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# EXISTENCE AND DECAY OF SOLUTIONS OF A NONLINEAR VISCOELASTIC PROBLEM WITH A MIXED NONHOMOGENEOUS CONDITION

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ABSTRACT. We study the initial-boundary value problem for a nonlinear wave equation given by

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s)u_{xx}(s)ds + |u_t|^{q-2}u_t &= f(x, t, u), \\ u_x(0, t) &= u(0, t), u_x(1, t) + \eta u(1, t) = g(t), \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta \geq 0$ ,  $q \geq 2$  are given constants and  $u_0, u_1, g, k, f$  are given functions. In this paper, we consider two main parts. In Part 1, under a certain local Lipschitzian condition on  $f$  with  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^1 \times L^2$ ;  $k, g \in H^1(0, T)$ ,  $\eta \geq 0$ ;  $q \geq 2$ , a global existence and uniqueness theorem is proved. The proof is based on the paper [10] associated to a contraction mapping theorem and standard arguments of density. In Part 2, the asymptotic behavior of the solution  $u$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  is studied, under more restrictive conditions, namely  $g = 0$ ,  $f(x, t, u) = -|u|^{p-2}u + F(x, t)$ ,  $p \geq 2$ ,  $F \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; L^2) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}_+; L^2)$ ,  $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{\sigma t} \|F(t)\|^2 dt < +\infty$ , with  $\sigma > 0$ , and  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^1 \times L^2$ ,  $k \in H^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and some others ( $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the  $L^2(0, 1)$  norm). It is proved that under these conditions, a unique solution  $u(t)$  exists on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\|u'(t)\| + \|u_x(t)\|$  decay exponentially to 0 as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . Finally, we present some numerical results.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we will consider the following initial and boundary value problem:

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s)u_{xx}(s)ds + |u_t|^{q-2}u_t = f(x, t, u), 0 < x < 1; 0 < t < T, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u_x(0, t) = u(0, t), u_x(1, t) + \eta u(1, t) = g(t), \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\eta \geq 0$ ,  $q \geq 2$  are given constants and  $u_0, u_1, g, k, f$  are given functions satisfying conditions specified later.

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In a recent paper [1], Berrimia and Messaoudi considered the problem

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t k(t-s)\Delta u(s)ds = |u|^{p-2}u, x \in \Omega, t > 0, \quad (1.4)$$

$$u = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \quad (1.5)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_1(x), x \in \Omega, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $p > 2$  is a constant,  $k$  is a given positive function, and  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ), with a smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . This type of problems have been considered by many authors and several results concerning existence, nonexistence, and asymptotic behavior have been established. In this regard, Cavalcanti et al. [3] studied the following equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t k(t-s)\Delta u(s)ds + |u|^{p-2}u + a(t)u_t = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \quad (1.7)$$

for  $a : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , a function, which may be null on a part of the domain  $\Omega$ . Under the conditions that  $a(x) \geq a_0 > 0$  on  $\omega \subset \Omega$ , with  $\omega$  satisfying some geometry restrictions and

$$-\zeta_1 k(t) = k'(t) = -\zeta_2 k(t), t \geq 0, \quad (1.8)$$

the authors established an exponential rate of decay.

In [2] Bergounioux, Long and Dinh studied problem (1.1), (1.3) with  $k = 0, q = 2, f(x, t, u) = -Ku + F(x, t)$ , and the mixed boundary conditions (1.2) standing for

$$u_x(0, t) = g(t) + hu(0, t) - \int_0^t H(t-s)u(0, s)ds, \quad (1.9)$$

$$u_x(1, t) + K_1 u(1, t) + \lambda_1 u_t(1, t) = 0, \quad (1.10)$$

where  $h \geq 0, K, \lambda, K_1, \lambda_1$  are given constants and  $g, H$  are given functions.

In [7], Long, Dinh and Diem obtained the unique existence, regularity and asymptotic expansion of the problem (1.1), (1.3), (1.9) and (1.10) in the case of  $k = 0$ ,  $f(x, t, u) = -K|u|^{p-2}u + F(x, t)$ , with  $p \geq 2, q \geq 2$ ;  $K, \lambda$  are given constants.

In [8], Long, Ut and Truc gave the unique existence, stability, regularity in time variable and asymptotic expansion for the solution of problem (1.1)- (1.3) when  $k = 0, q = 2, f(x, t, u) = -Ku + F(x, t)$  and  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^2 \times H^1$ . In this case, the problem (1.1)- (1.3) is the mathematical model describing a shock problem involving a linear viscoelastic bar.

In [9], Long and Giai obtained the unique existence and asymptotic expansion for the solution of problem (1.1), (1.3) when  $k = 0, q = 2, f(x, t, u) = -Ku + F(x, t)$  and  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^1 \times L^2$ , and the mixed boundary conditions (1.2) standing for

$$u_x(0, t) = g(t) + K_1 |u(0, t)|^{\alpha-2} u(0, t) + \lambda_1 |u_t(0, t)|^{\beta-2} u_t(0, t) - \int_0^t H(t-s)u(0, s)ds, \quad (1.11)$$

$$u(1, t) = 0, \quad (1.12)$$

where  $K, \lambda, K_1, \lambda_1, \alpha, \beta$  are given constants and  $g, H$  are given functions. In this case, the problem (1.1), (1.3), (1.11), (1.12) is the mathematical model describing a shock problem involving a nonlinear viscoelastic bar.

In [10], Long and Truong obtained the unique existence and asymptotic expansion for the solution of problem (1.1) -(1.3) when  $f(x, t, u) = -K|u|^{p-2}u + F(x, t)$ ,

$(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^2 \times H^1$ ;  $F, F_t \in L^2(Q_T)$ ,  $k \in W^{2,1}(0, T)$ ,  $g \in H^2(0, T)$ ;  $K, \eta \geq 0$ ,  $\eta_0 > 0$ ;  $p, q \geq 2$ .

In this paper, we consider two main parts. In Part 1, under a certain local Lipschitzian condition on  $f$  with  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^1 \times L^2$ ;  $k, g \in H^1(0, T)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\eta_0 > 0$ ;  $\eta \geq 0$ ;  $q \geq 2$ , a global existence and uniqueness theorem is proved. The proof is based on the paper [10] associated to a contraction mapping theorem and standard arguments of density. In Part 2, the asymptotic behavior of the solution  $u$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  is studied, under more restrictive conditions, namely  $f(x, t, u) = -|u|^{p-2}u + F(x, t)$ ,  $p \geq 2$ ,  $F \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; L^2) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}_+; L^2)$ ,  $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{\sigma t} \|F(t)\|^2 dt < +\infty$ , with  $\sigma > 0$ , and  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^1 \times L^2$ ,  $g = 0$ ,  $k \in H^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and some others ( $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the  $L^2(0, 1)$  norm). It is proved that under these conditions, a unique solution  $u(t)$  exists on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\|u'(t)\| + \|u_x(t)\|$  decay exponentially to 0 as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . The results obtained here relatively are in part generalizations of those in [1-3, 6-10]. Finally, we present some numerical results.

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Put  $\Omega = (0, 1)$ ,  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $T > 0$ . We omit the definitions of usual function spaces:  $C^m(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $L^p(\Omega)$ ,  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ . We denote  $W^{m,p} = W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $L^p = W^{0,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $H^m = W^{m,2}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ . The norm in  $L^2$  is denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ . We also denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  the scalar product in  $L^2$  or pair of dual scalar product of continuous linear functional with an element of a function space. We denote by  $\|\cdot\|_X$  the norm of a Banach space  $X$  and by  $X'$  the dual space of  $X$ . We denote by  $L^p(0, T; X)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  for the Banach space of the real functions  $u : (0, T) \rightarrow X$  measurable, such that

$$\|u\|_{L^p(0, T; X)} = \left( \int_0^T \|u(t)\|_X^p dt \right)^{1/p} < \infty \quad \text{for } 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

and

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(0, T; X)} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \|u(t)\|_X \quad \text{for } p = \infty.$$

Let  $u(t)$ ,  $u'(t) = u_t(t)$ ,  $u''(t) = u_{tt}(t)$ ,  $u_x(t)$ , and  $u_{xx}(t)$  denote  $u(x, t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x, t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t)$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t)$ , respectively.

Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $\eta_0 = \lambda = 1$ . For every  $\eta \geq 0$ , we put

$$a_\eta(u, v) = \int_0^1 u_x(x) v_x(x) dx + u(0)v(0) + \eta u(1)v(1), \quad \forall u, v \in H^1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\|v\|_\eta = (a_\eta(v, v))^{1/2}. \quad (2.2)$$

On  $H^1$  we shall use the following equivalent norm

$$\|v\|_1 = \left( v^2(0) + \int_0^1 |v_x(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \quad (2.3)$$

Then we have the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The imbedding  $V \hookrightarrow C^0([0, 1])$  is compact and*

$$\|v\|_{C^0([0, 1])} \leq \|v\|_V, \quad \text{for all } v \in V. \quad (2.4)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\eta \geq 0$ . Then, the symmetric bilinear form  $a_\eta(\cdot, \cdot)$  defined by (2.1) is continuous on  $H^1 \times H^1$  and coercive on  $H^1$ , i.e.,*  
*(i)  $|a_\eta(u, v)| = C_\eta \|u\|_1 \|v\|_1$ , for all  $u, v \in H^1$ ,*  
*(ii)  $a_\eta(v, v) = \|v\|_1^2$ , for all  $v \in H^1$ ,*  
*where  $C_\eta = 1 + 2\eta$ .*

The proofs of these lemmas are straightforward, and we omit the details.

We also note that on  $H^1$ ,  $\|v\|_1, \|v\|_{H^1} = (\|v\|^2 + \|v'\|^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $\|v\|_\eta = \sqrt{a_\eta(v, v)}$  are three equivalent norms.

$$\|v\|_1^2 \leq \|v\|_\eta^2 \leq C_\eta \|v\|_1^2, \quad \text{for all } v \in H^1, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \|v\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \|v\|_1^2 \leq 3 \|v\|_{H^1}^2, \quad \text{for all } v \in H^1, \quad (2.6)$$

### 3. THE EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS THEOREM OF THE SOLUTION

In this section we study the global existence of solutions for problem (1.1)-(1.3). For this purpose, we consider, first, a related nonlinear problem. Then, we use the well-known Banach's fixed point theorem to prove the existence of solutions to the nonlinear problem (1.1)-(1.3).

We make the following assumptions:

- (H1)  $\eta \geq 0, q \geq 2$ ,
- (H2)  $k, g \in H^1(0, T)$ ,
- (H3)  $\tilde{u}_0 \in H^1$  and  $\tilde{u}_1 \in L^2$ ,
- (H4)  $f \in C^0(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R})$  satisfies the conditions  $D_2 f, D_3 f \in C^0(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R})$ .

For each  $T > 0$ , we put

$$W(T) = \{v \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1) : v_t \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \bigcap L^q(Q_T)\}. \quad (3.1)$$

Then  $W(T)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm (see[5]):

$$\|v\|_{W(T)} = \|v\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H^1)} + \|v_t\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} + \|v_t\|_{L^q(Q_T)}, v \in W(T). \quad (3.2)$$

For each  $v \in W(T)$ , we associate with the problem (1.1)-(1.3) the following variational problem.

Find  $u \in W(T)$  which satisfies the variational problem

$$\langle u^{//}(t), w \rangle + a_\eta(u(t), w) - \int_0^t k(t-s) a_\eta(u(s), w) ds + \langle \psi_q(u'(t)), w \rangle \quad (3.3)$$

$$= g_1(t)w(1) + \langle f(\cdot, t, v(\cdot, t)), w \rangle \quad \text{for all } w \in H^1,$$

$$u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, u_t(0) = \tilde{u}_1, \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\psi_q(z) = |z|^{q-2}z, g_1(t) = g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s)ds. \quad (3.5)$$

Then, we have the following theorem

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let (H1)-(H4) hold. Then, for every  $T > 0$  and  $v \in W(T)$ , problem (3.3)- (3.5) has a unique solution  $u \in W(T)$  and such that*

$$u^{//}, u_{xx} \in L^{q'}(0, T; (H^1)^{q'}), \quad \text{where } q' = q/(q-1). \quad (3.6)$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\|u'(t)\|^2 + \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2 \int_0^t \|u'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds \leq C_{1T} \exp(TC_{2T}), \forall t \in [0, T], \quad (3.7)$$

where

$$C_{1T} = C_{1T}(v, \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, k, g) = 2 \left[ \|\tilde{u}_1\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_0\|_\eta^2 + 2|g_1(0)\tilde{u}_0(1)| \right. \\ \left. + 6\|g_1\|_{L^\infty(0,T)}^2 + 2\|g_1'\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \int_0^T \|f(\cdot, s, v(s))\|^2 ds \right], \quad (3.8)$$

$$C_{2T} = C_{2T}(k) = 2 \left[ 3 + 2|k(0)| + 6\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + T\|k'\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 \right], \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$g_1(t) = g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s)ds. \quad (3.10)$$

*Proof of theorem 3.1.* The proof consists of steps two steps

**a. The existence of solution.** We approximate  $\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, k, g$  by sequences  $\{u_{0m}\} \subset C_0^\infty(\bar{\Omega}), u_{1m} \subset C_0^\infty(\Omega), k_m, g_m \subset C_0^\infty([0, T])$ , respectively, such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_{0m} &\rightarrow \tilde{u}_0 \quad \text{strongly in } H^1, \\ u_{1m} &\rightarrow \tilde{u}_1 \quad \text{strongly in } L^2, \\ k_m &\rightarrow k \quad \text{strongly in } H^1(0, T), \\ g_m &\rightarrow g \quad \text{strongly in } H^1(0, T). \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Then we consider the following variational problem: Find  $u_m \in W(T)$  which satisfies the variational problem

$$\begin{aligned} &< u_m'(t), w > + a_\eta(u_m(t), w) - \int_0^t k_m(t-s)a_\eta(u_m(s), w)ds \\ &+ < \psi_q(u_m'(t)), w > = g_{1m}(t)w(1) + < f(\cdot, t, v(\cdot, t)), w >, \forall w \in H^1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

$$u(0) = u_{0m}, u'(0) = u_{1m}, \quad (3.13)$$

and

$$u_m \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2), u_m' \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), u_m'' \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \quad (3.14)$$

where

$$g_{1m}(t) = g_m(t) - \int_0^t k_m(t-s)g_m(s)ds. \quad (3.15)$$

The existence of a sequence of solutions  $u_m$  satisfying (3.12)-(3.15) is a direct result of the theorem 2.1 in [10]. We shall prove that  $u_m$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $W(T)$ .

(i) *A priori estimates.*

We take  $w = u_m'(t)$  in (3.12), afterwards integrating with respect to the time variable from 0 to  $t$ , we get after some rearrangements

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_m(t) = & \sigma_m(0) - 2g_{1m}(0)u_{0m}(1) + 2g_{1m}(t)u_m(1, t) \\
& - 2 \int_0^t g'_{1m}(r)u_m(1, r)dr - 2k_m(0) \int_0^t \|u_m(r)\|_\eta^2 dr \\
& + 2 \int_0^t k_m(t-s)a_\eta(u_m(s), u_m(t))ds \\
& - 2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k'_m(r-s)a_\eta(u_m(s), u_m(r))ds \\
& + 2 \int_0^t \langle f(\cdot, s, v(\cdot, s)), u'_m(s) \rangle ds,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

where

$$\sigma_m(t) = \|u'_m(t)\|^2 + \|u_m(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2 \int_0^t \|u'_m(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds. \tag{3.17}$$

Proving in the same manner as in [10], we have the following results:

$$\sigma_m(t) = C_{1T}(m) + C_{2T}(m) \int_0^t \sigma_m(s)ds, \forall t \in [0, T], \tag{3.18}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{1T}(m) = & 2 \left[ \|u_{1m}\|^2 + \|u_{0m}\|_\eta^2 + 2|g_{1m}(0)u_{0m}(1)| + 6\|g_{1m}\|_{L^\infty(0,T)}^2 \right. \\
& \left. + 2\|g'_{1m}\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \int_0^T \|f(\cdot, s, v(s))\|^2 ds \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

$$C_{2T}(m) = 2 \left[ 3 + 2|k_m(0)| + 6\|k_m\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + T\|k'_m\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 \right]. \tag{3.20}$$

From the assumptions (H1)-(H4), afterwards using Gronwall's lemma, we deduce from (3.11), that

$$\sigma_m(t) \leq \tilde{C}_T, \quad \text{for all } m \text{ and } t \in [0, T], \tag{3.21}$$

where  $C_T$  is a constant independent of  $m$ .

On the other hand, we deduce from (3.12), (3.21), that, for all  $w \in H^1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
| \langle u'_m(t), w \rangle | \leq & \|u_m(t)\|_\eta \|w\|_\eta + \int_0^t |k_m(t-s)| \|u_m(s)\|_\eta \|w\|_\eta ds \\
& + \|\psi_q(u'_m)\|_{L^{q'}(\Omega)} \|w\|_{L^q(\Omega)} + |g_{1m}(t)| \|w\|_\eta \\
& + \|f(\cdot, t, v(\cdot, t))\| \|w\| \\
\leq & C_T \sqrt{(3C_\eta)} \left[ 1 + \|\psi_q(u'_m)\|_{L^{q'}(\Omega)} \right] \|w\|_{H^1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u'_m(t)\|_{(H^1)'} = & \sup_{0 \neq w \in H^1} \frac{|\langle u'_m(t), w \rangle|}{\|w\|_{H^1}} \\
\leq & C_T \sqrt{3C_\eta} \left[ 1 + \|\psi_q(u'_m)\|_{L^{q'}(\Omega)} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_m^{//}\|_{L^{q'}(0,T;(H^1)')}^{q'} &= \int_0^T \|u_m^{//}(t)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} dt \\ &\leq \left(C_T \sqrt{3C_\eta}\right)^{q'} 2^{q'-1} \int_0^T \left[1 + \|u_m^{//}(t)\|_{L^q(\Omega)}^q\right] dt \\ &\leq C_T, \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

where  $C_T$  always indicating a constant depending on  $T$ .

(ii) *The convergence of sequence  $\{u_m\}$*

We shall prove that  $u_m$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $W(T)$ . Let  $\hat{u} = u_m - u_\mu$ . Then  $\hat{u}$  satisfies the variational problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle u^{//}(t), w \rangle + a_\eta(\hat{u}(t), w) - \int_0^t k_m(t-s) a_\eta(\hat{u}(s), w) ds \\ &- \int_0^t \hat{k}(t-s) a_\eta(u_\mu(s), w) ds + \langle \psi_q(u_m^{//}(t)) - \psi_q(u_\mu^{//}(t)), w \rangle \\ &= g_1(t) w(1) \quad \text{for all } w \in H^1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

$$\hat{u}(0) = \hat{u}_0, \hat{u}'(0) = \hat{u}_1, \quad (3.26)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_0 &= u_{0m} - u_{0\mu}, \hat{u}_1 = u_{1m} - u_{1\mu}, \\ \hat{k} &= k_m - k_\mu, \hat{g} = g_m - g_\mu, \hat{g}_1 = g_{1m} - g_{1\mu}, \\ \hat{g}_1(t) &= \hat{g}(t) - \int_0^t k_m(t-s) \hat{g}(s) ds - \int_0^t \hat{k}(t-s) g_\mu(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

We take  $w = u^{//}(t)$  in (3.25), after integrating with respect to the time variable from 0 to  $t$ , we get after some rearrangements

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t) &= Z(0) - 2\hat{g}_1(0)\hat{u}_0(1) + 2\hat{g}_1(t)\hat{u}(1, t) - 2 \int_0^t \hat{g}_1'(r) \hat{u}(1, r) dr \\ &\quad - 2k_m(0) \int_0^t \|\hat{u}(r)\|_\eta^2 dr + 2 \int_0^t k_m(t-s) a_\eta(\hat{u}(s), \hat{u}(t)) ds \\ &\quad - 2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k_m'(r-s) a_\eta(\hat{u}(s), \hat{u}(r)) ds \\ &\quad - 2\hat{k}(0) \int_0^t a_\eta(u_\mu(s), \hat{u}(s)) ds + 2 \int_0^t \hat{k}(t-s) a_\eta(u_\mu(s), \hat{u}(t)) ds \\ &\quad - 2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r \hat{k}'(r-s) a_\eta(u_\mu(s), \hat{u}(r)) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t) &= \|\hat{u}'(t)\|^2 + \|\hat{u}(t)\|_\eta^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^t \langle \psi_q(u_m^{//}(s)) - \psi_q(u_\mu^{//}(s)), u_m^{//}(s) - u_\mu^{//}(s) \rangle ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

Using the following inequality

$$\forall q \geq 2, \exists C_q > 0 : (|x|^{q-2}x - |y|^{q-2}y)(x - y) \geq C_q |x - y|^q, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.30)$$



it follows from (3.29) that

$$Z(t) \geq \|\widehat{u}'(t)\|^2 + \|\widehat{u}(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2C_q \int_0^t \|\widehat{u}'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds. \quad (3.31)$$

Using the inequality

$$2ab \leq \epsilon a^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} b^2, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \quad (3.32)$$

and the following inequalities

$$|a_\eta(u, v)| \leq \|u\|_\eta \|v\|_\eta, \forall u, v \in H^1, \quad (3.33)$$

$$|\widehat{u}(1, t)| \leq \|\widehat{u}(t)\|_{C^0(\Omega)} \leq \sqrt{2} \|\widehat{u}(t)\|_1 \leq \sqrt{2} \|\widehat{u}(t)\|_\eta \leq \sqrt{2Z(t)}, \quad (3.34)$$

we shall estimate respectively the following terms on the right-hand side of (3.28) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} Z(0) - 2\widehat{g}_1(0)\widehat{u}_0(1) &\leq \|u_{1m} - u_{1\mu}\|^2 + \|u_{0m} - u_{0\mu}\|_\eta^2 \\ &\quad + 2|g_{1m}(0) - g_{1\mu}(0)| |u_{0m}(1) - u_{0\mu}(1)|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

$$2\widehat{g}_1(t)\widehat{u}(1, t) \leq 8\|\widehat{g}_1\|_{L^\infty(0, T)}^2 + \frac{1}{4}Z(t), \quad \text{with } \epsilon = \frac{1}{8}, \quad (3.36)$$

$$-2 \int_0^t \widehat{g}_1'(r)\widehat{u}(1, r)dr \leq 2\|\widehat{g}_1'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \int_0^t Z(r)dr, \quad (3.37)$$

$$2 \int_0^t k_m(t-s)a_\eta(\widehat{u}(s), \widehat{u}(t))ds \leq \frac{1}{8}Z(t) + 8\|k_m\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \int_0^t Z(s)ds, \quad (3.38)$$

$$-2k_m(0) \int_0^t \|\widehat{u}(r)\|_\eta^2 dr \leq 2|k_m(0)| \int_0^t Z(r)dr, \quad (3.39)$$

$$-2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k_m'(r-s)a_\eta(\widehat{u}(s), \widehat{u}(r))ds \leq \left(1 + T\|k_m'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2\right) \int_0^t Z(s)ds, \quad (3.40)$$

$$2 \int_0^t \widehat{k}(t-s)a_\eta(u_\mu(s), \widehat{u}(t))ds \leq \frac{1}{8}Z(t) + 8\widetilde{C}_T\|\widehat{k}\|_{L^1(0, T)}^2, \quad (3.41)$$

$$-2\widehat{k}(0) \int_0^t a_\eta(u_\mu(s), \widehat{u}(s))ds \leq T\widetilde{C}_T|\widehat{k}(0)|^2 + \int_0^t Z(s)ds, \quad (3.42)$$

$$-2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r \widehat{k}'(r-s)a_\eta(u_\mu(s), \widehat{u}(r))ds \leq T^2\widetilde{C}_T\|\widehat{k}'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \int_0^t Z(s)ds. \quad (3.43)$$

Combining (3.28), (3.29), (3.31) and (3.35)-(3.43), we obtain

$$Z(t) \leq \rho_{1T}(m, \mu) + \rho_{2T}(m) \int_0^t Z(s)ds, \forall t \in [0, T], \quad (3.44)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{1T}(m, \mu) &= 2 \left[ \|\widehat{u}_1\|^2 + \|\widehat{u}_0\|_\eta^2 + 2|\widehat{g}_1(0)\widehat{u}_0(1)| + 8\|\widehat{g}_1\|_{L^\infty(0, T)}^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2\|\widehat{g}_1'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + 8\widetilde{C}_T\|\widehat{k}\|_{L^1(0, T)}^2 + T\widetilde{C}_T|\widehat{k}(0)|^2 + T^2\widetilde{C}_T\|\widehat{k}'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \right], \\ \rho_{2T}(m) &= 2 \left[ 4 + 2|k_m(0)| + 8\|k_m\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + T\|k_m'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.45)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, we deduce from (3.31), (3.44), (3.45), that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\widehat{u}'(t)\|^2 + \|\widehat{u}(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2C_q \int_0^t \|u'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds &\leq Z(t) \\ &\leq \rho_{1T}(m, \mu) \exp(T\rho_{2T}(m)), \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.46)$$

By (3.11), (3.27) and (3.45), we obtain  $\rho_{1T}(m, \mu) \exp(T\rho_{2T}(m)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, \mu \rightarrow +\infty$ . Hence, it follows from (3.46) that  $\{u_m\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $W(T)$ . Therefore there exists  $u \in W(T)$  such that

$$u_m \rightarrow u \quad \text{strongly in } W(T). \quad (3.47)$$

On the other hand, by (3.47) and the continuity of  $\psi_q$ , we obtain

$$\psi_q(u'_m) \rightarrow \psi_q(u') \quad \text{a.e. } (x, t) \in Q_T. \quad (3.48)$$

By means of (3.21), it follows that

$$\|\psi_q(u'_m)\|_{L^{q'}(Q_T)}^{q'} = \|u'_m\|_{L^q(Q_T)}^q \leq \frac{1}{2} \tilde{C}_T, \quad (3.49)$$

for all  $m$ . By Lions's lemma [5, Lemma 1.3, p. 12], it follows from (3.48) and (3.49) that

$$\psi_q(u'_m) \rightarrow \psi_q(u') \quad \text{in } L^{q'}(Q_T) \quad \text{weakly.} \quad (3.50)$$

Noticing (3.11)<sub>3</sub> and (3.47) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_0^T dt \int_0^t k_m(t-s) a_\eta(u_m(s), w(t)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^T dt \int_0^t k(t-s) a_\eta(u(s), w(t)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^T dt \int_0^t k_m(t-s) a_\eta(u_m(s) - u(s), w(t)) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^T dt \int_0^t [k_m(t-s) - k(t-s)] a_\eta(u(s), w(t)) ds \right| \\ &\leq 3C_\eta \|w\|_{L^1(0,T;H^1)} [\|k_m\|_{L^1(0,T)} \|u_m - u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1)} \\ &\quad + \|k_m - k\|_{L^1(0,T)} \|u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1)}] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.51)$$

for all  $w \in L^1(0, T; H^1)$ .

On the other hand, by (3.11)<sub>3,4</sub> and (3.15), we also obtain

$$g_{1m} \rightarrow g_1 \quad \text{strongly in } H^1(0, T). \quad (3.52)$$

From (3.24), we deduce the existence of a subsequence of  $\{u_m\}$ , still denoted by  $\{u_m\}$ , such that

$$u'_m \rightharpoonup u' \quad \text{in } L^{q'}(0, T; (H^1)') \quad \text{weak.} \quad (3.53)$$

Passing to the limit in (3.12), (3.13) by (3.47) and (3.50)-(3.53) we have  $u$  satisfying the equation

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle u'/(t), w \right\rangle + a_\eta(u(t), w) - \int_0^t k(t-s) a_\eta(u(s), w) ds + \left\langle \psi_q(u'(t)), w \right\rangle \\ &= g_1(t) w(1) + \langle f(\cdot, t, v(\cdot, t)), w \rangle, \quad \forall w \in H^1, \quad \text{in } L^{q'}(0, T) \quad \text{weak,} \end{aligned} \quad (3.54)$$

and

$$u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, u'(0) = \tilde{u}_1. \quad (3.55)$$

On the other hand, we deduce from (3.54), that

$$u_{xx}(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u_{xx}(s)ds = \phi(t), \quad (3.56)$$

where

$$\phi(t) = u^{//}(t) + |u'|^{q-2}u' - f(\cdot, t, v(\cdot, t)) \in L^{q'}(0, T; (H^1)'). \quad (3.57)$$

Hence, it follows from (3.56) and (3.57), that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{xx}(t)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} &\leq \left( \|\phi(t)\|_{(H^1)'} + \int_0^t |k(t-s)| \|u_{xx}(s)\|_{(H^1)'} ds \right)^{q'} \\ &\leq 2^{q'-1} \left[ \|\phi(t)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} + \left( \int_0^t |k(t-s)| \|u_{xx}(s)\|_{(H^1)'} ds \right)^{q'} \right] \\ &\leq 2^{q'-1} \left[ \|\phi(t)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} + \|k\|_{L^q(0,T)}^{q'} \left( \int_0^t \|u_{xx}(s)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} ds \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.58)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^r \|u_{xx}(t)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} dt &\leq 2^{q'-1} \|\phi\|_{L^{q'}(0,T;(H^1)')}^{q'} \\ &\quad + 2^{q'-1} \|k\|_{L^q(0,T)}^{q'} \int_0^r dt \int_0^t \|u_{xx}(s)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} ds \end{aligned} \quad (3.59)$$

Using Gronwall's lemma, we obtain

$$\int_0^r \|u_{xx}(t)\|_{(H^1)'}^{q'} dt \leq 2^{q'-1} \|\phi\|_{L^{q'}(0,T;(H^1)')}^{q'} \exp \left( 2^{q'-1} \|k\|_{L^q(0,T)}^{q'} r \right) \leq C_T, \quad (3.60)$$

where  $C_T$  always indicating a constant depending on  $T$

Thus

$$u_{xx} \in L^{q'}(0, T; (H^1)'). \quad (3.61)$$

On the other hand, the estimate (3.7) hold by means of (3.11), (3.18), (3.19), (3.20), (3.47). The existence of the theorem is proved completely.

**b. Uniqueness of the solution.** First, we shall now require the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $u$  be the weak solution of the following problem*

$$\begin{aligned} u^{//} - u_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s)u_{xx}(s)ds &= \Phi, 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T, \\ u_x(0, t) &= u(0, t), u_x(1, t) + \eta u(1, t) = 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= \tilde{u}_0(x), u'(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_1(x), \\ u &\in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), u' \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \\ k &\in H^1(0, T), \Phi \in L^2(Q_T). \end{aligned} \quad (3.62)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}\|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|u(t)\|_\eta^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|u_1\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|u_0\|_\eta^2 - k(0) \int_0^t \|u(r)\|_\eta^2 dr \\ & + \int_0^t k(t-s)a(u(s), u(t))ds - \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k'(r-s)a(u(s), u(r))ds \\ & + \int_0^t \langle \Phi(s), u'(s) \rangle ds, \quad a.e. \quad t \in [0, T]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.63)$$

Furthermore, if  $u_0 = u_1 = 0$  there is equality in (3.63).

The idea of the proof is the same as in [4, Lemma 2.1, p. 79].

We now return to the proof of the uniqueness of a solution of the problem (3.3)-(3.5). Let  $u_1, u_2$  be two weak solutions of problem (3.3)-(3.5), such that

$$u_i \in W(T), u_i^{//}, u_{ixx} \in L^{q'}(0, T; (H^1)'), i = 1, 2. \quad (3.64)$$

Then  $u = u_1 - u_2$  is the weak solution of the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} & u^{//} - u_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s)u_{xx}(s)ds + \psi_q(u_1') - \psi_q(u_2') = 0, \\ & u_x(0, t) - u(0, t) = u_x(1, t) + \eta u(1, t) = 0, \\ & u(0) = u'(0) = 0, \\ & u \in W(T), u^{//}, u_{xx} \in L^{q'}(0, T; (H^1)'). \end{aligned} \quad (3.65)$$

By using Lemma 3.2 with  $u_0 = u_1 = 0$ ,  $\Phi = -\psi_q(u_1') + \psi_q(u_2')$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) = & 2 \int_0^t k(t-s)a(u(s), u(t))ds - 2k(0) \int_0^t \|u(r)\|_\eta^2 dr \\ & - 2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k'(r-s)a(u(s), u(r))ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.66)$$

where

$$\sigma(t) = \|u'(t)\|^2 + \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2 \int_0^t \langle \psi_q(u_1'(s)) - \psi_q(u_2'(s)), u'(s) \rangle ds. \quad (3.67)$$

By using the same computations as in the above part we obtain from (3.66) that

$$\sigma(t) = 2 \left( 1 + 2\|k\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + 2|k(0)| + \|k'\|_{L^1(0, T)}^2 \right) \int_0^t \sigma(r)dr. \quad (3.68)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, we deduce that  $\sigma(t) = 0$  and Theorem 3.1 is completely proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $T > 0$  and (H1) – (H4) hold. Then there exists  $T_1 \in (0, T)$  such that problem (1.1)–(1.3) has a unique weak solution  $u \in W(T_1)$  and such that*

$$u^{//}, u_{xx} \in L^{q'}(0, T_1; (H^1)'). \quad (3.69)$$

*Proof.* For each  $T_1 > 0$ , we put

$$W_1(T_1) = \{v \in L^\infty(0, T_1; H^1) : v_t \in L^\infty(0, T_1; L^2)\}. \quad (3.70)$$

Then  $W_1(T_1)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm (see[5]):

$$\|v\|_{W_1(T_1)} = \|v\|_{L^\infty(0, T_1; H^1)} + \|v_t\|_{L^\infty(0, T_1; L^2)}, v \in W_1(T_1). \quad (3.71)$$

For  $M > 0$  and  $T_1 > 0$ , we put

$$B(M, T_1) = \{v \in W_1(T_1) : \|v\|_{W_1(T_1)} \leq M\}. \quad (3.72)$$

We also define the operator  $F$  from  $B(M, T_1)$  into  $W(T_1)$  by  $u = F(v)$ , where  $u$  is the unique solution of problem (3.3)- (3.5). We would like to show that  $F$  is a contraction operator from  $B(M, T_1)$  into itself. Applying the contraction mapping theorem, the operator  $F$  has a fixed point in  $B(M, T_1)$  that is also a weak solution of the problem (1.1)- (1.3).

First, by Theorem 3.1, we note that the unique solution of problem (3.3)- (3.5) satisfies (3.7), (3.8), (3.9). On the other hand, it follows from (H3), that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \|f(\cdot, s, v(s))\|^2 ds &\leq 2 \int_0^t \|f(\cdot, s, v(s)) - f(\cdot, s, 0)\|^2 ds \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^t \|f(\cdot, s, 0)\|^2 ds \\ &\leq 2T_1 K_1^2 M^2 + 2 \int_0^T \|f(\cdot, s, 0)\|^2 ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.73)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= K_1(M, T, f) \\ &= \sup \left\{ |D_3 f(x, t, u)| : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq T, |u| \leq \sqrt{2M} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.74)$$

It follows from (3.7)-(3.10) and (3.73) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2 \int_0^t \|u'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds \\ \leq (C_{1T} + 2T_1 K_1^2 M^2) \exp(T_1 C_{2T}), \forall t \in [0, T_1], \end{aligned} \quad (3.75)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_{1T} &= C_{1T}(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, k, g) = 2 \left[ \|\tilde{u}_1\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_0\|_\eta^2 + 2 |g_1(0) \tilde{u}_0(1)| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 6 \|g_1\|_{L^\infty(0, T)}^2 + 2 \|g_1'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + 2 \int_0^T \|f(\cdot, s, 0)\|^2 ds \right], \\ C_{2T} &= C_{2T}(k) = 2 \left[ 3 + 2|k(0)| + 6 \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + T \|k'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.76)$$

By choosing  $M > 0$  large enough so that  $C_{1T} = \frac{1}{4} M^2$ , then  $T_1$  sufficiently small so that

$$\left( \frac{1}{4} M^2 + 2T_1 K_1^2 M^2 \right) \exp(T_1 C_{2T}) \leq \frac{1}{2} M^2, \quad (3.77)$$

and

$$2\sqrt{2T_1} K_1 \exp \left[ T_1 \left( 2 + 2|k(0)| + 2 \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \|k'\|_{L^1(0, T)}^2 \right) \right] < 1. \quad (3.78)$$

From (3.75), (3.77) we have  $\|u\|_{W_1(T_1)} \leq M$ , hence  $u \in B(M, T_1)$ . This shows that  $F$  maps  $B(M, T_1)$  into itself.

Next, we verify that  $F$  is a contraction. Let  $u_1 = F(v_1)$ ,  $u_2 = F(v_2)$ , where  $v_1, v_2 \in B(M, T_1)$ . Put  $U = u_1 - u_2$  and  $V = v_1 - v_2$ . Then  $U$  is the weak solution

of the following problem

$$\begin{aligned}
& U^{//} - U_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s)U_{xx}(s)ds + \psi_q(u_1') - \psi_q(u_2') \\
& = f(x, t, v_1(t)) - f(x, t, v_2(t)), 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T_1, \\
& U_x(0, t) - U(0, t) = U_x(1, t) + \eta U(1, t) = 0, \\
& U(0) = U'(0) = 0, \\
& U \in W(T_1); U^{//}, U_{xx} \in L^{q'}(0, T_1; (H^1)').
\end{aligned} \tag{3.79}$$

By using Lemma 3.2 with  $\tilde{u}_0 = \tilde{u}_1 = 0$ ,  $\Phi = -\psi_q(u_1') + \psi_q(u_2') + f(x, t, v_1(t)) - f(x, t, v_2(t))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(t) &= -2k(0) \int_0^t \|U(r)\|_\eta^2 dr + 2 \int_0^t k(t-s)a(U(s), U(t))ds \\
&\quad - 2 \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k'(r-s)a(U(s), U(r))ds \\
&\quad + 2 \int_0^t \langle f(\cdot, s, v_1(s)) - f(\cdot, s, v_2(s)), U'(s) \rangle ds, \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, T_1],
\end{aligned} \tag{3.80}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(t) &= \|U'(t)\|^2 + \|U(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2 \int_0^t \langle \psi_q(u_1') - \psi_q(u_2'), U'(s) \rangle ds \\
&\geq \|U'(t)\|^2 + \|U(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2C_q \int_0^t \|U'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.81}$$

By the assumption (H4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2 \int_0^t \langle f(\cdot, s, v_1(s)) - f(\cdot, s, v_2(s)), U'(s) \rangle ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t \|U'(s)\|^2 ds + \int_0^t \|f(\cdot, s, v_1(s)) - f(\cdot, s, v_2(s))\|^2 ds \\
& \leq \int_0^t \|U'(s)\|^2 ds + 2T_1 K_1^2 \|V\|_{W_1(T_1)}^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.82}$$

Therefore, we can prove in a similar manner as above that

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(t) &\leq 2T_1 K_1^2 \|V\|_{W_1(T_1)}^2 \\
&\quad + 2 \left( 2 + 2|k(0)| + 2\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \|k'\|_{L^1(0,T)}^2 \right) \int_0^t \delta(s)ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.83}$$

By Gronwall's lemma, we obtain from (3.83) that

$$\delta(t) = 2 \left( \rho_1(k, K_1, T, T_1) \|V\|_{W_1(T_1)} \right)^2, \tag{3.84}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_1(k, K_1, T, T_1) &= \\
& \sqrt{2T_1} K_1 \exp \left[ T_1 \left( 2 + 2|k(0)| + 2\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \|k'\|_{L^1(0,T)}^2 \right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{3.85}$$

It follows from (3.81), (3.84) and (3.85) that

$$\|U\|_{W_1(T_1)} \leq 2\rho_1(k, K_1, T, T_1) \|V\|_{W_1(T_1)}, \tag{3.86}$$

where

$$2\rho_1(k, K_1, T, T_1) < 1, \quad (3.87)$$

since (3.78) and (3.85).

Hence, (3.86) shows that  $F : B(M, T_1) \rightarrow B(M, T_1)$  is a contraction. Applying the contraction mapping theorem, the operator  $F$  has a fixed point in  $B(M, T_1)$  that is also a weak solution of the problem (1.1)- (1.3).

The solution of the problem (1.1)- (1.3) is unique, that can be showed using the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 3.1. The proof of Theorem 3.3 is completed.  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** *In the case of  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $f(x, t, u) = |u|^{p-2}u$ ,  $p > 2$ ,  $k \in W^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $k(0) > 0$ ,  $0 < \int_0^{+\infty} k(t)dt < 1$ ,  $k'(t) + \zeta k(t) \leq 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , with  $\zeta > 0$ , and the boundary condition  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$  standing for (1.2), S. Berrimia, S. A. Messaoudi [1] has obtained a global existence and uniqueness theorem.*

#### 4. DECAY OF SOLUTION

In this part, we will consider the problem of global existence and asymptotic behavior for  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . We assume that  $g(t) = 0$ ,  $f(x, t, u) = F(x, t) - |u|^{p-2}u$ ,  $p \geq 2$  and consider the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s)u_{xx}(s)ds + |u|^{p-2}u + |u_t|^{q-2}u_t \\ = F(x, t), 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\ u_x(0, t) = u(0, t), u_x(1, t) + \eta u(1, t) = 0, \\ u(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_1(x), \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

We make the following assumptions:

- ( $\tilde{H}1$ )  $\eta \geq 0, p, q \geq 2$ ,
- ( $\tilde{H}2$ )  $k \in W^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , satisfying
  - (i)  $k(0) > 0$ ,  $0 < 1 - \int_0^{+\infty} k(t)dt = k_\infty < 1$ ,
  - (ii) there exists a positive constant  $\zeta$  such that  $k'(t) + \zeta k(t) \leq 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,
- ( $\tilde{H}3$ )  $\tilde{u}_0 \in H^2$  and  $\tilde{u}_1 \in H^1$ ,
- ( $\tilde{H}4$ )  $F \in L^1(0, \infty; L^2) \cap L^2(0, \infty; L^2)$ ,  $F_t \in L^1(0, \infty; L^2)$ ,
- ( $\tilde{H}5$ ) There exists a constant  $\sigma > 0$  such that  $\int_0^\infty e^{st} \|F(t)\|^2 dt < +\infty$ .

Under assumptions ( $\tilde{H}1$ )-( $\tilde{H}4$ ) and let  $T > 0$ , by theorem 2.3, the problem (4.1) has a unique weak solution  $u(t)$  such that

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2), u_t \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2). \quad (4.2)$$

Then, we have the following

**Lemma 4.1.** *Suppose that ( $\tilde{H}1$ )-( $\tilde{H}4$ ) hold. Then there is a unique solution  $u(t)$  of problem (4.1) defined on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Moreover*

$$\|u'(t)\| + \|u(t)\|_\eta \leq C \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \quad (4.3)$$

where  $C$  is a positive constant depending only on  $\tilde{u}_0$ ,  $\tilde{u}_1$ ,  $F$ ,  $k_\infty$  and  $p$ .

*Proof.* By multiplying the equation (4.1)<sub>1</sub> by  $u_t$  and integrate over  $(0, 1) \times (0, t)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) + 2 \int_0^t \|u'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds + \int_0^t k(s) \|u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \\ - \int_0^t dr \int_0^r k'(r-s) \|u(s) - u(r)\|_\eta^2 ds \\ = E(0) + 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u'(s) \rangle ds, \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) = \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(1 - \int_0^t k(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{2}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p \\ + \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

On the other hand, by  $(\tilde{H}4)$  and the Cauchy's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u'(s) \rangle ds &\leq \int_0^t \|F(s)\| ds + \int_0^t \|F(s)\| \|u'(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \|F(s)\| ds + \int_0^t \|F(s)\| E(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, we obtain from (4.4) and (4.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &\leq \left(E(0) + \int_0^{+\infty} \|F(s)\| ds\right) \exp\left(\int_0^t \|F(s)\| ds\right) \\ &\leq \left(E(0) + \int_0^{+\infty} \|F(s)\| ds\right) \exp\left(\int_0^{+\infty} \|F(s)\| ds\right) = C, \forall t \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

By  $(\tilde{H}3, i)$ , we have

$$E(t) \geq \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(1 - \int_0^t k(s) ds\right) \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 \geq \|u'(t)\|^2 + k_\infty \|u(t)\|_\eta^2. \quad (4.8)$$

Then we obtain (4.3) from (4.7) and (4.8). This completes the proof of Lemma 4.1.  $\square$

In this section we state and prove decay result.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Suppose that  $(\tilde{H}1) - (\tilde{H}5)$  hold. Then the solution  $u(t)$  of problem (4.1) decays exponentially to zero as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  in the following sense: there exist the positive constants  $N$  and  $\gamma$  such that*

$$\|u'(t)\| + \|u(t)\|_\eta \leq N e^{-\gamma t} \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0. \quad (4.9)$$

*Proof.* We use the following functional

$$\Gamma(t) = \Gamma(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, t) = E(t) + \varepsilon_1 E_1(t) + \varepsilon_2 E_2(t), \quad (4.10)$$

where

$$E_1(t) = \langle u(t), u'(t) \rangle, \quad (4.11)$$

$$E_2(t) = - \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds. \quad (4.12)$$



*Estimating  $\Gamma(t)$ .*

By (2.3), (2.4), we obtain from  $(\tilde{H}2, i)$  that

$$|E_1(t)| = \left| \langle u(t), u'(t) \rangle \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \|u(t)\|_\eta^2, \quad (4.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |E_2(t)| &= \left| \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\| ds \right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + (1 - k_\infty) \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

Hence, it follows from (4.10)-(4.14) that for  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$  small enough, there exist two positive constants  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ , such that

$$\alpha_1 E(t) \leq \Gamma(t) \leq \alpha_2 E(t). \quad (4.15)$$

*Estimating  $\Gamma'(t)$ .*

Now differentiating (4.4) with respect to  $t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= -2 \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q + \int_0^t k'(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\ &\quad - k(t) \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + 2 \langle F(t), u'(t) \rangle \\ &\leq -2 \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q + \int_0^t k'(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds + 2 \langle F(t), u'(t) \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

since  $k(t) \geq 0$ .

By multiplying the equation (4.1)<sub>1</sub> by  $u$  and integrate over  $(0, 1)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E'_1(t) &= \|u'(t)\|^2 - \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 - \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle \\ &\quad + \int_0^t k(t-s) a(u(s), u(t)) ds - \langle |u'(t)|^{q-2} u'(t), u(t) \rangle \\ &= \|u'(t)\|^2 - \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 - \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle + I_1(t) + I_2(t). \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

We now estimate the last two terms in the right side of (4.17) as follows

*Estimating  $I_1(t)$ .*

Using the inequality

$$ab \leq \frac{\delta}{r} a^r + \frac{r-1}{r} \delta^{\frac{-r}{r-1}} b^{\frac{r}{r-1}}, \quad \forall a, b \geq 0, \forall r > 1, \forall \delta > 0, \quad (4.18)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1(t) &= \int_0^t k(t-s)a(u(s), u(t))ds \\
&= \int_0^t k(t-s)a(u(s) - u(t), u(t))ds + \int_0^t k(t-s)\|u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
&\leq \delta_1 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_1} \left( \int_0^t k(s)ds \right) \left( \int_0^t k(t-s)\|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \right) \\
&\quad + \left( \int_0^t k(s)ds \right) \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 \\
&\leq \delta_1 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1-k_\infty}{4\delta_1} \int_0^t k(t-s)\|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
&\quad + (1-k_\infty)\|u(t)\|_\eta^2 \\
&\leq (\delta_1 + 1 - k_\infty)\|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1-k_\infty}{4\delta_1} \int_0^t k(t-s)\|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

for all  $\delta_1 > 0$ .

*Estimating  $I_2(t)$ .*

We again use inequality (4.18) we obtain from (4.3) that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2(t) &= -\left\langle |u'(t)|^{q-2}u'(t), u(t) \right\rangle \leq \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^{q-1} \|u(t)\|_{L^q} \\
&\leq \frac{\delta_1^q}{q} \|u(t)\|_{L^q}^q + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_1^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
&\leq 2\frac{\delta_1^q}{q} \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_1^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

for all  $\delta_1 > 0$ .

By combining (4.17), (4.19) and (4.20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1'(t) &\leq -\|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + \|u'(t)\|^2 - \left( k_\infty - \delta_1 - 2\frac{\delta_1^q}{q} \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} \right) \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_1^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q + \frac{1-k_\infty}{4\delta_1} \int_0^t k(t-s)\|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
&\quad + \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.21}$$

Then, we can always choose the constant  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that

$$\gamma_1 = k_\infty - \delta_1 - 2\frac{\delta_1^q}{q} \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} > 0. \tag{4.22}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1'(t) &\leq -\|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + \|u'(t)\|^2 - \gamma_1 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \gamma_2 \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
&\quad + \gamma_3 \int_0^t k(t-s)\|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds + \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

where

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_1^{\frac{-q}{q-1}}, \gamma_3 = \frac{1-k_\infty}{4\delta_1}. \tag{4.24}$$

Direct calculations give

$$\begin{aligned}
E_2'(t) = & - \left( \int_0^t k(s) ds \right) \|u'(t)\|^2 - \int_0^t k'(t-s) \langle u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \\
& + \int_0^t k(t-s) a(u(t), u(t) - u(s)) ds \\
& - \int_0^t k(t-s) a \left( \int_0^t k(t-\tau) u(\tau) d\tau, u(t) - u(s) \right) ds \\
& + \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle |u(t)|^{p-2} u(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \\
& + \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle |u'(t)|^{q-2} u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \\
& - \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle F(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds = \sum_{i=1}^7 J_i(t).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.25}$$

Similarly to (4.17), we estimate respectively the following terms on the right-hand side of (4.25) as follows.

*Estimating  $J_1(t)$ .*

Since  $k$  is continuous and  $k(0) > 0$  then there exists  $t_0 > 0$ , such that

$$\int_0^t k(s) ds \geq \int_0^{t_0} k(s) ds = k_0 > 0 \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0. \tag{4.26}$$

Hence,

$$J_1(t) = - \left( \int_0^t k(s) ds \right) \|u'(t)\|^2 \leq -k_0 \|u'(t)\|^2 \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0. \tag{4.27}$$

*Estimating  $J_2(t)$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2(t) = & - \int_0^t k'(t-s) \langle u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \\
\leq & \delta_2 \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \left( \int_0^t |k'(t-s)| ds \right) \left( \int_0^t |k'(t-s)| \|u(s) - u(t)\|^2 ds \right) \\
\leq & \delta_2 \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\delta_2} \left( \int_0^t |k'(t-s)| ds \right) \left( \int_0^t |k'(t-s)| \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \right) \\
\leq & \delta_2 \|u'(t)\|^2 - \frac{k(0)}{2\delta_2} \int_0^t k'(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.28}$$

*Estimating  $J_3(t)$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
J_3(t) = & \int_0^t k(t-s) a(u(t), u(t) - u(s)) ds \\
\leq & \delta_2 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \left( \int_0^t k(s) ds \right) \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \right) \\
\leq & \delta_2 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1-k_\infty}{4\delta_2} \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds
\end{aligned} \tag{4.29}$$

Estimating  $J_4(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
J_4(t) &= - \int_0^t k(t-s) a \left( \int_0^t k(t-\tau) u(\tau) d\tau, u(t) - u(s) \right) ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t k(t-\tau) \|u(\tau)\|_\eta d\tau \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta ds \\
&\leq \delta_2 \left( \int_0^t k(t-\tau) \|u(\tau)\|_\eta d\tau \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta ds \right)^2 \\
&\leq 2\delta_2 \left( \int_0^t k(t-\tau) \|u(\tau)\|_\eta d\tau \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \left( 2\delta_2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \right) \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta ds \right)^2 \\
&\leq 2\delta_2 (1 - k_\infty)^2 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 \\
&\quad + \left( 2\delta_2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \right) (1 - k_\infty) \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.30}$$

Estimating  $J_5(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
J_5(t) &= \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle |u(t)|^{p-2} u(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \\
&\leq 2 \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{p-2} \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t)\|_\eta \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta ds \\
&\leq 2 \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{p-2} \left[ \delta_2 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta ds \right)^2 \right] \\
&\leq 2 \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{p-2} \left[ \delta_2 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} (1 - k_\infty) \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.31}$$

Estimating  $J_6(t)$ . We again use inequality (4.18) with  $r = q$ ,  $\delta = \delta_2$ , we obtain from (4.3) that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\langle |u'(t)|^{q-2} u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \right\rangle \leq \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^{q-1} \|u(t) - u(s)\|_{L^q} \\
&\leq \frac{\delta_2^q}{q} \|u(t) - u(s)\|_{L^q}^q + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_2^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
&\leq 2 \frac{\delta_2^q}{q} \left( 2\sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_2^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.32}$$

It follows from (4.32) that

$$\begin{aligned}
J_6(t) &= \int_0^t k(t-s) \left\langle |u'(t)|^{q-2} u'(t), u(t) - u(s) \right\rangle ds \\
&\leq 2 \frac{\delta_2^q}{q} \left( 2\sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
&\quad + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_2^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \int_0^t k(t-s) ds \\
&\leq 2 \frac{\delta_2^q}{q} \left( 2\sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
&\quad + \frac{q-1}{q} \delta_2^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} (1 - k_\infty) \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q
\end{aligned} \tag{4.33}$$

Estimating  $J_7(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
J_7(t) &= - \int_0^t k(t-s) \langle F(t), u(t) - u(s) \rangle ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t k(t-s) \|F(t)\| \|u(t) - u(s)\| ds \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \|F(t)\|^2 + \delta_2 \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) ds \right) \left( \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \|F(t)\|^2 + 2\delta_2(1 - k_\infty) \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.34}$$

By combining (4.25), (4.27)-(4.31), (4.33) and (4.34), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
E_2'(t) &= -(k_0 - \delta_2) \|u'(t)\|^2 + \delta_2 \widehat{\gamma}_1 \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + \widehat{\gamma}_2 \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
&\quad + \widehat{\gamma}_3 \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
&\quad - \widehat{\gamma}_4 \int_0^t k'(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds + \frac{1}{4\delta_2} \|F(t)\|^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.35}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\gamma}_1 &= 1 + 2(1 - k_\infty)^2 + 2 \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{p-2}, \\
\widehat{\gamma}_2 &= \frac{q}{q-1} \delta_2^{\frac{-q}{q-1}} (1 - k_\infty), \\
\widehat{\gamma}_3 &= 2 \frac{\delta_2^q}{q} \left( 2\sqrt{2}C \right)^{q-2} + (1 - k_\infty) \left[ \frac{1}{2\delta_2} \left( \sqrt{2}C \right)^{p-2} + \left( 4\delta_2 + \frac{1}{2\delta_2} \right) \right], \\
\widehat{\gamma}_4 &= \frac{k(0)}{2\delta_2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.36}$$

Combining of (4.10), (4.16), (4.23) and (4.35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma'(t) + \varepsilon_1 \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + ((k_0 - \delta_2)\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) \|u'(t)\|^2 \\
& + (\varepsilon_1\gamma_1 - \varepsilon_2\delta_2\widehat{\gamma}_1) \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + (2 - \varepsilon_1\gamma_2 - \varepsilon_2\widehat{\gamma}_2) \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
& - (\varepsilon_1\gamma_3 + \varepsilon_2\widehat{\gamma}_3) \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
& - (1 - \varepsilon_2\widehat{\gamma}_4) \int_0^t k'(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
& \leq \left\langle F(t), 2u'(t) + \varepsilon_1 u(t) \right\rangle + \frac{\varepsilon_2}{4\delta_2} \|F(t)\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.37}$$

Whence  $\delta_1$  is fixed, choosing

$$\delta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{k(0)\gamma_1}{\gamma_1 + \widehat{\gamma}_1}, \varepsilon_2 = \frac{2}{k_0} \varepsilon_1, \quad \text{where } \varepsilon_1 > 0 \text{ is arbitrary,} \tag{4.38}$$

we deduce from (4.37) and (4.38) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma'(t) + \varepsilon_1 \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + \frac{\varepsilon_1\widehat{\gamma}_1}{\gamma_1 + \widehat{\gamma}_1} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_1\gamma_1^2}{\gamma_1 + \widehat{\gamma}_1} \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 \\
& + \left( 2 - \varepsilon_1 \left( 1 + \frac{2}{k(0)}\widehat{\gamma}_2 \right) \right) \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
& - \varepsilon_1 \left( \gamma_3 + \frac{2}{k(0)}\widehat{\gamma}_3 \right) \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(t) - u(s)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
& - \left( 1 - \frac{2}{k(0)}\varepsilon_1\widehat{\gamma}_4 \right) \int_0^t k'(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
& \leq \left\langle F(t), 2u'(t) + \varepsilon_1 u(t) \right\rangle + \frac{\varepsilon_1}{k_0^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\widehat{\gamma}_1}{\gamma_1} \right) \|F(t)\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.39}$$

Next, we choose  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ , with

$$\varepsilon_1 < \min \left\{ \frac{\zeta}{\gamma_3 + \frac{2}{k_0}\widehat{\gamma}_3 + \frac{2}{k_0}\widehat{\gamma}_4\zeta}, \frac{2}{1 + \frac{2}{k_0}\widehat{\gamma}_2} \right\}$$

and (4.15) is satisfied, then by the assumption  $(\widetilde{H}2, ii)$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma'(t) + \varepsilon_1 \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + \frac{\varepsilon_1\widehat{\gamma}_1}{\gamma_1 + \widehat{\gamma}_1} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_1\gamma_1^2}{\gamma_1 + \widehat{\gamma}_1} \|u(t)\|_\eta^2 + k_1 \|u'(t)\|_{L^q}^q \\
& + k_2 \int_0^t k(t-s) \|u(s) - u(t)\|_\eta^2 ds \\
& \leq \left\langle F(t), 2u'(t) + \varepsilon_1 u(t) \right\rangle + k_3 \|F(t)\|^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.40}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
k_1 &= 2 - \varepsilon_1 \left( 1 + \frac{2}{k_0}\widehat{\gamma}_2 \right) > 0, \\
k_2 &= \zeta \left( 1 - \frac{2}{k_0}\varepsilon_1\widehat{\gamma}_4 \right) - \varepsilon_1 \left( \gamma_3 + \frac{2}{k_0}\widehat{\gamma}_3 \right) > 0, \\
k_3 &= \frac{\varepsilon_1}{k_0^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\widehat{\gamma}_1}{\gamma_1} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.41}$$

By combining (4.5), (4.15) and (4.40), we can always choose the constant  $\tilde{\gamma} > 0$  is independent of  $t$  such that

$$\Gamma'(t) + 2\tilde{\gamma}\Gamma(t) \leq \left\langle F(t), 2u'(t) + \varepsilon_1 u(t) \right\rangle + k_3 \|F(t)\|^2, \quad (4.42)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

On the other hand,

$$\left\langle F(t), 2u'(t) + \varepsilon_1 u(t) \right\rangle + k_3 \|F(t)\|^2 \leq \tilde{N} \|F(t)\|^2 + \tilde{\gamma}\Gamma(t), \quad (4.43)$$

for some constant  $\tilde{N} > 0$ . Therefore

$$\Gamma'(t) + \tilde{\gamma}\Gamma(t) \leq \tilde{N} \|F(t)\|^2 \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0. \quad (4.44)$$

Putting  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \min\{\sigma, \tilde{\gamma}\}$ . A simple integration of (4.44) over  $(t_0, t)$  gives

$$\Gamma(t) \leq \left[ \Gamma(t_0) e^{\sigma t_0} + \tilde{N} \int_{t_0}^{+\infty} e^{\sigma s} \|F(s)\|^2 ds \right] e^{-2\gamma t} = N_1 e^{-2\gamma t}, \quad (4.45)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

By the boundedness of  $\Gamma(t)$  on  $[0, t_0]$ , we deduce from (4.45) that

$$\Gamma(t) = \|\Gamma\|_{L^\infty(0, t_0)} e^{-2\gamma(t-t_0)} + N_1 e^{-2\gamma t} = N_2 e^{-2\gamma t}, \quad (4.46)$$

for all  $t \geq 0$ .

By (4.15), it follows from (4.46) that

$$E(t) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha_1} \Gamma(t) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha_1} N_2 e^{-2\gamma t}, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0. \quad (4.47)$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2.  $\square$

**Remark 4.3.** *The estimate (4.9) holds for any regular solution corresponding to  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^2 \times H^1$ . This remains holds for solutions corresponding to  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in H^1 \times L^2$  by simple density argument.*

## 5. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Consider the following problem:

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \int_0^t k(t-s) u_{xx}(s) ds + u_t^3 = u^2 + F(x, t), \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T, \quad (5.1)$$

with boundary conditions

$$u_x(0, t) = u(0, t), u_x(1, t) + u(1, t) = 0, \quad (5.2)$$

and initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_1(x), \quad (5.3)$$

where

$$\tilde{u}_0(x) = -x^2 + x + 1, \tilde{u}_1(x) = -\tilde{u}_0(x), k(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}, \quad (5.4)$$

$$F(x, t) = (2-t)e^{-t} + U_{ex}(1 - U_{ex} - U_{ex}^2), \quad (5.5)$$

where

$$U_{ex}(x, t) = (-x^2 + x + 1)e^{-t}. \quad (5.6)$$

The exact solution of the problem (5.1)-(5.3) with  $\tilde{u}_0(x)$ ,  $\tilde{u}_1(x)$ ,  $k(t)$  and  $F(x, t)$  defined in (5.4) and (5.5) respectively, is the function  $U_{ex}$  given in (5.6). To solve

problem (5.1)-(5.3) numerically, we consider the differential system for the unknowns  $u_j(t) = u(x_j, t)$ ,  $v_j(t) = \frac{du_j}{dt}(t)$ , with  $x_j = jh$ ,  $h = \frac{1}{N}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{du_j}{dt}(t) &= v_j(t), j = 0, 1, \dots, N, \\
\frac{dv_0}{dt}(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2} [-(1+h)u_0(t) + u_1(t)] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{h^2} \int_0^t k(t-s) [-(1+h)u_0(s) + u_1(s)] ds - v_0^3(t) + u_0^2(t) + F(x_0, t), \\
\frac{dv_j}{dt}(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2} [u_{j-1}(t) - 2u_j(t) + u_{j+1}(t)] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{h^2} \int_0^t k(t-s) [u_{j-1}(s) - 2u_j(s) + u_{j+1}(s)] ds \\
&\quad - v_j^3(t) + u_j^2(t) + F(x_j, t), j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \\
\frac{dv_N}{dt}(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2} [u_{N-1}(t) - (1+h)u_N(t)] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{h^2} \int_0^t k(t-s) [u_{N-1}(s) - (1+h)u_N(s)] ds - v_N^3(t) + u_N^2(t) + F(x_N, t), \\
u_j(0) &= \tilde{u}_0(x_j), v_j(0) = \tilde{u}_1(x_j), j = 0, 1, \dots, N.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

To solve the nonlinear differential system (5.7), we use the following linear recursive scheme generated by the nonlinear term

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{du_j^{(n)}}{dt}(t) &= v_j^{(n)}(t), j = 0, 1, \dots, N, \\
\frac{dv_0^{(n)}}{dt}(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2} [-(1+h)u_0^{(n)}(t) + u_1^{(n)}(t)] \\
&\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{h^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_1-1} k(t-i\Delta t) [-(1+h)u_0^{(n)}(i\Delta t) + u_1^{(n)}(i\Delta t)] \\
&\quad - \left(v_0^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^3 + \left(u_0^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^3 + F(x_0, t), \\
\frac{dv_j^{(n)}}{dt}(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2} [u_{j-1}^{(n)}(t) - 2u_j^{(n)}(t) + u_{j+1}^{(n)}(t)] \\
&\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{h^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_1-1} k(t-i\Delta t) [u_{j-1}^{(n)}(i\Delta t) - 2u_j^{(n)}(i\Delta t) + u_{j+1}^{(n)}(i\Delta t)] \\
&\quad - \left(v_j^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^3 + \left(u_j^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^2 + F(x_j, t), j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \\
\frac{dv_N^{(n)}}{dt}(t) &= \frac{1}{h^2} [u_{N-1}^{(n)}(t) - (1+h)u_N^{(n)}(t)] \\
&\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{h^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_1-1} k(t-i\Delta t) [u_{N-1}^{(n)}(i\Delta t) - (1+h)u_N^{(n)}(i\Delta t)] \\
&\quad - \left(v_N^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^3 + \left(u_N^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^2 + F(x_N, t), \\
u_j^{(n)}(0) &= \tilde{u}_0(x_j), v_j^{(n)}(0) = \tilde{u}_1(x_j), j = 0, 1, \dots, N,
\end{aligned} \tag{5.8}$$



and where  $u_j^{(n)}(i\Delta t)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N_1 - 1$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ , of the system (5.8) being calculated at the time  $t = N_1\Delta t$ .

The latter system is solved by a spectral method and since the matrix of this system is very ill-conditioned so we have to regularize it by adding to the diagonal terms a small parameter in order to have a good accuracy of the convergence.

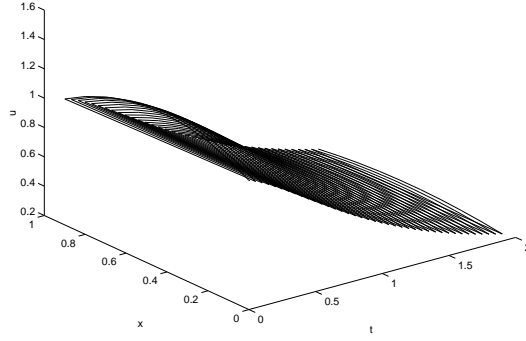


Figure 1

In fig.1 we have drawn the approximated solution of the problem (5.1)-(5.5) while fig.2 represents his corresponding exact solution (5.6).

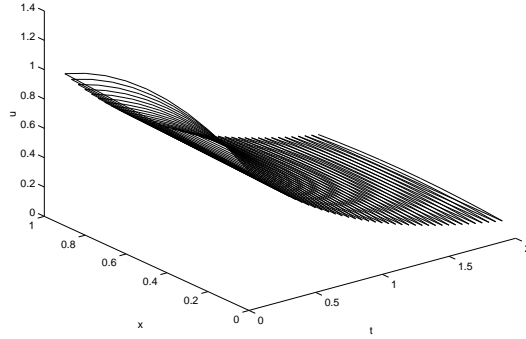


Figure 2

The fig.3 corresponds to the surface  $(x, t) \mapsto u(x, t)$  approximated solution in the case where  $F(x, t) = 0$ . So in both cases we notice the very good decay of these surfaces to zero from  $T = 2$ .

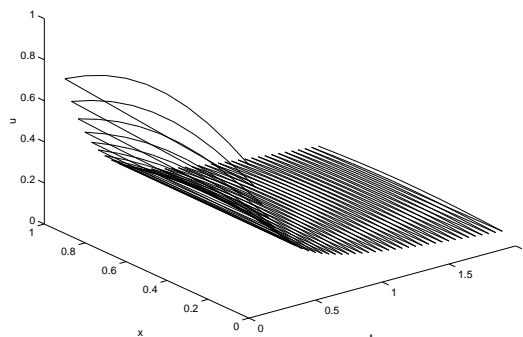


Figure 3

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