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**ON SOLVABILITY OF THE FIRST BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR THE SECOND ORDER DEGENERATE ELLIPTICO-PARABOLIC EQUATIONS**

**Abstract**

*In the article the first boundary value problem for the second order elliptico-parabolic equations in divergent form is considered. The continuous differentiability of coefficients is assumed. The unique strong (almost everywhere) solvability of the formulated problem is proved.*

**Introduction.** Let  $R_n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidian space of the points  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $\Omega \subset R_n$  be a bounded  $n$ -dimensional domain with the boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $B_R^x \subset \Omega$  be an  $n$ -dimensional open ball of the radius  $R$  with center at the points  $x^0 = (x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0)$ ,  $Q_T = \{(x, t) : x \in \Omega, 0 < t < T < \infty\}$ ,  $S_T = \{(x, t) : x \in \partial\Omega, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ ,  $\Gamma(Q_T)$  be a parabolic boundary of  $Q_T$ , i.e.  $\Gamma(Q_T) = S_T \cup \{(x, t) : x \in \Omega, t = 0\}$ ,  $Q_R^T = B_R^x \times [0, T]$ ,  $A(Q_R^T)$  be a set of all functions  $u(x, t)$  from  $C^\infty(\overline{Q_R^T})$  with support in  $B_\rho^x \times [0, T]$ ,  $\rho < R$ , for which  $u(x, 0) = 0$ . Consider the following first boundary value problem in  $Q_T$ .

$$Lu = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij}(x, t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \varphi(T-t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(x, t), \tag{1}$$

$$u|_{\Gamma(Q_T)} = 0, \tag{2}$$

in assumption that  $\|a_{ij}(x, t)\|$  is a real symmetric matrix, where for  $(x, t) \in Q_T, \xi \in R_n$

$$\gamma|\xi|^2 \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x, t) \xi_i \xi_j \leq \gamma^{-1}|\xi|^2, \gamma \in (0, 1] - const, \tag{3}$$

and besides

$$a_{ij}(x, t) \in C^{1,0}(\overline{Q_T}), i, j = 1, \dots, n, \tag{4}$$

$$\varphi(0) = 0, \varphi(z) > 0, \varphi'(z) \geq 0, \varphi''(z) \geq 0, \varphi'(z) \geq \varphi(z)\varphi''(z); z \in (0, T). \tag{5}$$

The aim of the present article is the proof of the unique strong (almost everywhere) solvability of the boundary value problem (1)-(2) in corresponding Sobolev weight spaces for arbitrary  $f(x, t) \in L_2(Q_T)$ . Note that for the second order elliptic equations the analogous question is studied in [1-3] and for parabolic equations in [4-7]. As to the second order degenerate elliptico-parabolic equations we indicate papers [8-9], and also article [10] in which the strong solvability of the first boundary value problem for non-divergent structure equations with smooth coefficients was established.

**1<sup>0</sup>. Auxiliary statements.** Let  $W_2^{1,0}(Q_T)$  and  $W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  be Banach spaces of measurable functions given on  $Q_T$  for which

$$\|u\|_{W_2^{1,0}(Q_T)} = \left( \int_{Q_T} \left( u^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 \right) dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} = \left( \int_{Q_T} \left( u^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2\varphi(T-t) \sum_{i=1}^n u_{it}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 \right) dxdt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

are finite respectively,  $\tilde{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  be a subsequence of  $W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ , dense set in which is totality of all functions from  $C^\infty(\bar{Q}_T)$  vanishing on  $\Gamma(Q_T)$ .

Here for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$   $u_i = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $u_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ . Under the strong solution of the first boundary value problem (1)-(2) we'll understand the function  $u(x, t) \in \tilde{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  satisfying a.e. in  $Q_T$  the equation

$$Lu = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x,t) u_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_i(x,t) u_i + \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} - (1 + \varphi_i(T-t)) u_t = f(x,t).$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $u \in A(Q_R^T)$  and relative to the coefficients of the operator  $L$  the conditions (3)-(5) be satisfied. Then there exists the positive constants  $R_0$  and  $T_0$  depending only on coefficients of the operator  $L$  and  $n$  such that if  $R \leq R_0$ ,  $T \leq T_0$ , then the following estimate is valid

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_R^T)} \leq C_1 \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}, \tag{6}$$

where  $C_1 = C_1(L, n)$  is a positive constant.

**Proof.** At first we consider the operator

$$L_0 u = \Delta u + \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} - (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t.$$

Let's estimate norm  $L_2$  by  $L_0 u$  from below. We have

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{Q_R^T} (L_0 u)^2 dxdt = \int_{Q_R^T} [\Delta u + \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} - (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t]^2 dxdt = \\ &= \int_{Q_R^T} (\Delta u)^2 dxdt + \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 dxdt + \int_{Q_R^T} (1 + \varphi_t(T-t))^2 u_t^2 dxdt + \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} \Delta u dxdt - 2 \int_{Q_R^T} (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t \Delta u dxdt - \\ &\quad - 2 \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t u_{tt} dxdt \equiv J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + J_4 + J_5 + J_6. \end{aligned}$$

For the integrals  $J_1, J_4, J_5, J_6$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \int_{Q_R^T} (\Delta u)^2 dxdt = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} u_{ij} u_{ij} dxdt = - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} u_{ij} u_j dxdt = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} u_{ij}^2 dxdt, \\ J_4 &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} u_{ii} dxdt = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_i u_{iit} dxdt = \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} [\varphi(T-t) u_i]_t u_{it} dxdt = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_{it}^2 dxdt - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi_t(T-t) u_t u_{tt} dx dt = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_{tt}^2 dx dt - \\
& - \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi_t(T-t) (u_t^2)_t dx dt = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_{tt}^2 dx dt - \\
& - \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi_{tt}(T-t) u_t^2 dx dt, \\
J_5 & = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_{tt} u_t dx dt = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t u_{tt} dx dt = \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) (u_t^2)_t dx dt = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi_{tt}(T-t) u_t^2 dx dt + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Omega} u_t^2(x, T) dx dt \geq \\
& \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi_{tt}(T-t) u_t^2 dx dt,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_6 & = -2 \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t u_{tt} dx dt = - \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) (u_t^2)_t dx dt = \\
& = \int_{\Omega} \varphi(T) (1 + \varphi_t(T)) u_t^2(x, 0) dx + \int_{Q_R^T} [\varphi(T-t) (1 + \varphi_t(T-t))]_t u_t^2 dx dt \geq \\
& \geq \int_{Q_R^T} [-\varphi_t(T-t) - \varphi_{tt}^2(T-t) - \varphi(T-t) \varphi_{tt}(T-t)] u_t^2 dx dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
J & = J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + J_4 + J_5 + J_6 \geq \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} u_{ij}^2 dx dt + \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 dx dt + \\
& + \int_{Q_R^T} u_t^2 dx dt + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} \varphi(T-t) u_{tt}^2 dx dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\left( \int_{Q_R^T} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(T-t) u_{tt}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 \right) dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left( \int_{Q_R^T} (L_0 u)^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (7)$$

It's obvious that for the operator

$$L_0^{(x^0, t^0)} u = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x^0, t^0) u_{ij} + \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} - (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t,$$

where  $(x^0, t^0) \in Q_R^T$ , the inequality (7) holds.

Consider the operator

$$L_1 u = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x, t) u_{ij} + \varphi(T-t) u_{tt} - (1 + \varphi_t(T-t)) u_t.$$

Let's estimate  $L_2$  norm by  $L_1 u$  from below. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_0^{(x^0, t^0)} u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} &= \left\| \left( L_0^{(x^0, t^0)} - L_1 + L_1 \right) u \right\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} \leq \|L_1 u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \\ &+ \left\| \left( L_0^{(x^0, t^0)} - L_1 \right) u \right\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} \leq \|L_1 u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}(x, t) - a_{ij}(x^0, t^0)| \|u_{ij}\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a_{ij}(x, t) \in C^{1,0}(\overline{Q_R^T})$ , then for arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|a_{ij}(x, t) - a_{ij}(x^0, t^0)| < \varepsilon$ , if as only  $\rho[(x, t); (x^0, t^0)] < \delta$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be chosen later. Then there exist  $R_1$  and  $T_0$  such that if  $R \leq R_1$  and  $T \leq T_0$ , then

$$\|L_0^{(x^0, t^0)} u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} \leq \|L_1 u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \varepsilon \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|u_{ij}\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}.$$

Taking into account this inequality in (7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_R^T} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(T-t) u_{ii}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{ii}^2 \right) dx dt \leq \\ \leq \left( \|L_1 u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \varepsilon \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|u_{ij}\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} \right)^2 \leq 2 \left( \|L_1 u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}^2 + \varepsilon^2 n^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|u_{ij}\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence assuming  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2n}$  we obtain

$$\int_{Q_R^T} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(T-t) u_{ii}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{ii}^2 \right) dx dt \leq C_2 \|L_1 u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}^2.$$

Let  $K_R^T = \{x_i - x_i^0 | < R\} \times (0, T)$ . We extend the function  $u(x, t)$  by zero in  $K_R^T$ . Let's fix  $t' \in (0, T)$  and let  $x' = (x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . We have for  $x_1 \in (x_1^0 - R, x_1^0 + R)$

$$u(x_1, x', t') = u(x_1^0 - R, x', t') + \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} u(\tau, x', t') d\tau = \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} u(\tau, x', t') d\tau.$$

Using the Hölder inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u^2(x_1, x', t') &= \left( \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} u(\tau, x', t') d\tau \right)^2 \leq \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1} d\tau \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} u(\tau, x', t') \right)^2 d\tau \leq \\ &\leq \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1^0 + R} d\tau \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1^0 + R} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} u(\tau, x', t')^2 d\tau = 2R \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1^0 + R} \left( \frac{\partial u(\tau, x', t')}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Integrate both sides of the last inequality with respect to  $K_R^T$

$$\int_{K_R^T} u^2(x_1, x', t') dx dt' \leq \int_{K_R^T} \left[ 2R \int_{x_1^0 - R}^{x_1^0 + R} \left( \frac{\partial u(x_1, x', t')}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 d\tau \right] dx dt' \leq 4R^2 \int_{K_R^T} \left( \frac{\partial u(x_1, x', t')}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 dx dt'.$$

Hence

$$\int_{Q_R^T} u^2(x, t) dx dt \leq 4R^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \left( \frac{\partial u(x_1, x', t)}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 dx dt,$$

since  $u(x, t) = 0$  outside of  $Q_R^T$ .

Thus

$$\int_{Q_R^T} u^2 dxdt \leq 4R^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 dxdt \leq 4R^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 dxdt. \quad (8)$$

Analogous to (8) for  $U_i$  we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} u_i^2 dxdt \leq 4R^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{Q_R^T} u_{ij}^2 dxdt. \quad (9)$$

Allowing for (8)-(9) we conclude

$$\int_{Q_R^T} \left( u^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2\varphi(T-t) \sum_{i=1}^n u_{it}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 \right) dxdt \leq C_3 \int_{Q_R^T} (L_1 u)^2 dxdt, \quad (10)$$

where  $C_3 = C_3(R_1)$ . We have further

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_R^T} (L_1 u)^2 dxdt &\leq 2 \int_{Q_R^T} (L_1 u - Lu)^2 dxdt + 2 \int_{Q_R^T} (Lu)^2 dxdt \\ &= 2 \int_{Q_R^T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x, t) u_i \right)^2 dxdt \leq \\ &\leq 2b_0^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \right)^2 dxdt \leq 2b_0^2 n^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 dxdt \leq \\ &\leq 8b_0^2 n^2 R^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 dxdt, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$b_i(x, t) = \frac{\partial a_{ij}(x, t)}{\partial x_i}, \quad b_0 \geq |b_i(x, t)|; \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Thus

$$\int_{Q_R^T} (L_1 u)^2 dxdt \leq 8b_0^2 n^2 R^2 \int_{Q_R^T} \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 dxdt + 2 \int_{Q_R^T} (Lu)^2 dxdt. \quad (11)$$

Allowing for (11) in (10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_R^T} \left( u^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2\varphi(T-t) \sum_{i=1}^n u_{it}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 \right) dxdt \leq \\ \leq 8b_0^2 n^2 R^2 C_3 \int_{Q_R^T} \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 dxdt + 2C_3 \int_{Q_R^T} (Lu)^2 dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

we subordinate the number  $R_2$  to the constraint  $8b_0^2 n^2 R^2 C_3 < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then if  $R \leq R_0 = \min\{R_1, R_2\}$ , then

$$\int_{Q_R^T} \left( u^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_{ij}^2 + u_t^2 + 2\varphi(T-t) \sum_{i=1}^n u_{it}^2 + \varphi^2(T-t) u_{tt}^2 \right) dxdt \leq C_4 \int_{Q_R^T} (Lu)^2 dxdt,$$

where  $C_4 = C_4(L, n)$ . From here the required estimate (6) with  $C_1 = C_4$  follows. The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 2.** Let relative to the coefficients of the operator  $L$  the conditions (3)-(5) be satisfied and  $R \leq R_0, T \leq T_0$ . Let  $u(x, t) \in C^\infty(\overline{Q_R^T})$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ . Then for arbitrary  $r \in (0, R)$  the estimate

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_r^T)} \leq C_5 R^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^{-2} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{1,0}(Q_R^T)} \right), \quad (12)$$

where  $C_5 = C_5(L, n)$  is a positive constant, is valid.

**Proof.** Let's consider the following function  $\eta(x) = 1$  at  $x \in B_r^{x^0}$ ,  $\eta(x) = 0$ , at  $x \notin B_{\frac{R+r}{2}}^{x^0}$ ,  $0 \leq \eta(x) \leq 1$ ,  $\eta(x) \in C_0^\infty(B_R^{x^0})$ , where for  $x \in B_R^{x^0}$

$$|\eta_i| \leq \frac{C_6}{R-r}, \quad |\eta_{ij}| \leq \frac{C_6}{(R-r)^2}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n; \quad (13)$$

where  $C_6 = C_6(n)$ . Since  $u(x, t)\eta(x) \in A(Q_R^T)$  then lemma 1 is applicable to  $u(x, t)\eta(x)$  according to which

$$\|U\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_r^T)} \leq C_1 \|L(U\eta)\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)}. \quad (14)$$

But on the other hand

$$L(u\eta) = \eta Lu + uL\eta + 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x, t) u_i \eta_j.$$

Not losing generality we can assume that  $R \leq 1$ . The last equality subject to (13) implies the estimate

$$|L(u\eta)| \leq |Lu| + \frac{C_7}{(R-r)^2} |u| + \frac{C_8}{R-r} \sum_{i=1}^n |u_i|, \quad (15)$$

where  $C_7 = C_7(L, n)$ ,  $C_8 = C_8(L, n)$ .

Allowing for (15) in (14) we obtain

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_r^T)} \leq C_9 \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \frac{C_{10}}{(R-r)^2} \left( \|u\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|u_i\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} \right),$$

where the positive constants  $C_9$  and  $C_{10}$  depend only on  $L$  and  $n$ .

By virtue of the last inequality

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_r^T)} \leq \frac{C_{11}}{(R-r)^2} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^T)} + \|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{1,0}(Q_R^T)} \right)$$

where  $C_{11} = \max(C_9, C_{10})$ . Hence the required estimate (12) with  $C_5 = C_{11}$  follows. The lemma is proved.

## 2<sup>0</sup>. Basic coercive estimate.

**Lemma 3.** Let relative to the coefficients of the operator  $L$  the conditions (3)-(5) be satisfied and  $R \leq R_0, T \leq T_0$ . Then for arbitrary  $\rho \leq 1$  there exists a positive

constant  $C_{12}$  depending only on  $L, n, \rho$  and the domain  $\Omega$  such that for any function  $u(x, t) \in W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  the inequality

$$\|u\|_{W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T^{\rho})} \leq C_{12} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)} + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \right), \quad (16)$$

where  $Q_T^{\rho} = \Omega_{\rho} \times (0, T)$ ,  $\Omega_{\rho} = \{x : x \in \Omega, \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) > \rho\}$ , is valid.

**Proof.** Assume

$$A = \sup_{r \in (0, R)} \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \|u\|_{W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_r^r)} \right\}.$$

Then there exists  $R_1$ ,  $0 < R_1 < R$  such that

$$A \leq 2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \|u\|_{W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_{R_1}^r)}. \quad (17)$$

Using lemma 2 for any  $R_2 \in (R_1, R)$  from (17) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A &\leq 2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \|u\|_{W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_{R_1}^r)} \leq 2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{-2} \times \\ &\times \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_{R_2}^r)} + \|u\|_{W_2^{1,0}(Q_{R_2}^r)} \right) \leq 2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{-2} \times \\ &\times \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^r)} + \|u\|_{W_2^{1,0}(Q_{R_2}^r)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Now we use the interpolational inequality according to which for arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\|u\|_{W_2^{1,0}(Q_{R_2}^r)} \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_{R_2}^r)} + C_{13} \|u\|_{L_2(Q_{R_2}^r)},$$

where  $C_{13} = C_{13}(\varepsilon, n)$ .

Thus using the interpolational inequality we find from (18)

$$\begin{aligned} A &\leq 2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{-2} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^r)} + \varepsilon \|u\|_{W_{2, \varphi}^{2,2}(Q_{R_2}^r)} + C_{13} \|u\|_{L_2(Q_{R_2}^r)} \right) \leq \\ &\leq 2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_2}{R} \right)^{-2} \varepsilon A + 2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{-2} \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_R^r)} + \\ &+ 2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{-2} C_{13} \|u\|_{L_2(Q_R^r)}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Assume now  $\delta = 1 - \frac{R_1}{R}$  and choose  $R_2 \in (R_1, R)$  so that  $1 - \frac{R_2}{R} = \frac{\delta}{2}$ . We fix the chosen  $R_2$ . Since

$$1 - \frac{R_1}{R} = 2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_2}{R} \right),$$

then  $1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R}{R_2} - 1 > 1 - \frac{R_2}{R} = \frac{\delta}{2}$ .

Therefore

$$2C_5 R_2^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{R_1}{R}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{R_2}{R}\right) < 32C_5 \delta^{-2} R_2^{-2}.$$

We choose and fix  $\varepsilon = \frac{\delta^2 R_2^2}{64C_5}$ . Then from (19) we obtain

$$A \leq C_{14} R_2^{-2} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_k^r)} + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_k^r)} \right),$$

and further

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_{R_2}^r)} \leq C_{14} \left(1 - \frac{R_2}{R}\right)^{-2} R_2^{-2} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_k^r)} + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_k^r)} \right), \quad (20)$$

where  $C_{14} = C_{14}(L, n)$ .

We can interpret the inequality (20) some differently. Let  $\rho \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $\bar{B}_\rho^{x^0} \subset \Omega$ . Then there exist  $\rho_1 = \rho_1(\rho) \in (0, \rho)$  and a positive constant  $C_{15}$  depending only on  $L, n, \rho$  for which the estimate

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_{\rho_1}^r)} \leq C_{15} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_\rho^r)} + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_\rho^r)} \right) \quad (21)$$

is valid.

Let the number  $\rho$  and by the same taken subdomain  $\Omega_\rho$  be already given. We cover  $\bar{\Omega}_\rho$  by a system of the balls  $\{B_{\rho_1}^{x^i}\}$  and select from this covering the finite subcovering  $\{B_{\rho_1}^{x^i}\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . The number  $N$  obviously depends only on  $\rho, n$  and the domain  $\Omega$ . Using now the estimate (21) for the cylinder  $B_{\rho_1}^{x^i} \times (0, T)$  and summing by  $i$  from 1 to  $N$  we obtain

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T^r)}^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(B_{\rho_1}^{x^i} \times (0, T))}^2 \leq 2C_{15}^2 N \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T^r)}^2 + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T^r)}^2 \right),$$

where the required estimate (16) with  $C_{12} = C_{15} \sqrt{2N}$  follows. The lemma is proved.

For the validity of the following theorem we need a condition on the domain  $\Omega$  and namely we'll assume that the boundary  $\partial\Omega \in C^2$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let relative to the coefficients of the operator  $L$  the conditions (3)-(5) be satisfied and  $T \leq T_0$ ,  $\partial\Omega \in C^2$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C_{16}$  depending only on  $L, n, \rho$  and the domain  $\Omega$  such that for any function  $u(x, t) \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  the inequality*

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{16} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)} + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \right) \quad (22)$$

is valid.

**Proof.** It's sufficient to prove the estimate (22) for smooth functions from  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . We fix an arbitrary point  $x^0 \in \partial\Omega$ . Since  $\partial\Omega \in C^2$ , then there exists non-degenerate transformation of the coordinates  $x \leftrightarrow y$  such that if  $y^0$  and  $\partial\tilde{\Omega}$  are correspondingly images of the point  $x^0$  and the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  for such transformation, then at some neighborhood of the point  $y^0 \in \partial\tilde{\Omega}$  is given by the equation  $y_n = 0$  (in addition if  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is an image of the domain  $\Omega$ , then for the points  $y$  belonging to the



intersection of  $\tilde{\Omega}$  with above mentioned neighbourhood,  $y_n > 0$ ). Denote by  $A_\rho(x^0) = \{x: |x - x^0| < 2\rho\}$  an open set which at such transformation passes to the semiball  $\tilde{A}_{\rho,+}^{y^0} = \{y: |y - y^0| < 2\rho, y_n > 0\}$ . Let  $\tilde{A}_{\rho,-}^{y^0} = \{y: |y - y^0| < 2\rho, y_n > 0\}$ ,  $C_{2\rho,+} = \tilde{A}_{\rho,+}^{y^0} \times (0, T)$ ,  $C_{2\rho,-} = \tilde{A}_{\rho,-}^{y^0} \times (0, T)$ ,  $C_{2\rho} = \{y: |y - y^0| < 2\rho\} \times (0, T)$ .

Let  $\tilde{u}(y, t)$  be a image of the function  $u(x, t)$ , and  $\tilde{L}$  be an image of the operator  $L$ . It's obvious that the operator  $\tilde{L}$  is an operator of such type as  $L$ . We extend the function  $\tilde{u}(y, t)$  through the hyperplane  $y_n = 0$  in an odd way and the coefficient of the operator  $\tilde{a}_{ij}(y, t)$  in an even way to the semi-cylinder  $C_{4\rho,-}$ . It's obvious that  $\tilde{u}(y, t) \in W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(C_{4\rho,-})$ .

We use lemma 3

$$\|\tilde{u}\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(C_{2\rho,+})} \leq C_{17} \left( \|\tilde{L}\tilde{u}\|_{L_2(C_{4\rho,+})}^2 + \|\tilde{u}\|_{L_2(C_{4\rho,+})}^2 \right),$$

where  $C_{17}$  depends only on  $\tilde{L}, n, \rho$  and the domain  $\Omega$ . Remembering the method of extension of the function  $\tilde{u}(y, t)$  and the coefficient  $\tilde{a}_{ij}(y, t)$  of the operator  $\tilde{L}$  to the semicylinder  $C_{4\rho,-}$  we conclude

$$\|\tilde{u}\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(C_{2\rho,+})} \leq C_{17} \left( \|\tilde{L}\tilde{u}\|_{L_2(C_{4\rho,+})}^2 + \|\tilde{u}\|_{L_2(C_{4\rho,+})}^2 \right),$$

or in the variables  $x$

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}[A_\rho(x^0) \times (0, T)]} \leq C_{18} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2 + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2 \right), \quad (23)$$

where the constant  $C_{18}$  depends only on  $L, n, \rho$  and the domain  $\Omega$ .

Extracting the inequality of the form (23) for the sets  $A_\rho(x^i) \times (0, T)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, M$  and summing, we obtain

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}[(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\rho) \times (0, T)]} \leq (M+1)C_{18} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2 + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2 \right). \quad (24)$$

On the other hand according to lemma 3

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(\Omega_\rho \times (0, T))} \leq 2C_{12}^2 \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2 + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)}^2 \right). \quad (25)$$

From (24)-(25) it follows that

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{19} \left( \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)} + \|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \right). \quad (26)$$

Whence the required estimate (22) with

$$C_{16} = C_{19} = \sqrt{(M+1)C_{18} + 2C_{12}^2}$$

follows.

The theorem is proved.

**Corollary.** Let the conditions of theorem 1 be satisfied. There exists  $T^0 = T^0(L, n)$  such that for arbitrary function  $u(x, t) \in W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  the estimate

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{20} \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)}$$

is valid.

**Proof.** Let  $t \in (0, T)$ . We have

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^t \frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial t} d\tau.$$

Using the Hölder inequality we obtain

$$u^2(x, t) \leq \int_0^t \left[ \frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial t} \right]^2 d\tau \int_0^t dt \leq T \int_0^t \left[ \frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial t} \right]^2 d\tau.$$

Integrate the both sides with respect to  $Q_T$

$$\int_{Q_T} u^2(x, t) dx dt \leq T^2 \int_{Q_T} \left[ \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \right]^2 dx dt.$$

Hence

$$\|u\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \leq T \|u_t\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \leq T \|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)}.$$

On the other hand

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{19} \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)} + C_{19} T \|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)}.$$

Let  $T_1 = C_{19} T_0 < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then if  $T \leq T^0 = \min\{T_0, T_1\}$  then

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq 2C_{19} \|Lu\|_{L_2(Q_T)}.$$

Hence the corollary follows with  $C_{20} = 2C_{19}$ .

### 3<sup>0</sup>. Solvability of the first boundary value problem for model equation.

By fulfilling the condition (5) consider the following first boundary value problem

$$L_0 u = \Delta u + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \varphi(T-t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right] - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(x, t), \quad f(x, t) \in L_2(Q_T), \quad (27)$$

$$u|_{\Gamma(Q_T)} = 0. \quad (28)$$

**Theorem 2.** Let with respect to the function  $\varphi(T-t)$  the condition (5) be satisfied,  $T \leq T^0$  and  $\partial\Omega \in C^2$ . Then for any  $f(x, t) \in L_2(Q_T)$  the first boundary value problem (27)-(28) in unique strong (almost everywhere) solvable in  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ .

**Proof.** At first we consider the case  $f \in C^\infty(\overline{Q_T})$ . Introduce in consideration the function

$$\varphi_\varepsilon(z) = \begin{cases} \varphi(\varepsilon), & z \leq \varepsilon \\ \varphi(z), & z > \varepsilon \end{cases}.$$

it's known that the boundary value problem

$$L_0^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon = \Delta u^\varepsilon + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \varphi_\varepsilon(T-t) \frac{\partial u^\varepsilon}{\partial t} \right] - \frac{\partial u^\varepsilon}{\partial t} = f(x, t),$$

$$u^\varepsilon|_{\Gamma(Q_T)} = 0, \quad u^\varepsilon|_{t=T} = \vartheta(x, t),$$

where  $\vartheta(x, t)$  is a solution of the problem

$$\Delta \vartheta - \frac{\partial \vartheta}{\partial t} = f$$

$$\mathcal{G}|_{\Gamma(Q_T)} = 0$$

has the unique solution  $u^\varepsilon$  belonging to the space  $\dot{W}_2^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . From the determination of  $\varphi_\varepsilon$  it follows that  $u^\varepsilon \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi_\varepsilon}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  and all the more  $u^\varepsilon \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . From the corollary of theorem 1 we have

$$\|u^\varepsilon\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{21} \|L_0^\varepsilon u^\varepsilon\|_{L_2(Q_T)} = C_{21} \|f\|_{L_2(Q_T)},$$

where  $C_{21}$  depends only on  $n, \varphi_\varepsilon$  and the domain  $\Omega$ . By virtue of uniform boundedness of  $u^\varepsilon$  in the space  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  we conclude that there exists a subsequence  $\{u^{\varepsilon_k}(x,t)\}$ ,  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  for  $k \rightarrow \infty$  weakly convergent to the function  $u \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . Therefore for any  $\omega(x,t) \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$  the relation

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (L_0 u^{\varepsilon_k}, \omega) = (L_0 u, \omega) \quad (29)$$

is satisfied.

Thus

$$(L_0 u^{\varepsilon_k}, \omega) = (L_0^\varepsilon u^{\varepsilon_k}, \omega) + [(L_0 - L_0^\varepsilon) u^{\varepsilon_k}, \omega] \rightarrow (f, \omega) \quad (k \rightarrow \infty).$$

Then from (29) we obtain  $(L_0 u, \omega) = (f, \omega)$  for any  $\omega \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$ . Consequently  $L_0 u = f$  a.e. in  $Q_T$ . Let now  $f \in L_2(Q_T)$ . Then it's known that there exists the sequence  $f^k \in C^\infty(\bar{Q}_T)$  such that  $\|f^k - f\|_{L_2(Q_T)} \rightarrow 0$  ( $k \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Let  $u_k$  be a solution of the problem

$$L_0 u_k = f^k, \quad u_k|_{\Gamma(Q_T)} = 0.$$

Then

$$\|u_k\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{22},$$

where  $C_{22}$  depends only on  $f, n, \varphi$  and the domain  $\Omega$ .

Let the sequence  $\{u_{k_l}(x,t)\}$  convergence to  $u(x,t)$  weakly in  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ .

Then

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (L_0 u_{k_l}, \omega) = (L_0 u, \omega)$$

for any  $\omega(x,t) \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$ . On the other side

$$L_0 u_{k_l} = f^{k_l} \rightarrow f \quad (l \rightarrow \infty).$$

Consequently we obtain  $L_0 u = f$  a.e. in  $Q_T$ .

Thus we obtain that the problem (27)-(28) has a strong solution in the space  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . We show its uniqueness. Let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be the solutions of the same problem (27)-(28). Then on the basis of the corollary to theorem 1

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} = 0.$$

Consequently  $u_1(x,t) = u_2(x,t)$  a.e. in  $Q_T$ . The theorem is proved.

#### 4<sup>0</sup>. Solvability of a boundary value problem for a general equation.

**Theorem 3.** Let the conditions (3)-(5) be satisfied  $T \leq T^0$  and  $\partial\Omega \in C^2$ . Then for any  $f(x,t) \in L_2(Q_T)$  the first boundary value problem (1)-(2) is unique strong (almost

everywhere) solvable in  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . In addition for the solution  $u(x,t)$  of the problem (1)-(2) the estimate

$$\|u\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{23} \|f\|_{L_2(Q_T)}, \quad (30)$$

is valid, where the positive constant  $C_{23}$  depends only on  $L, n$  and the domain  $\Omega$ .

**Proof.** For the proof of the theorem we use the continuation method by a parameter. Introduce for  $t \in [0,1]$  in consideration a family of the operators

$$L^t = (1-t)L_0 + tL.$$

It's easy to see that  $L^0 = L_0$ ,  $L^1 = L$ .

Show that the set  $E$  of those  $t \in [0,1]$  for which the first boundary value problem

$$L^t u = f \quad ((x,t) \in Q_T; u \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)) \quad (31)$$

is unique strong solvable, for any  $f(x,t) \in L_2(Q_T)$  is non-empty and simultaneously open and closed relatively to the segment  $[0,1]$ .

Non-emptiness of the set  $E$  follows from that for  $t=0$  the problem (31) coincides with the problem (27)-(28).

Now show that the set  $E$  is open with respect to the segment  $[0,1]$ . Let  $t^0 \in E$ . Then from the corollary of theorem 1 we obtain

$$\|u\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{24} \|L^{t^0} u\|_{L_2(Q_T)} = C_{24} \|f\|_{L_2(Q_T)}. \quad (32)$$

Denote by  $M$  on operator which for any function  $f(x,t) \in L_2(Q_T)$  associates the strong relation  $u(x,t)$  of the problem (27)-(28) for  $t=t^0$ .

It's obvious that  $M$  is a linear operator from  $L_2(Q_T)$  in  $\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ . From (32) it follows that the operator  $M$  is bounded, i.e.

$$\|Mf\|_{\dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{24} \|f\|_{L_2(Q_T)}. \quad (33)$$

On the other hand

$$L^t - L^{t^0} = (1-t)L_0 - (1-t^0)L_0 + (t-t^0)L = (t-t^0)(L_0 - L). \quad (34)$$

Let  $\delta > 0$  be a number which will be selected later and  $|t-t^0| < \delta$ . We represent the problem (31) for such  $t$  in the equivalent form

$$L^{t^0} u = f + (t-t^0)(L_0 - L)u, \quad (x,t) \in Q_T, \quad u \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T). \quad (35)$$

Together with the problem (35) we consider the auxiliary problem

$$L^{t^0} u = f + (t-t^0)(L_0 - L)z, \quad (x,t) \in Q_T, \quad u \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T), \quad (36)$$

where  $f(x,t) \in L_2(Q_T)$ ,  $z(x,t) \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ .

Denote by  $M_1$  an operator which throws  $z$  in solution of the problem (36) to  $u$

$$u = M_1 z.$$

We prove that the operator  $M_1$  for the appropriately chosen number  $\delta$  is contractive. Let

$$u_1 = M_1 z_1 \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = M_1 z_2, \quad z_1, z_2 \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T).$$

The difference  $u_1 - u_2$  is a solution of the problem

$$L^{t^0} (u_1 - u_2) = (t-t^0)(L_0 - L)(z_1 - z_2), \quad (x,t) \in Q_T, \quad u_1 - u_2 \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T).$$

According to the estimate (33)

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{24} \delta \|(L_0 - L)(z_1 - z_2)\|_{L_2(Q_T)}, \tag{37}$$

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{1,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{24} C_{25} \delta \|z_1 - z_2\|_{L_2(Q_T)},$$

where the constant  $C_{25}$  depends only on  $L$  and  $n$ . Now we choose and fix  $\delta = \frac{1}{2C_{24}C_{25}}$ .

Then we have

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \|z_1 - z_2\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)}.$$

It remains to use the contracted mapping principle.

Now we show that the set  $E$  is closed relative to the segment  $[0,1]$ . Let  $t_m \rightarrow t_0$  and  $t_m \in E$ . Let  $u_m$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be a solution of the problem

$$L^m u_m = f, \quad u_m \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T),$$

where  $f(x,t)$  is an arbitrary fixed function from  $L_2(Q_T)$ .

On the basis of the corollary of theorem 1

$$\|u_m\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)} \leq C_{26}, \tag{38}$$

where  $C_{26}$  depends only on the functions  $f, n, L$  and the domain  $\Omega$ .

Therefore from the sequence  $\{u_m\}$  we can choose a subsequence weakly convergent to some function  $u_0 \in \dot{W}_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}(Q_T)$ .

Therefore

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (L^{t_0} u_{m_k}, \omega) = (L^{t_0} u_0, \omega) \tag{39}$$

for any  $\omega(x,t) \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$ .

For simplicity denote the subsequence  $\{u_{m_k}(x,t)\}$  again by  $\{u_m(x,t)\}$ . Then from (39) we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (L^{t_0} u_m, \omega) = (L^{t_0} u_0, \omega). \tag{40}$$

But on the other hand

$$(L^{t_0} u_m, \omega) = ((L^{t_0} - L^{t_m}) u_m, \omega) + (L^{t_m} u_m, \omega) = ((L^{t_0} - L^{t_m}) u_m, \omega) + (f, \omega)$$

therefore we obtain from (40)

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} ((L^{t_0} - L^{t_m}) u_m, \omega) + (f, \omega) = (L^{t_0} u_0, \omega). \tag{41}$$

Using (34) we have further for any fixed  $\omega(x,t) \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$

$$\left| ((L^{t_0} - L^{t_m}) u_m, \omega) \right| \leq |t_m - t_0| \iint_{Q_T} (L_0 - L) u_m \|\omega\| dx dt \leq$$

$$\leq |t_m - t_0| \left( \iint_{Q_T} (L_0 - L) u_m^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \iint_{Q_T} \omega^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq$$

$$C_{27} |t_m - t_0| \|u_m\|_{W_{2,\varphi}^{2,2}} \|\omega\|_{L_2(Q_T)},$$

where  $C_{27}$  depends only on  $L, n$ . Allowing for (38) from the last inequality we conclude

$$\left| (L^{t_0} - L^{t_m}) u_m, \omega \right| \leq C_{26} C_{27} |t_m - t_0| \|\omega\|_{L_2(Q_T)}.$$

In other words

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( (L^{t_0} - L^{t_m}) u_m, \omega \right) = 0 \quad (42)$$

using (42) in (41) we get

$$(L^{t_0} u_0, \omega) = (f, \omega). \quad (43)$$

Since the equality (43) is valid for arbitrary function  $\omega(x, t) \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$  then it follows that  $L^{t_0} u_0 = f$ , a.e. in  $Q_T$ . Thus the function  $u_0(x, t) \in \dot{W}_{2,p}^{2,2}(Q_T)$  is a strong (moreover unique by virtue of the corollary of theorem 1) solution of the problem (31) for  $t = t_0$ , i.e.  $t_0 \in E$ . The closure of  $E$  is proved and the proof of the existence of a solution of the problem (1)-(2) is completed. The estimate (30) with  $C_{23} = C_{20}$  immediately follows from the corollary of theorem 1.

The proof of the theorem is completed.

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