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## ON OPTIMAL CONTROL FOR PROCESSES DESCRIBED BY QUASILINEAR ELLIPTIC EQUATIONS

### Abstract

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In the papers [1-5] and others the existence of optimal control and derivation of necessary optimality conditions for the optimal control problems by coefficients of linear elliptic equations are investigated.

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**1. Statement of the problem.** Let the domain  $\Omega$  of the Euclidean space  $R^3$  be a ball, ball layer, parallelepiped or can be transformed to one of these domains with the help of regular transformation from  $C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\Gamma$  be a boundary of the domain  $\Omega$  which is supposed to be continuous by Lipschitz,  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  be an arbitrary point of the domain  $\Omega$ . The functional spaces used in the present paper are defined for example, in [6, p.25-30]. Besides, everywhere below  $M$  denotes positive constants which are independent of feasible controls and estimated quantities.

Let's consider the controlled process described by the quasilinear equation

$$-\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( k_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) + f(x, u, q) = f_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega \quad (1)$$

with the boundary condition

$$u(x; \vartheta) = 0, \quad x \in \Gamma, \quad (2)$$

where  $\vartheta = (k_1, k_2, k_3, q) : \Omega \rightarrow R^4$  is controlling action,  $u = u(x; \vartheta)$  is a state function corresponding to the control  $\vartheta$ ;  $f \in L_2(\Omega)$  is a given function;  $f(x, u, q)$  is a function satisfying the Karateodori condition in the domain  $\Omega \times R \times G$ , i.e. at all  $u \in R$ ,  $q \in G$ , it is measurable by  $x \in \Omega$  and is continuous almost at all  $x \in \Omega$  by  $u \in R$ ,  $q \in G$ ,  $G = \{ q \in G : q_0 \leq q \leq q_1 \}$ ,  $0 \leq q_0 < q_1$  are given numbers.

In the space  $B = \prod_{i=1}^3 W_{m_i}^1(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega)$  we define the following set of feasible controls

$$V = \prod_{i=1}^3 V_i \times Q,$$

$$V_i = \left\{ k_i = k_i(x) : k_i \in W_{m_i}^1(\Omega), 0 < \nu_i \leq k_i(x) \leq \mu_i, \right. \\ \left. \overset{\circ}{\forall} x \in \Omega, \left\| \frac{\partial k_i}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_{m_i}(\Omega)} \leq d_j^{(i)} \quad (j = \overline{1,3}) \right\}, \quad i = \overline{1,3}, \quad (3)$$

$$Q = \left\{ q = q(x) : q \in L_2(\Omega), q(x) \in G, \overset{\circ}{\forall} x \in \Omega \right\}.$$

Here  $\nu_i, \mu_i, d_j^{(i)} > 0$ ,  $m_i > 3$  ( $i, j = \overline{1,3}$ ) are given numbers, the symbol  $\overset{\circ}{\forall}$  denotes "almost for all".

On the set of feasible controls  $V$  we give the functional

$$J(\vartheta) = \int_{\Omega} F(x, u(x; \vartheta), \nabla u(x; \vartheta), \vartheta(x)) dx, \quad (4)$$

where  $F(x, u, p, \vartheta)$  is a given function satisfying the Karateodori condition in the domain  $\Omega \times R \times R^3 \times U$ , where  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ ,  $U = K \times G$ ,  $K = \prod_{i=1}^3 K_i$ ,  $K_i = \{k_i \in R : \nu_i \leq k_i \leq \mu_i\}$  ( $i = \overline{1,3}$ ).

Assume that the functions  $f(x, u, q)$ ,  $F(x, u, p, \vartheta)$  satisfy the following conditions

1) there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that  $0 \leq [f(x, u, q) - f(x, w, q)](u - w) \leq L(u - w)^2$ .

2) For each  $h \in (0, \infty)$  there exists a function  $a_h \in L_1(\Omega)$  such that

$$|F(x, u, p, \vartheta)| \leq a_h(x) + c|p|^r,$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\forall} x \in \Omega, \forall u \in R, |u| \leq h, p \in R^3, \vartheta \in U,$$

where  $c > 0$ ,  $r \in [2, 6)$  are some numbers,  $|p| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .

Let's put the following optimal control problem: to minimize the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  on the set  $V$  under conditions (1),(2). This problem below is said to be problem (1)-(4).

Everywhere below the conditions accepted in p.1 are assumed to be fulfilled.

**2. The correctness of the statement of the problem.** Under a solution of boundary-value problem (1),(2) at any fixed  $\vartheta \in V$  we'll understand the function

$u = u(x, \vartheta)$  from  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$  satisfying the identity

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} + f(x, u, q(x)) \eta - f_0(x) \eta \right] dx = 0, \quad (5)$$

for  $\eta \in \dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let condition 1) be satisfied. Then for any fixed  $\vartheta \in V$  there exists a unique solution of boundary value problem (1),(2) from  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$ . Besides, the solution of boundary value problem (1),(2) belongs to the space  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega) = W_2^2(\Omega) \cap \dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$ , satisfies equation (1) almost everywhere in  $\Omega$  and the estimate*

$$\|u\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M \|f_0\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \quad (6)$$

is valid.

**Proof.** By virtue of condition 1) for each given  $\vartheta \in V$  the operator

$$A(u) = -\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( k_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) + f(x, u, q(x)), \quad A: \dot{W}_2^1(\Omega) \rightarrow W_2^{-1}(\Omega)$$

is bounded, semi-continuous, monotone and coercive. Therefore, according to theorem 2.1 §2, ch.2 from [7] problem (1),(2) has a solution from  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$ . We can be easily convinced that for each  $\vartheta \in V$  the solution of problem (1),(2) is unique.

Besides, from condition 1) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 &\equiv \int_{\Omega} |f(x, u(x; \vartheta), q(x))|^2 dx = \\ &= \int_{\Omega} |f(x, u(x; \vartheta), q(x)) - f(x, 0, q(x))|^2 dx \leq L^2 \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

It follows from (7) that  $\Phi(x) \equiv f_0(x) - f(x, u(x; \vartheta), q(x)) \in L_2(\Omega)$ . Then rewriting problem (1), (2) in the form

$$\mathcal{L}u \equiv -\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( k_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = \Phi(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$u(x; \vartheta) = 0, \quad x \in \Gamma$$

using the second basic inequality for elliptic operators [6, p.213-216] and estimate (7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} &\leq M \|\mathcal{L}u\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq M \left[ \|f_0\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right] \leq \\ &\leq M \left[ \|f_0\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Thus,  $u \in W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$  and consequently, the function also satisfies equation (1) almost everywhere in  $\Omega$ .

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We now show that estimate (6) is valid. Assuming  $\eta = u$  in identity (5) we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i(x) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 + f(x, u, q) u \right] dx = \int_{\Omega} f_0 u dx.$$

Hence using condition (1) and the Cauchy-Bunyakovskii inequality we have

$$\nu \|\nabla u\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 \leq \|f_0\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega)},$$

where  $\nu = \min_{1 \leq i \leq 3} \nu_i$ . Here allowing for the Friedrichs inequality [8, p.62] we obtain

$$\|u\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq \|f_0\|_{L_2(\Omega)}. \quad (9)$$

Then allowing for (9) in (8) we derive (6). Theorem 1 is proved.

**Remark 1.** Note that the analogue of theorem 1 for two-dimensional quasilinear elliptic equation in the case of  $k_1(x) \equiv 1$ ,  $k_2(x) \equiv 1$  is proved in the paper [9].

**Remark 2.** According to theorem 1 for each given  $\vartheta \in V$  the solution of boundary-value problem (1)-(2) is an element of the space  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$ . It is known from [6, p.75] that for any element  $u \in W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$  the inclusions  $u \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in L_r(\Omega)$ , where  $r \in [2, 6)$  is any number, are valid. From the boundedness of the embedding  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow C(\bar{\Omega})$  [6, p.77] and from estimate (6) it follows that for any  $\vartheta \in V$  the inequality

$$\max_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |u(x; \vartheta)| \leq M$$

holds.

It follows [10, p.375] from these reasons and from condition (2) that the superposition operator  $F(u)$  generated by the function  $F(x, u(x); \vartheta) = \nabla u(x; \vartheta)$ ,  $\vartheta(x)$  for each fixed  $\vartheta \in V$  acts from  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$  to  $L_1(\Omega)$ . Consequently, functional (4) is defined on  $V$  and gets finite values.

Assume that the following conditions are satisfied

3) for each fixed function  $u \in W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$  the mapping  $f(q) : Q \rightarrow L_2(\Omega)$  generated by the functions  $f(x, u(x), q(x))$  is weakly continuous on  $Q$ ;

4) The mapping  $F(u, \vartheta) : W_{2,0}^2(\Omega) \times V \rightarrow L_1(\Omega)$  generated by the function  $F(x, u(x), \nabla u(x), \vartheta(x))$  is completely continuous.

We now study the correctness problems of the statement of problem (1)-(4).

**Theorem 2.** *Let conditions (1)-(4) be satisfied. Then the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is weakly continuous on  $V$ , the set of optimal controls of problem (1)-(4)  $V_* = \{\vartheta_* \in V : J(\vartheta_*) = \inf \{J(\vartheta) : \vartheta \in V\}\}$  is nonempty, weakly compact in  $B$ , and any minimizing sequence  $\{\vartheta^{(n)}\}$  converges weakly in  $B$  to the set  $V_*$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\vartheta = (k_1, k_2, k_3, q) \in V$  be some element,  $\{\vartheta = (k_1, k_2, k_3, q)\} \in V$  be an arbitrary sequence such that

$$\vartheta^{(n)} \rightarrow \vartheta \text{ weakly in } B \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (10)$$

Let  $u^{(n)} = u(x; \vartheta^{(n)})$  be a solution of problem (1),(2) at  $\vartheta = \vartheta^{(n)}$ . It follows from estimate (6) that

$$\|u^{(n)}\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots). \quad (11)$$

It is known [6, p.77] that the embedding  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \overset{\circ}{W}_2^1(\Omega)$  is compact, and the inclusions  $W_{m_i}^1(\Omega) \rightarrow C(\overline{\Omega})$  are compact at  $m_i > 3$ . Therefore, by virtue of (10) and (11) we can extract from the sequence  $\left\{ \left( \vartheta^{(n)}, u^{(n)} \right) \right\}$  such subsequence which again we denote by  $\left\{ \left( \vartheta^{(n)}, u^{(n)} \right) \right\}$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} k_i^{(n)} &\rightarrow k_i \text{ weakly in } W_{m_i}^1(\Omega) \\ &\text{strongly in } C(\overline{\Omega}) \quad (i = 1, 3) \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$q^{(n)} \rightarrow q \text{ weakly in } L_2(\Omega), \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^{(n)} &\rightarrow u \text{ weakly in } W_{2,0}^2(\Omega) \\ &\text{strongly in } \overset{\circ}{W}_2^1(\Omega) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $u = u(x)$  is some function from  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$ .

We show that  $u(x) = u(x; \vartheta)$ , i.e. the function  $u(x)$  is a solution of problem (1),(2) corresponding to the control  $\vartheta \in V$ . It is clear that the functions  $u^n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) satisfy the identities

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i^n \frac{\partial u^{(n)}}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} + f(x, u^{(n)}, q^{(n)}) \eta \right] dx = \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f_0(x) \eta dx, \quad \forall \eta \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^1(\Omega) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots) . \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Passing to the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i^n \frac{\partial u^{(n)}}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} dx &= \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i^n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} dx + \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i^n \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} dx . \end{aligned}$$

and using (12),(14) we obtain that

$$\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i^n \frac{\partial u^{(n)}}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} dx . \tag{16}$$

We now show that

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x, u^{(n)}, q^{(n)}) \eta dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f(x, u, q) \eta dx, \quad \forall \eta \in L_2(\Omega) \tag{17}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . It is clear that the identity

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x, u^{(n)}, q^{(n)}) \eta dx =$$

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$$= \int_{\Omega} \left[ f(x, u^{(n)}, q^{(n)}) - f(x, u, q^{(n)}) \right] \eta dx + \int_{\Omega} f(x, u, q^{(n)}) \eta dx \quad (18)$$

is valid.

Using condition 1), the Cauchy-Bunyakowsky inequality and (14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\Omega} [f(x, u^{(n)}, q^{(n)}) - f(x, u, q^{(n)})] \eta dx \right| \leq \\ & \leq L \int_{\Omega} |u^{(n)} - u| |\eta| dx \leq L \|u^{(n)} - u\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \|\eta\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Besides, it follows from condition 3) and from (13) that

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x, u, q^{(n)}) \eta dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f(x, u, q) \eta dx, \quad \forall \eta \in L_2(\Omega),$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Allowing for this relation and (19) in (18) we obtain (17).

Now, passing to the limit in (15) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (16),(17) we obtain that the function  $u = u(x)$  satisfies identity (5). It follows from here and from theorem 1 that  $u(x) = u(x; \vartheta)$ .

Thus, it is established that at fulfilling (10) from the sequence  $\left\{ \left( \vartheta^{(n)}, u^{(n)} \right) \right\}$  we can select the subsequence which again we denote by  $\left\{ \left( \vartheta^{(n)}, u^{(n)} \right) \right\}$ , for which relations (12)-(14), where  $u(x) = u(x; \vartheta)$ , are valid. Using the uniqueness of solution of problem (1),(2) at any  $\vartheta \in V$ , it is easy to show that relations (12)-(14) are also valid for all sequence  $\left\{ \vartheta^{(n)}, u^{(n)} \right\}$ .

Now, using relations (10),(14) and condition 4) we obtain that  $J(\vartheta^{(n)}) \rightarrow J(\vartheta)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e. the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is weakly continuous on  $V$ . Besides, since the set defined by relation (3) is convex, close, bounded in reflexive Banach space  $B$ , it is weakly compact in  $B$ , [11, p.51]. Then by virtue of theorem 2 from [11, p.49] the set  $V_*$  is nonempty, weakly compact in  $B$ , and any minimizing sequence  $\left\{ \vartheta^{(m)} \right\}$  converges weakly in  $B$  to  $V_*$ . Theorem 2 is proved.

We now consider the minimization problem of functional

$$J_{\alpha}(\vartheta) = J(\vartheta) + \alpha \|\vartheta - \omega\|_B^{\beta} \quad (4')$$

on the set  $V$  determined by relation (3) under conditions (1),(2), where  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$  are given numbers,  $\omega \in B$  is a given element, the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is defined by formula (4). This problem is said to be problem (1)-(3), (4').

**Theorem 3.** *Let conditions 1)-4) be satisfied and  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$ . Then for any  $\omega \in B$  problem (1)-(3), (4') has at least one solution. If  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 1$ , then there exists a dense subset  $B_0$  of the space  $B$  such that for any  $\omega \in B_0$  problem (1)-(3), (4') has a unique problem.*

**Proof.** The functional  $J_{\alpha}(\vartheta)$  represents the sum of weakly continuous functional  $J(\vartheta)$  on  $V$  and weakly lower semi-continuous functional  $\alpha \|\vartheta - \omega\|_B^{\beta}$  ( $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 1$ ).

Therefore,  $J_\alpha(\vartheta)$  is weakly lower semi-continuous on  $V$ . Then by virtue theorem 2 from [11, p.49] problem (1)-(3), (4') at  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 1$  has at least one solution.

Now let  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 1$ . By virtue of theorem 2 the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is continuous by norm of the space  $B$  and lower bounded on  $V$ . Besides, the space  $B$  is uniform convex, and the set  $V$  is closed and bounded in  $B$ . Then by virtue of the known theorem [12] there exists the dense subset  $B_0$  of the space such that for any  $\omega \in B_0$  at  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 1$  problem (1)-(3), (4') has a unique solution. Theorem 3 is proved.

**3. Differentiability of functional and necessary optimality condition.**

For the proof of differentiability of the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  we assume that the following conditions are satisfied:

5) the function  $f(x, u, q)$  almost at all  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $u \in R, q \in G$  has the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}$  satisfying the Caratheodory conditions in the domain  $\Omega \times R \times G$ , the following inequalities are satisfied

$$0 \leq \frac{\partial f(x, u, q)}{\partial u} \leq b_h(x),$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial f(x, u, q)}{\partial q} \right| \leq C_h(x), \quad \forall x \in \Omega, \forall u \in R, |u| \leq h, q \in G,$$

where  $h \in (0, \infty)$  is any number,  $b_h \in L_2(\Omega), C_h \in L_\infty(\Omega)$  are some functions and besides, the mappings  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(u, q), \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(u, q)$  generated by the functions  $\frac{\partial f(x, u(x), q(x))}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial f(x, u(x), q(x))}{\partial q}$  continuously act from  $L_\infty(\Omega) \times Q$  to  $L_2(\Omega)$ .

6) The function  $F(x, u, p, \vartheta)$  doesn't depend on the variable  $p$ , the function  $F(x, u, p, \vartheta)$  almost at all  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $u \in R, \vartheta \in U$  has partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vartheta}$  satisfying the Caratheodory condition in the domain  $\Omega \times R \times U$  and besides, the mappings  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(u, \vartheta), \frac{\partial F}{\partial \vartheta}(u, \vartheta)$  generated by the functions

$$\frac{\partial F(x, u(x), \vartheta(x))}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F(x, u(x), \vartheta(x))}{\partial \vartheta}$$

continuously act from  $L_\infty(\Omega) \times V$  to  $L_2(\Omega), L_2^{(4)}(\Omega)$ , respectively.

We introduce the adjoint state  $\psi = \psi(x; \vartheta)$  as a solution of the problem

$$-\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( k_i(x) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} \right) + \frac{\partial f(x, u, q)}{\partial u} \psi = -\frac{\partial F(x, u, \vartheta)}{\partial u}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (20)$$

$$\psi(x; \vartheta) = 0, \quad x \in \Gamma, \quad (21)$$

where  $u = u(x; \vartheta)$  is a solution of problem (1),(2).

Under a solution of boundary-value problem (20),(21) at each fixed  $\vartheta \in V$  we'll understand a generalized solution of this problem from the space  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$ . It follows from the results of the paper [6, pp.191-195] and form suggestion with respect to the functions  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}$  that at each fixed  $\vartheta \in V$  problem (20), (21) has a unique

solution from  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega)$ . Besides, this solution also belongs to the space  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$ , satisfies equation (20) almost at all  $x \in \Omega$  and the estimate

$$\|\psi\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M \left\| \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \quad (22)$$

holds.

Let's also introduce the following boundary value problems on defining the functions  $\psi_i = \psi_i(x; \vartheta)$  ( $i = \overline{1, 3}$ ) from the conditions

$$-\sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 \psi_i}{\partial x_j^2} + \psi_i = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial k_i}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\Gamma} = 0 \quad (i = \overline{1, 3}), \quad (24)$$

where  $\nu$  is exterior normal to  $\Gamma$ ,  $u = u(x; \vartheta)$ ,  $\psi = \psi(x; \vartheta)$  are the solutions of problems (1),(2) and (20),(21), respectively.

Under a solution of boundary-value problem (23),(24) at fixed  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\vartheta \in V$  we'll understand the functions  $\psi_i = \psi_i(x; \vartheta)$  from  $W_2^1(\Omega)$  satisfying the identity

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_j} + \psi_i \eta \right) dx = \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial k_i} \right) dx, \quad \forall \eta \in W_2^1(\Omega) \quad (i = \overline{1, 3}). \quad (25)$$

Since the functions  $u, \psi$  are elements of the space  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega)$ , then it is known that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} \in L_r(\Omega)$  ( $i = \overline{1, 3}$ ), where  $r \in [2, 6)$  is any number. Hence and from condition 6) it follows that the right hand side of equation (23) belongs to the space  $L_2(\Omega)$ . Therefore, we obtain from the results of the paper [6, pp.200-203] that at fixed  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\vartheta \in V$  boundary value problem (23),(24) is uniquely solvable in  $W_2^1(\Omega)$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Let conditions 1)-6) be satisfied. Then the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is continuously differentiable by Frechet on  $V$  and its gradient is defined by the formula*

$$J'(\vartheta) = \left( \psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \psi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \right). \quad (26)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\delta\vartheta = (\delta k_1, \delta k_2, \delta k_3, \delta q) \in B$  be an increment of control on the element  $\vartheta \in V$  such that  $\vartheta + \delta\vartheta \in V$  and  $\delta u = u(x; \vartheta + \delta\vartheta) - u(x; \vartheta)$  are increments of solution of problem (1),(2). Using conditions (1),(2) and the Lagrange finite increment formula, for the function  $\delta u$  we obtain the following boundary-value problem

$$-\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( (k_i + \delta k_i) \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x_i} \right) + \frac{\partial f(x, u + \theta, \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial u} \delta u = \quad (27)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \delta k_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) - \frac{\partial f(x, u, q + \theta_2 \delta q)}{\partial q} \delta q, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$\delta u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Gamma, \quad (28)$$



where  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in (0, 1)$  are some numbers.

It follows from [6, pp.221-226] and from condition 5) that for solution of problem (27),(28) the estimate

$$\|\delta u\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \left\| \delta k_i \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \left\| \frac{\partial k_i}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right) + \|\delta q\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right] \quad (29)$$

is valid.

Besides, using the boundedness of the embedding  $W_{m_i}^1(\Omega) \rightarrow C(\bar{\Omega})$  at  $m_i > 3$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ) from [6,c.75], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \delta k_i \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \left\| \frac{\partial \delta k_i}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq \|\delta k_i\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})} \left\| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \\ & + \left\| \frac{\partial \delta k_i}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L_{m_i}(\Omega)} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L_{2m_i/(m_i-2)}(\Omega)} \leq M \|\delta k_i\|_{W_{m_i}^1(\Omega)} \|u\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \quad (i = 1, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Then allowing for this inequality and estimate (6) in (29) we obtain

$$\|\delta u\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M \|\delta \vartheta\|_B. \quad (30)$$

Now we consider an increment of the functional  $J(\vartheta)$ . Using equality (4) and the finite increment formula we obtain

$$\delta J(\vartheta) = J(\vartheta + \delta \vartheta) - J(\vartheta) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} u + \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial F}{\partial k_i} \delta k_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \delta q \right] dx + R_1(\delta \vartheta), \quad (31)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(\delta \vartheta) = & \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial F(x, u + \theta_3 \delta u, \vartheta + \theta_3 \delta \vartheta)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial F(x, u, \vartheta)}{\partial u} \right) \delta u + \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{\partial F(x, u + \theta_3 \delta u, \vartheta + \theta_3 \delta \vartheta)}{\partial k_i} - \frac{\partial F(x, u, \vartheta)}{\partial k_i} \right) \delta k_i + \\ & + \left( \frac{\partial F(x, u + \theta_3 \delta u, \vartheta + \theta_3 \delta \vartheta)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial F(x, u, \vartheta)}{\partial q} \right) \delta q \Big] dx, \quad \theta_3 \in (0, 1). \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Using condition (27), (28) and (20), (21) we can easily represent the right hand side of equality (31) in the following form

$$\delta J(\vartheta) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial k_i} \right) \delta k_i + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \psi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \right) \delta q \right] dx + R(\delta \vartheta), \quad (33)$$

where  $R(\delta \vartheta) = R_1(\delta \vartheta) + R_2(\delta \vartheta)$

$$\begin{aligned} R_2(\delta \vartheta) = & \\ = & \left[ \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i} \delta k_i + \left( \frac{\partial f(x, u + \theta_1 \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial f(x, u, q)}{\partial u} \right) \psi \delta u + \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \frac{\partial f(x, u, q + \theta_2 \delta q)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial f(x, u, q)}{\partial q} \right) \times \psi \delta q \right] dx. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

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If we assume  $\eta = \delta k_i$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ) in (25) and allow for the obtained equality in (34), then we have

$$\delta J(\vartheta) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \psi_i \delta k_i + \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \delta k_i}{\partial x_j} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \psi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \right) \delta q \right] dx + R(\delta \vartheta). \quad (35)$$

Besides, using equality (32),(34), boundedness of the embedding  $W_{m_i}^1(\Omega) \rightarrow C(\bar{\Omega})$  ( $i = 1, 3$ ),  $W_{2,0}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow C(\bar{\Omega})$  and estimates (22),(30) we obtain the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} |R_1(\delta \vartheta)| \leq M & \left[ \left\| \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u + \theta_3 \delta u, \vartheta + \theta_3 \delta \vartheta)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u, \vartheta)}{\partial u} \right\|_{L_1(\Omega)} + \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{i=1}^3 \left\| \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u + \theta_3 \delta u, \vartheta + \theta_3 \delta \vartheta)}{\partial k_i} - \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u, \vartheta)}{\partial k_i} \right\|_{L_1(\Omega)} + \right. \\ & \left. + \left\| \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u + \theta_3 \delta u, \vartheta + \theta_3 \delta \vartheta)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u, \vartheta)}{\partial q} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right] \|\delta \vartheta\|_B, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |R_2(\delta \vartheta)| \leq M & \left[ \|\delta \vartheta\|_B + \left\| \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u + \theta_1 \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u, q)}{\partial u} \right\|_{L_1(\Omega)} + \right. \\ & \left. + \left\| \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u, q + \theta_2 \delta q)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u, q)}{\partial q} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right] \|\delta \vartheta\|_B. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Then using conditions 5),6) from (36) and (37) we obtain that

$$R(\delta \vartheta) = o(\|\delta \vartheta\|_B).$$

Hence and from equality (35) it follows that the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is differentiable by Frechet on  $V$  and for its gradient formula (26) is valid.

It remains to show that the mapping  $\vartheta \rightarrow J'(\vartheta)$  continuously acts from  $V$  in  $B^*$ , where  $B^*$  is a space adjoint to  $B$ . Let  $\delta \psi = \psi(x; \vartheta + \delta \vartheta) - \psi(x; \vartheta)$ ,  $\delta \psi_i = \psi_i(x; \vartheta + \delta \vartheta) - \psi_i(x; \vartheta)$  ( $i = \overline{1, 3}$ ) be increments of solutions of problem (20),(21) and (23),(24), respectively. Reasoning quite analogously as was obtained estimation (30) for the function  $\delta u$ , we can easily show that for the functions  $\delta \psi$ ,  $\delta \psi_i$  ( $i = \overline{1, 3}$ ) the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta \psi\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M & \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\delta k_i\|_{W_{m_i}^1(\Omega)} + \left\| \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u + \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u, q)}{\partial u} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \right. \\ & \left. + \left\| \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u + \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u, q)}{\partial u} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta \psi_i\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \leq M & \left[ \|\delta u\|_{W_{m_i}^1(\Omega)} + \|\delta \psi\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} + \|\delta u\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \|\delta \psi\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} + \right. \\ & \left. + \left\| \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u + \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial k_i} - \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u, q)}{\partial k_i} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right] \quad (i = \overline{1, 3}) \end{aligned}$$

are valid.

From these estimates allowing for conditions 5),6) and estimate (30) we obtain that

$$\|\delta\psi\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \|\delta\psi_i\|_{W_2^1(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \|\delta\vartheta\|_B \rightarrow 0. \quad (38)$$

Besides, using equality (26), estimate (22) and condition 5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|J'(\vartheta + \delta\vartheta) - J'(\vartheta)\|_B \leq M & \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\delta\psi_i\|_{W_2^1(\Omega)} + \|\delta\psi\|_{W_2^2(\Omega)} + \right. \\ & + \left\| \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u + \delta u, q + \delta q)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial f(\cdot, u, q)}{\partial q} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} + \\ & \left. + \left\| \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u + \delta u, \vartheta + \delta\vartheta)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial F(\cdot, u, \vartheta)}{\partial q} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the continuity of  $J'(\vartheta)$  on  $V$  follows from (38) and conditions 5),6). Theorem 4 is proved.

Now we formulate the necessary optimality condition for solution of problem (1)-(4).

**Theorem 5.** *Let conditions 1)-6) be satisfied, and  $\vartheta_* = (k_{1*}, k_{2*}, k_{3*}, q) \in V$  be an optimal control for problem (1)-(4). Then for any control  $\vartheta = (k_1, k_2, k_3, q) \in V$  the following inequality is satisfied*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[ \psi_{i*}(x) (k_i(x) - k_{i*}(x)) + \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\partial \psi_{i*}}{\partial x_j} \left( \frac{\partial k_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial k_{i*}}{\partial x_j} \right) \right] + \right. \\ & \left. + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}(x, u_*, q_*) \psi_*(x) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q}(x, u_*, \vartheta_*) \right] (q(x) - q_*(x)) \right\} dx \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

where  $u_*(x)$ ,  $\psi_*(x)$  and  $\psi_{i*}(x)$  ( $i = \overline{1,3}$ ) are solutions of problems (1),(2);(20),(21) and (23), (24) at  $\vartheta = \vartheta_*$ , respectively.

**Proof.** According to theorem 4 the functional  $J(\vartheta)$  is continuously differentiable by Frechet on  $V$  and for its gradient formula (26) is valid. The set  $V$  defined by relation (3) is convex. Then by virtue of the known theorem [11, p.28] on the element  $\vartheta_* \in V$  supplying a minimum of the functional  $J(\vartheta)$ , it is necessary the satisfaction of the inequality  $\langle J'(\vartheta_*), \vartheta - \vartheta_* \rangle \geq 0$  for any  $\vartheta \in V$ . Hence and from (26) the validity of inequality (39) follows. Theorem 5 is proved.

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