



BLOW-UP, EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF SOLUTION FOR A NONLINEAR PARABOLIC EQUATION WITH $p(x)$ – LAPLACIAN

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider the following equation

$$u_t - \operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \right) + \omega |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t = b |u|^{r(x)-2} u.$$

We prove a finite time blowup result for the solutions in the case $\omega = 0$ and exponential growth in the case $\omega > 0$, with the negative initial energy in the both case.

1. INTRODUCTION

We consider the following boundary problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \right) + \omega |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t = b |u|^{r(x)-2} u & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

where Ω is a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 1$ with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ and $b > 0, \omega \geq 0$ are constants, $p(\cdot), m(x)$ and $r(\cdot)$ are given measurable functions on Ω satisfying

$$2 \leq m_1 \leq m(x) \leq m_2 < p_1 \leq p(x) \leq p_2 < r_1 \leq r(x) \leq r_2 \leq p_*(x). \tag{1.2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 & : = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \Omega} (p(x)), & p_2 & := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \Omega} (p(x)), \\
 r_1 & : = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \Omega} (r(x)), & r_2 & := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \Omega} (r(x)), \\
 m_1 & : = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \Omega} (m(x)), & m_2 & := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \Omega} (m(x)),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$p_*(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{np(x)}{\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \Omega} (n-p(x))} & \text{if } p_2 < n \\ +\infty & \text{if } p_2 \geq n \end{cases} .$$

We also assume that $p(\cdot)$, $m(\cdot)$ and $r(\cdot)$ satisfy the log-Hölder continuity condition:

$$|q(x) - q(y)| \leq -\frac{A}{\log|x - y|}, \text{ for a.e. } x, y \in \Omega, \text{ with } |x - y| < \delta, \tag{1.3}$$

$A > 0, 0 < \delta < 1$.

Equation (1.1) can be viewed as a generalization of the evolutional p -Laplacian equation

$$u_t - \operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \right) + \omega |u|^{m-2} u_t = b |u|^{r-2} u,$$

with the constant exponent of nonlinearity $p, m, r \in (2, \infty)$, which appears in various physical contexts. In particular, this equation arises from the mathematical description of the reaction-diffusion/ diffusion, heat transfer, population dynamics processus, and so on (see [11]) and references therein). Recently in [1], in the case $\omega = 0$, Agaki proved an existence and blow up result for the initial datum $u_0 \in L^r(\cdot)$. Ôtani [17] studied the existence and the asymptotic behavior of solutions of (1.1) and overcome the difficulties caused by the use of nonmonotone perturbation theory. The quasilinear case, with $p \neq 2$, requires a strong restriction on the growth of the forcing term $|u|^{r-2}u$, which is caused by the loss of the elliptic estimate for the p -Laplacian operator defined by $\Delta_p u = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$ (see [2]).

Alaoui et al [12] considered the following nonlinear heat equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \right) = |u|^{r(x)-2} u + f, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

Where Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. Under suitable conditions on r and p and for $f = 0$, they showed that any solution with nontrivial initial datum blows up in finite time. In the absence of the diffusion term in equation (1.1) when $p(x) = p$ and $r(x) = r$ proved the existence and plow up results have been established by many authors (See [1 – 3, 9, 14, 17]).

We should also point out that Polat [18] established a blow-up result for the solution with vanishing initial energy of the following initial boundary value problem

$$u_t - u_{xx} + |u|^{m-2} u_t = |u|^{p-2} u. \tag{1.5}$$

Where m and p are real constants.

In recent years, much attention has been paid to the study of mathematical models of electro-theological fluids. This models include hyperbolic, parabolic or elliptic equations which are nonlinear with respect to the gradient of the thought solution with variable exponents of nonlinearity, (see [4, 5, 10, 15]).

Our objective in this paper is to study: In the section 3, the blow up of the solutions of the problem (1.1) in the case $\omega = 0$, in the section 4, exponential growth of solution when $\omega > 0$.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We present in this section some Lemmas about the Lebesgue and sobolev space with variables components (See [6 – 8, 12, 13]). Let $p : \Omega \rightarrow [1, +\infty]$ be a measurable function, where Ω is adomain of \mathbb{R}^n .

We define the Lebesgue space with a variale exponent $p(\cdot)$ by

$$L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) := \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \text{measurable in } \Omega, A_{p(\cdot)}(\lambda v) < +\infty, \text{ for some } \lambda > 0\},$$

where $A_{p(\cdot)}(v) = \int_{\Omega} |v(x)|^{p(x)} dx$.

The set $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ equipped with the norm (Luxemburg’s norm)

$$\|v\|_{p(\cdot)} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{v(x)}{\lambda} \right|^{p(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\},$$

$L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ is a Banach space [13].

We next, define the variable-exponent Sobolev space $W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ as follows:

$$W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega) := \left\{ v \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \text{ such that } \nabla v \text{ exists and } |\nabla v| \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \right\}.$$

This is a Banach space with respect to the norm $\|v\|_{W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \|v\|_{p(\cdot)} + \|\nabla v\|_{p(\cdot)}$.

Furthmore, we set $W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ to be the closure of $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ in the space $W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$. Let us note that the space $W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ has a differenet definition in the case of variable exponents.

However, under condition (1.3), both definitions are equivalent [13]. The space $W^{-1,p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$, dual of $W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$, is defined in the same way as the classical Sobolev spaces, where $\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{p'(\cdot)} = 1$.

Lemma 2.1. (*Poincaré’s inequality*) *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a bounded domain and suppose that $p(\cdot)$ satisfies (1.3), then*

$$\|v\|_{p(\cdot)} \leq c \|\nabla v\|_{p(\cdot)}, \text{ for all } v \in W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

Where $c > 0$ is a constant which depends on p_1, p_2 , and Ω only. In particular, $\|\nabla v\|_{p(\cdot)}$ define an equivalent norm on $W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$.

Lemma 2.2. If $p(\cdot) \in C(\overline{\Omega})$ and $q : \Omega \rightarrow [1, +\infty)$ is a measurable function such that

$$\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \Omega} (p_*(x) - q(x)) > 0 \text{ with } p_*(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{np(x)}{\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \Omega} (n-p(x))} & \text{if } p_2 < n \\ +\infty & \text{if } p_2 \geq n. \end{cases}$$

Then the embedding $W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ is continuous and compact.

Lemma 2.3. (Hölder's Inequality) Suppose that $p, q, s \geq 1$ are measurable functions defined on Ω such that

$$\frac{1}{s(y)} = \frac{1}{p(y)} + \frac{1}{q(y)}, \text{ for a.e. } y \in \Omega.$$

If $u \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ and $v \in L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$, then $uv \in L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)$, with

$$\|uv\|_{s(\cdot)} \leq 2 \|u\|_{p(\cdot)} \|v\|_{q(\cdot)}.$$

Lemma 2.4. If p a measurable function on Ω satisfying (1.2), then we have

$$\min \left\{ \|u\|_{p(\cdot)}^{p_1}, \|u\|_{p(\cdot)}^{p_2} \right\} \leq A_{p(\cdot)}(u) \leq \max \left\{ \|u\|_{p(\cdot)}^{p_1}, \|u\|_{p(\cdot)}^{p_2} \right\},$$

for any $u \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$.

3. BLOW UP

In this section, we prove that the solution of equation (1.1) blow up in finite time when $\omega = 0$. we recall that (1.1), becomes

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \right) = b |u|^{r(x)-2} u & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{3.1}$$

We start with a local existence result for the problem (1.1), which is a direct result of the existence theorem by Agaki and Ôtani [2].

Proposition 3.1. For all $u_0 \in W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$, there exists a number $T_0 \in (0, T]$ such that the problem (1.1) has a solution u on $[0, T_0]$ satisfying:

$$u \in C_w([0, T_0]; W_0^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T_0], L^{r(\cdot)}(\Omega)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T_0; L^2(\Omega)).$$

We define the energy functional associaeted of the problem (1.1)

$$E(t) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx - b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{r(x)} |u|^{r(x)} dx. \tag{3.2}$$

Theorem 3.1. *Let the assumptions of proposition 1, be satisfied and assume that*

$$E(0) < 0. \tag{3.3}$$

Then the solution of the problem (3.1), blow up in finite time.

Now, we let

$$H(t) := -E(t), \tag{3.4}$$

and

$$L(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx. \tag{3.5}$$

To prove our result, we first establish some Lemmas.

Lemma 3.1. *Assume that (1.2) and (1.3), hold and $E(0) < 0$. Then*

$$A_{p(\cdot)}(\nabla u) < \frac{bp_2}{r_1} A_{r(\cdot)}(u), \tag{3.6}$$

and

$$\frac{r_1}{b} H(0) < A_{r(\cdot)}(u). \tag{3.7}$$

Proof. We multiply the first equation of (3.1) by u_t and integrating over the domain Ω , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx - b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{r(x)} |u|^{r(x)} dx \right) = -\|u_t\|_2^2,$$

then

$$E'(t) = -\|u_t\|_2^2 \leq 0. \tag{3.8}$$

Integrating (3.8) over $(0, t)$, we obtain

$$E(t) \leq E(0) < 0. \tag{3.9}$$

By (3.2) and (3.9), we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx < b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{r(x)} |u|^{r(x)} dx,$$

so that

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p_2} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx < \int_{\Omega} \frac{b}{r_1} |u|^{r(x)} dx.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H(t) &= - \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u|^{p(x)} dx + b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{r(x)} |u|^{r(x)} dx \\ &\leq b \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{r(x)} |u|^{r(x)} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Then, by (3.10), (3.4) and (3.9), we obtain

$$0 < H(0) < H(t) < \frac{b}{r_1} A_{r(\cdot)}(u).$$

□

Lemma 3.2. [16] *Assume that (1.2), (1.3) hold and $E(0) < 0$. Then the solution of (3.1), satisfies for some $c > 0$,*

$$A_{r(\cdot)}(u) \geq c \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}. \tag{3.11}$$

Proof of theorem 1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} L'(t) &= \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u \left(\operatorname{div} \left(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \right) + b |u|^{r(x)-2} u \right) dx \\ &= -A_{p(\cdot)}(\nabla u) + b A_{r(\cdot)}(u). \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Combining of (3.12), (3.11) and (3.6), leads to

$$L'(t) \geq cb \left(1 - \frac{p_2}{r_1} \right) \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}. \tag{3.13}$$

Now, we estimate $L^{\frac{r_1}{2}}(t)$, by the embedding of $L^{r_1}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$, we get

$$L^{\frac{r_1}{2}}(t) \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{r_1}^2 \right)^{\frac{r_1}{2}} \leq c \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}. \tag{3.14}$$

By combining (3.14) and (3.13), we obtain

$$L'(t) \geq \xi L^{\frac{r_1}{2}}(t). \tag{3.15}$$

A direct integration of (3.15), then yields

$$L^{\frac{r_1}{2}-1}(t) \geq \frac{1}{L^{1-\frac{r_1}{2}}(0) - \xi t}.$$

Therefore, L blow up in a time $t^* \leq \frac{1}{L^{\frac{r_1}{2}-1}(0)}$. □

4. EXPONENTIAL GROWTH

In this section, we prove that the solution of equation (1.1) exponential growth when $\omega > 0$.

Lemma 4.1. *Suppose that (1.2) holds and $E(0) < 0$. Then,*

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx \leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(t)). \tag{4.1}$$

Proof.

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx = \int_{\Omega_-} |u|^{m(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega_+} |u|^{m(x)} dx,$$

where

$$\Omega_+ = \{x \in \Omega / |u(x, t)| \geq 1\} \text{ and } \Omega_- = \{x \in \Omega / |u(x, t)| < 1\}.$$

So, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx &\leq c \left[\left(\int_{\Omega_-} |u|^{r_1} dx \right)^{\frac{m_1}{r_1}} + \left(\int_{\Omega_+} |u|^{r_1} dx \right)^{\frac{m_2}{r_1}} \right] \\ &\leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{m_1} + \|u\|_{r_1}^{m_2}). \end{aligned}$$

Exploiting the algebraic inequality

$$z^v \leq (z + 1) \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{a}\right) (z + a), \quad \forall z > 0, \quad 0 < v \leq 1, \quad a \geq 0,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{r_1}^{m_1} &\leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1})^{\frac{m_1}{r_1}} \leq c \left(1 + \frac{1}{H(0)}\right) (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(0)) \\ &\leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{r_1}^{m_2} &\leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1})^{\frac{m_2}{r_1}} \leq c \left(1 + \frac{1}{H(0)}\right) (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(0)) \\ &\leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(t)). \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx \leq c (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(t)).$$

□

Theorem 4.1. *Let the assumptions of proposition 1, be satisfied and assume that (3.3) holds. Then the solution of the problem (1.1), grows exponentially.*

Proof. By the same procedure of the proof the Lemma 5, we get

$$E'(t) = -\|u_t\|_2^2 - \omega \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 \leq 0, \tag{4.2}$$

then, we have

$$H'(t) = \|u_t\|_2^2 + \omega \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx \geq 0. \tag{4.3}$$

We define

$$G(t) = H(t) + \epsilon L(t). \tag{4.4}$$

for ϵ small to be chosen later.

The time derivative of (4.4), we obtain

$$G'(t) = H'(t) + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} uu_t dx.$$

By using (1.1), we get

$$G'(t) = H'(t) - \epsilon A_{p(\cdot)}(\nabla u) + \epsilon b A_{r(\cdot)}(u) - \epsilon \omega \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t u dx. \tag{4.5}$$

To estimate the last term in the right hand side of (4.5), by using the following Young's Inequality

$$XY \leq \delta X^2 + \delta^{-1} Y^2, \quad X, Y \geq 0, \delta > 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t u dx &= \int_{\Omega} |u|^{\frac{m(x)-2}{2}} u_t |u|^{\frac{m(x)-2}{2}} u dx \\ &\leq \delta \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx + \delta^{-1} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t) &\geq (1 - \epsilon \delta) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx + \|u_t\|_2^2 - \epsilon A_{p(\cdot)}(\nabla u) \\ &\quad + \epsilon b A_{r(\cdot)}(u) - \epsilon \omega \delta^{-1} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t) &\geq (1 - \epsilon \delta) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx + \|u_t\|_2^2 - \epsilon \omega \delta^{-1} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx \\ &\quad + \epsilon (1 - \mu) r_1 H(t) + \epsilon b \mu A_{r(\cdot)}(u) + \epsilon \left((1 - \mu) \frac{r_1}{p_2} - 1 \right) A_{p(\cdot)}(\nabla u), \end{aligned}$$

where μ is a constant such that $0 < \mu \leq 1 - \frac{p_2}{r_1}$.

Also, by using (3.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t) &\geq (1 - \epsilon \delta) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx + \|u_t\|_2^2 - \epsilon \omega \delta^{-1} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)} dx \\ &\quad + \epsilon (1 - \mu) r_1 H(t) + \epsilon \left(b \mu + 1 - \mu - \frac{p_2}{r_1} \right) A_{r(\cdot)}(u). \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Then, by Lemma 7 and (3.11), (4.7) becomes

$$G'(t) \geq (1 - \epsilon\delta) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx + \|u_t\|_2^2 - \epsilon c \omega \delta^{-1} (\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + H(t)) + \epsilon(1 - \mu)r_1 H(t) + \epsilon c \left(b\mu + 1 - \mu - \frac{p_2}{r_1} \right) \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}. \tag{4.8}$$

So that

$$G'(t) \geq (1 - \epsilon\delta) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{m(x)-2} u_t^2 dx + \|u_t\|_2^2 + \epsilon((1 - \mu)r_1 - c \omega \delta^{-1}) H(t) + \epsilon \left(c \left(b\mu + 1 - \mu - \frac{p_2}{r_1} \right) - c \omega \delta^{-1} \right) \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}. \tag{4.9}$$

So, we chosen δ large sufficient and ϵ small enough for that we can find $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$, such that

$$G'(t) \geq \lambda_1 H(t) + \lambda_2 \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} \geq K_1 (H(t) + \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}), \tag{4.10}$$

and

$$G(0) = H(0) + \epsilon L(0) > 0.$$

Similarly in (4.7), we have

$$\|u\|_2^2 \leq c (H(t) + \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}). \tag{4.11}$$

On the other hand, by (4.11), we get

$$G(t) \leq K_2 (H(t) + \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}). \tag{4.12}$$

Combining with (4.12) and (4.10), we arrive at

$$G'(t) \geq \eta G(t). \tag{4.13}$$

Finally, a simple integration of (4.13) gives

$$G(t) \geq G(0) e^{\eta t}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \tag{4.14}$$

Thus completes the proof. □

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