

## The blow-up of solutions for porous medium equations with viscoelastic term under positive initial energy

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary value problem to a class of porous medium equations with viscoelastic term

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u^m + \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta u^m(x,s)ds = u^p, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where  $p > m$  ( $m > 0$ ). We prove that the weak solutions of the above problem blow up in finite time when the initial energy is positive and the function  $g$  satisfies suitable conditions. Our result generalizes that of S.A. Messaoudi in [1].

### §1 Introduction

We consider the following equations with viscoelastic term

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u^m + \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta u^m(x,s)ds = u^p, & x \in \Omega, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(x,t) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t \geq 0, \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) is a bounded domain,  $\partial\Omega$  is Lipschitz continuous,  $u_0 \geq 0$ ,  $m > 0$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a bounded  $C^1$  function. Problem (1) arises from a variety of mathematical model in engineering and physical sciences.

A purely elastic material has a capacity to store mechanical energy with no dissipation of the energy [2]. This is the case for viscoelastic material. Thus, it is widely used in physics and other fields, such as the diffusion of electrorheological fluids [3], heat conduction with memory materials and viscous flow in viscoelastic materials [4], and the types of materials with dissipation and storage of mechanical energy [5]. In the past few decades, the study of equations with viscoelastic terms has drawn a considerable attention. When  $m = 1$ , there are

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many results have been obtained. We refer the interested readers to [6]-[11]. In [1], Messaoudi considered the following initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u + \int_0^t g(t-s)\Delta u(x,s)ds = |u|^{q-2}u, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x,t) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

He proved that the solution of (2) blows up in finite time when the initial energy is negative and  $q$  satisfies the following conditions

$$2 < q \leq \frac{2(n-1)}{n-2}, n > 2; \quad q > 2 (n = 1, 2).$$

The absence of the viscoelastic term ( $g = 0$ ) for Problem (1)

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u^m = u^p & (x,t) \in \Omega \times (0,T), \\ u(x,t) = 0, & (x,t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0,T), \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

has been studied by various authors and several results have been established [12]-[16]. But the viscoelastic term makes the Problem (1) more complicated. Specially in the existence of viscoelastic term, we need to estimate the terms

$$\int_0^t g(t-s)\|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds, \quad \int_0^t g'(t-s)\|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds$$

and

$$\int_0^t g(t-s) \int_{\Omega} \nabla u^m(x,t) \cdot (\nabla u^m(x,s) - \nabla u^m(x,t)) dx ds.$$

Motivated by the above works, we investigate a more general porous media equation than Problem (2). By using the differential inequality technique, we establish the blow-up of weak solutions for Problem (1) with positive initial energy, and obtain an upper bound of blow-up time, which enrich the results of weak solutions blow up under negative initial energy in [1].

## §2 Blow up in finite time

First, we need to introduce the following definitions.

**Definition 2.1** A function  $u^m(x,t) \in L^\infty(\Omega \times (0,T)) \cap L^2(0,T; H_0^1(\Omega))$  is called solution of Problem (1) if and only if the following equality holds

$$\begin{aligned} - \int_{\Omega} u_0(x)\varphi(x,0)dx - \int \int_{Q_T} (u\varphi_t - \nabla u^m \cdot \nabla \varphi) dx dt - \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_0^t g(t-s)\nabla u^m(x,s)\nabla \varphi ds \right) dx dt \\ = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} u^p \varphi dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varphi \in \Phi = \{\varphi \mid \varphi \in H^1(\Omega \times (0,T)), \varphi(x,T) = 0, \varphi(x,t)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}$ ,  $u_0 \in L^\infty(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $u(x,t)$  be a weak solution of Problem (1), we call the function  $u(x,t)$  blows up in finite time if the maximal existence time  $T$  is finite and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T^-} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^m(\Omega)} = +\infty.$$

The energy functional corresponding to Problem (1) is

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 - \frac{m}{m+p} \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds. \tag{4}$$

For the relaxation function  $g$  and the number  $p$ , we assume that

$$g(s) \geq 0, \quad g'(s) \leq 0, \quad 1 - \int_0^\infty g(s) ds = l > 0, \tag{5}$$

$$m < p \leq \frac{m(n+2)}{n-2}, \quad n \geq 3. \tag{6}$$

We also set

$$\alpha_1 = B^{-\frac{p+m}{p-m}}, \quad E_1 = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{m}{m+p} \right) \alpha_1^2, \tag{7}$$

where  $B = \frac{C^*}{l^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  for  $C^*$  the best constant of the Sobolev embedding  $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{1+\frac{p}{m}}(\Omega)$ .

Multiplying the Equation (1) by  $(u^m)_t$  and integrating over  $\Omega$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g'(t-\tau) \|\nabla^m(t) - \nabla u^m(\tau)\|_2^2 d\tau - \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 - m \int_\Omega u^m \cdot (u_t)^2 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g'(t-\tau) \|\nabla^m(t) - \nabla u^m(\tau)\|_2^2 d\tau - \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{4m}{(m+1)^2} \int_\Omega \left( u^{\frac{m+1}{2}} \right)_t^2 dx \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $u$  be a solution of (1) with initial data satisfying

$$E(0) < E_1, \quad \|\nabla u_0^m\|_2 > \alpha_1. \tag{9}$$

Then there exists a constant  $\beta > \alpha_1$  such that

$$\left[ \left( 1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \beta, \tag{10}$$

$$\|u\|_{m+p} \geq B^{\frac{1}{m}} \beta^{\frac{1}{m}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* By the Sobolev embedding  $H_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{1+\frac{p}{m}}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$\|u\|_{m+p}^m = \|u^m\|_{1+\frac{p}{m}, \Omega} = C^* \|\nabla u^m\|_{2, \Omega}, \quad m < p \leq \frac{m(n+2)}{n-2}, \quad (n \geq 3). \tag{12}$$

Combining the above inequality and (4), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 - \frac{m}{m+p} \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \\ &\quad - \frac{m}{m+p} C^{*\frac{m+p}{m}} \|\nabla u^m\|_2^{\frac{m+p}{m}}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Let  $C^* = Bl^{\frac{1}{2}}$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(t) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \\
 &\quad - \frac{m}{m+p} B^{\frac{m+p}{m}} l^{\frac{m+p}{2m}} \|\nabla u^m\|_2^{\frac{m+p}{m}} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{mB^{\frac{m+p}{m}}}{m+p} \left[ \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 \right]^{\frac{m+p}{2m}} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - \frac{m}{m+p} B^{\frac{m+p}{m}} \alpha^{\frac{m+p}{m}} \doteq h(\alpha),
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where

$$\alpha = \left[ \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

It is easy to verify that  $h$  is increasing for  $0 < \alpha < \alpha_1$ , decreasing for  $\alpha > \alpha_1$ ,  $h(\alpha) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$  and

$$h(\alpha_1) = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{m}{m+p}\right) B^{-\frac{2(p+m)}{p-m}} = E_1, \tag{15}$$

Therefore, since  $E(0) < E_1$ , there exists  $\beta > \alpha_1$  such that  $h(\beta) = E(0)$ . By using (14), we have

$$h(\|\nabla u_0^m\|_2) \leq E(0) = h(\beta), \tag{16}$$

which implies that  $\|\nabla u_0^m\|_2 \geq \beta$ .

We suppose by contradiction that

$$\left[ \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \beta \tag{17}$$

for some  $t_0 > 0$  and by the continuity of

$$\left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds,$$

we can choose  $t_0$  such that

$$\left[ \left(1 - \int_0^{t_0} g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^{t_0} g(t_0-s) \|\nabla u^m(t_0) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} > \alpha_1.$$

So we can get by (14)

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(t_0) &\geq h \left( \left[ \left(1 - \int_0^{t_0} g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^{t_0} g(t_0-s) \|\nabla u^m(t_0) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\
 &> h(\beta) = E(0).
 \end{aligned}$$

This is impossible since  $E(t) \leq E(0)$  for all  $t \in [0, T)$ . So (10) is established.

To prove (11), we obtain from (4) and (9)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \leq E(0) + \frac{m}{m+p} \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p},$$

consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m}{m+p} \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left[ (1 - \int_0^t g(s)) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 + \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(t) - \nabla u^m(s)\|_2^2 ds \right] - E(0) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 - E(0) = \frac{m}{m+p} B^{\frac{m+p}{m}} \beta^{\frac{m+p}{m}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (11) yields the desired result. The proof is completed. □

**Theorem 2.1** Assume that (5), (6) and (7) hold. Give  $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$  satisfying

$$\|\nabla u_0\|_2 > \alpha_1, \quad E(0) < E_1. \tag{18}$$

If

$$\int_0^\infty g(s) ds < \frac{1 - c_0}{1 - \frac{3}{4}c_0}, \quad c_0 = \frac{2m}{m+p} + \frac{p-m}{p+m} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{m+p}{m}} < 1, \tag{19}$$

then any solution of (1) blows up in finite time.

*Proof.* We define

$$G(t) = \frac{1}{m+1} \int_\Omega u^{m+1} dx,$$

and differentiate  $G(t)$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t) &= \int_\Omega u^m u_t dx \\ &= \int_\Omega u^m (\Delta u^m - \int_0^t g(t-s) \Delta u^m ds + u^p) dx \\ &= - \int_\Omega |\nabla u^m|^2 dx + \int_\Omega u^{m+p} dx + \int_\Omega \int_0^t g(t-s) \nabla u^m(x,t) \nabla u^m(x,s) ds dx \\ &= - \int_\Omega |\nabla u^m|^2 dx + \int_\Omega \int_0^t g(t-s) |\nabla u^m(x,t)|^2 ds dx \\ &\quad - \int_\Omega \int_0^t g(t-s) \nabla u^m(x,t) (\nabla u^m(x,t) - \nabla u^m(x,s)) ds dx + \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p}. \end{aligned}$$

By the Hölder inequality and Young's inequality, we can arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t) &\geq -\left(1 - \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t g(t-s) ds\right) \|\nabla u^m\|_2^2 \\ &\quad - \int_0^t g(t-s) \|\nabla u^m(x,t) - \nabla u^m(x,s)\|_2^2 ds + \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Let  $H(t) = E_1 - E(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . We substitute for  $\|\nabla u^m\|_2^2$  from (4), so (20) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t) &\geq \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p} + \frac{2(1 - \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t g(s) ds)}{1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds} H(t) - \frac{2(1 - \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t g(s) ds)}{1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds} E_1 \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1 - \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t g(s) ds}{1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds} - 1 \right) \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \|\nabla u^m(x,t) - \nabla u^m(x,\tau)\|_2^2 d\tau \\ &\quad - \frac{2m}{m+p} \frac{1 - \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t g(s) ds}{1 - \int_0^t g(s) ds} \|u\|_{m+p}^{m+p} \geq \gamma \int_\Omega u^{m+p} dx, \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

where

$$\gamma = 1 - \left[ \frac{2m}{m+p} + \frac{p-m}{p+m} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{m+p}{m}} \right] \frac{1 - \frac{3}{4} \int_0^\infty g(s) ds}{1 - \int_0^\infty g(s) ds} > 0. \tag{22}$$

By the embedding theorem  $L^{m+p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{m+1}(\Omega)$ , we obtain that

$$\|u\|_{m+1} \leq C_1 \|u\|_{m+p}. \quad (23)$$

Inserting (23) into (21), we can derive that

$$G'(t) \geq C_2 G(t)^{\frac{m+p}{m+1}}, \quad (24)$$

where  $C_2 = \gamma C_1^{-(m+p)} (m+1)^{\frac{m+p}{m+1}}$ ,  $C_1$  is a best embedding constant. By a direct integration of (24), we can get

$$G^{\frac{p-1}{m+1}}(t) \geq \frac{1}{G^{\frac{1-p}{1+m}}(0) - \frac{p-1}{m+1} C_2 t}.$$

The above inequality implies that  $G(t)$  blows up at finite time  $T^* \leq \frac{(m+1)G^{\frac{1-p}{1+m}}(0)}{(p-1)C_2}$ .  $\square$

## Declarations

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