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ON THE EXPONENTIAL STABILITY
OF SOLUTIONS OF
 $E(u_x)u_{xx} + \lambda u_{xtx} = \rho u_{tt}$

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1. Introduction.

We consider one-dimensional motions $\chi(x,t) = x + u(x,t)$ of a continuum for which the stress σ is related to the strain u_x and the strain rate u_{xt} through the constitutive equation,

$$\sigma(x,t) = \int_0^{u(x,t)} E(\xi) d\xi + \lambda u_{xt}(x,t).$$

The equation of motion is,

$$E(u_x) u_{xx} + \lambda u_{xtx} = \rho u_{tt}.$$

The function E is the equilibrium Young's modulus, λ the viscosity and ρ the (constant) density of points x in the reference configuration.

In [1] and [2] the authors discussed various properties of solutions of the initial-boundary value problem:

$$(E) \quad E(u_x) u_{xx} + \lambda u_{xtx} = \rho u_{tt}, \quad (x,t) \in (0,1) \times (0,\infty),$$

$$(I) \quad u(x,0) = \varphi(x) \text{ and } u_t(x,0) = \psi(x) \quad x \in [0,1],$$

$$(B) \quad u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0 \quad t > 0.$$

In particular, it was shown that (E)-(B) has a unique smooth solution which decays to zero as t tends to $+\infty$, uniformly in x .* What was not obtained was an estimate for the rate of decay. It is this topic which is pursued here.

In [1] and [2] we used energy integrals together with estimates for solutions of the linear heat equation. Here we

*It was also shown that all derivatives through second order tend to zero uniformly in x .

replace the usual energy integrals by ones which are exponentially weighted, an idea which was used by R. J. Duffin [3] for ordinary differential equations. We then make use of the fact that the Green's function for the linear operator,

$$L = E(0) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t \partial x^2} - \rho \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2},$$

with (I) and (B), decays exponentially. Our conclusion is that any solution of the nonlinear problem decays exponentially.

2. Statement of Results.

We assume that the function $E : (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is twice continuously differentiable. The data φ and ψ are in $C^2[0,1]$ and satisfy the compatibility conditions,

$$\varphi(0) = \varphi(1) = \psi(0) = \psi(1) = 0.$$

In addition, $E(\varphi_x)\varphi_{xx} + \lambda\psi_{xx}$ is to vanish at $x = 0$ and 1 .

We set

$$(2.1) \quad J(\varphi, \psi) = \sum_{i=0}^2 \left(\max_{x \in [0,1]} |\varphi^{(i)}(x)| + \max_{x \in [0,1]} |\psi^{(i)}(x)| \right).$$

For any function $U \in C^N([0,1] \times [0,T])$ we set

$$(2.2) \quad \|U\|_N(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{k=0}^i \max_{x \in [0,1]} \left| \frac{\partial^i U}{\partial x^{i-k} \partial t^k} \right|.$$

It was shown in [1] that problem (E)-(B) has a unique solution such that $\|u\|_2(t)$ tends to zero as t tends to infinity. In addition,

$$\|u\|_2(t) \leq M_1(J),$$

where M_1 is a smooth function such that $M_1(\xi) \rightarrow 0$ as $\xi \rightarrow 0^+$.

We shall see that solutions of the linear equation $Lv = 0$ with (I) and (B) satisfy the relation,

$$v = o(e^{-\mu t}),$$

where,

$$(2.3) \quad \mu = \min_{n \geq 1} \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\lambda n^2 \pi^2}{2\rho} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2}} \right) \right].$$

Note that μ will always be less than or equal to $E(0)/\lambda$ and will equal $E(0)/\lambda$ whenever

$$(2.4) \quad 4E(0)\rho < \lambda^2 \pi^2.$$

In order to state our new result, we need some additional notation. For functions $f(x)$ or $f(x,t)$ let

$$(2.5) \quad |f|(|f|)(t) = \max_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x)| \left(\max_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x,t)| \right),$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad \|f\|^2(\|f\|^2)(t) = \int_0^1 f^2(x) dx \left(\int_0^1 f^2(x,t) dx \right).$$

Theorem 1. Let μ be as in (2.3). Then there is a constant k , depending on J and satisfying $0 < k < \mu$, and a smooth function $\xi \rightarrow M_2(\xi)$, which tends to zero as $\xi \rightarrow 0^+$, such that any solution u satisfies:

$$(2.7) \quad \|u\|_1(t) + |u_{xx}|(t) + \|u_{xt}\|(t) \leq M_2(J) e^{-kt}.$$

The constant k approaches μ as J approaches zero. In addition u satisfies,

$$(2.8) \quad \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \{ \|u_{tt}\|^2(\tau) + \|u_{xtx}\|^2(\tau) \} d\tau \leq M_2(J).$$

3. Energy Integrals.

Before starting our proof, we record a lemma to which we shall appeal throughout the remainder of this paper.

Lemma 1. Let $v(x,t)$ be C^2 in x and t and satisfy $v(0,t) = v(1,t) = 0$ for $t \geq 0$. Then,

$$(3.1) \quad \|v\|(t) \leq |v|(t) \leq \|v_x\|(t) \leq |v_x|(t) \leq \|v_{xx}\|(t) \leq |v_{xx}|(t),$$

where $|\cdot|$ and $\|\cdot\|$ are defined in (2.5) and (2.6) respectively.

Our first step is to obtain two weighted energy integrals replacing formulas (4.2) and (4.4) of [1].

Lemma 2. Let u be a solution of problem (E), (I), (B) and let k be any positive number. Then the following identities must hold for all $t \geq 0$.

$$(3.2) \quad e^{2kt} [\rho \|u_t\|^2(t) + 2 \int_0^1 e(u_x)(x,t) dx] + 2\lambda \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_{xt}\|^2(\tau) d\tau \\ = k \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} [\rho \|u_t\|^2(\tau) + 2 \int_0^1 e(u_x)(x,\tau) dx] d\tau + A_1,$$

where

$$(3.3) \quad A_1 \equiv \rho \|\psi\|^2 + 2 \int_0^1 e(\varphi_x)(x) dx, \text{ and } e(\eta) \equiv \int_0^\eta \int_0^\xi E(\gamma) d\gamma d\xi;$$

$$(3.4) \quad \lambda e^{2kt} \|u_{xx}\|^2(t) + 2 \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \int_0^1 (E(u_x) - k\lambda) u_{xx}^2(x,\tau) dx d\tau \\ = 2\rho e^{2kt} \int_0^1 u_{xx} u_t(x,t) dx - 4\rho k \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \int_0^1 u_{xx} u_t(x,\tau) dx d\tau \\ + 2\rho \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_{xt}\|^2(\tau) d\tau + A_2,$$

where

$$(3.5) \quad A_2 \equiv \lambda \|\varphi_{xx}\|^2 - 2\rho \int_0^1 \varphi_{xx} \psi dx.$$

Equations (3.2) and (3.4) are obtained by multiplying (E) by $e^{2kt} u_t$ and $e^{2kt} u_{xxx}$ respectively, integrating over $(0,1) \times (0,t)$ and using the fact that the boundary conditions imply that $u_t(0,t) = u_t(1,t) = 0$. (Compare [1]).

We use one result from [1]. This is that any solution satisfies the inequality,

$$|u_x| (t) \leq M_1 (J).$$

This implies that there exist positive constants \underline{E} and \bar{E} such that,

$$(3.6) \quad \underline{E} \leq E(u_x) \leq \bar{E}.$$

It follows from (3.6) and the definition of \mathcal{E} that,

$$(3.7) \quad \underline{E} \|u_x\|^2(t) \leq 2 \int_0^1 \mathcal{E}(u_x)(x,t) dx \leq \bar{E} \|u_x\|^2(t).$$

A key quantity in our calculations is the weighted norm $\Gamma(t)$ defined by,

$$(3.8) \quad \Gamma(t)^2 = e^{2kt} [\|u_t\|^2(t) + \|u_x\|^2(t)], \quad k \geq 0.$$

We observe first that (3.7), when substituted into (3.2), yields the two inequalities,

$$(3.9) \quad \Gamma(t)^2 \leq B_1 [A_3 + k \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau],$$

$$(3.10) \quad \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_{xt}\|^2(\tau) d\tau \leq B_1 [A_3 + k \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau],$$

where

$$(3.11) \quad B_1 = \frac{\max(1, \rho, \bar{E})}{\min(2\lambda, \rho, \bar{E})},$$

and $A_3 = \max(A_1, |A_2|)$.

Our next step is to obtain relations between the quantity $\Omega(t)$, defined by,

$$(3.12) \quad \Omega(t) = e^{kt} \|u_{xx}\|(t),$$

and $\Gamma(t)$. The results are as follows. For any $k < \underline{E}/\lambda$ we have,

$$(3.13) \quad \Omega(t) \leq B_2 [(A_3 + k \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau)^{1/2} + k (\int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau)^{1/2}],$$

$$(3.14) \quad \int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \frac{\bar{B}_2}{(\underline{E} - k\lambda)^2} [A_3 + k \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau],$$

where B_2 and \bar{B}_2 are constants depending only on $\underline{E}, \bar{E}, \lambda$, and ρ .

In the next section, we derive bounds for the integral of Γ in terms of the integral of Ω . These bounds when combined with (3.13) and (3.14) will enable us to show that, for some positive $k < \mu$, both Γ and Ω are bounded.

Consider (3.13) first. Equations (3.4), (3.6) and (3.11), together with Schwarz's inequality, yield the preliminary estimate,

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \Omega^2(t) + (\underline{E} - k\lambda) \int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau \\ & \leq B_3 [e^{2kt} \|u_t\|(t) \|u_{xx}\|(t) + k (\int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_t\|^2(\tau) d\tau)^{1/2} \\ & \quad \cdot (\int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau)^{1/2} + \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_{xt}\|^2(\tau) d\tau + A_3], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.16) \quad B_3 = \frac{\max(1, 4\rho)}{\min(2, \lambda)} .$$

If we now restrict k to be less than \underline{E}/λ and make use of (3.9), (3.10) and (3.1) with $v = u_t$, we see that,

$$(3.17) \quad \Omega^2(t) \leq B_4 [N_1(t) \Omega(t) + N_1^2(t) + kN_1(t) (\int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau)^{1/2}] .$$

Here

$$B_4 = \max(B_3, B_1 B_3)$$

and $N_1(t)$ is defined by,

$$N_1^2(t) = A_3 + k \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau .$$

Equation (3.13) now follows easily from (3.12) with

$$B_2 = B_4 + \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{B_4} .$$

To obtain (3.14) we insert the results of (3.13) into (3.15), and make use of (3.9), (3.10) and (3.1) with $v = u_t$, to obtain the inequality,

$$(3.18) \quad (\underline{E} - k\lambda) \int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau \leq B_5 N_1(t) k (\int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau)^{1/2} + B_5 N_1(t)^2 ,$$

where

$$B_5 = \max(B_4 + 1, B_2 B_4 + 1) .$$

This yields the inequality (3.14) with some \bar{B}_2 , depending only on $\underline{E}, \bar{E}, \rho$ and λ .

4. Additional Estimates and Completion of the Proof of Theorem 1.

In order to proceed, we shall need estimates for the linear inhomogeneous, initial-boundary value problem:

$$(E)_L \quad E(0)u_{xx} + \lambda u_{xtx} - \rho u_{tt} = f, \quad (x,t) \in (0,1) \times (0,\infty),$$

$$(I) \quad u(x,0) = \varphi(x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x,0) = \psi(x), \quad x \in [0,1],$$

$$(B) \quad u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

The observation that (E) may be rewritten as $(E)_L$ with

$$(4.1) \quad f \equiv (E(0) - E(u_x))u_{xx},$$

the estimates for the linear problem, and inequality (3.14) will ultimately provide, for some k , $0 < k < \mu$, the key inequality:

$$(4.2) \quad \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \bar{M}(A_3), \quad t \geq 0.$$

μ , $\Gamma^2(\tau)$, and A_3 are defined in (2.3), (3.8), and (3.11) respectively, and $\xi \rightarrow \bar{M}(\xi)$ is a smooth function which tends to zero as ξ tends to zero.

It is easily verified that the solution of the linear problem

$(E)_L$ - (B) is given by:

$$(4.2) \quad u(x,t) = \int_0^1 G^{(1)}(x,\xi,t) \varphi(\xi) d\xi + \int_0^t G^{(2)}(x,\xi,t) \psi(\xi) d\xi \\ + \int_0^t \int_0^1 G^{(2)}(x,\xi,t-\tau) f(\xi,\tau) d\xi d\tau$$

where

$$(4.3) \quad G^{(1)}(x,\xi,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{\mu_n^+ t} + e^{\mu_n^- t}) \sin n\pi x \sin n\pi \xi,$$

$$(4.4) \quad G^{(2)}(x, \xi, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{\mu_n^+ t} - e^{\mu_n^- t}}{\mu_n^+ - \mu_n^-} \right) \sin n\pi x \sin n\pi \xi,$$

$$(4.5) \quad \mu_n^+ = \frac{-\lambda n^2 \pi^2}{2\rho} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2}} \right], \text{ and}$$

$$(4.6) \quad \mu_n^- = \frac{-\lambda n^2 \pi^2}{2\rho} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2}} \right].$$

The formulas (4.3) and (4.4) are valid provided $\frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2} \neq 1$ for all $n \geq 1$. If this condition fails for some n , say N , then the N th terms in $G^{(1)}$ and $G^{(2)}$ are replaced by

$$2e^{-\frac{\lambda N^2 \pi^2 t}{2}} \sin N\pi x \sin N\pi \xi \quad \text{and} \quad 2te^{-\frac{\lambda N^2 \pi^2 t}{2}} \sin N\pi x \sin N\pi \xi \quad \text{respectively.}$$

The resulting analysis of the problem is then appropriately modified and no difficulties arise. In light of this statement, we shall assume throughout that

$$(4.7) \quad \frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2} \neq 1, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Our main result for the linear problem is the following theorem.

Theorem 2. There exists a constant D , depending on $E(0)$, ρ and λ , and independent of k , such that

$$(4.8) \quad \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \frac{D}{\mu - k} \Gamma^2(0) + \frac{D}{(\mu - k)^2} \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|f\|^2(\tau) d\tau,$$

for all $0 \leq k < \mu$. Again,

$$\Gamma^2(t) \equiv e^{2kt} (\|u_t\|^2(t) + \|u_x\|^2(t)),$$

and

$$0 < \mu \equiv \min_{n \geq 1} \frac{\lambda n^2 \pi^2}{2\rho} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2}} \right] \leq E(0)/\lambda.$$

Proof: We shall prove the theorem for the u_x term; the calculation for u_t is similar. We first observe that u_x may be written as the sum of three terms F_1 , F_2 , and F_3 ; i.e.

$$u_x(x, t) = F_1(x, t) + F_2(x, t) + F_3(x, t)$$

where

$$F_1(x, t) = \int_0^1 G_x^{(1)}(x, \xi, t) \varphi(\xi) d\xi,$$

$$F_2(x, t) = \int_0^1 G_x^{(2)}(x, \xi, t) \psi(\xi) d\xi, \text{ and}$$

$$F_3(x, t) = \int_0^t \int_0^1 G_x^2(x, \xi, t - \tau) f(\xi, \tau) d\xi d\tau.$$

Since $\|F_1 + F_2 + F_3\|^2(t) \leq 2(\|F_1\|^2(t) + \|F_2\|^2(t) + \|F_3\|^2(t))$,

it suffices to look at each term separately. For F_1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_1\|^2(t) &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{\mu_n^+ t} + e^{\mu_n^- t}) n\pi \cos n\pi x \varphi_n \right\}^2 dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(e^{\mu_n^+ t} + e^{\mu_n^- t})^2}{2} n^2 \pi^2 \varphi_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi_n \equiv \int_0^1 \sin n\pi \xi \varphi(\xi) d\xi$$

is the n th Fourier coefficient of φ . The inequality

$$|e^{\mu_n^+ t} + e^{\mu_n^- t}| \leq 2e^{-\mu t}$$

and the identity

$$\|\varphi_x\|^2 = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 \pi^2 \varphi_n^2,$$

then yield the estimate

$$\|F_1\|^2(t) \leq e^{-2\mu t} \|\varphi_x\|^2.$$

It now follows that

$$\int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|F_1\|^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \frac{\|\varphi_x\|^2}{2(\mu-k)}, \quad 0 \leq k < \mu.$$

The estimate for F_2 is similar. The result is

$$\|F_2\|^2(t) \leq 2ce^{-2\mu t} \|\psi\|^2$$

and

$$\int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|F_2\|^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \frac{c\|\psi\|^2}{2(\mu-k)}, \quad 0 \leq k < \mu,$$

$$C \equiv \max_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{|\mu_n^+ - \mu_n^-|^2} = \max_{n \geq 1} \frac{\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2 \left| 1 - \frac{4E(0)\rho}{\lambda^2 n^2 \pi^2} \right|}.$$

The constant C is finite because of the assumption (4.7).

The F_3 term requires slightly more care. For any $\tau > 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_3\|^2(\tau) &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^{\tau} \frac{e^{\mu_n^+(\tau-\eta)} - e^{\mu_n^-(\tau-\eta)}}{(\mu_n^+ - \mu_n^-)} f_n(\eta) d\eta \right) n\pi \cos n\pi x \right\}^2 dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_0^{\tau} \frac{e^{\mu_n^+(\tau-\eta)} - e^{\mu_n^-(\tau-\eta)}}{\mu_n^+ - \mu_n^-} f_n(\eta) d\eta \right\}^2 \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2} \\ &\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \left\{ \int_0^{\tau} e^{-\mu(\tau-\eta)} |f_n(\eta)| d\eta \right\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

where C is as above and

$$f_n(\eta) \equiv \int_0^1 \sin n\pi \xi f(\xi, \eta) d\xi.$$

Multiplying the last inequality by $e^{2k\tau}$ and integrating the result over $(0, t)$ we obtain,

$$\int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|F_3\|^2(\tau) d\tau \leq c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \int_0^t \int_0^{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} e^{2k\tau} e^{-\mu(\tau-\eta_1)} e^{-\mu(\tau-\eta_2)} f_n(\eta_1) f_n(\eta_2) d\eta_1 d\eta_2 d\tau.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_0^{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} e^{2k\tau} e^{-\mu(\tau-\eta_1)} e^{-\mu(\tau-\eta_2)} |f_n(\eta_1)| |f_n(\eta_2)| d\eta_1 d\eta_2 d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-(\mu-k)\tau_1} e^{-(\mu-k)\tau_2} \int_{\max(\tau_1, \tau_2)}^t e^{k(\eta-\tau_1)} e^{k(\eta-\tau_2)} |f_n(\eta-\tau_1)| |f_n(\eta-\tau_2)| d\eta d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \\ &\leq \left[\int_0^t e^{-(k-\mu)\tau_1} e^{-(k-\mu)\tau_2} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \right] \int_0^t e^{2k\eta} |f_n(\eta)|^2 d\eta \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(\mu-k)^2} \int_0^t e^{2k\eta} |f_n(\eta)|^2 d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

and since

$$\int_0^t e^{2k\eta} \|f\|^2(\eta) d\eta = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t e^{2k\eta} |f_n|^2(\eta) d\eta,$$

we obtain the inequality:

$$\int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|F_3\|^2(\tau) \leq \frac{c}{(\mu-k)^2} \int_0^t e^{2k\eta} \|f\|^2(\eta) d\eta. \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

We now complete the proof of Theorem 1. We take f as in

(4.1) and make use of (4.8) to obtain:

$$(4.9) \quad \int_0^t \Gamma^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \frac{D}{\mu-k} \Gamma^2(0) + \frac{D(\bar{E} - E(0))}{(\mu-k)^2} \int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau, \quad 0 \leq k < \mu,$$

where again

$$\Gamma^2(\tau) \equiv e^{2k\tau} (\|u_t\|^2(\tau) + \|u_x\|^2(\tau)),$$

$$\Omega^2(\tau) = e^{2k\tau} \|u_{xx}\|^2(\tau),$$

and \bar{E} is the upper bound for $E(\cdot)$. If we substitute the above result into (3.14) and observe that $\Gamma^2(0) \leq A_3$ (see (3.11)), we obtain the inequality:

$$(4.10) \quad \int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau \leq \left[\frac{D}{\mu - k} + \frac{D(\bar{E} - E(0))\bar{B}^2}{(\mu - k)^2(\underline{E} - k\lambda)} \right] A_3 \\ + \frac{D(\bar{E} - E(0))\bar{B}_2 A_3}{(\mu - k)^2(\underline{E} - k\lambda)} k \int_0^t \Omega^2(\tau) d\tau,$$

for all $0 \leq k < \min(\mu, \underline{E}/\lambda)$. Inequality (4.2) now follows for any $0 < k < \min(\mu, \underline{E}/\lambda)$ such that

$$(4.11) \quad \frac{D(\bar{E} - E(0))\bar{B}_2 A_3}{(\mu - k)^2(\underline{E} - k\lambda)} k < 1.$$

That k may be chosen arbitrarily close to μ as $A_3 \rightarrow 0$ is clear from the form of (4.11).

The remainder of Theorem 1 now follows from the arguments employed in [1] and [2], from equations (3.2) and (3.4), and from the new identities:

$$(4.12) \quad 2\rho \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_{tt}\|^2(\tau) d\tau + \lambda e^{2kt} \|u_{xt}\|^2(t) \\ = 2 \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \int_0^1 E(u_x) u_{xx} u_{tt}(x, \tau) dx d\tau \\ + 2k\lambda \int_0^t e^{2k\tau} \|u_{xt}\|^2(\tau) d\tau + \lambda \|\psi_x\|^2, \text{ and}$$

$$(4.13) \quad u_{xx}(x, t) = \frac{\rho}{\lambda} u_t - e^{-\int_0^t \frac{E(u_x(x, \eta)) d\eta}{\lambda}} \\ \left[\int_0^t \rho u_\tau(x, \tau) \frac{E(u_x(x, \tau))}{\lambda^2} e^{\int_0^\tau \frac{E(u_x(x, \eta)) d\eta}{\lambda}} d\tau \right]$$

$$+ e^{-\int_0^t \frac{E(u_x(x,\eta)) d\eta}{\lambda}} [\varphi_{xx}(x) - \frac{\rho}{\lambda} \psi(x)].$$

Equation (4.12) is obtained by multiplying (E) by u_{tt} , integrating the result over $(0,1) \times (0,t)$ and making use of the fact that the boundary conditions (B) imply that $u_{tt}(0,t) = u_{tt}(1,t) = 0$. To obtain (4.13) we regard (E) as an ordinary differential equation for u_{xx} and solve the initial value problem (E) together with the initial condition $u_{xx}(x,0) = \varphi_{xx}(x)$.

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