

## ON A NONNEGATIVE SOLUTIONS OF THE HEAT EQUATION WITH SINGULAR POTENTIAL IN THE CONICAL DOMAIN

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study the behavior of nonnegative solution of the Cauchy-Dirichlet problem for the heat equation with a singular potential in the domain  $\Omega_\nu = G \cap B_\nu = G \cap B_\nu(0, r) \subset R^n, n \geq 3$ , where  $G$  be a cone in  $R^n$  and  $r < e_\nu^{-1}$ . Existence and nonexistence of nonnegative solutions are analyzed.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we consider the problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = V(x)u + f(x, t), \tag{1}$$

$$u|_{\partial\Omega_\nu} = 0, \quad t > 0, \tag{2}$$

$$u(x, t)|_{t=0} = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega_\nu \tag{3}$$

in the domain  $\Omega_\nu \times (0, T)$ , where  $\Omega_\nu = G \cap B_\nu \subset R^n (n \geq 3); e_0 = 1, e_1 = e, \dots, e_\nu = \exp e_{\nu-1}, \nu \geq 1, x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega_\nu, B_\nu = B_\nu(0, e_\nu^{-1}) = \{x \in R^n : |x| < e_\nu^{-1}\} \subset R^n$  and  $\partial\Omega_\nu$  – the boundary of  $\Omega_\nu, 0 < T \leq \infty, G$  be a cone with vertex at the origin. We suppose that the boundary of  $\Omega_\nu$ , except the origin, is smooth enough.

Under solution to the equation (1) we mean the generalized function  $u(x, t) \in D'(\Omega_\nu \times (0, T))$ , such that  $u(x, t) \geq 0, Vu \in L_{1,loc}(\Omega_\nu \times (0, T))$ . Assumed that  $0 \leq V(x) \in L_1(\Omega_\nu), 0 \leq u_0(x) \in L_1(\Omega_\nu)$  and  $f(x, t) \in L_1(\Omega_\nu \times (0, T))$ , where  $L_{1,loc}(\Omega_\nu \times (0, T))$  – is the space of locally integrable functions,  $L_1(\Omega)$  – is the space of integrable functions. We denote by  $D'$  – the space of generalized functions.

The condition (3) means that

$$\text{ess} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega_\nu} u(x, t)\phi(x)dx = \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_0(x)\phi(x)dx$$

for any  $\phi(x) \in D(\Omega_\nu) = C_0^\infty(\Omega_\nu)$ .

In the polar coordinates  $(r, \omega)$ , where  $r = |x|, \omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_{n-1})$ , the Laplace operator is given by

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{n-1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \Delta_\omega,$$

where  $\Delta_\omega$  the Beltrami operator. Let  $\lambda_1$  be a first eigenvalue of the operator  $-\Delta_\omega$  on  $G \cap \partial B_\nu$  with zero Dirichlet condition on  $\partial G \cap \partial B_\nu, Y_1(\omega)$  be a eigenfunction, corresponding to  $\lambda_1$ .

Let  $F_0(x) = |x|, F_\nu(x) = \ln |F_{\nu-1}(x)|, \nu \geq 1, x \neq 0$ . If we set

$$\varphi(x) = |x|^{-(n-2)/2} |F_1(x)|^{1/2} \dots |F_{\nu-1}(x)|^{1/2} |F_\nu(x)|^{\alpha/2} Y_1(\omega), \tag{4}$$

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then it is easy to show that

$$-\Delta\varphi = \left( \frac{(n-2)^2}{4F_0^2(x)} + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)F_1^2(x)} + \dots + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu-1}^2(x)} + \frac{\alpha(2-\alpha)}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu-1}^2(x)F_\nu^2(x)} + \frac{\lambda_1}{F_0^2(x)} \right) \varphi(x),$$

so that

$$-\frac{\Delta\varphi}{\varphi} = \frac{(n-2)^2}{4F_0^2(x)} + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)F_1^2(x)} + \dots + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu-1}^2(x)} + \frac{c}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu-1}^2(x)F_\nu^2(x)} + \frac{\lambda_1}{F_0^2(x)},$$

where  $c = \alpha(2 - \alpha)$ . Note that the smaller root  $\alpha$  of  $\alpha(2 - \alpha) = c$  is given by  $\alpha = 1 - \sqrt{1 - c}$  and  $\Delta\varphi \in L_1(\Omega_\nu)$ , when  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .

Put

$$V_0(x) = \frac{(n-2)^2}{4F_0^2(x)} + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)F_1^2(x)} + \dots + \frac{c}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu-1}^2(x)F_\nu^2(x)} + \frac{\lambda_1}{F_0^2(x)}, x \in \Omega_\nu. \tag{5}$$

In this paper is studied the behavior of nonnegative solutions to the problem (1)-(3), when  $V_0(x)$  is given by (5), and is proved that if  $0 \leq c \leq 1$  and  $V(x) \leq V_0(x)$  in  $\Omega_\nu$ , then the problem has a nonnegative solution; if  $c > 1$  and  $V(x) \geq V_0(x)$  in  $\Omega_\nu$ , then the problem does not have nonnegative solution if either  $u_0(x) > 0$  or  $f(x, t) > 0$ .

In several reaction-diffusion problems involving the heat equation with supercritical reaction term, it appears a stationary singular solution. For instance, this is the case for  $u_t - \Delta u = \eta \cdot e^u$ , and  $u_t - \Delta u = \eta \cdot u + u^{\beta-1}$ , where  $2n/(n-2) < \beta$ . The linearization on this singular solution gives a linearized equation of the type  $u_t - \Delta u = \frac{c}{|x|^2} \cdot u$ . This linear equation is a borderline case with respect to the classical theory of parabolic equations, namely, the potential  $c \cdot |x|^{-2}$  belongs to  $L^p_{loc}$  if and only if  $1 \leq p < n/2$ ; therefore the standard uniqueness and regularity theories do not apply to this case. For this reason the study of this kind of equation is interesting. The linear equation  $u_t - \Delta u = \frac{c}{|x|^2} \cdot u$  was studied by Baras-Goldstein in [2], where it was obtained the behavior of the solutions depending on the values of the parameter  $c$ . More precisely Baras-Goldstein prove that the critical value  $C_*(n) = (n - 2)^2/4$ , determines the behavior of the solutions to the equation  $u_t - \Delta u = \frac{c}{|x|^2} \cdot u$ . They found that if  $c > C_*(n)$ , then the above problem has no nonnegative solutions except  $u(x, t) \equiv 0$  and if  $c \leq C_*(n)$ , positive weak solutions do exist. The result in [2] stimulated several interesting results in the study of heat equation with singular potentials; see [4], [3], [1], [6].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

The following theorem is our main result:

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $0 \leq c \leq 1$  and  $V(x) \leq V_0(x)$  in  $\Omega_\nu$ , then the problem (1)-(3) has a nonnegative solution  $u(x, t)$  if*

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} u_0(x)\varphi(x)dx < \infty, \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_\nu} f(x, t)\varphi(x)dxdt < \infty,$$

where  $\varphi(x)$  is given by (4)

2. *If either  $u_0(x) > 0$  or  $f(x, t) > 0$  in  $\Omega_\nu \times (0, \varepsilon)$  for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, T)$  and  $V(x) \geq V_0(x)$ , then given  $\Omega' \subset \Omega_\nu$  such that  $\partial\Omega' \cap \partial\Omega_\nu = \{0\}$ , there is a constant  $C = C(\varepsilon, \Omega') > 0$  such that*

$$u(x, t) \geq C\varphi(x)$$

if  $(x, t) \in \Omega' \times [\varepsilon, T)$ .

3. *If  $c > 1$  and  $V(x) \geq V_0(x)$  in  $\Omega_\nu$ , then the problem does not have nonnegative solution if either  $u_0(x) > 0$  or  $f(x, t) > 0$ .*

*Proof of theorem. 1).* We first prove the existence part. We shall attack (1)-(3) by studying the approximate problem

$$\frac{\partial u_m}{\partial t} - \Delta u_m = V_m(x)u_m + f_m, \quad (1_m)$$

$$u_m|_{\partial\Omega_\nu} = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (2_m)$$

$$u_m|_{t=0} = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega_\nu, \quad (3_m)$$

where  $V_m(x) \in L_\infty(\Omega_\nu)$ ,  $0 \leq V_m(x) \leq V(x)$ , and  $V_m(x) \uparrow V(x)$  a.e in  $\Omega_\nu$ ,  $f_m = \min\{f, m\}$ . The problem (1<sub>m</sub>) – (3<sub>m</sub>) has a unique bounded nonnegative solution (see [5]) which satisfies the integral equation

$$u_m(x, t) = e^{t\Delta}u_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta}V_m u_m(s)ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta}f_m(s)ds, \quad (6)$$

where  $\{e^{t\Delta}; t > 0\}$  denotes the semigroup generated by  $\Delta$  with Dirichlet boundary conditions; note that the perturbation  $V_m$  defines a bounded multiplication operator on  $L_p(\Omega_\nu)$  for all  $p \geq 1$ . Also,

$$(e^{t\Delta}u)(x) = \int_{\Omega_\nu} e^{t\Delta}\delta_x(y)u(y)dy, \quad (7)$$

where  $\delta_x(y)$ – the Dirak's function.

The sequence of nonnegative functions  $\{u_m(x, t)\}$  is clearly increasing.

We first show that assumptions on the data implies the existence of a solution. Let  $p \in C^2(R)$  be a convex function satisfying  $p(0) = p'(0) = 0$ . Multiply the equation (1<sub>m</sub>) by  $p'(u_m)\varphi$ , where  $\varphi = \varphi(x)$  is given by (4), and integrate over  $\Omega_\nu \times [\delta, t]$  for  $0 < \delta < t < T$ . One gets, using integration by parts,

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} p(u_m(t))\varphi dx + \int_\delta^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} \nabla u_m \nabla(p'(u_m)\varphi) dx dt = \int_\delta^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} (V_m u_m + f_m)p'(u_m)\varphi dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\nu} p(u_m(\delta))\varphi dx,$$

whence, since  $p$  is convex,

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} p(u_m(t))\varphi dx + \int_\delta^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} p(u_m)(-\Delta\varphi) dx dt \leq \int_\delta^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} (V_m u_m + f_m)p'(u_m)\varphi dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\nu} p(u_m(\delta))\varphi dx.$$

Replace  $p(r)$  by a sequence  $p_l(r)$  satisfying the hypotheses for  $p$  and converging to  $|r|$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . We obtain the limiting inequality

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(t)\varphi dx + \int_\delta^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(-\Delta\varphi) dx dt \leq \int_\delta^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} (V_m u_m + f_m)\varphi dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(\delta)\varphi dx. \quad (8)$$

We want to let  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . First we claim that

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(\delta)\varphi dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_0(x)\varphi dx.$$

To see why this is so, note that

$$e^{\delta\Delta}u_0 \leq u_m(\delta) = e^{\delta(\Delta+V_m)}u_0 + \int_0^\delta e^{(\delta-s)(\Delta+V_m)}f_m(s)ds \leq e^{\delta\lambda}e^{\delta\Delta}u_0 + e^{\delta\lambda} \int_0^\delta e^{(\delta-s)\Delta}f_m(s)ds,$$

if  $\|V_m\|_\infty \leq \lambda$ , since  $e^{\delta(\Delta+V_m)}u_0 = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (e^{\delta\Delta/i}e^{\delta V_m/i})^i u_0 \leq e^{\delta\lambda}e^{\delta\Delta}u_0$  by the positivity preserving property of  $\{e^{\delta\Delta}\}$ . Thus

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} (e^{\delta\Delta}u_0)\varphi dx \leq \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(\delta)\varphi dx \leq e^{\delta\lambda} \int_{\Omega_\nu} (e^{\delta\Delta}u_0)\varphi dx + e^{\delta\lambda}\delta\|f_m\|_\infty \int_{\Omega_\nu} \varphi dx,$$

whence

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} (e^{\delta\Delta}u_0)\varphi dx = \int_{\Omega_\nu} (e^{\delta\Delta}\varphi)u_0 dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega_\nu} \varphi u_0 dx$$

as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , as asserted. Letting  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  in (8), we deduce

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(t)\varphi dx + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(-\Delta\varphi) dx dt \leq \int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} V_m u_m \varphi dx dt + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} f_m \varphi dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_0(x)\varphi dx.$$

But  $-\Delta\varphi \geq V_m(x)\varphi$ . Consequently

$$\int_{\Omega_\nu} u_m(t)\varphi dx \leq \int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} f_m \varphi dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_0(x)\varphi dx,$$

and therefore if

$$\int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} f_m \varphi dx dt + \int_{\Omega_\nu} u_0(x)\varphi dx < \infty$$

we conclude that  $u_m(x, t)$  increases to a finite limit  $u(x, t)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , for all  $t \in (0, T)$  and for a.e.  $x \in \Omega_\nu$ .

Pick a point  $(x_0, t_0)$  such that  $u(x_0, t_0)$  is finite. Let  $v_m = e^t u_m$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial v_m}{\partial t} - \Delta v_m = (V_m + 1)v_m + e^t f_m.$$

Applying (6) and (7) to  $v_m$  gives

$$e^{t_0} u_m(x_0, t_0) \geq \int_0^{t_0} \int_{\Omega_\nu} (e^{(t_0-s)\Delta} \delta_{x_0})(y) (V_m(y) + 1) u_m(y, s) e^s dy ds. \tag{9}$$

If  $\Omega' \subset \Omega_\nu$  such that  $\partial\Omega' \cap \partial\Omega_\nu = \{0\}$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < T$ ,

$$\inf\{(e^{s\Delta} \delta_{x_0})(y) : (y, s) \in \Omega' \times [\varepsilon, T]\} = c_0 > 0.$$

Therefore

$$c_0 \int_0^{t_0-\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega'} V_m(y) u_m(y, s) dy ds + c_0 \int_0^{t_0-\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega'} u_m(y, s) dy ds \leq e^{t_0} u_m(x_0, t_0). \tag{10}$$

By hypothesis,  $u_m$  increases to  $u$  and  $V_m u_m$  increases to  $Vu$  in  $L_1(\Omega' \times (0, t_0 - \varepsilon))$ , and  $u(x, t)$  is a solution (1)-(3) in the sense of generalized functions. This solution  $u(x, t)$  satisfies the integral equation

$$u(x, t) = \int_{\Omega_\nu} e^{t\Delta} \delta_x(y) u_0(y) dy + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} e^{(t-s)\Delta} \delta_x(y) V(y) u(y, s) dy ds + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega_\nu} e^{t\Delta} \delta_x(y) f(y, s) dy ds$$

a.e. in  $\Omega_\nu \times (0, t_0)$ . By (9),

$$(y, s) \mapsto e^{(t_0-s)\Delta} \delta_x(y) V(y) u(y, s) \in L_1(\Omega_\nu \times (0, t_0))$$

since  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_m(x, t) = u(x, t) < \infty$  a.e. in  $\Omega_\nu \times (0, t_0)$ . The first part of theorem is proven.

2). Our next assertion is that If  $V(x) \geq V_0(x)$  and  $u_0(x)$  is not identically zero, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\Omega' \subset \Omega_\nu$  with  $\partial\Omega' \cap \partial\Omega_\nu = \{0\}$ , there is a constant  $C = C(\varepsilon, \Omega') > 0$  such that

$$u(x, t) \geq C\varphi(x) \tag{11}$$

for all  $x \in \Omega'$  and  $t \in [\varepsilon, T)$ .

For the proof we first recall that if  $u_0 > 0$ , there is a positive constant  $C_0$  such that  $e^{t\Delta} u_0(y) \geq C_0$  if  $x \in \Omega'$  and  $t \in [\varepsilon/2, T)$ . Next  $u$  is bounded below by the solution  $w$  of

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - \Delta w = V_0 w \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega_\nu \times [\varepsilon/2, T)),$$

$$w = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_\nu, \quad w(y, \varepsilon/2) = C_0 \chi_{\Omega'}(y) \quad \text{in } \Omega_\nu,$$

and  $w$  is the (increasing) limit of the unique nonnegative solution  $w_m$  of

$$\frac{\partial w_m}{\partial t} - \Delta w_m = V_m w_m \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega_\nu \times [\varepsilon/2, T)),$$

$$w_m = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_\nu, \quad w_m(y, \varepsilon/2) = C_0 \chi_{\Omega'}(y) \quad \text{in } \Omega_\nu.$$

Choose a ball  $B = B_0 = B(0, r_0)$ ,  $r_0 < e_\nu^{-1}$ . Let  $\Omega_0 = \Omega' \cap B_0$ ,  $\Omega_0 \subset \Omega'$ . Then  $w_m \geq v_m$  where

$$\frac{\partial v_m}{\partial t} - \Delta v_m = V_m v_m \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega_0 \times [\varepsilon/2, T)), \tag{12}$$

$$v_m = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_0, \quad v_m(y, \varepsilon/2) = C_0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0,$$

where here and in the sequel  $V_m = \inf\{V_0, m\}$ . Multiply (12) by  $v_m^{p-1} \varphi^{2-p}$  for  $p > 1$  and integrate to obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( p^{-1} \int_{\Omega_0} \left(\frac{v_m}{\varphi}\right)^p \varphi^2 dy \right) + \int_{\Omega_0} \nabla v_m \cdot \nabla (v_m^{p-1} \varphi^{2-p}) dy = \int_{\Omega_0} V_m \left(\frac{v_m}{\varphi}\right)^p \varphi^2 dy.$$

Setting  $k_m = v_m/\varphi$  we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( p^{-1} \int_{\Omega_0} k_m^p \varphi^2 dy \right) + \frac{4(p-1)}{p^2} \int_{\Omega_0} |\nabla k_m^{p/2}|^2 \varphi^2 dy + \int_{\Omega_0} k_m^p (-\Delta\varphi) \varphi dy = \int_{\Omega_0} V_m k_m^p \varphi^2 dy.$$

Recall that  $V_m \leq V_0(x) = -\Delta\varphi/\varphi$ . Thus  $V_m \varphi^2 \leq (-\Delta\varphi)\varphi$  and consequently

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( p^{-1} \int_{\Omega_0} k_m^p \varphi^2 dy \right) \leq 0,$$

whence for  $\varepsilon/2 \leq t < T$ ,

$$\left( \int_{\Omega_0} v_m^p \varphi^{2-p} dy \right)^{1/p} \leq C_0 \left( \int_{\Omega_0} \varphi^{2-p} dy \right)^{1/p},$$

the right side being the value of the left side for  $t = \varepsilon/2$ . Letting  $p \rightarrow \infty$  it follows that  $k_m \leq C_0$  a.e. in  $\Omega_0$ , which is equivalent to  $v_m \leq C_0 \varphi$  a.e. in  $\Omega_0$ . We are now justified in setting

$$v = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} v_m, \quad k = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} k_m.$$

We will show that

$$C_0 \geq k(x, t) \geq C_1 \quad \text{for } \varepsilon < t < T \quad \text{and} \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \frac{1}{2}\Omega_0 = \Omega_0 \cap B(0, \frac{r_0}{2}) \tag{13}$$

(Here  $k(x, t) \leq C_0$  is already proven.) Since  $u \geq w \geq w_m \geq v_m \geq k_m \varphi$ , (13) implies (12) with  $y \in \Omega' = \frac{1}{2}\Omega_0$ . And for  $y \in \Omega' \setminus \frac{1}{2}\Omega_0$  we have (since  $u \geq e^{t\Delta}u_0$ )

$$k(y, t) \geq \varphi^{-1}(y)(e^{t\Delta}u_0)(y) \geq C_2 > 0$$

for all  $y \in \Omega'$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}(y) \geq C_3 > 0$  in  $\Omega' \setminus \frac{1}{2}\Omega_0$ , where  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are suitable constants.

Let  $g : [0, \infty[ \rightarrow [0, \infty[$  be convex and of class  $C^2$ . Multiply (12) by  $g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2$ , where  $k_m = \frac{v_m}{\varphi}$ ,  $\psi = \psi(x, t) \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_0 \times (\varepsilon/2, T))$ , and integrate over  $Q = \Omega_0 \times (\varepsilon/2, T)$  :

$$\int_Q \frac{\partial v_m}{\partial t} g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2 dxdt - \int_Q \Delta v_m g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2 dxdt = \int_Q V_m v_m g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2 dxdt. \quad (14)$$

Straightforward computations give

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q \frac{\partial v_m}{\partial t} g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2 dxdt &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{\Omega_0} g^2(k_m)\varphi^2\psi^2 dx \right) (t) - \int_Q g^2(k_m)\varphi^2\psi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} dxdt; \\ - \int_Q \Delta v_m g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2 dxdt &= \int_Q \nabla(k_m\varphi)\nabla(g'(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi\psi^2) dxdt = \\ &= \int_Q |\nabla g(k_m)|^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2 dxdt + \int_Q g''(k_m)|\nabla k_m|^2 g(k_m)\varphi^2\psi^2 dxdt + \\ &+ \int_Q \nabla g(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi^2 \nabla \psi^2 dxdt + \int_Q g'(k_m)g(k_m)k_m\varphi\psi^2 (-\Delta\varphi) dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

Whence

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{\Omega_0} g^2(k_m)\varphi^2\psi^2 dx \right) (t) - \int_Q g^2(k_m)\varphi^2\psi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} dxdt + \\ &+ \int_Q \nabla g(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi^2 \nabla \psi^2 dxdt + \int_Q g''(k_m)|\nabla k_m|^2 g(k_m)\varphi^2\psi^2 dxdt + \\ &+ \int_Q |\nabla g(k_m)|^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2 dxdt = \int_Q (\Delta\varphi + V_m\varphi)g'(k_m)g(k_m)k_m\varphi\psi^2 dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

The fourth term on the left is nonnegative since  $g$  is convex and nonnegative; for the third term we will use the Cauchy's inequality:

$$2 \left| \int_Q \nabla g(k_m)g(k_m)\varphi^2\psi \nabla \psi dxdt \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_Q |\nabla g(k_m)|^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2 dxdt + 2 \int_Q g^2(k_m)\varphi^2 |\nabla \psi|^2 dxdt.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{\Omega_0} g^2(k_m)\varphi^2\psi^2 dx \right) (t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_Q |\nabla g(k_m)|^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2 dxdt \leq \\ &\leq \int_Q \left( 2|\nabla \psi|^2 + \psi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) g^2(k_m)\varphi^2 dxdt + \int_Q (\Delta\varphi + V_m\varphi)g'(k_m)g(k_m)k_m\varphi\psi^2 dxdt. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $B_r = B(0, r)$  to have sufficient by small radius, i.e.  $r < r_0 < e_\nu^{-1}$ ,  $\Omega_r = \Omega' \cap B_r$ . Since  $V_m(x) \leq V_0(x) = -\Delta\varphi/\varphi$  the second term on the right side of the above inequality tends to zero

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem. (Here we are using  $\|k_m\|_\infty \leq Const$  in  $\Omega_0$  and the hypotheses on  $g$ ). Thus when  $m \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain

$$\left( \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 \psi^2 dx \right) (t) + \int_Q |\nabla g(k)|^2 \varphi^2 \psi^2 dx dt \leq 2 \int_Q \left( 2|\nabla \psi|^2 + \psi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt. \quad (15)$$

Now choose  $\psi(x, t)$  so that:  $0 \leq \psi(x) \leq 1$ ;  $\psi(x, t) = 1$  in  $\Omega_{r-\delta} \times [s + \delta, T]$ ,  $\psi(x, t) = 0$  in  $((\Omega_0 \setminus \Omega_r) \times [0, T]) \cup (\Omega_0 \times [0, s])$ , where  $s > 0, \delta > 0$ . We further suppose that  $|\nabla \psi|^2 \leq C_4 \delta^{-2}$ ,  $|\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}| \leq C_4 \delta^{-1}$ , where the constant  $C_4 > 0$  is independent of the pair  $(s, \delta)$ . Inequality (15) then yields

$$\int_{\Omega_{r-\delta}} g^2(k(t)) \varphi^2 \psi^2 dx + \int_{s+\delta}^T \int_{\Omega_{r-\delta}} |\nabla g(k)|^2 \varphi^2 dx dt \leq 6C_4 \delta^{-2} \int_s^T \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt. \quad (16)$$

for all  $t \in [s + \delta, T]$ . Now we will prove the following inequality

**Lemma.** Let  $0 < r \leq e_\nu^{-1}$ ,  $h(s) \in C^1[0, r]$ . Then for  $2 \leq q \leq 4$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  the inequality is true

$$\left( \int_0^r |h(s)|^q s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{2/q} \leq K \int_0^r [|h'(s)|^2 + h^2(s)] s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds, \quad (17)$$

where the constant  $K = K(n, \alpha, \nu) > 0$ , and  $\alpha$  is defined by  $\alpha(2 - \alpha) = c$ .

*Proof.* We first prove the inequality: Let  $0 < r \leq e_\nu^{-1}$ ,  $0 < h(s) \in C^1[0, r]$  and  $h(r) = 0$ . Then for  $2 \leq q \leq 4$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  the inequality is true

$$\left( \int_0^r |h(s)|^q s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{2/q} \leq K \int_0^r |h'(s)|^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds, \quad (18)$$

Integrating by parts and using the Hölder's inequality, it is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^r h^q(s) s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \leq K \int_0^r h^{q-1}(s) |h'(s)| s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \leq \\ & \leq K_1 \left( \int_0^r h^{2(q-1)}(s) s^3 |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_0^r |h'(s)|^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \\ & \leq K_1 \left( \int_0^r |h'(s)|^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_0^r h^q(s) s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \\ & \quad \times \left( \sup_{s \in [0, r]} \{h^{q-2}(s) s^2\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_1 = K_1(n, \alpha, \nu) > 0$ . Whence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^r h^q(s) s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \leq K_1^2 \int_0^r |h'(s)|^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \times \\ & \quad \times \sup_{s \in [0, r]} \{h^{q-2}(s) s^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we will show that

$$\sup_{s \in [0, r]} \{h^{q-2}(s)s^2\} \leq K_2 \left( \int_0^r |h'(s)|^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{\frac{q-2}{2}}.$$

We have (note that  $h^{q-2}(s)s^2 = [h(s)s^{\frac{2}{q-2}}]^{\frac{q-2}{2}}$ .)

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{s \in [0, r]} s^{\frac{2}{q-2}} h(s) &= \sup_{s \in [0, r]} s^{\frac{4-q}{q-2}} \{h(s)s - h(r)r\} = \sup_{s \in [0, r]} s^{\frac{4-q}{q-2}} \left\{ - \int_s^r (h(\tau)\tau)' d\tau \right\} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{s \in [0, r]} s^{\frac{4-q}{q-2}} \left\{ \left( \int_s^r |h'(\tau)|^2 \tau |F_1(\tau) \dots F_{\nu-1}(\tau)| |F_\nu(\tau)|^\alpha d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_s^r \frac{\tau d\tau}{|F_1(\tau) \dots F_{\nu-1}(\tau)| |F_\nu(\tau)|^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{s \in [0, r]} M(s) \left( \int_0^r |h'(\tau)|^2 \tau |F_1(\tau) \dots F_{\nu-1}(\tau)| |F_\nu(\tau)|^\alpha d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M(s) = s^{\frac{4-q}{q-2}} \left( \int_s^r \tau d\tau \right)^{1/2} = s^{\frac{4-q}{q-2}} \left( \frac{r^2 - s^2}{2} \right)^{1/2},$$

since  $|F_1(\tau) \dots F_{\nu-1}(\tau)| |F_\nu(\tau)|^\alpha \geq 1$ , when  $0 < s < r < e_\nu^{-1}$ . It is clear that there is a constant  $K_3 > 0$ , such that  $\sup_{s \in [0, r]} M(s) \leq K_3$ . This proves (18). Next we deduce (17). Fix  $\rho > 0$  and

let  $r \geq \rho$ . Let  $h \in C^1(0, r)$ . Let  $\xi \in C^1[r, 2r]$  satisfy  $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$ ,  $\xi \equiv 0$  in  $[r + \rho/2, 2r]$ ,  $\xi \equiv 1$  in  $[r, r + \rho/4]$ , and  $0 \geq \xi' \geq -5\rho^{-1}$  in  $[r, 2r]$ . Let  $\psi(s)$  be  $h(s)$  or  $h(2r - s)\xi(s)$  according as  $s \in [0, r)$  or  $s \in [r, 2r]$ . Then by (18)

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_0^r h^q(s)s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{2/q} &\leq \left( \int_0^{2r} \psi^q(s)s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \right)^{2/q} \leq \\ &\leq K_0 \int_0^{2r} (\psi'(s))^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \leq K_0 \left[ \int_0^r (h'(s))^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds + \right. \\ &\quad + 2 \int_r^{2r} (h'(2r - s))^2 \xi^2(s)s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds + \\ &\quad + 2 \int_r^{2r} h^2(2r - s) (\xi'(s))^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds \leq \\ &\quad \leq K_0 \left[ \int_0^r (h'(s))^2 s |F_1(s) \dots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_\nu(s)|^\alpha ds + \right. \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{r-\rho/2}^r (h'(\sigma))^2 (2r - \sigma) |F_1(2r - \sigma) \dots F_{\nu-1}(2r - \sigma)| |F_\nu(2r - \sigma)|^\alpha d\sigma + \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& +2 \int_{r-\rho/2}^{r-\rho/4} h^2(\sigma)(\xi'(2r-\sigma))^2(2r-\sigma)|F_1(2r-\sigma) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(2r-\sigma)||F_{\nu}(2r-\sigma)|^{\alpha} d\sigma \leq \\
& \leq K_0 \left[ 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{r+\rho/2}{r-\rho/2} \right] \int_0^r (h'(s))^2 s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} ds + \\
& \quad + 50\rho^{-2} K_0 \frac{r+\rho/2}{r-\rho/2} \int_0^r h^2(s) s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} ds \leq \\
& \leq K_4 \int_0^r (h'(s))^2 s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} ds + K_5 \int_0^r h^2(s) s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} ds,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma = 2r - s$ . The inequality (17) is proven. The lemma is proven.

Let  $\lambda_r$  be the first eigenvalue of the operator  $-\Delta_{\omega}$  on  $G \cap \partial B_r$  with zero Dirichlet condition on  $\partial G \cap \partial B_r$ ,  $Y_r(\omega)$  be an eigenfunction, corresponding to  $\lambda_r$ . From (17) for any nonnegative function  $h(x) \in C^1(\Omega_r)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{G \cap \partial B_r} \int_0^r |h(s)|^q s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} Y_r^2(\omega) ds d\omega \leq \\
& \leq \left( K \int_{G \cap \partial B_r} \int_0^r \left[ \left| \frac{\partial h}{\partial s} \right|^2 + h^2(s) \right] s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} Y_r^2(\omega) ds d\omega \right)^{q/2} \leq \\
& \leq \left( K \int_{G \cap \partial B_r} \int_0^r [|\nabla h|^2 + h^2(s)] s |F_1(s) \cdots F_{\nu-1}(s)| |F_{\nu}(s)|^{\alpha} Y_r^2(\omega) ds d\omega \right)^{q/2},
\end{aligned}$$

whence (by (4))

$$\left( \int_{\Omega_r} |h(x)|^q \varphi^2(x) dx \right)^{2/q} \leq C_5 \int_{\Omega_r} [|\nabla h(x)|^2 + h^2(x)] \varphi^2(x) dx.$$

Define  $\beta$  by  $\beta + \frac{2}{q} = 1$ , where  $2 < q \leq 4$ . By Hölder's inequality and last inequality we obtain, for a nonnegative function  $h$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Omega_r} h^{2+2\beta} \varphi^2 dx & \leq \left( \int_{\Omega_r} h^q \varphi^2 dx \right)^{2/q} \left( \int_{\Omega_r} h^2 \varphi^2 dx \right)^{\beta} \leq \\
& \leq C_5 \left( \int_{\Omega_r} |\nabla h|^2 \varphi^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_r} h^2 \varphi^2 dx \right) \left( \int_{\Omega_r} h^2 \varphi^2 dx \right)^{\beta},
\end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\int_a^b \int_{\Omega_r} h^{2+2\beta} \varphi^2 dx dt \leq C_5 \left( \int_a^b \int_{\Omega_r} |\nabla h|^2 \varphi^2 dx dt + \int_a^b \int_{\Omega_r} h^2 \varphi^2 dx dt \right) \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} \left( \int_{\Omega_r} h^2 \varphi^2 dx \right)^{\beta}, \quad (19)$$

From (16) we deduce

$$\sup_{t \in [s+\delta, T]} \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k(t)) \varphi^2 dx \leq 6C_4 \delta^{-2} \int_s^T \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt.$$

Whence replacing  $h$  by  $g(k)$  and applying (19) with  $[a, b] = [s + \delta, T]$  and with  $\Omega_{r-\delta}$  in place  $\Omega_r$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{s+\delta}^T \int_{\Omega_{r-\delta}} g^{2+2\beta}(k) \varphi^2 dx dt &\leq C_5 (6C_4 \delta^{-2} + 1) \left( \int_s^T \int_{\Omega_{r-\delta}} |\nabla g(k)|^2 \varphi^2 dx dt \right) \times \\ &\times \left( 6C_4 \delta^{-2} \int_s^T \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^\beta, \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_{s+\delta}^T \int_{\Omega_{r-\delta}} g^{2+2\beta}(k) \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^{1/(2+2\beta)} &\leq [C_5^{1/2} (6C_4 + 1)]^{1/(1+\beta)} \delta^{-\gamma} \left( \int_s^T \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2} = \\ &= C_6 \delta^{-1} \left( \int_s^T \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Let  $a > 0$  be a small number and let

$$\delta = \frac{a}{2^j}, r_1 = r, r_{j+1} = r_j - \frac{a}{2^j}, g_{j+1} = g_j^{1+\beta}, s_{j+1} = s_j + \frac{a}{2^j}$$

$$H_j = \left( \int_{s_j}^T \int_{\Omega_{r_j}} g_j^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

where  $g_1 = g$ , and  $r_1$  and  $s_1$  are given positive numbers. With this notation the estimate (20) yields

$$H_{j+1}^{1/(1+\beta)} \leq C_7 2^j a^{-1} H_j,$$

whence, by induction

$$H_j^{1/(1+\beta)} \leq (C_7 a^{-1})^{\alpha_j} 2^{\gamma_j} H_1^{(1+\beta)^{j-2}},$$

where  $\alpha_j = (1 + \beta)^{j-2} \sum_{\mu=0}^{j-2} (1 + \beta)^{-\mu}$ ;  $\gamma_j = \sum_{\mu=0}^{j-1} (1 + \mu)(1 + \beta)^{j-2-\mu}$ .

Now let  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $g_j = g^{(1+\beta)^{j-1}}$  we get

$$\sup_{\Omega_{r_1-a} \times [s_1+a, T]} g(k(x, t)) \leq (C_7 a^{-1} 2^{(1+\beta)/\beta})^{(1+\beta)/\beta} \left( \int_{s_1}^T \int_{\Omega_r} g^2(k) \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Replace  $g$  by a sequence  $\{g_l\}$  satisfying the hypotheses and tending to  $k^{-\gamma}$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . We then obtain

$$\sup_{\Omega_{r_1-a} \times [s_1+a, T]} k^{-\gamma}(x, t) \leq (C_7 a^{-1} 2^{(1+\beta)/\beta})^{(1+\beta)/\beta} \left( \int_{s_1}^T \int_{\Omega_r} k^{-2\gamma} \varphi^2 dx dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Now set  $s_1 = 3\varepsilon/4, a = \varepsilon/4, r_1 < r_0$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. Note that

$$k(x, t) = \frac{v}{\varphi} \geq \varphi^{-1}(x)(e^{t\Delta}v_0)(x) \geq C_0C_8\varphi^{-1}(x)$$

for  $(x, t) \in \Omega_{r_1} \times (3\varepsilon/4, T)$ , where the constant  $C_8$  is independent of  $r_1$  and  $\varepsilon$  (but  $C_0$  depends on  $\varepsilon$ , as before). Thus we obtain

$$\sup_{\Omega_{r_1-\varepsilon/4} \times [\varepsilon, T]} k^{-\gamma}(x, t) \leq C_9C_0^{-\gamma}\varepsilon^{-1-1/\beta} \left( \int_{3\varepsilon/4}^T \int_{\Omega_{r_1}} \varphi^{2+2\gamma} dx dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

which implies the estimate

$$k(x, t) \geq C_{10}C_0\varepsilon^{(1+1/\beta)/\gamma} \left( \int_{\Omega_{r_1}} \varphi^{2+2\gamma} dx \right)^{-1/2\gamma} \quad (21)$$

for a.e.  $x \in \Omega_{r_1-\varepsilon/4}$  and for all  $t \in [\varepsilon, T]$ , where the constant  $C_{10} > 0$  is independent of the pair  $(r_1, \varepsilon)$ . The inequality (13), consequently and the inequality (11) is proven.

3). Now we prove the last part of theorem.

Let  $c > 1, V(x) \geq V_0(x)$ . If (1)-(3) has a nonzero solution, then one has

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = \left( \frac{(n-2)^2}{4F_0^2(x)} + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)F_1^2(x)} + \dots + \frac{1}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu}^2(x)} + \frac{\lambda_1}{F_0^2(x)} \right) u + \frac{c-1}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu}^2(x)} u$$

in  $D'(\Omega_{\nu} \times (0, T))$ . From first part we know that the solution exists only if

$$\frac{c-1}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu}^2(x)} u \varphi \in L_1(\Omega' \times (0, T-\varepsilon))$$

for  $\Omega' \subset \Omega_{\nu}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  (where we assume  $\partial\Omega' \cap \partial\Omega_{\nu} = \{0\}$ ). From (11) follows that for any  $\Omega' \subset \Omega_{\nu}$ :

$$u(x, t) \geq Const \cdot \varphi(x) = Const \cdot |x|^{-(n-2)/2} |F_1(x)|^{1/2} \dots |F_{\nu-1}(x)|^{1/2} |F_{\nu}(x)|^{1/2} Y_1(\omega),$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{T-\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega'} \frac{c-1}{4F_0^2(x)\dots F_{\nu}^2(x)} u |x|^{-(n-2)/2} |F_1(x)|^{1/2} \dots |F_{\nu-1}(x)|^{1/2} |F_{\nu}(x)|^{1/2} Y_1(\omega) dx dt \geq \\ & \geq Const \int_{\Omega'} |x|^{-n} |F_1(x)\dots F_{\nu}(x)|^{-1} Y_1^2(\omega) dx = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the last part of our theorem. The Theorem is proven.

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