

# Existence and properties of solutions of a boundary problem for a Love's equation

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## Abstract

In this paper, we use the Faedo - Galerkin method, compactness method and monotone method in order to study a nonlinear Love's equation with mixed nonhomogeneous conditions. The results obtained here are existence of a weak solution, uniqueness, regularity and asymptotic behavior of solutions.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the following equation with initial conditions and mixed nonhomogeneous conditions

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} - \varepsilon u_{xxtt} + \lambda |u_t|^{q-2} u_t + K |u|^{p-2} u = F(x, t), \quad x \in \Omega = (0, 1), \quad 0 < t < T, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\varepsilon u_{xtt}(0, t) + u_x(0, t) = hu(0, t) + g(t), \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(1, t) = 0, \quad (1.3)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_1(x), \quad (1.4)$$

where  $p > 1$ ,  $q > 1$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $K > 0$ ,  $h \geq 0$  are constants and  $\tilde{u}_0$ ,  $\tilde{u}_1$ ,  $F$ ,  $g$  are given functions satisfying conditions specified later.

When  $F = 0$ ,  $\lambda = K = 0$ ,  $\Omega = (0, L)$ , Equation (1.1) is related to the Love's equation

$$u_{tt} - \frac{E}{\rho} u_{xx} - 2\mu^2 k^2 u_{xxtt} = 0, \quad (1.5)$$

presented by V. Radochová in 1978 (see [8]). This equation describes the vertical oscillations of a rod, which was established from Euler's variational equation of an energy function

$$\int_0^T dt \int_0^L \left[ \frac{1}{2} F \rho (u_t^2 + \mu^2 k^2 u_{tx}^2) - \frac{1}{2} F (E u_x^2 + \rho \mu^2 k^2 u_x u_{xtt}) \right] dx, \quad (1.6)$$

the parameters in (1.6) have the following meanings:  $u$  is the displacement,  $L$  is the length of the rod,  $F$  is the area of cross-section,  $k$  is the cross-section radius,  $E$  is the Young modulus of the material and  $\rho$  is the mass density. By using the Fourier method, Radochová [8] obtained a classical solution of problem (1.5) associated with initial conditions (1.4) and boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0, \quad (1.7a)$$

or

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0, \\ \varepsilon u_{xtt}(L, t) + c^2 u_x(L, t) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.7b)$$

where  $c^2 = \frac{E}{\rho}$ ,  $\varepsilon = 2\mu^2 k^2$ . On the other hand, the asymptotic behaviour of the solution of problem (1.4), (1.5), (1.7a) or (1.7b) as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+$  are also established by the method of small parameter.

Equations of Love waves or equations for waves of Love types have been studied by many authors, we refer to [3], [4], [7] and references therein.

In [1], Ang and Dinh established a uniqueness and global existence for the problem (1.1) - (1.4) with  $\varepsilon = K = h = 0$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $1 < q < 2$ ,  $F(x, t) = 0$ . In this latter case this problem governs the motion of a linear viscoelastic bar.

In this paper, we shall use the Faedo - Galerkin method, compactness method and monotone method in order to study problem (1.1) - (1.4). The results obtained are existence of a weak solution, uniqueness, regularity and asymptotic behavior of solutions.

The paper consists of four sections. Section 2 is devoted to the study of the existence a weak solution for problem (1.1) - (1.4) with  $\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1 \in V = \{v \in H^1 : v(1) = 0\}$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $q > 1$ . Here, a energy lemma (as given in Lemma 2.4) is also established in order to pass the limit of a approximate problem and prove the uniqueness in case  $p \geq 2$ . In section 3, we consider the regularity of solution for problem (1.1) - (1.4) with  $\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1 \in V \cap H^2$ ,  $p \geq 2$ ,  $q \geq 2$  and some other conditions. In case  $p = q = 2$ , we show that the regularity of solutions depending on the regularity of data. Finally, the asymptotic behavior of solutions as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+$  is discussed in Section 4. The results obtained here may be considered as the generalizations of those in [8].

## 2 Existence and uniqueness of a solution

First, we put  $\Omega = (0, 1)$ ;  $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $T > 0$  and we denote the usual function spaces used in this paper by the notations  $C^m(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $W^{m,p} = W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $L^p = W^{0,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $H^m = W^{m,2}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be either the scalar product in  $L^2$  or the dual pairing of a continuous linear functional and an element of a function space. The notation  $\|\cdot\|$  stands for the norm in  $L^2$  and we denote by  $\|\cdot\|_X$  the norm in the Banach space  $X$ . We call  $X'$  the dual space of  $X$ . We denote by  $L^p(0, T; X)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  for the Banach space of the real functions  $u : (0, T) \rightarrow X$  measurable, such that

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

and

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

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

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

$$\|v\|_{H^1} = \left( \|v\|^2 + \|v_x\|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

We put

$$V = \{v \in H^1 : v(1) = 0\}. \quad (2.1)$$

Then  $V$  is a closed subspace of  $H^1$  and on  $V$ ,  $v \mapsto \|v\|_{H^1}$  and  $v \mapsto \|v_x\|$  are equivalent norms.

Then the following lemmas are known as a standard one.

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

$$\|v\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \sqrt{2} \|v\|_{H^1} \quad \text{for all } v \in H^1. \quad (2.2)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *The imbedding  $V \hookrightarrow C^0([0, 1])$  is compact and*

$$\|v\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|v_x\| \quad \text{for all } v \in V. \quad (2.3)$$

We remark that the weak formulation of the initial-boundary value problem (1.1) - (1.4) can be given in the following manner: Find  $u \in L^\infty(0, T; V)$ , with  $u_t \in L^\infty(0, T; V)$ , such that  $u$  satisfies the following variational equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} [\langle u_t(t), w \rangle + \varepsilon \langle u_{xt}(t), w_x \rangle] + \langle u_x(t), w_x \rangle + (hu(0, t) + g(t)) w(0) \\ \quad + \lambda \langle |u_t(t)|^{q-2} u_t(t), w \rangle + K \langle |u|^{p-2} u, w \rangle = \langle F(t), w \rangle, \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $w \in V$ , a.e.,  $t \in (0, T)$ , together with the initial conditions

$$u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, \quad u_t(0) = \tilde{u}_1. \quad (2.5)$$

Next, we need the following assumptions:

$$(H_1) \quad p > 1, \quad q > 1, \quad \lambda > 0, \quad K > 0, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \quad h \geq 0;$$

$$(H_2) \quad \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1 \in V;$$

$$(H_3) \quad F \in L^1(0, T; L^2);$$

$$(H_4) \quad g \in W^{1,1}(0, T).$$

Then, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $T > 0$ . Suppose that  $(H_1) - (H_4)$  hold. Then, there exists a weak solution  $u$  of problem (1.1) - (1.4) such that*

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; V), \quad u_t \in L^\infty(0, T; V). \quad (2.6)$$

Furthermore, if  $p \geq 2$ , the solution is unique.

*Proof.* The proof is a combination of Galerkin method and compactness arguments, and consists of four steps.

**Step 1.** *The Faedo-Galerkin approximation* (introduced by Lions [6]). Consider the basis in  $V$

$$w_j(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1+\lambda_j^2}} \cos(\lambda_j x), \quad \lambda_j = (2j-1)\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad j \in \mathbb{N},$$

constructed by the eigenfunctions of the Laplace operator  $-\Delta = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ . Put

$$u_m(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{mj}(t) w_j, \quad (2.7)$$

where the coefficients  $c_{mj}^{(k)}$  satisfy the system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \langle u_m''(t), w_j \rangle + \langle u_{mx}(t) + \varepsilon u_{mx}''(t), w_j \rangle + \lambda \langle |u_m'(t)|^{q-2} u_m'(t), w_j \rangle \\ \quad + K \langle |u_m(t)|^{p-2} u_m(t), w_j \rangle + (h u_m(0, t) + g(t)) w_j(0) = \langle F(t), w_j \rangle, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m, \\ u_m(0) = \tilde{u}_{0m}, \quad u_m'(0) = \tilde{u}_{1m}, \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_{0m} = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{mj} w_j \rightarrow \tilde{u}_0 \text{ strongly in } V, \\ \tilde{u}_{1m} = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_{mj} w_j \rightarrow \tilde{u}_1 \text{ strongly in } V. \end{cases} \quad (2.9)$$

From the assumptions of Theorem 2.3, system (2.8) has a solution  $u_m$  on an interval  $[0, T_m] \subset [0, T]$ . The following estimates allow one to take  $T_m = T$  for all  $m$  (see [2]).

**Step 2.** Multiplying the  $j^{\text{th}}$  equation of (2.8) by  $c_{mj}'(t)$  and summing up with respect to  $j$ , afterwards, integrating by parts with respect to the time variable from 0 to  $t$ , after some rearrangements, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_m(t) &= S_m(0) + 2g(0)\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u_m'(s) \rangle ds \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^t g'(s) u_m(0, s) ds - 2g(t) u_m(0, t) \\ &= S_m(0) + 2g(0)\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + \sum_{j=1}^3 I_j, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_m(t) &= \|u_m'(t)\|^2 + \|u_{mx}(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u_{mx}''(t)\|^2 + h u_m^2(0, t) \\ &\quad + \frac{2K}{p} \|u_m(t)\|_{L^p}^p + 2\lambda \int_0^t \|u_m'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

By (2.9), (2.11) and the imbedding  $H^1 \hookrightarrow C^0(\bar{\Omega})$ , there exists a positive constant  $\bar{C}_0$  depending only on  $\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, h, K, p, g(0)$  and  $\varepsilon$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} S_m(0) + 2g(0)\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + \frac{2K}{p} \|\tilde{u}_{0m}\|_{L^p}^p &= \|\tilde{u}_{1m}\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\tilde{u}_{1mx}\|^2 \\ &\quad + h \tilde{u}_{0m}^2(0) + 2g(0)\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + \frac{2K}{p} \|\tilde{u}_{0m}\|_{L^p}^p \leq \frac{1}{2} \bar{C}_0, \text{ for all } m. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Using (2.3) and the following inequalities

$$2ab \leq \beta a^2 + \frac{1}{\beta} b^2, \quad \text{for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \beta > 0, \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$|u_m(0, t)| \leq \|u_m(t)\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|u_{mx}(t)\| \leq \sqrt{S_m(t)}, \quad (2.14)$$

we can estimate all terms in the right-hand side of (2.10) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u_m'(s) \rangle ds \leq \int_0^t \|F(s)\| ds + \int_0^t \|F(s)\| \|u_m'(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\leq C_T + \int_0^t \|F(s)\| S_m(s) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

where  $C_T$  indicates a constant depending on  $T$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= 2 \int_0^t g'(s) u_m(0, s) ds \leq 2 \int_0^t |g'(s)| \sqrt{S_m(s)} ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t |g'(s)| ds + \int_0^t |g'(s)| S_m(s) ds \\ &\leq C_T + \int_0^t |g'(s)| S_m(s) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

with  $C_T \geq \int_0^T |g'(s)| ds$ ;

$$I_3 = -2g(t)u_m(0, t) \leq 2 \|g\|_{L^\infty(0, T)} \sqrt{S_m(t)} \leq C_T + \frac{1}{2} S_m(t), \quad (2.17)$$

for all  $\beta > 0$ ,  $C_T \geq 2 \|g\|_{L^\infty(0, T)}^2$ .

Combining (2.10), (2.12), (2.15) - (2.17) and choose  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ , the result is

$$S_m(t) \leq C_T + \int_0^t d_T^{(1)}(s) S_m(s) ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T_m, \quad (2.18)$$

where  $d_T^{(1)}(s) = 2 [\|F(s)\| + |g'(s)|]$ ,  $d_T^{(1)} \in L^1(0, T)$ .

By Gronwall's lemma, we deduce from (2.18) that

$$S_m(t) \leq C_T \exp \left[ \int_0^T d_T^{(1)}(s) ds \right] \leq C_T, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T], \quad (2.19)$$

where  $C_T$  always indicates a bound depending on  $T$ . Thus, we can take constant  $T_m = T$  for all  $m$ .

On the other hand, we deduce from (2.11) and (2.19) that

$$\begin{cases} \left\| |u_m|^{p-2} u_m \right\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^{p'})}^{p'} = \|u_m\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^p)}^p \leq \frac{p}{2K} C_T \leq C_T, \\ \left\| |u'_m|^{q-2} u'_m \right\|_{L^{q'}(Q_T)}^{q'} = \int_0^T \|u'_m(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds \leq \frac{1}{2\lambda} C_T \leq C_T, \end{cases} \quad (2.20)$$

where  $C_T$  always indicates a bound depending on  $T$  as above.

**Step 3. Limiting process.** From (2.11), (2.19), (2.20) we deduce the existence of a subsequence of  $\{u_m\}$ , denoted by the same symbol such that

$$\begin{cases} u_m \rightarrow u & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) & \text{weakly}^*, \\ u'_m \rightarrow u' & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) & \text{weakly}^*, \\ u_m \rightarrow u & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^p) & \text{weakly}^*, \\ u'_m \rightarrow u' & \text{in } L^q(Q_T) & \text{weakly}, \\ |u_m|^{p-2} u_m \rightarrow \chi_0 & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^{p'}) & \text{weakly}^*, \\ |u'_m|^{q-2} u'_m \rightarrow \chi_1 & \text{in } L^{q'}(Q_T) & \text{weakly}. \end{cases} \quad (2.21)$$

By the compactness lemma of Lions ([6], p. 57), from (2.21)<sub>1,2</sub>, there exists a subsequence of  $\{u_m\}$ , still denoted by  $\{u_m\}$ , such that

$$u_m \rightarrow u \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T) \quad \text{and a.e. in } Q_T. \quad (2.22)$$

By means of the continuity of function  $x \mapsto |x|^{p-2}x$ , we have

$$|u_m|^{p-2} u_m \rightarrow |u|^{p-2} u \quad \text{a.e. in } Q_T. \quad (2.23)$$

Using Lions's Lemma ([6], Lemma 1.3, p.12), it follows from (2.20)<sub>1</sub> and (2.23) that

$$|u_m|^{p-2}u_m \rightarrow |u|^{p-2}u \quad \text{in } L^{p'}(Q_T) \quad \text{weakly.} \quad (2.24)$$

By (2.21)<sub>5</sub> and (2.24), we deduce that

$$\chi_0 = |u|^{p-2}u. \quad (2.25)$$

Passing to the limit in (2.8) by (2.9), (2.21), (2.24) and (2.25), we have  $u$  satisfying the problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} [\langle u'(t), v \rangle + \varepsilon \langle u'_x(t), v_x \rangle] + \langle u_x(t), v_x \rangle + \lambda \langle \chi_1(t), v \rangle + K \langle |u(t)|^{p-2} u(t), v \rangle \\ \quad + (hu(0, t) + g(t)) v(0) = \langle F(t), v \rangle, \text{ for all } v \in V, \\ u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, u'(0) = \tilde{u}_1. \end{cases} \quad (2.26)$$

It remains to prove that  $\chi_1 = |u|^{q-2}u'$ . We need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $u$  be the weak solution of the following problem*

$$\begin{cases} u'' - u_{xx} - \varepsilon u''_{xx} = \Phi, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < T, \\ \varepsilon u''_x(0, t) + u_x(0, t) = G(t), \quad u(1, t) = 0, \\ u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, \quad u'(0) = \tilde{u}_1, \\ u \in L^\infty(0, T; V), \quad u' \in L^\infty(0, T; V), \\ \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1 \in V, \quad G \in L^2(0, T), \quad \Phi \in L^1(0, T; L^2). \end{cases} \quad (2.27)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u_x(t)\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|u'_x(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t G(s)u'(0, s) ds \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{u}_1\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\tilde{u}_{0x}\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|\tilde{u}_{1x}\|^2 + \int_0^t \langle \Phi(s), u'(s) \rangle ds, \quad \text{a.e., } t \in [0, T]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

Furthermore, if  $\tilde{u}_0 = \tilde{u}_1 = 0$ , there is equality in (2.28).

Proof of Lemma 2.4.

The idea of the proof is the same as in ([5], Lemma 2.1, p. 79). Fix  $t_1, t_2, 0 < t_1 < t_2 < T$  and let  $v(x, t)$  be the function defined as follows

$$v(x, t) = \theta_m(t)[(\theta_m(t)u'(x, t)) * \rho_k(t) * \rho_k(t)], \quad (2.29)$$

where

(i)  $\theta_m$  is a continuous, piecewise linear function on  $[0, T]$  defined as follows:

$$\theta_m(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \in [0, T] \setminus [t_1 + 1/m, t_2 - 1/m], \\ 1, & \text{if } t \in [t_1 + 2/m, t_2 - 2/m], \\ m(t - t_1 - 1/m), & \text{if } t \in [t_1 + 1/m, t_1 + 2/m], \\ -m(t - t_2 + 1/m), & \text{if } t \in [t_2 - 2/m, t_2 - 1/m]. \end{cases} \quad (2.30)$$

(ii)  $\{\rho_k\}$  is a regularizing sequence in  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e.,

$$\rho_k \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \quad \rho_k(t) = \rho_k(-t), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho_k(t) dt = 1, \quad \text{supp } \rho_k \subset [-1/k, 1/k]. \quad (2.31)$$

(iii) (\*) is the convolution product in the time variable, ie.,

$$(u * \rho_k)(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x, t - s) \rho_k(s) ds. \quad (2.32)$$

We take the scalar product of the function  $v(x, t)$  in (2.29) with Eq. (2.27)<sub>1</sub>, then integrate with respect to the time variable from 0 to  $T$ , and we have

$$X_{mk} + Y_{mk} = Z_{mk}, \quad (2.33)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} X_{mk} = \int_0^T \langle u''(t), v(t) \rangle dt, \\ Y_{mk} = - \int_0^T \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_x(t) + \varepsilon u_{xtt}(t)), v(t) \rangle dt, \\ Z_{mk} = \int_0^T \langle \Phi(t), v(t) \rangle dt. \end{cases} \quad (2.34)$$

By using the properties of the functions  $\theta_m(t)$  and  $\rho_k(t)$  we can show after some lengthy calculation

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} X_{mk} = - \int_0^T \theta_m \theta'_m \|u'(t)\|^2 dt, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} Y_{mk} = - \int_0^T \theta_m \theta'_m \|u_x(t)\|^2 dt - \varepsilon \int_0^T \theta_m \theta'_m \|u'_x(t)\|^2 dt + \int_0^T \theta_m^2 G(t) u'(0, t) dt, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} Z_{mk} = \int_0^T \theta_m^2 \langle \Phi(t), u'(t) \rangle dt. \end{cases} \quad (2.35)$$

Letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , (2.33) – (2.35) yield

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t_2)\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t_1)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u_x(t_2)\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|u_x(t_1)\|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|u'_x(t_2)\|^2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|u'_x(t_1)\|^2 \\ + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} G(t) u'(0, t) dt = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \langle \Phi(t), u'(t) \rangle dt, \text{ a.e., } t_1, t_2 \in (0, T), t_1 < t_2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

From (2.36), using the weak lower semicontinuity of the functional  $v \mapsto \|v\|^2$ , we obtain (2.28) by taking  $t_2 = t$  and passing to the limit as  $t_1 \rightarrow 0_+$ .

In the case of  $\tilde{u}_0 = \tilde{u}_1 = 0$ , we prolong  $u$ ,  $\Phi$ ,  $G$  by 0 as  $t < 0$  and we deduce equality (2.36) is true for almost  $t_1 < t_2 < T$ . Taking  $t_1 < 0$  in (2.36), its right-hand side is 0, we take  $t_1 \rightarrow 0_-$ , we have equality (2.28).

The proof of Lemma 2.4 is completed.

**Remark 2.1.** Lemma 2.4 is a relative generalization of a lemma of Lions ([6], Lemma 6.1, p. 224).

We now prove that  $\chi_1 = |u'|^{q-2} u'$ .

From (2.10) and (2.11) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} 2\lambda \int_0^t \left\langle |u'_m(s)|^{q-2} u'_m(s), u'_m(s) \right\rangle ds &= 2\lambda \int_0^t \|u'_m(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds \\ &= \|\tilde{u}_{1m}\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\tilde{u}_{1mx}\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\|^2 + h\tilde{u}_{0m}^2(0) + \frac{2K}{p} \|\tilde{u}_{0m}\|_{L^p}^p \\ &\quad - \|u'_m(t)\|^2 - \varepsilon \|u'_{mx}(t)\|^2 - \|u_{mx}(t)\|^2 - hu_m^2(0, t) - \frac{2K}{p} \|u_m(t)\|_{L^p}^p \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u'_m(s) \rangle ds - 2 \int_0^t g(s) u'_m(0, s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.37)$$

Using Lemma 2.4, with  $\Phi = F - K |u|^{p-2} u - \lambda \chi_1$ ,  $G(t) = hu(0, t) + g(t)$ , it follows from (2.8), (2.9), (2.21), (2.28), (2.37) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2\lambda \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \left\langle |u'_m(s)|^{q-2} u'_m(s), u'_m(s) \right\rangle ds \\
& \leq \|\tilde{u}_1\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\tilde{u}_{1x}\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_{0x}\|^2 + h\tilde{u}_0^2(0) + \frac{2K}{p} \|\tilde{u}_0\|_{L^p}^p \\
& \quad - \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|u'_m(t)\|^2 - \varepsilon \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|u'_{mx}(t)\|^2 - \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( \|u_{mx}(t)\|^2 + hu_m^2(0, t) \right) \\
& \quad - \frac{2K}{p} \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|u_m(t)\|_{L^p}^p + 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u'(s) \rangle ds - 2 \int_0^t g(s) u'(0, s) ds \\
& \leq \|\tilde{u}_1\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\tilde{u}_{1x}\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_{0x}\|^2 + h\tilde{u}_0^2(0) + \frac{2K}{p} \|\tilde{u}_0\|_{L^p}^p \\
& \quad - \|u'(t)\|^2 - \varepsilon \|u'_x(t)\|^2 - \|u_x(t)\|^2 - hu^2(0, t) \\
& \quad - \frac{2K}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p + 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s), u'(s) \rangle ds - 2 \int_0^t g(s) u'(0, s) ds \\
& \leq \|\tilde{u}_1\|^2 + \|\tilde{u}_{0x}\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\tilde{u}_{1x}\|^2 - \|u'(t)\|^2 - \|u_x(t)\|^2 - \varepsilon \|u'_x(t)\|^2 \\
& \quad + 2 \int_0^t \langle F(s) - K|u(s)|^{p-2}u(s) - \lambda \chi_1(s), u'(s) \rangle ds - 2 \int_0^t (hu(0, s) + g(s)) u'(0, s) ds \\
& \quad + 2\lambda \int_0^t \langle \chi_1(s), u'(s) \rangle ds \leq 2\lambda \int_0^t \langle \chi_1(s), u'(s) \rangle ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.38}$$

Consider

$$\phi_m(t) = \int_0^t \left\langle |u'_m(s)|^{q-2} u'_m(s) - |v(s)|^{q-2} v(s), u'_m(s) - v(s) \right\rangle ds \geq 0, \tag{2.39}$$

for all  $v \in L^q(Q_T)$ .

Combining (2.21)<sub>2-6</sub>, (2.38) and (2.39), we have

$$0 \leq \limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \phi_m(t) \leq \int_0^t \left\langle \chi_1(s) - |v(s)|^{q-2} v(s), u'(s) - v(s) \right\rangle ds, \text{ for all } v \in L^q(Q_T). \tag{2.40}$$

In (2.40), choose  $v(s) = u'(s) - \delta w$ , with  $\delta > 0$  and  $w \in L^q(Q_T)$ . Apply the argument of Minty and Browder (see Lions [6], p. 172), we obtain  $\chi_1 = |u'|^{q-2} u'$ .

The proof of existence is completed.

**Step 4. Uniqueness of the solution.** Assume now that  $p \geq 2$  holds.

Let  $u, v$  be two weak solutions of the problem (1.1) – (1.4), such that

$$u, v \in L^\infty(0, T; V) \text{ and } u', v' \in L^\infty(0, T; V). \tag{2.41}$$

Then  $w = u - v$  is the weak solution of the following problem

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt} - \varepsilon w_{xxtt} - w_{xx} = -\lambda \left( |u'|^{q-2} u' - |v'|^{q-2} v' \right) - K \left( |u|^{p-2} u - |v|^{p-2} v \right) = 0, \\ \varepsilon w_{xtt}(0, t) + w_x(0, t) = hw(0, t), w(1, t) = 0, \\ w(x, 0) = w_t(x, 0) = 0, \\ w, w' \in L^\infty(0, T; V). \end{cases} \tag{2.42}$$

Using Lemma 2.4 with  $\tilde{u}_0 = \tilde{u}_1 = 0$ ,  $\Phi = -\lambda \left( |u'|^{q-2} u' - |v'|^{q-2} v' \right) - K \left( |u|^{p-2} u - |v|^{p-2} v \right)$ ,  $G(t) = hw(0, t)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sigma(t) + 2\lambda \int_0^t \left\langle |u'(s)|^{q-2} u'(s) - |v'(s)|^{q-2} v'(s), u'(s) - v'(s) \right\rangle ds \\
& = -2K \int_0^t \left\langle |u(s)|^{p-2} u(s) - |v(s)|^{p-2} v(s), w'(s) \right\rangle ds, \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, T],
\end{aligned} \tag{2.43}$$



where

$$\sigma(t) = \|w'(t)\|^2 + \|w_x(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|w'_x(t)\|^2 + hw^2(0, t). \quad (2.44)$$

Using the following inequality

$$| |x|^{p-2}x - |y|^{p-2}y | \leq (p-1)M^{p-2}|x-y|, \quad \forall x, y \in [-M, M], \quad \forall M > 0, \quad \forall p \geq 2, \quad (2.45)$$

with  $M = \|u\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} + \|v\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)}$ , and note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \left\langle |u'(s)|^{q-2} u'(s) - |v'(s)|^{q-2} v'(s), u'(s) - v'(s) \right\rangle ds \geq 0, \\ \sigma(t) &= \|w'(t)\|^2 + \|w_x(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|w'_x(t)\|^2 \geq 2 \|w'(t)\| \|w_x(t)\|, \end{aligned} \quad (2.46)$$

we deduce from (2.43), (2.46) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &\leq -2K \int_0^t \langle |u(s)|^{p-2} u(s) - |v(s)|^{p-2} v(s), w'(s) \rangle ds \\ &\leq 2K(p-1)M^{p-2} \int_0^t \|w(s)\| \|w'(s)\| ds \leq K(p-1)M^{p-2} \int_0^t \sigma(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.47)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, it follows from (2.47) that  $\sigma \equiv 0$ , i.e.,  $u \equiv v$ . Theorem 2.3 is proved completely.  $\square$

### 3 The regularity of solutions

In this section, we study the regularity of solutions of problem (1.1) – (1.4) corresponding to  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1) \in (V \cap H^2) \times (V \cap H^2)$ .

Henceforth, we strengthen the hypotheses and assume that:

- (H'\_1)  $p \geq 2, q \geq 2, \lambda > 0, K > 0, \varepsilon > 0, h \geq 0$ ;
- (H'\_2)  $\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1 \in V \cap H^2$ ;
- (H'\_3)  $F, F' \in L^1(0, T; L^2)$ ;
- (H'\_4)  $g \in W^{2,1}(0, T)$ .

First, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $T > 0$ . Suppose that (H'\_1) – (H'\_4) hold. Then problem (1.1) – (1.4) has a unique weak solution*

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \quad \text{such that } u_t, u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.1)$$

**Remark 3.1.**

The regularity obtained by (3.1) shows that problem (1.1) – (1.4) has a unique strong solution

$$u \in C^1(0, T; V \cap H^2), \quad u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* The proof consists of four Steps as follows.

**Step 1.** The Faedo-Galerkin approximation. By the same argument as in Theorem 2.3, we obtain the approximate solution  $u_m(t)$  of problem (1.1) – (1.4) in the form (2.7), where the coefficient functions  $c_{mj}$  satisfy the system (2.8), with

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_{0m} = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{mj} w_j \rightarrow \tilde{u}_0 \text{ strongly in } V \cap H^2, \\ \tilde{u}_{1m} = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_{mj} w_j \rightarrow \tilde{u}_1 \text{ strongly in } V \cap H^2. \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

**Step 2.** *A priori estimates I.* Using assumptions  $(H'_1) - (H'_4)$ , similarly, we get

$$S_m(t) = \|u'_m(t)\|^2 + \|u_{mx}(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u'_{mx}(t)\|^2 + hu_m^2(0, t) + \frac{2K}{p} \|u_m(t)\|_{L^p}^p + 2\lambda \int_0^t \|u'_m(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds \leq C_T, \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and for all  $m$ , and  $C_T$  always indicates a bound depending on  $T$ .

*A priori estimates II.* Now differentiating (2.8)<sub>1</sub> with respect to  $t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle u'''_m(t), w_j \rangle + \langle u'_{mx}(t) + \varepsilon u'''_{mx}(t), w_{jx} \rangle + K(p-1) \left\langle |u_m(t)|^{p-2} u'_m(t), w_j \right\rangle \\ & + \lambda(q-1) \left\langle |u'_m(t)|^{q-2} u''_m(t), w_j \right\rangle + (hu'_m(0, t) + g'(t)) w_j(0) = \langle F'(t), w_j \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .

Multiplying the  $j$  th equation of (3.5) by  $c''_{mj}(t)$ , summing up with respect to  $j$  and then integrating with respect to the time variable from 0 to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_m(t) &= X_m(0) + 2g'(0)\tilde{u}_{1m}(0) + 2 \int_0^t \langle F'(s), u''_m(s) \rangle ds \\ & - 2K(p-1) \int_0^t \left\langle |u_m(s)|^{p-2} u'_m(s), u''_m(s) \right\rangle ds \\ & - 2g'(t)u'_m(0, t) + 2 \int_0^t g''(s)u'_m(0, s) ds \\ & \equiv X_m(0) + 2g'(0)\tilde{u}_{1m}(0) + \sum_{j=1}^4 J_j, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$X_m(t) = \|u''_m(t)\|^2 + \|u'_{mx}(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u''_{mx}(t)\|^2 + h|u'_m(0, t)|^2 + 2\lambda(q-1) \int_0^t ds \int_0^1 |u'_m(x, s)|^{q-2} |u''_m(x, s)|^2 dx. \quad (3.7)$$

First, we estimate  $\eta_m = \|u''_m(0)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u''_{mx}(0)\|^2$ .

Letting  $t \rightarrow 0_+$  in Eq. (2.8)<sub>1</sub>, multiplying the result by  $c''_{mj}(0)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u''_m(0)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u''_{mx}(0)\|^2 + \langle \tilde{u}_{0mx}, u''_{mx}(0) \rangle + \lambda \left\langle |\tilde{u}_{1m}|^{q-2} \tilde{u}_{1m}, u''_m(0) \right\rangle \\ & + (h\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + g(0)) u''_m(0, 0) \\ & + K \left\langle |\tilde{u}_{0m}|^{p-2} \tilde{u}_{0m}, u''_m(0) \right\rangle = \langle F(0), u''_m(0) \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Note that

$$|u''_m(0, 0)| \leq \|u''_m(0)\|_{C^0([0,1])} \leq \|u''_{mx}(0)\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \sqrt{\eta_m}. \quad (3.9)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_m &= \|u''_m(0)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u''_{mx}(0)\|^2 \leq \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\| \|u''_{mx}(0)\| + |h\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + g(0)| |u''_m(0, 0)| \\ & + \left[ \lambda \left\| |\tilde{u}_{1m}|^{q-1} \right\| + K \left\| |\tilde{u}_{0m}|^{p-1} \right\| + \|F(0)\| \right] \|u''_m(0)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u''_{mx}(0)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\gamma} (|h\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + g(0)|)^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \gamma \eta_m \\ & + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \left[ \lambda \left\| |\tilde{u}_{1m}|^{q-1} \right\| + K \left\| |\tilde{u}_{0m}|^{p-1} \right\| + \|F(0)\| \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u''_m(0)\|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2\varepsilon} \eta_m + \frac{1}{2\gamma} (|h\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + g(0)|)^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \gamma \eta_m \\ & + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \left[ \lambda \left\| |\tilde{u}_{1m}|^{q-1} \right\| + K \left\| |\tilde{u}_{0m}|^{p-1} \right\| + \|F(0)\| \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \eta_m \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\gamma} \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\gamma} (|h\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + g(0)|)^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \left[ \lambda \left\| |\tilde{u}_{1m}|^{q-1} \right\| + K \left\| |\tilde{u}_{0m}|^{p-1} \right\| + \|F(0)\| \right]^2 \\ & + \frac{\gamma}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \right] \eta_m, \text{ for all } \gamma > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Choose  $\gamma > 0$ , such that  $\frac{\gamma}{2} [1 + \frac{2}{\varepsilon}] \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_m &= \|u_m''(0)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u_{mx}''(0)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \|\tilde{u}_{0mx}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma} (|h\tilde{u}_{0m}(0) + g(0)|)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left[ \lambda \left\| |\tilde{u}_{1m}|^{q-1} \right\| + K \left\| |\tilde{u}_{0m}|^{p-1} \right\| + \|F(0)\| \right]^2 \leq \bar{X}_0 \text{ for all } m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

where  $\bar{X}_0$  is a constant depending only on  $p, q, K, \lambda, F, \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, h, g(0)$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

By (3.3), (3.7) and (3.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} X_m(0) + 2g'(0)\tilde{u}_{1m}(0) &= \eta_m + \|\tilde{u}_{1mx}\|^2 + h\tilde{u}_{1mx}^2(0) + 2g'(0)\tilde{u}_{1m}(0) \\ &\leq \bar{X}_0 + \|\tilde{u}_{1mx}\|^2 + h\tilde{u}_{1mx}^2(0) + 2g'(0)\tilde{u}_{1m}(0) \leq \frac{1}{2}X_0, \text{ for all } m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

where  $X_0$  is a constant depending only on  $p, q, K, \lambda, F, \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, h, g(0)$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

A combination of (2.3), (2.14), (3.7) and the following inequalities

$$X_m(t) \geq \|u_m''(t)\|^2 + \|u_{mx}'(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u_{mx}''(t)\|^2, \quad (3.13)$$

$$|u_m'(0, t)| \leq \|u_m'(t)\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|u_{mx}'(t)\| \leq \sqrt{X_m(t)}, \quad (3.14)$$

all terms on the right-hand side of (3.6) are estimated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= 2 \int_0^t \langle F'(s), u_m''(s) \rangle ds \leq \|F'\|_{L^1(0,T;L^2)} + \int_0^t \|F'(s)\| X_m(s) ds \\ &\leq C_T + \int_0^t \|F'(s)\| X_m(s) ds; \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= -2K(p-1) \int_0^t \left\langle |u_m(s)|^{p-2} u_m'(s), u_m''(s) \right\rangle ds \\ &\leq 2K(p-1) \int_0^t \|u_{mx}(s)\|^{p-2} \|u_m'(s)\| \|u_m''(s)\| ds \\ &\leq 2K(p-1) \int_0^t \left( \sqrt{S_m(s)} \right)^{p-2} \sqrt{S_m(s)} \sqrt{X_m(s)} ds \\ &\leq 2(p-1) \sqrt{C_T^{p-1}} \int_0^t \sqrt{X_m(s)} ds \leq C_T + \int_0^t X_m(s) ds; \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_3 &= -2g'(t)u_m'(0, t) \leq 2|g'(t)| |u_m'(0, t)| \leq 2|g'(t)| \sqrt{X_m(t)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\beta} \|g'\|_{L^\infty(0,T)}^2 + \beta X_m(t) \leq \frac{1}{\beta} C_T + \beta X_m(t); \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_4 &= 2 \int_0^t g''(s)u_m'(0, s) ds \leq 2 \int_0^t |g''(s)| \sqrt{X_m(s)} ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t |g''(s)| [1 + X_m(s)] ds \leq C_T + \int_0^t |g''(s)| X_m(s) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

where  $C_T$  also indicates a bound depending on  $T$  and  $C_T \geq \int_0^T |g''(s)| ds$ .

Combining (3.6), (3.12), (3.15) – (3.18) and choose  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ , the result is

$$X_m(t) \leq C_T + 2 \int_0^t (1 + |g''(s)| + \|F'(s)\|) X_m(s) ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (3.19)$$

where  $C_T$  indicates a bound depending on  $T$  as above.

By Gronwall's lemma, we deduce from (3.19) that

$$X_m(t) \leq C_T \exp \left[ 2 \int_0^t (1 + |g''(s)| + \|F'(s)\|) ds \right] \leq C_T, \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \quad (3.20)$$

where  $C_T$  always indicates a bound depending on  $T$ .

**Step 3. Limiting process.** From (3.4), (3.7), (3.20), we deduce the existence of a subsequence of  $\{u_m\}$  still also so denoted, such that

$$\begin{cases} u_m \rightarrow u & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) & \text{weakly}^*, \\ u'_m \rightarrow u' & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) & \text{weakly}^*, \\ u''_m \rightarrow u'' & \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) & \text{weakly}^*. \end{cases} \quad (3.21)$$

By the compactness lemma of Lions ([6], p. 57), from (3.21), there exists a subsequence of  $\{u_m\}$ , denoted by the same symbol, such that

$$\begin{cases} u_m \rightarrow u & \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T) & \text{and a.e. in } Q_T, \\ u'_m \rightarrow u' & \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T) & \text{and a.e. in } Q_T. \end{cases} \quad (3.22)$$

Using again the inequality (2.45), with  $M = C_T$ , we deduce from (3.22) that

$$\begin{cases} |u_m|^{p-2}u_m \rightarrow |u|^{p-2}u & \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T), \\ |u'_m|^{q-2}u'_m \rightarrow |u'|^{q-2}u' & \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T). \end{cases} \quad (3.23)$$

Passing to the limit in (2.8), by (3.3), (3.21) – (3.23), we have  $u$  satisfying the problem

$$\begin{cases} \langle u''(t), v \rangle + \langle u_x(t) + \varepsilon u''_x(t), v_x \rangle + \lambda \langle |u'(t)|^{q-2}u'(t), v \rangle + K \langle |u(t)|^{p-2}u(t), v \rangle \\ \quad + (hu(0, t) + g(t))v(0) = \langle F(t), v \rangle, \text{ for all } v \in V, \\ u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, u'(0) = \tilde{u}_1. \end{cases} \quad (3.24)$$

On the other hand, (3.21) and (3.24)<sub>1</sub> yield

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (u + \varepsilon u_{tt}) = u_{tt} + \lambda |u_t|^{q-2}u_t + K |u|^{p-2}u - F(t) \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2). \quad (3.25)$$

Hence

$$u + \varepsilon u_{tt} \equiv \Psi \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.26)$$

Furthermore, by  $u_{tt} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}u \equiv \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\Psi$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}t\right)\tilde{u}_0 + \sqrt{\varepsilon}\sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}t\right)\tilde{u}_1 \\ &\quad + \sqrt{\varepsilon}\int_0^t \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}(t-s)\right)\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\Psi(s)ds \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Then

$$u_{tt} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\Psi - u) \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \text{ and } u_t = \tilde{u}_1 + \int_0^t u_{tt}(s)ds \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.28)$$

Thus  $u, u_t, u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2)$  and the existence of the solution is proved completely.

**Step 4. Uniqueness of the solution.** Let  $u, v$  be two weak solutions of problem (1.1) – (1.4), such that

$$u, v \in C^1(0, T; V \cap H^2), \text{ with } u', v', u'', v'' \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.29)$$

Then  $w = u - v$  verifies

$$\begin{cases} \langle w''(t), z \rangle + \langle w_x(t) + \varepsilon w''_x(t), z_x \rangle + \lambda \langle |u'(t)|^{q-2}u'(t) - |v'(t)|^{q-2}v'(t), z \rangle \\ \quad + hw(0, t)z(0) = -K \langle |u(t)|^{p-2}u(t) - |v(t)|^{p-2}v(t), z \rangle, \text{ for all } z \in V, \\ w(0) = w'(0) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.30)$$

We take  $z = w = u - v$  in (3.30) and integrating with respect to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\sigma(t) = -2K \int_0^t \langle |u(s)|^{p-2}u(s) - |v(s)|^{p-2}v(s), w'(s) \rangle ds, \quad (3.31)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= \|w'(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|w'_x(t)\|^2 + \|w_x(t)\|^2 + hw^2(0, t) \\ &\quad + 2\lambda \int_0^t \langle |u'(s)|^{q-2}u'(s) - |v'(s)|^{q-2}v'(s), u'(s) - v'(s) \rangle ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

Using again the inequality (2.45), with  $M = \max\{\|u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)}, \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)}\}$ , we get

$$| |u(x, s)|^{p-2}u(x, s) - |v(x, s)|^{p-2}v(x, s) | \leq (p-1)M^{p-2} |w(x, s)|, \text{ for all } (x, s) \in Q_T, \quad (3.33)$$

and the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \langle |u'(s)|^{q-2}u'(s) - |v'(s)|^{q-2}v'(s), u'(s) - v'(s) \rangle ds &\geq 0, \\ \sigma(t) &\geq \|w'(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|w'_x(t)\|^2 + \|w_x(t)\|^2 \geq 2 \|w'(t)\| \|w_x(t)\|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &\leq -2K \int_0^t \langle |u(s)|^{p-2}u(s) - |v(s)|^{p-2}v(s), w'(s) \rangle ds \\ &\leq 2K(p-1)M^{p-2} \int_0^t \|w(s)\| \|w'(s)\| ds \leq K(p-1)M^{p-2} \int_0^t \sigma(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, it follows from (3.35) that  $\sigma \equiv 0$ , i.e.,  $u \equiv v$ .

Theorem 3.1 is proved completely.  $\square$

Next, we continue to consider the regularity of solution of problem (1.1) - (1.4), corresponding to  $p = q = 2$ .

$$\begin{cases} Lu \equiv u'' - u_{xx} - \varepsilon u''_{xx} + \lambda u' + Ku = F(x, t), & 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T, \\ L_0 u \equiv \varepsilon u''_x(0, t) + u_x(0, t) - hu(0, t) = g(t), \\ u(1, t) = 0, \\ u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, u'(0) = \tilde{u}_1. \end{cases} \quad (3.36)$$

For this purpose, we also assume that  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $K > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $h \geq 0$ . Furthermore, we will impose stronger assumptions. With  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we assume that

$$(H_2^{[r]}) \quad \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1 \in V \cap H^{r+2}.$$

$$(H_3^{[r]}) \quad \text{The function } F \text{ satisfies}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^j F}{\partial t^j} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^r), & 0 \leq j \leq r, \\ \frac{\partial^{r+1} F}{\partial t^{r+1}} \in L^1(0, T; V \cap H^r). \end{cases}$$

$$(H_4^{[r]}) \quad g \in W^{r+1,1}(0, T), \quad r \geq 1.$$

First, we define the sequences  $\{\tilde{u}_0^{[k]}\}, \{\tilde{u}_1^{[k]}\}, k = 0, 1, \dots, r+2$  by the following recurrent formulas

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_0^{[0]} = \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1^{[0]} = \tilde{u}_1, \\ \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} = \tilde{u}_1^{[k-1]}, \quad k \in \{1, 2, \dots, r+1\}, \quad r \geq 1, \end{cases} \quad (3.37)$$

where  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]}$  is defined by the following problem

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} + \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} = \frac{\partial^{k-2} F}{\partial t^{k-2}}(\cdot, 0) + \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[k-2]} - K \tilde{u}_0^{[k-2]} - \lambda \tilde{u}_1^{[k-2]} \equiv \Phi^{[k]}, & 0 < x < 1, \\ \varepsilon \tilde{u}_{0x}^{[k]}(0) = -\tilde{u}_{0x}^{[k-2]}(0) + h \tilde{u}_0^{[k-2]}(0) + \frac{d^{k-2} g}{dt^{k-2}}(0) \equiv \Phi_0^{[k]}, & \tilde{u}_0^{[k]}(1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.38)$$

Then, we have the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Suppose that  $(H_2^{[r]}) - (H_4^{[r]})$  hold. Then problem (3.38) has a unique weak solution  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V$ . Furthermore, we have  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V \cap H^{r+2}$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots, r+1$ .*

Proof of Lemma 3.2.

The weak solution of problem (3.38) is obtained from the following variational problem.

Find  $U \in V$  such that

$$a(U, w) = \langle w, w \rangle, \text{ for all } w \in V, \quad (3.39)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} a(U, w) = \langle \varepsilon U_x, w_x \rangle + \langle U, w \rangle, \\ \langle w, w \rangle = \langle \Phi^{[k]}, w \rangle - \Phi_0^{[k]} w(0). \end{cases} \quad (3.40)$$

Using the Lax-Milgram's theorem, Problem (3.39) has a unique weak solution  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V$ . We shall prove that

$$\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V \cap H^{r+2}, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, r+1\}, r \geq 1. \quad (3.41)$$

(i)  $k = 1 : \tilde{u}_0^{[1]} = \tilde{u}_1^{[0]} = \tilde{u}_1 \in V \cap H^{r+2}$ . (by  $(H_2^{[r]})$ ).

(ii) Suppose by induction that  $\tilde{u}_0^{[1]}, \dots, \tilde{u}_0^{[k-1]} \in V \cap H^{r+2}$  hold. We shall prove that  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V \cap H^{r+2}$  holds.

In fact, by  $(H_3^{[r]})$ , we have  $\frac{\partial^{k-2} F}{\partial t^{k-2}}(\cdot, 0) \in V \cap H^r$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq r+2$ . Hence, by induction we obtain

$$\Phi^{[k]} = \frac{\partial^{k-2} F}{\partial t^{k-2}}(\cdot, 0) + \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[k-2]} - K \tilde{u}_0^{[k-2]} - \lambda \tilde{u}_0^{[k-1]} \in V \cap H^r. \quad (3.42)$$

On the other hand, by  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V$  and (3.42), we obtain

$$\varepsilon \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} = \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} - \Phi^{[k]} \in V. \quad (3.43)$$

Then  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V \cap H^3$ .

Similarly, we have also  $\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V \cap H^{2s+1}$ , with  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2s-1 \leq r < 2s+1$ . Then

$$\varepsilon \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} = \tilde{u}_0^{[k]} - \Phi^{[k]} \in V \cap H^r. \quad (3.44)$$

Thus

$$\tilde{u}_0^{[k]} \in V \cap H^{r+2}. \quad (3.45)$$

Lemma 3.2 is proved completely.

Now, formally differentiating problem (3.36) with respect to time up to order  $r$  and letting  $u^{[r]} = \frac{\partial^r u}{\partial t^r}$  we are led to consider the solution  $u^{[r]}$  of problem  $(Q^{[r]})$  :

$$(Q^{[r]}) \begin{cases} Lu^{[r]} = \frac{\partial^r F}{\partial t^r}(x, t), & (x, t) \in Q_T, \\ L_0 u^{[r]} = \frac{d^r g}{dt^r}(t), & u^{[r]}(1, t) = 0, \\ u^{[r]}(0) = \tilde{u}_0^{[r]}, & u_t^{[r]}(0) = \tilde{u}_1^{[r]}. \end{cases} \quad (3.46)$$

From the assumptions  $(H_2^{[r]}) - (H_4^{[r]})$  we deduce that  $\tilde{u}_0^{[r]}, \tilde{u}_1^{[r]}, \frac{\partial^r F}{\partial t^r}$  and  $\frac{d^r g}{dt^r}$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3.1. So, the problem  $(Q^{[r]})$  has a unique weak solution  $u^{[r]}$  such that

$$u^{[r]} \in C^1(0, T; V \cap H^2), \quad u_{tt}^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.47)$$

Moreover, from the uniqueness of a weak solution we have  $u^{[r]} = \frac{\partial^r u}{\partial t^r}$ . Hence we deduce from (3.47) that the solution  $u$  of problem (3.36) satisfy

$$u \in C^{r+1}(0, T; V \cap H^2), \quad \frac{\partial^{r+2} u}{\partial t^{r+2}} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.48)$$

Next we shall prove by induction on  $r$  that

$$u \in C^{r+1}(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}), \quad \frac{\partial^{r+2} u}{\partial t^{r+2}} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}), \quad r \geq 1. \quad (3.49)$$

(i) In the case of  $r = 1$ , the proof of (3.49) is easy, hence we omit the details. We only prove with  $r \geq 2$ .

(ii) Suppose by induction that (3.49) holds for  $r - 1$ . i.e.,

$$u \in C^r(0, T; V \cap H^{r+1}), \quad \frac{\partial^{r+1} u}{\partial t^{r+1}} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+1}). \quad (3.50)$$

We need prove that (3.49) holds. To achieve this, we only have to prove that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^r u}{\partial t^r} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}), \\ \frac{\partial^{r+1} u}{\partial t^{r+1}} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}), \\ \frac{\partial^{r+2} u}{\partial t^{r+2}} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}), \quad r \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (3.51)$$

By  $(Q^{[r]})_1$ , we have

$$(u^{[r]} - \varepsilon \Delta u^{[r]})'' - \Delta u^{[r]} + K u^{[r]} + \lambda u_t^{[r]} = \frac{\partial^r F}{\partial t^r}. \quad (3.52)$$

Put

$$\begin{cases} W = u^{[r]} - \varepsilon \Delta u^{[r]}, \\ \tilde{w}_0 = \tilde{u}_0^{[r]} - \varepsilon \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[r]}, \\ \tilde{w}_1 = \tilde{u}_1^{[r]} - \varepsilon \Delta \tilde{u}_1^{[r]} = \tilde{u}_0^{[r+1]} - \varepsilon \Delta \tilde{u}_0^{[r+1]}, \end{cases} \quad (3.53)$$

it follows that

$$\begin{cases} W'' + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} W = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} u^{[r]} - K u^{[r]} - \lambda u_t^{[r]} + \frac{\partial^r F}{\partial t^r} \equiv \Psi^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^r), \\ W(0) = \tilde{w}_0 \in V \cap H^r, \\ W'(0) = \tilde{w}_1 \in V \cap H^r. \end{cases} \quad (3.54)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} W(t) &= \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} t\right) \tilde{w}_0 + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} t\right) \tilde{w}_1 \\ &\quad + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}(t-s)\right) \Psi^{[r]}(s) ds \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^r). \end{aligned} \quad (3.55)$$

By (3.50) and (3.55), it follows that

$$\Delta u^{[r]} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} u^{[r]} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} W \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^r). \quad (3.56)$$

Thus

$$u^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}). \quad (3.57)$$

On the other hand, by (3.54)<sub>1</sub>, we obtain

$$W'' = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} W + \Psi^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^r). \quad (3.58)$$

It follows from (3.47), (3.58) and  $r \geq 2$ , that

$$\Delta u_{tt}^{[r]} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} u_{tt}^{[r]} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} W'' \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2). \quad (3.59)$$

Consequently

$$u_{tt}^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^4). \quad (3.60)$$

Similarly, we have also  $u_{tt}^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; H^{2s})$ , with  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2s - 2 \leq r < 2s$ . Then

$$\Delta u_{tt}^{[r]} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} u_{tt}^{[r]} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} W'' \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^r). \quad (3.61)$$

So

$$u_{tt}^{[r]} \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}). \quad (3.62)$$

On the other hand

$$u_t^{[r]} = \tilde{u}_1^{[r]} + \int_0^t u_{tt}^{[r]}(s) ds \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^{r+2}). \quad (3.63)$$

Combining (3.57), (3.62) and (3.63), by induction arguments on  $r$ , we conclude that (3.49) holds and the following theorem is proved.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(H_2^{[r]})$ – $(H_4^{[r]})$  hold. Then the unique solution  $u(x, t)$  of problem (3.36) satisfies (3.49).*

□

## 4 Asymptotic behavior of solutions as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+$

In this part, we assume that  $p > 2$ ,  $q > 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $K > 0$ ,  $h \geq 0$  and  $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, F)$  satisfy the assumptions  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By theorem 2.3, the problem (1.1) – (1.4) has a unique weak solution  $u = u_\varepsilon$  depending on  $\varepsilon$ .

We consider the following perturbed problem, where  $\varepsilon$  is a small parameter:

$$(P_\varepsilon) \begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{xx} - \varepsilon u_{xxtt} + \lambda |u_t|^{q-2} u_t + K |u|^{p-2} u = F(x, t), & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < T, \\ \varepsilon u_{xxt}(0, t) + u_x(0, t) = hu(0, t) + g(t), & u(1, t) = 0, \\ u(0) = \tilde{u}_0, u'(0) = \tilde{u}_1. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

We shall study the asymptotic behavior of the solution  $u_\varepsilon$  of problem  $(P_\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $T > 0$ ,  $p > 2$ ,  $q > 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $K > 0$ . Let  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$  hold. Then*

(i) *The problem  $(P_0)$  corresponding to  $\varepsilon = 0$  has a unique weak solution  $\bar{u}_0$  satisfying*

$$\bar{u}_0 \in L^\infty(0, T; V), \quad \bar{u}'_0 \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2). \quad (4.2)$$

(ii) *If  $\bar{u}''_0 \in L^2(0, T; H^2)$ , then solution  $u_\varepsilon$  converges strongly in  $W_T$  to  $\bar{u}_0$ , as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+$ , where*

$$W_T = \{v \in L^\infty(0, T; V) : v' \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2)\}. \quad (4.3)$$

Furthermore, we have the estimation

$$\|u'_\varepsilon - \bar{u}'_0\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} + \|u_\varepsilon - \bar{u}_0\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} \leq C_T \sqrt{\varepsilon}, \quad (4.4)$$

where  $C_T$  is a positive constant depending only on  $T$ .





Using again Lemma 2.4, in a manner similar to the above part, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \langle \Delta \bar{u}_0'', u'(s) \rangle ds + 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \bar{u}_{0x}''(0, s) u'(0, s) ds \\ &\quad - 2K \int_0^t \left\langle |u_\varepsilon|^{p-2} u_\varepsilon - |\bar{u}_0|^{p-2} \bar{u}_0, u'(s) \right\rangle ds, \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= \|u'(t)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u'_x(t)\|^2 + \|u_x(t)\|^2 + hu^2(0, t) \\ &\quad + 2\lambda \int_0^t \left\langle |u'_\varepsilon|^{q-2} u'_\varepsilon - |\bar{u}'_0|^{q-2} \bar{u}'_0, u'(s) \right\rangle ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

Note that

$$\begin{cases} \int_0^t \left\langle |u'_\varepsilon|^{q-2} u'_\varepsilon - |\bar{u}'_0|^{q-2} \bar{u}'_0, u'(s) \right\rangle \geq 0, \\ \sigma(t) \geq \varepsilon \|u'_x(t)\|^2, \\ \sigma(t) \geq \|u'(t)\|^2 + \|u_x(t)\|^2 \geq 2 \|u_x(t)\| \|u'(t)\|. \end{cases} \quad (4.16)$$

By (2.45), (4.6), (4.16), we estimate all terms in the right – hand side of (4.14) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \langle \Delta \bar{u}_0''(s), u'(s) \rangle ds &\leq 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \|\Delta \bar{u}_0''(s)\| \|u'(s)\| ds \leq 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \|\bar{u}_0''(s)\|_{H^2} \|u'(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \varepsilon^2 \int_0^t \|\bar{u}_0''(s)\|_{H^2}^2 ds + \int_0^t \|u'(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\leq \varepsilon^2 \|\bar{u}_0''\|_{L^2(0,T;H^2)}^2 + \int_0^t \sigma(s) ds; \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \bar{u}_{0x}''(0, s) u'(0, s) ds &\leq 2\sqrt{2}\varepsilon \int_0^t \|\bar{u}_{0x}''(s)\|_{H^1} \|u'_x(s)\| ds \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{2}\varepsilon \int_0^t \|\bar{u}_0''(s)\|_{H^2} \|u'_x(s)\| ds \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon \int_0^t \|\bar{u}_0''(s)\|_{H^2}^2 ds + \varepsilon \int_0^t \|u'_x(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon \|\bar{u}_0''\|_{L^2(0,T;H^2)}^2 + \int_0^t \sigma(s) ds; \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2K \int_0^t \left\langle |u_\varepsilon|^{p-2} u_\varepsilon - |\bar{u}_0|^{p-2} \bar{u}_0, u'(s) \right\rangle ds &\leq 2K(p-1)C_T^{p-2} \int_0^t \|u(s)\| \|u'(s)\| ds \\ &\leq K(p-1)C_T^{p-2} \int_0^t \sigma(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

Combining (4.14), (4.17) - (4.19), it implies that

$$\sigma(t) \leq 3\varepsilon \|\bar{u}_0''\|_{L^2(0,T;H^2)}^2 + \left[ 2 + K(p-1)C_T^{p-2} \right] \int_0^t \sigma(s) ds. \quad (4.20)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, (4.20) leads to

$$\sigma(t) \leq 3\varepsilon \|\bar{u}_0''\|_{L^2(0,T;H^2)}^2 \exp\left(T \left[ 2 + K(p-1)C_T^{p-2} \right]\right) \equiv \bar{C}_T \varepsilon, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (4.21)$$

Hence

$$\|u'_\varepsilon - \bar{u}'_0\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2)} + \|u_\varepsilon - \bar{u}_0\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1)} \leq C_T \sqrt{\varepsilon}, \quad (4.22)$$

where  $C_T$  is a constant depending only on  $T$ .

Theorem 4.1 is proved completely.  $\square$

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