



**Problem # 1.** (10 marks) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded and smooth domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the problem

$$(P_1) \quad \begin{cases} u_t(x, t) - (1 + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x, t)|^2 dx) \Delta u(x, t) = f(x, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

where  $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  and  $f \in L^2(\Omega \times (0, +\infty))$ . Show that  $(P_1)$  has a unique weak solution  $u \in L^2((0, +\infty); H_0^1(\Omega))$  and  $u \in L^2((0, +\infty); H^{-1}(\Omega))$ .

**Problem # 2.** (10 marks) In a bounded and smooth domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , consider the problem

$$(P_2) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt}(x, t) + \Delta^2 u(x, t) = f(x, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

If  $u_0 \in H^4(\Omega) \cap H_0^2(\Omega)$ ,  $u_1 \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ , and  $f \in C^1([0, +\infty), L^2(\Omega))$ , show that  $(P_2)$  has a unique solution

$$u \in C([0, +\infty), H^4(\Omega) \cap H_0^2(\Omega)) \cap C^1([0, +\infty), H_0^2(\Omega)) \cap C^2([0, +\infty), L^2(\Omega))$$

**Hint:** Use the result if  $\Omega$  is smooth enough and  $v \in H^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in L^2(\Omega)$  satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} \Delta v \Delta w + \int_{\Omega} vw = \int_{\Omega} gw, \forall w \in H_0^2(\Omega),$$

then  $v \in H^4(\Omega)$ .

**Problem # 3.** (8 marks) Given the nonlinear problem

$$(P_3) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt}(x, t) - \Delta u(x, t) + h(u(x, t)) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

where  $\Omega$  is a bounded and smooth domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $u_1 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous such that

$$H(s) \geq 0 \text{ and } |h(s)| \leq C|s|^{p-1}, \quad |H(s)| \leq C|s|^p, \quad C > 0,$$

where  $H(s) = \int_0^s h(\xi)d\xi$  and

$$1 < p < \frac{2(n-1)}{n-2}, \text{ if } n \geq 3 \text{ and } p > 1, \text{ if } n = 1, 2$$

Use Galerkin method to establish an existence result for  $(P_3)$

**Problem # 4.** (7 marks) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded and smooth domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the problem

$$(P_4) \quad \begin{cases} u_t(x, t) - \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u(x, t)|^{m-2} \nabla u(x, t)) = f(u(x, t)) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, +\infty) \end{cases}$$

where  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying, for a constant  $p > m > 2$ ,

$$pF(s) \leq sf(s), \quad F(s) = \int_0^s f(\xi) d\xi$$

and  $0 \neq u_0 \in W_0^{1,m}(\Omega)$ , satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} F(u_0(x)) dx - \frac{1}{m} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_0(x)|^m dx \geq 0.$$

a. Show that  $H'(t) \geq 0$ , where

$$H(t) = \int_{\Omega} F(u(x, t)) dx - \frac{1}{m} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x, t)|^m dx$$

b. Show that  $\phi(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2(x, t) dx$  satisfies

$$\phi'(t) \geq \left( \frac{p}{m} - 1 \right) (H(t) + \|\nabla u(x, t)\|_m^m)$$

c. Show that for some constant  $c > 0$ ,

$$\phi^{\frac{m}{2}}(t) \leq c \|\nabla u(x, t)\|_m^m$$

d. Combine (b) and (c) to show that, for some finite  $t^* < +\infty$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t^*} \phi(t) = +\infty$$