

Blowup behavior of solutions of nonlinear parabolic equations

Abstract:

We discuss the blowup behavior for solutions of the semilinear equation

$$(0.1) \quad \begin{array}{lll} u_t = \Delta u + |u|^{p-1}u & \text{in} & \Omega \times (-1, 0) \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on} & \partial\Omega \times (-1, 0), \end{array}$$

and the weakly coupled system

$$(0.2) \quad \begin{array}{lll} u_t = \Delta u + v^p, & v_t = \Delta v + u^q & \text{in} & \Omega \times (-1, 0), \\ u = 0, & v = 0 & \text{on} & \partial\Omega \times (-1, 0). \end{array}$$

Suppose that u is a solution of (0.1) and satisfies the blowup rate

$$|u(x, t)| \leq C|t|^{1/(p-1)} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega \times (-1, 0).$$

When p is subcritical, i.e., $1 < p < (n+2)/n-2$ if $n \geq 3$ and $1 < p < \infty$ if $n = 1, 2$, we prove that $a \in \Omega$ is a blowup point if and only if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |t|^{1/(p-1)} |u(a + |t|^{1/2}y, t)| = (p-1)^{-1/(p-1)}$$

uniformly for $|y| < C$. Moreover, there is no blowup on the boundary of Ω . Here, the domain Ω is possibly unbounded and not necessarily convex. We also allow u to be vector-valued.

Suppose that (u, v) is a non-negative solution of (0.2). Let $1 < p_0 < \frac{n+3}{n+1}$. When $p \geq 1$, $q \geq 1$, $pq > 1$ and $|p - p_0| + |q - p_0|$ is small, we will prove that $a \in \Omega$ is a blowup point if and only if for each $C > 0$ we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |t|^{\frac{p+1}{pq-1}} u(a + |t|^{1/2}y, t) = \Gamma \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |t|^{\frac{q+1}{pq-1}} v(a + |t|^{1/2}y, t) = \gamma$$

uniformly for $|y| < C$, where

$$\gamma^p = \Gamma \frac{p+1}{pq-1}, \quad \Gamma^q = \gamma \frac{q+1}{pq-1}.$$

Moreover, there is no blowup on the boundary of Ω .