

# Existence of solutions to higher order semilinear parabolic equations with variable coefficient

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## Abstract

*In this paper, we study the existence and uniqueness of the initial and boundary value problem for a class of higher order semilinear parabolic partial differential equations with variable coefficient. Based on a priori estimates of solution we proved the existence of the weak solution in the form of Fourier series under suitable conditions. For this purpose, Picard's successive approximation method was used. Furthermore, we proved the uniqueness of the weak solution.*

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we examine the existence of a solution to the following initial and boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (-1)^k t^m \frac{\partial^{2k} u}{\partial x^{2k}} &= f(x, t, u), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega = \{0 < x < \pi, 0 < t < T\}, \quad (1) \\ u(x, 0) &= 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi, \quad (2) \\ \frac{\partial^{2l} u(0, t)}{\partial x^{2l}} &= \frac{\partial^{2l} u(\pi, t)}{\partial x^{2l}} = 0, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

where  $k \geq 1$  are natural numbers,  $m > 0$  and  $T > 0$  is a real number,  $f(x, t, u)$  is a given function defined in  $\bar{\Omega} \times (-\infty, \infty)$ , and  $u = u(x, t)$  is a solution to the problem.

It is known that in the case of  $m = 0$  and  $f(x, t, u) = F(x, t)$ , the problem with the non-homogeneous equation with homogeneous initial or boundary conditions will turn into a problem with homogeneous equations and non-homogeneous initial or boundary conditions, and also if the non-homogeneous equation is given with non-homogeneous initial or boundary conditions, the problem will turn into these two cases. The method of separation of variables is widely used together with the principle of linear combination to solve these problems. This method is also known as the Fourier series method or the eigenfunction expansion method [1].

Baouendi and Grisvard showed that the boundary value problem for the differential equation  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (-1)^m \frac{\partial^{2m} u}{\partial x^{2m}} = F(x, t)$  has a unique solution [2].

Amanov and Ashyralyev showed the solvability of the initial and boundary value problems and the boundary value problem for the differential equation  $\frac{\partial^{2k} u}{\partial x^{2k}} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = F(x, t)$  [3]. They established the well-posedness of the problem depends on the evenness and oddness of the number  $k$ .

Amanov showed that the initial and boundary value problem for the differential equation  $t^m \frac{\partial^{2k} u}{\partial x^{2k}} + (-1)^k \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = F(x, t)$  has a unique solution [4].

In the references [5] and [6] it is showed that the initial and periodic boundary value problem for the differential equations  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f(x, t, u)$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \varepsilon \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^2 \partial t} = f(x, t, u)$  have unique solutions, respectively.

Yuldasheva showed the unique solvability of the problem with boundary conditions with respect to  $t$  and periodic boundary conditions with respect to  $x$  for the differential equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - a^2 \frac{\partial^{2k} u}{\partial x^{2k}} = f(x, t, u)$  [7].

Since the case of  $m > 0$  and  $f(x, t, u)$  is considered in our current equation, it is clear that it generalizes some of the studies given above. After giving the weak solution in the form of a Fourier series containing the eigenfunctions obtained from the eigenvalue problem related to the current problem, the uniform convergence of the series related to the solution generated by Picard successive approximations is shown. In addition, the uniqueness of the weak solution is proven.

**Definition 1.1** A function  $v(x, t) \in C^{2k}(\bar{\Omega})$  is called a test function if it satisfies the boundary conditions in (3) and  $v(x, T) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.2** The function  $u(x, t) \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  that satisfies the following integral equation for an arbitrary test function  $v(x, t)$  is called a weak solution of the problem (1)-(3):

$$\int_0^T \int_0^\pi \left[ \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - (-1)^k t^m \frac{\partial^{2k} v}{\partial x^{2k}} \right) u + f(x, t, u)v \right] dx dt = 0. \quad (4)$$

Using the weak solution in the form of Fourier series, we obtain an infinite number of nonlinear integral equations for the Fourier series coefficients from problems (1)-(3). The space in which the Fourier series coefficients are solutions is defined and the appropriate norm is given.

**Definition 1.3** Let  $B_T$  denote the set of continuous functions which are Fourier coefficients

$$\{\bar{u}(t)\} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, \dots\}$$

in the interval  $[0, T]$  that satisfy the condition

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n(t)| < \infty.$$

Let the norm in  $B_T$  be defined as follows:

$$\|\bar{u}(t)\| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n(t)|.$$

Clearly,  $B_T$  is a Banach space.

## 2 Solution to the Problem

Let's look for the weak solution of the problem (1)-(3) in the form

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(t) \sin nx, \quad (5)$$

where  $u_n(t)$ , ( $n = \overline{1, \infty}$ ) is the unknown function. To find it, the following integral equation is obtained using equation (4):

$$u_n(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \int_0^\pi e^{-\frac{n^2 k}{m+1}(t^{m+1} - \tau^{m+1})} f \left( \xi, \tau, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(\tau) \sin n\xi \right) \sin n\xi d\xi d\tau. \quad (6)$$

**Theorem 2.1** *Under the following conditions, equation (6) admits a unique solution in  $B_T$  defined on time interval  $[0, T_0]$  such that*

$$\max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t \leq T} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi \text{ and } TM_2(\tau) < 1:$$

- 1)  $f(x, t, u)$  is continuous with respect to all variables in  $\bar{\Omega} \times R$ ,
- 2)  $|f(x, t, u) - f(x, t, v)| \leq b(x, t) |u - v|$ ,  $b(x, t) > 0$ ,  $b(x, t) \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ ,
- 3)  $f(x, t, 0) \in L_2(\Omega)$  and  $f(x, t, 0) \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, equation (6) has at least one solution in  $B_T$ .*

**Proof.** If we apply the method of successive approximations, for equation (6) where  $N = 1, \infty$ , we get the following sequence

$$u_n^{(N+1)}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \int_0^{\pi} e^{-\frac{n^{2k}}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} f\left(\xi, \tau, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n^{(N)}(\tau) \sin n\xi\right) \sin n\xi d\xi d\tau. \quad (7)$$

For simplicity, let's assume the following notations:

$$Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n^{(N)}(\tau) \sin n\xi \text{ and } \{\bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\} = \left\{ u_1^{(N)}(t), u_2^{(N)}(t), \dots, u_n^{(N)}(t), \dots \right\}.$$

Clearly we have

$$\max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} |Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} |u_n^{(N)}(\tau)| = \|\bar{u}^{(N)}(\tau)\|_{B_T}. \quad (8)$$

Now we want to show that  $\bar{u}^{(N)}(t) \in B_T$  for all  $N$ , i.e.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(N)}(t)| < \infty$ .

According to the conditions in Theorem 1, it is clear that

$$\|\bar{u}^{(0)}(t)\| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(0)}(t)| = 0 < \infty.$$

For  $N = 0$  in (7), we have

$$u_n^{(1)}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \int_0^{\pi} e^{-\frac{n^{2k}}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(0)}(\xi, \tau)) \sin n\xi d\xi d\tau.$$

From here

$$|u_n^{(1)}(t)| \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi d\xi \right|.$$

If the sum is taken according to  $n$ , we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(1)}(t)| \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi d\xi \right| = tM_1(\tau).$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(1)}(t)| \leq TM_1(\tau) < \infty$ .

For  $N = 1$  in (7), we have

$$u_n^{(2)}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \int_0^{\pi} e^{-\frac{n^2 k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)) \sin n\xi d\xi d\tau.$$

By addition and subtraction

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n^{(2)}(t)| &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi| d\xi \end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(2)}(t)| &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi + tM_1(\tau) \\ &\leq t \|\bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi + tM_1(\tau) \\ &\leq t \|\bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + tM_1(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(2)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(2)}(t)| \leq T \|\bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + TM_1(\tau) < \infty$ .

For  $N = 2$  in (7), we have

$$u_n^{(3)}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \int_0^\pi e^{-\frac{n^2 k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)) \sin n\xi d\xi d\tau$$

By addition and subtraction

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n^{(3)}(t)| &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi| d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(3)}(t)| &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi + tM_1(\tau) \\ &\leq t \|\bar{u}^{(2)}(t)\|_{B_T} \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi + tM_1(\tau) \\ &\leq t \|\bar{u}^{(2)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + tM_1(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \|\bar{u}^{(3)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(3)}(t)| \leq T \|\bar{u}^{(2)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + TM_1(\tau) < \infty.$$

Let's show its truth for each  $N$  by induction:

For  $N = k-1$  in (7),  $\|\bar{u}^{(k)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(k)}(t)| \leq T \|\bar{u}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + TM_1(\tau) < \infty$  be correct.

For  $N = k$  in (7), we have

$$u_n^{(k+1)}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \int_0^\pi e^{-\frac{n^2 k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)) \sin n\xi d\xi d\tau.$$

By addition and subtraction

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n^{(k+1)}(t)| &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi| d\xi \end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(k+1)}(t)| &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, 0) \sin n\xi| d\xi \\ &\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi + tM_1(\tau) \\ &\leq t \|\bar{u}^{(k)}(t)\|_{B_T} \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi + tM_1(\tau) \\ &\leq t \|\bar{u}^{(k)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + tM_1(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(k+1)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(k+1)}(t)| \leq T \|\bar{u}^{(k)}(t)\|_{B_T} M_2(\tau) + TM_1(\tau) < \infty$ . Then  $\bar{u}^{(N)}(t) \in B_T$ .

Now, let us show that the sequence  $\{\bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\}$  is uniformly convergent in  $B_T$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . For this, it is sufficient to show that the series

$$\bar{u}^{(0)}(t) + \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (\bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t))$$

is uniformly convergent. First, we want to obtain estimates for the differences  $|\bar{u}_n^{(N+1)}(t) - \bar{u}_n^{(N)}(t)|$ . It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{u}^{(1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(0)}(t)\|_{B_T} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(1)}(t) - u_n^{(0)}(t)| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(1)}(t)| \\ &\leq TM_1(\tau) = A_T < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& |u_n^{(2)}(t) - u_n^{(1)}(t)| \\
& \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(2)}(t) - u_n^{(1)}(t)| & \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, 0)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \|\bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t A_T M_2(\tau).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(2)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(2)}(t) - u_n^{(1)}(t)| \leq T A_T M_2(\tau)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& |u_n^{(3)}(t) - u_n^{(2)}(t)| \\
& \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition



is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(3)}(t) - u_n^{(2)}(t)| \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau) - Au^{(1)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}^{(2)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(1)}(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq tT A_T M_2(\tau) \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq tT A_T M_2(\tau) M_2(\tau).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(3)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(2)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(3)}(t) - u_n^{(2)}(t)| \leq T^2 A_T M_2^2(\tau)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& |u_n^{(4)}(t) - u_n^{(3)}(t)| \\
& \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1} - \tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(3)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(3)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition

is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(4)}(t) - u_n^{(3)}(t)| \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(3)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(3)}(\xi, \tau) - Au^{(2)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}^{(3)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(2)}(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq tT^2 A_T M_2^2(\tau) \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq tT^2 A_T M_2^2(\tau) M_2(\tau).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(4)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(3)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(4)}(t) - u_n^{(3)}(t)| \leq T^3 A_T M_2^3(\tau)$ .

Let's show its truth for each  $N$  by induction:

For  $N = k - 1$ ,  $\|\bar{u}^{(k)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(k)}(t) - u_n^{(k-1)}(t)| \leq T^{k-1} A_T M_2^{k-1}(\tau)$  be correct.

For  $N = k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |u_n^{(k+1)}(t) - u_n^{(k)}(t)| \\
& \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1} - \tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k-1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k-1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If the sum is taken with respect to  $n$  and the Lipschitz condition

is applied, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n^{(k+1)}(t) - u_n^{(k)}(t)| \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(k-1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(k)}(\xi, \tau) - Au^{(k-1)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}^{(k)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(k-1)}(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq tT^{k-1} A_T M_2^{k-1}(\tau) \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
& \leq tT^{k-1} A_T M_2^{k-1}(\tau) M_2(\tau).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|\bar{u}^{(k+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(k)}(t)\|_{B_T} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |u_n^{(k+1)}(t) - u_n^{(k)}(t)| \leq T^k A_T M_2^k(\tau)$ .

From here it is obvious that

$$\bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) = \bar{u}^{(0)}(t) + \sum_{k=0}^N (\bar{u}^{(k+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(k)}(t)) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} T^k A_T M_2^k(\tau).$$

Under the condition  $TM_2(\tau) < 1$ , the uniform convergence of the sequence  $\{\bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\}$  in  $B_T$  is obtained from the convergence of the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} T^k A_T M_2^k(\tau)$ .

As a result, the series  $\bar{u}^{(0)}(t) + \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} (\bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t))$  is uniformly convergent.

Let  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) = \bar{u}(t)$ . Since the sequence  $\{\bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\}$  is uniformly convergent, the function  $\bar{u}(t)$  is continuous in  $B_T$ . Let us show that the function

$\bar{u}(t)$  satisfies the integral equation (6):

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) \right| \\
= & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| u_n(t) - u_n^{(N+1)}(t) \right| \\
\leq & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
\leq & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
\leq & t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au(\xi, \tau) - Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
\leq & t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
\leq & tM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T}
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. If we show that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T} = 0$ , it follows that the function  $\bar{u}(t)$  satisfies the integral equation (6).

$$\left| \bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| u_n(t) - u_n^{(N+1)}(t) \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N+1)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N+1)}(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au(\xi, \tau) - Au^{(N+1)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au^{(N+1)}(\xi, \tau) - Au^{(N)}(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\quad + t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq tM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t)\|_{B_T} + tM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T}
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. From here we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t)\|_{B_T} &\leq TM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t)\|_{B_T} \\
&\quad + TM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T} \\
&\leq TM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N+1)}(t)\|_{B_T} \\
&\quad + T^{N+1}M_2^{N+1}(\tau) A_T.
\end{aligned}$$

If the condition  $TM_2(\tau) < 1$  is also taken into account,  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{u}^{(N)}(t)\|_{B_T} = 0$ . Thus, it is shown that the function  $\bar{u}(t)$  satisfies the integral equation (6).

**Lemma 2.3** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, equation (6) has at most one solution in  $B_T$ .*

**Proof.** To show the uniqueness of the solution, let us assume that  $\bar{v}(t)$  is another solution. We want to obtain an estimate for  $|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{v}(t)|$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\bar{u}(t) - \bar{v}(t)| \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n(t) - v_n(t)| \\
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^t \left| e^{-\frac{n2k}{m+1}(t^{m+1}-\tau^{m+1})} \right| \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Av(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi d\tau \\
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} |f(\xi, \tau, Au(\xi, \tau)) - f(\xi, \tau, Av(\xi, \tau))| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) |Au(\xi, \tau) - Av(\xi, \tau)| |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq t \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} b(\xi, \tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - v(t)\|_{B_T} |\sin n\xi| d\xi \\
&\leq tM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{v}(t)\|_{B_T}
\end{aligned}$$

is obtained. From here we get

$$\|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{v}(t)\|_{B_T} \leq TM_2(\tau) \|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{v}(t)\|_{B_T}.$$

If the condition  $TM_2(\tau) < 1$  is also taken into account,  $\|\bar{u}(t) - \bar{v}(t)\|_{B_T} = 0$ . Thus,  $\bar{u}(t) = \bar{v}(t)$  and  $u_n(t) = v_n(t)$ , ( $n = \overline{1, \infty}$ ). In other words, it was shown that the solution of the integral equation (6) is unique.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** From Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, equation (6) has a unique solution. Thus, the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.4** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, the problem (1)-(3) has a unique weak solution represented by the uniformly convergent series of (5).*

**Proof.** The series (5) constructed using the solution of equation (6) is continuous since it is uniformly convergent. Let the sequence of partial sums of the series (5) be defined as follows:

$$u_{(l)}(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^l u_n(t) \sin nx.$$

From Theorem 1 and  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} u_{(l)}(x, t) = u(x, t)$ ,  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} f(x, t, u_{(l)}(x, t)) = f(x, t, u(x, t))$ .

Let

$$S_l = \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \left[ \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - (-1)^k t^m \frac{\partial^{2k} v}{\partial x^{2k}} \right) u_{(l)} + f(x, t, u_{(l)}) v \right] dx dt$$

be defined. We want to show that  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} S_l = 0$ . By using partial integration repeatedly,

$$\begin{aligned} S_l &= \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \left[ -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \sum_{n=1}^l u_n(t) \sin nx \right) - (-1)^k t^m \left( \sum_{n=1}^l u_n(t) (-1)^k n^{2k} \sin nx \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f(x, t, u_{(l)}) \right] v dx dt \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \left[ -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \sum_{n=1}^l u_n(t) \sin nx \right) - (-1)^k t^m \frac{\partial^{2k}}{\partial x^{2k}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^l u_n(t) \sin nx \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f(x, t, u_{(l)}) \right] v dx dt \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_{(l)} - (-1)^k t^m \frac{\partial^{2k}}{\partial x^{2k}} u_{(l)} + f(x, t, u_{(l)}) \right) v dx dt \end{aligned}$$

is obtained. From here we get

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} S_l = \int_0^T \int_0^\pi - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u + (-1)^k t^m \frac{\partial^{2k}}{\partial x^{2k}} u - f(x, t, u) \right) v dx dt.$$

From equation (1), we have

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} S_l = 0.$$

Thus, the function  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(t) \sin nx$  is a weak solution of the problem (1)-(3). The theorem is proved.

### 3 Open Problem

We examined the existence and uniqueness of the initial and boundary value problem (1)-(3). The open problem here is that are there global solutions to (1)?

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