ .

(3) There exists  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j,k=0}^{1} (T_j' u, T(\alpha(u)) T_k' \phi_\omega)_{L^2} \zeta_j \zeta_k \ge \rho |\zeta|^2$$

for all  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$  and  $\zeta = (\zeta_0, \zeta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Proof. See Section 3 of [3].

For  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ , we define

$$H(u) = [h_{ik}(u)]_{i,k=0,1}, \quad h_{ik}(u) = (T'_i u, T(\alpha(u))T'_k \phi_{\omega})_{L^2}.$$

Then, by Lemma 8 (1), we have

(3.5) 
$$h_{jk}(T(\xi)u) = (T(\xi)T'_{j}u, T(\alpha(u) + \xi)T'_{k}\phi_{\omega})_{L^{2}} = h_{jk}(u)$$

for  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Moreover, differentiating Lemma 8 (2) with respect to u, we have

(3.6) 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{1} h_{jk}(u) \langle \alpha'_k(u), w \rangle = (T(\alpha(u))T'_j \phi_\omega, w)_{L^2}$$

for  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ ,  $w \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  and j = 0, 1. By Lemma 8 (3), the matrix H(u) is invertible, and we denote the inverse  $H(u)^{-1}$  by  $G(u) = [g_{jk}(u)]$ . Then, there exists a constant C > 0 such that

(3.7) 
$$|g_{jk}(u)| \le C \text{ for all } u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega), \ j, k = 0, 1.$$

For j = 0, 1 and  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ , we define

$$a_j(u) := \sum_{k=0}^{1} g_{jk}(u) T(\alpha(u)) T'_k \phi_{\omega}.$$

Since  $\phi_{\omega} \in H^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we see that  $a_j(u) \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ , it follows from (3.6) that

$$\langle \alpha'_j(u), w \rangle = (a_j(u), w)_{L^2}, \quad w \in H^1(\mathbb{R}).$$

By (3.5) and Lemma 8 (1), for j = 0, 1, we have

(3.8) 
$$a_j(T(\xi)u) = T(\xi)a_j(u) \text{ for all } u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega), \ \xi \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Moreover, by (3.7), there exists a constant C > 0 such that

(3.9) 
$$||a_j(u)||_{H^1} \leq C \text{ for all } u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega), \ j = 0, 1.$$

Next, for  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ , we define

(3.10) 
$$A(u) = (iu, T(\alpha(u))\psi)_{L^2},$$

(3.11) 
$$q(u) = T(\alpha(u))\psi + \sum_{j=0}^{1} (iu, T(\alpha(u))T'_{j}\psi)_{L^{2}} ia_{j}(u).$$

Then, since  $\psi$ ,  $a_0(u)$ ,  $a_1(u) \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we see that  $q(u) \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Lemma 9.** For  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ ,

(1) 
$$A(T(\xi)u) = A(u), q(T(\xi)u) = T(\xi)q(u) \text{ for all } \xi \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

(2) 
$$\langle A'(u), w \rangle = (q(u), iw)_{L^2}$$
 for  $w \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ .

(3) 
$$q(\phi_{\omega}) = \psi$$
.

(4) 
$$\langle Q'_{i}(u), q(u) \rangle = 0 \text{ for } j = 0, 1.$$

*Proof.* (1) By Lemma 8 (1), we have

$$\begin{split} A(T(\xi)u) &= (iT(\xi)u, T(\alpha(u) + \xi)\psi)_{L^2} \\ &= (iT(\xi)u, T(\xi)T(\alpha(u))\psi)_{L^2} = A(u). \end{split}$$

Moreover, by (3.8), we have

$$q(T(\xi)u) = T(\xi)T(\alpha(u))\psi + \sum_{j=0}^{1} (iT(\xi)u, T(\xi)T(\alpha(u))T'_{j}\psi)_{L^{2}} ia_{j}(T(\xi)u)$$
  
=  $T(\xi)q(u)$ .

(2) For  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$  and  $w \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \langle A'(u),w\rangle &= (iw,T(\alpha(u))\psi)_{L^2} + \sum_{j=0}^1 \langle \alpha'_j(u),w\rangle \left(iu,T(\alpha(u))T'_j\psi\right)_{L^2} \\ &= (iw,T(\alpha(u))\psi)_{L^2} + \sum_{j=0}^1 \left(iu,T(\alpha(u))T'_j\psi\right)_{L^2} \left(a_j(u),w\right)_{L^2} \\ &= (q(u),iw)_{L^2} \,. \end{split}$$

(3) By (3.4) and the assumption (3.3), we have

$$(i\phi_{\omega}, T'_j \psi)_{L^2} = (T'_j \phi_{\omega}, i\psi)_{L^2} = \langle Q'_j (\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle = 0.$$

Moreover, since  $\alpha(\phi_{\omega}) = 0$ , by (3.11), we have  $q(\phi_{\omega}) = \psi$ .

(4) For  $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ , by (1) and (2), we have

$$0 = \partial_{\xi_j} A(T(\xi)u) \big|_{\xi=0} = \langle A'(u), T'_j u \rangle = (q(u), iT'_j u)_{L^2}.$$

By density argument, we have  $(q(u), iT'_j u)_{L^2} = 0$  for all  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ . Thus, we have  $\langle Q'_j(u), q(u) \rangle = (T'_j u, iq(u))_{L^2} = 0$  for  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ .

For  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$ , we define

$$P(u) := \langle E'(u), q(u) \rangle.$$

We remark that by Lemma 9 (4), we have

(3.12) 
$$P(u) = \langle S'_{\omega}(u), q(u) \rangle, \quad u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_{\omega}).$$

**Lemma 10.** Let I be an interval of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $u \in C(I, H^1(\mathbb{R})) \cap C^1(I, H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}))$  be a solution of (1.1), and assume that  $u(t) \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$  for all  $t \in I$ . Then,

$$\frac{d}{dt}A(u(t)) = P(u(t))$$

for all  $t \in I$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.6 of [4] and Lemma 9 (2), we see that  $t \mapsto A(u(t))$  is a  $C^1$ -function on I, and

$$\frac{d}{dt}A(u(t)) = \langle i\partial_t u(t), q(u(t)) \rangle$$

for all  $t \in I$ . Since u(t) is a solution of (1.1), we have

$$\langle i\partial_t u(t), q(u(t)) \rangle = \langle E'(u(t)), q(u(t)) \rangle = P(u(t))$$

for all  $t \in I$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 11.** There exist constants  $\lambda_1 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$  such that

$$S_{\omega}(u + \lambda q(u)) \le S_{\omega}(u) + \lambda P(u)$$

for all  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_1, \lambda_1)$  and  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_1}(\phi_\omega)$ .

*Proof.* For  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_\omega)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , by Taylor's expansion, we have

$$(3.13) S_{\omega}(u+\lambda q(u)) = S_{\omega}(u) + \lambda P(u) + \lambda^2 \int_0^1 (1-s)R(\lambda s, u) \, ds,$$

where we used (3.12) and put

$$R(\lambda, u) := \langle S''_{\omega}(u + \lambda q(u))q(u), q(u) \rangle.$$

Here, we remark that

$$P(T(\xi)u) = \langle S'_{\omega}(T(\xi)u), T(\xi)q(u) \rangle = P(u),$$
  

$$R(\lambda, T(\xi)u) = \langle S''_{\omega}(T(\xi)(u + \lambda q(u)))T(\xi)q(u), T(\xi)q(u) \rangle = R(\lambda, u)$$

for  $\xi \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Moreover, since

$$R(0,\phi_{\omega}) = \langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})q(\phi_{\omega}), q(\phi_{\omega}) \rangle = \langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})\psi, \psi \rangle < 0,$$

by the continuity of  $R(\lambda, u)$  with respect to  $\lambda$  and u, there exist constants  $\lambda_1 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$  such that  $R(\lambda, u) < 0$  for all  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_1, \lambda_1)$  and  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_1}(\phi_\omega)$ . Thus, by (3.13), we have

$$S_{\omega}(u + \lambda q(u)) \le S_{\omega}(u) + \lambda P(u)$$

for all  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_1, \lambda_1)$  and  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_1}(\phi_{\omega})$ .

**Lemma 12.** There exist constants  $\varepsilon_2 \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  and  $\lambda_2 \in (0, \lambda_1)$  that satisfy the following. For any  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ , there exists  $\Lambda(u) \in (-\lambda_2, \lambda_2)$  such that

$$K_{\omega}(u + \Lambda(u)q(u)) = 0, \quad u + \Lambda(u)q(u) \neq 0.$$

*Proof.* First, since  $\langle S''_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega})\psi,\psi\rangle < 0$ , by Lemma 4, we have  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}),\psi\rangle \neq 0$ . Thus, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}),\psi\rangle > 0$ . For  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_0}(\phi_{\omega})$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

(3.14) 
$$K_{\omega}(u + \lambda q(u)) = K_{\omega}(u) + \lambda \int_{0}^{1} \langle K'_{\omega}(u + s\lambda q(u)), q(u) \rangle ds.$$

Since  $\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), q(\phi_{\omega}) \rangle = \langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle > 0$ , by the continuity of the function  $\langle K'_{\omega}(u+\lambda q(u)), q(u) \rangle$  with respect to  $\lambda$  and u, there exist constants  $\lambda_2 \in (0, \lambda_1)$  and  $\varepsilon_2 \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  such that

(3.15) 
$$\langle K'_{\omega}(u+\lambda q(u)), q(u)\rangle \geq \frac{1}{2}\langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \psi\rangle$$

for all  $\lambda \in [-\lambda_2, \lambda_2]$  and  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ . Moreover, since  $K_\omega(\phi_\omega) = 0$ , taking  $\varepsilon_2$  smaller if necessary, we have

$$(3.16) |K_{\omega}(u)| < \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle, \quad u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_{\omega}).$$

Let  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ . If  $K_\omega(u) < 0$ , then it follows from (3.14)–(3.16) that

$$K_{\omega}(u+\lambda_2 q(u)) = K_{\omega}(u) + \lambda_2 \int_0^1 \langle K'_{\omega}(u+s\lambda_2 q(u)), q(u) \rangle ds$$
$$> -\frac{\lambda_2}{2} \langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \langle K'_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle = 0.$$

Since the function  $\lambda \mapsto K_{\omega}(u+\lambda q(u))$  is continuous, there exists  $\Lambda(u) \in (0,\lambda_2)$  such that

(3.17) 
$$K_{\omega}(u + \Lambda(u)q(u)) = 0.$$

Similarly, if  $K_{\omega}(u) > 0$ , then we have

$$K_{\omega}(u - \lambda_2 q(u)) = K_{\omega}(u) - \lambda_2 \int_0^1 \langle K_{\omega}'(u - s\lambda_2 q(u)), q(u) \rangle ds$$
$$< \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \langle K_{\omega}'(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \langle K_{\omega}'(\phi_{\omega}), \psi \rangle = 0.$$

Thus, there exists  $\Lambda(u) \in (-\lambda_2, 0)$  such that (3.17). If  $K_{\omega}(u) = 0$ , taking  $\Lambda(u) = 0$ , (3.17) is satisfied.

Finally, by (3.9) and (3.11), taking  $\lambda_2$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  smaller if necessary, we have  $u + \Lambda(u)q(u) \neq 0$  for all  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 13.** Let  $\lambda_2$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  be the positive constants given in Lemma 12. Then,

$$S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) \le S_{\omega}(u) + \lambda_2 |P(u)|$$

for all  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 12, for any  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ , there exists  $\Lambda(u) \in (-\lambda_2, \lambda_2)$  such that  $K_\omega(u + \Lambda(u)q(u)) = 0$  and  $u + \Lambda(u)q(u) \neq 0$ . Then, it follows from Lemma 3 that

$$(3.18) S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) \leq S_{\omega}(u + \Lambda(u)q(u)), \quad u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_{\omega}).$$

Thus, by Lemma 11 and (3.18), for  $u \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_\omega)$ , we have

$$S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) \leq S_{\omega}(u + \Lambda(u)q(u)) \leq S_{\omega}(u) + \Lambda(u)P(u)$$
  
$$\leq S_{\omega}(u) + |\Lambda(u)||P(u)| \leq S_{\omega}(u) + \lambda_{2}|P(u)|.$$

This completes the proof.

We are now in a position to give the Proof of Proposition 1.

Proof of Proposition 1. Suppose that  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is stable. For  $\lambda$  close to 0, let  $u_{\lambda}(t)$  be the solution of (1.1) with  $u_{\lambda}(0) = \phi_{\omega} + \lambda \psi$ . Since  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is stable, there exists  $\lambda_3 \in (0, \lambda_0)$  such that if  $|\lambda| < \lambda_3$ , then  $u_{\lambda}(t) \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_{\omega})$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Moreover, by the definition (3.10) of A, there exists  $C_1 > 0$  such that  $|A(v)| \leq C_1$  for all  $v \in U_{\varepsilon_2}(\phi_{\omega})$ .

Let  $\lambda \in (-\lambda_3, 0) \cup (0, \lambda_3)$ . Then, by Lemma 7, we have

$$\delta_{\lambda} := S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) - S_{\omega}(u_{\lambda}(0)) > 0.$$

Moreover, by Lemma 13 and the conservation of  $S_{\omega}$ , we have

$$0 < \delta_{\lambda} = S_{\omega}(\phi_{\omega}) - S_{\omega}(u_{\lambda}(t)) \le \lambda_2 |P(u_{\lambda}(t))|, \quad t \ge 0.$$

Since  $t \mapsto P(u_{\lambda}(t))$  is continuous, we see that either (i)  $P(u_{\lambda}(t)) \geq \delta_{\lambda}/\lambda_2$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , or (ii)  $P(u_{\lambda}(t)) \leq -\delta_{\lambda}/\lambda_2$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Moreover, by Lemma 10, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}A(u_{\lambda}(t)) = P(u_{\lambda}(t)), \quad t \ge 0.$$

Therefore, we see that  $A(u_{\lambda}(t)) \to \infty$  as  $t \to \infty$  for the case (i), and  $A(u_{\lambda}(t)) \to -\infty$  as  $t \to \infty$  for the case (ii). This contradicts the fact that  $|A(u_{\lambda}(t))| \le C_1$  for all  $t \ge 0$ . Hence,  $T(\omega t)\phi_{\omega}$  is unstable.

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