

111. On Regularity Properties for some Nonlinear Parabolic Equations^{*)}

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The contents of this paper consist of some amelioration and supplement to the previous paper [4].

Let Ω be a not necessarily bounded domain in R^N , $N > 2$, which is uniformly regular of class C^2 and locally regular of class C^4 in the sense of F. E. Browder [1]. The boundary of Ω is denoted by Γ . Let

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^N b_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} v + cuv \right) dx$$

be a bilinear form defined in $H^1(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$. The coefficients a_{ij} , b_i are bounded and continuous in $\bar{\Omega}$ together with first derivatives and c is bounded and measurable in Ω . The matrix $\{a_{ij}(x)\}$ is uniformly positive definite in Ω . It is assumed that $c \geq 0$, $c - \sum_{i=1}^N \partial b_i / \partial x_i \geq 0$ a.e. in Ω .

Let $j(x, r)$ be a function defined on $\Gamma \times R$ such that for each fixed $x \in \Gamma$ $j(x, r)$ is a proper convex lower semicontinuous function of r and $j(x, r) \geq j(x, 0) = 0$. The subdifferential of j with respect to r is denoted by β . We assume that for each $t \in R$ and $\lambda > 0$ $(1 + \lambda\beta(x, \cdot))^{-1}(t)$ is a measurable function of x (cf. B. D. Calvert-C. P. Gupta [2]). For a function u defined on Γ $j(u)$ denotes the function $j(x, u(x))$, $x \in \Gamma$.

Set

$$\Gamma_1 = \{x \in \Gamma : \beta(x, 0) = R\}, \quad \Gamma_2 = \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_1.$$

Γ_1 is the part of Γ where the boundary condition is of Dirichlet type. We assume that $\sum_{i=1}^N b_i \nu_i \geq 0$ on Γ_2 where $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N)$ is the outer-normal vector to Γ . Set

$$V = \{u \in H^1(\Omega) : u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_1\}.$$

Let $\Psi(x)$ be a function belonging to $H^1(\Omega) \cap L^1(\Omega)$ such that $\Psi \leq 0$ on Γ_1 . We assume that

$$\{u \in V : u \geq \Psi \text{ a.e.}, j(u|_{\Gamma}) \in L^1(\Gamma)\}$$

is not empty, or equivalently $j(\Psi^+|_{\Gamma}) \in L^1(\Gamma)$.

The norm of $L^2(\Omega)$ and $H^1(\Omega)$ are denoted by $|\cdot|$ and $\|\cdot\|$ respectively. The inner product of $L^2(\Omega)$ as well as the pairing between V and V^* are both denoted by (\cdot, \cdot) . The norm of $L^p(\Omega)$ is denoted by $|\cdot|_p$.

The mapping A which is multivalued in general is defined as fol-

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