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THE GLOBAL WELL-POSEDNESS OF WEAK SOLUTIONS FOR THE DEGASPERIS-PROCESI EQUATION WITHOUT PEAKONS

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Abstract. The Degasperis-Procesi equation with no peakon solutions is investigated. Conditions on the coefficient k of the term u_x in the equation and the initial value u_0 are derived to guarantee the existence and uniqueness of global weak solutions in the lower order Sobolev space $H^s(R)$ with $1 \leq s \leq \frac{3}{2}$. In addition, provided $|u_0|$ and $|u_{0xx}|$ are bounded, it is shown that the Degasperis-Procesi equation always has a unique global weak solution in $H^s(R)$ with $1 \leq s \leq \frac{3}{2}$ if the positive constant k is suitable large.

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