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# VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES FOR A FOURTH ORDER **QUASILINEAR HYPERBOLIC OPERATOR**

### Abstract

A variational inequality for a class of fourth order quasilinear hyperbolic operators is considered in the paper. Theorems on the solvability «in the large» are proved.

0. Theory of variational inequalities for second order quasilinear hyperbolic operators developed in papers [1], [2], [3], [4] and etc. Variational inequalities for higher order quasilinear operators are investigated only for operators with integral nonlinearity [5].

In this paper we consider a variational inequality for a class of fourth order quasilinear hyperbolic operators. The theorem on the solvability «in the large» is proved. These operators are characterized by the fact that a mixed problem for the corresponding linearized operator is correct by Petrovsky.

1. Statement of the problem and main result. Let  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $t \in (0,T)$  where  $\Omega \subset R^n$  and have a sufficient smooth boundary  $\Gamma = \partial \Omega$ , T > 0.

Introduce denotations

$$(u,v)(t) = \int_{\Omega} u(t,x)v(t,x)dx, \quad ||u(t)||_{L^{2}(\Omega)} = (u,u)(t),$$

$$\widetilde{V}^{k} = \left\{ u: u \in W^{k}(\Omega), \quad \Delta^{i}u|_{x} = 0, \quad i = 0,1,\dots, \left\lceil \frac{k-1}{2} \right\rceil \right\}$$

$$\widetilde{W}_{p}^{k} = \left\{ u : u \in W_{p}^{k}(\Omega), \Delta' u \middle|_{\Gamma} = 0, i = 0, 1, ..., \left[ \frac{k-1}{2} \right] \right\},$$

where  $\left\lceil \frac{k-1}{2} \right\rceil$  is the whole part of  $\frac{k-1}{2}$ ,  $1 . By <math>K_{\lambda}$  and  $K_0$  we denote the

following convex and close sets in the spaces  $\widetilde{W}_2^4$  and  $\widetilde{W}_2^2$  respectively.

$$K_{\lambda} = \left\{ u : u \in \widetilde{W}_{2}^{4}, \ \left| \Delta u(x) \right| \le 1, \ \left| \Delta^{2} u(x) \right| \le \lambda \ \text{almost everywhere (a.e) on } \Omega \right\}$$
$$K_{0} = \left\{ u : u \in \widetilde{W}_{2}^{2}, \ \left| \Delta u(x) \right| \le 1 \text{ a.e. on } \Omega \right\},$$

where 
$$\Delta = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{i}^{2}}$$
.

Let  $H_2 \subset H_1 \subset H_0$  be Hilbert spaces. We denote by  $H_T \big( H_2, H_1, H_0 \big)$  the following space:

$$H_T(H_2, H_1, H_0) = \{ u : u \in L_\infty(0, T; H_2), u' \in L_\infty(0, T; H_1), u'' \in L_\infty(0, T; H_0) \} .$$

We also determine the set:

$$\begin{split} &H_T\big(K_{\lambda},H_2,H_1,H_0\big)\equiv H_T\big(K_{\lambda}\big)=\\ &=\big\{\,u\,:\!u\in H_T\big(H_2,H_1,H_0\big)\!,\,u_t'\big(t,\cdot\big)\!\in K_{\lambda}\,\text{ a.e. on }\big(0,T\big)\!\big\},\quad 0<\lambda<\infty\;. \end{split}$$

Let's consider a fourth order quasilinear operator on the domain  $Q_T = (0,T) \times \Omega$ 

$$L(u) = u_u + \Delta(a(u)\Delta u),$$

where  $a(\cdot) \in C^2(R)$  and which satisfy the condition

$$a(u) \ge a_0 > 0, \quad u \in R. \tag{1}$$

We shall investigate an one-sided problem corresponding to the operator L with the boundary and initial conditions

$$u(t,x) = \Delta u(t,x) = 0, \quad (t,x) \in (0,T) \times \Gamma, \tag{2}$$

$$u(0,x) = u_0(x), \quad u_1(0,x) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$
 (3)

with the restriction

$$u_t(t,\cdot) \in K_0$$
 a.e. on  $(0,T)$ . (4)

The following main result is valid.

**Theorem 1.** Let the hyperbolicity condition (1) is satisfied. Then for any  $f(\cdot) \in W_2^1(0,T;L_2(\Omega))$ ,  $u_0 \in \widetilde{W}_2^4(\Omega) \cap C^4(\overline{\Omega})$ ,  $u_1 \in K_0$  there exists a unique function  $u(\cdot) \in H_T(K_0;\widetilde{W}_2^3,\widetilde{W}_2^2,L_2(\Omega))$ , which satisfies the conditions (2)-(3) and the inequality  $(L(u),v-u',V_1) \geq (f,v-u',V_1)$  a.e. on [0,T].

where  $v \in K_0$ .

2. Solvability of a regularized one-sided problem. First of all, we shall study the corresponding linearized problem. To this aim put  $\widetilde{a}(t,x) = a(u(t,x))$ , where  $u(\cdot) \in H_T(K_\lambda; \widetilde{W}_2^1, \widetilde{W}_2^1, L_2(\Omega))$ .

We determine the operator B(t) on the space  $L_2(\Omega)$  by the following equalities:

$$\begin{cases} D(B(t)) = \widetilde{W}_{2}^{4} \\ B(t)h = \Delta(a(t,x)\Delta h), \quad h \in \widetilde{W}_{2}^{4}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to show that for any  $u(\cdot) \in H_T(K_\lambda; \widetilde{W}_2^1, \widetilde{W}_2^1, L_2(\Omega))$ , B(t) is a self-adjoint, positive defined operator, and the mapping  $t \to B(t)h$  is twice strongly continuously differentiable.

Consider the following one-sided problem

$$\begin{cases} (w_{ii} + B(t)w - f, \ v - w'_i)(t) \ge 0, \text{ a.e. on } [0, T], \\ w(0) = u_0, \ w'_i(0) = u_1, \end{cases}$$
 (5)

where  $v \in K_{\lambda}$ .

We know that for any  $u_0 \in D(B)$ ,  $u_1 \in K_\lambda \cap D(B^{1/2})$  the problem (5)-(6) has a unique solution w, where  $w \in L_\infty(0,T;D(B^{1/2}))$ ,  $w_i' \in L_\infty(0,T;D(B^{1/2}))$ ,  $w_i'' \in L_\infty(0,T;L_2(\Omega))$ ,  $w_i'(t,\cdot) \in K_\lambda$  a.e. on (0,T) (see [6]).

Since 
$$D(B^{1/2}) = \widetilde{W}_2^2$$
, we get  $w \in H_T(K_\lambda; \widetilde{W}_2^2, \widetilde{W}_2^2, L_2(\Omega))$ .

Thus, we have the mappings

$$u \to w: H_T(K_\lambda; \widetilde{W}_2^2, \widetilde{W}_2^2, L_2(\Omega)) \to H_T(K_\lambda; \widetilde{W}_2^2, \widetilde{W}_2^2, L_2(\Omega)).$$

Using this, we can construct a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  such that

$$u_n \in H_T\left(K_{\lambda}; \widetilde{W}_2^2, \widetilde{W}_2^2, L_2(\Omega)\right), \tag{7}$$

where for any n,  $u_{n+1}$  is the solution of the following problem:

$$(\widetilde{L}(u_n)u_{n+1}, v - u'_{n+1})(t) \ge 0, \ v \in K_\lambda, \text{ a.e. on } [0,T],$$
 (8)

$$u_{n-1}(0) = u_0, \quad u'_{n-1}(0) = u_1.$$
 (9)

Here

$$\widetilde{L}(u)h = h_{tt} + \Delta(a(u)\Delta h) - f(t,x).$$

From (7) it follows that

$$u'_n(t, t) \in K_i$$
 a.e. on  $(0, T)$ .

Hence, we get the following priori estimates:

$$\left|\Delta u_{n_i}'(t,x) \le 1\right|, \ \left|\Delta^2 u_{n_i}'(t,x)\right| \le \lambda \text{ a.e. on } (t,x) \in Q_T$$
 (10)

that give also the following a priori estimates

$$|\Delta u_n(t,x)| \le c, |\Delta^2 u_n(t,x)| \le c\lambda,$$

$$|\nabla u_n(t,x)| \le c, |\nabla \Delta u_n(t,x)| \le c\lambda,$$

$$|u_n(t,x)| \le c, \text{ a.e. on } (t,x) \in Q_T.$$
(11)

Let's introduce the following denotations:  $D_{\delta}h(t) = h(t+\delta) - h(t)$ ,  $\widetilde{D}_{\delta} = \frac{1}{\delta}D_{\delta}$ .

In inequality (8) put  $v = u'_{n+1}(t + \delta, \cdot)$ . Then we have

$$\left(\widetilde{L}(u_n)u_{n+1},D_{\delta}u'_{n+1}\right)(t)\geq 0.$$

Hence we get that

$$\left(\widetilde{L}(u_n)u_{n+1}, \widetilde{D}_{\delta}u'_{n+1}\right)(t) \ge 0, \text{ if } \delta > 0 \\
\left(\widetilde{L}(u_n)u_{n+1}, \widetilde{D}_{\delta}u'_{n+1}\right)(t) \le 0, \text{ if } \delta < 0\right) \tag{12}$$

Passing to the limit for  $\delta \to 0$  in inequalities (12) we get

$$(\widetilde{L}(u_n u_{n+1}, u_{n+1}''))(t) = 0,$$
 (13)

hence we have:

$$\iint_{\Omega} u_{n+1_n}^{\prime\prime}(t,x)^2 dx \le c \iint_{\Omega} \Delta \left[ a(u_n(t,x)\Delta u_{n+1}(t,x)) \right] |^2 dx \le 
\le \overline{c} \left( \left\| u_{n+1}(t,\cdot) \right\|_{W_{2}^{\prime}(\Omega)}^2 + 1 \right).$$
(14)

Now, by using Lagrange's integral formula and Hölder inequality we have

$$\iint_{\Omega} \widetilde{D}_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(0,x) \Big|^{2} dx = \iint_{\Omega} \left| \int_{0}^{1} u''_{n+1}(\tau \delta, x) d\tau \right|^{2} dx \leq$$

$$\leq \iint_{0} \left| u''_{n+1}(\tau \delta, x) \right|^{2} dx d\tau .$$
(15)

From (14) and (15) we get the following inequality.

$$\iint_{\Omega} \widetilde{D}_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(0,x)^{2} dx \leq c_{1} \iint_{0} |u_{n+1}(\tau \delta, x)|^{2}_{W_{2}^{4}(\Omega)} dx.$$

Hence we have

$$\lim_{\delta \to 0} \iint_{\Omega} \widetilde{D}_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(0, x) \Big|^{2} dx \le C_{1} \| u_{0}(x) \|_{W_{2}^{1}(\Omega)}^{2} \le C_{2},$$
 (16)

where  $c_2 > 0$  doesn't depend on  $\lambda > 0$ .

Let's write the inequality (8) at the point  $t + \delta$  and take  $v = u'_{n+1}(t,\cdot)$ . Then in the inequality (8) take  $v = u'_{n+1}(t + \delta,\cdot)$ .

The obtained inequalities we have the following

$$(D_{\delta}\widetilde{L}(u_n)u_{n+1}, D_{\delta}u'_{n+1})(t) \leq 0$$
 a.e. on  $(0,T)$ .

Then we integrate the last inequality on [0,t],  $t \in (0,T]$ :

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} D_{\mathcal{S}} u_{n+1}''(s,x) D_{\mathcal{S}} u_{n+1}'(s,x) dx ds +$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} D_{\delta} (a(u_{n}(s,x))) \Delta u_{n+1}(s,x) D_{\delta} \Delta u'_{n+1}(s,x) dx ds \leq$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} D_{\delta} f(s,x) D_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(s,x) dx ds .$$

Hence (after integrating by parts) we have:

$$\frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega} |D_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(t,x)|^{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega} |D_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(0,x)|^{2} dx + \iint_{0} \int_{\Omega} |D_{\delta} [a(u_{n}(s,x)) \Delta u_{n+1}(s,x)] \times \\ \times D_{\delta} \Delta u'_{n+1}(s,x) dx ds \leq \iint_{0} |D_{\delta} f(s,x)|^{2} dx ds + \iint_{0} |D_{\delta} u'_{n+1}(s,x)|^{2} dx ds .$$

If we divide the both sides of last inequality to  $\delta^2$  and pass to the limit for  $\delta \to 0$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u_{n+1}''(t,x)|^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\delta \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{D}_{\delta} u_{n+1}'(0,x)|^2 dx \le$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta[a(u_n(s,x))\Delta u_{n+1}(s,x)] \Big|_{s} \Big|^2 dx ds + \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |f_s'(s,x)|^2 dx ds +$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |u_{n+1}''(s,x)|^2 dx ds .$$

Taking into account (10), (11) and (16) we obtain

$$\iint_{\Omega} |u_{n+1}''(t,x)|^2 dx \le c_1 + c_2 \iint_{\Omega} |u_{n+1}''(s,x)|^2 dx ds,$$

from which, we have a priori estimate

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_{n+1}^{"}(t,x)|^2 dx \le c , \qquad (17)$$

where c > 0 is independent of n and in generally, it depends on  $\lambda > 0$ .

In view of existing a priori estimates (10), (11) and (17) we can select from the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  such a subsequence  $\{u_{nk}\}$ , that

$$u_{n_k} \to u \quad *- \text{ weak in } L_{\infty} (0, T; \widetilde{W}_{\infty}^4(\Omega)),$$
 (18)

$$u'_{n_i} \to u'_i \quad * \text{- weak in } L_\infty(0, T; \widetilde{W}^4_\infty(\Omega)),$$
 (19)

$$u_{n_{k_{\parallel}}}^{"} \rightarrow u_{r}^{"} \quad * \text{- weak in } L_{\infty}(0, T; L_{2}(\Omega)).$$
 (20)

In view of compactness of imbedding  $W^1_{\infty}(0,T;\widetilde{W}^4_{\infty}(\Omega),\widetilde{W}^4_{\infty}(\Omega))\subset C([0,T]\widetilde{W}^3_{\infty}(\Omega))$  from (18) and (19) it follows that

$$u_{n_k} \to u \text{ in } C([0,T]\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{\infty}^3(\Omega)).$$
 (21)

Let's write the inequality (8) for  $n = n_k$ . Then, we can get over to limit in obtained inequalities by using (18)-(21).

If we denote the limit of the sequence  $\{u_{n_k}\}$  by  $u_{\lambda}(t,x)$ , we shall get that  $u_{\lambda}(t,x)$  is the solution of the following problem:

$$\left(\widetilde{L}(u_{\lambda})u_{\lambda}, v - u_{\lambda}'\right)(t) \ge 0, \ v \in K_{\lambda} \text{ a.e. on } (0, T), \tag{22}$$

$$u_{\lambda}(0,x) = u_0(x), u'_{\lambda}(0,x) = u_1(x).$$
 (23)

So we proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. Then problem (22)-(23) has a unique solution

$$u(\cdot) \in H_T(K_{\lambda}; \widetilde{W}_2^4, \widetilde{W}_2^2, L_2(\Omega)).$$

# 3. Proof of the main theorem.

From (18)-(21) it follows that for any  $\lambda > 0$ 

$$u_{\lambda} \in L_{\infty}\left(0, T; W_{\infty}^{4} \cap \widetilde{W}_{2}^{4}\right) \cap C\left(\left[0, T\right] W_{\infty}^{3}\left(\Omega\right)\right), \tag{24}$$

$$u_{\lambda_{\alpha}}' \in L_{\infty}(0, T; W_{\alpha}^{4} \cap \widetilde{W}_{2}^{4}), \tag{25}$$

$$u_{\lambda_{n}}'' \in L_{\infty}(0, T; L_{2}(\Omega)), \tag{26}$$

$$u_{\lambda_i}(t,\cdot) \in K_{\lambda_i}$$
 a.e. on  $(0,T), \lambda > 0$ , (27)

from the last expression it follows that

$$\left|\Delta u_{\lambda_q}'(t,x)\right| \le 1 \text{ a.e. on } Q_T. \tag{28}$$

Hence, in particular we get the following a priori estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & |u_{\lambda_{i}}'(t,x)| \leq c, \ |\nabla u_{\lambda_{i}}(t,x)| \leq c, \\ & |u_{\lambda}(t,x)| \leq c, \ |\nabla u_{\lambda}(t,x)| \leq c, \ |\Delta u_{\lambda}(t,x)| \leq c \text{ a.e. on } Q_{T} \end{aligned}$$
 (29)

By virtue of (8) we also have a priori estimate

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \widetilde{D}_{\delta} u_{\lambda_{i}}'(0, x) \right|^{2} dx \le c_{2} , \qquad (30)$$

where  $c_2 > 0$  is independent from  $\delta$  and  $\lambda$ .

Using the similar way as it was done with done with equality (8) from (22) we will get the following estimate, for  $u_1(t,x)$ 

$$\int_{0}^{t} D_{\delta} \left( \widetilde{L}(u_{\lambda}) u_{\lambda}, D_{\delta} u_{\lambda_{\epsilon}}' \right) (t) ds \leq 0, \ \delta > 0.$$

Integrating by parts we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |D_{\delta} u_{\lambda}'(t,x)|^{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |D_{\delta} u_{\lambda}'(0,x)|^{2} dx + 
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} a(u_{\lambda}(t,x)) |D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(t,x)|^{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} a(u_{\lambda}(0,x)) |D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(0,x)|^{2} dx - 
- \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} (a(u_{\lambda}(s,x))) \int_{s}^{t} |D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x)|^{2} dx ds + 
+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} a(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \Delta u_{\lambda}(s+\delta,x) D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}'(s,x) dx ds \leq 
\leq \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} D_{\delta} f(s,x) D_{\delta} u_{\lambda}'(s,x) dx ds.$$
(31)

We transform the last summand at the left hand side as:

$$J = \int_{\Omega} D_{\delta} a(u_{\lambda}(t,x)) \wedge u_{\lambda}(t+\delta,x) D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(t,x) dx -$$

$$- \int_{\Omega} D_{\delta} a(u_{\lambda}(0,x) \wedge u_{\lambda}(\delta,x) D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(0,x)) dx - \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} (D_{\delta} a(u_{\lambda}(s,x)))'_{x} \Delta u_{\lambda}(s+\delta,x) \times$$

$$\times_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x) dx ds - \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} D_{\delta} a(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \Delta u'_{\lambda_{x}}(s+\delta,x) D_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x) dx ds.$$

Taking this into account, we divide both sides of obtained inequality into  $\delta^2$  and pass to the limit for  $\delta \to 0$  in (31). Then we get the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\lambda}''(s,x)|^{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\delta \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{D}_{\delta} u_{\lambda}'(0,x)|^{2} dx +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |a(u_{\lambda}(t,x))| \Delta u_{\lambda_{t}}'(t,x)|^{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\delta \to 0} \int_{\Omega} |a(u_{\lambda}(0,x))| \widetilde{D}_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(0,x)|^{2} dx -$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x) \cdot u_{\lambda_{t}}'(s,x))| \Delta u_{\lambda_{t}}'(s,x)|^{2} dx ds + \int_{\Omega} |a'(u_{\lambda}(t,x))u_{\lambda_{t}}'(t,x) \times$$

$$\times \Delta u_{\lambda}(t,x) \Delta u_{\lambda_{t}}'(t,x) dx - \lim_{\delta \to 0} \int_{\Omega} \widetilde{D}_{\delta} |a(u_{\lambda}(0,x)) \Delta u_{\lambda}(\delta,x) \widetilde{D}_{\delta} \Delta u_{\lambda}(0,x) dx -$$

$$- \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |a''(u_{\lambda}(s,x))u_{\lambda_{t}}'(s,x) + |a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x))u_{\lambda_{t}}'(s,x)| \Delta u(s,x) \Delta u_{s}'(s,x) dx ds -$$

$$- \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x))u_{\lambda_{t}}'(s,x)| \Delta u_{\lambda_{t}}'(s,x) |^{2} dx ds \leq \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |u_{\lambda}''(s,x)|^{2} dx ds +$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |f'_{s}(s,x)|^{2} dx ds.$$

Taking into account a priori estimates (28)-(30) we get

$$\iint_{\Omega} |u_{\lambda}''(t,x)|^2 dx \leq c_1 + c_2 \iint_{0} |u_{\lambda}''(s,x)|^2 dx ds,$$

where  $c_1, c_2$  are independent of  $\lambda > 0$ . From the last inequality it follows that

$$\iint_{\Omega} |u_{\lambda_n}''(t,x)|^2 dx \le c \,, \tag{32}$$

where c > 0 is independent from  $\lambda > 0$ .

Now determine operator A on the space  $L_2(\Omega)$  by the following equalities

$$\begin{cases} D(A) = W_2^2(\Omega) \cap \mathring{W}_2^1(\Omega), \\ Au = -\Delta u. \end{cases}$$

A is a self-adjoint, positive defined operator, and for any  $\mu > 0$  the operator A has a resolvent  $R_{\mu} = (I + \mu A)^{-1}$ .

**Lemma.** For any  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$  the following embedding  $R_{\mu}K_{\mu} \subset K_{\lambda}$  is satisfied.

**Proof.** Let  $v = R_{\mu}h$ , where  $h \in K_{\lambda}$ . Then v be is a solution of the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v} - \mu \Delta \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{h}, \\ \mathbf{v}|_{1} = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases}$$
 (33)

From the maximum principle it follows that

$$|\mathbf{v}|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)} \le |\mathbf{h}|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)}.\tag{34}$$

As since  $h \in W_2^4(\Omega)$ ,  $h|_{\Gamma} = 0$  and  $\Delta h|_{\Gamma} = 0$  we shall get from (33) that

$$\Delta v|_{\Gamma} = 0, \ \Delta v - \mu \Delta^2 v = \Delta h, \tag{35}$$

$$\Delta^2 v = 0, \ \Delta^2 v - \mu \Delta^3 v = \Delta^2 h. \tag{36}$$

From (34)-(36) we shall have that

$$\Delta v \in W_2^2(\Omega), 
\Delta^2 v \in W_2^2(\Omega)$$
(37)

and besides

$$\left| \Delta v \right|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)} \le \left| \Delta h \right|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)},$$
 (38)

$$\left| \Delta^2 \nu \right|_{L_{\alpha}(\Omega)} \le \left| \Delta^2 h \right|_{L_{\alpha}(\Omega)}. \tag{39}$$

From (35)-(37) thus it follows that

$$v \in \widetilde{W}_2^4(\Omega),\tag{40}$$

and from (38) and (39) it follows

$$\left|\Delta v\right|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)} \le 1, \quad \left|\Delta^2 v\right|_{L_{\infty}(\Omega)} \le \lambda.$$
 (41)

From (35), (36), (40) and (41) it follows that  $v \in K_{\lambda}$ .

As since  $u'_{\lambda_i}(t,\cdot) \in K_{\lambda}$ , by virtue of Lemma  $v(t) = R_{\mu}u'_{\lambda_i}(t,\cdot) \in K_{\lambda}$ . Then from (22) we shall get

$$\left(\widetilde{L}(u_{\lambda})u_{\lambda}, R_{\mu}u'_{\lambda_{i}} - u'_{\lambda_{i}}\right)(t) \ge 0. \tag{42}$$

It is clear that  $R_{\mu} - I = R_{\mu} [I - R_{\mu}^{-1}] = -\mu A R_{\mu}$ . Taking this into account in (42) we have the following inequality

$$\int_{0}^{t} \left( \widetilde{L}(u_{\lambda})u_{\lambda}, AR_{\mu}u_{\lambda_{t}}^{\prime} \right) (s) ds \leq 0.$$

Hence, passing to the limit for  $\mu \to 0$  we get

$$-\int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} u_{\lambda}''(s,x) \Delta u_{\lambda}'(s,x) dx ds - \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} \Delta \left( a(u_{\lambda}(s,x) \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \Delta u_{\lambda}'(s,x) \right) dx ds \le 0.$$
 (43)

We can transform the second summand by the following way:

$$J = -\int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \left[ a(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \nabla^{3} u_{\lambda}(s,x) + a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \nabla u_{\lambda}(s,x) \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x) \right] \times \Delta u'_{\lambda}(s,x) dx ds = \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} a(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \nabla^{3} u_{\lambda}(s,x) \nabla^{3} u'_{\lambda}(s,x) dx ds - \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \left[ a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \nabla u_{\lambda}(s,x) \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x) \right] \Delta u'_{\lambda}(s,x) dx ds =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} a(u_{\lambda}(t,x)) \left| \nabla^{3} u_{\lambda}(t,x) \right|^{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} a(u_{\lambda}(0,x)) \left| \nabla^{3} u_{\lambda}(0,x) \right|^{2} dx - \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) u'_{\lambda}(s,x) u'_{\lambda}(s,x) \left| \nabla^{3} u_{\lambda}(s,x) \right|^{2} dx ds - \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} a''(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \left| \nabla u_{\lambda}(s,x) \right|^{2} \Delta u_{\lambda} + a'(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \left| \Delta u_{\lambda}(s,x) \right|^{2} + A'(u_{\lambda}(s,x)) \nabla u_{\lambda}(s,x) \nabla^{3} u_{\lambda}(s,x) \right| \Delta u'_{\lambda}(s,x) dx ds .$$

Putting this in (43), and also taking into account (28), (29) and (32) we get

$$\iint_{\Omega} |\nabla^3 u_{\lambda}(t,x)|^2 \leq c_1 + c_2 \iint_{\partial \Omega} |\nabla^3 u_{\lambda}(s,x)|^2 dx ds,$$

where  $c_1 > 0$ ,  $c_2 > 0$  are independent from  $\lambda > 0$ . By applying the Grownwell's inequality we have a priori estimate

$$\iint_{\Omega} |\nabla^3 u_{\lambda}(s, x)|^2 dx \le c. \tag{44}$$

By virtue of (28), (29) and (44) we can select a subsequence  $\{u_{\lambda_n}\}$  such that

$$u_{\lambda_n} \to u \quad *-weak \quad in \quad L_{\infty}(0,T;\widetilde{W}_2^3(\Omega)) \cap W_{\infty}^2(\Omega),$$
 (45)

$$u'_{\lambda_{\infty}} \to u' \quad *-weak \ in \ L_{\infty}(0,T;\widetilde{W}_{\infty}^{2}(\Omega) \cap \widetilde{W}_{2}^{2}(\Omega)),$$
 (46)

$$u_{\lambda}^{"} \to u^{"} \quad *-weak \quad in \quad L_{\infty}(0,T;L_{2}(\Omega)).$$
 (47)

From (28) and (46) it follows that

$$u'(t,\cdot) \in K_{\infty}$$
 a.e. on  $(0,T)$ . (48)

It is clear that if  $\lambda_1 > \lambda$ , then  $K_{\lambda} \subset K_{\lambda_1}$ . Taking this into account from (22) for  $\lambda = \lambda_n$  we get

$$(\widetilde{L}(u_{\lambda_n})u_{\lambda_n}, v-u'_{\lambda_n})(t) \ge 0, v \in K_{\lambda},$$

where  $\lambda_n > \lambda$ .

Here, passing to the limit for  $\lambda_n \to \infty$  we get

$$\left(\widetilde{L}(u)u, v - u_t'\right)(t) \ge 0, \quad v \in K_{\lambda}, \quad \lambda > 0.$$

$$\tag{49}$$

Since  $\overline{\bigcup_{\lambda>0}} K_{\lambda} \Big|_{\overline{W}_{2}^{2}} = K_{0}$  we get that the inequality (49) is valid for any  $v \in K_{0}$ .

The uniqueness of the solution is proved by standard method (see [6]).

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