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# Some qualitative results for a modification of the Green-Lindsay thermoelasticity

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## Abstract

In this short note we consider a recent modification of the Green-Lindsay thermoelastic theory proposed at [10]. We consider a functional defined on the solutions of the problem. It allows us to obtain the continuous dependence of the solutions with respect to the initial conditions and to the supply terms, the time exponential decay of solutions and an alternative of Phragmén-Lindelöf type for the spatial behaviour.

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## 1 Introduction

It is known that the classical formulation of the Fourier law combined with the classical energy equation<sup>1</sup>

$$c_E \dot{\theta} = -q_{i,i},$$

brings to the paradox of the *infinite speed of propagation*. For this reason many people has been interested to overcome this difficulty and to propose alternative theories which were free of this paradox. In this sense we can cite the hyperbolic proposition of Cattaneo for the heat conduction [2] or the alternative propositions of Green and Naghdi [6, 7]. We can recall two extensions of the Cattaneo law to the thermoelasticity. One corresponds to the theory of Lord and Shulman [14] and the second is the theory of Green and Lindsay [5]. This last one is based in a generalized dissipation inequality by considering a scalar function depending upon the temperature and its rate. In this short note we are going to be involved with a recent modification of this theory proposed in [10]. In that paper the authors introduce a second order tensor depending on the strain and its rate and a generalized Clausius-Duhem inequality. They propose an alternative system of equations (see (2.1), (2.2)).

In this note we are interested in the study of the qualitative behavior of the solutions of this new system of equations. To avoid technical difficulties we are going to

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<sup>1</sup>Here  $\theta$  is the relative temperature and  $q_i$  is the heat flux vector

assume the existence of solutions and we center our attention to several qualitative properties. We want to propose a functional defined on the solutions which is very useful in the study of the system. We believe that this is the main contribution of this paper. With the help of this functional we can use the energy methods and we can see the continuous dependence of the solutions with respect to the initial data and to the supply terms. Later we also prove the exponential decay of solutions and we continue by giving a description of the spatial behaviour of the solutions<sup>2</sup>. It is worth recalling that continuous dependence, uniqueness, exponential decay and spatial stability are basic properties deserving to be studied for every thermoelastic theory. In this sense, it is natural to find results of this kind for several thermoelastic theories. We can cite several papers devoted to this kind of studies [1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18].

In the next section we recall the system of equations with we are going to work and the initial and boundary conditions for the problem. Later in Section 3 we prove a result on the continuous dependence of the solutions with respect to the initial conditions and to the supply terms. In Section 4 we show the exponential stability of the solutions with respect to the time in the case where the supply terms vanish. We finish in Section 5 by proving a Phragmén-Lindelöf alternative for the spatial behaviour of the solutions.

## 2 Equations and assumptions

We now propose the initial-boundary-value problem to be studied in the next two sections. We consider a bounded domain  $B$  in the three-dimensional Euclidean space such that the boundary is smooth enough to apply the divergence theorem.

We recall that the system of field equations was obtained in [10]. We have

$$\rho \ddot{u}_i = (C_{ijkl}(u_{k,l} + \tau_1 \dot{u}_{k,l}) - \gamma_{ij}(\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}))_{,j} + b_i \quad (2.1)$$

$$\gamma_{ij} \theta_0 (\dot{u}_{i,j} + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_{i,j}) + \rho c_E (\dot{\theta} + \tau_0 \ddot{\theta}) = (k_{ij} \theta_{,i})_{,j} + r \quad (2.2)$$

Here  $\rho$  is the mass density,  $C_{ijkl}$  is the elasticity tensor that satisfies the symmetry

$$C_{ijkl} = C_{klij}, \quad (2.3)$$

$\gamma_{ij}$  is the thermal expansion tensor,  $c_E$  is the thermal capacity,  $k_{ij}$  is the thermal conductivity tensor which it is also symmetric

$$k_{ij} = k_{ji}, \quad (2.4)$$

$\theta_0$  is the uniform absolute temperature in the reference configuration,  $b_i$  and  $r$  are the supply terms,  $(u_i)$  is the displacement vector,  $\theta$  is the relative temperature and  $\tau_0, \tau_1$  are two parameters that satisfy (see [10], eq. 22)

$$\tau_1 > \tau_0 > 0. \quad (2.5)$$

In the system of equations and from now on the notation “ $,_i$ ” means derivation with respect to the direction  $x_i$ , a superposed dot means the time derivative and the repetition in the indices means summation on the corresponding index.

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<sup>2</sup>It is worth recalling that the spatial stability of solutions for partial differential equations is related with the well-known Saint-Venant’s principle in thermomechanics [19, 20]

For what follows it is useful to have the system of equations in terms of dimensionless quantities. We introduce the variables:

$$u'_i = \frac{u_i}{L}, \quad x'_i = \frac{x_i}{L}, \quad t' = \frac{t}{t_0}, \quad \theta' = \frac{\theta}{K}, \quad \theta'_0 = \frac{\theta_0}{K}, \quad \rho' = \frac{\rho L^3}{m_0}, \quad \tau'_{0,1} = \frac{\tau_{0,1}}{t_0},$$

where  $L, t_0, m_0$  and  $K$  be four constants with dimensions of length, time, mass and temperature respectively. Furthermore, we introduce the following notations

$$C'_{ijkl} = \frac{t_0^2 L}{m_0} C_{ijkl}, \quad \gamma'_{ij} = \frac{t_0^2 K L}{m_0} \gamma_{ij}, \quad c'_E = \frac{t_0^2 K}{L^2} c_E, \quad k'_{ij} = \frac{K t_0^3}{L m_0} k_{ij}.$$

A similar thing can be done for  $b_i$  and  $r$ . We can write our system in the new variables. We will obtain the same equations, but in this case the variables are dimensionless. For simplicity we omit the colon. Therefore, we will study our system in the convention that we work with dimensionless variables.

To simplify the calculations, but without loss of generality we assume that the uniform absolute temperature in the reference configuration is equal to 1.

To determine the initial-boundary-value problem we will study in Sections 3 and 4 we need to impose the initial and boundary conditions. We assume the initial conditions

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_i^0(\mathbf{x}), \quad \dot{u}_i(\mathbf{x}, 0) = v_i^0(\mathbf{x}), \quad \theta(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \theta^0(\mathbf{x}), \quad \dot{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = T^0(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in B. \quad (2.6)$$

We consider null Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \theta(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial B, \quad t > 0. \quad (2.7)$$

Apart that we assume that all the constitutive tensors are bounded in this note we are going to suppose the following conditions:

(i) Mass density and heat capacity are strictly positive. That is

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) \geq \rho_1 > 0, \quad c_E(\mathbf{x}) \geq c > 0. \quad (2.8)$$

(ii) There exists a positive constant  $C_1$  such that

$$C_{ijkl} \xi_{ij} \xi_{kl} \geq C_1 \xi_{ij} \xi_{ij}, \quad (2.9)$$

for every tensor  $(\xi_{ij})$ .

(iii) There exists a positive constant  $k_1$  such that

$$k_{ij} \xi_i \xi_j \geq k_1 \xi_i \xi_i, \quad (2.10)$$

for every vector  $\xi_i$ .

The meaning of the assumptions in (i) is clear. Condition (ii) can be understand in terms of the elastic stability and condition (iii) is related with the well-known property of a heat conductor (see also [10], eq. 19).

### 3 Continuous dependence

The aim of this section is to give a continuous dependence result for the solutions of the problem determined by (2.1), (2.2), (2.6), (2.7). It is worth remarking that uniqueness of solutions will be a consequence of the continuous dependence in this case.

We first multiply (2.1) by  $\dot{u}_i + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_i$ , integrate over  $B$ , apply the boundary conditions and after the use of the divergence theorem we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B \rho \ddot{u}_i (\dot{u}_i + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_i) dv &= - \int_B C_{ijkl} (\dot{u}_{i,j} + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_{i,j}) (u_{k,l} + \tau_1 \dot{u}_{k,l}) dv \\ &+ \int_B \gamma_{ij} (\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}) (\dot{u}_{i,j} + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_{i,j}) dv + \int_B b_i (\dot{u}_i + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_i) dv. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Now we multiply (2.2) by  $\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}$  integrate over  $B$ , apply the boundary conditions and after the use of the divergence theorem we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B \gamma_{ij} (\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}) (\dot{u}_{i,j} + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_{i,j}) dv + \int_B \rho c_E (\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}) (\dot{\theta} + \tau_0 \ddot{\theta}) dv \\ = - \int_B k_{ij} \theta_{,i} (\theta_{,j} + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}_{,j}) dv + \int_B r (\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}) dv. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

In the next step of the study it is suitable to take into account the following equalities:

$$\int_B C_{ijkl} \ddot{u}_{i,j} u_{k,l} dv = \frac{d}{dt} \int_B C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} u_{k,l} dv - \int_B C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} dv, \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\int_B \ddot{\theta} \theta dv = \frac{d}{dt} \int_B \dot{\theta} \theta dv - \int_B |\dot{\theta}|^2 dv. \quad (3.4)$$

Therefore from (3.1)-(3.4) we can see that if we consider the function

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_B \left( \rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i + C_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} + \tau_0 \tau_1 C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} + \rho c_E \theta^2 \right. \\ &\left. + \tau_0 \tau_1 \rho c_E |\dot{\theta}|^2 + \tau_1 k_{ij} \theta_{,i} \theta_{,j} + 2\tau_0 C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} u_{k,l} + 2\rho c_E \tau_0 \theta \dot{\theta} \right) dv, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}(t) &= - \int_B \left( \tau_0 \rho \ddot{u}_i \ddot{u}_i + (\tau_1 - \tau_0) C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} \right. \\ &\left. + (\tau_1 - \tau_0) \rho c_E |\dot{\theta}|^2 + k_{ij} \theta_{,i} \theta_{,j} - b_i (\dot{u}_i + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_i) - r (\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}) \right) dv. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

It is worth noting that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tau_0 \\ \tau_0 & \tau_0 \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.7)$$

is positive definite because of the condition (2.5). Thus the function  $E(t)$  considered at (3.5) defines a measure on the solutions of the problem.

After the use of the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality it is easy to see the existence of four constants  $D_i$ ,  $i = 1...4$  (using the Poincaré inequality when it is needed) such that

$$\int_B b_i \dot{u}_i dv \leq (\tau_1 - \tau_0) \int_B C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} dv + D_1 \int_B b_i b_i dv \quad (3.8)$$

$$\tau_0 \int_B b_i \ddot{u}_i dv \leq \tau_0 \int_B \rho \ddot{u}_i \ddot{u}_i dv + D_2 \int_B b_i b_i dv \quad (3.9)$$

$$\int_B r \theta dv \leq \int_B k_{ij} \theta_{,i} \theta_{,j} dv + D_3 \int_B r^2 dv \quad (3.10)$$

$$\tau_1 \int_B r \dot{\theta} dv \leq (\tau_1 - \tau_0) \int_B \rho c_E |\dot{\theta}|^2 dv + D_4 \int_B r^2 dv \quad (3.11)$$

In view of (3.6), (3.8)-(3.11) we see that

$$\dot{E}(t) \leq C \int_B (b_i b_i + r^2) dv \quad (3.12)$$

where  $C = \max(D_1 + D_2, D_3 + D_4)$ .

After an integration in (3.12) we see that

$$E(t) \leq E(0) + C \int_0^t \int_B (b_i b_i + r^2) dv ds. \quad (3.13)$$

Therefore we have proved:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(u_i, \theta)$  be a solution of the initial-boundary-value problem determined by the system (2.1), (2.2), the initial condition (2.6) and the boundary conditions (2.7). Then, the solutions satisfy the estimate (3.13) where the function  $E(t)$  is defined at (3.5).*

Now we will see the uniqueness of solutions to our problem. It will be sufficient to prove that the only solution for the problem determined by null initial solutions when the supply terms vanish is the null solution. We note that in this case the estimate (3.13) implies that

$$E(t) \leq 0, \quad (3.14)$$

for every  $t > 0$ . In view of the definition of the function  $E(t)$  we see that (3.14) implies that  $(u_i, \theta) = (0, 0)$  for every  $t \geq 0$ . Therefore we can conclude that:

**Theorem 3.2.** *The initial-boundary-value problem determined by the system (2.1), (2.2), the initial condition (2.6) and the boundary conditions (2.7) has uniqueness of solutions.*

We note that assumption (ii) is usual in the linearized thermoelasticity. The arguments of this section can be adapted without difficulties to the linear elasticity by virtue of the Korn inequality whenever we assume that the elasticity tensor defines a positive functions on the strains.

## 4 Exponential decay of solutions

The aim of this section is to prove that the solutions of the problem determined by (2.1), (2.2), (2.6) and (2.7), when the supply terms vanish, decay in an exponential way. To be precise we are going to prove that there exist two positive constants  $M$  and  $\omega$  independent of the initial data such that

$$E(t) \leq ME(0) \exp(-\omega t). \quad (4.1)$$

To show this result we need to consider a new function

$$G(t) = \frac{\tau_1}{2} \int_B C_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} dv. \quad (4.2)$$

We note that

$$\dot{G}(t) = - \int_B \rho \ddot{u}_i u_i dv + \int_B \gamma_{ij} (\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}) u_{i,j} dv - \int_B C_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} dv. \quad (4.3)$$

After the use of the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality and the Poincaré inequality we see that there exists a positive constant  $M_1$  such that

$$\dot{G}(t) \leq M_1 \int_B (\rho \ddot{u}_i \ddot{u}_i + \theta^2 + |\dot{\theta}|^2) dv - \frac{1}{2} \int_B C_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} dv. \quad (4.4)$$

We shall denote

$$E_\epsilon(t) = E(t) + \epsilon G(t). \quad (4.5)$$

It is clear that whenever  $\epsilon$  is positive, the following inequalities

$$\alpha_1 E_\epsilon(t) \leq E(t) \leq \alpha_2 E_\epsilon(t), \quad (4.6)$$

hold, where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are two calculable positive constants. Thus, the inequalities (4.6) allow us to say that whenever  $\epsilon$  is positive, the functions  $E(t)$  and  $E_\epsilon(t)$  define equivalent measures.

In view of the equality (3.6) and the estimate (4.4) we see

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}_\epsilon(t) \leq & - \int_B \left( (\tau_0 - \epsilon M_1) \rho \ddot{u}_i \ddot{u}_i + (\tau_1 - \tau_0) C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} \right. \\ & \left. + ((\tau_1 - \tau_0) \rho c_E - \epsilon M_1) |\dot{\theta}|^2 + k_{ij} \theta_{,i} \theta_{,j} - \epsilon M_1 \theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} \right) dv. \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

From last estimate and after the use of the Poincaré inequality we may select  $\epsilon > 0$  small enough to conclude the existence of a positive constant  $M_2$  such that

$$\dot{E}_\epsilon(t) \leq -M_2 E(t), \quad (4.8)$$

whenever  $\epsilon$  is small enough, but positive. Inequality (4.8) combined with the first estimate of (4.6) imply that

$$\dot{E}_\epsilon(t) \leq -M_2 \alpha_1 E_\epsilon(t). \quad (4.9)$$

This inequality implies that

$$\dot{E}_\epsilon(t) \leq E_\epsilon(0) \exp(-M_2 \alpha_1 t). \quad (4.10)$$

This bound combined with (4.6) imply the estimate (4.1). Therefore, we have proved:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(u_i, \theta)$  be a solution of the initial-boundary-value problem determined by the system (2.1), (2.2), the initial condition (2.6) and the boundary conditions (2.7) with null supply terms ( $b_i = r = 0$ ). Then, the solutions satisfy the estimate (4.1) where the function  $E(t)$  is defined at (3.5).*

Again, the analysis of this section can be adapted directly to the linear thermoelasticity.

## 5 Spatial Behavior

In this section we obtain a Phragmén-Lindelöf alternative for the solutions of the homogeneous version of the system of equations (2.1), (2.2). To do that we are going to change the domain where the problem is proposed. In this section  $B$  will be a semi-infinite cylinder  $B = [0, \infty) \times D$ , where  $D$  is a two dimensional bounded domain smooth enough to apply the divergence theorem. We also consider appropriate boundary and initial conditions. We assume that null initial conditions

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \dot{u}_i(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \theta(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \dot{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in B. \quad (5.1)$$

We also suppose that

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \theta(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in [0, \infty) \times \partial D, \quad t > 0 \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$u_i(0, x_2, x_3, t) = f_i(x_2, x_3, t) \quad \theta(\mathbf{x}, t) = g(x_2, x_3, t), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \{0\} \times D, \quad t > 0. \quad (5.3)$$

In this case the analysis starts by considering the function

$$H_\omega(z, t) = - \int_0^t \int_{D(z)} \exp(-2\omega t) \Phi d\mathbf{x} ds, \quad (5.4)$$

where  $D(z) = \{\mathbf{x} \in B, x_1 = z\}$ ,

$$\Phi = (C_{i1kl}(u_{k,l} + \tau_1 \dot{u}_{k,l}) - \gamma_{i1}(\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}))(\dot{u}_i + \tau_0 \ddot{u}_i) + k_{i1} \theta_{,i}(\theta + \tau_1 \dot{\theta}). \quad (5.5)$$

An use of the divergence theorem with the initial and boundary conditions shows that

$$H_\omega(z+h, t) - H_\omega(z, t) = \frac{\exp(-2\omega t)}{2} \int_{B(z+h, z)} \Upsilon_1 dv + \int_0^t \int_{B(z+h, z)} \exp(-2\omega s) \Upsilon_2 dv ds, \quad (5.6)$$

where  $B(z+h, z) = \{\mathbf{x} \in B, z < x_1 < z+h\}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_1 = & \rho \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_i + C_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} + \tau_0 \tau_1 C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} + \rho c_E \theta^2 + \tau_0 \tau_1 \rho c_E |\dot{\theta}|^2 \\ & + \tau_1 k_{ij} \theta_{,i} \theta_{,j} + 2\tau_0 C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} u_{k,l} + 2\rho c_E \tau_0 \theta \dot{\theta} \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_2 = & \omega \Upsilon_1 + \tau_0 \rho \ddot{u}_i \ddot{u}_i + (\tau_1 - \tau_0) C_{ijkl} \dot{u}_{i,j} \dot{u}_{k,l} \\ & + (\tau_1 - \tau_0) \rho c_E |\dot{\theta}|^2 + k_{ij} \theta_{,i} \theta_{,j}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$



In particular, when

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} H_\omega(z, t) = 0, \quad (5.9)$$

we see that

$$-H_\omega(z, t) = \frac{\exp(-2\omega t)}{2} \int_{B(\infty, z)} \Upsilon_1 dv + \int_0^t \int_{B(\infty, z)} \exp(-2\omega s) \Upsilon_2 dv ds. \quad (5.10)$$

From (5.6), it follows that

$$\frac{\partial H_\omega}{\partial z} = \frac{\exp(-2\omega t)}{2} \int_{D(z)} \Upsilon_1 dv + \int_0^t \int_{D(z)} \exp(-2\omega s) \Upsilon_2 dv ds. \quad (5.11)$$

Our next step consists to evaluate the absolute value of the function  $H_\omega$  in terms of its spatial derivative.

Because of the use of the arithmetic geometric mean inequality we see that there exists a positive constant  $K_\omega$  such that<sup>3</sup>

$$|\Phi| \leq K_\omega \Upsilon_2. \quad (5.12)$$

Therefore we obtain that

$$|H_\omega| \leq K_\omega \frac{\partial H_\omega}{\partial z}. \quad (5.13)$$

This inequality is classical in the studies on the spatial stability and yields a Phragmén-Lindelöf alternative (see [4]). More precisely, if there exists  $z_0 \geq 0$  such that  $H_\omega(z_0, t) > 0$ , then the solution satisfies the estimate

$$H_\omega(z, t) \geq H_\omega(z_0, t) \exp(K_\omega^{-1}(z - z_0)), \quad z \geq z_0. \quad (5.14)$$

This estimate gives information in terms of the measure defined in the cylinder. Indeed, it follows that

$$\frac{\exp(-2\omega t)}{2} \int_{B(z+h, z)} \Upsilon_1 dv + \int_0^t \int_{B(z+h, z)} \exp(-2\omega s) \Upsilon_2 dv ds \quad (5.15)$$

tends to infinity exponentially fast when  $h$  is increasing. On the contrary, when  $H_\omega(z, t) \leq 0$ , for every  $z \geq 0$ , it follows that the solution decays and we can obtain an estimate of the form

$$-H_\omega(z, t) \leq -H_\omega(0, t) \exp(-K_\omega^{-1}z), \quad z \geq 0. \quad (5.16)$$

This inequality implies that  $H_\omega(z, t)$  tends to zero as  $z$  goes to infinity. Furthermore in view of this estimate, it is clear that

$$E_\omega(z, t) \leq E_\omega(0, t) \exp(-K_\omega^{-1}z), \quad z \geq 0. \quad (5.17)$$

where

$$E_\omega(z, t) = \frac{\exp(-2\omega t)}{2} \int_{B(\infty, z)} \Upsilon_1 dv + \int_0^t \int_{B(\infty, z)} \exp(-2\omega s) \Upsilon_2 dv ds, \quad z \geq 0. \quad (5.18)$$

Finally we can state:

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<sup>3</sup>It is worth noting that the best value for the  $K_\omega$  involves the study of a very cumbersome system of nonlinear equations.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $(u_i, \theta)$  be a solution of the initial-boundary-value problem determined by the system (2.1), (2.2), the initial condition (5.1) and the boundary conditions (5.2), (5.3) with null supply terms ( $b_i = r = 0$ ). Then, either this solution satisfies the growth estimate (5.14) or it satisfies the decay estimate*

$$E_\omega^*(z, t) \leq E_\omega(0, t) \exp(2\omega t - K_\omega^{-1}z), \quad z \geq 0. \quad (5.19)$$

where

$$E_\omega^*(z, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(\infty, z)} \Upsilon_1 dv + \int_0^t \int_{B(\infty, z)} \Upsilon_2 dv ds, \quad z \geq 0. \quad (5.20)$$

This kind of behaviour is typical in several thermoelastical problems [13].

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