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Abstract We study a class of quasilinear parabolic equations with model representative

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(|u|^{m_i-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0, \quad m_i > 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad m_i < 1, \quad i = s + 1, \dots, n.$$

We establish the pointwise condition for removability of singularity for solutions of such equations.

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1 Introduction and main results

In this paper, we study solutions to quasilinear parabolic equation in the divergent form

$$u_t - \operatorname{div} A(x, t, u, \nabla u) = b(x, t, u, \nabla u), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega_T \setminus \{(x_0, 0)\}, \quad (1)$$

satisfying a initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad x \in \Omega \setminus \{x_0\}, \quad (2)$$

where Ω is a bounded domain in R^n , $n \geq 3$, $x_0 \in \Omega$, $0 < T < \infty$. Set $\Omega_T := \Omega \times (0, T)$.

We suppose that

$$\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} m_i > 1 - \frac{2}{n}, \quad \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} m_i < m + \frac{2}{n}, \quad (3)$$

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where $m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$.

The functions $A : \Omega_T \times R \times R^n \rightarrow R^n$ and $b : \Omega_T \times R \times R^n \rightarrow R^n$ are such that $A(\cdot, \cdot, u, \zeta)$, $b(\cdot, \cdot, u, \zeta)$ are Lebesgue measurable for all $u \in R$, $\zeta \in R^n$, and $A(x, t, \cdot, \cdot)$, $b(x, t, \cdot, \cdot)$ are continuous for almost all $(x, t) \in \Omega_T$, $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$. We also assume that the following structure conditions are satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_i(x, t, u, \zeta) &\geq v_1 \sum_{i=1}^n |u|^{m_i-1} |\zeta_i|^2 \\
 |a_i(x, t, u, \zeta)| &\leq v_2 |u|^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |u|^{m_j-1} |\zeta_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad i = \overline{1, n}, \\
 |b(x, t, u, \zeta)| &\leq v_2 |u|^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |u|^{m_j-1} |\zeta_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

with some positive constant v_1, v_2 .

The qualitative behavior of solutions to quasilinear elliptic and parabolic equations near the point singularity was investigated by many authors starting from the seminal papers of Serrin [1,2] and Aronson and Serrin [3]. Subsequently various extensions of these results have been obtained by many authors. We refer to the monographs by [4,5] for an account of these results.

During the last decade there has been growing interest and substantial development in theory of second-order quasilinear elliptic and parabolic equations with nonstandard growth conditions.

Some results of [6–11] we mention here.

The basic prototype of such equation is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0,
 \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0,
 \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(|u|^{m_i-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0.
 \tag{7}$$

The examples constructed by Giaquinta [12] and Marcellini [13] show that (5)–(7) may have unbounded solutions if p_i are too far apart. Local boundedness of solutions to Eqs. (5)–(7) has been obtained in [14–16]. The question of removability of isolated singularity for solutions to anisotropic elliptic Eq. (5) or for Eqs. (6), (7) with $p_i > 2$, $m_i > 1$ was studied in [17,18].

We are interested here in the removability result for the Eq. (7). Note that the important difference between this work and [17] is the following condition

$$m_i > 1, \quad i = \overline{1, s}, \quad m_i < 1, \quad i = \overline{s+1, n}.$$

Let

$$D(r) = \left\{ (x, t) \in \Omega_T : \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|x_i - x_i^{(0)}|}{r^{k_i}} \right)^2 + \frac{t}{r^k} \leq 1 \right\}, \tag{8}$$

where

$$k = n(m - 1) + 2, \quad k_i = \frac{2 + n(m - m_i)}{2}. \tag{9}$$

We formulate the removability result in the form of behavior of the function

$$M(r) = \text{ess sup}\{ |u(x, t)| : (x, t) \in D(R_0) \setminus D(r) \}, \tag{10}$$

where R_0 is some sufficiently small fixed positive number such that $D(R_0) \subset \Omega_T$. It follows from [16] that $M(r)$ is finite number for any $r > 0$.

We will write $V_m(\Omega_T)$ for the class of functions $\varphi \in C(0, T, L_2(\Omega))$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{\Omega_T} |\varphi|^{m_i-1}$

$\left| \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dxdt < \infty$ and $\overset{o}{V}_m(\Omega_T) = \{ \varphi \in V_m(\Omega_T) : \varphi|_{(0,T) \times \partial \Omega} = 0 \}$. Before formulating the main results, let us remind the reader the definition of a weak solution to (1), (2). We say that u is a weak solution to the problems (1), (2) if for an arbitrary function $\psi \in C^\infty(\Omega_T)$, vanishing in a neighborhood of $\{(x_0, 0)\}$, we have an inclusion $u\psi \in V_m(\Omega_T)$ and the integral identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} (u\varphi\psi)(\cdot, \tau) dx - \int_0^\tau \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial(\varphi\psi)}{\partial t} dxdt \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\tau \int_{\Omega} a_i \left(x, t, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial(\varphi\psi)}{\partial x_i} dxdt - \int_0^\tau \int_{\Omega} b \left(x, t, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \varphi\psi dxdt = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

holds for every $\varphi \in \overset{o}{V}_m(\Omega_T)$ and for all $\tau \in (0, T)$.

Theorem 1 *Assume that conditions (3), (4) are fulfilled. Let u be a weak solution of the problem (1), (2). Then the singularity of solution u at the point $\{(x_0, 0)\}$ is removable if*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} M(r)r^n = 0. \tag{12}$$

The proof of the Theorem 1 is based on the following two lemmas.

Lemma 1 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then there exists a positive constants K_1, β depending only on $v_1, v_2, n, m_1, \dots, m_n, m, R_0$ such that the following inequality is true*

$$M(\rho) \leq K_1 \rho^{-n+\beta}, \quad 0 < \rho < R_0. \tag{13}$$

Lemma 2 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then there exists a positive constant K_2 depending only on $v_1, v_2, n, m_1, \dots, m_n, m, R_0$ such that the following inequality is valid*

$$|u(x, t)| \leq K_2, \quad \forall (x, t) \in D \left(\frac{R_0}{2} \right). \tag{14}$$

The rest of the paper contains the proof of the above theorem and lemmas.

2 The integral estimates of solutions

We suppose that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} M(r) = \infty \tag{15}$$

and fixe sufficiently small the number $R_0 : M(R_0) \geq 1$. For every $\rho : 2\rho \leq R_0$ let us use the following notations: $u_{2\rho}(x, t) = (u(x, t) - M(2\rho))_+$, $E_{2\rho} = \{(x, t) \in D(2\rho) : u(x, t) > M(2\rho)\}$.

We further denote by γ constant, depending only on the known parameters $\nu_1, \nu_2, n, m_1, \dots, m_n, m, R_0$, which may vary from line to line.

Let $\eta_r \in C^\infty(\Omega_T)$ be the cutoff function such that (i) $0 \leq \eta_r(x, t) \leq 1$ in Ω_T , (ii) $\eta_r \equiv 0$ in $D(r)$, $\eta_r \equiv 1$ outside $D(2r)$, (iii) $\left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial t} \right| \leq \gamma r^{-k}$, $\left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right| \leq \gamma r^{-k_i}$, where $k, k_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ are defined by (9).

Lemma 3 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then the following inequality is valid for every $r : 0 < r < \rho < R_0$*

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} u^{\theta+1}(x, t) \eta_r^2(x, t) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u^{m_i-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma M^\theta(r), \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

where $\theta \in \left(0, \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} m_i\right)$.

Proof Testing identity (11) by

$$\varphi(x, t) = u_{2\rho}^\theta(x, t) \eta_r(x, t), \quad \psi(x, t) = \eta_r(x, t).$$

Applying conditions (4) and Young’s inequality, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1}(x, t) \eta_r^2(x, t) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u^{m_i-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial t} \right| \eta_r dx dt + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u^{m_i-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r dx dt \\ & \quad + \gamma \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u^{m-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1} \eta_r^2 dx dt. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Using the definitions of $M(r)$ and $\eta_r(x, t)$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial t} \right| \eta_r dx dt + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{2\rho}} u^{m_i-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma M^\theta(r) \left(M(r) r^{-k} + \sum_{i=1}^n M^{m_i}(r) r^{-2k_i} \right) |D(2r) \setminus D(r)| \leq \gamma M^\theta(r) \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

It is easy to see that the last term on the right-hand side of (17) can be estimated as follows:

$$\int\int_{E_{2\rho}} u^{m-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta+1} \eta_r^2 dx dt \leq \gamma M^\theta(r) \int\int_{E_{2\rho}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{\frac{1}{k_i}} + t^{\frac{1}{k}} \right)^{-nm} dx dt \leq \gamma M^\theta(r) \quad (19)$$

Combining estimates (17)–(19), we derive the required estimate (16). □

Introduce the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x, t)) &= \min\{u_{2\rho}, M(\rho) - M(2\rho)\}, \\ E(\rho, 2\rho) &= \{(x, t) \in \Omega_T : 0 < u_{2\rho}(x, t) < M(\rho) - M(2\rho)\}, \\ \varepsilon(r) &= M(r)r^n + r^2(M(r)r^n)^m + \sum_{i=1}^n (M(r)r^n)^{m_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then the following estimate is true*

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{ess sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}^2(u(x, t)) \eta_r^2(x, t) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \int\int_{E(\rho,2\rho)} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ &\leq \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho)) \sum_{i=1}^n \int\int_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ &\quad + \gamma \varepsilon(r)(M(\rho) - M(2\rho)) + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-\delta_1}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where $\delta_1 \in (0, \frac{2}{n})$, $0 < r < \rho < R$.

Proof Testing (11) by

$$\varphi(x, t) = \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x, t)) \eta_r(x, t), \quad \psi(x, t) = \eta_r(x, t).$$

Using structural inequalities (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{ess sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}^2(u(x, t)) \eta_r^2(x, t) dx + \int\int_{E(\rho,2\rho)} \sum_{i=1}^n u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ &\leq \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho)) \sum_{i=1}^n \int\int_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u^{m_j-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right| \eta_r dx dt \\ &\quad + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \int\int_{E_\rho} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x, t)) u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ &\quad + \gamma \int\int_{E_\rho} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}^2(u(x, t)) \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial t} \right| \eta_r dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Applying Hölder’s inequality and Lemma 3 to the first term on the right-hand side of estimate (21), we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u^{m_j-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right| \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n M^{\frac{m_i-\theta}{2}}(r) r^{\frac{n+k}{2}-k_i} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{m_j-1} u_{2\rho}^{\theta-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n [M(r)r^n]^{\frac{m_i}{2}} \leq \gamma \varepsilon(r). \tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

The second term on the right-hand side of (21) can be represented in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x,t)) u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x,t)) u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{(\rho,2\rho)}} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x,t)) u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt. \tag{23}
 \end{aligned}$$

Estimating the second integral on the right-hand of (23), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{(\rho,2\rho)}} \Phi_{\rho,2\rho}(u(x,t)) u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{(\rho,2\rho)}} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-\delta_1}. \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining estimates (21)–(24), we obtain (20). This completes the proof of the Lemma 4. □

Lemma 5 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then the following estimate*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u_{2\rho}^{-q} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{2(1-q)} + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-q} \varepsilon(r) \tag{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

holds with $1 < q < 1 + \min\left[\frac{2}{n}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$.

Proof Testing identity (11) by

$$\varphi = ([M(\rho) - M(2\rho)]^{1-q} - [\max(u_{2\rho}, M(\rho) - M(2\rho))]^{1-q})_+ \eta_r, \quad \psi = \eta_r.$$

Using conditions (4) and Young’s inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} \sum_{i=1}^n u_{2\rho}^{-q} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-q} \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u^{m_j-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r dx dt \\
 & \quad + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-q} \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u^{m_j-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \quad + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{2(1-q)} \iint_{E_\rho} \eta_r \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial t} \right| dx dt. \tag{26}
 \end{aligned}$$

Estimating the terms on the right-hand side of (26), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m_i-1}{2}} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u^{m_j-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r dx dt \leq \\
 & \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{m_i-1} u^{1-\theta} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \\
 & \quad \times \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{m_j-1} u^{\theta-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \gamma r^{\frac{n\theta}{2}} (\gamma M^\theta(r))^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \gamma \varepsilon(r) \tag{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-q} \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u^{m_j-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq (M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{2(1-q)} \rho^{2+n(1-q)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{m_j-1} u_{2\rho}^{-q} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt. \tag{28}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining estimates (26)–(28), we derive required inequality (25). □

Combining Lemmas 4 and 5, we obtain:

Lemma 6 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then the following estimate is true*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{\rho, 2\rho}^2(u(x, t)) \eta_r^2(x, t) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E(\rho, 2\rho)} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \\
 & \leq \gamma \varepsilon(r)(M(\rho) - M(2\rho)) + \gamma \varepsilon(r)(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{2-q} \\
 & \quad + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-\delta_1} + \gamma(M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-\delta_2}, \tag{29}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \delta_1, \delta_2 < 1$.

Proof By the Young’s inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u^{\frac{m-1}{2}} \left(u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta_r^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_\rho} u_{2\rho}^{-q} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt + \gamma \iint_{E_\rho} u_{2\rho}^q u^{m-1} \eta_r^2 dx dt. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

We estimate the last integral on the right-hand side of (30) similarly to (19)

$$\iint_{E_\rho} u_{2\rho}^q u^{m-1} \eta_r^k dx dt \leq \gamma \rho^{2+n(1-q)}. \tag{31}$$

Combining inequalities (20), (25), (30), (31), we obtain estimate (29). □

Taking into account condition (12), we can pass to the limit as $r \rightarrow 0$ in (29) and obtain the following statement.

Remark 1 Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then the following estimate is valid

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{\rho, 2\rho}^2(u(x, t)) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{E_{\rho, 2\rho}} \sum_{i=1}^n u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma (M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-\delta_1} + \gamma (M(\rho) - M(2\rho))^{1-\delta_2}, \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

where $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in (0, 1)$.

3 The pointwise estimate of solutions

Let (\tilde{x}, \tilde{t}) be an arbitrary point in $D(R_0) \setminus D(\rho)$. For any $\rho : 0 < r < \rho < R$ and any positive h we define the sequences of numbers $\rho_j := \frac{\rho}{2}(1 + 2^{-j})$, $h_j := h(1 - 2^{-j})$, $j = \overline{1, n}$ and the families of sets:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\rho_j) & := \left\{ (x, t) : \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|x_i - \tilde{x}_i|}{\rho_j^{k_i}} \right)^2 + \frac{|t - \tilde{t}|}{\rho_j^k} < 1 \right\}, \\ A_j & := \{ (x, t) \in Q(\rho_j) : u_{2\rho} > h_j \}. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by $\zeta_j \in C_0^\infty \left(Q \left(\frac{\rho_j + \rho_{j+1}}{2} \right) \right)$ such that: (i) $\zeta_j(x, t) \equiv 1$ outside $Q(\rho_j)$, $\zeta_j(x, t) \equiv 0$ for $(x, t) \in Q(\rho_{j+1})$; (ii) $\left| \frac{\partial \zeta_j}{\partial t} \right| \leq \gamma 2^{jk} \rho^{-k}$, $\left| \frac{\partial \zeta_j}{\partial x_i} \right| \leq \gamma 2^{jk_i} \rho^{-k_i}$, $i = \overline{1, n}$.

Testing identity (11) by

$$\varphi = (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+ \zeta_j, \quad \psi = \zeta_j.$$

From conditions (4), Young’s inequality and properties of the cutoff functions ζ_j , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{A_j(t)} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j^2 dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_j} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \zeta_j^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_j} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial \zeta_j}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j dx dt \\ & \quad + \gamma \iint_{A_j} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)^2 \left| \frac{\partial \zeta_j}{\partial t} \right| \zeta_j dx dt + \gamma \iint_{A_j} u^{m-1} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j^2 dx dt. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Using the definition of $M(\rho)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_j} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial \zeta_j}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{2j k_i} \rho^{-2k_i} M^{m_i+1} \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \right) |A_j| \leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} \rho^{-n(m+1)-2} |A_j|, \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{A_j} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \left| \frac{\partial \zeta_j}{\partial t} \right| \zeta_j dx dt \leq \gamma 2^{jk} \rho^{-k} M^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \right) |A_j| \\ & \leq \gamma 2^{jk} \rho^{-n(m+1)-2} |A_j|, \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

$$\iint_{A_j} u^{m-1} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j^2 dx dt \leq \gamma M^{m+1} \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \right) |A_j| \leq \gamma \rho^{-n(m+1)} |A_j|. \tag{36}$$

Combining inequalities (34)–(36), we derive the following additional integral estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{A_j(t)} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j^2 dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_j} u^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \zeta_j^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} \rho^{-n(m+1)-2} |A_j|. \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Let i_0 be the number such that $m_i < 1$, $i = \overline{0, i_0}$ and $m_i > 1$, $i = \overline{i_0 + 1, n}$. Taking into account that $u \leq M(\frac{\rho}{2})$, $u > M(2\rho) + h_j$ on A_j , we obtain the following lemma from (37).

Lemma 7 *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then the following estimate is true*

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{A_j(t)} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)_+^2 \zeta_j^2 dx + M^{i_0(m'-1)} \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^{i_0} \iint_{A_j} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \zeta_j^2 dx dt \\ & \quad + h_j^{(n-i_0)(m''-1)} \sum_{i=i_0+1}^n \iint_{A_j} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \zeta_j^2 dx dt \leq \gamma 2^{(j+1)\gamma} \rho^{-n(m+1)-2} |A_j|, \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

where $m' = \frac{1}{i_0} \sum_{i=0}^{i_0} m_i$, $m'' = \frac{1}{n-i_0} \sum_{i=i_0+1}^n m_i$.

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 1. Applying Hölder’s inequality, Lemma 9 from the appendix with $\alpha_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, n$, we derive:

$$\iint_{A_{j+1}} (u_{2\rho} - h_{j+1})_+^2 dx dt \leq \gamma \rho^{-n(m+1)-2} M^{-\frac{i_0(m'-1)}{n+2}} \left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right) h^{-\frac{(n-i_0)(m''-1)}{n+2}-2\left(1+\frac{2}{2+n}\right)} \left(\iint_{A_j} (u_{2\rho} - h_j)^2 dx dt\right)^{1+\frac{2}{2+n}}.$$

Choosing h from the condition

$$\rho^{-n(m+1)-2+\frac{i_0(m'-1)}{n+2}} h^{-\frac{(n-i_0)(m''-1)}{n+2}-2\left(1+\frac{2}{2+n}\right)} \left(\iint_{Q(\rho)} u_{2\rho}^2 dx dt\right)^{\frac{2}{2+n}} \leq 1$$

and using Lemma 8, we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(M\left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right) - M(2\rho)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}(n-i_0)(m''-1)+n+4} \\ & \leq \gamma \rho^{-n(m+1)+2\frac{n+2}{2}+\frac{i_0n(m'-1)}{2}+k} \sup_{0 < t < T} \int_{Q(\rho)} u_{2\rho}^2 dx. \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

From (39) by Remark 1, we obtain

$$M\left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right) - M(2\rho) \leq \gamma \rho^{-n+\beta}, \tag{40}$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{n\delta}{\frac{1}{2}(n-i_0)(m''-1)+n+4} > 0, \delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}.$$

Iterating inequality (40), we derive estimate (13). This proves Lemma 1.

4 Proof of Lemma 2

For $j = 0, 1, 2 \dots$ set $\rho_j := \frac{R_0}{2} (1 + 2^{-j})$, $\bar{\rho}_j := \frac{1}{2} (\rho_j + \rho_{j+1})$, $h_j = h (1 - 2^{-j})$, $A_{h_j, \rho_j} := \{(x, t) \in Q(\rho_j) : u^\lambda > h_j\}$, where h is a positive number depending on the known parameters only, which will be specified later, and $0 < \lambda < \min\{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} m_i, \frac{\beta}{n-\beta}, \frac{(1-\frac{2}{n})\beta+n}{n-\beta}\}$ with β from (13). Let $\xi_j \in C_0^\infty(D(\bar{\rho}_j))$, $0 \leq \xi_j \leq 1$, $\xi_j = 1$ in $D(\rho_{j+1})$ and $\left|\frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial r}\right| \leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} R_0^{-k}$, $\left|\frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial x_i}\right| \leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} R_0^{-k_i}$, $i = \overline{1, n}$, where k, k_i are defined in (9).

Test (11) by

$$\varphi = (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+ \xi_j^2 \eta_r, \quad \psi = \eta_r,$$

where η_r was defined in Sect. 2. Using conditions (4) and the Young inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}(t)} (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+^{\frac{1}{\lambda}+1} \xi_j^2 \eta_r^2 dx \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{m_i+\lambda-2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \xi_j^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt \leq \gamma \sum_{i=1}^5 J_i, \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{m_i+\lambda} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \xi_j^2 \eta_r dx dt, \\ J_2 &= \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{\lambda+1} \left| \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial t} \right|^2 \xi_j^2 \eta_r dx dt, \\ J_3 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{m_i+\lambda} \left| \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \xi_j \eta_r^2 dx dt, \\ J_4 &= \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{\lambda+1} \eta_r^2 \xi_j \left| \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial t} \right| dx dt, \\ J_5 &= \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{m+\lambda} \xi_j^2 \eta_r^2 dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Condition (13) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\leq \gamma r^{m_i \beta + \lambda(\beta - n) + n}, \\ J_2 &\leq \gamma r^{\beta(\lambda+1) - n\beta}, \\ J_3 + J_4 &\leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} R_0^{-n(m+\lambda)-2} |A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}|, \\ J_5 &\leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} R_0^{-n(m+\lambda)} |A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}|. \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Combining (41), (42), and passing to the limit as $r \rightarrow 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}(t)} (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+^{\frac{1}{\lambda}+1} \xi_j^2 dx \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} u^{m_i+\lambda-2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \xi_j^2 dx dt \leq \gamma 2^{j\gamma} R_0^{-n(m+\lambda)-2} |A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}|. \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

From this, setting $\tilde{q} = \frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda} + \frac{1+\lambda}{\lambda} \frac{2}{n}$, $a = 2(m+\lambda) \max\left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda}, \frac{1}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} m_i + \lambda}\right)$, using the Hölder inequality and Lemma 10 from the Appendix with $\alpha_i = \frac{m_i - \lambda}{\lambda} > 0$, $i = \overline{1, n}$, we

obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_{j+1} &= \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_{j+1}}} (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+^{\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda}} dx dt \leq \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+^{\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda}} \xi_j^a dx dt \\
 &\leq \left(\iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+^{\tilde{q}} \xi_j^{\frac{a\lambda\tilde{q}}{m+\lambda}} dx dt \right)^{\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}} \left| A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j} \right|^{1-\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}} \\
 &\leq \gamma \left(\sup_{0 < t < T} \int_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}(t)} (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+^{\frac{1+\lambda}{\lambda}} \xi_j^2 dx \right)^{\frac{2}{n} \frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j}} \left((u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+ \xi_j^{\frac{a\lambda}{m+\lambda}} \right)^{\frac{m_i-\lambda}{\lambda}} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left\{ (u^\lambda - h_{j+1})_+ \xi_j^{\frac{a\lambda}{m+\lambda}} \right\} \right|^2 dx dt \right)^{\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}} \\
 &\quad \times \left| A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j} \right|^{1-\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}} \leq \gamma 2^j \gamma R_0^{-(n(m+\lambda)+2)\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}} \left(1+\frac{2}{n}\right)} \left| A_{h_{j+1}, \bar{\rho}_j} \right|^{1+\frac{2}{n} \frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}} \\
 &\leq \gamma 2^j \gamma h^{-\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda} \left(1+\frac{2}{n} \frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}\right)} R_0^{-(n(m+\lambda)+2)\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}} \left(1+\frac{2}{n}\right)} Y_j^{1+\frac{2}{n} \frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda\tilde{q}}}. \tag{44}
 \end{aligned}$$

Due to Lemma 8 from the Appendix, this inequality implies that $Y_j \rightarrow 0$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ if h satisfies the condition $h^{\frac{m+\lambda}{\lambda} \left(1+\frac{2}{n} \frac{\lambda\tilde{q}}{m+\lambda}\right)} = \gamma Y_0$, which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{ess sup} \left\{ |u| : (x, t) \in D\left(\frac{R_0}{2}\right) \right\}^{m+\lambda+\frac{n\lambda\tilde{q}}{2}} \\
 &\leq \gamma R_0^{-(n(m+\lambda)+2)\left(1+\frac{2}{n}\right)} \iint_{D(R_0)} |u|^{m+\lambda} dx dt. \tag{45}
 \end{aligned}$$

By our choice of λ , the integral on the right-hand side of (45) is finite. This completes the proof of Lemma 2.

5 Proof of Theorem 1

Let K be a compact subset in Ω and $\eta \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_T)$ such that $\eta = 1$ for $(x, t) \in K \times (0, T)$. Testing (11) by $\varphi = \eta\eta_r$, $\psi = \eta_r$, using (4), the Young inequality, the boundedness of u and passing to the limit $r \rightarrow 0$ we get

$$\text{ess sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_K u^2(x, t) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^t \int_K |u|^{m_i-1} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 dx dt \leq \alpha. \tag{46}$$

Testing (11) by $\varphi\eta_r$ where φ is an arbitrary function which belongs to $\overset{\circ}{V}_m(\Omega_T)$, using estimate (46), and the boundedness of solution, and passing to the limit $r \rightarrow 0$ we obtain the integral identity (11) with an arbitrary $\varphi \in \overset{\circ}{V}_m(\Omega_T)$ and $\psi = 1$. Thus Theorem 1 is proved.

6 Appendix

Lemma 8 [19] *Let $\{Y_j\}$, $j = 0, 1 \dots$ be a sequence of positive numbers, satisfying the recursive inequalities*

$$Y_{j+1} \leq C b^j Y_j^{1+\alpha}, \tag{47}$$

where $C, b > 1$ and $\alpha > 0$ are given numbers. If

$$Y_0 \leq C^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} b^{-\frac{1}{\alpha^2}}, \tag{48}$$

then Y_j converges to zero as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma 9 [20] *Let $\Omega \subset R_n$, $n \geq 3$ be a bounded domain. Let v be an arbitrary function from the Sobolev space $W_0^{1,1}$ such that*

$$\int_{\Omega} \int_{E_R} |v|^{\alpha_i} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i} dx < \infty,$$

where $p_i \geq 1, 1 + \frac{\alpha_i}{p_i} > 0, i = 1, \dots, n, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} > 1$. Then

$$v \in L_{q_*}(\Omega), q_* = \frac{np}{n-p} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\alpha_k}{p_k} \right) \tag{49}$$

where $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i}$ and there exists a positive constant K depending only on $n, \alpha_i, p_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, such that the following inequality is valid

$$\|v\|_{L_{q_*}(\Omega)} \leq K \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\int_{\Omega} |v|^{\alpha_i} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p_i n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\alpha_k}{p_k} \right)}} \tag{50}$$

Lemma 10 [16] *Let $\Omega \subset R_n, n \geq 3$ be a bounded domain, $\Omega_T = \Omega \times (0, T), T > 0$. Let v be an arbitrary function from the Sobolev space $W_0^{1,1}$ for every fixed $0 < t < T$, and satisfying the following condition*

$$\text{ess sup}_{0 < t < T} \int_{\Omega} v^2(x, t) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{\Omega_T} |v|^{\alpha_i} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i} dx dt \leq \infty$$

where $p_i \geq 1, p_i + \alpha_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} > 1$. Then

$$v \in L_{\tilde{q}}(\Omega), \tilde{q} = p + \frac{p}{n} \left(\varepsilon + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\alpha_k}{p_k} \right) \tag{51}$$

Moreover, there exists a positive constant \tilde{K} depending only on $n, \alpha_i, p_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, and $\theta \in (0, 1)$, such that

$$\|v\|_{L_{\tilde{q}}(\Omega_T)} \leq \tilde{K} \text{ess sup}_{0 < t < T} \|v\|_{L_{\varepsilon}^{\frac{p}{n}}(\Omega)} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\iint_{\Omega_T} |v|^{\alpha_i} \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p_i} dx dt \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{q}}}, \tag{52}$$

where the constant ε is defined from the following equality

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{\theta}{q_*} + \frac{1-\theta}{\varepsilon}, \quad \tilde{q} - \varepsilon \frac{p}{n} < q \leq q^*. \quad (53)$$

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