Positivity of Two-dimensional Elliptic Differential Operators in Hölder Spaces

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Abstract

This paper considers the following operator

$$Au(t,x) = -a_{11}(t,x)u_{tt}(t,x) - a_{22}(t,x)u_{xx}(t,x) + \sigma u(t,x),$$

defined over the region $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}$ with the boundary condition u(0, x) = 0, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Here, the coefficients $a_{ii}(t, x)$, i = 1, 2 are continuously differentiable and satisfy the uniform ellipticity

$$a_{11}^2(t,x) + a_{22}^2(t,x) \ge \delta > 0,$$

and $\sigma > 0$. It investigates the structure of the fractional spaces generated by this operator. Moreover, the positivity of the operator in Hölder spaces is proved.

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