

SOME PSEUDOPARABOLIC VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES WITH HIGHER DERIVATIVES

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We consider a pseudoparabolic variational inequality with higher derivatives. We prove the existence and uniqueness of a solution of this inequality with a zero initial condition.

The process of filtration of liquid in a porous medium with cracks [1] and the process of heat transfer in a heterogeneous medium [2] are simulated by boundary-value problems for pseudoparabolic equations. Di Benedetto and Showalter [3] showed that the solution of the single-phase Stefan problem can be reduced to the solution of a pseudoparabolic variational inequality.

Scarpini [4] considered a linear pseudoparabolic inequality in the case of a single space variable with second derivatives with respect to a space coordinate. Problems with initial and boundary conditions for a pseudoparabolic equation with higher derivatives were investigated by Brill [5]. A general theory of pseudoparabolic equations was considered, in particular, in [6–10].

In the present paper, the well-posedness of a pseudoparabolic variational problem is investigated for the first time in the case of many space variables with derivatives of order $2n$, $n \geq 1$, with respect to space coordinates and with zero initial condition.

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, let V be a closed subspace in $(H^l(\Omega))^N$ such that $(\dot{H}^l(\Omega))^N \subset V \subset (H^l(\Omega))^N$ and V is continuously and compactly imbedded in $(L^2(\Omega))^N$, and let K be a convex closed set in V that contains the zero element.

Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denote the action of a functional from the space V^* on elements of the space V and let (\cdot, \cdot) denote the scalar product in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^N .

In the domain $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, we consider the variational inequality

$$\int_0^\tau (\langle M(t)u_t, v - u_t \rangle + \langle L(t)u, v - u_t \rangle - \langle F, v - u_t \rangle) dt \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition

$$u(0) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (2)$$

Here, the operators $L(t)$, $M(t)$, and $F(t)$ are defined as follows:

For every $t \in (0, T)$, we have $L(t): V \rightarrow V^*$ and, for arbitrary $u, v \in V$,

$$\langle L(t)u, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \left(A_{\alpha,\beta}(x,t) D^{\beta}u(x,t), D^{\alpha}v(x,t) \right) + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} \left(C_{\alpha}(x,t) D^{\alpha}u(x,t), v(x,t) \right) \right] dx.$$

For every $t \in (0, T)$, we have $M(t): V \rightarrow V^*$ and, for arbitrary $u, v \in V$,

$$\langle M(t)u, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \left(B_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) D^{\beta}u(x,t), D^{\alpha}v(x,t) \right) dx.$$

For every $v \in V$ and arbitrary $t \in (0, T)$, we have

$$\langle F(t), v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} \left(f_{\alpha}, D^{\alpha}v(x,t) \right) dx.$$

Here, $A_{\alpha\beta}$, $B_{\alpha\beta}$, and C_{α} are square $N \times N$ matrices, $f_{\alpha} = (f_{\alpha,1}, \dots, f_{\alpha,N})$, and $l \geq 1$. We introduce the space

$$W = \left\{ w: w \in L^2((0, T); V), w_t \in L^2((0, T); V^*) \right\}$$

and denote $\Omega_{\tau} = Q_T \cap \{t = \tau\}$.

Definition 1. A generalized solution of inequality (1) with initial condition (2) is understood as a function u , $u \in L^2([0, T]; V)$, $u_t \in L^2((0, T); V)$, $u_t \in K$ for almost all $t \in (0, T)$, that satisfies (1) and (2) for arbitrary τ , $0 < \tau \leq T$, and for an arbitrary function $v \in W$, $v \in K$ for almost all $t \in (0, T)$.

Assume that the coefficients of the operators L and M satisfy the following conditions:

- (A) $A_{\alpha\beta} \in L^{\infty}(Q_T)$, $A_{\alpha\beta,t} \in L^{\infty}(Q_T)$, $A_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) = A_{\beta\alpha}(x,t)$, and $A_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) = A_{\alpha\beta}^T(x,t)$ for all α, β , $|\alpha| \leq l$, $|\beta| \leq l$, and $(x,t) \in Q_T$, and

$$\int_{\Omega_{\tau}} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \left(A_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) D^{\beta}v, D^{\alpha}v \right) dx \geq \int_{\Omega_{\tau}} \left(a_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^{\alpha}v|^2 + a_0 |v|^2 \right) dx$$

for almost all $\tau \in [0, T]$, $v \in V$, $a_l > 0$, $a_0 > 0$;

- (B) $B_{\alpha\beta} \in L^{\infty}(Q_T)$, $B_{\alpha\beta,t} \in L^{\infty}(Q_T)$, $B_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) = B_{\beta\alpha}(x,t)$, and $B_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) = B_{\alpha\beta}(x,t)^T$ for all α, β , $|\alpha| \leq l$, $|\beta| \leq l$, and $(x,t) \in Q_T$, and

$$\int_{\Omega_{\tau}} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \left(B_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) D^{\beta}v, D^{\alpha}v \right) dx \geq \int_{\Omega_{\tau}} \left(b_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^{\alpha}v|^2 + b_0 |v|^2 \right) dx$$

for almost all $\tau \in [0, T]$, $v \in V$, $b_l > 0$, $b_0 > 0$;

$$(C) \quad C_\alpha \in C([0, T]; L^\infty(\Omega)).$$

According to the corollary presented in [11, p. 27], we can use the norm

$$\|u\|_{H^l(\Omega)}^2 = \int_{\Omega} \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + |u|^2 \right) dx$$

in the space $(H^l(\Omega))^N$. Let A be a square matrix, $A(x, t) = [a_{ij}(x, t)]_{i, j=1}^N$. By $\|A\|_{L^\infty(Q_T)}$ we denote the quantity $\text{esssup}_{Q_T} \left[\sum_{i, j=1}^N a_{ij}^2(x, t) \right]^{1/2}$.

Theorem 1. *Suppose that conditions (A)–(C) are satisfied. Then problem (1), (2) has at most one solution.*

Proof. Assume that there exist two solutions u^1 and u^2 of inequality (1). Then, for u^1 and u^2 , we have

$$\int_0^\tau \left(\langle M(t)u_t^1, v - u_t^1 \rangle + \langle L(t)u^1, v - u_t^1 \rangle - \langle F, v - u_t^1 \rangle \right) dt \geq 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\int_0^\tau \left(\langle M(t)u_t^2, v - u_t^2 \rangle + \langle L(t)u^2, v - u_t^2 \rangle - \langle F, v - u_t^2 \rangle \right) dt \geq 0.$$

In the inequalities obtained, we set $v = (u_t^1 + u_t^2)/2$ and add them together. As a result, we get

$$\int_0^\tau \left[\langle M(t)(u_t^2 - u_t^1), u_t^2 - u_t^1 \rangle + \langle L(t)(u^2 - u^1), u_t^2 - u_t^1 \rangle \right] dt \leq 0. \quad (4)$$

Denoting $u(x, t) = u^2(x, t) - u^1(x, t)$ and performing certain transformations in inequality (4), we obtain

$$\mathfrak{F}_1 = \int_0^\tau \langle Mu_t, u_t \rangle dt = \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t, D^\alpha u_t) dx dt \geq \int_{Q_\tau} \left[b_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t|^2 + b_0 |u_t|^2 \right] dx dt,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{F}_2 &= \int_0^\tau \langle L(t)u, u_t \rangle dt = \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u, D^\alpha u_t) dx dt + \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u, u_t) dx dt \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[a_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + a_0 |u|^2 \right] dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[a_l^2 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + a_0^2 |u|^2 \right] dx dt \\ &\quad - \frac{C}{2\delta_0} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\mu_1 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + \mu_2 |u|^2 \right] dx dt - \frac{\delta_0}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} |u_t|^2 dx dt, \quad \delta_0 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $C = \max_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq l} \|C_\alpha\|_{L^\infty(Q_T)}$ and μ_1 and μ_2 are constants dependent on Ω , l , and n , because the elements of the matrices $A_{\alpha\beta}$, $A_{\alpha\beta,t}$, $B_{\alpha\beta}$, and $B_{\alpha\beta,t}$ are bounded and, by virtue of Theorem 1.17 in [12, p. 177], the formula of integration by parts is valid in \mathfrak{T}_2 . Moreover, by virtue of the corollary presented in [11, p. 27], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) D^\alpha u, D^\beta u) dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(a_l^1 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + a_0^1 |u|^2 \right) dx, \\ \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta,t}(x,t) D^\alpha u, D^\beta u) dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(a_l^2 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + a_0^2 |u|^2 \right) dx, \\ \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) D^\alpha u, D^\beta u) dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(b_l^1 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + b_0^1 |u|^2 \right) dx, \\ \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta,t}(x,t) D^\alpha u, D^\beta u) dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(b_l^2 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + b_0^2 |u|^2 \right) dx. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

By using the estimates of the integrals \mathfrak{T}_1 and \mathfrak{T}_2 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[b_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t|^2 + \left(b_0 - \frac{\delta_0}{2} \right) |u_t|^2 \right] dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left[a_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + a_0 |u|^2 \right] dx \\ \leq \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\left(a_l^2 + \frac{C\mu_1}{2\delta} \right) \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u|^2 + \left(a_0^2 + \frac{C\mu_2}{2\delta_0} \right) |u|^2 \right] dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_0 \leq b_0$. By using the Gronwall–Bellman lemma, we establish that $\|u(t)\|_V \leq 0$ for almost all $t \in (0, T)$. Hence, $u_1 = u_2$ almost everywhere in Q_T .

Theorem 2. *Suppose that the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied and $f_\alpha \in C([0, T]; (L^2(\Omega))^N)$ for all $|\alpha| \leq l$. Then a solution of problem (1), (2) exists.*

Proof. We seek a solution of the variational inequality (1) with initial condition (2) by the penalty method and the method of hyperbolic regularization.

Consider the sequence of functions

$$u^s(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^s z_k^s(t) \varphi^k(x), \quad s = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $\varphi^k(x)$ is a basis of the space V , and z_1^s, \dots, z_s^s is a solution of the Cauchy problem

$$\varepsilon \langle u_{tt}, \varphi^k \rangle + \langle Mu_t^s, \varphi^k \rangle + \langle Lu^s, \varphi^k \rangle + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \langle B(u_t^s), \varphi^k \rangle = \langle F, \varphi^k \rangle, \quad (6)$$

$$z_k^s(0) = 0, \quad z_{k,t}^s(0) = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, s. \quad (7)$$

Here, B is the penalty operator [13, p. 370], $Bu = J(u - P_K u)$, where J is the duality operator between the spaces V and V^* , P_K is the operator of projection to the set K , and ε is a positive parameter.

Multiplying equality (6) by $z_{k,t}^s(t)$ and integrating the result with respect to t over the interval $(0, \tau)$, $0 \leq \tau \leq T$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\varepsilon (u_{tt}^s, u_t^s) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^s, D^\alpha u_t^s) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^s, D^\alpha u_t^s) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^s, u_t^s) + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\alpha u_t^s) \right] dx dt + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \langle B(u_t^s), u_t^s \rangle dt = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Taking (5) into account, we estimate each term of the last equality as follows:

$$\mathfrak{I}_3 = \varepsilon \int_{Q_\tau} (u_{tt}^s, u_t^s) dx dt = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} |u_t^s|^2 dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{I}_4 &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^s, D^\alpha u_t^s) dx dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t) D^\beta u^s, D^\alpha u^s) dx \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta,t}(x, t) D^\beta u^s, D^\alpha u^s) dx dt \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left[a_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + a_0 |u^s|^2 \right] dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[a_l^2 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + a_0^2 |u^s|^2 \right] dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathfrak{I}_5 = \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^s, D^\alpha u_t^s) \geq \int_{Q_\tau} \left[b_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^s|^2 + b_0 |u_t^s|^2 \right] dx dt,$$

$$\mathfrak{I}_6 = \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^s, u_t^s) dx dt \leq \frac{\delta_0}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} |u_t^s|^2 dx dt + \frac{C}{2\delta_0} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\mu_1 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + \mu_2 |u^s|^2 \right] dx dt,$$

$$\mathfrak{I}_7 = \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\alpha u_t^s) dx dt \leq \frac{1}{2\delta_1} \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} |f_\alpha|^2 dx dt + \frac{\delta_1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\mu_3 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^s|^2 + \mu_4 |u_t^s|^2 \right] dx dt,$$

$$\mathfrak{I}_8 = \int_0^\tau \langle B(u_t^s), u_t^s \rangle dt, \quad \delta_0 > 0, \quad \delta_1 > 0.$$

Using these transformations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon \int_{\Omega_\tau} |u_t^s|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left(a_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + a_0 |u^s|^2 \right) dx + \int_{Q_\tau} (2b_l - \delta_1 \mu_3) \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^s|^2 dx dt \\ & + \int_{Q_\tau} (2b_0 - \delta_1 \mu_4 - \delta_0) |u_t^s|^2 dx dt + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \langle B(u_t^s), u_t^s \rangle dt \\ & \leq \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\left(a_l^2 + \frac{C\mu_1}{\delta_0} \right) \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + \left(a_0^2 + \frac{C\mu_2}{\delta_0} \right) |u^s|^2 \right] dx dt + \frac{1}{2\delta_1} \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} |f_\alpha|^2 dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Choosing δ_0 and δ_1 so that the corresponding terms are positive and using the Gronwall–Bellman lemma and inequality (9), we obtain the following estimates for $u^s(x, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_\tau} |u_t^s|^2 dx \leq v_1 \varepsilon, \quad \tau \in [0, T], \\ & \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + |u^s|^2 \right] dx \leq v_1, \quad \tau \in [0, T], \\ & \int_{Q_T} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^s|^2 + |u_t^s|^2 \right] dx dt \leq v_1, \\ & \int_0^T \langle B(u_t^s), u_t^s \rangle dt \leq \varepsilon v_1. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The condition $f_\alpha \in C([0, T]; (L^2(\Omega))^N)$ and estimates (10) yield

$$\int_{\Omega_\delta} |u_t^s|^2 dx \leq \delta \mu, \quad \int_{\Omega_\delta} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + |u^s|^2 \right] dx \leq \delta \mu.$$

Let us prove the uniform convergence of the sequence $\{u^s(x, t)\}$ in the space $C([0, T]; V)$ and the sequence $\{u_t^s(x, t)\}$ in the space $C([0, T]; (L^2(\Omega))^N)$. For this purpose, we consider equality (6) for t and $t + \delta$ and multiply these equalities by $z_{k,t}^s(t + \delta) - z_{k,t}^s(t)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \langle u_{tt}^s(t+\delta), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle + \langle Mu_t^s(t+\delta), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle + \langle Au^s(t+\delta), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \langle B(u_t^s(t+\delta)), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle &= \langle F(t+\delta), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle, \\ \varepsilon \langle u_{tt}^s(t), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle + \langle Mu_t^s(t), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle + \langle Au^s(t), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \langle B(u_t^s(t)), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle &= \langle F(t), \tilde{u}_t^s(t) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where $u^s(x, t) = u^s(x, t + \delta) - u^s(x, t)$.

Subtracting the last inequalities and integrating the result with respect to t , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\varepsilon (\tilde{u}_{tt}^s, \tilde{u}_t^s) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t+\delta) D^\beta u_t^s(x, t+\delta) - B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t) D^\beta u_t^s(x, t), D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s) \right. \\ + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t+\delta) D^\beta u^s(x, t+\delta) - A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t) D^\beta u^s(x, t), D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s) \\ + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha(x, t+\delta) D^\alpha u^s(x, t+\delta) - C_\alpha(x, t) D^\alpha u^s(x, t), \tilde{u}_t^s) \\ - \left. \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} (f_\alpha(x, t+\delta) - f_\alpha(x, t), D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s) \right] dx dt \\ + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \langle B(u_t^s(x, t+\delta)) - B(u_t^s(x, t)), \tilde{u}_t^s \rangle dt = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

We perform certain transformations using estimates (5):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{I}_9 &= \int_{Q_\tau} \varepsilon (\tilde{u}_{tt}^s, \tilde{u}_t^s) dx dt = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 dx - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_{\Omega_\delta} |u_t^s|^2 dx, \\ \mathfrak{I}_{10} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t+\delta) D^\beta \tilde{u}_t^s, D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s) dx dt \\ &+ \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} ((B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t+\delta) - B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t)) D^\beta u_t^s(x, t), D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s(x, t)) dx dt \\ &\geq \int_{Q_\tau} \left(b_l \sum_{|\alpha|=m} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s|^2 + b_0 |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 \right) dx dt \\ &- \max_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \|B_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t+\delta) - B_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_6 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^s|^2 + \mu_7 |u_t^s|^2 \right) dx dt \\ &- \max_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \|B_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t+\delta) - B_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_8 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s|^2 + \mu_9 |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 \right) dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{F}_{11} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \left(A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t+\delta) D^\beta \tilde{u}^s(x, t), D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s(x, t) \right) dx dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \left((A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t+\delta) - A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t)) D^\beta u^s(x, t), D^\beta \tilde{u}_t^s(x, t) \right) dx dt \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left(a_l \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}^s|^2 + a_0 |\tilde{u}^s|^2 \right) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\delta} \left(a_l^1 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + a_0^1 |u^s|^2 \right) dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(a_l^2 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}^s|^2 + a_0^2 |\tilde{u}^s|^2 \right) dx dt \\
 &\quad - \max_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \|A_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t+\delta) - A_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_{10} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s|^2 + \mu_{11} |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 \right) dx dt \\
 &\quad - \max_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \|A_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t+\delta) - A_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_{12} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + \mu_{13} |u^s|^2 \right) dx dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{F}_{12} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} \left((C_\alpha(x, t+\delta) - C_\alpha(x, t)) D^\alpha u^s(x, t), \tilde{u}_t^s(x, t) \right) dx dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} \left(C_\alpha(x, t) D^\alpha \tilde{u}^l(t), \tilde{u}_t^s(x, t) \right) dx dt \\
 &\geq -\frac{C}{2\delta_0} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_{14} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}^s|^2 + \mu_{15} |\tilde{u}^s(x, t)|^2 \right) dx dt - \frac{\delta_0}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 dx dt \\
 &\quad - \max_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} \|C_\alpha(\cdot, t+\delta) - C_\alpha(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_{16} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + \mu_{17} |u^s(x, t)|^2 \right) dx dt \\
 &\quad - \max_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} \|C_\alpha(\cdot, t+\delta) - C_\alpha(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \int_{Q_\tau} |\tilde{u}_t^s(x, t)|^2 dx dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{F}_{13} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} \left(f_\alpha(x, t+\delta) - f_\alpha(x, t), D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s \right) dx dt \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2\delta_1} \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} |f_\alpha(x, t+\delta) - f_\alpha(x, t)|^2 dx dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{\delta_1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_{18} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s|^2 + \mu_{19} |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 \right) dx dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the functions $A_{\alpha\beta}(x, t)$, $A_{\alpha\beta,t}(x, t)$, $B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t)$, $B_{\alpha\beta,t}(x, t)$, $C_\alpha(x, t)$, and $f_\alpha(x, t)$ are continuous with respect to t , we conclude that, for any $\sigma > 0$, there exists δ such that

$$\max_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \|A_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t+\delta) - A_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \sigma,$$

$$\max_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} \|B_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t+\delta) - B_{\alpha\beta}(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \sigma,$$

$$\max_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} \|C_\alpha(\cdot, t+\delta) - C_\alpha(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \sigma,$$

$$\max_{|\alpha|\leq l} \|f_\alpha(\cdot, t+\delta) - f_\alpha(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \sigma.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon \int_{\Omega_\tau} |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left[(a_l - 2\sigma\mu_{10}) \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}^s|^2 + (a_0 - 2\sigma\mu_{11}) |\tilde{u}^s|^2 \right] dx \\ & + \int_{Q_\tau} \left[(2b_l - 2\sigma\mu_8 - \delta_1\mu_{18}) \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}_t^s|^2 + (2b_0 - 2\sigma(\mu_9 + 1) - \delta_0 - \delta_1\mu_{19}) |\tilde{u}_t^s|^2 \right] dx dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \int_{\Omega_\delta} |u_t^s|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_\delta} \left(a_l^1 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + a_0^1 |u^s|^2 \right) dx \\ & + 2\sigma \int_{Q_\tau} \left[(\mu_{12} + \mu_{16}) \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^s|^2 + (\mu_{13} + \mu_{17}) |u^s|^2 \right] dx dt \\ & + 2\sigma \int_{Q_\tau} \left(\mu_6 \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^s|^2 + \mu_7 |u_t^s|^2 \right) dx dt + \tilde{\nu}\sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality yields

$$\varepsilon \int_{\Omega_\tau} |u_t^s(x, t+\delta) - u_t^s(x, t)|^2 dx \leq \nu_2\sigma,$$

(12)

$$\int_{\Omega_\tau} \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha \tilde{u}^s(x, t)|^2 + |\tilde{u}^s|^2 \right) dx \leq \nu_2\sigma, \quad \tau \in [0, T].$$

It follows from estimates (10) and (12) that there exists a subsequence $\{u^p(x, t)\}$ of the sequence $\{u^s(x, t)\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 u^p &\rightarrow u^\varepsilon \quad \text{weakly in } L^2((0, T); V), \\
 u_t^p &\rightarrow u_t^\varepsilon \quad \text{weakly in } L^2((0, T); V), \\
 u^p &\rightarrow u^\varepsilon \quad \text{uniformly in } C([0, T]; V), \\
 u_t^p &\rightarrow u_t^\varepsilon \quad \text{uniformly in } C([0, T]; (L^2(\Omega))^N), \\
 B(u_t^p) &\rightarrow \omega \quad \text{weakly in } L^2((0, T); V^*)
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

as $p \rightarrow \infty$.

Assume that k in Eqs. (6) varies from 1 to s_0 . According to (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle L(t)u^s, \varphi^k \rangle &\rightarrow \langle L(t)u^\varepsilon, \varphi^k \rangle \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T), \\
 \langle M(t)u_t^s, \varphi^k \rangle &\rightarrow \langle M(t)u_t^\varepsilon, \varphi^k \rangle \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T), \\
 \langle B(u_t^s), \varphi^k \rangle &\rightarrow \langle \omega^\varepsilon, \varphi^k \rangle \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T), \\
 \langle u_t^s, \varphi^k \rangle &\rightarrow \langle u_t^\varepsilon, \varphi^k \rangle \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T)
 \end{aligned}$$

as $s \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore,

$$\langle u_{tt}^s, \varphi^k \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \langle u_t^s, \varphi^k \rangle \rightarrow \langle u_{tt}^\varepsilon, \varphi^k \rangle \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T),$$

and, taking into account that $\{\varphi^k(x)\}$ is a basis in V , we get

$$\varepsilon \langle u_{tt}^\varepsilon, v \rangle = - \langle M(t)u_t^\varepsilon + L(t)u^\varepsilon - F(t), v \rangle - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \langle \omega^\varepsilon, v \rangle$$

for arbitrary $v \in V$. This equality and the definition of the operators M , L , F , and B yield the inclusion $u_{tt}^\varepsilon \in L^2((0, T); V^*)$. Since the spaces $V \subset L^2(\Omega) \subset V^*$ are compactly imbedded and $u_t \in L^2((0, T); V)$, we conclude that, according to Theorem 1.17 in [12, p. 177], the integral $\int_0^\tau \langle u_{tt}^\varepsilon, v \rangle dt$ is meaningful for $v \in W$, and

$$\int_0^\tau \langle u_{tt}^\varepsilon, v \rangle dt = \int_{\Omega_\tau} (u_t^\varepsilon, v) dx - \int_0^\tau \langle u_t^\varepsilon, v_t \rangle dt, \quad \tau \in [0, T].$$

Hence, u^ε satisfies the equality

$$\begin{aligned}
& \varepsilon \int_0^\tau \langle u_t^\varepsilon, v \rangle dt + \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^s, D^\alpha v) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^\varepsilon, D^\alpha v) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^\varepsilon, v) - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\alpha v) \right] dx dt + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \langle \omega^\varepsilon, v \rangle dt = 0 \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

for an any function $v \in W$ and any $\tau \in (0, T]$. Since the operator B is monotone [13, p. 384], one can easily prove by analogy with [13, p. 171] that $\omega^\varepsilon = B(u_t^\varepsilon)$.

We set $v = u_t^\varepsilon$ in equality (14). As a result, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \varepsilon \int_0^\tau \langle u_t^\varepsilon, u_t^\varepsilon \rangle dt + \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^\varepsilon, D^\alpha u_t^\varepsilon) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta| \leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^\varepsilon, D^\alpha u_t^\varepsilon) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^\varepsilon, u_t^\varepsilon) - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\alpha u_t^\varepsilon) \right] dx dt + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^\tau \langle B(u_t^\varepsilon), u_t^\varepsilon \rangle dt = 0. \quad (15)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that equality (14) for the functions u^ε coincides with equality (8) for the functions u^s . Therefore, by analogy with the case of the sequence $\{u^s\}$, for $\{u^\varepsilon\}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left[|u^\varepsilon|^2 + \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^\varepsilon|^2 \right] dx \leq \nu_3, \quad \tau \in [0, T], \\
& \int_{\Omega_\tau} \left[|u^\varepsilon(t+\delta) - u^\varepsilon(t)|^2 + \sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u^\varepsilon(t+\delta) - D^\alpha u^\varepsilon(t)|^2 \right] dx \leq \nu_4 \sigma, \quad \tau \in [0, T], \\
& \int_{Q_T} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=l} |D^\alpha u_t^\varepsilon|^2 + |u_t^\varepsilon|^2 \right] dx dt \leq \nu_3, \\
& \int_0^T \langle B(u_t^\varepsilon), u_t^\varepsilon \rangle dt = \varepsilon \nu_3, \quad \int_{\Omega_\tau} |u_t^\varepsilon|^2 dx \leq \varepsilon \nu_3, \quad \tau \in [0, T].
\end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

It follows from estimates (16) that there exists a subsequence $\{u^{\varepsilon_m}(x, t)\}$ of the set $\{u^\varepsilon(x, t)\}$ such that

$$u^{\varepsilon_m} \rightarrow u \quad \text{weakly in } L^2((0, T); V),$$

$$u_t^{\varepsilon_m} \rightarrow u_t \quad \text{weakly in } L^2((0, T); V),$$

$$u^{\varepsilon_m} \rightarrow u \quad \text{strongly in } L^2((0, T); V),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u^{\varepsilon_m} &\rightarrow u \quad \text{uniformly in } C([0, T]; V), \\
 \varepsilon_m u^{\varepsilon_m} &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{weakly in } L^\infty((0, T); (L^2(\Omega))^N)
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

as $\varepsilon_m \rightarrow 0$. In equality (14), we set $v = w - u_t^{\varepsilon_m}$, where $w \in W$ and $w \in K$ for almost all $t \in (0, T)$, and transform individual terms as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{T}_{14} &= -\varepsilon_m \int_0^\tau \langle u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, w_t - u_{tt}^{\varepsilon_m} \rangle dt + \varepsilon_m \int_{\Omega_\tau} \langle u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, w - u_t^{\varepsilon_m} \rangle dx \\
 &= -\varepsilon_m \int_0^\tau \langle u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, w_t \rangle dt - \frac{\varepsilon_m}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} |u_t^{\varepsilon_m}|^2 dx + \varepsilon_m \int_{\Omega_\tau} (u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, w) dx,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{T}_{15} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha w - D^\alpha u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt \\
 &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha w) dx dt - \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{T}_{16} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha w - D^\alpha u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta, t} D^\beta u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt \\
 &\quad + \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha w) dx dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{T}_{17} &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}, w - u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt \\
 &= \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}, w) dx dt - \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}, u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $B(w) = 0$ and $\langle B(u_t) - B(w), u_t - w \rangle \geq 0$, taking into account the expressions for $\mathfrak{T}_{14}, \dots, \mathfrak{T}_{17}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-\varepsilon_m \int_0^\tau \langle u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, w_t \rangle dt + \varepsilon_m \int_{\Omega_\tau} (u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, w) dx + \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha w) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha w) + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}, w) \right] dx dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) \right. \\
& - \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta,t} D^\beta u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}) + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}, u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) \left. \right] dx dt \\
& - \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\beta w - D^\alpha u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_m}) dx \geq 0. \tag{18}
\end{aligned}$$

By virtue of condition (B), we have

$$- \liminf_{\varepsilon_m \rightarrow 0} \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t^{\varepsilon_m}, D^\alpha u_t^{\varepsilon_m}) dx dt \leq - \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t, D^\alpha u_t) dx dt. \tag{19}$$

Hence, by using (17) and (19), we determine the lower bound in inequality (18) as $\varepsilon_m \rightarrow 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t, D^\alpha w) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u, D^\alpha w) + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\beta u, w) \right] dx dt \\
& - \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|\leq|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u_t, D^\alpha u_t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{|\alpha|\leq|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta,t} D^\beta u, D^\alpha u) + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha D^\alpha u, u_t) \right] dx dt \\
& - \int_{Q_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\alpha w - D^\alpha u_t) dx dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_\tau} \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u, D^\alpha u) dx \geq 0,
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{Q_\tau} \left[\sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (B_{\alpha\beta}(x, t) D^\beta u_t, D^\alpha (w - u_t)) + \sum_{|\alpha|=|\beta|\leq l} (A_{\alpha\beta} D^\beta u, D^\alpha (w - u_t)) \right. \\
& \left. + \sum_{1\leq|\alpha|\leq l} (C_\alpha(x, t) D^\alpha u, w - u_t) + \sum_{|\alpha|\leq l} (f_\alpha, D^\alpha (w - u_t)) \right] dx dt \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

for any $w \in W$ and $w \in K$ for almost all $t \in (0, T)$. Moreover, by analogy with [13, p. 386], one can prove that $u_t \in K$ for almost all $t \in (0, T)$. Hence, $u(x, t)$ is a solution of problem (1), (2), and Theorem 2 is proved.

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