

**EXISTENCE AND ASYMPTOTIC EXPANSION OF SOLUTIONS
TO A NONLINEAR WAVE EQUATION WITH A MEMORY
CONDITION AT THE BOUNDARY**

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ABSTRACT. We study the initial-boundary value problem for the nonlinear wave equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu(x, t)u_x) + K|u|^{p-2}u + \lambda|u_t|^{q-2}u_t &= f(x, t), \\u(0, t) &= 0 \\-\mu(1, t)u_x(1, t) &= Q(t), \\u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) &= u_1(x),\end{aligned}$$

where $p \geq 2$, $q \geq 2$, K, λ are given constants and u_0, u_1, f, μ are given functions. The unknown function $u(x, t)$ and the unknown boundary value $Q(t)$ satisfy the linear integral equation

$$Q(t) = K_1(t)u(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u_t(1, t) - g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds,$$

where K_1, λ_1, g, k are given functions satisfying some properties stated in the next section. This paper consists of two main sections. First, we prove the existence and uniqueness for the solutions in a suitable function space. Then, for the case $K_1(t) = K_1 \geq 0$, we find the asymptotic expansion in K, λ, K_1 of the solutions, up to order $N + 1$.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider the following problem: Find a pair of functions (u, Q) satisfying

$$u_{tt} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu(x, t)u_x) + F(u, u_t) = f(x, t), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < T, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$-\mu(1, t)u_x(1, t) = Q(t), \quad (1.3)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad (1.4)$$

where $F(u, u_t) = K|u|^{p-2}u + \lambda|u_t|^{q-2}u_t$, with $p, q \geq 2$, K, λ are given constants and u_0, u_1, f, μ are given functions satisfying conditions specified later; the unknown

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function $u(x, t)$ and the unknown boundary value $Q(t)$ satisfy the integral equation

$$Q(t) = K_1(t)u(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u_t(1, t) - g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds, \quad (1.5)$$

where g, k, K_1, λ_1 are given functions. Santos [10] studied the asymptotic behavior of solution of problem (1.1), (1.2) and (1.4) associated with a boundary condition of memory type at $x = 1$ as follows

$$u(1, t) + \int_0^t g(t-s)\mu(1, s)u_x(1, s)ds = 0, \quad t > 0. \quad (1.6)$$

To make such a difficult condition simpler, Santos transformed (1.6) into (1.3), (1.5) with $K_1(t) = \frac{g'(0)}{g(0)}$, and $\lambda_1(t) = \frac{1}{g(0)}$ positive constants.

In the case $\lambda_1(t) \equiv 0$, $K_1(t) = h \geq 0$, $\mu(x, t) \equiv 1$, the problem (1.1)–(1.5) is formed from the problem (1.1)–(1.4) wherein, the unknown function $u(x, t)$ and the unknown boundary value $Q(t)$ satisfy the following Cauchy problem for ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} Q''(t) + \omega^2 Q(t) &= hu_{tt}(1, t), \quad 0 < t < T, \\ Q(0) &= Q_0, \quad Q'(0) = Q_1, \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

where $h \geq 0$, $\omega > 0$, Q_0, Q_1 are given constants [6].

An and Trieu [1] studied a special case of problem (1.1)–(1.4) and (1.7) with $u_0 = u_1 = Q_0 = 0$ and $F(u, u_t) = Ku + \lambda u_t$, with $K \geq 0$, $\lambda \geq 0$ are given constants. In the later case the problem (1.1)–(1.4) and (1.7) is a mathematical model describing the shock of a rigid body and a linear viscoelastic bar resting on a rigid base [1].

From (1.7) we represent $Q(t)$ in terms of $Q_0, Q_1, \omega, h, u_{tt}(1, t)$ and then by integrating by parts, we have

$$Q(t) = hu(1, t) - g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds, \quad (1.8)$$

where

$$g(t) = -(Q_0 - hu_0(1)) \cos \omega t - \frac{1}{\omega}(Q_1 - hu_1(1)) \sin \omega t, \quad (1.9)$$

$$k(t) = h\omega \sin \omega t. \quad (1.10)$$

Bergounioux, Long and Dinh [2] studied problem (1.1), (1.4) with the mixed boundary conditions (1.2), (1.3) standing for

$$u_x(0, t) = hu(0, t) + g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(0, s)ds, \quad (1.11)$$

$$u_x(1, t) + K_1 u(1, t) + \lambda_1 u_t(1, t) = 0, \quad (1.12)$$

where

$$g(t) = (Q_0 - hu_0(0)) \cos \omega t + \frac{1}{\omega}(Q_1 - hu_1(0)) \sin \omega t, \quad (1.13)$$

$$k(t) = h\omega \sin \omega t. \quad (1.14)$$

where $h \geq 0$, $\omega > 0$, $Q_0, Q_1, K, \lambda, K_1, \lambda_1$ are given constants.

Long, Dinh and Diem [7] obtained the unique existence, regularity and asymptotic behavior of the problem (1.1), (1.4) in the case of $\mu(x, t) \equiv 1$, $Q(t) =$

$K_1 u(1, t) + \lambda u_t(1, t)$, $u_x(0, t) = P(t)$ where $P(t)$ satisfies (1.7) with $u_{tt}(1, t)$ is replaced by $u_{tt}(0, t)$.

Long, Ut and Truc [9] gave the unique existence, stability, regularity in time variable and asymptotic behavior for the solution of problem (1.1)–(1.5) when $F(u, u_t) = Ku + \lambda u_t$. In this case, the problem (1.1)–(1.5) is the mathematical model describing a shock problem involving a linear viscoelastic bar.

The present paper consists of two main parts. In Part 1 we prove a theorem of global existence and uniqueness of weak solutions (u, Q) of problem (1.1) - (1.5). The proof is based on a Galerkin type approximation associated to various energy estimates-type bounds, weak-convergence and compactness arguments. The main difficulties encountered here are the boundary condition at $x = 1$ and with the advent of the nonlinear term of $F(u, u_t)$. In order to solve these particular difficulties, stronger assumptions on the initial conditions u_0, u_1 and parameters K, λ will be modified. We remark that the linearization method in the papers [3, 7] cannot be used in [2, 5, 6]. In addition, in the case of $K_1(t) \equiv K_1 \geq 0$, we receive a theorem related to the asymptotic expansion of the solutions with respect to K, λ, K_1 up to order $N + 1$. The results obtained here may be considered as the generalizations of those in An and Trieu [1] and in Long, Dinh, Ut and Truc [2, 3], [5-10].

2. THE EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS THEOREM OF SOLUTION

Put $\Omega = (0, 1)$, $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, $T > 0$. We omit the definitions of usual function spaces: $C^m(\bar{\Omega})$, $L^p(\Omega)$, $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$. We denote $W^{m,p} = W^{m,p}(\Omega)$, $L^p = W^{0,p}(\Omega)$, $H^m = W^{m,2}(\Omega)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $m = 0, 1, \dots$. The norm in L^2 is denoted by $\|\cdot\|$. We also denote by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ the scalar product in L^2 or pair of dual scalar product of continuous linear functional with an element of a function space. We denote by $\|\cdot\|_X$ the norm of a Banach space X and by X' the dual space of X . We denote by $L^p(0, T; X)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ for the Banach space of the real functions $u : (0, T) \rightarrow X$ measurable, such that

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

and

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

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

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

$$a(u, v) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx. \quad (2.2)$$

The set V is a closed subspace of H^1 and on V , $\|v\|_{H^1}$ and $\|v\|_V = \sqrt{a(v, v)} = \|v_x\|$ are two equivalent norms. Then we have the following result.

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

$$\|v\|_{C^0([0,1])} \leq \|v\|_V, \quad \text{for all } v \in V. \quad (2.3)$$

The proof is straightforward and we omit the details. We make the following assumptions:

(H1) $K, \lambda \geq 0$,

- (H2) $u_0 \in V \cap H^2, u_1 \in H^1,$
 (H3) $g, K_1, \lambda_1 \in H^1(0, T), \lambda_1(t) \geq \lambda_0 > 0, K_1(t) \geq 0,$
 (H4) $k \in H^1(0, T),$
 (H5) $\mu \in C^1(\overline{Q_T}), \mu_{tt} \in L^1(0, T; L^\infty), \mu(x, t) \geq \mu_0 > 0,$ for all $(x, t) \in \overline{Q_T},$
 (H6) $f, f_t \in L^2(Q_T).$

Then we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *Let (H1)–(H6) hold. Then, for every $T > 0$, there exists a unique weak solution (u, Q) of problem (1.1)–(1.5) such that*

$$\begin{aligned} u &\in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \\ u_t &\in L^\infty(0, T; V), \quad u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \\ u(1, \cdot) &\in H^2(0, T), \quad Q \in H^1(0, T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Remark 2.3. (i) Noting that with the regularity obtained by (2.4), it follows that the component u in the weak solution (u, Q) of problem (1.1)–(1.5) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u &\in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2) \cap C^0(0, T; V) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2), \\ u_t &\in L^\infty(0, T; V), u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \quad u(1, \cdot) \in H^2(0, T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

(ii) From (2.4) we can see that $u, u_x, u_t, u_{xx}, u_{xt}, u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \subset L^2(Q_T).$ Also if $(u_0, u_1) \in (V \cap H^2) \times H^1,$ then the component u in the weak solution (u, Q) of problem (1.1)–(1.5) belongs to $H^2(Q_T) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2) \cap C^0(0, T; V) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2).$ So the solution is almost classical which is rather natural since the initial data u_0 and u_1 do not belong necessarily to $V \cap C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ and $C^1(\overline{\Omega}),$ respectively.

Proof of the Theorem 2.2. The proof consists of Steps four steps.

Step 1. The Galerkin approximation. Let $\{w_j\}$ be a denumerable base of $V \cap H^2.$ We find the approximate solution of problem (1.1)–(1.5) in the form

$$u_m(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_{mj}(t)w_j, \quad (2.6)$$

where the coefficient functions c_{mj} satisfy the system of ordinary differential equations as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_m''(t), w_j \rangle + \langle \mu(t)u_{mx}(t), w_{jx} \rangle + Q_m(t)w_j(1) + \langle F(u_m(t), u_m'(t)), w_j \rangle \\ = \langle f(t), w_j \rangle, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m, \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

$$Q_m(t) = K_1(t)u_m(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u_m'(1, t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u_m(1, s)ds - g(t), \quad (2.8)$$

$$u_m(0) = u_{0m} = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{mj}w_j \rightarrow u_0 \quad \text{strongly in } V \cap H^2, \quad (2.9)$$

$$u_m'(0) = u_{1m} = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_{mj}w_j \rightarrow u_1 \quad \text{strongly in } H^1.$$

From the assumptions of Theorem 2.2, system (2.7)–(2.9) has solution (u_m, Q_m) on an interval $[0, T_m].$ The following estimates allow one to take $T_m = T$ for all $m.$

Step 2. A priori estimates: *A priori estimates I.* Substituting (2.8) into (2.7), then multiplying the j^{th} equation of (2.7) by $c'_{mj}(t),$ summing up with respect to j and

afterwards integrating with respect to the time variable from 0 to t , we get after some rearrangements

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_m(t) &= S_m(0) + \int_0^t ds \int_0^1 \mu'(x, s) u_{mx}^2(x, s) dx + \int_0^t K_1'(s) u_m^2(1, s) ds \\
 &\quad + 2 \int_0^t g(s) u_m'(1, s) ds + 2 \int_0^t u_m'(1, s) \left(\int_0^s k(s - \tau) u_m(1, \tau) d\tau \right) ds \quad (2.10) \\
 &\quad + 2 \int_0^t \langle f(s), u_m'(s) \rangle ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_m(t) &= \|u_m'(t)\|^2 + \|\sqrt{\mu(t)} u_{mx}(t)\|^2 + K_1(t) u_m^2(1, t) + \frac{2K}{p} \|u_m(t)\|_{L^p}^p \\
 &\quad + 2\lambda \int_0^t \|u_m'(s)\|_{L^q}^q ds + 2 \int_0^t \lambda_1(s) |u_m'(1, s)|^2 ds. \quad (2.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality

$$2ab \leq \beta a^2 + \frac{1}{\beta} b^2, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \beta > 0, \quad (2.12)$$

and the following inequalities

$$S_m(t) \geq \|u_m'(t)\|^2 + \mu_0 \|u_{mx}(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0 \int_0^t |u_m'(1, s)|^2 ds, \quad (2.13)$$

$$|u_m(1, t)| \leq \|u_m(t)\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|u_{mx}(t)\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{S_m(t)}{\mu_0}}, \quad (2.14)$$

we shall estimate respectively the following terms on the right-hand side of (2.10) as follows

$$\int_0^t ds \int_0^1 \mu'(x, s) u_{mx}^2(x, s) dx \leq \frac{1}{\mu_0} \|\mu'\|_{C^0(\bar{Q}_T)} \int_0^t S_m(s) ds, \quad (2.15)$$

$$\int_0^t K_1'(s) u_m^2(1, s) ds \leq \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int_0^t |K_1'(s)| S_m(s) ds, \quad (2.16)$$

$$2 \int_0^t g(s) u_m'(1, s) ds \leq \frac{1}{\beta} \|g\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2\lambda_0} S_m(t), \quad (2.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2 \int_0^t u_m'(1, s) \left(\int_0^s k(s - \tau) u_m(1, \tau) d\tau \right) ds \\
 &\leq \frac{\beta}{2\lambda_0} S_m(t) + \frac{1}{\beta\mu_0} T \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \int_0^t S_m(s) ds, \quad (2.18)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2 \int_0^t \langle f(s), u_m'(s) \rangle ds \leq \|f\|_{L^2(Q_T)}^2 + \int_0^t S_m(s) ds. \quad (2.19)$$

In addition, from the assumptions (H1), (H2), (H5) and the embedding $H^1(0, 1) \hookrightarrow L^p(0, 1)$, $p > 1$, there exists a positive constant C_1 such that for all m ,

$$S_m(0) = \|u_{1m}\|^2 + \|\sqrt{\mu(0)} u_{0mx}\|^2 + K_1(0) u_{0m}^2(1) + \frac{2K}{p} \|u_{0m}\|_{L^p}^p \leq C_1 \quad (2.20)$$

Combining (2.10), (2.11), (2.15)–(2.20) and choosing $\beta = \frac{\lambda_0}{2}$, we obtain

$$S_m(t) \leq M_T^{(1)} + \int_0^t N_T^{(1)}(s)S_m(s)ds, \quad (2.21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_T^{(1)} &= 2C_1 + \frac{4}{\lambda_0} \|g\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + 2\|f\|_{L^2(Q_T)}^2, \\ N_T^{(1)}(s) &= 2\left[1 + \frac{2}{\lambda_0\mu_0} T\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \|\mu'\|_{C^0(\overline{Q_T})} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} |K_1'(s)|\right], \\ N_T^{(1)} &\in L^1(0, T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

By Gronwall's lemma, we deduce from (2.21), (2.22), that

$$S_m(t) \leq M_T^{(1)} \exp\left(\int_0^t N_T^{(1)}(s)ds\right) \leq C_T, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T]. \quad (2.23)$$

A priori estimates II. Now differentiating (2.7) with respect to t , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle u_m'''(t), w_j \rangle + \langle \mu(t)u'_{mx}(t) + \mu'(t)u_{mx}(t), w_{jx} \rangle + Q'_m(t)w_j(1) \\ &+ K(p-1)\langle |u_m|^{p-2}u'_m, w_j \rangle + \lambda(q-1)\langle |u'_m|^{q-2}u''_m, w_j \rangle \\ &= \langle f'(t), w_j \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

for all $1 \leq j \leq m$. Multiplying the j^{th} equation of (2.24) by $c''_{mj}(t)$, summing up with respect to j and then integrating with respect to the time variable from 0 to t , we have after some rearrangements

$$\begin{aligned} X_m(t) &= X_m(0) + 2\langle \mu'(0)u_{0mx}, u_{1mx} \rangle - 2\langle \mu'(t)u_{mx}(t), u'_{mx}(t) \rangle \\ &+ 2 \int_0^t \langle \mu''(s)u_{mx}(s), u'_{mx}(s) \rangle ds + 3 \int_0^t ds \int_0^1 \mu'(x, s) |u'_{mx}(x, s)|^2 dx \\ &- 2 \int_0^t (K_1'(s) - k(0))u_m(1, s)u''_m(1, s) ds \\ &- 2 \int_0^t (K_1(s) + \lambda_1'(s))u'_m(1, s)u''_m(1, s) ds \\ &+ 2 \int_0^t u''_m(1, s) \left(g'(s) + \int_0^s k'(s-\tau)u_m(1, \tau) d\tau \right) ds \\ &- 2(p-1)K \int_0^t \langle |u_m(s)|^{p-2}u'_m(s), u''_m(s) \rangle ds + 2 \int_0^t \langle f'(s), u''_m(s) \rangle ds, \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} X_m(t) &= \|u''_m(t)\|^2 + \|\sqrt{\mu(t)}u'_{mx}(t)\|^2 + 2 \int_0^t \lambda_1(s) |u''_m(1, s)|^2 ds \\ &+ \frac{8}{q^2}(q-1)\lambda \int_0^t \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (|u'_m(s)|^{\frac{q-2}{2}} u'_m(s)) \right\|^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

From the assumptions (H1), (H2), (H5), (H6) and the imbedding $H^1(0, 1) \hookrightarrow L^p(0, 1)$, $p > 1$, there exists positive constant \tilde{D}_1 depending on $\mu, u_0, u_1, K, \lambda, p$,

q, f such that

$$\begin{aligned} & X_m(0) + 2\langle \mu'(0)u_{0mx}, u_{1mx} \rangle \\ &= \|u_m''(0)\|^2 + \|\sqrt{\mu(0)}u_{1mx}\|^2 + 2\langle \mu'(0)u_{0mx}, u_{1mx} \rangle \\ &\leq \|\mu(0)u_{0mx} + \mu_x(0)u_{0mx} - K|u_{0m}|^{p-2}u_{0m} - \lambda|u_{1m}|^{q-2}u_{1m} + f(0)\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\sqrt{\mu(0)}u_{1mx}\|^2 + 2\|\mu'(0)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}\|u_{0mx}\|\|u_{1mx}\| \leq \tilde{D}_1, \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

for all m . Using the inequality (2.12) where β is replaced by β_1 and the following inequalities

$$X_m(t) \geq \|u_m''(t)\|^2 + \mu_0\|u_{mx}'(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0 \int_0^t |u_m''(1, s)|^2 ds, \quad (2.28)$$

$$|u_m(1, t)| \leq \|u_m(t)\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|u_{mx}(t)\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{S_m(t)}{\mu_0}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{\mu_0}}, \quad (2.29)$$

$$|u_{mx}'(1, t)| \leq \|u_{mx}'(t)\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|u_{mx}'(t)\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{X_m(t)}{\mu_0}}, \quad (2.30)$$

we estimate, without difficulty the following terms in the right-hand side of (2.25) as follows

$$-2\langle \mu'(t)u_{mx}(t), u_{mx}'(t) \rangle \leq \beta_1 X_m(t) + \frac{1}{\beta_1 \mu_0} C_T \|\mu'\|_{C^0(\bar{Q}_T)}^2, \quad (2.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \int_0^t \langle \mu''(s)u_{mx}(s), u_{mx}'(s) \rangle ds \\ &\leq 2 \int_0^t \|\mu''(s)\|_{L^\infty} \|u_{mx}(s)\| \|u_{mx}'(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \beta_1 \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int_0^t \|\mu''(s)\|_{L^\infty} \|u_{mx}(s)\|^2 ds + \beta_1 \mu_0 \int_0^t \|\mu''(s)\|_{L^\infty} \|u_{mx}'(s)\|^2 ds \\ &\leq \beta_1 \int_0^t \|\mu''(s)\|_{L^\infty} X_m(s) ds + \frac{C_T}{\beta_1 \mu_0} \|\mu''\|_{L^1(0, T; L^\infty)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

$$3 \int_0^t ds \int_0^1 \mu'(x, s) |u_{mx}'(x, s)|^2 dx \leq \frac{3}{\mu_0} \|\mu'\|_{C^0(\bar{Q}_T)} \int_0^t X_m(s) ds, \quad (2.33)$$

$$-2 \int_0^t (K_1'(s) - k(0)) u_m(1, s) u_m''(1, s) ds \leq \frac{\beta_1}{2\lambda_0} X_m(t) + \frac{C_T}{\beta_1 \mu_0} \|K_1' - k(0)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2, \quad (2.34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \int_0^t (K_1(s) + \lambda_1'(s)) u_m'(1, s) u_m''(1, s) ds \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\beta_1 \mu_0} \int_0^t (|K_1(s)|^2 + |\lambda_1'(s)|^2) X_m(s) ds + \frac{\beta_1}{2\lambda_0} X_m(t), \end{aligned} \quad (2.35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \int_0^t u_m''(1, s)(g'(s) + \int_0^s k'(s - \tau)u_m(1, \tau)d\tau)ds \\ & \leq \frac{\beta_1}{2\lambda_0} X_m(t) + \frac{2}{\beta_1} [\|g'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \frac{C_T}{\mu_0} T \|k'\|_{L^1(0, T)}^2], \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

$$-2(p-1)K \int_0^t \langle |u_m(s)|^{p-2} u_m'(s), u_m''(s) \rangle ds \leq 2 \frac{p-1}{\sqrt{\mu_0}} K \left(\frac{C_T}{\mu_0} \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} \int_0^t X_m(s) ds, \quad (2.37)$$

$$2 \int_0^t \langle f'(s), u_m''(s) \rangle ds \leq \beta_1 \int_0^t X_m(s) ds + \frac{1}{\beta_1} \|f'\|_{L^2(Q_T)}^2. \quad (2.38)$$

In terms of (2.25), (2.27), (2.31)–(2.38) and by the choice of $\beta_1 > 0$ such that

$$\beta_1 \left(1 + \frac{3}{2\lambda_0} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

we obtain

$$X_m(t) \leq \widetilde{M}_T^{(2)} + \int_0^t N_T^{(2)}(s) X_m(s) ds, \quad (2.39)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{M}_T^{(2)} &= 2\widetilde{D}_1 + \frac{2C_T}{\beta_1\mu_0} [\|\mu'\|_{C^0(\overline{Q_T})}^2 + \|\mu''\|_{L^1(0, T; L^\infty)} + \|K_1' - k(0)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\beta_1} [2\|g'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \frac{2C_T}{\mu_0} T \|k'\|_{L^1(0, T)}^2 + \|f'\|_{L^2(Q_T)}^2], \\ N_T^{(2)}(s) &= 2\beta_1 + 4 \frac{p-1}{\sqrt{\mu_0}} K \left(\frac{C_T}{\mu_0} \right)^{\frac{p-2}{2}} + \frac{6}{\mu_0} \|\mu'\|_{C^0(\overline{Q_T})} + 2\beta_1 \|\mu''(s)\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\quad + \frac{4}{\beta_1\mu_0} (|K_1(s)|^2 + |\lambda_1'(s)|^2), \\ &\quad N_T^{(2)} \in L^1(0, T). \end{aligned} \quad (2.40)$$

From (2.39)–(2.40) and applying Gronwall's inequality, we obtain that

$$X_m(t) \leq M_T^{(2)} \exp \left(\int_0^t N_T^{(2)}(s) ds \right) \leq C_T \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T]. \quad (2.41)$$

On the other hand, we deduce from (2.8), (2.11), (2.23), (2.26) and (2.41), that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_m'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 &\leq \frac{5D_T}{2\lambda_0} \|\lambda_1\|_\infty^2 + \frac{5T^2 C_T}{\mu_0} \|k'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + 5\|g'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{5D_T}{\mu_0} (\|K_1 + \lambda_1'\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \|K_1' - k(0)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2.42)$$

where $\|\lambda_1\|_\infty = \|\lambda_1\|_{L^\infty(0, T)}$. From the assumptions (H3) and (H4), we deduce from (2.42), that

$$\|Q_m\|_{H^1(0, T)} \leq C_T \quad \text{for all } m, \quad (2.43)$$

where C_T is a positive constant depending only on T .

Step 3. Limiting process. From (2.11), (2.23), (2.26), (2.41) and (2.43), we deduce the existence of a subsequence of $\{(u_m, Q_m)\}$ still also so denoted, such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_m &\rightarrow u && \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) && \text{weak}^*, \\ u'_m &\rightarrow u' && \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; V) && \text{weak}^*, \\ u''_m &\rightarrow u'' && \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2) && \text{weak}^*, \\ u_m(1, \cdot) &\rightarrow u(1, \cdot) && \text{in } H^2(0, T) && \text{weakly}, \\ Q_m &\rightarrow \tilde{Q} && \text{in } H^1(0, T) && \text{weakly}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.44)$$

By the compactness lemma in Lions [4: p.57] and the imbedding $H^2(0, T) \hookrightarrow C^1([0, T])$, we can deduce from (2.44)_{1,2,3,4,5} the existence of a subsequence still denoted by $\{(u_m, Q_m)\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_m &\rightarrow u && \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T), \\ u'_m &\rightarrow u' && \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T), \\ u_m(1, \cdot) &\rightarrow u(1, \cdot) && \text{strongly in } C^1([0, T]), \\ Q_m &\rightarrow \tilde{Q} && \text{strongly in } C^0([0, T]). \end{aligned} \quad (2.45)$$

From (2.8) and (2.45)₃ we have that

$$Q_m(t) \rightarrow K_1(t)u(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u'(1, t) - g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds \equiv Q(t) \quad (2.46)$$

strongly in $C^0([0, T])$.

Combining (2.45)₄ and (2.46), we conclude that

$$Q(t) = \tilde{Q}(t). \quad (2.47)$$

By means of the inequality

$$||x|^{\delta-2}x - |y|^{\delta-2}y| \leq (\delta-1)R^{\delta-2}|x-y| \text{quad} \forall x, y \in [-R; R], \quad (2.48)$$

for all $R > 0$, $\delta \geq 2$, it follows from (2.39), that

$$||u_m|^{p-2}u_m - |u|^{p-2}u| \leq (p-1)R^{p-2}|u_m - u| \quad \text{with } R = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{\mu_0}}. \quad (2.49)$$

Hence, it follows from (2.45)₁ and (2.49), that

$$|u_m|^{p-2}u_m \rightarrow |u|^{p-2}u \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T). \quad (2.50)$$

By the same way, we deduce from (2.48), with $R = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{\mu_0}}$ and (2.44)₃, (2.45)₂, that

$$|u'_m|^{q-2}u'_m \rightarrow |u'|^{q-2}u' \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(Q_T). \quad (2.51)$$

Passing to the limit in (2.7)–(2.9) by (2.44)_{1,5}, (2.46), (2.47), (2.50) and (2.51) we have (u, Q) satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u''(t), v \rangle + \langle \mu(t)u_x(t), v_x \rangle + Q(t)v(1) + \langle K|u|^{p-2}u + \lambda|u'|^{q-2}u', v \rangle \\ = \langle f(t), v \rangle, \quad \forall v \in V, \end{aligned} \quad (2.52)$$

$$u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(0) = u_1, \quad (2.53)$$

$$Q(t) = K_1(t)u(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u_t(1, t) - g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds, \quad (2.54)$$

On the other hand, from (2.44)₅, (2.52) and assumptions (H5)-(H6) we have

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{\mu(x,t)}(u'' - \mu_x u_x + K|u|^{p-2}u + \lambda|u'|^{q-2}u' - f) \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2). \quad (2.55)$$

Thus $u \in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2)$ and the existence of the theorem is proved completely.

Step 4. Uniqueness of the solution. Let (u_1, Q_1) , (u_2, Q_2) be two weak solutions of problem (1.1)–(1.5), such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_i &\in L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \quad u'_i \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), \quad u''_i \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \\ u_i(1, \cdot) &\in H^2(0, T), \quad Q_i \in H^1(0, T), \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.56)$$

Then (u, Q) with $u = u_1 - u_2$ and $Q = Q_1 - Q_2$ satisfy the variational problem

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u''(t), v \rangle + \langle \mu(t)u_x(t), v_x \rangle + Q(t)v(1) + K(|u_1|^{p-2}u_1 - |u_2|^{p-2}u_2, v) \\ + \lambda(|u'_1|^{q-2}u'_1 - |u'_2|^{q-2}u'_2, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V, \\ u(0) = \quad u'(0) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.57)$$

and

$$Q(t) = K_1(t)u(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u'(1, t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds. \quad (2.58)$$

We take $v = u'$ in (2.57)₁, and integrating with respect to t , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &\leq \int_0^t \|\sqrt{|\mu'(s)|}u_x(s)\|^2 ds + \int_0^t K'_1(s)u^2(1, s)ds \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^t u'(1, s)ds \int_0^s k(s-\tau)u(1, \tau)d\tau \\ &\quad - 2K \int_0^t \langle |u_1|^{p-2}u_1 - |u_2|^{p-2}u_2, u' \rangle ds, \end{aligned} \quad (2.59)$$

where

$$\sigma(t) = \|u'(t)\|^2 + \|\sqrt{\mu(t)}u_x(t)\|^2 + K_1(t)u^2(1, t) + 2 \int_0^t \lambda_1(s)|u'(1, s)|^2 ds. \quad (2.60)$$

Noting that

$$\sigma(t) \geq \|u'(t)\|^2 + \mu_0\|u_x(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0 \int_0^t |u'(1, s)|^2 ds, \quad (2.61)$$

$$|u(1, t)| \leq \|u(t)\|_{C^0(\bar{\Omega})} \leq \|u_x(t)\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sigma(t)}{\mu_0}}. \quad (2.62)$$

We again use inequalities (2.12) and (2.48) with $\delta = p$, $R = \max_{i=1,2} \|u_i\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)}$, then, it follows from (2.59)–(2.62), that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &\leq \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int_0^t (\|\mu'\|_{C^0(\bar{Q}_T)} + |K'_1(s)|)\sigma(s)ds + \frac{\beta}{2\lambda_0}\sigma(t) \\ &\quad + \frac{T}{\beta\mu_0} \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 \int_0^t \sigma(\tau)d\tau + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0}}(p-1)KR^{p-2} \int_0^t \sigma(s)ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.63)$$

Choosing $\beta > 0$, such that $\beta \frac{1}{2\lambda_0} \leq 1/2$, we obtain from (2.63), that

$$\sigma(t) \leq \int_0^t q_1(s)\sigma(s)ds, \quad (2.64)$$

where

$$q_1(s) = \frac{2}{\mu_0} (\|\mu'\|_{C^0(\overline{Q_T})} + |K_1'(s)|) + \frac{2T}{\beta\mu_0} \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\mu_0}} (p-1)KR^{p-2}, \tag{2.65}$$

$$q_1 \in L^2(0, T).$$

By Gronwall’s lemma, we deduce that $\sigma \equiv 0$ and Theorem 2.2 is completely proved. □

Remark 2.4. In the case $p, q > 2, K < 0,$ and $\lambda < 0,$ the question of existence for the solutions of problem (1.1)–(1.5) is still open. However we have also obtained the answer of problem (1.1)–(1.5) when $p = q = 2$ and $K, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ published in [9].

3. ASYMPTOTIC EXPANSION OF THE SOLUTION

In this part, we consider two given functions u_0, u_1 as $\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1,$ respectively. Then we assume that $K_1(t) = K_1$ is a nonnegative constant and $(\tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, f, \mu, g, k, \lambda_1)$ satisfy the assumptions (H2)–(H6). Let $(K, \lambda, K_1) \in \mathbb{R}_+^3.$ By Theorem 2.2, the problem (1.1)–(1.5) has a unique weak solution (u, Q) depending on $(K, \lambda, K_1):$

$$u = u(K, \lambda, K_1), \quad Q = Q(K, \lambda, K_1).$$

We consider the following perturbed problem, where K, λ, K_1 are small parameters such that, $0 \leq K \leq K_*, 0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_*, 0 \leq K_1 \leq K_{1*}:$

$$Au \equiv u_{tt} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu(x, t)u_x) = -KF(u) - \lambda G(u_t) + f(x, t), \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T,$$

$$u(0, t) = 0,$$

$$Bu \equiv -\mu(1, t)u_x(1, t) = Q(t),$$

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

$$Q(t) = K_1u(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)u_t(1, t) - g(t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u(1, s)ds, \tag{3.1}$$

where $F(u) = |u|^{p-2}u, G(u_t) = |u_t|^{q-2}u_t, p > N \geq 2, q > N \geq 2.$ We shall study the asymptotic expansion of the solution of problem (P_{K,λ,K_1}) with respect to $(K, \lambda, K_1).$ We use the following notation. For a multi-index $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3$ and $\vec{K} = (K, \lambda, K_1) \in \mathbb{R}_+^3,$ we put

$$|\gamma| = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3, \quad \gamma! = \gamma_1!\gamma_2!\gamma_3!,$$

$$\|\vec{K}\| = \sqrt{K^2 + \lambda^2 + K_1^2}, \quad \vec{K}^\gamma = K^{\gamma_1}\lambda^{\gamma_2}K_1^{\gamma_3},$$

$$\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3, \quad \beta \leq \alpha \iff \beta_i \leq \alpha_i \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3.$$

First, we shall need the following Lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $m, N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $v_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3, 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq N.$ Then*

$$\left(\sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq N} v_\alpha \vec{K}^\alpha \right)^m = \sum_{m \leq |\alpha| \leq mN} T^{(m)}[v]_\alpha \vec{K}^\alpha, \tag{3.2}$$

where the coefficients $T^{(m)}[v]_\alpha$, $m \leq |\alpha| \leq mN$ depending on $v = (v_\alpha)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3$, $1 \leq |\alpha| \leq N$ are defined by the recurrence formulas

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(1)}[v]_\alpha &= v_\alpha, \quad 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq N, \\ T^{(m)}[v]_\alpha &= \sum_{\beta \in A_\alpha^{(m)}} v_{\alpha-\beta} T^{(m-1)}[v]_\beta, \quad m \leq |\alpha| \leq mN, m \geq 2, \\ A_\alpha^{(m)} &= \{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3 : \beta \leq \alpha, 1 \leq |\alpha - \beta| \leq N, m-1 \leq |\beta| \leq (m-1)N\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

The proof of the above lemma can be found in [11]. Let $(u_0, Q_0) \equiv (u_{0,0,0}, Q_{0,0,0})$ be a unique weak solution of the following problem (as in Theorem 2.2) corresponding to $(K, \lambda, K_1) = (0, 0, 0)$; i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} Au_0 &= P_{0,0,0} \equiv f(x, t), \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T, \\ u_0(0, t) &= 0, \quad Bu_0 = Q_0(t), \\ u_0(x, 0) &= \tilde{u}_0(x), \quad u'_0(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_1(x), \\ Q_0(t) &= -g(t) + \lambda_1(t)u'_0(1, t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u_0(1, s)ds, \\ u_0 &\in C^0(0, T; V) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \\ u'_0 &\in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), \quad u''_0 \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \\ u_0(1, \cdot) &\in H^2(0, T), \quad Q_0 \in H^1(0, T). \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider the sequence of weak solutions (u_γ, Q_γ) , $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3$, $1 \leq |\gamma| \leq N$, defined by the following problems (\tilde{P}_γ) :

$$\begin{aligned} Au_\gamma &= P_\gamma, \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < T, \\ u_\gamma(0, t) &= 0, \quad Bu_\gamma = Q_\gamma(t), \\ u_\gamma(x, 0) &= u'_\gamma(x, 0) = 0, \\ Q_\gamma(t) &= \widehat{Q}_\gamma(t) + \lambda_1(t)u'_\gamma(1, t) - \int_0^t k(t-s)u_\gamma(1, s)ds, \\ u_\gamma &\in C^0(0, T; V) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \\ u'_\gamma &\in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), \quad u''_\gamma \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \\ u_\gamma(1, \cdot) &\in H^2(0, T), \quad Q_\gamma \in H^1(0, T), \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where P_γ , \widehat{Q}_γ , $|\gamma| \leq N$ are defined by the recurrence formula

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{Q}_\gamma(t) &= 0, \quad 1 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \quad \gamma_3 = 0, \\ \widehat{Q}_\gamma(t) &= u_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3-1}(1, t), \quad 1 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \quad \gamma_3 \geq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{1,0,0} &= -F(u_0), \quad P_{0,1,0} = -G(u'_0), \quad P_{0,0,1} = 0, \\
 P_{0,0,\gamma_3} &= 0, \quad 2 \leq \gamma_3 \leq N, \\
 P_{0,\gamma_2,\gamma_3} &= - \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} G^{(m)}(u'_0) T^{(m)}[u']_{0,\gamma_2-1,\gamma_3}, \quad 2 \leq \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 \leq N, \gamma_2 \geq 1, \\
 P_{\gamma_1,0,\gamma_3} &= - \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} F^{(m)}(u_0) T^{(m)}[u]_{\gamma_1-1,0,\gamma_3}, \quad 2 \leq \gamma_1 + \gamma_3 \leq N, \gamma_1 \geq 1, \\
 P_\gamma &= - \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} [F^{(m)}(u_0) T^{(m)}[u]_{\gamma_1-1,\gamma_2,\gamma_3} + G^{(m)}(u'_0) T^{(m)}[u']_{\gamma_1,\gamma_2-1,\gamma_3}], \\
 & \quad 2 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \gamma_1 \geq 1, \gamma_2 \geq 1,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

here we have used the notation $u = (u_\gamma)$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3$, $|\gamma| \leq N$. Let $(u, Q) = (u_{K,\lambda,K_1}, Q_{K,\lambda,K_1})$ be a unique weak solution of problem (3.1). Then (v, R) , with

$$v = u - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma \equiv u - h, \quad R = Q - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} Q_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma,$$

satisfies the problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 Av &\equiv v_{tt} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu(x, t)v_x) \\
 &= -K[F(v + h) - F(h)] - \lambda[G(v_t + h_t) - G(h_t)] \\
 &\quad + \tilde{E}_N(\vec{K}), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < T, \\
 v(0, t) &= 0, \quad Bv \equiv -\mu(1, t)v_x(1, t) = R(t), \\
 R(t) &= K_1v(1, t) + \lambda_1(t)v_t(1, t) + \tilde{G}_N(\vec{K}) - \int_0^t k(t - s)v(1, s)ds, \\
 v(x, 0) &= v_t(x, 0) = 0, \\
 v &\in C^0(0, T; V) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2) \cap L^\infty(0, T; V \cap H^2), \\
 v' &\in L^\infty(0, T; H^1), \quad v'' \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2), \\
 v(1, \cdot) &\in H^2(0, T), \quad R \in H^1(0, T),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\tilde{E}_N(\vec{K}) = f(x, t) - KF(h) - \lambda G(h_t) - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} P_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\tilde{G}_N(\vec{K}) = \sum_{|\gamma|=N+1, \gamma_3 \geq 1} u_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3-1}(1, t) \vec{K}^\gamma. \tag{3.9}$$

Then, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 3.2. *Let (H2)-(H6) hold. Then*

$$\|\tilde{E}_N(\vec{K})\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} \leq \tilde{C}_{1N} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \tag{3.10}$$

$$\|\tilde{G}_N(\vec{K})\|_{H^2(0, T)} \leq \tilde{C}_{2N} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \tag{3.11}$$

for all $\vec{K} = (K, \lambda, K_1) \in \mathbb{R}_+^3$, $\|\vec{K}\| \leq \|\vec{K}_*\|$ with $\vec{K}_* = (K_*, \lambda_*, K_{1*})$, where \tilde{C}_{1N} , \tilde{C}_{2N} are positive constants depending only on the constants $\|\vec{K}_*\|$, $\|u_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)}$, $\|u'_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)}$, ($|\gamma| \leq N$), $\|u_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3-1}(1, \cdot)\|_{H^2(0,T)}$, ($|\gamma| = N + 1$, $\gamma_3 \geq 1$).

Proof. In the case of $N = 1$, the proof of Lemma 3.2 is easy, hence we omit the details, which we only prove with $N \geq 2$. Put

$$h = u_0 + h_1, h_1 = \sum_{1 \leq |\gamma| \leq N} u_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma. \tag{3.12}$$

By using Taylor’s expansion of the function $F(h) = F(u_0 + h_1)$ around the point u_0 up to order $N - 1$, we obtain

$$F(h) = F(u_0) + \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{m!} F^{(m)}(u_0) h_1^m + \frac{1}{N!} F^{(N)}(u_0 + \theta_1 h_1) h_1^N, \tag{3.13}$$

where $0 < \theta_1 < 1$. By Lemma 3.1, we obtain from (3.13), after some rearrangements in order to of \vec{K}^γ , that

$$\begin{aligned} KF(h) &= KF(u_0) \\ &+ \sum_{2 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \gamma_1 \geq 1} \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} F^{(m)}(u_0) T^{(m)}[u]_{\gamma_1-1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} \vec{K}^\gamma + R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K}), \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K}) &= K \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{m!} F^{(m)}(u_0) \sum_{N \leq |\gamma| \leq mN} T^{(m)}[u]_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma + \frac{1}{N!} F^{(N)}(u_0 + \theta_1 h_1) K h_1^N, \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Similarly, we use Taylor’s expansion of the function $G(h_t) = G(u'_0 + h'_1)$ around the point u'_0 up to order $N - 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda G(h_t) &= \lambda G(u'_0) + \sum_{2 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \gamma_2 \geq 1} \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} G^{(m)}(u'_0) T^{(m)}[u']_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2-1, \gamma_3} \vec{K}^\gamma \\ &+ R^{(2)}(G, \vec{K}), \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(2)}(G, \vec{K}) &= \lambda \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{m!} G^{(m)}(u'_0) \sum_{N \leq |\gamma| \leq mN} T^{(m)}[u']_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma + \lambda \frac{1}{N!} G^{(N)}(u'_0 + \theta_2 h'_1) (h'_1)^N, \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

and $0 < \theta_2 < 1$. Combining (3.6), (3.8), (3.14)–(3.17), we then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_N(\vec{K}) &= f(x, t) - KF(u_0) - \lambda G(u'_0) \\ &\quad - \sum_{2 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \gamma_1 \geq 1} \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} F^{(m)}(u_0) T^{(m)}[u]_{\gamma_1-1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} \vec{K}^\gamma \\ &\quad - \sum_{2 \leq |\gamma| \leq N, \gamma_2 \geq 1} \sum_{m=1}^{|\gamma|-1} \frac{1}{m!} G^{(m)}(u'_0) T^{(m)}[u']_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2-1, \gamma_3} \vec{K}^\gamma \quad (3.18) \\ &\quad - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} P_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma - R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K}) - R^{(2)}(G, \vec{K}) \\ &= -R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K}) - R^{(2)}(G, \vec{K}). \end{aligned}$$

We shall estimate respectively the following terms on the right-hand side of (3.18). *Estimate for $R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K})$.* By the boundedness of the functions $u_\gamma, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3, |\gamma| \leq N$ in the function space $L^\infty(0, T; H^1)$, we obtain from (3.13), that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K})\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} \\ &\leq |K| \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \sum_{N \leq |\gamma| \leq mN} \frac{1}{m!} \|F^{(m)}(u_0)\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} \|T^{(m)}[u]_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} |\vec{K}^\gamma| \quad (3.19) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{N!} K \|F^{(N)}(u_0 + \theta_1 h_1)\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} \|h_1\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)}^N. \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality

$$|\vec{K}^\gamma| \leq \|\vec{K}\|^{|\gamma|}, \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3, |\gamma| \leq N, \quad (3.20)$$

it follows from (3.19) and (3.20) that

$$\|R^{(1)}(F, \vec{K})\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} \leq \tilde{C}_{1N}^{(1)} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \quad \|\vec{K}\| \leq \|\vec{K}_*\|, \quad (3.21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{1N}^{(1)} &= \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \sum_{N \leq |\gamma| \leq mN} C_{p-1}^m \|u_0\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)}^{p-m-1} \|T^{(m)}[\hat{u}]_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} \|\vec{K}_*\|^{|\gamma|-N} \\ &\quad + C_{p-1}^N \|\vec{K}_*\|^{-N} \left(\sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} \|u_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} \|\vec{K}_*\|^{|\gamma|} \right)^{p-1}, \quad (3.22) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{K}_* = (K_*, \lambda_*, K_{1*}), \quad \text{and } C_{p-1}^m = \frac{(p-1)(p-2)\dots(p-m)}{m!}.$$

Estimate for $R^{(2)}(G, \vec{K})$. From (3.17) We obtain in a similar manner corresponding to the above part, that

$$\|R^{(2)}(G, \vec{K})\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} \leq \tilde{C}_{1N}^{(2)} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \quad \|\vec{K}\| \leq \|\vec{K}_*\|, \quad (3.23)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{1N}^{(2)} &= \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \sum_{N \leq |\gamma| \leq mN} C_{q-1}^m \|u'_0\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)}^{q-m-1} \|T^{(m)}[\hat{u}']_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^2)} \|\vec{K}_*\|^{|\gamma|-N} \\ &\quad + C_{q-1}^N \|\vec{K}_*\|^{-N} \left(\sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} \|u'_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0, T; V)} \|\vec{K}_*\|^{|\gamma|} \right)^{q-1}. \quad (3.24) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows from (3.18), (3.21)–(3.24) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{E}_N(\vec{K})\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2)} &\leq (\tilde{C}_{1N}^{(1)} + \tilde{C}_{1N}^{(2)})\|\vec{K}\|^{N+1} \equiv \tilde{C}_{1N}\|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \\ \|\vec{K}\| &\leq \|\vec{K}_*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

Hence, the first part of Lemma 3.2 is proved.

With $\tilde{G}_N(\vec{K})$, then, we obtain from (3.9) in a similar manner to the above part, that

$$\|\tilde{G}_N(\vec{K})\|_{H^2(0,T)} \leq \tilde{C}_{2N}\|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \tag{3.26}$$

where

$$\tilde{C}_{2N} = \sum_{|\gamma|=N+1, \gamma_3 \geq 1} \|u_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3-1}(1, \cdot)\|_{H^2(0,T)}. \tag{3.27}$$

The proof of Lemma 3.2 is complete. \square

Theorem 3.3. *Let (H2)–(H6) hold. Then, for every $\vec{K} \in \mathbb{R}_+^3$, with $0 \leq K \leq K_*$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_*$, $0 \leq K_1 \leq K_{1*}$, problem (3.1) has a unique weak solution $(u, Q) = (u_{K, \lambda, K_1}, Q_{K, \lambda, K_1})$ satisfying the asymptotic estimations up to order $N + 1$ as follows*

$$\begin{aligned} &\|u' - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u'_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2)} + \|u - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)} \\ &+ \|u'(1, \cdot) - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u'_\gamma(1, \cdot) \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^2(0,T)} \\ &\leq \tilde{D}_N^* \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

and

$$\|Q - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} Q_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^2(0,T)} \leq \tilde{D}_N^{**} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \tag{3.29}$$

for all $\vec{K} \in \mathbb{R}_+^3$, $\|\vec{K}\| \leq \|\vec{K}_*\|$, \tilde{D}_N^* and \tilde{D}_N^{**} are positive constants independent of \vec{K} , the functions (u_γ, Q_γ) are the weak solutions of problems (3.4), $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_+^3$, $|\gamma| \leq N$.

Remark 3.4. In [9], as in this special case for problem (1.1)–(1.5), Long, Ut and Truc have obtained a result about the asymptotic expansion of the solutions with respect to two parameters (K, λ) up to order $N + 1$.

Proof of Theorem 3.3. First, we note that, if the data \vec{K} satisfy

$$0 \leq K \leq K_*, \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_*, \quad 0 \leq K_1 \leq K_{1*}, \tag{3.30}$$

where K_* , λ_* , K_{1*} are fixed positive constants. Therefore, the a priori estimates of the sequences $\{u_m\}$ and $\{Q_m\}$ in the proof of theorem 2.2 satisfy

$$\|u'_m(t)\|^2 + \mu_0 \|u_{m,x}(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0 \int_0^t |u'_m(1, s)|^2 ds \leq M_T, \forall t \in [0, T], \tag{3.31}$$

$$\|u''_m(t)\|^2 + \mu_0 \|u'_{m,x}(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0 \int_0^t |u''_m(1, s)|^2 ds \leq M_T, \forall t \in [0, T], \tag{3.32}$$

$$\|Q_m\|_{H^1(0,T)} \leq M_T, \tag{3.33}$$

where M_T is a constant depending only on $T, \tilde{u}_0, \tilde{u}_1, \lambda_0, \mu_0, f, g, k, \mu, \lambda_1, K_*, \lambda_*, K_{1*}$ (independent of \vec{K}). Hence, the limit (u, Q) in suitable function spaces of

the sequence $\{(u_m, Q_m)\}$ defined by (2.7)–(2.9) is a weak solution of the problem (1.1)–(1.5) satisfying the a priori estimates (3.31)–(3.33).

Multiplying the two sides of (3.7)₁ with v' , and integrating in t , we find without difficulty from Lemma 3.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &\leq 2T\left(\frac{2}{\lambda_0}\tilde{C}_{2N}^2 + \tilde{C}_{1N}^2\right)\|\vec{K}\|^{2N+2} \\ &\quad + 2\left[1 + K + \frac{1}{\mu_0}\|\mu'\|_{C^0(\overline{Q_T})} + \frac{2}{\lambda_0\mu_0}T\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2\right]\int_0^t \sigma(s)ds \\ &\quad + 2K\int_0^t \|F(v+h) - F(h)\|^2 ds, \end{aligned} \tag{3.34}$$

where

$$\sigma(t) = \|v'(t)\|^2 + \|\sqrt{\mu(t)}v_x(t)\|^2 + K_1v^2(1,t) + 2\int_0^t \lambda_1(s)|v'(1,s)|^2 ds. \tag{3.35}$$

By using the same arguments as in the above part we can show that the component u of the weak solution (u, Q) of problem (P_{K,λ,K_1}) satisfies

$$\|u'(t)\|^2 + \mu_0\|u_x(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0\int_0^t |u'(1,s)|^2 ds \leq M_T, \forall t \in [0, T], \tag{3.36}$$

where M_T is a constant independent of K, λ, K_1 . On the other hand,

$$\|h\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)} \leq \sum_{|\gamma|\leq N} \|u_\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)}\|\vec{K}_*\|^{|\gamma|} \equiv R_1. \tag{3.37}$$

We again use inequality (2.48) with $\delta = p, R = \max\{R_1, \sqrt{\frac{M_T}{\mu_0}}\}$, then, it follows from (3.35)–(3.37), that

$$\int_0^t \|F(v+h) - F(h)\|^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{\mu_0}(p-1)^2R^{2p-4}\int_0^t \sigma(s)ds. \tag{3.38}$$

Combining (3.34) and (3.38), we then obtain

$$\sigma(t) \leq 2T\left(\frac{2}{\lambda_0}\tilde{C}_{2N}^2 + \tilde{C}_{1N}^2\right)\|\vec{K}\|^{2N+2} + \sigma_{1T}\int_0^t \sigma(s)ds, \tag{3.39}$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$, where

$$\sigma_{1T} = 2\left[1 + K_* + \frac{1}{\mu_0}\|\mu'\|_{C^0(\overline{Q_T})} + \frac{2}{\lambda_0\mu_0}T\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0}(p-1)^2R^{2p-4}K_*\right], \tag{3.40}$$

By Gronwall's lemma, we obtain from (3.39) that

$$\sigma(t) \leq 2T\left(\frac{2}{\lambda_0}\tilde{C}_{2N}^2 + \tilde{C}_{1N}^2\right)\|\vec{K}\|^{2N+2} \exp(T\sigma_{1T}) \equiv \tilde{D}_T^{(1)}\|\vec{K}\|^{2N+2}, \tag{3.41}$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$ and all $\vec{K} \in \mathbb{R}_+^3, \|\vec{K}\| \leq \|\vec{K}_*\|$. It follows that

$$\|v'(t)\|^2 + \mu_0\|v_x(t)\|^2 + 2\lambda_0\int_0^t |v'(1,s)|^2 ds \leq \sigma(t) \leq \tilde{D}_T^{(1)}\|\vec{K}\|^{2N+2}. \tag{3.42}$$

Hence

$$\|v'\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2)} + \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)} + \|v'(1,\cdot)\|_{L^2(0,T)} \leq \tilde{D}_N^*\|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \tag{3.43}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u' - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u'_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;L^2)} + \|u - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)} \\ & + \|u'(1, \cdot) - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} u'_\gamma(1, \cdot) \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^2(0,T)} \\ & \leq \tilde{D}_N^* \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

for all $\vec{K} \in \mathbb{R}_+^3$, $\|\vec{K}\| \leq \|\vec{K}_*\|$, where \tilde{D}_N^* is a constant independent of \vec{K} . On the other hand, it follows from (3.11), (3.43), that

$$\begin{aligned} \|R\|_{L^2(0,T)} & \leq K_1 \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T;V)} + \|\lambda_1\|_\infty \|v'(1, \cdot)\|_{L^2(0,T)} + \|\tilde{G}_N(\vec{K})\|_{L^2(0,T)} \\ & + \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_0} T} \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} \left(\int_0^T \sigma(s) ds \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \tilde{D}_N^{**} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.45)$$

hence,

$$\|Q - \sum_{|\gamma| \leq N} Q_\gamma \vec{K}^\gamma\|_{L^2(0,T)} \leq \tilde{D}_N^{**} \|\vec{K}\|^{N+1}, \quad (3.46)$$

where \tilde{D}_N^{**} is a constant independent of \vec{K} . The proof of Theorem 3.3 is complete. \square

Remark 3.5. For the case $(K, \lambda, K_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_+$, but $p = q = 2$, we have received a theorem of the asymptotic expansion for the weak solution (u, Q) of problem (1.1)–(1.5) with respect to three mentioned parameters; however, the details of proof have been omitted.

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