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FREE BOUNDARY PROBLEM FOR QUASILINEAR PARABOLIC EQUATION WITH FIXED ANGLE OF CONTACT TO A BOUNDARY

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1. Introduction

We consider the following free boundary problem of form:

\[ u_t = (u(u_x))_x, \quad s(t) < x < 0, \quad t > 0, \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.1)
\[ u_x(s(t), t) = \tan \theta_0, \quad t \geq 0, \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.2)
\[ u_x(0, t) = \tan \theta_1, \quad t \geq 0, \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.3)
\[ u(s(t), t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.4)
\[ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad s(0) := s_0 \leq x \leq 0. \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.5)

where \( a \in C^2(\mathbb{R}) \) and \( a'(\sigma) > 0 \) for \( \sigma \in \mathbb{R} \) \((t = \frac{d}{d\sigma})\), and \( s_0 \) is a given negative number, and \( u_0 \in C^2[s_0, 0] \). We also assume a compatibility condition \( u_{0x}(s_0) = \tan \theta_0, u_{0x}(0) = \tan \theta_1, u_0(s_0) = 0 \), and assume \( u_0(x) > 0 \) for \( x \in (s_0, 0] \). The angles \( \theta_i \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \) for \( i = 0, 1 \) will be measured counter-clockwise from the \( x \)-axis.

If we set \( a(\sigma) = \arctan \sigma \), the equation (1.1) is the curvature flow equation for the graph of \( a \) separating two phase. The curvature flow equation is one of the typical evolution equations which describe the motion of the phase boundary. In this case, this problem is the curvature flow problem with prescribed angle on the boundary of the second quadrant.
If we set $a(\sigma) = \sigma$, the equation (1.1) is the heat equation. In this case, this problem appears in the combustion theory.

In this note, we consider the convergence of the solution of (1.1)-(1.5) as $t \to \infty$ in the case $\theta_0 < \theta_1$. Our main goal of this paper is to show that the solution of (1.1)-(1.5) converges as $t \to \infty$ to the unique self-similar solution in the case $\theta_0 < \theta_1$.

**Main Theorem.** Assume that $\theta_0 < \theta_1$.

(I) There exists an expanding self-similar solution $S_t$ corresponding to the problem (1.1)-(1.5) which is unique up to translation of time. Moreover, $S_t$ is convex.

(II) Let $\Gamma_t$ be a solution of (1.1)-(1.5). Then, for each $\delta \in (0, 1/2)$, there is a constant $C_\delta$ such that

$$d_H(\Gamma_t, S_t) \leq C_\delta t^{-\delta} \text{ for } t \geq 1$$

where $d_H$ denotes the Hausdorff distance.

To prove this theorem, we employ what is called similarity change of variables:

$$u(x, t) = \sqrt{2t + 1} U(\xi, \tau), \quad s(t) = \sqrt{2t + 1} p(\tau), \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$\xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2t + 1}}, \quad \tau := \frac{1}{2} \log(2t + 1). \quad (1.7)$$

Then, problem (1.1)-(1.5) becomes

$$U_{\tau} = (a(U_{\xi}))_{\xi} + \xi U_{\xi} - U, \quad p(\tau) < \xi < 0, \quad \tau > 0. \quad (1.8)$$
$U_{\xi}(p(\tau), \tau) = \tan \theta_0, \quad \tau \geq 0. \quad (1.9)$

$U_{\xi}(0, \tau) = \tan \theta_1, \quad \tau \geq 0. \quad (1.10)$

$U(p(\tau), \tau) = 0, \quad \tau \geq 0. \quad (1.11)$

$U(\xi, 0) = U_0(\xi), \quad p(0) = s_0 \leq \xi \leq 0. \quad (1.12)$

A stationary solution to (1.8) is called a self-similar solution.

2. Existence and uniqueness of self-similar solution

In this section we show that the self-similar solution corresponding to the problem (1.1)-(1.5) exists uniquely. We consider the following ordinary differential equation of form (P):

$$(a(U_\xi))_{\xi} + \lambda \xi U_{\xi} - \lambda U = 0, \quad \xi \in (q, 0), \quad (2.1)$$

$U_{\xi}(q) = \tan \theta_0. \quad (2.2)$

$U_{\xi}(0) = \tan \theta_1. \quad (2.3)$

$U(q) = 0. \quad (2.4)$

This is the stationary problem of (1.8)-(1.12) for $\lambda = 1$. Here, the function $U$ and the number $\lambda$ is unknown and we shall discuss the existence of solutions.

**Theorem 2.1.** *(Existence and uniqueness)* Let $q, \theta_0, \theta_1$ be given constants. Assume that

$$q < 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta_0 \leq \theta_1 < \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (2.5)$$

Then there exists a unique solution $(\lambda, U) \in [0, \infty) \times C^2[q, 0]$ to (P). Moreover, $\lambda = 0$ is if and only if $\theta_0 = \theta_1$.\]
Remark 2.1. (Relation between $\lambda$ and $q$) We set $\lambda = \lambda(q)$. Then, $\lambda(\zeta q) = \lambda(q)/\zeta^2$ holds for $\zeta \in (0, \infty)$. Here, we set $q = -1$ and replace $-\zeta$ by $q$. Then,

$$
\lambda(q) = \frac{\lambda(-1)}{q^2}
$$

(2.5)

where $\lambda(-1)$ is a constant satisfying $\lambda(-1) = 0$ if $\theta_0 = \theta_1$ and $\lambda(-1) > 0$ if $\theta_0 < \theta_1$.

In Theorem 2.1, we determined $(\lambda, U)$ by giving $q, \theta_0, \theta_1$. But since (2.5) holds, we can determine $(q, U)$ by giving $\lambda, \theta_0, \theta_1$.

To prove Theorem 2.1, we shall employ the shooting method.

For given $\lambda \in [0, \infty)$, let $(P_\lambda)$ be the initial-value problem (2.1), (2.2), (2.4). We define the set $J$ as

$$
J := \{ \lambda \in [0, \infty) \mid \text{there exists a } U \in C^2[q, 0] \text{ satisfying } (P_\lambda) \}
$$

for the interval $[q, 0]$.

Clearly, $J$ includes $\lambda = 0$. Thus, $\lambda \neq \emptyset$.

Then, we obtain several lemmas with respect to $J$.

**Lemma 2.1.** (Openness of $J$) Assume that $\lambda_0 \in J$. Then there is a small $\hat{\delta} > 0$ so that the set $(\lambda_0 - \hat{\delta}, \lambda_0 + \hat{\delta}) \cap [0, \infty)$ is including in the set $J$.

**Lemma 2.2.** (Connectedness) Assume that $\lambda_0, \lambda_1 \in J$ and $\lambda_0 < \lambda_1$. If $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_1$, then $\lambda$ is included in the set $J$.

Moreover, we study qualitative properties of solution.

**Lemma 2.3.** Assume that $\lambda \in [\alpha, \beta]$, with constants $\alpha, \beta$ satisfying $0 \leq \alpha < \beta$. 
and that $U \in C^2[q, \gamma]$ with constants $q, \gamma$ satisfying $q < \gamma \leq 0$ fulfills

$$(a(U_\xi))_\xi + \lambda \xi U_\xi - \lambda U = 0, \ \xi \in [q, \gamma],$$

$$U_\xi(q) = \tan \theta_0,$$

$$U(q) = 0.$$  

Then, the following estimates are valid:

(i) $U_\xi(\xi ; \lambda) > 0$ for $\xi \in [q, \gamma]. \ \lambda > 0.$

(ii) $\dot{U}_\xi(\xi ; \lambda) > 0$ for $\xi \in [q, \gamma], \ \lambda \in [\alpha, \beta].$

(iii) $U_\xi(\xi ; \lambda) > 0$ for $\xi \in [q, \gamma]. \ \lambda \geq 0.$

$\dot{U}(\xi ; \lambda) > 0$ for $\xi \in [q, \gamma], \ \lambda \in [\alpha, \beta].$

where $\cdot$ is the differential with respect to $\lambda.$

By Lemma 2.1, $J$ is the open set included in the interval $[0, \infty).$ Moreover, we define $\Lambda_0 \in (0, \infty]$ as the supremum of $\lambda$ such that there exists a solution of $(P_\lambda)$ in $[q, 0].$ Then, by Lemma 2.2, that $J$ is an interval $[0, \Lambda_0).$

We now define the mapping

$$\Phi : [0, \Lambda_0) \ni \lambda \mapsto U_\xi(0 ; \lambda).$$

Then, Lemma 2.3 (ii) implies

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \lambda} > 0.$$ 

Thus, $\Phi$ is a monotone increasing function, which is a bijection;

$$\Phi : [0, \Lambda_0) \rightarrow [\tan \theta, \lim_{\lambda \uparrow \Lambda_0} \Phi(\lambda)].$$

Here, we obtain the following lemma.
Lemma 2.4. (i) Assume that $\Lambda_0 < \infty$. Then $\lim_{\lambda \uparrow \Lambda_0} \Phi(\lambda) = \infty$.

(ii) Assume that $\Lambda_0 = \infty$. Then $\lim_{\lambda \uparrow \infty} \Phi(\lambda) = \infty$.

Remark 2.2. (i) If $a$ is bounded from the above, i.e. there exists a constant $M$ such that $a(\sigma) < M$ for $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\Lambda_0 \leq \frac{M - a(\tan \theta_0)}{q^2 \tan \theta_0} < \infty.$$  

In fact, by means of simple computation, it follows that

$$a(U_\xi(0; \lambda)) \geq a(\tan \theta_0) + \lambda q^2 \tan \theta_0.$$  

Thus, for $\lambda \in (0, \Lambda_0)$

$$a(\tan \theta_0) + \lambda q^2 \tan \theta_0 \leq a(U_\xi(0; \lambda)) < M.$$  

Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$

$$a(\tan \theta_0) + (\Lambda_0 - \varepsilon)q^2 \tan \theta_0 < M.$$  

Hence,

$$\Lambda_0 < \frac{M - a(\tan \theta_0)}{q^2 \tan \theta_0} + \varepsilon.$$  

Since $\varepsilon$ is arbitrary,

$$\Lambda_0 \leq \frac{M - a(\tan \theta_0)}{q^2 \tan \theta_0}.$$  

(ii) We now rewrite the initial-value problem $(P_\lambda)$ by introducing a new dependent variable $y(\xi)$. We set

$$a(U_\xi(\xi)) := y(\xi).$$  

Since $a' > 0$, there exists a $C^2$ inverse function $a^{-1}$ of the function $a$ to get

$$U_\xi(\xi) = a^{-1}(y(\xi)).$$
The equation (2.1) becomes

\[ y_\xi + \lambda \xi u^{-1}(y) - \lambda U = 0. \]

It is easy to see that \((P_\lambda)\) is rewritten in the form of a system

\[
\frac{d}{d\xi} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ U \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda \xi u^{-1}(y) + \lambda U \\ a^{-1}(y) \end{pmatrix},
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix} y(q) \\ U(q) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a(\tan \theta) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.
\]

For later notation, we set

\[ F(\xi, y, U, \lambda) := \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda \xi u^{-1}(y) + \lambda U \\ a^{-1}(y) \end{pmatrix}. \]

If the initial-value problem \((P_\lambda)\) is solvable for any \(\lambda \in [0, \infty)\), i.e. \(\sup_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d}{dy} u^{-1}(y) < \infty\), \(\Lambda_0 = \infty\). Because, if \(\sup_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d}{dy} u^{-1}(y) < \infty\), \(F\) is Lipschitz continuous with respect to \(y, U\) for any \(\lambda \in [0, \infty)\).

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** By Lemma 2.4,

\[ \Phi([0, \Lambda_0)) = [\tan \theta_0, \infty). \]

Moreover, since \(\partial \Phi/\partial \lambda > 0\) by Lemma 2.3 (ii), \(\Phi\) is one-to-one. Thus, \(\Phi\) is a bijection. Consequently, for any \(\alpha := \tan \theta_1 \in [\tan \theta_0, \infty)\), there exist a unique \((\lambda, U) \in [0, \Lambda_0) \times C^2([q, 0])\) satisfying the initial-value problem \((P_\lambda)\) and \(U_\xi(0) = \tan \theta_1\).

\[ \square \]

3. **Convergence of a solution for \(\theta_0 < \theta_1\)**

We consider the convergence of the solution of (1.1)-(1.5). Here, we shall discuss the convergence of a solution for problem (1.8)-(1.12).
Theorem 3.1. Assume that \( u_0 \in C^2[s_0,0] \) satisfying \( u_0(s_0) = \tan \theta_0, \ u_0(0) = \tan \theta_1, \ u_0(s_0) = 0, \) and \( u_0(\xi) > 0 \) for \( \xi \in (s_0,0] \). Moreover, assume that \((\hat{U}(\xi,\tau), p(\tau))\) is a smooth solution for problem (1.8)-(1.12). Then \((\hat{U}(\xi,\tau), p(\tau))\) converge as \( \tau \to \infty \) to \((U^*(\xi), p^*)\) satisfying

\[
(a(U^*_\xi))(\xi) + \xi U^*_\xi - U^* = 0, \quad p^* < \xi < 0, \quad (3.1)
\]

\[
U^*_\xi(p^*) = \tan \theta_0, \quad (3.2)
\]

\[
U^*_\xi(0) = \tan \theta_1, \quad (3.3)
\]

\[
U^*(p^*) = 0. \quad (3.4)
\]

Moreover, this convergence is exponential:

\[
\hat{d}_H(\hat{\Gamma}_\tau, \hat{S}) \leq Ce^{-\delta_0 \tau}
\]

for each \( \delta_0 \in (0,2) \) and \( \tau \geq 0 \) where \( \hat{d}_H \) denotes the Hausdorff distance, \( \hat{\Gamma}_\tau \) is the solution of (1.8)-(1.12), \( \hat{S} \) is the solution of (3.1)-(3.4), and \( C \) is a constant and is independent of \( \tau \).

For the proof of Theorem 3.1, we construct a subsolution and a supersolution for the problem (1.8)-(1.12), which converges as \( \tau \to \infty \) to \( U^* \) satisfying (3.1)-(3.4), and use the strong maximum principle.

3.1 Structure of a subsolution

We first define \( v_0(\xi) \) as the following. We set

\[
K := \min \left\{ \tan \theta_0, \inf_{\xi \in (s_0,0)} \left( \frac{u_0(\xi)}{\xi - s_0} \right) \right\}.
\]

Here we choose a constant \( \ell \) satisfying

\[
\frac{s_0K}{\tan \theta_1} < \ell < 0. \quad (3.5)
\]
(cf. Figure 3.1). Then, by Theorem 2.1, there exist a unique \((\lambda_\ell, v_0) \in (0, \infty) \times C^2[\ell, 0]\) satisfying

\[
(a(v_0))_\xi + \lambda_\ell \xi v_0 - \lambda_\ell v_0 = 0, \quad \ell < \xi < 0, \quad (3.6)
\]

\[
v_0(\xi) = \tan \theta_0, \quad (3.7)
\]

\[
v_0(0) = \tan \theta_1, \quad (3.8)
\]

\[
v_0(\ell) = 0. \quad (3.9)
\]

By Remark 2.1, if necessary, we choose \(\lambda_\ell\) such that \(\lambda_\ell > 1\). Then, we get the following relation between \(u_0\) and \(v_0\).

**Lemma 3.1.** Assume that \(v_0\) satisfies (3.6)-(3.9). Then the following estimate is valid:

\[
u_0(\xi) > v_0(\xi) \quad \text{for} \quad \xi \in [\ell, 0].
\]

Moreover, we get the following relation between \(U^*\) and \(v_0\).

**Lemma 3.2.** Assume that \(U^*\) satisfies (3.1)-(3.4) and \(v_0\) satisfies (3.6)-(3.9).

Then \(U^*\) is represented by \(v_0\) as the following:

\[
U^*(\xi) = \sqrt{\lambda_\ell} v_0 \left( \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{\lambda_\ell}} \right).
\]

Moreover, this representation is unique.

Then, applying Lemma 3.1, Lemma 3.2 and that \(U^*\) satisfies (3.1)-(3.4), we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.1.** For any \(\delta_1 \in (0, 2]\), we define

\[
V(\eta, \tau) := \varphi(\tau) U^* \left( \frac{\eta}{\varphi(\tau)} \right) \quad (3.10)
\]
where $\varphi(t) = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda t}} - 1\right)e^{-\lambda t}$. Then, $V$ is a subsolution of (1.8)-(1.12).

### 3.2 Structure of a supersolution

We first define $w_0(\xi)$ as the following. Now, we choose a constant $L$ satisfying $L < s_0$ and

$$0 < \sup_{\xi \in [s_0, 0]} \left(\frac{w_0(\xi)}{\xi - L}\right) \leq \tan \theta_0. \quad (3.11)$$

(cf. Figure 3.2). Then, by Theorem 2.1, there exist a unique $(\lambda_L, w_0) \in (0, \infty) \times C^2[L, 0]$ satisfying

$$(a(w_0\xi))\xi + \lambda_L \xi w_0 = 0, \quad L < \xi < 0. \quad (3.12)$$

$$w_{0\xi}(L) = \tan \theta_0. \quad (3.13)$$

$$w_{0\xi}(0) = \tan \theta_1. \quad (3.14)$$

$$w_0(L) = 0. \quad (3.15)$$

By Remark 2.1, if necessary, we choose $\lambda_L$ such that $0 < \lambda_L < 1$. Then, we get the following relation between $u_0$ and $w_0$.

**Lemma 3.3.** Assume that $w_0$ satisfies (3.12)-(3.15). Then the following estimate is valid:

$$w_0(\xi) < w_0(\xi) \quad \text{for} \quad \xi \in [s_0, 0].$$

Moreover, we get the following relation between $U^*$ and $w_0$.

**Lemma 3.4.** Assume that $U^*$ satisfies (3.1)-(3.4) and $w_0$ satisfies (3.12)-(3.15). Then $U^*$ is represented by $w_0$ as the following:

$$U^*(\xi) = \sqrt{\lambda_L} \, w_0 \left(\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{\lambda_L}}\right).$$
Moreover, this representation is unique.

Then, applying Lemma 3.3, Lemma 3.4 and that $U^*$ satisfies (3.1)-(3.4), we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.2.** For any $\delta_2 \in (0, \sqrt{\lambda_L} + 1)$, we define

$$W(\rho, \tau) := \psi(\tau)U^*\left(\frac{\rho}{\psi(\tau)}\right)$$

(3.16)

where $\psi(\tau) = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_L}} - 1\right)e^{-\delta_2 \tau}$. Then, $W$ is a supersolution of (1.8)-(1.12).

### 3.3 Proof of Theorem 3.1

We now set

$$d(\tau) := \inf\{[[(\xi - \eta)^2 + (U(\xi, \tau) - V(\eta, \tau))^2]^{1/2}

| p(\tau) \leq \xi \leq 0, \varphi(\tau)p^* \leq \eta \leq 0\}.$$  

Then, we get the following.

**Lemma 3.5.** For $\tau \geq 0$, $d(\tau) > 0$.

This lemma is proved by using the strong maximum principle.

Consequently, by means of Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.5, we get

$$p(\tau) < \varphi(\tau)p^*, \quad U(\eta, \tau) > V(\eta, \tau) \quad \text{for} \quad \varphi(\tau)p^* \leq \eta \leq 0, \tau \geq 0. \quad (3.17)$$

In the same way, we get

$$\psi(\tau)p^* < p(\tau), \quad W(\rho, \tau) > U(\rho, \tau) \quad \text{for} \quad p(\tau) \leq \rho \leq 0, \tau \geq 0. \quad (3.18)$$

Here, we assume $\xi_0 \in [p^*, 0]$. Then, by the definition of $V$ and $W$ (see (3.10), (3.16)), the intersection points of the straight line \{$(\xi, \tau) \mid U^*(\xi_0)\xi - \xi_0 \tau = 0$\} and
the graphs \(((\xi, r) \mid r = V(\xi, \tau), \varphi(\tau)p^{*} \leq \xi \leq 0), ((\xi, r) \mid r = W(\xi, \tau), \psi(\tau)p^{*} \leq \xi \leq 0)\) are represented as the following:

\[
(\varphi(\tau)\xi_{0}, \varphi(\tau)U^{*}(\xi_{0})), (\psi(\tau)\xi_{0}, \psi(\tau)U^{*}(\xi_{0})).
\]

(cf. Figure 3.3). We set

\[
\mathcal{D}(\xi_{0}, \tau) := \{\xi \mid \xi \text{ - coordinate of intersection points of the straight line } \{(\xi, r) \mid U^{*}(\xi_{0})\xi - \xi_{0}r = 0\} \text{ and the solution } \hat{\Gamma}_{\tau}\}.
\]

where \(\hat{\Gamma}_{\tau}\) is the solution of (1.8)-(1.12) (cf. Figure 3.4). Since \(U(\xi, \tau)\) is a smooth function in the set \(((\xi, \tau) \mid \rho(\tau) \leq \xi \leq 0, \tau \geq 0)\), we get \(\mathcal{D}(\xi_{0}, \tau) \neq \emptyset\).

Then, by means of (3.17) and (3.18), we obtain for \(\xi \in \mathcal{D}(\xi_{0}, \tau)\)

\[
(\varphi(\tau)\xi_{0})^{2} + (\varphi(\tau)U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2} \leq \xi^{2} + (U(\xi, \tau))^{2}
\]

\[
\leq (\psi(\tau)\xi_{0})^{2} + (\psi(\tau)U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}. \quad (3.19)
\]

Here, we see

\[
[(\varphi(\tau)\xi_{0})^{2} + (\varphi(\tau)U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2} - [\xi_{0}^{2} + (U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2}
\]

\[
= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_{\ell}}} - 1\right)e^{-\delta_{1}\tau}[\xi_{0}^{2} + (U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2}. \quad (3.20)
\]

\[
[(\psi(\tau)\xi_{0})^{2} + (\psi(\tau)U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2} - [\xi_{0}^{2} + (U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2}
\]

\[
= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_{L}}} - 1\right)e^{-\delta_{2}\tau}[\xi_{0}^{2} + (U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2}. \quad (3.21)
\]

Thus, by (3.19)-(3.21) and \(\lambda_{\ell} > 1\) and \(0 < \lambda_{L} < 1\), we get for \(\xi \in \mathcal{D}(\xi_{0}, \tau)\)

\[
C\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_{\ell}}} - 1\right)e^{-\delta_{1}\tau} < [\xi^{2} + U(\xi, \tau))^{2}]^{1/2} - [\xi_{0}^{2} + (U^{*}(\xi_{0}))^{2}]^{1/2}
\]

\[
< C\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_{L}}} - 1\right)e^{-\delta_{2}\tau}.
\]
where \( C = \sup_{\xi_0 \in [p^*, 0]} [\xi_0^2 + (U^*(\xi_0))^2]^{1/2} \).

Consequently, if we choose \( \delta_0 \in (0, \sqrt{\lambda_L} + 1) \), we obtain for \( \tau \geq 0 \)

\[
d_0(\hat{\Gamma}_\tau, \hat{S}) \leq \hat{C} e^{-\delta_0 \tau}
\]

where \( \hat{C} = \max \left\{ -C \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_L}} - 1 \right), C \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_L}} - 1 \right) \right\} \), and

\[
d_0(\hat{\Gamma}_\tau, \hat{S}) := \sup_{\xi_0 \in [p^*, 0]} \sup_{\xi \in D(\xi_0, \tau)} | [\xi^2 + (U(\xi, \tau))^2]^{1/2} - [\xi_0^2 + (U^*(\xi_0))^2]^{1/2} |.
\]

Then, we note that \( \hat{d}_0 \) is equivalent to the Hausdorff distance \( \hat{d}_H \). Thus, the proof of Theorem 3.1 is completed.

### 3.4 Proof of (II) of Main Theorem

We define

\[
d_0(\Gamma_t, S_t) := \sup_{X_0 \in S_t} \sup_{Y \in \mathcal{Q}} | d(O, X_0) - d(O, Y) |
\]

where

\[
\mathcal{Q} := \{ Y \in \Gamma_t \mid \text{the intersection points between } \Gamma_t \text{ and the straight line passing} \]

the origin \( O \) and \( X_0(\in S_t) \} \).

Then, we note that \( d_0 \) is equivalent to the Hausdorff distance \( d_H \).

Consequently, if we choose \( \hat{\delta} \in (1, 2) \), by means of Theorem 3.1,

\[
d_0(\Gamma_t, S_t) \leq C(2t + 1)^{-\hat{\delta}/2} \leq \hat{C} t^{-\hat{\delta}/2}
\]

Thus, the proof of Main Theorem is completed.
Fig 3.1

Fig 3.2
Fig 3.3 The intersection points

Fig 3.4 An example of $D(\xi_0, \tau)$
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