

ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF SINGULAR SOLUTIONS OF SEMILINEAR PARABOLIC EQUATIONS

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Abstract

We study the asymptotic behavior of nonnegative singular solutions of semilinear parabolic equations of the type

$$u_t = \Delta u - (u^q)_y - u^p$$

defined in the whole space $\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^{N-1} \times \mathbf{R}$ for $t > 0$, with initial data a Dirac mass, $\delta(\mathbf{x})$. The exponents q, p satisfy

$$1 < p < 1 + \frac{2q^*}{N+1}, \quad 1 < q < \frac{N+1}{N-1},$$

where $q^* = \max\{q, (N+1)/N\}$.

1. Introduction

In this paper we study the asymptotic behavior of singular solutions of nonnegative diffusion-convection equations with absorption of the form

$$(F) \quad u_t = \Delta u - (u^q)_y - u^p$$

defined in the domain

$$Q = \{(\mathbf{x}, t) = (x, y, t) : (x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^{N-1} \times \mathbf{R}, t > 0\}$$

with initial data a Dirac mass $\delta(\mathbf{x})$.

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Baek and Kwak (see [BK]) showed that there exists a unique nonnegative singular solution $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of (F) such that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow \delta(\mathbf{x})$ as $t \rightarrow 0$ in the sense of measures, that is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} u(\mathbf{x}, t) \phi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \phi(0)$$

for all continuous and bounded function ϕ on \mathbf{R}^N if and only if $1 < p < 1 + 2q^*/(N+1)$ and $1 < q < (N+1)/(N-1)$. Here $q^* = \max\{q, (N+1)/N\}$.

The behavior of solutions of (F) will be completely decided by that of the following equations :

$$(1.1) \quad u_t = \Delta u$$

$$(1.2) \quad u_t = \Delta u - u^p$$

$$(1.3) \quad u_t = \Delta_x u - (u^q)_y$$

$$(1.4) \quad u_t = \Delta_x u - (u^q)_y - u^p,$$

where Δ_x denotes the Laplace operator acting only on the variable x . The singular solution of (1.1) is the standard heat kernel

$$G(\mathbf{x}, t) = (4\pi t)^{-\frac{N}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}|^2}{4t}}.$$

We also recall that (1.2) has a unique very singular solution $W(\mathbf{x}, t)$ which has a stronger singularity at 0, i.e., such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int W(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} = +\infty,$$

see [BPT]. The existence of singular solutions of (1.3) is proved in [BK] and [EVZ]. The existence of singular solutions of (1.4) will be discussed in other space.

We denote by $\|\cdot\|_r$ the usual norm of $L^r(\mathbf{R}^N)$, $1 \leq r \leq \infty$, and we prove that

THEOREM A. Suppose $(N + 2)/N < p < 1 + 2q/(N + 1)$ and $(N + 1)/N < q < (N + 1)/(N - 1)$. Then the singular solution of (F) satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{\frac{N}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|u(\mathbf{x}, t) - G(\mathbf{x}, t)\|_r = 0.$$

Let us denote by $C(\mathbf{x}, t)$ the singular solution of (1.3) and then we prove

THEOREM B. Suppose $1 + 2q/(N + 1) < p < (N + 2)/N$ and $1 < q < (N + 1)/N$. Then the singular solution of (F) satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{\frac{N+1}{2q}(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|u(\mathbf{x}, t) - C(\mathbf{x}, t)\|_r = 0.$$

We also prove

THEOREM C. Let $q_* = \min\{q, (N+1)/N\}$. If $1 < p < 1 + 2q_*/(N + 1)$, $(1 + p)/2 < q < (N + 1)/(N - 1)$ and $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the singular solution of (F), then

$$t^{\frac{1}{p-1}} |u(\mathbf{x}, t) - W(\mathbf{x}, t)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

uniformly on the sets $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^N : |\mathbf{x}| \leq at^{\frac{1}{2}}\}, \forall a > 0$.

For the proof of theorems, we introduce a similarity transformation

$$u_\lambda(x, y, t) = \lambda^\alpha u(\lambda x, \lambda^\beta y, \lambda^2 t)$$

with appropriate choice of constants α and β .

By applying compactness arguments, we deduce that u_λ converges to one of the singular solutions $G(\mathbf{x}, t)$, $C(\mathbf{x}, t)$, $W(\mathbf{x}, t)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$. As converting to the behavior as $t \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain Theorem A, B and C.

2. Proof of Theorem A

For the singular solution u of (F), we define

$$u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t) = \lambda^N u(\lambda \mathbf{x}, \lambda^2 t).$$

Then u_λ satisfies the equation

$$(2.1) \quad u_{\lambda,t} = \Delta u_\lambda - \lambda^{N+1-Nq} (u_\lambda^q)_y - \lambda^{N+2-Np} u_\lambda^p.$$

For λ very large, we may view (2.1) as a small perturbation of the linear heat equation (1.1) since λ^{N+1-Nq} and λ^{N+2-Np} become sufficiently small.

Now note that

$$\begin{aligned} |u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) - G(\mathbf{x}, 1)| &= |\lambda^N u(\lambda\mathbf{x}, \lambda^2) - G(\mathbf{x}, 1)| \\ &= |\tau^{N/2} u(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tau) - G(\frac{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}{\sqrt{\tau}}, 1)| \\ &= \tau^{N/2} |u(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tau) - G(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tau)| \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ and $\lambda^2 = \tau$.

Therefore, if $u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1)$ converges to $G(\mathbf{x}, 1)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, then we obtain $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{x}, t)$ in the same norm. In particular, if

$$\|u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) - G(\mathbf{x}, 1)\|_r \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

then

$$\tau^{\frac{N}{2}(1-\frac{1}{r})} \|u(\mathbf{x}, \tau) - G(\mathbf{x}, \tau)\|_r \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \tau \rightarrow \infty.$$

For the completion of proof we first recall two basic estimates for singular solution of (F).

$$(2.2) \quad 0 \leq u(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq C(t^{-\frac{N}{2}} + t^{(1-Nq)/2}), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

$$(2.3) \quad 0 \leq u(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq C(q, N)t^{-(N+1)/2q}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

The former is proved in [EZ] and the latter is proved in [BK] and in [EVZ].

We also need the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.1. For every $\tau > 0$, there exists a constant C_τ such that

$$\|\nabla u_\lambda(t)\|_1 \leq C_\tau(t - \tau)^{-1/2}$$

for every $t > \tau$ and for all $\lambda \geq 1$.

Proof. In view of equation (2.1), u_λ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u_\lambda(t + \tau) &= G(\mathbf{x}, t) * u_\lambda(\tau) \\ &\quad - \lambda^{N+1-Nq} \int_0^t (G(\mathbf{x}, t-s) * (u_\lambda^q(s + \tau)))_{\mathbf{y}} ds \\ &\quad - \lambda^{N+2-Np} \int_0^t (G(\mathbf{x}, t-s) * u^p(s + \tau)) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $*$ denotes the convolution in \mathbf{R}^N . Differentiating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla u_\lambda(t + \tau) &= \nabla G(t) * u_\lambda(\tau) \\ &\quad - \lambda^{N+1-Nq} \int_0^t \nabla G(t-s) * (u_\lambda^q(s + \tau))_y ds \\ &\quad - \lambda^{N+2-Np} \int_0^t \nabla G(t-s) * u^p(s + \tau) ds, \end{aligned}$$

We take L^1 -norm in space variable and use (2.3) to obtain

$$\|\nabla u_\lambda(t + \tau)\|_1 \leq C_1(\tau)t^{-\frac{1}{2}} + C_2(\tau) \int_0^t (t-s)^{-1/2} \|\nabla u_\lambda(s + \tau)\|_1 ds$$

for $t > 0$ and $\lambda \geq 1$.

By applying the Gronwall's inequality we obtain the Lemma.

Equation (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and Lemma 2.1 imply that

- (i) $\{u_\lambda^{q+r}\}_\lambda$ is uniformly bounded in $L^\infty((\tau, \infty) : W^{1,1}(\mathbf{R}^N))$ for every $r > 0$ and $\tau > 0$.
- (ii) $\{u_{\lambda,t}\}_\lambda$ is uniformly bounded in $L^2_{loc}((0, \infty) : H^{-s}(\Omega))$ for some $s > 0$ and every bounded domain Ω of \mathbf{R}^N .
- (iii) $\{u_\lambda\}$ is uniformly bounded in $L^\infty_{loc}((0, \infty) : L^2_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^N))$.

Taking into account that $L^2(\Omega)$ is compactly embedded in $H^{-\epsilon}(\Omega)$ for every ϵ , and that $H^{-\epsilon}(\Omega)$ is continuously embedded in $H^{-s}(\Omega)$ for every $s > \epsilon$, combining (ii) and (iii) we deduce that

- (iv) $\{u_\lambda\}$ is relatively compact in $C([t_1, t_2] : H^{-\epsilon}(\Omega))$ for some $\epsilon > 0$.

Here for some sequence $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$, we may assert that (2.4) $u_{\lambda_n} \rightarrow U$ in $C([t_1, t_2] : H^{-\epsilon}(\Omega))$ for every bounded domain Ω . As a consequence of (i), we conclude that $u_\lambda(t)$ is relatively compact in $L^r_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^N)$ for every $1 \leq r < \infty$ and $t > 0$. In view of (2.4), we get $u_{\lambda_n} \rightarrow U$ in $L^r_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^N)$. And U is a solution of the heat equation in the sense of distribution.

We now check the initial condition of U . We multiply equation (2.1) by a test function $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \in C^\infty_0(\mathbf{R}^N)$ and integrate over $\mathbf{R}^N \times (0, t)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t)\phi(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x} - \int u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 0)\phi(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x} \right| \\ &= \left| \int_0^t \int u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, s)\Delta\phi(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}ds + I_1(\lambda, t) - I_2(\lambda, t) \right| \\ &\leq \|\Delta\phi\|_{L^\infty} t + |I_1(\lambda, t)| + |I_2(\lambda, t)|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_1(\lambda, t) = \lambda^{N+1-Nq} \int_0^t \int u_\lambda^q(\mathbf{x}, s) \phi_y(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} ds,$$

$$I_2(\lambda, t) = \lambda^{N+1-Np} \int_0^t \int u_\lambda^p(\mathbf{x}, s) \phi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} ds.$$

Since $\int u_\lambda d\mathbf{x} \leq 1$, from (2.3) we obtain

$$|I_1(\lambda, t)| \leq C(q, N) \|\phi_y\|_{L^\infty} \lambda^{\frac{N+1-Nq}{q}} \int_0^t s^{-\frac{(N+1)(q-1)}{2q}} ds,$$

$$|I_2(\lambda, t)| \leq C(q, N) \|\phi\|_{L^\infty} \lambda^{\frac{2q-(N+1)(p-1)}{q}} \int_0^t s^{-\frac{(N+1)(p-1)}{2q}} ds.$$

If $p < 1 + 2q/(N+1)$ and $q > (N+1)/N$, then both I_1 and I_2 tend to 0 as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ and $t \rightarrow 0$. Since $\int u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 0) d\mathbf{x} = \phi(0)$, we see that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} U(\mathbf{x}, t) = \delta(\mathbf{x})$.

According to the uniqueness of the singular solution of the heat equation, we see that U is infact the heat kernel $G(\mathbf{x}, t)$.

We have shown that u_λ converges locally in $L^r(\mathbf{R}^N)$. We now prove that u_λ converges to G in $L^r(\mathbf{R}^N)$. Fix a positive time, say $t = 1$. Then given $\epsilon > 0$ and sufficiently large R satisfying $\int_{|\mathbf{x}| > R} G(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \leq \epsilon$, there exists λ_0 such that

$$\int_{|\mathbf{x}| < R} |u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) - G(\mathbf{x}, 1)| d\mathbf{x} \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for } \lambda > \lambda_0.$$

Since $\int u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) d\mathbf{x} \leq \int G(\mathbf{x}, 1) d\mathbf{x} = 1$, we obtain $\int_{|\mathbf{x}| < R} u_\lambda d\mathbf{x} \geq 1 - 2\epsilon$ and $\int_{|\mathbf{x}| > R} u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) d\mathbf{x} \leq 2\epsilon$. These imply that

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^N} |u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) - G(\mathbf{x}, 1)| d\mathbf{x} \leq 4\epsilon.$$

Note that in view of (2.2), $u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1)$ is uniformly bounded for $\lambda \geq 1$. Hence we get

$$\|u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t) - G(\mathbf{x}, t)\|_r \leq \|u_\lambda - G\|_\infty^{(r-1)/r} \|u_\lambda - G\|_{L^1}^{1/r},$$

which tends to 0 as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

3. Proof of Theorem B

For the singular solution u of (F), we now consider

$$u_\lambda(x, y, t) = \lambda^{(N+1)/q} u(\lambda x, \lambda^\alpha y, \lambda^2 t),$$

where $\alpha = (N + 1 + q - Nq)/q$. Then u_λ satisfy the equation

$$(3.1) \quad u_{\lambda,t} = \Delta_x u_\lambda + \lambda^{2(Nq-N-1)/q} u_{\lambda,yy} - (u_\lambda^q)_y - \lambda^{(-Np-p+N+1+2q)/q} u_\lambda^p.$$

For λ very large, we may view (3.1) as a small perturbation of (1.3). Since the solution $C(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of (1.3) is scaling invariant under the above transformation, it is enough to show that $u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1)$ converges to $C(\mathbf{x}, 1)$.

From the estimate (2.3), $u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is uniformly bounded in $L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^N \times (\tau, \infty))$ for any $\tau > 0$ and we may extract a subsequence $\{u_{\lambda_j}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ which converges in the weak * topology of L^∞ . By applying the compensated compactness argument (see [E] and [T], Theorem 2.6), we may conclude that along such a solution

$$u_{\lambda_j} \rightarrow U \quad \text{in } L^r_{loc}(Q) \quad \forall 1 \leq r < \infty,$$

where U is an entropy solution of the reduced equation (1.3). (See [EVZ])

In order to check the initial condition, it is enough to show that $I_3(\lambda, t)$ and $I_4(\lambda, t)$ tend to 0 as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ and $t \rightarrow 0$, where

$$I_3(\lambda, t) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} u_\lambda^q(\mathbf{x}, s) \phi_y(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} ds,$$

$$I_4(\lambda, t) = \lambda^{(-Np-p+N+1+2q)/q} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} u_\lambda^p(\mathbf{x}, s) \phi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} ds$$

for any $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^N)$. This follows from the following estimates

$$|I_3(\lambda, t)| \leq C(q, N) \|\phi_y\|_{L^\infty} \int_0^t s^{-(N+1)(q-1)/(2q)} ds,$$

$$|I_4(\lambda, t)| \leq C(q, N) \|\phi\|_{L^\infty} \lambda^{(-Np-p+N+1+2q)/q} \int_0^t s^{-(N+1)(p-1)/(2q)} ds.$$

Note that $1 + (2q)/(N + 1) < p$ and $q < (N + 1)/(N - 1)$. Hence we obtain $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} U(\mathbf{x}, t) = \delta(\mathbf{x})$.

According to the uniqueness result of the singular solution of (1.3), we may conclude that $U(\mathbf{x}, t) = C(\mathbf{x}, t)$. The proof of L^r -convergence of $u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1)$ to $C(\mathbf{x}, 1)$ is similar to the proof of Theorem A.

4. Proof of Theorem C

For the proof we need a priori estimates in terms of space variables as well as time variables.

Let $u(x, y, t)$ be the singular solution of (F), then

$$(4.1) \quad 0 \leq u(x, y, t) \leq (p-1)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} t^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$$

holds since the right member is a supersolution of (F). It is also easy to see that if we choose $M > 0$ so that $M^p \geq \frac{4pM}{(p-1)^2} + \frac{M}{p-1}$, then $\frac{M}{(|x|^2+t)^{1/(p-1)}}$ is a supersolution and

$$(4.2) \quad 0 \leq u(x, y, t) \leq \frac{M}{(|x|^2+t)^{1/(p-1)}}.$$

For y -variable, when $y \leq 0$, if we choose $L > 0$ so that $L^p \geq \frac{2L(p+1)}{(p-1)^2}$, then the Comparison Principle yields

$$(4.3) \quad 0 \leq u(x, y, t) \leq \frac{L}{|y|^{2/(p-1)}}.$$

Now for $y > 0$, let $z(x, y, t) = u(x, y + h(t), t)$, then z satisfies

$$z_t = \Delta z + (h'(t) - qu^{q-1})z_y - z^p.$$

We take $h(t)$ so that $h'(t) \geq qu^{q-1}$. For example, let

$$h'(t) = q(p-1)^{-(q-1)/(p-1)} t^{-(q-1)/(p-1)}$$

and

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} q(p-1)^{-\frac{q-1}{p-1}} \frac{p-1}{p-q} t^{\frac{p-q}{p-1}}, & \text{for } p \neq q \\ q(p-1)^{-\frac{q-1}{p-1}} \ln t, & \text{for } p = q. \end{cases}$$

Applying the Comparison Principle again, we obtain

$$(4.4) \quad 0 \leq z(x, y, t) = u(x, y + h(t), t) \leq \frac{L}{|y|^{2/(p-1)}}, \quad y > 0$$

as before (see (4.3)). Here $h'(t)$ and $u(x, y, t)$ become singular as $t \rightarrow 0$ but taking smooth initial data approximating $\delta(\mathbf{x})$, we first obtain estimates similar to (4.4) and we get (4.4) in the limit. From (4.4) we obtain

$$(4.5) \quad 0 \leq u(x, y, t) \leq \frac{L}{([y - h(t)]_+)^{2/(p-1)}}, \quad y > 0.$$

Here $[x]^+ = \max\{0, x\}$.

We now turn to the proof of Theorem C.

Let $u_\lambda = \lambda^{2/(p-1)}u(\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda^2 t)$, then u_λ satisfies

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} u_{\lambda,t} &= \Delta u_\lambda - \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}+1-\frac{2q}{p-1}}(u_\lambda^q)_y - u_\lambda^p \\ u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 0) &= \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}-N}\delta(\mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Assume $\frac{2}{p-1} + 1 - \frac{2q}{p-1} < 0$, that is, $2q > p + 1$, then it is easy to see that $\{u_\lambda\}$ are uniformly bounded in every compact subset of $\overline{Q} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ and $\{\nabla u_\lambda\}$ are uniformly Hölder continuous in every compact set of Q . Hence there exists a subsequence $\{u_{\lambda_j}\}$ and function $U \in C(Q)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\lambda_j}(\mathbf{x}, t) &\rightarrow U(\mathbf{x}, t), \\ \nabla u_{\lambda_j}(\mathbf{x}, t) &\rightarrow \nabla U(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \text{as } \lambda_j \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

uniformly on every compact subset of Q . Clearly U satisfies (1.2) in the sense of distribution and becomes a classical solution in Q from the standard regularity theory.

In order to check the initial condition, let $\phi_i(\geq 0) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^N)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp } \phi_1 &\subset \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^N : x \neq 0\}, \\ \text{supp } \phi_2 &\subset \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^N : y < 0\}, \\ \text{supp } \phi_3 &\subset \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^N : y > 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

We multiply these test functions to (4.6) and integrate to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int u_\lambda(x, y, t)\phi_i(x, y)dx dy - \int u_\lambda(x, y, 0)\phi_i(x, y)dx dy \\ &= \int_0^t \int u_\lambda(x, y, t)\Delta\phi_i(x, y)dx dy dt \\ &\quad + \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}+1-\frac{2q}{p-1}} \int_0^t \int u_\lambda^q(x, y, t)\phi_{iy}(x, y)dx dy dt \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \int u_\lambda^p(x, y, t)\phi_i(x, y)dx dy dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since the second term on the left side becomes 0 and the last term on the right side is negative, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int u_\lambda(x, y, t)\phi_i(x, y)dxdy - \int u_\lambda(x, y, 0)\phi_i(x, y)dxdy \\ & \leq \int_0^t \int_{\text{supp}\phi_i} u_\lambda(x, y, t)\|\Delta\phi_i\|_{L^\infty}dxdydt \\ & \quad + \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}+1-\frac{2q}{p-1}} \int_0^t \int_{\text{supp}\phi_i} u_\lambda^q(x, y, t)\|\phi_{iy}\|_{L^\infty}dxdydt. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.2) and (4.3), u_λ, u_λ^q are integrable over $(0, t) \times \text{supp}\phi_i, i = 1, 2$. Thus taking $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ and $t \rightarrow 0$ we obtain

$$(4.7) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int U(x, y, t)\phi_i(x, y)dxdy = 0$$

for $i = 1, 2$. On $\text{supp}\phi_3$, from (4.5)

$$\begin{aligned} u_\lambda(x, y, t) &= \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}}u(\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda^2 t) \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda^{2/(p-1)}L}{([\lambda y - h(\lambda^2 t)]_+)^{2/(p-1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

For $p < q$, $h(\lambda^2 t) < 0$ and $u_\lambda(x, y, t) \leq \frac{L}{|y|^{2/(p-1)}}$.

For $p = q$, $1/\lambda h(\lambda^2 t) = 1/\lambda \ln(\lambda^2 t)$, which goes to 0 as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ and $t \rightarrow 0$.

For $q < p < 2q - 1$,

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}h(\lambda^2 t) = q(p-1)^{-\frac{q-1}{p-1}} \frac{p-1}{p-q} \lambda^{-1 + \frac{2(p-q)}{p-1}} t^{\frac{p-q}{p-1}},$$

which goes to 0 as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ and $t \rightarrow 0$. Hence we see that for sufficiently large λ and small t , u_λ and u_λ^q are uniformly integrable over $(0, t) \times \text{supp}\phi_3$ and

$$(4.8) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int U(x, y, t)\phi_3(x, y)dxdy = 0.$$

From (4.7), (4.8), we may conclude that

$$(4.9) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int U(x, y, t)\phi(x, y)dxdy = 0 \quad \forall \phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^N - \{0\}).$$

Finally for any $M > 0$, consider the solution v_λ of

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} v_{\lambda,t} &= \Delta v_\lambda - \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}+1 - \frac{2q}{p-1}} (v_\lambda^q)_y - v_\lambda^p \\ v_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 0) &= M\delta(\mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

For all sufficiently large λ , $\lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}-N} \geq M$ and from the Comparison Principle we get $0 \leq v_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq u_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t)$. It is easy to see that $\{v_\lambda\}$ converges to a singular solution $P_M(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of (1.2) with total mass M . Hence we obtain $0 \leq P_M(\mathbf{x}, t) \leq U(\mathbf{x}, t)$. In particular

$$M = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int P_M(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int U(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}.$$

This shows that

$$(4.11) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int U(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} = \infty.$$

From (4.9), (4.11) and the uniqueness result we conclude that $U(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is in fact the very singular solution of (1.2). (See [O], [KPV])

5. Final Remarks

The case $1 < p < 1 + (2q_*)/(N + 1)$ and $1 < q < (1 + p)/2$ is not considered here. Recall that $q_* = \min\{q, (N + 1)/N\}$. We only presume that the singular solution of (F) behaves like a very singular solution of (1.4). But as far as we know, no research has been made on the singular solution of (1.4). Hence we have to make a little more efforts for the proof, which will be postponed to the forthcoming paper.

The borderline cases are not considered neither here. We believe that those solutions have self-similar profiles and we leave these cases to the interested reader. (See [EZ])

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