

Mixed problems for the wave equation, IV

The existence and the exponential decay of solutions

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§ 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to generalize and improve the results presented in the preceding papers [3] and [4]. In [3] the existence of solutions of mixed problems is considered on the condition that the coefficients of the boundary operator are independent of t . We will generalize this existence theorem to the case of a boundary operator with coefficients depending on t by using the idea of Soga [9] and Tsuji [10]. And concerning the exponential decay of solutions a results corresponding to Theorem 1 of [4] may be shown for boundary operators inhomogeneous in t on some suppositions about the behavior of the coefficients near $t = \infty$.

If we impose once more the restriction on boundary operators that all the coefficients are independent of t Theorems 1 and 2 of [4] can be made better in some directions. The essential means for this improvement is a new estimate of $\mathcal{N}^{(0)}(p)$, which is presented in Theorem 3.2.

We will explain the problem and state the theorems:

Let \mathcal{O} be a bounded object in \mathbf{R}^3 with sufficiently smooth boundary Γ . Let us set

$$\Omega = \mathbf{R}^3 - \mathcal{O} - \Gamma$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B = & \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + c(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 \partial(b_j(x, t) - n_j(x)) / \partial x_j \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \partial c(x, t) / \partial t + d(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

where b_j , c and d are functions belonging to $C^\infty(\Gamma \times [0, \infty))$ and $n(x) = (n_1(x), n_2(x), n_3(x))$ denotes the unit outer normal of Γ at $x \in \Gamma$.

We consider a mixed problem

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j^2} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty) \\ Bu = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1(x) \end{cases}$$

on the following assumptions:

(A-I) The Gaussian curvature of Γ is bounded away from zero.

(A-II) b_j , $j=1, 2, 3$ and c are real valued.

(A-III) $\sum_{j=1}^3 b_j(x, t) n_j(x) = 1$ on $\Gamma \times [0, \infty)$.

Theorem 1. *In order that (P) is C^∞ well posed and has a finite propagation speed it must and it suffices to hold*

$$(1.1) \quad c(x, t) < 1 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times [0, \infty).$$

The following four theorems are concerned with the exponential decay of solutions of (P).

For $u(x, t) \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, \infty))$ we set

$$E_m(u, r, t) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \int_{\Omega_r} |D_{x,t}^\alpha u(x, t)|^2 dx$$

$$\Omega_r = \{x; x \in \Omega, |x| < r\}.$$

We denote $(12e \times \text{the diameter of } \mathcal{O})^{-1}$ by δ_0 .

Theorem 2. *Suppose that all the coefficients of B belong to $\mathcal{B}^\infty(\Gamma \times [0, \infty))$ and satisfy*

$$(1.2) \quad \sup_{(x,t) \in \Gamma \times (0, \infty)} c(x, t) < 1,$$

$$(1.3) \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{Re}(-d(x, t)) \geq d_0$$

$$(1.4) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \frac{\partial b_j(x, t)}{\partial t} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial c(x, t)}{\partial t} \right| \right) = 0,$$

where d_0 is a constant determined by Ω alone. Then the solution $u(x, t)$ of (P) for $u_0, u_1 \in C_0^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ decays exponentially,

$$(1.5) \quad E_m(u, r, t) \leq C_m \exp\{3\delta_0(r + 2\kappa)\} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_0 t}{2}\right) \cdot E_{m+2}(u, \infty, 0),$$

where κ denotes the diameter of $\bigcup_{j=0}^1 \operatorname{supp} u_j$ and C_m is a constant independent of u_0, u_1 .

Theorem 3. Consider the case of the boundary condition of the third kind with time independent coefficients, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}b_j(x, t) &= n_j(x), \quad j=1, 2, 3, \\c(x, t) &= 0 \\d(x, t) &= d(x).\end{aligned}$$

If $d(x)$ is real valued and satisfies

$$(1.6) \quad d(x) < |x - Q|^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^3 (x_j - q_j) n_j(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \Gamma$$

for some point $Q = (q_1, q_2, q_3) \in \mathcal{O}$,¹⁾ the solution $u(x, t)$ of (P) for initial data $u_0, u_1 \in C_0^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ satisfies the following inequality

$$(1.7) \quad E_m(u, r, t) \leq C_m \exp\{3\delta_0(r + 2\kappa)\} \cdot \exp(-\gamma t) \cdot E_{m+1}(u, \infty, 0)$$

where γ is a positive constant independent of u_0, u_1 , and κ denotes the diameter of $\bigcup_{j=0}^1 \text{supp } u_j$.

Theorem 4. Suppose that the coefficients of B are independent of t . Denote by $H(x)$ the mean curvature of Γ at x with respect to $-n(x)$. When $d(x)$ satisfies

$$(1.8) \quad d(x) < \min(|x - Q|^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^3 (x_j - q_j) n_j(x), H(x)), \quad \forall x \in \Gamma,$$

there exists a constant $a > 0$, which depends on Ω and $d(x)$, such that if

$$(1.9) \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 |b_j(x) - n_j(x)| + |c(x)| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \frac{\partial(b_j(x) - n_j(x))}{\partial x_j} \right| < a$$

holds the solution of (P) for initial data in $C_0^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ decays exponentially in the form (1.7).

Theorem 5. Suppose that the coefficients of B are independent of t . For each $\eta > 0$ there exists a constant C_η such that the condition

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Re } d(x) &\leq H(x) - 2\eta \\|\text{Im } d(x)| &\geq C_\eta\end{aligned}$$

implies the exponential decay of the form (1.7) of solutions of (P) for initial data in $C_0^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$.

§ 2. Existence of solutions (proof of Theorem 1)

The notation and terminology of the preceding papers will be used freely.

¹⁾ This condition was introduced in Asakura [1] as a sufficient condition for the local energy decay of solutions of the problem for a star-shaped obstacle.

We explain some spaces of functions other than the ones used in the previous papers.

$H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$: the space of Sobolev of order m on $\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1$. Denote the scalar product and the norm by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_m$ and $[\cdot]_m$ respectively.

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$H_\mu^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$: the space of functions $u(x, t)$ defined on $\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1$ such that $e^{-\mu t}u(x, t) \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. And for $u, v \in H_\mu^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ define the scalar product and the norm by

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{m, \mu} = \langle e^{-\mu t}u, e^{-\mu t}v \rangle_m, [u]_{m, \mu} = [e^{-\mu t}u]_m.$$

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$$\langle\langle u, v \rangle\rangle_{m, \mu} = \langle\langle e^{-\mu t}u, e^{-\mu t}v \rangle\rangle_m$$

$$[[u]]_{m, \mu} = [[e^{-\mu t}u]]_m.$$

First we prove Theorem 1 on the following additional condition on B :

$$(2.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The coefficients of } B \text{ are defined on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \text{ and there exists a constant } T > 0 \text{ and a boundary operator } B^0 \text{ with coefficients independent of } t \text{ such that} \\ B = B^0 \quad \text{for } |t| > T. \end{array} \right.$$

Let $\varphi(x)$ be a real valued function in $\mathcal{B}^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)$ satisfying

$$(2.2) \quad \sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}^3} |\nabla \varphi(x)| < 1,$$

and let us set

$$A_\varphi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = (1 - (\nabla \varphi)^2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - 2 \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Delta - \Delta \varphi \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$B_\varphi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^3 b_{j\varphi}(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \left(c_\varphi(x, t) + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + d_\varphi(x, t)$$

where

$$b_{j\varphi}(x, t) = b_j(x, t - \varphi(x))$$

$$c_\varphi(x, t) = \left[c(x, t') + \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j(x, t') \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j}(x) - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n}(x) \right]_{t'=t-\varphi(x)}$$

$$d_\varphi(x, t) = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \partial(b_j(x, t') - n_j(x)) / \partial x_j + \partial c(x, t') / \partial t' \right\} + d(x, t') \right]_{t'=t-\varphi(x)}.$$

From (A-III) and (2.1) we have

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 b_{j\varphi}(x, t) n_j(x) = 1 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} b_{j\varphi}, c_\varphi, d_\varphi \text{ are independent of } t \text{ for} \\ |t| \geq T + \sup_{x \in \Gamma} |\varphi(x)|. \end{cases}$$

Consider the existence and the uniqueness of solutions of a mixed problem

$$(P_\varphi) \quad \begin{cases} A_\varphi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u = f & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty) \\ B_\varphi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u = h & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1(x). \end{cases}$$

To this end we note some results obtained in [3]. A boundary value problem with a complex parameter $p = \mu + ik$

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} A_\varphi \left(p, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) v(x) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ v(x) = g & \text{on } \Gamma \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution in $\bigcap_{m \geq 1} H^m(\Omega)$ for every $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ when $\mu \geq \mu_\varphi$, where μ_φ is a constant determined by φ . Denote this $v(x)$ by $U_\varphi(p, g; x)$. Then we have an estimate

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu \|U_\varphi(p, g; x)\|_m^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial U_\varphi}{\partial n}(p, g; x) \right\|_{m-1}^2 \\ \leq C_m \|g\|_m^2, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Define an operator $\mathcal{N}_\varphi(p)$ by

$$\mathcal{N}_\varphi(p)g = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} p \right) U_\varphi(p, g; x) \Big|_\Gamma$$

and the theorem 1 of [3] shows that

$$(2.7) \quad -\operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{N}_\varphi(\mu + ik)g, g)_m \geq (\mu c_1(\varphi) - C_m) \|g\|_m^2$$

holds for all $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ and $\mu \geq \mu_\varphi$, where

$$c_1(\varphi) = \inf_{x \in \Gamma} \sqrt{1 - (\varphi_s)^2}, \quad \varphi_s = \nabla \varphi - (\nabla \varphi \cdot n) n.$$

Consider a problem

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{cases} A_{\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ B_{\varphi}^0 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u(x, t) = h & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ \text{supp } u \subset \bar{\Omega} \times [t_0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

for $h \in H_{\mu}^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ such that $\text{supp } h \subset \Gamma \times [t_0, \infty)$. Theorem 2 of [3] says that there exists a solution $u(x, t)$ in $H_{\mu}^m(\Omega \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ uniquely and that an estimate

$$[[u]]_{m, \mu} \leq C_m [h]_{m, \mu}$$

holds for $\mu \geq \tilde{\mu}_{\varphi}$, where $\tilde{\mu}_{\varphi}$ is a constant determined by Ω and B^0 .

To prove Theorem 1 of this paper it is essential to show

Proposition 2.1. *Suppose (2.1). Let φ satisfy*

$$(2.9) \quad \inf_{x \in \Gamma} \sqrt{1 - (\varphi_s)^2} > \sup_{(x, t) \in \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1} (|\varphi_s(x)| v(x, t) + c(x, t))$$

where

$$v(x, t) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 (b_j(x, t) - n_j(x))^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Then for $h \in H_{\mu}^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$, $m \geq 1$, such that

$$\text{supp } h \subset \Gamma \times [t_1, \infty), \quad t_1 \geq 0,$$

there exists a solution $u(x, t)$ in $H_{\mu}^m(\Omega \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ uniquely of the problem

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{cases} A_{\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ B_{\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u(x, t) = h & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{for } t \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

when $\mu \geq \tilde{\mu}_{\varphi}$. Moreover $u(x, t)$ satisfies

$$(2.11) \quad \text{supp } u(x, t) \subset \bar{\Omega} \times [t_1, \infty)$$

$$(2.12) \quad [[u(x, t)]]_{m, \mu} \leq C_m [h]_{m, \mu}.$$

We show this proposition in the following. Let $\mu \in \mathbf{R}$. For any $g(x, t) \in C_0^{\infty}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ there exists uniquely a solution $w(x, t) \in C^{\infty}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ of the problem

$$\begin{cases} A_{\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) w(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ w(x, t) = g(x, t) & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ w(x, t) = 0 \quad \forall t \leq -t_0 \text{ for some } t_0. \end{cases}$$

We denote this solution by $\mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t)$. Then it can be represented as

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikt} U_\varphi(\mu + ik, \hat{g}(\cdot, ik); x) dk \\ \hat{g}(x, ik) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikt} g(x, t) dt. \end{cases}$$

Remark that it follows from (2.6) that

$$(2.14) \quad \mu [\mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t)]_m^2 + \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t) \right]_{m-1}^2 \leq C_m [g]_m^2, \quad m=1, 2, 3.$$

Define an operator $B_\varphi(\mu)$ by

$$B_\varphi(\mu)g = B_\varphi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t)|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1}$$

and it is a continuous mapping from $C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ into $C^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. In the same way we define $N_\varphi(\mu)$ and $B_\varphi^0(\mu)$ for $N_\varphi = \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ and B_φ^0 respectively. Then it holds that

$$N_\varphi(\mu)g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikt} \mathcal{N}_\varphi(\mu + ik) \hat{g}(x, ik) dk.$$

Note that we have

$$[N_\varphi(\mu)g]_m \leq C_m [g]_{m+1},$$

which follows from an estimate

$$\|\mathcal{N}_\varphi(\mu + ik)u\|_m \leq C_m \|u\|_{m+1} \quad \text{for all } u \in C^\infty(\Gamma).$$

Since it follows from (A-III) that

$$(2.15) \quad B_\varphi(\mu) = N_\varphi(\mu) + \text{a differential operator of first order on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1,$$

we have

$$(2.16) \quad [B_\varphi(\mu)g]_m \leq C_m [g]_{m+1}, \quad \forall g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

Therefore $B_\varphi(\mu)$ can be extended to a continuous operator from $H^{m+1}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ into $H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. With the aid of (2.7) we have

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} -\operatorname{Re} \langle N_\varphi(\mu)g, g \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -\operatorname{Re} (\mathcal{N}_\varphi(\mu + ik) \hat{g}(\cdot, ik), \hat{g}(\cdot, ik)) dk \\ &\geq (c_1(\varphi) - C_0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\hat{g}(\cdot, ik)\|_0^2 dk \\ &= (c_1(\varphi) - C_0) [g]_0^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking account that an estimate holds for any $l \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} & |([\mathcal{N}_\varphi(ik + \mu), (|D|^2 + k^2)^{1/2}] (|D|^2 + k^2)^{-1/2} u, u)| \\ & \leq C_1 \{-\operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{N}_\varphi(\mu + ik)u, u) + C' \|u\|^2\}, \quad \forall u \in C^\infty(\Gamma) \end{aligned}$$

it follows from (2.17) that for any $m \in \mathbf{R}$

$$(2.18) \quad -\operatorname{Re} \langle N_\varphi(\mu)g, g \rangle_m \geq (c_1(\varphi)\mu - C_m) [g]_m^2.$$

Note that in the representation (2.15) all the coefficients of $\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu) - N_\varphi(\mu) - \mu c_\varphi(x, t)$ are independent of μ and those of the principal part are real valued. Therefore it follows that

$$|\operatorname{Re} \langle (\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu) - N_\varphi(\mu) - \mu c_\varphi(x, t))g, g \rangle_m| \leq C_m [g]_m^2.$$

By combining the above estimate to (2.18) we have

$$-\operatorname{Re} \langle \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g, g \rangle_m \geq (c_2(\varphi)\mu - C_m) [g]_m^2$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_2(\varphi) &= c_1(\varphi) - \sup c_\varphi \\ &\geq \inf \sqrt{1 - |\varphi_s|^2} - \sup (c(x, t) + |v||\varphi_s|). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

Lemma 2.2. *Suppose that φ satisfies (2.9). For any $m \in \mathbf{R}$ it holds that*

$$(2.19) \quad [\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g]_m \geq [g]_m \quad \text{for all } g \in H^{m+1}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$$

when $\mu \geq \mu_{\varphi, m}$, where $\mu_{\varphi, m}$ is a constant depending on φ and m .

By taking account of (2.15) and the properties of $N_\varphi(\mu)$ we have

$$[g]_{m+1}^2 \leq C_m \left\{ [\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g]_m^2 + \left[\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right]_m^2 + [g]_m^2 \right\}.$$

And by using (2.19) it follows immediately that

$$(2.20) \quad [g]_{m+1}^2 \leq C \left\{ [\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g]_m^2 + \left[\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right]_m^2 \right\} \quad \forall g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$$

if $\mu \geq \mu_{\varphi, m}$.

Let us set

$$\begin{aligned} B' \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) &= \sum_{j=1}^3 b'_j(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + c(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \overline{d(x, t)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \partial(n_j(x) - b_j(x, t)) / \partial x_j + \partial c(x, t) / \partial t \right\}, \\ b'_j(x, t) &= 2n_j(x) - b_j(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

it can be verified easily that

$$(2.21) \quad \left\langle A_{-\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u, v \right\rangle - \left\langle u, A_{-\varphi} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) v \right\rangle \\ = \left\langle B_{\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) u, v \right\rangle - \left\langle u, B'_{-\varphi} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) v \right\rangle$$

holds for any pair of functions $u, v \in C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ such that $\text{supp } u \cap \text{supp } v$ is compact in $\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times \mathbf{R}^1$. Denote by $\mathcal{W}_{\varphi}^-(\mu, h; x, t)$ the solution for a boundary data $h \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ of the problem

$$\begin{cases} A_{-\varphi} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) w = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ w = h & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ \text{supp } w \subset \bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times (-\infty, t_0] & \text{for some } t_0 < \infty. \end{cases}$$

Then it turns out

$$\mathcal{W}_{\varphi}^-(\mu, h; x, t) = \mathcal{W}_{-\varphi}(\mu, \tilde{h}; x, -t)$$

where $\tilde{h}(x, t) = h(x, -t)$.

Let us set

$$(B_{\varphi}'^-(\mu)h)(x, -t) = B'_{-\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \mathcal{W}_{\varphi}^-(\mu, h; x, t)|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1}.$$

We have from the above remark

$$(B_{\varphi}'^-(\mu)h)(x, -t) = B'_{-\varphi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \mathcal{W}_{-\varphi}(\mu, \tilde{h}; x, t) \\ = (B'_{-\varphi}(\mu)\tilde{h})(x, t).$$

For $g, h \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ set

$$u(x, t) = \mathcal{W}_{\varphi}(\mu, g; x, t), \quad v(x, t) = \mathcal{W}_{\varphi}^-(\mu, h; x, t)$$

and we have

$$(2.22) \quad \langle B_{\varphi}(\mu)g, h \rangle = \langle g, B_{\varphi}'^-(\mu)h \rangle$$

by substituting these u and v into (2.21) because $\text{supp } u \cap \text{supp } v$ is compact. Since B' satisfies the condition (A-II) and (A-III) it holds that for $\mu \geq \mu_{m, \varphi}$

$$(2.23) \quad \langle B_{\varphi}'^-(\mu)h \rangle_m = \langle B'_{-\varphi}(\mu)\tilde{h} \rangle_m \geq \langle \tilde{h} \rangle_m = \langle h \rangle_m, \quad \forall h \in C^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

Now we have

Lemma 2.3. *Let $m \in \mathbf{R}$ be fixed. When μ is large to some extend the equation*

$$(2.24) \quad \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g = h$$

has a unique solution in $H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ for every $h \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$, and

$$(2.25) \quad \text{supp } h \subset \Gamma \times [t_0, \infty)$$

implies

$$(2.26) \quad \text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [t_0, \infty).$$

Proof. First let us show that

$$(2.27) \quad \{\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g; g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)\} \text{ is dense in } H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$$

when $\mu \geq \mu_{-m-1, \varphi}$. Suppose that there exists $f \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ such that

$$\langle \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g, f \rangle_m = 0 \quad \text{for all } g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

Then we have for all $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle (|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + 1)^m \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g, f \rangle \\ &= \langle g, \mathbf{B}'_\varphi(\mu) (|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + 1)^m f \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\mathbf{B}'_\varphi(\mu) (|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + 1)^m f = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}'(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

On the other hand $(|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + 1)^m f \in H^{-m}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. Applying Lemma 2.2 we have $(|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + 1)^m f = 0$ if $\mu \geq \mu_{-m-1, \varphi}$, from which $f = 0$ follows. This shows that (2.27) holds.

Then for $h \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ there exists a sequence $g_j \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$, $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ such that

$$\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g_j \rightarrow h \text{ in } H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

By using (2.19) we have

$$\langle g_j - g_l \rangle_m \leq \langle \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g_j - \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g_l \rangle_m \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } j, l \rightarrow \infty,$$

which shows that g_j converges to some $g \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ when $j \rightarrow \infty$. This implies that $\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g_j$ converges to $\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g$ in $H^{m-1}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. Therefore we have

$$\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)g = h.$$

Suppose that (2.25). $\mathbf{B}_\varphi^0(\mu)g = h + (\mathbf{B}_\varphi^0(\mu) - \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu))g = h' \in H^{m-1}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and

$$\text{supp } h' \subset \Gamma \times [t_1, \infty)$$

where $t_1 = \min(-T, t_0)$. From the consideration on (2.8) we have

$$\text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [t_1, \infty).$$

Then for all $\eta \geq 0$ $e^{-\eta(t-t_0)}g \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. From the definition of $\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu)$ it follows

$$\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu + \eta) (e^{-\eta(t-t_0)}g) = e^{-\eta(t-t_0)} \mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu) g = e^{-\eta(t-t_0)} h.$$

Applying (2.19) to $e^{-\eta(t-t_0)}g$ we obtain

$$\langle e^{-\eta(t-t_0)}g \rangle_m \leq \langle e^{-\eta(t-t_0)}h \rangle_m, \quad \forall \eta > 0.$$

Here the right-hand side of the inequality rests bounded for all $\eta > 0$ since (2.25) holds. Then we have

$$\langle e^{-\eta(t-t_0)}g \rangle_m \leq C \quad \text{for all } \eta > 0,$$

from which (2.26) follows.

Q.E.D.

Proposition 2.1 follows immediately from the above lemmas. Indeed, by using Lemma 2.3 for $h \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ there exists uniquely a function satisfying

$$\mathbf{B}_\varphi(\mu) g = e^{-\mu t} h$$

when μ is large to some extend. And $\text{supp } h \subset \Gamma \times [t_1, \infty)$ implies $\text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [t_1, \infty)$. It is very easy to verify that a function

$$u(x, t) = e^{\mu t} \mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t)$$

belongs to $H_\varphi^m(\mathcal{Q} \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and satisfies (2.10) and (2.11). Lemma 2.2 shows

$$\langle g \rangle_m \leq \langle e^{-\mu t} h \rangle_m = \langle h \rangle_{m, \mu}.$$

Applying (2.14) to $\mathcal{W}_\varphi(\mu, g; x, t)$ we have (2.12) from the above inequality. Thus Proposition 2.1 is proved.

We have immediately

Proposition 2.4. *On the condition (2.1) the mixed problem (P) is C^∞ -well posed and has a finite propagation speed.*

Indeed, we may show the finiteness of propagation speed of (P) through the same reasoning done in § 2 of [3]. On the other hand Proposition 2.1 assures the existence of solution $u(x, t) \in H_\mu^m(\mathcal{Q} \times (0, \infty))$ of the problem (P_φ) for $\varphi=0$ for any given data $u_0, u_1 \in H_\mu^{m+2}(\mathcal{Q})$, $f \in H_\mu^{m+2}(\mathcal{Q} \times (0, \infty))$ and $h \in H_\mu^{m+2}(\Gamma \times (0, \infty))$ satisfying the compatibility condition. The finiteness of propagation speed and the existence of solution in $H_\mu^m(\mathcal{Q} \times (0, \infty))$ implies the well posedness in the sense of C^∞ .

We set about to prove Theorem 1 with the aid of Proposition 2.4. Let $\chi(t)$ be a real valued function in $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^1)$ verifying

$$\chi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } t \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

For $a(x, t) \in C^\infty(I' \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ we set

$$a^{(N)}(x, t) = a(x, 0) + (a(x, t) - a(x, 0))\chi(|t|/N).$$

Evidently we have $a^{(N)} \in C^\infty(I' \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and

$$a^{(N)}(x, t) = \begin{cases} a(x, t) & \text{for } |t| \leq N \\ a(x, 0) & \text{for } |t| \geq 2N. \end{cases}$$

Let us denote by B^N an operator made by replacing the coefficients b_j , c , d of B by $b_j^{(N)}$, $c^{(N)}$, $d^{(N)}$ respectively. Consider the problem

$$(P^N) \quad \begin{cases} \square u = f & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times (0, \infty) \\ B^N u = g & \text{on } I' \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1. \end{cases}$$

Since B^N satisfies the condition (2.1) (P^N) is well posed in the sense of C^∞ . Suppose that given data (u_0, u_1, f, g) satisfy the compatibility condition for (P). Then they satisfy also the compatibility condition for (P^N) for all $N \geq 1$. Therefore Proposition 2.4 assures the existence of the solution $u^N(x, t) \in C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [0, \infty))$ of the problem (P^N) .

Let $M > N$ and set $v(x, t) = u^M(x, t) - u^N(x, t)$. It satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \square v = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times (0, \infty) \\ v(x, 0) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

And we have $B^M v = -(B^M - B^N)u^N = g_N \in C^\infty(I' \times [0, \infty))$ and

$$g_N = 0 \quad \text{for } t \leq N$$

since B^N and B^M coincide with for $|t| \leq N$. The finiteness of propagation speed shows that $v = 0$ for $t \leq N$, i.e.

$$u^M = u^N \quad \text{for } t \leq N.$$

Then we may define a function $u(x, t)$ by

$$u(x, t) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} u^N(x, t),$$

which belongs to $C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [0, \infty))$ and $u(x, t) = u^N(x, t)$ for $t \leq N$. Therefore it holds that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \square u = f & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times (0, N) \\ Bu = g & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, N) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1 \end{array} \right.$$

for any N . Then $u(x, t)$ is the required solution of (P). The continuity of the mapping $(u_0, u_1, f, g) \rightarrow u(x, t)$ from $C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}}) \times C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}}) \times C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [0, \infty)) \times C^\infty(\Gamma \times [0, \infty))$ into $C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [0, \infty))$ follows immediately from that of $(u_0, u_1, f, g) \rightarrow u^N(x, t)$. And the finiteness of propagation speed of (P) is also derived from that of (P^N) . Thus Theorem 1 is proved.

§ 3. Preparations for proofs of the exponential decay of solutions

In order to consider the exponential decay of solutions we prepare some results. Let the origin 0 of $\mathbf{R}^3 \in \mathcal{O}$. Set for $\delta > 0$

$$\Delta_\delta = \Delta + 2\delta \frac{\partial}{\partial |x|} + \delta^2 + \frac{2\delta}{|x|}$$

$$N^{(\delta)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + \delta \frac{1}{|x|} \sum_{j=1}^3 n_j(x) x_j$$

and we have

$$e^{-\delta|x|} \Delta u(x) = \Delta_\delta (e^{-\delta|x|} u)$$

$$e^{-\delta|x|} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_r = N^{(\delta)} (e^{-\delta|x|} u).$$

A boundary value problem for a data $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ satisfying $\text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [a, \infty)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta_\delta \right) w(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ w(x, t) = g(x, t) & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ \text{supp } w \subset \bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [a, \infty) \end{array} \right.$$

has a unique solution in $C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. Denote this solution by $\mathcal{W}^{(\delta)}(\mu, g; x, t)$. For every $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ an estimate

$$(3.1) \quad \|\mathcal{W}^{(\delta)}(\mu, g; \cdot, t)\|_m \leq \frac{C_m}{\delta_0 + \mu} [g]_m, \quad \forall t \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

holds if $\delta \geq \delta_0 + 1, \mu > -\delta_0$, which is a consequence of considerations of Morawets in [5] and follows immediately from Proposition 3.2 of [4].

Hereafter we fix $\delta = \delta_0 + 1$. Let us set

$$N^{(\delta)}(\mu)g = N^{(\delta)}\mathcal{W}^{(\delta)}(\mu, g; x, t) \Big|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g = B^{(\delta)}(\mu) \mathcal{W}^{(\delta)}(\mu, g; x, t)|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1}$$

where

$$B^{(\delta)}(\mu) = B\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) + \delta \frac{1}{|x|} \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j(x, t) x_j.$$

From (3.1) the operators $\mathbf{N}^{(\delta)}(\mu)$ and $\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)$ may be extended to continuous mappings from $H^{m+1}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ into $H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$. And by using (3.1) once more we can define for each $h \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ an $H^m(\mathcal{Q})$ -valued analytic function $U^{(\delta)}(p, h; x)$ in $\operatorname{Re} p > -\delta_0$ such that

$$\begin{cases} (p^2 - \Delta_\delta) U^{(\delta)}(p, h; x) = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \\ U^{(\delta)}(p, h; x) = h & \text{on } \Gamma \end{cases}$$

and an estimate

$$\|U^{(\delta)}(p, h; x)\|_m \leq \frac{C_m}{\operatorname{Re} p + \delta_0} \|h\|_m,$$

holds for all $h \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ and $\operatorname{Re} p > -\delta_0$.²⁾

Define an operator $\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p)$ by

$$\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p)h = N^{(\delta)}U^{(\delta)}(p, h; x)|_\Gamma$$

and when all the coefficients of B are independent of t , $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)$ by

$$\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)h = \left(B\left(ik + \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) + \delta \frac{1}{|x|} \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j(x) x_j \right) U^{(\delta)}(p, h; x)|_\Gamma.$$

Then $\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p)$ and $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)$ are defined in $\operatorname{Re} p > -\delta_0$ and they are continuous mapping from $H^{m+1}(\Gamma)$ into $H^m(\Gamma)$.

Proposition 3.1. Consider an equation in $\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1$ with a parameter μ

$$(3.2) \quad \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g = h.$$

If there exists $\mu < 0$ such that for any $h \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ verifying $\operatorname{supp} h \subset \Gamma \times (0, \infty)$ (3.2) has a unique solution in $\bigcap_{m \geq 1} H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ satisfying $\operatorname{supp} g \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$ and for some $l > 0$

$$(3.3) \quad [g]_m \leq C_m [h]_{m+l},$$

the solution of (P) decays exponentially, i.e. when $u_0, u_1 \in C_0^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}})$ and $\bigcup \operatorname{supp} u_j \subset \{x; |x| \leq \kappa\}$, the solution $u(x, t)$ of (P) for initial data u_0, u_1 satisfies the inequality

$$E_m(t, u, R) \leq C_m e^{2\delta R} \cdot e^{2\kappa(-\mu)} \cdot e^{2\mu t} \{ \|u_0\|_{m+l+1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{m+l}^2 \}$$

²⁾ See § 2 of [4].

for all $t \geq 0$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$.

Proof. Take $v_0, v_1 \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)$ in such a way

$$u_j(x) = v_j(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad j = 0, 1.$$

Let $v(x, t)$ be the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \square v = 0 & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^3 \times (0, \infty) \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x, 0) = v_1(x). \end{cases}$$

Set

$$h(x, t) = -Bv(x, t)|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1}$$

and we have

$$h \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1), \quad \text{supp } h \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$$

since $v_j(x)$ has compact support. Then

$$e^{-\mu t} e^{-\delta|x|} h(x, t) \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

From the assumption on the equation (3.2) we have

$$g(x, t) \in \bigcap_{m \geq 1} H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1), \quad \text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$$

satisfying

$$\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu) g = e^{-\mu t} e^{-\delta|x|} h(x, t).$$

By combining (3.3) and (3.1) we have that a function $\tilde{w}(x, t) = \mathcal{W}^{(\delta)}(\mu, g; x, t)$ satisfies

$$(3.4) \quad \|\tilde{w}(\cdot, t)\|_{m-1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \tilde{w}}{\partial t}(\cdot, t) \right\|_m^2 \leq \left(\frac{C_m}{\delta_0 + \mu} \right)^2 [e^{-\mu t} e^{-\delta|x|} h]_{m+l}^2.$$

On the other hand it follows directly from the definitions of $\mathcal{W}^{(\delta)}$ and $\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}$ that

$$\tau w(x, t) = e^{\mu t} e^{\delta|x|} \tilde{w}(x, t)$$

verifies

$$\begin{cases} \square w(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ Bw(x, t) = -h & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ \text{supp } w \subset \bar{\Omega} \times [0, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Now the form of w and the inequality (3.4) give an estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad E_{m+1}(\omega, R, t) &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m+1} \int_{\mathcal{Q}_R} |D_x^\alpha \omega(x, t)|^2 dx + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \int_{\mathcal{Q}_R} |D_t D_x^\alpha \omega(x, t)|^2 dx \\
&\leq e^{2\mu t} e^{2\delta R} \left(\|\tilde{\omega}(x, t)\|_{m+1}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}}{\partial t}(x, t) \right\|_m^2 \right) \\
&\leq e^{2\mu t} e^{2\delta R} [e^{-\mu t} e^{-\delta|x|} h]_{m+l+1}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

The condition $\bigcup_{j=0}^1 \text{supp } u_j \subset \{x; |x| < \kappa\}$ implies that

$$\text{supp } h \subset \Gamma \times [0, \kappa + \delta_0]$$

because

$$(3.6) \quad v(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } |x| \leq t - \kappa.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.7) \quad [e^{-\mu t} e^{-\delta|x|} h]_{m+l+1} &\leq C_m (\|u_0\|_{m+l+2} + \|u_1\|_{m+l+1}) e^{-\mu(\kappa + \delta_0)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the solution u of (P) is represented as

$$u = v + \omega.$$

Then from (3.5), (3.6) and (3.7) we obtain the desired energy estimate.

Q.E.D.

Next consider the case where the coefficients of B are independent of t . Admit the following theorem, whose proof will be given in § 6.

Theorem 3.2. *For any $\varepsilon > 0$ and s real there exists a constant $C_{s, \varepsilon}$ such that an estimate*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.8) \quad & -\text{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g)_s \\
& \geq (e^{2\delta|x|} (\mu + H(x) - \varepsilon)g, g)_s - \frac{C_{s, \varepsilon}}{|p| + 1} \|e^{\delta|x|} g\|_s^2
\end{aligned}$$

holds for all $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ and $\text{Re } p > -\delta_0$.

Proposition 3.3. *Suppose that all the coefficients of B are independent of t . If there exists $\gamma > 0$ such that*

$$(3.9) \quad \|e^{\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g\|_0 \geq c_0 \|e^{\delta|x|} g\|_0, \quad c_0 > 0$$

holds for all $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ and $\text{Re } p > -\gamma$, the solution of (P) has an estimate

$$(3.10) \quad E_m(t, u, R) \leq C_m e^{2\delta\kappa} \cdot e^{2\delta R} \cdot e^{-2\gamma t} E_{m+1}(0, u, \infty).$$

Proof. As we see it in [3] and [4], $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)$ is a pseudodifferential operator in Γ with the following property:

Let I_σ be a open neighborhood of the origin of \mathbf{R}^2 and Γ_0 is a neighborhood of $s_0 \in \Gamma$, and $I_\sigma \ni (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow s(\sigma) \in \Gamma_0$ be a local coordinate patch. Denote the symbol of $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)$ by $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(s, \xi; p)$ and we have

$$|\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(s, \xi; p)| \geq C|\xi| \quad \text{for all } |\xi| \geq 2|p|,$$

where $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$ are dual variables of σ . Therefore it holds that

$$(3.11) \quad \|g\|_{s+1} \leq c \|\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)g\|_s + C_{p,s} \|g\|_s, \quad \forall g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$$

where c is a positive constant independent of p and s . With the aid of an estimate

$$|\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)g, g)_s - \operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{A}^{(p)}(p)g, g)_s| \leq C_s \|g\|_s^2$$

it follows from Theorem 3.2

$$(3.12) \quad -\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} (\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p) - \lambda)g, g)_s \geq \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|_s^2$$

for a large positive number λ . This shows that, for each s and p fixed $(\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p) - \lambda)^{-1}$ exists as an operator $H^s(\Gamma) \rightarrow H^s(\Gamma)$ when λ is sufficiently large. Moreover taking account of (3.11) we see that $(\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p) - \lambda)^{-1}$ is a continuous mapping from $H^s(\Gamma)$ into $H^{s+1}(\Gamma)$. Since Γ is compact $(\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p) - \lambda)^{-1}$ is a completely continuous operator in $H^s(\Gamma)$. By the theory of Riesz-Schauder in order to show the existence of $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)^{-1}$ it suffices to verify that $I + \lambda(\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p) - \lambda)^{-1}$ is injective. Suppose that there exists $g \in H^s(\Gamma)$ verifying

$$\{I + \lambda(\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p) - \lambda)^{-1}\}g = 0.$$

Then we have $g \in \bigcap_{m \geq 1} H^m(\Gamma)$ and $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)g = 0$. From the assumption (3.9) $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$ implies $g = 0$, which assures the existence of $\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)^{-1}$ in $H^s(\Gamma)$ for all s . From (3.9) we have $\|\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)^{-1}\| \leq c_0$ for $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$. Now by using (3.11) and (3.12) we have for all positive integer m

$$(3.13) \quad \|\mathcal{B}^{(p)}(p)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^m(\Gamma), H^m(\Gamma))} \leq C_m, \quad \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma.$$

Let $h(x, t) \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$, $\operatorname{supp} h \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$. Set

$$\hat{h}(x, ik) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikt} h(x, t) dt$$

and we have

$$\sum_{j \leq m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |k|^{2j} \|\hat{h}(\cdot, ik)\|_{m-j}^2 dk < +\infty.$$

Define $g(x, t)$ by

$$g(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikt} \mathcal{B}^{(p)}(-\gamma + ik)^{-1} \hat{h}(x, ik) dk.$$

Then $g \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and $\text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$. Moreover it holds that

$$\mathbf{B}^{(b)}(-\gamma)g = h$$

and $[g]_m \leq C_m[h]_m$. Thus we may apply Proposition 3.1 to this case by taking $l=0$ and (3.10) follows.

Corollary. *Let B_0 be a boundary operator with coefficients independent of t . Suppose that B_0 satisfies the assumption of Proposition 3.3 and that $B=B_0$ for $|t| \geq T$. Then the equation*

$$\mathbf{B}^{(b)}(-\gamma)g = h$$

for $h \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times (0, \infty))$ has a solution $g \in \bigcap_{m \geq 1} H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ satisfying

$$\text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$$

and

$$[g]_m \leq C_m[h]_{m+1}, \quad m=1, 2, \dots.$$

Proof. Let us decompose h as $h = h_1 + h_2$, $\text{supp } h_1 \subset \Gamma \times [0, T+1]$ and $\text{supp } h_2 \subset \Gamma \times [T, \infty)$. Consider the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} \square u = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times (0, \infty) \\ Bu = e^{\delta|x|} \cdot e^{-\gamma t} h_1 & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

From Theorem 1 we have always $u(x, t)$ in $C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and there exists a constant R independent of h such that

$$(3.14) \quad \text{supp } u(\cdot, T+1) \cup \text{supp } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(\cdot, T+1) \subset \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_R.$$

Take $v_j \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)$, $j=0, 1$ in such a way

$$v_0(x) = u(x, T+1) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathcal{Q}$$

$$v_1(x) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, T+1) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathcal{Q}$$

From the consideration in § 2 it holds that

$$(3.15) \quad \|v_0(x)\|_{m+1} + \|v_1(x)\|_m \leq C_m[h_1]_{m+1} \leq C_m[h]_{m+1}.$$

Let us denote by $v(x, t)$ the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \square v(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^3 \times (T+1, \infty) \\ v(x, T+1) = v_0(x) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x, T+1) = v_1(x). \end{cases}$$

It follows from (3.14) that

$$v(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } |x| \leq t - T - 1 - R,$$

which implies

$$Bv(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \geq T + 2R + 1 + \rho_0.$$

Set

$$w(x, t) = \begin{cases} u(x, t) & \text{for } (x, t) \in \bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [0, T+1] \\ v(x, t) & \text{for } (x, t) \in \bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times (T+1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

We see that $w(x, t) \in C^\infty(\bar{\mathcal{Q}} \times [0, \infty))$ and

$$Bw = \begin{cases} e^{\delta|x|} \cdot e^{-\tau t} h_1 & \text{for } t \geq T+1 \\ 0 & \text{for } t \geq T+1 + \delta_0 + R. \end{cases}$$

If we set $g_1(x, t) = e^{-\delta|x|} \cdot e^{\tau t} w(x, t) |_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1}$ we have

$$e^{-\delta|x|} \cdot e^{\tau t} \cdot Bw = \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(-\gamma) g_1.$$

Set

$$h_3 = -\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(-\gamma) g_1 + h$$

and we have $h_3 \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$, $\text{supp } h_3 \subset \Gamma \times (T, \infty)$ and

$$(3.16) \quad [h_3]_m \leq C_m [h]_{m+1}.$$

From the assumption on B_0 the equation

$$\mathbf{B}_0^{(\delta)}(-\gamma) g_2 = h_3$$

has a solution $g_2 \in \bigcap_{m \geq 1} H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ satisfying

$$(3.17) \quad \text{supp } g_2 \subset \Gamma \times [T, \infty)$$

and

$$(3.18) \quad [g_2]_m \leq C_m [h_3]_m.$$

Let us set

$$g(x, t) = g_1(x, t) + g_2(x, t).$$

Evidently $g \in \bigcap H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and $\text{supp } g \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$. Taking account that $\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(-\gamma) g_2 = \mathbf{B}_0^{(\delta)} g_2$ we have

$$\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(-\gamma)g = \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(-\gamma)g_1 + \mathbf{B}_0^{(\delta)}(-\gamma)g_2 = h.$$

The required estimate for g follows immediately from (3.15), (3.16) and (3.17).

§ 4. Proof of Theorem 2

Taking account that B may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} B = & \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (b_j - n_j) + (b_j - n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x, t) + c(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right\} + d(x, t), \end{aligned}$$

we have for all $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{Re} \langle e^{2\delta|x|} \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu) g, g \rangle_0 &= -\operatorname{Re} \langle e^{2\delta|x|} \mathbf{N}^{(\delta)}(\mu) g, g \rangle_0 \\ &\quad - \mu \langle e^{2\delta|x|} c(x, t) g, g \rangle_0 - \operatorname{Re} \langle e^{2\delta|x|} d(x, t) g, g \rangle_0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\operatorname{Re} \langle e^{2\delta|x|} \mathbf{N}^{(\delta)}(\mu) g, g \rangle_0 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ -\operatorname{Re} (e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(\mu + ik) \hat{g}(\cdot, ik), \hat{g}(\cdot, ik)) \} dk \\ &\geq (\mu - C) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\hat{g}(\cdot, ik)\|^2 dk = (\mu - C) [g]_0^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then by setting

$$d_1 = \inf(-\operatorname{Re} d(x, t)), \quad c_1 = \sup c(x, t)$$

we have an estimation

$$(4.1) \quad -\operatorname{Re} \langle \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu) g, g \rangle \geq \{(1 - c_1)\mu + (d_1 - C)\} [g]_0^2.$$

Lemma 4.1. *Let us denote by M a bounded subset of $\mathcal{B}^\infty(\Gamma)$. For a pair of M and a positive constant γ we can choose positive constant α_m and C_m , $m=1, 2, \dots$ with the following properties: for every B satisfying*

$$(4.2) \quad \{b_j(\cdot, t), c(\cdot, t); t \in \mathbf{R}^1\} \subset M$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial t} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \right| \leq \alpha_m \quad \text{for all } (x, t) \in \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1$$

an estimate

$$(4.4) \quad [g]_m \leq C_m [B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g]_m, \quad \forall g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$$

holds for all μ verifying

$$(4.5) \quad (1 - c_1)\mu + d_1 - C \geq \gamma.$$

Proof. For $m=0$ (4.4) follows from (4.1) on the condition (4.5). Note that when B satisfies (4.2) we have estimates

$$(4.6) \quad [g]_{m+1} \leq C_{M,m} \left\{ [B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g]_m + \left[\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right]_m + [g]_m \right\}, \quad \forall g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$$

for all $\mu > -\delta_0$ and $m=0, 1, 2, \dots$, which are derived by the same process as (3.11). For any $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} B^{(\delta)}(\mu) \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g) - \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial(b_j - n_j)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_j} \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} - \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \left(\frac{\partial^2 b_j}{\partial t \partial x_j} + \delta \frac{\partial^2 b_j}{\partial t \partial x_j} \frac{x_j}{|x|} \right) - \frac{\partial d}{\partial t} \right\} g, \end{aligned}$$

from which we have

$$\left[B^{(\delta)}(\mu) \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right]_m \leq \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g \right]_m + C' \alpha [g]_{m+1} + C'' [g]_m$$

where $\alpha = \sup \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial t} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \right| \right)$. Suppose that (4.4) holds when $\alpha \leq \alpha_m$. Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right]_m &\leq C_m \left[B^{(\delta)}(\mu) \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} \right]_m \\ &\leq C_m \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g) \right]_m + C' \alpha [g]_{m+1} + C'' [g]_m \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The substitution this inequality into (4.6) gives

$$[g]_{m+1} \leq C'_m \{ [B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g]_{m+1} + \alpha [g]_{m+1} + [B^{(\delta)}(\mu)g]_m \}.$$

Therefore we see that (4.4) holds for $m+1$ if α is sufficiently small. Since (4.4) holds for $m=0$ on the condition (4.5) Lemma is proved by the induction. Q.E.D.

Corollary. Let M be a bounded subset of $C^\infty(\Gamma)$. Suppose that B satisfies (4.2) and

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 |\partial b_j(x, t) / \partial t| + |\partial c(x, t) / \partial t| \leq \alpha_m, \quad \forall (x, t) \in \Gamma \times [T_m, \infty),$$

where T_m , $m=1, 2, \dots$ are positive constants such that $T_m \leq T_{m+1}$. Then

for μ satisfying

$$(1 - c_1)\mu + \tilde{d}_1 - C \geq \gamma, \quad \tilde{d}_1 = \inf_{(x, t) \in \Gamma \times [T_1, \infty)} (-\operatorname{Re} d(x, t))$$

we have an estimate

$$(4.7) \quad [g]_m \leq C_m [\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g]_{m+1}, \quad \forall g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1).$$

Proof. Let us set $\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g = h$. Following the process of Corollary of Proposition 3.3 we can decompose g as $g = g_1 + g_2$ in such a way that

$$(4.8) \quad [g_1]_m \leq C_m [h]_m$$

and $\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g_1 = h$ for $t \leq T_m + 1$, and $h_3 = -\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g_1 + h$ verifies

$$(4.9) \quad [h_3]_m \leq C_m [h]_{m+1}$$

and

$$\operatorname{supp} h_3 \subset \Gamma \times [T_m, \infty).$$

Let us denote by \tilde{B} an operator satisfying $\tilde{B} = B$ for $t \geq T_m$ and the condition on the coefficients of Lemma 4.1 for all $t \in \mathbf{R}^1$. Then by Lemma 4.1 we have g_2 such that

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g_2 &= h_3 \\ \operatorname{supp} g_2 &\subset \Gamma \times [T_m, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.11) \quad [g_2]_m \leq C_m [h_3]_m.$$

Since $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g_2 = \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g_2$, we have that $g = g_1 + g_2$ from the uniqueness of solutions of (4.10). Now (4.7) follows from (4.8) and (4.11). Q.E.D.

Lemma 4.2. Suppose that B satisfies (1.4). For any μ satisfying

$$(4.12) \quad (1 - c_1)\mu + \tilde{d}_1 - C > 0,$$

the equation

$$\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g = h$$

for $h \in H^{m+1}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ such that $\operatorname{supp} h \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$ has a solution uniquely in $H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ and which verifies

$$(4.13) \quad \begin{aligned} [g]_m &\leq C_m [h]_{m+1} \\ \operatorname{supp} g &\subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. let B^N be the operator introduced in § 2. Since the coefficients of B^N are independent of t for $t \geq 2N$ we can apply Corollary of Proposition 3.3 and obtain g_N verifying

$$\mathbf{B}^{N(\delta)}(\mu)g_N = h$$

and $g_N \in H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$, $\text{supp } g_N \subset \Gamma \times [0, \infty)$. We see immediately that

$$\{b_{Nj}(\cdot, t), c_N(\cdot, t); t \in \mathbf{R}^1\} \text{ is a bounded set in } C^\infty(\Gamma)$$

and that for any $\alpha > 0$ it holds

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 |\partial b_{Nj}(x, t) / \partial t| + |\partial c_N(x, t) / \partial t| < \alpha, \quad \forall t \geq T_\alpha$$

where T_α is independent of N . Hence applying Corollary of Lemma 4.1 we have

$$(4.14) \quad [g_N]_m \leq C_m [h]_{m+1},$$

where C_m is independent of N . Let $N' > N$. Then

$$\mathbf{B}^{N'(\delta)}(\mu)(g_{N'} - g_N) = -(\mathbf{B}^{N'(\delta)}(\mu) - \mathbf{B}^{N(\delta)}(\mu))g_N,$$

and since $\text{supp}(\mathbf{B}^{N'(\delta)}(\mu) - \mathbf{B}^{N(\delta)}(\mu))g_N \subset \Gamma \times [N, \infty)$ we have

$$\text{supp}(g_{N'} - g_N) \subset \Gamma \times [N, \infty)$$

namely

$$(4.15) \quad g_{N'} = g_N \quad \text{for } t \leq N.$$

Now (4.14) and (4.15) imply that g_N converges to some element in $H^m(\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1)$ when N tends to infinity. Let us denote it by g . Then it holds that

$$g = g_N \quad \text{for } t \leq N$$

$$[g]_m \leq C_m [h]_{m+1}.$$

We have

$$\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g = h$$

because

$$\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(\mu)g - h = \mathbf{B}^{(\delta)}(g - g_N) + (\mathbf{B}^{(\delta)} - \mathbf{B}^{N(\delta)})g_N$$

and the right-hand side equals zero for $t \leq N$. Thus Lemma 4.2 is proved. Q.E.D.

If d_0 is chosen in such a way that (1.3) implies (4.12) for some $\mu < 0$ and T_1 , the exponential decay of solutions of (P) follows from Lemma 4.2 and Proposition 3.1. Thus Theorem 2 is proved.

§ 5. Proofs Theorems 3, 4 and 5

Lemma 5.1. *Suppose that an estimate*

$$(5.1) \quad |(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g)| \geq \left(c - \frac{C}{|p|+1}\right) \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2$$

holds for all $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$ and $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$, where c and γ are positive constants. If

$$(5.2) \quad (e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } \operatorname{Re} p \geq 0$$

for any $g \neq 0$, there exist γ' and c' positive constants such that

$$(5.3) \quad |(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g)| \geq c' \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2, \quad \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma'$$

holds for all $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$.

Proof. It follows from (5.1) that there exists $A > 0$ such that

$$(5.4) \quad |(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g)| \geq \frac{c}{2} \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2$$

when $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$ and $|p| \geq A$. Using the consideration in the proof of Proposition 3.3 we obtain from (5.2) the existence of $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)^{-1}$ in $L^2(\Gamma)$. And it turns out that for every $\operatorname{Re} p \geq 0$ $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)^{-1}$ is a continuous mapping from $L^2(\Gamma)$ into $H^1(\Gamma)$. Note that $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)$ depends continuously on p as $\mathcal{L}(H^1(\Gamma), L^2(\Gamma))$ -valued function. Therefore we have

$$\alpha_0 = \inf \{ \|\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g\|_0; \|g\|_1 = 1, \operatorname{Re} p \geq 0, |p| \leq A \} > 0.$$

Then there exists $\gamma' > 0$ such that

$$(5.5) \quad \|\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g\| \geq \alpha_0/2 \quad \text{for all } \|g\|_1 = 1$$

holds for all $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma'$, $|p| \leq A$. Combining (5.4) and (5.5) we have (5.3).
Q.E.D.

Let us set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(p) &= \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left\{ (b_j - n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (b_j - n_j) \right\} \\ &\quad + \delta \sum_{j=1}^3 (b_j - n_j) x_j / |x| + c(x)p. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by $\Lambda(g)$ a set of complex numbers $z = a + ib$ satisfying the following properties: for b such that $\{k; b = -\operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)\} = \emptyset$, all $a \in \mathbf{R}$. For b such that $\{k; b = -\operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)\} = S \neq \emptyset$,

$$a < \inf_{k \in S} \{-\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)\}.$$

Lemma 5.2. Suppose that $d(x) \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ satisfies

$$(5.6) \quad (e^{2\delta|x|}d(x)g, g) \in \Lambda(g), \quad \forall g \in C^\infty(\Gamma), \quad \|g\| = 1$$

and that $\mathcal{B}^{(0)}(p) = \mathcal{B}_0^{(0)}(p) + d(x)$ verifies the condition (5.1). Then (3.9) holds.

Proof. Let $g \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$ and $g \neq 0$. Set for $\lambda \geq 0$

$$F_\lambda(p) = (e^{2\delta|x|}(\mathcal{B}_0^{(0)}(p) + d(x) - \lambda)g, g).$$

Then $F_\lambda(p)$ is analytic in $\operatorname{Re} p > -\delta_0$ for all $\lambda \geq 0$. (5.1) implies that for some $A > 0$

$$F_\lambda(p) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } |p| \geq A, \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma.$$

From the definition of $\Lambda(g)$ we have for all $\lambda \geq 0$

$$(e^{2\delta|x|}(d(x) - \lambda)g, g) \in \Lambda(g),$$

which shows for all $\lambda \geq 0$

$$F_\lambda(ik) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbf{R}.$$

On the other hand we have from (3.12) that

$$(5.7) \quad F_{\lambda_0}(p) \neq 0, \quad \forall \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$$

for λ_0 sufficiently large. Then by taking account of the continuity with respect to λ we see that the number of zeros of $F_\lambda(p)$ is same for all $\lambda \geq 0$. And it follows from (5.7) that this number is zero. Then

$$F_0(p) \neq 0, \quad \operatorname{Re} p \geq 0,$$

which is nothing but (5.2). By the previous lemma (5.1) and (5.2) imply (3.9). Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 5. Suppose that $d(x)$ verifies for some $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\operatorname{Re} d(x) \leq H(x) - 2\varepsilon.$$

Then we have from Theorem 3.2 that for some $A > 0$

$$(5.8) \quad -\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{B}_0^{(0)}(p)g, g) \geq \varepsilon \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2 \quad \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad |p| > A.$$

Due to Lemma 5.2, in order to apply Proposition 3.3 it suffices to verify (5.6).

Note that an estimate

$$|\operatorname{Im}\{(\mathcal{A}_3(k)f, f) + (\mathcal{A}_4(k)f, f)\}| \leq C(\|X_3f\|^2 + \|X_4f\|^2)$$

follows from the consideration on § 5 of [4]. Then we have

$$|\operatorname{Im}(\mathcal{A}(k)f, f)| \leq |k|(\|X_1f\|^2 + \|X_2f\|^2) + C(\|X_3f\|^2 + \|X_4f\|^2)$$

$$\leq C|k| \|f\|^2,$$

which implies that

$$|\operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)| \leq C|k| \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) &= \operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) \\ &+ \operatorname{Im}\left(\sum_{j=1}^3 (b_j - n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (e^{\delta|x|}g), e^{\delta|x|}g\right) + k(e^{2\delta|x|}c(x)g, g) \end{aligned}$$

we have for $|k| \leq A$

$$|\operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)| \leq (\sup |b - n|) \|X_4 e^{\delta|x|}g\|_{1/2}^2 + CA \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2.$$

Suppose that

$$(5.9) \quad |\operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)| \geq C_\varepsilon \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2.$$

Then it is necessary to hold

$$(5.10) \quad (\sup |b - n|) \|X_4 e^{\delta|x|}g\|_{1/2}^2 \geq (C_\varepsilon - CA) \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2.$$

(5.18) of [4] shows

$$(5.11) \quad -\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) \geq \|X_4 e^{\delta|x|}g\|_{1/2}^2 - C|k| \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2.$$

(5.10) and (5.11) imply that

$$-\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) \geq (\sup |b - n|)^{-1} (C_\varepsilon - 2CA) \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2.$$

Therefore if we choose C_ε sufficiently large (5.9) implies

$$-\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}_0^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) > (e^{2\delta|x|}H(x)g, g) \quad \text{for all } |k| \leq A.$$

Thus (5.6) is shown.

Proof of Theorem 3. First let us show that

$$\operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) \neq 0$$

holds for any $k \neq 0$ and $g \neq 0$. Suppose that for some g and $k \neq 0$

$$(5.12) \quad \operatorname{Im}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g) = 0.$$

Set

$$u(x) = e^{\delta|x|}U^{(\delta)}(ik, g; x).$$

Then we see that

$$(\Delta + k^2)u(x) = 0$$

$$u|_r = e^{\delta|x|}g$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \right|_r = e^{\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g$$

and that it satisfies the radiation condition of Sommerfeld. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\mathcal{Q} \cap \{|x| < R\}} \left\{ (\Delta + k^2) u \cdot \bar{u} - u (\overline{(\Delta + k^2) u}) \right\} dx \\ &= \int_r \left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \bar{u} + u \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial n} \right) dS - \int_{|x|=R} \left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \bar{u} + u \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial n} \right) dS. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\int_r \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \bar{u} dS = (e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(ik)g, g)$ is real. The radiation condition of Sommerfeld implies

$$\int_{|x|=R} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \bar{u} - u \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial n} \right) dS = 2ik \int_{|x|=R} |u|^2 dS + o(1) \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since $k \neq 0$ we have

$$\int_{|x|=R} |u|^2 dS = o(1) \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

By Rellich's uniqueness theorem $u=0$ holds. This is a contradiction. Thus (5.12) is proved.

Next consider for $k=0$.

$$u(x) = e^{\delta|x|} U^{(\delta)}(0, g; x)$$

satisfies $\Delta u=0$ and $|x|u(x)$ and $|x|^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}$ are bounded in \mathcal{Q} . Then it follows that

$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \Delta u \bar{u} dx = - \int_r \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \bar{u} dS - \int_{\mathcal{Q}} |\Delta u|^2 dx.$$

Then

$$(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(0)g, g) = \int_r \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \bar{u} dS = - \int_{\mathcal{Q}} |\nabla u|^2 dx.$$

By Asakura's result

$$\int_{\mathcal{Q}} |\nabla u|^2 dx \geq \int_r \sigma_0 |u|^2 dS = (e^{2\delta|x|} \sigma_0(x)g, g)$$

where

$$\sigma_0(x) = \langle x - Q, n(x) \rangle |x - Q|^{-2}.$$

Therefore if $d(x) < \sigma_0(x)$ for all $x \in \Gamma$ we have

$$(e^{2\delta|x|} d(x)g, g) \in A(g), \quad g \neq 0.$$

Thus (5.6) holds for $d(x)$ verifying (1.6).

Proof of Theorem 4.

Suppose that

$$d(x) \leq \min(\sigma_0(x), H(x)) - 2\varepsilon$$

holds. Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g) &= -\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|} (\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p) + d(x))g, g) \\ &\geq \varepsilon \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\varepsilon/2$, $|p| \geq A$, where the constant A is independent of $b(x)$ satisfying (A-II) and (A-III). Then we have

$$(5.13) \quad \|\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p)g\| \geq \varepsilon \|e^{\delta|x|}g\| \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\varepsilon/2, |p| \geq A.$$

On the other hand for $|p| \leq A$, $\operatorname{Re} p > -\gamma$ $(\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p) + d(x))^{-1}$ exists and uniformly bounded. Then by using the estimate (3.11)

$$\|(\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p) + d)^{-1}g\|_1 \leq CA \|g\|_0$$

for all $\operatorname{Re} p > -\gamma$, $|p| \leq A$. When the a of (1.9) is not so large it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left\{ (b_j - n_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (b_j - n_j) \right\} + pc(x) + \delta \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{(b_j - n_j)x_j}{|x|} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^1(\Gamma), L^2(\Gamma))} \\ &< \|(\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p) + d)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^1(\Gamma), L^2(\Gamma))} \end{aligned}$$

Since the left-hand side is equal to $\|\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p) - (\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p) + d)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^1(\Gamma), L^2(\Gamma))}$ the above inequality implies

$$(5.14) \quad \|e^{\delta|x|} \mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)g\| \geq c \|e^{\delta|x|}g\|, \quad \forall g \in C^\infty(\Gamma).$$

By combining (5.13) and (5.14) we have (3.9).

Remark. Till now we showed the existence and uniform boundedness of $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)^{-1}$ for $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$, $\gamma > 0$, which imply the exponential decay of solutions of (P). Suppose that $\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)^{-1}$ exists and satisfies

$$\|\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p)^{-1}\| < C \quad \text{for all } \operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma.$$

Then we see easily that for any $\tilde{d}(x)$ such that

$$\sup |\tilde{d}(x)| < \frac{1}{C}$$

$(\mathcal{B}^{(\delta)}(p) + \tilde{d}(x))^{-1}$ also exists and uniformly bounded in $\operatorname{Re} p \geq -\gamma$. Then we have also the exponential decay of solutions for another boundary operator $B + \tilde{d}$.

§ 6. Proof of theorem 3.2

We showed in [4] an inequality

$$-\operatorname{Re}(e^{2\delta|x|}\mathcal{N}^{(\delta)}(p)g, g) \geq (\mu - C)\|e^{\delta|x|}g\|^2, \quad \operatorname{Re} p > -\delta_0.$$

Examining the estimates used in [4] we see that in order to obtain (3.8) it suffices to show an estimate

$$(6.1) \quad -\operatorname{Re}\left(e^{2\delta|x|}\frac{e^{-\delta|x|}}{\tilde{m}(p)}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}e^{-ikt}\frac{\partial\mathcal{W}_1}{\partial n}(\mu, m(t')e^{-\mu t'}e^{\delta|x|}g; x, t)dt, g\right)_m \\ \geq (e^{2\delta|x|}(\mu + H(x) - \varepsilon)X_1g, X_1g)_m - \frac{C_{m,\varepsilon}}{1 + |\mu + ik|}\|e^{\delta|x|}g\|_m^2$$

for all $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma_0)$ when Γ_0 is chosen sufficiently small. After this we show (6.1). Let $s(\sigma)$ be a mapping

$$I_\sigma = -[\sigma_{10}, \sigma_{10}] \times [-\sigma_{20}, \sigma_{20}] \ni \sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow s(\sigma) \in \Gamma_0$$

such that $s(\sigma) = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \varphi(\sigma_1, \sigma_2))$,

$$(6.2) \quad \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial\sigma_j}(0) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

Set

$$h^{lj}(\sigma) = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial\sigma_l} \cdot \frac{\partial s}{\partial\sigma_j}\right) \left(\left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial\sigma_1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial\sigma_2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial\sigma_1} \cdot \frac{\partial s}{\partial\sigma_2}\right)^2\right)^{-1}$$

Remark that it follows from (6.2) that

$$\frac{\partial h^{lj}}{\partial\sigma_k}\Big|_{\sigma=0} = 0, \quad \forall j, l, k.$$

Let us denote by $\tilde{f}(\sigma, \eta)$ a solution of

$$(6.3) \quad \begin{cases} \sum_{l,j=1}^2 h^{lj}(\sigma) \frac{\partial\tilde{f}}{\partial\sigma_l} \frac{\partial\tilde{f}}{\partial\sigma_j} = 1 \\ \frac{\partial\tilde{f}}{\partial\sigma_j}\Big|_{\sigma=0} = \eta_j \\ \tilde{f}(0, \eta) = 0 \end{cases}$$

where $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2) \in \Sigma = \{(\eta_1, \eta_2); \eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2 = 1\}$. Let Γ_0 be a small neighborhood in Γ of $s_0 = 0$ and $\theta(s, \eta)$ be a function belonging to $C^\infty(\Gamma_0)$ defined by $\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) = \tilde{f}(\sigma, \eta)$. For fixed $0 < \beta_0 < 1$ consider an equation

$$\beta\{\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta)\} = \alpha\langle\sigma - \sigma', \xi'\rangle$$

$\eta, \xi' \in \Sigma$, $\beta_0 < \beta < 1$, $\sigma, \sigma' \in I_\sigma$. If we choose I_σ sufficiently small there exist C^∞ -functions $\alpha(\sigma, \sigma', \beta, \eta)$ and $\xi'(\sigma, \sigma', \beta, \eta)$ satisfying the above equality for

all $\sigma, \sigma' \in I_\sigma, \beta_0 < \beta < 1, \eta \in \Sigma$ and

$$\alpha(0, 0, \beta, \eta) = \beta$$

$$\xi'(0, 0, \beta, \eta) = \eta.$$

Further more we have from (6.3)

$$(6.4) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial \sigma_1} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \sigma_1} + \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial \sigma_2} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \sigma_2} = 0 & \text{at } \sigma = \sigma' = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial \sigma_1} \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial \sigma_1} + \frac{\partial \tilde{f}}{\partial \sigma_2} \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial \sigma_2} = 0 & \text{at } \sigma = \sigma' = 0 \quad \text{for } j=1, 2. \end{cases}$$

Remark that $\theta(s, \eta)$ introduced in the above varies a little from $\theta(s, \eta)$ used in [4]. But concerning the estimates for $\mathcal{W}_j, j=1, 2, 3$ we do not have to change the process. We will use the same notations as [4].

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{V}_1 h)(s(\sigma), t) &= \omega(s(\sigma), t) \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_0^\infty d\alpha \int_{\Sigma} d\xi' \int_{I_\sigma} d\sigma' \int_{I_t} dt' \\ &\quad \times \exp\{ik(t-t' + \alpha\langle\sigma - \sigma', \xi'\rangle)\} \chi_1(\alpha)^2 k^2 \alpha \tilde{\omega}(s(\sigma'), t') h(s(\sigma'), t') \\ &= \omega(s(\sigma), t) \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_0^{\alpha_0} d\alpha \cdots + \omega(s(\sigma), t) \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_{\alpha_0}^\infty d\alpha \\ &= (\mathcal{V}_{10} h)(s(\sigma), t) + (\mathcal{V}_{11} h)(s(\sigma), t), \end{aligned}$$

where α_0 is a positive constant determined later. By using a change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{V}_{11} h)(s(\sigma), t) &= \omega(s(\sigma), t) \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_{\beta_0}^\infty d\beta \int_{\Sigma} d\eta \int_{I_\sigma} d\sigma' \int_{I_t} dt' \\ &\quad \times \exp\{ik(\beta(\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta)) + t - t')\} \chi_1(\alpha)^2 \alpha k^2 \\ &\quad \times \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} \tilde{\omega}(s(\sigma'), t') h(s(\sigma'), t), \end{aligned}$$

where β_0 depends on σ, σ', η but there exists $\beta_1 > 0$ such that $\beta_0 \geq \beta_1$ for all σ, σ', η if I_σ is small.

For the purpose of the construction of \mathcal{W}_1 consider an asymptotic solution of the equation

$$\left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) u = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbf{R}^1$$

with an oscillatory value

$$u(x, t) = v(s, t) \exp\{ik(t + \beta\theta(s, \eta))\} \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1$$

for

$$(6.5) \quad 0 < \beta < 1 - \varepsilon_0, \quad \varepsilon_0 > 0.$$

Let $\psi(x, \eta, \beta)$ be a solution of

$$(6.6) \quad \begin{cases} \psi(s, \eta, \beta) = \beta \theta(s, \eta) & \text{on } \Gamma \\ (\nabla_x \psi)^2 = 1 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} < 0. \end{cases}$$

Note that $\psi(x, \eta, \beta)$ verifying (6.6) is a C^∞ -function of $x \in \bar{\mathcal{Q}}$, $\eta \in \Sigma$ and β of (6.5) and all derivatives with respect to x , η and β are bounded in $\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$, Σ and β of (6.5). We set $p = \mu + ik$ and ask for a solution u in the form

$$(6.7) \quad \begin{aligned} u(x, t; p) &= \exp\{ik(t + \psi(x, \eta, \beta))\} \cdot G(x, t; p). \\ &\exp\{-ik(t + \psi)\} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) u \\ &= \{(ik + \mu)^2 - (ik \nabla \psi)^2\} \cdot G + 2(ik + \mu) \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \mu G \right) \\ &\quad - 2ik \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla G - ik \Delta \psi \cdot G + \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) G \\ &= ik \left(2 \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} - 2 \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla G - \Delta \psi \cdot G + 2 \mu G \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) G + 2 \mu \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \mu G \right) + \mu^2 G. \end{aligned}$$

Restricted to $\mu_0 \geq \mu \geq -\delta_0$ construct $G(x, t; p)$ vanishing the right-hand side of the equality asymptotically. Set

$$G(x, t; p) \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (ik)^{-j} G_j(x, t; \mu)$$

and determine G_j successively. G_0 is required to verify

$$(6.8)_0 \quad \begin{cases} 2 \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} - 2 \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla G_0 - (\Delta \psi - 2\mu) G_0 = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ G_0(x, t) = v(x, t) & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \end{cases}$$

and $G_j, j \geq 1$ must verify

$$(6.8)_j \quad \begin{cases} 2 \frac{\partial G_j}{\partial t} - 2 \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla G_j - (\Delta \psi - 2\mu) G_j \\ \quad = - \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) G_{j-1} - 2 \mu \left(\frac{\partial G_{j-1}}{\partial t} + \mu G_{j-1} \right) - \mu^2 G_{j-1} \\ G_j = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1 \end{cases}$$

The solution $G_j, j=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ of (6.8)_j are determined uniquely for given function $v(x, t)$, therefore there exists $G(x, t; p)$ with required properties.

Construct $G(x, t; p)$ following the above process for $v(s, t)$ with parameters σ', η, β

$$v(s(\sigma), t) = \omega(s(\sigma), t) \chi_1(\alpha(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta))^2 \alpha(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta) \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)}$$

and denote this $G(x, t; p)$ by $G(x, t; \sigma', \eta, \beta, p)$. Using this G

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{11}(\mu, h; x, t) &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_{\beta_0} d\beta \int_{\mathbf{z}} d\eta \int d\sigma' \int dt' \\ &\quad \times \exp\{ik(\psi(x, \beta, \eta) - \beta\theta(s(\sigma'), \eta) + t - t')\} \\ &\quad \times G(x, t; \sigma', \eta, \beta, p) k^2 \tilde{\omega}(s(\sigma'), t') h(s(\sigma'), t') \end{aligned}$$

Evidently

$$(6.9) \quad \mathcal{W}_{11}(\mu, h; x, t) |_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1} = \mathcal{V}_{11} h.$$

Next consider $\partial \mathcal{W}_{11} / \partial n$

$$\begin{aligned} (6.10) \quad & \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_{11}(\mu, h; x, t)}{\partial n} \\ &= \int \cdots \int \exp[ik\{\beta(\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta)) + t - t'\}] \\ &\quad \times \left(ik \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} G + \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \right) k^2 \tilde{\omega}(s(\sigma'), t') h(s(\sigma'), t'). \end{aligned}$$

Let us set

$$\begin{aligned} Ih &= \int \cdots \int \exp[] \cdot ik \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} G k^2 \tilde{\omega} h \\ I Ih &= \int \cdots \int \exp[] \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} k^2 \tilde{\omega} h. \end{aligned}$$

Let h be of the form $g(s) e^{-t} m(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} Ih &= \omega \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_{\beta_0}^\infty d\beta \int_{\mathbf{z}} d\eta \int_{I_\sigma} d\sigma' \int_{I_t} dt' \\ &\quad \times \exp[ik\{\beta(\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta)) + t - t'\}] \\ &\quad \times ik \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}(s(\sigma), \beta, \eta) \chi_1(\alpha)^2 \alpha k^2 \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} \tilde{\omega} g(s(\sigma')) e^{-\mu' t'} m(t') \\ &= \int \cdots \int - (1 - \omega) \int \cdots \int = I_1 h + I_2 h. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{supp}(1 - \omega) \cap \text{supp} \tilde{\omega} = \emptyset$, I_2 is considered as a pseudodifferential operator in $\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1$ of the class $S^{-\infty}$. Then for any m, m' there exists a constant $C_{m, m'}$ such that

$$(6.11) \quad \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik't} I_2 h dt \right\|_m \leq C_{m,m'} (1+k'^2)^{-m'} \|g\|_0 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{-it} m(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Let $\mathcal{A}_{11}(k)$ be an operator defined for $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma_0)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{11}(k)g = & \int_{\beta_0}^{\infty} d\beta \int_x d\eta \int d\sigma' \cdot \exp \{ik\beta(\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta))\} \\ & \times ik \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}(s(\sigma), \eta, \beta) \cdot \chi_1(\alpha)^2 k^2 \alpha \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} g(s(\sigma')). \end{aligned}$$

Then $I_1 h$ be represented as

$$(I_1 h)(s(\sigma), t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikt} \mathcal{A}_{11}(k) g \widehat{m}(\mu + ik) dk,$$

which implies

$$(6.12) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikt} (I_1 h)(s(\sigma), t) dt = \mathcal{A}_{11}(k) g \cdot \widehat{m}(\mu + ik).$$

Since $\theta(s, \eta)$ satisfies

$$\sum_{j,l=1}^3 h^{jl}(\sigma) \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_j}(s(\sigma), \eta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_l}(s(\sigma), \eta) = 1$$

we have

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}(s(\sigma), \eta, \beta) = -\sqrt{1-\beta^2}, \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in I_\sigma.$$

By taking account of the form of the equation which $\alpha(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta)$ and $\xi'(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta)$ satisfy we see immediately the relations

$$\begin{cases} \alpha(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta) = \alpha(\sigma', \sigma, \eta, \beta) \\ \xi'(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta) = \xi'(\sigma', \sigma, \eta, \beta). \end{cases}$$

Then we have that $\frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)}(\sigma, \sigma', \eta, \beta)$ is also symmetric with respect to σ and σ' . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{i} \mathcal{A}_{11}(k) g, g \right) &= \int d\sigma \int d\beta \int d\eta \int d\sigma' \cdot \exp \{ik(\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta))\} \\ &\quad \times k(-\sqrt{1-\beta^2}) \chi_1(\alpha)^2 k^2 \alpha \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} g(s(\sigma')) \overline{g(s(\sigma))} \\ &= \left(g, \frac{1}{i} \mathcal{A}_{11}(k) g \right), \end{aligned}$$

namely

$$(6.13) \quad \operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{11}(k) g, g) = 0.$$

Combining (6.11), (6.12) and (6.13) it holds that

$$(6.14) \quad \left| \operatorname{Re} \left(e^{2\delta|x|} \frac{e^{-\delta|x|}}{\widehat{m}(p)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik't} I(e^{\delta|x|} g \cdot e^{-\mu t} m(t)) dt, g \right)_m \right| \\ \leq C_m \cdot \frac{1}{1+|k|} \|e^{\delta|x|} g\|_m^2.$$

In the next place consider IIh . From the relation which satisfies G we have

$$-\sqrt{1-\beta^2} \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \Big|_{r \times R^1} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} - 2(\nabla \psi)_s (\nabla G)_s - \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \psi - \mu \right) G \\ + \frac{1}{ik} \left\{ \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) G + 2\mu \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \mu G \right) + \mu^2 G \right\} \pmod{k^{-\infty}}$$

Then

$$IIh = \int \cdots \int \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \right) \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} k^2 \tilde{\omega} h + \int \cdots \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} (\nabla \psi)_s (\nabla G)_s k^2 \tilde{\omega} h \\ + \int \cdots \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \psi - \mu \right) G k^2 \tilde{\omega} h + \int \cdots \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \frac{1}{ik} \{ \} k^2 \tilde{\omega} h \\ = II_1 h + II_2 h + II_3 h + II_4 h.$$

Concerning $II_1 h$, since

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} \chi_1^2 \alpha \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{supp} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} \cap \operatorname{supp} \tilde{\omega} = \phi$$

it follows that

$$(6.15) \quad \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik't} II_1 h dt \right\|_m \leq \frac{C_{m,m'}}{(1+|k'|)^{m'}} \|g\|_0 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{-\mu t} m(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Consider $II_2 h$.

$$(\nabla \psi)_s \cdot (\nabla G)_s(s(\sigma)) = \sum_{j,l=1}^2 h^{jl}(\sigma) \frac{\partial \theta(s(\sigma), \eta)}{\partial \sigma_j} \frac{\partial G(s(\sigma))}{\partial \sigma_l} \\ = \sum_{j,l=1}^2 h^{jl} \frac{\partial \tilde{f}(\sigma, \eta)}{\partial \sigma_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_l} \left(\omega \chi_1(\alpha)^2 \alpha \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} \right).$$

From (6.4) and the fact $h^{jl}(0) = \delta_{jl}$ it follows that

$$(6.16) \quad (\nabla \psi)_s \cdot (\nabla G)_s(s_0) = 0.$$

Using $\operatorname{supp}(1-\omega) \cap \operatorname{supp} \tilde{\omega} = \phi$ $II_2 h$ is represented as

$$II_2 h = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik't} \widehat{m}(\mu + ik) \left\{ \int d\beta \int d\eta \int d\sigma' \right. \\ \left. \cdot \exp \{ ik\beta(\theta(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta)) \} a(\sigma, \sigma', \beta, \eta) k^2 g(s(\sigma')) \right\} dk$$

+ (operator of class $S^{-\infty}$) h ,

where $a(0, 0, \beta, \eta) = 0$. therefore for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have

$$(6.17) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{\widehat{m}(\mu + ik')} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik't} II_2 h \, dt \right\|_m \\ \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|g\|_m + C_{m, m'} (1 + |k'|^2)^{-m'} \|g\|_0$$

for all $g(s) \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma_0)$ with support contained in a sufficiently small neighborhood of s_0 .

Concerning $II_4 h$ we have immediately

$$(6.18) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{\widehat{m}(\mu + ik')} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik't} II_4 h \, dt \right\|_m \leq \frac{C_m}{1 + k'} \|g\|_m.$$

Consider $II_3 h$. First check up on the value of $\Delta\psi$. According to [7] and [8] we know that the value of $\Delta\psi$ at x of ψ verifying $(\nabla\psi)^2 = 1$ is equal to two times of the mean curvature of a surface $\{y; \psi(y) = \psi(x)\}$ at x with respect to $(-\nabla\psi)$. Now, when $\psi(x, \beta, \eta)$ satisfies (6.6), the mean curvature at $y=0$ with respect to $-\nabla\psi$ of the surface $\{y; \psi(y, \beta, \eta) = \psi(0, \beta, \eta)\}$ is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ (\eta_2^2 \kappa_1 + \eta_1^2 \kappa_2) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} (\eta_1^2 \kappa_1 + \eta_2^2 \kappa_2) \right\},$$

where κ_1 and κ_2 denote the principale curvature with respect to $-n$ of Γ at $x=0$. Then we have for all $0 \leq \beta < 1$

$$(6.19) \quad -\Delta\psi(0, \beta, \eta) \geq \kappa_1 + \kappa_2 = 2H.$$

Define $\mathcal{A}_{12}(k)$ by

$$\mathcal{A}_{12}(k)g = \int_{\beta_0}^{\infty} d\beta \int_{\mathcal{E}} d\eta \int d\sigma' \cdot \exp\{ik\beta(\theta)(s(\sigma), \eta) - \theta(s(\sigma'), \eta)\} \\ \times (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta\psi(s(\sigma), \beta, \eta) - \mu \right) \chi_1(\alpha)^2 \alpha k^2 \frac{D(\xi', \alpha)}{D(\eta, \beta)} g(s(\sigma')).$$

Then we have

$$II_3 h = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikt} \widehat{m}(\mu + ik) \mathcal{A}_{12}(k) g \, dk + (\text{operator of class } S^{-\infty}) h,$$

which implies

$$(6.20) \quad \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik't} II_3 h \, dt - \widehat{m}(\mu + ik') \mathcal{A}_{12}(k') g \right\|_m \\ \leq C_{m, m'} (1 + |k'|^2)^{-m'} \|g\|_0 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{-\mu t} m(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

On the other hand by a change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{12}(k)g &= \int_{|\xi| \geq \alpha_0 |k|} d\xi \int d\sigma' \exp \langle \sigma - \sigma', \xi \rangle \\ &\cdot (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{1}{2} (A\psi)(s(\sigma), \beta, \eta) - \mu \right) \chi_1(|\xi|/k)^2 g(s(\sigma')). \end{aligned}$$

Taking account of (6.19), for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have

$$(6.21) \quad -\operatorname{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{12}(k)g, g)_m \geq \left(H(0) + \mu - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \|X_{11}g\|_m^2 - \frac{C_m}{1 + |k|} \|X_{11}g\|_m^2$$

for all $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma_0)$ with small support, where

$$(X_{11}g)(s(\sigma)) = \int_{|\xi| \geq \alpha_0 |k|} d\xi \int d\sigma' \exp \langle \sigma - \sigma', \xi \rangle \chi_1(|\xi|/k)^2 g(s(\sigma')).$$

From the estimates (6.15), (6.17), (6.18), (6.20) and (6.21) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (6.22) \quad & -\operatorname{Re} \left(e^{2\delta|x|} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikt} II(e^{\delta|x|}g \cdot e^{-\mu t}u) dt, g \right)_m \\ & \geq (H(0) + \mu - \varepsilon) \|X_{11}g\|_m^2 - \frac{C_m}{1 + |k|} \|g\|_m^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then (6.14) and (6.22) imply

$$\begin{aligned} (6.23) \quad & -\operatorname{Re} \left(e^{2\delta|x|} \frac{e^{-\delta|x|}}{\widehat{m}(p)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_{11}}{\partial n}(\mu, e^{\delta|x|}g \cdot e^{-\mu t}m; x, t) dt, g \right)_m \\ & \geq (H(0) + \mu - \varepsilon) \|X_{11}e^{\delta|x|}g\|_m^2 - \frac{C_m}{1 + |k|} \|g\|_m^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $g \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma_0)$ if we take Γ_0 sufficiently small neighborhood of s_0 .

Secondly consider an asymptotic solution \mathcal{W}_{10} for boundary data $\mathcal{V}_{10}h$. If we choose α_0 and Γ_0 sufficiently small there exists a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \psi(s(\sigma), \xi', \alpha) = \alpha \langle \sigma, \xi' \rangle & \text{for } s(\sigma) \in \Gamma_0 \\ (\nabla \psi)^2 = 1 & \text{in } \bar{\mathcal{D}} \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n} < 0 \end{cases}$$

and $\psi(x, \xi', \alpha)$ depends smoothly on α and ξ' . Then by the same process we may construct an asymptotic solution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{10}(\mu, h; x, t) &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} dk \int_0^{\alpha_0} d\alpha \int_x d\xi' \int_{I_\sigma} d\sigma' \\ &\cdot \exp \{ ik(\psi(x, \xi', \alpha) - \alpha \langle \sigma', \xi' \rangle + t - t') \} G(x, t; \xi', \alpha, p) \\ &\cdot \alpha k^2 \tilde{\omega}(s(\sigma'), t') h(s(\sigma'), t'). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\frac{1}{2}J\psi(0, \xi', \alpha) - H(0)$ becomes arbitrary small by choosing α_0 small.

Then we have

$$(6.24) \quad -\operatorname{Re}\left(e^{2\delta|x|} \frac{e^{-r|x|}}{\widehat{m}(\mu + ik)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}_{10}}{\partial n}(\mu, e^{\delta|x|}g \cdot e^{-\mu t}m; x, t) dt, g\right)_m \\ \geq (H(0) + \mu - \varepsilon) \|X_{10}e^{\delta|x|}g\|_m^2 - \frac{C_m}{1+|k|} \|g\|_m^2$$

where

$$(X_{10}g)(s(\sigma)) = \int_{|\xi| \leq \alpha_0|k|} d\xi \int d\sigma' \cdot \exp \langle \sigma - \sigma', \xi \rangle \cdot g(s(\sigma')).$$

Set $\mathcal{W}_1(\mu, h; x, t) = \mathcal{W}_{10}(\mu, h; x, t) + \mathcal{W}_{11}(\mu, h; x, t)$. Evidently

$$\mathcal{W}_1(\mu, h; x, t)|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1} = \mathcal{V}_1 h.$$

Let us denote by $\mathcal{Z}_1(\mu, h; x, t)$ the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right) - \Delta \right) z(x, t) = - \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu \right)^2 - \Delta \right) \mathcal{W}_1(\mu, h; x, t) \\ z(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}^1. \end{cases}$$

Then by the same consideration on \mathcal{Z}_1 in [4] we have

$$(6.25) \quad \sum_{l=0}^m \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|D_t^l \mathcal{Z}_1(\mu, h; x, t)|_r\|_m^2 dt \leq C_m \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|h(s, t)\|_0^2 dt.$$

Therefore we obtain (6.1) from (6.23) and (6.24).

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