

THE SPECTRAL-DIFFERENCE METHOD FOR COMPRESSIBLE FLOW*

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Abstract

A spectral-difference scheme is proposed for semi-periodic compressible flow with strict estimation.

§1. Introduction

Tani^[1] proved the existence of the local smooth solution of compressible viscous flow. In [2,3], a difference method and a spectral method were given. We consider the semi-periodic problem and use the spectral-difference method which has been successfully applied to fluid flow (see [4-7]).

Let n_1 and n_2 be positive integers. Let $\mathbf{x}' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n_1})^*$, $\mathbf{x}'' = (x_{n_1+1}, \dots, x_n)^*$ and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^*$. Let $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ where

$$\Omega_1 = \{\mathbf{x}' | 0 < x_j < 1, 1 \leq j \leq n_1\}, \quad \Omega_2 = \{\mathbf{x}'' | 0 < x_j < 2\pi, n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

We denote by Γ the boundary of Ω_1 . The closures of Ω and Ω_l are denoted by $\overline{\Omega}$ and $\overline{\Omega}_l$. Let \mathbf{u} be the velocity and $\mathbf{u} = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(n)})^*$. p is the pressure. T is the absolute temperature. ρ is the density. \mathbf{f} is the external force and $\mathbf{f} = (f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(n)})^*$. $\nu(T, \rho) > 0$ is the viscosity, $\nu'(T, \rho)$ is the second viscosity and $\kappa(T, \rho) = \nu'(T, \rho) - \frac{2}{3}\nu(T, \rho)$. $\mu(T, \rho) > 0$ is the heat conduction coefficient. $S(T, \rho)$ is the entropy, $S_T = \frac{\partial S}{\partial T}$ and $S_\rho = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \rho}$. In order to avoid the instability of computation, we put $\varphi = \ln \rho$ as in [2]. For simplicity, we suppose that $p = R_0 \rho T$, R_0 being a positive constant. Then we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(l)}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}^{(l)} - e^{-\varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} (\kappa \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - e^{-\varphi} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [\nu \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(l)}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(j)}}{\partial x_l} \right)] \\ \quad + R_0 \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_l} + R_0 T \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_l} = f^{(l)}, \quad l = 1, \dots, n, \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \times (0, t_0], \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T - e^{-\varphi} T^{-1} S_T^{-1} (\nabla \cdot \mu \nabla) T - \frac{1}{2} \nu e^{-\varphi} T^{-1} S_T^{-1} \sum_{j,l=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(l)}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{(j)}}{\partial x_l} \right)^2 \\ \quad - \kappa e^{-\varphi} T^{-1} S_T^{-1} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 - S_\varphi S_T^{-1} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) = 0, \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \times (0, t_0], \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \varphi + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \times (0, t_0]. \end{array} \right. \quad (1.1)$$

Suppose that all functions have the period 2π for the variable x_j ($n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n$) and that there exist positive constants $B_0, B_1, B_2, \nu_0, \nu_1, \kappa_1, p_0, \mu_0, \mu_1, S_0, S_1, S_2, \Phi_0$ and Φ_1 such that if

$$(T, \varphi) \in Q = \{(T, \varphi) | B_0 < T < B_1, |\varphi| < B_2\},$$

then $\left| \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \varphi} \right|$ is bounded where $\eta = \nu, \kappa, \mu, S_T, S_\varphi$ and $q = T, \varphi$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_0 < \nu < \nu_1, \quad |\kappa| < \kappa_1, \quad \min(n\kappa + (n+1)\nu, \nu) > p_0, \\ \mu_0 < \mu < \mu_1, \quad S_0 < S_T < S_1, \quad |S_\varphi| < S_2, \quad \Phi_0 < e^{-\varphi} < \Phi_1. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

§2. The Scheme and Error Estimation

Let J be a positive integer and $h = \frac{1}{J}$. The mesh domain is defined by

$$\Omega_{1,h} = \{x' | x_j = h, 2h, \dots, 1-h, \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n_1\},$$

$$\overline{\Omega}_{1,h} = \Omega_{1,h} \cup \Gamma_h, \quad \Omega_h = \Omega_{1,h} \times \Omega_2, \quad \overline{\Omega}_h = \overline{\Omega}_{1,h} \times \overline{\Omega}_2,$$

where Γ_h is the boundary of $\Omega_{1,h}$, in the following form:

$$\Gamma_h = \bigcup_{j=1}^{n_1} \Gamma_j, \quad \Gamma_j = \Gamma_{+j} \cup \Gamma_{-j},$$

$$\Gamma_{+j} = \{x' | x_j = 1 \text{ and } x_{j'} = h, 2h, \dots, 1-h, \text{ for } j' \neq j\},$$

$$\Gamma_{-j} = \{x' | x_j = 0 \text{ and } x_{j'} = h, 2h, \dots, 1-h, \text{ for } j' \neq j\}.$$

In addition, let $l'' = (l_{n_1+1}, \dots, l_n), l''x'' = \sum_{j=n_1+1}^n l_j x_j$ and $|l''|_\infty = \max_{n_1+1 \leq j \leq n} |l_j|$, where

l_j ($n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n$) is an integer. For any positive integer N , define

$$\overline{V}_N = \text{span} \{e^{il''x''} | |l''|_\infty \leq N\}.$$

Let V_N be the subset of \overline{V}_N involving all real valued functions. Let P_N be L^2 -orthogonal projection from $L^2(\Omega_2)$ onto V_N . Let $\tau > 0$ be the mesh size of time t , and

$$\lambda = \max(2n_1\tau h^{-2}, n_2\tau N^2), \quad Z_\tau = \left\{ t = k\tau | k = 0, 1, \dots, \left[\frac{t_0}{\tau}\right] \right\}.$$

Denote the value of the function η at point x and time $k\tau$ by $\eta(x, k)$, or simply by $\eta(k)$ or η . Assume that η, ξ, a, b are scalar functions and $w = (w^{(1)}, \dots, w^{(n)})^*$. Define

$$\eta_{x_j}(x, k) = \frac{1}{h} [\eta(x + he_j, k) - \eta(x, k)], \quad \eta_{\bar{x}_j}(x, k) = \eta_{x_j}(x - he_j, k),$$

$$\eta_{\hat{x}_j}(x, k) = \frac{1}{2} [\eta_{x_j}(x, k) + \eta_{\bar{x}_j}(x, k)], \quad \eta_t(x, k) = \frac{1}{\tau} [\eta(x, k+1) - \eta(x, k)],$$

where e_j is the n -dimensional vector whose j th component equals 1 and the others are

zero. Also define

$$D_j^+(\eta) = \begin{cases} \eta_{x_j}, & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq n_1, \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_j}, & \text{if } n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n, \end{cases} \quad D_j^-(\eta) = \begin{cases} \eta_{x_j}, & \text{if } 1 \leq j \leq n_1, \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_j}, & \text{if } n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n, \end{cases}$$

$$D^+(w) = \sum_{j=1}^n D_j^+(w^{(j)}), \quad D^-(w) = \sum_{j=1}^n D_j^-(w^{(j)}), \quad D(w) = \frac{1}{2}[D^+(w) + D^-(w)],$$

$$\Delta_j^\nu \eta = \frac{1}{2} D_j^+[\nu D_j^-(\eta)] + \frac{1}{2} D_j^-[\nu D_j^+(\eta)], \quad \Delta^\nu \eta = \sum_{j=1}^n \Delta_j^\nu \eta, \quad D_j(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}[D_j^+(\eta) + D_j^-(\eta)],$$

$$d^{(\alpha)}(\eta, w) = \sum_{j=1}^n [\alpha w^{(j)} D_j(\eta) + (1 - \alpha) D_j(\eta w^{(j)})], \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.$$

Now let u_N, T_N and φ_N be the approximations to u, T and φ , where $u_N \in (V_N)^n, T_N, \varphi_N \in V_N$ for all $x' \in \bar{\Omega}_{1,h}$ and $t \in Z_\tau$. The spectral-difference scheme for solving (1.1) is as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{Nt}^{(l)} + P_N[d^{(\alpha_1)}(u_N^{(l)}, u_N) - (1 - \alpha_1)u_N^{(l)}D(u_N) - e^{-\varphi_N}H_1^{(l)}(\kappa(T_N, \varphi_N), u_N) \\ \quad - e^{-\varphi_N}\Delta^\nu(T_N, \varphi_N)u_N^{(l)} - e^{-\varphi_N}H_2^{(l)}(\nu(T_N, \varphi_N), u_N) + R_0D_l(T_N) \\ \quad + R_0T_ND_l(\varphi_N)] = P_Nf^{(l)}, \quad l = 1, \dots, n, \\ T_{Nt} + P_N[d^{(\alpha_2)}(T_N, u_N) - (1 - \alpha_2)T_ND(u_N) - e^{-\varphi_N}T_N^{-1}S_T^{-1}(T_N, \varphi_N)\Delta^\mu(T_N, \varphi_N)T_N \\ \quad - e^{-\varphi_N}H_3(u_N, T_N, \varphi_N)] = 0, \\ \varphi_{Nt} + P_N[d^{(\alpha_3)}(\varphi_N, u_N) - (1 - \alpha_3)\varphi_ND(u_N)] + D(u_N) = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (2.1)$$

where $(x, t) \in \Omega_h \times Z_\tau, 0 \leq \alpha_q \leq 1 (q = 1, 2, 3)$, and

$$H_1^{(l)}(\kappa(T_N, \varphi_N), u_N) = \frac{1}{2}D_l^+[\kappa(T_N, \varphi_N)D^-(u_N)] + \frac{1}{2}D_l^-[\kappa(T_N, \varphi_N)D^+(u_N)],$$

$$H_2^{(l)}(\nu(T_N, \varphi_N), u_N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \{D_j^+[\nu(T_N, \varphi_N)D_l^-(u^{(j)})] + D_j^-[\nu(T_N, \varphi_N)D_l^+(u^{(j)})]\},$$

$$H_3(u_N, T_N, \varphi_N) = \frac{1}{2}\nu(T_N, \varphi_N)T_N^{-1}S_T^{-1}(T_N, \varphi_N) \sum_{j,l=1}^n [D_j(u^{(l)}) + D_l(u^{(j)})]^2$$

$$+ \kappa(T_N, \varphi_N)T_N^{-1}S_T^{-1}(T_N, \varphi_N)[D(u_N)]^2 + e^{\varphi_N}S_\varphi(T_N, \varphi_N)S_T^{-1}(T_N, \varphi_N)D(u_N).$$

For error estimation, we need the following semi-discrete inner products and norms:

$$(\eta(x', k), \xi(x', k))_{\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n_2}} \int_{\Omega_2} \eta(x, k)\xi(x, k)dx'',$$

$$(2.2) \quad \|\eta(x', k)\|_{\Omega_2}^2 = (\eta(x', k), \eta(x', k))_{\Omega_2},$$

$$(\eta(k), \xi(k)) = \sum_{x' \in \Omega_{1,h}} h^{n_1}(\eta(x', k), \xi(x', k))_{\Omega_2}, \quad \|\eta(k)\|^2 = (\eta(k), \eta(k)),$$

$$(\eta(k), \xi(k))_{\Gamma_{+j}} = \sum_{x' \in \Gamma_{+j}} h^{n_1-1} (\eta(x', k), \xi(x', k))_{\Omega_2},$$

$$(\eta(k), \xi(k))_{\Gamma_{-j}} = \sum_{x' \in \Gamma_{-j}} h^{n_1-1} (\eta(x', k), \xi(x', k))_{\Omega_2},$$

$$\|\eta(k)\|_{\Gamma_j}^2 = (\eta(k), \eta(k))_{\Gamma_{+j}} + (\eta(k), \eta(k))_{\Gamma_{-j}}, \quad \|\eta(k)\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \|\eta(k)\|_{\Gamma_j}^2,$$

$$\|\eta(k)\|_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [\|D_j^+(\eta(k))\|^2 + \|D_j^-(\eta(k))\|^2],$$

$$\|\eta(k)\|_{\Gamma_{h,1}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq j}}^n [\|D_l^+(\eta(k))\|_{\Gamma_j}^2 + \|D_l^-(\eta(k))\|_{\Gamma_j}^2],$$

$$\|\eta(k)\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in \Omega_h} |\eta(x, k)|, \quad \|w(k)\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \|w^{(j)}(k)\|^2,$$

$$\|w(k)\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|w^{(j)}(k)\|_\infty, \text{ etc.}$$

We also introduce some summations as follows:

$$Y(w, \eta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq j}}^n [\|\eta D_l^+(w)\|_{\Gamma_j}^2 + \|\eta D_l^-(w)\|_{\Gamma_j}^2],$$

$$A_{\Gamma_h}(\eta, \xi, w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} [(\eta, (\xi w^{(j)})^{-x_j})_{\Gamma_{+j}} + (\eta^{-x_j}, \xi w^{(j)})_{\Gamma_{+j}} - (\eta, (\xi w^{(j)})^{+x_j})_{\Gamma_{-j}} \\ - (\eta^{+x_j}, \xi w^{(j)})_{\Gamma_{-j}}],$$

$$D_{\Gamma_l}^{(j)}(a, b, \eta, \xi) = (a D_l^-(\eta), (b \xi)^{-x_l})_{\Gamma_{+l}} + ([a D_l^+(\eta)]^{-x_l}, b \xi)_{\Gamma_{+l}} \\ - (a D_l^+(\eta), (b \xi)^{+x_l})_{\Gamma_{-l}} - ([a D_l^-(\eta)]^{+x_l}, b \xi)_{\Gamma_{-l}},$$

where $\eta^{+x_j}(x, k)$ and $\eta^{-x_j}(x, k)$ denote $\eta(x + he_j, k)$ and $\eta(x - he_j, k)$ respectively. Furthermore, let $B(\Omega_2)$ be a Banach space of functions defined on Ω_2 ,

$$C(\Omega_1, B(\Omega_2)) = \left\{ \eta | \eta : \bar{\Omega}_1 \rightarrow B(\Omega_2), \|\eta\|_{C(\Omega_1, B(\Omega_2))} = \max_{x' \in \bar{\Omega}_1} \|\eta(x')\|_{B(\Omega_2)} < \infty \right\}.$$

We can define the spaces $C^l(\Omega_1, B(\Omega_2))(l = 1, 2, \dots)$ and $C(0, t_0; C^l(\Omega_1, B(\Omega_2)))$. For simplicity, $\|\eta\|_{C(0, t_0; C^l(\Omega_1, B(\Omega_2)))}$ and $C^l(\Omega_1, H_p^\sigma(\Omega_2))$ are denoted by $\|\eta\|_{C^l(\Omega_1, B(\Omega_2))}$ and $C^l(H^\sigma)$ where $H_p^\sigma(\Omega_2)$ is the subset of $H^\sigma(\Omega_2)$, the elements of which have the period 2π for $x_j (n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n)$.

Now let $\tilde{u} = u_N - P_N u$, $\tilde{T} = T_N - P_N T$ and $\tilde{\varphi} = \varphi_N - P_N \varphi$. Then the errors satisfy

$$\begin{cases} L_1^{(l)}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) \equiv \tilde{u}_t^{(l)} + P_N \left[\sum_{j=1}^7 \tilde{F}_j^{(l)} - \sum_{j=1}^3 \tilde{E}_j^{(l)} \right] = P_N \tilde{f}_1^{(l)}, \quad l = 1, \dots, n, \\ L_2(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) \equiv \tilde{T}_t + P_N \left[\tilde{F}_8 + \tilde{F}_9 - \sum_{j=4}^8 \tilde{E}_j \right] = P_N \tilde{f}_2, \\ L_3(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\varphi}) \equiv \tilde{\varphi}_t + P_N [\tilde{F}_{10} - \tilde{E}_9] = P_N \tilde{f}_3 \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\tilde{F}_1^{(l)} = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} H_1^{(l)}(\kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), \tilde{u}),$$

$$\tilde{F}_2^{(l)} = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} H_1^{(l)}(\kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \kappa(P_NT, P_N\varphi), P_N u),$$

$$\tilde{F}_3^{(l)} = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} \Delta^{\nu(P_NT+\tilde{T}, P_N\varphi+\tilde{\varphi})} \tilde{u}^{(l)},$$

$$\tilde{F}_4^{(l)} = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} (\Delta^{\nu(P_NT+\tilde{T}, P_N\varphi+\tilde{\varphi})} P_N u^{(l)} - \Delta^{\nu(P_NT, P_N\varphi)} P_N u^{(l)}),$$

$$\tilde{F}_5^{(l)} = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} H_2^{(l)}(\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), \tilde{u}),$$

$$\tilde{F}_6^{(l)} = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} H_2^{(l)}(\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \nu(P_NT, P_N\varphi), P_N u),$$

$$\tilde{F}_7^{(l)} = R_0 P_N T D_l(\tilde{\varphi}),$$

$$\tilde{F}_8 = -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} (P_NT + \tilde{T})^{-1} S_T^{-1}(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) \Delta^{\mu(P_NT+\tilde{T}, P_N\varphi+\tilde{\varphi})} \tilde{T},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_9 = & -e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} (P_NT + \tilde{T})^{-1} S_T^{-1}(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) (\Delta^{\mu(P_NT+\tilde{T}, P_N\varphi+\tilde{\varphi})} P_NT \\ & - \Delta^{\mu(P_NT, P_N\varphi)} P_NT), \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{F}_{10} = d^{(\alpha_3)}(\tilde{\varphi}, P_N u),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_1^{(l)} = & -d^{(\alpha_1)}(\tilde{u}^{(l)}, P_N u + \tilde{u}) - d^{(\alpha_1)}(P_N u^{(l)}, \tilde{u}) + (1 - \alpha_1)(P_N u^{(l)} + \tilde{u}^{(l)}) D(\tilde{u}) \\ & + (1 - \alpha_1) \tilde{u}^{(l)} D(P_N u), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_2^{(l)} = & (e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} - e^{-P_N\varphi}) [H_1^{(l)}(\kappa(P_NT, P_N\varphi), P_N u) + \Delta^{\nu(P_NT, P_N\varphi)} P_N u^{(l)} \\ & + H_2^{(l)}(\nu(P_NT, P_N\varphi), P_N u)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{E}_3^{(l)} = -R_0 D_l(\tilde{T}) - R_0 \tilde{T} D_l(\tilde{\varphi}) - R_0 \tilde{T} D_l(P_N \varphi),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_4 = & -d^{(\alpha_2)}(\tilde{T}, P_N u + \tilde{u}) - d^{(\alpha_2)}(P_NT, \tilde{u}) + (1 - \alpha_2)(P_NT + \tilde{T}) D(\tilde{u}) \\ & + (1 - \alpha_2) \tilde{T} D(P_N u), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_5 = & e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} (P_NT + \tilde{T})^{-1} [S_T^{-1}(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) \\ & - S_T^{-1}(P_NT, P_N\varphi)] \Delta^{\mu(P_NT, P_N\varphi)} P_NT, \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{E}_6 = e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} [(P_NT + \tilde{T})^{-1} - (P_NT)^{-1}] S_T^{-1}(P_NT, P_N\varphi) \Delta^{\mu(P_NT, P_N\varphi)} P_NT,$$

$$\tilde{E}_7 = (e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} - e^{-P_N\varphi})(P_NT)^{-1} S_T^{-1}(P_NT, P_N\varphi) \Delta^{\mu(P_NT, P_N\varphi)} P_NT,$$

$$\tilde{E}_8 = e^{-P_N\varphi-\tilde{\varphi}} H_3(P_N u + \tilde{u}, P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - e^{-P_N\varphi} H_3(P_N u, P_NT, P_N\varphi),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_9 = & -d^{(\alpha_3)}(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{u}) - d^{(\alpha_3)}(P_N\varphi, \tilde{u}) + [(1 - \alpha_3)(P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - 1] D(\tilde{u}) \\ & + (1 - \alpha_3) \tilde{\varphi} D(P_N u), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{f}_1^{(l)} &= \frac{\partial u^{(l)}}{\partial t} - u_t^{(l)} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) u^{(l)} - d^{(\alpha_1)}(P_N u^{(l)}, P_N u) + (1 - \alpha_1) P_N u^{(l)} D(P_N u) \\
&\quad + e^{-P_N \varphi} H_1^{(l)}(\kappa(P_N T, P_N \varphi), P_N u) - e^{-\varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_l} (\kappa(T, \varphi) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \\
&\quad + e^{-P_N \varphi} H_2^{(l)}(\nu(P_N T, P_N \varphi), P_N u) - e^{-\varphi} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} (\nu(T, \varphi) \frac{\partial u^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_l}) \\
&\quad + e^{-P_N \varphi} \Delta^{\nu(P_N T, P_N \varphi)} P_N u^{(l)} - e^{-\varphi} (\nabla \cdot \nu(T, \varphi) \nabla) u^{(l)} + R_0 \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{x}_l} \\
&\quad - R_0 D_l(T) + R_0 T \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{x}_l} - R_0 P_N T D_l(P_N \varphi), \\
\tilde{f}_2 &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - T_t + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T - d^{(\alpha_2)}(P_N T, P_N u) + (1 - \alpha_2) P_N T D(P_N u) \\
&\quad + e^{-P_N \varphi} (P_N T)^{-1} S_T^{-1}(P_N T, P_N \varphi) \Delta^{\mu(P_N T, P_N \varphi)} P_N T \\
&\quad - e^{-\varphi} T^{-1} S_T^{-1}(T, \varphi) (\nabla \cdot \mu(T, \varphi) \nabla) T + e^{-P_N \varphi} H_3(P_N u, P_N T, P_N \varphi) \\
&\quad - e^{-\varphi} [\frac{1}{2} \nu(T, \varphi) T^{-1} S_T^{-1}(T, \varphi) \sum_{j,l=1}^n (\frac{\partial u^{(l)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} + \frac{\partial u^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_l})^2 \\
&\quad + \kappa(T, \varphi) T^{-1} S_T^{-1}(T, \varphi) (\nabla \cdot u)^2 + e^\varphi S_\varphi(T, \varphi) S_T^{-1}(T, \varphi) (\nabla \cdot u)], \\
\tilde{f}_3 &= \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} - \varphi_t + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \varphi - d^{(\alpha_3)}(P_N \varphi, P_N u) + (1 - \alpha_3) P_N \varphi D(P_N u) \\
&\quad + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - D(\mathbf{u}).
\end{aligned}$$

Hereafter, let $\tilde{f}_1 = (\tilde{f}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \tilde{f}_1^{(n)})^*$ and C_0 denote a positive constant independent of any functions and coefficients, which may be different in different cases. Suppose that

$$h \|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 \leq C_0 \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + \|\tilde{f}_4\|^2, \quad \|\tilde{f}_4\|^2 \leq C_1 N^{-n_2} h^{n_1+2}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$|u| \leq C_0 h, \quad (x, t) \in \Gamma_h \times \Omega_2 \times Z_\tau, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\lambda \leq \frac{1}{32n} \min \left(\frac{p_0 \Phi_0}{\Phi_1^2 (\kappa_1^2 + \nu_1^2)}, \frac{4\mu_0 \Phi_0 B_0^2 S_0^2}{\mu_1^2 \Phi_1^2 B_1 S_1} \right), \quad (2.5)$$

where C_1 is a positive constant which may depend on φ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{E}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}; k) &= \|\tilde{u}(k)\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}(k)\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}(k)\|^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [p_0 \Phi_0 |\tilde{u}(j)|_1^2 \\
&\quad + \mu_0 \Phi_0 B_1^{-1} S_1^{-1} |\tilde{T}(j)|_1^2] + \frac{\tau^2}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [\|\tilde{u}_t(j)\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}_t(j)\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}_t(j)\|^2],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^*(k) = & \|\tilde{u}(0)\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}(0)\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}(0)\|^2 + \tau \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \sum_{l=1}^4 \|\tilde{f}_l(j)\|^2 + \frac{\tau}{h} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [\|\tilde{u}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 \\ & + \|\tilde{T}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h \|\tilde{u}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h,1}^2 + \|(\tilde{T}(j))^2\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{T}(j)\tilde{u}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}(j)\tilde{u}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 \\ & + \|\tilde{\varphi}(j)\tilde{T}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + N^{n_2} h^{1-n_1} \|\tilde{u}(j)\|_{\Gamma_h}^4 + Y(\tilde{u}(j), \tilde{T}(j)) + Y(\tilde{u}(j), \tilde{\varphi}(j))].\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. Assume that the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) (1.2) holds and $(T, \varphi) \in Q$,

(ii) for $\beta > n_2/2$, $\varphi \in C(0, t_0; C^1(H^\beta) \cap C(H^{\beta+1}))$, $T, u^{(l)} \in C(0, t_0; C^2(H^\beta) \cap C^1(H^{\beta+1}) \cap C(H^{\beta+2}))$; and for some $\sigma \geq n_2/2 + 1$, $u^{(l)} \in C(0, t_0; C(H^{\beta+\delta}))$, $l = 1, \dots, n$, $\delta = \sigma - n_2/2$,

(iii) $h^2 = O(N^{n_2-2\sigma})$, $\alpha_3 = 1/2$, and (2.3), (2.4), (2.5) hold,

(iv) for $k\tau \leq t_0^*(\rho^*)$, $\rho^*(k) \leq M_1 N^{-n_2} h^{n_1+2}$.

Then

$$\tilde{E}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}; k) \leq M_2 \rho^*(k) e^{M_3 k \tau},$$

where $t_0^*(\rho^*)$ is a positive constant depending on ρ^* , C_1 , M_1 , M_2 and M_3 with M_1 being positive constants depending on u, T, φ and the functions mentioned in (1.2).

Now suppose that $g_1(x, t)$, $g_2(x, t)$, $u_0(x)$, $T_0(x)$ and $\varphi_0(x)$ are sufficiently smooth, $g_1 = (g_1^{(1)}, \dots, g_1^{(n)})^*$, $u_0 = (u_0^{(1)}, \dots, u_0^{(n)})^*$ and

$$\begin{cases} u(x, t) = g_1(x, t), & T(x, t) = g_2(x, t), & (x, t) \in \Gamma \times \Omega_2 \times (0, t_0), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & T(x, 0) = T_0(x), & \varphi(x, 0) = \varphi_0(x), & x \in \overline{\Omega}. \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

Because $\Gamma \times \Omega_2$ is a characteristic surface of the last equation in (1.1), we could not give the boundary value of φ . We take

$$\begin{cases} u_N(x, t) = P_N g_1(x, t), & T_N(x, t) = P_N g_2(x, t), & (x, t) \in \Gamma_h \times \Omega_2 \times Z_\tau, \\ u_N(x, 0) = P_N u_0(x), & T_N(x, 0) = P_N T_0(x), & \varphi_N(x, 0) = P_N \varphi_0(x), & x \in \overline{\Omega_h}. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

The value $\varphi_N(x, t)$ on $\Gamma_h \times \Omega_2 \times Z_\tau$ is calculated by extrapolation.

Theorem 2. Assume that the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) (2.6) and (2.7) hold,

(ii) the conditions (i) and (iii) of Theorem 1 hold,

(iii) $n_1 = 1$ and $h = O(N^{-n_2})$,

(iv) $\beta > \frac{n_2}{2}$, $r \geq \max(\beta, 2n_2)$,

$u^{(l)} \in C(0, t_0; C^4(L^2) \cap C^3(H^1) \cap C^2(H^r) \cap C^1(H^{r+1}) \cap C(H^{r+2}) \cap C(H^{\beta+n_2}))$,

$T \in C(0, t_0; C^4(L^2) \cap C^2(H^r) \cap C^1(H^{\beta+1}) \cap C(H^{r+2}))$,

$\varphi \in C(0, t_0; C^3(L^2) \cap C^2(H^\beta) \cap C^1(H^r) \cap C(H^{r+1}))$,

$\frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2} \in C(0, t_0; C(L^2))$, $\xi \in C^3(Q)$,

where $\eta = u^{(l)}$, T and $\varphi, \xi = \nu, \kappa$ and $\mu, l = 1, \dots, n$. Then for $k\tau \leq t_0$,

$$\tilde{E}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}; k) \leq M_4 e^{M_5 k \tau} (\tau^2 + h^4 + (N^{-2r})^4).$$

where M_4, M_5 are positive constants depending on $C_1, \|S\|_{C^2(Q)}$ and the norms of $u, T, \varphi, \nu, \kappa, \mu$ in the spaces mentioned.

Remark 1. The condition $(T, \varphi) \in Q$ is satisfied (see [1]).

Remark 2. For the problem with fixed wall, $u = 0$ on $\Gamma \times \Omega_2$ and thus (2.4) holds. If the value of φ_N on $\Gamma_h \times \Omega_2 \times Z_\tau$ is computed by linear extrapolation, then (2.3) also holds.

§3. The Proof of Theorems

Lemma 1. If $\eta(x)$ is smooth enough on $\bar{\Omega}$ and $\beta > n_2/2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_N \eta\|_\infty &\leq C_0 \|\eta\|_{C(H^\beta)}, \\ \|D_j^\pm(P_N \eta)\|_\infty &\leq C_0 \|\eta\|_{C^1(H^\beta)}, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n_1, \\ \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(P_N \eta) \right\|_\infty &\leq C_0 \|\eta\|_{C(H^{\beta+1})}, \quad \text{for } n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2. If $\eta \in C(H^{\beta+\delta})$ for $\beta > n_2/2$ and $\delta \geq 0$, then

$$\|P_N \eta - \eta\|_\infty \leq C_0 N^{-\delta} \|\eta\|_{C(H^{\beta+\delta})}.$$

Lemma 3. If a, b, η, ξ have the period 2π for $x_j (n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n)$ and are suitably smooth, then for $1 \leq i \leq n$,

$$\begin{aligned} (D_m^+[aD_i^-(\eta)] + D_m^-[aD_i^+(\eta)], b\xi) + (aD_i^+(\eta), bD_m^+(\xi)) + (aD_i^-(\eta), bD_m^-(\xi)) \\ = \begin{cases} -(aD_i^+(\eta), \xi^{+x_m} b_{x_m}) - (aD_i^-(\eta), \xi^{-x_m} b_{x_m}) + 2D_{\Gamma_m}^{(i)}(a, b, \eta, \xi), & \text{if } 1 \leq m \leq n_1, \\ -2(aD_i(\eta), \xi \frac{\partial b}{\partial x_m}), & \text{if } n_1 + 1 \leq m \leq n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4. If η, ξ, w have the period 2π for $x_j (n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n)$ and are suitably smooth, then

$$(\eta, d^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\xi, w)) + (\xi, d^{(\frac{1}{2})}(\eta, w)) = \frac{1}{2} A_{\Gamma_h}(\eta, \xi, w) + \frac{1}{2} A_{\Gamma_h}(\xi, \eta, w).$$

We only prove Theorem 1. We take the following inner product:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)} + \tau \tilde{u}_t^{(l)}, L_1^{(l)}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) - P_N \tilde{f}_1^{(l)}) + 2(\tilde{T} + \tau \tilde{T}_t, L_2(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) - P_N \tilde{f}_2) \\ + 2(\tilde{\varphi} + \tau \tilde{\varphi}_t, L_3(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\varphi}) - P_N \tilde{f}_3) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

It follows from conditions (i), (ii) and Lemma 2 that if N is suitably large, then $(P_N T, P_N \varphi) \in Q$. Let ε be a small positive constant to be fixed later, and M be a positive constant depending on C_1 , the bounds in (1.2) and the norms of u, T, φ in the spaces mentioned in condition (ii). Let $M^* = M^*(\tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi})$ and $M^{**} = M^{**}(\tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi})$ be positive functions such that if

$$\begin{cases} \|\tilde{T}\|^2 \leq \tilde{B}^2 (2N+1)^{-n_2} h^{n_1}, & \|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 \leq \tilde{B}^2 (2N+1)^{-n_2} h^{n_1-1}, \\ \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 \leq \tilde{B}^2 (2N+1)^{-n_2} h^{n_1}, & \|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 \leq \tilde{B}^2 (2N+1)^{-n_2} h^{n_1-1}, \end{cases} \tag{3.2}$$

where \tilde{B} is a sufficiently small positive constant, then $M^{**} \leq \tilde{B}M^*$ and $M^* \leq M$. Clearly, (3.2) implies $(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) \in Q$. Now we suppose that (3.2) is satisfied which can be ensured later.

Firstly, we put $m = l, i = j, a = \kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), b = e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, \eta = \tilde{u}^{(j)}, \xi = \tilde{u}^{(l)}$ in Lemma 3 and sum it up for l, j . Then

$$2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_1^{(l)}) = \mathcal{D}_1 + (e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} \kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), [D^+(\tilde{u})]^2 + [D^-(\tilde{u})]^2) + \mathcal{D}'_1$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_1 &= -2 \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^n D_{\Gamma_l}^{(j)} (\kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, \tilde{u}^{(j)}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}), \\ |\mathcal{D}'_1| &\leq \epsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M^* [(1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2) (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) + h^{-1} \|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Similarly,

$$2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_q^{(l)}) = \mathcal{D}_q + \mathcal{D}'_q, \quad q = 2, 4, 6,$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_3^{(l)}) &= \mathcal{D}_3 + \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} \nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), [D_j^+(\tilde{u}^{(l)})]^2 \\ &\quad + [D_j^-(\tilde{u}^{(l)})]^2) + \mathcal{D}'_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_5^{(l)}) &= \mathcal{D}_5 + (e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} \nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), [D^+(\tilde{u})]^2 \\ &\quad + [D^-(\tilde{u})]^2) + \mathcal{D}'_5 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = -2 \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^n D_{\Gamma_l}^{(j)} (\kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \kappa(P_NT, P_N\varphi), e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, P_N u^{(j)}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_3 = -2 \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} D_{\Gamma_j}^{(j)} (\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_4 = -2 \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} D_{\Gamma_j}^{(j)} (\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \nu(P_NT, P_N\varphi), e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, P_N u^{(l)}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_5 = -2 \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^n D_{\Gamma_l}^{(l)} (1, \nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, \tilde{u}^{(j)}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_6 = -2 \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} D_{\Gamma_j}^{(l)} (\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \nu(P_NT, P_N\varphi), e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}, P_N u^{(j)}, \tilde{u}^{(l)}).$$

Moreover, $|\mathcal{D}'_3|$ is bounded by (3.3), and

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{D}'_q| &\leq \epsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M^* [\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \\ &\quad + h^{-1} \|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2], \quad q = 2, 4, 6, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathcal{D}'_5| &\leq \varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M^* \{ [1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)] (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \\
&\quad + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} \|\tilde{u}\|^2 (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \\
&\quad + h |\tilde{u}|_{\Gamma_h,1}^2 + h^{-1} [\|\tilde{T}\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + Y(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}) + Y(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\varphi})] \}.
\end{aligned}$$

We have

$$2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_7^{(l)}) = 2R_0 A_{\Gamma_h}(\tilde{\varphi}, P_N T, \tilde{u}) - 2R_0 (D(\tilde{u} P_N T), \tilde{\varphi}).$$

The absolute value of the last term is bounded by

$$\varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
2(\tilde{T}, \tilde{F}_8) &= \mathcal{D}_7 + \sum_{j=1}^n (e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} \mu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) (P_N T + \tilde{T})^{-1} S_T^{-1} (P_N T \\
&\quad + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), [D_j^+(\tilde{T})]^2 + [D_j^-(\tilde{T})]^2) + \mathcal{D}'_7,
\end{aligned}$$

$$2(\tilde{T}, \tilde{F}_9) = \mathcal{D}_8 + \mathcal{D}'_8$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{D}_7 &= -2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} D_{\Gamma_j}^{(j)} (\mu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} (P_N T + \tilde{T})^{-1} S_T^{-1} (P_N T \\
&\quad + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), \tilde{T}, \tilde{T}),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{D}_8 &= -2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} D_{\Gamma_j}^{(j)} (\mu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \mu(P_N T, P_N \varphi), e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} (P_N T \\
&\quad + \tilde{T})^{-1} S_T^{-1} (P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), P_N T, \tilde{T}),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathcal{D}'_7| &\leq \varepsilon |\tilde{T}|_1^2 + M^* [1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)] (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \\
&\quad + M^* h^{-1} (\|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{T}^2\|_{\Gamma_h}^2),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mathcal{D}'_8| &\leq \varepsilon |\tilde{T}|_1^2 + M^* [1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)] (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2) \\
&\quad + M^* h^{-1} (\|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{T}^2\|_{\Gamma_h}^2).
\end{aligned}$$

As a result of $\alpha_3 = 1/2$ and Lemma 4, we obtain

$$2(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{F}_{10}) = A_{\Gamma_h}(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\varphi}, P_N u).$$

On the other hand, $|\kappa(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})| \leq \kappa_1 (1 + M^{**})$, etc. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| 2\tau \sum_{q=1,3,5} \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}_t^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_q^{(l)}) \right| &\leq \frac{3}{8} \tau \|\tilde{u}_t\|^2 + 32 \lambda \Phi_1^2 (n \kappa_1^2 + 2 \nu_1^2) (1 + M^{**})^2 (|\tilde{u}|_1^2 + h |\tilde{u}|_{\Gamma_h,1}^2) \\
&\quad + M^* (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2),
\end{aligned}$$

$$|2\tau(\tilde{T}_t, \tilde{F}_8)| \leq \frac{\tau}{4} \|\tilde{T}_t\|^2 + 16 \lambda \mu_1^2 \Phi_1^2 B_0^{-2} S_0^{-2} (1 + M^{**})^2 |\tilde{T}|_1^2 + M^{**} (\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + h \|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2).$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 2\tau \sum_{q=2,4,6} \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}_t^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_q^{(l)}) \right| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{u}_t\|^2 + M^*(1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1} \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2) \\ &\quad + M^* h(\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2), \\ |2\tau(\tilde{T}_t, \tilde{F}_q)| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{T}_t\|^2 + M^*[1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1}(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)](\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2) \\ &\quad + M^* h(\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, from condition (ii), it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 2\tau \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}_t^{(l)}, \tilde{F}_7^{(l)}) \right| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{u}_t\|^2 + M(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2), \\ |2\tau(\tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{F}_{10})| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{\varphi}_t\|^2 + M(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2), \\ \left| 2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)} + \tau \tilde{u}_t^{(l)}, \tilde{E}_2^{(l)} + \tilde{f}_1^{(l)}) \right| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{u}_t\|^2 + M^* \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + M(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{f}_1\|^2), \\ |2(\tilde{T} + \tau \tilde{T}_t, \tilde{E}_5 + \tilde{E}_6 + \tilde{E}_7 + \tilde{f}_2)| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{T}_t\|^2 + M^*(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2) + M\|\tilde{f}_2\|^2, \\ |2(\tilde{\varphi} + \tau \tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{f}_3)| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{\varphi}_t\|^2 + M(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + \|\tilde{f}_3\|^2). \end{aligned}$$

It could be verified that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| 2 \sum_{l=1}^n (\tilde{u}^{(l)} + \tau \tilde{u}_t^{(l)}, \tilde{E}_1^{(l)} + \tilde{E}_3^{(l)}) \right| &\leq 2\varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{u}_t\|^2 + \varepsilon(|\tilde{u}|_1^2 + |\tilde{T}|_1^2) + M[1 \\ &\quad + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1}(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2)](\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) + M(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \\ &\quad + MN^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2} \|\tilde{T}\|^2(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2), \\ |2(\tilde{T} + \tau \tilde{T}_t, \tilde{E}_4 + \tilde{E}_8)| &\leq 2\varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{T}_t\|^2 + \varepsilon(2|\tilde{u}|_1^2 + |\tilde{T}|_1^2) + M[1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1}(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\tilde{T}\|^2)](\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) + Mh^{-1}\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + M^*(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2) \\ &\quad + (M + M^*)[1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2}(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2)](\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2), \\ |2(\tilde{\varphi} + \tau \tilde{\varphi}_t, \tilde{E}_9)| &\leq \varepsilon \tau \|\tilde{\varphi}_t\|^2 + \varepsilon|\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M(1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2}\|\tilde{u}\|^2)(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \\ &\quad + M(1 + N^{n_2} h^{-n_1-2}\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) + Mh^{-1}\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we estimate the terms \mathcal{D}_j and A_{Γ_h} . By an argument as in [2,3], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_1 &\geq h^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \{ ((1 - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign } \kappa) \kappa(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})(e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}})^{-x_l}, [(\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{-x_l})_{\Gamma_{+l}} \\ &\quad + ((1 - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign } \kappa) \kappa(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})(e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}})^{+x_l}, [(\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{+x_l})_{\Gamma_{-l}} \} \\ &\quad - \varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 - M^*(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + h^{-1}\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + |\tilde{u}|_{\Gamma_h,1}^2), \\ \mathcal{D}_3 &\geq (1 - \varepsilon) h^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \{ (\nu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})(e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}})^{-x_j}, [(\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{-x_j})_{\Gamma_{+j}} \\ &\quad + (\nu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})(e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}})^{+x_j}, [(\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{+x_j})_{\Gamma_{-j}} \} - \varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 - M^* h^{-1}\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_5 &\geq (1-\varepsilon)h^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \{ ([\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}]^{-x_l}, [(\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{-x_l})_{\Gamma_{+l}} \\ &\quad + ([\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}]^{+x_l}, [(\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{+x_l})_{\Gamma_{-l}} \} - \varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 - M^*(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 \\ &\quad + h^{-1}\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + |\tilde{u}|_{\Gamma_{h,1}}^2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_7 &\geq (1-\varepsilon)h^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \{ (\mu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})[e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}(P_NT + \tilde{T})^{-1}S_T^{-1}(P_NT \\ &\quad + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})]^{-x_j}, (\tilde{T}^2)^{-x_j})_{\Gamma_{+j}} + (\mu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})[e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}(P_NT \\ &\quad + \tilde{T})^{-1}S_T^{-1}(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})]^{+x_j}, (\tilde{T}^2)^{+x_j})_{\Gamma_{-j}} \} - \varepsilon |\tilde{T}|_1^2 - M^*h^{-1}\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2, \\ |\mathcal{D}_q| &\leq \varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M^*(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h^{-1}\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2), \quad q = 2, 4, 6, \\ |\mathcal{D}_8| &\leq \varepsilon |\tilde{T}|_1^2 + M^*(\|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h^{-1}\|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2). \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$|2R_0A_{\Gamma_h}(\tilde{\varphi}, P_NT, \tilde{u})| \leq \varepsilon |\tilde{u}|_1^2 + M(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h^{-1}\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2),$$

$$|A_{\Gamma_h}(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\varphi}, P_Nu)| \leq M(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h^{-1}\|\tilde{\varphi}P_Nu\|_{\Gamma_h}^2) \leq M(\|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2 + h\|\tilde{\varphi}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2).$$

If $\nu + \kappa > 0$, then the estimation is simple. If $\nu + \kappa \leq 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} &e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}[\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) + \kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})][(D^+(\tilde{u}))^2 + (D^-(\tilde{u}))^2] \\ &\geq n \sum_{j=1}^n e^{-P_N\varphi - \tilde{\varphi}}[\nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) + \kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})][(D_j^+(\tilde{u}^{(j)}))^2 \\ &\quad + (D_j^-(\tilde{u}^{(j)}))^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) &= \min(n\kappa(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) + (n+1)\nu(P_NT \\ &\quad + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi}), \nu(P_NT + \tilde{T}, P_N\varphi + \tilde{\varphi})), \end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{72} \min(1, p_0\Phi_0, 3\mu_0\Phi_0B_1^{-1}S_1^{-1}).$$

It is easy to see that

$$(1 - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign } \kappa)\kappa + 2(1 - \varepsilon)\nu \geq \frac{1}{2}\tilde{P}.$$

By substituting the above estimate into (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)_t + \frac{\tau}{2}(\|\tilde{u}_t\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}_t\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}_t\|^2) + \frac{1}{2}p_0\Phi_0|\tilde{u}|_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu_0\Phi_0B_1^{-1}S_1^{-1}|\tilde{T}|_1^2 \\ &\leq R(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) + G(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) + \sum_{j=1}^3 f_j^*(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$R(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) = M^*(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)[1 + N^{n_2}h^{-n_1-2}(\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2)],$$

$$G(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) = M \sum_{j=1}^4 \|\tilde{f}_j\|^2 + M^*h^{-1}[\|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + h|\tilde{u}|_{\Gamma_{h,1}}^2 + \|\tilde{T}^2\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{T}\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{T}\|_{\Gamma_h}^2 + N^{n_2} h^{1-n_1} \|\tilde{u}\|_{\Gamma_h}^4 + Y(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}) + Y(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\varphi})], \\
f_1^*(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) &= - \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} \tilde{P}(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \frac{3}{8} p_0 \Phi_0 \\
& - 16n\lambda\Phi_1^2(\nu_1^2 + \kappa_1^2)(1 + M^{**})^2 - M^* N^{n_2} h^{-n_1} (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2 \\
& + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2), [D_j^+(\tilde{u}^{(l)})]^2 + [D_j^-(\tilde{u}^{(l)})]^2), \\
f_2^*(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) &= - \sum_{j=1}^n (e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} \mu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})(P_N T + \tilde{T})^{-1} S_T^{-1}(P_N T \\
& + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - \frac{3}{8} \mu_0 \Phi_0 B_1^{-1} S_1^{-1} - 4n\lambda\mu_1^2\Phi_1^2 B_0^{-2} S_0^{-2} (1 + M^{**})^2 \\
& - M^* N^{n_2} h^{-n_1} (\|\tilde{u}\|^2 + \|\tilde{T}\|^2 + \|\tilde{\varphi}\|^2), [D_j^+(\tilde{T})]^2 + [D_j^-(\tilde{T})]^2), \\
f_3^*(\tilde{u}, \tilde{T}, \tilde{\varphi}) &= -h^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \{ \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{P}(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) - |h[\nu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi \right. \\
& \left. + \tilde{\varphi})]_{\bar{x}_l}|, [e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} (\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{-x_l} \right)_{\Gamma_{+l}} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{P}(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi}) \right. \\
& \left. - |h[\nu(P_N T + \tilde{T}, P_N \varphi + \tilde{\varphi})]_{x_l}|, [e^{-P_N \varphi - \tilde{\varphi}} (\tilde{u}^{(l)})^2]^{+x_l} \right)_{\Gamma_{-l}} \}.
\end{aligned}$$

The rest of proof is the same as in [3].

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