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# Chapter 1

## Asymptotic problems for nonlinear elliptic equations

### 1.1 Nonlinear elliptic boundary-value problems in unbounded domains and the asymptotic behavior of their solutions.

In this section we consider the problem of existence, uniqueness and asymptotic properties at infinity of solutions of boundary-value problems in unbounded domains for a class of nonlinear second order elliptic equations of the form

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) - a(x)|u|^{p-1}u = f(x). \quad (1)$$

Equations of this type were studied in many papers (see, for example, [1]–[4]), [9]–[27].

Let  $\Omega$  be a smooth unbounded domain in  $\mathbf{R}^n = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . In particular,  $\Omega$  can be all of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . We consider the boundary-value problem for the equation (1) in  $\Omega$ , with the boundary conditions

$$u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mu} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_N, \quad (2)$$

where  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N$ , and  $\Gamma_D$  or  $\Gamma_N$  can be the empty set on  $\partial\Omega$ . We assume that  $a_{ij} \in L_{\text{loc}}^\infty(\Omega)$ , and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x)\xi_i\xi_j \geq \lambda|\xi|^2, \quad x \in \Omega, \xi \in \mathbf{R}^n,$$

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$\lambda = const > 0, p > 1, a \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and  $a(x) \geq a_0 = const > 0$ , for any  $x \in \Omega$ . Here as usual

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \mu} \equiv \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \nu_j,$$

where  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)$  is the outward unit normal vector to  $\partial\Omega$ .

We introduce the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} B_R &= \{x : |x| < R\}, \quad \Omega_R = \Omega \cap B_R, \\ V(\Omega_R) &= \{w : w \in H^1(\Omega_R), w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D \cap B_R\}, \\ V_{loc}(\Omega) &= \{w : w \in V(\Omega_R) \text{ for any } R > 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

We also consider the dual spaces  $V^*(\Omega_R)$  and  $V^*_{loc}(\Omega)$  respectively. Let  $f \in V^*_{loc}(\Omega)$ . The space  $H^1(G)$  is a Hilbert space with the scalar product  $\int_G (uv + \nabla u \cdot \nabla v) dx$ .

A function  $u \in V_{loc}(\Omega)$  is called a weak solution of problem (1),(2), if  $a(x)|u|^{p-1}u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx + \int_{\Omega} a(x)|u|^{p-1}u \varphi dx = - \langle f, \varphi \rangle \quad (3)$$

for any  $\varphi \in V_{loc}(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}_{loc}(\Omega)$ , which has a compact support in  $\Omega \cup \Gamma_N$ .

Let us introduce the cut-off function

$$\Theta_R(x) = \theta^2 \left( \frac{|x|}{R} \right) \text{ for } R > 0,$$

where  $\theta \in C^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$  is such that  $\theta(s) = 1$  if  $|s| \leq 1/2$  and  $\theta(s) = 0$  for  $|s| \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 1.** Assume that for  $u \in V(\Omega_N)$  and  $a(x)|u|^{p+1} \in L^1(\Omega_N)$  the inequality

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega_N} a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial (u\Theta_R)}{\partial x_i} dx + \int_{\Omega_N} a(x)|u|^{p+1}\Theta_R dx \leq - \langle f, u\Theta_R \rangle \quad (4)$$

holds for some  $f \in V^*(\Omega_R)$  and any  $R \leq N$ . Then there exist a constant  $C > 0$  independent of  $\Omega, R$  and  $u$  such that if  $R \in [1, N]$  we have

$$\int_{\Omega_{R/2}} |\nabla u|^2 dx \leq R^{n-2-4/(p-1)} \left( C + R^{(4p-n(p-1))/(p-1)} \|f\|_{V^*(\Omega_R)}^2 \right) \quad (5)$$

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and

$$\int_{\Omega_{R/2}} |u|^{p+1} dx \leq R^{n-2(p+1)/(p-1)} \left( C + R^{(4p-n(p-1))/(p-1)} \|f\|_{V^*(\Omega_R)}^2 \right). \tag{6}$$

*Proof.* Let  $R = 1$ . From (4) and the assumptions  $p > 1$ ,  $a(x) \geq a_0 = \text{const} > 0$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \theta^2(|x|) dx + a_0 \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^{p+1} \theta^2(|x|) dx \\ & \leq 2\epsilon \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \theta^2(|x|) dx + C_2 \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^2 |\theta'(|x|)|^2 dx \\ & \quad + | \langle f, u\theta^2 \rangle |, \quad C_1, C_2 = \text{const}. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Using the Young inequality  $\left( ab \leq \frac{a^s}{s} + \frac{b^q}{q}, \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \right)$ , we obtain from (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \theta^2(|x|) dx + a_0 \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^{p+1} \theta^2(|x|) dx \\ & \leq C_3 \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^2 \theta^K \theta^{-K} |\theta'|^2 dx + | \langle f, u\theta^2 \rangle | \\ & \leq \delta \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^{p+1} \theta^2 dx + C_4 \int_{\Omega_1} |\theta'|^{2(p+1)/(p-1)} \theta^{-4/(p-1)} dx \\ & \quad + | \langle f, u\theta^2 \rangle |, \\ & \quad s = (p+1)/2, \quad q = (p+1)/(p-1), \quad K = 2s. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

By the definition of  $f$

$$\begin{aligned} | \langle f, u\theta^2 \rangle | & \leq C_5 \|f\|_{V^*(\Omega_1)}^2 + \delta_1 \|u\theta^2\|_{H^1(\Omega_1)}^2 \\ & \leq C_5 \|f\|_{V^*(\Omega_1)}^2 \\ & \quad + \delta_2 \left( \int_{\Omega_1} u^2 \theta^4 dx + \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \theta^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_1} u^2 |\theta'|^2 dx \right). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

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The last integral is already considered above (see (8)). Applying the Young inequality again we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega_1} u^2 \theta^4 dx \leq \delta_3 \int_{\Omega_1} u^{p+1} \theta^2 dx + C_6 \int_{\Omega_1} \theta^{2+2\frac{(p+1)}{(p-1)}} dx. \tag{10}$$

Here  $\epsilon, \delta, \delta_1, \delta_2$  are arbitrarily small numbers. From (7)–(10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \theta^2(|x|) dx + \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^{p+1} \theta^2(|x|) dx \\ & \leq C_7 \|f\|_{V^*(\Omega_1)}^2 + C_8 \int_{\Omega_1} |\theta'|^{2(p+1)/(p-1)} \theta^{-4/(p-1)} dx \\ & \quad + C_9 \int_{\Omega_1} \theta^{4p/(p-1)} dx, \quad C_j = \text{const}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Let us choose  $\theta(s)$  such that  $\theta'(s) = \mathcal{O}((1-s)^{m-1})$  as  $s \rightarrow 1$ . If  $m > (p+1)/(p-1)$ , then the second integral is finite and we have

$$\int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u|^2 \theta^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_1} |u|^{p+1} \theta^2 dx \leq C_{10} + C_7 \|f\|_{V^*(\Omega_1)}^2. \tag{12}$$

The last inequality yields us the inequality (5),(6) for  $R = 1$ . In order to get the inequality (5),(6) for  $R > 1$  we introduce in (4) the change of variables

$$x' = \frac{x}{R}, \quad u(x) = R^{-2/(p-1)} v(Rx'). \tag{13}$$

In the new variables  $x', v$  we have (5),(6) for  $R = 1$ . If we write the inequalities thus obtained in terms of the variables  $x, u$ , we obtain (5),(6) for any  $R \leq N$ .

We use Theorem 1 to prove the existence and uniqueness results for the problem (1),(2).

**Theorem 2.** *Under the above conditions on the data of the problem (1),(2) there exists a unique weak solution  $u(x)$  of problem (1),(2) such that  $a(x)|u|^{p+1} \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  and the integral identity (3) holds also for  $\varphi = u\theta^2\left(\frac{|x|}{R}\right)$  for any  $R \geq 1$ .*

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*Proof.* (Existence) In order to construct a solution of the problem (1),(2) we consider the following boundary-value problem:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij} \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x_j} \right) - a(x)|u_N|^{p-1}u_N = f(x) \text{ in } \Omega_N, \tag{14}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial \mu} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_N \cap B_N; \quad u_N = 0 \text{ on } (\Gamma_D \cap B_N) \cup \{x \in \Omega : |x| = N\}. \tag{15}$$

The existence and uniqueness of a solution  $u_N \in H^1(\Omega_N)$  satisfying (14),(15) in the sense that  $a(x)|u_N|^p \in L^1(\Omega_N)$  and the integral identity (3) holds with  $\Omega$  replaced by  $\Omega_N$  and for any  $\varphi \in H^1(\Omega_N) \cap L^\infty(\Omega_N)$  with  $\varphi = 0$  on  $(\Gamma_D \cap B_N) \cup \{x \in \Omega : |x| = N\}$  is a consequence of the results of H. Brezis and F. Browder [5]. Their results also imply that  $a(x)|u_N|^{p+1} \in L^1(\Omega_N)$  and that the integral identity also holds for  $\varphi = u_N$ . In fact, if  $0 < R < N$  we have

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \int_{\Omega_R} a_{ij} \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial (u_N \theta^2)}{\partial x_i} dx + \int_{\Omega_R} a(x)|u_N|^{p+1} \theta^2 dx = \langle f, u_N \theta^2 \rangle \tag{16}$$

In order to prove (16) we take  $\varphi = T_m(u_N)\theta^2$  in the integral identity associated to (3) but on  $\Omega_N$ , where  $T(s) = \min(m, |s|)\text{sign } s$ . Making  $m \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain (16). By Theorem 1 we have

$$\int_{\Omega_{R/2}} (|\nabla u_N|^2 + |u_N|^{p+1}) dx \leq C$$

for some constant  $C$  depending on  $R$ , but independent of  $N$ . By standard results we get that  $\{u_N\}$  is bounded in  $H^1(\Omega_R)$  and by diagonal extraction it follows that there exist  $u$  and a sub-sequence  $u_N$  such that  $u_N \rightarrow u$  in  $H^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  weakly, in  $L^{p+1}_{loc}(\Omega)$  weakly, in  $L^2_{loc}(\Omega)$  strongly and almost everywhere in  $\Omega$ . Passing to the limit as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  in the integral identity for  $u_N$  we obtain (3).

(Uniqueness): Let us prove that the weak solution  $u(x)$  of the problem (1),(2) constructed above is unique. Let  $u_1, u_2$  be weak solutions of the problem (1),(2) such that  $a(x)|u_i|^{p+1} \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ , and the integral identity (3) holds for  $\varphi = u_i \Theta_R$  for any  $R > 1, i = 1, 2$ . Let  $v = u_1 - u_2$ . Since  $v \in V_{loc}(\Omega) \cap L^{p+1}_{loc}(\Omega)$ , arguing as in the proof of (16), we can take  $\varphi = v \Theta_R$  in the integral identity (3) associated to  $u_i$ . We get

$$\int_{\Omega_R} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial (v \Theta_R)}{\partial x_i} dx + \int_{\Omega_R} A(x)|v|^{p+1} \Theta_R dx = 0, \tag{17}$$

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where

$$A(x) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{a(x) [|u_1(x)|^{p-1}u_1(x) - |u_2(x)|^{p-1}u_2(x)]}{|u_1(x) - u_2(x)|^{p-1}(u_1(x) - u_2(x))}, & \text{if } u_1(x) \neq u_2(x), \\ a_0, & \text{if } u_1(x) = u_2(x). \end{cases}$$

It is easy to prove by considering the function

$$\frac{1 - |y|^{p-1}y}{(1 - y)|1 - y|^{p-1}},$$

that  $A(x) \geq A_0 = \text{const} > 0$ . Therefore, Theorem 1 can be applied to the function  $v$  with  $f \equiv 0$ . According to Theorem 1 we have

$$\int_{\Omega_{R/2}} |\nabla v|^2 dx \leq CR^{n-2-4/(p-1)}, \tag{18}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_{R/2}} |v|^{p+1} dx \leq CR^{n-2(p+1)/(p-1)}, \quad C = \text{const}. \tag{19}$$

If  $1 < p < (n + 2)/(n - 2)$  or  $n = 2$ , then from (19) it follows that  $v = 0$ . If  $p \geq (n + 2)/(n - 2)$ , we shall prove that  $v = 0$  in  $\Omega$  by contradiction. Suppose that there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $v(x) \geq \alpha$  on a set  $\omega \subset \Omega$  and  $\text{meas } \omega > 0$ . It is easy to prove that the function  $w = (v - \alpha)_+$ , where  $(v - \alpha)_+ = v - \alpha$  for  $v - \alpha > 0$  and  $(v - \alpha)_+ = 0$  for  $v - \alpha \leq 0$ , satisfies the equality

$$\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial (w\Theta_R)}{\partial x_i} dx + \int_{\Omega} A(x) \frac{(w + \alpha)^{p+1}}{w^{q+1}} w^{q+1} \Theta_R dx = 0, \tag{20}$$

where  $q < (n + 2)/(n - 2)$ . Since  $(w + \alpha)^{p+1}/w^{q+1} \geq b > 0$  for any  $w > 0$  and  $q < p$ , where  $b = \text{const} > 0$ , we can apply Theorem 1 to  $w$ . We then have

$$\int_{\Omega_{R/2}} |w|^{q+1} dx \leq CR^{n-2(q+1)/(q-1)}. \tag{21}$$

From (21) it follows that  $w \equiv 0$  in  $\Omega$ . That contradicts the assumption that  $w > 0$  on  $\omega \subset \Omega$  with  $\text{meas } \omega > 0$ .

**Remark 1.** The first result where the existence and uniqueness of a solution of the boundary-value problem (1),(2) with condition  $\Gamma_N = \emptyset$  were proved without the growth conditions at infinity on  $f$  and  $u$  was by H.

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Brezis [2]. The H. Brezis uniqueness result uses an explicit supersolution and his method cannot be applied to the case  $\Gamma_N \neq \emptyset$ .

Consider now the behavior as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$  of a weak solution of problem (1),(2). We study the case  $f = 0$  in  $\Omega \setminus B_{R'}$ , where  $R'$  is some constant.

We consider the function  $u \in H^1_{loc}(\Omega \setminus B_{R'})$  such that

$$a(x)|u|^{p+1} \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega \setminus B_{R'}),$$

$u \in L^\infty(\Omega \cap \partial B_{R'})$  and satisfies the equation

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) - a(x)|u|^{p-1}u = f(x) \text{ in } D'(\Omega \setminus B_{R'}). \quad (22)$$

**Theorem 3.** Assume that  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega \setminus B_{R'}$ ,  $a_{ij}(x) = \text{const.}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$|u(x)| \leq C|x|^{-2/(p-1)} \text{ in } \Omega \setminus B_{R'}, \quad C = \text{const} > 0. \quad (23)$$

*Proof.* Let  $N > R$ . We set  $\Omega_N^{R'} = \{x \in \Omega : R' < |x| < N\}$ . Let  $v_N$  be a weak solution of the problem

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial v_N}{\partial x_j} \right) - a(x)|v_N|^{p-1}v_N = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_N^{R'} \quad (24)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$v_N = u \text{ on } \bar{\Omega} \cap \partial B_{R'}, \text{ and } v_N = 0 \text{ on } (\partial\Omega \cap (B_N \setminus B_{R'})) \cup (\Omega \cap \partial B_N). \quad (25)$$

Consider the function  $V(x) = K|x|^{-2/(p-1)}$ . It is easy to check that for  $a_{ij}(x) = \text{const.}$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_j} \right) - a(x)|V|^{p-1}V \leq 0$$

and  $V(x) \geq v_N(x)$  on  $\Omega \cap \partial B_{R'}$ , if  $K > 0$  is a sufficiently large constant. Applying the maximum principle, we deduce that

$$|v_N(x)| \leq K|x|^{-2/(p-1)} \text{ in } x \in \Omega_N^{R'}. \quad (26)$$

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Letting  $N \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain (23), the assertion of the theorem.

The following result shows that the geometry of  $\Omega$  can have influence on the decay of  $u(x)$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Assume that*

$$\text{diameter}(\Omega \cap \{x : |x| = N\}) \leq T, \quad \forall N \geq R', \tag{27}$$

where the constant  $T$  does not depend on  $N$ . Let  $u$  satisfy (22),  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega \setminus B_{R'}$ ,  $u \in H^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega \setminus B_{R'})$ . Then

$$|u(x)| \leq Ce^{-\alpha|x|}, \quad C, \alpha = \text{const} > 0. \tag{28}$$

*Proof.* Let  $N > R'$  and let  $v_N$  be the solution of the problem (24),(25). It is easy to prove as in Theorem 3, using  $V(x) = \text{const.}$ , that  $|v_N(x)| \leq C_1$ , where  $C_1 = \text{const}$  and  $C_1$  does not depend on  $N$ . Taking  $\varphi = v_N e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2(x)$  as a test function for (24), where  $\Psi = 1$  for  $|x| > R' + 1$ ,  $\Psi = 0$  for  $|x| < R' + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq \Psi \leq 1$ ,  $\Psi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2(x) dx + a_0 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N|^{p+1} e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2(x) dx \\ & \leq \alpha C_2 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2 dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2 dx \\ & + 2 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |\nabla v_N| |v_N| e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi |\nabla \Psi| dx. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

In order to estimate the first integral on the right-hand side of (29) we use the Friedrichs inequality

$$\int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} dx \leq C_3 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2 dx, \tag{30}$$

where as a consequence of (27) the constant  $C_3$  is independent of  $N$ . We have

$$\int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |\nabla v_N| |v_N| e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi |\nabla \Psi| dx$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \epsilon \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} |\Psi|^2 dx \\
 &\quad + C_4 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} |\nabla \Psi|^2 dx \\
 &\leq \epsilon \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} |\Psi|^2 dx \\
 &\quad + C_5(\epsilon) \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} dx, \tag{31}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon$  is an arbitrarily small positive number.

For sufficiently small  $\alpha$  we have from (28),(29),(31) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2 dx + a_0 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N|^{p+1} e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2 dx \\
 &\leq C_6 \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}} |v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} dx. \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

The last integral in (32) is bounded by a constant which does not depend on  $N$ . In order to prove it we cover  $\Omega_N^{R'+1/2} \setminus \Omega_N^{R'+1}$  by balls of radius  $1/2$  and apply Theorem 1. From (32) we have

$$\int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1}} |\nabla v_N|^2 e^{\alpha|x|} dx + \int_{\Omega_N^{R'+1}} |v_N|^{p+1} e^{\alpha|x|} \Psi^2 dx \leq C_7, \tag{33}$$

where the constant  $C_7$  does not depend on  $N$  and  $\alpha = const > 0$  is sufficiently small.

Since  $v_N = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  for  $|x| > R'$ , by the De Giorgi type theorem (see e.g. [7], Theorem 8.17) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sup_{x \in B_{1/2}(x_0) \cap \Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N(x)| \\
 &\leq C_8 \left[ \int_{B_1(x_0) \cap \Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N|^{p+1} dx \right]^{\frac{1}{(1+p)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C_9 \left[ e^{-\alpha(|x_0|-1)} \int_{B_1(x_0) \cap \Omega_N^{R'}} |v_N|^{p+1} e^{\alpha|x|} dx \right]^{\frac{1}{(p+1)}} \\ &\leq C_{10} \exp\{\alpha|x_0|\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_0 \in \Omega_N^{R'}$ ,  $B_\rho(x_0) = \{x : |x - x_0| < \rho\}$ ,  $\alpha = \text{const} > 0$  and  $C_{10}$  does not depend on  $N$ . Making  $N \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain (28). This concludes the proof of the theorem.

The results of this section were obtained jointly with J.I. Diaz and published in a short communication [8].