

Strong solution for a mixed problem with nonlocal condition for certain pluriparabolic equations

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ABSTRACT. The present paper is devoted to a proof of the existence and uniqueness of a strong solution for a mixed problem with nonlocal condition for certain pluriparabolic equations. The proof is based on an a priori estimate and on the density of the range of the operator generated by the studied problem.

1. Statement of the problem

In the domain $Q = (0, b) \times (0, T_1) \times (0, T_2)$, with $b < \infty$, $T_1 < \infty$ and $T_2 < \infty$, we consider the one-dimensional pluriparabolic equation

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{L}v = \partial v / \partial t_1 + \partial v / \partial t_2 - \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial v / \partial x) / \partial x = f(x, t_1, t_2),$$

where $a(x, t_1, t_2)$ satisfy the following assumptions:

- H1. $c_0 \leq a(x, t_1, t_2) \leq c_1$, $\partial a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial x \leq c_2$, $\partial a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial t_p \leq c_3$, $p = 1, 2$, $(x, t_1, t_2) \in \bar{Q}$.
H2. $\partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial t_p^2 \leq c_4$, $\partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial x^2 \leq c_5$, $\partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial t_p \partial x \leq c_6$, $p = 1, 2$, $(x, t_1, t_2) \in \bar{Q}$.

We pose the following problem for equation (1.1): to determine its solution v in Q satisfying the initial conditions

$$(1.2) \quad \ell_1 v = v(x, 0, t_2) = \Phi_1(x, t_2), \quad (x, t_2) \in Q_2 = (0, b) \times (0, T_2),$$

$$(1.3) \quad \ell_2 v = v(x, t_1, 0) = \Phi_2(x, t_1), \quad (x, t_1) \in Q_1 = (0, b) \times (0, T_1),$$

the Neumann condition

$$(1.4) \quad \partial v(0, t_1, t_2) / \partial x = \mu(t_1, t_2), \quad (t_1, t_2) \in (0, T_1) \times (0, T_2),$$

and the integral condition

$$(1.5) \quad \int_0^b v(x, t_1, t_2) dx = E(t_1, t_2), \quad (t_1, t_2) \in (0, T_1) \times (0, T_2).$$

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Where $\Phi_1(x, t_2)$, $\Phi_2(x, t_1)$, $\mu(t_1, t_2)$, $E(t_1, t_2)$, $a(x, t_1, t_2)$ and $f(x, t_1, t_2)$ are known functions.

The data satisfies the following compatibility conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial\Phi_1(0, t_2)/\partial x = \mu(0, t_2), & \quad \int_0^b \Phi_1(x, t_2)dx = E(0, t_2), \\ \partial\Phi_2(0, t_1)/\partial x = \mu(t_1, 0), & \quad \int_0^b \Phi_2(x, t_1)dx = E(t_1, 0), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Phi_1(x, 0) = \Phi_2(x, 0).$$

This type of problems is propounded in the mathematical modelling of technologic process of external elimination of gas, practises in the refining of impurities of Silicon laminae. In this case, $v(x, t_1, t_2)$ is the distribution of impurities in the lamina $\{0 \leq x \leq b\}$ at the time t_1 and at the temperature t_2 , $\Phi_1(x, t_2)$ is the distribution of impurities at the initial time and at the temperature t_2 , $\Phi_2(x, t_1)$ is the distribution of impurities at the time t_1 and at the initial temperature. The condition (1.4) means that the flow of diffusion throughout the left boundary is equal of $\mu(t_1, t_2)$, and the condition (1.5) is the total mass of impurities in the lamina $\{0 \leq x \leq b\}$.

The first investigation of mixed problems with integral conditions goes back to Cannon [8] in 1963. The author proved, with the aid of integral equation, the existence and uniqueness of the solution for a mixed problem which combine Dirichlet and integral conditions for the homogeneous heat equation. Kamynin [14] extended the result of [8] to the general linear second order parabolic equation in 1964, by using a system of integral equations.

Along a different line, mixed problems for second order parabolic equations which combine local and integral conditions were considered by Ionkin [13], Cannon–van der Hoek [9], [10], Cannon–Esteva–van der Hoek [11], Lin [16], Kartynnik [15], Benouar–Yurchuk [1], Shi [17] and Yurchuk [18]. Recently, mixed problems with only integral conditions for parabolic and hyperbolic equations have been treated in Bouziani [3] and Bouziani–Benouar [5], [6].

In this paper, the existence and uniqueness of a strong solution of problem (1.1)–(1.5) is proved. The method in the present paper is further elaboration of that in Bouziani [2], [4] and Bouziani–Benouar [7].

To achieve the purpose, we reduce the non homogeneous boundary conditions (1.4), (1.5) to homogeneous conditions, by introducing a new unknown function u defined as follows:

$$u(x, t_1, t_2) = v(x, t_1, t_2) - \mathcal{U}(x, t_1, t_2),$$

where

$$\mathcal{U}(x, t_1, t_2) = \mu(t_1, t_2)x + 3x^2/b^3 \cdot \left(E(t_1, t_2) - \frac{b^2}{2}\mu(t_1, t_2) \right),$$

Then, the problem can be formulated in this way:

$$(1.6) \quad \mathcal{L}u = f - \mathcal{L}\mathcal{U} = f,$$

$$(1.7) \quad \ell_1 u = u(x, 0, t_2) = \Phi_1(x, t_2) - \ell_1 \mathcal{U} = \varphi_1(x, t_2),$$

$$(1.8) \quad \ell_2 u = u(x, t_1, 0) = \Phi_2(x, t_1) - \ell_2 \mathcal{U} = \varphi_2(x, t_1),$$

$$(1.9) \quad \partial u(0, t_1, t_2)/\partial x = 0,$$

$$(1.10) \quad \int_0^b u(x, t_1, t_2) dx = 0.$$

Here we assume that the functions $\varphi_p, p = 1, 2$, satisfies conditions of the form (1.9), (1.10), i.e., $\partial\varphi_p(0, \cdot)/\partial x = 0, \int_0^b \varphi_p(x, 0) dx = 0$, and such that $\varphi_1(x, 0) = \varphi_2(x, 0)$.

Instead of searching for the function v , we search for the function u . So, the strong solution of problem (1.1)–(1.5) will be given by: $v(x, t_1, t_2) = u(x, t_1, t_2) + \mathcal{U}(x, t_1, t_2)$.

2. A priori estimate and its consequences

The problem (1.6)–(1.10) is equivalent to the operator equation

$$Lu = \mathcal{F},$$

where $Lu = (\mathcal{L}u, \ell_1 u, \ell_2 u)$, $\mathcal{F} = (f, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$. The operator L acts from B to F , where B is the Banach space of functions $u \in L^2(Q)$, satisfying (1.9) and (1.10), with the finite norm

$$\|\partial u/\partial x\|_{0,Q}^2 + \sup_{0 \leq t_1 \leq T_1} \|u(x, \tau_1, t_2)\|_{0,Q_2}^2 + \sup_{0 \leq \tau_2 \leq T_2} \|u(x, t_1, \tau_2)\|_{0,Q_1}^2$$

and F is the Hilbert space of vector-valued functions $\mathcal{F} = (f, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)$, obtained by completing the space $L^2(Q) \times L^2(Q_2) \times L^2(Q_1)$ with respect to the norm

$$\|\mathcal{F}\|_F^2 = \|f\|_{0,Q}^2 + \|\varphi_1\|_{0,Q_2}^2 + \|\varphi_2\|_{0,Q_1}^2.$$

Let $D(L)$ be the set of all functions $u \in L^2(Q)$ for which $\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial u/\partial t_2, \partial u/\partial x, \partial^2 u/\partial x^2, \partial^2 u/\partial x \partial t_1, \partial^2 u/\partial x \partial t_2 \in L^2(Q)$ and satisfying conditions (1.9)–(1.10).

THEOREM 1. *If the assumptions H1 are satisfied, then for any function $u \in D(L)$, we have*

$$(2.1) \quad \|u\|_B \leq c \|Lu\|_F$$

where $c > 0$ is a constant independent of u .

PROOF. Taking the scalar product in $L^2(Q^\tau)$ of equation (1.6) and the operator

$$Mu = 2(b - x)[\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1 + \partial u/\partial t_2) - a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x],$$

where $Q^\tau = (0, b) \times (0, \tau_1) \times (0, \tau_2)$ and $\mathfrak{I}_x g = \int_0^x g(\xi, t_1, t_2) d\xi$, we obtain

$$(2.2) \quad (\mathcal{L}u, Mu)_{0,Q} = 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) \partial u/\partial t_1 \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1) dx dt_1 dt_2$$

$$+ 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) \partial u/\partial t_2 \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2) dx dt_1 dt_2$$

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$$- 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2) dx dt_1 dt_2$$

$$- 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u/\partial x \cdot \partial u/\partial t_1 dx dt_1 dt_2$$

$$- 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u/\partial x \cdot \partial u/\partial t_2 dx dt_1 dt_2$$

$$+ 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x$$

$$\cdot a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u/\partial x dx dt_1 dt_2.$$

The successive integration by parts of integrals on the right-hand side of (2.2) are straightforward but somewhat tedious. We only give their results

$$(2.3) \quad 2 \int_{Q^\tau} (b - x) \partial u/\partial t_p \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_p) dx dt_1 dt_2$$

$$= \int_{Q^\tau} (\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_p))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2, \quad p = 1, 2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.4) \quad & 2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) \partial u / \partial t_2 \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_1) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & = 2 \int_{Q^r} \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_2) \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_1) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - 2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_2) \cdot \partial u / \partial t_1 dx dt_1 dt_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad & -2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u / \partial x) / \partial x \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x \partial u / \partial t_1 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & = \int_{Q_2^2} a(x, \tau_1, t_2) \cdot (u(x, \tau_1, t_2))^2 dx dt_2 - \int_{Q_2^2} a(x, 0, t_2) \cdot (\varphi_1(x, t_2))^2 dx dt_2 \\
 & \quad - \int_{Q^r} \partial a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial t_1 \cdot u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - 2 \int_{Q^r} \partial a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial x \cdot u \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_1) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u / \partial x \cdot \partial u / \partial t_1 dx dt_1 dt_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad & -2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u / \partial x) / \partial x \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_2) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & = \int_{Q_1^1} a(x, t_1, \tau_2) \cdot (u(x, t_1, \tau_2))^2 dx dt_1 - \int_{Q_1^1} a(x, t_1, 0) \cdot (\varphi_2(x, t_1))^2 dx dt_1 \\
 & \quad - \int_{Q^r} \partial a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial t_2 \cdot u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - 2 \int_{Q^r} \partial a(x, t_1, t_2) / \partial x \cdot u \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u / \partial t_2) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u / \partial x \cdot \partial u / \partial t_2 dx dt_1 dt_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad & 2 \int_{Q^r} (b-x) \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2) \partial u / \partial x) / \partial x \cdot a(x, t_1, t_2) \cdot \partial u / \partial x dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & = \int_{Q^r} (a(x, t_1, t_2))^2 (\partial u / \partial x)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (2.3)–(2.7) into (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad & \int_{Q^r} (\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1) + \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 + \int_{Q_2^2} a(x, \tau_1, t_2) \cdot (u(x, \tau_1, t_2))^2 dx dt_2 \\
 & + \int_{Q_1^1} a(x, t_1, \tau_2) (u(x, t_1, \tau_2))^2 dx dt_1 + \int_{Q^r} (a(x, t_1, t_2))^2 (\partial u/\partial x)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & = (\mathcal{L}u, Mu)_{0, Q^r} - 2 \int_{Q^r} \partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x \cdot u \cdot (\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1) + \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2)) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & + \int_{Q_2^2} a(x, 0, t_2) \cdot (\varphi_1(x, t_2))^2 dx dt_2 + \int_{Q_1^1} a(x, t_1, 0) \cdot (\varphi_2(x, t_1))^2 dx dt_1 \\
 & + \int_{Q^r} (\partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 + \partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_2) u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

We estimate the first term on the right-hand side of (2.8) by applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the Cauchy inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.9) \quad (\mathcal{L}u, Mu)_{0, Q^r} & \leq 2b^2 \int_{Q^r} f^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 + 2b^2/c_0 \cdot \int_{Q^r} (a(x, t_1, t_2))^2 f^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & + c_0/2 \int_{Q^r} (\partial u/\partial x)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & + 1/2 \int_{Q^r} (\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1) + \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

The remaining integral throughout Q^r on the same side of (2.8) can be estimated as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.10) \quad & -2 \int_{Q^r} \partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x \cdot u \cdot (\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1) + \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2)) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \leq 2 \int_{Q^r} (\partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x)^2 u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & + 1/2 \int_{Q^r} (\mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_1) + \mathfrak{I}_x(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (2.9) and (2.10) and the conditions H1, we can transform (2.8) into (2.11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.11) \quad & c_0/2 \|\partial u/\partial x\|_{0, Q^r}^2 + c_0 \|u(x, \tau_1, t_2)\|_{0, Q_2^2}^2 + c_0 \|u(x, t_1, \tau_2)\|_{0, Q_1^1}^2 \\
 & \leq 2b^2(1 + c_1^2/c_0) \|f\|_{0, Q}^2 + c_1 \|\varphi_1\|_{0, Q_2}^2 + c_1 \|\varphi_2\|_{0, Q_1}^2 \\
 & + 2(c_2^2 + c_3) \|u\|_{0, Q^r}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

We eliminate the last term on the right-hand side of (2.11). To do that we use the following Lemma:

LEMMA 1. *If $f_1(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, $f_2(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ and $f_3(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ are nonnegative functions on the rectangle $(0, T_1) \times (0, T_2)$, $f_1(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ and $f_2(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ are integrable, and $f_3(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ is nondecreasing in each of its variables separately, then it follows from*

$$(2.12) \quad \int_0^{\tau_1} \int_0^{\tau_2} f_1(t_1, t_2) dt_1 dt_2 + f_2(\tau_1, \tau_2) \leq c \left(\int_0^{\tau_1} f_2(t_1, \tau_2) dt_1 + \int_0^{\tau_2} f_2(\tau_1, t_2) dt_2 \right) + f_3(\tau_1, \tau_2)$$

that

$$(2.13) \quad \int_0^{\tau_1} \int_0^{\tau_2} f_1(t_1, t_2) dt_1 dt_2 + f_2(\tau_1, \tau_2) \leq \exp(2c(\tau_1 + \tau_2)) \cdot f_3(\tau_1, \tau_2).$$

PROOF OF LEMMA 1. We write (2.12) in the form

$$(2.14) \quad Tf_1 + f_2 \leq Kf_2 + f_3,$$

where

$$Tf_1 = \int_0^{\tau_1} \int_0^{\tau_2} f_1(t_1, t_2) dt_1 dt_2$$

and

$$Kf_2 = \int_0^{\tau_1} f_2(t_1, \tau_2) dt_1 + \int_0^{\tau_2} f_2(\tau_1, t_2) dt_2.$$

Since f_1 is nonnegative function, (2.12) gives rise to

$$(2.15) \quad f_2 \leq cKf_2 + f_3.$$

Obviously the operator K preserves the inequality. If we apply it to (2.15) and multiply the result by c , we obtain

$$cKf_2 \leq c^2K^2f_2 + cKf_3.$$

Hence

$$Tf_1 + f_2 \leq c^2K^2f_2 + cKf_3 + f_3.$$

Continuing this process, we obtain

$$Tf_1 + f_2 \leq c^{n+1}K^{n+1}f_2 + \sum_{m=0}^n c^m K^m f_3.$$

It is easy to see that

$$c^{n+1}K^{n+1}f_2 \leq c^{n+1}2^{n+1}/(n + 1)! \cdot (\tau_1 + \tau_2)^{n+1} \cdot \sup f_2,$$

which implies that the first term tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$, while the second term on the right-hand side is majored by the function $\exp(2c(\tau_1 + \tau_2)) \cdot f_3(\tau_1, \tau_2)$. The proof of Lemma 1 is complete. \square

Returning to the proof of Theorem, we denote the first term on the left-hand side of (2.11) by $f_1(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, the sum of the three first terms on the right-hand side of (2.11) by $f_3(\tau_1, \tau_2)$, and the last term on the same side of (2.11) by Kf_2 , by Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\partial u/\partial x\|_{0,Q}^2 + \|u(x, \tau_1, t_2)\|_{0,Q_2^2}^2 + \|u(x, t_1, \tau_2)\|_{0,Q_1^2}^2 \\ & \leq c_7 \cdot (\|f\|_{0,Q}^2 + \|\varphi_1\|_{0,Q_2}^2 + \|\varphi_2\|_{0,Q_1}^2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_7 = 2/c_0 \max(2b^2(1 + c_1^2/c_0), c_1) \exp(2(c_2^2 + c_3)(T_1 + T_2)).$$

The right-hand side here is independent of (τ_1, τ_2) , hence replacing the left-hand side by its upper bound with respect to τ_p from 0 to T_p , $p = 1, 2$, thus obtaining (2.1), where $c = c_7^{1/2}$. \square

PROPOSITION. *The operator L from B into F is closable.*

PROOF. Suppose that $u_n \in D(L)$ is a sequence such that

$$(2.16) \quad u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \quad \text{in } B$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad Lu_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \mathcal{F} = (f, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \quad \text{in } F,$$

we must prove that $f \equiv 0$, $\varphi_1 \equiv 0$, and $\varphi_2 \equiv 0$.

Since $u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$ in B , then

$$(2.18) \quad u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(Q).$$

By virtue of the continuity of derivation of $\mathcal{D}'(Q)$ in $\mathcal{D}'(Q)$, (2.18) implies

$$(2.19) \quad \mathcal{L}u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(Q).$$

But, since $\mathcal{L}u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} f$ in $L^2(Q)$, then

$$(2.20) \quad \mathcal{L}u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} f \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(Q).$$

By virtue of the uniqueness of the limit in $\mathcal{D}'(Q)$, we conclude that $f \equiv 0$.

Moreover, by the fact that

$$(2.21) \quad \ell_1 u_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \varphi_1 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_2)$$

and the canonical injection from $L^2(Q_2)$ into $\mathcal{D}'(Q_2)$ is continuous, (2.21) implies

$$(2.22) \quad \ell_1 u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_1 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(Q_2).$$

Moreover, since

$$u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{in } B$$

and

$$\|\ell_1 u_n\|_{0, Q_2}^2 \leq \|u_n\|_B, \quad \forall n$$

then, we have

$$(2.23) \quad \ell_1 u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_2),$$

consequently

$$(2.24) \quad \ell_1 u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(Q_2).$$

By virtue of the uniqueness of the limit in $\mathcal{D}'(Q_2)$, (2.23) and (2.24) imply that $\varphi_1 \equiv 0$. The reasoning is similar for proving that $\varphi_2 \equiv 0$. \square

Let \bar{L} be the closure of the operator L with domain of definition $D(\bar{L})$.

DEFINITION. A solution of the operator equation

$$\bar{L}u = \mathcal{F}$$

is called a *strong solution* of the problem (1.6)–(1.10).

By passing to limit, inequality (2.1) extends to strong solutions, i.e., we have the inequality

$$(2.24) \quad \|u\|_B \leq c \|\bar{L}u\|_F, \quad \forall u \in D(\bar{L})$$

Inequality (2.24) leads to the following results:

COROLLARY 1. *If a strong solution of (1.6)–(1.10) exists, it is unique and depends continuously on $\mathcal{F} = (f, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in F$.*

COROLLARY 2. *The range $R(\bar{L})$ of the operator \bar{L} is closed and equals to $\overline{R(L)}$.*

Thus, to prove the existence of a strong solution of the problem (1.6)–(1.10) for any $\mathcal{F} \in F$, it remains to prove that the range $R(L)$ of the operator L is dense in F .

3. Solvability of the problem

THEOREM 2. *Suppose the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. Assume that $a(x, t_1, t_2)$ satisfies the conditions H2. If, for some function $\omega \in L^2(Q)$ and for all $u \in D_0(L) = \{u/u \in D(L); \ell_1 u = 0, \ell_2 u = 0\}$, we have*

$$(3.1) \quad (\mathcal{L}u, \omega)_{0,Q} = 0$$

then ω , vanishes almost everywhere in Q .

PROOF. Relation (3.1) holds for any function u of $D_0(L)$, using this fact we can express it in a special form. First define g_p by the relation:

$$g_p = \mathfrak{I}_t^* \omega_p = \int_{t_p}^{T_p} \omega_p d\tau_p, \quad p = 1, 2.$$

Let $\partial u/\partial t_p$ be a solution of the equation

$$(3.2) \quad -a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p) = g_p, \quad p = 1, 2,$$

where σ is a fixed number belonging to $[0, b]$ and $\mathfrak{I}_x^* g = \int_x^b g(\xi, t) d\xi$.

And let

$$(3.3) \quad u = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t_p \leq s_p \\ \int_{s_1}^{t_1} \int_{s_2}^{t_2} \partial^2 u/\partial \tau_1 \partial \tau_2 d\tau_1 d\tau_2 & s_p \leq t_p \leq T_p \end{cases}, \quad p = 1, 2.$$

We now have

$$(3.4) \quad \omega = \sum_{p=1}^2 \mathfrak{I}_t^{*-1} g_p = \sum_{p=1}^2 \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p.$$

LEMMA 2. *The function ω defined by the relation (3.4) is in $L^2(Q)$.*

PROOF OF LEMMA 2. Let the inequality

$$(3.5) \quad \int_0^b (\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))^2 dx \leq b^4/12 \cdot \int_0^b (\partial u/\partial t_p)^2 dx.$$

Indeed, the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))^2 &= \left(\int_x^b (\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p d\xi \right)^2 \leq \left(\int_x^b (\xi - x)^2 d\xi \right) \int_0^b (\partial u/\partial t_p)^2 dx \\ &\leq (b - x)^3/3 \cdot \int_0^b (\partial u/\partial t_p)^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^b (\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))^2 dx &\leq 1/3 \cdot \int_0^b (\partial u/\partial t_p)^2 dx \cdot \left(\int_0^b (\xi - x)^3 d\xi \right) \\ &= b^4/12 \cdot \int_0^b (\partial u/\partial t_p)^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue (3.5) and by the fact that the conditions H1 are satisfied, we deduce that $\partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_p \cdot \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p)$ is in $L^2(Q)$.

It remains to prove that $a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial^2 u/\partial t_p^2)$ belongs to $L^2(Q)$. For this, we use t -averaging operators ρ_ε of the form

$$(\rho_\varepsilon g)(x, t) = 1/\varepsilon \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega(s - t/\varepsilon)g(x, s)ds,$$

where $\omega \in C_0^\infty(0, T)$, $\omega(t) \geq 0$, $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega(t)dt = 1$.

Applying the operators ρ_ε and $\partial/\partial t_p$ to equation (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad &a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\partial(\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p \\ &= -\partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_p \cdot \rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p) - \partial(\rho_\varepsilon g_p)/\partial t_p \\ &\quad + \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p)) \\ &\quad - \rho_\varepsilon a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\partial(\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p\|_{0,Q}^2 \\ &\leq 3c_3^2 \|\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p)\|_{0,Q}^2 + 3 \|\partial(\rho_\varepsilon g_p)/\partial t_p\|_{0,Q}^2 \\ &\quad + 3 \|\partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p)) \\ &\quad - \rho_\varepsilon a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p\|_{0,Q}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using properties of ρ_ε introduced in [12], yields

$$\|a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\partial(\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p\|_{0,Q}^2 \leq c_8(\|\partial u/\partial t_p\|_{0,Q}^2 + \|\partial g_p/\partial t_p\|_{0,Q}^2).$$

where

$$c_8 = \max(c_3^2 b^4/4, 3).$$

Since $\rho_\varepsilon g \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} g$ in $L^2(Q)$, and the norms of $a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\partial(\rho_\varepsilon \mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p$ in $L^2(Q)$ are bounded, we conclude $a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\partial(\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_p))/\partial t_p \in L^2(Q)$. The proof of Lemma 2 is complete. \square

Returning to the proof of Theorem 2, replacing ω in (3.1) by its representation (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.7) \quad & (\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& + (\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& + (\partial u/\partial t_2, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& + (\partial u/\partial t_2, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& - (\partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& - (\partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating each term of (3.7) by parts with respect to t , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.8) \quad & (\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& = 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_{2s_2}} a(\sigma, s_1, t_2) (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_2 \\
& \quad - 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_s} \partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 \cdot (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.9) \quad & (\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& = 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_{2s_2}} a(\sigma, T_1, t_2) (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u(x, T_1, t_2)/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_2 \\
& \quad - 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_s} \partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 \cdot (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.10) \quad & (\partial u/\partial t_2, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& = 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_{1s_1}} a(\sigma, t_1, T_2) (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u(x, t_1, T_2)/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 \\
& \quad - 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_s} \partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_2 \cdot (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.11) \quad & (\partial u/\partial t_2, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{F}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, \mathcal{Q}} \\
& = 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_{1s_1}} a(\sigma, t_1, s_2) (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 \\
& \quad - 1/2 \int_{\mathcal{Q}_s} \partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_2 \cdot (\mathfrak{F}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad & -(\partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, Q} \\
 & = \int_{Q_s} a(x, t_1, t_2)a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)(\partial u/\partial t_1)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + 1/2 \int_{Q_{2s_2}} \partial a(x, T_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 \cdot a(\sigma, T_1, t_2)(u(x, T_1, t_2))^2 dx dt_2 \\
 & \quad - 1/2 \int_{Q_s} (\partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1^2 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) + \partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 \\
 & \quad \cdot \partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1) u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - \int_{Q_s} \partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x \partial t_1 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) u \mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - 1/2 \int_{Q_s} \partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x^2 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.13) \quad & -(\partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, Q} \\
 & = \int_{Q_s} a(x, t_1, t_2)a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)(\partial u/\partial t_2)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + 1/2 \int_{Q_{1s_1}} \partial a(x, T_1, t_2)/\partial t_2 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, T_2)(u(x, t_1, T_2))^2 dx dt_1 \\
 & \quad - 1/2 \int_{Q_s} (\partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_2^2 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) + \partial a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_2 \\
 & \quad \cdot \partial a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)/\partial t_2) u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - \int_{Q_s} \partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x \partial t_2 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) u \mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2) dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - 1/2 \int_{Q_s} \partial^2 a(x, t_1, t_2)/\partial x^2 \cdot a(\sigma, t_1, t_2) (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

By virtue the conditions of Theorem 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.14) \quad & c_0/2 \cdot \int_{Q_{2s_2}} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_2 \\
 & \leq c_3/2 \cdot \int_{Q_s} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + (\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, Q},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.15) \quad & c_0/2 \cdot \int_{Q_{2s_2}} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, T_1, t_2)/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_2 \\
 & \leq c_3/2 \cdot \int_{Q_s} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + (\partial u/\partial t_1, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, Q},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.16) \quad & c_0/2 \cdot \int_{Q_{1s_1}} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, t_1, T_2)/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 \\
 & \leq c_3/2 \cdot \int_{Q_s} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + (\partial u/\partial t_2, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, Q},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.17) \quad & c_0/2 \cdot \int_{Q_{2s_2}} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 \\
 & \leq c_3/2 \cdot \int_{Q_s} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + (\partial u/\partial t_2, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, Q},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.18) \quad & c_0^2 \int_{Q_s} (\partial u/\partial t_1)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 + c_0 c_2/2 \cdot \int_{Q_{2s_2}} (u(x, T_1, t_2))^2 dx dt_2 \\
 & \leq (3c_1^2/4 + c_3^2/2 + c_4^2/4) \int_{Q_s} u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + (c_1^2/4 + c_5^2/4 + c_6^2/2) \int_{Q_s} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - (\partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_1))/\partial t_1)_{0, Q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.19) \quad & c_0^2 \int_{Q_s} (\partial u/\partial t_2)^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 + c_0 c_2/2 \cdot \int_{Q_{2s_2}} (u(x, t_1, T_2))^2 dx dt_1 \\
 & \leq (3c_1^2/4 + c_3^2/2 + c_4^2/4) \int_{Q_s} u^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad + (c_1^2/4 + c_5^2/4 + c_6^2/2) \int_{Q_s} (\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2))^2 dx dt_1 dt_2 \\
 & \quad - (\partial(a(x, t_1, t_2)\partial u/\partial x)/\partial x, \partial(a(\sigma, t_1, t_2)\mathfrak{I}_x^*((\xi - x)\partial u/\partial t_2))/\partial t_2)_{0, Q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the relations (3.14)–(3.19) and using (3.7), this yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.20) \quad & \|\partial u/\partial t_1\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\partial u/\partial t_2\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, t_1, T_2)/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u(x, T_1, t_2)/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 + \|u(x, t_1, T_2)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + \|u(x, T_1, t_2)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 \\
& \leq c_9(\|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial u/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|u\|_{0, Q_s}^2),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_9 = \max(c_3/2, 3c_1^2/4 + c_3^2/2 + c_4^2/4, (c_1^2 + c_5^2 + c_6^2)/4)/\min(c_0^2, c_0/2, c_0c_2/2).$$

Inequality (3.20) is basic in our proof. In order to use it, we introduce the new function

$$\theta(x, t_1, t_2) = \int_{t_1}^{T_1} u_{\tau_1} d\tau_1 + \int_{t_2}^{T_2} u_{\tau_2} d\tau_2$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x, T_1, t_2) &= \theta(x, s_1, t_2), & u(x, t_1, T_2) &= \theta(x, t_1, s_2), \\
\partial u(x, t_1, T_2)/\partial t_1 &= \partial \theta(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_1, & \partial u(x, T_1, t_2)/\partial t_2 &= \partial \theta(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_2, \\
\partial u(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 &= -1/2 \cdot \partial \theta(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1, \\
\partial u(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2 &= -1/2 \partial \theta(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Then (3.20) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.21) \quad & \|\partial u/\partial t_1\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\partial u/\partial t_2\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + (1 - 3c_9(T_1 - s_1)/4)\|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial \theta(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial \theta(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 \\
& + (1 - 3c_9(T_1 - s_1)/4)\|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial \theta(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 \\
& + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial \theta(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 + (1 - 3c_9(T_2 - s_2)/4)\|\theta(x, t_1, s_2)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + (1 - 3c_9(T_1 - s_1)/4)\|\theta(x, s_1, t_2)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{3c_9}{4}(\|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial \theta/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial \theta/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\theta\|_{0, Q_s}^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence if $s_{p_0} > 0$ satisfies $1 - 3c_9(T_p - s_{p_0})/4 = 1/2$, $p = 1, 2$, (3.21) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.22) \quad & \|\partial u/\partial t_1\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\partial u/\partial t_2\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial\theta(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial\theta(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial\theta(x, s_1, t_2)/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 \\
& + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial\theta(x, t_1, s_2)/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 + \|\theta(x, t_1, s_2)\|_{0, Q_{1s_1}}^2 \\
& + \|\theta(x, s_1, t_2)\|_{0, Q_{2s_2}}^2 \\
& \leq 3c_9/2 \cdot (\|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial\theta/\partial t_1)\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\mathfrak{I}_x^*(\partial\theta/\partial t_2)\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\theta\|_{0, Q_s}^2)
\end{aligned}$$

for all $(s_1, s_2) \in [T_1 - s_{10}, T_1] \times [T_2 - s_{20}, T_2]$.

We denote the sum of three terms on the right-hand side of (3.22) by $y(s_1, s_2)$. Hence, we obtain

$$\|\partial u/\partial t_1\|_{0, Q_s}^2 + \|\partial u/\partial t_2\|_{0, Q_s}^2 - (\partial/\partial s_1 + \partial/\partial s_2)y \leq 3c_9 y/2.$$

Consequently,

$$-(\partial/\partial s_1 + \partial/\partial s_2)(y \cdot \exp(3c_9(s_1 + s_2)/2)) \leq 0.$$

Taking into account that $y(T_1, T_2) = 0$, we obtain

$$(3.23) \quad (y \cdot \exp(3c_9(s_1 + s_2)/2)) \leq 0.$$

It follows that $\omega = 0$ almost everywhere in Q_{T-s_0} . Proceeding in this way step by step, we prove that $\omega = 0$ almost everywhere in Q . Therefore, the proof of Theorem 2 is complete. \square

THEOREM 3. *The range $R(L)$ of L coincides with F .*

PROOF. Since F is a Hilbert space, we have $R(L) = F$ is equivalent to the orthogonality of vector $W = (\omega, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in F$ to the set $R(L)$, i.e., if and only if the relation

$$(3.24) \quad (\mathcal{L}u, \omega)_{0, Q} + (\ell_1 u, \omega_1)_{0, Q_2} + (\ell_2 u, \omega_2)_{0, Q_1} = 0$$

where u runs over B and $W = (\omega, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in F$, implies that $W = 0$.

Putting $u \in D_0(L)$ in (3.24), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}u, \omega)_{0, Q} = 0$$

Hence Theorem 2 implies that $\omega = 0$. Thus, (3.24) takes the form

$$(\ell_1 u, \omega_1)_{0, Q_2} + (\ell_2 u, \omega_2)_{0, Q_1} = 0, \quad u \in D(L).$$

Since the quantities $\ell_1 u$, $\ell_2 u$ can vanish independently and the range of the operators ℓ_1 , ℓ_2 are dense in $L^2(Q_1)$ and $L^2(Q_2)$, respectively, the last equality above implies that $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = 0$. Hence $W = 0$. The proof of Theorem 3 is complete. \square

REMARK. We can prove that our results remain in force for the case of multidimensional time:

$$\sum_{m=1}^n \partial u / \partial t_m - \partial(a(x, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \partial u / \partial x) / \partial x = f$$

with the appropriate initial conditions

$$\ell_m u = u|_{t_m=0} = \varphi_m(x, t_1, \dots, t_{m-1}, t_{m+1}, \dots, t_n), \quad m = 1, \dots, n. \quad \square$$

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