

## The analysis of blow-up solutions to a semilinear parabolic system with weighted localized terms

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with blow-up properties of solutions to a semilinear parabolic system with weighted localized terms, subject to the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions. We investigate the influence of the three factors: localized sources  $u^p(x_0, t)$ ,  $v^n(x_0, t)$ , local sources  $u^m(x, t)$ ,  $v^q(x, t)$ , and weight functions  $a(x)$ ,  $b(x)$ , on the asymptotic behavior of solutions. We obtain the uniform blow-up profiles not only for the cases  $m, q \leq 1$  or  $m, q > 1$ , but also for  $m > 1$  &  $q < 1$  or  $m < 1$  &  $q > 1$ .

**1. Introduction and main results.** In this paper, we consider the following semilinear parabolic problem with localized sources:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u + a(x)u^m(x, t)v^n(x_0, t), & x \in B, t > 0, \\ v_t = \Delta v + b(x)u^p(x_0, t)v^q(x, t), & x \in B, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = v(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial B, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in B, \end{cases}$$

where  $B = B(0, R)$  is the open ball of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  centered at the origin with radius  $R$ ,  $m, q \geq 0$  and  $n, p > 0$  are constants, and  $x_0 \in B$  is a fixed point. The initial data  $u_0, v_0 \in C_0(B)$  are nonnegative and nontrivial. Many localized problems arise in applications and have been widely studied. Problem (1.1) models a variety of phenomena, such as chemical reactions due to catalysis (see [14]), heat transfer with inter localized sources, or population dynamics. Using the methods of [3] and [18] we know that (1.1) has a non-negative local solution, and that the Comparison Principle is true. Moreover, if  $m, n, p, q \geq 1$  then the uniqueness result holds. Using the methods of [8], we can also prove that under some assumptions the solution to (1.1) blows up in finite time. Throughout this paper we always assume

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- (H1)  $a, b, u_0, v_0 \in C(\bar{B}) \cap C^2(B)$ ;  $a(x), b(x), u_0(x), v_0(x) \geq 0, \neq 0$  in  $B$  and  $u_0(x) = v_0(x) = 0$  on  $\partial B$ .
- (H2)  $a(x), b(x), u_0(x), v_0(x)$  are radially symmetric,  $a'(r), b'(r) \leq 0$  and  $u'_0(x), v'_0(x) < 0$  for  $r \in (0, R]$  with  $r = |x|$ .
- (H3)  $\Delta u_0(x) + u_0^m(x)v_0^n(x) \geq 0$  and  $\Delta v_0(x) + u_0^p(x)v_0^q(x) \geq 0$  in  $B(0, R)$ .

Denote  $B_a = \{x \in B : a(x) > 0\}$ . Under assumptions (H1) and (H2) we can see that there exists an  $R_a \in (0, R]$  such that  $B_a = B_{R_a}(0)$ . We may also assume  $0 \neq x_0 \in B_a$ . From (H1)–(H3) we can easily deduce that the solution  $(u(x, t), v(x, t)) = (u(r, t), v(r, t))$  is radially symmetric and satisfies  $u_r \leq 0, v_r \leq 0, u_t \geq 0, v_t \geq 0$  by the maximum principle.

In order to motivate the main results for problem (1.1), we recall some classical results. In the last few years, a lot of effort has been devoted to study the properties of solutions to localized problems. The blow-up of solutions to the scalar problem

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = u^m(x, t)u^p(x_0(t), t) - \mu u^q(x, t), & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases}$$

has been studied by many authors (see [1, 18, 19, 20]). Souplet [18] obtained a sharp blow-up exponent for system (1.2), and later introduced a new method to investigate the profile of the blow-up solution to (1.2) with  $m = \mu = 0$  in [19], where it was proved that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T} (T - t)^{1/(p-1)} u(x, t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} (T - t)^{1/(p-1)} \|u(t)\|_\infty = (p - 1)^{-1/(p-1)}.$$

Wang [21, 22] discussed the finite time blow-up of the positive solution to the problem

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u + u^m v^n, \quad v_t = \Delta v + u^p v^q, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = v(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases}$$

and evaluated the blow-up rate of the solution to (1.3) with  $\Omega = B_R(0)$ ; he found that under suitable conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} c(T - t)^{-\alpha} &\leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u(\cdot, t) \leq C(T - t)^{-\alpha}, \\ c(T - t)^{-\beta} &\leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} v(\cdot, t) \leq C(T - t)^{-\beta} \end{aligned}$$

for some positive constants  $c$  and  $C$ , where  $T$  is the blow-up time and

$$(1.4) \quad \alpha = \frac{1 + n - q}{np - (1 - m)(1 - q)}, \quad \beta = \frac{1 + p - m}{np - (1 - m)(1 - q)}$$

is the unique positive solution of the linear system

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{pmatrix} m-1 & n \\ p & q-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recently, Liu et al. [10] have studied the problem

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = a(x)g(t), & x \in B, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial B, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & x \in B, \end{cases}$$

and found, with  $G(t) = \int_0^t g(s) ds$ , that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T} \frac{u(x, t)}{G(t)} = a(x)$$

uniformly on any compact subset of  $B$ . Li and Wang [8] also studied problem (1.1) with  $a(x) = b(x) = 1$ , and proved: (i) when  $m, q \leq 1$ , (1.1) has uniform blow-up profiles; (ii) when  $m, q > 1$ , (1.1) presents single point blow-up patterns. Kong et al. [5] also studied the single equation

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u + a(x)u^p(x, t)u^q(0, t), & x \in B, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial B, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & x \in B. \end{cases}$$

They obtained the blow-up sets and blow-up rates. Han and Gao [4] extended the results of [5] with  $u^q(0, t)$  replaced by  $u^q(x_0, t)$  in (1.7), and they obtained the blow-up rate

$$(1.8) \quad c(T - t)^{-1/(p+q-1)} \leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} u(\cdot, t) \leq C(T - t)^{-1/(p+q-1)}$$

for some positive constants  $c$  and  $C$ , where  $T$  is the blow-up time,  $0 \leq p < 1$  and  $p + q > 1$ .

There are many other results for parabolic equations with nonlocal or localized nonlinearities. We refer to [2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15] and the references therein. Many of them considered the blow-up rates or uniform blow-up profiles for the cases  $m \leq 1, q \leq 1$  or  $m > 1, q > 1$ . However, very few papers considered the case  $m > 1$  and  $q < 1$ , or the case  $m < 1$  and  $q > 1$ . In this paper, we give the uniform blow-up profiles for such cases in Theorem 1.4.

Our main results read as follows.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *If  $0 \leq m, q \leq 1$  and  $np - (1 - m)(1 - q) > 0$ , then the solution of (1.1) blows up everywhere in  $B$ .*

**THEOREM 1.2.** *If  $m, q > 1$  and  $np - (1 - m)(1 - q) > 0$ , then the blow-up set of the solution only consists of one point  $x = 0$ .*

**THEOREM 1.3.** *Assume that  $np - (1 - m)(1 - q) > 0$ ,  $0 \leq m, q \leq 1$ , and  $(u, v)$  is a classical solution of (1.1) which blows up in finite time  $T$ .*

(i) *If  $m, q < 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \max_{\bar{B}} u(\cdot, t)(T - t)^\alpha &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{a(0)}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{\beta a(0)}{\alpha b(0)}\right)^{\frac{n}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \max_{\bar{B}} v(\cdot, t)(T - t)^\beta &= \left(\frac{\beta}{b(0)}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{\alpha b(0)}{\beta a(0)}\right)^{\frac{p}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) *If  $m = 1$  or  $q = 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \max_{\bar{B}} |\ln(T - t)|^{-1} \ln u(\cdot, t) &= \frac{1 + n - q}{np}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \max_{\bar{B}} |\ln(T - t)|^{-1} \ln v(\cdot, t) &= \frac{1 + p - m}{np}. \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 1.4.** *Assume that  $np - (1 - m)(1 - q) > 0$ ,  $n > q - 1 \neq 0$ ,  $p > m - 1 \neq 0$ , and  $(u, v)$  is a classical solution of (1.1) which blows up in finite time  $T$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \max_{\bar{B}} u(\cdot, t)(T - t)^\alpha &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{a(0)}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{\beta a(0)}{\alpha b(0)}\right)^{\frac{n}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \max_{\bar{B}} v(\cdot, t)(T - t)^\beta &= \left(\frac{\beta}{b(0)}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{\alpha b(0)}{\beta a(0)}\right)^{\frac{p}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

**REMARK.** If  $q < 1$  (resp.  $m < 1$ ), then the hypothesis  $n > q - 1 \neq 0$  (resp.  $p > m - 1 \neq 0$ ) in Theorem 1.4 may be omitted. Moreover, if  $0 \leq m, q < 1$ , then the result of Theorem 1.4 is consistent with Theorem 1.3(i). Furthermore, the assumptions of Theorem 1.4 allow  $m > 1$  and  $q < 1$ , or  $m < 1$  and  $q > 1$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we will prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 will be proved in Section 3.

## 2. Proof of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* The hypotheses (H1) and (H2) imply that

$$\max_{\bar{B}} u(\cdot, t) = u(0, t), \quad \max_{\bar{B}} v(\cdot, t) = v(0, t).$$

Suppose  $a(x) \geq \rho > 0$  and  $b(x) \geq \rho > 0$  on some  $\bar{B}_1 \subset B$ , where  $\rho$  is a positive constant. Then the solution  $(u, v)$  of (1.1) satisfies

$$\begin{cases} u_t \geq \Delta u + \rho u^m(x, t)v^n(x_0, t), & x \in B_1, t > 0, \\ v_t \geq \Delta v + \rho v^p(x_0, t)v^q(x, t), & x \in B_1, t > 0, \\ u(x, t) = v(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial B_1, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in B_1, \end{cases}$$

and  $(u, v)$  blows up in finite time for large initial data with  $0 \leq m, q \leq 1$  and  $np - (1 - m)(1 - q) > 0$ . Denote

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} g(t) = v^n(x_0, t), & G(t) = \int_0^t g(s) ds, \\ h(t) = u^p(x_0, t), & H(t) = \int_0^t h(s) ds. \end{cases}$$

Noting that  $\Delta u(0, t) \leq 0$  and  $\Delta v(0, t) \leq 0$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad u_t(0, t) \leq a(0)u^m(0, t)v^n(x_0, t), \quad v_t(0, t) \leq b(0)u^p(x_0, t)v^q(0, t).$$

Integrating (2.2) from 0 to  $t$  we have

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-m}u^{1-m}(0, t) \leq a(0)G(t) + \frac{1}{1-m}u_0^{1-m} & \text{if } 0 \leq m < 1, \\ \frac{1}{1-q}v^{1-q}(0, t) \leq b(0)H(t) + \frac{1}{1-q}v_0^{1-q} & \text{if } 0 \leq q < 1, \\ \ln u(0, t) \leq a(0)G(t) + \ln u_0(0) & \text{if } m = 1, \\ \ln v(0, t) \leq b(0)H(t) + \ln v_0(0) & \text{if } q = 1. \end{cases}$$

Thus  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} G(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} H(t) = \infty$ , since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} u(0, t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} v(0, t) = \infty$ . Denote by  $G_1(t, \tau; x, \xi)$  the Green's function associated with the operator  $\partial/\partial t - \Delta$  along with the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition in  $B_1 \times (0, T)$ . For any given  $x^* \in B_1$ , we know

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} u(x^*, t) = \int_{B_1} G_1(t, 0; x^*, \xi)u_0(\xi) d\xi \\ \quad + \int_0^t \int_{B_1} G_1(t, \tau; x^*, \xi)a(\xi)u^m(\xi, \tau)g(\tau) d\xi d\tau, \\ v(x^*, t) = \int_{B_1} G_1(t, 0; x^*, \xi)v_0(\xi) d\xi \\ \quad + \int_0^t \int_{B_1} G_1(t, \tau; x^*, \xi)b(\xi)h(\tau)v^q(\xi, \tau) d\xi d\tau. \end{cases}$$

Then for any  $t \in (0, T)$  and  $\tau > 0$ , we have

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} u(x^*, t) \geq \rho \int_0^t \int_{B_1} G_1(t, \tau; x^*, \xi)u^m(\xi, \tau)g(\tau) d\xi d\tau, \\ v(x^*, t) \geq \rho \int_0^t \int_{B_1} G_1(t, \tau; x^*, \xi)h(\tau)v^q(\xi, \tau) d\xi d\tau. \end{cases}$$

For any compact subset  $B_2 \subset B_1$ , by the strong maximum principle, there exists an  $\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0(B_2) > 0$  such that

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{cases} \int_{B_2} G_1(t, \tau; x^*, \xi) u^m(\xi, \tau) d\xi \geq \varepsilon_0, \\ \int_{B_2} G_1(t, \tau; x^*, \xi) v^q(\xi, \tau) d\xi \geq \varepsilon_0, \end{cases}$$

uniformly for all  $t \in (\tau, T)$  and  $\tau > 0$ . It follows from (2.4) to (2.6) that

$$u(x^*, t) \geq \rho\varepsilon_0 G(t), \quad v(x^*, t) \geq \rho\varepsilon_0 H(t), \quad t \in (\tau, T), \tau > 0.$$

Thus,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} u(x^*, t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} v(x^*, t) = \infty$  because  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} G(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} H(t) = \infty$ . The arbitrariness of  $x^*$  implies that  $(u, v)$  blows up everywhere in  $B$ . ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Suppose on the contrary that  $(u, v)$  blows up at another point  $x^* \neq 0$ . We may assume that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} u(x^*, t) = \infty$ . Set  $r^* = |x^*|$ ; then  $r^* > 0$ . Since  $u(x, t) = u(r, t)$  is nonincreasing in  $r$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} \sup u(r, t) = \infty$  for any  $r \in [0, r^*]$  with  $r = |x|$ .

Fix  $0 < \delta_1 < \eta_1 < \min\{R_a, r^* N^{-1/2}\}$  and set  $K_0 = \{x \in B : \delta_1 < x_i < \eta_1, i = 1, \dots, N\}$ . Clearly,  $a(x) \geq \delta_0$  on  $K_0$  for some  $\delta_0$ . Define

$$J(x, t) = u_{x_1} + c(x)u^{m_1}(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in K_0 \times [0, T),$$

where  $1 < m_1 < m$ ,

$$c(x) = \varepsilon \prod_{k=1}^N \sin(\mu_0(x_k - \delta_1)) \quad \text{with } \mu_0 = \frac{\pi}{\eta_1 - \delta_1}$$

and  $\varepsilon > 0$  to be determined later. A direct computation yields

$$\begin{aligned} J_t - \Delta J &= u_{tx_1} + m_1 c(x) u^{m_1-1} u_t - (\Delta u_{x_1} + u^{m_1} \Delta c + m_1 c(x) u^{m_1-1} \Delta u \\ &\quad + 2m_1 u^{m_1-1} \nabla u \nabla c + m_1(m_1 - 1) c(x) u^{m_1-2} |\nabla u|^2) \\ &\leq (a(x) u^m v^n(x_0, t))_{x_1} + m_1 a(x) c(x) u^{m+m_1-1} v^n(x_0, t) \\ &\quad - 2m_1 u^{m_1-1} \nabla u \nabla c - u^{m_1} \Delta c \\ &= a'(r) \frac{x_1}{r} u^m v^n(x_0, t) + m a(x) u^{m-1} v^n(x_0, t) u_{x_1} \\ &\quad + m_1 a(x) c(x) u^{m+m_1-1} v^n(x_0, t) - 2m_1 u^{m_1-1} \nabla u \nabla c - u^{m_1} \Delta c. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $b_0 = m a(x) u^{m-1} v^n(x_0, t) - A m_1 u^{m_1-1}$ , where  $A = (2 \nabla u \nabla c) / u_{x_1}$  is bounded by  $2 \varepsilon r^* \mu_0 N^{1/2} / \delta_1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad & J_t - \Delta J - b_0 J \\
 & \leq -c(x) \left( (m - m_1) a(x) u^{m+m_1-1} v^n(x_0, t) - Am_1 u^{2m_1-1} + \frac{\Delta c}{c} u^{m_1} \right) \\
 & \leq -c(x) u^{m_1} \left( (m - m_1) \delta_0 u^{m-1} v^n(x_0, t) - Am_1 u^{m_1-1} + \frac{\Delta c}{c} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $(x, t) \in K_0 \times [t_1, T)$  with  $t_1$  close to  $T$  since  $m_1 < m$ . Remember that  $v(r, t) > \delta_2$  on  $B_1$  for some constants  $\delta_2 > 0$ . As  $m_1 < m$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  so small that for all  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_1$ ,

$$(2.8) \quad (m - m_1) \delta_0 \delta_2^n u^{m-1} - Am_1 u^{m_1-1} - N\mu_0^2 \geq 0$$

for  $(x, t) \in K_0 \times [t_1, T)$  with  $t_1$  close to  $T$ . Consequently, from (2.7) and (2.8),

$$(2.9) \quad J_t - \Delta J - b_0 J \leq 0, \quad (x, t) \in K_0 \times [t_1, T).$$

Moreover, the assumption  $u'_0(r) < 0$  gives that  $u_r(r, t) < 0$  for  $(r, t) \in B_1$ , and so  $u_{x_1} = u_r x_1 / r < 0$  for  $(x, t) \in \bar{K}_0 \times [t_1, T)$ . We have

$$(2.10) \quad J(x, t) = u_{x_1}(x, t) < 0 \quad \text{on } \partial K_0 \times (t_1, T).$$

We can choose  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  so small that for all  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.11) \quad & J(x, t_1) = u_{x_1}(x, t_1) + c(x) u^{m_1}(x, t_1) \\
 & \leq \max_{x \in \bar{K}_0} u_{x_1}(x, t_1) + \varepsilon \max_{x \in \bar{K}_0} u^{m_1}(x, t_1) < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in K_0$ . Fix  $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$ . Application of the Comparison Principle to (2.9)–(2.11) shows that  $J(x, t) \leq 0$  for  $(x, t) \in \bar{K}_0 \times [t_1, T)$ , i.e.,

$$(2.12) \quad -u_{x_1} u^{-m_1} \geq c(x), \quad (x, t) \in \bar{K}_0 \times [t_1, T).$$

Fix  $(a_2, \dots, a_N) \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$  and take  $\underline{a} = (\delta_1, a_2, \dots, a_N)$ ,  $\bar{a} = (\eta_1, a_2, \dots, a_N)$ . Integrating (2.12) from  $\underline{a}$  to  $\bar{a}$  yields

$$0 < \int_{\delta_1}^{\eta_1} c(x) dx_1 \leq \frac{1}{m_1 - 1} u^{1-m_1}(\bar{a}, t).$$

The fact that  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow T} u(\bar{a}, t) = \infty$  and  $m_1 > 1$  leads to a contradiction. Therefore,  $u$  blows up only at a single point  $x = 0$ , and so does the solution  $(u, v)$  of problem (1.1). ■

**3. Proof of Theorems 1.3 and 1.4.** In this section we study the uniform blow-up profiles for problem (1.1) to prove Theorem 1.3–1.4. Sometimes we write  $f(t) \sim g(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow T$  for  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} f(t)/g(t) = 1$ . The following two lemmas hold.

LEMMA 3.1. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.3, the following statements hold uniformly on any compact subset of  $B_a$ .*

(i) *If  $m < 1$  and  $q < 1$ , then*

$$u^{1-m}(x, t) \sim (1 - m)a(0)G(t), \quad v^{1-q}(x, t) \sim (1 - q)b(0)H(t).$$

(ii) *If  $m = 1$  and  $q < 1$ , then*

$$\ln u(x, t) \sim a(0)G(t), \quad v^{1-q}(x, t) \sim (1 - q)b(0)H(t).$$

(iii) *If  $m = 1$  and  $q = 1$ , then*

$$\ln u(x, t) \sim a(0)G(t), \quad \ln v(x, t) \sim b(0)H(t).$$

(iv) *If  $m < 1$  and  $q = 1$ , then*

$$u^{1-m}(x, t) \sim (1 - m)a(0)G(t), \quad \ln v(x, t) \sim b(0)H(t).$$

*Proof.* (i) Assume  $m < 1$  and  $q < 1$ . At the maximum point  $x = 0$  of the solution  $(u, v)$ , we have  $\Delta u(0, t) \leq 0$  and  $\Delta v(0, t) \leq 0$ , and thus

$$(3.1) \quad u_t(0, t)u^{-m}(0, t) \leq a(0)g(t), \quad v_t(0, t)v^{-q}(0, t) \leq b(0)h(t).$$

Integrating (3.1) from 0 to  $t$ , we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T} \frac{u^{1-m}(0, t)}{(1 - m)G(t)} \leq a(0), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \frac{v^{1-q}(0, t)}{(1 - q)H(t)} \leq b(0),$$

i.e.,

$$(3.2) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \sup_{x \in B_a} \frac{u^{1-m}(x, t)}{(1 - m)G(t)} \leq a(0), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \sup_{x \in B_a} \frac{v^{1-q}(x, t)}{(1 - q)H(t)} \leq b(0).$$

On the other hand, direct computations demonstrate

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 - m} \frac{\partial u^{1-m}}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{1 - m} \Delta u^{1-m} + mu^{-m-1}|\nabla u|^2 + a(x)g(t) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{1 - m} \Delta u^{1-m} + a(x)g(t). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{1 - q} \frac{\partial v^{1-q}}{\partial t} \geq \frac{1}{1 - q} \Delta v^{1-q} + b(x)h(t).$$

Consequently,  $(\frac{1}{1-m}u^{1-m}, \frac{1}{1-q}v^{1-q})$  is a supersolution of the problem

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} w_t = \Delta w + a(x)g(t), & z_t = \Delta z + b(x)h(t), & x \in B, 0 < t < T, \\ w(x, t) = z(x, t) = 0, & & x \in \partial B, 0 < t < T, \\ w(x, 0) = \frac{u_0^{1-m}(x)}{1 - m}, & z(x, 0) = \frac{v_0^{1-q}(x)}{1 - q}, & x \in B. \end{cases}$$



Analogously to the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [19], we can prove

$$(3.4) \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} \inf_{x \in B_a} \frac{w(x, t)}{G(t)} \geq a(x), \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} \inf_{x \in B_a} \frac{z(x, t)}{H(t)} \geq b(x)$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_a$ , and hence

$$(3.5) \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} \inf_{x \in B_a} \frac{u^{1-m}(x, t)}{(1-m)G(t)} \geq a(0), \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow T} \inf_{x \in B_a} \frac{v^{1-q}(x, t)}{(1-q)H(t)} \geq b(0)$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_a$ . The inequalities (3.2) and (3.5) yield

$$(3.6) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \frac{u^{1-m}(x, t)}{(1-m)G(t)} = a(0), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \frac{v^{1-q}(x, t)}{(1-q)H(t)} = b(0)$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_a$ .

(ii) Assume  $m = 1$  and  $q < 1$ . By the argument in case (i), we have, similarly to (3.2),

$$(3.7) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow T} \sup_{x \in B_a} \frac{\ln u(x, t)}{G(t)} \leq a(0), \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow T} \sup_{x \in B_a} \frac{v^{1-q}(x, t)}{(1-q)H(t)} \leq b(0).$$

We can find that  $(\ln u, \frac{1}{1-q}v^{1-q})$  is a supersolution of (3.3) with  $w(x, 0) = \ln u_0(x)$ ,  $z(x, 0) = \frac{1}{1-q}v_0^{1-q}(x)$ . Proceeding as in case (i), we arrive at the corresponding conclusion.

Cases (iii) and (iv) can be treated similarly. ■

LEMMA 3.2. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1.3, for any given constants  $\delta, \varepsilon$  and  $\rho$  satisfying  $0 < \delta, \varepsilon < 1$  and  $\rho > 1$ , there exists  $\tilde{T}$  such that for all  $t \in [\tilde{T}, T]$ , the following statements hold.*

(i) *If  $m, q < 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(b(0)\delta)^{\frac{n}{1-q}}(1+p-m)((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}} \\ \leq (a(0)\rho)^{\frac{p}{1-m}}(1+n-q)((1-m)G(t))^{\frac{1+p-m}{1-m}}, \\ \varepsilon(a(0)\delta)^{\frac{p}{1-m}}(1+n-q)((1-m)G(t))^{\frac{1+p-m}{1-m}} \\ \leq (b(0)\rho)^{\frac{n}{1-q}}(1+p-m)((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) *If  $m = 1$  and  $q < 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\varepsilon\rho\delta^{\frac{n}{1-q}}) + \ln \frac{pa(0)b^{-1}(0)}{1+n-q} + \frac{1+n-q}{1-q} \ln((1-q)b(0)H(t)) \\ \leq p\rho a(0)G(t), \\ p\delta a(0)G(t) \leq \ln(\delta\varepsilon^{-1}\rho^{\frac{n}{1-q}}) + \ln \frac{pa(0)b^{-1}(0)}{1+n-q} \\ + \frac{1+n-q}{1-q} \ln((1-q)b(0)H(t)). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) If  $m = q = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{\varepsilon \rho p a(0)}{\delta n b(0)} + n \delta b(0) H(t) &\leq p \rho a(0) G(t), \\ p \delta a(0) G(t) &\leq \ln \frac{\delta p a(0)}{\varepsilon \rho n b(0)} + n \delta b(0) H(t). \end{aligned}$$

(iv) If  $m < 1$  and  $q = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} n \delta b(0) H(t) &\leq \ln(\delta \varepsilon^{-1} \rho^{\frac{p}{1-m}}) + \ln \frac{n a^{-1}(0) b(0)}{1+p-m} \\ &\quad + \frac{1+p-m}{1-m} \ln((1-m)a(0)G(t)), \\ \ln(\varepsilon \rho \delta^{\frac{p}{1-m}}) + \ln \frac{n a^{-1}(0) b(0)}{1+p-m} &+ \frac{1+p-m}{1-m} \ln((1-m)a(0)G(t)) \\ &\leq n \rho b(0) H(t). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Assume  $m, q < 1$ . Observe that

$$G'(t) = g(t) = v^n(x_0, t), \quad H'(t) = h(t) = u^p(x_0, t).$$

By Lemma 3.1(i), for any  $\delta < 1 < \rho$ , there exists  $t_0 < T$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{p}{1-m}} &\leq H'(t) \leq (\rho(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{p}{1-m}}, \quad t \in [t_0, T], \\ (\delta(1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{n}{1-q}} &\leq G'(t) \leq (\rho(1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{n}{1-q}}, \quad t \in [t_0, T]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any  $t \in [t_0, T]$ ,

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{(\delta(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{p}{1-m}}}{(\rho(1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{n}{1-q}}} \leq \frac{dH}{dG} \leq \frac{(\rho(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{p}{1-m}}}{(\delta(1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{n}{1-q}}}.$$

In view of the right inequality of (3.8), for any  $t \in [t_0, T]$ ,

$$(3.9) \quad (\delta(1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{n}{1-q}} dH \leq (\rho(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{p}{1-m}} dG.$$

Integrating (3.9) yields, for  $t_0 \leq t < T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.10) \quad \frac{(1-q)(\delta(1-q)b(0))^{\frac{n}{1-q}}}{1+n-q} H^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}}(s) \Big|_{t_0}^t &\leq \frac{(1-m)(\rho(1-m)a(0))^{\frac{p}{1-m}}}{1+p-m} G^{\frac{1+p-m}{1-m}}(s) \Big|_{t_0}^t \\ &\leq \frac{(1-m)(\rho(1-m)a(0))^{\frac{p}{1-m}}}{1+p-m} G^{\frac{1+p-m}{1-m}}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} H(t) = \infty$  and  $q < 1$ , for any  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  there exists  $\tilde{t}_0$  with  $t_0 < \tilde{t}_0 < T$  such that

$$H^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}}(\tilde{t}_0) \leq (1-\varepsilon) H^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}}(t), \quad t \in [\tilde{t}_0, T].$$

Hence, from (3.10) it can be deduced that for  $\tilde{t}_0 < t < T$ ,

$$(3.11) \quad \varepsilon(b(0)\delta)^{\frac{n}{1-q}}(1+p-m)((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}} \\ \leq (a(0)\rho)^{\frac{p}{1-m}}(1+n-q)((1-m)G(t))^{\frac{1+p-m}{1-m}}.$$

Application of a similar analysis to the left inequality of (3.8) shows that there exists  $t_0^* < T$  such that for  $t_0^* < t < T$ ,

$$(3.12) \quad \varepsilon(a(0)\delta)^{\frac{p}{1-m}}(1+n-q)((1-m)G(t))^{\frac{1+p-m}{1-m}} \\ \leq (b(0)\rho)^{\frac{n}{1-q}}(1+p-m)((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{1+n-q}{1-q}}.$$

Set  $\tilde{T} = \max\{\tilde{t}_0, t_0^*\}$ ; then (3.11) and (3.12) yield (i) of Lemma 3.11.

Analogously, we can draw the other conclusions of the lemma. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* Choose  $\{\delta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty, \{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^\infty, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  satisfying  $0 < \delta_i, \varepsilon_i < 1$  and  $\rho_i > 1$  with  $\delta_i, \varepsilon_i, \rho_i \rightarrow 1$ . Putting  $(\delta, \varepsilon, \rho) = (\delta_i, \varepsilon_i, \rho_i)$  in Lemma 3.2, we have  $\tilde{T}_i < T$ .

(i) Assume  $m, q < 1$ . From Lemma 3.1(i) it follows that there exist  $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  with  $t_i < T$  and  $t_i \rightarrow T$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , such that for any  $t$  with  $t_i < t < T$ ,

$$(3.13) \quad (\delta_i(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{1}{1-m}} \leq u(x_0, t) \leq (\rho_i(1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{1}{1-m}}.$$

Denote  $T_i^* = \max\{t_i, \tilde{T}_i\}$ . Then (3.13) and Lemma 3.2(i) assert that for  $T_i^* \leq t < T$ ,

$$(3.14) \quad H'(t) \geq \delta_i^{\frac{p}{1-m}}((1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{p}{1-m}} \\ \geq \delta_i^{\frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)}}(\delta_i/\rho_i)^{\frac{p^2}{(1-m)(1+p-m)}}(\varepsilon_i\beta/\alpha)^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}} \\ \cdot (a(0))^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}}(b(0))^{\frac{np}{(1-q)(1+p-m)}}((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)}},$$

$$(3.15) \quad H'(t) \leq \rho_i^{\frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)}}(\rho_i/\delta_i)^{\frac{p^2}{(1-m)(1+p-m)}}(\beta/(\varepsilon_i\alpha))^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}} \\ \cdot (a(0))^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}}(b(0))^{\frac{np}{(1-q)(1+p-m)}}((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)}},$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are given by (1.4). Notice that

$$1 - \frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)} = -\frac{np - (1-m)(1-q)}{(1-q)(1+p-m)} = -\frac{1}{\beta(1-q)} < 0.$$

Integrating (3.14) and (3.15) from  $t$  to  $T$  and using  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} H(t) = \infty$ , we find that, for  $T_i^* \leq t < T$ ,

$$(3.16) \quad C_i^{-1}\beta(\beta/\alpha)^{-\frac{p}{1+p-m}} \\ \leq (a(0))^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}}(b(0))^{\frac{np}{(1-q)(1+p-m)}}(T-t)((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{1}{\beta(1-q)}} \\ \leq c_i^{-1}\beta(\beta/\alpha)^{-\frac{p}{1+p-m}},$$

where

$$c_i = \delta_i^{\frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)}} \left( \frac{\delta_i}{\rho_i} \right)^{\frac{p^2}{(1-m)(1+p-m)}} \varepsilon_i^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}},$$

$$C_i = \rho_i^{\frac{p\alpha}{\beta(1-q)}} \left( \frac{\rho_i}{\delta_i} \right)^{\frac{p^2}{(1-m)(1+p-m)}} \varepsilon_i^{\frac{p}{1+p-m}}.$$

Since  $c_i \rightarrow 1$  and  $C_i \rightarrow 1$  on account of  $\delta_i, \varepsilon_i, \rho_i \rightarrow 1$ , and  $T_i^* \rightarrow T$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , by letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.16) we find

$$((1-q)H(t))^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \sim (a(0))^{\frac{-p\beta}{1+p-m}} (b(0))^{\frac{-np\beta}{(1-q)(1+p-m)}} \beta^\beta \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{\frac{p}{np-(1-m)(1-q)}} (T-t)^{-\beta},$$

i.e.

$$(3.17) \quad ((1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \sim \left( \frac{\beta}{b(0)} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{\alpha b(0)}{\beta a(0)} \right)^{\frac{p}{np-(m-1)(q-1)}} (T-t)^{-\beta}.$$

Similarly, it can be inferred that

$$(3.18) \quad ((1-m)a(0)G(t))^{\frac{1}{1-m}} \sim \left( \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{\beta a(0)}{\alpha b(0)} \right)^{\frac{n}{np-(m-1)(q-1)}} (T-t)^{-\alpha}.$$

From Lemma 3.1(i), (3.17) and (3.18), we know that

$$u(x, t)(T-t)^\alpha \sim \left( \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{\beta a(0)}{\alpha b(0)} \right)^{\frac{n}{np-(m-1)(q-1)}},$$

$$v(x, t)(T-t)^\beta \sim \left( \frac{\beta}{b(0)} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{\alpha b(0)}{\beta a(0)} \right)^{\frac{p}{np-(m-1)(q-1)}}$$

uniformly on any compact subset of  $B_a$ . That is, the conclusion (i) holds uniformly on any compact subset of  $B_a$ .

(ii) Assume  $m = 1$  or  $q = 1$ . We divide this case into three subcases: (1)  $m = 1, q < 1$ ; (2)  $m = q = 1$ ; and (3)  $m < 1, q = 1$ . We first discuss subcase (1). As in the proof of case (i), it follows from Lemmas 3.1(ii) and 3.2(ii) that for  $T_i^* \leq t \leq T$ ,

$$G'(t) \geq \delta_i^{\frac{n}{1-q}} ((1-q)b(0)H(t))^{\frac{n}{1-q}}$$

$$\geq \delta_i^{\frac{n}{1-q}} (\varepsilon_i(1+n-q)(p\delta_i)^{-1}\rho_i^{-\frac{n}{1-q}}a^{-1}(0)b(0))^{\frac{n}{1+n-q}}$$

$$\cdot \exp\left\{ \frac{np\delta_i}{1+n-q}a(0)G(t) \right\}$$

$$= (\delta_i/\rho_i)^{\frac{n^2}{(1-q)(1+n-q)}} (\varepsilon_i p^{-1}(1+n-q)a^{-1}(0)b(0))^{\frac{n}{1+n-q}}$$

$$\cdot \exp\left\{ \frac{np\delta_i}{1+n-q}a(0)G(t) \right\},$$

$$G'(t) \leq (\rho_i/\delta_i)^{\frac{n^2}{(1-q)(1+n-q)}} ((p\varepsilon_i)^{-1}(1+n-q)a^{-1}(0)b(0))^{\frac{n}{1+n-q}} \cdot \exp\left\{\frac{np\rho_i}{1+n-q}a(0)G(t)\right\}.$$

Hence, for  $T_i^* \leq t < T$ ,

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{cases} \exp\left\{-\frac{np\rho_i a(0)G(t)}{1+n-p}\right\} G'(t) \\ \geq (\delta_i/\rho_i)^{\frac{n^2}{(1-q)(1+n-q)}} (\varepsilon_i p^{-1}(1+n-p)a^{-1}(0)b(0))^{\frac{n}{1+n-q}}, \\ \exp\left\{-\frac{np\delta_i a(0)G(t)}{1+n-p}\right\} G'(t) \\ \leq (\rho_i/\delta_i)^{\frac{n^2}{(1-q)(1+n-q)}} ((p\varepsilon_i)^{-1}(1+n-p)a^{-1}(0)b(0))^{\frac{n}{1+n-q}}. \end{cases}$$

Define  $A = -\ln(np) + \frac{(1-q)\ln(1+n-q)}{1+n-q}$ . Integrating (3.19) from  $t$  to  $T$  and using  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} G(t) = \infty$ , we deduce that for  $t \in [T_i^*, T)$ ,

$$(3.20) \quad \frac{1}{\rho_i}(\widehat{c}_i + |\ln(T-t)|) \leq \frac{npa(0)}{1+n-q}G(t) \leq \frac{1}{\delta_i}(\widehat{C}_i + |\ln(T-t)|),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{c}_i &= A - \frac{n^2 + (1-q)(1+n-q)}{(1-q)(1+n-q)} \ln \rho_i \\ &\quad + \frac{n \ln(p\varepsilon_i \delta_i^{\frac{n}{1-q}})}{1+n-q} - \frac{(1-q) \ln a(0)}{1+n-q} - \frac{n \ln b(0)}{1+n-q}, \\ \widehat{C}_i &= A - \frac{n^2 + (1-q)(1+n-q)}{(1-q)(1+n-q)} \ln \delta_i \\ &\quad + \frac{n \ln(p\varepsilon_i^{-1} \rho_i^{\frac{n}{1-q}})}{1+n-q} - \frac{(1-q) \ln a(0)}{1+n-q} - \frac{n \ln b(0)}{1+n-q}. \end{aligned}$$

By combining (3.20) and Lemma 3.2(ii), it follows that for  $T_i^* \leq t < T$ ,

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\delta_i}{\rho_i}(c_i + |\ln(T-t)|) &\leq \frac{n}{1-q} \ln((1-q)b(0)H(t)) \\ &\leq \frac{\rho_i}{\delta_i}(C_i + |\ln(T-t)|), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_i &= \widehat{c}_i - \frac{n\rho_i}{\delta_i(1+n-q)} \ln(p(1+n-q)^{-1}\varepsilon_i^{-1}\delta_i\rho_i^{\frac{n}{1-q}}a(0)b^{-1}(0)), \\ C_i &= \widehat{C}_i - \frac{n\delta_i}{\rho_i(1+n-q)} \ln(p(1+n-q)^{-1}\varepsilon_i\rho_i\delta_i^{\frac{n}{1-q}}a(0)b^{-1}(0)). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, (3.20) and (3.21) guarantee that for  $T_i^* < t < T$ ,

$$(3.22) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\widehat{c}_i + |\ln(T-t)|}{\rho_i |\ln(T-t)|} &\leq \frac{npa(0)G(t)}{(1+n-p)|\ln(T-t)|} \\ &\leq \frac{\widehat{C}_i + |\ln(T-t)|}{\delta_i |\ln(T-t)|}, \\ \frac{\delta_i(c_i + |\ln(T-t)|)}{\rho_i |\ln(T-t)|} &\leq \frac{n \ln((1-q)b(0)H(t))}{(1-q)|\ln(T-t)|} \\ &\leq \frac{\rho_i(C_i + |\ln(T-t)|)}{\delta_i |\ln(T-t)|}. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Notice that  $\widehat{c}_i \rightarrow \widehat{C}_i$  and  $c_i \rightarrow C_i$  and are bounded because  $\delta_i, \varepsilon_i, \rho_i \rightarrow 1$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . By letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.22), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow T} a(0)G(t)|\ln(T-t)|^{-1} &= \frac{1+n-q}{np}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \ln((1-q)b(0)H(t))|\ln(T-t)|^{-1} &= \frac{1-q}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

As  $v^{1-q}(x, t) \sim (1-q)b(0)H(t)$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_a$ , we find that, uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_a$ ,

$$(3.23) \quad \ln v(x, t) \sim \frac{1}{1-q} \ln((1-q)b(0)H(t)).$$

Therefore, it can be deduced from Lemma 3.1(ii), (3.22) and (3.23) that uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_a$ ,

$$(3.24) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \ln u(x, t) &\sim a(0)G(t) \sim \frac{1+n-q}{np} |\ln(T-t)|, \\ \ln v(x, t) &\sim \frac{1}{n} |\ln(T-t)|. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Thereby, uniformly on any compact subset of  $B_a$ ,

$$(3.25) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow T} |\ln(T-t)|^{-1} \ln u(x, t) &= \frac{1+n-q}{np}, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow T} |\ln(T-t)|^{-1} \ln v(x, t) &= \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Subcases (2) and (3) can be verified similarly. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* To consider the uniform blow-up profiles of  $\max_{\bar{B}} u(\cdot, t)$  and  $\max_{\bar{B}} v(\cdot, t)$ , we only need to consider the problem

$$(3.26) \quad \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u + a(0)u^m(x, t)v^n(x_0, t), & x \in B, t > 0, \\ v_t = \Delta v + b(0)u^p(x_0, t)v^q(x, t), & x \in B, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

Since for  $N = 1$  problem (1.1) has the blow-up rate given by (1.8), we can denote  $u = C_1(T-t)^{-\beta_1}$ ,  $v = C_2(T-t)^{-\beta_2}$ , where  $C_1, C_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  are

constants to be determined later. By (3.26), we have

$$(3.27) \quad \begin{cases} C_1\beta_1(T-t)^{-\beta_1-1} = a(0)C_1^m(T-t)^{-\beta_1m}C_2^n(T-t)^{-\beta_2n}, \\ C_2\beta_2(T-t)^{-\beta_2-1} = b(0)C_1^p(T-t)^{-\beta_1p}C_2^q(T-t)^{-\beta_2q}. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} -\beta_1 - 1 = -\beta_1m - \beta_2n, & \begin{cases} C_1\beta_1 = a(0)C_1^mC_2^n, \\ C_2\beta_2 = b(0)C_1^pC_2^q. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

That is,

$$(3.28) \quad \begin{pmatrix} m-1 & n \\ p & q-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} C_1^{m-1}C_2^n = \beta_1/a(0), \\ C_1^pC_2^{q-1} = \beta_2/b(0). \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that  $(\alpha, \beta)^T$  solves the first equations of (3.28), where  $(\alpha, \beta)^T$  is given by (1.4). To obtain the solution  $(C_1, C_2)^T$ , we first consider the problem

$$\begin{pmatrix} m-1 & n \\ p & q-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} \\ \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)} \end{pmatrix},$$

which has a unique solution

$$(l_1, l_2)^T = \left( \frac{n \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)} - (q-1) \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)}}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}, \frac{p \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} - (m-1) \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)}}{np - (m-1)(q-1)} \right)^T.$$

Let  $l_1 = \ln C_1, l_2 = \ln C_2$ . Then  $(C_1, C_2)^T = (e^{l_1}, e^{l_2})^T$  solves the second equations of (3.28). Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} n \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)} - (q-1) \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} &= n \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)} - n \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} + n \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} - (q-1) \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} \\ &= n \ln \frac{\beta a(0)}{\alpha b(0)} + (n+1-q) \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$p \ln \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} - (m-1) \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)} = p \ln \frac{\alpha b(0)}{\beta a(0)} + (p+1-m) \ln \frac{\beta}{b(0)}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \left( \frac{\alpha}{a(0)} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{\beta a(0)}{\alpha b(0)} \right)^{\frac{n}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}}, \\ C_2 &= \left( \frac{\beta}{b(0)} \right)^\beta \left( \frac{\alpha b(0)}{\beta a(0)} \right)^{\frac{p}{np - (m-1)(q-1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the proof is complete. ■

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