

### EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL SOLUTIONS OF THE MIXED PROBLEM FOR A SYSTEM OF NONLINEAR WAVE EQUATIONS WITH Q- LAPLACIAN OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** In the paper the mixed problem for the system of nonlinear q-Laplacian wave equations is studied. The theorems are proved on the existence of the global solutions of the considered problem.

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# 1 Introduction

The study of the existence and asymptotic behavior of global solutions of initial-boundary value problems for the wave equation with nonlinear operators such as

$$u_{tt} - \Delta_q u + (-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_t - h(u) = \varphi(t, x)$$

where  $\Delta_q u = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^q \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1 |h(u)| \approx |u|^p$  is investigated in (Gao & Ma, 1999), (Hongjun & Hui, 2007).

For this problem, Gao & Ma (1999) (see also (Hongjun & Hui, 2007)) obtained the global existence of the solution when q > p with small initial data when  $q \le p$ . When q = 2, with the linear damping term  $\alpha = 0$ , Levine (1974) and (Levine, 1974) proved that solution blows up in the finite time with negative initial energy. When q = 2, and the damping term is given by  $|u_t|^r u_t, r \ge 0$ , many authors studied the existence and uniqueness of the global solution and the blowup of the solution, (see (Levine et al., 1997), (Georgiev & Todorova, 1994)).

In this paper we consider the nonlinear initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{1tt} - \Delta_q u_1 + (-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_{1t} - f_1(u_1, u_2) = g_1(t, x), \\ u_{2tt} - \Delta_q u_2 + (-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_{2t} - f_2(u_1, u_2) = g_2(t, x), \end{cases}$$
(1)

$$u_j(t,x) = 0, t > 0, x \in \partial\Omega, j = 1,2,$$
(2)

$$u_{j}(0,x) = \varphi_{j}(x), \ u_{jt}(0,x) = \psi_{j}(x), \ x \in \Omega, \ j = 1,2.$$
(3)

Here  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , t > 0;  $x \in \Omega$ ;  $0 < \alpha \leq 1, f_1(u_1, u_2) = a_1 |u_1|^{\rho-1} |u_2|^{\rho+1} u_1$ ;  $f_2(u_1, u_2) = a_2 |u_1|^{\rho+1} |u_2|^{\rho-1} u_2$ ;  $g_1, g_1 : [0, T] \times \Omega \to \Omega$ 

 $\begin{aligned} R;&\Delta_{q}u = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} \left( \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{i}} \right|^{q} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_{i}} \right); q \geq 2, \ a_{1}, a_{2} \in R \text{ and } (-\Delta)^{\alpha}u = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{j}^{\alpha}(u,\varphi_{j})\varphi_{j}, \text{ where} \\ 0 < \lambda_{1} < \lambda_{2} \leq \lambda_{3} \leq \ldots; \ \varphi_{1}, \varphi_{2}, \varphi_{3}, \ldots \text{ are the sequence of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of } -\Delta \\ \text{in } H_{0}^{1}(\Omega), \text{ respectively.} \end{aligned}$ 

The norm in  $L_q(\Omega)$  is denoted by  $\|\|_q$  and in  $\overset{\circ}{W_q^1}(\Omega)$  we use the norm

$$||u||_{q,1}^q = \sum_{j=1}^n ||u_{x_j}||_q^q.$$

We give some of the basic properties of the operators used here. The degenerate operator  $\Delta_q u$  is bounded, monotone and hemicontinuous from  $W_q^1(\Omega)$  to  $W_{q'}^{-1}(\Omega)$ , where  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$ . The  $(-\Delta)^{\alpha}$  powers for the Laplacian operator is defined by

$$(-\Delta)^{\alpha} u = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^{\alpha}(u, \varphi_j) \varphi_j.$$

We investigate the existence of the global solutions of problem (1) - (3). In the case q = 2,  $\alpha = 0$  this problem was studied in (Medeiros & Miranda, 1990), (Miranda & Medeiros, 1987), (Aliev & Yusifova, 2017), (Aliev & Rustamova, 2016), (Wang, 2009), (Ye, 2014).

## 2 Preliminaries and main results

Assume that

$$0 < \rho < \frac{nq}{2(n-q)} - 1, \text{ for } n > q, \tag{4}$$

$$0 < \rho < +\infty \quad for \quad n \le q. \tag{5}$$

To prove the existence of global solutions we use the Galerkin method.

**Theorem 1.** Let conditions (4)-(5) hold, and  $\rho < \frac{q-1}{2}$ . Then for any  $u_{j0} \in W_q^1(\Omega), u_{j1} \in L_2(\Omega)$  and  $g_j(.) \in L_2([0,T] \times \Omega)$ , j = 1, 2 there exists a functions  $u_1, u_2 : [0,T] \times \Omega \to R$  such that

$$u_j \in L_{\infty}(0,T; \stackrel{\circ}{W_p^1}(\Omega)), \tag{6}$$

$$u'_{j} \in L_{\infty}(0,T; L_{2}(\Omega)) \bigcap L_{2}(0,T; D((-\Delta)^{\alpha/2})),$$
(7)

$$u_j(0) = u_{j0}, \quad u'_j(0) = u_{j1}, \quad j = 1, 2,$$
(8)

$$u_{j_{tt}} - \Delta_q u_j + (-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_{j_t} - f_j (u_1, u_2) = g_j (t, x) , j = 1, 2.$$
(9)

Next we consider an existence result when  $\rho \ge \frac{q-1}{2}$ . In this case, the global solution is obtained with small initial data.

Using the Holder and Young inequality we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\varphi_{1m}\varphi_{2m}|^{\rho+1} dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{\Omega} |\varphi_{jm}|^{2(\rho+1)} dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi_{jm}|^{q} dx = \frac{C_{2(\rho+1)}^{2(\rho+1)}}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \left[ \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi_{jm}|^{q} dx \right]^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{q}} \leq C_{2(\rho+1)}^{2(\rho+1)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi_{jm}|^{q} dx \right]^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{q}}, \quad (10)$$

where  $C_{2(\rho+1)}$  is the Sobolev constant for the inequality

$$\left\|\varphi\right\|_{L_{2(\rho+1)}(\Omega)} \le C_{2(\rho+1)} \left\|\nabla\varphi\right\|_{L_{2(\rho+1)}(\Omega)}.$$

For each  $m \in N$  we put

$$E_m = \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{1}{2a_j} \int_{\Omega} |\psi_{jm}|^2 \, dx + \frac{1}{qa_0} \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla\varphi_{jm}|^q \, dx + C_{2(\rho+1)}^{2(\rho+1)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla\varphi_{jm}|^q \, dx \right]^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{q}}, \quad (11)$$

where  $a_0 = \min\{a_1, a_2\}.$ 

We also introduce the polynomial

$$Q(z) = \frac{1}{qa_0} z - C_{2(\rho+1)}^{2(\rho+1)} z^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{q}}.$$

Q(z) increases in  $[0, z_0]$ , where

$$z_0 = \left(\frac{1}{2a_0(\rho+1)C_{2(\rho+1)}^{2(\rho+1)}}\right)^{\frac{q}{2(\rho+1)-q}}$$

**Theorem 2.** Let conditions (4),(5) hold,  $\rho \geq \frac{q-1}{2}$ ,  $u_{j0} \in W^{\circ}_{q}(\Omega)$ ,  $u_{j1} \in L_{2}(\Omega)$  and  $g_{j}(.) \in L_{2}([0,T] \times \Omega)$ , j = 1, 2. Suppose inaddition that initial data satisfy the following conditions

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|\nabla\varphi_j\|_{L_q(\Omega)}^q < z_0, \tag{12}$$

$$E_0 + \frac{1}{4\lambda_1^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |g_j(t,x)|^2 \, dx < Q(z_0), \tag{13}$$

where  $E_0 = \lim_{m \to +\infty} E_m$ . Then there exists the functions  $u_1, u_2 : [0, T] \times \Omega \to R$ satisfying (6)-(9).

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Let r be an integer for which  $H_0^r(\Omega) \subset W_0^1(\Omega)$  is continuous. Then the eigenfunctions of  $-\Delta^r w_k = \lambda_k w_k$  in  $H_0^r(\Omega)$  yields a Galerkin basis for both  $H_0^r(\Omega)$  and  $L_2(\Omega)$ . For each  $m \in N$ , let us put  $V_m = Span \{w_1, w_2, ..., w_n\}$ .

We search for the function

$$u_{jm}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} h_{j_{km}}(t) w_k , \ j = 1, 2,$$

that for any  $v \in V_m$ ,  $u_{jm}(t)$  satisfies the approximate equation

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\{ u_{j_m}'' - \Delta_q u_{j_m} + (-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_{j_m}' - f_j \left( u_{1_m}, u_{2_m} \right) - g_j(t, x) \right\} \ v dx = 0, \tag{14}$$

with the initial conditions

$$u_{j_m}(0) = \varphi_{j_k}, \qquad u'_{j_m}(0) = \psi_{j_m},$$
(15)

where  $j = 1, 2, m = 1, 2, ..., \varphi_{j_m}$  and  $\psi_{j_m}$  are chosen in  $V_m$  such that

$$\varphi_{j_m} \to \varphi_j \text{ in } \overset{\circ}{W}^1_q(\Omega) \text{ and } \psi_{j_m} \to \psi_j \text{ in } L_2(\Omega), \ j = 1, 2.$$
 (16)

Taking  $v = w_k$ , k = 1, 2, ..., m, we see that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\{ u_{j_m}'' - \Delta_q u_{j_m} + (-\Delta)^{\alpha} u_{j_m}' - f_j \left( u_{1_m}, u_{2_m} \right) - g_j(t, x) \right\} w_k \, dx = 0 \tag{17}$$

has a local solution  $(u_{1m}(t), u_{2m}(t))$  in the interval  $[0, T_m)$ . In the next step we obtain a priori estimates for the solution  $(u_{1m}(t), u_{2m}(t))$  that can be extended to the whole interval [0, T].

A priori estimates: Multiplying both sides of (17) by  $\frac{1}{a_j}u'_{j_{km}}(t)$  and summing the obtained equalities in k = 1, 2, ..., m and then integrating we have

$$\frac{1}{2a_j} \int_{\Omega} |u'_{j_m}|^2 dx + \frac{1}{qa_j} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{j_m}|^q dx + \frac{1}{a_j} \int_{\Omega}^t |\nabla^{\alpha} u'_{j_m}|^2 dx dt - \int_{0}^t \int_{\Omega} f_j (u_{1_m}, u_{2_m}) u'_{j_m} dx dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a_j} \int_{\Omega} |\psi_{j_m}|^2 dx + \frac{1}{qa_j} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi_{j_m}|^q dx + \frac{1}{a_j} \int_{\Omega}^t \int_{\Omega} g_j (t, x) u'_{j_m} (t, x) dx dt.$$
(18)

On the other hand

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} f_{j} \left( u_{1m}, u_{2m} \right) \, u_{jm}^{\prime} dx dt =$$

$$= \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} \left[ |u_{1m}|^{\rho-1} \, |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} \, u_{1m} u_{1m}^{\prime} + |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} \, |u_{2m}|^{\rho-1} \, u_{2m} u_{2m}^{\prime} \right] \, dx =$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} \, |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} \, dx - \int_{\Omega} |\varphi_{1m}|^{\rho+1} \, |\varphi_{2m}|^{\rho+1} \, dx.$$
(19)

From (6) and (7) it follows that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2a_{j}} \int_{\Omega} |u'_{j_{m}}|^{2} dx + \frac{1}{qa_{j}} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{j_{m}}|^{q} dx + \frac{1}{a_{j}} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla^{\alpha} u'_{j_{m}}|^{2} dx dt \right] \leq \\ \leq \sum_{j=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2a_{j}} \int_{\Omega} |\psi_{j_{m}}|^{2} dx + \frac{1}{qa_{j}} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi_{j_{m}}|^{q} dx + \int_{\Omega} |\varphi_{1m}|^{\rho+1} |\varphi_{2m}|^{\rho+1} dx + \\ + \int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} dx + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \frac{1}{a_{j}} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} g_{j}(t,x) u'_{j_{m}}(t,x) dx dt$$

$$(20)$$

Applying Holder's inequality we get

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} dx \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{2(\rho+1)} dx \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \int_{\Omega} |u_{2m}|^{2(\rho+1)} dx \right)^{1/2}$$
$$\leq \int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{2(\rho+1)} dx + \int_{\Omega} |u_{2m}|^{2(\rho+1)} dx$$

Using embedding theorems (Lions & Majens, 1969), we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} dx \le A_0 \sum_{>=1}^{2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{j_m}|^q dx \right)^{2(\rho+1)}$$

Further, using the Young inequality, we have the following inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} dx \le \varepsilon \sum_{>=1}^{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{j_m}|^q dx + \frac{A_0 q}{2\varepsilon (\rho+1)},$$
(21)

where  $0 < \varepsilon < \min\left\{\frac{1}{qa_1}, \frac{1}{qa_2}\right\}$ . From (16), (20) and (21) we obtain an a'priori estimate

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \frac{1}{a_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left| u'_{j_m} \right|^2 dx + \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla u_{j_m} \right|^q dx + \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla^{\alpha} u'_{j_m} \right|^2 dx dt \right] \le A, 0 \le t \le T.$$
(22)

If follows that the solutions of the approximated problem (14), (15) can be extended to [0,T]. Considering (22) we have

$$\{u_{jm}\}\ is\ bounded\ in\ L_{\infty}(0,T;\ W_{q}^{1}(\Omega)),\ j=1,2;$$
(23)

$$\{u'_{jm}\}\ is\ bounded\ in\ L_{\infty}(0,T;\ L_{2}(\Omega)),\ j=1,2;$$
(24)

$$\{\Delta^{\alpha} u'_{jm}\}\ is\ bounded\ in\ L_2(0,T;\ L_2(\Omega)),\ j=1,2;$$
(25)

$$\{-\Delta_q u_{jm}\}\ is\ bounded\ in\ L_{\infty}(0,T;\ W_{q'}^{-1}(\Omega)),\ j=1,2.$$
 (26)

(see (Lions, 1969), (Lions & Majens, 1969)).

Since  $H^2(\Omega) \subset W^1_q(\Omega)$ , from (26) follows that

$$\{u_{jm}''\}\ is\ bounded\ in\ L_2(0,T;\ H^{-r}(\Omega)).$$
 (27)

Taking into account (23)-(27), from the sequence  $\{(u_{1m}, u_{2m})\}$  we can select a subsequence  $\{(u_{1\mu}, u_{2\mu})\}$  such that

$$u_{j\mu} \to u_j \text{ weakly in } L_{\infty}(0,T; W^1_q(\Omega)),$$
 (28)

$$u'_{j\mu} \to u'_j \text{ weakly in } L_{\infty}(0,T; L_2(\Omega)),$$
(29)

$$\Delta^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u'_{j\mu} \to \Delta^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u'_{j} \ weakly \ in \ L_2(0,T; \ L_2(\Omega)), \tag{30}$$

 $\Delta_q u_{j\mu} \to \chi_j \text{ weakly in } L_{\infty}(0,T; W_{q'}^{-1}(\Omega)).$ (31)

In view of the continuity of the embedding

$$W_2^1\left(0,T; W_1^2(\Omega), L_2(\Omega)\right) \subset C\left([0,T]; L_2(\Omega)\right)$$

(see (Lions & Majens, 1969)), it follows from (28), (29) that

 $u_{jm} \rightarrow u_j \ strongly \ in \ C([0,T]; L_2(\Omega)), j = 1, 2.$  (32)

From (28), (29) follows that

$$u'_{jm} \to u'_j \text{ in } C_w([0,T]; L_2(\Omega)),$$
(33)

i.e.  $\left\langle u'_{jm},\nu\right\rangle \to \left\langle u_{j},\nu\right\rangle$  for any  $\nu \in L_{2}(\Omega)$  (see (Lions & Majens, 1969)).

On the other hand due to compactness of the embedding  $D\left((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right) \subset L_2(\Omega)$ , from (29) and (30) we obtain that

$$u'_{jm} \to u'_j \ strongly \ in \ L_2(0,T; \ L_2(\Omega)), \ j = 1, 2.$$
 (34)

(see[14]).

Taking into account conditions (4),(5) from (28) we have

$$\int_{0}^{T} \int_{\Omega} \left| |u_{1m}|^{\rho-1} |u_{2m}|^{\rho+1} u_{1m} \right|^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{2\rho+1}} dx dt \leq C,$$
(35)

$$\int_{0}^{T} \int_{\Omega} \left| |u_{1m}|^{\rho+1} |u_{2m}|^{\rho-1} u_{2m} \right|^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{2\rho+1}} dx dt \leq C.$$
(36)

On the other hand, from (32) we have

$$|u_{1m}|^{\rho-1} |u_2|^{\rho+1} u_{1m} \to |u_1|^{\rho-1} |u_2|^{\rho+1} u_1 , a.e. \ in \ [0,T] \times \Omega, \tag{37}$$

$$|u_{1m}|^{\rho} + |u_{2,1}|^{\rho} - |u_{2m}| \to |u_{1}|^{\rho+1} |u_{2}|^{\rho-1} u_{2, a.e.} in [0,T] \times \Omega.$$
(38)

Then using Lemma 3.1 from Lions (1969) in (29)-(38) we get

$$f_j(u_{1m}, u_{2m}) \to f_j(u_1, u_2) \text{ weakly in } L^{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{2\rho+1}}\left(0, T; L_{\frac{2(\rho+1)}{2\rho+1}}\left(\Omega\right)\right), \ j = 1, 2.$$
 (39)

With the convergence of (28)-(38) we can pass to limit in the approximate equations and get

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(u_{j}'(t),\nu_{j}\right) + \langle\chi_{j}(t),\nu_{j}\rangle + \left((-\Delta)^{\alpha}u_{j}'(t),\nu_{j}\right) - (f_{j}(u_{1},u_{2}),\nu_{j}) = (g_{j}(t,\cdot),\nu_{j}), \ j = 1,2$$
(40)

for all  $\nu_1, \nu_2 \in W_q^1(\Omega)$ , in the sense of distributions. In (40) we set  $\nu_j = u_{jm}(t), j = 1, 2$  and integrate both sides of the obtained inequality. Then we have

$$\int_{0}^{T} \left(\Delta_{q} u_{jm}(t), u_{jm}(t)\right) dt = \left(u'_{jm}(T), u_{jm}(T)\right) - \left(u'_{jm}(0), u_{jm}(0)\right) + \\ + \int_{0}^{T} \left(\left(-\Delta\right)^{\alpha/2} u'_{jm}(t), \left(-\Delta\right)^{\alpha/2} u_{jm}(t)\right) dt - \int_{0}^{T} \left(f_{j}(u_{1m}, u_{2m}), u_{jm}(t)\right) dt = \qquad (41)$$
$$= \int_{0}^{T} \left(g_{j}(t, \cdot), u_{jm}(t)\right) dt.$$

From (32), (33) we obtain

$$\left(u_{jm}'(\tau), u_{jm}(\tau)\right) \to \left(u_{j}'(T), u_{j}(T)\right),$$
(42)

$$(u'_{jm}(0), u_{jm}(0)) \to (u'_{j}(0), u_{j}(0))$$
 (43)

Then from (40)-(43) we get

$$\lim_{\mu \to \infty} \int_0^T \left( \Delta_q u_{j\mu}(t), u_{j\mu}(t) \right) dt \le \int_0^T \left( \chi_j(t), u_j(t) \right) dt$$

From monotonicity of  $-\Delta_q$  follows that

$$\chi_j(t) = \Delta_q u_j(t) \tag{44}$$

(see (Lions, 1969)).

Thus, from (40) and (44) it follows that  $(u_1(t), u_2(t))$  is a solution of problem (1)-(3). **Proof of Theorem 2.** From (20) we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2a_0} \int_{\Omega} \left| u'_{jm}(t,x)^2 \right| dx + Q \left( \sum_{j=1}^{2} \| \nabla u_{jm}(t,x) \|_{L_q(\Omega)}^q \right) + \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{0}^{T} \int_{\Omega} \left| \Delta \frac{\alpha}{2} u'_{j}(t,x) \right|^2 dx dt \leq$$

$$\leq E_n + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{0}^{T} \int_{\Omega} f_j(t,x) u_{jm}(t,x) dx dt.$$
(45)

Since  $\int_{\Omega} \left| \Delta^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u'_j(t,x) \right|^2 dx \ge \lambda_1^{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} \left| u'_j(t,x) \right|^2 dx$ , then from (45) we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2a_0} \int_{\Omega} \left| u_{jm}'(t,x) \right|^2 dx + Q \left( \sum_{j=1}^{2} \| \nabla u_{jm}(t,x) \|_{L_q(\Omega)}^q \right) \le \\ \le E_n + \frac{1}{4\lambda_1^{\alpha}} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |f_j(t,x)|^2 dx dt.$$
(46)

**Lemma 1.** There exists a number N, such that for any m > N

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|\nabla u_{jm}(t,x)\|_{q}^{q} < z_{0}$$
(47)

 $is \ valid \ .$ 

On the other hand if  $0 < z < z_0$  then

$$0 \le Q(z) \le Q(z_0). \tag{48}$$

Then, by Lemma 1

$$Q\left(\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|\nabla u_{jm}(t,x)\|_{L_{q}(\Omega)}^{q}\right) \ge 0.$$
(49)

Then from (46) and (49) follows that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2a_0} \int_{\Omega} \left| u'_{jm}(t,x) \right|^2 dx \le C, \quad t \in [0, t_m].$$
(50)

By (47) and (50), a priori estimate (22) holds.

**Proof of Lemma 1.** Suppose (46) is false. Then for each m > N, there exists  $t \in [0, t_m]$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|\nabla u_{jm}(t)\|_{L_{q}(\Omega)}^{q} \ge z_{0}, \quad \forall m > N_{0}.$$
(51)

By virtue of (12) and (16), there exists  $N_0$  for which

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|u_{jm}(0)\|_{L_{q}(\Omega)}^{q} < z_{0} \quad \forall m > N_{0}$$

Then by continuity of  $||u_{jm}(t)||_q^q$  there exists  $t_m^{\alpha} \in [0, t_m]$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|\nabla u_{jm}(t_{m}^{\alpha})\|_{L_{q}(\Omega)}^{q} = z_{0}$$

where

$$Q\left(\sum_{j=1}^{2} \|\nabla u_{jm}(t)\|_{L_{q}(\Omega)}^{q}\right) \ge 0, \quad t \in [0, t_{m}^{\alpha}].$$
(52)

From (48) and (52) there exists  $N > N_0$  and  $\beta \in (0, z_0)$  such that

$$0 \le \frac{1}{2} \left\| u'_m(t) \right\|^2 + Q \left( \sum_{j=1}^2 \| u_{jm}(t) \|_q^q \right) \le Q(\beta), \forall t \in [0, t_m^\alpha], \ \forall m > N.$$

Considering the monotonicity of Q(z) in  $[0, z_0]$  we get,  $0 \leq \sum_{j=1}^2 \|u_{jm}(t)\|_q^q \leq \beta < z_0, \ \forall t \in [0, t_m^{\alpha}] \text{ and in particular } \sum_{j=1}^2 \|u_{jm}(t_m^{\alpha})\|_q^q < z_0$ that contradicts to(51).

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