



EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL SOLUTION OF A PARABOLIC – HYPERBOLIC FREE BOUNDARY PROBLEM

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ABSTRACT

A parabolic-hyperbolic free boundary problem has been studied. After the study, we transform the problem for moving domain into an equivalent one which defined on a fixed domain. The existence and uniqueness of a local solution of the transformed problem by applying Banach fixed point theorem is derived.

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1.INTRODUCTION

In this article, we study a parabolic-hyperbolic free boundary problem^[1] is studied. For this, Fick's law is assumed, i.e., $(k_1K_p(C)P + k_2K_q(C)Q)C$. Hence, C satisfies the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_1 \Delta C - (k_1 K_p(C))P + k_2 K_q(C)Q \text{ in } \Omega(t) \tag{1.1}$$

$$C(x,t) = \bar{C} \text{ on } \partial\Omega(t), C(x,0) = C_0(x) \text{ in } \Omega(0), \tag{1.2}$$

where $\Omega(t)$ represents the domain at time t , D^1 is positive constant. k_1 and k_2 are two positive constants, C is a positive constant.

Fick's law is also assumed $(\mu_1 G_1(W)P + \mu_2 G_2(W)Q)W$ is the drug consumption rate μ_1, μ_2 are two positive constants.

Hence, W satisfies $\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = D_2 \Delta W - (\mu_1 G_1(W)P + \mu_2 G_2(W)Q)W$ in $\Omega(t)$, in (t),

$$W(x,t) = \bar{W} \text{ on } \partial\Omega(t), W(x,0) = W_0(x) \text{ in } \Omega(0), \tag{1.4}$$

Where D_2 is to be a positive constant, (W) is a positive constant.

we denote v is the velocity fields v . assume by Darcy's law, we have

$$\underline{v} = -\nabla \sigma \text{ in } \Omega(t), t > 0, \tag{1.5}$$

where σ is the pressure
 $P+Q+D=N$ in $\Omega(t), t > 0,$ (1.6)

where N is a total number of cells per unit volume. The mass conservation law for P, Q, D in

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \text{div}(P\bar{v}) = [K_B(C) - K_Q(C) - K_A(C)]P + QK_P(C) - t_1 G_1(W)P \text{ in } \Omega(t), t > 0 \tag{1.7}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \text{div}(Q\bar{v}) = K_Q(C)P - [K_P(C) + K_D(C)]Q - t_2 G_2(W)Q \text{ in } \Omega(t), t > 0 \tag{1.8}$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} + \text{div}(D\bar{v}) = K_A(C)P + K_D(C)Q - K_R D + t_1 G_1(W)P + t_2 G_2(W)Q \text{ in } \Omega(t), t > 0 \tag{1.9}$$

where t_1 and t_2 are the positive constants. We take the boundary conditions for σ to be

$$\sigma = \theta k \text{ on } \partial\Omega(t), t > 0 \tag{1.10}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} = -V_n \text{ on } \partial\Omega(t), t > 0 \tag{1.11}$$

and the initial data

$$P(x,0) = P_0(x), Q(x,0) = Q_0(x), D(x,0) = D_0(x) \tag{1.14}$$

for $x \in \Omega(0)$

where $\Omega(0)$ is given, θ is the surface tension, k is the mean curvature of the tumor surface $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$ is the derivatives in the direction n of the outward normal, and V_n is the velocity of the free boundary $\partial\Omega(t)$ in the direction n .

Equation (1.10) is based on the assumption that the pressure σ on the surface of the tumor is proportional to the surface tension and (1.11) is a standard kinetic condition.

In this article, we consider spherically symmetric solution for the system^[2] (1.1) – (1.12).

It is clear that, under the condition of spherical symmetry, for given \bar{v} and $R(t), \sigma$ we easily solved from (1.5) and (1.10).

It is obvious that from (1.7)-(1.9), we get the following equation for \bar{v} By applying the L_p theory of parabolic equations, the characteristic theory of hyperbolic equations and the Banach fixed point theorem, we prove that there exists a unique local solution of (1.1) – (1.12). If we make an addition to (1.7) – (1.9), then we get the following equation for \bar{v} .

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \text{div}(P\bar{v}) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \text{div}(Q\bar{v}) + \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} + \text{div}(D\bar{v}) = \\ &PK_B(C) - K_A(C)P + K_P(C)Q - t_1 G_1(W)P + K_Q(C)P - K_P(C)Q - K_D(C)Q - \\ &t_2 G_2(W)Q + K_A(C) + K_D(C)Q - K_R(D) + t_1 G_1(W)P + t_2 G_2(W)Q \\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(P + Q + D) + \text{div}(P + Q + D)\bar{v} = PK_B(C) - K_R(D) \\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(N) + \nabla \bar{v}(N) = PK_B(C) - K_R(D) \\ &(0 + \text{div}(\bar{v}))N = PK_B(C) - K_R(D) \\ &N(\text{div}(\bar{v})) = PK_B(C) - K_R(D) \\ &(\text{div}(\bar{v})) = \frac{1}{N}(PK_B(C) - K_R(D)) \end{aligned} \tag{1.13}$$

for $x \in \Omega(t), t > 0$.

Conversely, from (1.13) and (1.7)-(1.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(P + Q + D) + \text{div}(P + Q + D)\bar{v} = \frac{1}{N}(PK_B(C) - K_R(D)) \times \\ &(N - (P + Q + D)) \text{ for } x \in \Omega(t), t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

By uniqueness, we deduce that (1.6) is equivalent to (1.13) and we use (1.13) instead of (1.6).

In this article the model^[1] (1.1) – (1.12) is a three-dimensional model. Consider the well-posedness of this problem^[6] under the case where the initial data and the solution are spherically symmetric. Hence, C, W, P, Q and D are spherically symmetric in the space variable, let $r = |x|$, we denote

$$C = C(r, t), W = W(r, t), P = P(r, t), Q = Q(r, t), D = D(r, t)$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t \geq 0, \text{ and}$$

$$C = C_0(r), W_0 = W_0(r), P_0 = P_0(r), Q_0 = Q_0(r), D_0 = D_0(r) \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R_0 = R(0)$$

We also assume that there is a scalar function^[10] $V = V(r, t)$ such that $\bar{V} = (r, t) \frac{x}{R}$.

since σ is spherically symmetric in the space variable, as mentioned before, we eliminate the pressure and derive the model (1.1) – (1.12) as:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_1 \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial C}{\partial r} \right) - F(C, P, Q)C \text{ for } 0 < r < R(t), t > 0, \tag{1.15}$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial r}(r, t) = 0 \text{ at } r = 0, C(r, t) = \bar{C} \text{ at } r = R(t) \text{ for } t > 0,$$

$$C(r, 0) = C_0(r) \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R_0 \tag{1.16}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = D_1 \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial W}{\partial r} \right) - G(W, P, Q)W \text{ for } 0 < r < R(t), t > 0, \tag{1.17}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial r}(r, t) = 0 \text{ at } r = 0, W(r, t) = \bar{W} \text{ at } r = R(t) \text{ for } t > 0, \tag{1.18}$$

$$W(r, 0) = W_0(r) \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R_0 \tag{1.19}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = g_{11}(C, W, P, Q, D)P + g_{12}(C, W, P, Q, D)Q + g_{13}(C, W, P, Q, D)D \tag{1.20}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t > 0 \tag{1.21}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial Q}{\partial r} = g_{21}(C, W, P, Q, D)P + g_{22}(C, W, P, Q, D)Q + g_{23}(C, W, P, Q, D)D \tag{1.22}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t > 0 \tag{1.23}$$

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial D}{\partial r} = g_{31}(C, W, P, Q, D)P + g_{32}(C, W, P, Q, D)Q + g_{33}(C, W, P, Q, D)D \tag{1.24}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t > 0 \tag{1.25}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 V) = h(C, W, P, Q, D) \text{ for } 0 < r \leq R(t), t > 0, \tag{1.26}$$

$$V(0, t) = 0 \text{ for } t > 0. \tag{1.27}$$

$$\frac{dR(t)}{dt} = V(R(t), t) \text{ for } t > 0, \tag{1.28}$$

$$P(r, 0) = P_0(r), Q(r, 0) = Q_0(r), D(r, 0) = D_0(r) \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R_0, \tag{1.29}$$

$R(0) = R_0$ is prescribed,

where

$$F(C, P, Q) = k_1 K_p(C)P + k_2 K_q(C)Q,$$

$$G(W, P, Q) = \mu_1 G_1(W)P + \mu_2 G_2(W)Q.$$

$$g_{11}(C, W, P, Q, D) = [K_B(C) - K_Q(C) - K_A(C) - t_1 G_1(W)] - \frac{1}{N} [K_B(C)P - K_R D],$$

$$g_{12}(C, W, P, Q, D) = K_p(C),$$

$$g_{13}(C, W, P, Q, D) = 0,$$

$$g_{21}(C, W, P, Q, D) = K_Q(C),$$

$$g_{22}(C, W, P, Q, D) = -[K_p(C) + K_D(C) + t_2 G_2(W)] - \frac{1}{N} [K_B(C)P - K_R D],$$

$$g_{23}(C, W, P, Q, D) = 0$$

$$g_{31}(C, W, P, Q, D) = K_A(C) + t_1 G_1(W),$$

$$g_{32}(C, W, P, Q, D) = K_D(C) + t_2 G_2(W),$$

$$g_{33}(C, W, P, Q, D) = -K_R - \frac{1}{N} [K_B(C)P - K_R D],$$

$$h(C, W, P, Q, D) = \frac{1}{N} [K_B(C)P - K_R D] \tag{2.1}$$

SECTION-2 REFORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM

To transform the varying domain $\{(x, t): |x| - r < R(t), t > 0\}$ into a fixed domain, assume (R, C, W, P, Q, D) is a solution of (1.15)-(1.27) and $R(t) > 0 (t \geq 0)$, and make the change of variables,

$$\rho = \frac{r}{R(t)}, \tau = \int_0^t \frac{ds}{R^2(s)}, \eta(\tau) = R(t), c(\rho, \tau) = C(r, t), w(\rho, \tau) = W(r, t),$$

$$p(\rho, \tau) = P(r, t), q(\rho, \tau) = Q(r, t), d(\rho, \tau) = D(r, t),$$

$$u(\rho, \tau) = R(t)v(r, t),$$

then the free boundary problem (1.15) (1.27) is transformed into the initial-boundary value problem[2] on the fixed domain $\{(\tau, \rho): 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tau \geq 0\}$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial \tau} = D_1 \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho^2 \frac{\partial c}{\partial \rho} \right) + u(1, \tau) \rho \frac{\partial c}{\partial \rho} - \eta^2 f(c, p, q) c \text{ for } 0 < \rho < 1, \tau > 0, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial \rho}(0, \tau) = 0, c(1, \tau) = \bar{c} \text{ for } \tau > 0, \tag{2.3}$$

$$c(\rho, 0) = c_0(\rho) \text{ for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tag{2.4}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau} = D_2 \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho^2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial \rho} \right) + u(1, \tau) \rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial \rho} - \eta^2 g(w, p, q) w \text{ for } 0 < \rho < 1, \tau > 0, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \rho}(0, \tau) = 0, w(1, \tau) = \bar{w} \text{ for } \tau > 0, \tag{2.6}$$

$$w(\rho, 0) = w_0(\rho) \text{ for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \tau} + v \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} = \eta^2 [g_{11}(c, w, p, q, d)p + g_{12}(c, w, p, q, d)q + g_{13}(c, w, p, q, d)d] \tag{2.8}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tau > 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial \tau} + v \frac{\partial q}{\partial \rho} = \eta^2 [g_{21}(c, w, p, q, d)p + g_{22}(c, w, p, q, d)q + g_{23}(c, w, p, q, d)d] \tag{2.9}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tau > 0,$$

$$\tag{2.10}$$

$$\frac{\partial d}{\partial \tau} + v \frac{\partial d}{\partial \rho} = \eta^2 [g_{31}(c, w, p, q, d)p + g_{32}(c, w, p, q, d)q + g_{33}(c, w, p, q, d)d] \tag{2.11}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tau > 0,$$

$$v(\rho, \tau) = u(\rho, \tau) - \rho u(1, \tau)$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tau > 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho^2) = \eta^2(\tau) h(c, w, p, q, d) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tau > 0, \tag{2.12}$$

$$u(0, \tau) = 0 \text{ for } \tau > 0, \tag{2.13}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta(\tau)}{\partial \tau} = \eta(\tau) u(1, \tau) \quad \text{for } \tau > 0 \tag{2.14}$$

$$p(\rho, 0) = p_0(\rho), q(\rho, 0) = q_0(\rho), d(\rho, 0) = d_0(\rho), \text{ for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \tag{2.15}$$

$$\eta(0) = \eta_0,$$

$$f(c, p, q) = F(c, p, q), \quad g(w, p, q) = G(w, p, q),$$

$$\bar{c} = \bar{C}, \bar{w} = \bar{W}, c_0(\rho) = C(\rho R_0), c_0(\rho) = W_0(\rho R_0),$$

$$p_0(\rho) = P_0(\rho R_0), q_0(\rho) = Q_0(\rho R_0), d_0(\rho) = D_0(\rho R_0),$$

$$\eta_0 = R_0. \tag{2.16}$$

Conversely, if (η, c, w, p, q, d, u) is a solution of (2.2)-(2.16) such that $\eta(\tau) > 0$ for $\tau \geq 0$, then by making the change of variables

$$r = \eta(\tau), \quad t = \int_0^\tau \eta^2(s) ds, \quad R(t) = \eta(t), \quad C(r, t) = c(\rho, \tau),$$

$$W(r, t) = w(\rho, \tau),$$

$$P(r, t) = p(\rho, \tau), \quad Q(r, t) = q(\rho, \tau),$$

$$D(r, t) = d(\rho, \tau), \quad v(r, t) = \frac{u(\rho, \tau)}{\eta(\tau)}$$

Lemma 2.1:

Under the change of variables (2.1) or its inverse (2.17), the free boundary problem (1.15) – (1.27) is equivalent to initial-boundary value problem (2.2) – (2.16).

Remark 2.2:

From (2.12),

$$u(\rho, \tau) = \frac{\eta^2(\tau)}{\rho^2} \int_0^\rho h(c(s, \tau), w(s, \tau), p(s, \tau), q(s, \tau), d(s, \tau)) s^2 ds \text{ is obtained.}$$

Then using (2.14)-(2.18),

$$\frac{\partial \eta(\tau)}{\partial \tau} = \eta^3(\tau) \int_0^1 h(c(s, \tau), w(s, \tau), p(s, \tau), q(s, \tau), d(s, \tau)) s^2 ds .$$

We cannot expect the solution of (2.2) – (2.16) exists for all $\tau \geq 0$, but since we make the change of variables,

$t = \int_0^\tau \eta^2(s) ds$ and $\tau = \int_0^t \frac{ds}{R^2(s)}$, one we can prove the solution of (2.2)-(2.16) exists actually for all $\tau \geq 0$.

SECTION -3 EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL SOLUTION

From the assumptions (A1)-(A4) in sec.1 and transformation (2.1) in sec.2

we verify the following conditions hold:

- (B1) f, g and h are C^1 -smooth functions;
- (B2) $g_{ij} (i, j=1, 2, 3)$ are C^1 -smooth functions;
- (B3) p_0, q_0 and d_0 are C^1 -smooth functions;
- (B4) $c_0(|x|), w_0(|x|) \in Dp(B_r)$ for some $r > 5$.

$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} = -V_n$ on $\partial \Omega(t), t > 0$:istence and uniqueness of solution^[5] to fixed point theorem. Let,

$$M_0 = \|(p_0, q_0, d_0)\|_{L^\infty};$$

$$P(x, 0) = P_0(x), Q(x, 0) = Q_0(x), D(x, 0) = D_0(x) \quad |p| \leq 2M_0, \quad w \leq \bar{w},$$

$$\text{for } x \in \Omega(0) \quad |q| \leq 2M_0, |d| \leq 2M_0, t, j$$

$$B_0 = \max\{|h(c, w, p, q, d)|: 0 \leq c \leq \bar{c}, 0 \leq w \leq \bar{w},$$

$$|p| \leq 2M_0, |q| \leq 2M_0, |d| \leq 2M_0\}.$$

Now given $T > 0$, we introduce a metric space (X_T, d) as

$$X_T = \{(\eta(\tau), c(\rho, \tau), w(\rho, \tau), p(\rho, \tau), q(\rho, \tau), d(\rho, \tau)) (0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 \leq \tau \leq T): (\eta, c, w, p, q, d)$$

satisfying the following conditions (C1)-(C4)

$$(C1) \quad \eta \in C[0, 1], \eta(0) = \eta_0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} \eta_0 \leq \eta(\tau) \leq 2\eta_0 (0 \leq \tau \leq T);$$

$$(C2) \quad c \in C([0, 1] \times [0, T]), c(\rho, 0) = c_0(\rho), c(1, \tau) = \bar{c} \text{ and } 0 \leq c(\rho, \tau) \leq \bar{c} \text{ for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 \leq \tau \leq T;$$

$$(C3) \quad w \in C([0, 1] \times [0, T]), w(\rho, 0) = w_0(\rho), w(1, \tau) = \bar{w} \text{ and } 0 \leq w(\rho, \tau) \leq \bar{w} \text{ for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 \leq \tau \leq T;$$

$$(C4) \quad p(\rho, \tau), q(\rho, \tau), d(\rho, \tau) \in C([0, 1] \times [0, T])$$

$$, p(\rho, 0) = p_0(\rho), q(\rho, 0) = q_0(\rho),$$

$$d(\rho, 0) = d_0(\rho) \text{ and } |p(\rho, \tau)| \leq 2M_0, |q(\rho, \tau)| \leq 2M_0, |d(\rho, \tau)| \leq 2M_0$$

for $0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 \leq \tau \leq T$.

The metric d in X_T is defined by

$$d((\eta_1, c_1, w_1, p_1, q_1, d_1), (\eta_2, c_2, w_2, p_2, q_2, d_2))$$

$$= \|\eta_1 - \eta_2\|_{L^\infty} + \|c_1 - c_2\|_{L^\infty} + \|w_1 - w_2\|_{L^\infty} + \|p_1 - p_2\|_{\square_\infty} + \|q_1 - q_2\|_{\square_\infty} + \|d_1 - d_2\|_{\square_\infty}$$

It is easy to see (X_T, d) is a complete metric space.

Given any $(\eta, c, w, p, q, d) \in X_T$, set

$$u(\rho, \tau) = \frac{\eta^2(\tau)}{\rho^2} \int_0^\rho h(c(s, \tau), w(s, \tau), p(s, \tau), q(s, \tau), d(s, \tau)) s^2 ds$$

$$v(\rho, \tau) = u(\rho, \tau) - \rho u(1, \tau),$$

$$\phi(\rho, \tau) = \eta^2(\tau) f(c(s, \tau), p(s, \tau), q(s, \tau)),$$

$$\varphi(\rho, \tau) = \eta^2(\tau) g(w(s, \tau), p(s, \tau), q(s, \tau)).$$

Consider the following problem for $(\tilde{\eta}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{w}, \tilde{p}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{d})$:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}}{\partial \tau} = \tilde{\eta}(\tau) u(1, \tau) \text{ for } 0 < \tau \leq T, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\tilde{\eta}(0) = \eta_0 \tag{3.2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{D_1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial \rho} \right) + u(1, \tau) \rho \frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial \rho} - \phi(\rho, \tau) \tilde{c} \text{ for } 0 < \rho < 1, 0 < \tau \leq T,$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial \tau}(0, \tau) = 0, \tilde{c}(1, \tau) = \tilde{c} \text{ for } 0 < \tau \leq T, \tag{3.3}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (P + Q + D) + \text{div}(P + Q + D) \tilde{v} = \frac{1}{N} (PK_B(C) - K_R(D)) \times$$

$$(N - (P + Q + D)) \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega(t), t > 0. \quad (\curvearrowright)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{w}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{D_2}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{w}}{\partial \rho} \right) + u(1, \tau) \rho \frac{\partial \tilde{w}}{\partial \rho} - \varphi(\rho, \tau) \tilde{w} \text{ for } 0 < \rho < 1, 0 < \tau \leq T,$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{w}}{\partial \tau}(0, \tau) = 0, \tilde{w}(1, \tau) = \tilde{w} \text{ for } 0 < \tau \leq T,$$

$$\|\tilde{c}_1 - \tilde{c}_2\|_{L^\infty} = \|\tilde{c}_*\|_{L^\infty} \leq T\|F\|_{L^\infty} \leq TA(T)d.$$

Similarly for \tilde{w} , we obtain

$$\|G\|_{L^\infty} \leq A(T)\|u_1 - u_2\|_{L^\infty} + A(T)d \leq A(T)d.$$

Again we obtain

$$\|\tilde{w}_1 - \tilde{w}_2\|_{L^\infty} = \|\tilde{w}_*\|_{L^\infty} \leq T\|G\|_{L^\infty} \leq TA(T)d.$$

Finally, letting $\tilde{p}^* = \tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2, \tilde{q}^* = \tilde{q}_1 - \tilde{q}_2, \tilde{d}^* = \tilde{d}_1 - \tilde{d}_2$, then result is

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{a}_*}{\partial \tau} + v_1 \frac{\partial \tilde{a}_*}{\partial \rho} = \lambda_{21}(\rho, \tau)\tilde{p}_* + \lambda_{22}(\rho, \tau)\tilde{q}_* + \lambda_{23}(\rho, \tau)\tilde{d}_* + F_2(\rho, \tau)$$

for $0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 < \tau \leq T$,

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{a}_*}{\partial \tau} + v_1 \frac{\partial \tilde{a}_*}{\partial \rho} = \lambda_{31}(\rho, \tau)\tilde{p}_* + \lambda_{32}(\rho, \tau)\tilde{q}_* + \lambda_{33}(\rho, \tau)\tilde{d}_* + F_3(\rho, \tau)$$

for $0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 < \tau \leq T$,

$$\tilde{p}_*(\rho, 0) = 0, \tilde{q}_*(\rho, 0) = 0, \tilde{d}_*(\rho, 0) = 0, \text{ for } 0 \leq \rho \leq 1 \tag{3.32}$$

where $\lambda_{ij} = \eta_1^2(\tau)g_{ij}(\tilde{c}_1, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{p}_1, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{d}_1)$ (i,j=1,2,3),

$$F_i(\rho, \tau) = (v_2 - v_1) \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_i}{\partial \rho} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left(\eta_1^2 g_{ij}(\tilde{c}_1, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{p}_1, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{d}_1) - \eta_2^2 g_{ij}(\tilde{c}_2, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{p}_2, \tilde{q}_2, \tilde{d}_2) \right) \tilde{\xi}_j$$

and $\tilde{\xi}_1 = \tilde{p}_2, \tilde{\xi}_2 = \tilde{q}_2, \tilde{\xi}_3 = \tilde{d}_2$. From (3.15)-(3.16) we know that

$$\|\tilde{p}_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq 2M_0, \|\tilde{q}_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq 2M_0, \|\tilde{d}_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq 2M_0, (i=1,2),$$

$$\left\| \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{p}_i}{\partial \rho}, \frac{\partial \tilde{q}_i}{\partial \rho}, \frac{\partial \tilde{d}_i}{\partial \rho} \right) \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq 2M_1, (i=1,2),$$

and since g_{ij} (i,j=1,2,3) are continuously differentiable, we deduce that

$$\|F_i\|_{L^\infty} \leq A(T)\|v_1 - v_2\|_{L^\infty} + A(T) \sum_{j=1}^3 \|\eta_1^2 g_{ij}(\tilde{c}_1, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{p}_1, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{d}_1) - \eta_2^2 g_{ij}(\tilde{c}_2, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{p}_2, \tilde{q}_2, \tilde{d}_2)\|_{L^\infty}$$

$$\leq A(T)d, \quad i=1,2,3$$

It is easy to see λ_{ij} (i,j=1,2,3) are bounded by a constant independent of the choice of $(\eta_i, c_i, p_i, q_i, d_i)$ so from (3.33) we have

$$\|\tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2, \tilde{q}_1 - \tilde{q}_2, \tilde{d}_1 - \tilde{d}_2\|_{L^\infty} = \|\tilde{p}_*, \tilde{q}_*, \tilde{d}_*\|_{L^\infty} \leq TA(T)d. \tag{3.34}$$

By (3.16),(3.26),(3.28) and (3.34)

$$d(\tilde{\eta}_1, \tilde{c}_1, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{p}_1, \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{d}_1), (\tilde{\eta}_2, \tilde{c}_2, \tilde{w}_2, \tilde{p}_2, \tilde{q}_2, \tilde{d}_2) \leq TA(T) < 1,$$

then F is a contraction mapping from X_T into X_T .

According to Banach fixed point theorem, if T is small enough then F has a unique fixed point (η, c, w, p, q, d) for $0 \leq \tau \leq T$. By the definition of the mapping F (η, c, w, p, q, d) is the unique solution of the problem (2.2) – (2.16) for $0 \leq \tau \leq T$

THEOREM 4.1:

Under the assumptions (A1) – (A4) and initial condition (1.30), the free boundary problem (1.15)-(1.27) has a unique solution (R, C, W, P, Q, D) for all

In addition, for any $T > 0, R(t) \in C^1 [0, T], C, W \in W_p^{2,1} (Q_T^R)$ and $P, Q, D \in C^1 (Q_T^R)$

Furthermore, the following estimates hold:

$$R(t) > 0 \text{ for } t > 0,$$

$$0 < C(r, t) \leq \bar{C}, 0 < W(r, t) \leq \bar{W} \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t \geq 0,$$

$$P(r, t) \geq 0, Q(r, t) \geq 0, D(r, t) \geq 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t \geq 0,$$

$$P(r, t) + Q(r, t) + D(r, t) = N \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R(t), t \geq 0$$

there exists $T > 0$ depending only on

$$\|c_0(|x|)\|_{Dp(B_{R_0})}, \|w_0(|x|)\|_{Dp(B_{R_0})}, \|p_0, q_0, d_0\|_{L^\infty}, \|(p'_0, q'_0, d'_0)\|_{L^\infty},$$

such that the problem (2.2)-(2.16) has a unique solution for $0 \leq \tau \leq T$.

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