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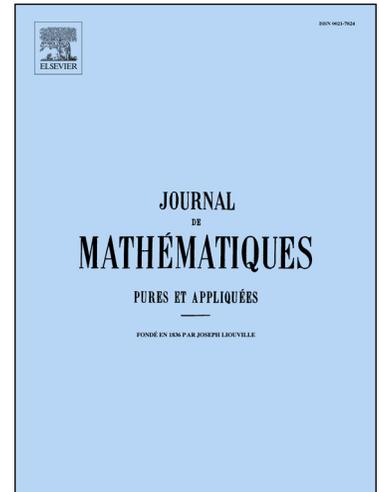
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Abstract

In the significant work of [6], Alinhac proved the global existence of small solutions for 2D quasilinear wave equations under the null conditions. The proof heavily relies on the fact that the initial data have compact support [23]. Whether this constraint can be removed or not is still unclear. In this paper, for fully nonlinear wave equations under the null conditions, we prove the global well-posedness for small initial data without compact support. Moreover, we apply our result to a class of quasilinear wave equations.

Dans un travail important, Alinhac [6] a prouvé l'existence globale de solutions petites pour les équations des ondes en 2D sous la condition nulle. La preuve repose en grande partie sur le fait que les données initiales ont un support compacte [23]. Que cette contrainte peut être retirée ou non est encore une question ouverte. Dans ce papier, pour les équations des ondes totalement non linéaires avec la condition nulle, nous démontrons l'existence globale pour des données initiales petites sans l'hypothèse de support compacte. De plus, nous appliquons notre résultat à une classe d'équations d'ondes quasilineaires.

Keywords: Global well-posedness, Two dimensional nonlinear wave equations, Without compact support, Null condition

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1. Introduction

Global well-posedness for nonlinear wave equations is a well-oiled mathematical topic. Many mathematicians including S. Alinhac, D. Christodoulou, L. Hörmander, F. John, S. Klainerman, etc. have made tremendous contributions to this subject. The first nontrivial long-time existence result

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