



# On a boundary value problem for the system of partial differential equations describing non-simple thermoelasticity

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study the Dirichlet problem for the system of equations describing non-simple thermoelasticity. Using the general theory of the elliptic problem we show that this problem is elliptic one.

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## 1. Introduction

The theory of non-simple elastic and thermoelastic materials was studied in various papers. R.A. Toupin [6] derived for the first time the equations of motions, constitutive equations and boundary conditions of the strain-gradient theory in general nonlinear form. On the basis of the conservation principle, R.D. Mindlin and N.N. Eshel [5] obtained the linear theory of elasticity in which the potential energy density depends not only on strain but also on the gradient of strain. G. Ahmadi and K. Firoozbakhsh [2] derived the strain-gradient theory of thermoelasticity based on Clausius-Duhem inequality. In paper [3] we derived the Cauchy problem for the non-stationary system of partial differential equations describing non-simple thermoelasticity (see also [4]).

In what follows,  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . In this paper we consider the following boundary value problem:

$$c_2^2 l_2^2 \Delta^2 u + (c_1^2 l_1^2 - c_2^2 l_2^2) \nabla \operatorname{div} \Delta u + \frac{m}{\rho} \nabla \theta - c_2^2 \Delta u - (c_1^2 - c_2^2) \nabla \operatorname{div} u = f, \tag{1}$$

$$-\frac{k}{c} \Delta \theta = g \quad \text{on } \Omega,$$

$$u = u^0, \quad \theta = \theta_0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = u^1 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \tag{2}$$

or briefly

$$P(D_x)V = F \quad \text{on } \Omega, \quad \tilde{B}(D_x)V = G \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3, D_x = (D_{x_1}, D_{x_2}, D_{x_3}), D_{x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, u : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \frac{\partial}{\partial n}$  is the normal derivative,  $\theta : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, u$  denotes the displacement,  $\theta$  — the temperature disturbance,  $f$  is a given vector-valued function on  $\Omega, \theta$  is a given function on  $\partial\Omega$  and  $u^0, u^1, \theta_0$  are given functions on  $\partial\Omega. c_1, c_2, l_1, l_2, m, k, c, \rho$  are some constant physical parameters.

**Theorem.** *The boundary value problem (1-2) is elliptic.*

**Proof.** Let  $P_0$  be the principal part of the operator  $P$ .

$$P_0(\xi) = \begin{bmatrix} c_2^2 l_2^2 |\xi|^4 + \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_1^2 & \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_1 \xi_2 & \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_1 \xi_3 & 0 \\ \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_1 \xi_2 & c_2^2 l_2^2 |\xi|^4 + \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_2^2 & \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_2 \xi_3 & 0 \\ \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_1 \xi_3 & \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_2 \xi_3 & c_2^2 l_2^2 |\xi|^4 + \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K |\xi|^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\gamma = c_1^2 l_1^2 - c_2^2 l_2^2, K = \frac{k}{c}.$

It is well known that the boundary problem (1-2) is elliptic if the pair  $(P_0(D_x), \tilde{B})$  fulfils an algebraic complementing boundary condition (see [1]). In ours case the operator  $P_0$  is elliptic in the sense of Agmon, Douglis, and Nirenberg. The boundary problem  $P_0(D_x)V = F$  on  $\Omega, \tilde{B}(D_x)V|_{\partial\Omega} = G$  splits into two independent problems:

$$A(D_x)u = f \quad \text{on } \Omega,$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = u^0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = u^1 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \quad \text{or briefly } B(D_x)u_{\partial\Omega} = g,$$

and the Dirichlet problem for the Laplace operator. The symbol of the operator  $A(D_x)$  is

$$A(\xi) = c_2^2 l_2^2 |\xi|^4 I + \gamma |\xi|^2 \xi \otimes \xi,$$

where  $I = id, \xi \otimes \xi = \{\xi_i \xi_j\}$ . Of course this second problem is elliptic. Let  $\xi = s + \lambda n$ , where  $s \neq 0$  is any tangent and  $n$  ( $|n| = 1$ ) the normal to  $\partial\Omega$ , at  $x$ . We have

$$B(\xi) = \{B_{hj}\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\det A(\xi) = \beta |\xi|^{12} = \beta (\lambda - i|s|)^6 (\lambda + i|s|)^6, \quad 0 \neq \beta = \text{const.}$$

Denote by  $M^+$  the expression  $(\lambda - i|s|)^6$ . Note that  $\bar{A}^t(\xi) = A(\xi) = \{A^{jk}\}$ . Let us regard  $M^+$  and the elements of the matrix  $BA$  as polynomials in the indeterminate  $\lambda$ .

According to the complementing boundary condition, the rows of latter matrix are required to be linearly independent modulo  $M^+$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{h=1}^6 c_h \sum_{j=1}^3 B_{hj} A^{jk} \equiv 0 \pmod{M^+},$$

only if the constants  $c_h$  are all zero.

Reduce the polynomials (in  $\lambda$ )  $\sum_{j=1}^3 B_{hj} A^{jk}$  modulo  $M^+$ . We have

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 B_{hj} A^{jk} \equiv \sum_{\beta=0}^5 q_h^{k\beta} \lambda^\beta \pmod{M^+}.$$

Then, construct the matrix  $Q = \{q_h^{k\beta}\}$  having 6 rows:  $h = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ , and 18 columns:  $\beta = 0, \dots, 5, k = 1, 2, 3$ . Under the complementing boundary condition, the rank of  $Q$  will be 6.

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \lambda A \end{bmatrix},$$

Since

$$\alpha|\xi|^4 + \gamma|\xi|^2\xi_k^2 = \alpha(s^2 + \lambda^2)^2 + \gamma(s^2 + \lambda^2)(s_k + \lambda n_k)^2 = (\alpha + \gamma n_k^2)\lambda^4 + 2\gamma s_k n_k \lambda^3 + (2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_k^2 + \gamma s_k^2)\lambda^2 + 2\gamma s^2 s_k n_k \lambda + \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_k^2 s^2,$$

where  $\alpha = c_2^2 l_2^2$ ,

$$\text{and } \gamma(s^2 + \lambda^2)(s_i + \lambda n_i)(s_j + \lambda n_j) = \gamma n_i n_j \lambda^4 + \gamma(s_i n_j + n_i s_j)\lambda^3 + \gamma(s^2 n_i n_j + s_i s_j)\lambda^2 + \gamma s^2(s_i n_j + n_i s_j)\lambda + \gamma s_i s_j s^2.$$

The matrix  $Q$  has the following form:  $Q = [A_1, \dots, A_6]$ , where  $A_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 6$ ) are the matrices as follows:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha + \gamma n_1^2 & 2\gamma s_1 n_1 \\ 0 & \gamma n_1 n_2 & \gamma(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) \\ 0 & \gamma n_1 n_3 & \gamma(s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) \\ \alpha + \gamma n_1^2 & 2\gamma s_1 n_1 & 2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_1^2 + \gamma s_1^2 \\ \gamma n_1 n_2 & \gamma(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) & \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_2 + s_1 s_2) \\ \gamma n_1 n_3 & \gamma(s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) & \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_3 + s_1 s_3) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_1^2 + \gamma s_1^2 & 2\gamma s^2 s_1 n_1 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_1^2 s^2 \\ \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_2 + s_1 s_2) & \gamma s^2(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) & \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 \\ \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_3 + s_1 s_3) & \gamma s^2(s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) & \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 \\ 2\gamma s^2 s_1 n_1 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_1^2 s^2 & 0 \\ \gamma s^2(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) & \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 & 0 \\ \gamma s^2(s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) & \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \gamma n_1 n_2 & \gamma(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) \\ 0 & \alpha + \gamma n_2^2 & 2\gamma s_2 n_2 \\ 0 & n_2 n_3 & \gamma(s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) \\ \gamma n_1 n_2 & \gamma(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) & \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_2 + s_1 s_2) \\ \alpha + \gamma n_2^2 & 2\gamma s_2 n_2 & 2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_2^2 + \gamma s_2^2 \\ \gamma n_2 n_3 & \gamma(s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) & \gamma(s^2 n_2 n_3 + s_2 s_3) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_2 + s_1 s_2) & \gamma s^2(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) & \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 \\ 2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_2^2 + \gamma s_2^2 & 2\gamma s^2 s_2 n_2 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_2^2 s^2 \\ \gamma(s^2 n_2 n_3 + s_2 s_3) & \gamma s^2(s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 \\ \gamma s^2(s_1 n_2 + n_1 s_2) & \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 & 0 \\ 2\gamma s^2 s_2 n_2 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_2^2 s^2 & 0 \\ \gamma s^2(s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \gamma n_1 n_3 & \gamma(s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) \\ 0 & \gamma n_2 n_3 & \gamma(s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) \\ 0 & \alpha + \gamma n_3^2 & 2\gamma s_3 n_3 \\ \gamma n_1 n_3 & \gamma(s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) & \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_3 + s_1 s_3) \\ \gamma n_2 n_3 & \gamma(s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) & \gamma(s^2 n_2 n_3 + s_2 s_3) \\ \alpha + \gamma n_3^2 & 2\gamma s_3 n_3 & 2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_3^2 + \gamma s_3^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(s^2 n_1 n_3 + s_1 s_3) & \gamma s^2 (s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) & \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 \\ \gamma(s^2 n_2 n_3 + s_2 s_3) & \gamma s^2 (s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 \\ 2\alpha s^2 + \gamma s^2 n_3^2 + \gamma s_3^2 & 2\gamma s^2 s_3 n_3 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_3^2 s^2 \\ \gamma s^2 (s_1 n_3 + n_1 s_3) & \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 & 0 \\ \gamma s^2 (s_2 n_3 + n_2 s_3) & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 & 0 \\ 2\gamma s^2 s_3 n_3 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_3^2 s^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The rank of the matrix  $Q$  is equal to six. Indeed. Let us consider the matrix

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha + \gamma n_1^2 & \gamma n_1 n_2 & \gamma n_1 n_3 \\ \gamma n_1 n_2 & \alpha + \gamma n_2^2 & \gamma n_2 n_3 \\ \gamma n_1 n_3 & \gamma n_2 n_3 & \alpha + \gamma n_3^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + \gamma n_1^2 & \gamma n_1 n_2 & \gamma n_1 n_3 \\ \gamma n_1 n_2 & \alpha + \gamma n_2^2 & \gamma n_2 n_3 \\ \gamma n_1 n_3 & \gamma n_2 n_3 & \alpha + \gamma n_3^2 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha^2(\alpha + \gamma),$$

is different from zero, therefore the column-vectors of the matrix  $M_1$  are linearly independent. Similarly the column-vectors of the matrix

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_1^2 s^2 & \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 & \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 \\ \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_2^2 s^2 & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 \\ \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_3^2 s^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

are linearly independent.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_1^2 s^2 & \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 & \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 \\ \gamma s_1 s_2 s^2 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_2^2 s^2 & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 \\ \gamma s_1 s_3 s^2 & \gamma s_2 s_3 s^2 & \alpha s^4 + \gamma s_3^2 s^2 \end{bmatrix} = s^{12} \alpha^2 (\alpha + \gamma) \neq 0.$$

**Corollary.** Let  $H^s(G)$  be the Sobolev space with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_{s,G}$ ,  $s > 3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $t > 1\frac{1}{2}$ . The operator

$$\begin{aligned} (P, \tilde{B}) : H^s(\Omega) \times H^t(\Omega) \\ \rightarrow H^{s-4}(\Omega) \times H^{t-2}(\Omega) \times H^{s-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega) \times H^{s-\frac{3}{2}}(\partial\Omega) \times H^{t-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega), \\ (u, \theta) \rightarrow (f, g, u^0, u^1, \theta_0) \end{aligned}$$

is a Fredholm operator.

If  $f, g, u^0, u^1, \theta_0$  are  $C^\infty$  and  $(u, \theta)$  satisfy (1-2), then  $(u, \theta) \in C^\infty$ .  
For every solution of (1-2)

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{s,\Omega} + \|\theta\|_{t,\Omega} &\leq C(\|f\|_{s-4,\Omega} + \|g\|_{s-2,\Omega} \\ &+ \|u^0\|_{s-\frac{1}{2},\partial\Omega} + \|u^1\|_{s-\frac{3}{2},\partial\Omega} + \|\theta_0\|_{t-\frac{1}{2},\partial\Omega} + \|u\|_{s-1,\Omega} + \|\theta\|_{t-1,\Omega}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C = C(s, t) = \text{const.}$

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### O pewnym zagadnieniu brzegowym dla układu równań różniczkowych cząstkowych opisujących termosprężystość materiałów złożonych

**Streszczenie.** W pracy rozważamy zagadnienie Dirichleta dla równań teorii termosprężystości materiałów złożonych. Pokazaliśmy, że zagadnienie to generuje operator fredholmowski działający pomiędzy odpowiednimi przestrzeniami Sobolewa.

**Słowa kluczowe:** zagadnienie Dirichleta, termosprężystość, przestrzenie Sobolewa, materiały złożone