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# ON NEUMAN'S PROBLEM FOR A CLASS OF DEGENERATE QUASI-LINEAR PARABOLIC EQUATIONS

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In this paper the existence and uniqueness of the classical solution of Neuman's problem for a class of degenerate quasi-linear parabolic equations is proved. The method of parabolic regularization and successive approximations is used.

1. The aim of this paper is to investigate Neuman's problem for a class of degenerate quasi-parabolic equations

$$(1) \quad Pu = \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij}(x, x_0, u)u_{x_i x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n b^i(x, x_0, u)u_{x_i} - c(x, x_0, u)u_{x_0} + d(x, x_0, u)u = 0$$

in the cylinder  $G_T = D_T x(-M, M) = \Omega x(0, T)x(-M, M)$ . Here  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which is  $C^{2l+4+\lambda}$  smoothly diffeomorphic to a ball,  $l \geq 3$  is an integer and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .

We consider the boundary value operator

$$(2) \quad Bu = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k(x, x_0)u_{x_k} + \sigma(x, x_0)u = \varphi(x, x_0)$$

on  $\Gamma_T = \partial\Omega \times (0, T)$ . If  $(v^1, v^2, \dots, v^n)$  is the inner unit normal to  $\Gamma_T$ , presuppose that

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k(x, x_0)v^k > 0$$

and  $\sigma(x, x_0) \leq 0$  on  $\Gamma_T$ . Moreover, the coefficients of the boundary value operator  $B$  and  $\varphi$  and their derivatives  $D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta$  of order  $|\alpha| + 2\beta \leq 2l + 3$  are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$  on  $\Gamma_T$ . Further we make the following assumptions regarding the operators  $P, B, \varphi$  and  $\Omega$ :

(i)  $\sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij}(x, x_0, p)\xi^i \xi^j \geq \mu(x, x_0, p)|\xi|^2 \geq 0$  in the domain  $G' \supset \bar{G}_T$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $a^{ij} \in C^2(G')$ ,  $c(x, x_0, p) \geq 0$  in  $G'$ ,  $c \in C^2(G')$ ,  $c(x, x_0, p) + \mu(x, x_0, p) > 0$ ,  $d(x, x_0, p) \leq 0$  in  $\bar{G}$ ;

(ii) The coefficients of the operator  $P$  and their derivatives  $D_{x,p}^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta$  of order  $|\alpha| + 2\beta \leq 2l + 2$  are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$  in  $\bar{G}_T$ ;

(iii) The boundary  $S_T = \Gamma_T \times (-M, M)$  is non-characteristic i.e.

$$(4) \quad \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij}(x, x_0, p)v^i v^j > 0 \text{ on } \bar{S}_T;$$

(iv)  $(\partial^k \varphi) / (\partial x_0^k)(x, 0) = 0$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, l + 3$ ,  $x \in \partial\Omega$ .

For convenience we introduce the set  $\Omega_0 = \{x \in \bar{\Omega}; c(x, 0, 0) = 0\}$ . Following Fichera [8], we consider for the equation (1) the boundary value condition

$$(5) \quad u(x, 0) = 0 \text{ on } \Omega \setminus \Omega_0.$$

Remark 1. In case  $\Omega_0 \cap \partial\Omega = \emptyset$  the condition (iv) is the compatibility condition of the data up to the order  $l+3$ .

Under these assumptions we have the following results:

Theorem 1. Suppose (i)–(iv) hold. If there exists a point  $Q_\tau \in D_T \cap \{x_0 = \tau\}$ ,  $0 \leq \tau \leq T$  and the operator  $P$  is strictly parabolic in  $Q_\tau \times [-M, M]$ , then the boundary value problem (1), (2), (5) has a unique classical solution  $u(x, x_0) \in C^l(\bar{D}_\delta)$ , where  $\delta$  is sufficiently small.

Some real processes can be described by means of the equation (1). For instance the equation describing the temperature distribution in the case of a quasi-stationary regime with a moving thermal source is (see [1, p. 178])

$$(6) \quad \operatorname{div}_{y,z}(\lambda \operatorname{grad} T) - c_v v \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0,$$

where  $v$  is the velocity of the source,  $\lambda$  is the heat conduction coefficient and  $c_v = c_v(T)$  is the limiting volumetric thermal capacity. Here  $v \geq 0$  and  $v = 0$  only on the boundary of the tube.

In conclusion it should be mentioned that when  $c(x, x_0, u) \equiv 1$  the existence and uniqueness of the classical solution of the second boundary value problem for the equation (1) has been proved by G. M. Fateeva [7] for  $0 < x_0 < \delta$  ( $\delta$  is sufficiently small).

Let us state that our results are not contained in [7], whose extension this paper is and unlike [7] the present work includes the equation (6).

2. We will use the following inequalities and identities (see [2, 5])

$$P(v_1 v_2) - v_1 P v_2 + v_2 P v_1 + 2 \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij}(v_1)_{x_i} (v_2)_{x_j} - d v_1 v_2$$

for any two functions  $v_1, v_2 \in C^2$ ;

$$(7) \quad \left( \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij} \xi_i \eta_j \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij} \xi_i \xi_j \right) \left( \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij} \eta_i \eta_j \right)$$

for any  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ;

$$(8) \quad \left( \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij} u_{z_i x_j} \right)^2 \leq M_1 \sum_{kij=1}^n a^{ij} u_{x_k x_i} u_{x_k x_j},$$

when  $z = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, p$ , under the assumption (i) in 1. Here the constant  $M_1$  depends on the maximum of the second derivatives of  $a^{ij}$ . The proof of (8) for  $z = x_0, p$  follows with slight changes of Oleinik's proof for  $z = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  (see [2, p. 71]).

Further we will use the short notation  $u_k = u_{x_k}$ ,  $b_{kl}^i = a_{x_k x_l}^i$  etc., and the summation convention is understood.

Without loss of generality, in order to prove Theorem 1, we assume that  $D_{T_0}$ ,  $T_0 \leq T$  is a cylinder with a base  $\Omega$ , which is a ball, its centre and radius being respectively 0 and  $R$ . Besides, the operator  $P$  is strictly parabolic in the points  $(0, x_0, p)$ ,  $0 \leq x_0 \leq T_0$ ,  $|p| \leq M$ ,  $T_0 \leq T$ .

Let  $u = v \cdot w$ , where  $w = [2 - \exp(-\alpha |x|^2)] \exp(\beta x_0) > 0$  in  $\bar{D}_{T_0}$  and let us consider the operators (see [4])

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}v &= (P(\tau v w))/w = \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij}(x, x_0, \tau v w) v_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^n [b^i(x, x_0, \tau v w) \\ &+ 2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{a}^{ij} w_j \right) / w] v_i - c(x, x_0, \tau v w) v_{x_0} + [P(w)/w] v = 0, \\ \tilde{B}v &= (B(\tau v w))/w = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k v_k + \left[ \sigma + \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k w_k \right) / w \right] v = \varphi / w. \end{aligned}$$

When  $\alpha, \beta$  are sufficiently large the inequalities  $Pw < 0, \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k w_k < 0$  hold in  $\bar{G}_{T_0}$  and on  $\bar{\Gamma}_{T_0}$ . The operators  $\tilde{P}, \tilde{B}$  satisfy the conditions (i)–(iv) in the domain  $\Omega \times (0, T_1) \times (-M_1, M_1)$ , where  $T_1 = \min(T_0, 1/\beta), M_1 = M/(2e)$ . Consequently, if we preserve the previous notations without loss of generality we may assume that  $d(x, x_0, p) < 0$  in  $\bar{G}_{T_1}, \sigma(x, x_0) < 0$  on  $\bar{\Gamma}_{T_1}$ .

Of basic significance for the proof of Theorem 1 is the following regularized boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} (9) \quad P^{\varepsilon, N}(u^{\varepsilon, N}) &= \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{\varepsilon, ij}(x, x_0, u^{\varepsilon, N-1}) u_{ij}^{\varepsilon, N} + \sum_{i=1}^n b^i(x, x_0, u^{\varepsilon, N-1}) u_i^{\varepsilon, N} \\ &- [c(x, x_0, u^{\varepsilon, N-1}) + \varepsilon] u_{x_0}^{\varepsilon, N} + d(x, x_0, u^{\varepsilon, N-1}) u^{\varepsilon, N} = 0 \text{ in } D_{T_1}; \\ B u^{\varepsilon, N} &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k(x, x_0) u_k^{\varepsilon, N} + \sigma(x, x_0) u^{\varepsilon, N} = \varphi(x, x_0) \text{ on } \Gamma_{T_1}; \\ u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, 0) &= 0 \text{ on } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

We choose  $u^{\varepsilon, 0}(x, x_0) \equiv 0$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and besides, we use the short notation  $a^{\varepsilon, ij}(x, x_0, p) = a^{ij}(x, x_0, p) + \varepsilon \delta^{ij}$ , where  $\delta^{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $\delta^{ii} = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If  $u^{\varepsilon, N-1}(x, x_0)$  has derivatives  $D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta$  of order  $|\alpha| + 2\beta \leq 2l + 2$ , which are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$  in  $\bar{D}_{T_1}$  and  $|u^{\varepsilon, N-1}(x, x_0)| \leq M$ , then (see [3]) the boundary value problem (9) has a unique solution  $u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)$ , which derivatives  $D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta$  of order  $|\alpha| + 2\beta \leq 2l + 2$  are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$  in  $\bar{D}_{T_1}$ .

We will show that the sequence of successive approximations  $u^{\varepsilon, N}$  can be formed.

**Lemma 1.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 the following estimates  $\sup_{\bar{D}_{T_2}} |u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)| \leq M$  hold, where  $0 < T_2 \leq T_1, \varepsilon > 0, N = 1, 2, \dots$*

**Proof.** We will show something more, that the estimates

$$(10) \quad \sup_{\bar{\Omega} \times [0, 2/\zeta^2]} |u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)| \leq \varepsilon / \zeta$$

hold. They will be necessary for us later on.

We consider the auxiliary function  $v^0(x, x_0) = (u^{\varepsilon, N})^2 + x_0^2 \exp(\xi(R^2 - |x|^2)) - (1/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0)$ . A simple computation gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 Bv^0 &= 2u^{\varepsilon, N}\varphi - \sigma(u^{\varepsilon, N})^2 - 2\xi x_0^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k x_k + \sigma x_0^2 - (\sigma/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0) \\
 &\geq \varphi^2/\sigma + 2\xi R x_0^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k v^k + \sigma x_0^2 - \sigma/\zeta^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{\substack{x_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ x \notin \partial\Omega}} \frac{\varphi(x, x_0) - \varphi(x, 0)}{x_0 - 0} = \lim_{\substack{x_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ x \notin \partial\Omega}} \frac{\varphi(x, x_0)}{x_0} = \varphi_{x_0}(x, 0)$ , it follows that  $|\varphi(x, x_0)/x_0| \leq C_0$

for  $x \in \partial\Omega, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_1$ . Analogously, using (iv) we have the estimates

$$(11) \quad |(D_\tau^a \varphi(x, x_0))/x_0| \leq C_m$$

for  $|a| = m, 1 \leq m \leq l + 3, x \in \partial\Omega, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_1, \tau$  is a tangential direction to  $\Gamma_{T_1}$ , the estimates being necessary for us later on.

Consequently, from (3), when  $\xi$  is sufficiently large (depending on  $C^0$  norm of the coefficients of  $B$  and  $C^1$  norm of  $\varphi$ ) we have

$$(12) \quad Bv^0 \geq x_0^2 - \sigma/\zeta^2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{T_1}.$$

The estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
 (13) \quad p^{\varepsilon, N} v^0 &\geq 2a^i u_i^{\varepsilon, N} u_j^{\varepsilon, N} - d(u^{\varepsilon, N})^2 + x_0^2 (4\xi^2 \mu |x|^2 - 0(\xi)) \exp(\xi(R^2 - |x|^2)) \\
 &- c x_0 \exp(\xi(R^2 - |x|^2)) + c \zeta \exp(\zeta^3 x_0) - (d/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0) \geq a^i u_i^{\varepsilon, N} u_j^{\varepsilon, N} + x_0^2 \mu + c - d/\zeta^2
 \end{aligned}$$

holds, when  $\xi, \zeta$  are sufficiently large (depending on  $C^0$  norm of the coefficients of  $P$ ).

Since  $v^0(x, 0) = -1/\zeta^2 < 0$  from (12), (13) and from the maximum principle it follows that  $v^0(x, x_0)$  can not attain a positive maximum in  $\bar{D}_{T_1}$ , i. e.  $v^0(x, x_0) \leq 0$  in  $\bar{D}_{T_1}$ . Consequently  $(u^{\varepsilon, N})^2 \leq (1/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0) \leq e^2/\zeta^2$ , when  $0 \leq x_0 \leq 2/\zeta^3$ . Lemma 1 follows immediately from (10), when  $0 \leq x_0 \leq T_2, T_2 = \min[T_1, (2/\zeta^3) \ln(M\zeta)]$ .

In our further calculations, for convenience, we omit the index  $\varepsilon$  and with  $M_i, K_i, C_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$  we denote constants which depend on the coefficients of the equation, the boundary value operator and the domain  $\Omega$ , but not on  $\varepsilon, N$  and  $\zeta$ .

In the following Lemmas 2—5 our aim will be to prove the uniformly boundedness of the derivatives up to the order  $l + 1$  of the solution  $u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)$  with constants independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$ .

Let  $r_0$  be a small enough positive constant, so that the operator  $P$  is strictly parabolic for  $\{(x, x_0, p); |x| \leq r_0, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_2, |p| \leq M\}$  and  $r_0 > r_1 > \dots > r_{2l+2} = r$ . We choose the functions  $\chi^m(x) \in C^{2l+2+\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, 2l + 2$  with the following properties:  $0 \leq \chi^m \leq 1, \chi^m \equiv 1$  for  $|x| \leq r_m$  and  $\chi^m(x) \equiv 0$  for  $|x| \geq r_{m-1}, \chi^1 \geq \chi^2 \geq \dots \geq \chi^{2l+2}$ .

Lemma 2. Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 the following estimates  $\sup_{\substack{|x| \leq r_0 \\ 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_2}} |D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)| \leq k'_m/\zeta$  hold for  $|a| + 2\beta = m, 1 \leq m \leq 2l + 2, \varepsilon > 0, N = 1, 2, \dots$ , where the constants  $k'_m$  do not depend on  $\varepsilon, N$  and  $\zeta$ .

Proof. Since the following estimates are similar to those in Lemmas 3—5, their proofs will only be sketched here.

Without loss of generality we assume that  $c(x, x_0, p) \equiv 1$  for  $|x| \leq r_0, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_2, |p| \leq M$  because  $c(x, x_0, p) \neq 0$ .

We introduce the functions

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^0(x, x_0) &= (u^N)^2 - (q_0/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0), \\ \omega^1(x, x_0) &= \chi^1(x) \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 + q_1 \omega^0(x, x_0). \end{aligned}$$

The positive constant  $q_0$  is sufficiently large so that the inequalities

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} P^N \omega^0 &\geq \sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij} u_i^N u_j^N + 1, \\ \omega^0 &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for  $|x| \leq r_0, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_3$ , where  $T_3 = \min(T_2, 2/\zeta^3)$  hold. We assume inductively that

$$(15) \quad \chi^1(x) \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^{N-1})^2 \leq (q_1 q_0 e^2)/\zeta^2$$

for  $|x| \leq r_0, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_3$ .

A simple computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} P^N \omega^1 &\geq \chi^1 \sum_{k=1}^n a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N + [q_1 \mu_0 - (M_3 q_1 q_0 e^2)/\zeta^2 \\ &- M_3] \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 + q_1 - M_4 \geq \chi^1 \sum_{k=1}^n a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N + 1, \end{aligned}$$

when  $\mu(x, x_0, p) \geq \mu_0 > 0$  for  $|x| \leq r_0, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_3, |p| \leq M$  and  $\zeta^2 \geq \zeta_1^2 = (2M_2 q_0 e^2)/\mu_0, q_1 \geq (2M_3/\mu_0) + M_4 + 1$ .

From the maximum principle and (14) it follows that

$$(16) \quad \omega^1(x, x_0) \leq 0$$

and (15) holds for  $N$ .

Let us consider the auxiliary function  $\omega^2(x, x_0) = \chi^2 \sum_{k,l=1}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + q_2 \omega^1(x, x_0)$  and let us assume that

$$(17) \quad \chi^2 \sum_{k,l=1}^n (u_{kl}^{N-1})^2 \leq (q_2 q_1 q_0 e^2)/\zeta^2$$

for  $|x| \leq r_1, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_3$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} P^N \omega^2 &\geq \chi^2 \sum_{k,l=1}^n a^{ij} u_{kli}^N u_{klj}^N + [q_2 \mu_0 - (M_5 q_2 q_1 q_0 e^2)/\zeta^2 \\ &- M_6] \sum_{k,l=1}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + q_2 - M_7 \geq \chi^2 \sum_{k,l=1}^n a^{ij} u_{kli}^N u_{klj}^N + 1, \end{aligned}$$

when  $q_2 \geq \max[(2M_6)/\mu_0, M_7 + 1]$  and  $\zeta^2 \geq \zeta_2^2 = (2q_1 q_0 M_5 e^2)/\mu_0$ .

Consequently from (16) and the maximum principle it follows that  $\omega^2(x, x_0) \leq 0$  and (17) holds for  $N$ . From (15), (17) and the equation we have the needed estimates for  $u_{x_0}^N$ .

By induction we prove  $\chi^m \sum_{|a|=m} (D_x^\alpha u^{N-1})^2 \leq (q_m q_{m-1} \dots q_0 e^2) / \zeta^2$  for  $|x| \leq r_{m-1}$ ,  $0 \leq x_0 \leq T_3$  with the auxiliary functions  $\varpi^m(x, x_0) = \chi^m \sum_{|a|=m} (D_x^\alpha u^N)^2 + q_m \varpi^{m-1}(x, x_0)$ .

From the equation and the derivatives of the equation up to the necessary order we estimate  $D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta u^N$  for  $|a| + 2\beta = m$ ,  $\beta \neq 0$ .

In order to prove the uniformly boundedness of the derivatives of  $u^{\varepsilon, N}$  in  $\bar{U}_{T_3}$ ,  $U_{T_3} = \{(x, x_0); r < |x| < R, 0 < x_0 < T_3\}$  we make a polar change of the  $x$ -variables and for convenience, we preserve the previous notations considering, that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are angular variables and  $x_n$  is a radial variable. In the new variables (3) denotes that  $\sigma^n < 0$  on  $\Gamma_{T_3}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 the estimates  $\sup_{\bar{U}_{T_3}} |D_{x, x_0}^\alpha u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)| \leq K_1 / \zeta$  hold for  $T_4 \leq T_3$ ,  $|\alpha| = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $N = 1, 2, \dots$ , where the constant  $K_1$  does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $N$  and  $\zeta$ .*

**Proof.** Let us introduce the auxiliary functions:

$$\begin{aligned} v^1(x, x_0) &= n_1 \left[ m_1 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (u_k^N)^2 + 2(u_n^N)^2 + u_n^N T(u^N) + k_1 x_0^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + K_1^2 / \zeta^2 \exp(\xi_1(R - x_n) - \eta_1 x_0) + (u_{x_0}^N)^2 \exp(-\eta_1 x_0) + p_1 v^0(x, x_0), \right. \\ T(u^N) &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \theta^k(x, x_0) u_k^N + \theta(x, x_0) u^N + \Phi(x, x_0), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta^k(x, x_0)$ ,  $\theta(x, x_0)$  are smooth extensions into  $\bar{U}_{T_3}$ , respectively of the functions  $(-4\sigma^k) / \sigma^n$ ,  $(-4\sigma) / \sigma^n$  which are defined on  $\Gamma_{T_3}$  so, that their derivatives in  $\bar{U}_{T_3}$ ,  $D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta$  of order  $|a| + 2\beta \leq 2l + 3$  are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$ . Analogously we introduce the function  $\Phi(x, x_0)$ , for example  $\Phi(x, x_0) = (-4x_n \sigma) / (R \sigma^n)$ . The positive constants  $m_1, k_1$  are chosen as it follows  $m_1 = 2 + (4nH_1)^2$ , where  $H_1$  is the maximum of the coefficients before the first order derivatives of the operator  $T$  and  $k_1 / \zeta, k_1 x_0$  are upper bounds, respectively for the zero order operator in  $T$  and  $\Phi$  (see (11)).

From the choice of  $m_1, k_1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (u_k^N)^2 + 2(u_n^N)^2 + u_n^N T(u^N) + k_1^2 x_0^2 + k_1^2 / \zeta^2 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 + x_0^2 + 1 / \zeta^2, \\ (18) \quad 2m_1 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N + 4a^{ij} u_{ni}^N u_{nj}^N + a^{ij} (T u^N)_i u_{nj}^N \\ &\geq \frac{3m_1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N + 3a^{ij} u_{ni}^N u_{nj}^N - M_8 \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 - M_8 x_0^2 - M_8 / \zeta^2. \end{aligned}$$

We will show that  $v^1(x, x_0)$  can not attain a positive maximum on  $\Gamma_{T_3}$ . A simple computations gives

$$\begin{aligned} Bv^1 &\geq n_1 \left\{ -\sigma^n \xi_1 \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 + x_0^2 + 1 / \zeta^2 \right) + m_1 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 2u_k^N (\varphi_k \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [B, \partial / \partial x_k](u^N)) + 4u_n^N B u_n^N + T(u^N) B u_n^N + u_n^N (T(\varphi) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [B, T](u^N)) + k_1^2 \sigma x_0^2 + k_1^2 \sigma / \zeta^2 \right\} \exp(-\eta_1 x_0) + \{ 2u_{x_0}^N (\varphi_{x_0} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [B, \partial / \partial x_0](u^N)) - \sigma (u_{x_0}^N)^2 \right\} \exp(-\eta_1 x_0) + p_1 B v^0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[B, \partial/\partial x_0]u^N$  is an operator of the first order and does not depend on  $\partial/\partial x_0$ , when  $\xi_1$  is sufficiently large (depending on the  $C^1$  norm of the coefficients of  $B$  and  $C^2$  norm of  $\phi$ ), we have the estimate

$$(19) \quad Bv^1 > 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{T_3}.$$

Analogously for  $P^N v^1$  we have

$$P^N v^1 = n_1(I_1 + I_2) \exp(\xi_1(R - x_n) - \eta_1 x_0) + (I_3 + I_4) \exp(-\eta_1 x_0) + p_1 P^N v^0$$

where

$$I_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (2m_k u_k^N + \theta^k u_n^N) [-(a^{ij})_k u_{ij}^N - (b^i)_k u_i^N + (c)_k u_{x_0}^N - (d)_k u^N] + [T(u^N) + 4u_n^N] [-(a^{ij})_n u_{ij}^N - (b^i)_n u_i^N + (c)_n u_{x_0}^N - (d)_n u^N].$$

We assume that

$$(20) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (u_k^{N-1})^2 \leq (p_1 e^2)/(n_1 \zeta^2),$$

$$(u_{x_0}^{N-1})^2 \leq (p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2.$$

Then from (8) and (20) we have

$$|I_1| \leq \frac{m_1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N + a^{ij} u_{ni}^N u_{nj}^N + [(M_0 p_1 e^2)/(n_1 \zeta^2) + M_{10}] \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 + M_{11} c (u_{x_0}^N)^2 + [M_{12}/\zeta^2 + M_{13} x_0^2] [1 + (p_1 e^2)/(n_1 \zeta^2)]$$

Similarly for  $I_3$  we obtain

$$|I_3| = |2u_{x_0}^N [-(a^{ij})_{x_0} u_{ij}^N - (b^i)_{x_0} u_i^N + (c)_{x_0} u_{x_0}^N - (d)_{x_0} u^N] - d(u_{x_0}^N)^2 \geq -[(M_{14} p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2 + M_{15}] \sum_{k=1}^n a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N - [(M_{16} p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2 + M_{17}] \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 - [d/2 + (M_{18} p_1 c e^2)/\zeta^2] (u_{x_0}^N)^2 - M_{18}/\zeta^2 - M_{18} p_1 e^2/\zeta^4.$$

The estimates of  $I_2, I_4$  follow from (7), (8), (11), (18) as in [13], so we have

$$P^N v^1 \geq e^{-2} [n_1 - (M_{14} p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2 - M_{15}] \sum_{k=1}^n a^{ij} u_{ki}^N u_{kj}^N + a^{ij} u_{ix_0}^N u_{jx_0}^N + n_1 [c \eta_1 + (p_1 \mu)/n_1 - (M_{19} p_1 e^2)/(n_1 \zeta^2) - M_{20}] \sum_{k=1}^n (u_k^N)^2 + [\eta_1 c - d/2 - (M_{18} c p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2 - M_{21} n_1 c] (u_{x_0}^N)^2 + (-p_1 d - M_{22} n_1)/\zeta^2 + p_1 (\mu x_0^2 + c) - M_{23} x_0^2 - (M'_{22} p_1 e^2)/\zeta^4 - (M'_{23} x_0^2 p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2.$$

Let  $n_1 > M_{15}$ . Then if  $p_1 \geq \max [2(M_{22} n_1 + 1)/(-d), 2(M_{23} + 1)/(\mu + c)]$ ;  $\eta_1 > M_{21} n_1$ ;  $c \eta_1 + (p_1 \mu)/n_1 \geq 2M_{20} \zeta^2 \geq \zeta_3^2$ ,  $\zeta_3^2 = \max [(M_{14} p_1 e^2)/(n_1 - M_{15}), ((M_{19} p_1 e^2)/(n_1 M_{20})), (M_{18} p_1 e^2)/(\eta_1 - M_{21} n_1), (2M'_{22} e^2)/(-d), (2M'_{23} e^2)/(\mu + c)]$



the estimate

$$P^N v^1 \geq e^{-2} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha^j u_{kl}^N u_{kj}^N \right) + x_0^2 \mu + c + 1/\zeta^2$$

for  $0 \leq x_0 \leq T_4$ ,  $T_4 = \min(T_3, 2/(\eta_1 + \zeta^3))$ , holds.

From Lemma 2, when  $p_1$  is sufficiently large (depending on  $k_1', n_1, m_1, \xi_1$ ),  $v^1(x, x_0) \leq 0$  for  $|x| = r, 0 \leq x_0 \leq T_4$ .

Since  $v^1(x, 0) = -p_1/\zeta^2 < 0$  it follows that  $v^1(x, x_0)$  can not attain a positive maximum in  $\bar{U}_{T_4}$ , i.e.  $v^1(x, x_0) \leq 0$  and (20) hold for  $N$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 the estimates  $\sup_{\bar{U}_{T_5}} |D_{x x_0}^\alpha u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)| \leq K_2/\zeta$  hold for  $T_5 \leq T_4, |\alpha| = 2, \varepsilon > 0, N = 1, 2, \dots$ , where the constant  $K_2$  does not depend on  $\varepsilon, N$  and  $\zeta$ .*

**Proof.** We consider the auxiliary functions

$$v^2(x, x_0) = n_2 \left[ m_2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kn}^N)^2 + \sum_{k=0}^n u_{kn}^N T^k(u^N) \right] + k_2^2 x_0^2 + k_2^2/\zeta^2 \exp(\xi_2(R - x_n) - \eta_2 x_0) + (u_{x_0 x_0}^N)^2 \exp(-\eta_2 x_0) + p_2 v^1,$$

$$T^k(u^N) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta^i(x, x_0) u_i^N + \theta(x, x_0) u^N + \Phi \right)_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1,$$

$$T^n(u^N) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} A^{ni} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \theta^k u_k^N + \theta u^N + \Phi \right)_i + \sum_{ij=1}^{n-1} A^{ij} u_{ij}^N + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} B^i u_i^N + B^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \theta^k u_k^N + \theta u^N + \Phi \right) + C u_{x_0}^N + D u^N.$$

The functions  $\theta^k, \theta, \Phi$  are introduced in Lemma 3. The functions  $A^{ij}, B^i, C, D$  are smooth extensions respectively of  $(-4a^{ij})/a^{nn}, (-4b^i)/a^{nn}, (4c)/a^{nn}, (-4d)/a^{nn}$  from  $\bar{\Gamma}_{T_1} \times [-M, M]$  into  $\bar{U}_{T_1} \times [-M, M]$ , so that their derivatives  $D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta$  of order  $|\alpha| + 2\beta \leq 2l + 2$  are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$ .

The positive constants  $m_2, k_2$  are chosen as follows  $m_2 = 2 + (4n)^3 H_2^2$ , where,  $H_2$  is the maximum of the coefficients before the second order derivatives of the operators  $T^k, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and  $k_2/\zeta, k_2 x_0$  are upper bounds respectively for the operators of order  $\leq 1$  in  $T^k, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and the loose members in  $T^k, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

From the choice of  $m_2, k_2$  we have

$$m_2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kn}^N)^2 + \sum_{k=0}^n u_{kn}^N T^k(u^N) + k_2^2/\zeta^2 + k_2^2 x_0^2 \geq \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{ke}^N)^2 + x_0^2 + 1/\zeta^2,$$

$$2m_2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^n \alpha^j u_{kl}^N u_{klj}^N + 4 \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha^j u_{knl}^N u_{knj}^N + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha^j u_{knl}^N (T^k(u^N))_j$$

$$\geq \frac{3m_2}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^n \alpha^j u_{kl}^N u_{klj}^N + 3 \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha^j u_{knl}^N u_{knj}^N - M_{26} \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 - M_{26}/\zeta^2 - M_{27} x_0^2.$$

We will show that  $v^2(x, x_0)$  can not attain a positive maximum on  $\Gamma_{T_1}$ . For  $Bv^2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} Bv^2 \geq & n_2 \left\{ -\sigma^n \xi_2 \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + 1/\zeta^2 + x_0^2 \right) + 2m_2 \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} u_{kl}^N (\varphi_{kl}) \right. \\ & + [B, \partial^2/\partial x_k \partial x_l](u^N) + 4 \sum_{k=0}^n u_{kn}^N B u_{kn}^N + \sum_{k=0}^n B(u_{kn}^N) T^k(u^N) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^n u_{kn}^N (T^k(\varphi) + [B, T^k](u^N)) + k_2^2 \sigma x_0^2 + k_2^2 \sigma/\zeta^2 \left. \right\} \exp(-\eta_2 x_0) \\ & + [2u_{x_0 x_0}^N (\varphi_{x_0 x_0} + [B, \partial^2/\partial x_0^2](u^N)) - \sigma(u_{x_0 x_0}^N)^2] \exp(-\eta_2 x_0) + p_2 Bv^1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[B, \partial^2/\partial x_0^2](u^N)$  is an operator of second order, which does not depend on  $u_{x_0 x_0}^N$ , from (11), (19), when  $\xi_2$  is sufficiently large (depending on  $C^2$  norm of the coefficients of  $B$  and  $C^3$  norm of  $\varphi$ ), we have the estimate  $Bv^2 > 0$  on  $\Gamma_{T_1}$ .

Similarly we obtain for  $p^N v^2$

$$p^N v^2 = \{n_2(I_1 + I_2) \exp(\xi_2(R - x_n) + I_3 + I_4) \exp(-\eta_2 x_0) + p_2 p^N v^1$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 = & 2m_2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} u_{kl}^N [-(a^{ij})_k u_{lij}^N - (a^{ij})_l u_{kij}^N] + \sum_{k=0}^n (4u_{kn}^N \\ & + T^k(u^N)) [-(a^{ij})_k u_{nij}^N - (a^{ij})_n u_{kij}^N]. \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume that

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad & \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 \leq (p_2 p_1 e^2)/(n_2 \zeta^2), \\ & (u_{x_0 x_0}^N)^2 \leq (p_2 p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (8), (21) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| \leq & \frac{m_2}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a^{ij} u_{kli}^N u_{klj}^N + \sum_{k=0}^n a^{ij} u_{kni}^N u_{knj}^N + [M_{29} \\ & + (M_{28} p_1 p_2 e^2)/(n_2 \zeta^2)] \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + [M_{30}/\zeta^2 + M_{31} x_0^2] (1 + (p_1 p_2 e^2)/(n_2 \zeta^2)). \end{aligned}$$

Analogously we estimate  $I_3$ ,  $I_3 = -4u_{x_0 x_0}^N (a^{ij})_{x_0} u_{ij x_0}^N$ . As for  $I_2, I_4$  we estimate them in the same way as in [13]. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} p^N v^2 \geq & e^{-2} \{n_2 - (M_{32} p_1 p_2 e^2)/\zeta^2 - M_{33}\} \sum_{k=0}^n a^{ij} u_{kli}^N u_{klj}^N \\ & + a^{ij} u_{x_0 x_0}^N u_{x_0 x_0}^N + n_2 [c\eta_2 + (p_2 \mu)/(e^2 n_2) - (M_{34} p_1 p_2 e^2)/n_2 \zeta^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$- M_{35} \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{kl}^N)^2 + [\eta_2 c - d/2 - M_{36} n_2 c - (M'_{35} p_2 p_1 e^2)/(n_2 \zeta^2)] (u_{x_0 x_0}^N)^2 + (p_2 - n_2 M_{37})/\zeta^2 + p_2 (\mu x_0^2 + c) - M_{38} x_0^2 - M'_{37} p_1 p_2/\zeta^4 - M'_{38} x_0^2 p_1 p_2/\zeta^2.$$

Let  $n_2 > M_{33}$ . Then, when  $p_2 \geq \max [2n_2 M_{37} + 2, 2(M_{38} + 1)/(\mu + c)] \eta_2 > n_2 M_{36}$ ;  $c \eta_2 + (p_2 \mu)/(e^2 n_2) \geq 2M_{35}$ ;  $\zeta^2 \geq \zeta_4^2$ ,  $\zeta_4^2 = \max [(M_{32} p_1 p_2 e^2)/(n_2 - M_{33}), (M_{34} p_1 p_2 e^2)/(n_2 M_{35}), (M'_{36} p_1 p_2 e^2)/(n_2 (\eta_2 - n_2 M_{36}))]$ ,  $2M'_{37} p_1$ ,  $(2M'_{38} p_1)/(\mu + c)$ , the estimate

$$P^N v^2 \geq e^{-2} \sum_{k,l=0}^n a^i j u_{kli}^N u_{klj}^N + x_0^2 \mu + c + 1/\zeta^2$$

holds, for  $0 \leq x_0 \leq T_5$ ,  $T_5 = \min (T_4, 2/(\eta_2 + \zeta^3))$ .

From Lemma 2, when  $p_2$  is sufficiently large (depending on  $k_2'$ ,  $n_2$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $\xi_2$ ),  $v^2(x, x_0) \leq 0$  for  $|x| = r$ ,  $0 \leq x_0 \leq T_5$ . Since  $v^2(x, 0) = -(p_1 p_2)/\zeta^2 < 0$  it follows that  $v^2(x, x_0)$  can not attain a positive maximum in  $\bar{U}_{T_5}$  i.e.  $v^2(x, x_0) \leq 0$ . Therefore (21) holds for  $N$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 the estimates  $\sup_{\bar{U}_{T_{\rho+3}}} |D_{x x_0}^\alpha u^N(x, x_0)| \leq K_\rho/\zeta$  hold, for  $T_{\rho+3} \leq T_{\rho+2}$ ,  $|\alpha| = \rho$ ,  $3 \leq \rho \leq l+1$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $N=1, 2, \dots$ , where the constants  $K_\rho$  do not depend on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $N$  and  $\zeta$ .*

**Proof.** We prove inductively the estimates

$$\sum_{\substack{|\alpha|+\beta=\rho \\ \beta \neq \rho}} (D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta u^{N-1}(x, x_0))^2 \leq (p_\rho p_{\rho-1} \dots p_1 e^2)/(n_\rho \zeta^2),$$

$$(D_{x_0}^\beta u^{N-1}(x, x_0))^2 \leq (p_\rho p_{\rho-1} \dots p_1 e^2)/\zeta^2$$

in  $\bar{U}_{T_{\rho+3}}$ ,  $T_{\rho+3} = \min [T_{\rho+2}, 2/(\eta_\rho + \zeta^2)]$  by means of the auxiliary functions

$$v^\rho(x, x_0) = \{n_\rho |m_\rho \sum_{\substack{|\alpha|+\beta=\rho \\ \beta \neq \rho}} (D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta u^N)^2 + 2 \sum_{\substack{|\alpha|+\beta+\gamma=\rho \\ \beta \neq \rho, \gamma \neq 0}} (D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta D_{x_n}^\gamma u^N)^2 + \sum_{\substack{|\alpha|+\gamma+\beta=\rho \\ \beta \neq \rho, \gamma \neq 0}} D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta D_{x_n}^\gamma u^N \cdot T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}(u^N) + k_\rho^2/\zeta^2 + k_\rho^2 x_0^2\} \exp(\xi_\rho(R - x_n)) + (D_{x_0}^\rho u^N)^2 \exp(-\eta_\rho x_0) + p_\rho v^{\rho-1}(x, x_0).$$

The coefficients of  $T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}(x, x_0, u, u_{x_0}, \dots, u_{x_{n-1}})$  are determined on  $\bar{\Gamma}_{T_{\rho+2}}$  by means of the condition  $T^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(u^N) = -4D_x^\alpha D_{x_0}^\beta D_{x_n}^\gamma u^N$ , where the derivatives  $D_{x_n}^\gamma v^N$  are substituted for by their equivalent expressions on  $\bar{\Gamma}_{T_{\rho+2}}$  using the operators  $B$ ,  $P^N$  and the derivatives of  $P^N$  up to the necessary order. In  $\bar{U}_{T_{\rho+2}} \times [-M, M]$  the coefficients of  $T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  are smoothly extended so that their derivatives  $D_x^a D_{x_0}^b$  of order  $|a| + 2b \leq 2l + 4 - \rho$  are Hölder continuous with exponent  $\lambda$ . The positive constants  $m_\rho$ ,  $k_\rho$  are chosen as follows  $m_\rho = 2 + (4n)^{\rho+1} H_\rho^2$ , where  $H_\rho$  is the maximum of the coefficients in front of the  $\rho$ -th derivatives of the operators  $T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  and  $k_\rho/\zeta$ ,  $k_\rho x_0$  are upper bounds, respectively, for the operators of order  $\leq \rho - 1$  in  $T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  and the loose members in  $T^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ .

Proof of Theorem 1. By means of a priori estimates proved in Lemmas 1–5, we have the result that  $u^{\varepsilon, N}(x, x_0)$  and their derivatives  $D_{x, x_0}^\alpha$  of order  $|\alpha| \leq l+1$  are uniformly bounded by the constants which do not depend on  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$ . Using the Ascoli–Arzela theorem and a diagonalization argument we can find a subsequences  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0, N_k \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $D_{x, x_0}^\alpha u^{\varepsilon_k, N_k}(x, x_0) \rightharpoonup D_{x, x_0}^\alpha u$  for  $|\alpha| \leq l$ .

Let us now consider

$$\begin{aligned} P^N(u^N - u^{N-1}) &= [a^{ij}(x, x_0, u^{N-2}) - a^{ij}(x, x_0, u^{N-1})]u_{ij}^{N-1} \\ &+ [b^i(x, x_0, u^{N-2}) - b^i(x, x_0, u^{N-1})]u_i^{N-1} - [c(x, x_0, u^{N-2}) \\ &- c(x, x_0, u^{N-1})]u^{N-1} + [d(x, x_0, u^{N-2}) - d(x, x_0, u^{N-1})]u^{N-1} \equiv g(x, x_0, u^{N-1}, u^{N-2}) \end{aligned}$$

From the mean value theorems, since (see also (11))  $|u_{ij}^N(x, x_0)| \leq A_1 x_0, |u_i^N(x, x_0)| \leq A_1 x_0, |u_{x_0}^N(x, x_0)| \leq A_1 x_0, |u^N(x, x_0)| \leq A_1 x_0$  for  $N=1, 2, \dots$ , where the constant  $A_1$  depend on  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$ , we have

$$|g(x, x_0, u^{N-1}, u^{N-2})| \leq A_2 x_0 \sup |u^{N-1} - u^{N-2}|.$$

As in Lemma 1 we consider the auxiliary function

$$Z(X, X_0) = (u^N - u^{N-1})^2 + \gamma [x_0^2 \exp(\xi(R^2 - |x|^2)) - (1/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0)].$$

A simple computations gives

$$BZ = -\sigma(u^N - u^{N-1})^2 + \gamma[-2\xi x_0^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma^k x_k + \sigma x_0^2 - (\sigma/\zeta^2) \exp(\zeta^3 x_0)] > 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{\delta'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^N Z &\geq 2(u^N - u^{N-1})g - d(u^N - u^{N-1})^2 + \gamma[4\xi^2 x_0^2 |x|^2 \mu \\ &- O(\xi) + c\zeta] \geq g^2/d + \gamma[4\xi^2 x_0^2 \mu |x|^2 - O(\xi) + c\zeta]. \end{aligned}$$

When  $\xi, \zeta$  are sufficiently large and  $\gamma \geq A_2^2 \sup |u^{N-1} - u^{N-2}|^2/d_0, d \leq -d_0 < 0$ , the estimates  $P^N Z > 0$  hold. Since  $Z(x, 0) = -1/\zeta^2 < 0$  it follows that  $Z \leq 0$  in  $\bar{U}_{\delta'}, \delta' = \min [T_{l+1}, 2/\zeta^3]$  i.e.

$$\sup_{\bar{U}_{\delta'}} |u^N - u^{N-1}| \leq (A_3/\zeta^2) \sup_{\bar{U}_{\delta'}} |u^{N-1} - u^{N-2}|.$$

When  $\zeta^2 \geq A_3/2$  it follows that  $u^N(x, x_0) \rightharpoonup u(x, x_0)$ . Therefore, when  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0, N_k \rightarrow \infty$  from (9), we have that  $u(x, x_0)$  is a solution of (1), (2), (5).

Uniqueness. Let us assume that besides  $u(x, x_0), v(x, x_0) \in C^l(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, \delta'])$  is a solution of (1), (2), (5) and let us consider

$$\begin{aligned} &a^{ij}(x, x_0, v)(v-u)_{ij} + b^i(x, x_0, v)(v-u)_i - c(x, x_0, v)(v-u)_{x_0} \\ &+ d(x, x_0, v)(v-u) = [a^{ij}(x, x_0, u) - a^{ij}(x, x_0, v)]u_{ij} + [b^i(x, x_0, u) \\ &- b^i(x, x_0, v)]u_i - [c(x, x_0, u) - c(x, x_0, v)]u_{x_0} + [d(x, x_0, u) \\ &- d(x, x_0, v)]u \equiv h(x, x_0, u, v). \end{aligned}$$

As in the proof above the estimate

$$\sup_{\bar{D}_\delta} |u - v| \leq (A_4/\zeta^2) \sup_{\bar{D}_\delta} |u - v|$$

hold, where  $\delta = \min(\delta', 2/\zeta^3)$ . When  $\zeta^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}A_4$  we have  $u \equiv v$ .

Remark 2. Theorem 1 holds also in case of non-homogenous equation (1) i.e. the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} Pu &= f(x, x_0) \text{ in } D_\delta, \\ Bu &= \varphi(x, x_0) \text{ on } \Gamma_\delta, \\ u(x, 0) &= 0 \text{ on } \Omega \setminus \Omega_0 \end{aligned}$$

under the assumptions of Theorem 1 and the additional condition  $(\partial^k f)/(\partial x_0^k)(x, 0) = 0$  for  $k=0, 1, \dots, l+3$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  has a unique classical solution  $u(x, x_0) \in C^l(\bar{D}_\delta)$ .

Remark 3. Since the constants  $K_\delta$  in Lemmas 3–5 depend on  $C^{l+1}$  norm of the coefficients of  $B$  and  $P$  and  $C^{l+2}$  norm of  $\varphi$ , Theorem 1 holds, when the coefficients of  $B$  and  $P$  are of the class  $C^{l+1}(\bar{G})$  and  $\varphi \in C^{l+2}(\bar{D})$ .

Remark 4. If

$$\sum_{ij=1}^n a^{ij}(x, x_0, p) \xi^i \xi^j \geq \mu |\xi|^2, \quad \mu > 0$$

or  $(x, x_0, p) \in \bar{G}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c(x, x_0, p) = c_1(x, x_0) \cdot c_2(x, x_0, p)$ ,  $c_2(x, x_0, p) > 0$ , it is not necessary for the condition  $c(x, x_0, p) \geq 0$  in  $G'$ ,  $c(x, x_0, p) \in C^2(G')$  to be fulfilled. It is enough for  $c(x, x_0, p) \geq 0$  to be valid in  $G'' = \bar{\Omega} \times [0, T''] \times [-M, M]$ ,  $c \in C^2(G'')$ ,  $T'' > T$ .

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