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1. Introduction.

Consider the Cauchy problem:

$$u_{tt} - c^2(u_t, u_r)(u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r) = \frac{1}{r}u_rG(u_t, u_r), \quad (r, t) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T_e), \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(r,0) = \varepsilon f(r), \quad u_t(r,0) = \varepsilon g(r), \quad r \in (0,\infty),$$
 (1.2)

where

$$c(u_t, u_r) = 1 + \frac{a_1}{2}u_t^2 + \frac{a_2}{2}u_tu_r + \frac{a_3}{2}u_r^2 + O(|u_t|^3 + |u_r|^3),$$

$$G(u_t, u_r) = O(u_r^2 + u_t^2),$$

near $u_t = u_r = 0$. Equation (1.1) is a radially symmetric form of quasi-linear wave equation in two space dimensions which involves the equation of vibrating membrane. In [4], we obtained the following blow up result:

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \to 0} \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + T_{\varepsilon}) \le \frac{1}{H},$$

where T_{ε} is the lifespan of the radial solution of the Cauchy problem (1.1), (1.2) and H is a constant depending only on f, g and $\partial^2 c(0,0)$. More precisely, the blow up occurs as follows. If we set

$$w(r,t) = rac{c(u_t, u_r)v_{rr} - v_{rt}}{2c(u_t, u_r)} \quad ext{with} \quad v(r,t) = r^{rac{1}{2}}u(r,t),$$

then we find that

$$|w(r,t)| \longrightarrow \infty$$
 as $\varepsilon^2 \log(1+t) \to \frac{1}{H}$

along a pseudo-characteristic curve for sufficiently small ε .

In this paper, we investigate the asymptotic behaviour of w(r,t) when $\varepsilon^2 \log(1+t)$ tends to $\frac{1}{H}$.

2. Statement of Results.

As we did in [3], we assume $f,g \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $|f|+|g| \not\equiv 0$ and f(r)=g(r)=0 for $r \geq M$. Moreover we assume $a_1-a_2+a_3=a\neq 0$ which means (1.1) does not satisfy the *null-condition*. Then we can define a positive constant H by

$$H = \max_{\rho \in \mathbb{R}} (-a\mathcal{F}'(\rho)\mathcal{F}''(\rho))$$
$$= -a\mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0),$$

where $\mathcal{F}(\rho)$ is the Friedlander radiation field which is constructed by f and g (see [4]). We introduce a variable $s = \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t)$ and we write $t = t_X$ when s = X, i.e.,

$$X = \varepsilon^2 \log(1 + t_X).$$

To state our results, we have to recall the facts which are obtained in [4]. Firstly, for any B > H we consider the Burgers equation:

$$egin{align} U_{
ho s}+rac{a}{2}(U_{
ho})^2U_{
ho
ho}&=0, \quad (
ho,s)\in\mathbb{R} imes[0,rac{1}{B}], \ &U_{
ho}(
ho,0)&=\mathcal{F}'(
ho), \qquad
ho\in\mathbb{R}, \ \end{split}$$

then, there exists an $\varepsilon(B) > 0$ such that the Cauchy problem (1.1), (1.2) has a smooth solution in $0 \le t \le t_{\frac{1}{B}}$ and the following holds.

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_{r}^{l}\partial_{t}^{m}u(r,t_{\frac{1}{B}})-\varepsilon r^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-1)^{m}\partial_{\rho}^{l+m}U(r-t_{\frac{1}{B}},\frac{1}{B})| &\leq C_{l,m,B}\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}}r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \text{for} \quad r-t_{\frac{1}{B}}>-\frac{1}{3\varepsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad l+m\neq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

for $\varepsilon < \varepsilon(B)$. Moreover, U satisfies

$$U(\rho(s), s) = \mathcal{F}'(\rho_0),$$

$$U_{\rho\rho}(\rho(s), s) = \frac{\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0)}{1 + a\mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0)s} = \frac{\mathcal{F}''(\rho)}{1 - Hs},$$
(2.2)

for $0 \le s \le \frac{1}{B}$ along the curve Λ_{ρ_0} defined by

$$rac{d
ho}{ds} = rac{a}{2}(U_
ho)^2 \quad ext{for} \quad s \geq 0, \quad
ho =
ho_0 \quad ext{for} \quad s = 0.$$

These facts are proved in section 3 of [4] by using the energy inequality and the Klainerman inequality.

Secondly, we define a pseudo-characteristic curve Z by

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = c(u_t, u_r) \quad \text{for} \quad t \ge t_{\frac{1}{B}}, \quad r = \rho(\frac{1}{R}) + t_{\frac{1}{B}} \quad \text{for} \quad t = t_{\frac{1}{B}}$$

and a function w by

$$w(r,t) = rac{cv_{rr} - v_{rt}}{2c}$$
 with $v(r,t) = r^{rac{1}{2}}u(r,t)$.

Then, for any A < H there exists an $\bar{\epsilon}(A) > 0$ such that if $\epsilon < \bar{\epsilon}(A)$, then w should satisfy

$$w'(t) = \alpha_0(t)w(t)^2 + \alpha_1(t)w(t) + \alpha_2(t)$$
 for $t_{\frac{1}{R}} \le t \le t_{\frac{1}{A}}$, (2.3)

$$w(t_{\frac{1}{B}}) = \varepsilon U_{\rho\rho}(\rho(\frac{1}{B}), \frac{1}{B}) + O(\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}}), \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$w(t) = w(r(t), t)$$
 for $(r(t), t) \in Z$

and

$$\alpha_0(t) = -a\varepsilon \mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)(1+t)^{-1} + O(\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}}(1+t)^{-1}),$$

$$\alpha_1(t) = O(\varepsilon^4(1+t)^{-1} + \varepsilon^2(1+t)^{-2}),$$

$$\alpha_2(t) = O(\varepsilon(1+t)^{-2}),$$
(2.5)

as long as u exists. Here X = O(Y) means $|X| \leq CY$ with constant C depending only on B, f, g, ρ_0, a and M. This fact is proved in section 4 and 5 of [4] by using (2.1), (2.2) and a priori estimate of u.

Now we state our results.

Theorem. For any $\delta > 0$ there exists an $\varepsilon_{\delta} > 0$ such that w(t) is well-defind in $t_{\frac{1}{R}} \leq t \leq t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}$ for $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_{\delta}$ and at the point $t = t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}$,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \left(\frac{1}{H} - \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t)\right) \frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{H} \mathcal{F}''(\rho_0)$$

holds.

However, since we are interested in the behaviour of w when $\varepsilon^2 \log(1+t)$ tends to $\frac{1}{H}$, we reduce the above result into

Corollary.

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0, \ \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t) \to \frac{1}{H}} \left(\frac{1}{H} - \varepsilon^2 \log(1+t)\right) \frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{H} \mathcal{F}''(\rho_0).$$

In three space dimensions, for the radial solution of the Cauchy problem:

$$u_{tt} - c^2(u_t)(u_{rr} + \frac{2}{r}u_r) = 0,$$
 $u(r,0) = \varepsilon f(r), \quad u_t(r,0) = \varepsilon g(r),$

with $c(u_t) = 1 + au_t + O(u_t^2)$ and $a \neq 0$, F. John [5] and L. Hörmander [2] have shown a blow up result

$$\limsup_{\epsilon \to 0} \epsilon \log(1 + T_{\epsilon}) \leq \frac{1}{\max(a\mathcal{F}''(\rho))}.$$

In this case, if we set $H = \max(a\mathcal{F}''(\rho)) = a\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0)$, we also expect

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0, \ \varepsilon \log(1+t) \to \frac{1}{H}} \left(\frac{1}{H} - \varepsilon \log(1+t)\right) \frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{H} \mathcal{F}''(\rho_0),$$

which would be obtained in parallel.

For the non radially symmetric case, S. Alinhac [1] studies the Cauchy problem

$$\partial_t^2 u - \Delta u = \sum_{i,i,k=0}^2 g_{ij}^k \partial_k u \partial_{ij}^2 u, \quad (x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times (0,T_{\epsilon}),$$

$$u(x,0) = u^0(x;\varepsilon), \quad u_t(x,0) = u^1(x;\varepsilon), \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

where $\partial_0 = \partial_t$ and g_{ij}^k are constants. Note that this problem differs from ours in the power of $\partial_k u$. If u^0 , u^1 and g_{ij}^k satisfy the non degenerate condition (ND), he finds the asymptotic lifespan T_{ϵ}^a which satisfies the following: For any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists an $\varepsilon_N > 0$ such that if $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_N$, then

$$T_{arepsilon} > T_{arepsilon}^a - arepsilon^N$$

and

$$\frac{1}{C} \leqq (T_{\epsilon}^{a} - t)||\partial^{2} u(t)||_{L_{x}^{\infty}} \leqq C \qquad \text{for} \qquad \frac{C}{\epsilon^{2}} \leqq t \leqq T_{\epsilon}^{a} - \epsilon^{N}$$

holds for some constant C. Since he estimates $\partial^2 u$ not along a pseud-characteristic curve but in whole space \mathbb{R}^2 , it seems difficult to determine the constant C.

In the rest of this paper, we concentrate on the proof of Theorem.

3. Proof of Theorem.

In [3], we have proved that there exists an $\varepsilon_1(\delta) > 0$ such that for $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_1$ the Cauchy problem (1.1), (1.2) has a smooth solution u in $0 \le t \le t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}$ and therefore w(t) is well-defined in $t_{\frac{1}{B}} \le t \le t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}$. Thus we have only to prove that for any $\eta > 0$ there exists an $\varepsilon_0(\delta, \eta) > 0$ such that

$$|(\frac{1}{H}-s)\frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon}-\frac{1}{H}\mathcal{F}''(
ho_0)|<\eta$$

for $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ and $s = \frac{1}{H} - \delta$. If we take $\frac{1}{A} = \frac{1}{H} + \delta$ in the argument in section 2, there exist an $\varepsilon_2(\delta) > 0$ such that if $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_2$, w(t) should satisfy the ordinary differential equation (2.3), (2.4) in $t_{\frac{1}{B}} \leq t \leq t_{\frac{1}{H} + \delta}$ as long as u exists. Thus we find that for $\varepsilon < \min(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ the ordinary differential equation (2.3), (2.4) make sence in $t_{\frac{1}{B}} \leq t \leq t_{\frac{1}{H} - \delta}$.

Now the following lemma is useful.

Lemma. Let w(t) be a solution of the ordinary differential equation

$$w'(t) = \alpha_0(t)w(t)^2 + \alpha_1(t)w(t) + \alpha_2(t)$$
 for $t_0 \le t \le T$

and assume

$$lpha_0(t) \geqq 0 \qquad ext{for} \qquad t_0 \leqq t \leqq T, \ w(t_0) > K$$

where

$$K = \int_{t_0}^T |\alpha_2(t)| \exp(-\int_{t_0}^t \alpha_1(\tau) d\tau) dt.$$

Then w(t) satisfies

$$w(t) \exp(-\int_{t_0}^t \alpha_1(\tau) d\tau) \ge \frac{w(t_0) - K}{1 - (w(t_0) - K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) \exp(\int_{t_0}^\tau \alpha_1(\xi) d\xi) d\tau}$$

and

$$w(t) \exp(-\int_{t_0}^t \alpha_1(\tau) d\tau) \le \frac{w(t_0) + K}{1 - (w(t_0) + K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) \exp(\int_{t_0}^\tau \alpha_1(\xi) d\xi) d\tau}.$$

Proof of Lemma. At first we consider the case $\alpha_1(t) \equiv 0$. Let $w_1(t)$ be a solution of

$$w_1'(t) = \alpha_0(t)(w_1(t) - K)^2, \tag{3.1}$$

$$w_1(t_0) = w(t_0) (3.2)$$

and set

$$w_2(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |\alpha_2(\tau)| d\tau.$$

Since $\alpha_0(t) \geq 0$, we find that

$$w_1(t) \geqq w(t_0) > K = w_2(T) \geqq w_2(t)$$

and that

$$(w_1(t) - w_2(t))' = \alpha_0(t)(w_1(t) - K)^2 - |\alpha_2(t)|$$

$$\leq \alpha_0(t)(w_1(t) - w_2(t))^2 + \alpha_2(t),$$

$$w_1(t_0) - w_2(t_0) = w(t_0).$$

Thus the usual comparison theorem leads

$$w_1(t) - w_2(t) \le w(t).$$
 (3.3)

By solving the ordinary differential equation (3.1), (3.2), $w_1(t)$ is represented by

$$w_1(t) = K + \frac{w(t_0) - K}{1 - (w(t_0) - K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) d\tau}.$$

Substituting this equality into (3.3), we find

$$w(t) \ge K + \frac{w(t_0) - K}{1 - (w(t_0) - K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) d\tau} - w_2(t)$$

$$\ge \frac{w(t_0) - K}{1 - (w(t_0) - K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) d\tau}.$$

On the other hand, if we let $w_3(t)$ be a solution of

$$w_3'(t) = \alpha_0(t)(w_3(t) + K)^2,$$

 $w_3(t_0) = w(t_0),$

then we find

$$(w_3(t) + w_2(t))' = \alpha_0(t)(w_3(t) + K)^2 + |\alpha_2(t)|$$

$$\geq \alpha_0(t)(w_3(t) + w_2(t))^2 + \alpha_2(t),$$

$$w_3(t_0) + w_2(t_0) = w(t_0).$$

Thus we obtain

$$w_3(t)+w_2(t)\geq w(t).$$

Since $w_3(t)$ is represented by

$$w_3(t) = -K + \frac{w(t_0) + K}{1 - (w(t_0) + K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) d\tau},$$

we obtain

$$w(t) \leq -K + \frac{w(t_0) + K}{1 - (w(t_0) + K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) d\tau} + w_2(t)$$
$$\leq \frac{w(t_0) + K}{1 - (w(t_0) + K) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha_0(\tau) d\tau}.$$

For the general case, setting

$$W(t) = w(t) \exp(-\int_{t_0}^t \alpha_1(\tau) d\tau)$$

and applying the result we have just proved to W(t), we obtain the inequalities we wanted.

Now we want to apply Lemma to (2.3), (2.4) as $t_0 = t_{\frac{1}{B}}$ and $T = t_{\frac{1}{H} - \delta}$. By (2.5), we have

$$\begin{split} \exp(\pm \int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t} \alpha_{1}(\tau)d\tau) &= \exp(O(\int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t} \varepsilon^{4}(1+\tau)^{-1}d\tau)) \\ &= \exp(O(\varepsilon^{4}\log(1+t)) + O(\varepsilon^{4}\log(1+t_{\frac{1}{B}}))) \\ &= \exp(O(\varepsilon^{2})) = 1 + O(\varepsilon^{2}) \quad \text{for} \quad t_{\frac{1}{B}} \leq t \leq t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}, \end{split}$$

$$K = \int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}} |\alpha_{2}(t)| \exp(-\int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t} \alpha_{1}(\tau)d\tau)dt$$

$$= O((1+\varepsilon^{2})\varepsilon \int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}} (1+t)^{-2}dt)$$

$$= O(\varepsilon(1+t_{\frac{1}{B}})^{-1}) + O(\varepsilon(1+t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta})^{-1})$$

$$= O(\varepsilon^{3}),$$

$$\int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t} \alpha_{0}(\tau) \exp(\int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{\tau} \alpha_{1}(\xi)d\xi)d\tau$$

$$= (1+O(\varepsilon^{2}))(-a\varepsilon\mathcal{F}'(\rho_{0}) + O(\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}})) \int_{t_{\frac{1}{B}}}^{t} (1+\tau)^{-1}d\tau$$

$$= (-a\varepsilon\mathcal{F}'(\rho_{0}) + O(\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}}))(\log(1+t) - \log(1+t_{\frac{1}{B}}))$$
for $t_{\frac{1}{B}} \leq t \leq t_{\frac{1}{H}-\delta}$.

Since H > 0, $-a\mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)$ and $\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0)$ have the same sign. Without loss of generality, we can assume that both are positive and then it follows from (2.4) and (3.4) that there exists an $\varepsilon_3 > 0$ such that

$$w(t_{\frac{1}{B}}) > K$$

and

$$\alpha_0(t) \geq 0$$

hold for $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_3$. Thus we can apply Lemma and obtain

$$\begin{split} & (1+C\varepsilon^2)w(t) \\ & \geq \frac{w(t_{\frac{1}{B}}) - C\varepsilon^3}{1 - (w(t_{\frac{1}{B}}) - C\varepsilon^3)(-a\varepsilon\mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)U_{\rho\rho}(\frac{1}{B}) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{5}{4}})(\log(1+t) - \log(1+t_{\frac{1}{B}}))}{1 - (-a\mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)U_{\rho\rho}(\frac{1}{B}) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}})(s - \frac{1}{B})} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{1}{B} \leq s \leq \frac{1}{H} - \delta, \end{split}$$

where $U_{\rho\rho}(\frac{1}{B}) = U_{\rho\rho}(\rho(\frac{1}{B}), \frac{1}{B})$ and C is a constant depending only on B, f, g, ρ_0 , a and M and it varies from line to line. By (2.4), we get

$$\frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon} \ge (1 - C\varepsilon^2) \frac{U_{\rho\rho}(\frac{1}{B}) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{1 - (-a\mathcal{F}'(\rho_0)U_{\rho\rho}(\frac{1}{B}) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}})(s - \frac{1}{B})}$$

$$= \frac{U_{\rho\rho}(\frac{1}{B}) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{1 - \frac{s - \frac{1}{B}}{H - \frac{1}{B}} + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{H}\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\frac{1}{H} - s + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{1}{B} \le s \le \frac{1}{H} - \delta.$$

If we set $s = \frac{1}{H} - \delta$, we have

$$(\frac{1}{H} - s) \frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon} \ge (\frac{1}{H} \mathcal{F}''(\rho_0) - C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}) \frac{\frac{1}{H} - s}{\frac{1}{H} - s + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{H} \mathcal{F}''(\rho_0) \frac{\delta}{\delta + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}} - \frac{C\delta\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\delta + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{H} \mathcal{F}''(\rho_0) - \frac{C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\delta + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}} - \frac{C\delta\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\delta + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}.$$

There exists an $\varepsilon_4(\delta,\eta) > 0$ such that if $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_4$, then

$$\frac{C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\delta + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}} + \frac{C\delta\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\delta + C\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}} < \eta,$$

i.e.,

$$(rac{1}{H}-s)rac{w(t)}{arepsilon}-rac{1}{H}\mathcal{F}''(
ho_0)>-\eta$$

holds. Similarly, using the other inequality in Lemma we find that there exists an $\varepsilon_5(\delta, \eta) > 0$ such that if $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_5$, then

$$(rac{1}{H}-s)rac{w(t)}{arepsilon}-rac{1}{H}\mathcal{F}''(
ho_0)<\eta$$

holds. Thus if we take $\varepsilon_0 = \min(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_4, \varepsilon_5)$, we find that

$$|(\frac{1}{H}-s)\frac{w(t)}{\varepsilon}-\frac{1}{H}\mathcal{F}''(\rho_0)|<\eta$$

holds for $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ and this completes the proof of Theorem.

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