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Stabilizing Influence of a Skew-Symmetric Operator in Semilinear Parabolic Equation (*).

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ABSTRACT - Sufficient conditions for asymptotic stability of the zero solution of a nonlinear parabolic differential equation in a Hilbert space are formulated by means of spectral properties of a certain linear operator L . The operator L need not be dissipative and its spectrum may have a continuous part touching the imaginary axis. Stability is a consequence of an appropriate influence of a skew-symmetric part of the operator L .

1. Introduction.

This paper deals with stability of the zero solution of the differential equation

$$(1) \quad \frac{du}{dt} = Lu + N(t, u)$$

where $L = A + B$, A is a nonpositive selfadjoint operator in a real Hilbert space H which does not have zero as its eigenvalue, B is a linear operator «of a lower order» than A and $N(t, \cdot)$ is a nonlinear operator in H . Many works have studied the same problem on a more or less abstract level under various conditions on the operators A , B and N .

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The situation when the operator L is essentially dissipative is studied in detail in the work of G. P. Galdi - M. Padula (1990). Conditions leading to a similar situation are also used in the papers of K. Masuda (1975), P. Maremonti (1984), G. P. Galdi - S. Rionero (1985), W. Borchers - T. Miyakawa (1992) and H. Kozono - M. Yamazaki (1995). All these conditions involve the requirement that operator B is in some sense «sufficiently small» in comparison with A .

If the symmetric part L_s of operator L has some eigenvalues on the positive side of the real axis then operator L is non-dissipative. The zero solution of equation (1) can be stable even in this case if the skew-symmetric (\equiv antisymmetric) part of L has an appropriate influence on the behaviour of solutions of equation (1). This influence is involved in the widely used assumption that $\operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq -\delta$ for some $\delta > 0$ and all $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$, where $\sigma(L)$ denotes the spectrum of L (see e.g. G. Prodi (1962), D. H. Sattinger (1970) and H. Kielhöfer (1976)). However, this assumption cannot be satisfied if the spectrum of L has an essential part which has a nonempty intersection with the imaginary axis. Such a case is typical for problems in exterior domains. Sufficient conditions for the stability of the zero solution of equation (1) which can be fulfilled if L is not dissipative and the spectrum of L touches the imaginary axis are derived in J. Neustupa (1994). However, these conditions are not formulated as conditions on the spectrum of L only. Operator L is supposed to have the form $-A + B_1 + B_2$ where A is a nonnegative selfadjoint operator which does not have zero as its eigenvalue, B_1, B_2 are certain operators «of the lower order» and the conditions used in J. Neustupa (1994) also involve certain boundedness of B_1 and B_2 with respect to A .

The present paper deals with the case when operator L is not dissipative and its spectrum has an essential part which has a non-empty intersection with the imaginary axis, but sufficient conditions for stability are expressed mainly by an assumption about $R_\lambda(L)$ (the resolvent operator of L). This assumption (see condition (iv) in Section 2) does not require «sufficient smallness» of operator B relative to A and it can be regarded as a generalization of the condition « $\operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq -\delta$ for all $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$ ».

This paper has the following structure: Section 2 contains basic assumptions and auxiliary lemmas. The main result on stability at an abstract level is proved in Section 3. A simple example in one space dimension is given in Section 4. The results from Sections 2 and 3 can also be applied to a general parabolic system in three space dimensions and to

the Navier-Stokes equations in an exterior domain. Follow-up papers are being prepared on these themes.

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2. Basic assumptions and auxiliary lemmas.

Let H be a real Hilbert space with a scalar product $(\cdot, \cdot)_0$ and an associated norm $\|\cdot\|_0$. Suppose that

$$L = A + B_s + B_a$$

where A is a selfadjoint operator in H which is nonpositive (i.e. its spectrum is a subset of the interval $(-\infty, 0]$) and it does not have 0 as its eigenvalue. B_s and B_a are linear operators in H such that their domains $D(B_s)$ and $D(B_a)$ contain $D(A)$, B_s is symmetric and B_a is skew-symmetric. $N(t, \cdot)$ is for each $t \in [0, +\infty)$ a nonlinear operator in H with the domain $D(N)$ which does not depend on t and $D(A) \subset D(N)$.

Throughout this paper, $\sigma(L)$ will denote the spectrum of L , $\rho(L)$ will denote the resolvent set of L and $R_\lambda(L)$ will be the resolvent of L (i.e. $R_\lambda(L) = (L - \lambda I)^{-1}$). We put

$$\|\phi\|_1 = \|(-A)^{1/2} \phi\|_0 \quad \text{for } \phi \in D((-A)^{1/2}), \quad \|\phi\|_2 = \|A\phi\|_0 \quad \text{for } \phi \in D(A).$$

H_1 will be the completion of $D((-A)^{1/2})$ in the norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ and H_2 will be the completion of $D(A)$ in the norm $\|\cdot\|_2$. We shall use the following assumptions for operators B_s and B_a :

- (i) $\exists c_1 > 0 : \|B_s \phi\|_0 \leq c_1 \|\phi\|_1$ for $\phi \in H_1$,
(ii) $\exists \alpha \in [1/2, 1)$ $\exists c_2, c_3 \geq 0 : \|B_a \phi\|_0 \leq c_2 \|(-A)^\alpha \phi\|_0 + c_3 \|\phi\|_1$ for $\phi \in D((-A)^\alpha)$.

It can be verified (for example by means of the resolution of identity for the operator $(-A)$ and the Hölder inequality) that $\|(-A)^\alpha \phi\|_0 \leq \|\phi\|_2^{2\alpha-1} \|\phi\|_1^{2-2\alpha}$. Hence it follows from condition (ii) that if $\mu > 0$ is given and $k(\mu) = (2c_2^2)^{1/(2-2\alpha)} \mu^{(1-2\alpha)/(2-2\alpha)} + 2c_3^2$ then

$$(2) \quad \|B_a \phi\|_0^2 \leq \mu \|\phi\|_2^2 + k(\mu) \|\phi\|_1^2$$

for all $\phi \in D(A)$.

It can be derived from condition (i) that operator B_s is A -bounded

with an A -bound arbitrarily small. Hence operator $A + B_s$ is selfadjoint (see T. Kato (1996), p. 287). Let us denote its resolution of identity by $E(\lambda)$. Put

$$P' = \int_0^{+\infty} dE(\lambda), \quad P'' = I - P', \quad H' = P' H, \quad H'' = P'' H.$$

P', P'' are orthogonal projections in H and H', H'' are closed orthogonal subspaces of H such that $H = H' \oplus H''$. Both projections P' and P'' commute with $A + B_s$ on $D(A + B_s) \equiv D(A)$ and so $P' D(A) \subset D(A)$ and $P'' D(A) \subset D(A)$.

LEMMA 1. *If condition (i) is satisfied then there exist positive constants c_4, c_5, c_6 and c_7 so that*

$$(3) \quad \|P' \phi\|_1^2 + \|P'' \phi\|_1^2 \leq c_4 \|\phi\|_1^2 + c_5 \|\phi\|_0^2$$

$$(4) \quad \|P' \phi\|_2^2 + \|P'' \phi\|_2^2 \leq c_6 \|\phi\|_2^2 + c_7 \|\phi\|_0^2$$

for $\phi \in D(A)$.

PROOF.

$$\begin{aligned} \|P' \phi\|_1^2 + \|P'' \phi\|_1^2 &= \\ &= (-AP' \phi, P' \phi)_0 + (-AP'' \phi, P'' \phi)_0 = ((-A - B_s) P' \phi, P' \phi)_0 + \\ &+ ((-A - B_s) P'' \phi, P'' \phi)_0 + (B_s P' \phi, P' \phi)_0 + (B_s P'' \phi, P'' \phi)_0 \leq \\ &\leq ((-A - B_s) \phi, \phi)_0 + \|B_s P' \phi\|_0 \|P' \phi\|_0 + \|B_s P'' \phi\|_0 \|P'' \phi\|_0 \leq \\ &\leq (-A \phi, \phi)_0 + [\|B_s \phi\|_0 + \|B_s P' \phi\|_0 + \|B_s P'' \phi\|_0] \cdot \|\phi\|_0 \leq \\ &\leq \|\phi\|_1^2 + c_1 [\|\phi\|_1 + \|P' \phi\|_1 + \|P'' \phi\|_1] \cdot \|\phi\|_0 \leq \\ &\leq \|\phi\|_1^2 + \varepsilon c_1 [\|\phi\|_1 + \|P' \phi\|_1 + \|P'' \phi\|_1]^2 + \frac{c_1}{4\varepsilon} \|\phi\|_0^2 \leq \\ &\leq (1 + 3\varepsilon c_1) \|\phi\|_1^2 + 3\varepsilon c_1 \|P' \phi\|_1^2 + 3\varepsilon c_1 \|P'' \phi\|_1^2 + \frac{c_1}{4\varepsilon} \|\phi\|_0^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 - 3\varepsilon c_1) [\|P' \phi\|_1^2 + \|P'' \phi\|_1^2] \leq (1 + 3\varepsilon c_1) \|\phi\|_1^2 + \frac{c_1}{4\varepsilon} \|\phi\|_0^2.$$

If ε is chosen for example so that $1 - 3\varepsilon c_1 = 1/2$ then we obtain the estimate (3). The inequality (4) can be derived in a similar way.

Then next condition we shall need is:

$$(iii) \exists c_8 \in (0, 1): ((A + B_s) \phi, \phi)_0 \leq -c_8 \|\phi\|_1^2 \text{ for } \phi \in H'' \cap D(A).$$

The following lemma shows the case when (iii) is fulfilled.

LEMMA 2. *Let there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\sigma(A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s)|_{H''}$ (i.e. the spectrum of the operator $A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s$ reduced to H'') is a subset of the interval $(-\infty, 0]$. Then condition (iii) is satisfied.*

PROOF. It follows from the assumption of the lemma that $((A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s) \phi, \phi)_0 \leq 0$ for all $\phi \in H''$. This can be rewritten as

$$((A + B_s) \phi, \phi)_0 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon} (A\phi, \phi)_0.$$

Since $(A\phi, \phi)_0 = -\|\phi\|_1^2$, the above inequality confirms the validity of (iii).

The projection P'' is identical with $I - P'$. Since space H' can be finite-dimensional in many practical cases, P' can easily be expressed and there exists a good possibility to verify the assumptions of Lemma 2. We shall show this verification in a concrete example in Section 4 and we formulate other conditions implying the validity of the assumptions of Lemma 2 in another concrete situation in Section 5.

If $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $z \neq 0$ then $\arg z$ will denote the number $\varphi \in (-\pi, \pi]$ such that $z = |z|e^{i\varphi}$.

We shall denote by H_C a so called complexification of H . It is the space of all elements of the type $\phi_r + i\phi_i$, where $\phi_r, \phi_i \in H$. The scalar product of two elements $\phi \equiv \phi_r + i\phi_i$, $\psi \equiv \psi_r + i\psi_i$ in H_C is defined by

$$(\phi, \psi)_0 = [(\phi_r, \psi_r)_0 + (\phi_i, \psi_i)_0] + i[(\phi_i, \psi_r)_0 - (\phi_r, \psi_i)_0].$$

Operators A , B_s and B_a can be extended in the usual way to the operators in H_C so that, for example, if $\phi \equiv \phi_r + i\phi_i \in H_C$ and $\phi_r, \phi_i \in D(A)$ then $A\phi = A\phi_r + iA\phi_i$.

Since operator $(-A)$ is selfadjoint and nonnegative in H , it is sectorial in H . Using conditions (i), (ii) and applying Theorem 1.3.2 from D. Henry (1981), p. 19, we can derive that operator $(-L)$ is sectorial, too. Thus, there exists $\varphi \in (\pi/2, \pi)$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$ (we can assume that $a \geq 0$ without loss of generality) and $c_9 > 0$ so that

$$S \equiv \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; \lambda \neq a \text{ and } |\arg(\lambda - a)| < \varphi\} \subset \rho(L)$$

and

$$(5) \quad \|R_\lambda(L) \phi\|_0 \leq \frac{c_9}{|\lambda - a|} \|\phi\|_0$$

for all $\lambda \in S$ and $\phi \in H$. Moreover, $R_\lambda(L) \phi$ is an analytic H_C -valued function of λ in $\varrho(L)$ for every $\phi \in H$. It follows from D. Henry (1981), p. 20, that operator L is a generator of an analytic semigroup e^{Lt} in H and there exists $c_{10} > 0$ so that

$$(6) \quad \|e^{Lt} \phi\|_0 \leq c_{10} e^{at} \|\phi\|_0$$

for all $t \geq 0$ and $\phi \in H$.

Denote $C_+(-\delta) = \{z \in C; \operatorname{Re} z > -\delta\}$. The next condition we shall use is:

(iv) $\exists \delta > 0$ so that if $\phi \in H'$ then $P' R_\lambda(L) \phi$ can be extended (in dependence on λ) from $\varrho(L) \cap C_+(-\delta)$ to an H_C -valued analytic function in $C_+(-\delta)$.

The validity of this condition will be verified in an example in Section 4.

REMARK 1. It is obvious that condition (iv) is satisfied if there exists $\delta > 0$ so that for each $\phi \in H'$ the equation

$$(7) \quad (L - \lambda I) y_\lambda = \phi$$

has a solution $y_\lambda(\phi)$ such that $P' y_\lambda(\phi)$ can be extended from $\varrho(L) \cap C_+(-\delta)$ to an H_C -valued analytic function of λ in $C_+(-\delta)$.

We shall denote by δ_1 the number $\delta/2$ in the rest of this paper.

LEMMA 3. If conditions (i), (ii) and (iv) are satisfied then there exists $c_{11} > 0$ so that $\|P' e^{Lt} \phi\|_0 \leq c_{11} e^{-\delta_1 t} \|\phi\|_0$ for all $\phi \in H'$ and $t \geq 0$.

PROOF. Assume first that $t \geq 1$. Put $\eta = -\delta_1 + i\xi$, where ξ is a positive real number which is so large that $\eta \in S$. Denote $\psi = \arg \eta$. It is clear that $\psi \in (\pi/2, \pi)$. Let us define the curves $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3$ and Γ_4 in C by means of their parametrizations — in order not to complicate the notation we denote the parametrizations by the same letters as the curves:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1(s) &= -s e^{-\psi i}; s \in (-\infty, -|\eta|], & \Gamma_2(s) &= -\delta_1 + is; s \in [-\xi, \xi], \\ \Gamma_3(s) &= s e^{\psi i}; s \in [|\eta|, +\infty), & \Gamma_4(s) &= a + |\eta - a| e^{si}; s \in [-\psi, \psi]. \end{aligned}$$

Curves Γ_1, Γ_4 and Γ_3 are subsets of S , the end point of $\Gamma_1 =$ the initial point of $\Gamma_4 = \bar{\eta}$ and the end point of $\Gamma_4 =$ the initial point of $\Gamma_3 = \eta$.

The semigroup e^{Lt} can be defined by the formula

$$e^{Lt} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_4 \cup \Gamma_2} e^{\lambda t} R_\lambda(L) \, d\lambda .$$

Since projector P' is closed in H , we have

$$P' e^{Lt} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_4 \cup \Gamma_2} e^{\lambda t} P' R_\lambda(L) \, d\lambda .$$

Suppose that $\phi \in H'$. Denote by $y'_\lambda(\phi)$ the analytic extension of $P' R_\lambda(L) \phi$ to the domain $\mathbb{C}_+(-\delta)$. It follows from Cauchy's theorem that the integral of $e^{\lambda t} y'_\lambda(\phi)$ on Γ_4 is equal to the integral of the same function on Γ_2 . This means that

$$(8) \quad P' e^{Lt} \phi = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3} e^{\lambda t} y'_\lambda(\phi) \, d\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1} e^{\lambda t} P' R_\lambda(L) \phi \, d\lambda + \\ + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_2} e^{L t} y'_\lambda(\phi) \, d\lambda + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_3} e^{\lambda t} P' R_\lambda(L) \phi \, d\lambda .$$

Using estimate (5) and the expression of the integral on Γ_1 by means of parametrization, we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1} e^{\lambda t} P' R_\lambda(L) \phi \, d\lambda \right\|_0 = \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{-|\eta|} e^{-s \exp(-\psi i) t} \cdot P' R_{-s \exp(-\psi i)}(L) \phi \cdot e^{-\psi i} \, ds \right\|_0 \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{-|\eta|} e^{-s(\cos \psi) t} \|R_{-s \exp(-\psi i)}(L) \phi\|_0 \, ds \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{-|\eta|} e^{-s(\cos \psi) t} c_{12} \|\phi\|_0 \, ds = \\ = \frac{c_{12}}{2\pi} \frac{(-1)}{\cos \psi \cdot t} e^{|\eta|(\cos \psi) t} \|\phi\|_0 \leq \frac{c_{12}}{2\pi} \frac{(-1)}{\cos \psi} e^{|\eta|(\cos \psi) t} \|\phi\|_0 .$$

Since $\operatorname{Re} \eta = |\eta|(\cos \psi) = -\delta_1$, we have

$$(9) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_1} e^{\lambda t} P' R_\lambda(L) \phi \, d\lambda \right\|_0 \leq c_{13} e^{-\delta_1 t} \|\phi\|_0$$

where $c_{13} = -c_{12}/(2\pi \cdot \cos \psi)$. We can also derive the same estimate for the integral over Γ_3 . Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_2} e^{\lambda t} y'_\lambda(\phi) \, d\lambda \right\|_0 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\| \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} e^{-\delta_1 t + is} y'_{-\delta_1 + is}(\phi) \, i \, ds \right\|_0 \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\delta_1 t} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} \|y'_{-\delta_1 + is}(\phi)\|_0 \, ds = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\delta_1 t} \left| \int_{\Gamma_2} \|y'_\lambda(\phi)\|_0 \, d\lambda \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Let $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$ be the Banach space of mappings f_λ which are defined a.e. in Γ_2 and their values belong to H_C . The norm of f_λ in $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$ is $\left| \int_{\Gamma_2} \|f_\lambda\|_0^2 \, d\lambda \right|^{1/2}$. The mapping $\mathfrak{C} : \phi \rightarrow y_\lambda(\phi)$ can be regarded as a linear mapping of H' to $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$. Let us show that this mapping is closed:

Assume that $\{\phi_n\}$ is a sequence in H' such that $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$ in H' and $\mathfrak{C}\phi_n \rightarrow \Phi$ in $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$. The behaviour of the functions $\sin[k\pi(\lambda - \bar{\eta})/(2\xi i)]$ for $\lambda \in \Gamma_2$ is the same as the behaviour of the functions $\sin k\lambda$ for $\lambda \in [0, \pi]$. Hence the set M of all functions of the type

$$(10) \quad \Psi(\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^n \psi_k \cdot \sin[k\pi(\lambda - \bar{\eta})/(2\xi i)]$$

(where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n \in H_C$) is dense in $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$. This can be proved by a contradiction: If M is not dense in $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$ then there exists $\varphi \in L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$, $\varphi \neq 0$, which is orthogonal to \bar{M} . In particular, this means that if $\psi \in H_C$ and Ψ has the form (10) with $\psi_k = \alpha_k \psi$ ($\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$) then

$$(\varphi, \Psi)_{L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)} = \int_{\Gamma_2} (\varphi(\lambda), \psi)_0 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \sin[k\pi(\lambda - \bar{\eta})/(2\xi i)] \, d\lambda = 0.$$

Hence $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi)_0 = 0$ for a.a. $\lambda \in \Gamma_2$. Since ψ was chosen arbitrarily in H_C , φ is equal to the zero element of $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$. But this is a contradiction. Suppose now that Ψ is an arbitrary function of type (10). Then Ψ is ana-

lytic (in dependence on λ) in C . Using Cauchy's theorem and the convergence

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Gamma_4} \|y'_\lambda(\phi_n) - y'_\lambda(\phi)\|_0^2 d\lambda \right| &= \left| \int_{\Gamma_4} \|P' R_\lambda(L) \phi_n - P' R_\lambda(L) \phi\|_0^2 d\lambda \right| \leq \\ &\leq \text{const.} \left| \int_{\Gamma_4} \|\phi_n - \phi\|_0^2 d\lambda \right| \leq \text{const.} \|\phi_n - \phi\|_0^2 \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_2} (y'_\lambda(\phi_n), \Psi(\lambda))_0 d\lambda &= \int_{\Gamma_4} (y'_\lambda(\phi_n), \Psi(\lambda))_0 d\lambda \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \int_{\Gamma_4} (y'_\lambda(\phi), \Psi(\lambda))_0 d\lambda = \int_{\Gamma_2} (y'_\lambda(\phi), \Psi(\lambda))_0 d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

So $y'_\lambda(\phi_n) \rightarrow y'_\lambda(\phi)$ weakly in $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$. Since $\mathfrak{T}\phi_n \equiv y'_\lambda(\phi_n) \rightarrow \Phi$ in $L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)$, we have $\Phi = y'_\lambda(\phi)$. Thus, the operator \mathfrak{T} is closed.

The domain of definition of \mathfrak{T} is the whole space H' and hence, due to the closed graph theorem, \mathfrak{T} is bounded. There exists $c_{14} > 0$ (which does not depend on ϕ) so that

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_2} \|y'_\lambda(\phi)\|_0 d\lambda \right| \leq \sqrt{2\xi} \left| \int_{\Gamma_2} \|y'_\lambda(\phi)\|_0^2 d\lambda \right|^{1/2} = \sqrt{2\xi} \|\mathfrak{T}\phi\|_{L^2(\Gamma_2; H_C)} \leq c_{14} \|\phi\|_0.$$

So we obtain the estimate

$$(11) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_2} e^{\lambda t} y'_\lambda(\phi) d\lambda \right\|_0 \leq \frac{c_{14}}{2\pi} e^{-\delta_1 t} \|\phi\|_0.$$

It follows from (8)-(11) that

$$\|P' e^{Lt} \phi\|_0 \leq \left(2c_{13} + \frac{c_{14}}{2\pi} \right) e^{-\delta_1 t} \|\phi\|_0.$$

We have derived this estimate for $t \geq 1$ and $\phi \in H'$. However, if we also use inequality (6) for $t \in [0, 1)$, we can easily obtain the desired estimate $\|P' e^{Lt} \phi\|_0 \leq c_{11} e^{-\delta_1 t} \|\phi\|_0$ for all $t \geq 0$ and $\phi \in H'$.

We shall use the following assumption about nonlinear operator N :

$$(v) \quad \exists \beta \in [0, 1] \quad \exists \gamma \geq 2 - \beta \quad \exists c_{15} > 0 : \|N(t, \phi)\|_0 \leq c_{15} \|\phi\|^\gamma [\|\phi\|_2 + \|\phi\|_1]^\beta \text{ for } t \geq 0 \text{ and } \phi \in D(A).$$

Under solutions of equation (1) or another analogous equation in a time interval $[0, T]$ (where $T \in (0, +\infty]$), we understand functions u such that:

- a) if J is a compact interval in $[0, T]$ then $u \in L^2(J; H_2) \cap L^2(J; H)$ and $du/dt \in L^2(J; H)$,
- b) u satisfies a given equation a.e. in $(0, T)$.

It follows from the theory of interpolation spaces (see J. L. Lions - E. Magenes (1972)) that if a solution u has the regularity which is required in condition a) then it is (after a possible change on a subset of $[0, T]$ whose measure is zero) a continuous mapping from $[0, T]$ to H_1 .

LEMMA 4. Let $\tau > 0$ and $f \in L^2(0, \tau; H)$. Then there exists a unique solution v of the equation

$$(12) \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = Av + f(t)$$

with the initial condition $v(0) = 0$ in the time interval $[0, \tau]$ and

$$(13) \quad \|v\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H_2)} + \left\| \frac{dv}{dt} \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} \leq \sqrt{2} \|f\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} + \sqrt{2} \|v\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)}.$$

PROOF. The idea of the proof is the same as that used in the proof of Theorem IV.1 in O. A. Ladyzhenskaya (1970). Let us define

$$D(\mathcal{L}) = \left\{ u; u(t) = \int_0^t \varphi(s) ds, \varphi \in L^2(0, \tau; H_2) \right\}, \quad \mathcal{L}u = \frac{du}{dt} - Au.$$

$D(\mathcal{L})$ is dense in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$. The adjoint operator \mathcal{L}^* to \mathcal{L} is densely defined in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$ and so \mathcal{L} is closable. Let $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ be the closure of \mathcal{L} .

Let $u \in D(\mathcal{L})$ and $t \in [0, \tau]$ now. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}u, \mathcal{L}u)_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} &= \int_0^t \left(\frac{du}{ds} - Au, \frac{du}{ds} - Au \right)_0 ds = \\ &= \int_0^t \left[\left\| \frac{du}{ds} \right\|_0^2 + \|u\|_2^2 + 2 \left(\frac{du}{ds}, (-A)u \right)_0 \right] ds + u(t) \|u\|_1^2. \end{aligned}$$

It is seen from these equalities that if $u_n \in D(\mathcal{L})$, $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$,

$\mathcal{L}u_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}u$ in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$ then $\{du_n/dt\}$ converges in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$, $\{u_n\}$ converges in $L^2(0, \tau; H_2)$ and $\{u_n(t)\}$ converges in H_1 uniformly for $t \in [0, \tau]$. Thus, we have $du/dt \in L^2(0, \tau; H)$ and $u \in L^2(0, \tau; H_2) \cap C([0, \tau]; H_1)$ for $u \in D(\overline{\mathcal{L}})$.

Let us now show that $R(\overline{\mathcal{L}}) = L^2(0, \tau; H)$. ($R(\mathcal{L})$ is the range of $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$.) Suppose that this is not true. Then there exists $g \in L^2(0, \tau; H)$, $g \neq 0$, which is orthogonal to $R(\overline{\mathcal{L}})$ and consequently, also to $R(\mathcal{L})$. Since the

element $\int_0^t A^{-1}g(s) ds$ belongs to $D(\mathcal{L})$, it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left(g, \mathcal{L} \int_0^t A^{-1}g ds \right)_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} = \int_0^\tau \left(g(t), A^{-1}g(t) - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) dt = \\ &= - \int_0^\tau \left[\|(-A)^{-1/2}g(t)\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left\| \int_0^t g(s) ds \right\|_0^2 \right] dt. \end{aligned}$$

So $(-A)^{-1/2}g(t) = 0$ for a.a. $t \in [0, \tau]$, which means that g is the zero element in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$. This is the desired contradiction. So $R(\overline{\mathcal{L}}) = L^2(0, \tau; H)$. This implies the existence of the solution v of equation (12) with initial condition $v(0) = 0$ in the interval $[0, \tau]$.

Suppose that v_1, v_2 are two such solutions. Put $w = v_1 - v_2$. Then $dw/dt = Aw$ and $w(0) = 0$. Hence $w(t) = e^{at}w(0) = 0$. This proves the uniqueness of the solution.

Inequality (13) can be obtained if we multiply equation (12) by v in $L^2(0, \tau; H)$.

LEMMA 5. *Let conditions (i), (ii) be fulfilled and let u be a solution of equation (1) in the interval $[0, T)$. Then the initial-value problem given by the equation*

$$(14) \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = Av + B_s v + P'' B_a v + P'' N(t, u)$$

and the initial condition $v(0) = P'' u(0)$ has a unique solution v in the interval $[0, T)$ such that $v(t) \in H''$ for a.a. $t \in [0, T)$.

PROOF. Let us denote $u' = P' u$ and $u'' = P'' u$. Applying projection P'' to equation (1), we obtain

$$(15) \quad \frac{du''}{dt} = Au'' + B_s u'' + P'' B_a u'' + P'' B_a u' + P'' N(t, u).$$

So if we prove that there exists a solution v_1 of the equation

$$(16) \quad \frac{dv_1}{dt} = Av_1 + B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1 - P'' B_a u'$$

with the initial condition $v_1(0) = 0$ in the interval $[0, T)$, we can put $v = u'' + v_1$ and if we add equations (15), (16) and the initial values of functions u'' and v_1 , we can see that v is the desired solution of equation (14) which satisfies the initial condition $v(0) = P'' u(0)$.

Let $\tau < T$. It follows from inequalities (3), (4), condition (ii) and the fact that $u \in L^2(0, \tau; H_2) \cap L^2(0, \tau; H)$ that $P'' B_a u' \in L^2(0, \tau; H'')$. Using operator $\bar{\mathcal{L}}$ from the proof of Lemma 4, we can write equation (16) with the initial condition $v_1(0) = 0$ in the equivalent form

$$(17) \quad v_1 = (\bar{\mathcal{L}})^{-1}(B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1) - (\bar{\mathcal{L}})^{-1} P'' B_a u'.$$

Applying inequality (13) and standard but rather laborious estimates, we can obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\bar{\mathcal{L}})^{-1}(B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1)\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H_2)} + \left\| \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{\mathcal{L}})^{-1}(B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1) \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} \leq \\ & \leq \sqrt{2}\varepsilon \|v_1\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H_2)} + K(\varepsilon) \tau^{1/2} \left\| \frac{dv_1}{dt} \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} + \\ & + \sqrt{2}\tau^{1/2} \left\| \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{\mathcal{L}})^{-1}(B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1) \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} \end{aligned}$$

for each $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\tau_0 > 0$ be chosen so small that

$$\sqrt{2}\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad K(\varepsilon) \tau_0^{1/2} \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad \sqrt{2}\tau_0^{1/2} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Assume that $\tau \leq \tau_0$ at first. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (\bar{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}(B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1) \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H_2)} + \left\| \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}(B_s v_1 + P'' B_a v_1) \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} &\leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\|v_1\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H_2)} + \left\| \frac{dv_1}{dt} \right\|_{L^2(0, \tau; H)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the operator $I - (\bar{\mathcal{C}})^{-1}(B_s + P'' B_a)$ is invertible and equation (17) is uniquely solvable in $[0, \tau]$.

Now let $\tau > \tau_0$. We can assume without loss of generality that τ_0 was chosen so that $\tau = 2^k \tau_0$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We have proved the existence of solution v_1 of equation (16) with the initial condition $v_1(0) = 0$ in the time interval $[0, \tau_0]$. Put

$$v_2(t) = \begin{cases} v_1(t) & \text{for } t \in [0, \tau_0], \\ v_2(2\tau_0 - t) & \text{for } t \in [\tau_0, 2\tau_0]. \end{cases}$$

Let v_3 be the solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv_3}{dt} = Av_3 + B_s v_3 + P'' B_a v_3 - P'' B_a u'(t + \tau_0) + \\ + P'' B_a u'(\tau_0 - t) + 2 \frac{dv_1}{dt}(\tau_0 - t) \end{aligned}$$

with the initial condition $v_3(0) = 0$ in the interval $[0, \tau_0]$. (Its existence can be proved in the same way as the existence of solution v_1 in $[0, \tau_0]$.) Put $v_4(t) = 0$ for $t \in [0, \tau_0]$, $v_4(t) = v_3(t - \tau_0)$ for $t \in [\tau_0, 2\tau_0]$. It can easily be verified that $v_1 = v_2 + v_4$ is the solution of equation (16) with the initial condition $v_1(0) = 0$ in the interval $[0, 2\tau_0]$. This solution can be extended in the same way to the time interval $[0, \tau]$. Since τ can be chosen arbitrarily near to T (if $T < +\infty$) or arbitrarily large (if $T = +\infty$), the solution exists on the interval $[0, T)$.

Uniqueness of the solution can be proved by the standard procedure: we suppose that we have two solutions, we subtract them and we prove that their difference is equal to the zero element of H identically in $[0, T)$. To do that, we can use the fact that the operator $A + B_s + P'' B_a$ generates an analytic semigroup in H , which can be shown in the same way as in the case of operator L . Since equation (14) and

the initial condition $v(0) = P''u(0)$ represent the problem in H'' , the values of solution v remain in H'' .

LEMMA 6. *Let conditions (i), (ii) be fulfilled. Then u is a solution of equation (1) in the interval $[0, T)$ if and only if $u = v + w$ where the functions v, w are solutions of the equations*

$$(18) \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = Av + B_s v + P'' B_a v + P'' N(t, v + w),$$

$$(19) \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = Aw + B_s w + B_a w + P' B_a v + P' N(t, v + w)$$

in the interval $[0, T)$, satisfying the initial conditions $v(0) = P''u(0)$, $w(0) = P'u(0)$.

PROOF. Let u be a solution of equation (1) in $[0, T)$. It follows from Lemma 5 that there exists a solution v of equation (14) in $[0, T)$, satisfying the condition $v(0) = P''u(0)$. If we put $w = u - v$, we can see that equation (14) is identical with equation (18) and subtracting equations (1), (18), we can see that w is a solution of equation (19) in $[0, T)$. Subtracting also the initial conditions which are satisfied by functions u and v , we get: $w(0) = P'u(0)$.

On the other hand, if v and w are solutions of equations (18) and (19) on the interval $[0, T)$, satisfying the initial conditions $v(0) = P''u(0)$ and $w(0) = P'u(0)$, then we can add equations (18), (19) and we can see that $u = v + w$ is a solution of equation (1) on $[0, T)$.

3. Main theorem about stability.

We shall not treat the question of the existence of solutions of equation (1) in this section. We are going to derive estimates of each solution u whose value at time $t = 0$ is «small enough» and these estimates will be valid as long as the solution exists, i.e. in a time interval where solution u is defined. Thus, u cannot finish with a «blow up» in the neighbourhood of the right end point of its domain of definition. It is natural to expect that u can be defined in the time interval $[0, +\infty)$. In fact, to prove this, it would be necessary to use some additional assumptions about the non-linear operator N (see e.g. D. Henry (1981)) and in order not to complicate this paper, we do not want to do this here.

THEOREM 1. *Let conditions (i), (ii), (iii) [or (iii)'], (iv) and (v) be satisfied. Then to any given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\kappa > 0$ so that if u is a solution of equation (1) in the interval $[0, T)$, $\|u(0)\|_0 + \|u(0)\|_1 \leq \kappa$ then $\|u(t)\|_0 + \|u(t)\|_1 \leq \varepsilon$ for all $t \in [0, T)$. Moreover, if $T = +\infty$ then $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\|u(t)\|_1 + \|P' u(t)\|_0) = 0$.*

PROOF. Let u be a solution of equation (1) in a time interval $[0, T)$. It follows from Lemma 6 that $u = v + w$, where v and w are solutions of equations (18) and (19) in $[0, T)$, satisfying the initial conditions $v(0) = P'' u(0)$ and $w(0) = P' u(0)$. We are first going to derive estimates which will be valid a.e. in the interval $(0, T)$.

If we multiply equation (18) by v , use condition (iii) and the fact that $v(t) \in H''$ for a.a. $t \in [0, T)$, we obtain

$$(20) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v\|_0^2 = ((A + B_s) v, v)_0 + (P'' B_a v, v)_0 + (P'' N(t, v + w), v)_0 \leq \\ \leq -c_8 \|v\|_1^2 + \|N(t, v + w)\|_0 \|v\|_0.$$

Multiplying the equation (18) by $(-Av)$ and using conditions (i), (ii), we get

$$\left(\frac{dv}{dt}, -Av \right)_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (v, -Av)_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|v\|_1^2 = \\ = -\|v\|_2^2 + (B_s v, -Av)_0 + (P'' B_a v, -Av)_0 + (P'' N(t, v + w), -Av)_0 \leq \\ \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{3}{2} \|B_s v\|_0^2 + \frac{3}{2} \|B_a v\| + \frac{3}{2} \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 \leq \\ \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{3}{2} c_1^2 \|v\|_1^2 + \frac{3}{2} \mu_1 \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{3}{2} k(\mu_1) \|v\|_1^2 + \frac{3}{2} \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2.$$

If we choose $\mu_1 = 1/6$ and denote $c_{16} = 3(c_1^2 + k(1/6))$, we obtain

$$(21) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \|v\|_1^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|v\|_2^2 + c_{16} \|v\|_1^2 + 3 \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2.$$

The solution w of equation (19) can be expressed in the form

$$w(t) = e^{Lt} w(0) + \int_0^t e^{L(t-s)} F(s) ds,$$

where $F(s) = P' B_a v(s) + P' N(s, v(s) + w(s))$. Thus, we have

$$P' w(t) = P' e^{Lt} w(0) + \int_0^t P' e^{L(t-s)} F(s) ds .$$

Using Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\|P' w(t)\|_0 \leq c_{11} e^{-\delta_1 t} \|w(0)\|_0 + \int_0^t c_{11} e^{-\delta_1(t-s)} \|F(s)\|_0 ds .$$

Denote by $h(t)$ the right hand side of this inequality. Then

$$(22) \quad \|P' w(t)\|_0 \leq h(t)$$

and moreover, it can be verified that h satisfies the equation

$$(23) \quad \frac{dh}{dt} + \delta_1 h = c_{11} \|F(t)\|_0$$

and the initial condition $h(0) = c_{11} \|w(0)\|_0$. Multiplying equation (23) by h , one gets

$$(24) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} h^2 \leq -\delta_1 h^2 + c_{11} \|F\|_0 h , \\ \frac{d}{dt} h^2 \leq -\delta_1 h^2 + \frac{c_{11}^2}{\delta_1} \|F\|_0^2 \leq -\delta_1 h^2 + \\ \quad + \frac{2c_{11}^2}{\delta_1} \|B_a v\|_0^2 + \frac{2c_{11}^2}{\delta_1} \|N(t, v+w)\|_0^2 \leq \\ \leq -\delta_1 h^2 + c_{17} \mu_2 \|v\|_2^2 + c_{17} k(\mu_2) \|v\|_1^2 + c_{17} \|N(t, v+w)\|_0^2 \end{array} \right.$$

where $c_{17} = 2c_{11}^2/\delta_1$. The number μ_2 in (24) can be chosen arbitrarily in the interval $(0, 1)$.

Let us use the notation $w' = P' w$, $w'' = P'' w$ for a while. If we multiply the equation (19) by w , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|w\|_0^2 &= ((A + B_s) w, w)_0 + (B_a w, w)_0 + (P' B_a v, w)_0 + (P' N(t, v+w), w)_0 = \\ &= ((A + B_s) w', w')_0 + ((A + B_s) w'', w'')_0 + (P' B_a v, w')_0 + \\ &+ (P' N(t, v+w), w')_0 \leq (Aw', w')_0 + (B_s w', w')_0 - c_8 \|w''\|_1^2 + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \|w'\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|P' B_a v\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|P' N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 \leq \\
& \leq -c_8 (\|w'\|_1^2 + \|w''\|_1^2) + (c_8 - 1) \|w'\|_1^2 + \mu_3 \|B_s w'\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{4\mu_3} \|w'\|_0^2 + \|w'\|_0^2 + \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \mu_4 \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} k(\mu_4) \|v\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 \leq \\
& \leq -\frac{1}{2} c_8 \|w\|_1^2 + (c_8 - 1) \|w'\|_1^2 + \mu_3 c_1^2 \|w'\|_1^2 + [1/(4\mu_3) + 1] \|w'\|_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_4 \|v\|_2^2 + \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad + \frac{1}{2} k(\mu_4) \|v\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2.
\end{aligned}$$

If we choose $\mu_3 = (1 - c_8)/c_1^2$ and use (22), we obtain:

$$(25) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \|w\|_0^2 \leq -c_8 \|w\|_1^2 + c_{18} h^2 + \mu_4 \|v\|_2^2 + k(\mu_4) \|v\|_1^2 + \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2$$

where $c_{18} = c_1^2/(2 - 2c_8) + 2$. μ_4 can be an arbitrary number in the interval $(0, 1)$.

If we multiply equation (19) by $(-Aw)$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{dw}{dt}, -Aw\right)_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (w, -Aw)_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|w\|_1^2 = \\
&= -\|w\|_2^2 + (B_s w, -Aw)_0 + (B_a w, -Aw)_0 + (P' B_a v, -Aw)_0 + \\
&+ (P' N(t, v + w), -Aw)_0 \leq \\
&\leq -\frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + 2\|B_s w\|_0^2 + 2\|B_a w\|_0^2 + 2\|B_a v\|_0^2 + 2\|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 \leq \\
&\leq -\frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + 2\mu_5 \|w\|_2^2 + 2(c_1^2 + k(\mu_5)) \|w\|_1^2 + 2\mu_6 \|v\|_2^2 + 2k(\mu_6) \|v\|_1^2 + \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad + 2\|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2.
\end{aligned}$$

If we choose $\mu_5 = \mu_6 = 1/8$ and denote $c_{19} = 4(c_1^2 + k(1/8))$, we get:

$$(26) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \|w\|_1^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 + c_{19} \|w\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v\|_2^2 + 4k\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \|v\|_1^2 + 4\|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2.$$

Let ξ , ζ , η and ω be positive numbers. (Their concrete values will be specified later.) Put

$$V(v, h, w) = \|v\|_0^2 + \xi \|v\|_1^2 + \zeta h^2 + \eta \|w\|_0^2 + w \|w\|_1^2.$$

It follows from (20), (21), (24), (25), (26) that

$$\begin{aligned} (27) \quad \frac{d}{dt} V(v, h, w) \leq & \left[-2c_8 + c_{16}\xi + c_{17}k(\mu_2)\zeta + k(\mu_4)\eta + 4k\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)\omega \right] \|v\|_1^2 + \\ & + \left[-\frac{1}{2}\xi + c_{17}\mu_2\zeta + \mu_4\eta + \frac{1}{2}\omega \right] \|v\|_2^2 + [-\delta_1\zeta + c_{18}\eta] h^2 + \\ & + [-c_8\eta + c_{19}\omega] \|w\|_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}\omega \|w\|_2^2 + \\ & + [3\xi + c_{17}\zeta + \eta + 4\omega] \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 + 2\|N(t, v + w)\|_0 \|v\|_0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us choose ξ , ζ , η and ω so that

$$\begin{aligned} c_{16}\xi + c_{17}k(\mu_2)\zeta + k(\mu_4)\eta + 4k\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)\omega &= c_8, \\ -\frac{1}{4}\xi + c_{17}\mu_2\zeta + \mu_4\eta + \frac{1}{2}\omega &= 0, \\ -\frac{1}{2}\delta_1\zeta + c_{18}\eta &= 0, \\ -\frac{1}{2}c_8\eta + c_{19}\omega &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This system has a positive solution:

$$\xi = \frac{c_8}{\Delta} \left[c_{17}\mu_2 + \frac{\delta_1\mu_4}{2c_{18}} + \frac{c_8\delta_1}{8c_{18}c_{19}} \right], \quad \zeta = \frac{c_8}{4\Delta}, \quad \eta = \frac{c_8\delta_1}{8\Delta c_{18}}, \quad \omega = \frac{c_8^2\delta_1}{16\Delta c_{18}c_{19}}$$

where

$$\Delta = c_{16} \left[c_{17}\mu_2 + \frac{\delta_1\mu_4}{2c_{18}} + \frac{c_8\delta_1}{8c_{18}c_{19}} \right] + \frac{1}{4} \left[c_{17}k(\mu_2) + \frac{\delta_1k(\mu_4)}{2c_{18}} + \frac{c_8\delta_1k(1/8)}{c_{18}c_{19}} \right].$$

If we substitute these values of ξ, ζ, η and ω to (27), we obtain

$$(28) \quad \frac{d}{dt} V(v, h, w) \leq -c_8 \|v\|_1^2 - \frac{1}{4} \xi \|v\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_1 \zeta h^2 - \frac{1}{2} c_8 \eta \|w\|_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega \|w\|_2^2 + c_{20} \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 + \|N(t, v + w)\|_0 \|v\|_0,$$

where $c_{20} = 3\xi + c_{17}\zeta + \eta + 4\omega$. Let us denote

$$|||(v, w)||| = \left[c_8 \|v\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{4} \xi \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta_1 \zeta h^2 + \frac{1}{2} \eta c_8 \|w\|_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \omega \|w\|_2^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

Using condition (v), we can derive that there exist $c_{21} > 0$ and $c_{22} > 0$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} \|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 &\leq c_{21} V(v, h, w)^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} |||(v, w)|||^2, \\ \|N(t, v + w)\|_0 \|v\|_0 &\leq c_{22} V(v, h, w)^{\beta + \gamma - 1} |||(v, w)|||^2. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into (28), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} V(v, h, w) &\leq \\ &\leq |||(v, w)|||^2 [-1 + c_{20} c_{21} V(v, h, w)^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} + c_{20} c_{22} V(v, h, w)^{\beta + \gamma - 1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if

$$c_{20} c_{21} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} + c_{20} c_{22} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{\beta + \gamma - 1} \leq 1$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(v, h, w) \leq 0$$

for a.a. $t \in (0, T)$. This means that

$$(29) \quad V(v(t), h(t), w(t)) \leq V(v(0), h(0), w(0))$$

for a.a. $t \in [0, T)$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} (30) \quad \|u(t)\|_0^2 + \|u(t)\|_1^2 &= \|v(t) + w(t)\|_0^2 + \|v(t) + w(t)\|_1^2 \leq \\ &\leq c_{23} [\|v(t)\|_0^2 + \xi \|v(t)\|_1^2 + \eta \|w(t)\|_0^2 + \omega \|w(t)\|_1^2] \leq \\ &\leq c_{23} V(v(t), h(t), w(t)) \leq c_{23} V(v(0), h(0), w(0)) = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= c_{23}[\|v(0)\|_0^2 + \xi\|v(0)\|_1^2 + (\zeta c_{11}^2 + \eta)\|w(0)\|_0^2 + w\|w(0)\|_1^2] = \\
&= c_{23}[\|P''u(0)\|_0^2 + \xi\|P''u(0)\|_1^2 + (\zeta c_{11}^2 + \eta)\|P'u(0)\|_0^2 + \omega\|P'u(0)\|_1^2] \leq \\
&\leq c_{24}[\|P''u(0)\|_0^2 + \|P'u(0)\|_0^2] + c_{25}[\|P''u(0)\|_1^2 + \|P'u(0)\|_1^2] \leq \\
&\leq c_{24}\|u(0)\|_0^2 + c_{25}[c_4\|u(0)\|_1^2 + c_5\|u(0)\|_0^2] \leq c_{26}[\|u(0)\|_0^2 + \|u(0)\|_1^2].
\end{aligned}$$

These estimates complete the proof of the first part of the theorem.

Suppose that $T = +\infty$ and the initial values of v and w are so small that

$$c_{20} c_{21} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} + c_{20} c_{22} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{\beta + \gamma - 1} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

now. Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(v, h, w) \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|\!(v, w)\!\|^2$$

for a.a. $t \in (0, +\infty)$ and hence

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} V(v(t), h(t), w(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} \|\!(v(s), w(s))\!\|^2 ds \leq V(v(0), h(0), w(0)).$$

Put $W(v, h, w) = \|v\|_1^2 + ah^2 + b\|w\|_1^2$ where a, b are such positive constants that $-1/2 + ac_{17}\mu_2 + (1/2)b < -1/4$. Since $W(v, h, w) \leq \text{const} \cdot \|\!(v, w)\!\|^2$, $W(v, h, w)$ is integrable on $(0, +\infty)$. It follows from (21), (26) and the boundedness of $V(v, h, w)$ (see (29)) that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt} W(v, h, w) &\leq \left[-\frac{1}{2} + ac_{17}\mu_2 + \frac{1}{2}b \right] \|v\|_2^2 - a\delta_1 h^2 - \frac{1}{2}b\|w\|_2^2 + \\
&+ \left[c_{16} + ac_{17}k(\mu_2) + 4bk \left(\frac{1}{8} \right) \right] \|v\|_1^2 + bc_{19}\|w\|_1^2 + [3 + ac_{17} + 4b]\|N(t, v + w)\|_0^2 \leq \\
&\leq -\frac{1}{4}\|v\|_2^2 - a\delta_1 h^2 - \frac{1}{2}\|w\|_2^2 + c_{27} + c_{28} V(v, h, w)^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} \|\!(v, w)\!\|^2 \leq \\
&\leq -\frac{1}{4}\|v\|_2^2 - a\delta_1 h^2 - \frac{1}{2}\|w\|_2^2 +
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ c_{29} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} \left(\frac{1}{4} \|v\|_2^2 + a\delta_1 h^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \right) + c_{30} = \\
 &= [c_{29} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} - 1] \left(\frac{1}{4} \|v\|_2^2 + a\delta_1 h^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \right) + c_{30}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if the initial data are so small that $c_{29} V(v(0), h(0), w(0))^{2(\beta + \gamma - 1)} \leq 1$ then the time derivative of $W(v, h, w)$ is bounded above a.e. in $(0, +\infty)$. This, together with the continuity and integrability of $W(v, h, w)$ on the interval $(0, +\infty)$, implies:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} W(v(t), h(t), w(t)) = 0.$$

Thus, we have: $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (\|u(t)\|_1 + \|P' u(t)\|_0) = 0$.

4. An example in one space dimension.

This section contains an illustrative example of the operator $L \equiv A + B_s + B_a$ which is not dissipative, and conditions (i)-(iv) are satisfied. Hilbert space H is $L^2((0, +\infty))$ here. $D(A)$ is $W^{2,2}((0, +\infty)) \cap W_0^{1,2}((0, +\infty))$ and

$$Lu = u'' + [U(x)u]',$$

where $U(x) = 2\pi^2 x$ for $x \in [0, 1]$ and $U(x) = 2\pi^2$ for $x \in [1, +\infty)$. Operators A , B_s and B_a are:

$$Au = u'',$$

$$B_s u = \frac{1}{2} U'(x) u = \begin{cases} \pi^2 u & \text{for } x \in [0, 1), \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in (1, +\infty), \end{cases}$$

$$B_a u = U(s) u' + \frac{1}{2} U'(x) u = \begin{cases} 2\pi^2 x u' + \pi^2 u & \text{for } x \in [0, 1), \\ 2\pi^2 u' & \text{for } x \in (1, +\infty). \end{cases}$$

The validity of conditions (i), (ii) is obvious. We are going to show that operator L is not dissipative and conditions (iii) and (iv) are fulfilled, too.

The spectrum of the operator $L_s = A + B_s$ is a subset of the real axis. It is not difficult to verify that the interval $(-\infty, 0]$ represents a continuous part of $\sigma(L_s)$ and it contains no eigenvalues of L_s . By standard calculation, we can find out that L_s has the unique eigenvalue $\lambda_0 = 4.516239$

(exactly, $\lambda_0 = \pi^2 - s^2$, where s is the positive solution of the equation $s \cdot \cot s = -\sqrt{\pi^2 - s^2}$). The algebraic multiplicity of λ_0 is equal to one and the corresponding eigenfunction is

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} c_{31} \sin(\sqrt{\pi^2 - \lambda_0} x) & \text{for } x \in [0, 1], \\ c_{32} e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_0} x} & \text{for } x \in (1, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

where $c_{31} = 1.166203$ and $c_{32} = 7.192440$. (Exactly, the constants c_{31} and c_{32} are chosen so that $c_{31} \sin \sqrt{\pi^2 - \lambda_0} = c_{32} e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_0}}$ and $\int_0^{+\infty} u_0^2(x) dx = 1$.)

Hence subspace H' is one-dimensional and it is generated by function u_0 . H'' is the orthogonal complement to H' in H .

Let us now turn our attention to condition (iii). Due to Lemma 2, we can investigate the spectrum of the operator $A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s$ in space H'' . Since $\sigma((A + B_s)|_{H''}) = (-\infty, 0]$ and $\varepsilon P'' B_s$ is $(A + B_s)$ -compact, $\sigma((A + B_s)|_{H''})$ and $\sigma((A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s)|_{H''})$ can differ at most in a countable number of isolated eigenvalues. Hence, if the intersection $\sigma((A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s)|_{H''}) \cap (0, +\infty)$ is nonempty, then it contains only some eigenvalues of $(A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s)|_{H''}$. Thus, to verify (iii), it is sufficient to show that for $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough no such eigenvalues exist. Suppose the opposite, i.e. that there exist sequences ε_n , ζ_n and u_n such that ε_n is monotonically decreasing and tends to zero, ζ_n is a positive eigenvalue of the operator $A + B_s + \varepsilon_n P'' B_s$ and $u_n \in H''$ is a corresponding eigenfunction. The functions u_n can be chosen so that $\|u_n\|_0 = 1$.

The boundedness of ζ_n is obvious. Multiplying the equation $Au_n + B_s u_n + \varepsilon_n P'' B_s u_n = \zeta_n u_n$ by u_n and using condition (i), we obtain: $\zeta_n \leq (1 + \varepsilon_n) c_1 \|u_n\|_1 - \|u_n\|_1^2$, which implies: $\zeta_n \leq (1/4)(1 + \varepsilon_1)^2 c_1^2$.

Let ζ_0 be a cluster point of the sequence ζ_n . Then $\zeta_0 \geq 0$. In order not to complicate the notation, a subsequence of ζ_n which tends to ζ_0 as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ will also be denoted by ζ_n in the following. The equation $Au_n + B_s u_n + \varepsilon_n P'' B_s u_n = \zeta_n u_n$ can be rewritten as $(A + B_s - \zeta_0 I) u_n = (\zeta_n - \zeta_0) u_n + \varepsilon_n P'' B_s u_n$. As the right hand side tends to the zero element of H'' if $n \rightarrow +\infty$, ζ_0 belongs to $\sigma((A + B_s)|_{H''})$. However, this spectrum coincides with the interval $(-\infty, 0]$ and so $\zeta_0 = 0$.

Because $A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s = A + (1 + \varepsilon) B_s - \varepsilon P' B_s$ and $P' B_s u_n = (B_s u_n, u_0)_0 u_0$, the equation $(A + B_s + \varepsilon P'' B_s) u_n = \zeta_n u_n$ can be rewritten as

$$(31) \quad Au_n + (1 + \varepsilon_n) B_s u_n - \zeta_n u_n = \varepsilon_n (B_s u_n, u_0)_0 u_0.$$

Since u_n is orthogonal to u_0 , the integral $\int_0^{+\infty} u_n(s) u_0(s) ds$ is equal to zero.

Suppose that $(B_s u_n, u_0)_0 = \pi^2 \int_0^1 u_n(s) u_0(s) ds = 0$ at first. Then the integral $\int_0^{+\infty} u_n(s) u_0(s) ds$ also equals zero. Equation (31) implies that $u_n(x) = c_{33} e^{-\sqrt{\xi_n} x}$ for $x \in (1, +\infty)$ and it can easily be verified that $c_{33} \neq 0$. Therefore

$$\int_1^{+\infty} u_n(s) u_0(s) ds = \frac{c_{33} c_{32}}{\sqrt{\xi_n} + \sqrt{\lambda_0}} e^{-\sqrt{\xi_n} - \sqrt{\lambda_0}}$$

and this is obviously different from zero. Hence the equality $(B_s u_n, u_0)_0 = 0$ can be excluded.

Put $v_n = u_n / (B_s u_n, u_0)_0$. Then $(B_s v_n, u_0)_0 = 1$. Substituting this to (31) and using also the concrete forms of u_0 on the intervals $(0, 1)$ and $(1, +\infty)$, we can rewrite (31) in the form

$$(32) \quad \begin{cases} v_n'' + (1 + \varepsilon_n) \pi^2 v_n - \xi_n v_n = \varepsilon_n c_{31} \sin(\sqrt{\pi^2 - \lambda_0} x) & \text{on } (0, 1), \\ v_n'' - \xi_n v_n = \varepsilon_n c_{32} e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_0} x} & \text{on } (1, +\infty). \end{cases}$$

The solution v_n of this problem can be explicitly expressed. However, the integration of $v_n(x) \cdot u_0(x)$ shows that

$$\int_0^{+\infty} v_n(x) u_0(x) dx = \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\lambda_0} \int_0^{+\infty} u_0^2(x) dx + o(\varepsilon_n + \xi_n) \quad \text{for } n \rightarrow +\infty,$$

which means that the integral on the left hand side is positive for n large enough and so $v_n \notin H''$ and $u_n \notin H''$. Thus, condition (iii) is fulfilled.

We shall now verify condition (iv). Elementary estimates show that $\sigma(L)$ is a subset of the parabolic region $\{z \equiv \zeta + i\eta \in \mathbb{C}; \zeta \leq a/2 - \eta^2/a^2\}$. If $\lambda \equiv \zeta + i\eta \in \mathbb{C}, \zeta < -\eta^2/a^2$ then λ is an eigenvalue of operator L .

Suppose that $\delta \in (0, \lambda_0)$. Let us work with $\lambda \in G \cap \rho(L)$ where $G = \{z \equiv \zeta + i\eta \in \mathbb{C}; \zeta \in (-\delta, a/2 + 1), |\eta| < a\sqrt{(1/2)a + \delta + 1}\}$ firstly. The function $y_\lambda \equiv R_\lambda(L) u_0$ is the solution of the equation $(L - \lambda I) y_\lambda = u_0$, i.e.

$$(33) \quad (y_\lambda)_{xx} + U(x)(y_\lambda)_x + [U_x(x) - \lambda] y_\lambda = u_0(x)$$

and $y_\lambda(0) = 0$. Denote by $y_\lambda^I, y_\lambda^{II}$ a fundamental system of solutions of the corresponding homogeneous equation. Then y_λ can be expressed in the form

$$y_\lambda(x) = y_\lambda^I(x) \left[C^I - \int_0^x \frac{y_\lambda^{II}(s) u_0(s)}{\Delta_\lambda(s)} ds \right] + y_\lambda^{II}(x) \left[C^{II} + \int_0^x \frac{y_\lambda^I(s) u_0(s)}{\Delta_\lambda(s)} ds \right]$$

where $\Delta_\lambda = y_\lambda^I \cdot (y_\lambda^{II})_x - y_\lambda^{II} \cdot (y_\lambda^I)_x$. (Δ_λ is the Wronski determinant of system $y_\lambda^I, y_\lambda^{II}$.) It can be derived that

$$\Delta_\lambda(s) = \Delta_\lambda(1) \cdot \exp \left[- \int_1^s U(\tau) d\tau \right] = \begin{cases} \Delta_\lambda(1) e^{a/2(1-s^2)} & \text{for } x \in [0, 1], \\ \Delta_\lambda(1) e^{-a(s-1)} & \text{for } x \in (1, +\infty). \end{cases}$$

The homogeneous equation which corresponds to (33) is the equation with constant coefficients in the interval $[1, +\infty)$, so its fundamental system $y_\lambda^I, y_\lambda^{II}$ can easily be expressed here. We can choose $y_\lambda^I, y_\lambda^{II}$ so that

$$y_\lambda^I(x) = \exp \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + \lambda} \right) x \right], \quad y_\lambda^{II}(x) = \exp \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + \lambda} \right) x \right]$$

for $x \in [1, +\infty)$. (We use the symbol $\sqrt{}$ for the square root in the complex domain in such a sense that $\sqrt{z} = \sqrt{|z|} \cdot \exp((1/2) i \arg z)$ if $z \neq 0$, $\sqrt{z} = 0$ if $z = 0$.) We can express $\Delta_\lambda(1)$ now: $\Delta_\lambda(1) = -2e^{-a} \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda}$. Since $\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} > \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 - \lambda_0} > \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 - (1/2)a + \sigma_0^2} > (1/2)\pi$ for all $\lambda \in G$, $1/\Delta_\lambda(1)$ is the analytic function of λ in G . Let us choose

$$C^I = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{y_\lambda^{II}(s) u_0(s)}{\Delta_\lambda(s)} ds = \int_0^1 \frac{e^{-a/2(1-s^2)}}{\Delta_\lambda(1)} y_\lambda^{II}(s) \cdot c_{31} \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}a - \lambda_0} s \right) ds + \\ + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-a}}{\Delta_\lambda(1)} \exp \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + \lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda_0} \right) s \right] ds.$$

Since $\operatorname{Re} \left[(1/2)a - \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda_0} \right] < (1/2)a - \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 - \delta} - \sqrt{\lambda_0} < \sqrt{\delta} - \sqrt{\lambda_0} < 0$, the last integral is finite and so $|C^I| < +\infty$.

Thus, we have

$$(34) \quad y_\lambda(x) = y_\lambda^I(x) \int_x^{+\infty} \frac{y_\lambda^{II}(s) u_0(s)}{\Delta_\lambda(s)} ds + y_\lambda^{II}(x) \left[C^{II} + \int_0^x \frac{y_\lambda^I(s) u_0(s)}{\Delta_\lambda(s)} ds \right].$$

Let us choose C^{II} so that $y_\lambda(0) = 0$:

$$C^{II} = - \frac{y_\lambda^I(0)}{y_\lambda^{II}(0)} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{y_\lambda^{II}(s) u_0(s)}{\Delta_\lambda(s)} ds.$$

$y_\lambda^I(0)$, $y_\lambda^{II}(0)$ and $\int_0^{+\infty} y_\lambda^{II}(s) u_0(s) / \Delta_\lambda(s) ds$ are analytic functions of λ not only in $G \cap \varrho(L)$, but in the whole set G . It can be shown by standard numerical methods that

$$|y_\lambda^{II}(0)| \geq 11.791 \left| \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^2 + \lambda} \right] \right|$$

for all $a \in ((1/4) \pi^2, (9/4) \pi^2)$ and $\lambda \in G$. So C^{II} is an analytic function of λ in G . To emphasize its dependence on λ , we shall denote it by C_λ^{II} in the following.

It is not difficult to show that $\int_0^1 u_\lambda(x) \cdot u_0(x) dx$ is the analytic function of λ in G .

If $x > 1$ then we can decompose \int_0^x in (34) to $\int_0^1 + \int_1^x$, we can substitute the concrete forms of y_λ^I , y_λ^{II} , Δ_λ and u_0 to the integrals $\int_x^{+\infty}$ and \int_1^x , we can evaluate these integrals and we obtain the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} y_\lambda(x) = & \\ = & \frac{e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_0}x}}{2\sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda}} \left[\frac{1}{(1/2)a - \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda_0}} - \frac{1}{(1/2)a + \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda_0}} \right] + \\ + & (C_\lambda^{II} + M_\lambda) \exp \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}a - \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} \right) x \right] + \\ & + \frac{\exp [(-1/2)a - \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda}](x-1) + \sqrt{\lambda_0}] }{2\sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} [1/2a + \sqrt{(1/4)a^2 + \lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda_0}]} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_\lambda = - \frac{e^{a/2}}{2 \sqrt{(1/4) a^2 + \lambda_0}} \int_0^1 e^{-as^2/2} y_\lambda^I(s) c_{31} \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} a - \lambda_0 s} \right) ds .$$

It can be derived from the conditions $0 < \delta < \lambda_0$ and $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > -\delta$ that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(-\frac{1}{2} a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + \lambda} \right) < -\frac{1}{2} \pi^2, \quad \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + \lambda - \sqrt{\lambda_0}} \right) > \frac{1}{2} \pi(\pi - 1),$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{2} a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a^2 + \lambda - \sqrt{\lambda_0}} \right) < \sqrt{\delta} - \sqrt{\lambda_0} < 0 .$$

Hence $\int_1^{+\infty} y_\lambda(x) \cdot u_0(x) dx$ is the analytic function of λ in G . This means that $(y_\lambda, u_0)_0$ also depends analytically on λ in G and $(y_\lambda, u_0)_0 \cdot u_0$ is the analytic continuation of $P' R_\lambda(L) u_0$ from $\varrho(L)$ to G . Since $C_+(-\delta) = \varrho(L) \cup G$, condition (iv) is satisfied.

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