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# Oscillatory Behavior near Blow-up of the Solutions to Some Nonlinear Singular Second Order ODE's

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study the oscillation properties of solutions for the scalar second order nonlinear ODE:  $(|u'|^l u')' + d|u|^\beta u = c|u'|^\alpha u'$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, l, c, d$  are positive constants.

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# 1 Introduction

We consider the scalar second order nonlinear ODE

$$(|u'|^l u')' + d|u|^\beta u = c|u'|^\alpha u', \quad (1.1)$$

where  $l, d, c, \beta, \alpha$  are positive constants.

For dissipative ordinary differential equation of the type

$$(|u'|^l u')' + d|u|^\beta u + c|u'|^\alpha u' = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

In [1] Abdelli and Haraux proved the existence and uniqueness of a global solution  $u(t)$  of (1.2) with initial data  $(u_0, u_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . They established the decay rate and used a method introduced by Haraux [4] to study the oscillatory or non-oscillatory properties of nontrivial solutions. This method is based on a polar coordinate system and the oscillation properties appear to depend on the relation between  $\alpha$  and  $\frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ .

The results of [1] can be summarized as follows:

Let  $(A_1)$ ,  $(A_2)$ ,  $(A_3)$  and  $(A_4)$  be the assumptions defined as follows:

$$(A_1) \quad \alpha > \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$$

$$(A_2) \quad \alpha = \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2} \text{ and } c < d(\beta+2) \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(\beta+1)(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}}$$

$$(A_3) \quad \alpha < \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$$

$$(A_4) \quad \alpha = \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2} \text{ and } c \geq d(\beta+2) \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(\beta+1)(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}}$$

- i) If  $(A_1)$  or  $(A_2)$  is satisfied, then any non-null solution  $u(t)$  of (1.2) and its derivative  $u'(t)$  have non-constant sign on each interval  $(T, \infty)$ .
- ii) If  $(A_3)$  is satisfied, any non-null solution  $u(t)$  of (1.2) has a finite number of zeroes on  $(0, \infty)$ . Moreover, for  $t$  large enough,  $u(t)$  and  $u'(t)$  have opposite sign and  $u(t)$  and  $u''(t)$  have the same sign.
- iii) If  $(A_4)$  is satisfied, then any non-null solution  $u(t)$  of (1.2) has at most one zero on  $(0, \infty)$ .

We can also consider the equation

$$u'' + |u|^\beta u = \tilde{g}(u'), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\tilde{g}$  is a locally Lipschitz continuous function satisfying the following hypotheses

$$\exists c > 0, \quad \forall v, \quad |g(v)| \leq c|v|^{\alpha+1} \quad (1.4)$$

$$\exists \eta > 0, \quad \forall v, \quad g(v)v \geq \eta|v|^{\alpha+1}, \quad (1.5)$$

The equation (1.3) has been studied by Aloui [2]. By using a method different from the ones from Souplet [5] and Balabane, Jazar and Souplet [6], the author recovers the oscillation (or non-oscillation) properties of the solution of (1.3) near the blow-up time  $T$  by the same method as [4] when  $1 < \alpha < \beta$ . Moreover, the author generalized the results to (1.3) with  $g$  a general function satisfying (1.4)-(1.5).

The results of [2] can be summarized as follows:

i) The energy defined by  $E(t) = \frac{u'^2}{2} + \frac{|u|^{\beta+2}}{\beta+2}$  blows-up as soon as  $u \not\equiv 0$  and we have, denoting by  $T$  the blow-up time

$$\text{a) If } 0 < \alpha \leq \frac{\beta}{\beta+2}, \quad C_0(T-t)^{-\frac{2}{\alpha}} \leq E(t) \leq C_1(T-t)^{-\frac{2}{\alpha}},$$

$$\text{b) If } \frac{\beta}{\beta+2} < \alpha < \beta, \quad E(t) \leq C'(T-t)^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}}.$$

as  $t \rightarrow T$ , for some  $C_0, C_1, C' > 0$ .

ii) If  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\beta}{\beta+2}$  or  $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta+2}$ ,  $c < (\beta+2)\left(\frac{\beta+2}{2\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}}$ , then all nontrivial solutions have an oscillatory finite-time blow-up  $T$  and

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = -\infty, \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = +\infty$$

iii) If  $\frac{\beta}{\beta+2} < \alpha < \beta$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{C}^1$  and  $g' > 0$ , then all nontrivial solutions have a non-oscillatory finite-time blow-up  $T$  and  $u, u'$  have the same sign as  $t \rightarrow T$ .

iv) If  $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta+2}$ ,  $c \geq c_0 = (\beta+2)\left(\frac{\beta+2}{2\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}}$ . Then any solution  $u(t)$  of (1.3) blows-up in finite time  $T$  and has a finite number of zeroes in  $[0, T]$ .

Note that (1.3) with  $\tilde{g}(v) = c|v|^{\alpha}v$  is a special case of (1.1) when  $l = 0$ .

The objective of this paper is to recover the oscillatory (or non-oscillatory) properties of solutions of (1.1) when  $t \in [0, T]$  by the same method as in [1] when  $l < \alpha < \beta$ . Moreover, we use the techniques from [2].

The plan of the paper is as follows. In section 2 we prove the local existence of the solution of (1.1). In section 3, we show that any solution has an unbounded energy for any nontrivial initial data. In section 4 we show that, under natural conditions, all nontrivial solutions are blowing up and we obtain precise energy estimates of solutions when  $t \rightarrow T$ , with  $T$  the blow-up time. Finally, oscillatory and non-oscillatory behavior's are delimited in section 5 and 6.

## 2 Local existence

In this section, we shall discuss the local existence for the initial value problem associated to equation (1.1)

**Proposition 2.1.** *assume that  $l \leq \inf\{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Then for any  $(u_0, u_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , there exists  $T > 0$  for which problem (1.1) has a solution on  $[0, T]$  in the following sense:*

$$u \in \mathcal{C}^1[0, T], \quad |u'|^l u' \in \mathcal{C}^1[0, T] \quad \text{and} \quad u_0 = u(0), \quad u_1 = u'(0). \quad (2.6)$$

*Proof.* To show the existence of the solution for (2.6), we consider for  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{cases} (\varepsilon + (l+1)|u'_\varepsilon|^l)u''_\varepsilon + d|u_\varepsilon|^\beta u_\varepsilon = c|u'_\varepsilon|^\alpha u'_\varepsilon \\ u_\varepsilon(0) = u_0, \quad u'_\varepsilon(0) = u_1. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

The existence and uniqueness of  $u_\varepsilon$  in the class  $\mathcal{C}^2[0, T]$  for some  $T > 0$  is classical. Multiplying (2.7) by  $u'_\varepsilon$ , we have the following energy identity

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^2 + \frac{l+1}{l+2} |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^{l+2} + \frac{d}{\beta+2} |u_\varepsilon(t)|^{\beta+2} \right] = c|u'_\varepsilon|^{\alpha+2}. \quad (2.8)$$

Introducing

$$E_\varepsilon(t) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^2 + \frac{l+1}{l+2} |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^{l+2} + \frac{d}{\beta+2} |u_\varepsilon(t)|^{\beta+2},$$

we have as a consequence of (2.8)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E_\varepsilon(t) &\leq c \frac{l+2}{l+1} E_\varepsilon(t)^{\frac{\alpha+2}{l+2}} \\ &\leq c \frac{l+2}{l+1} E_\varepsilon(t)^{1+\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ E_\varepsilon(t) \right]^{-\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}} &\leq c \frac{l+2}{l+1} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ E_\varepsilon(t) \right]^{-\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}} &\geq -c \frac{\alpha-l}{l+1} \end{aligned}$$

By integrating over  $(0, t)$ , we have

$$E_\varepsilon(t)^{-\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}} \geq -c \frac{\alpha-l}{l+1} t + \frac{1}{E_\varepsilon(0)^{\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}}}.$$

Hence, we can estimate an existence time for  $u_\varepsilon$  as a consequence of the inequality

$$E_\varepsilon(t) \leq \left( -c \frac{\alpha-l}{l+1} t + \frac{1}{E_\varepsilon(0)^{\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}}} \right)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}}, \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq T_\varepsilon = \frac{l+1}{c(\alpha-l)E_\varepsilon(0)^{\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}}}.$$

Introducing  $T_0 = \frac{l+1}{c(\alpha-l)E_\varepsilon(0)^{\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}}}$ , it is clear that  $T_0 < T_\varepsilon$  and for  $\varepsilon$  small enough, we have

$$\forall t \in [0, T_0], \quad |u_\varepsilon(t)| \leq M_1, \quad |u'_\varepsilon(t)| \leq M_2. \quad (2.9)$$

where  $M_1, M_2$  are positive constants independent of  $\varepsilon$ . Then  $u_\varepsilon, u'_\varepsilon$  are uniformly bounded. From (2.7), we obtain  $\forall t \in [0, T_0]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left( |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^l u'_\varepsilon(t) \right)' \right| &= (l+1) |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^l |u''_\varepsilon(t)| \\ &\leq \left| (\varepsilon + (l+1) |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^l) u''_\varepsilon(t) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

by using (2.9), we deduce

$$\forall t \in [0, T_0], \quad \left| \left( |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^l u'_\varepsilon(t) \right)' \right| \leq M_3. \quad (2.10)$$

Therefore the function  $w_\varepsilon(t) := |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^l u'_\varepsilon(t)$  is uniformly Lipschitz on  $[0, T_0]$  independently of  $\varepsilon$ . Then the family of functions  $u'_\varepsilon(t) = |w_\varepsilon(t)|^{\frac{1}{l+1}} \operatorname{sgn} w_\varepsilon(t)$  is uniformly equicontinuous (actually Hölder continuous) on  $[0, T_0]$ .

We can now pass to the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . As a consequence of Ascoli's theorem and a priori estimate (2.9), we may extract a subsequence which is still denoted for simplicity by  $(u_\varepsilon)$  for which

$$u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}^1[0, T_0]$$

as  $\varepsilon$  tends to 0. Integrating (2.7) over  $(0, t)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |u'_\varepsilon(t)|^l u'_\varepsilon(t) - |u'_\varepsilon(0)|^l u'_\varepsilon(0) &= c \int_0^t |u'_\varepsilon(s)|^\alpha u'_\varepsilon(s) ds - d \int_0^t |u_\varepsilon(s)|^\beta u_\varepsilon(s) ds - \varepsilon \int_0^t u''_\varepsilon(s) ds \\ &= c \int_0^t |u'_\varepsilon(s)|^\alpha u'_\varepsilon(s) ds - d \int_0^t |u_\varepsilon(s)|^\beta u_\varepsilon(s) ds - \varepsilon (u'_\varepsilon(t) - u_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

From (2.11), we then have, as  $\varepsilon$  tends to 0

$$|u'_\varepsilon|^l u'_\varepsilon \rightarrow c \int_0^t |u'(s)|^\alpha u'(s) ds - d \int_0^t |u(s)|^\beta u(s) ds + |u'(0)|^l u'(0) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}^0[0, T_0].$$

Hence

$$|u'|^l u' = c \int_0^t |u'(s)|^\alpha u'(s) ds - d \int_0^t |u(s)|^\beta u(s) ds + |u'(0)|^l u'(0), \quad (2.12)$$

and  $|u'|^l u' \in \mathcal{C}^1[0, T_0]$ . Finally by differentiating (2.12) we conclude that  $u$  is a solution of (1.1). Hence, the result with  $T = T_0$ .  $\square$

### 3 The maximal solution

In this section, we still assume  $0 \leq l \leq \inf\{\alpha, \beta\}$ . Then as a consequence of [1] the solution  $u$  of (1.1) with  $u(0) = u_0$  and  $u'(0) = u_1$  is unique on  $[0, T_0]$ . Moreover, if  $v$  is another solution of the same problem on  $[0, T_1]$  with  $T_1 > T_0$ , then  $u = v$  on  $[0, T_0]$ . This allows us to obtain a maximal solution on  $[0, T^*)$  with  $0 < T^* \leq +\infty$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Integrating (2.8) over  $(0, t)$ , we then have, by passing to the limit as  $\varepsilon$  tends to 0

$$E(t) - E(0) = c \int_0^t |u'(s)|^{\alpha+2} ds,$$

where

$$E(t) = \frac{l+1}{l+2} |u'(t)|^{l+2} + \frac{d}{\beta+2} |u(t)|^{\beta+2}.$$

It follows that  $E$  is differentiable at any point  $t \in [0, T^*)$  and

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(t) = c |u'(t)|^{\alpha+2}.$$

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(u_0, u_1) \neq (0, 0)$  be such that the unique solution of (2.6) is global. Then,  $u$  is unbounded and  $E(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t$  tends to  $\infty$ .

*Proof.* Assuming  $u$  to be global and bounded, we can introduce the compact metric space  $\mathbb{Z} = \overline{\bigcup_{t \geq 0} \{u(t), u'(t)\}}^{\mathbb{R}^2}$  endowed with the distance associated to the euclidian norm in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  be the dynamical system such that

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\ (v_0, v_1) &\mapsto (v(t), v'(t)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $v$  is the solution of problem (1.1) with  $v_0 = v(0)$  and  $v'(0) = v_1$ . For  $(\varphi, \psi) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we set

$$\Phi(\varphi, \psi) = -E(\varphi, \psi) = -\left(\frac{l+1}{l+2} |\psi|^{l+2} + \frac{d}{\beta+2} |\varphi|^{\beta+2}\right).$$

Then if  $(\varphi(t), \psi(t)) = S(t)(\varphi_0, \psi_0)$ , we have as previously shown in remark 3.1:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi(\varphi(t), \psi(t)) = -c |\psi(t)|^{\alpha+2} \leq 0.$$

In particular

$$\Phi(S(t)(\varphi, \psi)) \leq \Phi(\varphi, \psi), \quad \forall (\varphi, \psi) \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Let  $\omega(u_0, u_1)$  be the  $\omega$ -limit set of the  $(u(t), u'(t))$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . It is clear that  $\omega(u_0, u_1) \subset \{(v_0, v_1) \in \mathbb{Z}, (v(t), v'(t)) \text{ is global and bounded where } (v(t), v'(t)) = S(t)(v_0, v_1)\}$ .

Since  $\Phi(u(t), u'(t))$  is non-increasing and bounded, it has a limit  $L$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence,

$$\forall (v_0, v_1) \in \omega(u_0, u_1), \quad \Phi(S(t)(v_0, v_1)) = L, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Because

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi(v(t), v'(t)) = -c |v'(t)|^{\alpha+2} = 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

this implies  $v' \equiv 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and by the equation (1.1) we derive  $v \equiv 0$ .

We now know that  $\omega(u_0, u_1) = \{0, 0\}$ . In particular, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   $\Phi(u(t), u'(t)) \rightarrow \Phi(0, 0) = 0$ . But by hypothesis  $\Phi(u(t), u'(t))$  is non-increasing and  $\Phi(u(0), u'(0)) < 0$ . This is contradictory hence  $E(t)$  cannot be bounded.  $\square$

## 4 Blow-up of nontrivial solutions and energy estimates near blow-up

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\beta > \alpha > l$  and let  $u \neq 0$  be a solution of (1.1), then  $u$  blows-up in a finite time. Moreover, if  $T > 0$  denotes the blow-up time,*

i) *If  $l < \alpha \leq \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ , then there exist  $C_0, C_1 > 0$  such that*

$$C_0(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}} \leq E(t) \leq C_1(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}}, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow T, \quad (4.13)$$

ii) *If  $\frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2} < \alpha < \beta$ , then there exists  $C' > 0$  such that*

$$E(t) \leq C'(T-t)^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}}, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow T. \quad (4.14)$$

*Proof.* We consider the functional:

$$F(t) = E(t) - \epsilon |u|^\gamma |u|^{l+2} |u'|^l |u'|,$$

where  $l > 0$ ,  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

By using Young's inequality with exponents  $l+2$  and  $\frac{l+2}{l+1}$ , we obtain

$$\left| |u|^\gamma |u|^{l+2} |u'|^l |u'| \right| \leq c_1 |u|^{(\gamma+1)(l+2)} + c_2 |u'|^{l+2},$$

we assume that

$$(\gamma+1)(l+2) \leq \beta+2,$$

which reduces to the condition

$$\gamma \leq \frac{\beta-l}{l+2}, \quad (4.15)$$

therefore

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |u|^{(\gamma+1)(l+2)} \leq \max\{|u|^{\beta+2}, 1\} \leq |u|^{\beta+2} + 1.$$

Then, we obtain the existence of  $K > 0$  such that

$$-C_1 + E(t)(1 - K\epsilon) \leq F(t) \leq E(t)(1 + K\epsilon) + C_2,$$

for  $\epsilon$  small enough, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}E(t) - C_1 \leq F(t) \leq 2E(t) + C_2, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (4.16)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt}E(t) - \epsilon(|u|^\gamma u)' |u'|^l |u'| - \epsilon |u|^\gamma u (|u'|^l |u'|)' \\ &= c|u'|^{\alpha+2} + d\epsilon |u|^{\gamma+\beta+2} - \epsilon(\gamma+1)|u|^\gamma |u'|^{l+2} - c\epsilon |u|^\gamma u |u'|^\alpha u'. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

By using Young's inequality in the third term with exponents  $\frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha-l}$  and  $\frac{\alpha+2}{l+2}$ , we obtain

$$|u|^\gamma |u'|^{l+2} \leq \delta |u|^{\gamma(\frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha-l})} + c(\delta) |u'|^{\alpha+2}, \quad (4.18)$$

we assume that

$$\gamma \left( \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha-l} \right) \leq \gamma + \beta + 2,$$

this is equivalent to the condition

$$\gamma \leq (\beta + 2) \left( \frac{\alpha-l}{l+2} \right), \quad (4.19)$$

in order that

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |u|^{\gamma(\frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha-l})} \leq |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2} + 1.$$

Taking  $\delta$  small enough, we have for some  $P > 0$  and  $\rho_1 > 0$

$$-\epsilon(\gamma + 1) |u|^\gamma |u'|^{l+2} \geq -\frac{d\epsilon}{4} |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2} - \epsilon P |u'|^{\alpha+2} - \rho_1. \quad (4.20)$$

By using Young's inequality in the last term with exponents  $\alpha + 2$  and  $\frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha+1}$ , we obtain

$$|u|^\gamma u |u'|^\alpha u' \leq \delta |u|^{(\gamma+1)(\alpha+2)} + c'(\delta) |u'|^{\alpha+2},$$

we assume that

$$(\gamma + 1)(\alpha + 2) \leq \beta + \gamma + 2,$$

which reduces to the condition

$$\gamma \leq \frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha + 1}. \quad (4.21)$$

Then, we have

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |u|^{(\gamma+1)(\alpha+2)} \leq |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2} + 1.$$

Taking  $\delta$  small enough, we have for some  $P' > 0$  and  $\rho_2 > 0$

$$-\epsilon |u|^\gamma u |u'|^\alpha u' \geq -\frac{d\epsilon}{4} |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2} - \epsilon P' |u'|^{\alpha+2} - \rho_2. \quad (4.22)$$

Using (4.20) and (4.22), we have from (4.17)

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) &\geq (c - P\epsilon - P'\epsilon) |u'|^{\alpha+2} + \frac{d\epsilon}{2} |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2} - M \\ &\geq (c - Q\epsilon) |u'|^{\alpha+2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2} - M, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q = P + P'$ .

we have for  $\epsilon$  small enough,

$$F'(t) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} (|u'|^{\alpha+2} + |u|^{\beta+\gamma+2}) - M,$$

set

$$\gamma = \min \left\{ (\beta + 2) \frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2}, \frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha + 1}, \frac{\beta - l}{l + 2} \right\},$$

and

$$\sigma = \min \left\{ \frac{\alpha + 2}{l + 2}, 1 + \frac{\beta - \alpha}{(\beta + 2)(\alpha + 1)} \right\}.$$

Then, by using (4.16) and the inequality  $(x + y)^\sigma \leq c(\sigma)(x^\sigma + y^\sigma)$  for  $x, y \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) &\geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} c^{-1}(\sigma) c_1 E(t)^\sigma - M \\ &\geq \frac{\epsilon}{4} c_2 F(t)^\sigma - M', \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_2 = c^{-1}(\sigma) c_1$  and  $M' > 0$ .

First  $T_{\max} < \infty$ . Assuming  $T_{\max} = \infty$ , since  $E$  is unbounded and nondecreasing,  $E$  tends to infinity as  $t \rightarrow T_{\max}$  and by (4.16) so is  $F$ , thus there exists  $T^*$  for which  $\frac{\epsilon}{4} c_2 F(t)^\sigma > 2M'$  for  $t \geq T^*$ . Therefore,

$$F'(t) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{4} c_3 F(t)^\sigma, \quad (4.23)$$

a contradiction. Then  $T_{\max} = T < \infty$ .

Then, we distinguish two cases:

i)  $l < \alpha \leq \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ , so that  $(\beta + 2) \frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2} \leq \frac{\beta - l}{l + 2}$  and

$$\frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha + 1} - \frac{\beta - l}{l + 2} = \frac{(\beta - \alpha)(l + 2) - (\beta - l)(\alpha + 1)}{(\alpha + 1)(l + 2)} = \frac{\beta(l + 1) + l - \alpha(\beta + 2)}{(\alpha + 1)(l + 2)} \geq 0.$$

We choose

$$\gamma = \frac{(\beta + 2)(\alpha - l)}{l + 2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma = \frac{\alpha + 2}{l + 2}.$$

By using (4.23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (F(t))^{-\frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2}} &= -\frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2} F'(t) F(t)^{-\frac{\alpha + 2}{l + 2}} \\ &\leq -\frac{\alpha - l}{4(l + 2)} \epsilon c_3, \end{aligned}$$

by integrating the above inequality from  $t$  to  $\tau$ , we obtain

$$F(\tau)^{-\frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2}} - F(t)^{-\frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2}} \leq -\epsilon c_4 (\tau - t),$$

where  $c_4 = \frac{\alpha - l}{4(l + 2)} c_3$ .

Since  $F(\tau) \rightarrow +\infty$  if  $\tau \rightarrow T$ , then  $F(\tau)^{-\frac{\alpha - l}{l + 2}} \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore by letting  $\tau \rightarrow T$ , we obtain

$$F(t) \leq \epsilon^{-\frac{l + 2}{\alpha - l}} c_4' (T - t)^{-\frac{l + 2}{\alpha - l}},$$

assuming  $c_5 = \epsilon^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}} c'_4$ , we have

$$F(t) \leq c_5(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}},$$

using (4.16), we have

$$E(t) \leq C_1(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}}, \quad (4.24)$$

with  $C_1 > 2c_5$ .

For the converse inequality, we have

$$E'(t) = c|u'|^{\alpha+2} \leq cK E(t)^{\frac{\alpha+2}{l+2}}.$$

Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(t)^{-\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}} = -\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) E(t)^{-\frac{\alpha+2}{l+2}} \geq -\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2} cK,$$

by integrating the above inequality from  $t$  to  $\tau$ , we obtain

$$E(\tau)^{-\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}} - E(t)^{-\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2}} \geq -K \frac{\alpha-l}{l+2} c(\tau-t).$$

Since  $E(\tau) \rightarrow +\infty$  if  $\tau \rightarrow T$ , we have

$$E(t) \geq C_0(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}}. \quad (4.25)$$

Therefore by (4.24) and (4.25), we obtain

$$C_0(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}} \leq E(t) \leq C_1(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{\alpha-l}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

ii) if  $\frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2} < \alpha < \beta$ , we have  $\frac{\beta-\alpha}{\alpha+1} < \frac{\beta-l}{l+2}$  and  $(\beta+2)\frac{\alpha-l}{l+2} > \frac{\beta-l}{l+2}$ .

We choose

$$\gamma = \frac{\beta-\alpha}{\alpha+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma = 1 + \frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}.$$

From (4.23), we obtain

$$F'(t) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{4} c_3(\alpha, \beta) F(t)^{1+\frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}}, \quad (4.26)$$

by (4.26), we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} F(t)^{-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}} = -\frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)} \frac{d}{dt} F(t) F(t)^{-1-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}} \leq -\epsilon c_6,$$

by integrating the above inequality from  $t$  to  $\tau$ , we have

$$F(\tau)^{-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}} - F(t)^{-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}} \leq -\epsilon c_6(\tau-t),$$

if  $\tau \rightarrow T$ , we obtain

$$F(t) \leq \epsilon^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}} c'_6 (T-t)^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}},$$

assuming  $C' = \epsilon^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}} c'_6$

$$E(t) \leq C'(T-t)^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}}.$$

The proof of Theorem 4.1 is now completed.  $\square$

## 5 Oscillatory blow-up of solutions to (1.1) for $\alpha$ small

In this section, we establish the oscillatory blow-up of nontrivial solutions of (1.1). We can use the method from [2], we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Assume that*

$$l < \alpha < \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$$

or

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}, \quad c < (\beta+2) \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(\beta+1)(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}},$$

then, all nontrivial solutions of (1.1) have oscillatory blow-up at time  $T < \infty$  and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = +\infty, \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = -\infty.$$

*Proof.* We proceed in 2 steps.

Step 1. For  $T > 0$ ,  $u'(t)$  has at least a zero on  $[0, T]$ . Assume the contrary, which means that  $u'(t)$  has a constant sign on  $[0, T]$ .

For  $t \in [0, T]$ , we introduce the polar coordinate as follows

$$\left( \frac{d(l+2)}{(\beta+2)(l+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} |u|^{\frac{\beta}{2}} u = r(t) \cos \theta(t), \quad |u'|^{\frac{1}{2}} u' = r(t) \sin \theta(t), \quad (5.27)$$

where  $r$  and  $\theta$  are two  $C^1$  functions and  $r(t) = \left( \frac{l+2}{l+1} E(t) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} > 0$ .

A simple calculations shows that  $\theta$  satisfies at any non-singular point, the differential equation

$$\theta' = Ar^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} \sin \theta \cos \theta |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} - Br^{\frac{2(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}}, \quad (5.28)$$

where

$$A = c \frac{l+2}{2(l+1)}, \quad B = \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} \frac{l+2}{2(l+1)}.$$

Since  $l < \alpha < \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ , we have  $\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2} < \frac{2(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)}$  and if  $t \rightarrow T$ ,  $r(t) \sim C(T-t)^{-\frac{l+2}{2(\alpha-l)}}$ .

Then, if  $t \rightarrow T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} r(t)^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}+1} \cos \theta &= r(t)^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2(\alpha+1)}{l+2} - \frac{l}{l+2}} \cos \theta \\ &\leq \varrho r(t)^{\frac{2(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)}} |\sin \theta|^{-\frac{l}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\theta' \leq -\xi(T-t)^{-\gamma} |\sin \theta|^{-\frac{l}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}, \quad \text{if } t \rightarrow T,$$

where  $\xi > 0$  and

$$\gamma = \frac{l+2}{\alpha-l} \frac{\beta-l}{(\beta+2)(l+2)} > 1.$$

In the case  $\alpha = \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ , we have

$$\theta' = -\frac{l+2}{2(l+1)}r(t)^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}}|\sin\theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}}|\cos\theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}\left\{\left(\frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c|\sin\theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}+1}|\cos\theta|^{1-\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}\right\},$$

since  $\alpha = \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ , we have  $\frac{\beta}{\beta+2} = \frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}$ .

Then

$$\theta' \leq -\frac{l+2}{2(l+1)}r(t)^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}}|\sin\theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}}|\cos\theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}\left\{\left(\frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c|\sin\theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}+1}|\cos\theta|^{1-\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}}\right\},$$

assuming  $f(\theta) = |\sin\theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}+1}|\cos\theta|^{1-\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}}$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then, we have

$$\max_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} f(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}} \left(\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}}. \quad (5.29)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c|\sin\theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}+1}|\cos\theta|^{1-\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} \\ & \geq \left(\frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c\left(\frac{1}{\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}}\left(\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c\left(\frac{1}{\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}}\left(\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} > 0 \Leftrightarrow c < (\beta+2)\left(\frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(\beta+1)(l+2)}\right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}},$$

then, we find in all cases for  $t \rightarrow T$ ,

$$\theta' \leq -\xi(T-t)^{-1}|\sin\theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}}|\cos\theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}.$$

We introduce the function

$$H(s) = \int_a^s \frac{|\sin u|^{\frac{l}{l+2}}}{|\cos u|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}}} du,$$

suppose that  $u$  does not vanish if  $t \rightarrow T$  and for  $t \in [t_0, T]$ , we may assume for instance  $\theta(t) \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $H(\theta(t)) = F(t)$

$$\forall t_0 \leq t \leq T, F'(t) \leq -\xi(T-t)^{-1},$$

we integrate from  $t_0$  to  $t$

$$H(\theta(t)) \leq H(\theta(t_0)) - \xi \log(T-t_0) + \xi \log(T-t),$$

if  $t \rightarrow T$ , we find  $H(\theta(t)) \rightarrow -\infty$ . Or  $H(\theta(t))$  is non-negative, then, we obtain a contradiction. Therefore,  $u'$  has a zero on each half-line.

Step 2. Applying Step 1, we know that  $u'$  has an infinite sequence of zeroes tending to infinity.

We claim that between two successive zeroes of  $u'$  there is a zero of  $u$ . Indeed let  $u'(a) = u'(b) = 0$  with  $a < b$  and  $u' \neq 0$  in  $(a, b)$ . If  $u$  has a constant sign in  $(a, b)$ , by the equation  $(|u'|^l u)'$  has the same sign for  $t = a$  and  $t = b$ , which implies that  $(|u'|^l u)'$  have opposite signs on  $(a, a + \eta)$  and  $(b - \eta, b)$  for  $\eta > 0$  small enough, a contradiction with  $u' \neq 0$  in  $(a, b)$ . Finally, by (4.13) we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} u^2(t) + u'(t) = +\infty$ . From the existence of infinitely many zeroes of  $u(t)$  and  $u'(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow T$  it is easy to deduce that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = +\infty,$$

and

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = -\infty.$$

The proof of Theorem 5.1 is now completed.  $\square$

## 6 Non-oscillatory blow-up of solutions to (1.1) for $\alpha$ large

**Theorem 6.1.** *Assume  $l \leq \alpha$  and  $\frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2} < \alpha < \beta$ . Then any solution  $u(t)$  has a finite number of zeroes in  $(T - \epsilon, T)$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and blows-up as  $t \rightarrow T$ , where  $T$  is the blow-up time.*

*Proof.* We introduce

$$G(s) = \int_0^s |\sin v|^{\frac{2\alpha+l}{l+2}} \sin v \cos v \, dv.$$

First we observe that  $G \circ \theta$  is  $\mathcal{C}^1$  on any interval where  $u'$  does not vanish. Indeed on such an interval,  $\theta$  is  $\mathcal{C}^1$  and

$$[G(\theta(t))]' = Ar(t)^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} \cos^2 \theta |\sin \theta|^{\frac{4(\alpha+1)+l}{l+2}} - Br(t)^{\frac{2(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha}{l+2}} \sin \theta \cos \theta.$$

Then we observe that when  $\sin \theta$  vanishes, the right hand side of the above equality is 0. Actually it is also continuous at points where  $\sin \theta$  vanishes, so that finally  $G \circ \theta$  is  $\mathcal{C}^1$  everywhere. Now using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & Br(t)^{\frac{2(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)} - \frac{2(l+1)}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha}{l+2}} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ & \leq \frac{B^2}{A} r(t)^{\frac{4(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)} - \frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} + Ar(t)^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{4(\alpha+1)+l}{l+2}} \cos^2 \theta, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$[G(\theta(t))]' \geq -Cr(t)^{\frac{4(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)} - \frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}}.$$

Since  $\beta > \alpha > \frac{\beta(l+1)+l}{\beta+2}$ , from (4.14), we have  $r(t) \leq C'(T-t)^{-\frac{(\beta+2)(\alpha+1)}{\beta-\alpha}}$  for  $t$  close enough to  $T$ , then

$$[G(\theta(t))]' \geq -C'(T-t)^{-\lambda},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \left( \frac{4(\beta-l)}{(\beta+2)(l+2)} - \frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2} \right) \frac{(\alpha+1)(\beta+2)}{\beta-\alpha} \\ &= 1 + \alpha \left[ \frac{\beta(l+1) + l - \alpha(\beta+2)}{(\beta-\alpha)(l+2)} \right] < 1.\end{aligned}$$

To finish the proof we shall use the following Lemma (cf.[4] for proof).

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $\theta \in \mathcal{C}^1(a, T)$  and  $G$  be a non constant  $\tau$ -periodic function. We assume  $G \circ \theta \in \mathcal{C}^1(a, T)$  and for some  $h \in L^1(a, T)$*

$$[G(\theta(t))]' \geq h(t), \quad \forall t \in [a, T].$$

*Then, for  $t_1 \leq t < T$ ,  $\theta(t)$  remains in some interval of length  $\leq \tau$ . In addition, if  $G'$  has finite number of zeroes on  $[0, \tau]$ , then  $\theta(t)$  has a limit for  $t \rightarrow T$ .*

**The proof of Theorem 6.1.** From Lemma 6.2,  $\theta(t) \rightarrow \Theta$  as  $t \rightarrow T$ . We distinguish two cases:

**Case 1:** If  $\Theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \pmod{[\pi]}$ ,  $u \sim Cr^{\frac{2}{\beta+2}} > 0$  if  $t \rightarrow T$ , then  $u$  has a constant sign.

**Case 2:** If  $\Theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \pmod{[\pi]}$ ,  $|u'| \sim r(t)^{\frac{2}{l+2}} > 0$  if  $t \rightarrow T$ , then  $u'(t)$  does not vanish and  $u(t)$  has a constant sign if  $t \rightarrow T$ .

Let  $t_0$  be such that  $u$  has a constant sign on  $(t_0, T)$ , if  $u'(t)$  has several zeroes in  $(T - \epsilon, T)$  for  $\epsilon > 0$  small enough, then  $(|u'(t)|^l u'(t))'$  must have different signs at two successive zeroes  $|u'(t)|^l u'(t)$ . From equation (1.1)  $u$  must have different signs also, which is impossible. Thus,  $u'(t)$  has a constant sign as  $t \rightarrow T$ .

$E(t)$  is unbounded, then  $E(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t$  tends to  $T$ . Then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T} u(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} u'(t) = \pm\infty,$$

Since  $u(t)$  and  $u'(t)$  have the same sign if  $t \rightarrow T$ . □

**Theorem 6.3.** *Assuming  $l \leq \alpha$  and*

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta(1+l) + l}{\beta+2}, \quad c \geq c_0 = (\beta+2) \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(\beta+1)(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}},$$

*then any solution  $u(t)$  of (1.1) blows-up in finite time  $T$  and has a finite number of zeroes in  $[0, T]$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\alpha = \frac{\beta(1+l) + l}{\beta+2}$ , then clearly  $\frac{\beta}{\beta+2} = \frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}$ . In this case

$$\begin{aligned}\theta' &= -\frac{l+2}{2(l+1)} r^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}} \left\{ \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}} - c \sin \theta \cos \theta |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{l+2}{2(l+1)} r^{\frac{2(\alpha-l)}{l+2}} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} \left\{ \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c \sin \theta \cos \theta |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{-\beta}{\beta+2}} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

We set

$$K(\theta) = \frac{l+2}{2(l+1)} |\sin \theta|^{\frac{-l}{l+2}} \left\{ \left( \frac{(\beta+2)(l+1)}{d(l+2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} - c \sin \theta \cos \theta |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} \right\}$$

i) If  $c = c_0$ , using (5.29), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{(\beta + 2)(l + 1)}{d(l + 2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c \sin \theta \cos \theta |\sin \theta|^{\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{\frac{-\beta}{\beta+2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{(\beta + 2)(l + 1)}{d(l + 2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c_0 |\sin \theta|^{1+\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} |\cos \theta|^{1-\frac{2\alpha-l}{l+2}} \\ &\geq \left( \frac{(\beta + 2)(l + 1)}{d(l + 2)} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} - c_0 \left( \frac{1}{\beta + 2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta+2}} \left( \frac{\beta + 1}{\beta + 2} \right)^{\frac{\beta+1}{\beta+2}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$K(\theta) > 0$ , so that  $\theta$  is non-increasing. The distance of two consecutive zeroes of  $K(\theta)$  other than  $\frac{\pi}{2} \pmod{\pi}$  is not more than  $\pi$ , therefore we have two cases:

**Case 1:** if  $\theta(t)$  remains in an interval of length less than  $\pi$ , then  $\theta$  is bounded from above and is non-increasing thus it converges to a limit as  $t \rightarrow T$  and achieves at most one a value for which  $u$  vanishes.

**Case 2:** if  $\theta(t)$  coincides with one of these zeros for a finite value of  $t$ , due to existence and uniqueness for the ODE satisfies by  $\theta(t)$  near the non-trivial equilibria,  $\theta(t)$  is constant and  $u$  never vanishes.

ii) If  $c > c_0$ ,  $K(\theta) < 0$ . We have two cases:

**Case 1:** if  $\theta(t) \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then, it is bounded and since  $K(\theta) < 0$  near the trivial zeros,  $\theta(t)$  is monotone, and therefore it is convergent as  $t \rightarrow T$ .

**Case 2:** if  $\theta(t) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then it remains constant and  $u$  never vanishes.

□

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