

# Existence of Explosive Nonnegative Solutions for a Class of Quasilinear Ordinary Differential Equations

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the necessary and sufficient conditions of the existence of nonnegative solutions for the two point boundary value problem

$$-(\Phi_p(u'))' = \lambda f(u(x)); \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} u(x) = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} u(x),$$

is established, where  $\lambda > 0$  is a parameter and  $f$  is a smooth function.

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Here we consider the two point boundary value problem

$$-(\Phi_p(u'))' = \lambda f(u(x)), \quad 0 < x < 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} u(x) = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} u(x), \quad (2)$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  is a positive parameter and  $f$  is a smooth function, and  $\Phi_p(u) = |u|^{p-2}u$ ,  $p > 1$ .

Explosive solutions of the problem

$$-\Delta u(x) = f(u(x)), \quad x \in \Omega \quad (3)$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = \infty, \quad (4)$$

where  $\Omega$  is bounded domain in  $\mathbf{R}^N$  ( $N \geq 1$ ) have been extensively studied, see [3-9]. For general nonlinearities  $f(u)$  and in one space dimension, very recently, Anuradha *et al*<sup>[1]</sup> and Wang Shin-Hwa<sup>[2]</sup> considered problem (3) ~ (4). In this paper, we proved the existence of explosive nonnegative solutions to (1) ~ (2) basing on building a quadrature method, the extends and complement part results of [1-2].

First, define

$$F(s) = \int_0^s f(t) dt,$$

and

$$I = \{s \in \mathbf{R}^+ \cup \{0\} : f(s) < 0 \text{ and } F(s) > F(u) \forall u > s\}.$$

Suppose that  $u$  is a nonnegative solution of Problem (1) ~ (2). Let

$$\rho = \min_{x \in (0,1)} u(x).$$

Now we shall prove that  $u$  is symmetric to  $x = 1/2$ . Let  $u$  be a positive solution of (1) ~ (2). Then  $u$  has only one minimum point in  $(0,1)$  (there is no local maximum point of  $u$  in  $(0,1)$ ) and  $u$  is the unique solution of the problem

$$v'' = \frac{f(v)}{(p-1)|v'|^{p-2}}$$

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$$v(\epsilon) = v_0, v'(\epsilon) = u'(\epsilon),$$

in  $[\epsilon, \xi_0)$ ,  $\epsilon$  is given arbitrary constant and  $\xi_0$  is the minimum point of  $u$  by the standard ordinary differential equation theory (suppose  $u$  has two minimum points in  $(0,1)$ , we can reach a contradiction by directly integrating (1). The similar argument implies that there is no local maximum point of  $u$  in  $(0,1)$ ). Let  $y = 1 - x$  for  $x \in (\xi_0, 1 - \epsilon]$  and  $\bar{u}(y) = u(1 - x)$ . Then  $\bar{u}(y)$  satisfies the problem

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_{yy} &= -\frac{f(\bar{u})}{(p-1)|\bar{u}'|^{p-2}} \text{ in } [\epsilon, 1 - \xi_0) \\ \bar{u}(\epsilon) &= v_0, \bar{u}'(\epsilon) = u'(\epsilon).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $u(x)$  and  $\bar{u}(y)$  satisfy the same initial value problem. Let  $\eta$  be the minimum point of  $\bar{u}$ , then  $\eta = \xi_0$ . Since  $u(x) = \bar{u}(y)$  in  $(\epsilon, \xi_0)$  and  $u_x'(\xi_0) = -\bar{u}_y'(1 - \xi_0) = 0$ , then  $\eta = 1 - \xi_0$ . This implies  $\xi_0 = 1/2$  and  $u(x) = u(1 - x)$  for  $x \in (\epsilon, 1/2)$ , from  $\epsilon$  being arbitrary, therefore,  $u$  is symmetric to  $x = 1/2$  and  $u' < 0$  in  $(0, 1/2)$  and  $u' > 0$  in  $(1/2, 1)$ .

That is,  $u(x)$  must achieve its minimum at  $x = 1/2$ . Multiplying (1) through by  $u'(x)$ , we obtain

$$-(\Phi_p(u'))'u'(x) = \lambda f(u)u'(x)$$

which can be integrated yielding

$$-(p-1)/p |u'|^p = \lambda F(u(x)) + C. \quad (5)$$

If  $\rho = \inf_{x \in (0,1)} u(x)$ , then  $u(1/2) = \rho$ . Substituting  $x = 1/2$  in (5), we have

$$C = -\lambda F(u(1/2)) = -\lambda F(\rho).$$

Thus

$$u'(x) = -(p\lambda/(p-1))^{1/p} (F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}, \forall x \in (0, 1/2) \quad (6)$$

and by symmetry,

$$u'(x) = (p\lambda/(p-1))^{1/p} (F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}, \forall x \in (1/2, 1).$$

Dividing through by  $(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}$  and integrating (6) from 0 to  $x$ , we obtain

$$\int_{u(0)}^{u(x)} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} = -\left(\frac{p\lambda}{p-1}\right)^{1/p} x, \forall x \in (0, 1/2) \quad (7)$$

Substituting  $x = 1/2$  in (7), we see that  $G(\rho)$  must exist and  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  must satisfy

$$G(\rho) = 2\left(\frac{p-1}{p}\right)^{1/p} \int_{\rho}^{\infty} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} = \lambda^{1/p}. \quad (8)$$

In fact we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1** Given  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f \in C^1$ , there exists a unique solution to (1) ~ (2) with  $\inf_{x \in (0,1)} u(x) = \rho$  if and only if  $G(\rho) = \lambda^{1/p}, \rho \in I$ .

By a modification of the method given in [1-2], we establish the following results.

**Theorem 2** If there exists any solution to (1) ~ (2) for any  $\lambda > 0$ , then

$$\limsup_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{f(u)}{(u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^{p-1} (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p} \right) = \infty,$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \cdots\}$ .

**Proof** Assume that

$$\limsup_{u \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{f(u)}{(u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^{p-1} (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p} \right) \neq \infty.$$

Then  $\exists K > 0, M_3 > 0$  such that

$$-f(u) \leq K(u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^{p-1} (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p, \forall u > M_3.$$

So

$$-f(u) < K((u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^{p-1} (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} + \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} + \cdots + \ln u + 1) (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p \\
 & + (u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^{p-1} (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^{p-1}), \text{ for } u > M_3 > p.
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -F(u) &= \int_0^u -f(w)dw = \int_0^{M_3} -f(w)dw + \int_{M_3}^u -f(w)dw \leq \\
 & -F(M_3) + \frac{K}{p} (u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^p (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p \\
 & - \frac{K}{p} (M_3 \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln M_3}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln M_3}_{n-2} \cdots \ln M_3)^p (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln M_3}_n)^p, \text{ for } u > M_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\rho \in I$  and

$$K_1 = F(\rho) - F(M_3) - (K/p) (M_3 \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln M_3}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln M_3}_{n-2} \cdots \ln M_3)^p (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln M_3}_n)^p,$$

then we obtain

$$F(\rho) - F(u) \leq K_1 + K/p (u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^p (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p. \quad (9)$$

Now,  $\exists M_4 > p$  such that

$$K/p (u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^p (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p \geq K_1, \text{ for } u > M_4. \quad (10)$$

For  $M = \max\{M_3, M_4\}$ , (9) and (10) imply

$$F(\rho) - F(u) < 2K/p (u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^p (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p, \text{ for } u > M. \quad (11)$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume  $M > \max\{\rho, p\}$  and obtain from Eq. (11) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(\rho) &= 2((p-1)/p)^{1/p} \int_\rho^\infty \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} \geq 2((p-1)/p)^{1/p} \int_M^\infty \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} \\
 &\geq 2^{(p-1)/p} \left(\frac{p-1}{K}\right)^{1/p} \int_M^\infty \frac{du}{u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p} \\
 &= 2^{(p-1)/p} \left(\frac{p-1}{K}\right)^{1/p} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n+1} \Big|_M^\infty = \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $G(\rho)$  does not exist if

$$\limsup_{u \rightarrow \infty} (-f(u)) / (u \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-1} \underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_{n-2} \cdots \ln u)^{p-1} (\underbrace{\ln \ln \cdots \ln u}_n)^p \neq \infty$$

and Theorem 2 follows from Lemma 1.

**Theorem 3** Assume that there exists  $\alpha > p-1$  such that  $f(u)$  satisfies

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-f(u)}{u^\alpha} = \infty, \quad (12)$$

then there exist solutions to problem (1) ~ (2) for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

To prove Theorem 3, we need a technical lemma.

**Lemma 4** Let  $f$  satisfy Eq. (12) and  $\rho \in [\rho_1, \rho_2] \subset I$ . Then there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$F(\rho) - F(u) \geq K u^{\alpha+1}, \text{ for } u > M \quad \rho \in [\rho_1, \rho_2].$$

**Proof** If  $f$  satisfies Eq. (12), it is easy to see that there exists a constant  $M_1 > 0$  such that

$$-f(u) \geq u^\alpha, \text{ for } u \geq M_1,$$

which implies

$$-F(u) = -F(M_1) + \int_{M_1}^u -f(w)ds \geq -F(M_1) + \frac{u^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} - \frac{M_1^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} \quad \forall u \geq M_1.$$

Letting  $K_1 = -F(M_1) - \frac{M_1^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} + \inf_{\rho \in [\rho_1, \rho_2]} F(\rho)$  and  $K_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha+1} > 0$ , we obtain

$$F(\rho) - F(u) \geq K_1 + K_2 u^{a+1} \quad \forall u \geq M_1, \forall \rho \in [\rho_1, \rho_2]. \quad (13)$$

Now,  $\exists M_2 > 0$  such that  $(K_2/2)u^{a+1} \geq -K_1, \forall u \geq M_2$  which implies

$$K_1 + K_2 u^{a+1} \geq 1/2 K_2 u^{a+1}, \forall u \geq M_2. \quad (14)$$

Letting  $M = \max\{M_1, M_2\}$  and  $K = 1/2 K_2$ , we have by (13) ~ (14) that

$$F(\rho) - F(u) \geq Ku^{a+1}, \forall u \geq M, \forall \rho \in [\rho_1, \rho_2]$$

and the lemma is proved.

**Proof of Theorem 3** Suppose that  $f$  satisfies Eq. (12), let  $\rho \in I$ . Since  $I$  is open,  $\exists \rho_1, \rho_2 \in I$  such that  $\rho \in (\rho_1, \rho_2)$  and  $[\rho_1, \rho_2] \subset I$ . Let  $K$  and  $M$  be as in Lemma 4. Note that

$$G(\rho) = 2((p-1)/p)^{1/p} \int_{\rho}^{\infty} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}}.$$

Converges if and only if

$$\int_{\rho}^{\rho+\delta} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} < \infty; \quad 0 < \delta < \rho_2 - \rho$$

and

$$\int_M^{\infty} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} < \infty$$

where we assume without loss of generality that  $M > \rho_2$ . Now,  $[\rho_1, \rho_2] \subset I$  implies  $L = \inf_{z \in [\rho_1, \rho_2]} (-f(z)) > 0$ .

This combined with the mean value theorem implies

$$F(\rho) - F(u) = -f(z)(u - \rho) \geq L(u - \rho) \quad \forall u \in [\rho_1, \rho_2]$$

Since  $\rho + \delta < \rho_2$ , we have

$$\int_{\rho}^{\rho+\delta} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} \leq \frac{1}{L^{1/p}} \int_{\rho}^{\rho+\delta} \frac{du}{(u - \rho)^{1/p}} = \frac{p\delta^{(p-1)/p}}{L^{1/p}(p-1)} < \infty.$$

Also, using Lemma 4 we have

$$\int_M^{\infty} \frac{du}{(F(\rho) - F(u))^{1/p}} \leq \frac{1}{K^{1/p}} \int_M^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^{(a+1)/p}} = \frac{\alpha - p + 1}{pK^{1/p}M^{(a-p+1)/p}} < \infty.$$

Hence  $G(\rho)$  is well defined  $\forall \rho \in I$ , and by Lemma 1 there exists a solution to (1) ~ (2) for  $\lambda = [G(\rho)]^p$  given and any  $\rho \in I$ .

**Example** Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} -(\Phi_p(u'))' = -\lambda u^{\alpha} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} u(x) = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow l^-} u(x), \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha > p-1$  is a given constant. Since  $f(u) = -u^{\alpha}$  is decreasing for  $u > 0$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Note that  $F(u) = -u^{a+1}/(\alpha+1)$  which implies

$$G(\rho) = 2((p-1)/p)^{1/p} (\alpha+1)^{1/p} \int_{\rho}^{\infty} \frac{du}{(u^{a+1} - \rho^{a+1})^{1/p}}.$$

Letting  $v = (u^{a+1} - \rho^{a+1})^{1/p}$  we obtain

$$\frac{du}{(u^{a+1} - \rho^{a+1})^{1/p}} = \frac{pv^{p-2}dv}{(\alpha+1)(v^p + \rho^{a+1})^{a/(\alpha+1)}}$$

so that

$$G(\rho) = 2\left(\frac{(p-1)(\alpha+1)}{p}\right)^{1/p} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{pv^{p-2}dv}{(\alpha+1)(v^p + \rho^{a+1})^{a/(\alpha+1)}}.$$

Now, Letting  $v = \rho^{(a+1)/p} \tan^{2/p} \theta$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(\rho) &= 4\left(\frac{p-1}{p(\alpha+1)^{p-1}\rho^{a-p+1}}\right)^{1/p} \int_0^{\pi/2} \tan^{(p-2)/p} \theta (\sec \theta)^{2/(\alpha+1)} d\theta \\ &= 4\left(\frac{p-1}{p(\alpha+1)^{p-1}\rho^{a-p+1}}\right)^{1/p} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha-p+1}{p(\alpha+1)})\Gamma(\frac{p-1}{p})}{2\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1})}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting

$$M_{\alpha} = 4 \left( \frac{p-1}{p(\alpha+1)^{p-1}} \right)^{1/p} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha-p+1}{p(\alpha+1)}) \Gamma(\frac{p-1}{p})}{2\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1})},$$

then, we have

$$G(\rho) = \frac{M_{\alpha}}{\rho^{(\alpha-p+1)/p}}.$$

Here  $M_{\alpha}$  is finite since  $f$  satisfies (12) for  $\alpha > p-1$  and thus,  $G(\rho)$  is finite. From  $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} G(\rho) = 0^+$ ,  $\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0^+} G(\rho) = \infty$ , and  $G(\rho)$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$ . These results imply that  $G$  is a bijective mapping from  $(0, \infty)$  onto  $(0, \infty)$ . Thus, given  $\lambda > 0$  there exists a unique  $\rho > 0$  such that  $G(\rho) = \lambda^{1/p}$ . Since  $I = (0, \infty)$ ,  $G(\rho)$  is not defined for  $\rho \leq 0$ . Hence, by lemma 1, there is a unique nonnegative solution to (1) ~ (2) for each  $\lambda > 0$ . Hence,  $\lambda = M_{\alpha}^p \rho^{p-1-\alpha}$ .

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## 一类拟线性常微分方程爆破解的存在性

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[摘要] 本文得到了两点边值问题

$$-(\Phi_p(u'))' = \lambda f(u(x)); 0 < x < 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} u(x) = \infty = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} u(x),$$

非负解存在的必要条件和充分条件, 这里  $\lambda > 0$  是参数,  $f$  是一个光滑函数.

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