

# Some Initial Value Problems Containing a Large Parameter

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### Abstract

We derive the asymptotic behavior of the solution of the problem.

$$w''(t) + \frac{\alpha}{t}w'(t) + B^2\rho(t)^2w(t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$w(0) = 1, \quad w'(0) = 0,$$

as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ . Here  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\rho(t) > 0$ . We also discuss the asymptotics of the nonlinear Schrödinger-type problem

$$u'' + \frac{\alpha}{t}u' + u^{2p+1} = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(0) = \gamma, \quad u'(0) = 0,$$

as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ .

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

Consider the initial value problem

$$w''(t) + \frac{\alpha}{t}w'(t) + B^2\rho(t)^2w(t) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (1)$$

$$w(0) = 1, \quad w'(0) = 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $\rho(t)$  is twice continuously differentiable and strictly positive on a given interval  $[0, b]$ ,  $\alpha$  is a fixed strictly positive real number, and  $B$  is a large parameter.

Such problems arise, e.g., when we are interested in the behavior of the radially symmetric and bounded solution of the multidimensional equation

$$\Delta w + B^2\rho(r)^2w = 0$$

(where  $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$ ), as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ .

In Section 2 of this note we compute the asymptotics of  $w(t)$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ , using special Liouville-type transformations, asymptotic matching, and the WKB approximation.

In Section 3 we discuss the asymptotics of the solution  $u(t)$  of the nonlinear problem

$$u'' + \frac{\alpha}{t}u' + u^{2p+1} = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(0) = \gamma, \quad u'(0) = 0,$$

as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ . In the case where  $\alpha$  is a positive integer, the above equation is equivalent to a multidimensional nonlinear Schrödinger equation with radial symmetry. Using the results of Section 2 we derive heuristically the behavior of the amplitude of the solution, as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ .

The case  $\alpha = 2$  which is special and somehow easier to handle has been analyzed in [3].

## 2 THE LINEAR PROBLEM

Let  $b > 0$  be a fixed number and consider the problem (1)–(2), where  $\rho(t)$  is a strictly positive function in  $C^2[0, b]$ . We are interested in the asymptotic behavior of the solution  $w(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, b]$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ .

### 2.1 The Case $0 < \alpha < 1$

In this case we introduce the change of variables

$$t = z^\lambda, \quad \text{where } \lambda = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} > 1, \quad (3)$$

and to make things clear we set

$$v(z) = w(t). \quad (4)$$

In view of the above transformation, a straightforward calculation yields that (1)–(2) is equivalent to

$$v''(z) + \lambda^2 B^2 z^{2\lambda-2} \rho(z^\lambda)^2 v(z) = 0, \quad z > 0, \quad (5)$$

$$v(0) = 1, \quad v'(0) = 0. \quad (6)$$

The WKB theory together with asymptotic matching (see, e.g., [1]) implies that in some region I of the form

$$z \gg (1/B)^\sigma, \quad \sigma > 0 \quad (7)$$

the so-called physical optics approximation to  $v(z)$  is

$$v_{\text{I}}(z) \sim [Q(z)]^{-1/4} \{C_1 \cos[BS_0(z)] + C_2 \sin[BS_0(z)]\}, \quad \text{as } B \rightarrow \infty, \quad (8)$$

where

$$Q(z) = \lambda^2 z^{2\lambda-2} \rho(z^\lambda)^2, \quad (9)$$

$$S_0(z) = \int_0^z \sqrt{Q(\tau)} d\tau = \int_0^z \lambda \tau^{\lambda-1} \rho(\tau^\lambda) d\tau = \int_0^{z^\lambda} \rho(\tau) d\tau \quad (10)$$

and  $C_1, C_2$  are constants (to be determined). It will be convenient for the sequel to rewrite the approximate formula (8) as follows:

$$v_{\text{I}}(z) \sim \frac{C_1^*}{\sqrt{\lambda z^{\lambda-1} \rho(z^\lambda)}} \cos \left[ B \int_0^{z^\lambda} \rho(\tau) d\tau + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right] + \frac{C_2^*}{\sqrt{\lambda z^{\lambda-1} \rho(z^\lambda)}} \sin \left[ B \int_0^{z^\lambda} \rho(\tau) d\tau + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right], \quad (11)$$

where  $z$  is in region I and  $C_1^*, C_2^*$  are constants. The fact that  $\rho(t) > 0$ , for  $t > 0$ , guarantees that, for  $z$  bounded away from zero, the difference between the exact solution  $v(z)$  of (1)–(2) and  $v_{\text{I}}(z)$  is of order  $1/B$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ .

In order to determine region I (i.e. to estimate  $\sigma$  of (7)), we have to check (see [1]) the validity of the following two criteria

$$BS_0 \gg S_1 \gg S_2/B, \quad S_2/B \ll 1, \quad \text{as } B \rightarrow \infty, \quad (12)$$

where

$$S_1(z) = -\frac{1}{4} \ln[Q(z)], \quad S_2(z) = \pm \int^z \left[ \frac{Q''(\tau)}{8(Q(\tau))^{3/2}} - \frac{5(Q'(\tau))^2}{32(Q(\tau))^{5/2}} \right] d\tau. \quad (13)$$

For typographical convenience let us set

$$\rho_0 = \rho(0) > 0.$$

Then, as  $z \rightarrow 0^+$ , i.e. when  $z \ll 1$  (see (9), (10), and (13)), we have

$$Q(z) \sim \lambda^2 \rho_0^2 z^{2\lambda-2}, \quad S_0(z) \sim \rho_0 z^\lambda, \quad S_1(z) \sim -\frac{1}{2} \ln(\lambda \rho_0) - \frac{\lambda-1}{2} \ln z$$

and

$$S_2(z) \sim c_1 z^{-\lambda} + c_2,$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants. Taking into account the above approximations, we infer that the criteria (12) are satisfied for

$$\frac{z}{(\ln z)^{1/\lambda}} \gg (1/B)^{1/\lambda}, \quad \text{as } B \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows from the above that the region I can be taken as in (7) where  $\sigma$  is any number satisfying

$$\sigma < \frac{1}{\lambda}. \quad (14)$$

Next, we turn to the analysis of the problem (1)–(2) in region II, i.e. for  $z > 0$ ,  $z \ll 1$ . In this region, the WKB approximation is not valid because  $Q$  has a (multiple) zero at 0. Nevertheless, we may solve the approximate problem

$$v''(z) + B^2 \lambda^2 \rho_0^2 z^{2\lambda-2} v(z) = 0, \quad (15)$$

$$v(0) = 1, \quad v'(0) = 0, \quad (16)$$

in terms of Bessel functions. Indeed, the general solution of (15) is (see, e.g., [1])

$$v(z) = \sqrt{z} [C J_{1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda) + D J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda)], \quad z > 0,$$

where  $C$ ,  $D$  are constants. The series expansions of Bessel functions imply that for  $z > 0$ ,

$$J_{1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda) = (\rho_0 B / 2)^{1/(2\lambda)} z^{1/2} F(z), \quad J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda) = (\rho_0 B / 2)^{-1/(2\lambda)} z^{-1/2} G(z),$$

where

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{4} \rho_0^2 B^2 z^{2\lambda})^n}{\Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2\lambda} + 1)}, \quad F(0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{1}{2\lambda})},$$

$\Gamma(\cdot)$  being the Gamma function, and

$$G(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{4} \rho_0^2 B^2 z^{2\lambda})^n}{\Gamma(n - \frac{1}{2\lambda} + 1)}, \quad G(0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda})}, \quad G'(0) = 0.$$

Then

$$v(z) = \left( \frac{\rho_0 B}{2} \right)^{1/(2\lambda)} C z F(z) + (\rho_0 B / 2)^{-1/(2\lambda)} D G(z), \quad z \geq 0,$$

and, hence, by using the initial condition (16) we get

$$C = 0, \quad D = \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{1/(2\lambda)} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right).$$

Consequently,

$$v_{\text{II}}(z) = \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{1/(2\lambda)} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right) \sqrt{z} J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda), \quad z > 0, \quad z \ll 1. \quad (17)$$

It is clear from the above mentioned work that  $v_{\text{I}}, v_{\text{II}}$  given by (11), (17) respectively, have a common region of validity (overlap region), namely,

$$(1/B)^{1/\lambda} \ll z \ll 1, \quad B \rightarrow \infty.$$

In order to match these two approximate solutions, we must further approximate them in the overlap region.

First, we consider  $v_{\text{I}}(z)$ . For  $(1/B)^{1/\lambda} \ll z \ll 1$  ( $B \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $z$  is “small”, so we have

$$\rho(t) \sim \rho_0 t, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0^+,$$

and thus (see (11)),

$$v_{\text{I}}(z) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_0 \lambda z^{\lambda-1}}} \left[ C_1^* \cos\left(\rho_0 B z^\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + C_2^* \sin\left(\rho_0 B z^\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right] \quad (18)$$

Next, we consider  $v_{\text{II}}(z)$ . In the overlap region we have  $Bz^\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ , so it is necessary to approximate the Bessel function  $J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\cdot)$  by its leading asymptotic behavior for “large” positive argument. The appropriate formula is (see, e.g., [1])

$$J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(x) \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty, \quad (19)$$

which implies

$$J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda) \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \rho_0 B z^\lambda}} \cos\left(\rho_0 B z^\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad z \gg (1/B)^{1/\lambda}, \quad B \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now (17) combined with the above asymptotics gives

$$v_{\text{II}}(z) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{1/(2\lambda)} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \rho_0 B z^{\lambda-1}}} \cos\left(\rho_0 B z^\lambda + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad (20)$$

for  $1 \gg z \gg (1/B)^{1/\lambda}$ .

Requiring that (18), (20) match on the overlap region we obtain

$$C_2^* = 0, \quad C_1^* = B^{\frac{1}{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda}{\pi}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2}\right)^{1/\lambda} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right).$$

In summary, the approximations to  $v(z)$  in each of the regions I, II are the following:

$$v_{\text{I}}(z) \sim B^{\frac{1}{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2}\right)^{1/\lambda}} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^{\lambda-1} \rho(z^\lambda)}} \cos\left(B \int_0^{z^\lambda} \rho(\tau) d\tau + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$$

for  $z \gg (1/B)^{1/\lambda}$ ,  $B \rightarrow \infty$ ,

and

$$v_{\text{II}}(z) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{1/(2\lambda)} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right) \sqrt{z} J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B z^\lambda), \quad z > 0, \quad z \ll 1, \quad B \rightarrow \infty.$$

Accordingly, in the case  $0 < \alpha < 1$  the approximations to the solution  $w(t)$  of the original problem (1), (2) are the following:

$$w_{\text{I}}(t) \sim B^{\frac{1}{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2}\right)^{1/\lambda}} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right) \frac{t^{1/(2\lambda)}}{\sqrt{t \rho(t)}} \cos\left(B \int_0^t \rho(\tau) d\tau + \frac{\pi}{4\lambda} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad (21)$$

for  $t \gg 1/B$ ,  $B \rightarrow \infty$ ,

and

$$w_{\text{II}}(t) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{1/(2\lambda)} \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right) t^{1/(2\lambda)} J_{-1/(2\lambda)}(\rho_0 B t), \quad t > 0, \quad t \ll 1, \quad B \rightarrow \infty, \quad (22)$$

where  $\lambda$  is given by (3).

## 2.2 The Case $\alpha > 1$

If  $\alpha > 1$ , we use the transformation

$$w(t) = z^{-1} v(z), \quad t = z^\mu,$$

where

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} > 1. \quad (23)$$

A straightforward calculation yields that (1)–(2) is equivalent to

$$v''(z) + \mu^2 B^2 z^{2\mu-2} \rho(z^\mu)^2 v(z) = 0, \quad z > 0, \quad (24)$$

$$v(0) = 0, \quad v'(0) = 1. \quad (25)$$

By using similar arguments as in the case  $\alpha < 1$  we get

$$v_{\text{I}}(z) \sim B^{-\frac{1}{2\mu} - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2}\right)^{-1/\mu}} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^{\mu-1} \rho(z^\mu)}} \cos\left(B \int_0^{z^\mu} \rho(\tau) d\tau - \frac{\pi}{4\mu} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$$

for  $z \gg (1/B)^{1/\mu}$ ,  $B \rightarrow \infty$ ,

and

$$v_{\text{II}}(z) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{-1/(2\mu)} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu}\right) \sqrt{z} J_{1/(2\mu)}(\rho_0 B z^\mu), \quad z > 0, \quad z \ll 1, \quad B \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus,

$$w_{\text{I}}(t) \sim B^{-\frac{1}{2\mu} - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2}\right)^{-1/\mu} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu}\right) \frac{t^{-1/(2\mu)}}{\sqrt{t\rho(t)}} \cos\left(B \int_0^t \rho(\tau) d\tau - \frac{\pi}{4\mu} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$$

$t > 0$ ,  $t \gg 1/B$ ,  $B \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$w_{\text{II}}(t) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{-1/(2\mu)} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\mu}\right) t^{-1/(2\mu)} J_{1/(2\mu)}(\rho_0 B t), \quad t > 0, \quad t \ll 1, \quad B \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\mu$  is given by (23).

Since (3) and (23) give

$$-\frac{1}{2\lambda} = \frac{\alpha - 1}{2} \quad (\text{when } 0 < \alpha < 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2\mu} = \frac{\alpha - 1}{2} \quad (\text{when } \alpha > 1),$$

we observe that the last two approximations and (21), (22) have exactly the same form. Consequently, (21), (22) are valid for every  $\alpha \neq 1$ . We summarize our results in the following theorem.

**Theorem.** Let  $w(t)$  be the solution of the problem (1)–(2), where  $t \in [0, b]$  and  $\alpha \neq 1$ . Then, in region I, i.e. when  $t \gg 1/B$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$w_{\text{I}}(t) \sim \frac{1}{B^{\alpha/2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha + 1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{t^{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\rho(t)}} \cos\left(B \int_0^t \rho(\tau) d\tau - \frac{\pi\alpha}{4}\right), \quad (26)$$

while in region II, i.e. when  $t > 0$ ,  $t \ll 1$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$w_{\text{II}}(t) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha + 1}{2}\right) t^{(1-\alpha)/2} J_{(\alpha-1)/2}(\rho_0 B t). \quad (27)$$

**Remarks.** (i) We believe that the above formulas are valid even for  $\alpha = 1$ .

(ii) Since

$$J_{1/2}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}},$$

if we set  $\alpha = 2$  in (26) and (27), the formulas reduce to

$$w(t) \sim \frac{\sin\left[B \int_0^t \rho(\tau) d\tau\right]}{B \rho_0^{1/2} \rho(t)^{1/2} t},$$



valid for all  $t \in [0, b]$ . This agrees with the formula given in [3].

(iii) It would be nice to have a Langer-type formula for  $w(t)$ , namely an asymptotic formula which is uniformly valid for all  $t \in [0, b]$ , as  $B \rightarrow \infty$ . In fact, if

$$\rho'(0) = 0,$$

one can check that the solution  $w(t)$  of (1)–(2) satisfies

$$w(t) \sim \left(\frac{\rho_0 B}{2}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right) t^{(1-\alpha)/2} \sqrt{\frac{S(t)}{t\rho(t)}} J_{(\alpha-1)/2}[BS(t)], \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, b], \quad (28)$$

where

$$S(t) = \int_0^t \rho(\tau) d\tau.$$

Unless  $\alpha = 2$ , one needs the condition  $\rho'(0) = 0$  in order for the expression shown in (28) to satisfy the initial condition  $w'(0) = 0$ .

### 3 THE NONLINEAR PROBLEM

Let us now consider the nonlinear initial value problem

$$u'' + \frac{\alpha}{t}u' + u^{2p+1} = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (29)$$

$$u(0) = \gamma, \quad u'(0) = 0, \quad (30)$$

where  $p \geq 1$  is a positive integer and  $\alpha > 0$  (notice that, if  $\alpha$  is an integer, then  $u'' + (\alpha/t)u'$  is the  $(\alpha+1)$ -dimensional radial Laplacian of  $u$ , hence (29) is a radially symmetric multidimensional nonlinear Schrödinger equation). Again the boundary conditions must be interpreted in the right way, i.e. as limits when  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ .

**Proposition.** The problem (29)–(30) has a unique solution for all  $t > 0$ .

*Proof.* We first notice that (29)–(30) are equivalent to the integral equation

$$u(t) = \gamma - \int_0^t \frac{t^{1-\alpha}\tau^\alpha - \tau}{1-\alpha} u(\tau)^{2p+1} d\tau, \quad (31)$$

where the integrand makes sense even for  $\alpha = 1$ , since in this case it becomes

$$u(t) = \gamma - \int_0^t \tau (\ln t - \ln \tau) u(\tau)^{2p+1} d\tau.$$

We must, therefore, look at the map

$$\mathcal{F}[u](t) = \gamma - \int_0^t \frac{t^{1-\alpha}\tau^\alpha - \tau}{1-\alpha} u(\tau)^{2p+1} d\tau,$$

mapping  $C[0, \varepsilon]$  into itself, for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ . It is easy to see that, if  $\varepsilon$  is chosen sufficiently small, then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a contraction, namely

$$\|\mathcal{F}[u] - \mathcal{F}[v]\|_\infty \leq c \|u - v\|_\infty,$$

where  $c < 1$ . Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $C[0, \varepsilon]$  which is the unique solution of (31) in  $[0, \varepsilon]$  (and it is automatically smooth). Then the global existence and uniqueness follows by the fact that the energy

$$E(t) = u(t)^{2p+2} + (p+1)u'(t)^2 \quad (32)$$

is decreasing. ■

The solution  $u(t)$  of (29)–(30) is highly oscillatory, due to the term  $u^{2p+1}$ , but with a decreasing amplitude of oscillation, due to the dissipative term  $(\alpha/t)u'$ . Using the expression (32) for the energy, we can define the amplitude of oscillation as (the same definition was used in [3])

$$A(t) = E(t)^{1/(2p+2)}. \quad (33)$$

Let  $0 = t'_0 < t'_1 < t'_2 < \dots$  be the (positive) zeros of  $u'(t)$ . Then

$$A(t'_j) = |u(t'_j)| = (-1)^j u(t'_j). \quad (34)$$

In [2], it was shown that for a fixed  $j \geq 0$ ,

$$t'_{j+1} - t'_j = \frac{c_p}{2\gamma^p} + O(\gamma^{-2p}), \quad \text{as } \gamma \rightarrow \infty, \quad (35)$$

where the constant  $c_p$  is given by

$$c_p = 4\sqrt{p+1} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^{2p+2}}} = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{p+1}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2p+2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{p+2}{2p+2}\right)}$$

The problem we want to discuss here is: For a given  $b > 0$  determine the (leading) asymptotic behavior of  $A(b)$ , as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ .

As it was shown in [3], for any  $\gamma > 0$  there is an  $n = n(\gamma) \geq 0$  such that

$$t'_{2n} \leq b < t'_{2n+2}.$$

We set

$$b^* = t'_{2n} \quad (36)$$

( $b^*$  depends on  $\gamma$  and  $b$ ; in particular  $b^* \leq b$ ). Thus  $u(b^*)$  is a local maximum of  $u(t)$  and

$$u(b^*) = A(b^*). \quad (37)$$

Notice that (35) implies that, as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$b - b^* = O(\gamma^{-p}),$$

which, in turn gives (see (33))

$$A(b) - A(b^*) = O(\gamma^{1-p}), \quad (38)$$

hence, in order to estimate  $A(b)$ , it suffices, thanks to (37) and (38), to estimate  $u(b^*)$ .

By setting

$$u(t) = \gamma u_1(t), \quad (39)$$

(29)–(30) can be written as

$$u_1'' + \frac{\alpha}{t} u_1' + \gamma^{2p} u_1^{2p+1} = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (40)$$

$$u_1(0) = 1, \quad u_1'(0) = 0. \quad (41)$$

We propose the following heuristic way to estimate  $u_1(b^*)$  as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ . Applying (26) to (40), (41) for  $\rho(t) = |u_1(t)|^p$  (hence  $\rho_0 = 1$ ),  $B = \gamma^p$ , we obtain that for  $t > 0$ ,  $t \gg 1/\gamma^p$ ,

$$u_1(t) \sim \frac{1}{\gamma^{p\alpha/2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{t^{\alpha/2} |u_1(t)|^{p/2}} \cos\left(\gamma^p \int_0^t |u_1(\tau)|^p d\tau - \frac{\pi\alpha}{4}\right),$$

as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , or, due to (39),

$$u(t) \sim \gamma^{1+[p(1-\alpha)/2]} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{t^{\alpha/2} |u(t)|^{p/2}} \cos\left(\int_0^t |u(\tau)|^p d\tau - \frac{\pi\alpha}{4}\right). \quad (42)$$

**It should be kept in mind that (42) is valid as long as**

$$A(t) \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{as } \gamma \rightarrow \infty. \quad (43)$$

Formula (42) implies that, under (43),

$$|u(t)|^{(p+2)/2} \sim \gamma^{1+[p(1-\alpha)/2]} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(1-\alpha)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{t^{\alpha/2}} \left| \cos\left(\int_0^t |u(\tau)|^p d\tau - \frac{\pi\alpha}{4}\right) \right|,$$

or

$$|u(t)| \sim \gamma^{(p+2-p\alpha)/(p+2)} \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^{1/(p+2)} 2^{\alpha/(p+2)} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^{2/(p+2)} \frac{1}{t^{\alpha/(p+2)}} \left| \cos\left(\int_0^t |u(\tau)|^p d\tau - \frac{\pi\alpha}{4}\right) \right|^{2/(p+2)},$$

as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ .

Therefore, as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$A(b) \sim \gamma^{(p+2-p\alpha)/(p+2)} \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^{1/(p+2)} 2^{\alpha/(p+2)} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^{2/(p+2)} \frac{1}{b^{\alpha/(p+2)}},$$

as long as  $A(b) \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e. when

$$p(\alpha - 1) < 2.$$

If, on the other hand,  $p(\alpha - 1) \geq 2$ , then

$$A(b) = O(1), \quad \text{as } \gamma \rightarrow \infty.$$

The case  $\alpha = 2$  reduces to the statement appeared in [3].

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