

## CHAPTER II

### BASIC ESTIMATES

The quasilinear partial differential equations studied in this thesis are essentially first-order hyperbolic equations, second-order hyperbolic equations and second order parabolic systems. In this chapter, we establish the basic energy estimates and existence theorems for the corresponding linear equations of these types.

#### § 2.1 Basic Lemmas

First we note two basic lemmas playing an important role throughout this thesis.

**Lemma 2.1 (Sobolev's Lemma)** Set  $N = [n/2] + 1$  and let  $m$  be a nonnegative integer.

i) Suppose  $f \in H^{N+m}$ . Then we have

$$f \in \mathcal{B}^{m+\sigma} \text{ and } \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^{m+\sigma}} \leq C \|f\|_{N+m}$$

where  $\sigma \in [0, N - (n/2))$ .

ii) Suppose  $f \in H^m$  ( $m \leq N$ ). Then we have

$$f \in L^p \left( \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{m}{n} \right) \text{ and } \|f\|_{L^p} \leq C \|f\|_m$$

iii) Suppose  $f \in H^{N+m}$ . Then we have

$$D_x^\alpha f \in L^p \text{ for } m + 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq m + N$$

and  $\| D_x^\alpha f \|_{L^p} \leq C \| f \|_{N+m}$

where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{p} \in \left[ \left| \frac{\alpha}{n} \right| - \frac{m+1}{n}, \frac{1}{2} \right] - \{0\} & \text{for } n = \text{even} \\ \frac{1}{p} \in \left[ \left| \frac{\alpha}{n} \right| - \frac{2m+1}{2n}, \frac{1}{2} \right] & \text{for } n = \text{odd.} \end{array} \right.$$

Lemma 2.2 Suppose  $a \in \mathcal{B}^1$  and  $f \in L^2$ . Set

$$C_\delta^i \equiv \phi_\delta * (af_{x_i}) - a(\phi_\delta * f_{x_i}) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

where  $\phi_\delta *$  denotes the Friedrichs' mollifier with respect to  $x$ . Then we have

- i)  $\| C_\delta^i \| \leq C \| a \|_{\mathcal{B}^1} \| f \|$
- ii)  $\| C_\delta^i \| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

For a proof of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, see [42] for example. Next we mention only the results of the usual theory of linear evolution equation in Banach space (See [22], for example). Now consider

$$(2.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt} U(t) = A(t)U(t) + F(t), \\ U(0) = U_0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \end{array} \right.$$

in some Banach space  $X$  with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_X$ .

Lemma 2.3 Suppose the following:

i) For every fixed  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

a)  $A(t)$  is closed linear operator with the domain  $D(A(t))$ ,

b)  $D(A(t))$  is dense in  $X$ ,

$$c) \| (I - A(t))^{-1} v \|_X \leq (Re \lambda - \beta)^{-1} \| v \|_X$$

for some constant  $\beta$  (independent of  $t$ ), all  $v \in X$  and all  $\lambda$  such that  $Re \lambda > \beta$ .

ii) There exists a ~~closed~~ <sup>dense</sup> linear subspace  $Y$  in  $X$  such that

d)  $Y$  is regarded as a Banach space with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_Y$ ,

$$e) \| v \|_X \leq C \| v \|_Y \text{ for all } v \in Y,$$

$$f) S(t)A(t)S(t)^{-1} = A(t) + B(t)$$

for some  $S(t) \in C^1(0, T; B(Y, X))$  and some  $B(t) \in C^0(0, T; B(X, X))$

where  $B(X_1, X_2)$  denotes the usual Banach space of linear bounded operators from  $X_1$  to  $X_2$  with strong topology.

iii) For every fixed  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

$$g) Y \subset D(A(t)) \text{ and } A(t) \in C^0(0, T; B(Y, X)).$$

Then, the problem (2.1) has a unique solution

$$U(t) \in C^0(0, T; Y) \cap C^1(0, T; X)$$

for  $U_0 \in Y$  and  $F(t) \in C^0(0, T; Y)$ .

§ 2.2 First Order Hyperbolic Equations

We consider the initial value problem to the first order hyperbolic equations;

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} L(u) = u_t + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(x,t) u_{x_i} = f(x,t), \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in R^n, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T. \end{cases}$$

Then the following energy estimates (Proposition 2.4) and existence theorem (Proposition 2.5) can be proved.

Proposition 2.4 Let  $s$  and  $l$  be nonnegative integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $0 \leq l \leq s$ . Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &\in L^\infty(0, T; H^s) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \\ f &\in L_2(0, T; H^l) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H^{l-1}), \\ u_0 &\in H^l, \end{aligned}$$

and that the problem (2.2) has a solution

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; H^l) \cap L^1(0, T; H^{l-1}).$$

Then we have the energy estimates

$$(2.3) \quad \|u(t)\|_l \leq e^{CMT} \left\{ \|u_0\|_l + \sqrt{t} \left( \int_0^t \|f(s)\|_l^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

where  $M = \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|a_i(\tau)\|_s \right)$ , and moreover have

$$(2.4) \quad u \in C^0(0, T; H^l).$$

Proposition 2.5 Let  $s$  and  $l$  be positive integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $1 \leq l \leq s$ . Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &\in C^0(0, T; H^s) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \\ f &\in L_2(0, T; H^l) \cap C^0(0, T; H^{l-1}), \\ u_0 &\in H^l. \end{aligned}$$

Then the initial value problem (2.2) has a unique solution

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^l) \cap C^1(0, T; H^{l-1})$$

and the energy estimates (2.3) hold.

In order to prove Propositions 2.4 and 2.5, we prepare

Lemma 2.6 Let  $s$  and  $l$  be nonnegative integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $0 \leq l \leq s$ . For  $a \in H^s$  and  $u \in H^l$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i)} \quad & \sum_{k=1}^l \| D_x^k (a u_{x_i}) - a D_x^k u_{x_i} \| \leq C \| a \|_s \| u \|_l \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \\ \text{ii)} \quad & \| \phi_\delta * (a D_x u) - a (\phi_\delta * D_x u) \|_l \leq C \| a \|_s \| u \|_l, \\ \text{iii)} \quad & \| \phi_\delta * (a D_x u) - a (\phi_\delta * D_x u) \|_l \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Lemma 2.6

i) We show the estimate only for

$$(2.5) \quad D_x^l (a u_{x_i}) - a D_x^l u_{x_i}$$

because the other terms ( $1 \leq k \leq l-1$ ) are estimated more easily.

By Leibniz's formula,

$$(2.5) = \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \sum_{\substack{\beta \leq \alpha \\ 1 \leq |\beta|}} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\beta a \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i}$$

Now suppose  $l \geq [n/2] + 1$ . Then, since i) of Lemma 2.1 asserts

$$\| (\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^\beta a \|_{\mathcal{B}^0} \leq C \| a \|_s \quad \text{for } |\beta| \leq s - [n/2] - 1,$$

$$\| (\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i} \|_{\mathcal{B}^0} \leq C \| u \|_l \quad \text{for } |\beta| \geq [n/2] + 2,$$

we have easily the desired estimate for the terms  $|\beta| \leq s - [n/2] - 1$  or  $|\beta| \geq [n/2] + 2$  in (2.5). So it suffices to estimate (2.5) only for the terms  $s - [n/2] \leq |\beta| \leq [n/2] + 1$ . Now, in addition, suppose  $n = \text{odd}$ . Then iii) of Lemma 2.1 asserts

$$(2.6) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^\beta a \in L^{p_1} \\ \frac{1}{p_1} \in [ \frac{|\beta|}{n} - \frac{2s-n}{2n}, \frac{1}{2} ], \end{array} \right.$$

$$(2.7) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\frac{\partial}{\partial x})^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i} \in L^{p_2} \\ \frac{1}{p_2} \in [ \frac{l-|\beta|+1}{n} - \frac{2l-n}{2n}, \frac{1}{2} ]. \end{array} \right.$$

In (2.6) and (2.7), since

$$\begin{aligned} & ( \frac{|\beta|}{n} - \frac{2s-n}{2n} ) + ( \frac{l-|\beta|+1}{n} - \frac{2l-n}{2n} ) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n} ( s - (\frac{n}{2} + 1) ) < \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

we can choose  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  satisfying (2.6) and (2.7) as

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad & \left\| \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \sum_{s-[n/2] \leq |\beta| \leq [n/2]+1} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\beta a \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i} \right\| \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \beta \leq \alpha \\
 & \leq C \sum \left( \int \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\beta a \right|^{p_1} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left( \int \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i} \right|^{p_2} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \\
 & \leq C \| a \|_s \| u \|_l.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = \text{even}$ , we can prove (2.8) similarly. Thus i) of Lemma 2.6 is proved for  $l \geq [n/2] + 1$ . We can also give a proof for the case  $l \leq [n/2]$  by Lemma 2.1 in the same way as above.

ii) and iii) It suffices to show ii) and iii) only for

$$(2.9) \quad D_x^l \{ \phi_\delta * (a u_{x_i}) - a(\phi_\delta * u_{x_i}) \}.$$

By Leibniz's formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.9) &= \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \{ \phi_\delta * (a \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\alpha u_{x_i}) - a(\phi_\delta * \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\alpha u_{x_i}) \} \\
 &+ \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \sum_{\substack{\beta \leq \alpha \\ I \leq |\beta|}} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \{ \phi_\delta * \left( \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\beta a \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i} \right) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\beta a \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{\alpha-\beta} u_{x_i} \} \\
 &+ \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \sum_{\substack{\beta \leq \alpha \\ I \leq |\beta|}} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\beta a \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{\alpha-\beta} (\phi_\delta * u - u)_{x_i} \} \\
 &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$a \in H^s \subset \mathcal{B}^1,$$

Lemma 2.2 implies

$$\| I_1 \| \leq C \| a \|_{\mathcal{B}^1} \| u \|_{\mathcal{L}},$$

$$\| I_1 \| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

By fundamental properties for the Friedrichs' mollifier and the same arguments as in i), we have

$$\| I_2 \| \leq C \| u \|_{\mathcal{L}} \| a \|_{\mathcal{S}},$$

$$\| I_2 \| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\| I_3 \| \leq C \| u - \phi_\delta * u \|_{\mathcal{L}} \| a \|_{\mathcal{S}},$$

$$\leq C \| u \|_{\mathcal{L}} \| a \|_{\mathcal{S}},$$

$$\| I_3 \| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.6.

Proof of Proposition 2.4 First, suppose that

$$(2.10) \quad f \in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^{\mathcal{L}}),$$

$$u \in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^\infty) \cap L_\infty^1(0, T; H^\infty).$$

Then we estimate the equality

$$(2.11) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{L}} \int D_x^k (L(u)) \cdot D_x^k u \, dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{L}} \int D_x^k f \cdot D_x^k u \, dx$$

by virtue of Lemma 2.6 as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{L}} \int D_x^k (L(u)) \cdot D_x^k u \, dx &= \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{L}} \int L(D_x^k u) \cdot D_x^k u + (D_x^k L(u) - L(D_x^k u)) \cdot D_x^k u \, dx \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{L}} \left\{ \int D_x^k u_t \cdot D_x^k u + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i D_x^k u_{x_i} \cdot D_x^k u \, dx + \right. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int \sum_{i=1}^n (D_x^k(a_{i,x_i} u_{x_i}) - a_{i,x_i} D_x^k u_{x_i}) \cdot D_x^k u \, dx \} \\
& \geq \sum_k \frac{d}{dt} \int \frac{1}{2} |D_x^k u|^2 \, dx - \sum_{k,i} \int a_{i,x_i} |D_x^k u|^2 \, dx - C \|a\|_S \|u\|_L \\
& \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{dt}{dt} \|u\|_L^2 - C \|a\|_S \|u\|_L,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^l \int D_x^k f \cdot D_x^k u \, dx \leq \|f\|_L \|u\|_L.$$

Therefore (2.11) implies

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u\|_L^2 - C \|a\|_S \|u\|_L \leq \|f\|_L \|u\|_L,$$

that is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u\|_L - CM \|u\|_L \leq \|f\|_L,$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.12) \quad \|u(t)\|_L & \leq e^{CMt} ( \|u_0\|_L + \int_0^t e^{-CM\tau} \|f(\tau)\|_L \, d\tau ) \\
& \leq e^{CMt} ( \|u_0\|_L + \sqrt{t} ( \int_0^t \|f(\tau)\|_L^2 \, d\tau )^{\frac{1}{2}} ).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us show that (2.12) holds even for  $f \in L_2(0, T; H^l) \cap L_\infty^0(0, T; H^{l-1})$  and  $u \in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^l) \cap L_\infty^1(0, T; H^{l-1})$ . Denote  $\phi_\delta * f$  and  $\phi_\delta * u$  by  $f_\delta$  and  $u_\delta$  respectively. Then we note

$$\begin{aligned}
f_\delta & \in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^\infty), \\
u_\delta & \in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^\infty) \cap L_\infty^1(0, T; H^\infty) \\
& \subset C^0(0, T; H^\infty).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\phi_\delta \star$  to  $L(u) = f$ ,

$$L(u_\delta) = f_\delta + C_\delta$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_\delta &= L(u_\delta) - \phi_\delta \star L(u) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \{ \alpha_i (\phi_\delta \star u_{x_i}) - \phi_\delta \star (\alpha_i u_{x_i}) \}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.12), we have

$$(2.13) \quad \| u_\delta(t) \|_Z \leq e^{CMt} \{ \| u_{0\delta} \|_Z + \sqrt{t} \left( \int_0^t (\| f_\delta(\tau) \|_Z + \| C_\delta(\tau) \|_Z)^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \| u_\delta(t) \|_Z &\rightarrow \| u(t) \|_Z, \quad \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \| C_\delta(\tau) \|_Z \rightarrow 0, \\ \int_0^t \| f_\delta(\tau) \|_Z^2 d\tau &\rightarrow \int_0^t \| f(\tau) \|_Z^2 d\tau \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

for every fixed  $t$ , we have (2.3) by taking  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  in (2.13). Finally let us show  $u \in C^0(0, T; H^Z)$ . Similarly as above,

$$L(u_\delta - u_{\delta'}) = f_\delta - f_{\delta'} + C_\delta - C_{\delta'},$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \| (u_\delta - u_{\delta'})(t) \|_Z &\leq C(T) \{ \| u_{0\delta} - u_{0\delta'} \|_Z + \\ &+ \left( \int_0^t \| f_\delta - f_{\delta'} \|_Z^2 + \| C_\delta \|_Z^2 + \| C_{\delta'} \|_Z^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| (u_\delta - u_{\delta'})(t) \|_Z \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \delta, \delta' \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore by noting that

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^l),$$

we reach

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^l).$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.4.

Proof of Proposition 2.5 First let us show the statements for  $l = 1$ . For the moment, suppose  $f \in C^0(0, T; H^1)$ . Then since Lemma 2.1 asserts

$$\alpha_i \in C^0(0, T; \mathfrak{B}^{1+\sigma}),$$

we immediately have a unique solution

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^1) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2)$$

from the arguments of Chapter 6 in [42]. In fact, Lemma 2.3 can be applied to (2.2) by setting

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X = L^2, \quad Y = H^1, \\ U = u, \quad F = f, \\ AU = - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i u_{x_i}, \quad D(A) = \{U \in L^2 \mid AU \in L^2\}, \\ S = 1 + \Lambda, \quad B = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i \Lambda - \Lambda \alpha_i) \Lambda^{-1} \partial_{x_i}, \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$\Lambda U \equiv (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} |\xi| \widehat{U}(\xi) d\xi.$$

For  $f \in L_2(0, T; H^1) \cap C^0(0, T; L^2)$ , we may consider the following initial value problem;

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{cases} u_t^\delta + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_{x_i}^\delta = f_\delta \\ u^\delta(0) = u_0 \in H^1, \end{cases}$$

where  $f_\delta = \phi_\delta * f$ . Since

$$f_\delta \in C^0(0, T; H^1),$$

we have from the above arguments that

$$u^\delta \in C^0(0, T; H^1) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2),$$

and

$$\| (u^\delta - u^{\delta'}) (t) \|_1 \leq \sqrt{t} e^{CMt} \left( \int_0^t \| (f_\delta - f_{\delta'}) (\tau) \|_1^2 d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

which implies

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| (u^\delta - u^{\delta'}) (t) \|_1 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \delta, \delta' \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus we have a solution of (2.2)

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^1) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2)$$

even for  $f \in L_2(0, T; H^1) \cap C^0(0, T; L^2)$ . The uniqueness follows from the energy inequality such as (2.3) immediately.

Next, suppose that the statements of Proposition 2.5 hold for  $l = k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq s-1$ ). Then, if we show the statements for  $l = k + 1$ , we complete the proof of Proposition 2.5. Differentiating (2.2) with respect to  $x$ ,

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{cases} L(u_{x_j}) = f_{x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i)_{x_j} u_{x_i}, \\ u_{x_j}(0) = u_{0x_j} \quad (1 \leq j \leq n). \end{cases}$$

Since we can obtain

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i)_{x_j} u_{x_i} \right\|_k \leq C \| a \|_s \| Du \|_k,$$

in the same way as i) of Lemma 2.6, we note that if  $\{u_{x_i}\}_{i=1}^n \in C^0(0, T; H^k)$ ,

$$f_{x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i)_{x_j} u_{x_i} \in L_2(0, T; H^k) \cap C^0(0, T; H^{k-1}).$$

Therefore, by constructing the approximate sequence  $(u_{x_i}^{(m)})_{(m \geq 0)}$  as

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{cases} (u_{x_j}^{(0)}) \equiv u_0 x_j & (m = 0), \\ L((u_{x_j}^{(m)})^{(0)}) = f_{x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i)_{x_j} (u_{x_i}^{(m-1)})^{(0)} \\ (u_{x_j}^{(m)})^{(0)} = u_0 x_j & (m \geq 1), \end{cases}$$

and by applying Proposition 2.5 with  $l = k$  to (2.16), we have for all

$m \geq 2$  that

$$(u_{x_j}^{(m)}) \in C^0(0, T; H^k) \cap C^1(0, T; H^{k-1}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| (u_{x_j}^{(m)})(t) - (u_{x_j}^{(m-1)})(t) \right\|_k^2 \\ & \leq C T e^{CMT} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_0^t \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i)_{x_j} ((u_{x_j}^{(m-1)})^{(m-1)} - (u_{x_j}^{(m-2)})^{(m-1)})(\tau) \right\|_k^2 d\tau \\ & \leq C(T) \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| (u_{x_j}^{(m-1)})(\tau) - (u_{x_j}^{(m-2)})(\tau) \right\|_k^2 d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$u_{x_j} \in C^0(0, T; H^k) \cap C^1(0, T; H^{k-1}) \quad (1 \leq j \leq n),$$

which consequently imply

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^{k+1}) \cap C^1(0, T; H^k).$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.5.

§ 2.3 Second Order Hyperbolic Equations

We consider the initial value problem to the second order hyperbolic equations;

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{cases} L(u) = u_{tt} - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x,t) u_{x_i x_j} = f(x,t), \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x,0) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \end{cases}$$

where the functions  $a_{ij}$  satisfy

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} a_{ij} &\in L_{\infty}^0(0,T; \mathbb{R}^1) && (1 \leq i, j \leq n), \\ a_{ij} &= a_{ji} && (1 \leq i, j \leq n), \\ v|\xi|^2 &\leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x,t) \xi_i \xi_j \leq v^{-1}|\xi|^2, \end{aligned}$$

for some positive constant  $v$  ( $\leq 1$ ) and all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .

Then the following energy estimates (Proposition 2.7) and existence theorem (Proposition 2.8) can be proved.

**Proposition 2.7** Let  $s$  and  $l$  be nonnegative integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $0 \leq l \leq s$ . Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} D_{x,t} a_{ij} &\in L_{\infty}^0(0,T; H^{s-1}) && (1 \leq i, j \leq n), \\ f &\in L_{\infty}^0(0,T; H^l), \\ u_0 &\in H^{l+1}, \quad u_1 \in H^l, \end{aligned}$$

and moreover suppose that the problem (2.17) has a solution

$$u \in L_{\infty}^i(0,T; H^{l+1-i}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2).$$

Then we have the energy estimate

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & \| u(t) \|_{L^{l+1}}^2 + \| u_t(t) \|_{L^l}^2 \\ & \leq v^{-2} e^{C(1+M)t} ( \| u_0 \|_{L^{l+1}}^2 + \| u_1 \|_{L^l}^2 + \int_0^t \| f(\tau) \|_{L^l}^2 d\tau ), \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} ( \sum_{i,j=1}^n \| D_{x,t} a_{ij}(t) \|_{s-1} )$ , and moreover have

$$(2.20) \quad u \in C^0(0, T; H^{l+1}) \cap C^1(0, T; H^l).$$

**Proposition 2,8** Let  $s$  and  $l$  be positive integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $1 \leq l \leq s$ . Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij} & \in C^0(0, T; \mathcal{B}^0) \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n), \\ D_{x,t} a_{ij} & \in C^0(0, T; H^{s-1}) \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n), \\ f & \in C^0(0, T; H^l), \\ u_0 & \in H^{l+1}, u_1 \in H^l. \end{aligned}$$

Then the initial value problem (2.17) has a unique solution

$$u \in C^i(0, T; H^{l+1-i}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2),$$

and the energy estimate (2.19) holds.

In the same way as Lemma 2.6, we can obtain

**Lemma 2.9** Let  $s$  and  $l$  be nonnegative integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $0 \leq l \leq s$ . For every fixed  $t$  and  $u(t) \in H^{l+1}, u_t(t) \in H^l, a(t) \in \mathcal{B}^0$  and  $D_{x,t} a(t) \in H^{s-1}$ , we have

- i) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^l \left\| D_x^k (a u_{x_i x_j}) - a D_x^k u_{x_i x_j} \right\|$$

$$\leq C \| D_x a \|_{s-1} \| D_x u \|_l \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n),$$
- ii) 
$$\sum_{k=0}^l \left\| a_{x_j} D_x^k u_{x_i} \cdot D_x^k u_t \right\|_{L^1} + \sum_{k=0}^l \left\| a_t D_x^k u_{x_i} \cdot D_x^k u_{x_j} \right\|_{L^1}$$

$$\leq C \| D_{x,t} a \|_{s-1} \| D_{x,t} u \|_l^2 \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n),$$
- iii) 
$$\left\| \phi_\delta * (a u_{x_i x_j}) - a (\phi_\delta * u_{x_i x_j}) \right\|_l$$

$$\leq C (\| a \|_{\beta_{1^+}} \| D_x a \|_{s-1}) \| u \|_{l+1} \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n),$$
- iv) 
$$\left\| \phi_\delta * (a u_{x_i x_j}) - a (\phi_\delta * u_{x_i x_j}) \right\|_l \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0 \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n).$$

Proof of Proposition 2.7 We show (2.19) only for  $u \in L_\infty^2(0, T; H^\infty)$  because, for  $u \in L_\infty^i(0, T; H^{l+1-i})$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 2$ ), we may use the similar arguments on the mollifier  $\phi_\delta *$  as in the proof of Proposition 2.4. In this case, using Lemma 2.9, we estimate the equality

$$\sum_{k=0}^l \int D_x^k (L(u)) \cdot D_x^k u_t \, dx = \sum_{k=0}^l \int D_x^k f \cdot D_x^k u_t \, dx$$

as follows;

$$\sum_k \int D_x^k f \cdot D_x^k u_t \, dx \leq \| f \|_l \| u_t \|_l$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \| f \|_l^2 + \frac{1}{2} \| u_t \|_l^2,$$

and

$$\sum_k \int D_x^k (L(u)) \cdot D_x^k u_t \, dx =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_k \int D_{x^k}^k u_{tt} \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_t - \sum_{i,j} D_x^k (a_{ij}^k u_{x_i x_j}) \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_t \, dx \\
&= \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int |D_{x^k}^k u_t|^2 + \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k D_{x^k}^k u_{x_i} \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_{x_j} \, dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i,j,k} \int (a_{ij}^k D_{x^k}^k u_{x_i x_j} - D_x^k (a_{ij}^k u_{x_i x_j})) \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_t \, dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i,j,k} \int (a_{ij}^k)_{x_j} D_{x^k}^k u_{x_i} \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_t - \frac{1}{2} (a_{ij}^k)_t D_{x^k}^k u_{x_j} \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_{x_i} \, dx \\
&\geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} E_L(t) - CM \| D_{x,t} u \|_L^2
\end{aligned}$$

where  $E_L(t)$  is defined by

$$E_L(t) = \sum_{k=0}^L \int |D_{x^k}^k u_t(t)|^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{i,j}^k(t) D_{x^k}^k u_{x_i}(t) \cdot D_{x^k}^k u_{x_j}(t) \, dx.$$

Therefore we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_L(t) - C(1+M) \| D_{x,t} u(t) \|_L^2 \leq \| f(t) \|_L^2.$$

Noting that (2.18) gives

$$(2.21) \quad v \| D_{x,t} u(t) \|_L^2 \leq E_L(t) \leq v^{-1} \| D_{x,t} u(t) \|_L^2,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{dt} ( E_L(t) + \| u(t) \|_L^2 ) - C(1+M) ( E_L(t) + \| u(t) \|_L^2 ) \\
&\leq \| f(t) \|_L^2
\end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.22) \quad E_L(t) + \| u(t) \|_L^2 &\leq e^{C(1+M)t} ( E_L(0) + \| u_0 \|_L^2 + \\
&\quad + \int_0^t e^{-C(1+M)\tau} \| f(\tau) \|_L^2 \, d\tau ).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the desired estimate (2.19) follows from (2.21) and (2.22) immediately.

Finally we can show the regularity (2.20) in the same way as in the proof of (2.4).

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.7.

Proof of Proposition 2.8      Set

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ u_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_0 = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \partial_{x_i}^2 \partial_{x_j} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we can rewrite (2.17) in the form

$$(2.23) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} U(t) = A(t)U(t) + F(t), \\ U(0) = U_0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T. \end{cases}$$

Although we omit the details (cf [ ]), Lemma 2.3 is applied to (2.23) by setting

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} H^1 \\ L^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = D(A) = \begin{pmatrix} H^2 \\ H^1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S = \lambda I - A, \quad B = 0$$

where  $\lambda$  is some positive constant determined later, and consequently we obtain a unique solution

$$U \in C^0(0, T; Y) \cap C^1(0, T; X),$$

that is

$$u \in C^i(0, T; H^{2-i}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2).$$

Thus we can prove Proposition 2.8 for  $l = 1$ . For  $l > 1$ , we can give a proof in the same way as in the proof of Proposition 2.5.

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.8.

## 2.4 Second Order Parabolic System

We consider the initial value problem to the following parabolic system for  $u = \{u^i\}_{i=1}^p$  ;

$$(2.24) \quad \begin{cases} L^i(u) = u_t^i - \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq p \\ 1 \leq l, m \leq n}} a_{l,m}^{k,i}(x,t) u_{x_l x_m}^k = f^i(x,t), \quad (1 \leq i \leq p) \\ u^i(x,0) = u_0^i(x), \quad 1 \leq i \leq p, \quad x \in R^n, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \end{cases}$$

where the functions  $a_{l,m}^{k,i}$  satisfy for  $1 \leq i, k \leq p, 1 \leq l, m \leq n$

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{aligned} a_{j,m}^{k,i} &\in L_\infty^0(0,T; \mathfrak{B}^1), \\ a_{l,m}^{k,i} &= a_{m,l}^{k,i}, \\ a_{l,m}^{k,i} &= a_{l,m}^{i,k}, \end{aligned}$$

and the system (2.24) is strongly parabolic system in the following sense;

$$(2.26) \quad \inf_{\substack{x \in R^n \\ 0 \leq t \leq T}} \sum_{i,k,l,m} a_{l,m}^{k,i}(x,t) \xi_l \xi_m V^k V^i \geq \nu |\xi|^2 |V|^2$$

for some positive constant  $\nu$ , all  $\xi \in R^n$  and  $V \in R^p$ . By virtue of (2.25)

and (2.26), we have the Gårding inequality (cf. [42] [54])

$$(2.27) \quad \begin{aligned} & - \int \sum a_{l,m}^{k,i} u_{x_l x_m}^k u^i dx \\ & \geq \nu' \|u\|_1^2 - C(\sum \|a_{l,m}^{k,i}\|_{\mathfrak{B}^1} + 1) \|u\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.28) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int \sum a_{l,m}^{k,i} u_{x_l x_m}^k u_{x_j x_j}^i dx \\ & \geq \nu' \|u\|_2^2 - C(\sum \|a_{l,m}^{k,i}\|_{\mathfrak{B}^1} + 1) \|u\|_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

for some positive constant  $\nu'$  and all  $u \in H^2$ . Then the following energy estimates (Proposition 2.10) and existence theorem (Proposition 2.11) can be proved.

**Proposition 2.10** Let  $s$  and  $l$  be nonnegative integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $0 \leq l \leq s$ . Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} D_x^{k,i} a_{l,m}^{k,i} &\in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^{s-1}) \quad (1 \leq i, k \leq p, 1 \leq l, m \leq n), \\ f &\in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^l), \\ u_0 &\in H^{l+1}, \end{aligned}$$

and moreover suppose that the problem (2.24) has a solution

$$u \in L_\infty^0(0, T; H^{l+1}) \cap L_\infty^1(0, T; H^{l-1}).$$

Then we have

$$(2.29) \quad u \in C^0(0, T; H^{l+1}) \cap L_2(0, T; H^{l+2}),$$

and the energy estimate

$$(2.30) \quad \begin{aligned} &\|u(t)\|_{l+1}^2 + \nu' \int_0^t \|u(\tau)\|_{l+2}^2 d\tau \\ &\leq e^{C(1+M)t} (\|u_0\|_{l+1}^2 + \int_0^t C \|f(\tau)\|_l^2 d\tau), \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\Sigma \|D_x^{k,i} a_{l,m}^{k,i}(t)\|_{s-1} + \Sigma \|a_{l,m}^{k,i}(t)\|_{\mathfrak{B}^0})$ .

**Proposition 2.11** Let  $s$  and  $l$  be positive integers satisfying  $s \geq [n/2] + 2$  and  $1 \leq l \leq s$ . Suppose that

$$a_{l,m}^{k,i} \in C^0(0, T; \mathfrak{B}^1) \quad (1 \leq i, k \leq p, 1 \leq l, m \leq n),$$

$$D_x^{k,i} a_{l,m}^{k,i} \in C^0(0,T;H^{s-1}) \quad (1 \leq k, i \leq p, 1 \leq l, m \leq n),$$

$$f \in C^0(0,T;H^l),$$

$$u_0 \in H^{l+1}.$$

Then the initial value problem (2.24) has a unique solution

$$u \in C^0(0,T;H^{l+1}) \cap C^1(0,T;H^{l-1}) \cap L_2(0,T;H^{l+2})$$

and the energy estimates (2.30) hold.

Proof of Proposition 2.10 It suffices to show (2.30) only for  $u \in L_\infty^1(0,T;H^\infty)$ . First, by using (2.27), we estimate the equality

$$\int L^i(u) u^i dx = \int f^i u^i dx$$

as follows;

$$\int f^i u^i dx \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|f\|^2 + \|u\|^2),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int L^i(u) u^i dx &= \int u_t^i u^i - \sum a_{l,m}^{k,i} u_{x_l x_m}^k u^i dx \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int |u|^2 dx + \nu' \|u\|_1^2 - C(1+M) \|u\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$(2.31) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \|u\|^2 + 2\nu' \|u\|_1^2 - C(1+M) \|u\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2.$$

Next, using i) in Lemma 2.9 and (2.28), we estimate the equality

$$\sum_{h=0}^l \int D_x^h(L^i(u)) \cdot D_x^h(-\Delta u^i) dx = \sum_{h=0}^l \int D_x^h f^i \cdot D_x^h(-\Delta u^i) dx$$

as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{i,h} D_x^h f^i \cdot D_x^h (-\Delta u^i) dx &\leq \|f\|_l \|u\|_{l+2} \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{l+2}^2 + \varepsilon^{-1} \|f\|_l^2 \quad \text{for any } \varepsilon > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{i,h} D_x^h (L^i(u)) \cdot D_x^h (-\Delta u^i) dx \\ &= \int \left[ -D_x^h u^i \cdot D_x^h (\Delta u^i) + \sum a_{l,m}^{k,i} D_x^h u^k \cdot D_x^h (\Delta u^i) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum \{D_x^h (a_{l,m}^{k,i} u^k) - a_{l,m}^{k,i} D_x^h u^k\} \cdot D_x^h (\Delta u^i) \right] dx \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{h=1}^{l+1} |D_x^h u|^2 dx + \nu' \|u\|_{l+2}^2 - C(1+M) \|u\|_{l+1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.32) \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\|u\|_{l+1}^2 - \|u\|^2) + (2\nu' - \varepsilon) \|u\|_{l+2}^2 - C(1+M) \|u\|_{l+1}^2 \\ \leq 2\varepsilon^{-1} \|f\|_l^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\varepsilon$  small as  $\varepsilon \leq \nu'$  in (2.32) and combining (2.31) with (2.32), we reach

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u\|_{l+1}^2 + \nu' \|u\|_{l+2}^2 - C(1+M) \|u\|_{l+1}^2 \leq C \|f\|_l^2$$

from which the desired energy estimate (2.30) follows immediately.

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.10.

**Proof of Proposition 2.11** We show the statements only for  $l = 1$  because for  $l > 1$  we give a proof in the same way as in the proof of Proposition 2.5.

For the moment, we more suppose  $f^i \in C^0(0, T; H^\infty)$  and  $a_{l,m}^{k,i} \in C^\infty(0, T; \mathfrak{B}^\infty)$ .

Then, setting

$$\begin{aligned} X &= L^2, \quad U = u = \{u^i\}, U_0 = \{u_0^i\}, \\ A &= \{A^{i,k}\} = \left\{ \sum_{l,m} a_{l,m}^{k,i} \partial_{x_l}^2 \partial_{x_m}^2 \right\}, \\ F &= \{f^i\}, \quad D(A) = Y = H^2, \\ S &= \lambda I - A, \quad B = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda$  is some positive constant determined later, we can write (2.24) as

$$(2.33) \quad \begin{cases} U_t = AU + F, \\ U(0) = U_0, \quad 0 < t < T, \end{cases}$$

and consequently we can apply Lemma 2.3 to (2.33). Thus we can obtain a solution

$$(2.34) \quad u \in C^0(0, T; H^2) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2).$$

By Proposition 2.10, (2.34) implies that  $u \in L_2(0, T; H^3)$  and the energy estimate (2.30) with  $l = 1$  holds. Next, we are going to obtain a solution for  $f^i \in C^0(0, T; H^1)$ ,  $a_{l,m}^{k,i} \in C^0(0, T; \mathfrak{B}^1)$  and  $D_x a_{l,m}^{k,i} \in C^0(0, T; H^{s-1})$ .

Now extend  $a_{l,m}^{k,i}$  as

$$\begin{cases} a_{l,m}^{k,i}(x, t) \equiv a_{l,m}^{k,i}(x, T) & t > T, \\ \equiv a_{l,m}^{k,i}(x, 0) & t < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then define  $f_\delta^i$  and  $a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i}$  by

$$f_\delta^i = \phi_\delta^t * f^i, \quad a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i} = \phi_\delta^t * \phi_\delta * a_{l, m}^{k, i}$$

where  $\phi_\delta^t$  is the Friedrichs' mollifier with respect to  $t$ . We note that



$$f_{\delta}^i \in C^0(0, T; H^{\infty}), a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i} \in C^{\infty}(0, T; \mathcal{B}^{\infty}),$$

$$\sup_{0 < \underline{t} < T} \Sigma \| f_{\delta}^i(t) - f^i(t) \|_1 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\sup_{0 < \underline{t} < T} \Sigma ( \| a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i}(t) - a_{l, m}^{k, i}(t) \|_{\mathcal{B}^1} +$$

$$+ \| D_x(a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i}(t) - a_{l, m}^{k, i}(t)) \|_{s-1} ) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

and (2.26) holds also for  $a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i}$ . By  $u^{\delta} = \{u^{\delta, i}\}$ , denote the solution to the initial value problem ;

$$(2.34) \quad \begin{cases} u_t^{\delta, i} - \Sigma a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i} u_{x_l x_m}^{\delta, i} = f_{\delta}^i \\ u^{\delta}(0) = u_0, x \in R^n, 0 \leq \underline{t} \leq T. \end{cases}$$

From the previous arguments, we have a solution of (2.34) such that

$$u^{\delta} \in C^0(0, T; H^2) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2) \cap L_2(0, T; H^3),$$

$$(2.35) \quad \begin{aligned} \sup_{0 < \underline{t} < T} \| u^{\delta}(t) \|_2^2 + \nu \int_0^T \| u^{\delta}(\tau) \|_3^2 d\tau \\ \leq e^{C(1+M)T} ( \| u_0 \|_2^2 + \int_0^T C \| f(\tau) \|_1^2 d\tau ). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, for any  $\delta$  and  $\delta' > 0$

$$\begin{cases} (u^{\delta} - u^{\delta'})_t^i - \Sigma a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i} (u^{\delta} - u^{\delta'})_{x_l x_m}^k = \\ = f_{\delta}^i - f_{\delta'}^i + \Sigma (a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i} - a_{\delta', l, m}^{k, i}) u_{x_l x_m}^{\delta', k}, \\ (u^{\delta} - u^{\delta'})(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

which implies, noting (2.35),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \| (u^\delta - u^{\delta'}) (t) \|_2^2 + \nu \int_0^T \| (u^\delta - u^{\delta'}) (\tau) \|_3^2 d\tau \\
& \leq e^{C(1+M)T} \int_0^T \| (f_\delta - f_{\delta'}) (\tau) \|_1^2 + \Sigma \| (a_{\delta, l, m}^{k, i} - a_{\delta', l, m}^{k, i}) u_{x_l x_m}^{\delta', k} (\tau) \|_1^2 d\tau \\
& \leq e^{C(1+M)T} \int_0^T \| (f_\delta - f_{\delta'}) (\tau) \|_1^2 + \| (a_\delta - a_{\delta'}) (\tau) \|_{\mathcal{B}^1}^2 \| u^{\delta'} (\tau) \|_3^2 d\tau \\
& \leq C(T) \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\| f_\delta (t) - f_{\delta'} (t) \|_1^2 + \| a_\delta (t) - a_{\delta'} (t) \|_1^2) \\
& \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta, \delta' \rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have a solution  $u$  as a limit of  $u^\delta$  such that

$$u \in C^0(0, T; H^2) \cap C^1(0, T; L^2) \cap L_2(0, T; H^3).$$

The uniqueness follows from the energy inequalities immediately.

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.11.