

ON ONE PROBLEM OF TRANSONIC GAS DYNAMICS

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1. Introduction

We study the initial boundary value problem for the nonlinear evolution equation arising in the asymptotic theory of transonic gas dynamics

$$Lu = u_{xt} - \mu u_{xxx} + u_x u_{xx} - \Delta_y u = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

in $Q = D \times (0, T)$, $D = \Omega \times (0, L)$; $x \in (0, L)$, $t \in (0, T)$, $y \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$,

where Ω is a bounded domain with sufficiently smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$; $S_T = \partial\Omega \times (0, L) \times (0, T)$; L, T are positive numbers;

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{S_T} = 0, \quad u \Big|_{x=0} = 0, \quad u_x \Big|_{x=0, L} = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x). \quad (1.3)$$

Here ν is an outward normal vector on S_T , μ is a positive constant, $u(x, y, t)$ is the disturbance potential.

Equation (1.1) models nonstationary transonic flows around a thin body with effects of viscosity and heatconductivity when a velocity of a gas is close to the local speed of a sound. For more information about physical aspects of (1.1) see Napolitano and Ryzhov [1], Larkin [2]. If $\mu = 0$, we have the Lin-Reissner-Tsien equation which is hyperbolic for all values of $u_x(x, y, t)$. The presence of $-\mu u_{xxx}$ implies some dissipativeness of (1.1) that makes it possible to prove the global existence theorem. On the other hand, this dissipativeness

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is not very strong since for the variables y we have only the Laplace operator. It means that the stationary part of (1.1) is anisotropic, has different properties in x and y variables. It can be noticed also that due to anisotropic properties of the stationary part, boundary conditions on ∂D are not uniform: we have the Neumann condition on $\partial\Omega$ and 3 conditions in points $x = 0, x = L$.

Our approach in proving the existence theorem reflects this fact. First we consider the linear problem and use the Faedo-Galerkin procedure with the basis only in y variables. Unknown coefficients, depending on (x, t) , we find resolving the initial boundary value problem for the parabolic equation. Then we exploit fixed point arguments and prove local solvability of (1.1)-(1.3) for arbitrary regular initial conditions (1.3). To prove global solvability, we use the dissipativeness of $-\mu u_{xxx}$ and assume sufficiently small appropriate norms of u_0 . At last, we prove stability theorem.

In the sequel, we use mostly standard notations for the functional spaces, see [3], otherwise the necessary definitions will be given. Without loss of generality, we put $\mu = 1$.

Assumptions.

1. $u_0 \in H^6(D), u_0(x, 0) = 0, \frac{\partial u_{0x}}{\partial \nu} |_{\partial D} = 0;$
2. $\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu}(u_{0xxx} - u_{0x}u_{0xx} + \Delta_y u_0) |_{\partial D} = 0.$

2. Linear Problem

To solve (1.1)-(1.3) by fixed point arguments, we start from the linear problem. Let B be the set of functions $g(x, y, t,)$ with the following properties:

$$g, g_x, g_t \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(D)), g_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(D)),$$

$$g_{xtt} \in L^2(0, T; H^1(D)), g_{xxx} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(D)),$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \nu} |_{S_T} = 0, g |_{x=0, L} = 0,$$

$$g |_{t=0} = u_{0x}, \partial_t^i g |_{t=0} = \partial_t^i u_x |_{x=0} \quad (i = 1, 2,),$$

where $\partial_t^i u_x|_{t=0}$ are the formal derivatives at $t = 0$ calculated from (1.1)-(1.3).

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|_W &= \|g\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^2(D))} + \|g_x\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^2(D))} + \\ &\|g_t\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^2(D))} + \|g_{tt}\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1(D))} + \\ &\|g_{xtt}\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1(D))} + \|g_{xxx}\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2(D))}. \end{aligned}$$

The ball B_M is the set of functions $g(x, y, t)$ from B such that $\|g\|_W \leq M$. Clearly, B_M is a closed set. For any $g \in B_M$, $M > 0$, consider the following linear problem

$$L_g u = u_{xt} - \Delta_y u - u_{xxx} + \frac{1}{2}(gu_x)_x = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

$$u|_{x=0} = u_x|_{x=0} = u_x|_{x=L} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}|_{S_T} = 0, \tag{2.2}$$

$$u|_{t=0} = u_0. \tag{2.3}$$

Approximate solutions to (2.1)-(2.3) will be sought in the form

$$u^N(x, y, t) = \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^N(x, t)w_j(y), \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_y w_j + \lambda_j w_j &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial\Omega} &= 0, \quad (j = 1, \dots, N), \\ (w_i, w_j) &= \int_{\Omega} w_i w_j dy = \delta_{ij}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Unknown functions $z_j^N(x, t)$ are solutions to the following initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} z_{jxt}^N - z_{jxxx}^N &= -\lambda_j z_j^N - \frac{1}{2}(gu_x^N, w_j) \text{ in } (0, L) \times (0, T), \\ z_j^N|_{x=0} &= 0, \quad z_{jx}^N|_{x=0} = z_{jx}^N|_{x=L} = 0, \\ z_j^N|_{t=0} &= (u_0, w_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, N. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Observing that (2.6) is a linear parabolic problem for z_{jx}^N , one can prove **Lemma 2.1.** *Let $g \in B_M$ and $u_0 \in H^6(0, L)$. Then there exists a unique*

solution to (2.6), $z_j^N(x, t)$:

$$\partial_t^i z_j^N \in L^\infty(0, T; H^{6-2i}(0, L)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^{7-2i}(0, L)), \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, 3).$$

To pass to the limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have to prove a priori estimates for u^N which will allow us also to get results on solvability of the nonlinear problem (1.1)-(1.3).

3. Local solutions

Theorem 3.1 *Let $u_0 \in H^6(D)$ satisfy assumptions 1,2. Then there exist a number T_0 and a unique function $u(x, t)$, which is a solution to (1.1)-(1.3); and the following inequality holds*

$$\|u_x\|_W \leq M.$$

We prove this theorem in some steps. First, we obtain a priori estimates for the approximate solutions that allow us to pass to the limit in (2.6), as $N \rightarrow \infty$, and therewith to solve the linear problem (2.1)-(2.3). After that, using fixed point arguments, we come to the result of Theorem 3.1.

A priori estimates

We prove a priori estimates in some steps. One part of them can be obtained directly in the whole domain $Q_0 = D \times (0, T_0)$. To prove other estimates, we will use a partition of the interval $[0, L]$ and get at first estimates in subdomains $D' \subset D$ then in vicinities of the surfaces $x = 0, x = L$. Combination of these estimates permits us to get necessary estimates in the whole domain Q . In the Lemma 3.1 we give estimates which are valid in $Q_0 = D \times (0, T_0)$.

Lemma 3.1. *For each $M < \infty$, there exists a number $T_3 = T_3(M) > 0$ such that for all $t \in (0, T_3)$ the inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_{xx}^N(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|u^N(t)\|_{H^2(D)}^2 + \|u_{xt}^N(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|u_{xtt}^N(t)\|^2 + \\ & \int_0^t (\|u_{x\tau\tau}^N(\tau)\|^2 + \|\Delta_y u_\tau^N(\tau)\|^2 + \|u_{xxx}^N(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2) d\tau \leq C_1 \|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where the constant C_1 does not depend on M, N, t .

Proof. We omit the index N in calculations that will be made for smooth solutions of (2.1)-(2.3) which, additionally to (2.2),(2.3), possess the property

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |_{S_T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \Delta_y u |_{S_T} = 0.$$

It is possible because of our way of construction of $u^N(x, y, t,)$, see (2.4)-(2.6).

First, we consider the identity

$$\begin{aligned} 2(L_g u, u_x)(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \|u_x(t)\|^2 + 2\|u_{xx}(t)\|^2 + \\ 2(\nabla_y u, \nabla_y u_x)(t) &+ ((gu_x)_x, u_x)(t) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

The last term can be estimated as follows

$$|(gu_x)_x, u_x| = |(gu_x, u_{xx})| \leq \|u_{xx}(t)\|^2 + C_1(M)\|u_x(t)\|^2.$$

Substituting this into (3.2), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u_x(t)\|^2 + \|u_{xx}(t)\|^2 \leq C_1(M)\|u_x(t)\|^2.$$

Integration over $(0, t)$ gives

$$\|u_x(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|u_{xx}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq \|u_{0x}\|^2 + C_1(M) \int_0^t \|u_x(\tau)\|^2 d\tau. \tag{3.3}$$

From here

$$\|u_x(t)\|^2 \leq \|u_{0x}\|^2 + C_1(M) \int_0^t \|u_x(\tau)\|^2 d\tau.$$

By Gronwall's lemma

$$\|u_x(t)\|^2 \leq \|u_{0x}\|^2 e^{C_1(M)t}.$$

Choosing $T_1 > 0$ such that $0 < C_1(M)T_1 \leq 1$ and taking into account (3.3), we get for all $t \in (0, T_1)$

$$\|u_x(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|u_{xx}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq C\|u_{0x}\|^2, \tag{3.4}$$

where C does not depend on M, N, t .

Next, we consider the equality

$$-2(L_g u, (e^{-x} \Delta_y u_x + u_{xxx})) = 0.$$

Acting in the same manner as by proving (3.4) and choosing T_2 sufficiently small, we obtain for all $t \in (0, T_2)$

$$\|u_x(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \int_0^t (\|\Delta_y u(\tau)\|^2 + \|u_{xx}(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^2(D)}^2, \quad (3.5)$$

where the constant C does not depend on M, N, t .

From the identity

$$2((L_g u)_t, u_{xt}) = \frac{d}{dt} \|u_{xt}(t)\|^2 + 2\|u_{xxt}(t)\|^2 - ((gu_x)_t, u_{xxt})(t) + 2(\nabla_y u_t, \nabla_y u_{xt})(t) = 0,$$

taking into account (3.5), we obtain for $T_3 > 0$ sufficiently small

$$\|u_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|u_{xx\tau}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^3(D)}^2; \quad (3.6)$$

and from

$$-2((L_g u)_t, (e^{-x} \Delta_y u_{xt} + u_{xxx})) = 0$$

for all $t \in (0, T_3)$

$$\|u_{xt}(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \int_0^t (\|u_{xx\tau}(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|\Delta_y u_\tau(t)\|^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^4(D)}^2. \quad (3.7)$$

Consider for a.e. $t \in (0, T_3)$ the stationary problem

$$u_{xxx} + \Delta_y u = u_{xt} + \frac{1}{2}(gu_x)_x = F(t),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{S_T} = 0, \quad u \Big|_{x=0} = 0, \quad u_x \Big|_{x=0} = u_x \Big|_{x=L} = 0.$$

Due to (3.7), $F(t) \in H^1(D)$. In this case, as was shown in [2],

$$\|u_{xx}(t)\|_{H^1(D)} + \|u(t)\|_{H^2(D)} \leq C \|F(t)\|_{H^1(D)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^4(D)}. \quad (3.8)$$

Transforming the identity

$$2((L_g u)_{tt}, u_{xtt})(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \|u_{xtt}(t)\|^2 + 2\|u_{xxtt}(t)\|^2 -$$

$$((gu_t)_{tt}, u_{xxtt})(t) + 2(\nabla_y u_{tt}, \nabla_y u_{xxtt})(t) = 0,$$

we obtain for $T_3 > 0$ sufficiently small

$$\|u_{xxtt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|u_{x\tau\tau\tau}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq C\|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2, \quad \forall t \in (0, T_3). \quad (3.9)$$

Combining (3.7)-(3.9), we prove Lemma 3.1. □

In the next lemma, we give a priori estimates that are valid in the interior of Q . Let δ be a positive number such that $20\delta < L$. We define in $(0,L)$ smooth nonnegative functions $\xi_i = \xi_i(x)$ and domains D_i as follows

$$\xi_i(x) = 1 \text{ if } x \in [(i + 1)\delta, L - (i + 1)\delta],$$

$$\xi_i(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \in [0, i\delta] \cup [L - i\delta, L], \quad D_i = \Omega \times ((i+1)\delta, L - (i+1)\delta); \quad (i = 1, \dots, 6).$$

Lemma 3.2. *For each $M < \infty$, there exists a number $T_4(M) > 0$ such that for all $t \in (0, T_4)$ the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u^N(t)\|_{H^3(D_4)} + \|u_{xx}^N(t)\|_{H^2(D_4)} + \|\partial_x^5 u^N(t)\|_{L^2(D_4)} + \|\partial_x^3 u_t^N(t)\|_{L^2(D_4)} + \\ & \|\Delta_y u_t^N(t)\|_{L^2(D_4)} \leq C\|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}, \end{aligned}$$

where C does not depend on M, N, t .

Proof. We give here only ideas of the proof.

Considering the identity

$$\begin{aligned} -(\xi_1(L_g u)_t, u_{xxxt})(t) &= -(\xi_1 u_{xtt}, u_{xxxt})(t) + (\xi_1, |u_{xxxt}|^2)(t) + \\ & (\xi_1 \Delta_y u_t, u_{xxxt})(t) - \frac{1}{2}(\xi_1 (u_x g)_{xt}, u_{xxxt}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and choosing $T_4(M) > 0$ sufficiently small, we obtain

$$(\xi_1, |u_{xxxt}|^2)(t) \leq C\|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2. \quad (3.10)$$

Analogously, from

$$-(\xi_1(L_g u)_t, \Delta_y u_t)(t) = 0$$

follows

$$(\xi_1, |\Delta_y u_t|^2)(t) \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2. \tag{3.11}$$

And from

$$-(\xi_1 (L_g u)_x, \Delta u_x + u_{xxxx}) = 0$$

we get

$$(\xi_1, |u_{xxxx}|^2)(t) + (\xi_1, |\Delta_y u_x|^2)(t) \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2. \tag{3.12}$$

Now, from

$$(\xi_2 L_g u, (\Delta_y u_{xxx} + \Delta_y^2 u))(t) = 0$$

we come to

$$(\xi_2, (|\nabla_y u_{xxx}|^2 + |\nabla_y^3 u|^2))(t) \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2. \tag{3.13}$$

In order to estimate $\|u_{xx}(t)\|_{H^2(D_4)}$, we consider the identity

$$-(\xi_3 (L_g u)_{xx}, \Delta_y u_{xx} + \partial_x^5 u)(t) = 0$$

and come to the inequality

$$(\xi_3, (|\Delta_y u_{xx}|^2 + |\partial_x^5 u|^2))(t) \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^5(D)}^2. \tag{3.14}$$

Combining (3.10)-(3.14) with the estimate of Lemma 3.1, we obtain the assertion of Lemma 3.2.

□

The next lemma improves the results of Lemma 3.1 and gives estimates in the whole domain Q .

Lemma 3.3. *There is a small number $T_0(M) > 0$ such that for all $t \in (0, T_0)$ the inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_x^N(t)\|_{H^2(D)}^2 + \|\partial_x^4 u^N(t)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|u_{xtt}^N(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \\ & \|\Delta_y u_{xt}^N(t)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \int_0^t (\|\Delta_y u_{\tau\tau}^N(\tau)\|^2 + \|u_{xx\tau\tau}^N(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

The scheme of the proof. We define smooth nonnegative functions $s_i = s_i(x)$ as follows:

$$0 \leq s_i(x) \leq 1; \quad s_i(x) = 1 \quad \text{if } x \in [0, i\delta] \cup [L - i\delta, L],$$

$$s_i(x) = 0 \quad \text{if } x \in [(i + 1)\delta, L - (i + 1)\delta], \quad (i = 1, \dots, 7).$$

The identity

$$2(s_6 L_g u, \Delta_y^2 u_x)(t) = 0$$

for T_6 sufficiently small can be reduced, taking into account Lemma 3.2, to the inequality

$$(s_6, (\Delta_y u_x)^2)(t) + \int_0^t (s_6, (\Delta_y u_{xx})^2)(\tau) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}^2.$$

Adding (3.11) and (3.8), we get

$$\|u_x(t)\|_{H^2(D)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}. \tag{3.15}$$

Now, from the identity

$$-((L_g u)_x, u_{xxxx})(t) = 0,$$

we obtain

$$\|u_{xxxx}\| \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}; \tag{3.16}$$

and from

$$-2((L_g u)_{tt}, (e^{-x} \Delta_y u_{xtt} + \partial_x^3 u_{tt}))(t) = 0$$

follows

$$\|u_{xtt}(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \int_0^t (\|\Delta_y u_{\tau\tau}(\tau)\|^2 + \|u_{x\tau\tau}(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}^2. \tag{3.17}$$

At last, considering the identity

$$(\xi_5 (L_g u)_{xt}, \Delta_y u_{xt}) = 0,$$

we obtain

$$\|\Delta_y u_{xt}(t)\|_{L^2(D)} \leq C.$$

This and (3.15)-(3.17) imply the result of Lemma 3.3.

□

Now we are able to prove

Lemma 3.4. *Let $u_0 \in H^6(D)$ satisfy assumptions 1,2. Then for each fixed $M > 0$ there is $T_0 > 0$ such that for every $t \in (0, T_0)$ the approximate solutions to (2.1)-(2.3), u^N , satisfy the estimate*

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^N\|_{W^3} &= \|u^N(t)\|_{H^3(D)} + \|u^N_{xx}(t)\|_{H^2(D)} + \|\partial_x^5 u^N(t)\| + \|u^N_{xt}\|_{H^2(D)} + \\ &\|u^N_{xtt}(t)\|_{H^1(D)} + \|\partial_x^4 u^N(t)\| + \left(\int_0^t \|u^N_{xx\tau\tau}\|_{H^1(D)}^2 d\tau\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C_0 \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

where C_0 does not depend on M, N, t .

Proof. We start from the estimate $\|u_{xt}(t)\|_{H^2(D)}$. Since Lemma 3.2 gives this estimate in D_4 , it is sufficient to prove it in vicinities of $x = 0, x = L$. The function $z = (1 - \xi_6)u$ satisfies the equation

$$\begin{aligned} L_g z &= z_{xt} - z_{xxx} - \Delta_y z + \frac{1}{2}(gz_x)_x = -\xi_{6x}[u_t + \frac{1}{2}(gu)_x - 3u_{xx}] - \\ &\frac{1}{2}(\xi_{6x}ug)_x + 3\xi_{6xx}u_x + \xi_{6xxx}u, \\ z &= 0 \quad \text{when } x \in [7\delta, L - 7\delta]. \end{aligned}$$

By the usual way, we show that

$$\|\Delta_y z_{xt}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t (\|\Delta_y z_{xx\tau}(\tau)\|^2 + \|\nabla_y^3 z_\tau(\tau)\|^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}^2.$$

Taking into account Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\|\nabla_y^3 u(t)\| + \|u_{xt}(t)\|_{H^2(D)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}.$$

Now, from the identity

$$(L_g u, \Delta_y u_{xxx}) = 0$$

we come to

$$\|u_{xxx}(t)\|_{H^1(D)} \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}.$$

Taking into account Lemmas 3.2, 3.3, we get

$$\|u_{xx}(t)\|_{H^2(D)} \leq C\|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}.$$

Considering

$$((L_g u)_{xx}, \partial_x^5 u)(t) = 0$$

and

$$((L_g u)_{xt}, \partial_x^4 u_t)(t) = 0,$$

we complete the proof of Lemma 3.4. □

Now we are able to prove existence theorems. In fact, Lemma 3.4 allows us to pass to the limits in (2.6), as $N \rightarrow \infty$, hence the following assertion is valid.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $u_0 \in H^6(D)$ satisfy assumptions 1,2. Then for every $g \in B_M$ and $M < \infty$ there exists a unique solution to (2.1)-(2.3) satisfying (3.18). Moreover, for each fixed $M < \infty$, there is such $T_0 = T_0(M) > 0$ that the constant C_0 in (3.18) does not depend on M , $t \in (0, T_0)$.*

The proof is obvious, we drop it. □

It follows from Theorem 3.1 that we can define the operator $P : u_x = Pg$.

Lemma 3.5. *Let M be sufficiently large and T_0 be sufficiently small. Then P maps B_M into B_M and is the contraction operator.*

Proof. Putting $M = 2C_0\|u_0\|_{H^6(D)}$, we can see that $\|u_x\|_W \leq M/2$. This proves the first part of Lemma 3.5. Defining $\rho(g_1, g_2) = \|g_1 - g_2\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2(D))}$, we obtain

$$\rho(u_{1x}, u_{2x}) \leq C(M)T^*\rho(g_1, g_2),$$

where $u_{ix} = P(g_i)$, $i = 1, 2$. Choosing for fixed M $T^* \in (0, \frac{1}{2C(M)})$, we complete the proof of Lemma 3.5. □

It implies

Theorem 3.2. *Let $u_0 \in H^6(D)$ satisfy assumptions 1,2. Then there is such $T_0 > 0$ that in $G_0 = D \times (0, T_0)$ there exists a unique solution to (1.1)-(1.3); and (3.18) holds.*

4. Global Solutions

Existence of local in t solutions was proved without restrictions for a size of u_0 . On the other hand, if the appropriate norm of u_0 is sufficiently small, it is possible to prove existence of global solutions. Let B be the set of functions $g(x, y, t)$ defined in $Q^+ = D \times R^+$ with the following properties:

$$g, g_x, g_t \in L^\infty(R^+; H^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^2(D));$$

$$g_{tt} \in L^\infty(R^+; H^1(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^1(D)), g_{xtt} \in L^2(R^+; H^1(D));$$

$$g_{xxx} \in L^\infty(R^+; L^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; L^2(D));$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{S^+} = 0, g \Big|_{x=0, L} = 0, S^+ = \partial\Omega \times (0, L) \times R^+,$$

$$g \Big|_{t=0} = u_{0x}, \partial_t^i g \Big|_{t=0} = \partial_t^i u_x \Big|_{t=0}, (i = 1, 2).$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|_W &= \|g\|_{L^\infty(R^+; H^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^2(D))} + \|g_x\|_{L^\infty(R^+; H^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^2(D))} + \\ &\|g_t\|_{L^\infty(R^+; H^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^2(D))} + \|g_{tt}\|_{L^\infty(R^+; H^1(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^1(D))} + \\ &\|g_{xtt}\|_{L^2(R^+; H^1(D))} + \|g_{xxx}\|_{L^\infty(R^+; L^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; L^2(D))}. \end{aligned}$$

The ball B_M is a closed set of $g(x, y, t)$ from B such that $\|g\|_W \leq M$.

As in section 3, we start from the linear problem

$$L_g u = u_{xx} - u_{xxx} - \Delta_y u + \frac{1}{2}(g u_x)_x = 0, \quad (4.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |_{S^+} = 0, \quad u |_{x=0} = u_x |_{x=0, L} = 0, \tag{4.2}$$

$$u |_{t=0} = u_0, \tag{4.3}$$

where g is an arbitrary function from B_M . To solve (4.1)-(4.3), we use the Faedo-Galerkin method. Having necessary a-priori estimates of solutions to (4.1)-(4.3), we can proceed as in section 3 and prove existence of global solutions.

Here we prove only the estimates in the whole domain $D \times R^+$ in order to give an idea how to use the small norm $\|g\|_W$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $g \in B_M$, $\|u_0\|_{H^6(D)} \leq \delta$; and assumptions 1,2 hold. If $M_0 > 0$ is sufficiently small number and $0 < M \leq M_0$, then for a.e. $t \in R^+$ regular solutions to (4.1)-(4.3) satisfy the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u(t)\|_{H^2(D)}^2 + \|u_{xx}(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|u_{xt}(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \\ & \int_0^t (\|u(\tau)\|_{H^2(D)}^2 + \|u_{xx}(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|u_x(\tau)\|_{H^2(D)}^2 + \\ & \|u_{x\tau\tau}(\tau)\|^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^4(D)}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the constant C does not depend on t and on the choice of g .

Proof. First, we consider the integral

$$\begin{aligned} 2(L_g u, u_x)(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \|u_x(t)\|^2 + 2\|u_{xx}(t)\|^2 + \\ 2(\nabla_y u, \nabla_y u_x)(t) &- (g u_x, u_{xx})(t) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

We estimate the last term in (4.4) as follows

$$I = |(g u_x, u_{xx})| \leq \max_{\bar{D}} |g| (\|u_{xx}\|^2 + \|u_x\|^2).$$

Since $\|u_x\|^2 \leq L\|u_{xx}\|^2$, then

$$I \leq C_D M(1 + L)\|u_{xx}\|^2, \tag{4.5}$$

where C_D is the constant of embedding

$$\sup_{Q^+} |g| \leq C_D \|g\|_W \leq C_D M.$$

Substituting (4.5) into (4.4), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u_x(t)\|^2 + (2 - C_D(1 + L)M) \|u_{xx}(t)\|^2 \leq 0.$$

Choosing M such that $2 - C_D(1 + L)M = 1$ and integrating the result, we have

$$\|u_x(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|u_{xx}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq \|u_{0x}\|^2, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \tag{4.6}$$

On the next step, we consider the identity

$$\begin{aligned} -2(e^{-\lambda x} L_g u, \Delta_y u_x) &= \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_x|^2)(t) + \\ 2(e^{-\lambda x} \Delta_y u_x, u_{xxx})(t) &+ 2(e^{-\lambda x} \Delta_y u, \Delta_y u_x)(t) + \\ (e^{-\lambda x} \nabla_y (g u_x)_x, \nabla_y u_x)(t) &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

where λ is an arbitrary positive number.

We treat all the terms separately. Taking into account (4.2), we find

$$I_1 = 2(e^{-\lambda x} \Delta_y u, \Delta_y u_x) = \lambda(e^{-\lambda x}, |\Delta_y u|^2) + \int_{\Omega} e^{-\lambda x} |\Delta_y (y.L)|^2 dy; \tag{4.8}$$

$$I_2 = 2(e^{-\lambda x} \Delta_y u_x, u_{xxx}) = 2(e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_{xx}|^2) - \lambda^2(e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_x|^2). \tag{4.9}$$

If $\lambda > 0$ is sufficiently small, then direct calculations give

$$(e^{-\lambda x}, u_x^2) \leq \frac{2L^2}{2 - \lambda L^2} (e^{-\lambda x}, u_{xx}^2). \tag{4.10}$$

Substituting (4.10) into (4.9), we have

$$I_2 \geq 2\left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2 L^2}{2 - \lambda L^2}\right) (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_{xx}|^2). \tag{4.11}$$

The last term in (4.7) we transform to the form:

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= (e^{-\lambda x} \nabla_y (g u_x)_x, \nabla_y u_x) = \lambda(e^{-\lambda x} (u_x \nabla_y g + g \nabla_y u_x), \nabla_y u_x) - \\ &(e^{-\lambda x} (u_x \nabla_y g + g \nabla_y u_x), \nabla_y u_{xx}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

The first term in (4.12) can be estimated as follows

$$I_{31} = |\lambda((u_x \nabla_y g + g \nabla_y u_x), e^{-\lambda x} \nabla_y u_x)| \leq \lambda \max_{\overline{D}} |g| (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_x|^2) +$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} \nabla_y u_x\|_{L^2(D)} \|\nabla_y g\|_{L^4(D)} \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_x\|_{L^4(D)} &\leq \lambda \max_{\overline{D}} |g| (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_x|^2) + \\ \lambda C_D \|g\|_{H^2(D)} (\|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_x\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} \nabla_y u_x\|_{L^2(D)}^2) &\leq \lambda C_D M (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_x|^2) + \\ \lambda C_D M (\|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_x\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_{xx}\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} \nabla_y u_x\|_{L^2(D)}^2), \end{aligned}$$

where C_D depends only on D .

Using (4.10), we obtain

$$I_{31} \leq \lambda C_D M (\|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_x\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_{xx}\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} \nabla_y u_{xx}\|_{L^2(D)}^2). \quad (4.13)$$

Analogously

$$\begin{aligned} I_{32} &= |((u_x \nabla_y g + g \nabla_y u_x), e^{-\lambda x} \nabla_y u_{xx})| \leq \\ C_D M (\|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_x\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} u_{xx}\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + \|e^{-\frac{\lambda x}{2}} \nabla_y u_{xx}\|_{L^2(D)}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

Substituting (4.13), (4.14) into (4.12) and taking into account (4.8)-(4.11), we reduce (4.7) to the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_x|^2)(t) + (2 - \frac{2\lambda^2 L^2}{2 - \lambda L^2} - C_D M) (e^{-\lambda x}, |\nabla_y u_{xx}|^2)(t) + \\ \lambda (e^{-\lambda x}, |\Delta_y u|^2)(t) \leq C_D M \|u_{xx}\|^2(t). \end{aligned}$$

Choosing $\lambda > 0$, M sufficiently small and using (4.6), we get

$$\|\nabla_y u_x(t)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 + C_0 \int_0^t (\|\nabla_y u_{xx}(\tau)\|^2 + \|\Delta_y u(\tau)\|^2) d\tau \leq C_2 \|u_0\|_{H^2(D)}^2, \quad (4.15)$$

where the constants C_0, C_2 do not depend on t, M and on the choice of $g \in B_M$.

Acting in the same manner, we obtain from the identity

$$(L_g u, u_{xxx}) = 0$$

the estimate

$$\|u_{xxx}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|u_{xxx}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^2(D)}^2, \quad (4.16)$$

and from the identities

$$\begin{aligned} ((L_g u)_t, u_{xt})(t) &= 0, \\ (e^{-\lambda x} (L_g u)_t, \Delta_y u_{xt}) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$((L_g u)_t, u_{xxx t}) = 0,$$

choosing $\lambda > 0, M > 0$ sufficiently small, we get

$$\|u_{xt}(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \int_0^t (\|u_{xx\tau}(\tau)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|\Delta_y u_\tau(\tau)\|^2) d\tau \leq C \|u_0\|_{H^4(D)}^2. \quad (4.17)$$

All the constants in (4.15)-(4.17) do not depend on t, M .

At last, considering for *a.e.* $t \in R^+$ the stationary problem

$$u_{xxx} + \Delta_y u = \frac{1}{2}(g u_x)_x + u_{xt},$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |_{S^+} = 0,$$

$$u |_{x=0} = 0, \quad u_x |_{x=0, L} = 0,$$

we obtain

$$\|u_{xx}(t)\|_{H^1(D)}^2 + \|u(t)\|_{H^2(D)}^2 \leq \|u_0\|_{H^4(D)}^2.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 4.1. □

Acting in the same manner as in section 3, we can estimate the derivatives of a higher order and to prove at first solvability of(4.1)-(4.3) then solvability of (1.1)-(1.3).

Theorem 4.1. *Let $u_0 \in H^6(D)$ satisfy assumptions 1,2 and $\|u_0\|_{H^6(D)} \leq \delta$. Then there is $\delta_0 > 0$ such that for all $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$ there exists a unique solution to (1.1)-(1.3), $u(x, y, t)$:*

$$u_x, u_{xx}, u_{xt} \in L^\infty(R^+; H^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^2(D)),$$

$$u_{xtt} \in L^\infty(R^+; H^1(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; H^1(D)), \quad u_{xxt} \in L^2(R^+; H^1(D)),$$

$$\partial_x^5 u, \partial_x^4 u_t \in L^\infty(R^+; L^2(D)) \cap L^2(R^+; L^2(D)).$$

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, but here we use the dissipativeness of u_{xxx} and choose $M > 0$ sufficiently small instead of small T .

5. Stability

The presence of the dissipation u_{xxx} in (1.1) along with the global existence theorem also permits us to prove stability of small solutions.

For every $T \in (0, \infty)$, $S_T = \partial D \times (0, T)$, let $u(x, y, t)$ be a unique regular solution to the nonstationary problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xt} - u_{xxx} - \Delta_y u + u_x u_{xx} &= f(x, y), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} |_{S_T} &= 0, \quad u |_{x=0} = 0, \\ u |_{t=0} &= u_0(x, y); \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

and let $v(x, y)$ be a unique solution in D to the stationary problem

$$\begin{aligned} -v_{xxx} - \Delta_y v + v_x v_{xx} &= f(x, y), \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} |_{\partial D} &= 0, \quad v |_{x=0} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

Theorem 5.1. *Let $u(x, y, t)$ and $v(x, y)$ be unique regular solutions to (5.1) and (5.2) respectively. If $\|f\|_{H^3(D)}$ is sufficiently small, then the following inequality holds*

$$\|(u_x - v_x)(t)\| \leq C \|u_{0x} - v_x\| e^{-\alpha t},$$

where α is a positive constant.

Proof. For $z = u - v$ we have the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} Lx &= z_{xt} - z_{xxx} - \Delta_y z + \frac{1}{2}((z_x + 2v_x)z_x)_x = 0, \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu} |_{S_T} &= 0, \quad z |_{x=0} = 0, \\ z |_{t=0} &= u_0 - v. \end{aligned}$$

Considering the identity

$$2(Lz, z_x)(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \|z_x(t)\|^2 + 2\|z_{xx}(t)\|^2 +$$

$$2(\nabla_y z, \nabla_y z_x)(t) - ((z_x + 2v_x)z_x, z_{xx})(t) = 0$$

and taking into account that $\|f\|_{H^3(D)}$ and, consequently, $\max_{\bar{D}} |v_{xx}|$, see [2], are sufficiently small, we come to the inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|z_x(t)\| + \frac{1}{2L} \|z_x(t)\| \leq 0.$$

This implies the assertion of Theorem 5.1. □

Remark 5.1. We consider homogeneous boundary conditions (1.2) only for technical reasons. Nonhomogeneous conditions and the right-hand side of (1.1) also can be treated.

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