



Blow-up problem for semilinear heat equation with absorption and a nonlocal boundary condition[☆]

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we consider a semilinear parabolic equation $u_t = \Delta u - c(x, t)u^p$ for $(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty)$ with nonlinear and nonlocal boundary condition $u|_{\partial\Omega \times (0, \infty)} = \int_{\Omega} k(x, y, t)u^l dy$ and nonnegative initial data where $p > 0$ and $l > 0$. We prove some global existence results. Criteria on this problem which determine whether the solutions blow up in finite time for large or for all nontrivial initial data are also given.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we consider the following nonlocal initial boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - c(x, t)u^p & \text{for } x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = \int_{\Omega} k(x, y, t)u^l(y, t)dy & \text{for } x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{for } x \in \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n for $n \geq 1$ with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, $p > 0$ and $l > 0$. Here $c(x, t)$ is a nonnegative locally Hölder continuous function defined for $x \in \overline{\Omega}$ and $t \geq 0$ and $k(x, y, t)$ is a nonnegative continuous function defined for $x \in \partial\Omega$, $y \in \overline{\Omega}$ and $t \geq 0$. The initial datum $u_0(x)$ is a nonnegative continuous function satisfying the boundary condition at $t = 0$.

Many physical phenomena are formulated as nonlocal mathematical models [1–6]. Initial boundary value problem for diffusion and reaction–diffusion equations with linear boundary condition in the second equation of (1.1) has been analyzed by many authors (see, for example, [7–9] and the references therein). Some papers [10–12] deal with the initial boundary value problems with nonlinear and nonlocal boundary conditions. Recently, the initial boundary value problem for reaction–diffusion equation

$$u_t = \Delta u + c(x, t)u^p \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega, t > 0$$

with a nonlocal boundary condition in (1.1) has been investigated in [13]. Global existence of solutions with any initial data has been proved for $\max(p, l) \leq 1$. For the case $\max(p, l) > 1$ global existence and blow-up results depend on the behavior of the coefficients $c(x, t)$ and $k(x, y, t)$ as t tends to infinity.

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