

## DECAIMIENTO EXPONENCIAL DE UNA ECUACIÓN DE ONDA CON UNA CONDICIÓN DE FRONTERA VISCOELÁSTICA Y UN TÉRMINO FUENTE

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**Resumen.-** En este artículo estamos interesados en la estabilidad de las soluciones de una ecuación de onda con una condición de frontera viscoelástica y un término fuente, usaremos el método potencial, la técnica de multiplicadores y el teorema de unicidad para una ecuación de onda con coeficientes variables.

**Palabras claves:** Galerkin, decaimiento exponencial, ecuación de onda.

## EXPONENTIAL DECAY OF WAVE EQUATION WITH A VISCOELASTIC BOUNDARY CONDITION AND SOURCE TERM

**Abstract.-** In this paper we are concerned with the stability of solutions for the wave equation with a viscoelastic Boundary condition and source term by using the potential well method, the multiplier technique and unique continuation theorem for the wave equation with variable coefficient.

**Key words:** Galerkin, exponential decay, wave equation.

### 1. Introduction

The main purpose of this work is to study the asymptotic behavior of the solution of the following initial boundary problem.

$$u_{tt} - (a(x, t) u_x)_x = \mu |u|^{q-1} u \quad \text{in } ]0, 1 [x] 0, +\infty[ \quad (1.1)$$

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

$$u(1, t) + \int_0^t g(t-s) a(1, s) u_x(1, s) ds = 0, \quad \forall t > 0 \quad (1.3)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u^0(x) \quad u_t(x, 0) = u^1(x) \quad (1.4)$$

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The integral equation (1.3) is a Boundary condition with includes the memory effect. Here  $u$  is the transverse displacement,  $g$  the relaxation function and  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $q > 1$ . By  $a = a(x, t)$  we represent a function of

$$W_{loc}^{1,\infty}(0, \infty; H^1(0, 1)), \text{ such that } a(x, t) \geq a_0 > 0, \\ a_t(x, t) \leq 0 \text{ and } a_x(x, t) \leq 0 \text{ for all } (x, t) \in ]0, 1[ \times ]0, \infty[$$

There exist a large body of Literature Regarding viscoelastic problems with the memory term acting in the domain or in the Bondary. Among the numerous works in the directions we can cite Cavalcanti et al [2], Berrini & Messaoudi [1], Messaoudi et al [3], Rivera et al [5], Santos [6], Park and Bae [4]. Considered the problem for the case of Kirchhoff type wave equation. All the authors mentioned above established their results with  $\mu \leq 0$ .

The first part of this paper is to study the global existence of regular and weak solutions to problem (1.1) – (1.4) when  $\mu > 0$ ; here we have some technical difficulties because of source term. Semigroup arguments are not suitable for finding solutions of (1.1) – (1.4), the refore, we make use of Galerkin Aproximation and Potential well method.

The Second part is to give energy decay estimates of the solutions of (1.1) – (1.4); here the main difficulty is the source term, it seems that a straight forward adaption of method in [6] to our context fails completely. In order to solve this problem we need to introduce suitable multiplicadors and a unique continuation property for the wave equation with variable coefficients.

## 2. Notation & Preliminaries

We denote

$$(w, z) = \int_0^1 w(x) z(x) dx, \quad |z|^2 = \int_0^1 |z(x)|^2 dx$$

By  $V$  we denote the Hilbert Space

$$V = \{w \in H^1(0, 1) : w(0) = 0\}$$

Denoting by

$$(g * \varphi)(t) = \int_0^t g(t-s) \varphi(s) ds$$

the convolution product operator and differentiating (1.3) and the applying the Volterra's

inverse operator, we get

$$a(1, t) u_x(1, t) = -\frac{1}{g(0)} (u(1, t) + k * u_t(1, t)) \quad (1.5)$$

where the resolvent kernel satisfies

$$k(t) + \frac{1}{g(0)} (g' * k)(t) = \frac{1}{g(0)} g'(t) \quad (1.6)$$

with  $\tau = \frac{1}{g(0)}$  and using the above identity, we write

$$a(1, t) u_x(1, t) = -\tau \{u_t(1, t) + k(0) u(1, t) - k(t) u_0(1) + k' * u(1, t)\}$$

Let us denote by,

$$(f \square \varphi)(t) = \int_0^1 f(t-s) |\varphi(t) - \varphi(s)|^2 ds \quad (1.7)$$

We introduce the following functionals:

$$\begin{aligned} J(t) &= \frac{1}{2} |a^{1/2} u_x|^2 - \frac{\mu}{q+1} |u|_{\frac{q+1}{q}} \\ E(t) = E(u(t), u_t(t)) &= \frac{1}{2} |u_t|^2 + J(t) + \frac{\tau}{2} (k(t) |u(1, t)|^2 - k'(t) \square u(1, t)) \\ I(t) = I(u(t)) &= a_0 |u_x|^2 - \mu |u|_{\frac{q+1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

and define the stable set

$$W = \{u \in V : I_{(u)} > 0\} \cup \{\theta\}$$

### 3. Global Existence and Exponential Decay

First, we need the following assumptions:

(A.1) The kernel  $g$  is positive, and  $k \in c^2(\mathbb{R}^+)$  satisfies

$$k, -k', k'' \geq 0$$

(A.2) Let us consider  $\{u^0, u^1\} \in (H^2(0, 1) \cap V) \times V$  verifying the compatibility condition:

$$a(1, 0) u_x^0(1) = -\tau u_1(1)$$

The we state our main result.

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose that (A.1) – (A.2) hold;

$$\mu > 0, \{u^0, u^1\} \in (W \cap H^2(0, 1)) \times V$$

and

$$\frac{\mu}{a_0} c_*^{q+1} \left[ \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} E_{(0)} \right]^{\frac{(q-1)}{2}} < 1$$

Then there exists only  $u$  of the system (1.1) – (1.4) satisfying

$$u \in L^\infty(0, \infty; W \cap H^2(0, 1))$$

$$u_t \in L^\infty(0, \infty; V)$$

$$u_{tt} \in L^\infty(0, \infty; L^2(0, 1))$$

**Proof of theorem 3.1.** The main idea is to use the Galerkin Method.

Let  $\{w_j\}$  be a complete orthonormal system of  $V$  such that

$$\{u^0, u^1\} \in \text{span} \{w^0, w^1\}$$

and let us write

$$u^m(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m h_{jm}(t) w^j$$

where  $u^m$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (u_{tt}^m, w^j) + (a(x, t) u_x^m, w_x^j) = & \mu (|u^m|^{q-1} u^m, w_j) \\ & - \tau \{u_t^m(1, t) + k(0) u(1, t) + \\ & - k(t) u^0(1) + k' * u(1, t)\} w^j(1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for  $0 \leq j \leq m$ , satisfying the following conditions

$$u^m(0) = u^0, \quad u_t^m(0) = u^1$$

Standard results about ordinary differential equations guarantee that there exists only

one solution of the system on some interval  $[0, T_m[$ . The extension of the solution to the whole interval  $[0, \infty[$  is a consequence of the first estimate which we are going to prove below.

**Estimate I.-** Multiplying (3.1) by  $h'_{jm}(t)$ , integrating by parts and summing up on  $j$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E^m(t) &= (a_t u_x^m, u_x^m) \\ &\quad - \left\{ \tau |u_t^m(1, t)|^2 + k(0) u^m(1, t) u_t^m(1, t) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. - k(t) u^0(1) u_t(1, t) + k' * u^m(1, t) u_t(1, t) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $E^m(t) = E(u^m(t))$ .

Moreover, we know that for  $f, \varphi \in C^1([0, \infty[, \mathbb{R})$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t f(t-s) \varphi(s) ds \varphi_t &= -\frac{1}{2} f(t) |\varphi(t)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} f' \square \varphi \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ f \square \varphi - \left( \int_0^t f(s, ds) |\varphi|^2 \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Applying (3.3) to the term  $k' * u^m(1, t) u_t^m(1, t)$  in (3.2) and using the properties of  $k, k'$  and  $k''$  we conclude by (3.2)

$$\frac{d}{dt} E^m(t) \leq c E^m(0)$$

Taking into account the definition of the initial data of  $u^m$  we conclude that

$$E^m(t) \leq c, \forall t \in [0, T], \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Lema 3.2** Let  $u^m(t)$  be the solution of (3.1) with  $u^0 \in W$  and  $u^1 \in L^2(0, 1)$ .

If

$$\frac{\mu}{a_0} c_*^{q+1} \left[ \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} E(0) \right]^{\frac{q-1}{2}} < 1$$

then  $u^m(t) \in W$  on  $[0, T]$ ; that is, for all  $t \in [0, T]$

$$I(u^m(t)) > 0$$

**Proof.-** Since  $I(u^0) > 0$ , it follows from the continuity of  $u^m(t)$  that

$$I(u^m(t)) \geq 0 \text{ for some interval near to } t = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

Let  $t_{\max} > 0$  be a maximal time (possibly  $t_{\max} = T_m$ ) such that (3.4) holds on  $[0, t_{\max}[$

In order to facilitate the notation, we will omit the index  $m$  of the approximate system. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} J(u(t)) &= \frac{1}{2} (au_x, u_x) - \frac{\mu}{q+1} |u|_{q+1}^{q+1} \geq \frac{a_0}{2} |u_x|^2 - \frac{\mu}{q+1} |u|_{q+1}^{q+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{q+1} I(u) + \frac{a_0(q-1)}{2(q+1)} |u_x|^2 \geq \frac{a_0(q-1)}{2(q+1)} |u_x|^2 \\ \forall t \in [0, t_{\max}[ \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we get

$$|u_x|^2 \leq \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} J(u) \leq \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} E(t) \leq \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} E(0) \quad (3.5)$$

It follows from the Sobolev-Poincaré inequality and (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu |u|_{q+1}^{q+1} &\leq \mu c_*^{q+1} |u_x|^{q+1} \leq \frac{\mu c_*^{q-1}}{a_0} |u_x|^{q+1} (a_0 |u_x|^2) \\ &\leq \frac{\mu c_*^{q+1}}{a_0} \left[ \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} E(0) \right]^{\frac{q-1}{2}} (a_0 |u_x|^2) < a_0 |u_x|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

This, from (3.6) obtain

$$\mu |u|_{q+1}^{q+1} < a_0 |u_x|^2$$

Therefore we get  $I(u) > 0$  on  $[0, t_{\max}[$ . This implies that we can take  $t_{\max} = T_m$ .

This completes the proof of lemma. ■

**Remark 1** Let  $u$  be as in lemma 3.2, then there is a certain number  $n_0$ ,  $0 < n_0 < 1$  such that

$$\mu |u|_{q+1}^{q+1} \leq (1 - n_0) (au_x, u_x)$$

In fact, from lemma 3.2

$$\mu |u|_{q+1}^{q+1} \leq (1 - n_0) a_0 |u_x|^2 \leq$$

$$\text{with } n_0 = 1 - \frac{\mu c \frac{q+1}{x}}{a_0} \left[ \frac{2(q+1)}{a_0(q-1)} E(0) \right]^{\frac{q-1}{2}}.$$

Using lemma 3.2 we can deduce a priori estimate for  $u^m(t)$ . Lemma 3.2 implies that

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} |u_t|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} (k(t) |u(1,t)|^2 - k'(t) \square u(1,t)) + J(u)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{2} |u_t|^2 + \frac{a_0(q-1)}{2(q+1)} |u_x|^2 + \frac{1}{q+1} I(u) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} |u_t|^2 + \frac{a_0(q-1)}{2(q+1)} |u_x|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{2} |u_x|^2 + \frac{a_0(q-1)}{2(q+1)} |u_x|^2 \leq E(t) \leq E(0) \leq 1,$$

Where  $L_1$  is a positive constant independent of  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ .

**Estimate II.-** Next, we shall find a estimate for the second order energy. Firsr, let us estimate the initial data  $u_{tt}^m(0)$  in the  $L^2$ - norm. Letting  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  in the equation (3.1), multiplying the result by  $h_{jm}(0)$  and using the compatibility condition we get

$$|u_{tt}^m(0)| \leq M_1, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad (3.7)$$

Differentiating (3.1) with respect to the time, multiplying by  $h_{jm}''(t)$  and summing us the products results in  $j$ , noting that

$$|\mu (|u|^{q-1} u_t, u_{tt})| \leq |u_x|^{q-1} |u_{xt}| |u_{tt}|,$$

after some computations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E_1^m(t) &\leq \frac{1}{2} (a_t u_{x_t}, u_{x_t}) - \frac{\tau}{2} |u_{tt}(1, t)|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4\eta} |k'(t)|^2 \|u^0(1)\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\eta} |k'(0)|^2 |u(1, t)|^2 + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4\eta} |k''|_{L'(0, \infty)} |k''| \square u(1, t) + c (|u_{xt}|^2 + |u_{tt}|^2) \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

for some  $n, c > 0$ , where

$$E_1^m(t) = \frac{1}{2} |u_{tt}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (a u_{x_t}, u_{x_t}) + \frac{1}{2} k(0) |u_t(1, t)|^2$$

By integrating (3.7) over  $[0, t]$  and employing the first estimate and Gronwall's lemma we obtain

$$E_1^m(t) \leq c, \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

the rest of the proof is a matter of routine. ■

**Proof.** To Prove this theorem we shall use the Galerkin Method and potential well theory for the wave equation. ■

## 4 Uniform Decay

### 4.1 Exponential Decay

In this section, we shall show the asymptotic behavior of solutions for system (1.1) – (1.4) when the resolvent kernel  $k$  decay exponentially, that is, there exist positive constants  $m_1, m_2$  such that

$$k(0) > 0 \quad ; \quad k'(t) \leq -m_1 k(t) \quad ; \quad k''(t) \geq -m_2 k'(t) \tag{4.1}$$

Note that this implies that

$$k(t) \leq k(0) e^{-m_1 t}$$

At first, we begin with the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1** Any strong solution of system (1.1) – (1.4) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) \leq & -\frac{\tau}{2} |u_t(1, t)|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} k^2(t) |u_0(1)|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} k'(t) |u(1, t)|^2 + \\ & -\frac{\tau}{2} k''(t) \square u(1, t) + \frac{1}{2} (a_t u_x, u_x) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Multiplying (1.1) by  $u_t$  and integrating over  $[0, 1]$ , our conclusion follows.

As a consequence of the above Lemma we have that energy is bounded for any  $t \geq 0$ . ■

**Lemma 4.2** Any strong solution of system (1.1) – (1.4) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (u_t, x u_x) \leq & \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\tau^2}{2\varepsilon} \right) |u_t(1, t)|^2 + \frac{|k(t)|}{\varepsilon} |k'| \square u(1, t) + \frac{|k(0)|^2}{\varepsilon} |u(1, t)|^2 + \\ & + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} k(t)^2 |u_0(1)|^2 + 2\varepsilon |u_x(1, t)|^2 - \frac{\alpha}{4} E(t) + c |u|^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Multiplying Equation (1.1) by  $x u_x$ , using the Boundary condition (1.7) taking  $\varepsilon$  small enough, we arrive at the conclusion. ■

**Lema 4.3** Let  $u$  be a solution in theorem 3.1. Suppose that (4.1) holds and the initial data verifies

$$u^0(1) = u_x^0(1) = 0$$

The there exists  $T_0 > 0$  such that if  $T \geq T_0$  we have

$$\int_S^T |u|^2 ds \leq c \int_S^T |u_t(1, s)|^2 ds$$

where  $c$  is A positive constant.

**Proof.**-The method we use is based on A compactness-Uniqueness argument. In order apply this method we need an unique continuation theorem for the wave equation with variable coefficients. Let us introduce the functional

$$L(t) = NE(t) + (u_t, x u_x)$$

with  $N > 0$ . Using Young's inequality and taking  $N$  large enough we find that

$$\theta_0 E(t) \leq L(t) \leq \theta_1 E(t)$$

For some positive constants  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$ .

Applying Lemmas 4.1–4.3, and integrating from  $s$  to  $t$  where

$$0 \leq s \leq T < +\infty$$

we obtain

$$\int_s^T E(t) dt \leq cE(s)$$

this condition implies that

$$E(t) \leq ME(0) e^{-\gamma t}$$

wich completes the Proof. ■

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