

Improved bounds for some nonstandard problems for Maxwell-Cattaneo equations

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Abstract

We consider the Maxwell-Cattaneo equations where the temperature θ and heat flux \mathbf{u} satisfy a non-standard auxiliary condition which prescribes a combination of their values initially. The L_2 bound for temperature is obtained by using Lagrange identities.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the following equations

$$\tau u_{i,t} = u_i - k\theta_{,i} + \mu\Delta u_i + \gamma u_{j,ji}; \quad (1.1)$$

$$k\theta_{,ii} = u_{i,i} + c\dot{\theta}, \quad (1.2)$$

with boundary conditions

$$u_i = 0, \quad \nabla\theta = 0, \quad \theta = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T], \quad (1.3)$$

and the nonstandard conditions

$$\theta(x, T) + \alpha\theta(x, 0) = g(x), \quad u_i(x, T) + \alpha u_i(x, 0) = f_i(x), \quad x \in \Omega \quad (1.4)$$

for some constant α .

We take the divergence of (1.1) and eliminate the heat flux terms to arrive at the following initial-boundary value problem for the temperature θ :

$$\tau\theta_{,tt} + \theta_{,t} - a\Delta\theta_{,t} - 2kc^{-1}\Delta\theta + b\Delta^2\theta = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T) \quad (1.5)$$

$$\nabla\theta = 0, \quad \theta_{,t} = 0, \quad \theta = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, T]; \quad (1.6)$$

$$\theta(x, T) + \alpha\theta(x, 0) = g(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega; \quad (1.7)$$

$$\theta_{,t}(x, T) + \alpha\theta_{,t}(x, 0) = h(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (1.8)$$

where $a = c^{-1}[\tau k + (\mu + \gamma)c]$, $b = c^{-1}(\mu + \gamma)k$ and $h = c^{-1}(k\Delta g - f_{i,i})$. For compatibility, we assume that g vanishes on $\partial\Omega$. In fact, there are many papers to study the nonstandard problems for many equations. More references, one could refer to [1]-[8].

In the present paper, the comma is used to indicate partial differentiation and the differentiation with respect to the direction x_k is denoted as $,k$, thus $u_{,i}$ denotes $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$. The usual summation convention is employed with repeated Latin subscripts i summed from 1 to 3. Hence, $u_{i,i} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i}$.

2 Bounds for the temperature θ

In this section we consider the initial-boundary problem (1.5)-(1.8) and seek L_2 bounds for θ which is valid in the interval $(0,1)$.

To this end, we set

$$\tilde{\theta}(x, t) = \theta(x, 2t - \eta)$$

and use Lagrange identity for $0 \leq t \leq \frac{T}{2}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\theta}_{,\eta} (\tau\theta_{,\eta\eta} + \theta_{,\eta} - a\Delta\theta_{,\eta} - 2kc^{-1}\Delta\theta + b\Delta^2\theta) \\ + \theta_{,\eta} (\tau\theta_{,\eta\eta} - \theta_{,\eta} + a\Delta\theta_{,\eta} - 2kc^{-1}\Delta\theta + b\Delta^2\theta) dx d\eta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

from which it follows that

$$\int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \tau(\tilde{\theta}_{,\eta}\theta_{,\eta})_{,\eta} + 2kc^{-1}(\theta_{,i\eta}\tilde{\theta}_{,i} + \theta_{,i}\tilde{\theta}_{,i\eta}) + b(\Delta\tilde{\theta}_{,\eta}\Delta\theta + \Delta\theta_{,\eta}\Delta\tilde{\theta}) dx d\eta = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

where we have used the divergence theorem.

We define

$$P(t) = \tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(t)\theta_{,t}(t)dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}(t)\theta_{,i}(t)dx + b \int_{\Omega} \theta(t)\Delta\theta(t)dx \quad (2.3)$$

and from (2.2) we know

$$P(t) = \tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(2t)\theta_{,t}(0)dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}(0)\theta_{,i}(2t)dx + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(2t)\Delta\theta(0)dx. \quad (2.4)$$

We now compute

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP(t)}{dt} &= 2 \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(-\theta_{,t} + a\Delta\theta_{,t} + 2kc^{-1}\Delta\theta - b\Delta^2\theta)dx + 4kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}\theta_{,it}dx + 2b \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta\Delta\theta_{,t}dx \\ &\leq -2 \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}\theta_{,t}dx - 2a \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,it}\theta_{,it}dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Obviously, we deduce that $P(t)$ is non-increasing on the interval $[0, T]$. Hence, we obtain

$$P(T) \leq P\left(\frac{T}{2}\right), \quad P(t) \leq P(0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T. \quad (2.6)$$

In order to seek the bound for $P(t)$, we need bound $P(0)$ firstly. To this end we use (2.6)¹ along with (1.8), and (1.7) to write

$$\begin{aligned} P(T) &= \tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(T)\theta_{,t}(T)dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}(T)\theta_{,i}(T)dx + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(T)\Delta\theta(T)dx \\ &= \tau \int_{\Omega} (h - \alpha\theta_{,t}(0))(h - \alpha\theta_{,t}(0))dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} (g_{,i} - \alpha\theta_{,i}(0))(g_{,i} - \alpha\theta_{,i}(0))dx \\ &\quad + b \int_{\Omega} (\Delta g - \alpha\Delta\theta(0))(\Delta g - \alpha\Delta\theta(0))dx \\ &= \tau \int_{\Omega} h^2dx + \alpha^2 \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}^2(0)dx - 2\alpha\tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(0)hdx \\ &\quad + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} g_{,i}g_{,i}dx + 2kc^{-1}\alpha^2 \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}(0)\theta_{,i}(0)dx - 4kc^{-1}\alpha \int_{\Omega} g_{,i}\theta_{,i}(0)dx \\ &\quad + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta g\Delta gdx + \alpha^2 \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(0)\Delta\theta(0)dx - 2b\alpha \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(0)\Delta gdx \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
P\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) &= \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(T)\theta_{,t}(0)dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}(T)\theta_{,i}(0)dx + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(0)\Delta\theta(T)dx \\
&= \tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(0)hdx - \alpha\tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}^2(0)dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} g_{,i}\theta_{,i}(0)dx - 2kc^{-1}\alpha \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}(0)\theta_{,i}(0)dx \\
&\quad + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(0)\Delta gdx - b\alpha \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(0)\Delta\theta(0)dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

We set

$$H = \tau \int_{\Omega} h^2dx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} g_{,i}g_{,i}dx + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta g\Delta gdx,$$

and use the inequality

$$m_1n_1 + m_2n_2 \leq (m_1 + m_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(n_1 + n_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for positive constants m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha^2 + \alpha)P(0) + H &\leq |2\alpha + 1| \left[\tau \int_{\Omega} \theta_{,t}(0)hdx + 2kc^{-1} \int_{\Omega} g_{,i}\theta_{,i}(0)dx + b \int_{\Omega} \Delta\theta(0)\Delta gdx \right] \\
&\leq |2\alpha + 1| [P(0)]^{\frac{1}{2}}H^{\frac{1}{2}},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

it follows that

$$P^{\frac{1}{2}}(0) \leq \frac{|2\alpha + 1| + 1}{2(\alpha^2 + \alpha)} H^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \tag{2.10}$$

provided $\alpha^2 + \alpha > 0$ i.e., for $\alpha > 0$ or $\alpha < -1$. Consequently, we have

$$P(0) \leq \frac{(|2\alpha + 1| + 1)^2}{4(\alpha^2 + \alpha)^2} H, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

In light of (2.9)², we obtain

$$P(t) \leq \frac{(|2\alpha + 1| + 1)^2}{4(\alpha^2 + \alpha)^2} H, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T. \tag{2.11}$$

From (2.14) and (2.3) we can get

$$\int_{\Omega} \theta^2 dx \leq \frac{1}{2kc^{-1}\lambda} \frac{(|2\alpha + 1| + 1)^2}{4(\alpha^2 + \alpha)^2} H \doteq B_0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T. \tag{2.12}$$

Since $\theta(x, t), \theta_{,i}(x, t)$ vanish on $\partial\Omega$, it follows that

$$\int_{\Omega} \theta_{,i}\theta_{,i} dx \geq \lambda \int_{\Omega} \theta^2 dx \tag{2.13}$$

where λ is the first eigenvalue of the membrane problem

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\varphi + \varphi &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega; \\ \varphi &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}\tag{2.14}$$

So we have established the following theorem:

Theorem 1: Let $\theta(x, t)$ be a classical solution of (1.5)-(1.8), then provided α satisfied $\alpha^2 + \alpha > 0$, $P(t)$ is bounded by (2.11) and the L_2 integral of θ by (2.12), where $P(t)$ is defined by (2.3).

We note if $\alpha > 0$, we have simpler bound

$$P(t) \leq \frac{H}{\alpha^2}, \quad \int_{\Omega} \theta^2 dx \leq \frac{b\lambda^{-2}}{\alpha^2} H, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

and if $\alpha < -1$, we have

$$P(t) \leq \frac{H}{(1 + \alpha)^2}, \quad \int_{\Omega} \theta^2 dx \leq \frac{b\lambda^{-2}}{(\alpha + 1)^2} H, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

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