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Cauchy problem for fast diffusion equation with localized reaction*

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the Cauchy problem of fast diffusion equation with localized reaction

$$\begin{cases} u_t = (u^m)_{xx} + a(x)u^p, & (x,t) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0,T), \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x) \ge 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

where 0 < m < 1, p > 0, $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$, a(x) is smooth, nonnegative, and compactly supported. For simplicity, suppose supp a(x) = [-L, L], namely, $c_1\chi_{[-L_1, L_1]} \leq a(x) \leq c_2\chi_{[-L, L]}$ with $L_1 = L/2$ and $c_2 > c_1 > 0$.

Recently, the slow diffusion case of (1.1) with m > 1 was studied by Ferreira et al. in [1]. The semilinear case of m = 1 was considered by Pinsky [2].

The Eq. (1.1) could be considered as a special case of the more general problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{l-1}\nabla(u^m)) + g(x) \, (t^s + 1)u^p, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases}$$
(1.2)

with $g(x) \ge 0$, $g(x) \sim |x|^{\sigma}$ as $|x| \to \infty$. If $\sigma = s = 0$, l = m = 1, then (1.2) is reduced to the classical heat equation considered by Fujita [3]. The case of s = 0 (or $\sigma = 0$), l = m = 1 was studied in [2,4–6]. When l = 1, the critical Fujita exponent of (1.2) was established in [7] (for $s \ge 0$, $\sigma > -\min\{n, 2\}$) and [1] (for s = 0, $\sigma = -\infty$). The case of m = 1 with $\frac{n-1}{n+1} < l < 1$, $s \ge 0$, $\sigma > n(1-l) - (1+l+2s)$ was treated in [8]. Under some other assumption on l, m, s, σ , the

ABSTRACT

This paper studies the Cauchy problem for the fast diffusion equation with a localized reaction. We establish the Fujita type theorem to the problem, and then obtain the diffusionindependent blow-up rate for the non-global solutions. Moreover, we prove that the blow-up set for the problem consists of a single point under large initial data. These conclusions are quite different from those for the slow diffusion case.

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