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## PARABOLIC PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH MEMORY

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### Introduction

In this paper we consider the first initial-boundary value problem for the system of quasilinear parabolic equations

$$\frac{\partial u^{(r)}}{\partial t} + \sum_{|i|, |j| \leq k} (-1)^{|i|} D^i (a_{ij}^{(r)}(x) D^j u^{(r)}) + \quad (1)$$

$$+ f^{(r)}(t, x, Du, \int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) Du(\tau) d\tau) = 0$$

for  $r = 1, \dots, N$

in the domain  $Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$ , where  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$  ( $T < \infty$ ), is a bounded domain  $x \in \Omega \subset E^M$  ( $M$  — dimensional Euclidean space) with a Lipschitzian boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .

$i = (i_1, \dots, i_M)$  is a multi-index

$$D^i = \frac{\partial^{|i|}}{x_1^{i_1} \dots x_M^{i_M}}, \quad |i| = \sum_{p=1}^M i_p$$

and  $Du$  is the vector function,  $Du \equiv (D^i u^{(1)}, \dots, D^i u^{(N)}; i \leq k)$ .

Let  $\int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) Du(\tau) d\tau$  denote the vector function

$$\left( \int_0^t K_{\alpha,1}(t, \tau) D^i u^{(1)}(\tau) d\tau, \dots, \int_0^t K_{\alpha,N}(t, \tau) D^i u^{(N)}(\tau) d\tau; i \leq k \right),$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_{i,j}; |i| \leq k, j = 1, \dots, N)$ ,  $\alpha_{i,j} \in E^d$ , where  $d = \text{card} \{i, |i| \leq k\}$ .

The function  $K_\alpha(t, \tau)$  is absolutely integrable in  $\langle 0, T \rangle$ .

The integral in the system (1) is in the sense of Bochner integral (see [9]). All the functions  $f^{(r)}(t, x, \xi)$ ,  $\xi \in E^{2Nd}$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$  are Lipschitz continuous in  $t$  and  $\xi$ .

Initial-boundary conditions are of the form

$$u^{(r)}(x, 0) = u_0^{(r)}(x) \quad D^l u^{(r)} / \partial\Omega \times (0, T) = 0 \quad (2)$$

for  $l = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$

where  $D^l$  is the outward normal derivative of order  $l$  with respect to  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $u_0^{(r)}(x) \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$  (Sobolev space).

To solve our problem we use Rothe's method and some techniques recently developed in [1]—[7]. In the paper [10] a solution of this problem using other method as in the present paper is given. These references concern our problems. The present paper's contribution is a proof of regularity, uniqueness and approximation of a solution

An approximate solution  $u^n(x, t) = (u^1(x, t), \dots, u^N(x, t))$  of the problem (1), (2) is constructed in terms of functions  $u_s^{(r)}(x)$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$  which are obtained in the following way:

Let  $\{t_s\}_{s=1}^n$  be the uniform partition of  $(0, T)$ ,  $h = \frac{T}{n}$ ,  $t_s = (s-1)h$ . Successively for  $s = 1, \dots, n$  we solve the linear Dirichlet boundary value problems

$$\frac{u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}}{h} + \sum_{|i| \leq k} (-1)^{|i|} D^i (a^i D u^{(r)}) + f^{(r)}(t_s, x, Du_{s-1}, \sum_{i=0}^1 \tilde{K}_\alpha(t_s, ih) Du h) = 0 \quad \text{for } r = 1, \dots, N \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{K}_\alpha(t, y) = \frac{1}{y - (i-1)h} \int_{(i-1)h}^y K_\alpha(t, \tau) d\tau \quad \text{in } \langle (i-1)h, ih \rangle$$

$$u_0^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}(x) D^l u_s^{(r)}(x) / \partial\Omega = 0 \quad (2)$$

for  $r = 1, \dots, N$  and  $l = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$

where  $u_0^{(r)} = u_s^{(r)}(x)$  is taken from (2). Then we construct Rothe's functions

$$u^{r,n}(x, t) = u_s^{(r)}(x) + (t - t_{s-1}) h^{-1} (u_s^{(r)}(x) - u_{s-1}^{(r)}(x))$$

for  $t_{s-1} \leq t \leq t_s$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

We prove that  $u^{r,n}(x, t)$  converges for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to the weak solution  $u^r(x, t)$  where  $r = 1, \dots, N$  (see Definition 3) in the norm of the space  $W^{k-1}_2(\Omega) \cap W^k_2(\Omega)$  for all  $t \in (0, T)$ , where  $\Omega'$  is an arbitrary subdomain of  $\Omega$  with  $\overline{\Omega'} \subset \Omega$ . If (3) is satisfied for  $l = k$ , then our weak solution  $u(x, t) = (u^1(x, t), \dots, u^N(x, t))$  satisfies (1) for a.e.  $(x, t) \in Q$  in the classical sense.

### Notation and definitions

By  $C, K$  with index we always mean positive constants. By  $C^1(\Omega)$  we denote the space of Lipschitz continuous functions in  $\Omega$ .  $C^{p,1}(\Omega)$  the subset of all  $v \in C^{0,1}(\Omega)$  such that  $D^i v \in C^{p-1}(\Omega)$  for all  $i$  with  $|i| = p$ .

We shall assume.

$$a_{ij}^{(r)}(x) \in C^{p, r-1}(\bar{\Omega}) \quad |i|, |j| \leq k \quad (3)$$

where  $p_{..l} = \max \{0, |i| + l - k - 1\}$  and  $l$  is an integer satisfying  $1 \leq l \leq k$ .

Ellipticity is assumed in the form

$$\sum_{|i|, |j|=k} a_{ij}^{(r)}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \geq C_1 \sum_{|i|=k} \xi_i^2 \quad (4)$$

where  $C_1 > 0$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

$f^{(r)}(t, x, \xi)$  is continuous in all variables and satisfies

$$|f^{(r)}(t, x, \xi) - f^{(r)}(t', x, \xi')| \leq C(|t - t'| + |x - x'| + |\xi - \xi'|) \quad (5)$$

where  $C > 0$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

Let us consider the Sobolev space

$$W_2^k(\Omega) \equiv W = \{u \in L_2(\Omega); D^i u \in L_2(\Omega) \text{ for all } |i| \leq k\}$$

with the norm  $\|u\|_W = \sum_{|i| \leq k} \|D^i u\|$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm in  $L_2(\Omega)$ . The scalar product in  $L_2(\Omega)$  is denoted by  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

Let  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  be the set of all infinitely differentiable functions with support in  $\Omega$ . We denote  $\dot{W}_2^k(\Omega) = \overline{C_0^\infty(\Omega)}$ , where the closure is taken in the norm of the space  $W_2^k(\Omega)$ .

By means of the bilinear form

$$[Au, v]_{(r)} = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|i|, |j| \leq k} a_{ij}^{(r)}(x) D^i u D^j v \, dx$$

for  $u, v \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$

we define a linear continuous operator  $A_r$  from  $W_2^k(\Omega)$  into  $W_2^{-k}(\Omega)$  ( $W_2^{-k}(\Omega)$  is the dual space to  $\dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ ).

Let  $X$  be a Banach space with a norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$  and  $v(t): \langle 0, T \rangle \rightarrow X$  be an abstract function.

**Definition 1.** We denote by  $L_p(\langle 0, T \rangle, X)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) the set of all measurable abstract functions  $v(t): \langle 0, T \rangle \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\|v\|_{L_p(\langle 0, T \rangle, X)} = \int_0^T \|v(t)\|_X \, dt < \infty \quad 1 \leq p < \infty$$

$$\|v\|_{L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle, X)} = \sup_{t \in \langle 0, T \rangle} \text{ess} \|v(t)\|_X < \infty \quad p = \infty$$

where

$$\sup_{t \in \langle 0, T \rangle} \text{ess} = \inf_{\substack{A \subset \langle 0, T \rangle \\ \mu(A) = 0}} \left\{ \sup_{\langle 0, T \rangle - A} \|v(t)\|_X \right\}.$$

Let  $C(\langle 0, T \rangle, X)$  be the set of all continuous functions  $v(t): \langle 0, T \rangle \rightarrow X$  with  $\|v(t)\|_{C(\langle 0, T \rangle, X)} = \max_{t \in \langle 0, T \rangle} \|v(t)\|_X < \infty$

The set of all abstract functions  $v(t): \langle 0, T \rangle \rightarrow X$  such that  $x^*(v(t)) \in C(\langle 0, T \rangle)$  for all  $x^* \in X^*$  ( $X^*$  is the dual space to  $X$ ) is denoted by  $C_w(\langle 0, T \rangle, X)$ .

**Definition 2.**  $C_w^1(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega))$  is the set of all  $v \in C(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega))$  such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} (v(t), w) \in C(\langle 0, T \rangle) \cap L(\langle 0, T \rangle)$$

for all  $w \in L_2(\Omega)$  and

$$\left| \frac{d}{dt} (v(t), w) \right| \leq C \|w\|.$$

In this case there exists a uniquely determined

$$g(t) \in L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega)) \cap C_w(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega))$$

such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} (v(t), w) = (g(t), w)$$

for all

$$w \in L_2(\Omega)$$

and we denote by  $\frac{dv(t)}{dt} = g(t)$  the weak derivate of  $v(t)$ .

$$\text{By } (F^{(r)}u)(t) = f^{(r)}(t, x, du, \int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) Du(\tau) d\tau),$$

$r = 1, \dots, N$ , we denote the operator from  $\langle 0, T \rangle \times W_2^k(\Omega) \rightarrow L_2(\Omega)$ .

We denote by  $\mathring{W} = [\mathring{W}_2^k(\Omega)]^N$  and  $L_2 = [L_2(\Omega)]^N$  the Cartesian products of  $\mathring{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ ,  $L_2(\Omega)$ , respectively.

**Definition 3.**  $u(t) \in L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle, \mathring{W})$  is a weak solution of the problem (1), (2) if

$$u(t) \in C_w^1(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2) \quad u(0) = (u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(N)})$$

and

$$\left( \frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}, v \right) + [A_r u^{(r)}(t), v] + ((F^{(r)}u)(t), v) = 0$$

holds for all  $v \in \mathring{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$  and  $t \in (0, T)$ .

We shall assume

$$A_r u_0^{(r)} \in L_2(\Omega) \quad r = 1, \dots, N. \quad (6)$$

### A priori estimates

$u_s^{(1)}, \dots, u_s^{(N)} \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$  are a solution of (1'), (2')

$$\left( \frac{u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}}{h}, v \right) + [A_r u_s^{(r)}, v] + ((F^{(r)} u_{s-1})(t), v) = 0 \quad (7)$$

holds for all  $v \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ , where

$$(F^{(r)} u^{(n)})(t) = f^{(r)}(t, x, Du_{s-1}, \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} K_{ii}(t, ih) Du_i h)$$

$t_{s-1} \leq t < t_s$ ,  $u^{(n)} = (u^{1,n}, \dots, u^{N,n})$ ,  $u^{i,n}$  is a Rothe's function. By  $\Omega'$  we denote an arbitrary subdomain of  $\Omega$  with  $\overline{\Omega'} \subset \Omega$ .

**Lemma 1.** *If (3)—(5) are satisfied, then there exists a unique solution  $u_s^{(1)}, \dots, u_s^{(N)} \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+1}(\Omega')$  of (1'), (2')*

$$(s = 1, \dots, n).$$

**Proof:** Let  $r \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ . From (3), (4) and due to lemma of Lions (see [8]) and inequality of Garding we obtain

$$[A_r u^{(r)}, u^{(r)}] \geq C_1 \|u^{(r)}\|_w^2 - C_4 \|u^{(r)}\|^2 \quad (8)$$

The operator  $A_r u^{(r)} + h^{-1} u^{(r)}$  is elliptic for  $h \leq h_0 < C_4^{-1}$  (see [8]).

If  $u_{s-1}^{(1)}, \dots, u_{s-1}^{(N)} \in W_2^k(\Omega)$ , then  $(F^{(r)} u_{s-1})(t) \in L_2(\Omega)$  because of (5). From the results on linear elliptic equations (see [8]) we conclude that there exists a unique solution  $u_s^{(1)}, \dots, u_s^{(N)} \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ .

If  $u_s^{(1)}, \dots, u_s^{(N)} \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$  are a solution of the equation

$$A_r u^{(r)} = \frac{u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}}{h} + (F^{(r)} u_{s-1})(t) \equiv f_{hs}^{(r)}$$

for  $r = 1, \dots, N$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\substack{\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) \\ \|\varphi\|_{W_2^{k-1}} \leq 1}} |(D^\alpha f_{hs}^{(r)}, \varphi)| = \\ & \equiv \sup_{\substack{\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) \\ \|\varphi\|_{W_2^{k-1}} \leq 1}} |(f_{hs}^{(r)}, D^\alpha \varphi)| \leq \|f_{hs}^{(r)}\| \end{aligned}$$

for  $|\alpha| \leq l-1$

Thus, from [8] we deduce  $u_i^{(r)} \in W_2^{k+1}(\Omega')$  and

$$\|u_i^{(r)}\|_{W_2^{k+1}(\Omega')} \leq C(\Omega')(\|u_i^{(r)}\|_w + \|f_i^{(r)}\|) \quad (9)$$

holds for all  $h \leq h$ , and  $s = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

In the sequel we shall assume that (3)—(6) are satisfied.

**Lemma 2.** *There exist  $C$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that the estimates*

$$\|u_i^{(r)}\| \leq C, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq C$$

take place for all  $h < h_0$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

*Proof:* Let us put  $v = u_i^{(r)}$  into (7) and then sum up for  $s = 1, \dots, p$  where  $1 < p \leq n$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^p (u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}, u_i^{(r)}) + h \sum_{i=1}^p [A_i u_i^{(r)}, u_i^{(r)}] + \\ + \sum_{i=1}^p h ((F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t), u_i^{(r)}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

From the identity

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^p (u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}, u_i^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^p \|u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|^2 \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 - \|u_0^{(r)}\|^2$$

and from (8) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 + C_1 \sum_{i=1}^p h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq \|u_0^{(r)}\|^2 + C_2 h \sum_{i=1}^p \|u_i^{(r)}\|^2 - \\ - 2h \sum_{i=1}^p ((F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t), u_i^{(r)}) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Applying Young's inequality

$$|ab| \leq \frac{a^2 \varepsilon^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2\varepsilon^2} \quad (12)$$

we estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^p h |(F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t), u_i^{(r)}| \leq \sum_{i=1}^p h \|(F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t)\| \cdot \|u_i^{(r)}\| \leq \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\varepsilon h}{2} \|(F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t)\|^2 + \frac{h}{2\varepsilon} \sum_{i=1}^p \|u_i^{(r)}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Owing to (5) we have

$$|(F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t)| \leq K_1 + K_2 \sum_{r=1}^N |Du_i^{(r)}| + K_3 \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{i=0}^{i-1} h |Du_i^{(r)}|$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(F^{(r)}u_{s-1})(t_s)\|^2 &\leq K_4 + K_5 \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{s-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + \\ &+ K_6 h \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \|u_i^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and hence, due to (11), (13), (14) we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 + C_1 \sum_{s=1}^p h \|u_s^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 &\leq \|u_0^{(r)}\|^2 + C_2 \sum_{r=1}^p h \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2 + \\ &+ \sum_{s=1}^p \frac{h}{2\varepsilon} \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2 + \sum_{s=1}^p \frac{\varepsilon h}{2} K_4 + \\ &+ \sum_{s=1}^p \frac{\varepsilon h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N [K_5 \|u_{s-1}^{(j)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + K_6 h \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \|u_i^{(j)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2] \end{aligned}$$

Applying the identity

$$\sum_{s=1}^p \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \|u_i^{(j)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 = \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (p-s) \|u_s^{(j)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 + C_1 h \sum_{s=1}^p \|u_s^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 &\leq \|u_0^{(r)}\|^2 + \left(C_2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\right) h \sum_{s=1}^p \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2 + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon T K_4}{2} + \varepsilon C(u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(N)}) + \frac{\varepsilon h K_5}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^p \|u_s^{(j)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon K_6 h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (p-s) \|u_s^{(j)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

and hence summing up for  $r = 1, \dots, N$  we estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 + \left(C_1 - \frac{\varepsilon N(K_5 + K_6 T)}{2}\right) \sum_{s=1}^p \sum_{r=1}^N h \|u_s^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 &\leq \\ &\leq C(\varepsilon, u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(N)}) + \sum_{s=1}^p \left(C_2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\right) \sum_{r=1}^N h \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let us choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that

$$C_1 - \frac{\varepsilon K_5 N}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon K_6 T N}{2} = \frac{C_1}{2}.$$



The we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 + \frac{C_1}{2} \sum_{s=1}^p \sum_{r=1}^N h \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq \\ & \leq C(\varepsilon, u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(N)}) + C_6 \sum_{s=1}^p \sum_{r=1}^N h \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

and in particular

$$\sum_{r=1}^N \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 \leq C_5 + C_6 \sum_{s=1}^p h \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2.$$

We denote

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_p^{(r)}\|^2 \\ a_p &\leq C_5 + C_6 \sum_{s=1}^p h a_s \end{aligned}$$

Now  $h \leq h_0 < C_6^{-1}$  implies succesively

$$a_p \leq C_5 (1 - C_6 h)^{-1} [1 + C_6 h (1 - C_6 h)^{-1}]^p \quad (16)$$

There exists  $C$  such that  $a_p \leq C$  for all  $p$  and  $h \leq h_0 < C_6^{-1}$ . The rest of the proo follows from (15).

**Lemma 3.** *There exist  $C > 0$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that the estimates*

$$\left\| \frac{u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 \leq C \quad h^{-1} \|u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}\|_w^2 < C$$

take place for all  $h \leq h_0$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

*Proof:* Let us consider (7) for  $s = i$ ,  $s = i - 1$ , putting  $v = u^{(r)} - u^{(r)_1}$ . Subtracting these equalities we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h}, u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)} \right) + [A_r(u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}), u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}] + \\ & + ((F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t) - F^{(r)} u_{i-2})(t_{i-1}), u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}) \\ & = \left( \frac{u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}}{h}, u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

from where, due to (8), we deduce

$$\left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + C_1 h^{-1} \|u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left\| \frac{u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}}{h} \right\| \left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\| + C_4 h \left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + \\ &\quad + \left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\| \left\| (F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t_i) - (F^{(r)} u_{i-2})(t_{i-1}) \right\| \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (5) we estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| (F^{(r)} u_{i-1})(t_i) - (F^{(r)} u_{i-2})(t_{i-1}) \right\|^2 \leq \\ &\leq C \left[ h^2 + h^2 \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Applying (12) we estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} - C_4 h - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \right] + C_1 h^{-1} \|u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \leq \\ &\leq \frac{Ch^2}{2\varepsilon^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + \frac{Ch^2}{2\varepsilon^2} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{2\varepsilon^2} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

let  $\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{ChN}{2C_1}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} - C_4 h - \frac{ChN}{4C_1} \right] + C_1 h^{-1} \|u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}}{2} \right\|^2 + \frac{C_1 h}{N} + \frac{C_1 h}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + \\ &\quad + \frac{C_1 h^{-1}}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

We denote  $C_5 = \frac{1}{2} \left( C_4 + \frac{CN}{4C_1} \right)$   $2C_1 = K$

Summing up for  $r = 1, \dots, N$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - C_5 h) \sum_{r=1}^N \left( \left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + Kh^{-1} \|u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \right) \leq \\ &\leq Kh + Kh \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 + \sum_{r=1}^N \left( \left\| \frac{u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + Kh^{-1} \|u_{i-1}^{(r)} - u_{i-2}^{(r)}\|_{\mathbb{W}}^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

We denote

$$a_i = \sum_{r=1}^N \left( \left\| \frac{u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + Kh^{-1} \|u_i^{(r)} - u_{i-1}^{(r)}\|_w^2 \right)$$

$$q = 1 - C_5 h \quad b_i = \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w^2$$

From (19) we have

$$qa_i \leq a_{i-1} + Kh + Khb_{i-1}$$

From this recurrent relation we obtain successively

$$q^{i-1} a_i \leq Kh(1 + q + \dots + q^{i-2}) + Kh(b_1 + qb_2 + \dots + q^{i-2} b_{i-1}) + a_1$$

Since  $1 \geq q^j = (1 - C_5 h)^j \geq e^{-C_5 T}$  for all  $j$  and  $h \leq h_0 < C_5^{-1}$  we have

$$e^{-C_5 T} a_i \leq a_1 + KT + Kh \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_j \quad (20)$$

Applying Lemma 2 we obtain

$$h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_j = h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_j^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq CN$$

Now we must show that  $a_1$  is bounded.

Putting  $v = u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}$  we have from (7)

$$\left( \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h}, u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)} \right) + [A_r u_1^{(r)}, u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}] + ((F^{(r)} u_0)(t), u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}) = 0$$

Owing to (6) we estimate

$$\left| \left[ A_r u_0^{(r)}, \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h} \right] \right| \leq \|A_r u_0^{(r)}\| \left\| \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h} \right\|$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 + [A_r (u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}), u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}] \leq \\ & \leq C(u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(N)}) \left\| \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h} \right\| + \|A_r u_0^{(r)}\| \left\| \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

Applying (8), (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}}{h} \right\|^2 \left( 1 - C_4 h - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \right) + h^{-1} C_1 \|u_1^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq \\ & \leq C(u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(N)}, \varepsilon) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Since  $h \leq h_0 < C_5^{-1}$  we can choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $1 - C_4 h - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} > \alpha > 0$ . From (21) it follows that  $a_i$  is bounded. The proof of Lemma 3 follows from (20).

**Lemma 4.** *There exists  $C$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that  $\|u_i^{(r)}\|_w \leq C$  for all  $h \leq h_0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .*

*Proof:* From (8) and (7) with  $v = u_s^{(r)}$  we obtain

$$C_1 \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq \left\| \frac{u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}}{h} \right\| \|u_s^{(r)}\| + \|(F^{(r)}u_{s-1})(t_s)\| \|u_s^{(r)}\| + C_2 \|u_s^{(r)}\|^2$$

Owing to (5) we estimate

$$\|(F^{(r)}u_{s-1})(t_s)\| \leq K_1 + K_2 \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{s-1}^{(r)}\|_w + K_3 \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w$$

Since

$$h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w \leq h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w^2 + \frac{h}{4}$$

we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w \leq \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w^2 + \frac{sh}{4}$$

Due to Lemma 2 we obtain

$$\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} h \|u_i^{(r)}\|_w \leq K_4$$

It holds

$$\|(F^{(r)}u_{s-1})(t_s)\| \leq K \left( 1 + \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{s-1}^{(r)}\|_w \right) \quad (22)$$

Due to Lemma 3 we have

$$\|u_{s-1}^{(r)}\|_w \leq \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w + \|u_s^{(r)} - u_{s-1}^{(r)}\|_w \leq \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w + K_5$$

and thus the estimate

$$C_1 \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq K_6 + K_7 \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w$$

Summing up for  $r = 1, \dots, N$  yields

$$\sum_{r=1}^N C_1 \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w^2 \leq C + C \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^N \left( \sqrt{C_1} \|u_s^{(r)}\|_w - \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 \leq C + \frac{NC^2}{4} \text{ for all } h < h_0, \text{ and } s=1, \dots, n.$$

The proof of Lemma 4 follows from the last inequality.

**Lemma 5.** *There exist  $C(\Omega')$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that*

$$\|u_s^{(r)}\|_{W_2^{k+l}(\Omega)} \leq C(\Omega')$$

for all  $h \leq h_0, s=1, \dots, n, r=1, \dots, N$ .

*Proof:* We denote

$$f_h^{(r)} = h^{-1}(u_s^{(r)} - u_s^{(r)}(t_1)) + (F^{(r)}u_{s-1})(t_s)$$

Due to Lemma 3, Lemma 4, (22) we have  $\|f_h^{(r)}\| \leq C$ . Thus, the result follows from (9) and Lemma 4.

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*Proof:* Let  $r \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ . Lemma 4 implies the estimate

$$\|u^{r,n}(t)\|_{W_2^k(\Omega)} < C$$

for all  $n$  and  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ .

From the compactness of the imbedding  $W_2^k(\Omega) \rightarrow L_2(\Omega)$  we conclude that for fixed  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$  it is possible to choose a subsequence of  $\{u^{r,n}(t)\}$  convergent in the norm of the space  $L_2(\Omega)$ . By the diagonal method we choose a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t)\}$  such that  $\{u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t)\}$  is convergent in  $L_2(\Omega)$  for each rational point  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ .

From Lemma 3 and the triangle inequality we deduce

$$\|u^{r,n}(t) - u^{r,n}(t')\| \leq C|t - t'| \tag{23}$$

for all  $n$  and  $t, t' \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ . For an arbitrary point  $t' \in \langle 0, T \rangle$  it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t') - u_{n_l}^{(r)}(t')\| \leq \\ & \leq \|u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t') - u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t)\| + \|u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t) - u_{n_l}^{(r)}(t) + \|u_{n_l}^{(r)}(t) - u_n^{(r)}(t')\| \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where  $t$  is a rational point.

Owing to (23) we have that  $u_{n_k}^{(r)} \rightarrow u^{(r)}$  in  $L_2(\Omega)$  for all  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ . It holds

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^{(r)}(t) - u^{(r)}(t')\| & \leq \|u^{(r)}(t) - u^{r,n}(t)\| + \|u^{r,n}(t) - u^{r,n}(t')\| + \\ & + \|u^{r,n}(t') - u^{(r)}(t')\| \end{aligned}$$

where with (23) we can see that  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C(\langle 0, T \rangle; L_2(\Omega))$

From (24) passing to the limit for  $l \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that  $u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  locally uniformly, i.e.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K > 0 \delta, (\varepsilon) > 0 \forall t' |t - t'| < \delta, (\varepsilon): \|u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t) - u^{(r)}(t)\| < \varepsilon$$

Thus, the rest of the proof follows from the Borel covering theorem.

We denote the sequence  $\{u_{n_k}^{(r)}(t)\}$  from Lemma 6 by  $\{u_n^{(r)}(t)\}$  for  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $r \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ ,  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega))$  be the same as in Lemma 6. The following assertions hold:*

- a)  $u^{(r)}(t)$  is Lipschitz continuous from  $\langle 0, T \rangle$  into  $L_2(\Omega)$
- b)  $u^{(r)}(t) \in L_\infty(\langle \delta, T \rangle, \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+l}(\Omega'))$  for all  $0 < \delta < T$   
if  $u_0^{(r)} \in W_2^{k+l}(\Omega)$ , then  $\delta = 0$ .
- c)  $u_n^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  in the norm of the space  $W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega') \cap W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)$   
for all  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$
- d)  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C(\langle \delta, T \rangle, \dot{W}_2^{k-1}(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega'))$   
if  $u_0^{(r)} \in W_2^{k+l}(\Omega)$ , then  $\delta = 0$ .

**Proof:** Assertion a) follows from Lemma 6 and (23).

b) The space  $H = \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+l}(\Omega')$  is a separable Hilbert space with respect to the scalar product

$$(\cdot, \cdot)_H = (\cdot, \cdot)_{W_2^k(\Omega)} + (\cdot, \cdot)_{W_2^{k+l}(\Omega')}$$

From Lemma 4 and Lemma 5 we deduce that

$$\max_{t \in \langle \frac{T}{n}, T \rangle} \|u_n^{(r)}(t)\|_H \leq C \quad \text{for all } n \quad (25)$$

Thus, if  $0 < \delta < T$  then there exists  $w \in L_\infty(\langle \delta, T \rangle, H)$  and a subsequence  $\{u_{n_k}^{(r)}\}$  of  $\{u_n^{(r)}\}$  such that  $u_{n_k}^{(r)} \rightharpoonup w$  (the symbol  $\rightharpoonup$  denotes the weak convergence) in  $L_\infty(\langle \delta, T \rangle, H)$ . From this fact it follows also that  $u_{n_k}^{(r)} \rightharpoonup w$  in  $L_2(\langle \delta, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega)) \supset L_\infty(\langle \delta, T \rangle, H)$  and hence due to Lemma 6, we have  $u^{(r)} = w$ . If  $u_0^{(r)} \in W_2^{k+l}(\Omega)$  then we can put  $\delta = 0$ .

Since  $\|u^{(r)}(t)\| \leq \liminf \|u_n^{(r)}(t)\|$  and due to (25) we obtain

$$\sup_{t \in \langle \delta, T \rangle} \|u^{(r)}(t)\|_H \leq C \quad \text{for all } \delta > 0 \quad (26)$$

c) From (25) and the compactness of the imbedding  $W_2^k(\Omega) \rightarrow W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)$  we obtain that  $u_{n_k}^{(r)} \rightarrow w$  in  $W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)$ . Due to Lemma 6 we have  $u_{n_k}^{(r)} \rightarrow u^{(r)}$  in  $L_2(\Omega)$ , i.e.  $u^{(r)} = w$  since  $L_2(\Omega) \supset W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)$ . Similarly we can show that  $u_n^{(r)} \rightarrow u^{(r)}$  in  $W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega')$ .

d) From (26) and the compactness of the imbedding  $W_2^k(\Omega) \rightarrow W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)$  and  $W_2^{k+l}(\Omega') \rightarrow W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega')$  for  $t_n \rightarrow t$  ( $t_n \in \langle \delta, T \rangle$ ) we obtain that  $u^{(r)}(t_n) \rightarrow w_r$  in  $W_2^{k-1}(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega')$ . From assertion a) we have  $u^{(r)}(t_n) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  in  $L_2(\Omega)$ . Since  $L_2(\Omega) \supset W_2^{k-1}(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega')$  we have  $u^{(r)}(t_n) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  in the norm of the space  $W_2^{k-1}(\Omega) \cap W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega')$ . If  $u_0^{(r)} \in W_2^{k+l}(\Omega)$ , then we can put  $\delta = 0$ .

### Existence and uniqueness of the solution

Let us define step functions  $w_n^{(r)}(t): \langle 0, T \rangle \rightarrow H$  for  $r = 1, \dots, N$  by

$$\begin{aligned} w_n^{(r)}(t) &= u_s^{(r)} & t_{s-1} < t \leq t_s \\ w_n^{(r)}(t) &= u_0^{(r)} & t \in \left\langle -\frac{T}{n}, 0 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where  $H = W_2^{k+l}(\Omega') \cap \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ .

The identity (7) can be rewritten into the form

$$\left( \frac{d^- u^{(r)}(t)}{dt}, v \right) + [A_r w_n^{(r)}(t), v] + ((F^{(r)} u_n)(t), v) = 0 \quad (27)$$

for all  $v \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ ,  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$

where  $\frac{d^-}{dt}$  is the lefthand derivative. By integrating (27) over  $\langle 0, t \rangle$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (u_n^{(r)}(t), v) + \int_0^t [A_r w_n^{(r)}(\tau), v] d\tau + \int_0^t ((F^{(r)} u_n)(\tau), v) d\tau - \\ - (u_0^{(r)}, v) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

for all  $v \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

Lemma 3 implies

$$\|w_n^{(r)}(t) - u_n^{(r)}(t)\| \leq \frac{C}{n} \quad \text{for all } t \in \langle 0, T \rangle. \quad (29)$$

From Lemma 4 and Lemma 5 we have

$$\|u_s^{(r)}\|_H \leq K$$

and due to (25) we obtain

$$\|w_n^{(r)}\|_h \leq C \quad \text{for all } r = 1, \dots, N. \quad (30)$$

From (29), (30) we deduce that

$$w_n^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t) \quad (31)$$

in the norm of space  $W_2^{k+l-1}(\Omega') \cap W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)$  for all  $t \in (0, T)$ .

**Lemma 8.** a) if  $v \in \dot{W}_2^k(\Omega)$ , then

$((F^{(r)}u_n)(t), v) \rightarrow ((F^{(r)}u)(t), v)$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$

b)  $((F^{(r)}u)(t), v) \in C((0, T)) \cap L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle)$

and the estimate

$$|((F^{(r)}u)(t), v)| \leq C \|v\|$$

takes place for all  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $v \in L_2(\Omega)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

Proof: a) First we prove

$$\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \tilde{K}_\alpha(t, ih) h Du_i \rightarrow \int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) Du(\tau) d\tau \quad (32)$$

in the norm of the space  $L_2(\Omega)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{K}_\alpha(t, y) &= \frac{1}{y - (i-1)h} \int_{(i-1)h}^y K_\alpha(t, \tau) d\tau \quad \text{in } \langle (i-1)h, ih \rangle \\ \|w_n^{(r)}(t) - u^{(r)}(t)\|_{W_2^{k+i-1}(\Omega) \cap W_2^k(\Omega)} &\geq \|w_n^{(r)}(t) - u^{(r)}(t)\|_{W_2^{k-1}(\Omega)} = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \|D^i(w_n^{(r)}(t) - u^{(r)}(t))\| \end{aligned}$$

From (31) we have that

$$D^i w_n^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow D^i u^{(r)}(t) \quad \text{in } L_2(\Omega') \quad \text{for } |i| \leq k-1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \tilde{K}_\alpha(t, ih) h Du_i - \int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) Du(\tau) d\tau \right\| = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \left\| \int_{(i-1)h}^{ih} K_\alpha(t, \tau) [Du_i - Du(\tau)] d\tau \right\| = \\ &= \left\| \int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) [Du_i - Du(\tau)] d\tau \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \int_0^t |K_\alpha(t, \tau)| \|Du_i - Du(\tau)\| d\tau \end{aligned}$$

From the properties of the Bochner's integral and applying the Bochner's theorem we conclude that (32) holds. (32) is true for function  $K_\alpha(t, \tau)$  as well. The rest of the proof follows from (5).

b) From Lemma 7 and (5) we have  $((F^{(r)}u)(t), v) \in C((0, T))$ . (26) and (5) imply

$$|((F^{(r)}u)(t), v)| \leq \|((F^{(r)}u)(t))\| \|v\| \leq C \|v\|$$



**Lemma 9.** a)  $A, u^{(r)}(t) \in L_\infty(\Omega)$  for all  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$  with  $\|A, u^{(r)}(t)\| \leq C$

b)  $[A, u^{(r)}(t), v] \in C(\langle 0, T \rangle)$  for all  $v \in \dot{W}^k(\Omega)$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

Proof: Due to Lemma 3, Lemma 4 and (5) we deduce

$$\left\| \frac{d u_n^{(r)}(t)}{dt} \right\| \leq C \|F^{(r)} u_n(t)\| \leq C$$

Since

$$[A w_n^{(r)}(t), v] \rightarrow [A, u^{(r)}(t), v],$$

we obtain from (27)

$$\|[A, u^{(r)}(t), v]\| \leq C \|v\| \text{ for all } v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) \quad r = 1, \dots, N. \quad (33)$$

The rest of the proof follows from the density of  $C_c(\Omega)$  in  $L_\infty(\Omega)$ .

b) The required result follows from the continuity of the operator  $A$  and from Lemma 7.

**Remark:** In virtue of (26) and Lemma 7a we prove easily that  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C_w(\langle \delta, T \rangle, H)$ . If  $u_0^{(r)} \in W^{k+1}(\Omega)$ , then  $\delta = 0$ . Indeed, if  $t \rightarrow t_0$ ,  $t_0 \in \langle \delta, T \rangle$  then  $u_{t_n}^{(r)} \rightarrow w$  in the reflexive space  $H$ , because of (26). But, owing to Lemma 7a we have  $w = u^{(r)}(t_0)$ . Thus,  $u^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  in  $H$ .

**Theorem 1.** There exists a solution  $u(t) = (u^{(1)}(t), \dots, u^{(N)}(t))$  of the problem (1), (2) with the following properties: (let  $r \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ )

a)  $u^{(r)}(t) : \langle 0, T \rangle \rightarrow L(\Omega)$  is Lipschitz continuous

b)  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C_w^1(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_\infty(\Omega))$  and there exists  $u_t^{(r)}(t)$  (strong derivative) for a.e.

$t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$  with  $u_t^{(r)} = \frac{d u^{(r)}(t)}{dt}$  and  $u_t^{(r)} \in L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_\infty(\Omega))$

c)  $u^{(r)}(t) \in L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle, W_2^{k+1}(\Omega') \cap W^k(\Omega)) \cap C_w(\langle 0, T \rangle, W_2^{k+1}(\Omega') \cap W^k(\Omega))$  if  $u_0^{(r)} \in W^{k+1}(\Omega)$  then we can put  $\langle 0, T \rangle$  instead of  $(0, T)$

d)  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C(\langle \delta, T \rangle, W^{k+1}(\Omega') \cap \dot{W}^k(\Omega))$  for  $0 < \delta < T$  if  $u_0^{(r)} \in W^{k+1}(\Omega)$ , then  $\delta = 0$

e)  $A, u^{(r)}(t) \in L_\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle, L(\Omega)) \cap C_w(\langle 0, T \rangle, L(\Omega))$ .

Proof: b) Let  $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in (28) Owing to Lemma 6, Lemma 8, (33) and Lebesgue's theorem, by the limiting process  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (28) we deduce

$$(u^{(r)}(t), v) + \int [A, u^{(r)}(\tau), v] d\tau + \int_0^t ((F^{(r)} u)(\tau), v) d\tau - (u^{(r)}(0), v) = 0 \quad (34)$$

for all  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  and hence also for  $v \in \dot{W}^k(\Omega)$ . From (34), Lemma 8, Lemma 9 we conclude  $u^{(r)}(t) \in C^1(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_\infty(\Omega))$ . Differentiating in (34) we obtain that  $u^{(r)}(t)$  is a solution of (1), (2)  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

The identity

$$\frac{d(u^{(r)}(t), w)}{dt} = (u_i^{(r)}(t), w)$$

for all  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $w \in L_2(\Omega)$  implies

$$\int_0^T (u^{(r)}(t), \psi'(t)w) dt = - \int_0^T \left( \frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}, \psi(t)w \right) dt$$

for all  $w \in L_2(\Omega)$  and  $\psi(t) \in C_0^\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle)$ . Thus (see [5])  $u^{(r)}(t) \in W_2^1(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega))$  and there exists the strong derivative  $\frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}$  and the equality  $u_i^{(r)}(t) = \frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}$  is true for  $t \in (0, T)$ . From (34), Lemma 7, Lemma 8 we deduce

$$\left| \left( \frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}, v \right) \right| \leq C \|v\|$$

for all  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $v \in L_2(\Omega)$ .

The continuity of  $\left( \frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}, w \right)$  implies the measurability of the abstract function  $\frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt}$ . Thus, assertion b) is proved. The rest of the proof is contained in the previous lemmas and remark.

Now, we shall be concerned with the dependence of the solution (1), (2) on  $u_0 = u_0^{(r)}$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$  and on the operators  $(F^{(r)}u)(t)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$ .

Let  $u_1(t) = (u_1^{(r)}(t); r = 1, \dots, N)$  and  $u_2(t) = (u_2^{(r)}(t); r = 1, \dots, N)$  be the solutions of (1), (2) corresponding to  $u_{01} = (u_{01}^{(r)}; r = 1, \dots, N)$ ,  $u_{02} = (u_{02}^{(r)}; r = 1, \dots, N)$  and  $((F_1^{(r)}u)(t); r = 1, \dots, N)$ ,  $((F_2^{(r)}u)(t); r = 1, \dots, N)$ , respectively.

**Theorem 2.** *If*

$$\|(F_1^{(r)}u)(t) - (F_2^{(r)}u)(t)\| \leq b_r(t) + \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ir}(t) \|u^i(t)\|_w \quad (35)$$

for all  $u \in W_2^1(\Omega)$  and  $r = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $a_{ir}(t)$ ,  $b_r(t)$  are continuous nonnegative functions in  $\langle 0, T \rangle$ , then the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)\| &\leq e^{Kt} \left( \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{01}^{(r)} - u_{02}^{(r)}\|^2 + \right. \\ &\left. + \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^t b_r^2(\tau) d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^N \max_{t \in \langle 0, T \rangle} \|u_1^{(i)}(t)\|_w^2 \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^t a_{ir}^2(\tau) d\tau \right) \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

takes place for all  $t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ .

**Proof:** From Definition 3 we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{d(u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t))}{dt}, u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t) \right) + \\ & + [A_r(u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)), u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)] + \\ & + ((F_1^{(r)}u_1)(t) - (F_2^{(r)}u_2)(t), u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in (0, T)$ . Hence, integrating this equality over  $\langle 0, t \rangle$  and using (8), (12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{-1} \|u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)\|^2 + C_1 \int_0^t \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|_w^2 d\tau \leq \\ & \leq C_4 \int_0^t \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \int_0^t \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau + \\ & + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} \int_0^t \|(F_1^{(r)}u_1)(\tau) - (F_2^{(r)}u_2)(\tau)\|^2 d\tau + 2^{-1} \|u_{01}^{(r)} - u_{02}^{(r)}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Owing to (5) and (35) we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(F_1^{(r)}u_1)(\tau) - (F_2^{(r)}u_2)(\tau)\| \leq \|(F_1^{(r)}u_1)(\tau) - (F_2^{(r)}u_1)(\tau)\| + \\ & + \|(F_2^{(r)}u_1)(\tau) - (F_2^{(r)}u_2)(\tau)\| \leq b_r(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ir}(\tau) \|u_1^i(\tau)\|_w + \\ & + C \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|_w + C \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^\tau \|u_1^{(r)}(\xi) - u_2^{(r)}(\xi)\|_w d\xi \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(F_1^{(r)}u_1)(\tau) - (F_2^{(r)}u_2)(\tau)\|^2 \leq K_1 b_r^2(\tau) + K_1 \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ir}^2(\tau) \|u_1^i(\tau)\|_w^2 + \\ & + CK_1 \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|_w^2 + CK_1 T \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^\tau \|u_1^{(r)}(\xi) - u_2^{(r)}(\xi)\|_w^2 d\xi \end{aligned}$$

owing to (37) and summing up for  $r = 1, \dots, N$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^N 2^{-1} \|u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)\|^2 + \\ & + \left( C_1 - \frac{CK_1 N}{2\varepsilon^2} - \frac{CK_1 T^2 N}{2\varepsilon^2} \right) \int_0^t \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|_w^2 d\tau \leq \\ & \leq \frac{K_1}{2\varepsilon^2} \sum_{r=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^t a_{ir}^2(\tau) \|u_1^i(\tau)\|_w^2 d\tau + \frac{K_1}{2\varepsilon^2} \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^t b_r^2(\tau) d\tau + \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{01}^{(r)} - u_{02}^{(r)}\|^2 + 2^{-1} \left( C_4 + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \right) \int_{r=1}^t \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau$$

Let us choose  $\varepsilon > 0$ , so that

$$C_1 - \frac{CK_1 N}{2\varepsilon^2} - \frac{CK_1 T^2 N}{2\varepsilon^2} \geq 0 \quad \frac{K_1}{2\varepsilon^2} \leq 2^{-1}$$

We denote by  $K = C_4 N + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_1^{(r)}(t) - u_2^{(r)}(t)\|^2 &\leq \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^t b_r^2(\tau) d\tau + \\ &+ \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_{01}^{(r)} - u_{02}^{(r)}\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \max_{t \in \langle 0, T \rangle} \|u_i^i(t)\|_w^2 \sum_{r=1}^N \int_0^t a_{ir}^2(\tau) d\tau + \\ &+ K \int_0^t \sum_{r=1}^N \|u_1^{(r)}(\tau) - u_2^{(r)}(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Thus, (36) is a consequence of Gronwall's lemma.

**Consequence:** *The solution of (1), (2) is unique.*

**Proof:** In the proof of Theorem 2 we can put

$$(F_1^{(r)}u)(t) = (F_2^{(r)}u)(t), \quad b_r(t) = 0, \quad a_{ir}(t) = 0, \quad u_{01}^{(r)} = u_{02}^{(r)}$$

for all  $r = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, t \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ .

Let  $u_n = (u_n^{(r)}, r = 1, \dots, N)$  be a solution of (1), (2) corresponding to  $u_{0n} = (u_{0n}^{(r)}; r = 1, \dots, N)$  and to the operators  $(F_n^{(r)}u_n)(t) = f_n^{(r)}(t, x, du_n, \int_0^t K_\alpha(t, \tau) Du_n(\tau) d\tau)$  for  $r = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $n = 1, \dots$ .

We shall assume that

$$|f_n^{(r)}(t, x, \xi) - f_n^{(r)}(t', x, \xi')| \leq C(|t - t'| + |t - t'| |\xi| + |\xi - \xi'|)$$

holds for all  $t, t' \in \langle 0, T \rangle$ ;  $\xi, \xi' \in E^{2Nd}$   $n = 1, 2, \dots, r = 1, \dots, N$  and

$$\|(F_n^{(r)}u)(t) - (F^{(r)}u)(t)\| \leq b_{rn}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^N a_{irn}(t) \|u^i\|_w$$

As a consequence of Theorem 2 we obtain:

**Theorem 3.** *If  $\|u_{0n}^{(r)} - u_0^{(r)}\| \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\int_0^t a_{irn}^2(\tau) d\tau \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\int_0^t b_{rn}^2(\tau) d\tau \rightarrow 0$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, N$  and  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , then  $u_n(t) \rightarrow u(t)$  in the norm of the space  $C(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2)$ , where  $L_2 = (L_2(\Omega))^N$ .*

Lemma 6 and Lemma 7 imply

**Theorem 4.** For all  $r=1, \dots, N$  it takes place  $u_n^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  in  $C(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega))$   $u_n^{(r)}(t) \rightarrow u^{(r)}(t)$  in  $W_2^{k-1}(\Omega) \cap W^{k+l-1}(\Omega')$  for all  $t \in (0, T)$ .

**Theorem 5.** If the assumption (3) is satisfied for  $l=k$ , then the solution  $u^{(1)}(t) = u^1(x, t), \dots, u^{(N)}(t) = u^{(N)}(x, t)$  of (1), (2) satisfies (1) in the classical sense for a.e.  $(x, t) \in Q$ , where  $Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$ .

Proof: Owing to Theorem 1c. it suffices to prove that there exists the distribution derivate  $\frac{\partial u^{(r)}(x, t)}{\partial t} \in L_2(Q)$  (see [8]) for all  $r=1, \dots, N$ .

Let  $\psi(t) \in C_0^\infty(\langle 0, T \rangle)$  and  $\varphi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , we have

$$\int_0^T \int_\Omega u^{(r)}(x, t) \psi(t) \varphi(x) \, dx \, dt - \int_0^T \int_\Omega g(x, t) \psi(t) \varphi(x) \, dx \, dt$$

where  $g(x, t) \in L(Q)$  is generated by the abstract function  $\frac{du^{(r)}(t)}{dt} \in L(\langle 0, T \rangle, L_2(\Omega)) \subset L_2(Q)$ . Since linear combinations of all  $\psi(t) \varphi(x)$  are dense in  $C^\infty(Q)$ , Theorem 5 is proved.

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Резюме

В работе рассматривается система параболических уравнений

$$\frac{\partial u^{(r)}}{\partial t} + A_r u^{(r)} = f^{(r)}(t, x, Du, \int_0^t K_r(t, \tau) Du(\tau) d\tau)$$

для  $r = 1, \dots, N$  в области  $\Omega \times (0, T)$ , где  $A_r$  обозначает эллиптический оператор. Доказывается существование, единственность и некоторые свойства решения. Построено приближенное решение задачи и исследована его сходимости в отвечающих функциональных пространствах.