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Semigroup Method on a $M^X/G/1$ Queueing Model

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By using the Hille-Yosida theorem, Phillips theorem, and Fattorini theorem in functional analysis we prove that the $M^X/G/1$ queueing model with vacation times has a unique nonnegative time-dependent solution.

1. Introduction

The queueing system when the server become idle is not new. Miller [1] was the first to study such a model, where the server is unavailable during some random length of time for the $M/G/1$ queueing system. The $M/G/1$ queueing models of similar nature have also been reported by a number of authors, since Levy and Yechiali [2] included several types of generalizations of the classical $M/G/1$ queueing system. These generalizations are useful in model building in many real life situations such as digital communication, computer network, and production/inventory system [3–5].

At present, however, most studies are devoted to batch arrival queues with vacation because of its interdisciplinary character. Considerable efforts have been devoted to study these models by Baba [6], Lee and Srinivasan [7], Lee et al. [8, 9], Borthakur and Choudhury [10], and Choudhury [11, 12] among others. However, the recent progress of $M^X/G/1$ type queueing models of this nature has been served by Chae and Lee [13] and Medhi [14].

In 2002, Choudhury [15] studied the $M^X/G/1$ queueing model with vacation times. By using the supplementary variable technique [16] he established the corresponding queueing model and obtained the queue size distribution at a stationary (random) as well as a departure point of time under multiple vacation policy based on the following hypothesis. “The time-dependent solution of the model converges to a nonzero steady-state solution.” By reading the paper we find that the previous hypothesis, in fact, implies the following two

Hypothesis 1. The model has a nonnegative time-dependent solution.

Hypothesis 2. The time-dependent solution of the model converges to a nonzero steady-state solution.

In this paper we investigate Hypothesis 1. By using the Hille-Yosida theorem, Phillips theorem, and Fattorini theorem we prove that the model has a unique nonnegative time-dependent solution, and therefore we obtain Hypothesis 1.

According to Choudhury [15], the $M^X/G/1$ queueing system with vacation times can be described by the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} &= -\lambda Q(t) + \int_0^\infty v(x) P_{0,0}(x, t) dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty b(x) P_{1,1}(x, t) dx, \\ \frac{\partial P_{0,0}(x, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial P_{0,0}(x, t)}{\partial x} &= -[\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,0}(x, t), \\ \frac{\partial P_{0,n}(x, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial P_{0,n}(x, t)}{\partial x} &= -[\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,n}(x, t) \\ &\quad + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^n c_k P_{0,n-k}(x, t), \quad n \geq 1, \\ \frac{\partial P_{1,n}(x, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial P_{1,n}(x, t)}{\partial x} &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -[\lambda + b(x)] P_{1,n}(x, t) \\
&\quad + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^n c_k P_{1,n-k+1}(x, t), \quad n \geq 1, \\
P_{0,0}(t) &= \lambda Q(t), \quad P_{0,n}(0, t) = 0, \quad n \geq 1, \\
P_{1,n}(0, t) &= \int_0^\infty v(x) P_{0,n}(x, t) dx \\
&\quad + \int_0^\infty b(x) P_{1,n+1}(x, t) dx, \quad n \geq 1, \\
Q(0) &= 1, \quad P_{0,n}(x, 0) = 0, \quad n \geq 0, \\
P_{1,n}(x, 0) &= 0, \quad n \geq 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $(x, t) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$; $Q(t)$ represents the probability that there is no customer in the system and the server is idle at time t ; $P_{0,n}(x, t) dx$ ($n \geq 0$) represents the probability that at time t there are n customers in the system and the server is on a vacation with elapsed vacation time of the server lying in $[x, x + dx)$. $P_{1,n}(x, t) dx$ ($n \geq 1$) represents the probability that at time t there are n customers in the system with elapsed service time of the customer undergoing service lying in $[x, x + dx)$. λ is batch arrival rate of customers. c_k ($k \geq 1$) represents the probability that at every arrival epoch a batch of k external customers arrives and satisfies $\sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k = 1$. $v(x)$ is the vacation rate of the server, which satisfies

$$v(x) \geq 0, \quad \int_0^\infty v(x) dx = \infty. \tag{2}$$

$b(x)$ is the service rate of the server satisfying

$$b(x) \geq 0, \quad \int_0^\infty b(x) dx = \infty. \tag{3}$$

2. Problem Formulation

We first formulate the system (1) as an abstract Cauchy problem on a suitable state space. For convenience we take some notations as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{-x} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \lambda e^{-x} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Gamma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & v(x) & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v(x) & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \\
\Gamma_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b(x) & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & b(x) & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

If we take state space

$$X = \left\{ (P_0, P_1) \left| \begin{array}{l} P_0 = (Q, P_{0,0}, P_{0,1}, \dots) \\ \in \mathbb{R} \times L^1[0, \infty) \times L^1[0, \infty) \times \cdots \\ P_1 = (P_{1,1}, P_{1,2}, P_{1,3}, \dots) \\ \in L^1[0, \infty) \times L^1[0, \infty) \\ \times L^1[0, \infty) \times \cdots \\ \|(P_0, P_1)\| = |Q| + \sum_{i=0}^\infty \|P_{0,i}\|_{L^1[0, \infty)} \\ + \sum_{i=1}^\infty \|P_{1,i}\|_{L^1[0, \infty)} < \infty \end{array} \right. \right\}, \tag{5}$$

then it is obvious that X is a Banach space. In the following we define operators and their domains;

$$\begin{aligned}
A(P_0, P_1) &= \left(\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & -\frac{d}{dx} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{d}{dx} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ P_{0,0}(x) \\ P_{0,1}(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d}{dx} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & -\frac{d}{dx} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{d}{dx} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,1}(x) \\ P_{1,2}(x) \\ P_{1,3}(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

$D(A)$

$$\left\{ (P_0, P_1) \in X \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{dP_{0,n}(x)}{dx}, \frac{dP_{1,k}(x)}{dx} \in L^1[0, \infty), \\ P_{0,n}(x), P_{1,k}(x) (n \geq 0, k \geq 1) \\ \text{are absolutely continuous} \\ \text{functions and satisfy} \\ P_0(0) = \int_0^\infty \Gamma_1 P_0(x) dx, \\ P_1(0) = \int_0^\infty \Gamma_2 P_0(x) dx \\ + \int_0^\infty \Gamma_3 P_1(x) dx \end{array} \right. \right\},$$

$U(P_0, P_1)$

$$= \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \bar{v} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \lambda c_1 & \bar{v} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \lambda c_2 & \lambda c_1 & \bar{v} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ P_{0,0}(x) \\ P_{0,1}(x) \\ P_{0,2}(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \right.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{b} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \lambda c_2 & \tilde{b} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \lambda c_3 & \lambda c_2 & \tilde{b} & 0 & \cdots \\ \lambda c_4 & \lambda c_3 & \lambda c_2 & \tilde{b} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,1}(x) \\ P_{1,2}(x) \\ P_{1,3}(x) \\ P_{1,4}(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

where $\tilde{v} = -[\lambda + v(x)]$, $\tilde{b} = -[\lambda + b(x)] + \lambda c_1$,

$$E(P_0, P_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\int_0^\infty v(x) P_{0,0}(x) dx + \int_0^\infty b(x) P_{1,1}(x) dx \right) \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix},$$

$$D(U) = D(E) = X. \quad (7)$$

Then the previous system of equations (1) can be rewritten as an abstract Cauchy problem in the Banach space X :

$$\frac{d(P_0, P_1)(t)}{dt} = (A + U + E)(P_0, P_1)(t), \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty),$$

$$(P_0, P_1)(0) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \right). \quad (8)$$

3. Well-Posedness of The System (8)

Theorem 1. If $v = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} v(x) < \infty$, $b = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} b(x) < \infty$, then $A + U + E$ generates a positive contraction C_0 -semigroup $T(t)$.

Proof. We split the proof of the theorem into four steps. Firstly, we prove that $(\gamma I - A)^{-1}$ exists and is bounded for some γ . Secondly, we show that $D(A)$ is dense in X . Thirdly, we verify that U and E are bounded linear operators. Thus by using the Hille-Yosida theorem and the perturbation theorem of C_0 -semigroup we deduce that $A + U + E$ generates a C_0 -semigroup $T(t)$. Finally, we check that $A + U + E$ is dispersive, and therefore we obtain the desired result.

For any given $(y_0, y_1) \in X$, we consider the equation $(\gamma I - A)(P_0, P_1) = (y_0, y_1)$; that is,

$$(\gamma + \lambda)Q = y_Q, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{dP_{0,n}(x)}{dx} = -\gamma P_{0,n}(x) + y_{0,n}(x), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{dP_{1,n}(x)}{dx} = -\gamma P_{1,n}(x) + y_{1,n}(x), \quad n \geq 1, \quad (11)$$

$$P_{0,0}(0) = \lambda Q, \quad (12)$$

$$P_{0,n}(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1, \quad (13)$$

$$P_{1,n}(0) = \int_0^\infty v(x) P_{0,n}(x) dx + \int_0^\infty b(x) P_{1,n+1}(x) dx, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (14)$$

Through solving (9)–(11), we have

$$Q = \frac{1}{\gamma + \lambda} y_Q, \quad (15)$$

$$P_{0,n}(x) = a_{0,n} e^{-\gamma x} + e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,n}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (16)$$

$$P_{1,n}(x) = a_{1,n} e^{-\gamma x} + e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{1,n}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (17)$$

Combining (16) with (12) and (13), we obtain

$$a_{0,0} = P_{0,0}(0) = \lambda Q = \frac{\lambda}{\gamma + \lambda} y_Q, \quad (18)$$

$$a_{0,n} = P_{0,n}(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (19)$$

Substituting (19) into (16), it follows that

$$P_{0,n}(x) = e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,n}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (20)$$

By combining (15), (16), (17), and (20) with (14), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1,n} &= P_{1,n}(0) \\ &= \int_0^\infty v(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,n}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \\ &\quad + a_{1,n+1} \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{1,n+1}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1,n} - a_{1,n+1} &\int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty v(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,n}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{1,n+1}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

If we set

$$\mathcal{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & - \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & - \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad (23)$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{1,2} \\ a_{1,3} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix},$$

then (21) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\mathcal{E} \vec{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^\infty v(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,1}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx + \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{1,2}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \\ \int_0^\infty v(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,2}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx + \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{1,3}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}. \quad (24)$$

It is easy to calculate

$$\mathcal{E}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx & \left(\int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx \right)^2 & \left(\int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx \right)^3 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx & \left(\int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx \right)^2 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}. \quad (25)$$

From which together with (24), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1,n} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} dx \right)^k \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int_0^\infty v(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{0,k+n}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^\infty b(x) e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x y_{1,k+n+1}(\tau) e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \right\}, \quad n \geq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\gamma} |a_{0,n}| + \int_0^\infty |y_{0,n}(\tau)| e^{\gamma \tau} \int_\tau^\infty e^{-\gamma x} dx d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma} |a_{0,n}| + \frac{1}{\gamma} \|y_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)}, \quad n \geq 0, \\ \|P_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} &\leq \frac{1}{\gamma} |a_{1,n}| + \frac{1}{\gamma} \|y_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)}, \quad n \geq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

From (26) and Fubini theorem, we deduce

By using Fubini theorem we estimate (16) and (17) as follows (assume that $\gamma > v + b$):

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} &\leq \int_0^\infty |a_{0,n}| e^{-\gamma x} dx + \int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma x} \int_0^x |y_{0,n}(\tau)| e^{\gamma \tau} d\tau dx \\ &\quad \times \left\{ v \int_0^\infty |y_{0,k+n}(\tau)| e^{\gamma \tau} \int_\tau^\infty e^{-\gamma x} dx d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + b \int_0^\infty |y_{1,k+n+1}(\tau)| e^{\gamma \tau} \int_\tau^\infty e^{-\gamma x} dx d\tau \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{v}{\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{b}{\gamma}\right)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{0,k+n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{b}{\gamma}\right)^{k+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{1,k+n+1}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\leq \frac{v}{\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{b}{\gamma}\right)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|y_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{b}{\gamma}\right)^{k+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&= \frac{v}{\gamma-b} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|y_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} + \frac{b}{\gamma-b} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)}. \tag{28}
\end{aligned}$$

By inserting (18), (19), and (28) into (27) and using inequality $(\gamma + v - b)/\gamma(\gamma - b) < 1/(\gamma - v - b)$, we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(P_0, P_1)\| &\leq \frac{|y_Q|}{\gamma + \lambda} + \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_{0,n}| + \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|y_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_{1,n}| + \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\gamma} |y_Q| + \frac{\gamma + v - b}{\gamma(\gamma - b)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|y_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\gamma - b} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \tag{29} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\gamma - v - b} |y_Q| + \frac{1}{\gamma - v - b} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|y_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\gamma - v - b} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|y_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\gamma - v - b} \|(y_0, y_1)\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Equation (29) shows that $(\gamma I - A)^{-1}$ exists for $\gamma > v + b$ and

$$(\gamma I - A)^{-1} : X \longrightarrow D(A), \quad \|(\gamma I - A)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{\gamma - v - b}. \tag{30}$$

As far as the second step is concerned, from $|Q| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|P_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|P_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} < \infty$ for $(P_0, P_1) \in X$

it follows that, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \|P_{0,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} < \epsilon$, $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \|P_{1,n}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} < \infty$. Let

$$\mathbb{L} = \left\{ (P_0, P_1) \left| \begin{array}{l} P_0(x) = (Q, P_{0,0}(x), P_{0,1}(x), \dots, \\ \quad P_{0,N}(x), 0, \dots), \\ P_1(x) = (P_{1,1}(x), P_{1,2}(x), \dots, \\ \quad P_{1,N}(x), 0, \dots), \\ Q \in \mathbb{R}, P_{0,i}(x), \\ P_{1,j}(x) \in L^1[0, \infty), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N; \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, N; \\ N \text{ is a finite positive integer} \end{array} \right. \right\}, \tag{31}$$

then $\mathbb{L}$ is dense in X . If we set

$$\mathbb{Z} = \left\{ (P_0, P_1) \left| \begin{array}{l} P_0(x) = (Q, P_{0,0}(x), P_{0,1}(x), \dots, \\ \quad P_{0,l}(x), 0, \dots), \\ P_1(x) = (P_{1,1}(x), P_{1,2}(x), \dots, \\ \quad P_{1,l}(x), 0, \dots), \\ P_{0,i}(x), P_{1,j}(x) \in C_0^\infty[0, \infty), \\ \text{and there exists positive} \\ \text{numbers } c_{0,i} > 0, \quad c_{1,j} > 0, \\ \text{such that } P_{0,i}(x) = 0, \quad x \in [0, c_{0,i}], \\ P_{1,j}(x) = 0, \quad x \in [0, c_{1,j}]; \\ i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, l \end{array} \right. \right\}, \tag{32}$$

then by the relationship $C_0^\infty[0, \infty)$ and $L^1[0, \infty)$ in Adams [17], we know that $\mathbb{Z}$ is dense in $\mathbb{L}$. Hence in order to prove denseness of $D(A)$, it suffices to prove that $D(A)$ is dense in $\mathbb{Z}$. Take any $(P_0, P_1) \in \mathbb{Z}$, then there are a finite positive integer l and positive numbers $c_{0,i} > 0$, $c_{1,j} > 0$ ($i = 0, 1, \dots, l$; $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$) such that

$$\begin{aligned}
P_0(x) &= (Q, P_{0,0}(x), P_{0,1}(x), \dots, P_{0,l}(x), 0, \dots), \\
P_1(x) &= (P_{1,1}(x), P_{1,2}(x), \dots, P_{1,l}(x), 0, \dots), \\
P_{0,i}(x) &= 0, \quad \text{for } x \in [0, c_{0,i}], \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l, \\
P_{1,j}(x) &= 0, \quad \text{for } x \in [0, c_{1,j}], \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, l,
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{0,i}(x) &= 0, \quad x \in [0, 2s], \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, l; \\
P_{1,j}(x) &= 0, \quad x \in [0, 2s], \quad j = 1, \dots, l,
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where $0 < 2s < \min\{c_{0,0}, c_{0,1}, \dots, c_{0,l}, c_{1,1}, \dots, c_{1,l}\}$. Define

$$\begin{aligned}
f_0^s(0) &= (Q, f_{0,0}^s(0), f_{0,1}^s(0), \dots, f_{0,l}^s(0), 0, \dots) \\
&= (Q, \lambda Q, 0, \dots, 0, 0, \dots), \\
f_1^s(0) &= (f_{1,1}^s(0), f_{1,2}^s(0), \dots, f_{1,l}^s(0), 0, \dots),
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{1,j}^s(0) &= \int_{2s}^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,j}(x) dx + \int_{2s}^{\infty} b(x) P_{1,j+1}(x) dx, \\
 j &= 1, 2, \dots, l-1, \\
 f_{1,l}^s(0) &= \int_{2s}^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,l}(x) dx, \\
 f_0^s(x) &= (Q, f_{0,0}^s(x), f_{0,1}^s(x), \dots, f_{0,l}^s(x), 0, \dots), \\
 f_1^s(x) &= (f_{1,1}^s(x), f_{1,2}^s(x), \dots, f_{1,l}^s(x), 0, \dots),
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{0,i}^s(x) &= \begin{cases} f_{0,i}^s(0) \left(1 - \frac{x}{s}\right)^2, & x \in [0, s], \\ -\mu_{0,i}(x-s)^2(x-2s)^2, & x \in [s, 2s], \\ P_{0,i}(x), & x \in [2s, \infty), \end{cases} \\
 f_{1,j}^s(x) &= \begin{cases} f_{1,j}^s(0) \left(1 - \frac{x}{s}\right)^2, & x \in [0, s], \\ -\mu_{1,j}(x-s)^2(x-2s)^2, & x \in [s, 2s], \\ P_{1,j}(x), & x \in [2s, \infty), \end{cases} \\
 \mu_{0,i} &= \frac{\int_0^s v(x) f_{0,i}^s(0) (1 - (x/s))^2 dx}{\int_s^{2s} v(x) (x-s)^2 (x-2s)^2 dx}, \\
 \mu_{1,j} &= \frac{\int_0^s b(x) f_{1,j}^s(0) (1 - (x/s))^2 dx}{\int_s^{2s} b(x) (x-s)^2 (x-2s)^2 dx}, \\
 i &= 0, 1, \dots, l; \quad j = 1, \dots, l.
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Then it is not difficult to verify that $(f_0^s, f_1^s) \in D(A)$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|(P_0, P_1) - (f_0^s, f_1^s)\| &= \sum_{i=0}^l \int_0^{\infty} |P_{0,i}(x) - f_{0,i}^s(x)| dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^l \int_0^{\infty} |P_{1,j}(x) - f_{1,j}^s(x)| dx \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^l \int_0^s |f_{0,i}^s(0)| \left(1 - \frac{x}{s}\right)^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^l |\mu_{0,i}| \int_s^{2s} (x-s)^2 (x-2s)^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^l \int_0^s |f_{1,j}^s(0)| \left(1 - \frac{x}{s}\right)^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^l |\mu_{1,j}| \int_s^{2s} (x-s)^2 (x-2s)^2 dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=0}^l |f_{0,i}^s(0)| \frac{s}{3} + \sum_{i=0}^l |\mu_{0,i}| \frac{s^5}{30} + \sum_{j=1}^l |f_{1,j}^s(0)| \frac{s}{3} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^l |\mu_{1,j}| \frac{s^5}{30} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } s \longrightarrow 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

which shows that $D(A)$ is dense in $\mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $D(A)$ is dense in X . From the first step, the second step, and the Hille-Yosida theorem [18] we know that A generates a C_0 -semigroup.

Next we will verify that U and E are bounded linear operators. From the definition of U and E and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k = 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|U(P_0, P_1)\| &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} [\lambda + v(x)] |P_{0,n}(x)| dx \\
 &\quad + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} |P_{0,n}(x)| dx \\
 &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} [\lambda + b(x)] |P_{1,n}(x)| dx \\
 &\quad + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} |P_{1,n}(x)| dx \\
 &\leq (2\lambda + v) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} |P_{0,n}(x)| dx \\
 &\quad + (2\lambda + b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} |P_{1,n}(x)| dx \\
 &\leq \max\{(2\lambda + v), (2\lambda + b)\} \|(P_0, P_1)\|, \\
 \|E(P_0, P_1)\| &\leq \int_0^{\infty} v(x) |P_{0,0}(x)| dx \\
 &\quad + \int_0^{\infty} b(x) |P_{1,1}(x)| dx \\
 &\leq v \|P_{0,0}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} + b \|P_{1,1}\|_{L^1[0,\infty)} \\
 &\leq \max\{v, b\} \|(P_0, P_1)\|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

The previous two formulas show that U and E are bounded operators. It is easy to check that U and E are linear operators. Hence from the perturbation theorem of C_0 -semigroup [18], we obtain that $A + U + E$ generates a C_0 -semigroup $T(t)$.

Lastly, we will prove that $A + U + E$ is a dispersive operator. For $(P_0, P_1) \in D(A)$ we take (ϕ_0, ϕ_1) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_0(x) &= \left(\frac{[Q]^+}{Q}, \frac{[P_{0,0}(x)]^+}{P_{0,0}(x)}, \frac{[P_{0,1}(x)]^+}{P_{0,1}(x)}, \dots \right), \\
 \phi_1(x) &= \left(\frac{[P_{1,1}(x)]^+}{P_{1,1}(x)}, \frac{[P_{1,2}(x)]^+}{P_{1,2}(x)}, \dots \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

where

$$[Q]^+ = \begin{cases} Q, & \text{if } Q > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } Q \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$[P_{0,n}(x)]^+ = \begin{cases} P_{0,n}(x), & \text{if } P_{0,n}(x) > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } P_{0,n}(x) \leq 0, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0, \quad (41)$$

$$[P_{1,n}(x)]^+ = \begin{cases} P_{1,n}(x), & \text{if } P_{1,n}(x) > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } P_{1,n}(x) \leq 0, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 1.$$

If we define $V_{0,i} = \{x \in [0, \infty) \mid P_{0,i}(x) > 0\}$ and $W_{0,i} = \{x \in [0, \infty) \mid P_{0,i}(x) \leq 0\}$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then by a short argument we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \frac{dP_{0,i}(x)}{dx} \frac{[P_{0,i}(x)]^+}{P_{0,i}(x)} dx \\ &= \int_{V_{0,i}} \frac{dP_{0,i}(x)}{dx} \frac{[P_{0,i}(x)]^+}{P_{0,i}(x)} dx \\ &+ \int_{W_{0,i}} \frac{dP_{0,i}(x)}{dx} \frac{[P_{0,i}(x)]^+}{P_{0,i}(x)} dx \\ &= \int_{V_{0,i}} \frac{dP_{0,i}(x)}{dx} \frac{[P_{0,i}(x)]^+}{P_{0,i}(x)} dx = \int_{V_{0,i}} \frac{dP_{0,i}(x)}{dx} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d[P_{0,i}(x)]^+}{dx} dx = -[P_{0,i}(0)]^+, \quad i \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Similar to (42), we get

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dP_{1,j}(x)}{dx} \frac{[P_{1,j}(x)]^+}{P_{1,j}(x)} dx = -[P_{1,j}(0)]^+, \quad j \geq 1. \quad (43)$$

By using boundary conditions on $(P_0, P_1) \in D(A)$, (42), (43), and $\sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k = 1$ for such (ϕ_0, ϕ_1) , we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (A + U + E)(P_0, P_1), (\phi_0, \phi_1) \rangle \\ &= \left\{ -\lambda Q + \int_0^\infty v(x) P_{0,0}(x) dx \right. \\ &+ \left. \int_0^\infty b(x) P_{1,1}(x) dx \right\} \frac{[Q]^+}{Q} \\ &+ \int_0^\infty \left\{ -\frac{dP_{0,0}(x)}{dx} - [\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,0}(x) \right\} \frac{[P_{0,0}(x)]^+}{P_{0,0}(x)} dx \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty \left\{ -\frac{dP_{0,n}(x)}{dx} - [\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,n}(x) \right. \\ &+ \left. \lambda \sum_{k=1}^n c_k P_{0,n-k}(x) \right\} \frac{[P_{0,n}(x)]^+}{P_{0,n}(x)} dx \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty \left\{ -\frac{dP_{1,n}(x)}{dx} - [\lambda + b(x)] P_{1,n}(x) \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \left. \lambda \sum_{k=1}^n c_k P_{1,n-k+1}(x) \right\} \frac{[P_{1,n}(x)]^+}{P_{1,n}(x)} dx \\ &= -\lambda [Q]^+ + \frac{[Q]^+}{Q} \int_0^\infty v(x) P_{0,0}(x) dx \\ &+ \frac{[Q]^+}{Q} \int_0^\infty b(x) P_{1,1}(x) dx \\ &+ \sum_{n=0}^\infty [P_{0,n}(0)]^+ - \sum_{n=0}^\infty \int_0^\infty [\lambda + v(x)] [P_{0,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \lambda \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \sum_{n=k}^\infty \int_0^\infty P_{0,n-k}(x) \frac{[P_{0,n}(x)]^+}{P_{0,n}(x)} dx \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^\infty [P_{1,n}(0)]^+ - \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty [\lambda + b(x)] [P_{1,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \lambda \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \sum_{n=k}^\infty \int_0^\infty P_{1,n-k+1}(x) \frac{[P_{1,n}(x)]^+}{P_{1,n}(x)} dx \\ &\leq -\lambda [Q]^+ + \frac{[Q]^+}{Q} \int_0^\infty v(x) [P_{0,0}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \frac{[Q]^+}{Q} \int_0^\infty b(x) [P_{1,1}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \lambda [Q]^+ - \sum_{n=0}^\infty \int_0^\infty [\lambda + v(x)] [P_{0,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \lambda \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \sum_{n=k}^\infty \int_0^\infty [P_{0,n-k}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty v(x) [P_{0,n}(x)]^+ dx + \sum_{n=2}^\infty \int_0^\infty b(x) [P_{1,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &- \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty [\lambda + b(x)] [P_{1,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &+ \lambda \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \sum_{n=k}^\infty \int_0^\infty [P_{1,n-k+1}(x)]^+ dx \\ &\leq \left(\frac{[Q]^+}{Q} - 1 \right) \\ &\times \left(\int_0^\infty v(x) [P_{0,0}(x)]^+ dx + \int_0^\infty b(x) [P_{1,1}(x)]^+ dx \right) \\ &- \sum_{n=0}^\infty \int_0^\infty \lambda [P_{0,n}(x)]^+ dx + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \sum_{n=0}^\infty \int_0^\infty [P_{0,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &- \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty \lambda [P_{1,n}(x)]^+ dx + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty [P_{1,n}(x)]^+ dx \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Equation (44) shows that $A + U + E$ is a dispersive operator. From which together with the first step, the second step, and the Phillips theorem, we know that $A + U + E$ generates a positive contraction C_0 -semigroup [18]. By the uniqueness of a C_0 -semigroup we conclude that this semigroup is just $T(t)$. $\square$

It is not difficult to see that X^* , the dual space of X , is

$$X^* = \left\{ (q_0^*, q_1^*) \left| \begin{array}{l} q_0^* = (q^*, q_{0,0}^*, q_{0,1}^*, \dots) \\ \quad \in \mathbb{R} \times L^\infty[0, \infty) \times L^\infty[0, \infty) \times \dots, \\ q_1^* = (q_{1,1}^*, q_{1,2}^*, \dots) \\ \quad \in L^\infty[0, \infty) \times L^\infty[0, \infty) \times \dots, \\ \|(q_0^*, q_1^*)\| = \sup \left\{ |q^*|, \sup_{n \geq 0} \|q_{0,n}^*\|_{L^\infty[0, \infty)}, \right. \right. \\ \quad \left. \left. \sup_{n \geq 1} \|q_{1,n}^*\|_{L^\infty[0, \infty)} \right\} \right. \end{array} \right\}. \quad (45)$$

It is easy to check that X^* is a Banach space. If we take a set S in X as

$$S = \{(P_0, P_1) \in X \mid Q \geq 0, P_{0,n}(x) \geq 0, n \geq 0; \\ P_{1,n}(x) \geq 0, n \geq 1, x \in [0, \infty)\}, \quad (46)$$

then S is a cone in X . For $(P_0, P_1) \in D(A) \cap S$, we take

$$(q_0^*, q_1^*) = \|(P_0, P_1)\| \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \right) \in X^*, \quad (47)$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (P_0, P_1), (q_0^*, q_1^*) \rangle \\ &= \|(P_0, P_1)\| \left(|Q| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} P_{0,n}(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} P_{1,n}(x) dx \right) \\ &= \|(P_0, P_1)\|^2 = \|(q_0^*, q_1^*)\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} & (q_0^*, q_1^*) \in \theta((P_0, P_1)) \\ &= \{(q_0^*, q_1^*) \in X^* \mid \langle (P_0, P_1), (q_0^*, q_1^*) \rangle \\ &= \|(P_0, P_1)\|^2 = \|(q_0^*, q_1^*)\|^2\}. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

For such (q_0^*, q_1^*) , by using boundary conditions on $(P_0, P_1) \in D(A) \cap S$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (A + U + E)(P_0, P_1), (q_0^*, q_1^*) \rangle \\ &= \|(P_0, P_1)\| \\ & \times \left\{ -\lambda Q + \int_0^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,0}(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} b(x) P_{1,1}(x) dx \right\} \\ &+ \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ -\frac{dP_{0,0}(x)}{dx} - [\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,0}(x) \right\} \|(P_0, P_1)\| dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ -\frac{dP_{0,n}(x)}{dx} - [\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,n}(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^n c_k P_{0,n-k}(x) \right\} \|(P_0, P_1)\| dx \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ -\frac{dP_{1,n}(x)}{dx} - [\lambda + b(x)] P_{1,n}(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^n c_k P_{1,n-k+1}(x) \right\} \|(P_0, P_1)\| dx \\ &= \|(P_0, P_1)\| \\ & \times \left\{ -\lambda Q + \int_0^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,0}(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} b(x) P_{1,1}(x) dx \right\} \\ &- \|(P_0, P_1)\| \\ & \times \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{dP_{0,n}(x)}{dx} dx + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} [\lambda + v(x)] P_{0,n}(x) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} P_{0,n}(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dP_{1,n}(x)}{dx} dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} [\lambda + b(x)] P_{1,n}(x) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} P_{1,n}(x) dx \right\} \\ &= \|(P_0, P_1)\| \\ & \times \left\{ -\lambda Q + \int_0^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,0}(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} b(x) P_{1,1}(x) dx \right\} \\ &- \|(P_0, P_1)\| \\ & \times \left\{ -\lambda Q + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,n}(x) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} v(x) P_{0,n}(x) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} b(x) P_{1,n}(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} b(x) P_{1,n}(x) dx \right\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Which shows that $A + U + E$ is a conservative operator. So we can use the Fattorini theorem [19] and state it as follows.

Theorem 2. $T(t)$ is isometric for the initial value of the system (8); that is,

$$\|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| = \|(P_0, P_1)(0)\|, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty). \quad (51)$$

Proof. Since $A + U + E$ is conservative with respect to θ and $(P_0, P_1)(0) \in D(A^2) \cap S$, from the Taylor expansion of $T(t+h)$ for $t, h \geq 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(t+h)(P_0, P_1)(0) &= T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0) + h(A+U+E)T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0) \\ &\quad + \int_t^{t+h} (t+h-s)T(s)(A+U+E)^2(P_0, P_1)(0)ds \\ &= T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0) + h(A+U+E)T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0) \\ &\quad + h\rho(t, h), \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

where $\|\rho(t, h)\| \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$, uniformly in $t \geq 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(t+h)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| \|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| &\geq \left| \left\langle T(t+h)(P_0, P_1)(0), (T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0))^* \right\rangle \right| \\ &\geq \operatorname{Re} \left\langle T(t+h)(P_0, P_1)(0), (T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0))^* \right\rangle \quad (53) \\ &= \|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\|^2 \\ &\quad + h \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \rho(t, h), (T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0))^* \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (52) and the fact that $A+U+E$ is conservative with respect to θ , consider the set

$$\Omega = \{t \in [0, \infty) \mid \|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| = \|(P_0, P_1)(0)\|\}. \quad (54)$$

Since $0 \in \Omega$, Ω is nonempty, moreover Ω is obviously a closed interval because of continuity of $T(t)$. If $\Omega \neq [0, \infty)$, then let t_0 be the right end point of Ω and $\eta > 0$ is so small that $\|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\|$ is bounded away from zero in $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + \eta$. For any such t we divide (53) by $\|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\|$ and get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(t+h)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| &\geq \|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| + \frac{h}{\|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\|} \\ &\quad \times \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \rho(t, h), (T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0))^* \right\rangle \\ &\geq \|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| - h\beta(t, h), \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

where $\beta(t, h)$ is positive and $\beta(t, h) \rightarrow 0$ when $h \rightarrow 0$, uniformly in $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + \eta$.

Let now ϵ be a small positive number and $\delta > 0$ such that $\|\beta(t, h)\| \leq \epsilon$ for $0 \leq h \leq \delta$ and $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + \eta$. Let $t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m = t_0 + \eta$ be partition of the interval $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + \eta$ such that $t_j - t_{j-1} \leq \delta$ ($1 \leq j \leq m$). Then by (55), one has

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|T(t_0)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| - \|T(t_0 + \eta)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m (\|T(t_{j-1})(P_0, P_1)(0)\| - \|T(t_j)(P_0, P_1)(0)\|) \quad (56) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m (t_j - t_{j-1}) \beta(t_j, t_j - t_{j-1}) \leq \eta\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since ϵ is arbitrary, it follows that $\|T(t_0 + \eta)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| = \|T(t_0)(P_0, P_1)(0)\|$, which contradicts the fact that t_0 is the right endpoint of Ω . Hence $\Omega = [0, \infty)$. That is, $\|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| = \|(P_0, P_1)(0)\|$ for $t \in [0, \infty)$. The proof of the theorem is complete. $\square$

From Theorems 1 and 2 we obtain the main result in this paper.

Theorem 3. *If $v = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} v(x) < \infty$, $b = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} b(x) < \infty$, then the system (8) has a unique nonnegative time-dependent solution $(P_0, P_1)(x, t)$, which satisfies*

$$\|(P_0, P_1)(\cdot, t)\| = 1, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty). \quad (57)$$

Proof. Since $(P_0, P_1)(0) \in D(A^2) \cap S$, by Theorem 1 and Theorem 11 in Gupur et al. [18], we know that the system (8) has a unique nonnegative time-dependent solution $(P_0, P_1)(x, t)$ which can be expressed as

$$(P_0, P_1)(x, t) = T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0), \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty). \quad (58)$$

From which together with Theorem 2 (i.e., (51)) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(P_0, P_1)(\cdot, t)\| &= \|T(t)(P_0, P_1)(0)\| = \|(P_0, P_1)(0)\| = 1, \\ &\quad \forall t \in [0, \infty), \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

this just reflects the physical background of the problem. $\square$

4. Concluding Remarks

If we know the spectrum of $A + U + E$ on the imaginary axis, then by Theorem 1 and Theorem 14 in Gupur et al. [18], we obtain the asymptotic behavior of the time-dependent solution of the system (8), which describes Hypothesis 2. It is our next research work.

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