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ASYMPTOTIC ESTIMATES FOR SOLUTIONS
OF THE SECOND BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM
FOR PARABOLIC EQUATIONS

Let Ω be an unbounded domain in R_n . We denote the boundary of Ω by $\partial\Omega$. We consider the second boundary value problem

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left[a_{ij}(t,x) u_{x_i} \right]_{x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t,x) u_{x_i} + c(t,x)u$$

in $(0, \infty) \times \Omega$,

$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial u(t,x)}{\partial N(t,x)} = 0 \quad \text{for } (t,x) \in (0, \infty) \times \partial\Omega,$$

$$(3) \quad u(0,x) = \varphi(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega,$$

where $\frac{d}{dN(t,x)}$ denotes the inward conormal derivative to $(0, \infty) \times \partial\Omega$ at the point (t,x) . The present work is concerned with the asymptotic estimates for solutions of weak solutions of the problem (1) - (3) under assumptions which allow the coefficients b_i and c to grow to infinity in various ways (see assumption (B)). In proving the main result (see Theorem 1) we make a crucial use of the Gušćin form of Sobolev's inequality (see [3] and [5]). The method used here was inspired by the series of Gušćin's papers on the second bound-

dary value problem for parabolic equations (see [2], [3], [4] and [6]).

In the sequel we shall use the following notations:

$$D_T = (0, T) \times \Omega, \quad D_{T,R} = (0, T) \times (\Omega \cap \{|x| < R\}).$$

For any cylinder $(0, T) \times A$, where A is an open domain in R_n , by $W_2^{1,0}((0, T) \times A)$, $W_2^{1,1}((0, T) \times A)$ we denote the well-known Sobolev spaces (see [1]).

Let $\varrho(t, x)$ be a measurable function in $(0, T) \times A$. We denote by

$$\varrho_h(t, x) = \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} \varrho(s, x) ds$$

the Stieklov's average of the function ϱ with respect to t . Of course if $\varrho \in W_2^{1,0}((0, T) \times A)$ then $\varrho_h \in W_2^{1,1}((0, T-h) \times A)$ if $h > 0$ and $\varrho_h \in W_2^{1,1}(|h|, T) \times A$ if $h < 0$. Further additional informations on this subject can be found in [1] or [4].

Throughout the paper we make the following assumptions concerning the coefficients of (1):

(A) The symmetric matrix $\{a_{ij}(t, x)\}$ is uniformly positive definite in $(0, \infty) \times \Omega$, i.e., there are positive numbers λ_0 and λ_1 such that

$$(4) \quad \lambda_0 |\xi|^2 \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t, x) \xi_i \xi_j \leq \lambda_1 |\xi|^2$$

for almost all $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$ and each $\xi \in R_n$. We assume also that a_{ij} , b_i and c are measurable in $(0, \infty) \times \Omega$ and moreover the coefficients b_i and c are essentially bounded in $D_{T,R}$ for each $T > 0$ and $R > 0$.

(B) There exists a positive function $H(t, x) \in C^1([0, \infty) \times \Omega)$ such that $\sup_{t>0} \int_{\Omega} H(t, x) dx < \infty$ and

$$(5) \quad -2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t,x) H_{x_i} H_{x_j} - \frac{2}{\lambda_0} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t,x) H^2 + \\ + \delta \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t,x) H_{x_i} H - c(t,x) H^2 - HH_t \geq 0$$

for all $(t,x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$ and $\delta = 0, 1$.

We introduce the concept of a weak solution of the problem (1)-(3).

Suppose that the function φ (see the initial condition (3)) is measurable in Ω and such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0,x) dx < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0,x)^2 dx < \infty.$$

A function $u(t,x)$ defined in $(0, \infty) \times \Omega$ is said to be a weak solution of the problem (1)-(3) if it satisfies the following requirements:

(i) the integrals $\int u(t,x)^2 H(t,x) dx$ and $\int u(t,x)^2 H(t,x)^2 dx$ are continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

(ii) $u \in W_2^{1,0}(D_{T,R})$ for every $T > 0$ and $R > 0$.

$$(iii) \quad - \int_{D_T} \varrho(t,x) u(t,x) dt dx + \int_{D_T} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t,x) u_{x_i} \varrho_{x_j} dt dx - \\ - \int_{D_T} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t,x) u_{x_i} \varrho dt dx - \int_{D_T} c(t,x) u \varrho dt dx = \int_{\Omega} \varrho(0,x) \varphi(x) dx$$

for any $T > 0$ and for any function $\varrho \in W_2^{1,1}(D_T)$ such that $\varrho(T,x) = 0$ for $x \in \Omega$ and $\varrho(t,x) = 0$ for $t \in (0,T)$, $|x| > R$ for some positive constant R .

The fact that u is a weak solution of (1)-(3) can be stated in another way.

L e m m a 1. Let $u(t,x)$ be a solution of the problem (1)-(3). Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \quad \int_{\Omega} u(t, x) \varrho(t, x) dx &= \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} u(\tau, x) \varrho_{\tau}(\tau, x) d\tau dx - \\
 &- \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i, j=1}^n a_{ij}(\tau, x) u_{x_j} \varrho_{x_j} d\tau dx + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t, x) u_{x_i} \varrho d\tau dx + \\
 &+ \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} c(\tau, x) u(\tau, x) \varrho(\tau, x) d\tau dx - \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x) \varrho(0, x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

for almost all $t \in (0, \infty)$ and for any function $\varrho \in W_2^{1,1}((0, \infty) \times \Omega)$ vanishing for $|x| > R$ for some $R > 0$.
 r o o f . Let $\varrho \in W_2^{1,1}((0, \infty) \times \Omega)$ and $\varrho(t, x) = 0$ for $|x| > R$ and $t \in (0, \infty)$. Fix $t_1 > 0$ and set

$$\zeta_{\varepsilon}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t < t_1 - \varepsilon \\ \frac{t_1 - t}{\varepsilon} & \text{for } t_1 - \varepsilon \leq t < t_1 \\ 0 & \text{for } t_1 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

As the test function in (6) we take

$$\bar{\varrho}(t, x) = \varrho(t, x) \zeta_{\varepsilon}(t).$$

Taking $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in (6) we get (7).

Before stating the main result we prove the following

L e m m a 2. Let $u(t, x)$ be a solution of the problem (1) - (3). Then

$$(8) \quad \int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0, x) dx$$

for $t \geq 0$.

P r o o f . Fix two numbers $0 \leq t_1 < t_2$ and let $\varrho \in W_2^{1,0}((t_1, t_2) \times \Omega)$ and $\varrho(t, x) = 0$ for $t_1 < t < t_2$ and $|x| > R$. Set

$$\bar{\varrho}(t, x) = \begin{cases} \varrho(t, x) & \text{for } (t, x) \in (t_1, t_2) \times \Omega \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Putting in (6) the Stiecklov average $\bar{\varrho}$ -h we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\bar{\varrho}(t-h, x) - \bar{\varrho}(t, x)}{h} u(t, x) dt dx + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i, j=1}^n a_{ij}(t, x) \left[\bar{\varrho}_{-h}(t, x) \right]_{x_i} \times \\ & \times u_{x_j}(t, x) dt dx - \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i, j=1}^n b_i(t, x) u_{x_i}(t, x) \bar{\varrho}_{-h}(t, x) dt dx - \\ & - \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} c(t, x) u(t, x) \bar{\varrho}_{-h}(t, x) dt dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \varrho(t, x) \frac{u(t+h, x) - u(t, x)}{h} + \sum_{i, j=1}^n \varrho_{x_i}(t, x) \left[a_{ij}(t, x) u_{x_j}(t, x) \right]_h - \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[b_i(t, x) u_{x_i}(t, x) \right]_h \varrho(t, x) - \left[c(t, x) u(t, x) \right]_h \times \right. \\ & \left. \times \varrho(t, x) \right\} dt dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the last equality can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad & \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \left\{ u_h(t, x) \varrho(t, x) + \sum_{i, j=1}^n \varrho_{x_i}(t, x) \left[a_{ij}(t, x) u_{x_j}(t, x) \right]_h - \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[b_i(t, x) u_{x_i}(t, x) \right]_h \varrho(t, x) - \left[c(t, x) u(t, x) \right]_h \varrho(t, x) \right\} dt dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (9) the function

$$\varrho(t, x) = u_h H \zeta^2,$$

where $\zeta \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$ in \mathbb{R}^n , $\zeta(x) = 1$ for $|x| < R$, $\zeta = 0$ for $|x| > R+1$ and $|\zeta_x|$ is bounded independently of R , we derive

$$(10) \quad \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x) \zeta(x)^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x) \zeta(x)^2 dx + \\ + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n (a_{ij} u_{x_j})_{x_i} (u_h H \zeta^2)_{x_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i u_{x_i})_{x_i} u_h H \zeta^2 - \right. \\ \left. - (cu)_h u_h H \zeta^2 - u_h H_t \zeta^2 \right\} dt dx = 0.$$

Since $\| (u - u_h)_{H^2 \zeta} \|_{L^2(D_T)} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$ for any $T > 0$, there exist a dense set ξ in $[0, \infty)$ and a subsequence $h_k \rightarrow 0$ such that

$$\left\| \left[u(t, \cdot) - u_{h_k}(t, \cdot) \right] H(t, \cdot) \zeta(\cdot) \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \xrightarrow{h_k \rightarrow 0} 0$$

for all $t \in \xi$. Now taking $t_1, t_2 \in \xi$ and $h = h_k$ in (10) and passing to the limit we get

$$(11) \quad \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x) \zeta(x)^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x) \zeta(x)^2 dx = \\ = -2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} u_{x_i} H \zeta^2 dt dx - 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} u_{x_i}^H \zeta^2 dt dx -$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - 4 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} u_H \zeta_{x_i}^2 dt dx + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i u_{x_i} u_H \zeta^2 dt dx + \\
 & + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} c u^2_H \zeta^2 dt dx + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u^2_H \zeta^2 dt dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the following inequalities

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} u_H \zeta_{x_i}^2 \leq \frac{\epsilon_1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_i} u_{x_j} \zeta^2_H + \frac{1}{2\epsilon_1 H} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} H_{x_i} H_{x_j} u^2 \zeta^2,$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} u_H \zeta_{x_i} \leq \frac{\epsilon_2}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_i} u_{x_j} H \zeta^2 + \frac{1}{2\epsilon_2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \zeta_{x_i} \zeta_{x_j} H u^2$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_i u_{x_i} u_H \zeta \leq \epsilon_3 |\nabla_x u|^2_H \zeta^2 + \frac{1}{\epsilon_3} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 u^2_H \zeta^2$$

hold for any positive numbers ϵ_1, ϵ_2 and ϵ_3 , which will be chosen later.

Substituting these inequalities into (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2_H(t_2, x) \zeta(x)^2 dx + (2\lambda_0 - 2\epsilon_3 - 2\lambda_0 \epsilon_2 - \lambda_0 \epsilon_1) \times \\
 & \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla_x u|^2_H \zeta^2 dt dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \left[-\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 H} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} H_{x_i} H_{x_j} - \frac{2}{\epsilon_3} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 H - \right. \\
 & \left. - 2c_H - 2H_t \right] u^2 \zeta^2 dt dx \leq \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2_H(t_1, x) \zeta(x)^2 dx + \\
 & + 2\epsilon_2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \zeta_{x_i} \zeta_{x_j} H u^2 dt dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now taking $\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $\varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{8}$, $\varepsilon_3 = \frac{\lambda_0}{2}$ and letting $R \rightarrow \infty$ we infer from the last inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^{2H(t_2, x)} dx + \frac{\lambda_0}{4} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla_x u|^2 H dt dt + \\ & + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 \left[-\frac{2}{H} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} H_{x_i} H_{x_j} - \frac{4}{\lambda_0} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 H - 2cH - 2H_t \right] dt dx \leq \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^{2H(t_1, x)} dx. \end{aligned}$$

According to the assumption (B) the expression in brackets is nonnegative, hence

$$\int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^{2H(t_2, x)} dx \leq \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^{2H(t_1, x)} dx$$

for almost all $t_1 \leq t_2$ and by the continuity of $\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^{2H(t, x)} dx$ with respect to t we obtain (8).

To state our main result we shall need the following assumption on Ω :

Let g be an increasing, continuous and positive function on $[0, \infty)$ such that

$$g(v) \geq Cv^{1-\varepsilon_0} \quad \text{for any } v \leq \delta_0,$$

where C , δ_0 and ε_0 are some positive constants and $\varepsilon_0 \leq \frac{1}{n}$.

Let Ω be an unbounded domain in R_n . We say that Ω possesses property $\mathbf{u}(g)$, and write $\Omega \in \mathbf{u}(g)$, if $l(v) \geq g(v)$, where

$$l(v) = \inf_{\text{mes}_n Q = v} \text{mes}_{n-1} (\partial Q \cap \Omega)$$

and mes_k denotes k -dimensional measure.

The following form of Sobolev inequality was proved by Guščin (see [2] and [5]):

If $\Omega \in \mathcal{U}(g)$ then for each function $f \in W_2^1(\Omega) \cap L_1(\Omega)$ the inequality

$$(12) \quad \int_{\Omega} |\nabla f(x)|^2 dx \geq K \frac{\int_{\Omega} f(x)^2 dx}{P \left[\frac{(2 \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx)^2}{\int_{\Omega} f(x)^2 dx} \right]}$$

holds, where $K = \frac{16}{\ln^2 2}$
and

$$P(v) = \int_0^v \frac{1}{\xi} \left(\int_0^{\xi} \frac{\theta}{g(\theta)^2} d\theta \right) d\xi.$$

The examples of domains having property $\mathcal{U}(g)$ can be found in [2], [5].

Theorem 1. If u is a solution of the problem (1) - (3) and $\Omega \in \mathcal{U}(g)$, then

$$(13) \quad \int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx \leq \frac{1}{J^{-1}\left(\frac{\lambda_0 K t}{2}\right)},$$

where J^{-1} denotes the inverse function of the function J given by the formula

$$J(w) = \int_0^w P \left(\frac{4M \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0, x)^2 dx}{\theta} \right) d\theta,$$

where $M = \sup_{t>0} \int_{\Omega} H(t, x) dx$.

P r o o f . The first part of the proof follows similar lines to that of Lemma 2. We use the equality (9) with $\varrho = u_h H^2 \zeta^2$, where ζ is the function introduced in the proof of Lemma 2. Letting $h \rightarrow 0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (14) \quad & \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 \zeta(x)^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 \zeta(x)^2 dx = \\
 & = - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_i} (uH^2)_{x_j} \zeta^2 dt dx - 4 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} uH^2 x \\
 & \quad \times \zeta_{x_i} dt dx + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i u_{x_i} uH^2 \zeta^2 dt dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} cu^2 H^2 \zeta^2 dt dx + \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 H H_t \zeta^2 dt dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

We now observe that the equality (14) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (15) \quad & \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 \zeta(x)^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 \zeta(x)^2 dx = \\
 & = - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} (uH)_{x_i} (uH)_{x_j} \zeta^2 dt dx + \\
 & \quad + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u^2 H_{x_i} H_{x_j} \zeta^2 dt dx - 4 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_j} uH^2 \zeta_{x_i} dt dx + \\
 & \quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i u_{x_i} uH^2 \zeta^2 dt dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} cu^2 H^2 \zeta^2 dt dx + 2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 H H_t \zeta^2 dt dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice also that

$$(16) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n b_i u_{x_i} uH^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i (uH)_{x_i} uH - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i u^2 H_{x_i} H.$$

$$(17) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n b_i (uH)_{x_i} uH \leq \delta_1 |(uH)_x|^2 + \frac{1}{\delta_1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 u^2 H^2$$

for any $\delta_1 > 0$

$$(18) \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} u_{x_i} uH^2 \zeta \zeta_{x_j} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} (uH)_{x_i} (uH) \zeta \zeta_{x_j} - \\ - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} uH_{x_i} (uH) \zeta \zeta_{x_j}$$

$$(19) \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} (uH)_{x_i} (uH) \zeta \zeta_{x_j} \leq \frac{\delta_2}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} (uH)_{x_i} (uH)_{x_j} \zeta^2 + \\ + \frac{1}{2\delta_2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \zeta_{x_i} \zeta_{x_j} u^2 H^2$$

for any $\delta_2 > 0$ and

$$(20) \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} uH_{x_i} (uH) \zeta \zeta_{x_j} \leq \frac{\delta_3}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} H_{x_i} H_{x_j} u^2 \zeta^2 + \\ + \frac{1}{2\delta_3} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \zeta_{x_i} \zeta_{x_j} u^2 H^2$$

for any $\delta_3 > 0$. Combining (16) - (20) with (15) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 \zeta(x)^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 \zeta(x)^2 dx + \\
& + (2\lambda_0 - 2\delta_2 \lambda_0 - \delta_1) \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} |(uH)_x|^2 \zeta^2 dt dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 \zeta^2 \left[(-2\delta_3 - 2) \times \right. \\
& \times \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} H_{x_i} H_{x_j} - \frac{2}{\delta_1} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 H^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i H_{x_i} H - 2cH^2 - 2HH_t \left. \right] dt dx \leq \\
& \leq \left(\frac{2}{\delta_3} + \frac{2}{\delta_2} \right) \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \zeta_{x_i} \zeta_{x_j} u^2 H^2 dt dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking $R \rightarrow \infty$, $\delta_3 = 1$, $\delta_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, $\delta_1 = \frac{\lambda_0}{2}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(21) \quad & \int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 dx + \\
& + \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} |(uH)_x|^2 dt dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 \left[-4 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} H_{x_i} H_{x_j} - \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{4}{\lambda_0} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 H^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i H_{x_i} H - 2cH^2 - 2HH_t \right] dt dx \leq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the assumption (5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 dx & \leq -\frac{\lambda_0}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} |(uH)_x|^2 dt dx + \\
& + \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 dx
\end{aligned}$$

for any $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2$. Applying (12) to the function (uH) , we conclude

$$\int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 dx \leq -\frac{\lambda_0 K}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx}{P \left[\frac{(2 \int_{\Omega} |u(t, x)| H(t, x) dx)^2}{\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx} \right]} dt +$$

$$+ \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 dx.$$

By Hölder's inequality and Lemma 2 we have

$$(21) \int_{\Omega} |u(t, x)| H(t, x) dx \leq \left[\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\int_{\Omega} H(t, x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq$$

$$\leq M^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0, x) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Using the fact that P is increasing we conclude that

$$\int_{\Omega} u(t_2, x)^2 H(t_2, x)^2 dx \leq -\frac{\lambda_0 K}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx}{P \left[\frac{4M \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0, x) dx}{\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx} \right]} dt +$$

$$+ \int_{\Omega} u(t_1, x)^2 H(t_1, x)^2 dx$$

for any $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2$. It is easily seen that the last inequality implies

$$D_- \left[\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx \right] \leq -\frac{\lambda_0 K}{2} \frac{\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx}{P \left[\frac{4M \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0, x) dx}{\int_{\Omega} u(t, x)^2 H(t, x)^2 dx} \right]},$$

where D_- denotes the left-hand lower Dini's derivative. On the other hand consider the ordinary differential equation

$$(22) \quad z'(t) = -\frac{\lambda_0 K}{2} \frac{z(t)}{P\left(\frac{K_1}{z(t)}\right)}$$

with the initial condition

$$(23) \quad z(0) = \int_{\Omega} u(0,x)^2 H(0,x)^2 dx = \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0,x)^2 dx,$$

where

$$K_1 = 4M \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0,x) dx.$$

It follows from the standard theorem on differential inequalities that (see theorem 9.5 in [7] p.27)

$$\int_{\Omega} u(t,x)^2 H(t,x)^2 dx \leq z(t)$$

for $t \geq 0$. Now solving the differential equation (22) with the condition (23) we obtain the estimate (13).

Theorem 2. Let u be a solution of the problem (1) - (3) and $\Omega \in \mathcal{U}(g)$. If the assumption (5) is replaced by

$$(5') \quad 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t,x) H_{x_i} H_{x_j} - \frac{2}{\lambda_0} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t,x)^2 H + \\ + \delta \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t,x) H_{x_i} H - cH^2 - HH_t \geq \alpha H^2$$

for all $(t,x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$, $\delta = 0,1$ and for some positive constant α , then

$$(24) \quad \int_{\Omega} u(t,x)^2 H(t,x)^2 dx \leq \min \left(\frac{1}{J^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_0 K t}{2} \right)}, e^{-2\alpha t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(c,x)^2 dx \right)$$

for all $(t,x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$.

P r o o f . It follows from the inequality (21) and the condition (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} u(t,x)^2 H(t,x)^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} u(t_1,x)^2 H(t_1,x)^2 dx + \\ & + \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \int_{t_1}^t \int_{\Omega} |(uH)_x|^2 dt dx + 2\alpha \int_{t_1}^t \int_{\Omega} u^2 H^2 dt dx \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

herce

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} u(t_2,x)^2 H(t_2,x)^2 dx & \leq -2\alpha \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} u(t,x)^2 H(t,x)^2 dt dx + \\ & + \int_{\Omega} u(t_1,x)^2 H(t_1,x)^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

for any $0 \leq t_1 < t_2$. Proceeding as at the end of the proof of Theorem 1 we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} u(t,x)^2 H(t,x)^2 dx \leq e^{-2\alpha t} \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x)^2 H(0,x)^2 dx$$

for all $t \geq 0$ and the assertion follows.

To illustrate the estimates (13) and (24) we shall give two examples:

E x a m p l e 1. Suppose that

$$c \leq -M|x|^2, \quad b_1 = 0$$

for $(t,x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$. Set $H(t,x) = e^{-v|x|^2}$ then the inequality (5) has the form

$$\left(-8\nu^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j - c \right) H^2 \geq (-8\nu^2 \lambda_0 |x|^2 + M|x|^2) M^2 \geq 0$$

for all $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$, provided ν is sufficiently small. In this example Theorem 1 is applicable.

Example 2. Suppose that the coefficients b_i and c are bounded and set

$$H(t, x) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \cosh x_i \right]^{-1} e^{-\mu t}.$$

We can easily verify that

$$\left[-2 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \operatorname{tgh} x_i \operatorname{tgh} x_j - \frac{2}{\lambda_0} \sum_{i=1}^n - \delta \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \operatorname{tgh} x_i - c + \mu \right] H^2 \geq \alpha H^2$$

for all $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \Omega$, provided μ is sufficiently large and it is clear that we can apply Theorem 2.

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