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Optimal Control Problem with Necessary Optimality Conditions for the Viscous Dullin-Gottwald-Holm Equation

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We study the quadratic cost optimal control problems for the viscous Dullin-Gottwald-Holm equation. The main novelty of this paper is to derive the necessary optimality conditions of optimal controls, corresponding to physically meaningful distributive observations. For this we prove the Gâteaux differentiability of nonlinear solution mapping on control variables. Moreover by making use of the second order Gâteaux differentiability of solution mapping on control variables, we prove the local uniqueness of optimal control. This is another novelty of the paper.

1. Introduction

Recently, in the study of shallow water wave, Dullin et al. [1] derived a new integrable shallow water wave equation with linear and nonlinear dispersion as follows:

$$y_t + 2\omega y_x + 3yy_x - \alpha^2 (y_{xxt} + 2y_x y_{xx} + yy_{xxx}) + \gamma y_{xxx} = 0, \quad (1)$$

where y is fluid velocity, α^2 and $\gamma/2\omega$ are squares of length scales, and $2\omega = \sqrt{gh}$ is the linear wave speed for undisturbed water at rest at spatial infinity, where y and its spatial derivatives are taken to vanish. Letting $\alpha^2 \rightarrow 0$, (1) reduces to the well-known Korteweg-de Vries (KDV) equation (linear dispersion case). And when letting $\gamma \rightarrow 0$, (1) reduces to the Camassa-Holm equation of [2] (nonlinear dispersion case). Usually we can rewrite (1) into

$$m_t + 2\omega y_x + ym_x + 2y_x m + \gamma y_{xxx} = 0, \quad (2)$$

where $m = y - \alpha^2 y_{xx}$ is a momentum variable. Physically, the third and fourth terms of the left side of (2) represent convection and stretching effects of unidirectional propagation of shallow water waves over a flat bottom, respectively (see [2, 3]).

Many researchers studied the well-posedness of Cauchy problem for the DGH equation including various properties of the solution of it (see [4–6]).

Recently, Shen et al. [7] studied the optimal control problem of the following viscous DGH equation (cf. [3]):

$$m_t + 2\omega y_x + ym_x + 2y_x m + \gamma y_{xxx} = \nu m_{xx}, \quad (3)$$

where $m = y - y_{xx}$ and $\nu > 0$ stands for the viscosity constant of shallow water wave. As explained in Holm and Staley [8], the small viscosity makes sense to take into account the balance or relaxation between convection and stretching dynamics of shallow water wave.

In [7] Shen et al. studied the distributive optimal control problems of (3) (cf. [3]). For this purpose, they modified (3) to Dirichlet boundary value problem in short interval and proved the existence and uniqueness of m in (3) by weak formulation. However the well-posedness of (3) with respect to y is unclear and the proof contained in [7] relies on the size of ν which is an extra condition. Further, in [7] they employed the quadratic cost objective functional to be minimized within an admissible control set with the distributive observation of m in (3) and only discussed the existence of optimal controls which minimize the quadratic cost. But the necessary optimality conditions of optimal controls have not been studied there.

As for the necessary optimality condition of optimal controls, we can find a recent paper Sun [9]. By employing the Dubovitskii and Milyutin functional analytic approach, Sun has established in [9, Theorem 3] the Pontryagin maximum principle of the optimal control for the viscous DGH equation with the quite general cost which depends on m and not on y . Meanwhile, in this paper, we propose the quadratic cost functional for y , which is actually more reasonable than that for m , and establish the necessary optimality conditions of optimal controls due to Lions [10] in Theorems 5 and 7 for the physically meaningful observations $z = y(u)$ and $z = m(u)$, respectively. To this end, we successfully characterize the Gâteaux derivative $Dy(u)(v - u)$ of $y(v)$ in the direction $v - u \in \mathcal{U}$, where \mathcal{U} is a Hilbert space of control variables and u is an optimal control for quadratic cost.

Actually, the extension of optimal control theory to quasilinear equations is not easy. Some researches have been devoted to the study of optimal control or identification problems in specific quasilinear equations. For instance, we can refer to Hwang and Nakagiri [11, 12] and Hwang [13, 14].

The aim of this paper can be summarized as follows. Firstly, we clarify the well-posedness of (3) with respect to y in the Hadamard sense with appropriate initial value condition in short interval as posed in [7]. Secondly, based on the well-posedness result, we expand the optimal control theory due to Lions [10] with emphasis on deriving necessary optimality conditions of optimal controls in the following distributive control system:

$$\begin{aligned} & m_t(v) - \nu m_{xx}(v) + 2\omega y_x(v) + 2y_x(v)m(v) \\ & \quad + y(v)m_x(v) + \gamma y_{xxx}(v) \\ & = f + Bv \quad \text{in } (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ & y(v; 0, t) = y(v; 1, t) = y_x(v; 0, t) \\ & \quad = y_x(v; 1, t) = y_{xx}(v; 0, t) \\ & \quad = y_{xx}(v; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ & m(v; x, 0) = m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx} \quad \text{in } (0, 1), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where $m(v) = y(v) - y_{xx}(v)$, f is a forcing term, B is a controller, v is a control, and $y(v)$ denotes the state for a given $v \in \mathcal{U}$.

In order to apply the variational approach due to Lions [10] to our problem, we propose the quadratic cost functional $J(v)$ as studied in Lions [10] which is to be minimized within \mathcal{U}_{ad} ; \mathcal{U}_{ad} is an admissible set of control variables in \mathcal{U} . We show the existence of $u \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}$ which minimizes the quadratic cost functional $J(v)$. Then, we establish the necessary conditions of optimality of the optimal control u for some physically meaningful observation cases employing the associate adjoint systems. For this we successfully prove the Gâteaux differentiability of the nonlinear solution mapping $v \rightarrow y(v)$, which is used to define the associate adjoint systems.

Moreover, in this paper we discuss the local uniqueness of optimal control. As widely known, it is unclear and difficult to verify the uniqueness of optimal control in nonlinear control

problems. By employing the idea given in Ryu [15], we show the strict convexity of the quadratic cost $J(v)$ in local time interval by utilizing the second order Gâteaux differentiability of the nonlinear solution mapping $v \rightarrow y(v)$. Whence by proving strict convexity of the quadratic cost with respect to the control variable, we prove the local uniqueness of optimal control. This is another novelty of the paper.

2. Preliminaries

For fixed $T > 0$, we set $\Omega = (0, 1)$ and $Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$. The scalar products and norms on $L^2(\Omega)$ and $H_0^k(\Omega)$, $k = 1, 2, 3$, are denoted by $(\cdot, \cdot)_2$, $|\cdot|_2$ and $((\cdot, \cdot))_k$, $\|\cdot\|_k$, $k = 1, 2, 3$, respectively. Then, by virtue of Poincaré inequality, we can replace these scalar products and norms by $((\cdot, \cdot))_k = (\partial_x^k \cdot, \partial_x^k \cdot)_2$ and $\|\cdot\|_k = |\partial_x^k \cdot|_2$, $k = 1, 2, 3$, respectively. Let us denote the topological dual spaces of $H_0^k(\Omega)$, $k = 1, 2, 3$, by $H^{-k}(\Omega)$, $k = 1, 2, 3$. We denote their duality pairing between $H_0^k(\Omega)$ and $H^{-k}(\Omega)$ by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{k, -k}$, $k = 1, 2, 3$.

We consider the following Dirichlet boundary value problem for the viscous Dullin-Gottwald-Holm (DGH) equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & m_t - \nu m_{xx} + 2\omega y_x + 2y_x m + y m_x + \gamma y_{xxx} = f \quad \text{in } Q, \\ & y(0, t) = y(1, t) = y_x(0, t) = y_x(1, t) \\ & \quad = y_{xx}(0, t) = y_{xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ & m(x, 0) = m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx} \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $m = y - y_{xx}$, f is a forcing function, and m_0 is an initial value.

In order to define weak solutions of (5), we define some Hilbert spaces. At first, $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(0, T) = \{ & \phi \mid \phi \in L^2(0, T; H_0^3(\Omega)), \\ & \phi' \in L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

endowed with the norm

$$\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{S}(0, T)} = \left(\|\phi\|_{L^2(0, T; H_0^3(\Omega))}^2 + \|\phi'\|_{L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad (7)$$

where ϕ' denotes the first order distributional derivatives of ϕ . Further, $\mathcal{W}(0, T)$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(0, T) = \{ & \psi \mid \psi \in L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)), \\ & \psi' \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega)) \} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

endowed with the norm

$$\|\psi\|_{\mathcal{W}(0, T)} = \left(\|\psi\|_{L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))}^2 + \|\psi'\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad (9)$$

where ψ' denotes the first order distributional derivatives of ψ . We note here that $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ and $\mathcal{W}(0, T)$ are continuously

imbedded in $C([0, T]; H_0^2(\Omega))$ and $C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$, respectively (cf. Dautray and Lions [16, page 555]).

From now on, we will omit writing the integral variables in the definite integral without any confusion.

Lemma 1. *Let ϕ satisfy the boundary conditions of (5) and $\phi - \phi_{xx} \in \mathcal{W}(0, T)$. Then one has*

$$\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{S}(0, T)} \leq C \|\phi - \phi_{xx}\|_{\mathcal{W}(0, T)}, \quad (10)$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant.

Proof. According to the boundary conditions of ϕ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi - \phi_{xx}\|_{\mathcal{W}(0, T)}^2 &= \int_0^T |\phi_x - \phi_{xxx}|_2^2 dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T \|\phi_t - \phi_{xxt}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^T (|\phi_x|_2^2 + 2|\phi_{xx}|_2^2 + |\phi_{xxx}|_2^2) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T \|\phi_t - \phi_{xxt}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}^2 dt. \quad \square \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Since $I - \partial_x^2 : H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Omega)$ is an isomorphism, we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S. of (11)} &\geq \int_0^T |\phi_{xxx}|_2^2 dt + c_0 \int_0^T |\phi_{tx}|_2^2 dt \\ &\geq \min\{1, c_0\} \left(\|\phi\|_{L^2(0, T; H_0^3(\Omega))}^2 + \|\phi'\|_{L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))}^2 \right) \\ &= c_1 \|\phi\|_{\mathcal{S}(0, T)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where $c_0, c_1 > 0$ are constants. Thus we prove this lemma.

The following variational formulation is used to define the weak solution of (5).

Definition 2. A function $y \in \mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is said to be a weak solution of (5) if $m = y - y_{xx} \in \mathcal{W}(0, T)$ and $m = y - y_{xx}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle m'(\cdot), \phi \rangle_{-1, 1} + \nu(m_x(\cdot), \phi_x)_2 \\ &\quad + 2\omega(y_x(\cdot), \phi)_2 + 2(y_x m, \phi)_2 \\ &\quad + (y(\cdot) m_x(\cdot), \phi)_2 + \gamma(y_{xxx}(\cdot), \phi)_2 \\ &= \langle f(\cdot), \phi \rangle_{-1, 1} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

for all $\phi \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ in the sense of $\mathcal{D}'(0, T)$,

$$m(0) = m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx}.$$

In order to verify the well-posedness of (5), we partially refer to the result by Shen et al. [7]. The well-posedness of (5) in the sense of Hadamard can be given as follows.

Theorem 3. *Assume that $\nu > 0$, $f \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$, and $y_0 \in H_0^2(\Omega)$. Then the problem (5) has a unique solution y in $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$. And the solution mapping $p = (y_0, f) \rightarrow y(p)$ of $P \equiv H_0^2(\Omega) \times L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$ into $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is a local Lipschitz continuous; that is, for each $p_1 = (y_0^1, f_1) \in P$ and $p_2 = (y_0^2, f_2) \in P$, one has the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} &\|y_1(p_1) - y_2(p_2)\|_{\mathcal{S}(0, T)} \\ &\leq C \left(\|y_0^1 - y_0^2\|_{H_0^2(\Omega)} + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where C is a constant which depends on y_1 and y_2 .

Remark 4. In [7], the well-posedness of (5) is partially verified, which is indeed the case that the viscosity constant $\nu > 0$ is large enough. However, as we will see in the Appendix, such an extra assumption can be removed.

Proof of Theorem 3. By utilizing the result of [7], combined with Lemma 1, we can know that (5) possesses a unique solution $y \in \mathcal{S}(0, T)$ under the data condition $p = (y_0, f) \in H_0^2(\Omega) \times L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$.

Based on the above result, we prove the inequality (14). For that purpose, we denote $y_1 - y_2 \equiv y(p_1) - y(p_2)$ by ψ and $y_i - y_{i,xx}$ by m_i , $i = 1, 2$. Then, we can observe from (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi_t - \nu \Psi_{xx} + 2\omega \psi_x + 2\psi_x m_1 + 2y_{2,x} \Psi \\ &\quad + \psi m_{1,x} + y_2 \Psi_x + \gamma \psi_{xxx} = f_1 - f_2 \quad \text{in } Q, \\ &\psi(0, t) = \psi(1, t) = \psi_x(0, t) = \psi_x(1, t) = \psi_{xx}(0, t) \\ &\quad = \psi_{xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ &\Psi(x, 0) = \Psi_0 = m_0^1 - m_0^2 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where $\Psi = \psi - \psi_{xx}$ and $m_0^i = y_0^i - y_{0,xx}^i$, $i = 1, 2$. Multiplying Ψ in both sides of (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi|_2^2 + \nu |\Psi_x|_2^2 = -2\omega(\psi_x, \Psi)_2 \\ &\quad - (2\psi_x m_1, \Psi)_2 - (2y_{2,x} \Psi, \Psi)_2 \\ &\quad - (\psi m_{1,x}, \Psi)_2 - (y_2 \Psi_x, \Psi)_2 \\ &\quad - \gamma(\psi_{xxx}, \Psi)_2 + \langle f_1 - f_2, \Psi \rangle_{-1, 1}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

And we integrate (16) over $[0, t]$ to have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} |\Psi(t)|_2^2 + \nu \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2^2 ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |\Psi_0|_2^2 - 2\omega \int_0^t (\psi_x, \Psi)_2 ds - \int_0^t (2\psi_x m_1, \Psi)_2 ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t (2y_{2,x} \Psi, \Psi)_2 ds - \int_0^t (\psi m_{1,x}, \Psi)_2 ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t (y_2 \Psi_x, \Psi)_2 ds - \gamma \int_0^t (\psi_{xxx}, \Psi)_2 ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \langle f_1 - f_2, \Psi \rangle_{-1, 1} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

By Sobolev embedding theorem, $m_i \in \mathcal{W}(0, T) \hookrightarrow C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$, $i = 1, 2$, and $|\Psi|_2^2 = |\psi|_2^2 + 2|\psi_x|_2^2 + |\psi_{xx}|_2^2$, the right members of (17) can be estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| -2\omega \int_0^t (\psi_x, \Psi)_2 ds \right| \\
& \leq 2\omega \int_0^t |\psi_x|_2 |\Psi|_2 ds \\
& \leq 2\omega \int_0^t |\Psi|_2^2 ds; \\
& \left| - \int_0^t (2\psi_x m_1, \Psi)_2 ds \right| \\
& \leq 2 \int_0^t \|\psi_x\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |m_1|_2 |\Psi|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_0 \|m_1\|_{C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))} \int_0^t |\psi_{xx}|_2 |\Psi|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_1 \int_0^t |\Psi|_2^2 ds; \\
& \left| - \int_0^t (2y_{2,x} \Psi, \Psi)_2 ds \right| \\
& \leq 2 \|y_{2,x}\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \int_0^t |\Psi|_2^2 ds \\
& \leq c_2 \int_0^t |\Psi|_2^2 ds; \\
& \left| - \int_0^t (\psi m_{1,x}, \Psi)_2 ds \right| \\
& \leq \int_0^t \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |m_{1,x}|_2 |\Psi|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_3 \int_0^t |\psi_x|_2 |m_{1,x}|_2 |\Psi|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_4 \int_0^t |m_{1,x}|_2 |\Psi|_2^2 ds; \\
& \left| - \int_0^t (y_2 \Psi_x, \Psi)_2 ds \right| \\
& \leq \|y_2\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2 |\Psi|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_5 \int_0^t |\Psi|_2^2 ds + \frac{\nu}{6} \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2^2 ds; \\
& \left| -\gamma \int_0^t (\psi_{xxx}, \Psi)_2 ds \right| \\
& = \left| \gamma \int_0^t (\psi_{xx}, \Psi_x)_2 ds \right| \\
& \leq \gamma \int_0^t |\psi_{xx}|_2 |\Psi_x|_2 ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \leq \gamma \int_0^t |\Psi|_2 |\Psi_x|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_6 \int_0^t |\Psi|_2^2 ds + \frac{\nu}{6} \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2^2 ds \\
& \left| \int_0^t \langle f_1 - f_2, \Psi \rangle_{-1,1} ds \right| \\
& \leq \int_0^t \|f_1 - f_2\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} |\Psi_x|_2 ds \\
& \leq c_7 \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \\
& \quad + \frac{\nu}{6} \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2^2 ds,
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where c_0, \dots, c_7 are constants. We replace the right hand side of (17) by the right members of (18). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\Psi(t)|_2^2 + \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2^2 ds \\
& \leq c_8 \left(|\Psi_0|_2^2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 + \int_0^t |m_{1,x}|_2 |\Psi|_2^2 ds \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where c_8 is a constant, depending on y_1 and y_2 . And we apply the Gronwall inequality to (19) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\Psi(t)|_2^2 + \int_0^t |\Psi_x|_2^2 ds \\
& \leq c_8 \left(|\Psi_0|_2^2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \right) \\
& \quad \times \exp \left(c_8 \|m_{1,x}\|_{L^1(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega))} \right) \\
& \leq c_9 \left(|\Psi_0|_2^2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where c_9 is a constant, depending on y_1 and y_2 . Next we estimate Ψ_t in (15) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\Psi_t\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} & \leq \nu |\Psi_x|_2 + 2\omega |\psi_x|_2 + 2 \|m_1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |\psi_x|_2 \\
& \quad + 2 \|y_{2,x}\|_{L^\infty(Q)} |\Psi|_2 \\
& \quad + \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |m_{1,x}|_2 + \|y_2\|_{L^\infty(Q)} |\Psi_x|_2 \\
& \quad + \gamma |\psi_{xxx}|_2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

By Sobolev embedding theorem, we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{R.H.S. of (21)} & \leq c_{10} |\Psi_x|_2 + c_{11} \left(|m_{1,x}|_2 + 1 \right) |\Psi|_2 \\
& \quad + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)},
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where c_{10}, c_{11} are constants, depending on y_1 and y_2 . By (21) and (22) we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Psi_t\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \\ & \leq c_{12} \left(\|\Psi\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(\Omega))}^2 + \left(\|m_1\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(\Omega))}^2 + 1 \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \|\Psi\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}^2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \right) \\ & \leq c_{13} \left(|\Psi_0|_2^2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where c_{12}, c_{13} are constants, depending on y_1 and y_2 . We can deduce that (20) and (23) imply

$$\|\Psi\|_{\mathcal{W}(0,T)} \leq c_{14} \left(|\Psi_0|_2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))} \right), \quad (24)$$

where c_{14} is a constant, depending on y_1 and y_2 . Finally from Lemma 1 and (24) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} & \equiv \|y_1(p_1) - y_2(p_2)\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \\ & \leq c_{15} \left(|\Psi_0|_2 + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))} \right) \\ & \leq C \left(\|y_0^1 - y_0^2\|_{H_0^2(\Omega)} + \|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where c_{15}, C are constants, depending on y_1 and y_2 . Thus we complete the proof. \square

3. Quadratic Cost Optimal Control Problems

In this section we study the quadratic cost optimal control problems for the viscous DGH equation due to the theory of Lions [10]. Let \mathcal{U} be a Hilbert space of control variables, and let B be an operator,

$$B \in \mathcal{L} \left(\mathcal{U}, L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \right), \quad (26)$$

called a controller. We consider the following nonlinear control system:

$$\begin{aligned} m_t(v) - \nu m_{xx}(v) + 2\omega y_x(v) + 2y_x(v)m(v) \\ + y(v)m_x(v) + \gamma y_{xxx}(v) &= f + Bv \quad \text{in } Q, \\ y(v; 0, t) = y(v; 1, t) = y_x(v; 0, t) \\ &= y_x(v; 1, t) = y_{xx}(v; 0, t) \\ &= y_{xx}(v; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ m(v; x, 0) &= m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx} \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where $m(v) = y(v) - y_{xx}(v)$, $m_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$, $f \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$, and $v \in \mathcal{U}$ is a control. By virtue of Theorem 3 and (26), we can define uniquely the solution map $v \rightarrow y(v)$ of \mathcal{U} into $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$. We will call the solution $y(v)$ of (27) the state of the control system (27). The observation of the state is assumed to be given by

$$z(v) = Cy(v), \quad C \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S}(0, T), M), \quad (28)$$

where C is an operator called the observer and M is a Hilbert space of observation variables. The quadratic cost function associated with the control system (27) is given by

$$J(v) = \|Cy(v) - Y_d\|_M^2 + (Rv, v)_{\mathcal{U}} \quad \text{for } v \in \mathcal{U}, \quad (29)$$

where $Y_d \in M$ is a desired value of $y(v)$ and $R \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U})$ is symmetric and positive; that is,

$$(Rv, v)_{\mathcal{U}} = (v, Rv)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq d\|v\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \quad (30)$$

for some $d > 0$. Let \mathcal{U}_{ad} be a closed convex subset of \mathcal{U} , which is called the admissible set. An element $u \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}$ which attains the minimum of $J(v)$ over \mathcal{U}_{ad} is called an optimal control for the cost (29).

In this section we will characterize the optimal controls by giving necessary conditions for optimality. For this it is necessary to write down the necessary optimality condition,

$$DJ(u)(v - u) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}, \quad (31)$$

and to analyze (31) in view of the proper adjoint state system, where $DJ(u)$ denote the Gâteaux derivative of $J(v)$ at $v = u$. And we study local uniqueness of the optimal control.

As indicated in Section 1, we show the existence of an optimal control and give the characterizations of them.

3.1. Existence of the Optimal Control. Now we show the existence of an optimal control u for the cost (29).

Theorem 5. *Assume that the hypotheses of Theorem 3 are satisfied. Then there exists at least one optimal control u for the control problem (27) with the cost (29).*

Proof. Set $J = \inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}} J(v)$. Since \mathcal{U}_{ad} is nonempty, there is a sequence $\{v_n\}$ in \mathcal{U} such that

$$\inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}} J(v) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J(v_n) = J. \quad (32)$$

Obviously $\{J(v_n)\}$ is bounded in \mathbf{R}^+ . Then by (30) there exists a constant $K_0 > 0$ such that

$$d\|v_n\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \leq (Rv_n, v_n)_{\mathcal{U}} \leq J(v_n) \leq K_0. \quad (33)$$

This shows that $\{v_n\}$ is bounded in \mathcal{U} . Since \mathcal{U}_{ad} is closed and convex, we can choose a subsequence (denoted again by $\{v_n\}$) of $\{v_n\}$ and find a $u \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}$ such that

$$v_n \rightharpoonup u \quad \text{weakly in } \mathcal{U} \quad (34)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. From now on, each state $y_n = y(v_n) \in \mathcal{S}(0, T)$ corresponding to v_n is the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} m_{n,t} - \nu m_{n,xx} + 2\omega y_{n,x} + 2y_{n,x}m_n \\ + y_n m_{n,x} + \gamma y_{n,xxx} &= f + Bv_n \quad \text{in } Q, \\ y_n(0, t) = y_n(1, t) = y_{n,x}(0, t) = y_{n,x}(1, t) = y_{n,xx}(0, t) \\ &= y_{n,xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ m_n(x, 0) &= m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx} \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where $m_n = y_n - y_{n,xx}$. By (33) the term Bv_n is estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} \|Bv_n\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} &\leq \|B\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U},L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega)))} \|v_n\|_{\mathcal{U}} \\ &\leq \|B\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U},L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega)))} \sqrt{K_0 d^{-1}} \equiv K_1. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Hence we can deduce from Theorem 3 that

$$\|m_n\|_{\mathcal{W}(0,T)} \leq C_0 \left(\|y_0\|_{H_0^2(\Omega)} + \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} + K_1 \right) \quad (37)$$

for some $C_0 > 0$. And also from Lemma 1 we can know that

$$\|y_n\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \leq C_1 \left(\|y_0\|_{H_0^2(\Omega)} + \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} + K_1 \right) \quad (38)$$

for some $C_1 > 0$. Therefore, by the extraction theorem of Rellich's, we can find a subsequence of $\{m_n\}$, say again $\{m_n\}$, and find a $m = y - y_{xx} \in \mathcal{W}(0, T)$ such that

$$m_n \rightharpoonup m \quad \text{weakly in } \mathcal{W}(0, T). \quad (39)$$

By using the fact that $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ is compact and by virtue of (39), we can refer to the result of the Aubin-Lions-Temam's compact imbedding theorem (cf. Temam [17, page 271]) to verify that $\{m_n\}$ is precompact in $L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$. Hence there exists a subsequence $\{m_{n_k}\} \subset \{m_n\}$ such that

$$m_{n_k} \longrightarrow m \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \quad \text{as } k \longrightarrow \infty. \quad (40)$$

Since $m_n = y_n - y_{n,xx} \in \mathcal{W}(0, T) \hookrightarrow C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$, we know that $y_n \in C([0, T]; H_0^2(\Omega))$. And from (40) we can choose a subsequence of $\{y_{n_k}\}$, denoted again by $\{y_{n_k}\}$ such that

$$y_{n_k}(t) \longrightarrow y(t) \quad \text{strongly in } H_0^2(\Omega) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [0, T]. \quad (41)$$

We use (39)–(41) and apply the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem to have

$$\begin{aligned} 2y_{n_k,x}m_{n_k} &\longrightarrow 2y_x m \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \\ y_{n_k}m_{n_k,x} &\longrightarrow ym_x \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$. We replace y_n and m_n by y_{n_k} and m_{n_k} , respectively, and take $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (35). Then by the standard argument in Dautray and Lions [16, pages 561–565], we conclude that the limit m satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} m_t - vm_{xx} + 2\omega y_x + 2y_x m + ym_x + \gamma y_{xxx} \\ = f + Bu \quad \text{in } Q, \\ y(0, t) = y(1, t) = y_x(0, t) = y_x(1, t) = y_{xx}(0, t) \\ = y_{xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ m(x, 0) = m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx}, \quad \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

in weak sense, where $m = y - y_{xx}$. Moreover the uniqueness of weak solutions in (43) via Theorem 3 enables us to conclude that $y = y(u)$ in $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$, which implies $y(v_n) \rightarrow y(u)$ weakly

in $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$. Since C is continuous on $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ and $\|\cdot\|_M$ is lower semicontinuous, it follows that

$$\|Cy(u) - z_d\|_M \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Cy(v_n) - z_d\|_M. \quad (44)$$

It is also clear from $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|R^{1/2}v_n\|_{\mathcal{U}} \geq \|R^{1/2}v\|_{\mathcal{U}}$ that $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (Rv_n, v_n)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq (Ru, u)_{\mathcal{U}}$. Hence

$$J = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} J(v_n) \geq J(u). \quad (45)$$

But since $J(u) \geq J$ by definition, we conclude that $J(u) = \inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}} J(v)$. This completes the proof. \square

3.2. Gâteaux Differentiability of Solution Mapping. In order to characterize the optimal control which satisfies the necessary optimality condition (31), we need to prove the Gâteaux differentiability of the mapping $v \rightarrow y(v)$ of $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(0, T)$.

Definition 6. The solution map $v \rightarrow y(v)$ of \mathcal{U} into $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is said to be Gâteaux differentiable at $v = u$ if for any $w \in \mathcal{U}$ there exists a $Dy(u) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S}(0, T))$ such that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\lambda} (y(u + \lambda w) - y(u)) - Dy(u)w \right\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \longrightarrow 0. \quad (46)$$

The operator $Dy(u)$ denotes the Gâteaux derivative of $y(u)$ at $v = u$ and the function $Dy(u)w \in \mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is called the Gâteaux derivative in the direction $w \in \mathcal{U}$, which plays an important role in the nonlinear optimal control problem.

Theorem 7. *The map $v \rightarrow y(v)$ of \mathcal{U} into $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is Gâteaux differentiable at $v = u$ and such the Gâteaux derivative of $y(v)$ at $v = u$ in the direction $v - u \in \mathcal{U}$, say $z = Dy(u)(v - u)$, is a unique solution of the following problem:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_t - v\mathcal{Z}_{xx} + 2\omega z_x + 2z_x m + 2y_x(u)\mathcal{Z} \\ + zm_x + y(u)\mathcal{Z}_x + \gamma z_{xxx} = B(v - u) \quad \text{in } Q, \\ z(0, t) = z(1, t) = z_x(0, t) = z_x(1, t) = z_{xx}(0, t) \\ = z_{xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ \mathcal{Z}(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

where $m = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$ and $\mathcal{Z} = z - z_{xx}$.

Proof. Let $\lambda \in (-1, 1)$, $\lambda \neq 0$. We set $w = v - u$ and

$$z_\lambda = \lambda^{-1} (y(u + \lambda w) - y(u)). \quad (48)$$

Then z_λ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_{\lambda,t} - v\mathcal{Z}_{\lambda,xx} + 2\omega z_{\lambda,x} + 2z_{\lambda,x}m_\lambda + 2y_x(u)\mathcal{Z}_\lambda \\ + z_\lambda m_{\lambda,x} + y(u)\mathcal{Z}_{\lambda,x} \\ + \gamma z_{\lambda,xxx} = Bw \quad \text{in } Q, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_\lambda(0, t) &= z_\lambda(1, t) = z_{\lambda,x}(0, t) = z_{\lambda,x}(1, t) = z_{\lambda,xx}(0, t) \\ &= z_{\lambda,xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ \mathcal{F}_\lambda(x, 0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

where $m_\lambda = y(u + \lambda w) - y_{xx}(u + \lambda w)$ and $\mathcal{F}_\lambda = z_\lambda - z_{\lambda,xx}$. By the continuity of (14), we have

$$\|y(u + \lambda w) - y(u)\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \leq |\lambda| C \|Bw\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}, \tag{50}$$

where C is a constant, depending on $y(u)$ and $y(u + \lambda w)$. Hence we have

$$\|z_\lambda\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \leq C \|Bw\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} < \infty. \tag{51}$$

Therefore, we can infer that there exists a $z \in \mathcal{S}(0, T)$ and a sequence $\{\lambda_k\} \subset (-1, 1)$ tending to 0 such that

$$z_{\lambda_k} \rightharpoonup z \quad \text{weakly in } \mathcal{S}(0, T) \tag{52}$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Since the imbedding $\mathcal{S}(0, T) \hookrightarrow L^2(0, T; H_0^2(\Omega))$ is compact ([17, page 271]), it is implied from (52) that

$$z_{\lambda_k}(t) \rightarrow z(t) \quad \text{strongly in } H_0^2(\Omega) \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, T] \tag{53}$$

for some $\{\lambda_k\} \subset (-1, 1)$ tending to 0 as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Whence by (50)–(53) and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we can easily show that

$$2z_{\lambda_k,x} m_{\lambda_k} \rightarrow 2z_x m \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \tag{54}$$

$$z_{\lambda_k} m_{\lambda_k,x} \rightarrow z m_x \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)), \tag{55}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\lambda_k} \rightharpoonup \mathcal{F} \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \tag{56}$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$, where $m = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$ and $\mathcal{F} = z - z_{xx}$. And also we can deduce from (49), (52), and (56) that

$$\mathcal{F}_{\lambda_k,t} \rightharpoonup \mathcal{F}_t \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega)) \tag{57}$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

Hence we can see from (52) to (57) that $z_\lambda \rightarrow z = Dy(u)w$ weakly in $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ in which z is a solution of (47). This convergence can be improved by showing the strong convergence of $\{z_\lambda\}$ also in the topology of $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$.

Subtracting (47) from (49) and denoting $z_\lambda - z$ by ϕ_λ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\lambda,t} - \nu \Phi_{\lambda,xx} + 2\omega \phi_{\lambda,x} + 2y_x(u) \Phi_\lambda \\ + y(u) \Phi_{\lambda,x} + \gamma \phi_{\lambda,xxx} &= \epsilon(\lambda) \quad \text{in } Q, \\ \phi_\lambda(0, t) &= \phi_\lambda(1, t) = \phi_{\lambda,x}(0, t) = \phi_{\lambda,x}(1, t) = \phi_{\lambda,xx}(0, t) \\ &= \phi_{\lambda,xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ \Phi_\lambda(x, 0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

where $\Phi_\lambda = \phi_\lambda - \phi_{\lambda,xx}$ and $\epsilon(\lambda) = -2z_{\lambda,x} m_\lambda + 2z_x m - z_\lambda m_{\lambda,x} + z m_x$.

From (54) and (55) we know that

$$\epsilon(\lambda) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 0. \tag{59}$$

In order to estimate ϕ_λ we multiply Φ_λ in both sides of (58) and integrate it over $[0, t]$ to have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_\lambda(t)|_2^2 + 2\nu \int_0^t |\Phi_{\lambda,x}|_2^2 ds \\ = -2 \int_0^t (2\omega \phi_{\lambda,x}, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds - 2 \int_0^t (2y_x(u) \Phi_\lambda, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \\ - 2 \int_0^t (y(u) \Phi_{\lambda,x}, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \\ - 2 \int_0^t (\gamma \phi_{\lambda,xxx}, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds + 2 \int_0^t (\epsilon(\lambda), \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds. \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

The integral parts of the right member of (60) can be estimated as follows:

$$\left| -2 \int_0^t (2\omega \phi_{\lambda,x}, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \right| \leq 4\omega \int_0^t |\phi_{\lambda,x}|_2 |\Phi_\lambda|_2 ds \tag{61}$$

$$\leq 4\omega \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2^2 ds;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| -2 \int_0^t (2y_x(u) \Phi_\lambda, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \right| &\leq 4 \|y_x(u)\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2^2 ds \\ &\leq c_0 \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2^2 ds; \end{aligned} \tag{62}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| -2 \int_0^t (y(u) \Phi_{\lambda,x}, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \right| &\leq 2 \|y(u)\|_{L^\infty(Q)} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^t |\Phi_{\lambda,x}|_2 |\Phi_\lambda|_2 ds \\ &\leq \frac{\nu}{2} \int_0^t |\Phi_{\lambda,x}|_2^2 ds + c_1 \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2^2 ds; \end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| -2 \int_0^t (\gamma \phi_{\lambda,xxx}, \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \right| &= \left| 2 \int_0^t (\gamma \phi_{\lambda,xxx}, \Phi_{\lambda,x})_2 ds \right| \\ &\leq 2\gamma \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2 |\Phi_{\lambda,x}|_2 ds \end{aligned} \tag{64}$$

$$\leq \frac{\nu}{2} \int_0^t |\Phi_{\lambda,x}|_2^2 ds$$

$$+ c_2 \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2^2 ds;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 2 \int_0^t (\epsilon(\lambda), \Phi_\lambda)_2 ds \right| &\leq 2 \int_0^t |\epsilon(\lambda)|_2 |\Phi_\lambda|_2 ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t |\epsilon(\lambda)|_2^2 ds + \int_0^t |\Phi_\lambda|_2^2 ds, \end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

where c_0, c_1 , and c_2 are constants. We replace the right hand side of (62) by the right members of (61)–(65). And we apply

the Gronwall inequality to the replaced inequality; then we arrive at

$$|\Phi_\lambda(t)|_2^2 + \int_0^t |\Phi_{\lambda,x}|_2^2 ds \leq C \|\epsilon(\lambda)\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}^2, \quad (66)$$

where C is a constant. By virtue of (59) and (66) we deduce that

$$\Phi_\lambda \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \quad (67)$$

as $\lambda \longrightarrow 0$.

As in (21)–(23), we have from (58), (66), and (67) that

$$\Phi_{\lambda,t} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega)) \quad \text{as } \lambda \longrightarrow 0. \quad (68)$$

Therefore (67) and (68) mean

$$\Phi_\lambda \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{strongly in } \mathcal{W}(0, T) \quad \text{as } \lambda \longrightarrow 0. \quad (69)$$

Whence from Lemma 1

$$z_\lambda(\cdot) \longrightarrow z(\cdot) \quad \text{strongly in } \mathcal{S}(0, T) \quad \text{as } \lambda \longrightarrow 0. \quad (70)$$

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 7 means that the cost $J(v)$ is Gâteaux differentiable at u in the direction $v - u$ and the optimality condition (31) is rewritten by

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle Cy(u) - Y_d, C(Dy(u)(v - u)) \rangle_M + \langle Ru, v - u \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \\ &= \langle C^* \Lambda_M (Cy(u) - Y_d), Dy(u)(v - u) \rangle_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)', \mathcal{S}(0,T)} \\ &+ \langle Ru, v - u \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}, \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

where Λ_M is the canonical isomorphism M onto M' and $Y_d \in M$ is a desired value.

3.3. Necessary Condition of Optimal Control. In this section we will characterize the optimal controls by giving necessary condition (71) for optimality for the following physically meaningful observations.

- (1) We take $M = L^2(Q)$ and $C_1 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S}(0, T), M)$ and observe

$$z(v) = C_1 y(v) = y(v; \cdot) \in L^2(Q). \quad (72)$$

- (2) We take $M = L^2(Q)$ and $C_2 \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S}(0, T), M)$ and observe

$$z(v) = C_2 y(v) = (I - \partial_x^2) y(v; \cdot) \equiv m(v; \cdot) \in L^2(Q). \quad (73)$$

Since $y \in \mathcal{S}(0, T) \subset C([0, T]; H_0^2(\Omega))$ by Theorem 3, the above observations are meaningful.

Due to Lions [10], we construct the necessary condition of optimal control via appropriate adjoint equation. In order

to follow the idea we need to introduce and analyze the following adjoint equation for distributive observations:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u)p(u))_{,x} \\ &+ (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u)p(u) + m_x(u)p(u)) \\ &- (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u)p(u))_{,x} - \gamma p_{xxx}(u) \\ &= C^* \Lambda_M (Cy(u) - Y_d) \quad \text{in } Q, \quad (74) \\ & p(u; 0, t) = p(u; 1, t) = p_x(u; 0, t) \\ &= p_x(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ & \mathcal{P}(x, T) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where $C = C_1$ or C_2 , $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$, and $m(u) = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$. In order to show the well-posedness of (74), we introduce the solution Hilbert space $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega)) \\ & \triangleq \{ \psi \mid \psi \in L^2(0, T; H_0^2(\Omega)), \psi' \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \} \quad (75) \end{aligned}$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|\psi\|_{W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))} = \left(\|\psi\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^2(\Omega))}^2 + \|\psi'\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}^2 \right)^{1/2}. \quad (76)$$

We remark that $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ is continuously embedded in $C([0, T]; H_0^1(\Omega))$ (cf. Dautray and Lions [16, page 555]).

In the following proposition we show the well-posedness of (74).

Proposition 8. Assume that $C^* \Lambda_M (Cy(u) - Y_d) \in L^2(0, T; H^{-2}(\Omega))$; then by reversing the direction of time $t \rightarrow T - t$, (74) admits a unique solution $p(u)$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} & (i) \quad p(u) \in W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega)), \\ & (ii) \quad (p_t(u) - \nu p_{xx}(u) - y(u)p_x(u) + y_x(u)p(u), \Phi)_2 \\ & \quad - (2\omega p_x(u) - m_x(u)p(u), \phi)_2 \\ & \quad + (2m(u)p(u) + \gamma p_{xx}(u), \phi_x)_2 \\ & = \langle g, \phi \rangle_{-2,2}, \quad \forall \phi \in H_0^2(\Omega) \\ & \quad \text{in the sense of } \mathcal{D}'(0, T), \\ & (iii) \quad \mathcal{P}(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

where $g = C^* \Lambda_M (Cy(u) - Y_d)$ and $\Phi = \phi - \phi_{xx}$.

The proof of Proposition 8 is given in the Appendix.

Remark 9. As we will see, there are some merits in taking $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ as the solution space for adjoint equations. For the observation (72), even though we can take the adjoint system in the space $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ with additional boundary conditions, we can derive the same necessary optimality condition of optimal controls through the less regular solution $p(u) \in W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$. Therefore, $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ is preferred solution space of adjoint equation for the observation (72). And also, for the observation (73), we need to solve adjoint equation in $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ because of the less regular data condition than that of the observation (72).

3.3.1. *Case of the Observation (72).* In this subsection we consider the cost functional expressed by

$$J(v) = \int_Q |y(v; x, t) - Y_d(x, t)|^2 dx dt + (Rv, v)_{\mathcal{U}}, \quad (78)$$

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad} \subset \mathcal{U},$$

where $Y_d \in L^2(Q)$ is a desired value. Let u be the optimal control subject to (27) and (78). Then the optimality condition (71) is represented by

$$\int_Q (y(u; x, t) - Y_d(x, t)) z(x, t) dx dt + (Ru, v - u)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \quad (79)$$

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad},$$

where z is the solution of (47).

Now we will formulate the following adjoint system to describe the optimality condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u) p(u))_{,x} \\ & + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u) p(u)) \\ & + m_x(u) p(u) - (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u) p(u))_{,x} \\ & - \gamma p_{xxx}(u) = y(u) - Y_d \quad \text{in } Q, \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(u; 0, t) &= p(u; 1, t) = p_x(u; 0, t) \\ &= p_x(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ \mathcal{P}(x, T) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$ and $m(u) = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$.

Remark 10. Taking into account the observation conditions $y(u) - Y_d \in L^2(Q) = L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \subset L^2(0, T; H^{-2}(\Omega))$, we can assert that (80), reversing the direction of time $t \rightarrow T - t$, admits a unique solution $p(u) \in W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ by Proposition 8.

Now we proceed the calculations. We multiply both sides of the weak form of (80) by $z(t)$ and integrate it over $[0, T]$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \left\langle -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u) p(u))_{,x} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u) p(u)), z \right\rangle_{-2,2} dt \\ & + \int_0^T \left\langle m_x(u) p(u) - (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u) p(u))_{,x} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \gamma p_{xxx}(u), z \right\rangle_{-1,1} dt \\ & = \int_0^T (y(u) - Y_d, z)_2 dt, \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

where $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$. By (47) for z , we can verify by integration by parts that the left hand side of (81) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T (p(u), \mathcal{L}_t - \nu \mathcal{L}_{xx} + 2\omega z_x + 2z_x m(u) \\ & \quad + 2y_x(u) \mathcal{L} + m_x(u) z + y(u) \mathcal{L}_x + \gamma z_{xxx})_2 dt \\ & = \int_0^T (p(u), B(v - u))_2 dt, \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

where $\mathcal{L} = z - z_{xx}$. Therefore, by (81) and (82) we can deduce that the optimality condition (79) is equivalent to

$$\int_0^T (p(u), B(v - u))_2 dt + (Ru, v - u)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}. \quad (83)$$

Hence, we give the following theorem.

Theorem 11. *The optimal control u for (78) is characterized by the following system of equations and inequality:*

$$\begin{aligned} & m_t(u) - \nu m_{xx}(u) + 2\omega y_x(u) + 2y_x(u) m(u) \\ & \quad + y(u) m_x(u) + \gamma y_{xxx}(u) \\ & = f + Bu \quad \text{in } Q, \\ & y(u; 0, t) = y(u; 1, t) = y_x(u; 0, t) \\ & \quad = y_x(u; 1, t) = y_{xx}(u; 0, t) \\ & \quad = y_{xx}(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ & m(u; x, 0) = m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx}, \quad \text{in } \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u)p(u))_{,x} \\
 & + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u)p(u) + m_x(u)p(u) \\
 & - (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u)p(u))_{,x} - \gamma p_{xxx}(u) \\
 & = y(u) - Y_d \quad \text{in } Q,
 \end{aligned} \tag{85}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(u; 0, t) &= p(u; 1, t) = p_x(u; 0, t) \\
 &= p_x(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\
 \mathcal{P}(x, T) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^T (p(u), B(v-u))_2 dt + (Ru, v-u)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \tag{86}$$

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad},$$

where $m(u) = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$ and $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$.

3.3.2. *Case of the Observation (73).* We consider the following momentum's distributive cost functional expressed by

$$J(v) = \int_Q |m(v) - Y_d|^2 dx dt + (Rv, v)_{\mathcal{U}}, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}, \tag{87}$$

where $m(v) = y(v) - y_{xx}(v)$ and $Y_d \in L^2(Q)$. Let u be the optimal control subject to (27) and (87). Then the optimality condition (71) is rewritten as

$$\int_0^T (m(u) - Y_d, \mathcal{Z})_2 dx dt + (Ru, v-u)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}, \tag{88}$$

where $\mathcal{Z} = z - z_{xx}$ and z is the solution of (47). As before we formulate the following adjoint system to describe the optimality condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u)p(u))_{,x} \\
 & + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u)p(u) + m_x(u)p(u) \\
 & - (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u)p(u))_{,x} - \gamma p_{xxx}(u) \\
 & = (I - \partial_x^2)(m(u) - Y_d) \quad \text{in } Q,
 \end{aligned} \tag{89}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(u; 0, t) &= p(u; 1, t) = p_x(u; 0, t) \\
 &= p_x(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\
 \mathcal{P}(x, T) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$ and $m(u) = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$.

Remark 12. Since the observation conditions $m(u) - Y_d \in L^2(Q) = L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$, we know that $(I - \partial_x^2)(m(u) - Y_d) \in L^2(0, T; H^{-2}(\Omega))$. Hence by reversing the direction of time $t \rightarrow T - t$ and applying Proposition 8, we deduce that (89) admits a unique solution $p(u) \in W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$.

As we did before, we multiply both sides of the weak form of (89) by $z(t)$ and integrate it over $[0, T]$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^T \left\langle -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u)p(u))_{,x} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u)p(u), z) \right\rangle_{-2,2} dt \\
 & + \int_0^T \left\langle m_x(u)p(u) - (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u)p(u))_{,x} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \gamma p_{xxx}(u), z \right\rangle_{-1,1} dt
 \end{aligned} \tag{90}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & = \int_0^T \left\langle (I - \partial_x^2)(m(u) - Y_d), z \right\rangle_{-2,2} dt \\
 & = \int_0^T (m(u) - Y_d, \mathcal{Z})_2 dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$, $m(u) = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$, and $\mathcal{Z} = z - z_{xx}$. By (47) for z the integration by parts of the left hand side of (90) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^T (p(u), \mathcal{Z}_t - \nu \mathcal{Z}_{xx} + 2\omega z_x + 2z_x m(u) + 2y_x(u) \mathcal{Z} \\
 & \quad + m_x(u)z + y(u) \mathcal{Z}_x + \gamma z_{xxx})_2 dt \\
 & = \int_0^T (p(u), B(v-u))_2 dt,
 \end{aligned} \tag{91}$$

where $\mathcal{Z} = z - z_{xx}$. Therefore, combining (90) and (91), we can deduce that the optimality condition (88) is equivalent to

$$\int_0^T (p(u), B(v-u))_2 dt + (Ru, v-u)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}. \tag{92}$$

Hence, we give the following theorem.

Theorem 13. *The optimal control u for (87) is characterized by the following system of equations and inequality:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m_t(u) - \nu m_{xx}(u) + 2\omega y_x(u) + 2y_x(u)m(u) \\
 & \quad + y(u)m_x(u) + \gamma y_{xxx}(u) = f + Bu \quad \text{in } Q, \\
 & y(u; 0, t) = y(u; 1, t) = y_x(u; 0, t) \\
 & \quad = y_x(u; 1, t) = y_{xx}(u; 0, t) \\
 & \quad = y_{xx}(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\
 & m(u; x, 0) = m_0 = y_0 - y_{0,xx} \quad \text{in } \Omega,
 \end{aligned} \tag{93}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x(u) - 2(m(u)p(u))_{,x} \\
 & + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x(u)p(u) + m_x(u)p(u) \\
 & - (I - \partial_x^2)(y(u)p(u))_{,x} - \gamma p_{xxx}(u) \\
 & = (I - \partial_x^2)(m(u) - Y_d) \quad \text{in } Q, \tag{94}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(u; 0, t) &= p(u; 1, t) = p_x(u; 0, t) \\
 &= p_x(u; 1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(x, T) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\int_0^T (p(u), B(v-u))_2 dt + (Ru, v-u)_{\mathcal{U}} \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}, \tag{95}$$

where $m(u) = y(u) - y_{xx}(u)$ and $\mathcal{P} = p(u) - p_{xx}(u)$.

3.4. Local Uniqueness of an Optimal Control. We note that the uniqueness of an optimal control in nonlinear problem is not assured. However, referring to the result in [15], we can show the local uniqueness of the optimal control for our problem. In order to show the uniqueness of optimal control by using strict convexity of quadratic cost (cf. [18]) we consider the following proposition.

Proposition 14. *The map $v \rightarrow y(v)$ of \mathcal{U} into $\mathcal{S}(0, T)$ is second order Gâteaux differentiable at $v = u$ and such the second order Gâteaux derivative of $y(v)$ at $v = u$ in the direction $v - u \in \mathcal{U}$, say $g = D^2 y(u)(v - u, v - u)$, is a unique solution of the following problem:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{G}_t - \nu \mathcal{G}_{xx} + 2\omega g_x + y(u)\mathcal{G}_x + 2y_x(u)\mathcal{G} + 2g_x m \\
 + gm_x + 4z_x \mathcal{Z} + 2z \mathcal{Z}_x + \gamma g_{xxx} &= 0 \quad \text{in } Q, \\
 g(0, t) = g(1, t) = g_x(0, t) = g_x(1, t) = g_{xx}(0, t) \\
 = g_{xx}(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\
 \mathcal{G}(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,
 \end{aligned} \tag{96}$$

where $\mathcal{G} = g - g_{xx}$, $\mathcal{Z} = z - z_{xx}$, and z is the solution of (47).

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 7. □

Lemma 15. *Let g be the solution of (96). Then we can show that*

$$\|g\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \leq C \|v - u\|_{\mathcal{U}}, \tag{97}$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant.

Proof. Let z be the solution of (47). Then, using the same arguments as in (5), we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{Z}\|_{\mathcal{W}(0,T)} &\leq c_0 \|B(v-u)\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \\
 &\leq c_0 \|B\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U};L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega)))} \|v-u\|_{\mathcal{U}} \\
 &\leq c_1 \|v-u\|_{\mathcal{U}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{98}$$

where $\mathcal{Z} = z - z_{xx}$ and c_0, c_1 are constants which does not depend on g . And also for the solution g of (96), we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|g\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} &\leq c_2 \|-4z_x \mathcal{Z} - 2z \mathcal{Z}_x\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \\
 &\leq c_3 (\|z_x\|_{L^\infty(Q)} + \|z\|_{L^\infty(Q)}) \|\mathcal{Z}\|_{L^2(0,T;H_0^1(\Omega))} \\
 &\leq c_4 \|z\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \|\mathcal{Z}\|_{\mathcal{W}(0,T)} \\
 &\leq c_5 \|\mathcal{Z}\|_{\mathcal{W}(0,T)}^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{99}$$

where c_2, \dots, c_5 are constants. Combining (98) with (99), we have (97). □

We prove the local uniqueness of the optimal control.

Theorem 16. *When T is small enough, then there is a unique optimal control for the problem (29) for observations (72) and (73).*

Proof. We prove the case (73). Then the same result will be followed for the case (72). □

We show the local uniqueness by proving the strict convexity of the map $v \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}} \rightarrow J(v)$. Therefore as in [18], we need to show for all $u, v \in \mathcal{U}_{\text{ad}}$ ($u \neq v$)

$$D^2 J(u + \xi(v - u))(v - u, v - u) > 0 \quad (0 < \xi < 1). \tag{100}$$

For simplicity, we denote $y(u + \xi(v - u))$, $z(u + \xi(v - u))$, and $g(u + \xi(v - u))$ by $y(\xi)$, $z(\xi)$, and $g(\xi)$, respectively.

We calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 DJ(u + \xi(v - u))(v - u) \\
 &= \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \frac{J(u + (\xi + l)(v - u)) - J(u + \xi(v - u))}{l} \\
 &= 2 \int_0^T (m(\xi) - Y_d, \mathcal{Z}(\xi))_2 ds \\
 &\quad + 2(R(u + \xi(v - u)), v - u)_{\mathcal{U}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{101}$$

where $m(\xi) = y(\xi) - y_{xx}(\xi)$ and $\mathcal{Z}(\xi) = z(\xi) - z_{xx}(\xi)$. From (101) we obtain the second order Gâteaux derivative of J as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^2 J(u + \xi(v - u))(v - u, v - u) \\
 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} ((DJ(u + \xi + k)(v - u))(v - u) \\
 &\quad - DJ(u + \xi(v - u))(v - u)) \times k^{-1}) \\
 &= 2 \int_0^T (m(\xi) - Y_d, \mathcal{G}(\xi))_2 ds + 2 \int_0^T |\mathcal{Z}(\xi)|_2^2 ds \\
 &\quad + 2(R(v - u), v - u)_{\mathcal{U}} \\
 &= 2 \int_0^T \langle (I - \partial_x^2)(m(\xi) - Y_d), g(\xi) \rangle_{-2,2} ds \\
 &\quad + 2 \int_0^T |\mathcal{Z}(\xi)|_2^2 ds + 2(R(v - u), v - u)_{\mathcal{U}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{102}$$

where $\mathcal{G}(\xi) = g(\xi) - g_{xx}(\xi)$.

By Lemma 15 and (102) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D^2 J(u + \xi(v - u))(v - u, v - u) \\
 & \geq -2 \|g(\xi)\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H_0^2(\Omega))} \\
 & \quad \times \int_0^T \|(I - \partial_x^2)(m(\xi) - Y_d)\|_{H^{-2}(\Omega)} ds \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_0^T |\mathcal{Z}(\xi)|_2^2 ds + 2d \|v - u\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \\
 & \geq -2c_0 \sqrt{T} \|g(\xi)\|_{\mathcal{S}(0,T)} \|m(\xi) - Y_d\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))} \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_0^T |\mathcal{Z}(\xi)|_2^2 ds + 2d \|v - u\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \\
 & \geq 2(d - c_1 \sqrt{T} \|m(\xi) - Y_d\|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega))}) \|v - u\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_0^T |\mathcal{Z}(\xi)|_2^2 ds,
 \end{aligned} \tag{103}$$

where c_0 and c_1 are constants. Here we can take $T > 0$ small enough so that the right hand side of (103) is strictly greater than 0. Therefore we obtain the strict convexity of the quadratic cost $J(v)$, $v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}$, which prove this theorem.

Remark 17. If we assume d is large enough then we can obtain the strict convexity of the quadratic cost (29) in global sense. Therefore we can obtain the desired result of Theorem 16 in global sense for the cost (29).

4. Conclusions

In conclusion, in this paper we considered the optimal distributed control for the viscous Dullin-Gottwald-Holm equation due to Lions [10]. In order to apply the variational approach due to Lions [10] to our problem, we proposed the quadratic cost functional as studied in Lions [10] which is to be minimized within an admissible set of control variables. We showed the existence of optimal controls which minimizes the quadratic cost functional. Then, we established the necessary conditions of optimality of the optimal control for some physically meaningful observation cases employing the associate adjoint systems. For this we successfully proved the Gâteaux differentiability of the nonlinear solution mapping which is used to define the associate adjoint systems. Moreover, by proving strict convexity of the quadratic cost with respect to the control variable, we discussed the local uniqueness of optimal control.

Appendix

Proof of Proposition 8. For simplicity we omit u in (74) and put $C^* \Lambda_M(Cy(u) - Y_d) = f$. By reversing time $t \rightarrow T - t$, (74) is transformed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{P}_t - \nu \mathcal{P}_{xx} - 2\omega p_x - 2(mp)_{,x} + (I - \partial_x^2)(2y_x p) \\
 & \quad + m_x p - (I - \partial_x^2)(\gamma p)_{,x} - \gamma p_{xxx} = f \quad \text{in } Q,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(0, t) &= p(1, t) = p_x(0, t) \\
 &= p_x(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \\
 \mathcal{P}(x, 0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

We apply the Galerkin procedure as in Dautray and Lions [16]. Let $\{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a basis of $H_0^2(\Omega)$. For each $n \in N$ we define an approximate solution of (A.1) by $p_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n g_{jn}(t) w_j$ which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \mathcal{P}_{n,t}, w_j \rangle_{-2,2} + \nu \langle \mathcal{P}_{n,x}, w_{j,x} \rangle_{-1,1} \\
 & \quad - (2\omega p_{n,x}, w_j)_2 + (2m p_n, w_{j,x})_2 \\
 & \quad + (2y_x p_n, (I - \partial_x^2) w_j)_2 + (m_x p_n, w_j)_2 \\
 & \quad - (y_x p_n + \gamma p_{n,x}, (I - \partial_x^2) w_j)_2 \\
 & \quad - (\gamma p_{n,xxx}, w_j)_2 = \langle f, w_j \rangle_{-2,2}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n, \\
 & \mathcal{P}_n(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

where $\mathcal{P}_n = p_n - p_{n,xx}$. We multiply both sides of (A.2) by $g_{jn}(t)$ and sum over j to have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \mathcal{P}_{n,t}, p_n \rangle_{-2,2} + \nu \langle \mathcal{P}_{n,x}, p_{n,x} \rangle_{-1,1} + (2m p_n, p_{n,x})_2 \\
 & \quad + (2y_x p_n, p_n - p_{n,xx})_2 + (m_x p_n, p_n)_2 \\
 & \quad - (y_x p_n + \gamma p_{n,x}, p_n - p_{n,xx})_2 \\
 & \quad - (\gamma p_{n,xxx}, p_n)_2 = \langle f, p_n \rangle_{-2,2}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.3}$$

We note here that

$$(2\omega p_{n,x}, p_n)_2 = (\gamma p_{n,xxx}, p_n)_2 = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } [0, T]. \tag{A.4}$$

Hence we can rewrite (A.3) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (|p_n|_2^2 + |p_{n,x}|_2^2) + \nu (|p_{n,x}|_2^2 + |p_{n,xx}|_2^2) \\
 & \quad = -(2m p_n, p_{n,x})_2 - (2y_x p_n, p_n - p_{n,xx})_2 - (m_x p_n, p_n)_2 \\
 & \quad \quad + (y_x p_n + \gamma p_{n,x}, p_n - p_{n,xx})_2 + \langle f, p_n \rangle.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

By employing Schwartz's, Young's inequality and Sobolev imbedding theorem, we can estimate the right hand side of (A.5) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(2m p_n, p_{n,x})_2| \leq 2 \|m\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |p_n|_2 |p_{n,x}|_2 \\
 & \quad \leq c_0 |m_x|_2 (|p_n|_2^2 + |p_{n,x}|_2^2); \\
 & |(2y_x p_n, p_n)_2| \leq c_1 |p_n|_2^2; \\
 & |(2y_x p_n, p_{n,xx})_2| \leq c_2 |p_n|_2 |p_{n,xx}|_2 \leq c_3(\epsilon) |p_n|_2^2 + \epsilon |p_{n,xx}|_2^2;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(m_x p_n, p_n)_2| &\leq \|p_n\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} |m_x|_2 |p_n|_2 \leq c_4 |p_{n,x}|_2 |m_x|_2 |p_n|_2 \\
 &\leq c_4 |m_x|_2 (|p_n|_2^2 + |p_{n,x}|_2^2); \\
 |(y_x p_n, p_n)_2| &\leq c_5 |p_n|_2^2; \\
 |(y_x p_n, p_{n,xx})_2| &\leq c_6 |p_n|_2 |p_{n,xx}|_2 \leq c_7 (\epsilon) |p_n|_2^2 + \epsilon |p_{n,xx}|_2^2; \\
 |(y p_{n,x}, p_n)_2| &\leq c_8 |p_{n,x}|_2 |p_n|_2 \leq c_8 (|p_{n,x}|_2^2 + |p_n|_2^2); \\
 |(y p_{n,x}, p_{n,xx})_2| &\leq c_9 |p_{n,x}|_2 |p_{n,xx}|_2 \leq c_{10} (\epsilon) |p_{n,x}|_2^2 + \epsilon |p_{n,xx}|_2^2; \\
 |\langle f, p_n \rangle| &\leq \|f\|_{H^{-2}(\Omega)} \|p_n\|_{H_0^2(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq c_{11} (\epsilon) \|f\|_{H^{-2}(\Omega)}^2 + \epsilon |p_{n,xx}|_2^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

where c_0, \dots, c_{11} are constants. We put $\epsilon = \nu/8$ and replace the right hand side of (A.5) by those right members of (A.6) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} (|p_n|_2^2 + |p_{n,x}|_2^2) + (|p_{n,x}|_2^2 + |p_{n,xx}|_2^2) \\
 \leq c_{12} (1 + |m_x|_2) (|p_n|_2^2 + |p_{n,x}|_2^2) + c_{13} \|f\|_{H^{-2}(\Omega)}^2,
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

where c_{12} and c_{13} are constants. Integrating (A.7) over $[0, t]$ and applying the Gronwall's inequality to it, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |p_n(t)|_2^2 + |p_{n,x}(t)|_2^2 + \int_0^t (|p_{n,x}|_2^2 + |p_{n,xx}|_2^2) ds \\
 \leq c_{13} \exp\left(c_{12} \int_0^t (1 + |m_x|_2) dt\right) \|f\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-2}(\Omega))}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.8}$$

Thus we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_n \in \text{a bounded subset of} \\
 L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H_0^2(\Omega)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.9}$$

Hence by replacing p by p_n in (A.1) and dividing $(I - \partial_x^2)$, we obtain the following equality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{n,t} &= \nu p_{n,xx} + 2\omega (I - \partial_x^2)^{-1} p_{n,x} + 2(I - \partial_x^2)^{-1} (m p_n)_x \\
 &\quad - 2y_x p_n - (I - \partial_x^2)^{-1} (m_x p_n) \\
 &\quad + (y p_n)_{,x} + \gamma (I - \partial_x^2)^{-1} p_{n,xxx} \\
 &\quad + (I - \partial_x^2)^{-1} f \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.10}$$

which implies via (A.9) that

$$p_{n,t} \in \text{a bounded subset of } L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega)). \tag{A.11}$$

Therefore we have the boundedness of $\{p_n\}$ in $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$. Hence by standard manipulations of Dautray and Lions [16], we can know that there exists a unique limit p of $\{p_n\}$ in $W(H_0^2(\Omega), L^2(\Omega))$ which is the unique solution of (A.1). This proves the well-posedness of (74). \square

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