

# The dynamical behaviour of the support splitting and merging phenomena appearing in the flow through an absorbing medium

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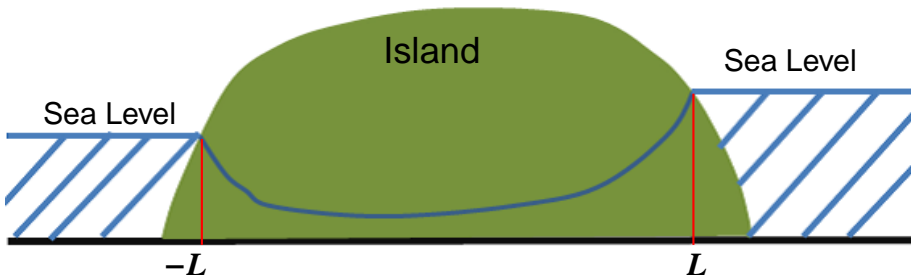
# 1. Introduction.

Numerical experiments suggest the interesting properties in the several fields.

Let us consider the flow through an absorbing medium with

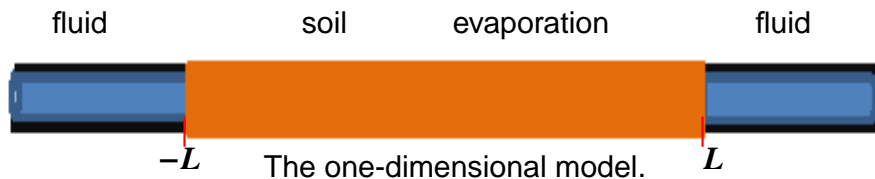
“penetration of the fluid from the boundary”,

on which the **flowing tide** and the **ebbing tide** occur.



The distribution of the density of the fluid in  $[-L, L]$

In this talk we treat the simplest case. Assume the density of the fluid is uniform along the vertical line.



Then the interaction between **diffusion** and **absorption** may cause dynamical behaviour of support,

- “support **splitting** phenomena”,
- “support **splitting** and **merging** phenomena”,
- “repeated support **splitting** and **merging** phenomena”.

Here, support means the region occupied by the fluid.

To realize such phenomena in  $\mathbf{R}^1$  we consider the following **Model equation = Nonlinear diffusion + Absorption**, which is written in the form of the initial-boundary value problem:

$$(IBVP) \quad \begin{cases} v_t(t, x) = (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times (-L, L), \\ v(t, -L) = f(t), \quad v(t, L) = g(t) & \text{for } t \geq 0, \\ v(0, x) = v^0(x) & \text{on } [-L, L], \end{cases}$$

where  $v$  denotes the density of the liquids,

$m > 1, 0 < p < 1, c > 0, m + p \geq 2,$  and  $v^0(x) (\geq 0).$

- The existence and uniqueness of a weak solution is established by Oleinik, Kalashnikov and Chzou(1958), Kalashnikov(1974,1987), Kersner(1978,1980) and Bertsch(1980).
- Kersner(1980) proved the support **splitting** phenomena by constructing the supersolution.

For Problem (IBVP) we consider the following two cases.

Case A)  $f(t), g(t) \equiv \text{Const.}$ , i.e, independent of  $t$ .

Case B)  $f(t), g(t)$  are periodic functions with respect to  $t$ .

Our aims:

- In Case A) investigate the **profiles** of the stationary solutions satisfying

$$\text{(BVP)} \begin{cases} (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p = 0 & \text{on } (-L, L), \\ v(-L) = \alpha, \quad v(L) = \beta. \end{cases}$$

- In Case B) find interesting support **splitting** and **merging** phenomena.

Here, the flowing tide and the ebbing tide causes the penetration of the fluid from the boundary.

My plan is as follows:

**2. Numerical schemes.**

**3. Numerical experiments in Case A).**

Stationary solutions and stabilization.

Split in finite time.

**4. Numerical experiments in Case B).**

repeated support splitting and merging phenomena.

**5. Conclusions.**

## 2. Numerical schemes.

$$(*) \quad v_t(t, x) = (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p \quad \text{on } (0, \infty) \times (-L, L).$$

Putting  $u \equiv v^{m-1}$ , we rewrite the original equation (\*) as

$$(**) \quad u_t = muu_{xx} + a(u_x)^2 - (m-1)cu^q, \quad q = \frac{m+p-2}{m-1}.$$

Our scheme approximates (\*\*) instead of the original (\*).

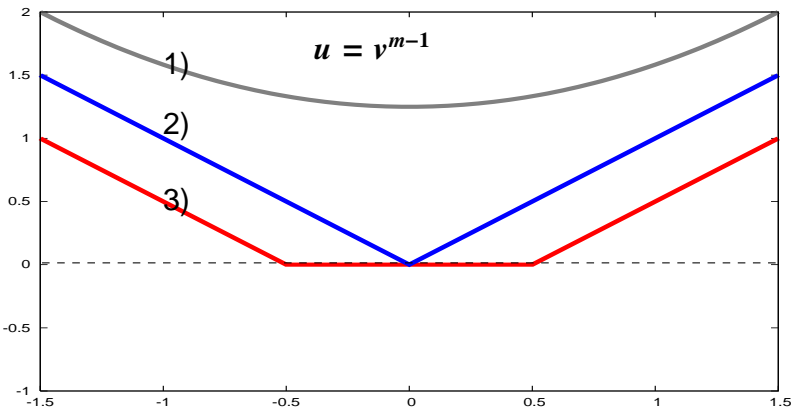
In the following we show numerical solutions in the case where

$$m + p = 2.$$

### 3. Numerical experiments in Case A).

Let  $m = 1.5$ ,  $p = 0.5$ ,  $c = 6$ .

Numerical solutions  $u_h^n$  to  $u \equiv v^{m-1}$ .



1)  $u(0, x) = 2.0$ ,  $u(t, \pm 1.5) = 2.0 \rightarrow$  no-split (file=N9528-0ReduceDATA02.swf)

2)  $u(0, x) = 1.5$ ,  $u(t, \pm 1.5) = 1.5 \rightarrow$  no-split (file=N9528-1ReduceDATA02.swf)

3)  $u(0, x) = 1.0$ ,  $u(t, \pm 1.5) = 1.0 \rightarrow$  split (file=N9528-2ReduceDATA02.swf)



## Stationary solutions and stabilization.

$$(IBVP) \begin{cases} v_t(t, x) = (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p \text{ on } (0, \infty) \times (-L, L), \quad (m + p \geq 2), \\ v(t, -L) = \alpha, \quad v(t, L) = \beta \text{ for } t \geq 0, \\ v(0, x) = v^0(x) \text{ on } [-L, L], \end{cases}$$

$$(BVP) \begin{cases} (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p = 0 \text{ on } (-L, L), \\ v(-L) = \alpha, \quad v(L) = \beta. \end{cases}$$

**Stabilization theorem.** In (IBVP) suppose that  $v^0(x)$  is continuous. Then the stationary solution  $\tilde{v}$  (sol. of (BVP)) exists and is unique, and

$$v(t, \cdot) \longrightarrow \tilde{v} \text{ in } C[-L', L'] \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $[-L', L'] \subset (-L, L)$  is an arbitrary fixed interval.

Moreover, stationary solutions are classified into three types.

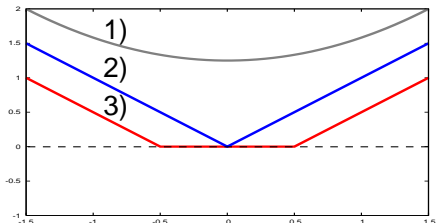
## Split in finite time.

In Stabilization theorem, we have

$v(t, \cdot) \rightarrow 1)$  – No Split

$v(t, \cdot) \rightarrow 2)$  – No Split

$v(t, \cdot) \rightarrow 3)$  – Split



**Theorem.** Let  $m + p = 2$ .

When  $v(t, \cdot) \rightarrow 3)$ , the support splits in finite time; that is, there exist some  $T^*$  and interval  $[-\ell', \ell'] \subset (-L', L')$  such that

$$v(t, x) = 0 \text{ on } [-\ell', \ell'] \text{ for all } t > T^*.$$

## 4. Numerical experiments in Case B).

$$\text{(IBVP)} \begin{cases} v_t(t, x) = (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p \text{ on } (0, \infty) \times (-L, L), & (m + p \geq 2), \\ v(t, -L) = f(t), \quad v(t, L) = g(t) \text{ for } t \geq 0, \\ v(0, x) = v^0(x) \text{ on } [-L, L], \end{cases}$$

Let  $f(t) \equiv g(t)$  be a periodic function.

We show numerical experiments in case where

$$m + p = 2.$$

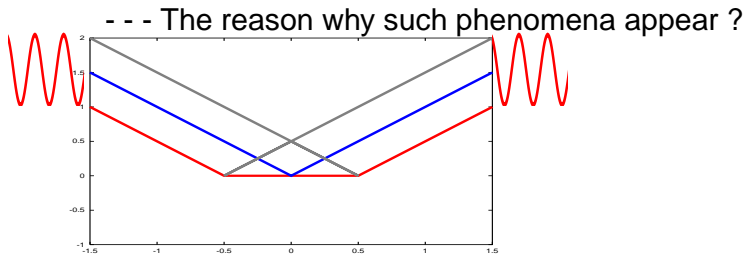
Let  $m = 1.5$ ,  $p = 0.5$ ,  $c = 6$ ,  $u(t, x) = v(t, x)^{m-1}$ .

4)  $u(0, x) = 2.0$ ,  $u(t, \pm L) \equiv \varphi(t) = 1.5 + 0.5 \cos(2\pi t)$

→ split-merge (N9528-3ReduceDATA02.swf)

5)  $u(0, x) = 1.0$ ,  $u(t, \pm L) \equiv \varphi(t) = 1.5 - 0.5 \cos(16\pi t)$

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Taking account of the stabilization theorem, we have

**Theorem.** Let  $m + p = 2$ .

When  $\varphi(t)$  takes a sufficiently long period in 4), there appear repeated support **splitting** and **merging** phenomena.

## 5. Conclusions.

$$\text{(IBVP)} \quad \begin{cases} v_t(t, x) = (v^m)_{xx} - cv^p & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times (-L, L), \\ v(t, -L) = f(t), \quad v(t, L) = g(t) & \text{for } t \geq 0, \\ v(0, x) = v^0(x) & \text{on } [-L, L], \end{cases}$$

$$m > 1, \quad 0 < p < 1, \quad c > 0, \quad m + p \geq 2.$$

- 1) Stabilization Theorem, that is, when  $f(t), g(t) = \text{Const.}$ ,  $v(t, x) \rightarrow$  “stationary solution”  $\tilde{v}(x)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- 2) Repeated support **splitting** and **merging** phenomena appear in  $m + p = 2$ .
- 3) Repeated support **splitting** and **merging** phenomena appear in  $m + p \neq 2$  ?
- 4) The relation between **support non-splitting** phenomena and the **period** of  $\varphi(t)$  ?

Thank you very much for your attention !