

A MULTIDIMENSIONAL VERSION OF THE FIRST DARBOUX  
PROBLEM FOR A SECOND ORDER DEGENERATING  
HYPERBOLIC EQUATION

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*Abstract*

A multidimensional version of the first Darboux problem for a second order degenerating hyperbolic equation is considered. Using the a priori estimations method the correct formulation of this problem in the Sobolev weighted space is proved.

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## 1. Introduction

In the space of variables  $x_1, x_2, t$  let us consider a second order degenerating hyperbolic equation of the kind

$$Lu \equiv u_{tt} - x_2^m u_{x_1 x_1} - u_{x_2 x_2} + a_1 u_{x_1} + a_2 u_{x_2} + a_3 u_t + a_4 u = F, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $a_i, i = 1, \dots, 4, F$  are the given and  $u$  is the unknown real functions,  $m \in N$  is the positive integer.

Below for equation (1.1) we shall consider a boundary value problem for which data supports are a part of the plane  $x_2 = 0$  and a part of characteristic conoid of beams with a vertex at the origin  $O(0, 0, 0)$  located in the dihedral angle  $x_2 > 0, t > 0$ . When  $m = 0$ , i.e., for equation (1.1) with the wave operator in its principal part similar problems have been investigated in [2, 4, 9]. Note that even for  $m = 2$  the characteristic conoid of beams with a vertex at the point  $O(0, 0, 0)$  of equation (1.1) has geometric structure complicated enough, which in a certain sense makes it difficult to formulate the boundary value problem. Below we consider the case  $m = 1$ .

## 2. Formulation of the Boundary Value Problem.

When  $m = 1$  the characteristic conoid of beams  $K_O$  of equation (1.1) composed of bicharacteristic beams, coming out of the origin  $O(0, 0, 0)$ , desintegrate on four conical surfaces  $K_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , with a vertex at the point  $O(0, 0, 0)$ , each is homeomorphic to the circular cone  $t = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$ . Two of them  $K_1, K_2$  have the common tangent bicharacteristic beam  $x_1 = 0, t + 2x_2 = 0, t \geq 0$ , located in the half-space  $t - x_2 \geq 0$  and described by the same equation  $K_1, K_2 : x_1^2 = \frac{1}{9}(t + 2x_2)^2(t - x_2)$  and the two remainder conical surfaces  $K_3$  and  $K_4$  have the common tangent bicharacteristic beam  $x_1 = 0, t - 2x_2 = 0, t \leq 0$ , located in the half-space  $t + x_2 \leq 0$  and described by the equation  $K_3, K_4 : x_1^2 = -\frac{1}{9}(t - 2x_2)^2(t + x_2)$ . Note that  $K_1(K_2)$  is located in the dihedral angle  $t + 2x_2 \geq 0, t - x_2 \geq 0$  ( $t + 2x_2 \leq 0, t - x_2 \geq 0$ ) and  $K_3(K_4)$  is located in the dihedral angle  $t + x_2 \leq 0, t - 2x_2 \geq 0$  ( $t + x_2 \leq 0, t - 2x_2 \leq 0$ ).

Let us denote by  $\tilde{S}_1$  the part of the conoid of beams  $K_O$  located in the dihedral angle  $x_2 \geq 0, t \geq 0$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{S}_1 : x_1^2 = \frac{1}{9}(t + 2x_2)^2(t - x_2), x_2 \geq 0, t \geq 0$  and denote by  $\tilde{S}_2$  the part of the conoid of beams  $K_p$  with a vertex at the point  $P = (0, 0, t_0)$ ,  $t_0 > 0$ , located in the dihedral angle  $x_2 \geq 0, t \leq t_0$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{S}_2 : x_1^2 = \frac{1}{9}(t - t_0 - 2x_2)^2(t_0 - t - x_2), x_2 \geq 0, t \leq t_0$ . Let  $D$  be a domain bounded by the plane  $\tilde{S}_0 : x_2 = 0$  and the surfaces  $\tilde{S}_1, \tilde{S}_2$  located in the half-space  $x_2 > 0$ . Let  $S_i = \partial D \cap \tilde{S}_i, i = 0, 1, 2$ . It can be verified that  $S_i \setminus \{(0, 0, 0)\} \in C^\infty, i = 1, 2$ . Below we shall assume that  $a_i \in C^2(\bar{D}), i = 1, \dots, 4$ , and  $m = 1$ .

For equation (1.1) we shall consider a multidimensional version of the Goursat problem formulated as follows: in the domain  $D$  find a solution  $u(x_1, x_2, t)$  of equation (1.1) satisfying the boundary condition

$$u|_{S_0 \cup S_1} = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

In a similar manner we formulate the problem for the equation

$$L^*v \equiv v_{tt} - x_2^m v_{x_1 x_1} - v_{x_2 x_2} - (a_1 v)_{x_1} - (a_2 v)_{x_1} - (a_3 v)_t + a_4 v = F_1 \quad (2.2)$$

in the domain using the boundary condition

$$v|_{S_0 \cup S_2} = 0, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $L^*$  is the formal conjugate operator of  $L$ .

## 3. Some Functional Spaces and Lemmas

Denote by  $E$  and  $E^*$  the classes of functions from the space  $C^2(\bar{D})$  satisfying the boundary condition (2.1) or (2.3), respectively. Let  $W_+(W_+^*)$  be the

Hilbert space with weight obtained by the closure of the space  $E(E^*)$  with respect to the norm

$$\|u\|_1^2 = \int_D [u^2 + x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2 + u_t^2] dD.$$

Denote by  $W_-(W_-^*)$  the space with negative norm constructed with respect to  $L_2(D)$  and  $W_+(W_+^*)$  [1]. Since the class of functions from the space  $E(E^*)$  vanishing in some (own for every function) three-dimensional neighborhood of the segment  $I_0 : x_1 = x_2 = 0, 0 \leq t \leq t_0$  of the axis  $t$ , is likewise dense in the space  $W_+(W_+^*)$  [10], below as  $E(E^*)$  we take the class of functions possessing this property.

Impose on the lower coefficient  $a_1$  in equation (1.1) the following restriction

$$M = \sup_{\bar{D}} |x_2^{-\frac{m}{2}} a_1(x_1, x_2, t)| < +\infty. \tag{3.1}$$

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let condition (3.1) be fulfilled. Then for every  $u \in E, v \in E^*$  we have the inequalities*

$$\|Lu\|_{W_-^*} \leq c_1 \|u\|_{W_+}, \tag{3.2}$$

$$\|L^*v\|_{W_-} \leq c_2 \|v\|_{W_+^*}, \tag{3.3}$$

where the positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  do not depend on  $u$  and  $v$ , respectively,  $\|\cdot\|_{W_+} = \|\cdot\|_{W_-} = \|\cdot\|_1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $n = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_0)$  be the unit vector of the outer  $\partial D$  normal, i.e.,  $\nu_1 = \cos(\widehat{n, x_1}), \nu_2 = \cos(\widehat{n, x_2}), \nu_0 = \cos(\widehat{n, t})$ . Since for the operator  $L$  the derivative with respect to the conormal  $\partial/\partial N$  is the internal differential operator on the characteristic surfaces of equation (1.1), by virtue of (2.1) and (2.3) we find for the functions  $u \in E$  and  $v \in E^*$  that

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} \right|_{S_1} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial N} \right|_{S_2} = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

By the definition of a negative norm, for  $u \in E$  with regard to equalities (2.1), (2.3) and (3.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Lu\|_{W_-^*} &= \sup_{v \in W_+^*} \|v\|_{W_+^*}^{-1} (Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} = \sup_{v \in E^*} \|v\|_{W_+^*}^{-1} (Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} = \\ &= \sup_{v \in E^*} \|v\|_{W_+^*}^{-1} \int_{S_0 \cup S_1 \cup S_2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} v ds + \sup_{v \in E^*} \|v\|_{W_+^*}^{-1} \int_D [-u_t v_t + x_2^m u_{x_1} v_{x_1} + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +u_{x_2}v_{x_2} + a_1u_{x_1}v + a_2u_{x_2}v + a_3u_tv + a_4uv]dD = \sup_{v \in E^*} \|v\|_{W_+^*}^{-1} \int_D [-u_tv_t + \\
& +x_2^m u_{x_1}v_{x_1} + u_{x_2}v_{x_2} + a_1u_{x_1}v + a_2u_{x_2}v + a_3u_tv + a_4uv]dD. \quad (3.5)
\end{aligned}$$

In view of (3.1) and the known inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_D \mu f g dD \right| \leq \left( \int_D \mu f^2 dD \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_D \mu g^2 dD \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \mu = \mu(x_1, x_2, t) \geq 0, \\
& \left| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i y_i \right| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k y_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_D [-u_tv_t + x_2^m u_{x_1}v_{x_1} + u_{x_2}v_{x_2}]dD \right| \leq \left| \int_D (u_t^2 + x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2)dD \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \\
& \times \left| \int_D (v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2)dD \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|u\|_{W_+} \|v\|_{W_+^*}, \quad (3.6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_D [a_1u_{x_1}v + a_2u_{x_2}v + a_3u_tv + a_4uv]dD \right| \leq [M \left( \int_D x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 dD \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \\
& + \sup_D |a_2| \|u_{x_2}\|_{L_2(D)} + \sup_D |a_3| \|u_t\|_{L_2(D)} + \sup_D |a_4| \|u\|_{L_2(D)}] \|v\|_{L_2(D)} \leq \\
& \leq (M + \sum_{i=2}^4 \sup_D |a_i|) \|u\|_{W_+} \|v\|_{W_+^*}. \quad (3.7)
\end{aligned}$$

Inequality (3.2) follows directly from (3.5) – (3.7). Since the inequality (3.3) is proved analogously, lemma 3.1 is thereby completely proved.

**Remark 3.1.** By virtue of inequality (3.2) ((3.3)) the operator  $L : W_+ \rightarrow W_-^*$  ( $L^* : W_+^* \rightarrow W_-$ ) with a dense domain of definition  $E(E^*)$  admits a closure being a continuous operator from the space  $W_+(W_+^*)$  to the space  $W_-(W_-^*)$ . Retaining for this operator the previous notation  $L(L^*)$ , we note that it is defined on the whole Hilbert space  $W_+(W_+^*)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Problem (1.1), (2.1) and (2.2), (2.3) are mutually conjugate, i.e., the equality

$$(Lu, v) = (u, L^*v) \quad (3.8)$$

holds for any  $u \in W_+$  and  $v \in W_+^*$ .

**Proof.** By remark 3.1 it is enough to prove equality (3.8) when  $u \in E$  and  $v \in E^*$ . We have

$$(Lu, v) = (Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} = \int_{\partial D} [v \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial N} + (a_1 \nu_1 + a_2 \nu_2 + a_3 \nu_0)uv] ds + (u, L^* v)_{L_2(D)}. \tag{3.9}$$

By virtue of (2.1), (2.3) and (3.4) we readily obtain equality (3.8) from (3.9), which proves lemma 3.2.

#### 4. A Priori Estimations and Proof of the Main Theorem

Consider the conditions

$$\omega|_{S_2} \leq 0, (\lambda\omega + \omega_t)|_D \leq 0, \tag{4.1}$$

where the second inequality is fulfilled for sufficiently large  $\lambda$ , and  $\omega = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 t - a_4$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let conditions (3.1) and (4.1) be fulfilled. Then for any  $u \in W_+$  we have the inequality*

$$c\|u\|_{L_2(D)} \leq \|Lu\|_{W^+}, \tag{4.2}$$

where the positive constant  $c$  does not depend on  $u$ .

**Proof.** Let us denote by  $\Omega$  the orthogonal projection  $\bar{D}$  on the plane  $O_{x_1 x_2}$ . Then, it is easily verified that the conic characteristic surface  $S_1$  from (2.1) admits the representation  $S_1 : t = g_1(x_1, x_2) \in C^\infty(\Omega \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$ , where

$$g_1(x_1, x_2) = x_2 + \sqrt{-\frac{3}{2}x_1 + \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}x_1^2 + x_2^3}} + \sqrt{-\frac{3}{2}x_1 - \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}x_1^2 + x_2^3}}.$$

Analogously we have  $S_2 : t = g_2(x_1, x_2) \in C^\infty(\Omega \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$ , where  $g_2(x_1, x_2) = t_0 - g_1(x_1, x_2)$ .

By remark 3.1 it is enough to show that inequality (4.2) is fulfilled when  $u \in E$ . If  $u \in E$  and thus vanishes in some neighborhood of the segment  $I_0 : x_1 = x_2 = 0, 0 \leq t \leq t_0$  of the axis  $t$ , then one can easily verify that the function

$$v(x_1, x_2, t) = \int_t^{g_2(x_1, x_2)} e^{-\lambda\tau} u(x_1, x_2, \tau) d\tau, \lambda = const > 0,$$

belongs to the space  $E^*$  and the equalities

$$v_t(x_1, x_2, t) = -e^{-\lambda t}u(x_1, x_2, t), \quad u(x_1, x_2, t) = -e^{\lambda t}v_t(x_1, x_2, t) \quad (4.3)$$

are fulfilled.

In view of (2.1), (2.3), (3.4) and (4.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} &= \int_{\partial D} \left[ v \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} + (a_1\nu_1 + a_2\nu_2 + a_3\nu_0)uv \right] ds + \int_{\partial D} [-u_tv_t + x_2^m u_{x_1} v_{x_1} + \\ &+ u_{x_2} v_{x_2} - ua_{1x_1} v - ua_{1x_1} v_{x_1} - ua_{2x_2} v - ua_{2x_2} v_{x_2} - ua_{3t} v - ua_{3t} v_t + \\ &+ a_4 uv] dD = \int_{\partial D} e^{-\lambda t} u_t u dD + \int_{\partial D} e^{\lambda t} [-x_2^m v_{x_1 t} v_{x_1} - v_{x_2 t} v_{x_2} + a_{1x_1} v_t v + \\ &+ a_{1x_1} v_t v_{x_1} + a_{2x_2} v_t v + a_{2x_2} v_t v_{x_2} + a_{3t} v_t v + a_3 v_t^2 - a_4 v_t v] dD, \quad (4.4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial D} e^{-\lambda t} u_t u dD &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} e^{-\lambda t} u^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} \lambda u^2 dD = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{-\lambda t} u^2 \nu_0 ds + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} \lambda v_t^2 dD = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} v_t^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} \lambda v_t^2 dD, \quad (4.5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D e^{\lambda t} [-x_2^m v_{x_1 t} v_{x_1} - v_{x_2 t} v_{x_2}] dD &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} e^{\lambda t} [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} \lambda [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] dD. \quad (4.6) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v|_{S_2} = 0$ , the gradient  $\nabla v = (v_{x_1}, v_{x_2}, v_t)$  is proportional to the unit vector of the outer to  $S_2$  normal, i.e., for some  $\alpha$  we have  $v_{x_1} = \alpha\nu_1$ ,  $v_{x_2} = \alpha\nu_2$ ,  $v_t = \alpha\nu_0$  on  $S_2$ . Therefore, recalling that the surface  $S_2$  is characteristic, we obtain

$$(v_t^2 - x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 - v_{x_2}^2)|_{S_2} = \alpha^2 (\nu_0^2 - x_2^m \nu_1^2 - \nu_2^2)|_{S_2} = 0. \quad (4.7)$$

Let  $S'_i = S_i \setminus O$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . It is easily seen that

$$\nu_0|_{S_0} = 0, \quad \nu_0|_{S'_1} < 0, \quad \nu_0|_{S'_2} > 0. \quad (4.8)$$

By virtue of (2.3), (4.7) and (4.8) we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{\lambda t} v_t^2 \nu_0 ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} e^{\lambda t} [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} v_t^2 \nu_0 ds -$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{\lambda t} [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds \geq \\
 & \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} v_t^2 \nu_0 ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} (v_t^2 - \\
 & -x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 - v_{x_2}^2) \nu_0 ds = 0. \tag{4.9}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account (4.5), (4.6) and (4.9), we obtain from (4.4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{\lambda t} v_t^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} \lambda v_t^2 dD - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} e^{\lambda t} [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds + \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} \lambda [x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] dD + \int_D e^{\lambda t} [a_1 v_t v_{x_1} + a_2 v_t v_{x_2} + a_3 v_t^2 + \\
 & + (a_{1x_1} + a_{2x_2} + a_{3t} - a_4) v_t v] dD \geq \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} [v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] dD + \\
 & + \int_D e^{\lambda t} (a_{1x_1} + a_{2x_2} + a_{3t} - a_4) v_t v dD - \left| \int_D e^{\lambda t} [a_1 v_t v_{x_1} + a_2 v_t v_{x_2} + a_3 v_t^2] dD \right|. \tag{4.10}
 \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (3.1) we easily find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \int_D e^{\lambda t} [a_1 v_t v_{x_1} + a_2 v_t v_{x_2} + a_3 v_t^2] dD \right| \leq \int_D e^{\lambda t} [M \frac{1}{2} (x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_t^2) + \\
 & + \frac{\gamma}{2} (v_{x_2}^2 + v_t^2) + \gamma v_t^2] dD \leq (\frac{1}{2} M + \frac{3}{2} \gamma) \int_D e^{\lambda t} [v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] dD, \tag{4.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma = \max(\sup_D |a_2|, \sup_D |a_3|)$ .

In view of (2.3), (4.1) and (4.8) and integrating them by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_D e^{\lambda t} (a_{1x_1} + a_{2x_2} + a_{3t} - a_4) v_t v dD &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} e^{\lambda t} (a_{1x_1} + a_{2x_2} + a_{3t} - a_4) v^2 \nu_0 ds - \\
 - \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} [\lambda (a_{1x_1} + a_{2x_2} + a_{3t} - a_4) + (a_{1x_1} + a_{2x_2} + a_{3t} - a_4)_t] v^2 dD &\geq 0, \tag{4.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda$  is a sufficiently large positive number.

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Now by virtue of (4.11) and (4.12), we obtain from (4.10)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} &\geq \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - M - 3\gamma) \int_D e^{\lambda t} [v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2] dD \geq \\
 &\geq \mu \left[ \int_D e^{\lambda t} v_t^2 dD \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \int_D e^{\lambda t} (v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2) dD \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \\
 &= \mu \left[ \int_D e^{-\lambda t} u^2 dD \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \int_D e^{\lambda t} (v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2) dD \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \\
 &\geq \mu e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda t_0} \left[ \int_D e^{\lambda t} (v_t^2 + x_2^m v_{x_1}^2 + v_{x_2}^2) dD \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{4.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - M - 3\gamma) > 0$  for sufficiently large  $\lambda$ , and

$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda t_0} = (\inf_D e^{-\lambda t})^{\frac{1}{2}} > 0$  by the structure of the domain  $D$ .

Since  $v|_{S_2} = 0$  ( $u|_{S_1} = 0$ ), using the standard arguments we can easily prove the validity of the inequality

$$\int_D v^2 dD \leq c_0 \int_D v_t^2 dD \quad \left( \int_D u^2 dD \leq c_0 \int_D u_t^2 dD \right)$$

for which  $c_0 = \text{const} > 0$  does not depend on  $v \in E^*$  ( $u \in E$ ). Thus we conclude that, in the space  $W_+(W_+^*)$ , the norm

$$\|u\|_{W_+(W_+^*)}^2 = \int_D (u^2 + x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2 + u_t^2) dD$$

is equivalent to the norm

$$\|u\|^2 = \int_D (u_t^2 + x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2) dD. \tag{4.14}$$

Therefore, retaining for norm (4.14) the previous designation  $\|u\|_{W_+(W_+^*)}$  from (4.13) we have

$$(Lu, v)_{L_2(D)} \geq \mu e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda t_0} \|u\|_{L_2(D)} \|v\|_{W_+^*}. \tag{4.15}$$

If now we apply the generalized Schwarz inequality

$$(Lu, v) \leq \|Lu\|_{W_-^*} \|v\|_{W_+^*}$$



to the left-hand side (4.15), then after reducing by  $\|v\|_{W_+^*}$  we get inequality (4.2) in which  $c = \sigma e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda t_0} = \text{const} > 0$ . Lemma 4.1 is thereby completely proved.

Consider the conditions

$$a_4|_{S_2} \geq 0, (\lambda a_4 - a_{4t})|_D \geq 0, \quad (4.16)$$

of which the second one takes place for sufficiently large  $\lambda$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let conditions (3.1) and (4.16) be fulfilled. Then for any  $v \in W_+^*$  the inequality*

$$c\|v\|_{L_2(D)} \leq \|L^*v\|_{W_-} \quad (4.17)$$

is valid for some  $c = \text{const} > 0$  independent of  $v \in W_+^*$ .

**Proof.** Just as in lemma 4.1 and because of remark 3.1, it suffices to prove the validity of inequality (4.17) for  $v \in E^*$ . Let  $v \in E^*$  and let us take into consideration the function

$$u(x_1, x_2, t) = \int_{g_1(x_1, x_2)}^t e^{\lambda\tau} v(x_1, x_2, \tau) d\tau, \quad \lambda = \text{const} > 0,$$

where  $t = g_1(x_1, x_2)$  is the equation of the characteristic surface  $S_1$ . The function  $u(x_1, x_2, t)$  belongs to the space  $E$  and the equalities

$$u_t(x_1, x_2, t) = e^{\lambda t} v(x_1, x_2, t), \quad v(x_1, x_2, t) = e^{-\lambda t} u_t(x_1, x_2, t) \quad (4.18)$$

hold.

By virtue of (2.1), (2.3), (3.4) and (4.18), analogously to (4.4) – (4.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (L^*v, u)_{L_2(D)} &= - \int_D e^{\lambda t} v_t v dD + \int_D e^{-\lambda t} [x_2^m u_{x_1 t} u_{x_1} + u_{x_2 t} u_{x_2}] dD + \\ &+ \int_D e^{-\lambda t} [a_1 u_{x_1} + a_2 u_{x_2} + a_3 u_t + a_4 u] u_t dD, \quad (4.19) \\ - \int_D e^{\lambda t} v_t v dD &= - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} e^{\lambda t} v^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{\lambda t} \lambda v^2 dD = \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{-\lambda t} v^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} \lambda u_t^2 dD = \end{aligned}$$

+

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{-\lambda t} u_t^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} \lambda u_t^2 dD, \quad (4.20)$$

$$\int_D e^{-\lambda t} [x_2^m u_{x_1 t} u_{x_1} + u_{x_2 t} u_{x_2}] dD = \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} [x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} \lambda [x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2] dD, \quad (4.21)$$

$$(u_t^2 - x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 - u_{x_2}^2)|_{S_1} = 0, \quad (4.22)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{-\lambda t} u_t^2 \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} [x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{-\lambda t} u_t^2 \nu_0 ds +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{-\lambda t} [x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_2} e^{-\lambda t} [x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds \geq$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_1} e^{-\lambda t} [u_t^2 - x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 - u_{x_2}^2] \nu_0 ds = 0. \quad (4.23)$$

In view of (4.20) – (4.23) from (4.19) we find that

$$(L^* v, u)_{L_2(D)} \geq \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_D e^{-\lambda t} [u_t^2 + x_2^m u_{x_1}^2 + u_{x_2}^2] dD + \int_D e^{-\lambda t} a_4 u u_t dD -$$

$$- \left| \int_D e^{-\lambda t} [a_1 u_{x_1} + a_2 u_{x_2} + a_3 u_t] u_t dD \right|,$$

whence as in obtained inequality (4.2) from (4.10) in lemma 4.1, we arrive at inequality (4.17).

**Definition.** For  $F \in L_2(D)(W_-^*)$  the function  $u$  will be called a strongly generalized solution of problem (1.1), (2.1) from the class  $W_+(L_2)$  provided that  $u \in W_+(L_2(D))$  and there exists a sequence of functions  $u_n \in E_0$  such that  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in the space  $W_+(L_2(D))$  and  $Lu_n \rightarrow F$  in the space  $W_-^*(W_-^*)$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - u\|_{W_+} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Lu_n - F\|_{W_-^*} = 0.$$

By the results of [1, 8, 10] Lemmas 1 – 4 give rise to the following theorem.

**Theorem.** Let conditions (3.1), (4.1) and (4.16) be fulfilled. Then for any  $F \in L_2(D)(W_-^*)$  there exists a unique strong generalized solution  $u$  of problem (1.1), (2.1) of the class  $W_+(L_2)$  for which the estimate

$$\|u\|_{L_2(D)} \leq c \|F\|_{W_-^*}$$

with the positive constant  $c$  independent of  $F$  holds.

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