



## ON THE EMDEN-FOWLER EQUATION

$$u''(t)u(t) = c_1 + c_2 u'(t)^2 \text{ WITH } c_1 \geq 0, c_2 \geq 0^*$$

Li Mengrong (李明融)

Department of Mathematical Sciences, National Chengchi University, 116 Taipei, China

E-mail: [liwei@math.nccu.edu.tw](mailto:liwei@math.nccu.edu.tw)

**Abstract** In this article, we study the following initial value problem for the nonlinear equation

$$\begin{cases} u''u(t) = c_1 + c_2 u'(t)^2, & c_1 \geq 0, c_2 \geq 0, \\ u(0) = u_0, u'(0) = u_1. \end{cases}$$

We are interested in properties of solutions of the above problem. We find the life-span, blow-up rate, blow-up constant and the regularity, null point, critical point, and asymptotic behavior at infinity of the solutions.

**Key words** Blow-up; Life-span; Blow-up constant; asymptotic behavior; null

**2000 MR Subject Classification** 34A34; 34C05; 34C11; 34C99

## 0 Introduction

In our articles, we studied the semi-linear wave equation  $\square u + f(u) = 0$  under some conditions, and found some results concerning blow-up, blow-up rate, and the estimates for the life-span of solutions. Here, we consider the following equation

$$u'' = u^p(c_1 + c_2(u'(t))^q), u(0) = u_0, u'(0) = u_1, c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0, \quad (0.1)$$

it is a particular form of the generalized Emden-Fowler equation

$$y''_{xx} = x^n y^m (A + B(y'_x)^l).$$

To study the behavior of the solutions for the above equation, we separate  $q$  into five parts,  $q < 0$ ,  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $1 \leq q < 2$ ,  $q = 2$  and  $q > 2$ . We considered the case that  $p > 1$  and  $q > 1$  in [10], and obtained some results on life-span, blow-up rates of solutions; this method in [10] cannot be applied to the case of  $p = -1, q = 2$ ; here we focus on the study on such a particular case with  $c_1 \geq 0$  and  $c_2 \geq 0$ . We also find the life-span, blow-up rate and blow-up constant and other properties of  $u$ . For further informations on such equation we refer the reader to [1]<sup>1</sup>.

---

\*Received December 20, 2007. There are more discussion which concern nonlinear differential equation in [13]

<sup>1</sup>For results on the blow-up character of solution of the equation  $(|u'|^{m-2} u')' = u^p$ , see [12]

We say that a function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  having blow-up time  $T^*$  and a blow-up rate  $\alpha$  means that there is a finite number  $T^*$  such that  $g(t)$  exists for  $t < T^*$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} g(t)^{-1} = 0$  and there exists a nonzero  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} (T^* - t)^\alpha g(t) = \beta$ , in this case,  $\beta$  is called the blow-up constant of  $g$ . By the standard arguments of existence of solutions to ordinary differential equations, one can prove the local existence of solutions to the nonlinear equation

$$\begin{cases} u''(t)u(t) = c_1 + c_2 u'(t)^2, u(0) = u_0, u'(0) = u_1, c_1 \geq 0, c_2 \geq 0, \\ u(0) = u_0, u'(0) = u_1, \end{cases} \quad (0.2)$$

and for  $u_0 \neq 0$ , we have found the following result:

For (i)  $c_2 > 1$ , the blow-up rate and blow-up constant of solutions are obtained;

(ii)  $c_2 \in (0, 1)$ , the solution  $u$  can be characterized as the property of the function  $t^{\frac{1}{1-c_2}}$ , and we have got the results concerning critical point and asymptotic behavior at infinity of the solutions.

We will often use the following lemma:

**Lemma 0.1** Suppose that  $f \in C^1[t_0, \infty) \cap C^2(t_0, \infty)$ ,  $f(t_0) > 0$ ,  $f'(t) < 0$ , and  $f''(t) \leq 0$ , for  $t > t_0$ . Then, there exists a finite positive number  $T > t_0$ , such that  $f(T) = 0$ .

**Lemma 0.2** Suppose that  $u$  is the solution of (0.2). If  $u_0 > 0$  and  $u_1 > 0$ , then,  $u(t)$ ,  $u'(t)$ , and  $u''(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in [0, T^*)$ , where  $T^*$  is the life-span of  $u$ .

**Proof** After some computations, one can obtain Lemma 0.1. We only prove Lemma 0.2. Suppose that there exists a positive number  $t_0$ , such that  $u'(t_0) \leq 0$ . Because  $u \in C^2$  and  $u_1 > 0$ , there exists a positive number  $t_1$ , defined by  $t_1 = \inf \{t \in (0, t_0] : u'(t) \leq 0\}$ , then,  $u'(t_1) = 0$ , and  $u'(t) > 0$ ,  $u(t) > 0$  for  $t \in [0, t_1)$  and  $u''(t) > 0$ , for  $t \in [0, t_1)$ ; therefore,  $u'(t_1) \geq u_1 > 0$ . This result contradicts with  $u'(t_1) = 0$ ; thus, we conclude that  $u'(t) > 0$  for  $t \in [0, T^*)$ .

Together the equation (0.2) and the continuities of  $u$ ,  $u'$ , and  $u''$ , the lemma follows.

## 1 Blow-up Phenomena for $c_2 > 1$

For  $u_0 \neq 0$ , we obtain

**Theorem 1** If  $T^*$  is the life-span of  $u$  and  $u$  is the solution of problem (0.2), then,  $T^*$  is finite, that is,  $u$  is only a local solution of (0.2), if one of the following is valid

(i)  $u_0 u_1 \geq 0$  or (ii)  $u_0 u_1 < 0$ .

Further, in the case of (i), we have the estimate

$$T^* \leq T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} (u_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2\right)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_0^\alpha \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\alpha = (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}$ . In the case of (ii), we have

$$T \leq T_2^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} (u_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2\right)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \left(\int_0^1 + \int_\alpha^1\right) \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}; \quad (1.2)$$

we have further

$$z_1(u_0, u_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} (u_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2\right)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_\alpha^1 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}} \quad (1.3)$$

is a critical point of  $u^2$ .

**Remark** According to this theorem, one can obtain the asymptotic behavior of life-span  $T_{1,\varepsilon}^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)$  by  $T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)$ : If  $T^*$  is the life-span of  $u$  and  $u$  is the solution of the problem

$$u''(t)u(t) = c_1 + c_2 u'(t)^2, \quad u(0) = \varepsilon u_0, u'(0) = \varepsilon u_1, \quad u_0 u_1 > 0$$

then,  $T^*$  is given by

$$T^* \leq T_{1,\varepsilon}^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) = \frac{\varepsilon}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} (u_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \varepsilon^2 u_1^2\right)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_0^{(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \varepsilon^2 u_1^2)^{\frac{c_2-1}{-2c_2}}} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T^* &\sim \frac{\varepsilon}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} (u_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \varepsilon^2 u_1^2\right)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_0^1 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon c}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{c_1 c_2}} (u_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} \varepsilon^2 u_1^2\right)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+, \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

where  $c = \beta(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2c_2}{c_2-1})$ , that means there exists no classic solution to the equation (0.2) if the initial values are zero.

**Proof of Theorem 1** Consider the function  $J_u(t) = (u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} J'_u(t) &= (1 - c_2)(u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2}-1} (u(t)u'(t)), \\ J''_u(t) &= (1 - c_2)(u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2}-1} (u(t)u''(t) + u'(t)^2) \\ &\quad - (1 - c_2)(c_2 + 1)(u(t)u'(t))^2 (u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2}-2} \\ &= (1 - c_2)(u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2}-1} (u(t)u''(t) - c_2 u'(t)^2) \\ &= c_1(1 - c_2)(u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2+1}{2}} = c_1(1 - c_2)(J_u(t))^{\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

Apply the energy method to the equation for  $J_u$ , we obtain

$$J'_u(t)^2 + \frac{c_1}{c_2} (1 - c_2)^2 J_u(t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} = E_J(0) = c_2^{-1} (1 - c_2)^2 (u_0^2)^{-c_2} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2) > 0. \quad (1.6)$$

According to the fact that  $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 1$ , and (1.5),  $J''_u(t) < 0$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ . Thus, for

(i)  $u_0 u_1 > 0$ , then,  $J'_u(0) < 0$  and for  $t \geq \frac{-J_u(0)}{J'_u(0)} = \frac{-u_0}{(1-c_2)u_1}$ ,  $J''_u(t) < 0$ ,  $J'_u(t) \leq J'_u(0)$ , and  $J_u(t) \leq J_u(0) + J'_u(0)t \leq 0$ , which means that there exists a real finite number  $T_1^* \leq \frac{-u_0}{(1-c_2)u_1}$  with

$$J_u(T_1^*) = 0 = \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*} (u(t)^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2}};$$

that is,  $u$  blows up at finite time  $T_1^*$ . By (1.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J'_u(t) &= -\sqrt{E_J(0) - \frac{c_1}{c_2} (1 - c_2)^2 J_u(t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}} \\ &= -\frac{c_2 - 1}{\sqrt{c_2}} \sqrt{c_1} \sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - J_u(t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}, \\ t &= -\frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_{J_u(0)}^{J_u(t)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

$$T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_0^{J_u(0)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}. \quad (1.8)$$

The estimates (1.1) and (1.8) are equivalent.

(ii)  $u_0 u_1 < 0$ , then, by equation (0.2), we have

$$(u(t)u'(t))' = c_1 + (1 + c_2)u'(t)^2 \geq c_1 > 0, \quad u(t)u'(t) \geq u_0 u_1 + c_1 t > 0 \text{ for } t > \frac{-u_0 u_1}{c_1};$$

therefore, there exists a critical point  $z_1(u_0, u_1, c_2) := z_1$  of  $J_u$ , that is  $J'_u(z_1) = 0 = u'(z_1)$ .

By (1.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} J'_u(t) &= \frac{c_2 - 1}{\sqrt{c_2}} \sqrt{c_1} \sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - J_u(t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}, \\ J_u(z_1) &= \left( (u_0^2)^{-c_2} \left( 1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}} = J_u(0) \left( 1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2 \right)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}, \\ z_1 &= \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_{J_u(0)}^{J_u(z_1)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_{J_u(0)}^{J_u(0)(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \frac{J_u(0)(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2)}} \int_{(1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}}^1 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain (1.3). Using (1.6), we obtain  $J_u(z_1) = ((u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2))^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}$  and for  $t \geq z_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} J'_u(t) &= -\frac{c_2 - 1}{\sqrt{c_2}} \sqrt{c_1} \sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - J_u(t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}, \\ t - z_1 &= -\frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_{J_u(z_1)}^{J_u(t)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}, \\ T_2^* &= z_1 + \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_0^{J_u(z_1)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

From (1.9), we get estimate (1.2).

## 2 Blow-up Rate and Blow-up Constant for $c_2 > 1$

In this section, we study the blow-up rate and blow-up constant for  $u^2$ ,  $(u^2)'$ , and  $(u^2)''$  under the conditions in Section 1. We have the following results.

**Theorem 2** If  $u$  satisfies one of the conditions in Theorem 1. Then, the blow-up rate of  $u^2$  is  $2/(c_2 - 1)$ , and the blow-up constant of  $u^2$  is  $(\frac{1}{c_2-1})^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}} (\frac{c_2}{c_1+c_2 u_1^2})^{\frac{1}{c_2-1}} |u_0|^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}$ , that is, for  $m \in \{1, 2\}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T_m^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_m^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}} u(t)^2 = \left( \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}} |u_0|^{c_2} \right)^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}}. \quad (2.1)$$

The blow-up rate of  $(u^2)'$  is  $(c_2 + 1)/(c_2 - 1)$ , and the blow-up constant of  $(u^2)'$  is  $2c_2^{\frac{1}{c_2-1}} |u_0|^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{-\frac{1}{c_2-1}} (c_2 - 1)^{-\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}}$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow T_m^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_m^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}} (u^2)'(t) \\ &= 2c_2^{\frac{1}{c_2-1}} |u_0|^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{-\frac{1}{c_2-1}} (c_2 - 1)^{-\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

The blow-up rate of  $(u^2)''$  is  $2c_2/(c_2 - 1)$ , and the blow-up constant of  $(u^2)''$  is  $2(c_2 + 1)c_2^{\frac{1}{c_2-1}} |u_0|^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{c_2-1}} (\frac{1}{c_2-1})^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow T_m^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_m^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} (u^2)''(t) \\ &= 2(c_2 + 1)c_2^{\frac{1}{c_2-1}} |u_0|^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{-\frac{c_2-1}{c_2-1}} \left(\frac{1}{c_2-1}\right)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

**Proof** For (i)  $u_0 u_1 \geq 0$ , by (1.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t &= \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1}} \int_0^{J_u(t)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2) - r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t) J_u^{-1}(t) &= \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}} |u_0|^{c_2}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t) (u(t)^2)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}} |u_0|^{c_2}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}} u(t)^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}} |u_0|^{c_2} \right)^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the assertion (2.1) is completely proved for  $u_0 u_1 \geq 0$ . By (1.7) and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (1 - c_2) (u(t)^2 (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}})^{-\frac{c_2+1}{2}-1} \\ & \times \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (u(t) u'(t)) ((T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}}) \\ &= -\frac{c_2 - 1}{\sqrt{c_2}} \sqrt{c_1} \sqrt{(u_0^2)^{-c_2} (1 + \frac{c_2}{c_1} u_1^2)} = -\frac{c_2 - 1}{\sqrt{c_2}} |u_0|^{-c_2} \sqrt{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}, \\ & \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (u(t) u'(t)) ((T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_2}} |u_0|^{-c_2} \sqrt{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2} \left( \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}} |u_0|^{c_2} \right)^{\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.2) is obtained for  $u_0 u_1 \geq 0$ . By (1.5), (2.1), and (2.2), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (u^2(t))'' (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} \\ &= 2(c_2 + 1) \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (u(t) u'(t) (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{c_2+1}{c_2-1}})^2 \\ & \times \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (u(t)^2 (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2}{c_2-1}})^{-1} \\ & + 2c_1 \lim_{t \rightarrow T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2)^-} (T_1^*(u_0, u_1, c_2) - t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}} \\ &= 2(c_2 + 1) \frac{1}{c_2} |u_0|^{-2c_2} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2) \left( \frac{1}{c_2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}} |u_0|^{c_2} \right)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (2.3) is obtained for  $u_0 u_1 \geq 0$ .

For (ii)  $u_0 u_1 < 0$ , one can get the conclusions through the same argument as above using (1.9). We do not repeat the steps.

### 3 Solution Property for $c_2 \in (0.5, 1)$

For  $c_2 = 1/2$ , then  $2u''u(t) = 2c_1 + u'(t)^2$ . After some computation, we find that  $u(t) = u_0 + u_1 t + \frac{1}{2}(c_1 + \frac{u_1^2}{2})u_0^{-1}t^2$  is the solution of equation (0.2). Thus, we have the following result.

Suppose that  $u$  is a solution of equation (0.2) for  $c_2 = 1/2$ . Then,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t)t^{-\frac{1}{c_2}} = \frac{1}{2}u_0^{-2c_2}(c_1 + c_2 u_1^2), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u'(t)t^{-\frac{1+c_2}{c_2}} = u_0^{-2c_2}(c_1 + c_2 u_1^2).$$

Here, we discuss the case  $u_0 \neq 0$ . We have the following result on critical point and asymptotic behavior at infinity of the solutions for equation (0.2):

**Theorem 3** Suppose that  $u$  is a solution of problem (0.2) with  $u_0 \neq 0$ . Then, for

(i)  $u_0 > 0, u_1 > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t)t^{-\frac{1}{1-c_2}} = \left(\frac{1-c_2}{\sqrt{c_2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-c_2}} |u_0|^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2-2}};$$

(ii)  $u_0 > 0, u_1 < 0$ , there exists a constant  $Z_2(u_0, u_1, c_1, c_2) := Z_2$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow Z_2} u'(t) = 0$  and

$$Z_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_2^{\frac{-1}{2}} u_0 (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_1+c_2 u_1^2}}^1 s^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} (1-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds;$$

(iii)  $u_0 < 0, u_1 < 0$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t)t^{-\frac{1}{1-c_2}} = -\left(\frac{1-c_2}{\sqrt{c_2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-c_2}} |u_0|^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}} (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2-2}};$$

(iv)  $u_0 < 0, u_1 > 0$ , there exists a constant  $Z_3(u_0, u_1, c_1, c_2) := Z_3$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow Z_3} u'(t) = 0$  and

$$Z_3 = \frac{1}{2}c_2^{\frac{-1}{2}} u_0 (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_1+c_2 u_1^2}}^1 s^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} (1-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds.$$

**Remark** After some verification, the following argumentations are also valid for the case of  $c_2 \in (0, 0.5)$ .

**Proof** (1) For  $u_0 > 0$  and  $u_1 > 0$ , by (1.5), (1.6), we have

$$J'_u(t) = (1-c_2)(u(t)^2)^{\frac{1-c_2}{2}-1} (u(t)u'(t)),$$

$$J''_u(t) = c_1(1-c_2)J_u(t)^{-\frac{c_2+1}{1-c_2}} > 0,$$

$$J'_u(t) \geq (1-c_2)u_0^{-c_2}u_1 > 0,$$

$$J'_u(t)^2 \leq E_J(0) = c_2^{-1}(1-c_2)^2(u_0^2)^{-c_2}(c_1 + c_2 u_1^2),$$

$$J_u(t) \leq J_u(0) + \sqrt{E_J(0)}t.$$

In contrast, we can see that

$$J'_u(t) \geq \sqrt{E_J(0)} - \sqrt{\frac{c_1}{c_2}}(1-c_2)J_u(t)^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}} > 0,$$

$$J_u(t) \geq J_u(0) + \sqrt{E_J(0)}t - \sqrt{\frac{c_1}{c_2}}(1-c_2) \int_0^t J_u(r)^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}} dr$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t J_u(r)^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}} dr &= \int_{J_u(t)^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}}}^{J_u(0)^{\frac{-c_2}{1-c_2}}} \frac{1-c_2}{c_2} s^{1-\frac{1}{c_2}} \left( E_J(0) - \frac{c_1}{c_2}(1-c_2)^2 s^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c_1 c_2}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{c_2 E_J(0)}{c_1}} \frac{1}{1-c_2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_2}(1-c_2)^2 E_J(0)^{-1} J_u(t)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}}}^{\frac{c_1}{c_2}(1-c_2)^2 E_J(0)^{-1} J_u(0)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}}} (1-s)^{\frac{1}{2}-1} s^{\frac{2c_2-1}{2c_2}-1} ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c_1 c_2}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{c_2 E_J(0)}{c_1}} \frac{1}{1-c_2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{c_2}} \beta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2c_2-1}{2c_2}\right); \end{aligned}$$

therefore,

$$J_u(t) \geq J_u(0) + \sqrt{E_J(0)}t - \frac{1-c_2}{2c_2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{c_2 E_J(0)}{c_1}} \frac{1}{1-c_2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{c_2}} \beta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2c_2-1}{2c_2}\right)$$

and then, we conclude that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} J_u(t)t^{-1} = \sqrt{E_J(0)}$ , and obtain the conclusion under (i).

(2) For  $u_0 > 0, u_1 < 0$ , using (1.5) and (1.6), we have

$$J'_u(t) = -\sqrt{E_J(0) - \frac{c_1}{c_2}(1-c_2)^2 J_u(t)^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}.$$

Suppose that  $J'_u(t) < 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Then,

$$J_u(t) \leq \left( \frac{c_2}{c_1(1-c_2)^2} \right)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}} E_J(0)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \int_{J_u(t)}^{J_u(0)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{E_J(0) - \frac{c_1}{c_2}(1-c_2)^2 r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1-c_2)^{\frac{1}{c_2}} c_2^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} E_J(0)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_2 E_J(0)} (1-c_2)^2 J_u(t)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}}}^{\frac{c_1}{c_2 E_J(0)} (1-c_2)^2 J_u(0)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}}} s^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} (1-s)^{\frac{1}{2}-1} ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2(1-c_2)} E_J(0)^{\frac{1}{2}} c_1^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} J_u(0)^{\frac{c_2+1}{1-c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_2 E_J(0)} (1-c_2)^2 J_u(0)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}}}^1 (1-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{1-c_2} E_J(0)^{\frac{1}{2}} c_1^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} J_u(0)^{\frac{c_2+1}{1-c_2}} \left( 1 - \frac{c_1}{c_2 E_J(0)} (1-c_2)^2 J_u(0)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

It creates a contradiction; thus, there exists a constant  $Z_2(u_0, u_1, c_1, c_2) := Z_2$ , such that

$\lim_{t \rightarrow Z_2} u'(t) = 0 = \lim_{t \rightarrow Z_2} J'_u(t)$  and  $J_u(Z_2) = \left( \frac{c_2}{c_1(1-c_2)^2} \right)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}} E_J(0)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}$ , also,

$$Z_2 = \int_{\left( \frac{c_2}{c_1(1-c_2)^2} \right)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}} E_J(0)^{\frac{c_2-1}{2c_2}}}^{J_u(0)} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{E_J(0) - \frac{c_1}{c_2}(1-c_2)^2 r^{\frac{2c_2}{c_2-1}}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2}(1-c_2)^{\frac{1}{c_2}} c_2^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} E_J(0)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_2 E_J(0)}(1-c_2)^2 J_u(0)^{\frac{-2c_2}{1-c_2}}}^1 s^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} (1-s)^{\frac{-1}{2}} ds \\
&= \frac{1}{2} c_2^{\frac{-1}{2}} u_0 (c_1 + c_2 u_1^2)^{\frac{-1}{2c_2}} \int_{\frac{c_1}{c_1 + c_2 u_1^2}}^1 s^{\frac{-c_2-1}{2c_2}} (1-s)^{\frac{-1}{2}} ds.
\end{aligned}$$

The estimates under (ii) are completely proved.

(3) Similar to the above arguments, it results in the estimates under (iii) and (iv).

**Acknowledgements** Thanks are due to Professor Long-Yi Tsai and Professor Tai-Ping Liu for their continuous encouragement and discussions over this work, and to Companies Grand Hall, Metta Education Technology, E-Ton Solar and Auria Solar for their financial assistance.

## References

- [1] Li Mengrong. On the Differential Equation  $u'' - |u|^{p-1}u = 0$ . *Nonlinear Analysis*, 2006, **64**: 1025–1056
- [2] Li Mengrong. On the blow-up time and blow-up rate of positive solutions of semi-linear wave equations  $\square u - u^p = 0$  in 1-dimensional space. *CPAA*, 2009 to appear
- [3] Li Mengrong. Estimates for the life-span of solutions of semilinear wave equations. *CPAA*, 2008, **7**(2): 417–432
- [4] Li Mengrong, Pai Jente. Quenching problem in some semilinear wave equations. *Acta Mathematica Scientia*, 2008, **28**(3): 523–529
- [5] Li Mengrong. Existence and uniqueness of solutions of quasilinear wave equations (II). *Bulletin Ins Math Academia Sinica*, 2006, **1**(2): 263–279
- [6] Li Mengrong. On The Semilinear Wave Equations. *Taiwanese Journal of Mathematics*, 1998, **2**(3): 329–345
- [7] Li Mengrong. Estimates for the life-span of solutions for semilinear wave equations//*Proceedings of the Workshop on Differential Equations V*. Taiwan: National Tsing -Hua Uni Hsinchu, 1997: 129–138
- [8] Li Mengrong, Tsai Longyi. On a system of nonlinear wave equations. *Taiwanese Journal of Mathematics*. 2003, **7**(4): 557–573
- [9] Li Mengrong, Tsai Longyi. Existence and nonexistence of global solutions of some systems of semilinear wave equations. *Nonlinear Analysis*, 2003, **54**: 1397–1415
- [10] Li Mengrong. Blow-up solutions to the nonlinear second order differential equation. *Taiwanese Journal of Mathematics*. 2008, **12**(3): 599–621
- [11] Li Mengrong, Lin Zinghung. Regularity and blow-up constants of solutions for nonlinear differential equation  $u'' - u^p = 0$ . *Taiwanese Journal of Mathematics*, 2006, **10**(3): 777–796
- [12] Chen I-Chen. *Some Studies in Differential Equation*. National Chengchi University, 1999
- [13] Corduneanu C. *Principle of Differential and Integral Equations*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, Inc, 1971
- [14] Duan Renjun, Li Mengrong, Yang Tong. Propagation of Singularities in the Solutions to the Boltzmann Equation near Equilibrium. *Mathematical Models and Methods in Applied Sciences (M3AS)*, 2008, **18**(7): 1093–1114
- [15] Li Mengrong, Chang Yueloong. On a particular Emden-Fowler Equation with non-positive energy-Mathematical model of enterprise competitiveness and performance. *Applied Math Letters*, 2007, **20**(9): 1011–1015
- [16] Shieh T H, Liou T M, Li M R, et al. Analysis on numerical results for stage separation with different exhaust holes. *International communications in heat and mass transfer*, 2009, **36**(4): 342–345
- [17] Shieh Tzonghann, Li Mengrong. Numeric treatment of contact discontinuity with multi-gases. *Journal of computational and applied mathematics*, 2009, **230**(2): 656–673