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## Notes on removable singularities for a certain class of semilinear degenerate elliptic equations

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### 0. Introduction

Let  $N \geq 1$  and let  $B$  be an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with its center being the origin, and set  $B' = B \setminus \{0\}$ . Let us define

$$(0-1) \quad L_\alpha = -\operatorname{div}(|x|^{2\alpha}\nabla\cdot),$$

where  $\alpha > -\frac{N-2}{2}$ . Assume that  $u \in C^2(B')$  satisfies the differential inequality

$$(0-2) \quad L_\alpha u + a|x|^{2\beta}|u|^{p-1}u \leq b|x|^{2\gamma}, \quad \text{in } B',$$

for some  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ . Then we will show under some additional conditions that

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} u(x) < +\infty.$$

When  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$ , this result is already established by H. Brezis and L. Veron in [BV]. They proved this result by using a comparison principle and a weak maximum principle. Although the operator in this paper is degenerate at the origin, their methods still work under some modifications. In fact we first construct a suitable super-solution, and then we derive a pointwise estimate by a weak maximum principle and Kato's inequality. As an application we will deduce that if  $u \in C^2(B')$  satisfies

$$(0-3) \quad L_\alpha u + g(x, u) = 0, \quad \text{in } B',$$

and the function  $g$  satisfies the growth condition (1-3) and (1-4), then there is a continuous function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which coincides with  $u$  in  $B$ . We shall generalize these in the coming papers [H 1] and [H 2] to a general class of operators of the form

$$(0-4) \quad Pu = -\operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla u) + B(x)Q(u).$$

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### 1. Main results and Counter-examples

Assume that real numbers  $a, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy

$$(H-1) \quad \alpha > -\frac{N-2}{2}.$$

Let us set

$$(1-1) \quad p^* = \begin{cases} 1 + 2\frac{1-\alpha+\beta}{N+2\alpha-2} = \frac{N+2\beta}{N-2+2\alpha}, & \text{if } \alpha < \beta + 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } \alpha \geq \beta + 1 \end{cases}$$

and assume that

$$(H-2) \quad \begin{cases} p \geq p^*, & \text{if } \alpha < \beta + 1 \\ p > p^* = 1, & \text{if } \alpha \geq \beta + 1 \end{cases}$$

Also we assume

$$(H-3) \quad \beta \leq \gamma \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma > -\frac{N}{2}.$$

Let us set  $u_+ = \max[0, u]$  and  $u_- = \max[0, -u]$

**THEOREM 1.** *Assume that (H-1), (H-2) and (H-3). Assume that  $u \in L_{loc}^\infty(B')$  satisfies  $L_\alpha u \in L_{loc}^1(B')$  in the distribution sense. Moreover we assume that for almost all  $x \in \{x \in B; u(x) \geq 0\}$*

$$(1-2) \quad L_\alpha u + a|x|^{2\beta}u^p \leq b|x|^{2\gamma},$$

for some positive constants  $a$  and  $b$ . Then we have  $u^+ \in L_{loc}^\infty(B)$ .

We note that from [H-1]  $\alpha$  must be positive if  $N \leq 2$ . The following is a direct consequence of this Theorem.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Assume that (H-1), (H-2) and (H-3). Assume  $g(x, u) : B \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function satisfying*

$$(1-3) \quad g(x, u) \geq a|x|^{2\beta}u^p - b|x|^{2\gamma}, \quad \text{for } u \geq 0$$

$$(1-4) \quad g(x, u) \leq -a|x|^{2\beta}|u|^p + b|x|^{2\gamma}, \quad \text{for } u \leq 0,$$

for some positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .

Assume that  $u \in C^2(B')$  satisfies

$$(1-5) \quad Lu + g(x, u) = 0, \quad \text{in } D'(B').$$

Then we have  $u \in L_{loc}^\infty(B)$ .

**PROOF OF COROLLARY 1.** From Theorem 1 we have  $u_+ \in L_{loc}^\infty(B)$ . And similarly  $u_- \in L_{loc}^\infty(B)$ . Thus  $u \in L_{loc}^\infty(B)$ .

In the rest of this subsection we construct examples showing that in certain respects Theorem 1 gives best possible results.

COUNTER-EXAMPLES. We consider a function  $u$  of the form

$$(1-6) \quad u(x) = c|x|^{-M}, \quad \text{for } M, c > 0.$$

If  $u$  solves the following equation for some  $c$  and  $M$ , then  $u$  becomes a counter-example which is clearly unbounded at the origin.

$$(1-7) \quad \begin{aligned} L_\alpha u + a|x|^{2\beta}u^p \\ = c|x|^{2\alpha-M-2}[M(N+2\alpha-2-M) + c^{p-1}a|x|^{2(1-\alpha+\beta)-M(p-1)}] \\ = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then it follows

$$(1-8) \quad p = 1 + \frac{2(1-\alpha+\beta)}{M}, \quad M(N+2\alpha-2-M) + c^{p-1}a = 0, \quad \text{for some } c > 0.$$

Here we note that the second condition is equivalent to the inequality

$$(1-9) \quad M > N + 2\alpha - 2.$$

PROPOSITION 1. *For the validity of Theorem 1, the assumptions [H-1] and [H-2] are necessary.*

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1. As for [H-1] and [H-2], We see that they are necessary by the examples listed below: Now we classify the cases.

1:  $-\frac{N-2}{2} < \alpha < \beta + 1$ . From (1-8) and (1-9)  $u$  is a counter-example for a suitable  $c$  provided  $1 < p < p^*$ .

2:  $\alpha \leq -\frac{N-2}{2}, \alpha < \beta + 1$ . In this case  $u$  becomes a counter-example provided  $M > 0$ . Namely there exists a counter-example when  $1 < p < \infty$ .

3:  $\alpha \leq -\frac{N-2}{2}, \alpha = \beta + 1$ . In this case we have  $p = 1$ . Hence if  $M > 0$  and  $a = M(M - N - 2\alpha + 2)$ ,  $u$  becomes a counter-example.

4:  $-\frac{N-2}{2} < \alpha, \alpha > \beta + 1$ . As in the case 1,  $u$  becomes a counter-example when  $1 + \frac{2(1-\alpha+\beta)}{N+2\alpha-2} < p < 1$ .

5:  $\alpha \leq -\frac{N-2}{2}, \alpha > \beta + 1$ . As in the case 4,  $u$  becomes a counter-example when  $-\infty < p < 1$ .

6:  $p = 1$ . Then the operator is linear. Hence a fundamental solution exists and becomes a counter-example. (See also 3).

As for [H-3], we have the following:

PROPOSITION 2. *For the validity of Theorem 1,  $\beta \leq \gamma$  is necessary if  $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$ . If  $\alpha < 1$ , then  $\beta < \gamma + p(\alpha + \frac{N-2}{2})$  is necessary.*

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2. First we assume that  $\alpha \neq 1$ . Then  $u = |x|^{-M}$  becomes a counter-example for a sufficiently small  $M > 0$ , if  $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$ . If  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $-\log|x|$  will do. Lastly we assume that  $\alpha < 1$ . Then  $u = |x|^{-(N+2\alpha-2)}$  satisfies  $L_\alpha u = 0$  in  $\Omega'$ . Hence  $\beta < \gamma + p(\alpha + \frac{N-2}{2})$  is necessary to avoid  $u$ .

## 2. Lemmas

Theorem 1 will be proved in a chain of auxiliary lemmas.

LEMMA 2-1. *Let  $\Omega$  be an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and  $L_\alpha u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ . Then we have*

$$(2-1) \quad L_\alpha u^+ \leq (L_\alpha u) \operatorname{sgn}^+ u, \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega),$$

$$\text{where} \quad \operatorname{sgn}^+ u = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } u > 0, \\ 1/2, & \text{for } u = 0, \\ 0, & \text{for } u < 0. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. This follows from Kato's inequality. Namely for  $u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and  $\Delta u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ , it holds that

$$(2-2) \quad \Delta |u| \geq (\Delta u) \operatorname{sgn} u \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega),$$

where

$$\operatorname{sgn} u = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } u > 0, \\ 0, & \text{for } u = 0, \\ -1, & \text{for } u < 0. \end{cases}$$

As is well-known, this inequality holds for second order elliptic operators of the divergence form. In fact, let us set

$$(2-3) \quad M(x, \partial_x) = \partial_{x_j} (a_{jk}(x) \partial_{x_k} \cdot), \quad a_{jk}(x) \in C^2(\Omega).$$

The we have, for  $u, M(x, \partial_x)u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ ,

$$(2-4) \quad M(x, \partial_x) |u| \geq (M(x, \partial_x) u) \operatorname{sgn} u \quad \text{in } D'(\Omega),$$

Since  $L_\alpha$  is elliptic in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and  $2u^+ = |u| + u$ , we get the desired inequality. For the detailed proof of Kato's inequality see [K].

LEMMA 2-2. *Assume that  $-\frac{N-2}{2} < \alpha$ , and let us set  $p \geq 1 + 2\frac{1-\alpha+\beta}{N+2\alpha-2} = \frac{N+2\beta}{N-2+2\alpha}$ . Assume that  $f \in L^1_{loc}(B)$  and  $|x|^{2\beta} \cdot |u|^p \in L^1_{loc}(B)$ , and assume that*

$$(2-5) \quad L_\alpha u \leq f, \quad \text{in } D'(B').$$

Then we have

$$(2-6) \quad L_\alpha u \leq f, \quad \text{in } D'(B).$$

PROOF. We take a sequence of nonnegative smooth functions  $\eta_n \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$  such that for some positive number  $C$

$$(2-7) \quad \begin{aligned} &0 \leq \eta_n(x) \leq 1, \quad |\eta_n^k(x)| \leq Cn^k, \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^N, \\ &\eta_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } |x| \geq \frac{1}{n}, \\ 0, & \text{for } |x| \leq \frac{1}{2n}, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then we have for a test function  $\varphi \in D(\Omega)$ ,

$$(2-8) \quad \langle L_\alpha u, \eta_n \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} u L_\alpha(\eta_n \varphi) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} f \eta_n \varphi dx.$$

We also have

$$(2-9) \quad \begin{aligned} |u L_\alpha(\eta_n \varphi)| &\leq |u| |\operatorname{div}[|x|^{2\alpha}(\varphi \nabla \eta_n + \eta_n \nabla \varphi)]| \\ &\quad + |x|^{2\alpha} |u| (|\varphi| \Delta \eta_n + 2|\nabla \eta_n| \cdot |\nabla \varphi|) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha |x|^{2\alpha-2} |u| (|x \cdot \nabla \eta_n| |\varphi| + |x \cdot \nabla \varphi| |\eta_n|). \end{aligned}$$

The we have

$$(2-10) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Omega} u L_\alpha(\eta_n \varphi) dx \right| &\leq \int_{\Omega} |f \eta_n \varphi| dx \\ &\quad + C \left[ \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} (n|x| + 1) n |x|^{2\alpha-1} |u| dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\operatorname{supp} \varphi} (|x| + 1) |x|^{2\alpha-1} |u| dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2-11) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} (n|x| + 1) n |x|^{2\alpha-1} |u| dx &\leq 2 \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} n |x|^{2\alpha-1} |u| dx \\ &\leq 2n \left[ \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} |u|^p |x|^{\beta 2} dx \right]^{1/p} \cdot \left[ \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} |x|^{(2\alpha-1-\frac{2\beta}{p})p'} dx \right]^{1/p'} \\ &= \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} |u|^p |x|^{\beta 2} dx \right]^{1/p} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{N+2\alpha-2-\frac{2\beta+N}{p}} \rightarrow 0, \\ &\quad \text{as } n \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Here we note that  $p \geq \frac{N+2\beta}{N+2\alpha-2}$  and so

$$(2-12) \quad N + 2\alpha - 2 - \frac{2\beta + N}{p} \geq 0.$$

Then by the dominated convergence theorem we find

$$(2-13) \quad \int_{\Omega} u L_\alpha dx \leq \int_{\Omega} f \varphi dx.$$

This proves the assertion.

LEMMA 2-3. Assume that  $u \in L_{loc}^\infty(B')$  satisfies  $Lu \in L_{loc}^1(B')$  in the distribution sense. Assume that (H-2) and  $-\frac{N-2}{2} < \alpha \neq \beta + 1$ . Moreover we assume that for almost all  $x \in \{x \in B; u(x) \geq 0\}$

$$(2-14) \quad L_\alpha u + a|x|^{2\beta}u^p \leq b|x|^{2\gamma},$$

for some positive constants  $a$  and  $b$ . Then we have, for some positive number  $C$ ,

$$(2-15) \quad u(x) \leq \frac{C}{|x|^A}, \quad \text{for } x \text{ with } |x| \leq 1/2,$$

where  $A = \max[A_1, A_2]$ ,

$$(2-16) \quad A_1 = 2\frac{1-\alpha+\beta}{p-1} \quad A_2 = 2(\beta-\gamma)\frac{1}{p}.$$

In particular if  $\alpha < \beta + 1$  and  $p = p^*$ , then we have

$$(2-17) \quad A_1 = N - 2 + 2\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = 2(\beta - \gamma)\frac{N - 2 + 2\alpha}{N + 2\alpha}.$$

REMARK. If we also assume (H-1) in this Lemma, we see that  $A_2 \leq 0$ . In addition, if  $\alpha > \beta + 1$  then we see that  $u$  is bounded.

PROOF. Let  $\delta$  satisfy

$$(2-18) \quad \delta + 2 = p\delta.$$

By virtue of (H-2), we see that  $\delta$  is positive. Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , with  $0 < |x_0| < 1/2$ . For  $R = |x_0|/2$  we set

$$(2-19) \quad G = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N; |x - x_0| < R\}$$

and define for  $r = |x - x_0|$

$$(2-20) \quad v(x) = \lambda(R^2 - r^2)^{-\delta} + \mu, \quad x \in G.$$

Now we determine constants  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that  $v$  satisfies

$$(2-21) \quad L_\alpha v + a|x|^{2\beta}v^p \geq b|x|^{2\gamma}, \quad \text{in } G.$$

Then

$$(2-22) \quad \begin{aligned} L_\alpha v &= -(|x|^{2\alpha}\Delta + 2\alpha|x|^{2\alpha-2}x \cdot \nabla)v \\ &= -|x|^{2\alpha}\left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + (N-1)\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}\right) - 2\alpha|x|^{2\alpha-2}x \cdot \nabla v \\ &= -2\lambda\delta|x|^{2\alpha-2}(R^2 - r^2)^{-\delta-2} \times \\ &\quad [ |x|^2(NR^2 + (2\delta + 2 - N)r^2) + 2\alpha x \cdot (x - x_0)(R^2 - r^2) ] \\ &\geq -2\lambda\delta C_1(R^2 - r^2)^{-\delta-2}R^{2\alpha+2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is a positive number independent of  $x_0, x$ , and  $R$ . Therefore we get

(2-23)

$$\begin{aligned} L_\alpha v + a|x|^{2\beta}v^p &\geq \\ -2\lambda\delta C_1(R^2 - r^2)^{-\delta-2}R^{2\alpha+2} + a|x|^{2\beta}[\mu^p + \lambda^p(R^2 - r^2)^{p\delta}]. \end{aligned}$$

Puttig  $\mu = C_2R^{2\frac{\alpha-\beta}{p}}$  for sufficiently small number  $C_2$ , we get

(2-24)

$$\begin{aligned} L_\alpha v + a|x|^{2\beta}v^p &\geq \\ \geq b|x|^{2\gamma} + \lambda(R^2 - r^2)^{-\delta-2}[aR^{2\beta}\lambda^{p-1} - 2\delta R^{2\alpha+2}], \text{ in } G \end{aligned}$$

where we used  $|x_0| = R/2$  and  $R \leq |x| \leq 3R$  in  $G$ . Lastly we put

$$(2-25) \quad \lambda = C_3R^{-2\frac{1-\alpha+\beta}{p-1}}, \quad C_3 = \left(\frac{2\delta C_2}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}},$$

then we get the desired inequality (2-21). By virtue of (1-2), (2-21) and Lemma 2-1, we have

(2-26)

$$\begin{aligned} -L_\alpha(u - v)_+ &\geq -L_\alpha(u - v) \cdot \text{sgn}^+(u - v) \\ &\geq a|x|^{2\beta}(u^p - v^p) \cdot \text{sgn}^+(u - v) \geq 0 \text{ in } D'(G). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(u - v)_+ = 0$  near  $\partial D$ , it follows from a usual maximum principle that

$$(2-27) \quad u(x_0) \leq v(x_0) = \lambda R^{-\delta} + \mu = C_3R^{-A_1} + C_2R^{-A_2},$$

and this proves the assertion.

In the next we deal with the excluded case  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ .

LEMMA 2-4.

Assume that  $-\frac{N-2}{2} < \alpha \leq \beta + 1$ . For an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we set

$$q = \frac{N + 2\beta + 2\varepsilon}{N + 2\alpha - 2} = p^* + \frac{2\varepsilon}{N + 2\alpha - 2}.$$

Assume that  $u \in L_{loc}^\infty(B')$  satisfies  $L_\alpha u \in L_{loc}^1(B')$  in the distribution sense.

Moreover we assume that for almost all  $x \in \{x \in B; u(x) \geq 0\}$

$$(2-27) \quad Lu + a|x|^{2\beta}u^q \leq b|x|^{2\gamma},$$

for some positive constants  $a$  and  $b$ . Then we have:

$$(2-28) \quad u(x) \leq \frac{C}{|x|^A}, \quad \text{for } x \text{ with } |x| \leq 1/2,$$

where  $A = \max[A_1, A_2]$ ,

$$A_1 = (1 - \alpha + \beta) \frac{N + 2\alpha - 2}{1 - \alpha + \beta + \varepsilon}, \quad A_2 = 2(\beta - \gamma) \frac{1}{q}.$$

In particular if  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ , we have  $A_1 = 0$ .

PROOF. Since  $q > 1$ , the proof is done in a similar way.



LEMMA 2-5. Assume that (H-1) and (H-2). Assume that  $u \in L_{loc}^\infty(B')$  satisfies  $L_\alpha u \in L_{loc}^1(B')$  in the distribution sense. Moreover we assume that for almost all  $x \in \{x \in B; u(x) \geq 0\}$

$$(1-2) \quad L_\alpha u + a|x|^{2\beta}u^p \leq b|x|^{2\gamma},$$

for some positive constants  $a$  and  $b$ . Then we have

$$|x|^{2\beta}(u^+)^p \in L_{loc}^1(B).$$

PROOF. From Lemma 2-4  $u_+$  is bounded if  $\alpha = \beta + 1$ . Hence the assertion is clear in this case. Hence we assume that  $\alpha \neq \beta + 1$ . We note that we can assume that  $p = p^*$  if  $\alpha < \beta + 1$  and  $p = 1 + s$  for some  $s > 0$  if  $\alpha > \beta + 1$ . Then we get

$$(2-29) \quad L_\alpha u_+ + a|x|^{2\beta}(u_+)^p \leq B|x|^{2\gamma}, \quad \text{in } D'(B').$$

For a test function  $\phi \in D(B)$ , we have

$$(2-30) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle L_\alpha u_+ + a|x|^{2\beta}(u_+)^p, \eta_n \phi \rangle \\ &= \int_B [u L_\alpha(\eta_n \phi) + a|x|^{2\beta}(u_+)^p \eta_n \phi] dx \leq \int_B b|x|^{2\gamma} \eta_n \phi dx. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\{\eta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of nonnegative smooth functions defined in Lemma 2-2.

In view of Lemma 2-3, we see

$$(2-31) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_B u L_\alpha(\eta_n \phi) dx \right| \\ & \leq C \left[ \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} (n|x| + 1)n|x|^{2\alpha-1}|u| dx + \int_{\text{supp} \phi} (|x| + 1)|x|^{2\alpha-1}|u| dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2-32) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} (n|x| + 1)n|x|^{2\alpha-1}|u| dx \leq 2 \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} n|x|^{2\alpha-1}|u| dx \\ & \leq 2nC \int_{|x| \leq 1/n} |x|^{-A+2\alpha-1} dx = O(1) \end{aligned}$$

similarly

$$\int_{\text{supp} \phi} (|x| + 1)|x|^{2\alpha-1}|u| dx < +\infty.$$

Then by taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we see that  $|x|^{2\beta}(u_+)^p \in L^1_{loc}(B)$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 1. Let us take a  $\mu$  so that  $\mu = (b/a)^{1/p}$ . Then we have, as in the proof of Lemma 2-3,

$$(2-33) \quad L_\alpha(u - \mu)_+ + a|x|^{2\beta}sgn^+(u - \mu)(u^p - \mu^p) \leq 0, \quad \text{in } D'(B').$$

Hence we have from Lemma 2-2

$$(2-34) \quad L_\alpha(u - \mu)_+ + a|x|^{2\beta}sgn^+(u - \mu)(u^p - \mu^p) \leq 0, \quad \text{in } D'(B).$$

Now we assume that  $mu \geq \sup_{1/2 < |x| < 3/4} u(x)$ , then we shall see

$$(2-35) \quad u(x) \leq \mu, \quad \text{for } |x| < 1/2.$$

Let us set

$$(2-36) \quad \phi = \begin{cases} (u - \mu)^+ & \text{if } |x| < 3/4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then we can approximate  $\phi$  by a sequence of smooth functions  $\phi_m \in D(B)$ . It is easy to see that

$$(2-37) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi_m &\rightarrow \phi && \text{in } B \quad (\text{a.e.}) \\ |x|^{2\beta}\phi_m^p &\rightarrow |x|^{2\beta}\phi^p && \text{in } L^1(B), \\ L_\alpha\phi_m &\rightarrow L_\alpha\phi && \text{in } D'(B). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$(2-36) \quad L_\alpha\phi_m + a|x|^{2\beta}sgn^+(u - \mu)(u^p - \mu^p) \leq o(1).$$

Since  $\text{supp } \phi$  and  $\text{supp } \phi_m \subset \frac{3}{4}\Omega$ , we have

$$(2-37) \quad 0 \leq \int_{\frac{3}{4}\Omega \cap \{u > \mu\}} |x|^{2\beta}|u^p - \mu^p| dx \leq o(1).$$

Therefore we get  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} (u - \mu)_+ = 0$ . This proves the assertion.

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