

UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS FOR HIGHER DIMENSIONAL QUASILINEAR DEGENERATE PARABOLIC EQUATION

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Abstract

This paper studies the uniqueness of generalized solutions for the first boundary value problem of the form

$$u_t = \Delta A(u, x, t) = \frac{\partial b^i(u, x, t)}{\partial x_i} + c(u, x, t),$$

where $A_u \geq 0$.

It is proved that if $u \in BV_x(Q_T)$ and $A(u, x, t)$ is strictly increasing with respect to u , the solution is unique.

§ 1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the uniqueness of generalized solutions for the first boundary value problem of the form

$$u_t = \Delta A(u, x, t) + \frac{\partial b^i(u, x, t)}{\partial x_i} + c(u, x, t) = 0 \text{ in } Q_T, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(x, t) = \psi(x, t) \text{ on } \Sigma \times (0, T), \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0, \text{ on } \Omega, \quad (1.3)$$

where $Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$, $\Omega \subset R^m$ is a smooth bounded region with boundary Σ , and $A_u(u, x, t) \geq 0$.

Equation (1.1) is a degenerate parabolic equation. It has been suggested as a mathematical model for a variety of physical problem, we shall not recall them here, but refer to [1], where the very extensive literature is summarized. The uniqueness of solution for $m=1$ is well established in [2, 3] The paper [4] proved the uniqueness of nonnegative solution under the following conditions

$$A'(0) = 0, \quad A'(s) > 0 \quad \text{if } s > 0.$$

It is well known that for $A'(s) \geq 0$, $m > 1$ the uniqueness of generalized solution of (1.1)—(1.3) is an open problem^[5]. In this paper, we shall give a sufficient condition such that the generalized solutions of (1.1)—(1.3) are unique.

We assume that

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H1. $A(u, x, t) \in C(R \times \bar{Q}_T)$, $A_u \in L^\infty(R \times Q_T)$ and, for every $(x, t) \in Q_T$, $A(u, x, t)$ is strictly increasing with respect to u ;

H2. $b^i(u, x, t) \in C^1(R \times \bar{Q}_{iT})$, $c(u, x, t), c_u(u, x, t) \in L^\infty(R \times Q_T)$, $\psi, u_0 \in L^\infty$.

As in [5, 6], by $BV(Q_T)$, we mean the class of all functions with bounded variation on Q_T . In other words $u \in BV(Q_T)$ if and only if $u \in L^1(Q_T)$, and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}, i=1, 2, \dots, m$, are regular measure with bounded variations on Q_T .

An equivalent definition of $BV(Q_T)$ is $u \in BV(Q_T)$ if and only if $u \in L^1(Q_T)$ and

$$\iint_{Q_T} |u(x_1+h_1, \dots, x_m+h_m, t+h_{m+1}) - u(x, t)| \leq K|h|$$

for some constant $K > 0$ and any vector $h = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m, h_{m+1})$, where we set $u(x, t) = 0$ if $(x, t) \notin \bar{Q}_T$ (see [6]).

As in [3], we say that a function $v(x, t) \in BV_*(Q_T)$ if $v(x, t)$ is integrable on Q_T and satisfies

$$\iint_{Q_T} |v(x+h, t) - v(x, t)| dx dt \leq K|h|$$

for some constant $K > 0$, and any vector $h = (h_1, \dots, h_m)$. Here we set $v(x, t) = 0$ if $(x, t) \notin \bar{Q}_T$.

Clearly $BV(Q_T) \subset BV_*(Q_T)$ and the generalized derivatives of every function in $BV_*(Q_T)$ with respect to $x_i (i=1, 2, \dots, m)$ are regular measures with bounded variations on Q_T (see [6]), but in general, the generalized derivative with respect to t is not.

By Fubini's Theorem and

$$\int_0^T \int_\Omega \frac{|u(x+h, t) - u(x, t)|}{|h|} dx dt \leq K,$$

we deduce that for almost all $t \in (0, T)$

$$\int_\Omega |u(x+h, t) - u(x, t)| dx \leq O(t)|h|.$$

Thus $u \in BV_*(Q_T)$ implies, for almost all $t \in (0, T)$, $u(\cdot, t) \in BV(\Omega)$.

Definition. A function u is called a generalized solution of the problem (1.1) — (1.3), if

- 1) $u(x, t) \in BV_*(Q_T) \cap L^\infty(Q_T)$, $A(u, x, t) \in W_2^1(Q_T)$;
- 2) for any $\phi \in C^2(\bar{Q}_T)$, $\phi = 0$ on $\Sigma \times (0, T)$, $\phi(x, T) = 0$, u satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{Q_T} [u\phi_t + A(u, x, t)\Delta\phi - b^i(u, x, t)\phi_{x_i} - c(u, x, t)\phi] dx dt \\ & = \int_0^T \int_\Sigma A(\psi, x, t)\phi_{x_i}n_i d\sigma dt - \int_\Omega u_0(x)\phi(x, 0)dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $n = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m)$ denote the outward pointing normal on Σ .

The existence of the generalized solution of (1.1)—(1.3) is well established in [7]. The uniqueness obtained here is as follows.

Theorem. Suppose that the hypotheses H1, H2 hold. Then the solution of (1.1)—(1.3) is unique.

Clearly the hypothesis H1 permits, for every $(x, t) \in Q_T$, the set of zero points of $A_u(u, x, t)$ to have measure zero.

§ 2. Proof of Theorem

For fixed $t > 0$, let Γ_u^t be the set of jump points of $u(\cdot, t) \in BV(\Omega)$; $\nu(x, t)$ be the normal of Γ_u^t at (x, t) ; $u^+(x, t)$, $u^-(x, t)$ be the approximate limits of $u(\cdot, t)$ at $(x, t) \in \Gamma_u^t$ with respect to $(\nu, y - x) > 0$, $(\nu, y - x) < 0$ respectively.

Set

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{2}(u^+ + u^-), \quad F^2(u, x, t) = \max\{F(u, x, t) - \delta, 0\},$$

$$\hat{f}(u) = \int_0^1 f(su^+ + (1-s)u^-) ds,$$

where $F(u, x, t) \in C(R \times \bar{Q}_T)$, $f(u) \in C^1(R)$.

In order to prove Theorem, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. Let $u, v \in BV_\sigma(Q_T) \cap L^\infty(Q_T)$. Then $\bar{v}$ is integrable on Q_T with respect to measures $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Moreover $\int_\Omega \bar{v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx$ are integrable on $(0, T)$, and

$$\iint_{Q_T} \bar{v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx dt = \int_0^T \left(\int_\Omega \bar{v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx \right) dt.$$

The proof of Lemma 2.1 can be found in [3, Theorem 2.1 and Remark 2.1].

By Lemma 2.1 and measure theory, if $u, v \in BV_\sigma(Q_T)$, the set $Q_T \cap \{\bar{v}(x, t) > \delta\}$ is measurable with respect to $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

Lemma 2.2. Suppose that H_1 holds and u is a solution of (1.1)—(1.3). Then for every $\phi \in C^1(\bar{Q}_T)$, $\phi = 0$ on $\Sigma \times (0, T)$, $\delta > 0$ and $F(s, x, t) \in C^1(R \times \bar{Q}_T)$

$$\iint_{(F > \delta) \cap Q_T} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt = - \iint_{(F > \delta) \cap Q_T} (F - \delta \operatorname{sgn} F) \phi_{x_i} dx dt, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (2.1)$$

Proof Since $\frac{\partial A(u, x, t)}{\partial x_i} \in L^2(Q_T)$, there exists a set $S \subset (0, T)$ with $\operatorname{mes} S = 0$, such that

$$\frac{\partial A(u, x, t)}{\partial x_i} \in L^2(\Omega), \quad t \in (0, T) \setminus S, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Hence by [6], for all measurable set $E \subset \Gamma_u^t$, $t \in (0, T) \setminus S$ we have

$$\int_E \frac{\partial A(u, x, t)}{\partial x_i} dx = \int_E (A(u^+, x, t) - A(u^-, x, t)) \nu_{x_i} dH_{m-1} = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

where H_{m-1} denotes the $m-1$ dimensional Hausdorff measure. From (2.2) we can obtain for almost all $x \in \Gamma_u^t$

$$\nu_{x_i}(A(u^+, x, t) - A(u^-, x, t)) = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

Hence by $(\nu_{x_1}, \nu_{x_2}, \dots, \nu_{x_m}) \neq 0$ and hypothesis H1 we get from (2.3)

$$u^+ = u^-$$

and

$$F^+(u, x, t) = F^-(u, x, t) \quad \text{for almost all } x \in \Gamma_u^t.$$

Thus for any $f(s) \in C^1(R)$ and almost all $t \in (0, T)$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(u(\cdot, t)) = \hat{f}_u(u(\cdot, t)) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = f_u(u(\cdot, t)) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}.$$

Since $F^\delta(u, x, t) \in BV_\infty(Q_T)$ and $F^\delta(u^+, x, t) = F^\delta(u^-, x, t)$, H_{m-1} a. e. on Ω , we have for almost all $t \in (0, T)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{F^\delta(u)}{F^\delta(u) + \epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon F^\delta(u)}{(F^\delta(u) + \epsilon)^2} \frac{\partial F^\delta}{\partial x_i}.$$

Hence by the theory of BV space and dominated convergence theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F > \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T} \phi \frac{F^\delta}{F^\delta + \epsilon} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt \\ &= - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T} F^\delta \frac{F^\delta}{F^\delta + \epsilon} \phi_{x_i} dx dt \\ &\quad - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T} \phi \frac{\epsilon F^\delta}{(F^\delta + \epsilon)^2} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt \\ &= - \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F > \delta\}} (F - \delta) \phi_{x_i} dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

In analogous fashion we can prove

$$\iint_{Q_T \cap \{F < -\delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx = - \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F < -\delta\}} (F + \delta) \phi_{x_i} dx dt. \quad (2.5)$$

From (2.4) (2.5), we obtain (2.1).

Lemma 2.3. Suppose that the hypotheses of Lemma 2.2 hold. Then for every $\phi \in C^1(\bar{Q}_T)$, $\phi(x, t) = 0$ on $\Sigma \times (0, T)$, $F(u, x, t) \in C^1(R \times \bar{Q}_T)$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|F| < \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Proof Because

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|F| < \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt = \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F=0\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt,$$

it is enough to prove

$$\iint_{Q_T \cap \{F=0\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt = 0.$$

Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F=0\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt &= \iint_{Q_T} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt - \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F > \eta\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt \\ &\quad - \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F < -\eta\}} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt = I_1 - I_2 - I_3. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= - \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F > \eta\}} \phi_{x_i} (F - \eta) dx dt = - \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F > 0\}} \phi_{x_i} F dx dt; \\ I_3 &= - \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F < -\eta\}} \phi_{x_i} (F + \eta) dx dt = - \iint_{Q_T \cap \{F < 0\}} \phi_{x_i} F dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I_2 + I_3 = - \iint_{Q_T} \phi_{x_i} F dx dt = \iint_{Q_T} \phi \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx dt = I_1$$

and Lemma 2.2 is proved.

Lemma 2.4. Let $F(u, x, t) \in C(R \times \bar{Q}_T)$ be strictly monotonous with respect to u . Then for every $\delta > 0$, $M > 0$ there exists a constant $K(\delta, M) > 0$ such that if $|u_1|$, $|u_2| \leq M$, $|u_1 - u_2| > \delta$, then

$$|F(u_1, x, t) - F(u_2, x, t)| > K(\delta, M), \quad (x, t) \in Q_T.$$

The proof of Lemma 2.4 is simple, we omit it.

Proof of Theorem Suppose that the solution of (1.1)–(1.3) is not unique. Then there exist two solutions u_1, u_2 of (1.1)–(1.3) and $\chi \in C_0^\infty(Q_T)$ such that

$$\iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \chi dx dt \neq 0. \quad (2.6)$$

By Definition of generalized solutions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \left(\phi_t + \frac{A(u_1, x, t) - A(u_2, x, t)}{u_1 - u_2} \Delta \phi + \frac{c(u_1, x, t) - c(u_2, x, t)}{u_1 - u_2} \phi \right) dx dt \\ - \iint_{Q_T} (b^i(u_1, x, t) - b^i(u_2, x, t)) \phi_{x_i} dx dt = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Denote

$$U^i(x, t) = b^i(u_1, x, t) - b^i(u_2, x, t), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Then $U^i \in BV(Q_T)$ and $|U^i| > \delta$ implies that

$$|u_1 - u_2| > C(\delta) > 0. \quad (2.8)$$

By Lemma 2.2

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{Q_T} (b^i(u_1, x, t) - b^i(u_2, x, t)) \phi_{x_i} dx dt \\ = \iint_{Q_T} U^i \phi_{x_i} dx dt = - \iint_{Q_T} \phi \frac{\partial U^i}{\partial x_i} dx dt \\ = \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|U^i| > \delta\}} (U^i - \delta \operatorname{sgn} U^i) \phi_{x_i} dx dt - \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|U^i| < \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial U^i}{\partial x_i} dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

We take χ_δ^i such that

$$\chi_\delta^i = 1 \text{ if } |U^i| > \delta; \quad \chi_\delta^i = 0 \text{ if } |U^i| \leq \delta.$$

Let

$$B_\delta^i = \frac{\chi_\delta^i (U^i - \delta \operatorname{sgn} U^i)}{u_1 - u_2}.$$

Then by (2.8) $|B_\delta^i| \leq K(\delta)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, and (2.7) can be rewritten as

$$\iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) (\phi_t + \tilde{A} \Delta \phi - B_\delta^i \phi_{x_i} + \tilde{C} \phi) dx dt + \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|U^i| \leq \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial U^i}{\partial x_i} dx dt = 0, \quad (2.9)$$

where

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{A(u_1, x, t) - A(u_2, x, t)}{u_1 - u_2}, \quad \tilde{C} = \frac{C(u_1, x, t) - C(u_2, x, t)}{u_1 - u_2}.$$

Set

$$D_\delta^i(x, t) = (\eta + \tilde{A}_\epsilon)^{-1/2} B_\delta^i,$$

where $\eta > 0$ and $\tilde{A}_\epsilon$ is a positive C^∞ approximation of $\tilde{A}$ such that

$$\iint_{Q_T} (\tilde{A}_\epsilon - \tilde{A})^2 dx dt \leq \eta^3. \quad (2.10)$$

By the strictly monotonicity of $A(u, x, t)$ with respect to u ,

$$|D_\delta^i| \leq D(\delta, M). \quad (2.11)$$

In fact, if $|U^i| \leq \delta$, (2.11) is obvious; if $|U^i| > \delta$, then by (2.8) and Lemma 2.4

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{A(u_1, x, t) - A(u_2, x, t)}{u_1 - u_2} \geq \frac{K(\delta, M)}{2M}.$$

We choose $D_{\delta h}^i, \tilde{C}_h \in C^1(\bar{Q}_T)$ such that

$$|\tilde{C}_h|, \{D_{\delta h}^i\} \leq K(\delta); \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} D_{\delta h}^i = D_\delta^i, \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \tilde{C}_h = \tilde{C} \text{ a. e. on } Q_T.$$

We consider the first boundary value problem

$$\phi_t(\eta + \tilde{A}_\epsilon) \Delta \phi - D_{\delta h}^i (\eta + \tilde{A}_\epsilon)^{1/2} \phi_{x_i} + \tilde{C}_h \phi = \chi \text{ in } Q_T, \quad (2.12)$$

$$\phi(x, t) = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma \times (0, T), \quad (2.13)$$

$$\phi(x, T) = 0. \quad (2.14)$$

By classical theory, (2.12)–(2.14) has a unique classical solution

$$|\phi| \leq N,$$

where N is a constant independent of $\eta, \epsilon, \delta, h$.

Below for simplicity of notation, we will denote the constants depending only on M, δ by $K(\delta)$, and the constants independent of $\epsilon, \eta, h, \delta$ by C , although they may change from line to line in the proof.

We now prove that the solution of (2.12)–(2.14) satisfies

$$\iint_{Q_T} (\eta + \tilde{A}_\epsilon) (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt \leq K(\delta) \eta^{-1}, \quad (2.15)$$

$$\iint_{Q_T} |\nabla \phi|^2 dx dt \leq K(\delta) \eta^{-1}. \quad (2.16)$$

Multiplying (2.12) by $\Delta \phi$, integrating over Q_T we have

$$\iint_{Q_T} \{ \phi_t \Delta \phi + (\tilde{A}_\varepsilon + \eta) (\Delta \phi)^2 - D_{\delta h}^i (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon)^{1/2} \phi_{x_i} \Delta \phi + \tilde{C}_h \phi \Delta \phi - \chi \Delta \phi \} dx dt = 0, \quad (2.17)$$

Clearly

$$|D_{\delta h}^i (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon)^{1/2} \phi_{x_i} \Delta \phi| \leq \frac{1}{4} (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon) (\Delta \phi)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (D_{\delta h}^i)^2 \phi_{x_i}^2, \quad (2.18)$$

$$\iint_{Q_T} \phi_t \Delta \phi dx dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \phi(x, 0)|^2 dx > 0, \quad (2.19)$$

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} \tilde{C}_h \phi \Delta \phi dx dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \iint_{Q_T} (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon) (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt + \frac{O}{\eta}, \quad (2.20)$$

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} \chi \Delta \phi dx dt \right| = \left| \iint_{Q_T} \Delta \chi \phi dx \right| \leq O, \quad (2.21)$$

$$\iint_{Q_T} |\nabla \phi|^2 dx dt = - \iint_{Q_T} \phi \Delta \phi dx dt \leq \frac{O}{\alpha \eta} + \frac{\alpha}{4} \iint_{Q_T} (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon) (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt. \quad (2.22)$$

Substituting (2.18)–(2.22) into (2.17), we obtain (2.15). From (2.15) and (2.22) we obtain (2.16).

Substituting the solution of (2.12)–(2.14) into (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \chi dx dt \right| \\ &= \left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \{ \phi_t + (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon) \Delta \phi - D_{\delta h}^i (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon)^{1/2} \phi_{x_i} + \tilde{C}_h \phi \} dx dt \right| \\ &\leq \left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \eta \Delta \phi dx dt \right| + \left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) (\tilde{A}_\varepsilon - \tilde{A}) \Delta \phi dx dt \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) (\tilde{C}_h - \tilde{C}) dx dt \right| + \left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \{ D_{\delta h}^i (\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon)^{1/2} - B_{\delta}^i \} dx dt \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|\tilde{U}^i| < \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial \tilde{U}^i}{\partial x_i} dx dt \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

First by Lemma 2.4 and (2.15)

$$\iint_{Q_T \cap \{|u_1 - u_2| > \gamma\}} (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt \leq K(\gamma) K(\delta) \eta^{-1}, \quad \gamma > 0.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \iint_{Q_T} \eta (u_1 - u_2) \Delta \phi dx dt \right| \leq O \left\{ \iint_{Q_T} \eta^2 (u_1 - u_2)^2 (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq O \left\{ \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|u_1 - u_2| > \gamma\}} (u_1 - u_2)^2 \eta^2 (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\quad + O \left\{ \iint_{Q_T \cap \{|u_1 - u_2| < \gamma\}} (u_1 - u_2)^2 \eta^2 (\Delta \phi)^2 dx dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq CK(\gamma) K(\delta) \eta^{1/2} + O\gamma K(\delta). \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

Secondly by (2.10) and (2.15)

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} (\tilde{A}_\varepsilon - \tilde{A}) \Delta \phi \, dx \, dt \right| \leq C \left(\iint_{Q_T} (\tilde{A}_\varepsilon - \tilde{A})^2 \, dx \, dt \right)^{1/2} \left(\iint_{Q_T} (\Delta \phi)^2 \, dx \, dt \right)^{1/2} \leq CK(\delta) \eta^{1/2}. \quad (2.25)$$

Moreover, we can choose h small enough such that

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \{D_{\delta h}^4(\eta + \tilde{A}_\varepsilon)^{1/2} - B_\delta^4\} \phi_{x_i} \, dx \, dt \right| \leq \eta K(\delta), \quad (2.26)$$

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) (\tilde{O}_h - \tilde{O}) \, dx \, dt \right| \leq \eta K(\delta). \quad (2.27)$$

Last, by Lemma 2.3

$$\iint_{Q_T \cap \{|\tilde{U}^i| \leq \delta\}} \phi \frac{\partial U^i}{\partial x_i} \, dx \, dt \leq w(\delta), \quad (2.28)$$

where $w(\delta)$ is a nondecreasing function with $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} w(\delta) = 0$.

Substituting (2.24)—(2.28) into (2.23), we obtain

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \chi \, dx \, dt \right| \leq C(K(\gamma)K(\delta)\eta^{1/3} + \gamma K(\delta) + K(\delta)\eta^{1/2} + w(\delta)).$$

Hence we choose $\gamma = \delta(K(\delta))^{-1}$ and let $\eta \rightarrow 0^+$ to obtain

$$\left| \iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \chi \, dx \, dt \right| \leq C(\delta + w(\delta)).$$

Let $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$ to obtain

$$\iint_{Q_T} (u_1 - u_2) \chi \, dx \, dt = 0.$$

This contradicts (2.6) and Theorem is proved.

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