

NONEXISTENCE OF STABLE SOLUTIONS OF THE WEIGHTED LANE-EMDEN SYSTEM

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Abstract The aim of this paper is to study the stability of the positive solutions of the weighted Lane-Emden system. By applying the structure of the m -biharmonic weighted equation, we prove the nonexistence of positive stable solutions for the case $0 < p < 1 < p^{-1} < \theta$.

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1. Introduction

The famous Lane-Emden equation

$$-\Delta u = u^p, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad (1.1)$$

has played the important role in the development of nonlinear analysis in last decades.

It is well known that, the stable solutions of the corresponding Lane-Emden equation and system, or the biharmonic equation (see [13]), which have been widely studied by many experts. For the corresponding second order equation

$$-\Delta u = |u|^{p-1}u, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (1.2)$$

Farina [8] obtained the optimal Liouville type result for solutions stable at infinity. Indeed, he proved that a smooth nontrivial solution to (1.2) exists, if $1 < p < p_{JL}$ and $N \geq 2$. Here p_{JL} stands for Joseph-Lundgren exponent (see [12]). However, Farina's technique may fail to do completely classify the stable solutions and finite Morse index solutions of the biharmonic equation ($p > 1$)

$$\Delta^2 u = |u|^{p-1}u \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N. \quad (1.3)$$

To solve this problem, Dávila, Dupaigne, Wang and Wei [5] give a complete classification of stable and finite Morse index solutions (whether positive or sign changing), in the full exponent range. They derive a monotone formula for solutions of equation (1.3) by using Pohozaev identity and simplify the problem to the non-existence of stable homogeneous solutions.

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Equation(1.1) and (1.3) are special cases of the Lane-Emden system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = v^p, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\Delta v = u^\theta, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N. \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

With $p, \theta > 0$ among which, the problem of existence and nonexistence (known as the Liouville theorem) of stable solutions has attracted wide attention [10, 11], but has not yet fully answered.

The famous Lane-Emden conjecture says that the system(1.4) admit no positive classical solutions in subcritical case

$$\frac{1}{p+1} + \frac{1}{\theta+1} > \frac{N-2}{N}. \quad (1.5)$$

Moreover, we can check readily that if $p\theta > 1$,

$$(1.5) \Leftrightarrow N < 2 + \alpha + \beta = \frac{2(p+1)(\theta+1)}{p\theta-1} \quad (1.6)$$

where $\alpha = \frac{2(p+1)}{p\theta-1}$, $\beta = \frac{2(\theta+1)}{p\theta-1}$.

In [19] this system admits no radial solutions in dimensions $N \leq 2$. Souplet [21] proved the Lane-Emden conjecture in dimension $N = 3$. Cowan [2] proved the non-existence, up to translations, of the stability (radial or not) if $p, \theta \geq 2$ and $N \leq 10$. Moreover Chen, Dupaigne and Ghergu [4] showed the stability of radial solutions when $p, \theta \geq 1$. They proved that if $p, \theta \geq 1$, then a radial solution is unstable if and only if $N \leq 10$, or $N \geq 11$ and

$$\left[\frac{(N-2)^2 - (\alpha - \beta)^2}{4} \right]^2 < p\theta\alpha\beta(N-2-\alpha)(N-2-\beta).$$

Recently, Hu [15] derived Liouville type theorem for the weighted Lane-Emden system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = |x|^\beta v, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\Delta v = |x|^\alpha u^p, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N. \end{cases}$$

by using Pohozaev identity to construct a monotonicity formula and revealing their certain equivalence relation.

In general weighted Lane-Emden equations

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = \rho v^p, u > 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\Delta v = \rho u^\theta, v > 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

for $\rho = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ with $p, \theta > 1$ in (1.7) was considered, Liouville type theorems for the classical positive stable solutions in higher space dimension was established by the authors [3, 7]. In 2017, Hajlaoui, Harrabi and Mtiri [14] improved the previous works [9, 16] and mainly obtained a new comparison property which is key to deal with the case $1 < \theta \leq \frac{4}{3}$.

As a generalization, the weighted elliptic system with the advection term is generally of the form

$$\begin{cases} -\omega\Delta u - \nabla\omega \cdot \nabla u = \omega_1 v^p, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\omega\Delta v - \nabla\omega \cdot \nabla v = \omega_2 u^\theta, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

has also been studied recently, see [17] and the references there in for example. For $\omega = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\delta}{2}}$, $\omega_1 = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ and $\omega_2 = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\beta}{2}}$ with $\alpha, \beta, \delta > 0$ and $N \geq 3$, $p \geq \theta > 1$, Hu [17] proved the non-existence of the stable solution.

For the weighted Lane-Emden system, the Liouville type results are less understood for $0 < p < 1$.

In this paper we are going to study the stable solutions of the weighted Lane-Emden system:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = v^p, u > 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\Delta v = \rho u^\theta, v > 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

where $0 < p < 1$ and $\rho : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a radial continuous function satisfying the following assumption: (*) There exists $\alpha \geq 0$ and $A > 0$ such that $\rho(x) \geq A\rho_0(x)$ in $\mathbb{R}^N$, where $\rho_0(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$.

The main results of this paper are stated as

Theorem 1.1. *If $0 < p < 1 < p^{-1} < \theta$ satisfies (1.5), then (1.9) has no stable solution.*

2. Proof of the main result

In this section we will prove the stable solution of the weighted

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = \rho v^p, u > 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\Delta v = \rho u^\theta, v > 0, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases}$$

we will use the equivalence between m -biharmonic weighted equation and the system to prove the stable solution for such system.

To introduce the notion of stability, we consider a general system given by

$$-\Delta u = f(x, v), \quad -\Delta v = g(x, u) \text{ in } \Omega, \text{ a bounded regular domain in } \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (2.1)$$

where $f, g \in C^1(\Omega \times \mathbb{R})$. Following Montenegro [19], a smooth solution (u, v) of (2.1) is said to be stable in Ω if the following eigenvalue problem

$$-\Delta \xi = f_v(x, v)\zeta + \eta\xi, \quad -\Delta \zeta = g_u(x, u)\xi + \eta\zeta, \text{ in } \Omega$$

has a nonnegative eigenvalue η , with a positive smooth eigenfunctions pair (ξ, ζ) .

Let (u, v) be a solution of system (1.9) with $\theta > p^{-1} > 1 > p > 0$. Our approach is based on the formal equivalence noticed in [1, 6, 22], between the weighted Lane-Emden system (1.9) and a fourth order problem, called the m -biharmonic weighted

equation. More precisely, let $m := \frac{1}{p} + 1 > 2$, as $v = (-\Delta u)^{m-1} > 0$ in $\mathbb{R}^N$, $(-\Delta u)^{m-1} = (-\Delta u)^{m-2}(-\Delta u) > 0$, recall

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = v^p > 0, & u > 0, \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^N, \\ -\Delta v = \rho u^\theta > 0, & v > 0, \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^N. \end{cases}$$

So $0 < (-\Delta u)^{m-2} = |\Delta u|^{m-2}$, we derive that u satisfies

$$\Delta_m^2 u := \Delta(|\Delta u|^{m-2} \Delta u) = \rho u^\theta \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N.$$

So we are led to consider $\theta > m - 1 > 1$, and

$$\Delta_m^2 u := \Delta(|\Delta u|^{m-2} \Delta u) = \rho |u|^{\theta-1} u. \quad (2.2)$$

We say that $u \in W_{loc}^{2,m}(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L_{loc}^{\theta+1}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ is a weak solutions of (2.2) in $\mathbb{R}^N$, if for any regular bounded domain Ω , u is a critical point of the followig functional

$$I(v) = \frac{1}{m} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta v|^m dx - \frac{1}{\theta+1} \int_{\Omega} \rho |v|^{\theta+1} dx, \quad \forall v \in W^{2,m}(\Omega) \cap L^{\theta+1}(\Omega).$$

Naturally, a weak solution to (2.2) is said stable in $\mathbb{R}^N$, if

$$\Lambda_u(h) := (m-1) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta v|^{m-2} |\Delta h|^2 dx - \theta \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta-1} h^2 \geq 0, \quad \forall h \in C_c^2(\Omega). \quad (2.3)$$

Next, we will use the relationship between the stability for the m -biharmonic weighted equation and the stability for the system (1.9) to handle the case $0 < p < 1$. In fact, a direct calculation yields that if $p\theta > 1$ (or equivalently $\theta > m - 1$),

$$(1.6) \Leftrightarrow N < \frac{2m(\theta+1)}{\theta-(m-1)} \Leftrightarrow \theta < \frac{N(m-1)+2m}{N-2m}. \quad (2.4)$$

It means that the range of pairs (p, θ) satisfying (1.5) and $p\theta > 1$ corresponds exactly to the subcritical case of the m -biharmonic weighted equation (2.2).

Lemma 2.1. *Let (u, v) be a solution of system (1.9) with $\theta > \frac{1}{p} := m - 1 > 1$. Suppose that (u, v) is stable in a regular bounded domain Ω , then u is a stable solution of equation (2.2).*

Proof. By the definition of stability, there exist smooth positive functions ξ, ζ and $\eta \geq 0$ such that

$$-\Delta \xi = p v^{p-1} \zeta + \eta \xi, \quad -\Delta \zeta = \theta \rho u^{\theta-1} + \eta \zeta. \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

Using (ξ, ζ) as super-solution, $(\min_{\overline{\Omega}} \xi, \min_{\overline{\Omega}} \zeta)$ as sub-solution, and the standard monotone iterations, we can claim that there exist positive smooth functions φ, χ verifying

$$-\Delta \varphi = p v^{p-1} \chi, \quad -\Delta \chi = \theta \rho u^{\theta-1} \varphi \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\theta \rho u^{\theta-1} \varphi = \Delta \left(\frac{v^{1-p}}{p} \Delta \varphi \right) \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

Let $\gamma \in C_c^2(\Omega)$. Multiplying the above equation by $\gamma^2 \varphi^{-1}$ and integrating by parts, there holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} \theta \rho u^{\theta-1} \gamma^2 dx &= \int_{\Omega} \gamma^2 \varphi^{-1} \Delta \left(\frac{1}{p} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \right) \\
 &= - \int_{\Omega} \nabla(\gamma^2 \varphi^{-1}) \nabla \left(\frac{1}{p} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \right) + \int_{\partial \Omega} \gamma^2 \varphi^{-1} \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{p} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi)}{\partial \mathbf{n}} dS(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \Delta(\gamma^2 \varphi^{-1}) dx - \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{1}{p} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \frac{\partial(\gamma^2 \varphi^{-1})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} dS(x) \\
 &\quad + \int_{\partial \Omega} \gamma^2 \varphi^{-1} \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{p} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi)}{\partial \mathbf{n}} dS(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \Delta(\gamma^2 \varphi^{-1}) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \nabla(2\gamma \varphi^{-1} \nabla \gamma - \gamma^2 \varphi^{-2} \nabla \varphi) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} -4v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \gamma \varphi^{-2} \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \gamma dx + \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} 2v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \varphi^{-1} |\nabla \gamma|^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} 2v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \gamma \varphi^{-1} \Delta \gamma dx + \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} 2v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \gamma^2 \varphi^{-3} |\nabla \varphi|^2 dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \gamma^2 \varphi^{-2} \Delta \varphi dx. \tag{2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality and the fact that $-\Delta \varphi > 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| -\frac{4}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \gamma \varphi^{-2} \Delta \varphi \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla \gamma dx \right| &\leq -\frac{2}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi |\nabla \gamma|^2 \varphi^{-1} dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{2}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \gamma^2 |\nabla \varphi|^2 \varphi^{-3} dx. \tag{2.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.5) and (2.6), one obtains, using again the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} \theta \rho u^{\theta-1} \gamma^2 &\leq \frac{2}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi \gamma \Delta \gamma \varphi^{-1} dx - \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} (\Delta \varphi)^2 \varphi^{-2} \gamma^2 dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi (\Delta \varphi)^2 \varphi^{-2} \gamma^2 dx + \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} (\Delta \gamma)^2 dx \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} \Delta \varphi (\Delta \varphi)^2 \varphi^{-2} \gamma^2 dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} v^{1-p} (\Delta \gamma)^2 dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $p = \frac{1}{m-1}$ and $(-\Delta u)^{\frac{1}{p}} = v$, we obtain the desired result (2.3). $\square$

According to the above lemma, we know that system (1.9) is equivalent to the equation (2.2). Therefore, to prove them 1.1 in the case $p \in (0, 1)$ and $p\theta > 1$, we need only to prove

Lemma 2.2. *Let $\theta > m - 1 > 1$, if u is a weak stable solution to the equation (2.2) in $\mathbb{R}^N$ with N verifying (2.4), then $u \equiv 0$.*

To lemma 2.2, we use first the stability condition (2.3) to get the following crucial lemma which provides an important integral estimate for, u and Δu .

Lemma 2.3. *Let $u \in W_{loc}^{2,m}(\Omega) \cap L_{loc}^{\theta+1}(\Omega)$ be a weak stable solution of (2.2) in Ω , with $\theta > m - 1 > 1$. Then, for any integer*

$$k \geq \max \left(m, \frac{m(\theta + 1)}{2(\theta + 1 - m)} \right),$$

there exists a positive constant $C = C(N, \epsilon, m, k)$ such that for any $\zeta \in C_c^2(\Omega)$ satisfying $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$,

$$\int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \leq C \left[\int_{\Omega} (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m)^{\frac{\theta+1}{\theta-(m-1)}} dx \right]. \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. For any $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ and, $\eta \in C^2(\Omega)$, there holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} [\Delta(u\eta)]^2 dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} (u\Delta\eta + 2\nabla u \nabla \eta + \eta \Delta u)^2 dx \\ &\leq (1 + \epsilon) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \eta^2 dx + \frac{C}{\epsilon} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} (u^2 |\Delta \eta|^2 + |\nabla u|^2 |\nabla \eta|^2) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Take $\eta = \zeta^{2k}$, $\zeta \in C_c^2(\Omega)$, $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$, $k \geq m > 2$. Apply Young's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 |\Delta u|^{m-2} |\Delta(\zeta^{2k})|^2 dx \\ &\leq C_k \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 |\Delta u|^{m-2} (|\Delta \zeta|^2 + |\nabla \zeta|^4) \zeta^{4k-4} dx \\ &\leq \epsilon^2 \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + C_{\epsilon, k, m} \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^2 + |\nabla \zeta|^4) \zeta^{4k-2m} dx. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} |\nabla u|^2 |\nabla(\zeta^{2k})|^2 dx &= 4k^2 \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} |\nabla u|^2 |\nabla \zeta|^2 \zeta^{4k-2} dx \\ &\leq \epsilon^2 \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + \frac{C_{m, k}}{\epsilon^{m-2}} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the two above estimates into (2.8), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} |\Delta(u\zeta^{2k})|^2 dx &\leq (1 + C_{\epsilon}) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + \frac{C_{m, k}}{\epsilon^{m-2}} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m} dx \\ &\quad + C_{\epsilon, k, m} \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^2 + |\nabla \zeta|^4)^{\frac{m}{2}} \zeta^{4k-2m} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

We need also the following technical lemma [18].

Lemma 2.4. *Let $k \geq \frac{m}{2} > 1$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $C_{N, \epsilon, m, k} > 0$ such that for any $u \in W_{loc}^{2,m}(\Omega)$ verifying (2.3), $\zeta \in C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$ with $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$, there holds*

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \leq \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k}}{\rho} dx \quad (2.10)$$

$$+ C_{N,\epsilon,m,k} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^m (|\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m}}{\rho} dx. \quad (2.11)$$

Proof. A direct calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\nabla u \cdot \nabla u |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\nabla u |\nabla u|^{m-2}) u \frac{|\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} u |\nabla u|^{m-2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{|\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} \right) dx \\ &:= I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

The integral I_1 can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= - (m-2) \int_{\Omega} \frac{u |\nabla u|^{m-4} |\nabla \zeta|^m \nabla^2 u (\nabla u, \nabla u) \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} \frac{u \Delta u |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx - \int_{\Omega} \frac{u \nabla u |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\leq C_m \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u| |\nabla^2 u| |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u| |\Delta u| |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u| |\nabla u|^{m-1} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Applying Young's inequality, there holds, for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} \frac{|u| |\Delta u| |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\leq C_{\epsilon,m} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^{\frac{m}{2}} |\Delta u|^{\frac{m}{2}} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\leq C_{\epsilon,m} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} \zeta^{4k-2m}}{\rho} dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k}}{\rho} dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} \frac{|u| |\nabla^2 u| |\nabla u|^{m-2} |\nabla \zeta|^{m-2+2} \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\leq C_{\epsilon,m} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^{\frac{m}{2}} |\nabla^2 u|^{\frac{m}{2}} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\leq C_{\epsilon,m} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} \zeta^{4k-2m}}{\rho} dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla^2 u|^m \zeta^{4k}}{\rho} dx + \epsilon \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Now we shall estimate the integral

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla^2 u|^m \zeta^{4k}}{\rho} dx.$$

Remark that there exists $C_0 N, m > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla^2 \varphi|^m dx \leq C_0 N, m \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\Delta \varphi|^m dx, \quad \forall \varphi \in W^{2,m}(\mathbb{R}^N). \quad (2.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla^2(u\zeta^{\frac{4k}{m}})|^m}{\rho} dx &\leq C_0(N, m) \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\Delta(u\zeta^{\frac{4k}{m}})|^m}{\rho} dx \\ &\leq C \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k}}{\rho} dx + C \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\quad + C \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^m (|\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m}}{\rho} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k}}{\rho} dx + C \int_{\Omega} \frac{|\nabla u|^m |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx \\ &\quad + C \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u|^m (|\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m}}{\rho} dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u| |\nabla u|^{m-1} |\nabla \zeta|^m \zeta^{4k-m}}{\rho} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

$$I_2 = -m \quad (2.19)$$

□

Using lemma 2.4 with ϵ^m and (2.9), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-2} |\Delta(u\zeta^{2k})|^2 dx &\leq C_{N,\epsilon,m,k} \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m} dx \\ &\quad + (1 + C_{m,k,\epsilon}) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Thanks to the approximation argument, the stability property (2.3) holds true with $u\zeta^{2k}$. We deduce then, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $C_{N,\epsilon,m,k} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\theta \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx - (m-1)(1 + C_{m,k,\epsilon}) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx \\ &\leq C_{N,\epsilon,m,k} \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

Moreover, multiplying the equation (2.2) by $u\zeta^{4k}$ and integrating by parts, there holds

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx - \int_{\Omega} \rho(x) u^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} |u| |\Delta u|^{m-1} |\Delta(\zeta^{4k})| dx + C \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^{m-1} |\nabla u| |\nabla(\zeta^{4k})| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using Young's inequality and applying again lemma 2.4, we can deduce that for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $C_{N,\epsilon,m,k} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - C_{m,k,\epsilon}) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx - \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \\ &\leq C_{N,\epsilon,m,k} \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

Taking $\epsilon > 0$ but small enough, multiplying (2.22) by $\frac{(m-1)(1+2C_{m,k,\epsilon})}{1-C_{m,k,\epsilon}}$, adding it with (2.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (m-1)C_{m,k,\epsilon} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + \left[\theta - \frac{(m-1)(1+2C_{m,k,\epsilon})}{1-C_{m,k,\epsilon}} \right] \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \\ & \leq C_{N,\epsilon,k,m} \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m} dx. \end{aligned}$$

As $\theta > m-1 > 1$, using $\epsilon > 0$ small enough, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \leq C \int_{\Omega} |u|^m (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m) \zeta^{4k-2m} dx. \quad (2.23)$$

For $k \geq \frac{m(\theta+1)}{2(\theta+1-m)}$ so that $4km \leq (4k-2m)(\theta+1)$, applying Hölder inequality, we conclude then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} |\Delta u|^m \zeta^{4k} dx + \int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \\ & \leq C \left[\int_{\Omega} (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m)^{\frac{\theta+1}{\theta-(m-1)}} dx \right]^{\frac{\theta-(m-1)}{\theta+1}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{\frac{(4k-2m)(\theta+1)}{m}} dx \right)^{\frac{m}{\theta+1}} \\ & \leq C \left[\int_{\Omega} (|\Delta \zeta|^m + |\nabla \zeta|^{2m} + |\nabla^2 \zeta|^m)^{\frac{\theta+1}{\theta-(m-1)}} dx \right]^{\frac{\theta-(m-1)}{\theta+1}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \right)^{\frac{m}{\theta+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

We get readily the estimate (2.7). $\square$

Now we choose ϕ_0 a cut-off function in $C_c^\infty(B_2)$ verifying $0 \leq \phi_0 \leq 1$, and $\phi_0 \equiv 1$ in B_1 . Applying (2.7) with $\zeta = \phi_0(R^{-1}x)$ for $R > 0$, there holds

$$\int_{B_R} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} dx \leq \int_{B_R} \rho |u|^{\theta+1} \zeta^{4k} dx \leq CR^{N - \frac{2m(\theta+1)}{\theta-(m-1)}}.$$

Under the assumption (2.4), tending $R \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain $u \equiv 0$, we prove then lemma 2.2, hence the case $\theta p > 1 > p > 0$ for theorem 1.1. $\square$

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