

ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF SOLUTIONS TO PARABOLIC PROBLEMS WITH NONLINEAR NONLOCAL TERMS

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ABSTRACT. We study the existence and asymptotic behavior of self-similar solutions to the parabolic problem

$$u_t - \Delta u = \int_0^t k(t, s)|u|^{p-1}u(s)ds \quad \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N,$$

with $p > 1$ and $u(0, \cdot) \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this work we study the existence and asymptotic behavior of global solutions of the semilinear parabolic problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u &= \int_0^t k(t, s)|u|^{p-1}u(s)ds \quad \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ u(0, x) &= \psi(x) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where $p > 1$ and $k : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

- (K1) k is a continuous function on the region $\mathcal{R} = \{(t, s) \in \mathbb{R}^2; 0 < s < t\}$,
- (K2) $k(\lambda t, \lambda s) = \lambda^{-\gamma}k(t, s)$ for all $(t, s) \in \mathcal{R}$, $\lambda > 0$ and some $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$,
- (K3) $k(1, \cdot) \in L^1(0, 1)$,
- (K4) $\limsup_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \eta^l |k(1, \eta)| < \infty$ for some $l \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem (1.1) models diffusion phenomena with memory effects and has been considered by several authors for some values of the function k (see [1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12] and the references therein). When $k(t, s) = (t - s)^{-\gamma}$, $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ and $\psi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$, it was shown in [4] that if

$$p > p_* = \max\{1/\gamma, 1 + (4 - 2\gamma)/[(N - 2 + 2\gamma)^+]\} \in (0, \infty],$$

then the solution of (1.1) is global, for $\|\psi\|_{r^*}$ small enough, where $r^* = N(p - 1)/[2(2 - \gamma)]$. The value p_* is the Fujita critical exponent and is not given by a scaling argument. Similar results were obtained in [6] replacing the operator $-\Delta$ by the operator $(-\Delta)^{\beta/2}$ with $0 < \beta \leq 2$. When the function k is nonnegative and satisfies conditions (K1)–(K4), with $\gamma < 2$ and $l < 1$, it was shown in [10] that if

$$p(2 - \gamma)/(p - 1) < N/2 + a \quad \text{and} \quad p(1 - \gamma) < (p - 1)a,$$

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where $a = \min\{1 - l, 2 - \gamma\}$, then (1.1) has a global solution if $\|\psi\|_{r^*}$ is sufficiently small.

It is clear that if u is a global solution of problem (1.1) then for every $\lambda > 0$, the function $u_\lambda(t, x) = \lambda^\alpha u(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u &= \lambda^{2[\alpha(1-p)+2-\gamma]} \int_0^t k(t, s) |u|^{p-1} u(s) ds \quad \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ u(0, x) &= \lambda^{2\alpha} \psi(\lambda x) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

In particular, if $\alpha = (2 - \gamma)/(p - 1)$, then u_λ is also a solution of problem (1.1). A solution satisfying $u = u_\lambda$ for all $\lambda > 0$ is called a self-similar solution of problem (1.1). Note that, in this case, $\psi(x) = \lambda^{2\alpha} \psi(\lambda x)$; that is, the function ψ is a homogeneous function of degree -2α .

Our objective is to determine the asymptotic behavior of global solutions of (1.1) in terms of the self-similar solution w corresponding to the cases (see Theorem 1.5 for details):

(i) $\alpha(p - 1) = 2 - \gamma$.

$$\begin{aligned} w_t - \Delta w &= \int_0^t k(t, s) |w|^{p-1} w(s) ds \quad \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ w(0, x) &= |x|^{-2\alpha} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $\alpha(p - 1) > 2 - \gamma$.

$$\begin{aligned} w_t - \Delta w &= 0 \quad \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ w(0, x) &= |x|^{-2\alpha} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N. \end{aligned}$$

For $\alpha(p - 1) < 2 - \gamma$, we show that there is no nonnegative global solution of (1.1), if $w(0, x) \sim |x|^{-2\alpha}$ for $|x|$ large enough (see Theorem 1.7 for details).

To show the existence of global solutions to (1.1) we use a contraction mapping argument on the associated integral equation

$$u(t) = e^{t\Delta} \psi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \int_0^s k(s, \sigma) |u|^{p-1} u(\sigma) d\sigma ds, \quad (1.3)$$

where $(e^{t\Delta})_{t \geq 0}$ is the heat semigroup. Precisely, this contraction mapping argument is done on a given Banach space equipped with a norm chosen so that we obtain directly the global character of the solution. Our approach works for unbounded and sign changing initial data. On the other hand, the self-similar solutions constructed in this work may be not radially symmetric. In fact, we adapt a method introduced by Fujita and Kato [8, 9] and used later in [2, 3, 5, 13, 14].

Since the homogeneous function $\psi = |\cdot|^{-2\alpha}$, does not belong to any $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ space, we consider initial data so that $\sup_{t > 0} t^{\alpha - N/(2r_1)} \|e^{t\Delta} \psi\|_{r_1} < \infty$, for some $r_1 \geq 1$. Hence, it is necessary to consider that $\alpha < N/2$ since this condition ensures that ψ belongs to $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

The following result determines the asymptotic behavior for the heat semigroup on homogeneous functions, see [5, page 118] and [13, Proposition 2.3].

Proposition 1.1. *Let $r_1 > N/(2\alpha) > 1$, $\beta_1 = \alpha - N/(2r_1)$ and let φ_h be a tempered distribution homogeneous of degree -2α such that $\varphi_h(x) = \mu(x)|x|^{-2\alpha}$, where $\mu \in L^{r_1}(S^{N-1})$ is a function homogeneous of degree 0. Assume that η is a cut-off function, that is, identically 1 near the origin and of compact support. Then*

- (i) $\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta} \varphi_h\|_{r_1} < \infty$;
- (ii) $\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\eta\varphi_h)\|_{r_1} < \infty$ for $0 < \delta < N/2 - \alpha$;
- (iii) $\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta}(1 - \eta)\varphi_h\|_{r_1} < \infty$.

Our first result is technical. It will be used to formulate the global existence and asymptotic behavior results.

Proposition 1.2. *Let $l < 1, \gamma < 2$ and set $a = \min\{1 - l, 2 - \gamma\}$. Assume that $\alpha \in (0, N/2)$ satisfies*

$$2 - \gamma + \alpha < \frac{N}{2} + a, \quad (1.4)$$

$$(2 - \gamma + \alpha) \frac{1 - \gamma}{2 - \gamma} < a. \quad (1.5)$$

Then, there exists $r_1 \geq 1$ satisfying

- (i) $r_1 > \frac{N}{2\alpha}(2 - \gamma), r_1 > \frac{2-\gamma}{\alpha} + 1$ and $r_1 > \frac{N}{2\alpha}$.
- (ii) $(2 - \gamma + \alpha)(1 - \frac{N}{2r_1\alpha}) < a$.

We now give the following existence result for problem (1.1) shows the existence of global solutions and its continuous dependence.

Theorem 1.3. *Let $p > 1$ and k satisfying conditions K1) – K4) with $\gamma < 2$ and $l < 1$. Assume*

$$p > 1 + 2(2 - \gamma)/N \quad (1.6)$$

and $\alpha \in (0, N/2)$ satisfying (1.4), (1.5) and

$$\frac{2 - \gamma}{p - 1} \leq \alpha < \frac{N}{2}. \quad (1.7)$$

Fix $\tilde{\alpha} > 0$ such that

$$\tilde{\alpha} \leq \frac{2 - \gamma}{p - 1}. \quad (1.8)$$

Let $r_1 > 1$ be given by Proposition 1.2, and let $r_2 > 1$ be defined by $r_2 = \alpha r_1 / \tilde{\alpha}$. For every $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^N)$ define \mathcal{N} by

$$\mathcal{N}(\varphi) = \sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta} \varphi\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2} \|e^{t\Delta} \varphi\|_{r_2}\}, \quad (1.9)$$

where $\beta_1 = \alpha - N/(2r_1)$ and $\beta_2 = \tilde{\alpha} - N/(2r_2)$.

Let $M > 0$ be such that $C = C(M) < 1$, where C is a positive constant given by (2.10). Choose $R > 0$ such that $R + CM \leq M$. If φ is a tempered distribution such that

$$\mathcal{N}(\varphi) \leq R, \quad (1.10)$$

then there exists a unique global solution u of (1.1) satisfying

$$\sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1} \|u(t)\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2} \|u(t)\|_{r_2}\} \leq M.$$

In addition, if φ, ψ satisfy (1.10) and if u_φ and u_ψ respectively are the solutions of (1.3) with initial data φ, ψ , then

$$\sup_{t>0} [t^{\beta_1} \|u_\varphi(t) - u_\psi(t)\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2} \|u_\varphi(t) - u_\psi(t)\|_{r_2}] \leq (1 - C)^{-1} \mathcal{N}(\varphi - \psi). \quad (1.11)$$

Moreover, if φ, ψ are such that

$$\mathcal{N}_\delta(\varphi - \psi) = \sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_2}\} < \infty, \quad (1.12)$$

for some $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$, where $\delta_0 = 1 - l - (2 - \gamma + \alpha)[1 - N/(2r_1\alpha)] > 0$. Then

$$\sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u_\varphi - u_\psi\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2+\delta} \|u_\varphi - u_\psi\|_{r_2}\} \leq (1 - C_\delta)^{-1} \mathcal{N}_\delta(\varphi - \psi), \quad (1.13)$$

where C_δ is given by (2.16) below and the constant $M > 0$ is chosen small enough so that $C_\delta < 1$.

Remark 1.4. Suppose that $\alpha(p-1) = 2 - \gamma$ in Theorem 1.3.

(i) From (1.7) and (1.8), we see that it is possible to choose $\tilde{\alpha} = \alpha$. It follows that $r_1 = r_2$, $\beta_1 = \beta_2$. Therefore, Theorem 1.3 holds replacing the norm \mathcal{N} of (1.9) by $\mathcal{N}_s(\varphi) := \sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta}\varphi\|_{r_1}\}$.

(ii) Assume that $k(t, s) = (t - s)^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. Then k satisfies K1) – K4) with $l = 0$, and therefore $a = \min\{1 - l, 2 - \gamma\} = 1$. From conditions (1.4)–(1.7) we have that $p(N - 2 + 2\gamma) > N + 2$, $p\gamma > 1$ and $p > 1 + 2(2 - \gamma)/N$ respectively. Since $p > 1 + (4 - 2\gamma)/[(N - 2 + 2\gamma)^+] > 1 + 2(2 - \gamma)/N$, we conclude that $p > p^* = \max\{1/\gamma, 1 + (4 - 2\gamma)/[(N - 2 + 2\gamma)^+]\}$ which coincides with the condition encountered in [4].

(iii) Conditions (1.4)–(1.6) become $2(2 - \gamma)p < (N + 2a)(p - 1)$, $p(1 - \gamma) < a(p - 1)$ and $p > 1 + 2(2 - \gamma)/N$ respectively. The last inequality is obtained from the first one, since $2(2 - \gamma)p < (N + 2a)(p - 1) \leq [N + 2(1 - l)](p - 1)$ and $\gamma < 2$. Indeed, $p > 1 + 2(2 - \gamma)/[N - 2 + 2(\gamma - l)^+] > 1 + 2(2 - \gamma)/N$. These conditions were used in [10] to show global existence of (1.1).

We now state the following asymptotic behavior result for some global solution of problem (1.1) with small initial data with respect to the norm \mathcal{N} given by (1.9).

Theorem 1.5 (Asymptotically self-similar solutions). *Let $p > 1$ satisfying (1.6) and k be a function satisfying conditions K1) – K4) with $\gamma < 2$ and $l < 1$. Let $\alpha \in (0, N/2)$ be satisfying (1.4), (1.5) and (1.7), $\tilde{\alpha} > 0$ satisfying (1.8), r_1 given by Proposition 2 and $r_2 = \alpha r_1/\tilde{\alpha}$. Set $\varphi_h(x) = \mu(x)|x|^{-2\alpha}$, where μ is homogeneous of degree 0 and $\mu \in L^{r_1}(S^{N-1})$.*

Suppose that $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^N)$ satisfies (1.10), u is the corresponding solution of (1.1) given by Theorem 1.3, and

$$\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \varphi_h)\|_{r_1} < \infty \quad (1.14)$$

for some $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$, where $\delta_0 = 1 - l - p(2 - \gamma)/(p - 1) + Np/(2r_1)$ when $\alpha(p - 1) = 2 - \gamma$ and given by Lemma 3.1 when $\alpha(p - 1) > 2 - \gamma$. We have the following:

- (i) *If $\alpha(p - 1) > 2 - \gamma$, then $\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(t) - e^{t\Delta}\varphi_h\|_{r_1} \leq C_\delta$, for some constant $C_\delta > 0$.*
- (ii) *If $\alpha(p - 1) = 2 - \gamma$ and w is the solution of (1.1) given by Theorem 1.3 with initial data φ_h (we multiplied φ_h by a small constant so that (1.10) is satisfied), then w is self-similar and $\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{r_1} \leq C_\delta$ for some constant $C_\delta > 0$.*

Remark 1.6. The class of functions φ satisfying the condition (1.14) is nonempty. Indeed, from Proposition 1.1(2), condition (1.14) is satisfied for $\varphi = (1 - \eta)\varphi_h$.

In the following result, we analyze the non existence of global solutions of problem (1.1), under the assumption

(K5) There exist $T > 0$ and a nonnegative, non-increasing continuous function $\phi \in C([0, \infty))$ with integrable derivative such that $\phi(0) = 1$ and $\phi(t) = 0$ for $t \geq T$ satisfying $k(\cdot, t)\phi(\cdot) \in L^1(t, T)$ for $t > 0$ and

$$\int_0^T \phi(t)^{p'} \left(\int_t^T k(s, t)\phi(s)ds \right)^{-p'/p} dt < \infty, \tag{1.15}$$

where p' is the conjugate of p .

Theorem 1.7. *Let $p > 1$ and let k be a nonnegative function satisfying conditions (K1)–(K3), (K5). If $\psi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$, $\psi \geq 0$ satisfies $\liminf_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |x|^{2(2-\gamma)/(p-1)}\psi(x) = \infty$ and u is a corresponding nonnegative solution of problem (1.1), then u is not a global solution.*

Remark 1.8. Regarding Theorem 1.7 we have the following statements:

(i) Under conditions (K1)–(K3), existence of local solutions for (1.1) in the class $C([0, T), C_0(\mathbb{R}^N))$ and initial data $\psi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$, were studied in [10]. In particular, we know that if k and ψ are nonnegative, then the solution of (1.1) is nonnegative.

(ii) Let $k(t, s) = (t - s)^{-\gamma_1} s^{-\gamma_2}$ for $0 < s < t$ and $\gamma_i \in [0, 1), i = 1, 2$. Clearly, k satisfies K1) – K3). We show that k satisfies (K5) with $\phi(t) = [(1 - t)^+]^q, t \geq 0, T = 1$ and $q > 1/(p - 1)$. Indeed, since $\phi \leq 1$, we have for $t > 0$

$$\int_t^1 k(s, t)\phi(s)ds = t^{-\gamma_2} \int_t^1 (s - t)^{-\gamma_1} \phi(s)ds \leq \frac{t^{-\gamma_2}}{1 - \gamma_1} (1 - t)^{1-\gamma_1} < \infty.$$

On the other hand,

$$\int_t^1 k(s, t)\phi(s)ds = t^{-\gamma_2} \int_t^1 (s - t)^{-\gamma_1} \phi(s)ds \geq t^{-\gamma_2} \int_t^1 \phi(s)ds = \frac{t^{-\gamma_2}}{1 + q} (1 - t)^{1+q}.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 \phi(t)^{p'} \left(\int_t^1 k(s, t)\phi(s)ds \right)^{-p'/p} dt = (1 + q)^{p'/p} \int_0^1 (1 - t)^{p'(q - \frac{1+q}{p})} t^{\frac{\gamma_2 p'}{p}} dt,$$

which is finite, since

$$1 + p'(q - \frac{1 + q}{p}) = \frac{p'}{p} [p - 2 + q(p - 1)] > \frac{p'}{p} (p - 1) > 0.$$

2. EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Proof of Proposition 1.2. Let $A = \frac{2\alpha}{N}(1 - \frac{a}{2-\gamma+\alpha})$. Since $a > 0$ we conclude that $A < 2\alpha/N < 1$. From (1.5) and (1.4) we have $A < 2\alpha/[N(2 - \gamma)]$ and $A < \alpha/(2 - \gamma + \alpha)$, respectively. Now, it is sufficient to choose $r_1 > 1$ satisfying $A < \frac{1}{r_1} < \min\{\frac{2\alpha}{N(2-\gamma)}, \frac{\alpha}{2-\gamma+\alpha}, \frac{2\alpha}{N}\}$.

Lemma 2.1. *Assume the conditions (1.4)-(1.8). Let $r_2 = \frac{\alpha r_1}{\tilde{\alpha}}, \beta_1 = \alpha - \frac{N}{2r_1}, \beta_2 = \tilde{\alpha} - \frac{N}{2r_2}, \frac{1}{\eta_1} = \frac{1}{pr_1}(\frac{2-\gamma}{\alpha} + 1), \frac{1}{\eta_2} = \frac{1}{pr_1}(\frac{2-\gamma}{\alpha} + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{\alpha}), \theta_1 = \frac{2-\gamma+\alpha-p\tilde{\alpha}}{p(\alpha-\tilde{\alpha})}$, and $\theta_2 = \frac{2-\gamma+(1-p)\tilde{\alpha}}{p(\alpha-\tilde{\alpha})}$. For $i = 1, 2$ we have*

- (i) $\eta_i \in [r_1, r_2]$ and $\eta_i \in (p, r_i p)$.
- (ii) $\frac{p}{\eta_1} - \frac{1}{r_1} = \frac{p}{\eta_2} - \frac{1}{r_2} = \frac{2-\gamma}{r_1 \alpha} < \frac{2}{N}$.
- (iii) $\theta_i \in [0, 1], \frac{1}{\eta_i} = \frac{\theta_i}{r_1} + \frac{(1-\theta_i)}{r_2}$.

(iv) $\frac{1}{p}a > \theta_i\beta_1 + (1 - \theta_i)\beta_2$, with

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1\beta_1 + (1 - \theta_1)\beta_2 &= \frac{1}{p}(2 - \gamma + \alpha)\left(1 - \frac{N}{2r_1\alpha}\right), \\ \theta_2\beta_1 + (1 - \theta_2)\beta_2 &= \frac{1}{p}(2 - \gamma + \tilde{\alpha})\left(1 - \frac{N}{2r_1\alpha}\right).\end{aligned}$$

(v) $2 - \gamma + \beta_i - \frac{N}{2}\left(\frac{p}{\eta_i} - \frac{1}{r_i}\right) - p[\beta_1\theta_i + \beta_2(1 - \theta_i)] = 0$.

Proof. (i) From (1.7), we see that $\eta_1 \geq r_1$ and $\eta_2 \leq r_2$. Since $\tilde{\alpha} \leq \alpha$, it follows from (1.7) and (1.8) that

$$2 - \gamma + \tilde{\alpha} \leq p\alpha, \quad p\tilde{\alpha} \leq 2 - \gamma + \alpha \quad (2.1)$$

respectively. From here, $\eta_2 \geq r_1$ and $\eta_1 \leq r_2$. The condition $r_1 > (2 - \gamma)/\alpha + 1$ of Proposition 1.2(i) and $\gamma < 2$ ensure that $\eta_1 \in (p, r_1p)$. Moreover, since $r_1 > (2 - \gamma)/\alpha + 1 \geq (2 - \gamma + \tilde{\alpha})/\alpha$ and $\gamma < 2$, we conclude that $\eta_2 \in (p, r_2p)$.

Item (ii) follows from Proposition 1.2(i).

(iii) From (1.7) and (1.8) we get $\theta_1 \leq 1$ and $\theta_2 \geq 0$ respectively, and from (2.1) we see that $\theta_2 \leq 1$ and $\theta_1 \geq 0$ respectively.

We obtain (iv) from Proposition 1.2(ii). \square

Proof of Theorem 1.3. The proof is based on a contraction mapping argument. Let E be the set of Bochner measurable functions $u : (0, \infty) \rightarrow L^{r_1}(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L^{r_2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, such that $\|u\|_E = \sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1}\|u(t)\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2}\|u(t)\|_{r_2}\} < \infty$, where $\beta_1 = \alpha - N/(2r_1)$, $\beta_2 = \tilde{\alpha} - N/(2r_2)$. The space E is a Banach space. Let $M > 0$ and K be the closed ball of radius M in E .

Let $\Phi_\varphi : K \rightarrow E$ be the mapping defined by

$$\Phi_\varphi(u)(t) = e^{t\Delta}\varphi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta} \int_0^s k(s, \sigma)|u|^{p-1}u(\sigma)d\sigma ds. \quad (2.2)$$

We will prove that Φ_φ is a strict contraction mapping on K . Let φ, ψ satisfying (1.10) and $u, v \in K$. We will use several times the smoothing effect for the heat semigroup: if $1 \leq s \leq r \leq \infty$ and $\varphi \in L^r$, then

$$\|e^{t\Delta}\varphi\|_r \leq t^{-\frac{N}{2}\left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{r}\right)}\|\varphi\|_s$$

for all $t > 0$. From (2.2), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}t^{\beta_1}\|\Phi_\varphi(u)(t) - \Phi_\psi(v)(t)\|_{r_1} &\leq t^{\beta_1}\|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} \\ &+ pt^{\beta_1} \int_0^t \|e^{(t-s)\Delta} \int_0^s |k(s, \sigma)|(|u|^{p-1} + |v|^{p-1})|u(\sigma) - v(\sigma)|\|_{r_1} d\sigma \\ &\leq t^{\beta_1}\|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} + pt^{\beta_1} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}\left(\frac{p}{\eta_1} - \frac{1}{r_1}\right)} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^s |k(s, \sigma)|(\|u\|_{\eta_1}^{p-1} + \|v\|_{\eta_1}^{p-1})\|u(\sigma) - v(\sigma)\|_{\eta_1} d\sigma ds.\end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

From Lemma 2.1, (i) and (iii), and an interpolation inequality

$$\|u\|_{\eta_1} \leq \|u\|_{r_1}^{\theta_1} \|u\|_{r_2}^{1-\theta_1}$$

where $\frac{1}{\eta_1} = \frac{\theta_1}{r_1} + \frac{1-\theta_1}{r_2}$. Replacing this inequality into (2.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & t^{\beta_1} \|\Phi_\varphi(u)(t) - \Phi_\psi(v)(t)\|_{r_1} \\ & \leq t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} + 2M^{p-1}p \|u - v\|_E t^{\beta_1} \\ & \quad \times \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta_1} - \frac{1}{r_1})} \int_0^s |k(s, \sigma)| \sigma^{-p[\theta_1\beta_1 + (1-\theta_1)\beta_2]} d\sigma ds. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

From (K4), there exist $\eta_0, \nu > 0$ such that $\eta^l |k(1, \eta)| < \nu$ for $\eta \in (0, \eta_0)$. Thus, if $\theta_1\beta_1 + \beta_2(1 - \theta_1) = \Theta_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^s |k(s, \sigma)| \sigma^{-p\Theta_1} d\sigma &= s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1} \int_0^1 |k(1, \sigma)| \sigma^{-p\Theta_1} d\sigma \\ &\leq s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1} \left[\nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_1} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_1} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1, \sigma)| d\sigma \right] \\ &= C_1 s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

where

$$C_1 = \nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_1} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_1} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1, \sigma)| d\sigma. \tag{2.6}$$

Since $p\Theta_1 < a$ (see Lemma 2.1(iv)) and k satisfies (K3), we conclude that $C_1 < \infty$.

From (2.4), (2.5) and properties (iv) and (v) of Lemma 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} & t^{\beta_1} \|\Phi_\varphi u(t) - \Phi_\psi v(t)\|_{r_1} \\ & \leq t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} \\ & \quad + 2C_1 M^{p-1} p t^{\beta_1} \|u - v\|_E \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta_1} - \frac{1}{r_1})} s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1} ds \\ & \leq t^{\beta_1} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} + C'_1 \|u - v\|_E, \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

where $C'_1 = 2C_1 M^{p-1} p \int_0^1 (1-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta_1} - \frac{1}{r_1})} s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1} ds$. From Lemma 2.1, (ii) and (iv), we see that $C'_1 < \infty$. Similarly, one can prove that

$$t^{\beta_2} \|\Phi_\varphi u(t) - \Phi_\psi v(t)\|_{r_2} \leq t^{\beta_2} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_2} + C'_2 \|u - v\|_E, \tag{2.8}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C'_2 &= 2C_2 M^{p-1} p \int_0^1 (1-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta_2} - \frac{1}{r_2})} s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_2} ds < \infty, \\ C_2 &= \nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_2} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_1} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1, \sigma)| d\sigma < \infty, \\ \Theta_2 &= \frac{1}{p} \left(1 - \frac{N}{2r_1\alpha} \right) (2 - \gamma + \tilde{\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7) and (2.8) we obtain

$$\|\Phi_\varphi(u)(t) - \Phi_\psi(v)(t)\|_E \leq \mathcal{N}(\varphi - \psi) + C \|u - v\|_E, \tag{2.9}$$

where

$$C = \max\{C'_1, C'_2\}. \tag{2.10}$$

Setting $\psi = 0, v = 0$ in (2.9) we get $\|\Phi_\varphi(u)\|_E \leq \mathcal{N}(\varphi) + C \|u\|_E$. Since φ satisfies (1.10) and $R + CM \leq M$, we conclude that $\Phi_\varphi u \in K$. Moreover, since $C < 1$ we

conclude from (2.9) that Φ_φ is a strict contraction from K into itself, so Φ_φ has a unique fixed point in K .

The continuous dependence (1.11) follows clearly from (2.9). To show (1.13), let

$$\|u - v\|_{E,\delta} = \sup_{t>0} \{t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(t)\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2+\delta} \|v(t)\|_{r_2}\}. \quad (2.11)$$

Proceeding as (2.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(t) - v(t)\|_{r_1} \\ & \leq t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} + 2pM^{p-1}t^{\beta_1+\delta} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{r_1}-\frac{1}{r_1})} \\ & \quad \times \int_0^s |k(s,\sigma)|\sigma^{-[\theta_1\beta_1+(1-\theta_1)\beta_2](p-1)} \|u - v\|_{\eta_1} d\sigma ds \\ & \leq t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} + 2pM^{p-1} \sup_{\sigma \in (0,t)} \{\sigma^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(\sigma)\|_{r_1}, \sigma^{\beta_2+\delta} \|v(\sigma)\|_{r_2}\} \\ & \quad \times t^{\beta_1+\delta} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{r_1}-\frac{1}{r_1})} \int_0^s |k(s,\sigma)|\sigma^{-p[\theta_1\beta_1+(1-\theta_1)\beta_2]-\delta} d\sigma dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

For $0 < \delta < 1 - l - p\Theta_1$, arguing as in (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^s |k(s,\sigma)|\sigma^{-p[\theta_1\beta_1+\theta_2\beta_2]-\delta} d\sigma \\ & = s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1-\delta} \int_0^1 |k(1,\sigma)|\sigma^{-p\Theta_1-\delta} \\ & \leq s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1-\delta} \left[\nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_1-\delta} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_1-\delta} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1,\sigma)|d\sigma \right] \\ & = C_{1,\delta} s^{1-\gamma-p\Theta_1-\delta}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{1,\delta} = \nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_1-\delta} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_1-\delta} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1,\sigma)|d\sigma < \infty.$$

Therefore, from (2.12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(t) - v(t)\|_{r_1} \\ & \leq t^{\beta_1+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \psi)\|_{r_1} + C'_{1,\delta} \sup_{\sigma \in (0,t)} \{\sigma^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(\sigma)\|_{r_1}, \sigma^{\beta_2+\delta} \|v(\sigma)\|_{r_2}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$C'_{1,\delta} = 2pM^{p-1}C_{1,\delta}. \quad (2.14)$$

Similarly, for $0 < \delta < 1 - l - p\Theta_2$, one can to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & t^{\beta_2+\delta} \|u(t) - v(t)\|_{r_2} \\ & \leq t^{\beta_2+\delta} \|e^{t\Delta}\varphi - \psi\|_{r_2} + C'_{2,\delta} \sup_{\sigma \in (0,t)} \{\sigma^{\beta_1+\delta} \|u(\sigma)\|_{r_1}, \sigma^{\beta_2+\delta} \|v(\sigma)\|_{r_2}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

where

$$C_{2,\delta} = \nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_2-\delta} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_2-\delta} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1,\sigma)|d\sigma < \infty$$

and $C'_{2,\delta} = 2pM^{p-1}C_{2,\delta}$.

From (2.13) and (2.15) it follows that

$$(1 - C_\delta) \|u - v\|_{E,\delta} \leq \mathcal{N}_\delta(\varphi - \psi),$$

where

$$C'_\delta = \max\{C'_{1,\delta}, C'_{2,\delta}\}. \tag{2.16}$$

□

3. ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR

The next result will be used in the proof of Theorem 1.5(1).

Lemma 3.1. *Let $l < 1$, $\gamma < 2$, $p > 1$ and $a = \min\{1 - l, 2 - \gamma\}$. Assume (1.7) and let α satisfying (1.4), (1.5) and (1.7). Let $\tilde{\eta}$ satisfying (1.8). For $\delta > 0$ we define $\eta' \geq 1$ by $\frac{1}{\eta'_1} = \frac{1}{pr_1}(\frac{2-\gamma+\delta}{\alpha} + 1)$, and $\theta'_1 = \frac{2-\gamma+\delta+\alpha-p\tilde{\alpha}}{p(\alpha-\tilde{\alpha})}$.*

If $\frac{2-\gamma}{p-1} < \alpha$, then there exists $\delta_0 > 0$ small such that for all $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$:

(i) $\eta'_1 \in [r_1, r_2]$ and $\eta'_1 \in (p, r_1p)$, where $r_2 = (\alpha r_1)/\tilde{\alpha}$.

(ii) $\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta'_1} - \frac{1}{r_1}) = \frac{N}{2r_1\alpha}(2 - \gamma + \delta) < 1$.

(iii) $\theta_1 \in [0, 1]$, $\frac{1}{\eta'_1} = \frac{\theta'_1}{r_1} + \frac{1-\theta'_1}{r_2}$.

(iv) If $\beta_1 = \alpha - \frac{N}{2r_1}$ and $\beta_2 = \tilde{\alpha} - \frac{N}{2r_2}$, then

$$a > p[\beta_1\theta'_1 + \beta_2(1 - \theta'_1)] = (2 - \gamma + \alpha + \delta)(1 - \frac{N}{2r_1\alpha}).$$

(v) $2 - \gamma + \beta_1 + \delta - \frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta'_1} - \frac{1}{r_1}) - p[\beta_1\theta'_1 + \beta_2(1 - \theta'_1)] = 0$.

Proof. Since $\alpha > (2 - \gamma)/(p - 1)$, (1.4) and (1.5) hold, it follows from Proposition 1.2 that there exists $\delta_0 > 0$ small so that such that $\alpha > (2 - \gamma + \delta_0)/(p - 1)$, $r_1 > \frac{N}{2\alpha}(2 - \gamma + \delta_0)$, $r_1 > (2 - \gamma + \delta_0)/\alpha + 1$ and $(2 - \gamma + \alpha + \delta_0)(1 - N/(2r_1\alpha)) < a$. The rest of the proof follows similarly as the proof of Lemma 2.1. □

Proof of Theorem 1.5. (i) Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^N)$ be satisfying (1.10) and let u be the corresponding solution given by Theorem 1.3. We have that

$$\sup_{t>0}\{t^{\beta_1}\|u(t)\|_{r_1}, t^{\beta_2}\|u(t)\|_{r_2}\} \leq M.$$

Arguing as in (2.12), (2.5) and (2.6), we conclude conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} t^{\beta_1+\delta}\|u(t) - e^{t\Delta}\varphi_h\|_{r_1} &\leq t^{\beta_1+\delta}\|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \varphi_h)\|_{r_1} + 2pM^p t^{\beta_1+\delta} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\frac{N}{2}(\frac{p}{\eta'_1} - \frac{1}{r_1})} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^s |k(s, \sigma)|\sigma^{-p[\theta'_1\beta_1 + (1-\theta'_1)\beta_2]} d\sigma dt \\ &\leq t^{\beta_1+\delta}\|e^{t\Delta}(\varphi - \varphi_h)\|_{r_1} + C'_\delta, \end{aligned}$$

where $C'_\delta = 2pM^p C_\delta$, $C_\delta = \nu \int_0^{\eta_0} \sigma^{-l-p\Theta_\delta} d\sigma + \eta_0^{-p\Theta_\delta} \int_{\eta_0}^1 |k(1, \sigma)|d\sigma$ and $\Theta_\delta = \frac{1}{p}(1 - \frac{N}{2} \frac{p_1}{r_1})(2 - \gamma + \frac{1}{p_1} + \delta)$. From the above result and (1.14) we have the desired conclusion.

(ii) For $\lambda > 0$, we define $z(t, x) = \lambda^{(4-2\gamma)/(p-1)}w(\lambda^2t, \lambda x)$ for all $t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^N$. Clearly z is a solution of (1.1). We claim that $\sup_{t>0} t^{\beta_1}\|z\|_{r_1} \leq M$. To see this, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} t^{\beta_1}\|z\|_{r_1} &= t^{\beta_1}\lambda^{\frac{4-2\gamma}{p-1}}\|w(\lambda^2t, \lambda \cdot)\|_{r_1} \\ &= t^{\beta_1}\lambda^{\frac{4-2\gamma}{p-1} - \frac{N}{r_1}}\|w(\lambda^2t)\|_{r_1} \\ &= (\lambda^2t)^{\beta_1}\|w(\lambda^2t)\|_{r_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $z(0) = \varphi_h$, we have from (1.11) that $w = z$; that is, w is self-similar. The conclusion now follows from (1.13) and the Remark 1.4(i). \square

4. NON EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Proof of Theorem 1.7. Let B_R be the open ball in \mathbb{R}^N with radius $R > 0$. Let $\lambda_R > 0$ and $\rho_R > 0$ be the first eigenvalue and the first normalized (i.e. $\int_{B_R} \rho_R = 1$) eigenfunction of $-\Delta$ on B_R with zero Dirichlet boundary condition.

Set $w_R(t) = \int_{B_R} u(t)\rho_R$. Then by Green’s identity and Jensen’s inequality we obtain

$$(w_R)_t + \lambda_R w_R \geq \int_0^t k(t, s)w_R^p(s)ds. \tag{4.1}$$

Set $\phi_R(t) = \phi(t/R^2)$ for all $t \geq 0$. Multiplying (4.1) by ϕ_R and integrating on $[0, TR^2]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -w_R(0) + \lambda_R \int_0^{TR^2} w_R(t)\phi_R(t)dt &\geq \int_0^{TR^2} \int_0^t k(t, s)w_R^p(s)ds \phi_R(t)dt \\ &= \int_0^{TR^2} I_R(s)w_R^p(s)ds, \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

where

$$I_R(s) = \int_s^{TR^2} k(t, s)\phi_R(t)dt.$$

On the other hand, by Hölder’s inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{TR^2} w_R(t)\phi_R(t)dt &= \int_0^{TR^2} w_R(t)I_R(t)^{1/p}I_R(t)^{-1/p}\phi_R(t)dt \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_0^{TR^2} w_R^p I_R(t)dt \right\}^{1/p} \underbrace{\left\{ \int_0^{TR^2} I_R(t)^{-p'/p}\phi_R^{p'}(t)dt \right\}^{1/p'}}_{II}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Since

$$I_R(R^2s) = \int_{R^2s}^{TR^2} k(t, s)\phi(t/R^2)dt = (R^2)^{1-\gamma} \int_s^T k(t, s)\phi(t)dt = (R^2)^{1-\gamma} I_1(s),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} II^{p'} &= R^2 \int_0^T I_R(R^2t)^{-p'/p}\phi_R^{p'}(R^2t)dt \\ &= (R^2)^{1-(p'/p)(1-\gamma)} \int_0^T I_1(t)^{-p'/p}\phi^{p'}(t)dt \\ &= C(T)(R^2)^{1-(p'/p)(1-\gamma)}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

where $C(T) = \int_0^T \phi^{p'}(t)I_1(t)^{-p'/p}dt < \infty$ by (1.15). From (4.2)–(4.4) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_R \left\{ \int_0^{TR^2} w_R^p(t)I_R(t)dt \right\}^{1/p} C(T)^{1/p'} (R^2)^{\frac{1}{p'} - \frac{1-\gamma}{p}} \\ \geq \int_0^{TR^2} I_R(s)w_R^p(s)ds + w_R(0), \end{aligned}$$

and by Young's inequality,

$$\frac{1}{p} \int_0^{TR^2} w_R^p(t) I_R(t) dt + \frac{1}{p'} \lambda_R^{p'} C(T) (R^2)^{1 - \frac{(1-\gamma)p'}{p}} \geq w_R(0) + \int_0^{TR^2} I_R(t) w_R^p(t) dt.$$

Thus,

$$\frac{1}{p'} \lambda_R^{p'} C(T) (R^2)^{1 - \frac{(1-\gamma)p'}{p}} \geq w_R(0).$$

Since $\lambda_R = \lambda_1/R^2$ we concluded that

$$w_R(0) \leq C(T) \left(\frac{\lambda_1^{p'}}{p'} \right) (R^2)^{-p'+1 - \frac{(1-\gamma)p'}{p}} = C'(T) (R^2)^{-\frac{2-\gamma}{p-1}}, \quad (4.5)$$

where $C'(T) = [C(T)\lambda_1^{p'}]/p'$. On the other hand, for $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ small

$$\begin{aligned} w_R(0) &= \int_{B_R} u_0(x) \rho_R(x) dx \\ &\geq \left(\inf_{R \geq |x| \geq \epsilon R} u_0(x) \right) \int_{\{\epsilon R \leq |x| \leq R\}} \rho_R(x) dx \\ &\geq \left(\inf_{R \geq |x| \geq \epsilon R} u_0(x) \right) \int_{\{\epsilon \leq |x| \leq 1\}} \rho_1(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (4.5), it follows that

$$C'(T) \geq \left(\inf_{R \geq |x| \geq \epsilon R} |x|^{2(2-\gamma)/(p-1)} u_0(x) \right) \int_{\{\epsilon \leq |x| \leq 1\}} \rho_1(x) dx.$$

Putting, $\epsilon = \kappa/R > 0$ and letting $R \rightarrow \infty$ we have $\inf_{|x| \geq \kappa} |x|^{2(\frac{2-\gamma}{p-1})} u_0(x) \leq C'(T)$. Since $C'(T) < \infty$ and κ is arbitrary the conclusion follows. \square

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