

# Existence of Blow-up Solutions to a Class of $p(x)$ -Laplacian Problems<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

This paper investigates the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{p(x)}u + f(x, u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u(x) \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } d(x, \partial\Omega) \rightarrow 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $-\Delta_{p(x)}u = -\operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u)$  is called  $p(x)$ -Laplacian. The existence of blow-up solutions is discussed, and the singularity of blow-up solutions is given. In particular, we do not assume radial symmetric conditions.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of differential equations and variational problems with nonstandard  $p(x)$ -growth conditions is a new and interesting topic. It arises from nonlinear elasticity theory, electrorheological fluids, etc. (see [15,22]). Many results have been obtained on this kind of problems, for example [1-9,12,15-19]. On the regularity of weak solutions for differential equations with nonstandard  $p(x)$ -growth conditions, we refer to [1-3,9]. In this paper, we consider the problem

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} -\Delta_{p(x)}u + f(x, u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u(x) \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } d(x, \partial\Omega) \rightarrow 0, \end{cases}$$

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where  $-\Delta_{p(x)}u = -div(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u)$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  is a  $C^2$  domain. Our aim is to give the existence of blow-up solutions for problem (P), and the singularity of blow-up solutions is given.

Since  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  is a  $C^2$  domain, then there exists a positive constant  $\rho$  such that  $d(x) = d(x, \partial\Omega) \in C^2(\overline{\Omega}_\rho)$ , and  $|\nabla d(x)| = 1$  for any  $x \in \overline{\Omega}_\rho$ , where  $\Omega_\rho = \{x \in \Omega \mid d(x) < \rho\}$ . Throughout the paper, we assume that  $p(x)$  and  $f(x, u)$  satisfy

(H<sub>1</sub>)  $p(x) \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$  and satisfies

$$1 < \inf_{x \in \Omega} p(x) \leq \sup_{x \in \Omega} p(x) < N,$$

and  $p(x) = p(d(x))$  in  $\Omega_\rho$ .

(H<sub>2</sub>)  $f(x, \cdot)$  is increasing and  $f(x, 0) = 0$  for any  $x \in \Omega$ .

(H<sub>3</sub>)  $f : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function and satisfies

$$|f(x, t)| \leq C_1 + C_2 |t|^{\alpha(x)-1}, \forall (x, t) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R},$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are positive constants,  $\alpha \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  and  $1 \leq \alpha(x) < p^*(x) := \frac{Np(x)}{N-p(x)}$ .

The operator  $-\Delta_{p(x)}u = -div(|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u)$  is called  $p(x)$ -Laplacian. Especially, if  $p(x) \equiv p$  (a constant), (P) is the well known  $p$ -Laplacian problem. If  $f(x, u)$  can be represented as  $h(x)f(u)$ , there are many papers on the blow-up solutions of  $p$ -Laplacian problems, for example [10,11,13,14]. In the investigation of existence of blow-up solutions for the following  $p$ -Laplacian problems ( $p$  is a constant)

$$-\Delta_p u + h(x)f(u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega,$$

the following generalized Keller Osserman condition is crucial

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{(F(t))^{\frac{1}{p}}} dt < +\infty, \text{ where } F(t) = \int_0^t f(s) ds.$$

In [21], the author had discussed the existence of positive solutions of (P), when the problem (P) is radial. In many cases, the radial symmetric conditions are effectively to deal with  $p(x)$ -Laplacian problems. There are many results about the radial  $p(x)$ -Laplacian problems (see[5,17-20]). Our aim is to give the existence of positive blow-up solutions for problem (P) without radial symmetric conditions. Through a new method to constructing sub-supersolution, this paper give the existence of positive weak solutions for problem (P). Because of the non-homogeneity of  $p(x)$ -Laplacian,  $p(x)$ -Laplacian problems are more complicated than those of  $p$ -Laplacian ones; and another difficulty of this paper

is that  $f(x, u)$  cannot be represented as  $h(x)f(u)$ . For the problem (P), since  $p(x)$  is a function, the typical form is  $-\Delta_{p(x)}u + |u|^{q(x)-2}u = 0$ , our results possess some difference from the generalized Keller Osserman condition. Our results partially generalized the results of [20,21].

## 2 Preliminary

In order to deal with  $p(x)$ -Laplacian problems, we need some theories on the spaces  $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$ ,  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  and properties of  $p(x)$ -Laplacian which we will use later (see[4]). Let

$$L^{p(x)}(\Omega) = \left\{ u \mid u \text{ is a measurable real-valued function, } \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \infty \right\}.$$

We can introduce the norm on  $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$  by

$$|u|_{p(x)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 \mid \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{u(x)}{\lambda} \right|^{p(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The space  $(L^{p(x)}(\Omega), |\cdot|_{p(x)})$  becomes a Banach space. We call it generalized Lebesgue space. The space  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  is defined by

$$W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega) = \{ u \in L^{p(x)}(\Omega) \mid |\nabla u| \in L^{p(x)}(\Omega) \},$$

and it can be equipped with the norm

$$\|u\| = |u|_{p(x)} + |\nabla u|_{p(x)}, \forall u \in W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega).$$

$W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  is the closure of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ .  $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$ ,  $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  and  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  are separable, reflexive and uniform convex Banach spaces (see [4, Theorem 1.10, 1.14, 2.1]). If  $u \in W_{loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ ,  $u$  is called a blow-up solution of (P) if it satisfies

$$\int_Q |\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \nabla q dx + \int_Q f(x, u) q dx = 0, \forall q \in W_0^{1,p(x)}(Q),$$

for any domain  $Q \Subset \Omega$ , and  $\max(k - u, 0) \in W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  for every positive integer  $k$ .

Let

$$W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega) = \{ u \mid \text{there is an open domain } Q \Subset \Omega \text{ s.t. } u \in W_0^{1,p(x)}(Q) \},$$

and define  $A : W_{loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega) \rightarrow (W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ , as

$$\langle Au, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^{p(x)-2} \nabla u \nabla \varphi + f(x, u) \varphi) dx,$$

$$\forall u \in W_{loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega), \forall \varphi \in W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega);$$

then we have

**Lemma 2.1** (see [7, Theorem 3.1]). Let  $h \in W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ ,  $X = h + W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ . Then,  $A : X \rightarrow (W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$  is strictly monotone.

Let  $g \in (W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ ; if  $\langle g, \varphi \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $\forall \varphi \in W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ ,  $\varphi \geq 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ , then denote  $g \geq 0$  in  $(W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ ; correspondingly, if  $-g \geq 0$  in  $(W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ , then denote  $g \leq 0$  in  $(W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $u \in W_{loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ . If  $Au \geq 0$  ( $Au \leq 0$ ) in  $(W_{0,loc}^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ , then  $u$  is called a weak super-solution (weak sub-solution) of equation (P).

Copying the proof of [16], we have

**Lemma 2.3** (comparison principle). Let  $u, v \in W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  satisfy  $Au - Av \geq 0$  in  $(W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega))^*$ . Let  $\varphi(x) = \min\{u(x) - v(x), 0\}$ . If  $\varphi(x) \in W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  (i.e.  $u \geq v$  on  $\partial\Omega$ ), then  $u \geq v$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.4** (see [9]). Under the conditions (H<sub>1</sub>) and (H<sub>3</sub>), if  $u \in W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  is a weak solution of  $-\Delta_{p(x)}u + f(x, u) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $u = w_0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , where  $w_0 \in W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ , then  $u \in C_{loc}^{1,\alpha}(\Omega)$ , where  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  is a constant.

### 3 Main results and proofs

**Theorem 3.1** If there exists a  $\delta \in (0, \rho)$  such that

$$f(x, u) \geq au^{q-1} \text{ (as } u \rightarrow +\infty \text{) for } x \in \Omega_{\delta} \text{ uniformly,}$$

where  $a$  and  $q$  are positive constants, and  $q - p(x) \geq \frac{1}{n}$  (where  $n$  is an integer and  $n > 3$ ) for  $x \in \Omega_{\delta}$  uniformly, then there exists a function  $\Phi_1(x)$  which satisfies  $\Phi_1(x) \rightarrow +\infty$  (as  $d(x) \rightarrow 0$ ), and such that, if  $u$  is a weak solution of problem (P) then  $u(x) \leq \Phi_1(x)$ .

**Proof** Since  $p(x) = p(d(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in \overline{\Omega_\rho}$ , then  $p(x) = p(d(x)) \equiv p(0)$ ,  $\forall x \in \partial\Omega$ . Define the function  $g(r, \epsilon)$  on  $[0, +\infty)$  as

$$g(r, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} Cr^{-s} + 2k, & 0 \leq r < R_0, \\ CR_0^{-s} + 2k - \int_{R_0}^r [CsR_0^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt, & R_0 < r < \delta, \\ CR_0^{-s} + 2k - \int_{R_0}^\delta [CsR_0^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt, & r \geq \delta, \end{cases}$$

where  $s = \frac{p(0)}{q-p(0)}$ ,  $R_0 \in (0, \frac{\delta}{2})$  and  $R_0$  is small enough,  $\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{2(\delta-R_0)}$ ,  $0 < \epsilon$  is a small enough constant and

$$C = C_\epsilon = (1 + \epsilon) \left[ \frac{1}{a} s^{p(0)-1} (s+1)(p(0)-1) \right]^{\frac{1}{q-p(0)}},$$

$$k = \left[ C \left( \frac{R_0}{2} \right)^{-s-1} \right]^{\frac{p^+-1}{p^--1}} + \int_\rho^{R_0} \left[ C s \left( \frac{R_0}{2} \right)^{-s-1} \right]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt,$$

where  $p^- = \inf_{x \in \Omega_\delta} p(x)$ ,  $p^+ = \sup_{x \in \Omega_\delta} p(x)$ .

Obviously, for any positive constant  $\epsilon$ ,  $g(r, \epsilon) \in C^1[0, +\infty)$ . We consider  $g(x, \epsilon) = g(d, \epsilon) = g(d(x), \epsilon)$ , then  $g(x, \epsilon) \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$ .

Since  $|\nabla d(x)| = 1$ , when  $x \in \Omega_{R_0}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta_{p(x)} g &= -\operatorname{div}(|g'|^{p(d)-2} g' \nabla d) \\ &= -|g'|^{p(d)-2} g'' [(p(d)-1) - \frac{d}{s+1} p' \ln |g'| - \frac{d}{s+1} (\operatorname{div} \nabla d)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d \in C^2(\overline{\Omega_\rho})$ , then there exists a positive constant  $D$  such that  $|\operatorname{div} \nabla d(x)| \leq D$ ,  $\forall x \in \overline{\Omega_\rho}$ , when  $R_0$  is small enough, by computation, we have

$$-\Delta_{p(x)} g + f(x, g) \geq 0, \forall x \in \Omega_{R_0}. \quad (1)$$

Obviously, if  $R_0$  is small enough, then  $k$  is big enough, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{p(x)} g &= \epsilon [CsR_0^{-s-1}]^{(p(R_0)-1)} \cos \epsilon(\delta - d) - [CsR_0^{-s-1}]^{(p(R_0)-1)} (\operatorname{div} \nabla d) \sin \epsilon(\delta - d) \\ &\leq ak^{q-1} \leq ag^{q-1} \leq f(x, g), \forall x \in \Omega_\delta \setminus \Omega_{R_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$-\Delta_{p(x)} g + f(x, g) \geq 0, \forall x \in \Omega_\delta \setminus \Omega_{R_0}. \quad (2)$$

Obviously

$$-\Delta_{p(x)}g + f(x, g) \geq 0, \forall x \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta. \quad (3)$$

Since  $g(x, \epsilon)$  is a  $C^1$  function on  $\Omega$ , if  $0 < R_0$  is small enough ( $R_0$  depends on  $R, p, q, n, s$ ), from (1), (2) and (3), we can see that  $g(x, \epsilon)$  is a super-solution of (P).

Define the function  $g_m(r, \frac{\epsilon}{2})$  on  $[\frac{1}{m}, +\infty)$  as

$$g_m(r, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} C(r - \frac{1}{m})^{-s} + 2k, & \frac{1}{m} \leq r < R_0, \\ C(R_0 - \frac{1}{m})^{-s} + 2k - \int_{R_0}^r [Cs(R_0 - \frac{1}{m})^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt, & R_0 < r < \delta, \\ C(R_0 - \frac{1}{m})^{-s} + 2k - \int_{R_0}^\delta [Cs(R_0 - \frac{1}{m})^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt, & r \geq \delta, \end{cases}$$

where  $s = \frac{p(0)}{q-p(0)}$ ,  $m$  is a big enough integer such that  $0 < \frac{1}{m} \leq \frac{R_0}{2}$ ,  $\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{2(\delta-R_0)}$ ,  $0 < \epsilon$  is a small enough constant,  $C = C_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}$ , then  $g_m(d(x), \frac{\epsilon}{2})$  is a super-solution of (P) on  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\frac{1}{m}}$ . If  $u$  is a solution of (P), according to the comparison principle, we get that  $g_m(d(x), \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \geq u(x)$  for any  $x \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_{\frac{1}{m}}$ . For any  $x \in \Omega_{R_0} \setminus \Omega_{\frac{1}{m}}$ , we have  $g_m(d(x), \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \geq g_{m+1}(d(x), \frac{\epsilon}{2})$ . Then, for any  $x \in \Omega_{R_0}$ , we have

$$u(x) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} g_m(d(x), \frac{\epsilon}{2}).$$

When  $d(x) > 0$  is small enough, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} g_m(d(x), \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \leq C_{\frac{2\epsilon}{3}}(d(x))^{-s} + k \leq g(d(x), \epsilon).$$

According to the comparison principle, we obtain that  $g(d(x), \epsilon) \geq u(x), \forall x \in \Omega$ ; then  $\Phi_1(x) = g(d(x), \epsilon)$  is an upper control function of all of the solutions of (P). The proof is completed.

**Theorem 3.2** If there exists a  $\delta \in (0, \rho)$  such that

$$f(x, u) \geq au^{q-1} \text{ (as } u \rightarrow +\infty \text{) for } x \in \Omega_\delta \text{ uniformly,}$$

where  $a$  and  $q$  are positive constants, and  $q - p(x) \geq \frac{1}{n}$  (where  $n$  is an integer and  $n > 3$ ) for  $x \in \Omega_\delta$  uniformly, then (P) possesses a blow-up solution.

**Proof** Let's consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{p(x)}u + f(x, u) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u(x) = j \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . The relative functional is

$$\varphi = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p(x)} |\nabla u(x)|^{p(x)} dx + \int_{\Omega} F(x, u) dx,$$

where  $F(x, u) = \int_0^u f(x, t) dt$ . Since  $\varphi$  is coercive in  $X_j := j + W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ , then  $\varphi$  possesses a nontrivial minimum point  $u_j$ , then problem (4) possesses a weak solution  $u_j$ . According to the comparison principle, we get  $u_j(x) \leq u_{j+1}(x)$  for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $\Phi_1(x)$  defined in theorem 3.1 is a super-solution, according to the comparison principle, we get  $u_j(x) \leq \Phi_1(x)$  on  $\Omega$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since every weak solution of (4) is a  $C_{loc}^{1,\alpha}$  function, and  $\Phi_1(x)$  is locally bounded, similarly to the proof of Lemma 2.1 of paper [13], we can prove that  $\{u_j\}$  possesses a subsequence  $\{u_{j_i}\}$ , such that  $u_{j_i} \rightarrow u$  is a blow-up solution of (P). The proof is completed.

**Theorem 3.3** If there exists a  $\delta \in (0, \rho)$  such that

$$f(x, u) \leq bu^{q-1} \text{ (as } u \rightarrow +\infty \text{) for } x \in \Omega_{\delta} \text{ uniformly,}$$

where  $b$  and  $q$  are positive constants, and  $q - p(x) \geq \frac{1}{n}$  (where  $n$  is an integer and  $n > 3$ ) for  $x \in \Omega_{\delta}$  uniformly, then there exists a function  $\Phi_2(x)$  which satisfies  $\Phi_2(x) \rightarrow +\infty$  (as  $d(x) \rightarrow 0$ ), and such that, if  $u(x)$  is a blow-up solution of problem (P) then  $u(x) \geq \Phi_2(x)$ .

**Proof** Define the function  $v(r, \epsilon)$  on  $B(0, R)$  as

$$v(r, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} C^* r^{-s} - 2k^*, & 0 \leq r < R_0, \\ C^* R_0^{-s} - 2k^* - \int_{R_0}^r [C^* s R_0^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt, & R_0 < r < \delta, \\ C^* R_0^{-s} - 2k^* - \int_{R_0}^{\delta} [C^* s R_0^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \epsilon(\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt, & r \geq \delta, \end{cases}$$

where  $s = \frac{p(0)}{q-p(0)}$ ,  $R_0 \in (0, \delta)$  and  $R_0$  is small enough,  $\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{2(\delta-R_0)}$ ,  $0 < \epsilon$  is a small enough constant and

$$C^* = C_{\epsilon}^* = (1 - \epsilon) \left[ \frac{1}{b} s^{p(0)-1} (s+1)(p(0)-1) \right]^{\frac{1}{q-p(0)}},$$

$$k^* = [C^* (\frac{R_0}{2})^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p^+-1}{p^--1}} + \int_{R_0}^{\delta} [C^* s (\frac{R_0}{2})^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \varepsilon (\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt.$$

Obviously, for any positive constant  $\varepsilon$ ,  $v(r, \varepsilon) \in C^1[0, +\infty)$ .

Consider  $v(d(x), \varepsilon)$ . Similar to the proof of theorem 3.1, we have

$$\operatorname{div}(|\nabla v|^{p(x)-2} \nabla v) = \operatorname{div}(|v'|^{p(x)-2} v' \nabla d) \geq b[C^*(d(x))^{-s}]^{q-1} \geq f(x, v), \forall x \in \Omega_{R_0},$$

$$\operatorname{div}(|\nabla v|^{p(x)-2} \nabla v) \geq -b(k^*)^{q-1} \geq b(v)^{q-1} \geq f(x, v), \forall x \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_{R_0},$$

then  $v(x, \varepsilon)$  is a sub-solution of  $(P)$ . Define the function  $v_m(r, \varepsilon/2)$  on  $[-\frac{1}{m}, +\infty)$  as

$$v_m(r, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) = \begin{cases} C^*(r + \frac{1}{m})^{-s} - k^*, & 0 \leq r < R_0, \\ -k^* - \int_{R_0}^r [C^* s (\frac{1}{m} + R_0)^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \varepsilon (\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt \\ + C^*(\frac{1}{m} + R_0)^{-s}, & R_0 < r < \delta, \\ -k^* - \int_{R_0}^{\delta} [C^* s (\frac{1}{m} + R_0)^{-s-1}]^{\frac{p(R_0)-1}{p(t)-1}} [\sin \varepsilon (\delta - t)]^{\frac{1}{p(t)-1}} dt \\ + C^*(\frac{1}{m} + R_0)^{-s}, & r \geq \delta, \end{cases}$$

where  $C^* = C_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}^*$ ,  $\varepsilon = \frac{\pi}{2(\delta - R_0)}$ . We can see that  $v_m(d(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$  is a sub-solution of  $(P)$  on  $\Omega$ , according to the comparison principle, we get that  $v_m(d(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq u(x)$  for any  $x \in \Omega$ . For any  $x \in \Omega_{R_0}$ , we have  $v_m(d(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \leq v_{m+1}(d(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ . Then

$$u(x) \geq \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} v_m(d(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2}), \forall x \in \Omega_{R_0}.$$

When  $d(x, \partial\Omega)$  is small enough, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} v_m(d(x), \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \geq C_{\frac{2\varepsilon}{3}}^*(d(x))^{-s} - k^* \geq v(d(x), \varepsilon).$$

According to the comparison principle, we obtain that  $v(d(x), \varepsilon) \leq u(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \Omega$ ; then  $\Phi_2(x) = v(d(x), \varepsilon)$  is the lower control function of all of the solutions of  $(P)$ . The proof is completed.

**Definition 3.1** If  $u$  is a blow-up solution of  $(P)$  that satisfies

$$\lim_{d(x, \partial\Omega) \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x)}{\beta(d(x))^{-s}} = 1,$$

where  $\beta$  and  $s$  are positive constants, then we say that the singularity of  $u$  is  $\beta(d(x))^{-s}$ .

**Theorem 3.4** If  $\lim_{d(x) \rightarrow 0} q(x) = q$ ,  $\lim_{d(x) \rightarrow 0} p(x) = p$ , and  $\lim_{d(x) \rightarrow 0} \lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x,u)}{u^{q(x)-1}} = a$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant,  $q(x)$  is Lipschitz continuous and  $q > p$ , then the singularity of the blow-up solution  $u$  of  $(P)$  is  $\beta(d(x))^{-s}$ , where  $s = \frac{p}{q-p}$ ,  $\beta = C_0 = [\frac{1}{a} s^{p-1} (s+1)(p-1)]^{\frac{1}{q-p}}$ .

**Proof** It can be obtained easily from Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3.

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