

# Integrability of $\det \nabla u$ and evolutionary Wente's problem associated to reaction-diffusion operator

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we consider the solution of evolutionary Wente's problem with the wavefronts operator for a global reaction-diffusion population model in  $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2$ . We study in particular the best constant in the so-called Wente's inequality. We consider the best constant associated to the  $L^\infty$  norm of this solution.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The classical Wente's problem arises in the study of constant mean curvature immersions (see [9]), for which the scalar version of equation is just the following problem:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} -\Delta \psi = \det \nabla v = a_{x_1} b_{x_2} - a_{x_2} b_{x_1} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \psi = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega. \end{cases}$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $a, b$  are functions defined in  $\Omega$ . If  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$ , we shall replace the boundary condition by the ground state condition

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \psi(x) = 0,$$

where  $|x|$  is the Euclidean norm  $|x| = (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{1/2}$ . In both case, when  $v = (a, b) \in H^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^2)$ , it is proved in [10, 4] that  $\psi$ , the solution of (1.1)

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exists, lies in  $C(\bar{\Omega})$  and  $\nabla\psi$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . More precisely, we have

$$(1.2) \quad \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|\nabla\psi\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C(\Omega)\|\nabla a\|_{L^2(\Omega)}\|\nabla b\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Many works have been done to estimate the best constant, see for example [1, 8, 7] and some generalizations in [3, 5].

Here, we deal with the following problem: Let  $u \in H_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2))$ , then we consider the equation

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi(t, x) - D\Delta_x \varphi(t, x) + \gamma \varphi(t, x) = \det \nabla u(t, x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(t, x) = 0 & \forall t > 0 \\ \varphi(0, x) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2, \end{cases}$$

where  $D$  and  $\gamma$  are positives constants which represent the diffusion and death rate of mature population. Here  $H^1(I, E)$  denotes the standard Sobolev space of functions in  $L^2(I)$  such that the derivative is also in  $L^2(I)$  where  $I$  is an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $E$  is a Banach space.

It is not trivial that a solution exists for (1.3), since the second member lies apparently just in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . But we know that  $\det \nabla u$  has a special structure which admits some higher integrability than  $L^1$ , it lies indeed in the Hardy space  $\mathcal{H}^1$  (see [6]). Here we will use the special form of determinant to show that a global solution  $\varphi$  exists and moreover  $\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  is locally bounded. We can get nearly the best estimate for its  $L^\infty$  norm.

Given  $\gamma = 0$  and  $D = 1$ , then problem (1.3), is simply given in [2], by

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi(t, x) - \Delta_x \varphi(t, x) = \det \nabla u(t, x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(t, x) = 0 & \forall t > 0 \\ \varphi(0, x) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2. \end{cases}$$

The authors in [2] derived a representation formula for the solutions of (1.4) which are defined in  $C(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2)$  and the best constant which appears in the corresponding inequality is equals to  $(2\pi)^{-1}$ .

First, thanks to the linearity of our problem, we can decompose the solution  $\varphi$  as  $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2$ , where

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi_2(t, x) - D\Delta_x \varphi_2(t, x) + \gamma \varphi_2(t, x) = 0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_2(t, x) = 0 & \forall t > 0 \\ \varphi_2(0, x) = -\varphi_0(x) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi_1(t, x) - D\Delta_x \varphi_1(t, x) + \gamma \varphi_1(t, x) = \det \nabla u(t, x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_1(t, x) = 0 & \forall t > 0 \\ \varphi_1(0, x) = \varphi_0(x) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2, \end{cases}$$

where  $\varphi_0$  is the solution of classical Wentze's problem in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , associated to  $u(0, x)$ :

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} -D\Delta \varphi_0(x) = \det \nabla u(0, x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_0(x) = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is well-known that  $\varphi_2(t, x)$  is given by  $\varphi_2 = -E(t, \cdot) * \varphi_0(x)$ , where

$$E(t, x) = \frac{1}{4D\pi t} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4Dt} - \gamma t}$$

denotes the fundamental solution of heat operator in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In other words,  $E$  satisfies

$$\partial_t E - D\Delta_x + \gamma E = \delta_{(0,0)}.$$

By the limit condition for  $\varphi_0$ , it is easy to see that  $\|\varphi_2\|_\infty \leq \|\varphi_0\|_\infty$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\varphi_2\|_\infty = 0.$$

Thus our study will concentrate on that of  $\varphi_1$ .

Throughout this paper,  $\|\cdot\|_p$  denotes always the  $L^p$  norm over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\nabla$  and  $\Delta$  denote always the derivation to the variable  $x$ . In the following we denote by

$$(1.8) \quad \phi(t, \cdot) = e^{\gamma t} \varphi_1(t, \cdot) - \varphi_0$$

and

$$G_{u,\gamma}(t) = \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} [\|\nabla(\partial_s a)(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(s, \cdot)\|_2 + \|\nabla a(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla(\partial_s b)(s, \cdot)\|_2 + \gamma \|\nabla a(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(s, \cdot)\|_2] ds.$$

Note that  $u \in H_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2))$  implies that  $G_{u,\gamma}(t) < \infty$  for any  $t$ . We define also  $\Sigma_\gamma(u) = G_{u,\gamma}(\infty)$ . We have the following result.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $u$  be a function in  $H_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2))$ , then a unique global solution of (1.6) exists and  $\varphi_1 \in C(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ . Furthermore,*

$$(1.9) \quad \sup_{\Sigma_\gamma(u) \neq \emptyset} \sup_{t > 0} \frac{\|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_\infty}{G_{u,\gamma}(t)} = \frac{1}{2\pi D},$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the two components of  $u$ , i.e.  $u(t, x) = (a, b)(t, x)$ .

**Remark 1.1.** Consequently, we get  $\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *The solution  $\varphi_1$  of (1.6) belongs to  $C(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1(\mathbb{R}^2))$  if  $u \in H_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^+, H^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2))$ . Furthermore,  $t \mapsto \varphi_1(t, \cdot)$  is locally Lipschitz in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and we have the following estimates: For any  $t > 0$ ,*

$$(1.10) \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 + D \int_0^t \|\nabla \phi(s, \cdot)\|_2^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{4\pi D} \int_0^t G_{u,\gamma}^2(s) ds$$

and

$$(1.11) \quad \|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2([0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^2)}^2 + \frac{D}{2} \|\nabla \phi(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{3}{4\pi D} G_{u,\gamma}^2(t).$$

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

When  $u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ , we know that the solution of (1.6) is explicitly given by:

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi_1(t, x) = E(t, \cdot) * \varphi_0(x) + \int_0^t E(s, \cdot) * \det(\nabla u)(t-s, \cdot)(x) ds.$$

We will establish the estimate (1.9) in this case, then the existence and estimate of  $\varphi_1$  in general case will come from density arguments. First, we consider the value of  $\varphi_1$  at the point  $(t, 0)$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi_1(t, 0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{e^{-\frac{|y|^2}{4Dt} - \gamma t}}{4D\pi t} \varphi_0(y) dy + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{e^{-\frac{|y|^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{4D\pi s} \det(\nabla u)(t-s, y) dy ds = I + J.$$

Using polar coordinates, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Dt} - \gamma t}}{4D\pi t} \varphi_0(r, \theta) r dr d\theta \\ &= -\frac{e^{-\gamma t}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \partial_r \left( e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}} \right) \varphi_0(r, \theta) dr d\theta \\ &= \frac{e^{-\gamma t}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}} \partial_r \varphi_0 dr d\theta + e^{-\gamma t} \varphi_0(0). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\det \nabla u = \frac{(a_r b)_\theta - (a_\theta b)_r}{r},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{4D\pi s} [(a_r b)_\theta - (a_\theta b)_r] (t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \partial_r \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{4D\pi s} \right) (a_\theta b) (t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\partial_r \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{4D\pi s} \right) = \partial_s \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi s} \right) - \frac{\gamma e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} J &= - \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \partial_s \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r} \right) (a_\theta b) (t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\gamma e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r} (a_\theta b) (t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &\varphi_1(t, 0) - e^{-\gamma t} \varphi_0(0) \\ &= e^{-\gamma t} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}}}{2\pi} \partial_r \varphi_0 dr d\theta - e^{-\gamma t} \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}}}{2D\pi r} (a_\theta b) (0, r, \theta) dr d\theta \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r} \partial_s (a_\theta b) (t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\gamma e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r} (a_\theta b) (t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $-D\Delta\varphi_0 = \det \nabla u(0, x)$  means

$$-\frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r \varphi_0) - \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 \varphi_0 = \frac{(a_r b)_\theta - (a_\theta b)_r}{Dr},$$

so

$$-\partial_r \left[ r \partial_r \varphi_0 - \frac{a_\theta b}{D} \right] = \partial_\theta \left( \frac{\partial_\theta \varphi_0}{r} + \frac{a_r b}{D} \right).$$

Therefore

$$Dr\partial_r\varphi_0(r, \theta) - (a_\theta b)(0, r, \theta) = - \int_0^r \partial_\theta \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} (\partial_\theta \varphi_0)(\sigma, \theta) + (a_r b)(0, \sigma, \theta) \right] d\sigma.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(t, 0) - e^{-\gamma t} \varphi_0(0) &= \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4t} - \gamma t}}{2D\pi r} [Dr\partial_r\varphi_0(r, \theta) - a_\theta b(0, r, \theta)] dr d\theta \\ &- \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r} \partial_s (a_\theta b)(t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &- \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\gamma e^{-\frac{r^2}{4Ds} - \gamma s}}{2D\pi r} (a_\theta b)(t-s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &= - \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\gamma e^{-\frac{r^2}{4D(t-s)} - \gamma(t-s)}}{2D\pi r} (a_\theta b)(s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &- \int_0^t \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4D(t-s)} - \gamma(t-s)}}{2D\pi r} \partial_s (a_\theta b)(s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds \\ &= - \int_0^t \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4D(t-s)} - \gamma t}}{2D\pi r} \partial_s (e^{\gamma s} (a_\theta b))(s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds. \end{aligned}$$

We get finally

$$(2.3) \quad \phi(t, 0) = - \int_0^t \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{4D(t-s)}}}{2D\pi r} \partial_s (e^{\gamma s} (a_\theta b))(s, r, \theta) dr d\theta ds.$$

If we denote by

$$\bar{b}(s, r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} b(s, r, \theta) d\theta$$

we have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |b - \bar{b}|^2 d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} b_\theta^2 d\theta, \quad \forall b \in H^1(0, 2\pi).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|\phi(t, 0)| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_0^{2\pi} |\partial_s a_\theta [b - \bar{b}(s, r)]| + |a_\theta \partial_s [b - \bar{b}(s, r)]| d\theta dr ds \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2\pi D} \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_0^{2\pi} |a_\theta [b - \bar{b}(s, r)]| d\theta dr ds \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} \|\nabla(\partial_s a)(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(s, \cdot)\|_2 + \|\nabla a(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla(\partial_s b)(s, \cdot)\|_2 ds \\
&\quad + \frac{\gamma}{2\pi D} \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} \|\nabla(a)(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(s, \cdot)\|_2 ds \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} G_{u, \gamma}(t).
\end{aligned}$$

The last inequality comes from

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_0^{2\pi} |\partial_s a_\theta [b - \bar{b}(s, r)]| dr d\theta \\
&\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{r} \|\partial_s a_\theta\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} \|b - \bar{b}(s, r)\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} dr \\
&\leq \left[ \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(\partial_s a_\theta)^2}{r} d\theta dr \right]^{1/2} \left[ \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(\partial_\theta b)^2}{r} d\theta dr \right]^{1/2} \\
&\leq \|\nabla \partial_s a(s, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(s, \cdot)\|_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Since equation (1.1) is invariant by translation with respect to the variable  $x$ , so we get the same estimate for all  $x$  by considering  $\varphi_1(x + \cdot)$ , hence

$$(2.4) \quad |\phi(t, x)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} G_{u, \gamma}(t), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+, x \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

For the inverse inequality, let  $h : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a smooth, decreasing, compactly supported function such that  $h(0) = 1$ . Take now  $u(s, x) = h(s)u_0(x)$  where  $u_0$  will be determined later, and  $\varphi_0$  the solution of classical Wentze's problem corresponding to  $u_0$ . So the solution of associated heat equation (1.6) is explicitly given by (2.1). We will look at the value of  $\varphi_1(t, 0)$  given by (2.2).

If we take  $u_0 = (a_0, b_0) = g(r)x$  with  $g$  a regular radial function with compact support in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , such that  $u_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , then

$$\det(\nabla u)(s, x) = h^2(s)\det(\nabla u_0)(x) = \frac{h^2(s)}{2r} [r^2 g^2(r)]'.$$

According to (2.3), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t, 0) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi D} \int_0^\infty \int_0^t \int_0^{2\pi} [e^{\gamma s} h^2(s)]' e^{-\frac{r^2}{4D(t-s)}} r g^2(r) \cos^2 \theta d\theta ds dr \\ &= -\frac{1}{2D} \int_0^\infty \int_0^t [e^{\gamma s} h^2(s)]' e^{-\frac{r^2}{4D(t-s)}} r g^2(r) ds dr. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $h(s) = e^{-(1+\gamma)s/2}$ , then clearly

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |\phi(t, 0)| = \frac{1}{2D} \int_0^\infty r g^2(r) dr = \varphi_0(0).$$

Otherwise, a direct calculus shows that

$$G_{u,\gamma}(t) = -2\pi \int_0^t e^{\gamma s/2} h(s) [e^{\gamma s/2} h(s)]' ds \times \int_0^\infty \sigma^3 g'^2(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

For  $t$  large enough, we get

$$G_{u,\gamma}(t) = \pi \int_0^\infty \sigma^3 g'^2(\sigma) d\sigma = \|\nabla a_0\|_2 \|\nabla b_0\|_2.$$

In conclusion, we find in this special case

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\phi(t, 0)|}{G_{u,\gamma}(t)} = \frac{\varphi_0(0)}{\|\nabla a_0\|_2 \|\nabla b_0\|_2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{\Sigma_\gamma(u) \neq 0} \sup_{t > 0} \frac{\|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_\infty}{G_{u,\gamma}(t)} \\ (2.5) \quad &\geq \sup_{\Sigma_\gamma(u) \neq 0} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\phi(t, \cdot)|}{G_{u,\gamma}(t)} \geq \frac{1}{2\pi D} \frac{\int_0^{+\infty} r g^2(r) dr}{\int_0^{+\infty} r^3 g'(r)^2 dr}. \end{aligned}$$



Choosing  $g_\varepsilon(r) = r^{\varepsilon-1}e^{-r/2}$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then by [1],  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^{+\infty} r g_\varepsilon^2(r) dr}{\int_0^{+\infty} r^3 g_\varepsilon'(r)^2 dr} = 1$

and we deduce that

$$(2.6) \quad \sup_{\Sigma_\gamma(u) \neq 0} \sup_{t > 0} \frac{\|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_\infty}{G_{u,\gamma}(t)} \geq \frac{1}{2\pi D}.$$

Finally, the proof is then done.  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

We recall that

$$\phi(t, x) = e^{\gamma t} \varphi_1(t, x) - \varphi_0(x).$$

First, we will prove (1.10). Thanks to density arguments, we can just consider the case where  $u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ . By equations (1.6) and (1.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \phi - D\Delta \phi + \gamma \phi &= e^{\gamma t} \det \nabla u(t, x) - \det \nabla u(0, x) + \gamma e^{\gamma t} \varphi_1(t, x) - \gamma \varphi_0(x) \\ &= \int_0^t \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma \sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) d\sigma + \gamma \int_0^t \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma \sigma} \varphi_1](\sigma, x) d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^t \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma \sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) d\sigma + \gamma \int_0^t \partial_\sigma \phi(\sigma, x) d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we are just to concentrate our attention to the following equation

$$(3.1) \quad \partial_t \phi - D\Delta \phi = \int_0^t \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma \sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) d\sigma.$$

Multiplying (3.1) by  $\phi$  and integrating with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \phi(t, x)^2 - D \int_0^t \phi(s, x) \Delta \phi(s, x) ds = \int_0^t \phi(s, x) \int_0^s \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma \sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) d\sigma ds.$$

Now we integrate over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \phi(t, x)^2 dx + D \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla \phi(s, x)|^2 dx ds \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_0^t \phi(s, x) \int_0^s \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma \sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) d\sigma ds dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 + D \int_0^t \|\nabla \phi(s, \cdot)\|_2^2 ds \\ & \leq \int_0^t \int_0^s \|\phi(s, \cdot)\|_\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left| \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma\sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) \right| dx d\sigma ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} \int_0^t \int_0^s G_{u,\gamma}(s) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left| \partial_\sigma [e^{\gamma\sigma} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) \right| ds d\sigma dx. \end{aligned}$$

Otherwise, we have

$$\partial_t [e^{\gamma t} \det \nabla u] = \gamma e^{\gamma t} \det \nabla u + e^{\gamma t} \det [\nabla(\partial_t a), \nabla b] + e^{\gamma t} \det [\nabla a, \nabla(\partial_t b)],$$

which implies

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left| \partial_t [e^{\gamma t} \det \nabla u](\sigma, x) \right| dx \leq e^{\gamma t} \|\nabla(\partial_t a)(\sigma, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(\sigma, \cdot)\|_2 + e^{\gamma t} (\|\nabla a(\sigma, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla(\partial_t b)(\sigma, \cdot)\|_2 + \gamma \|\nabla a(\sigma, \cdot)\|_2 \|\nabla b(\sigma, \cdot)\|_2) = G'_{u,\gamma}(\sigma).$$

Finally we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \|\phi(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 + D \int_0^t \|\nabla \phi(s, \cdot)\|_2^2 ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} \int_0^t \int_0^s G_{u,\gamma}(s) G'_{u,\gamma}(\sigma) d\sigma ds = \frac{1}{4\pi D} \int_0^t G_{u,\gamma}(s)^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

and (1.10) follows.

For proving (1.11), multiplying (3.1) by  $\partial_t \phi$  and integrating with respect to  $t$  and  $x$ , we get easily

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2([0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^2)}^2 + \frac{D}{2} \|\nabla \phi(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 \\ & = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_0^t \phi(s, x) \partial_s [e^{\gamma s} \det \nabla u](s, x) ds dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \phi(t, x) \int_0^t \partial_s [e^{\gamma s} \det \nabla u](s, x) ds dx. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\|\partial_t \phi\|_{L^2([0,t] \times \mathbb{R}^2)}^2 + \frac{D}{2} \|\nabla \phi(t, \cdot)\|_2^2 \leq I_1 + J_1.$$

Using (2.4) and (3.2), we get

$$|I_1| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} \int_0^t G_{u,\gamma}(s) G'_{u,\gamma}(s) ds = \frac{1}{4\pi D} G_{u,\gamma}(t)^2$$

and

$$|J_1| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi D} G_{u,\gamma}(t) \int_0^t G'_{u,\gamma}(s) ds = \frac{1}{2\pi D} G_{u,\gamma}(t)^2.$$

The proof of (1.11) is then completed.

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