

Breathers and the Dynamics of Solutions in KdV Type Equations

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© 2018, Springer-Verlag GmbH Germany, part of Springer Nature. In this paper our first aim is to identify a large class of non-linear functions $f(\cdot)$ for which the IVP for the generalized Korteweg-de Vries equation does not have breathers or "small" breather solutions. Also, we prove that all uniformly in time $L^1 \cap H^1$ bounded solutions to KdV and related "small" perturbations must converge to zero, as time goes to infinity, locally in an increasing-in-time region of space of order $t^{1/2}$ around any compact set in space. This set is included in the linearly dominated dispersive region $x \leq t$. Moreover, we prove this result independently of the well-known supercritical character of KdV scattering. In particular, no standing breather-like nor solitary wave structures exist in this particular regime.