



# Existence Solutions for a Singular Nonlinear Problem with Dirichlet Boundary Conditions on Exterior Domains

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## Abstract

This paper has proved the existence of solutions that solve the Nonlinear Partial differential equation. A study of dynamical systems has developed on the exterior of the ball centered at the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with radius  $R > 0$ , with Dirichlet boundary conditions  $u = 0$  on the boundary, and  $u(x)$  approaches 0 as  $|x|$  approaches infinity, where  $f(u)$  is local Lipschitzian singular at zero, and grows superlinearly as  $u$  approaches infinity. by introducing Various scalings to elucidate the singular behavior near the center and at infinity. Also,  $N > 2$ ,  $f(u) \sim \frac{-1}{(|u|^{q-1}u)}$  for small  $u$  with  $0 < q < 1$ , and  $f(u) \sim |u|^{p-1}u$  for large  $|u|$  with  $p > 1$ . In addition,  $K(x) \sim |x|^{-\alpha}$  with  $2 < \alpha < 2(N-1)$  for large  $|x|$ . The fixed point method and other techniques have been used to prove the existence.

## 1. Introduction:

Certainly, exploring solutions to partial differential equations is crucial in various scientific disciplines, especially in physical mathematics [1, 2]. The existence and uniqueness of solutions, particularly in second-order PDEs with specified initial conditions, form a fundamental aspect of this field [3, 4, 5]. The existence of a positive solution of (1) on  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with  $K(r) \equiv 1$  has been studied extensively [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11].

Recently the exterior domain  $\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R(0)$  has been studied in [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17]. Since we are interested in the topic, it comes from the recent papers [16, 18, 11] that have been studied to find the solutions to differential equation problems

on exterior domains.

In [19], was studied (1)–(3) with  $K(r) r^{-\alpha}$ , where  $f$  is singular at 0 and grows sublinearly at infinity, with different values of  $\alpha$ . Also, in [20], the singular semilinear problem has infinitely many solutions on exterior domain. This article has proved the existence of solutions when  $f$  is singular at 0 and grows superlinearly at infinity.

This paper deals with the problem:

$$\Delta u + K(|x|)f(u) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R \quad (1)$$

$$u = 0 \text{ on } \partial(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R) \quad (2)$$

$$u \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \quad (3)$$

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where  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian operator,  $u : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $N > 2$ ,  $B_R$  is the ball of radius  $R > 0$  centered at the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and  $K(x) > 0$ .

In addition, we suppose:

- $f$  is an odd function, increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ ,
- $f$  is locally Lipschitz,  $\exists \beta > 0$  such that  $f < 0$  on  $(0, \beta)$ ,
- $f > 0$  on  $(\beta, \infty)$ .

We assume:

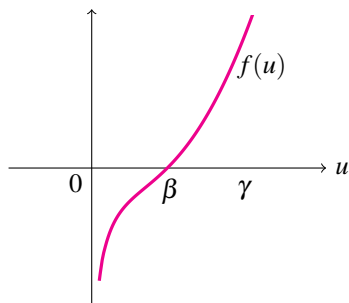
$$f(u) = \frac{-1}{|u|^{q-1}u} + g_1(u) \tag{H2}$$

where  $0 < q < 1$  for small  $u$  and  $g_1(0) = 0$

and:

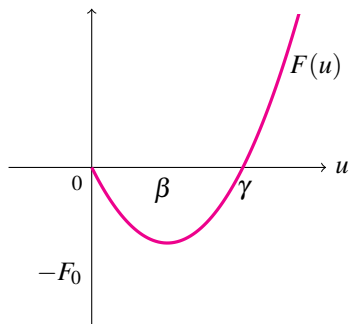
$$f(u) = |u|^{p-1}u + g_2(u) \tag{H3}$$

where  $p > 1$  for large  $u$  and  $\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{g_2(u)}{|u|^p} = 0$ .



Also, we assume  $F(u) = \int_0^u f(s) ds$ . We know that  $f$  is odd it implies that  $F$  is even and from (H2) it follows that  $f$  is integrable near  $u = 0$ . Thus  $F$  is continuous and  $F(0) = 0$ . It also follows that  $F$  is bounded below and from (H1),  $\exists \gamma$  with  $0 < \beta < \gamma$  such that:

$$F < 0 \text{ on } (0, \gamma), F > 0 \text{ on } (\gamma, \infty), \text{ and } F > F_0 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}. \tag{H4}$$



We also suppose  $K$  and  $K'$  are continuous function on

$[R, \infty)$  with:

$$K(r) > 0, \quad \exists \alpha \in (2, 2(N-1)) \text{ such that } \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{rK'}{K} = -\alpha, \tag{H5}$$

and so  $2(N-1) + \frac{rK'}{K} > 0$ .

In addition, we assume  $\exists K_1 > 0, K_2 > 0$  such that:

$$\frac{K_1}{r^\alpha} \leq K(r) \leq \frac{K_2}{r^\alpha} \text{ on } [R, \infty). \tag{H6}$$

## 2. Preliminaries:

We are interested to study existence solutions of (1)–(3), we rewrite the equation with  $r = |x|$ ,  $u(r) = u(|x|)$  where  $u$  satisfies:

$$u''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r}u'(r) + K(r)f(u(r)) = 0 \quad \text{on } (R, \infty), \tag{4}$$

$$u(R) = 0, \quad u'(R) = a > 0. \tag{5}$$

To emphasize the dependence on the initial parameter  $a$ , we denote the solution by  $u_a(r)$ . Since  $f(u)$  is not continuous at  $u = 0$ , here we can not apply the usual existence-uniqueness theorem for ordinary differential equations and so we have to prove the existence of a solution of equations (4)–(5) on  $[R, R + \varepsilon)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  by using a different method.

First rewrite equation (4) as

$$(r^{N-1}u'_a(r))' + r^{N-1}K(r)f(u_a(r)) = 0,$$

then integrate over  $[R, r)$  and use  $u'_a(R) = a$ .

This gives:

$$r^{N-1}u'_a(r) - aR^{N-1} + \int_R^r t^{N-1}K(t)f(u_a(t)) dt = 0.$$

Multiply above by  $r^{-(N-1)}$ , integrate again over  $[R, r)$  and use  $u(R) = 0$  gives:

$$u_a(r) = aR^{N-1} \left[ \frac{r^{2-N} - R^{2-N}}{2-N} \right] - \int_R^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_R^t s^{N-1}K(s)f(u_a(s)) ds dt \quad \text{for } r \in (R, \infty). \tag{6}$$

Now let  $w(r) = \frac{u_a(r)}{r-R}$  so  $u_a(r) = (r-R)w(r)$  and

$$w(R) = \lim_{r \rightarrow R^+} \frac{u_a(r)}{r-R} = u'_a(R) = a.$$

Rewriting (6) we get:

$$w(r) = \frac{aR^{N-1}}{2-N} \left[ \frac{r^{2-N} - R^{2-N}}{r-R} \right] - \frac{1}{r-R} \int_R^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_R^t s^{N-1}K(s) f((s-R)w(s)) ds dt.$$

(7)

We use the fixed point method to solve (7). Let define:

$$A = \left\{ w \in C[R, R + \varepsilon] \text{ with } w(R) = a > 0 \text{ and } |w(r) - a| \leq \frac{a}{2} \text{ on } [R, R + \varepsilon] \right\}$$

where  $C[R, R + \varepsilon]$  is continuous functions on  $[R, R + \varepsilon]$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let:

$$\|w\| = \sup_{x \in [R, R + \varepsilon]} |w(x)|.$$

Therefore  $(A, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space.

Now we define a map  $T$  on  $A$  by  $Tw(R) = a$  and:

$$Tw(r) = \frac{aR^{N-1}}{2-N} \left[ \frac{r^{2-N} - R^{2-N}}{r-R} \right] - \frac{1}{r-R} \int_R^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_R^t s^{N-1} K(s) f((s-R)w(s)) ds dt \text{ for } r > R.$$

We will prove that  $T$  is a principle contraction mapping with  $T(w) \in A$  for each  $w \in A$  if  $\varepsilon > 0$  is sufficiently small. By using L'Hôpital's rule it follows that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow R^+} \frac{aR^{N-1}}{2-N} \left[ \frac{r^{2-N} - R^{2-N}}{r-R} \right] = a.$$

In addition, by (H2), by L'Hôpital's rule and  $0 < q < 1$  we have:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow R^+} \frac{\int_R^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_R^t s^{N-1} K(s) f((s-R)w(s)) ds dt}{r-R} = 0.$$

Therefore  $\lim_{r \rightarrow R^+} Tw(r) = a$ , and it follows that:

$$|Tw(r) - a| \leq \frac{a}{2} \text{ on } [R, R + \varepsilon] \text{ if } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ is sufficiently small.}$$

Thus We next show that  $T$  is a contraction from  $A$  into itself for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$ .

For any  $w_1, w_2 \in A$ . we have:

$$Tw_1(r) - Tw_2(r) = -\frac{1}{r-R} \int_R^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_R^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ f((s-R)w_1(s)) - f((s-R)w_2(s)) \right] ds dt. \quad (8)$$

For  $u \geq 0$  and by (H2) we know that  $f(u) = -u^{-q} + g_1(u)$  so  $f((s-R)w(s)) = -(s-R)^{-q}w^{-q}(s) + g_1((s-R)w(s))$  where  $0 < q < 1$ .

Then we first estimate:

$$|f((s-R)w_1(s)) - f((s-R)w_2(s))| = \left| \frac{-1}{(s-R)^q} \left[ \frac{1}{w_1^q} - \frac{1}{w_2^q} \right] + g_1((s-R)w_1(s)) - g_1((s-R)w_2(s)) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{(s-R)^q} \left| \frac{1}{w_1^q} - \frac{1}{w_2^q} \right| + L|s-R||w_1 - w_2| \quad (9)$$

where  $L$  is the Lipschitz constant for  $g_1$  near  $u = 0$ .

Applying the mean value theorem to the right-hand side of (9) we get:  $\frac{1}{(s-R)^q} \left[ \frac{q}{w_3^{q+1}} |w_1 - w_2| \right] + L|s-R||w_1 - w_2|$  where  $w_3 \in (w_1, w_2)$ . Since  $w_1$  is in  $A$  and  $|w_1 - a| < \frac{a}{2}$  then  $\frac{a}{2} < w_1 < \frac{3a}{2}$ . Similarly  $w_2$  is between  $\frac{a}{2} < w_2 < \frac{3a}{2}$  and since  $w_3$  is between  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  then we have  $\frac{a}{2} < w_3 < \frac{3a}{2}$ . Thus it follows that  $w_3^{q+1} \geq \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{q+1}$ . Thus for  $s \in [R, R + \varepsilon]$  we have:

$$|f((s-R)w_1(s)) - f((s-R)w_2(s))| \leq |w_1 - w_2| \left[ \frac{q}{(s-R)^q} \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{q+1} + L\varepsilon \right]. \quad (10)$$

Using (10) in (8) and assuming  $r \in [R, R + \varepsilon]$  gives:

$$|Tw_1 - Tw_2| \leq \frac{1}{r-R} \int_R^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_R^t s^{N-1} K(s) |w_1 - w_2| \left[ \frac{q}{(s-R)^q} \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{q+1} + L\varepsilon \right] ds dt$$

$$\leq \frac{K(R)}{r-R} \|w_1 - w_2\| \int_R^r \int_R^t \left[ \frac{q}{(s-R)^q} \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{q+1} + L\varepsilon \right] ds dt$$

$$\leq K(R) \|w_1 - w_2\| \left[ \frac{q \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{q+1} \varepsilon^{1-q}}{(2-q)(1-q)} + \frac{\varepsilon^2 L}{2} \right].$$

Since:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{q \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{q+1} \varepsilon^{1-q}}{(2-q)(1-q)} + \frac{\varepsilon^2 L}{2} = 0$$

and  $c = K(R) \left[ \frac{q \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{q+1} \varepsilon^{1-q}}{(2-q)(1-q)} + \frac{\varepsilon^2 L}{2} \right]$ , we can choose small enough  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfies that  $0 < c < 1$  such that  $T$  is a contraction on  $C[R, R + \varepsilon]$ .

So there exists a unique solution  $w \in A$  with  $Tw = w$  on  $[R, R + \varepsilon]$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Thus  $u_a(r) = (r-R)w(r)$  is a solution of (4)–(5) on  $[R, R + \varepsilon]$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Now let:

$$E_a(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_a). \quad (11)$$

Using (4) and (H5) we get:

$$E_a'(r) = -\frac{u_a'^2(r)}{2K(r)} \left[ 2(N-1) + \frac{rK'}{K} \right] \leq 0. \quad (12)$$

It follows that  $E$  is non-increasing so:

$$E_a(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_a) \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{K(R)} = E_a(R) \quad \text{for } r \geq R. \quad (13)$$

Since  $F$  is bounded from below by (H4), so from (13) it implies that  $u_a'$  and  $u_a$  are uniformly bounded on  $[R, \infty)$  and so existence follows wherever they are defined. We know that  $f(u)$  is undefined at  $u = 0$ , so the solution of (4)–(5) exists as long as  $u_a(r) > 0$ . In addition, if  $u_a(r_0) = 0$  but  $u_a'(r_0) \neq 0$  we can use the same argument as on the previous page to establish existence of a solution of (4)–(5) in a neighborhood of  $r_0$ . If there is an  $r_0$  such that  $u_a(r_0) = 0$  and  $u_a'(r_0) = 0$  then we show in the appendix that we can extend this solution to a neighborhood of  $r_0$ . Continuing this process we can find the existence of a solution of (4)–(5) on  $[R, \infty)$ .

**Lemma 2.1:** Let  $u_a(r)$  solves (4)–(5) and assume that  $2 < \alpha < 2(N-1)$ . If  $a$  sufficiently small, then  $u_a(r) > 0 \forall r \in (R, \infty)$ ,

**Proof:** From (5) we have  $u_a(R) = 0$  and  $u_a'(R) = a > 0$ . If  $u_a'(r) > 0 \forall r \in (R, \infty)$  then  $u_a(r) > 0 \forall r \in (R, \infty)$ . So we are done in this case.

If  $u_a(r)$  is not always greater than zero on  $(R, \infty)$ , then  $u_a$  has a zero at  $z_a$ , and  $u_a(r) > 0$  on  $(R, z_a)$ . In addition,  $\exists M_a$  such that  $R < M_a < z_a$ , where  $M_a$  is a local maximum of  $u_a$  with  $u_a(M_a) > 0$  and  $u_a' > 0$  on  $(R, M_a)$ . From (4) we then have  $u_a'(M_a) = 0$ ,  $u_a''(M_a) \leq 0$  so  $f(u_a(M_a)) \geq 0$  so  $u_a(M_a) \geq \beta > 0$ .

We now show  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} M_a = +\infty$ . Assume by the way of contradiction  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} M_a \neq +\infty$ . Then  $\exists M^* > 0$  and a subsequence (still labeled  $M_a$ ) such that  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} M_a = M^*$ .

Since  $R \leq M_a \leq z_a$  then  $0 \leq E_a(z_a) \leq E_a(M_a) \leq E_a(R)$ .

Thus  $0 \leq F(u_a(M_a)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{K(R)}$  and so  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} F(u_a(M_a)) = 0$ . Since we know from earlier  $u_a(M_a) \geq \beta > 0$  it follows then that:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} u_a(M_a) = \gamma. \quad (14)$$

On the interval  $[R, z_a]$  it follows from (13) that:

$$0 \leq E_a(z_a) \leq E_a(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{K(R)} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $a \rightarrow 0^+$  on  $[R, z_a]$ ,

$$(15)$$

and as we saw earlier  $u_a, u_a'$  are uniformly bounded on  $[R, M^* + 1]$ . Thus there exists a subsequence still labeled  $u_a$  such that  $u_a$  is uniformly convergent on  $[R, M^* + 1]$  with  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} u_a(r) = u^*(r)$  on  $[R, M^* + 1]$  and  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} u_a(M_a) = u^*(M^*)$  on  $[R, M^* + 1]$ . Then from (14) we get  $u^*(M^*) = \gamma$ . Also since  $u_a$  is increasing on  $[R, M_a]$  it follows that  $u^*$  is increasing on  $[R, M^*]$  and:

$$0 \leq u^* \leq \gamma \text{ on } [R, M^*]. \quad (16)$$

Now consider the following identity which follows directly from (4):

$$\left( r^{2(N-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} u_a'^2(r) + K(r)F(u_a) \right] \right)' = \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_a). \quad (17)$$

Integrating on  $[R, r]$  gives:

$$r^{2(N-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} u_a'^2(r) + K(r)F(u_a) \right] = R^{2(N-1)} \frac{1}{2} a^2 + \int_R^r \left( t^{2(N-1)} K(t) \right)' F(u_a) dt. \quad (18)$$

Since  $a \rightarrow 0$  and  $u_a \rightarrow u^*$  uniformly on  $[R, M^* + 1]$  then taking the limit in (18) gives:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} r^{2(N-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} u_a'^2(r) + K(r)F(u_a) \right] = \int_R^r \left( t^{2(N-1)} K(t) \right)' F(u^*) dt.$$

Dividing by  $r^{2(N-1)} K(r)$  gives:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_a) = \frac{\int_R^r \left( t^{2(N-1)} K(t) \right)' F(u^*) dt}{r^{2(N-1)} K(r)}. \quad (19)$$

Thus  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} u_a'^2$  exists and since  $u_a' \geq 0$  on  $[R, M_a]$  then  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} u_a'$  exists and so  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} u_a' = u^{* \prime}$ .

Combining this with (15) it follows that  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r)) \equiv 0$  on  $[R, M^*]$  and then by (17) and (H5),  $\left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u^*) \equiv 0$ . Thus  $F(u^*) \equiv 0$ . Therefore  $u^* = \text{constant}$  but since  $u^*(M^*) =$

$\gamma$  and  $u^*(R) = 0 < \gamma$ , we get a contradiction. Thus  $M_a$  cannot be bounded and therefore:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} M_a = \infty. \quad (20)$$

Next for  $M_a < r < z_a$  we have  $0 \leq E_a(z_a) \leq E_a(r) \leq E_a(M_a) = F(u_a(M_a))$  thus  $u_a(M_a) \geq \gamma$  and so:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r)) \leq E(M_a) = F(u_a(M_a)) \quad r \geq M_a. \quad (21)$$

Rewriting and integrating (21) from  $M_a$  to  $z_a$ , and changing variable gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\gamma \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(u_a(M_a)) - F(t)}} &\leq \int_0^{u_a(M_a)} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(u_a(M_a)) - F(t)}} \\ &\leq \int_{M_a}^{z_a} \frac{u'_a(r) dr}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(u_a(M_a)) - F(u_a(r))}} \leq \int_{M_a}^{z_a} \sqrt{K(r)} dr. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Now using (H5)–(H6) and that  $\alpha > 2$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M_a}^{z_a} \sqrt{K(r)} dr &\leq \int_{M_a}^{z_a} \sqrt{K_2} r^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}} dr = \sqrt{K_2} \left( \frac{z_a^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} - M_a^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2\sqrt{K_2}}{\alpha-2} M_a^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Thus combining (22) and (23) we obtain:

$$\int_0^\gamma \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(u_a(M_a)) - F(t)}} \leq \frac{2\sqrt{K_2}}{\alpha-2} M_a^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}. \quad (24)$$

Now taking the limit as  $a \rightarrow 0^+$  in inequality (24) using (14), (20), and  $\alpha > 2$  gives:

$$0 < \int_0^\gamma \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{-F(t)}} \leq \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2\sqrt{K_2}}{\alpha-2} M_a^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 0.$$

This is a contradiction. Thus  $u_a(r) > 0$  on  $[R, \infty)$  if  $a > 0$  is sufficiently small. This completes the proof of Lemma 2.1.

Next we show that  $u_a(r)$  has many zeros on  $(R, \infty)$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.2:** Let  $u_a(r)$  be the solution of (4)–(5) and suppose (H1)–(H6). Then  $u_a(r)$  has a local maximum  $M_a$  if  $a$  is sufficiently large,  $u_a(M_a) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $M_a \rightarrow R^+$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof:** First, suppose  $M_a$  is a positive local maximum. Then  $u'_a(M_a) = 0$ ,  $u''_a(M_a) \leq 0$  and from equation (4),

we see  $f(u_a(M_a)) \geq 0$  (since  $K(M_a) > 0$ ) so  $u_a(M_a) \geq \beta$ . Thus  $u_a$  cannot have a local maximum before  $u_a$  reaches  $\beta$ .

Next, suppose by the way of contradiction that  $0 \leq u_a \leq \beta$  for sufficiently large  $a$  and all  $r \in [R, \infty)$ . Then we see  $f(u_a) \leq 0$  and so  $u''_a + \frac{N-1}{r} u'_a \geq 0$ . Hence  $(r^{N-1} u'_a)' \geq 0$  on  $[R, r]$ . Integrating on  $[R, r]$  gives:

$$r^{N-1} u'_a(r) \geq R^{N-1} u'_a(R) = aR^{N-1} > 0 \quad (25)$$

Hence  $u_a$  is increasing on  $[R, r]$ . Rewriting (25) and integrating gives:

$$u_a(r) \geq aR^{N-1} \left[ \frac{r^{2-N} - R^{2-N}}{2-N} \right] = \frac{aR}{N-2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{N-2} \right]$$

on  $[R, r]$ .

(26)

Then from (26) we see  $u_a(2R) \geq \frac{aR}{N-2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2^{N-2}} \right]$  and  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{aR}{N-2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2^{N-2}} \right] = \infty$  which contradicts the assumption that  $0 \leq u_a \leq \beta$ . Thus if  $a$  is sufficiently large then  $u_a(r)$  gets larger than  $\beta$ .

Next we show  $\max_{[R, 2R]} u_a(r) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ . Suppose by way of contradiction that  $\max_{[R, 2R]} u_a(r) \leq B$  where  $B$  does not depend on  $a$  for  $a$  large.

Since  $r^{2(N-1)} K(r) F(u_a)$  and  $\left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_a)$  are continuous on  $[R, 2R]$  then  $|r^{2(N-1)} K(r) F(u_a)| \leq A_1$  with  $A_1 > 0$  and  $\left| \int_R^r \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_a) \right| \leq A_2$  with  $A_2 > 0$  so rewriting (18) we obtain:

$$r^{2(N-1)} \frac{1}{2} u_a^2(r) \geq \frac{R^{2(N-1)} a^2}{2} - [A_1 + A_2]. \quad (27)$$

Since the right-hand side of (27) goes to  $\infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$  then we see there is a  $C_a$  with  $C_a > 0$  such that  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} C_a = \infty$  and:

$$|u'_a| \geq \frac{\sqrt{2C_a}}{r^{N-1}} > 0 \text{ on } [R, 2R] \quad (28)$$

thus  $u'_a > 0$  for  $a$  sufficiently large  $[R, 2R]$  and integrating (28) over  $(R, 2R)$  we get:

$$B \geq u_a(2R) \geq \sqrt{2C_a} \left[ \frac{1 - 2^{2-N}}{N-2} \right] R^{2-N}.$$

but  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2C_a} \left[ \frac{1 - 2^{2-N}}{N-2} \right] R^{2-N} = \infty$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $u_a$  was bounded by  $B$  on  $[R, 2R]$ . Thus

$$\max_{[R, 2R]} u_a \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } a \rightarrow \infty. \quad (29)$$

Now let us show that  $u_a(r)$  has a local maximum  $M_a$  if  $a$  is sufficiently large. Suppose by the way of contradiction that  $u_a$  is increasing for all  $r > R$ . Since it follows from (13) that  $u_a$  is bounded then we see  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u_a(r) = L_a$  with  $L_a > 0$ . Also since  $E_a$  is non-increasing it follows that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r))$  exists. Since  $F(u_a) \rightarrow F(L_a)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  it then follows that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)}$  exists. Dividing (18) by  $r^{2(N-1)}K(r)$  we have:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r)) = \frac{R^{2(N-1)}a^2}{2r^{2(N-1)}K(r)} + \frac{\int_R^r (r^{2(N-1)}K(r))' F(u_a)}{r^{2(N-1)}K(r)}. \quad (30)$$

By (H5)–(H6) it follows that  $\frac{1}{r^{2(N-1)}K(r)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then taking limits as  $r$  goes to infinity and using L'Hopital's rule in (30) we get:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)} + F(L_a) = 0 + F(L_a). \quad (31)$$

And so  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)} = 0$ .

Next by assumption  $u_a(r)$  is increasing and so  $L_a \geq \max_{[R, 2R]} u_a(r)$ .

It follows then from (29) that

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} L_a = \infty. \quad (32)$$

Since  $E_a$  is non increasing and  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  then we see:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r)) \geq F(u_a(L_a)) \quad r \geq R. \quad (33)$$

Rewriting and integrating (33) over  $[R, \infty)$  we get:

$$\int_0^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} = \int_R^\infty \frac{|u_a'(r)| dr}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(u_a(r))}} \geq \int_R^\infty \sqrt{K(r)} dr \quad (34)$$

From right-hand side of (34) since  $\alpha > 2$  and using (H6) we get:

$$\int_R^\infty \sqrt{K(r)} \geq \int_R^\infty K_1 r^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = \frac{2K_1}{\alpha - 2} R^{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}}. \quad (35)$$

Thus we get:

$$\int_0^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} \geq \frac{2K_1}{\alpha - 2} R^{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}}. \quad (36)$$

Finally let us show that  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} = 0$  which contradicts and thus our assumption that  $u_a$  is increasing is false and therefore  $u_a$  must have a local maximum.

$$\int_0^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} = \int_0^{\frac{L_a}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} + \int_{\frac{L_a}{2}}^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}}. \quad (37)$$

From (32) we know  $L_a \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$  and so it follows from (H3) that  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(L_a)}{L_a} = \infty$  thus for a large  $\frac{L_a}{2}$  is large then  $F(t) < F(\frac{L_a}{2})$  also  $F(L_a) - F(\frac{L_a}{2}) < F(L_a) - F(t)$  so

$$\int_0^{\frac{L_a}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} \leq \int_0^{\frac{L_a}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(\frac{L_a}{2})}} = \frac{\frac{L_a}{2}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(\frac{L_a}{2})}}. \quad (38)$$

By the mean value theorem there is  $d_1 > 0$  such that  $\frac{L_a}{2} < d_1 < L_a$  then  $F(L_a) - F(\frac{L_a}{2}) = f(d_1) [L_a - \frac{L_a}{2}] = f(d_1) [\frac{L_a}{2}]$  since  $f$  is increasing for a large then  $f(\frac{L_a}{2}) \leq f(d_1)$  so

$$\frac{\frac{L_a}{2}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(\frac{L_a}{2})}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{\frac{L_a}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{f(\frac{L_a}{2})}} \quad (39)$$

taking limit as  $a$  goes to infinity and by (H3) and (35)

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{L_a}{2}}{f(\frac{L_a}{2})}} = 0. \quad (40)$$

Thus by (38), (39), and (40) then:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\frac{L_a}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} = 0. \quad (41)$$

Second, we estimate  $t \in [\frac{L_a}{2}, L_a]$  we have  $F$  is continuous and  $f$  is increasing so by the mean value theorem there is a  $d_2 > 0$  with  $\frac{L_a}{2} < d_2 < L_a$  so  $F(L_a) - F(t) = f(d_2)[L_a - t] \geq f(\frac{L_a}{2})[L_a - t]$  rewrite the second part of (37) we get:

$$\int_{\frac{L_a}{2}}^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} \leq \int_{\frac{L_a}{2}}^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{f(\frac{L_a}{2})(L_a - t)}} = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{L_a}{2}}{f(\frac{L_a}{2})}} \quad (42)$$

taking limit as  $a$  goes to infinity and by (H3) and (42)

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{L_a}{2}}{f(\frac{L_a}{2})}} = 0. \quad (43)$$



Thus (42) and (43) gives:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{L_a}{2}}^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} = 0. \quad (44)$$

Combining (41) and (44) with (37) we have:

$$\int_0^{L_a} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(L_a) - F(t)}} = 0. \quad (45)$$

Now taking limits in (36) we get:  $K_1 \frac{R^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}{\frac{\alpha}{2}-1} \leq 0$  which is false. Thus  $u_a$  must have a first local maximum  $M_a$  if  $a$  is sufficiently large.

Next we show that  $u_a(M_a) \geq \max_{[R, 2R]} u_a$ . Since  $u_a$  has a first local maximum  $M_a$ . Case 1: if  $M_a > 2R$ . Since  $u_a$  is increasing on  $[R, M_a]$  then  $u_a(M_a) \geq u_a(2R) = \max_{[R, 2R]} u_a$  so we done this case. case 2: if  $R < M_a < 2R$ . Suppose by way of contradiction there is  $t_0$  with  $M_a < t_0 < 2R$  such that  $u_a(t_0) > u_a(M_a)$  then there is a smallest  $s_0$  with  $s_0 > M_a$  such that  $u_a(s_0) = u_a(M_a)$  then for  $M_a < r < s_0$  we have  $F(u_a(M_a)) = E(s_0) \leq E(r) \leq E(M_a) = F(u_a(M_a))$  since  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_a^2(s_0)}{K(s_0)} = 0$  and  $F(u_a(M_a)) = F(u_a(s_0))$  therefore  $E(r)$  is a constant on  $[M_a, s_0]$  thus  $E'(r) = 0$  then  $u_a'(r) \equiv 0$  on  $[M_a, s_0]$ . By the uniqueness of the solution of the initial value problem we have  $u_a(r) \equiv 0$  on  $[R, \infty)$  but we know  $u'(R) = a > 0$  which is a Contradiction. so no  $t_0$  exists. Thus  $u_a(M_a) \geq \max_{[R, 2R]} u_a$  and  $\max_{[R, 2R]} u_a \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} u_a(M_a) = \infty$ .

Now let us show  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} M_a = R$ . Since  $E_a(r)$  is non-increasing it follows that if  $R \leq r \leq M_a$  then:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{U_a^2}{K(r)} + F(u_a(r)) \geq F(u_a(M_a)) \text{ on } [R, M_a].$$

Rewriting, integrating over  $(R, M_a)$  and changing variables we get:

$$\int_0^{u_a(M_a)} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(u_a(M_a)) - F(t)}} = \int_R^{M_a} \frac{u_a'(r) dr}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{F(u_a(M_a)) - F(u_a(r))}} \geq \int_R^{M_a} \sqrt{K(r)} dr. \quad (46)$$

From the right-hand side of (46) using (H6) we get:

$$\int_R^{M_a} \sqrt{K(r)} \geq \int_R^{M_a} \sqrt{K_1 r^{-\alpha}} = \sqrt{K_1} \left( \frac{M_a^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} - R^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right) \quad (47)$$

since  $\alpha > 2$ . It follows from (45) that the left-hand side of (46) goes to 0 as  $a \rightarrow \infty$  therefore it follows from (47) that  $M_a \rightarrow R$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ .

This completes the proof of lemma.

**Lemma 2.3:** Suppose (4)–(5) and  $N \geq 2$ . Let  $u_a(r)$  be the solution of (4)–(5) and suppose  $2 < \alpha < 2(N-1)$ . Then  $u_a(r)$  has at least  $n$  zeroes on  $(0, \infty)$  if  $a$  sufficiently large.

**Proof:** Let  $V(r) = u_a(r + M_a)$ , then  $V(0) = u_a(M_a)$ ,  $V'(r) = u_a'(r + M_a)$  and  $V''(r) = u_a''(r + M_a)$ . Substituting in equation (4) we get:

$$u_a''(r + M_a) + \frac{N-1}{r + M_a} u_a'(r + M_a) + K(r + M_a) f(u_a(r + M_a)) = 0 \quad (48)$$

so  $V''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r + M_a} V'(r) + K(r + M_a) f(V(r)) = 0$  with  $V(0) = u_a(M_a)$  and  $V'(0) = 0$ . Now if we replace  $r$  with  $\frac{r}{\lambda}$  where  $\lambda > 0$  then we get:

$$V''\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) + \frac{N-1}{\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a} V'\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) + K\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) f\left(V\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right)\right) = 0. \quad (49)$$

Now let:

$$W_\lambda(r) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}} V\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}} u_a\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right). \quad (50)$$

Then:

$$W_\lambda'(r) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}-1} V'\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}-1} u_a'\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)$$

$$W_\lambda''(r) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}-2} V''\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}-2} u_a''\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)$$

and substituting above in (49) we get:

$$W_\lambda''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r + \lambda M_a} W_\lambda'(r) + \lambda^{\frac{-2p}{p-1}} K\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) \left[ |W_\lambda|^{p-1} W_\lambda \lambda^{\frac{2p}{p-1}} + g_2\left(W_\lambda \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}}\right) \right] = 0. \quad (51)$$

simplifying (51) we get:

$$W_\lambda''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r + \lambda M_a} W_\lambda'(r) + K \text{big}\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) \left[ |W_\lambda|^{p-1}(r) W_\lambda(r) + \lambda^{\frac{-2p}{p-1}} g_2\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right) \right] = 0.$$

We choose  $\lambda$  so that  $\lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}} u_a(M_a) = 1$ . Then we have  $W_\lambda(0) = \lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}} u_a(M_a) = 1$ . So  $u_a(M_a) \lambda^{\frac{2}{p-1}}$  and since  $u_a(M_a) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ . Now let:

$$E_\lambda(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{W_\lambda^2}{K\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} + \frac{|W_\lambda|^{p+1}}{p+1} + \frac{G\left(\lambda^{\frac{-2}{p-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right)}{\lambda^{\frac{2(p+1)}{p-1}}}, \quad (52)$$

where  $G(u) = \int_0^u g_2(t) dt$ . Then:

(59)

$$E'_\lambda(r) = \frac{-W_\lambda'^2}{2\lambda \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} [2(N-1) + \frac{\left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) K' \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)}{K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)}] \leq 0. \quad (53)$$

where the bracketed term is greater than or equal to 0 by (H5). It follows from (53) that  $E_\lambda$  is non-increasing and so:

$$E_\lambda(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{W_\lambda'^2}{K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} + \frac{|W_\lambda|^{P+1}}{P+1} + \frac{G\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right)}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}} \leq \frac{1}{P+1} + \frac{G\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}}\right)}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}} = E_\lambda(0). \quad (54)$$

Using (H3):

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}}\right)}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}} = 0 \quad (55)$$

so for  $\lambda$  sufficiently large we get:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{W_\lambda'^2}{K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} + \frac{|W_\lambda|^{P+1}}{P+1} + \frac{G\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right)}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}} \leq \frac{1}{P+1} + \frac{1}{P+1} = \frac{2}{P+1} \quad (56)$$

so:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{W_\lambda'^2}{K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} + \frac{|W_\lambda|^{P+1}}{P+1} \leq \frac{2}{P+1} - \frac{G\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right)}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}}. \quad (57)$$

Using (H3) it follows that  $\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|G(u)|}{|u|^{P+1}} = 0$ .

So  $\left| \frac{G(u)}{u^{P+1}} \right| < \frac{1}{2(P+1)}$  if  $|u| \geq C_0$ .

Also since  $G(u)$  is continuous when  $|u| \leq C_0$  then there is  $D$  so that  $|G(u)| \leq D$  when  $|u| \leq C_0$  and so

$$|G(u)| \leq D + \frac{1}{2(P+1)} |u|^{P+1} \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (58)$$

Thus:

$$\left| G\left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right) \right| \leq D + \frac{1}{2(P+1)} \left| \lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r) \right|^{P+1} = D + \frac{1}{2(P+1)} \lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}} |W_\lambda(r)|^{P+1}$$

Substituting (59) into (57) gives:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{W_\lambda'^2}{K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} + \frac{|W_\lambda|^{P+1}}{P+1} \leq \frac{2}{P+1} + \frac{D}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}} + \frac{1}{2(P+1)} |W_\lambda(r)|^{P+1}$$

so

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{W_\lambda'^2}{K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right)} + \frac{|W_\lambda|^{P+1}}{2(P+1)} \leq \frac{2}{P+1} + \frac{D}{\lambda^{\frac{2(P+1)}{P-1}}} \leq \frac{2}{P+1} + 1$$

for  $\lambda$  sufficiently large. Thus  $W_\lambda$  and  $W_\lambda'$  are uniformly bounded on compact sets. So by Arzela-Ascoli, there is a subsequence still labeled  $w_\lambda$  such that  $W_\lambda \rightarrow W^*$  uniformly on compact sets and so  $W^*$  is continuous. It can be shown in a similar argument as (59) that:

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) \lambda^{\frac{-2P}{P-1}} g_2 \left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right) = 0$$

since  $\frac{g_2(u)}{u^P} \rightarrow 0$  as  $u \rightarrow \infty$  so  $\frac{g_2(u)}{u^P} < \varepsilon$  if  $u \geq L$  then

$$g_2(u) < \varepsilon |u|^P \text{ if } u \geq L \text{ thus } g_2(u) \leq D_1 + \varepsilon |u|^P$$

so

$$\left| K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) \lambda^{\frac{-2P}{P-1}} g_2 \left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{P-1}} W_\lambda(r)\right) \right| \leq K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) \lambda^{\frac{-2P}{P-1}} \left[ D_1 + \varepsilon \lambda^{\frac{2P}{P-1}} |W_\lambda|^P \right] = K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) D_1 \lambda^{\frac{-2P}{P-1}} + \varepsilon K \left(\frac{r}{\lambda} + M_a\right) |W_\lambda|^P$$

is also uniformly bounded. Then it follows from (51) that  $W_\lambda''$  is also uniformly bounded. Thus  $W_\lambda' \rightarrow W^{*'} uniformly on compact sets. Then taking limits in (51) we get:$

$$(W^*)'' + K(R) |W^*|^{P-1} W^* = 0 \quad (60)$$

with  $W^*(0) = 1, W^{*'}(0) = 0$ . Thus:

$$\frac{1}{2} (W^*)'^2 + K(R) \frac{|W^*|^{P+1}}{P+1} = \frac{K(R)}{P+1}. \quad (61)$$

It follows from (61) that  $|W^*| \leq 1$ . We now show  $W^*$  has an infinite number of zeros on  $[0, \infty)$ . Suppose  $(W^*)' \leq 0$  for all  $r \geq R$ . Then  $W^*$  is bounded and decreasing so:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} W^*(r) = L. \quad (62)$$

Taking limits in (61) gives:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} W^{*'}{}^2(r) + K(R) \frac{|L|^{P+1}}{P+1} = \frac{K(R)}{P+1} \quad (63)$$



so:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} W^{*'}(r) = \frac{2K(R)}{P+1} [1 - |L|^{P+1}] \quad \text{Thus } |L| \leq 1. \quad (64)$$

Now suppose  $|L| < 1$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} |(W^*)'(r)| = \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1} [1 - |L|^{P+1}]}. \quad (65)$$

Thus for large  $r$  and  $r_0$

$$\int_{r_0}^r -(W^*)'(r) dr = \int_{r_0}^r |(W^*)'(r)| dr \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{r_0}^r \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1} [1 - |L|^{P+1}]} dr \quad (66)$$

we get:

$$-W^*(r) + W^*(r_0) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1} [1 - |L|^{P+1}]} (r - r_0) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty \quad (67)$$

on the left-hand side of (67) is bounded which contradicts that  $W^*$  is bounded. Thus  $|L| = 1$  and since  $W^*(0) = 1$  and since  $W^{*''} < 0$  then  $W^*$  is decreasing near  $r = 0$  also  $W^{*''}(0) = -K(R) < 0$  so  $W^*$  is not constant so  $L \neq 1$  and thus  $W^{*'} \leq 0$  then  $L = -1$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} (W^*)'^2 + \frac{K(R)}{P+1} |W^*|^{P+1} = \frac{K(R)}{P+1} \quad (68)$$

$$(W^*)' = \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1} [1 - (W^*)^{P+1}]} \quad (69)$$

$$\int_0^r \frac{-W^{*'}(r) dr}{\sqrt{1 - |W^*(r)|^{P+1}}} = \int_0^r \frac{|W^{*'}(r)| dr}{\sqrt{1 - |W^*(r)|^{P+1}}} = \int_0^r \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1}} dr = \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1}} r \quad (70)$$

if we make change of variable  $t = W^*(r)$  and  $dt = W^*(r) dr$  we get:

$$\int_{W^*(r)}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^{P+1}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2K(R)}{P+1}} r \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty \quad (71)$$

if  $W^*(r) \geq 0$  and  $(W^*)'(r) \leq 0$  since  $|W^*(r)|$  bounded by 1, so  $W^*(r) \rightarrow -1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-t^{P+1}}} = \infty \quad (72)$$

but left-hand side is finite. This is a contradiction. Thus  $W^*$  must have a first local minimum  $m^*$ . Let  $r = m^*$  in (65) so  $|W^*|^{P+1}(m^*) = 1$  so  $W^*(m^*) = \pm 1$  but since  $W^*(0) = 1$  and  $W^*$  is initially decreasing then it follows that  $W^*(m^*) = -1$  so  $W^*$  has a first zero  $Z_1$  and we can show  $W(m^* + t) = W(m^* - t)$  therefore  $W$  is periodic with period  $2m^*$  so  $W$  has infinite many zeros. This completes the proof.

In this paper, we prove the following:

**Theorem 1:** Assuming (H1)–(H6) then there exists a solutions of (1)–(3).

### 3. The Main Results:

Let  $S_0 = \{a > 0 | u_a(r) > 0 \forall r > R\}$ . By Lemma 2.1 we know that if  $a > 0$  and  $a$  is sufficiently small then  $u_a > 0$  for all  $r > R$ . Thus  $S_0$  is nonempty. By Lemma 2.3 we see that if  $a$  sufficiently large then  $u_a$  has a zero. Hence  $S_0$  is bounded from above. So the supremum of  $S_0$  exists and let  $a_0 = \sup S_0 > 0$ .

**Lemma 3.1:**  $u_{a_0}(r) > 0$  for  $r > R$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u_{a_0}(r) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Suppose first by the way of contradiction that  $u_{a_0}(r)$  is not positive for  $r > R$ . So there exists  $Z_0 > R$  such that  $u_{a_0}(Z_0) = 0$  and  $u_{a_0}(r) > 0$  on  $(R, Z_0)$ .

Assume  $u'_{a_0}(Z_0) < 0$  So there is  $r_1 > Z_0$  such that  $u_{a_0}(r_1) < 0$ . We also know that  $u'_a(r)$  varies continuously with  $a$ . Thus on any compact set  $K_0$ ,  $\lim_{a \rightarrow a_0} u_a(r) = u_{a_0}(r)$  uniformly on  $K_0$ .

So if  $a$  is close enough to  $a_0$  then  $u_a(r_1) < 0$ .

In particular if  $0 < a < a_0$  then  $u_a(r_1) < 0$ , but this contradicts that then  $u_a(r) > 0$  for  $r > R$  and  $0 < a < a_0$ .

Therefore  $u_{a_0}(r)$  does not have a zero. So  $u_{a_0}(r) > 0$  for  $r > R$ .

For  $a > a_0$  then  $u_a(r)$  has a zero  $z_a$ . We now show  $\lim_{a \rightarrow a_0^+} z_a(r) = \infty$ , because otherwise if there is a  $B > 0$  such that  $z_a \leq B$  for all  $a$  close to  $a_0$  then there is a subsequence still labeled  $a$  such that  $z_a \rightarrow Z^*$ .

Also since  $E_a(r) \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{K(R)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a_0+1)^2}{K(R)}$  for all  $r \geq R$  then  $u_a$  and  $u'_a$  are uniformly bounded on  $[R, a_0 + 1]$  and so for further subsequence still labeled  $u_a$  we have  $u_a \rightarrow u_{a_0}$  uniformly on compact sets so  $0 = \lim_{a \rightarrow a_0^+} u_a(z_a) = u_{a_0}(Z^*)$ .

So  $u_{a_0}(Z^*) = 0$  but we showed earlier  $u_{a_0}(r) > 0$  for  $r > R$ . This is a contradiction. Thus  $\lim_{a \rightarrow a_0^+} Z_a(r) = +\infty$ .

In addition, we now show  $E_{a_0}(r) \geq 0$  for all  $r > R$ . Let us integrate the identity over  $(r_0, r)$  we get:

$$\int_{r_0}^r \left[ \left( r^{2(N-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} u_{a_0}'^2(r) + K(r) F(u_{a_0}(r)) \right] \right)' \right] = \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_{a_0}(r))$$

we rewriting

$$= r^{2(N-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} u_{a_0}'^2(r) + K(r) F(u_{a_0}(r)) \right]' = \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_{a_0}(r))$$

Suppose by the way of contradiction suppose there is  $r_1 > R$  such that  $E_{a_0}(r_1) < 0$ . Again by continuous dependence of the  $u_a(r)$  and  $u_a'(r)$  on the parameter  $a$  we get  $E_a(r_1) < 0$  if  $a$  is close enough to  $a_0$ . On the other hand, if  $a > a_0$  then  $u_a$  has a first zero  $z_a$  and  $U_a > 0$  for  $R < r < z_a$  and since  $E_{a_0}(r_1) < 0$  and  $E_{a_0}$  is non-increasing then  $z_a \leq r_1$ , thus  $0 \leq E_a(z_a) \leq E_a(r_1) < 0$  where  $z_a < r_1$ . But  $z_a \rightarrow \infty$  as  $a \rightarrow a_0$  therefore  $E_{a_0}(r) \geq 0 \forall r \geq R$ .

**Lemma 3.2:**  $u_{a_0}(r)$  has a local maximum  $M_{a_0} > R$ .

**Proof:** Suppose not. Then  $u_{a_0}'(r) \geq 0 \forall r > R$ . Also  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_{a_0}(r)) = E_{a_0}(r) \leq E_{a_0}(R) = \frac{a_0^2}{2K(R)}$ . It follows from this that  $u_{a_0}$  is bounded and since  $u_{a_0}' \geq 0$  then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u_{a_0}(r) = L > 0$ .

Since  $E_{a_0}$  is non-increasing then for all  $r > R$  then from (H4) it follows that  $F(u_{a_0})$  is bounded from below and since  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} \geq 0$  then  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_{a_0})$  is bounded from below and thus

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_{a_0}(r)) \text{ exists.}$$

Also since  $u_{a_0} \rightarrow L$  it follows that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} F(u_{a_0}(r)) = F(L)$

and so it follows that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)}$  exists. Now let us show

$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} = 0$ . Consider the following identity which follows from (4) and integrating over  $(r, r_0)$  we get:

$$\int_{r_0}^r \left( r^{2(N-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} u_{a_0}'^2(r) + K(r) F(u_{a_0}(r)) \right] \right)' dr = \int_{r_0}^r \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_{a_0}(r)) dr$$

so

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{U_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_{a_0}(r)) = \frac{C_0}{K(r)r^{2(N-1)}} + \frac{\int_{r_0}^r \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_{a_0})}{K(r)r^{2(N-1)}}$$

for some constant  $C_0$ . Taking the limit as  $r$  goes to infinity and using (H6) then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_0}{K(r)r^{2(N-1)}} = 0$  so using L'Hopital rule

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_{a_0}(r)) \right] = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{r_0}^r \left( r^{2(N-1)} K(r) \right)' F(u_{a_0})}{K(r)r^{2(N-1)}} = F(L)$$

so  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}'^2(r)}{K(r)} = 0$ . Also from lemma 3.1,  $E_{a_0} \geq 0$  and since  $0 \leq E_{a_0} \rightarrow F(L)$  it follows  $L \geq \gamma$ .

Next we return to (4)  $- \left( r^{N-1} u_{a_0}'(r) \right)' = r^{N-1} K(r) f(u_{a_0}(r))$  since  $L \geq \gamma$  and  $f(u_{a_0}) \geq 0$ . Since  $u_{a_0}$  is increasing and  $u_{a_0}(r) \rightarrow L \geq \gamma$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  then for large  $u_{a_0}(r) \geq \frac{\gamma+\beta}{2} > \beta$  then there exists  $C_1 > 0$  such that  $f(u_{a_0}) \geq C_1 > 0$  for  $r$  sufficiently large we get:  $- \left( r^{(N-1)} U_{a_0}'(r) \right)' \geq C_1 r^{(N-1)} K(r)$ . Integrating on  $(r_0, r)$  where  $r_0, r$  are sufficiently large then we get:

$$\int_{r_0}^r \left[ \left( r^{(N-1)} u_{a_0}'(r) \right)' + C_1 r^{(N-1)} K(r) \right] \leq 0$$

so

$$r^{(N-1)} u_{a_0}'(r) - r_0^{(N-1)} u_{a_0}'(r_0) + C_1 \frac{r^{N-\alpha} - r_0^{N-\alpha}}{N-\alpha} \leq 0 \text{ if } 2 < \alpha < N \text{ then } r^{(N-1)} u_{a_0}'(r) \leq r_0^{(N-1)} u_{a_0}'(r_0) + C_1 \frac{r^{N-\alpha} - r_0^{N-\alpha}}{N-\alpha} \rightarrow -\infty$$

Since  $r_0^{N-1} u_{a_0}'(r_0) = \text{constant}$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{N-\alpha} = +\infty$ , then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{N-1} u_{a_0}'(r) = -\infty$  so  $u_{a_0}'$  must get negative. Thus  $u_{a_0}$  has a local max  $M_{a_0}$ .

Now we show that  $u_{a_0}'(r) \leq 0$  for  $r > M_{a_0}$ . If not then there is  $r_1 > M_{a_0}$  such that  $u_{a_0}'(r_1) > 0$  so  $u_{a_0}$  has a local min  $m_{a_0} > M_{a_0}$  such that  $u_{a_0}'(m_{a_0}) = 0$  and  $u_{a_0}''(m_{a_0}) \geq 0$

so  $f(u_{a_0}(m_{a_0})) \leq 0$ , but  $0 < u_{a_0}(m_{a_0}) \leq \beta$ . From lemma 3.1 we have  $0 \leq E_{a_0}(m_{a_0}) = F(u_{a_0}(m_{a_0}))$

$u_{a_0}(m_{a_0}) \geq \gamma$ , but this is a contradiction. Since  $0 < u_{a_0}(m_{a_0}) \leq \beta < \gamma$ . Thus  $u_{a_0}' < 0$  for all  $r > M_{a_0}$ . Since  $u_{a_0} > 0$  then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u_{a_0}(r) = A$  with  $A \geq 0$  for  $r > R$ .

We will show that  $A = 0$ . We know  $E_{a_0}(r)$  is non-increasing and bounded below so:  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} E_{a_0}(r)$  exists, and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u_{a_0}^2(r) = 0$  exists  $0 \leq E_{a_0}(r) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(u_{a_0}(r))$ . Taking limit of  $E_{a_0}(r)$  as  $r$  goes to infinity.

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} E_{a_0}(r) = F(A)$$

so  $0 \leq F(A)$  so since  $A \geq 0$  then either  $A = 0$  or  $A \geq \gamma$ . Let us assume  $A \geq \gamma$  by above we get:  $0 \leq \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} E_{a_0}(r) =$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{a_0}^2(r)}{K(r)} + F(A).$$

So  $A = 0$  and thus  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} u_{a_0}(r) = 0$  so  $u_{a_0}$  is solution of (4)–(5).

#### 4. Conclusions:

Through this work, We have been able to prove the existence of a solution to the singular superlinear Dirichlet problem (1) on the exterior domain in  $R^N$ . When  $f$  is singular at zero and  $f$  grows superlinear at infinity, the proof we presented here seems to have some techniques for localized solutions. Also, we show that the energy is strictly decreasing.

#### A. Appendix

**Lemma 1:** Let  $z > 0$ . There is a solution  $U_a$  of equation (4) if  $u_a(z) = u'_a(z) = 0$  on  $(z, z + \varepsilon)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Proof:** Suppose first that  $u_a$  is a positive solution to (4) on  $(R, z)$  with  $u_a(z) = 0$  and  $u'_a(z) = 0$  with  $u_a \in C^2(R, z - \varepsilon) \cap C^0[R, z - \varepsilon)$ . Let us determine the behavior of  $u_a(r)$  on  $(z - \varepsilon, z)$ .

Using the fact that  $f(u_a) = \frac{-1}{|u_a|^{q-1}u_a} + g_1(u_a)$  where  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $g_1(0) = 0$  and  $g_1$  is continuous at  $u_a = 0$  then multiplying (4) by  $|u_a|^{q-1}u_a$  we obtain:

$$|u_a|^{q-1} u_a u_a''(r) + \frac{N-1}{r} |u_a|^{q-1} u_a u_a'(r) + K(r) (-1 + g_1(u_a)) |u_a|^{q-1} u_a = 0. \quad (73)$$

Since  $g_1$  is continuous at  $u_a = 0$  with  $0 < q < 1$  then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} K(r) g_1(u_a) |u_a|^{q-1} u_a = 0.$$

Also since  $u'_a$  is continuous with  $u'_a(z) = 0$  and  $0 < q < 1$  then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{1}{r} |u_a|^{q-1} u_a u_a' = 0$  therefore from (73) this implies

$\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} |u_a|^{q-1} u_a u_a''(r) = K(z)$ . In addition, since  $\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{1}{2} u_a^2 = 0$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{1}{1-q} |u_a|^{1-q} = 0$  then by L'Hopital's rule we have:

$$\begin{aligned} K(z) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} |u_a|^{q-1} u_a u_a''(r) \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} u_a^2\right)'}{\left(\frac{1}{1-q} |u_a|^{1-q}\right)'} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{\frac{1}{2} u_a^2}{\frac{1}{1-q} |u_a|^{1-q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{|u_a|}{|u_a|^{\frac{1-q}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} > 0$ . Therefore  $u'_a \neq 0$  on  $(z - \varepsilon, z)$  (for some perhaps small  $\varepsilon$ ) and since  $u_a > 0$  on  $(z - \varepsilon, z)$  it follows that  $u'_a < 0$  on  $(z - \varepsilon, z)$ . Thus  $\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{-u'_a}{\frac{1-q}{2} u_a} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)}$ , and so on the interval  $(z - \varepsilon, z)$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small then there is  $\delta > 0$  so that:  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} - \delta < \frac{-u'_a}{\frac{1-q}{2} u_a} < \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} + \delta$ . Integrating on  $(r, z)$  for  $r$  sufficiently close to  $z$  gives:

$$\int_r^z \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} - \delta \right) ds < \int_r^z \frac{-u'_a ds}{\frac{1-q}{2} u_a} < \int_r^z \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} + \delta \right) ds$$

$$\left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} - \delta \right) (z-r) < \frac{2}{q+1} u_a^{\frac{q+1}{2}} < \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} + \delta \right) (z-r)$$

so

$$\left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} - \delta \right) \leq \frac{2}{q+1} \frac{u_a^{\frac{q+1}{2}}}{(z-r)} \leq \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} + \delta \right) \text{ on } (z - \varepsilon, z)$$

Thus:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{u_a^{\frac{q+1}{2}}}{(z-r)} = \frac{q+1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)}.$$

Let

$$W(r) = \frac{u_a(r)}{(z-r)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \text{ where } r \neq z$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} W(r) = \left[ \frac{q+1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} \right]^{\frac{2}{q+1}} \text{ so we define}$$

$$W(z) = \lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} W(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow z^-} \frac{u_a(r)}{(z-r)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} = \left[ \frac{q+1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} \right]^{\frac{2}{q+1}}.$$

This tells us how  $u_a$  behaves on  $(z - \varepsilon, z)$  so we expect  $U$  to behave similarly on  $(z, z + \varepsilon)$  so we will try now to prove the existence of a solution on  $(z, z + \varepsilon)$  so that:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow z^+} \frac{u_a}{(z-r)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} = - \left[ \frac{q+1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-q} K(z)} \right]^{\frac{2}{q+1}}. \quad (74)$$

Now assuming such a solution exists, Rewriting (4), integrating over  $(z, r)$ , and using  $u'_a(z) = 0$  we get:

$$r^{N-1} u'_a(r) = - \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) f(u_a) ds dt \quad (75)$$

Multiplying (75) by  $\frac{1}{r^{N-1}}$ , integrating over  $(z, r)$  and using (H1) gives:

$$u_a(r) = - \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{|u_a|^{q-1} u_a(s)} + g_1(u_a) \right] ds dt. \quad (76)$$

Making the change of variables of (76):

$$u_a(r) = -(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W(r).$$

Then (76) becomes :

$$(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W(r) = - \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} |W|^{q-1} W} + g_1 \left( -(s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W(s) \right) \right] ds dt$$

So:

$$W(r) = \frac{-1}{(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} |W|^{q-1} W} + g_1 \left( -(s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W \right) \right] ds dt. \quad (77)$$

Assuming  $W(r)$  is continuous at  $z$  then taking limits in (77) and using L'Hopital's rule we get:

$$W(z) = \lim_{r \rightarrow z^+} \frac{\frac{1}{r^{N-1}} \int_z^r s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} |W|^{q-1} W} + g_1 \left( -(s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W \right) \right] ds}{\frac{2}{q+1} (s-z)^{\frac{1-q}{q+1}}}.$$

Using L'Hopital's rule again we get:

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{z^{N-1}} \lim_{r \rightarrow z^+} \frac{r^{N-1} K(r) \left[ \frac{-1}{(r-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} |W|^{q-1} W} + g_1 \left( -(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W \right) \right]}{\frac{2}{q+1} \frac{1-q}{q+1} (r-z)^{\frac{-2q}{q+1}}}.$$

simplifying above we get:

$$W(z) = \frac{(q+1)^2 K(z)}{2(1-q) |W(z)|^{q-1} W(z)}$$

and thus:

$$|W(z)| = \left[ \frac{(q+1)^2 K(z)}{2(1-q)} \right]^{\frac{1}{q+1}}.$$

Let  $W(r) = CY(r)$  where  $C = - \left( \frac{(q+1)^2 K(z)}{2(1-q)} \right)^{\frac{1}{q+1}}$ .

Then  $Y(z) = 1$   
so

$$Y(r) = \frac{-1}{C(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} C^q Y^q} + g_1 \left( (s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} CY \right) \right] ds dt. \quad (78)$$

Now we attempt to can solve (78) by using the contraction mapping principle theorem. We define the set:

$$B = \{Y \in C[z, z + \varepsilon] \mid Y(z) = 1 \text{ and } \|Y(r) - 1\| < \delta\}$$

where  $\delta$  is sufficiently small.

Let:

$$\|Y\| = \sup_{x \in [z, z + \varepsilon]} |Y(x)|$$

Now define  $T : B \rightarrow C[z, z + \varepsilon]$  by:

$$TY(r) = \frac{-1}{C(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} C^q Y^q} + g_1 \left( (s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} CY \right) \right] ds dt.$$

Let us suppose  $Y_1, Y_2 \in B$  then:

$$TY_1(r) - TY_2(r) = \frac{-1}{C(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} C^q} \left[ \frac{1}{Y_1^q} - \frac{1}{Y_2^q} \right] + g_1 \left( (s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} CY_1 \right) - g_1 \left( (s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} CY_2 \right) \right] ds dt. \quad (79)$$

divided the integration in two parts:

For the first part of the integral since  $Y_1, Y_2 \in B$ .

Then by the mean value theorem there is  $Y_3$  between  $Y_1, Y_2$  also since  $0 < Y_2 < Y_3 < Y_1 < \delta + 1$  where  $|Y_i - 1| < \delta$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  then  $1 - \delta < Y_3 < 1 + \delta$  then  $\left| \left[ \frac{1}{Y_1^q} - \frac{1}{Y_2^q} \right] \right| = \frac{q}{Y_3^{q+1}} |Y_1 - Y_2| \leq \frac{q}{(1-\delta)^{q+1}} |Y_1 - Y_2|$ .

Then the first part of the integral becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{-1}{C(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ \frac{-1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}} C^q} \left[ \frac{1}{Y_1^q} - \frac{1}{Y_2^q} \right] \right] ds dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{q}{(1+\delta)^{1+q}} \frac{|Y_1 - Y_2|}{C^{q+1}(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t \frac{s^{N-1} K(s)}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}}} ds dt. \\ & \leq \frac{q}{(1+\delta)^{1+q}} \frac{|Y_1 - Y_2|}{C^{q+1}(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \int_z^t \frac{K(s)}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}}} ds dt. \\ & \leq \frac{q}{(1+\delta)^{1+q}} \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) \frac{|Y_1 - Y_2|}{C^{q+1}(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \int_z^t \frac{1}{(s-z)^{\frac{2q}{q+1}}} ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

Carrying out the integration and recalling  $C^{q+1} = \frac{(q+1)^2 K(z)}{2(1-q)}$  we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq \frac{q}{(1+\delta)^{1+q}} \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) \frac{|Y_1 - Y_2|}{\frac{(q+1)^2 K(z)}{2(1-q)}} \frac{(q+1)^2}{2(1-q)} \\ & = \frac{q}{(1+\delta)^{1+q}} \frac{\max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r)}{K(z)} |Y_1 - Y_2|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $K(z) \neq 0$  and  $K$  is continuous then  $\frac{\max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r)}{K(z)} \rightarrow 1$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Also since  $\delta > 0$  and  $q < 1$  we see that for  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small then  $\frac{q}{(1+\delta)^{1+q}} \frac{\max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r)}{K(z)} \leq d \leq 1$ .

For the second part of the integral since  $g_1$  is locally Lipschitz at  $W$  near 0 then:

$$\left| g_1 \left( -(s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} C Y_1 \right) - g_1 \left( -(s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} C Y_2 \right) \right| \leq L |s-z|^{\frac{2}{q+1}} C ||Y_1 - Y_2||$$

so substituting into the second part of (78) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{-1}{C(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \int_z^r \frac{1}{t^{N-1}} \int_z^t s^{N-1} K(s) \left[ g_1 \left( (s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} C Y_1 \right) \right. \\ & \left. - g_1 \left( (s-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} C Y_2 \right) \right] ds dt. \\ & \leq \frac{|Y_1 - Y_2| C L}{C(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) \int_z^r \int_z^t |s-z|^{\frac{2}{q+1}} ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq \frac{|Y_1 - Y_2| L}{(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}}} \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) (r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} (r-z)^2 = |Y_1 - Y_2| L \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) (r-z)^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1-d}{2} |Y_1 - Y_2|. \end{aligned}$$

since  $\lim_{r \rightarrow z} L \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) (r-z)^2 = 0$  we can choose  $\varepsilon$  small enough so that  $L \max_{[z, z+\varepsilon]} K(r) (r-z)^2 < \frac{(1-d)}{2}$  so  $d + \frac{1-d}{2} = \frac{1+d}{2} < 1$  and so combining these two part we get

$$|T Y_1(r) - T Y_2(r)| \leq \frac{1+d}{2} |Y_1 - Y_2|$$

Thus  $T$  is a contraction mapping if  $0 < \frac{1+d}{2} < 1$  is sufficiently small, so there is a unique solution  $Y \in B$  to  $T(Y) = Y$  on  $[z, z + \varepsilon]$ . Then  $u_a(r) = -(r-z)^{\frac{2}{q+1}} W(r)$  is a solution of (4)–(5) on  $[z - \varepsilon, z + \varepsilon]$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Lemma 2:** The energy equation  $E(r)$  is strictly decreasing.

**Proof:** From (12) we know that  $E'(r) \leq 0$  so  $E(r)$  is non-increasing. Suppose by way of contradiction that  $E$  is not strictly decreasing then there are  $r_1, r_2$  with  $r_1 < r_2$  such that  $E(r_1) = E(r_2)$  so  $E(r)$  is constant on  $[r_1, r_2]$  so  $E'(r) \equiv 0$  on  $[r_1, r_2]$  so  $U'_a(r) \equiv 0$  on  $[r_1, r_2]$  then by the uniqueness of solution of initial value problem  $u_a \equiv 0$  on  $[R, \infty]$  but  $u'_a(R) = a > 0$  contradiction so  $E$  must be strictly decreasing. this proofs lemma 2.

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وجودية الحلول لمسألة منفردة غيرخطية مع الشروط الحدودية لدرجت في المجال الخارجي

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#### الخلاصة

لقد أثبت هذا البحث وجود الحلول التي تحل المعادلة التفاضلية الجزئية غير الخطية. لقد تم تطوير دراسة للأنظمة الديناميكية على الجزء الخارجي من الكرة المتمركزة في الأصل في  $R^N$  مع نصف القطر  $R > 0$  ، مع شروط حدود من النوع الاول عندما  $u = 0$  على الحدود، و  $u(x)$  تقترب من  $\infty$  عندما  $|x|$  تقترب من اللانهاية، حيث الدالة  $f(u)$  هي المنفرد الليبشيتزي المحلي عند الصفر، وتنمو الدالة بشكل فائق عندما تقترب من اللانهاية. من خلال إدخال مقاييس مختلفة لتوضيح سلوك الدالة المنفرد بالقرب من المركز وفي اللانهاية. وأيضاً،  $N > 2$  ، والدالة تسلك ك  $|u|^{q-1}|u|$  عندما  $u$  صغيرة مع  $0 < q < 1$  ، والدالة تسلك  $|u|^p|u|$  عندما  $u$  كبيرة مع  $p > 1$  بالإضافة إلى ذلك،  $K(x)|x|^{-2}$  مع  $2 \ll 2(N-1)$  عندما  $|x|$  كبيرة وقد تم استخدام طريقة النقطة الثابتة وغيرها من التقنيات لإثبات الوجودية.

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