

ON THE LONG TIME BEHAVIOR OF A VISCOELASTIC PLATE EQUATION WITH A VELOCITY-DEPENDENT MATERIAL DENSITY AND A LOGARITHMIC NONLINEARITY

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Abstract. In this paper, we are concerned with the following problem

$$|u_t|^\rho u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u + \Delta^2 u_{tt} - \int_0^t h(t-s)\Delta^2 u(s)ds = \alpha u \ln |u|.$$

We use the multiplier method, some logarithmic inequalities and some properties of integro-differential inequalities to establish a general decay result for the solution of this problem. We minimize the conditions imposed on the relaxation function h by assuming that h satisfies

$$h'(t) \leq -\xi(t)H(h(t)),$$

where the two functions ξ and H satisfy some conditions. This assumption allows us to use a more general class of the relaxation functions and to obtain a more general stability result. In fact, our results generalize, extend and improve many results in the literature.

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1 Introduction

Viscoelastic plate equations have been studied by many authors and several stability results have been established. For example, Rivera et al. [24] studied the following problem

$$u_{tt} - \sigma \Delta u_{tt} + \Delta^2 u + \int_0^t h(t-s)\Delta^2 u(s)ds = 0. \quad \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+ \quad (1)$$

with initial and dynamical boundary conditions and a relaxation function h satisfies the following conditions

$$-c_0 h(t) \leq h'(t) \leq -c_1 h(t), \quad 0 \leq h''(t) \leq c_2 h(t), \quad (2)$$

for some positive constant c_i , $i = 0, 1, 2$ and the constant $\sigma = \frac{h^2}{12}$, where h is the uniform thickness of the plate. They demonstrated that the sum of the