Refined asymptotics for the blow-up solution of the complex Ginzburg–Landau equation in the subcritical case

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Abstract. In this paper, we aim to refine the blow-up behavior for the complex Ginzburg–Landau (CGL) equation in some subcritical case. More precisely, we construct blow-up solutions and refine their blow-up profile to the next order.

1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the complex Ginzburg-Landau (CGL) equation

$$u_t = (1+i\beta)\Delta u + (1+i\delta)|u|^{p-1}u + \alpha u,$$

$$u(.,0) = u_0 \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{C}),$$
(CGL)

where $\delta, \beta, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

This equation is better known when p = 3, having a long history in physics (see Aranson and Kramer [2]). The CGL equation describes many phenomena including nonlinear waves, second-order phase transitions, and superconductivity. We note that the CGL equation can be used to describe the evolution of amplitudes of unstable modes for any process exhibiting a Hopf bifurcation (see for example [2, Sect. VI-C, p. 37; Sect. VII, p. 40] and the references cited therein). In addition, our equation can be considered as a general normal form for a large class of bifurcations and nonlinear wave phenomena in continuous media systems. More generally, the CGL equation is used to describe synchronization and collective oscillation in complex media.

The study of collapse, chaotic or blow-up solutions of equation (CGL) appears in many works; for a description of an unstable plane Poiseuille flow, see Stewartson and Stuart [35] and Hocking et al. [21] and, in the context of binary mixtures, see Kolodner et al. [22,23], where the authors describe an extensive series of experiments on traveling-wave convection in an ethanol/water mixture, and they observe collapse solutions that appear experimentally. For blow-up phenomena, see Plecháč and Šverák [29] and Rottschäfer [33,34].

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For our purpose, we consider CGL independently from any particular physical context and investigate it as a mathematical model in partial differential equations with p > 1.

The Cauchy problem for equation (CGL) can be solved in a variety of spaces using the semigroup theory as in the case of the heat equation (see [5, 18, 19]). The space $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ is a convenient choice for us.

We say that u(t) blows up or collapses in finite time $T < \infty$, if u(t) exists for all $t \in [0, T)$ and $\lim_{t \to T} ||u(t)||_{L^{\infty}} = +\infty$. In that case, *T* is called the blow-up time of the solution. A point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is said to be a blow-up point if there is a sequence $\{(x_j, t_j)\}$, such that $x_j \to x_0, t_j \to T$ and $|u(x_j, t_j)| \to \infty$ as $j \to \infty$. The set of all blow-up points is called the blow-up set.

Let us now introduce the following definition:

Definition 1.1 (Criticality for CGL). The parameters (β, δ) are in the subcritical (resp. critical, supercritical) regime if $p - \delta^2 - \beta \delta(p + 1)$ is positive (resp. zero, negative).

Some results are available in the subcritical regime from Zaag [38] ($\beta = 0$) and also Masmoudi and Zaag [24] ($\beta \neq 0$). In those papers, the authors construct a solution of equation (CGL), which blows up in finite time T > 0 only at the origin such that for all $t \in [0, T)$,

$$\left\| (T-t)^{\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}} |\log(T-t)|^{-i\mu} u(x,t) - \left(p-1 + \frac{b_{\text{sub}}|x|^2}{(T-t)|\log(T-t)|}\right)^{-\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}}$$
(1)

$$\leq \frac{C_0}{1+\sqrt{|\log(T-t)|}},$$

where

$$b_{\rm sub} = \frac{(p-1)^2}{4(p-\delta^2 - \beta\delta(1+p))} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = -\frac{2b_{\rm sub}}{(p-1)^2}\beta(1+\delta^2).$$
(2)

Note that this result was previously obtained formally by Hocking and Stewartson [20] (p = 3) and mentioned later in Popp et al. [30] (see those references for more blow-up results often proved numerically, in various regimes of the parameters).

In the critical regime, some blow-up solutions are available from Nouaili and Zaag [28] and also Duong, Nouaili and Zaag [10]. More precisely, in that regime, the authors construct a solution of equation (CGL), which blows up in finite time T > 0 only at the origin, such that for all $t \in [0, T)$ (see [10, Thm. 2]),

$$\left\| (T-t)^{\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}} |\log(T-t)|^{-i\mu} e^{-i\nu\sqrt{|\log(T-t)|}} u(x,t) - \left(p-1 + \frac{b_{\mathrm{cri}}|x|^2}{(T-t)|\log(T-t)|^{1/2}}\right)^{-\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} \le \frac{C_0}{1+|\log(T-t)|^{1/4}},$$
(3)

where

$$b_{\rm cri}^2 = \frac{(p-1)^2 4(p+1)^2 \delta^2}{16(1+\delta^2)(p(2p-1)-(p-2)\delta^2)((p+3)\delta^2+p(3p+1))} > 0$$

and $\nu = \nu(\beta, p), \mu = \mu(\beta, p)$ are given in [10]. In fact, the authors obtain a more refined description showing some additional higher-order terms in the Taylor expansion of the blow-up solution given in (1).

Following our result, we felt that no similar refinement exists in the subcritical regime, except maybe for some formal results given by Berger and Kohn [3] and also Velázquez, Galaktionov and Herrero [37] when $\beta = \delta = \alpha = 0$, which corresponds to the nonlinear heat equation (NLH).

1.1. Statement of our result

Our main concern is to give a refined asymptotic description of the blow-up solution given by Masmoudi and Zaag [24]. Rather than considering that solution and refining its description, we will instead start over from the beginning, and construct a solution u(x, t) of (CGL) in the subcritical regime $(p - \beta\delta(p + 1) - \delta^2 > 0)$ that blows up in some finite time *T*, in the sense that

$$\lim_{t\to T} \|u(.,t)\|_{L^{\infty}} = +\infty,$$

and which has the same zero-order description as the solution of Masmoudi and Zaag [24] given in (1), with a more accurate description showing the next order terms in the expansion.

We consider u(x, t) a solution of (CGL). Let us first introduce self-similar variables

$$W(y,t) = (T-t)^{\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}}u(x,t), \quad y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{T-t}};$$

then, the main result of this work is the following:

Theorem 1 (First-order terms). Let us consider the subcritical regime where $p - \delta^2 - \beta \delta(p+1) > 0$. Then there exists a unique constant η depending on p, δ and β such that equation (CGL) has a solution u(x,t), which blows up in finite time T, only at the origin. Moreover, the solution decomposes in self-similar variables as follows: for M > 0,

$$\sup_{|y| < M |\log(T-t)|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left| W(y,t) e^{-i\eta \frac{\log(\log(T-t))}{|\log(T-t)|}} |\log(T-t)|^{-i\mu} e^{i\theta(t)} - \left\{ \varphi_0 \left(\frac{y}{|\log(T-t)|^{1/2}} \right) + \frac{a(1+i\delta)}{|\log(T-t)|} + \frac{\log|\log(T-t)|}{|\log(T-t)|^2} \mathcal{E}(y) + \frac{1}{|\log(T-t)|^2} \mathcal{F}(y) \right\} \right|$$

$$\leq C(M) \frac{|\log|\log(T-t)|^2}{|\log(T-t)|^3} (1+|y|^5), \qquad (4)$$

and $\theta(t) \rightarrow \theta_0$ as $t \rightarrow T$, such that

$$|\theta(t) - \theta_0| \le C \frac{|\log(|\log(T-t)||^2}{|\log(T-t)|^2}$$

with

$$\varphi_0(z) = (p - 1 + bz^2)^{-\frac{1+i\theta}{p-1}},$$
(5)

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with $b \ (= b_{sub})$ defined as in (2),

$$\mu = -\frac{4b\beta(1+\delta^2)}{(p-1)^2}, \quad a = 2\kappa(1-\beta\delta)\frac{b}{(p-1)^2} \quad and \quad \kappa = (p-1)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}.$$
 (6)

The functions $\mathcal{E}(y)$ and $\mathcal{F}(y)$ are defined as

$$\mathcal{E}(y) = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \tilde{h}_2(y),\tag{7}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(y) = \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_0 \tilde{h}_0(y) + \mathcal{B}_2 h_2(y) + \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 \tilde{h}_2(y), \tag{8}$$

where $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_0$, \mathcal{B}_2 and $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2$ depend only on β and δ and are given by (41) in Definition 3.1 and $h_0(y)$, $h_2(y)$ and $\tilde{h}_2(y)$ will be given in Lemma 2.2.

The constant $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2$ depends only on β and δ when $\beta \neq 0$. When $\beta = 0$, we can choose $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2$ arbitrarily.

Remark 1.2. For technical reasons, the proof of Theorem 1 must be done separately for $\beta \neq 0$ and $\beta = 0$.

Remark 1.3. In the case of the nonlinear heat equation ($\beta = \delta = 0$), Theorem 1 presents the first rigorous proof of the formal approach given by Velázquez, Galaktionov, and Herrero [37].

Remark 1.4. We will consider CGL, given by (CGL), only when $\alpha = 0$. The case $\alpha \neq 0$ can be done as in [12]. In fact, when $\alpha \neq 0$, exponentially small terms will be added to our estimates in a self-similar variable (see (9) below), and that will be absorbed in our error terms, since our trap $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$ defined in Definition 3.1 is given in polynomial scales.

Let us give an idea of the method used to prove the results. We construct the blow-up solution with the profile in Theorem 1, by following the method of [4, 25]. This kind of method has been applied to various nonlinear evolution equations. For hyperbolic equations, it has been successfully used for the construction of multi-solitons for the semilinear wave equation in one space dimension (see [6]). For parabolic equations, it has been used in [24] and [39] for the complex Ginzburg Landau (CGL) equation with no gradient structure, the critical harmonic heat flow in [31], the two-dimensional Keller–Segel equation in [32] and the nonlinear heat equation involving a nonlinear gradient term in [12, 36]. Recently, this method has been applied to various nonvariational parabolic systems in [27] and [13–16], and to a logarithmically perturbed nonlinear equation in [7–9, 26]. We also mention a result for a higher-order parabolic equation [17] and in [1, 11] two more results for equations involving nonlocal terms.

Following [25], [28] and [10], the proof is divided into two steps. First, we reduce the problem to a finite-dimensional case. Second, we solve the finite-time-dimensional problem and conclude by contradiction using index theory. More precisely, the proof is performed in the framework of the similarity variables defined below in (9). We linearize the self-similar solution around the profile φ_0 and we obtain q (see (11) below). Our goal is to guarantee that q(s) belongs to some set $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$ (introduced in Definition 3.1), which shrinks to 0 as $s \to +\infty$. The proof relies on two arguments:

- The linearized equation gives two positives modes (\tilde{Q}_0 and \tilde{q}_1), one zero mode (\tilde{q}_2) and an infinite-dimensional negative part. The negative part is easily controlled by the effect of the heat kernel. Control of the zero mode is quite delicate. The control of q is reduced to control of its positive modes; see Proposition 3.8.
- Control of the positive modes \tilde{Q}_0 and \tilde{q}_1 is handled thanks to a topological argument based on index theory; see Proposition 3.5.

The organization of the rest of this paper is as follows. Section 3, the heart of the paper, is divided into three subsections. At the beginning of Section 3 we give the proof of the existence of the profile assuming technical details when $\beta \neq 0$. In particular, we construct a shrinking set and give an example of initial data giving rise to the blow-up profile. Section 3.1 is devoted to the proof of technical results which are needed in the proof of existence; see Proposition 3.8. Then in Section 3.2 we aim to give an a priori estimate of the finite mode of q the negative part q_{-} and the outer part q_{e} . In Section 3.3, we explain the case $\beta = 0$. In addition to that, we also give Appendices A, B, C, which give necessary computations in detail and give some fundamental estimates used for the proofs in the paper.

2. Formulation of the problem

Here we consider the CGL equation, introduced in (CGL), with $\alpha = 0$. As we mentioned before in Remark 1.4, the perturbation of αu is quite small. Now let us introduce the similarity variable

$$u(x,t) = (T-t)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}w(y,s), \quad y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{T-t}} \quad \text{and} \quad s = -\ln(T-t).$$
 (9)

Hence, w reads

$$\partial_s w = (1+i\beta)\Delta w - \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla w - \frac{w}{p-1} + (1+i\delta)|w|^{p-1}w.$$
 (10)

Using the idea from [24], we will introduce q(y, s) and $\theta(s)$ satisfying

$$w(y,s) = e^{i(\mu \ln s + \eta \frac{\ln s}{s} + \theta(s))}(\varphi(y,s) + q(y,s)),$$
(11)

where

$$\varphi(y,s) = \varphi_0\left(\frac{y}{s^{1/2}}\right) + (1+i\delta)\frac{a}{s} \equiv \kappa^{-i\delta}\left(p - 1 + b\frac{|y|^2}{s}\right)^{-\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}} + (1+i\delta)\frac{a}{s}, \quad (12)$$

where μ , *a* and *b* are well known in [24]:

$$\mu = -\frac{2b\beta(1+\delta^2)}{(p-1)^2}, \quad a = 2\kappa(1-\beta\delta)\frac{b}{(p-1)^2},$$

and

$$b = \frac{(p-1)^2}{4(p-\delta^2 - (p+1)\delta\beta)}$$

We will explain how we choose these constants in the proof. In particular, η is a new constant added for refinement of the behavior of w. Note that $\varphi_0(z)$ satisfies

$$-\frac{1}{2}z \cdot \nabla \varphi_0 - \frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}\varphi_0 + (1+i\delta)|\varphi_0|^{p-1}\varphi_0 = 0.$$
(13)

Using equation (10), we derive that q solves the equation

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial s} = \mathcal{L}_{\beta}q - \frac{(1+i\delta)}{p-1}q + L(q,\theta',y,s) + R^*(\theta',y,s), \tag{14}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\beta}q &= (1+i\beta)\Delta q - \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla q, \\ L(q,\theta',y,s) &= (1+i\delta) \Big\{ |\varphi+q|^{p-1}(\varphi+q) - |\varphi|^{p-1}\varphi \\ &\quad -i\Big(\eta\Big(\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{\ln s}{s^2}\Big) + \frac{\mu}{s} + \theta'(s)\Big)q \Big\}, \end{aligned}$$
(15)
$$R^*(\theta',y,s) &= R(y,s) - i\Big(\eta\Big(\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{\ln s}{s^2}\Big) + \frac{\mu}{s} + \theta'(s)\Big)\varphi, \\ R(y,s) &= -\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial s} + (1+i\beta)\Delta\varphi - \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla\varphi - \frac{(1+i\delta)}{p-1}\varphi + (1+i\delta)|\varphi|^{p-1}\varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Our aim is to find a $\theta \in C^1([-\ln T, \infty), \mathbb{R})$ such that equation (18) has a solution q(y, s) defined for all $(y, s) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times [-\ln T, \infty)$ such that

$$q(y,s) = \frac{\mathcal{F}(y)\log s}{s^2} + v(y,s),$$

where \mathcal{F} is defined by (8) in Theorem 1 and

$$||v(s)||_{L^{\infty}} \to 0 \text{ as } s \to \infty.$$

From (13), one sees that the variable $z = \frac{y}{s^{1/2}}$ plays a fundamental role. Thus, we will consider the dynamics for |z| > K, and |z| < 2K separately for some K > 0 to be fixed large.

2.1. The outer region where $|y| > Ks^{1/2}$

Let us consider a nonincreasing cut-off function $\chi_0 \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^+, [0, 1])$ such that $\chi_0(\xi) = 1$ for $\xi < 1$ and $\chi_0(\xi) = 0$ for $\xi > 2$ and introduce

$$\chi(y,s) = \chi_0 \Big(\frac{|y|}{Ks^{1/2}}\Big),\tag{16}$$

where K will be fixed large. Let us define

$$q_e(y,s) = e^{\frac{i\delta}{p-1}s}q(y,s)(1-\chi(y,s)),$$
(17)

and note that q_e is the part of q(y, s), corresponding to the non-blow-up region $|y| > Ks^{1/2}$. As we will explain in Section 3.2.3, the linear operator of the equation satisfied by q_e is negative, which makes it easy to control $||q_e(s)||_{L^{\infty}}$. This is not the case for the part of q(y, s) for $|y| < 2Ks^{1/2}$, where the linear operator has two positive eigenvalues, a zero eigenvalue in addition to infinitely many negative ones. Therefore, we have to expand q with respect to these eigenvalues in order to control $||q(s)||_{L^{\infty}(|y|| < 2Ks^{1/2})}$. This requires more work than for q_e . The following subsection is dedicated to that purpose. From now on, K will be a fixed constant which is chosen such that $||\varphi(s')||_{L^{\infty}(|y||>Ks'^{1/2})}$ is small enough, namely $||\varphi_0(z)||_{L^{\infty}(|z|>K)}^{p-1} \leq \frac{1}{C(p-1)}$ (see Section 3.2.3 below for more details).

2.2. The inner region where $|y| < 2Ks^{1/2}$

If we linearize the term $L(q, \theta', y, s)$ in equation (14), then we can write (14) as

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial s} = \mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q - i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)q + V_1q + V_2\bar{q} + B(q, y, s) + R^*(\theta', y, s),$$
(18)

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\delta,\beta}q &= (1+i\beta)\Delta q - \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla q + (1+i\delta)\operatorname{Re} q, \\ V_{1}(y,s) &= (1+i\delta)\frac{p+1}{2} \Big(|\varphi|^{p-1} - \frac{1}{p-1}\Big), \\ V_{2}(y,s) &= (1+i\delta)\frac{p-1}{2} \Big(|\varphi|^{p-3}\varphi^{2} - \frac{1}{p-1}\Big), \\ B(q,y,s) &= (1+i\delta) \Big(|\varphi+q|^{p-1}(\varphi+q) - |\varphi|^{p-1}\varphi - |\varphi|^{p-1}q \\ &- \frac{p-1}{2} |\varphi|^{p-3}\varphi(\varphi\bar{q} + \bar{\varphi}q)\Big), \\ R^{*}(\theta',y,s) &= R(y,s) - i \Big(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s)\Big)\varphi, \\ R(y,s) &= -\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial s} + \Delta\varphi - \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla\varphi - \frac{(1+i\delta)}{p-1}\varphi + (1+i\delta)|\varphi|^{p-1}\varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the term B(q, y, s) is built to be quadratic in the inner region $|y| \le Ks^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Indeed, we have for all $K \ge 1$ and $s \ge 1$,

$$\sup_{|y| \le 2Ks^{\frac{1}{2}}} |B(q, y, s)| \le C(K)|q|^2.$$
⁽²⁰⁾

Note also that R(y, s) measures the defect of $\varphi(y, s)$ from being an exact solution of (10). However, since $\varphi(y, s)$ is an approximate solution of (10), one easily derives the fact that

$$\|R(s)\|_{L^{\infty}} \le \frac{C}{s}.$$
(21)

Therefore, if $\theta'(s)$ goes to zero as $s \to \infty$, we expect the term $R^*(\theta', y, s)$ to be small, since (18) and (21) yield

$$|R^*(\theta', y, s)| \le \frac{C}{s} + |\theta'(s)|.$$
⁽²²⁾

Therefore, since we would like to make q go to zero as $s \to \infty$, the dynamics of equation (18) are influenced by the asymptotic limit of its linear term,

$$\mathscr{L}_{\beta,\delta}q + V_1q + V_2\bar{q},$$

as $s \to \infty$. In the sense of distributions (see the definitions of V_1 and V_2 in (18) and φ in (12)) this limit is $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q$.

2.3. Spectral properties of \mathcal{L}_{β}

Here we will restrict to N = 1. We consider the Hilbert space $L^2_{|\rho_\beta|}(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{C})$ which is the set of all $f \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{C})$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |f(y)|^2 |\rho_\beta(y)| \, dy < +\infty,$$

where

$$\rho_{\beta}(y) = \frac{e^{-\frac{|y|^2}{4(1+i\beta)}}}{(4\pi(1+i\beta))^{N/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad |\rho_{\beta}(y)| = \frac{e^{-\frac{|y|^2}{4(1+\beta^2)}}}{(4\pi\sqrt{1+\beta^2})^{N/2}}.$$
 (23)

We can diagonalize \mathcal{L}_{β} in $L^2_{|\rho_{\beta}|}(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{C})$. Indeed, we can write

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta}q = \frac{1}{\rho_{\beta}}\operatorname{div}(\rho_{\beta}\nabla q)$$

We notice that \mathscr{L}_{β} is formally "self-adjoint" with respect to the weight ρ_{β} . Indeed, for any v and w in $L^{2}_{|\rho_{\alpha}|}(\mathbb{R}^{N}, \mathbb{C})$ satisfying $\mathscr{L}_{\beta}v$ and $\mathscr{L}_{\beta}w$ in $L^{2}_{|\rho_{\alpha}|}(\mathbb{R}^{N}, \mathbb{C})$, it holds that

$$\int v \mathcal{L}_{\beta} w \rho_{\beta} \, dy = \int w \mathcal{L}_{\beta} v \rho_{\beta} \, dy.$$
⁽²⁴⁾

If we introduce for each $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{N}^N$ the polynomial

$$f_{\alpha}(y) = c_{\alpha} \prod_{i=1}^{N} H_{\alpha_i} \left(\frac{y_i}{2\sqrt{1+i\beta}} \right), \tag{25}$$

where H_n is the standard one-dimensional Hermite polynomial and $c_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$ is chosen so that the term of highest degree in f_{α} is $\prod_{i=1}^{N} y_i^{\alpha_i}$, then we get a family of eigenfunctions of \mathcal{L}_{β} , "orthogonal" with respect to the weight ρ_{β} , in the sense that for any different α and $\sigma \in \mathbb{N}^N$,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta} f_{\alpha} = -\frac{\alpha}{2} f_{\alpha},$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{\alpha}(y) f_{\sigma}(y) \rho_{\beta}(y) dy = 0.$$
(26)

2.4. Spectral properties of $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$

In the sequel, we will assume N = 1. Now, with the explicit basis diagonalizing \mathcal{L}_{β} , we are able to write $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$ in a Jordan block. More precisely, we recall [24, Lem. 3.1]:

Lemma 2.1 (Jordan block decomposition of $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$). For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist two polynomials

$$h_n = if_n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} d_{j,n} f_j, \quad \text{where } d_{j,n} \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$\tilde{h}_n = (1+i\delta) f_n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \tilde{d}_{j,n} f_j \quad \text{where } \tilde{d}_{j,n} \in \mathbb{C},$$
(27)

of degree n such that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}h_n = -\frac{n}{2}h_n,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_n = \left(1 - \frac{n}{2}\right)\tilde{h}_n + c_nh_{n-2},$$
(28)

with $c_n = n(n-1)\beta(1+\delta)^2$ (and we take $h_k \equiv 0$ for k < 0). The term of highest order of h_n (resp. \tilde{h}_n) is iy^n (resp. $(1+i\delta)y^n$).

Proof. See the proof of [24, Lem. 3.1]. For the explicit formulation of c_n , we look at the imaginary part of order n - 1 in the equation $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_n = (1 - \frac{n}{2})\tilde{h}_n + c_nh_{n-2}$.

In addition to this we have the formulas of eigenfunctions h_j , \tilde{h}_j , $j \in \{1, 2, ..., 6\}$ in [10]:

Lemma 2.2 (Basis vectors of degree less than or equal to 6). We have

$$\begin{split} h_0(y) &= i, \quad \tilde{h}_0 = (1+i\delta), \\ h_1(y) &= iy, \quad \tilde{h}_1 = (1+i\delta)y, \\ h_2(y) &= iy^2 + \beta - i(2+\delta\beta), \quad \tilde{h}_2 = (1+i\delta)(y^2 - 2 + 2\beta\delta), \\ h_4(y) &= iy^4 + y^2(c_{4,2} + id_{4,2}) + c_{4,0} + id_{4,0}, \\ c_{4,2} &= 6\beta, \quad d_{4,2} = -6(2+\beta\delta) = -18 - 6(\beta\delta - 1), \\ c_{4,0} &= -4\beta(3+\beta\delta), \quad d_{4,0} = 12 - 6\beta^2 + 12\beta\delta + 2\beta^2\delta^2, \\ \tilde{h}_4(y) &= (1+i\delta)y^4 + y^2(12(\beta\delta - 1) + i\tilde{d}_{4,2}) + \tilde{c}_{4,0} + i\tilde{d}_{4,0}, \\ \tilde{c}_{4,2} &= 12(\beta\delta - 1), \quad \tilde{d}_{4,2} = 0, \\ \tilde{c}_{4,0} &= 6\beta^2(1+\delta^2) - 12(\beta\delta - 1), \quad \tilde{d}_{4,0} = -6\beta^2\delta(3\delta^2 + 7) - 12\delta(\beta\delta + 1), \\ h_6(y) &= iy^6 + y^4(c_{6,4} + id_{6,4}) + y^2(c_{6,2} + id_{6,2}) + c_{6,0} + id_{6,0}, \\ c_{6,4} &= 15\beta, \quad d_{6,4} = -15(2+\beta\delta), \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} c_{6,2} &= -60\beta(3+\delta\beta), \quad d_{6,2} = -90\beta^2 + 180 + 180\beta\delta + 30\beta^2\delta^2, \\ c_{6,0} &= 180\beta + 120\delta\beta^2 - 45\beta^3 + 15\beta^3\delta, \\ d_{6,0} &= -180\beta\delta + 55\delta\beta^3 - 60\delta^2\beta^2 - 5\beta^3\delta^2 + 180\beta^2 - 120, \\ \tilde{h}_6(y) &= (1+i\delta)y^6 + y^4(\tilde{c}_{6,4} + i\tilde{d}_{6,4}) + y^2(\tilde{c}_{6,2} + i\tilde{d}_{6,2}) + \tilde{c}_{6,0} + i\tilde{d}_{6,0}, \\ \tilde{c}_{6,4} &= 30(\beta\delta - 1), \quad \tilde{d}_{6,4} = 0, \\ \tilde{c}_{6,2} &= 90\beta^2(1+\delta^2) - 180(\beta\delta - 1), \\ \tilde{d}_{6,2} &= -90\beta(1+\delta^2)(3\beta\delta + 4) + 180(\beta\delta - 1)(\delta - 2\beta), \\ \tilde{c}_{6,0} &= -20\beta^2(1+\delta^2)(11\beta\delta + 21) + 120(\beta\delta - 1)(-2\beta^2 + \beta\delta + 1), \\ \tilde{d}_{6,0} &= 270\beta(1+\delta^2)(2+\beta\delta) + \beta^2(1+\delta^2)(140\beta\delta^2 - 180\beta\delta + 390\delta) \\ &+ 60(\beta\delta - 1)(2\beta^2\delta - \beta\delta^2 + 9\beta - 4\delta), \end{split}$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{split} &\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_{0}=\tilde{h}_{0},\\ &\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_{1}=\frac{1}{2}\tilde{h}_{1},\\ &\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_{2}=2\beta(1+\delta^{2})h_{0}=2i\beta(1+\delta^{2}),\\ &\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_{4}=-\tilde{h}_{4}+12\beta(1+\delta^{2})h_{2},\\ &\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}\tilde{h}_{6}=-2\tilde{h}_{6}+30\beta(1+\delta^{2})h_{4}. \end{split}$$

Corollary 2.1 (Basis for the set of polynomials). *The family* $(h_n \tilde{h}_n)_n$ *is a basis of* $\mathbb{C}[X]$ *, the* \mathbb{R} *vector space of complex polynomials.*

2.5. Decomposition of q

For the sake of controlling q in the region $|y| < 2K\sqrt{s}$, we will expand the unknown function q (and not just χq , where χ is defined in (16)) with respect to the family f_n and with respect to the h_n . We start by writing

$$q(y,s) = \sum_{n \le M} Q_n(s) f_n(y) + q_-(y,s),$$
(29)

where f_n is the eigenfunction of \mathcal{L}_{β} defined in (25), $\mathcal{Q}_n(s) \in \mathbb{C}$, q_- satisfies

$$\int q_{-}(y,s)h_{n}(y)\rho(y)\,dy = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \le M$$

and M is a fixed even integer satisfying

$$M \ge 4\left(\sqrt{1+\delta^2} + 1 + 2\max_{i=1,2,y\in\mathbb{R},s\ge1} |V_i(y,s)|\right),\tag{30}$$

with $V_{i=1,2}$ defined in (19). From (29) we have

$$\mathcal{Q}_n(s) = \frac{\int q(y,s) f_n(y) \rho_\beta(y) \, dy}{\int f_n(y)^2 \rho_\beta(y)} \equiv F_n(q(s)),\tag{31}$$

The function $q_{-}(y, s)$ can be seen as the projection of q(y, s) onto $\{f_j, j \ge M\}$, which corresponds to the eigenvalues smaller than (1 - M)/2. We will call it the infinitedimensional part of q and we will denote it $q_{-} = P_{-,M}(q)$. We also introduce $P_{+,M} =$ Id $- P_{-,M}$. Notice that $P_{-,M}$ and $P_{+,M}$ are projections. In the sequel, we will denote $P_{-} = P_{-,M}$ and $P_{+} = P_{+,M}$.

The complementary part $q_+ = q - q_-$ will be called the finite-dimensional part of q. We will expand it as

$$q_+(y,s) = \sum_{n \le M} \mathcal{Q}_n(s) f_n(y) = \sum_{n \le M} q_n(s) h_n(y) + \tilde{q}_n(s) \tilde{h}_n(y), \tag{32}$$

where $\tilde{q}_n, q_n \in \mathbb{R}$. Finally, we notice that for all *s* we have

$$\int q_{-}(y,s)q_{+}(y,s)\rho_{\beta}(y)\,dy=0.$$

Our purpose is to project (18) in order to write an equation for q_n and \tilde{q}_n . For that we need to write down expressions for q_n and \tilde{q}_n in terms of Q_n . The matrix $(h_n, \tilde{h}_n)_{n \le M}$ in the basis of (if_n, f_n) is upper triangular (see Lemma 2.2). The same holds for its inverse. Thus, we derive from (32),

$$q_{n} = \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{Q}_{n}(s) - \delta \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{Q}_{n}(s) + \sum_{j=n+1}^{M} A_{j,n} \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{Q}_{j}(s) + B_{j,n} \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{Q}_{j}(s)$$

$$\equiv P_{n,m}(q(s)),$$

$$\tilde{q}_{n}(s) = \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{Q}_{n}(s) + \sum_{j=n+1}^{M} \tilde{A}_{j,n} \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{Q}_{j}(s) + \tilde{B}_{j,n} \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{Q}_{j}(s)$$

$$\equiv \tilde{P}_{n,M}(q(s)),$$
(33)

where all the constants are real. Moreover, the coefficients of Im Q_n and Re Q_n in the expressions of q_n and \tilde{q}_n are explicit. This comes from the fact that the same holds for the coefficient of if_n and f_n in the expansion of h_n and \tilde{h}_n (see Lemma 2.1).

Note that the projectors $P_{n,m}(q)$ and $\tilde{P}_{n,m}(q)$ are well defined thanks to (31). We will project equation (18) on the different modes h_n and \tilde{h}_n . Note from (29) and (32) that

$$q(y,s) = \left(\sum_{n \le M} q_n(s)h_n(y) + \tilde{q}_n(s)\tilde{h}_n(y)\right) + q_-(y,s).$$
(34)

We should keep in mind that the presentation in (34) is unique.

3. Existence

In this section we prove the existence of a solution q(s), $\theta(s)$ of problem (14)–(44) and further describe the asymptotics of q,

$$q(y,s) = \tilde{h}_0(y) \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0}{s^2}\right) + h_2(y) \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2}{s^2}\right) + \tilde{h}_2(y) \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2}{s^2} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 \ln s}{s^2}\right) + v(y,s),$$

with
$$\sup_{|y| < M s^{1/2}} |v(y,s)| \le C \frac{(1+|y|^5) \ln^2 s}{s^3} \quad \text{for all } M > 0$$
(35)
and $|\theta'(s)| \le \frac{C A^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^3} \quad \text{for all } s \in [-\log T, +\infty),$

where \tilde{A}_0 , A_2 , \tilde{A}_2 and \tilde{B}_2 are given in Definition 3.1 and $h_0(y)$, $h_2(y)$ and $\tilde{h}_2(y)$ are given in Lemma 2.2.

Hereafter, we denote by C a generic positive constant, depending only on p, δ, β and K introduced in (16), itself depending on p.

As a matter of fact, we aim to control the asymptotic (35) by a shrinking set. In fact, we are inspired by the set given in [24] and [10] to introduce a new one that is sharper:

Definition 3.1 (A set shrinking to zero). For all K > 1, $A \ge 1$ and $s \ge 1$, we define $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$ as the set of all $q \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$\begin{split} \|q_e\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})} &\leq \frac{A^{M+2}}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \qquad \qquad \left\|\frac{q_{-}(y)}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})} \leq \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}, \\ |q_j|, |\tilde{q}_j| &\leq \frac{A^j}{s^{\frac{j+1}{2}}} \text{ for all } 5 \leq j \leq M, \quad |q_0| \leq \frac{1}{s^2}, \quad |\tilde{q}_1| \leq \frac{A}{s^3}, \quad |q_1| \leq \frac{A^4}{s^3}. \end{split}$$

In addition, the other modes will satisfy the following conditions:

$$|Q_4| \le \frac{A^7 \ln^2 s}{s^4} \quad \text{and} \quad |\tilde{Q}_4| \le \frac{A^4 \ln^2 s}{s^4},$$
$$|q_3| \le \frac{A^3}{s^4} \quad \text{and} \quad |\tilde{q}_3| \le \frac{A^3}{s^4},$$
$$|Q_2| \le \frac{A^8 \ln^2 s}{s^4} \quad \text{and} \quad |\tilde{Q}_2| \le \frac{A^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^3}$$

and

$$|\tilde{Q}_0| \le \frac{A\ln^2 s}{s^4},$$

where

$$Q_{4} = q_{4} - \left(\frac{1}{2}D_{4,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s} + \left[\frac{C_{4,2}R_{2,1}^{*}}{2} + \frac{R_{4,2}^{*}}{2}\right]\frac{1}{s^{3}}\right),$$

$$= q_{4} - \left(\mathcal{A}_{4}\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s} + \frac{\mathcal{B}_{4}}{s^{3}}\right),$$
(36)

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{Q}_{4} &= \widetilde{q}_{4} - \left(\widetilde{D}_{4,2}\frac{\widetilde{q}_{2}}{s} + \frac{1}{s^{3}} \Big[\widetilde{C}_{4,2}R_{2,1}^{*} + \widetilde{R}_{4,2}^{*} \Big] \right) \\ &= \widetilde{q}_{4} - \left(\widetilde{A}_{4}\frac{\widetilde{q}_{2}}{s} + \frac{\widetilde{B}_{4}}{s^{3}} \right), \end{split}$$
(37)
$$\\ \widetilde{Q}_{0} &= \widetilde{q}_{0} - \left(\frac{\widetilde{q}_{2}}{s} \Big[\mu \widetilde{L}_{0,2} - \widetilde{D}_{0,2} - \frac{\widetilde{\Theta}_{0,0}^{*}c_{2}}{\kappa} \Big] - \frac{\widetilde{R}_{0,1}^{*}}{s^{2}} - \frac{\widetilde{T}_{0,1} \ln s}{s^{3}} \right) \\ &- \left(\frac{1}{s^{3}} \Big[-\widetilde{X}_{0} + \mu \widetilde{K}_{0,2}R_{2,1}^{*} - \widetilde{C}_{0,2}.R_{2,1}^{*} - \widetilde{T}_{0,1}^{**} \Big] \right) \\ &= \widetilde{q}_{0} - \left(\widetilde{A}_{0}\frac{\widetilde{q}_{2}}{s} + \frac{\widetilde{B}_{0}}{s^{2}} + \frac{\widetilde{C}_{0} \ln s}{s^{3}} + \frac{\widetilde{D}_{0}}{s^{3}} \right) \end{split}$$
(38)

and

$$Q_{2} = q_{2} - \left(\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s} \left[D_{2,2} - \mu (1 + \delta^{2}) + c_{4} \tilde{D}_{4,2} + \frac{\Theta_{2,0}^{*} c_{2}}{\kappa} \right] + \frac{R_{2,1}^{*}}{s^{2}} \right) - \left(\frac{\tilde{T}_{2,0}^{*} \ln s}{s^{3}} + \frac{1}{s^{3}} \left[X_{2} + c_{4} [\tilde{C}_{4,2} R_{2,1}^{*} + \tilde{R}_{4,2}^{*}] - D_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^{*} + T_{2,0}^{**} \right] \right) = q_{2} - \left(A_{2} \frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s} + \frac{\mathcal{B}_{2}}{s^{2}} + \frac{\mathcal{C}_{2} \ln s}{s^{3}} + \frac{\mathcal{D}_{2}}{s^{3}} \right),$$
(39)

$$\tilde{Q}_2 = \tilde{q}_2 - \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s^2}\right) \tag{40}$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2} = -\frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^{2}} R_{0,1}^{*} + (\mu + \tilde{C}_{2,2}) R_{2,1}^{*} - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^{*} + \tilde{R}_{2,2},$$
(41)

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 = -\frac{R_{0,1}^* - \eta \kappa}{c_2}, \text{ where } c_2 = 2\beta(1+\delta^2) & \text{if } \beta \neq 0, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 \text{ is arbitrary} & \text{if } \beta = 0, \end{cases}$$
(42)

and

$$X_{2} = R_{2,2}^{*} + (C_{2,2} - \delta\mu)R_{2,1}^{*} + \frac{\Theta_{2,0}^{*}R_{0,1}^{*}}{\kappa} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{X}_{0} = \tilde{R}_{0,2}^{*} - (\delta\mu + \tilde{D}_{0,0})\tilde{R}_{0,1}^{*}.$$

Using Definition 3.1, we claim the following:

Claim 3.2 (The size of $q \in \mathcal{V}_A$). For all $r \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$ we have the following estimates:

(i)
$$||r||_{L^{\infty}(|y|<2K\sqrt{s})} \le C(K)\frac{A^{M+1}}{\sqrt{s}} \text{ and } ||r||_{L^{\infty}} \le C(K)\frac{A^{M+2}}{\sqrt{s}}$$

(ii) For all
$$y \in \mathbb{R}$$
, $|r(y)| \le C \frac{A^{M+1} \ln s}{s^2} (1+|y|^{M+1}).$

Proof. The proof directly follows from the definition of the shrinking set.

From item (i), our purpose is to control q to stay in $\mathcal{V}(A)$ for $s \ge s_{01}$. Moreover, the bounds in this set help us to conclude the results in the propositions.

In the following, we aim to choose the initial data.

Definition 3.3 (Choice of initial data). Let us define, for $A \ge 1$, $s_0 = -\log T > 1$ and $d_0, d_1 \in \mathbb{R}$, the function

$$\begin{split} \psi_{s_0,d_0,d_1}(y) &= \Big[\Big(\frac{A \ln^2 s}{s_0^4} \tilde{d}_0 + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_0}{s_0^2} + \frac{(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_0) \ln s_0}{s_0^3} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_0 + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0 \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_0^3} \Big) \tilde{h}_0 \\ &+ \frac{A}{s_0^3} \tilde{d}_1 \tilde{h}_1(y) + d_0 h_0 + \Big(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s_0}{s_0^2} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_0^2} \Big) \tilde{h}_2 \\ &+ \Big(\frac{\mathcal{B}_2}{s_0^2} + \frac{\mathcal{D}_2 + \mathcal{A}_2 \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_0^3} + \frac{(\mathcal{C}_2 + \mathcal{A}_2 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2) \ln s_0}{s_0^3} \Big) h_2 \\ &+ \Big(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_4 + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_4 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2}{s_0^3} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_4 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s_0}{s_0^3} \Big) \tilde{h}_4 \\ &+ \Big(\frac{\mathcal{B}_4 + \mathcal{A}_4 \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_0^3} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_4 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s_0}{s_0^3} \Big) h_4 \Big] \chi(2y, s_0), \end{split}$$
(43)

where $s_0 = -\log T$ and h_i , \tilde{h}_i , i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 are given in Lemma 2.2, χ is defined by (16) and $d_0 = d_0(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$ will be fixed later in Proposition 3.6 (i). The constants $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i$, \mathcal{A}_i , $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_i$, \mathcal{B}_i , $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i$, $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i$, $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_i$, \mathcal{D}_i for i = 0, 2, 4 are given by (36)–(40).

Remark 3.4. Let us recall that we will modulate the parameter θ to kill one of the neutral modes; see equation (44) below. It is natural that this condition must be satisfied for the initial data at $s = s_0$. Thus, it is necessary that we choose d_0 to satisfy condition (44); see (45) below.

So far, in fact, the phase $\theta(s)$ introduced in (11) is arbitrary, as we will show below in Proposition 3.7. We can use a modulation technique to choose $\theta(s)$ in such a way that we impose the condition

$$P_{0,M}(q(s)) = 0, (44)$$

which allows us to kill the neutral direction of the operator $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ defined in (18). Reasonably, our aim is then reduced to the following proposition:

Proposition 3.5 (Existence of a solution trapped in $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$). There exists $A_2 \ge 1$ such that for $A \ge A_2$ there exists $s_{02}(A)$ such that for all $s_0 \ge s_{02}(A)$, there exists $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$ such that if q is the solution of (18)–(44), with initial data given by (43) and (45), then $v \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$ for all $s \ge s_0$.

This proposition gives stronger convergence to 0 in $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$.

Let us first be sure that we can choose the initial data such that it starts in $\mathcal{V}_A(s_0)$. In other words, we will define a set where we will select the good parameters $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$ that will give the conclusion of Proposition 3.5. More precisely, we have the following result:

Proposition 3.6 (Properties of initial data). For each $A \ge 1$, there exists $s_{03}(A) > 1$ such that for all $s_0 \ge s_{03}$, we have the following properties:

(i) $P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_0)) \neq 0$ and the parameter $d_0(s_0, \tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} d_{0}(s_{0},\tilde{d}_{0},\tilde{d}_{1}) &= -\frac{A}{s_{0}^{3}}\tilde{d}_{1}\frac{P_{0,M}(h_{1}\chi(2y,s_{0}))}{P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_{0}))} \\ &- \left(\frac{A\ln^{2}s_{0}}{s_{0}^{4}}\tilde{d}_{0} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{0}}{s_{0}^{2}} + \frac{(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{0})\ln s_{0}}{s_{0}^{3}} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{0} + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{2}}{s_{0}^{3}}\right) \\ &\times \frac{P_{0,M}(\tilde{h}_{0}\chi(2y,s_{0}))}{P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_{0}))} \\ &- \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2}\ln s_{0}}{s_{0}^{2}} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{2}}{s_{0}^{2}}\right)\frac{P_{0,M}(\tilde{h}_{2}\chi(2y,s_{0}))}{P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_{0}))} \end{aligned} \tag{45} \\ &- \left(\frac{\mathcal{B}_{2}}{s_{0}^{2}} + \frac{\mathcal{D}_{2} + \mathcal{A}_{2}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{2}}{s_{0}^{3}} + \frac{(\mathcal{C}_{2} + \mathcal{A}_{2}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2})\ln s_{0}}{s_{0}^{3}}\right)\frac{P_{0,M}(h_{2}\chi(2y,s_{0}))}{P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_{0}))} \\ &- \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{4} + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{4}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2}}{s_{0}^{3}} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{4}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2}\ln s_{0}}{s_{0}^{3}}\right)\frac{P_{0,M}(\tilde{h}_{4}\chi(2y,s_{0}))}{P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_{0}))} \\ &- \left(\frac{\mathcal{B}_{4} + \mathcal{A}_{4}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{2}}{s_{0}^{3}} + \frac{\mathcal{A}_{4}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2}\ln s_{0}}{s_{0}^{3}}\right)\frac{P_{0,M}(h_{4}\chi(2y,s_{0}))}{P_{0,M}(i\chi(2y,s_{0}))} \end{aligned}$$

is well defined, where χ is defined in (16) and the constants \widetilde{A}_i , A_i , \widetilde{B}_i , B_i , \widetilde{C}_i , C_i for i = 0, 2, 4 are given by (36)–(40).

(ii) If ψ is given by (43) and (45) with d_0 defined by (45) then there exists a quadrilateral $\mathcal{D}_{s_0} \subset [-2, 2]^2$ such that the mapping

$$(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \to \left(\tilde{\Psi}_0 = \tilde{\psi}_0 - \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_0}{s_0^2} + \frac{(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0 \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_0) \ln s_0}{s_0^3} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_0 + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0 \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_0^3}\right), \tilde{\psi}_1\right)$$

(where ψ stands for $\psi_{s_0,\tilde{d}_0,\tilde{d}_1}$) is linear, one to one from \mathcal{D}_{s_0} onto $\left[-\frac{A \ln^2 s_0}{s_0^4}, \frac{A \ln^2 s_0}{s_0^4}\right] \times \left[-\frac{A}{s_0^3}, \frac{A}{s_0^3}\right]$. Moreover, it is of degree 1 on the boundary.

(iii) For all $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in \mathcal{D}_{s_0}$ we have

$$\psi_e \equiv 0, \quad \psi_0 = 0,$$

for all $3 \le i \le M$, $i \ne 4$, $1 \le j \le M$, $j \ne \{2, 4\}$ and for some $\gamma > 0$,

$$|\tilde{\psi}_i| + |\psi_i| \le C e^{-\gamma s_0}$$

and

$$|\widetilde{\Psi}_i| + |\Psi_j| \le C e^{-\gamma s_0} \quad for \, i, j = \{2, 4\},$$

where $\widetilde{\Psi}_i$ and Ψ_i are defined as in (36)–(40). Moreover, it holds that $\|\frac{\psi_{-}(y)}{(1+|y|^{M+1})}\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})} \leq CA/s_0^{\frac{M}{4}+1}.$ (iv) For all $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in \mathcal{D}_{s_0}, \psi_{s_0, \tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1} \in \mathcal{V}_A(s_0)$ with strict inequalities except for $(\tilde{\psi}_0, \tilde{\psi}_1)$.

Proof. The proof is the same as [24, Prop. 4.2] and [10, Prop. 4.5].

In the following, we find a local-in-time solution for equation (18) coupled with condition (44).

Proposition 3.7 (Local-in-time solution and modulation for problem (18)–(44) with initial data (43)–(45)). For all $A \ge 1$, there exists $T_3(A) \in (0, 1/e)$ such that for all $T \le T_3$, the following holds: for all $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in D_T$, there exists $s_{\max} > s_0 = -\log T$ such that problem (18)–(44) with initial data at $s = s_0$,

$$(q(s_0), \theta(s_0)) = (\psi_{s_0, \tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1}, 0),$$

where $\psi_{s_0,\tilde{d}_0,\tilde{d}_1}$ is given by (43) and (45), has a unique solution $q(s), \theta(s)$ satisfying $q(s) \in V_{A+1}(s)$ for all $s \in [s_0, s_{\max})$.

Proof. The proof is quite similar to [24, Prop. 4.4] and [10, Prop. 4.6].

Let us now give the proof of Proposition 3.5.

Proof of Proposition 3.5. Let us consider $A \ge 1$, $s_0 \ge s_{03}$, $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in \mathcal{D}_{s_0}$, where s_{03} is given by Proposition 3.6. From the existence theory (which follows from the Cauchy problem for equation (CGL)), starting in $\mathcal{V}_A(s_0)$ which is in $\mathcal{V}_{A+1}(s_0)$, the solution stays in $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$ until some maximal time $s_* = s_*(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$. Then either

- $s_*(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) = \infty$ for some $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in \mathcal{D}_{s_0}$ and the proof is complete;
- s_{*}(*d*₀, *d*₁) < ∞ for any (*d*₀, *d*₁) ∈ D_{s0} and we argue by contradiction. By continuity and the definition of s_{*}, the solution on s_{*} is in the boundary of V_A(s_{*}). Then, by definition of V_A(s_{*}), at least one of the inequalities in that definition is an equality. Owing to the following proposition, this can happen only for the first two components *q*₀, *q*₁.

Precisely we have the following result:

Proposition 3.8 (Control of q(s) by $(q_0(s), q_1(s))$ in $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$). There exists $A_4 \ge 1$ such that for each $A \ge A_4$, there exists $s_{04} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $s_0 \ge s_{04}$. The following holds:

If q is a solution of (18) with initial data at $s = s_0$ given by (43) and (45) with $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in \mathcal{D}_{s_0}$, and $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}(A)(s)$ for all $s \in [s_0, s_1]$, with $q(s_1) \in \partial \mathcal{V}_A(s_1)$ for some $s_1 \geq s_0$, then we have the following properties:

(i) (Smallness of the modulation parameter θ defined in (11)) For all $s \in [s_0, s_1]$,

$$|\theta'(s)| \le \frac{CA^{10}\ln^2 s}{s^3}.$$

(ii) (Reduction to a finite-dimensional problem) We have

$$(\tilde{Q}_0(s_1), \tilde{q}_1(s_1)) \in \partial \left(\left[-\frac{A \ln^2 s_1}{s_1^4}, \frac{A \ln^2 s_1}{s_1^4} \right] \times \left[-\frac{A}{s_1^3}, \frac{A}{s_1^3} \right] \right).$$

(iii) (Transverse crossing) There exists $\omega \in \{-1, 1\}$ such that

$$\omega \tilde{Q}_0(s_1) = \frac{A}{s_1^4} \quad and \quad \omega \frac{d \tilde{Q}_0(s_1)}{ds}(s_1) > 0,$$

$$\omega \tilde{q}_1(s_1) = \frac{A}{s_1^3} \quad and \quad \omega \frac{d \tilde{q}_1}{ds}(s_1) > 0.$$

Proof. See the proof in Section 3.1.

Assume the result of the previous proposition, for which the proof is given below in Section 3.1, and continue the proof of Proposition 3.5. Let $A \ge A_4$ and $s_0 \ge s_{04}(A)$. It follows from Proposition 3.8(ii) that $(\tilde{Q}_0, \tilde{q}_1(s_*)) \in \partial([-\frac{A}{s_1^4}, \frac{A}{s_1^4}] \times [-\frac{A}{s_1^3}, \frac{A}{s_1^3}])$, and the function

$$\phi: \mathcal{D}_{s_0} \to \partial([-1, 1]^2)$$

$$(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \to \left(\frac{s_*^4}{A \ln^2 s^*} \widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_0, \frac{s_*^3}{A} \widetilde{q}_1\right)_{(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)}(s_*), \quad \text{with } s_* = s_*(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$$

is well defined. Then it follows from Proposition 3.8 (iii) that ϕ is continuous. On the other hand, using Proposition 3.6 (ii)–(iv) together with the fact that $q(s_0) = \psi_{s_0,\tilde{d}_0,\tilde{d}_1}$, we see that when $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1)$ is in the boundary of the rectangle \mathcal{D}_{s_0} we have strict inequalities for the other components.

Applying the transverse crossing property given by Proposition 3.8 (iii), we see that q(s) leaves $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$ at $s = s_0$, hence $s_*(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) = s_0$. Using Proposition 3.6 (ii), we see that the restriction of ϕ to the boundary is of degree 1. A contradiction then follows from the index theory. Thus there exists a value $(\tilde{d}_0, \tilde{d}_1) \in \mathcal{D}_{s_0}$ such that for all $s \ge s_0, q_{s_0, d_0, d_1}(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$. This concludes the proof of Proposition 3.5.

Using Proposition 3.8 (i), we get the bound on $\theta'(s)$. This concludes the proof of (35).

3.1. Reduction to a finite-dimensional problem

In the following we give the proof of Proposition 3.8.

The idea of the proof is to project equation (18) on the different components of the decomposition (34). More precisely, we claim that Proposition 3.8 is a consequence of the following proposition:

Proposition 3.9. There exists $A_5 \ge 1$ such that for all $A \ge A_5$, there exists $s_5(A)$ such that the following holds for all $s_0 \ge s_5$: assuming that for all $s \in [\tau, s_1]$ for some $s_1 \ge \tau \ge s_0$, $q(s) \in V_A(s)$ and $q_0(s) = 0$, then the following holds for all $s \in [\tau, s_1]$:

(i) (Smallness of the modulation parameter)

$$|\theta'(s)| \le \frac{CA^{10}\ln^2 s}{s^3}.$$

(ii) (ODE satisfied by the expanding mode) For m = 0 and 1 we have

$$|\tilde{Q}_0'(s) - Q_0(s)| \le \frac{C \ln^2 s}{s^4}$$

and

$$\left|\tilde{q}_1' - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{q}_1\right| \le \frac{C}{s^3}.$$

(iii) (ODE satisfied by the null mode)

$$\left|\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{2}'(s)-\frac{2\widetilde{\mathcal{Q}}_{2}}{s}\right|\leq\frac{CA^{8}\ln^{2}s}{s^{3}}.$$

(iv) (Control of negative modes)

$$\begin{split} |q_{1}(s)| &\leq e^{-\frac{(s-\tau)}{2}} |q_{1}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{3}}{s^{3}}, \\ |Q_{2}(s)| &\leq e^{-(s-\tau)} |Q_{2}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{7} \ln^{2} s}{s^{4}}, \\ |q_{3}| &\leq e^{-\frac{3}{2}(s-\tau)} |q_{3}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{2}}{s^{4}}, \\ |\tilde{q}_{3}| &\leq e^{-\frac{s-\tau}{2}} |\tilde{q}_{3}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{2}}{s^{4}}, \\ |Q_{4}(s)| &\leq e^{-2(s-\tau)} |Q_{4}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{6} \ln^{2} s}{s^{4}}, \\ |\tilde{Q}_{4}(s)| &\leq e^{-(s-\tau)} |\tilde{Q}_{4}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{3} \ln^{2} s}{s^{4}}, \\ |q_{j}(s)| &\leq e^{-j\frac{(s-\tau)}{2}} |q_{j}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{j-1}}{s^{\frac{j+1}{2}}} \quad for all 5 \leq j \leq M, \\ |\tilde{q}_{j}(s)| &\leq e^{-(j-2)\frac{(s-\tau)}{2}} |\tilde{q}_{j}(\tau)| + \frac{CA^{j-1}}{s^{\frac{j+1}{2}}} \quad for all 5 \leq j \leq M, \\ \|\frac{q_{-}(y,s)}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq e^{-\frac{M+1}{4}(s-\tau)} \|\frac{q_{-}(\tau)}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\|_{L^{\infty}} + C\frac{A^{M}}{s^{\frac{M+2}}}, \\ \|q_{e}(y,s)\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq e^{-\frac{(s-\tau)}{2(p-1)}} \|q_{e}(\tau)\|_{L^{\infty}} + \frac{CA^{M+1}}{\sqrt{\tau}}(1+s-\tau), \end{split}$$

where \tilde{Q}_0 , Q_2 , \tilde{Q}_2 , Q_4 and \tilde{Q}_4 are defined by (36)–(40).

Proof. Briefly speaking, the main idea of the proof of Proposition 3.9 is to project equations (14) and (18) according to the decomposition (34). Due to the lengthy proof with many technical computations, we will give the complete proof in Section 3.2.

Proof of Proposition 3.8. Let us now focus on the proof of Proposition 3.8 assuming Proposition 3.9 holds. Indeed, we will take $A_4 \ge A_5$. Hence, we can use the conclusion of Proposition 3.9.

(i) The proof follows from (i) of Proposition 3.9. Indeed, by choosing T_4 small enough, we can make $s_0 = -\log T$ bigger than $s_5(A)$.

(ii) We notice that from Claim 3.2 and the fact that $q_0(s) = 0$, it is enough to prove that for all $s \in [s_0, s_1]$,

In fact, the estimates in (47) are similar to [10, Prop. 4.7]. For that reason, we only focus on the proof of (46). Indeed, we will use a contradictory argument: we assume that there exists $s_* \in [s_0, s_1]$ such that

$$\widetilde{Q}_2(s_*) = \left(\widetilde{q}_2(s_*) - \left(\frac{\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s_*}{s_*^2} + \frac{\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_*^2}\right)\right) = \omega \frac{A^{10} \ln^2 s_*}{s_*^3}$$

for all

$$s \in [s_0, s_*[$$

and

$$\left|\tilde{q}_2(s) - \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s^2}\right)\right| < \frac{A^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^3}$$

where $\omega = \pm 1$. As a matter of fact, we can reduce to the positive case where $\omega = 1$ (the case $\omega = -1$ also works in the same way). Note by Proposition 3.6 (iv) that

$$\left|\tilde{q}_2(s_0) - \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s_0}{s_0^2} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s_0^2}\right)\right| < \frac{A^{10} \ln^2 s_0}{s_0^3},$$

thus $s_* > s_0$, and the interval $[s_0, s_*]$ is not empty.

Using the continuity of \tilde{Q}_2 and the definition of s_* , it is clear that $\tilde{Q}_2(s_*)$ is the maximal value of \tilde{Q}_2 in $[s_* - \varepsilon, s_*]$ with $\varepsilon > 0$ and small enough. Then, recalling from Proposition 3.9 (iii) that

$$\left|\tilde{Q}_{2}'+2\frac{\tilde{Q}_{2}}{s}\right|\leq\frac{CA^{8}\ln^{2}s}{s^{4}},$$

hence it follows that

$$\tilde{Q}_{2}'(s_{*}) \leq -\frac{\tilde{Q}_{2}}{s} + \frac{CA^{8}\ln^{2}s}{s^{4}} \leq \frac{(-2A^{10} + CA^{8})\ln^{2}s}{s^{4}} < 0,$$
(48)

provided that A is large enough. Then \tilde{Q}_2 has to decrease in $[s_* - \varepsilon_1, s_*]$ which implies a contradiction with the assumption that \tilde{Q}_2 admits a maximum at s_* . In other words, (46) holds. Finally, the proof of Proposition 3.8 is concluded.

3.2. Proof of Proposition 3.9

In this section we focus on the proof of Proposition 3.9. The idea is mainly based on the technique in [24], [28] and [10]. In fact, it involves the projection equations (14) and (18) to get equations satisfied by the different coordinates of the decomposition (34). Let us summarize the proof:

- In the first part of Section 3.2.1 we deal with equation (18) to write equations satisfied by \tilde{q}_j and q_j . Then we prove (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) (except the two last identities) of Proposition 3.9.
- In the second part of Section 3.2.1 we first derive from equation (18) an equation satisfied by q_{-} and prove the last but one identity in Proposition 3.9 (iv).
- In Section 3.2.2 we project equation (14) (which is simpler than (18)) to write an equation satisfied by q_e and prove the last identity in Proposition 3.9 (iv).

3.2.1. The finite-dimensional part: q_+ . We now divide the proof into two steps:

- In part 1 we give the details of projections of equation (18) to get ODEs, satisfied by modes q̃_j and q_j.
- In part 2 we prove Proposition 3.9 (i), (ii), (iii), together with the estimates concerning \tilde{q}_i and q_j in (iv).

Part 1: The projection of equation (18) **on the eigenfunction of the operator** $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$. In the following, we will find the main contribution in the projections $\tilde{P}_{n,M}$ and $P_{n,M}$ of the six terms appearing in equation (18): $\partial_s q$, $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta} q$, $-i(\frac{\nu}{2\sqrt{s}} + \frac{\mu}{s} + \theta'(s))q$, $V_1q + V_2\bar{q}$, B(q, y, s) and $R^*(\theta', y, s)$.

First term: $\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}$. From (33), we directly derive

$$\tilde{P}_{n,M}\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}\right) = \tilde{q}'_n \quad \text{and} \quad P_{n,M}\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}\right) = q'_n.$$
 (49)

Second term: $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q$, where $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$ is defined as in (19). We will use the following lemma from [24]:

Lemma 3.10 (Projection of $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$ on \tilde{h}_n and h_n for $n \leq M$).

(a) If
$$n \leq M - 2$$
, then

$$\left|P_{n,M}(\mathscr{L}_{\beta,\delta}q)-\left(-\frac{n}{2}q_n(s)+c_{n+2}\tilde{q}_{n+2}\right)\right|\leq C\left\|\frac{q_{-1}}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}},$$

where c_n is given in Lemma 2.1. Moreover, we have the following: if $M - 1 \le n \le M$, then

$$\left|P_{n,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) + \frac{n}{2}q_n(s)\right| \le C \left\|\frac{q_-}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}}.$$

(b) If $n \leq M$, then the projection of $\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}$ on \tilde{h}_n satisfies

$$\left|\widetilde{P}_{n,M}(\mathscr{L}_{\beta,\delta}q)-\left(1-\frac{n}{2}\right)\widetilde{q}_n(s)\right|\leq C\left\|\frac{q_-}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}}.$$

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of [24, Lem. 5.1].

Using Lemma 3.10 and the fact that $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$ (see Definition 3.1) we can improve the error by the following:

Corollary 3.1. For all $A \ge 1$, there exists $s_9 \ge 1$ such that for all $s \ge s_9(A)$, if $q(s) \in V_A(s)$, then we have the following properties:

(a) For n = 0 we have

$$|P_{0,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) - c_2 \tilde{q}_2| \le C \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}.$$

(b) For $1 \le n \le M - 1$ we have

$$\left|P_{n,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q)+\frac{n}{2}q_n(s)\right|\leq C\frac{A^{n+2}}{s^{\frac{n+3}{2}}}.$$

In particular, we have a smaller bound for $P_{2,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q)$:

$$|P_{2,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) + q_2 - c_4 \tilde{q}_4| \le \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}.$$

(c) For n = M we have

$$\left|P_{M,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) + \frac{M}{2}q_M(s)\right| \leq C \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}.$$

(d) For $0 \le n \le M$ we have

$$\left|\widetilde{P}_{n,M}(\mathscr{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) - \left(1 - \frac{n}{2}\right)\widetilde{q}_n(s)\right| \le C \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+1}{2}}}.$$

Third term: $-i(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s))q$. It is enough to project iq, from (33); we recall [24, Lem. 5.3]:

Lemma 3.11 (Projection of the term $-i(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s))q$ on h_n and \tilde{h}_n for $n \leq M$). We have the following equalities:

(i) the projection on h_n ,

$$P_{n,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)q\right) = -\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)\left(\delta q_n + (1 + \delta^2)\tilde{q}_n + \sum_{j=n+1}^M K_{n,j}q_j + L_{n,j}\tilde{q}_j\right),$$

where $K_{n,j}$ and $L_{n,j}$ are defined by

$$K_{n,j} = P_{n,M}(ih_j), (50)$$

$$L_{n,j} = P_{n,M}(ih_j); (51)$$

(ii) the projection on \tilde{h}_n ,

$$\widetilde{P}_{n,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s}-\eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2}+\frac{\eta}{s^2}+\theta'(s)\right)q\right)$$
$$=-\left(\frac{\mu}{s}-\eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2}+\frac{\eta}{s^2}+\theta'(s)\right)\left(-q_n-\delta\widetilde{q}_n+\sum_{j=n+1}^M\widetilde{K}_{n,j}q_j+\widetilde{L}_{n,j}\widetilde{q}_j\right),$$

where $\tilde{K}_{n,j}$ and $\tilde{L}_{n,j}$ are defined by

$$\widetilde{K}_{n,j} = \widetilde{P}_{n,M}(ih_j), \tag{52}$$

$$\tilde{L}_{n,j} = \tilde{P}_{n,M}(i\tilde{h}_j).$$
⁽⁵³⁾

Using the fact that $q(s) \in V_A(s)$ is defined in Definition 3.1, the error estimates can be improved:

Corollary 3.2. For all $A \ge 1$, there exists $s_{10}(A) \ge 1$ such that for all $s \ge s_{10}(A)$, if $q \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$ and $|\theta'(s)| \le \frac{CA^{10}}{s^{5/2}}$, then we have the following properties:

(a) For all $1 \le n \le M$ we have

$$\left|P_{n,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s}-\eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2}+\frac{\eta}{s^2}+\theta'(s)\right)q\right)\right| \le C\frac{A^n}{s^{\frac{n+3}{2}}}.$$

(b) For $1 \le n \le M$ we have

$$\left|\widetilde{P}_{n,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s}-\eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2}+\frac{\eta}{s^2}+\theta'(s)\right)q\right)\right| \le C\frac{A^n}{s^{\frac{n+3}{2}}}.$$

In particular, when n = 0, 2, 4, we can get smaller bounds as follows:

(c) For n = 0 we have the following in particular:

$$\begin{split} \left| P_{0,M} \left(-i \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) q \right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) \{ \delta q_0 + (1 + \delta^2) \tilde{q}_0 + K_{0,2} q_2 + L_{0,2} \tilde{q}_2 \} \right| \\ &\leq C \frac{A^4 \ln s}{s^4}, \\ \left| \tilde{P}_{0,M} \left(-i \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) q \right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) \{ -q_0 - \delta \tilde{q}_0 + \tilde{K}_{0,2} q_2 + \tilde{L}_{0,2} \tilde{q}_2 \} \right| \\ &\leq C \frac{A^4 \ln s}{s^4}. \end{split}$$

(d) For n = 2 we have

$$\begin{split} \left| P_{2,M} \left(-i \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) q \right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) [\delta q_2 + (1 + \delta^2) \tilde{q}_2] \right| \\ &\leq C \frac{A^4 \ln s}{s^4}, \\ \left| \tilde{P}_{2,M} \left(-i \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) q \right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s) \right) \left(-q_2 - \delta \tilde{q}_2 + \tilde{K}_{2,4} q_4 + \tilde{L}_{2,4} \tilde{q}_4 \right) \right| \\ &\leq C \frac{A^5}{s^4}. \end{split}$$

(e) For n = 3 we have

$$\left| P_{3,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)q \right) \right| \le C \frac{A^2}{s^4},$$
$$\left| \tilde{P}_{3,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)q \right) \right| \le C \frac{A^2}{s^4}.$$

(f) For n = 4 we have

$$\left| P_{4,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)q\right) \right| \le C\frac{A^5}{s^4},$$
$$\left| \tilde{P}_{4,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta\frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)q\right) \right| \le C\frac{A^5}{s^4}.$$

Fourth term: $V_1q + V_2\bar{q}$. We recall [24, Lem. 5.5]:

Lemma 3.12 (Projections of V_1q and $V_2\bar{q}$).

(i) It holds that

$$|V_i(y,s)| \le C \frac{(1+|y|^2)}{s} \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } s \ge 1,$$
(54)

and for all $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$,

$$V_i(y,s) = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{s^j} W_{i,j}(y) + \tilde{W}_{i,k}(y,s),$$
(55)

where $W_{i,j}$ is an even polynomial of degree 2 j and $\tilde{W}_{i,k}(y,s)$ satisfies

for all
$$s \ge 1$$
 and $|y| \le \sqrt{s}$, $|\tilde{W}_{i,k}(y,s)| \le C \frac{(1+|y|^{2k+2})}{s^{k+1}}$. (56)

(ii) The projections of V_1q and $V_2\bar{q}$ on h_n and \tilde{h}_n satisfy

$$\begin{split} |\tilde{P}_{n,M}(V_1q)| + |P_{n,M}(V_1q)| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{s} \sum_{j=n-2}^{M} (|\tilde{q}_j| + |\hat{q}_j|) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-3} \frac{C}{s^{\frac{n-j}{2}}} (|\tilde{q}_j| + |\hat{q}_j|) + \frac{C}{s} \left\| \frac{q_-}{1 + |y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}}, \quad (57) \end{split}$$

and the same holds for $V_2\bar{q}$.

Remark 3.13. Note that, when $n \le 2$, the first sum in (57) runs for j = 0 to M and the second sum does not exist.

By the fact that $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$, the error estimates can be bounded improved as follows:

Corollary 3.3. For all $A \ge 1$, there exists $s_{11}(A) \ge 1$ such that for all $s \ge s_{11}(A)$, if $q \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$, then for $3 \le n \le M$ we have

$$|\tilde{P}_n(V_1q + V_2\bar{q})| + |P_n(V_1q + V_2\bar{q})| \le \frac{CA^{n-2}}{s^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}.$$

Now we study the asymptotics of $\tilde{P}_{2,M}(V_1q)$, $\tilde{P}_{2,M}(V_2\bar{q})$, $P_{0,M}(V_1q)$ and $P_{0,M}(V_2\bar{q})$:

Lemma 3.14. Using the definitions of V₁, V₂, the following hold:
(i) It holds that for i = 1, 2,

for all
$$s \ge 1$$
 and $|y| \le s^{1/2}$, $\left| V_i(y,s) - \frac{1}{s} W_{i,1}(y) \right| \le \frac{C}{s^2} (1+|y|^4)$, (58)

where

$$W_{1,1}(y) = -\frac{(p+1)b}{2(p-1)^2} (1+i\delta)(y^2 - 2(1-\delta\beta)),$$

$$W_{2,1}(y) = -(1+i\delta)\frac{b}{2(p-1)^2}(p-1+2i\delta)(y^2 - 2(1-\beta\delta)).$$
(59)

(ii) The projections of V_1q and $V_2\bar{q}$ on \hat{h}_n and \tilde{h}_n satisfy

$$\left| \tilde{P}_{n,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q}) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{j \ge 0} [\tilde{C}_{n,j}q_j + \tilde{D}_{n,j}\tilde{q}_j] \right| \\ \le \frac{C}{s^2} \sum_{j \ge 0} [|\hat{q}_j| + |\tilde{q}_j|] + \frac{1}{s} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(.,s)}{1 + |y|^M} \right\|_{L^{\infty}},$$
(60)

and

$$\left| P_{n,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q}) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{j \ge 0} [C_{n,j}q_j + D_{2,j}\tilde{q}_j] \right| \\ \le \frac{C}{s^2} \sum_{j \ge 0} [|\hat{q}_j| + |\tilde{q}_j|] + \frac{1}{s} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(.,s)}{1 + |y|^M} \right\|_{L^{\infty}},$$
(61)

where for all $n, j \ge 0$ we have

$$C_{n,j} = P_{n,M}(W_{1,1}h_j + W_{2,1}\bar{h}_j)\tilde{C}_{n,j} = \tilde{P}_{n,M}(W_{1,1}h_j + W_{2,1}\bar{h}_j),$$
(62)

$$D_{n,j} = P_{n,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_j + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_j)\tilde{D}_{n,j} = \tilde{P}_{n,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_j + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_j).$$
(63)

In particular, using the fact that $q(s) \in V_A(s)$, the error estimates can be improved as follows:

Corollary 3.4. For all $A \ge 1$, there exists $s_{12}(A) \ge 1$ such that for all $s \ge s_{12}(A)$, if $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$, then

$$\begin{split} \left| P_{0,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) - \left(C_{0,0}\frac{q_{0}}{s} + D_{0,0}\frac{\tilde{q}_{0}}{s} + C_{0,2}\frac{q_{2}}{s} + D_{0,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s}\right) \right| &\leq C\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}, \\ \left| \tilde{P}_{0,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) - \left(\tilde{D}_{0,0}\frac{\tilde{q}_{0}}{s} + \tilde{C}_{0,2}\frac{q_{2}}{s} + \tilde{D}_{0,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s}\right) \right| &\leq C\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}, \\ \left| P_{2,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) - \left(\frac{D_{2,0}\tilde{q}_{0}}{s} + \frac{C_{2,2}q_{2}}{s} + \frac{D_{2,2}\tilde{q}_{2}}{s}\right) \right| &\leq C\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}, \\ \left| \tilde{P}_{2,M}\left(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}\right) - \frac{1}{s}\left\{ \tilde{q}_{0}\tilde{D}_{2,0} + q_{2}\tilde{C}_{2,2} + \tilde{q}_{2}\tilde{D}_{2,2} \right\} \right| &\leq C\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}, \\ \left| P_{4,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) - \left(C_{4,2}\frac{q_{2}}{s} + D_{4,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s}\right) \right| &\leq C\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}, \\ \left| \tilde{P}_{4,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) - \left(\tilde{C}_{4,2}\frac{q_{2}}{s} + D_{4,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s}\right) \right| &\leq C\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}, \end{split}$$

and

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} P_{3,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q}) \right| \leq \frac{CA^2}{s^4}, \\ \left| \widetilde{P}_{3,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q}) \right| \leq \frac{CA^2}{s^4}. \end{array} \right|$$

Fifth term: B(q, y, s).

$$B(q, y, s) = (1 + i\delta) \\ \times \left(|\varphi + q|^{p-1} (\varphi + q) - |\varphi|^{p-1} \varphi - |\varphi|^{p-1} q - \frac{p-1}{2} |\varphi|^{p-3} \varphi(\varphi \bar{q} + \bar{\varphi} q) \right).$$

We have the following lemma:

Lemma 3.15. The function B = B(q, y, s) can be decomposed for all $s \ge 1$ and $|q| \le 1$ as

$$\begin{split} \sup_{|y| \le s^{1/2}} & \left| B - \sum_{l=0}^{M} \sum_{\substack{0 \le j, k \le M+1 \\ 2 \le j+k \le M+1}} \frac{1}{s^l} \Big[B_{j,k}^l \Big(\frac{y}{s^{1/2}} \Big) q^j \bar{q}^k + \widetilde{B}_{j,k}^l (y,s) q^j \bar{q}^k \Big] \right| \\ & \le C |q|^{M+2} + \frac{C}{s^{\frac{M+1}{2}}}, \end{split}$$

where $B_{j,k}^l(\frac{y}{s^{1/2}})$ is an even polynomial of degree less than or equal to M and the rest of $\tilde{B}_{j,k}^l(y,s)$ satisfies

for all
$$s \ge 1$$
 and $|y| < s^{1/2}$, $|\tilde{B}_{j,k}^l(y,s)| \le C \frac{1+|y|^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+1}{2}}}$.

Moreover,

for all
$$s \ge 1$$
 and $|y| < s^{1/2}$, $\left| B_{j,k}^l \left(\frac{y}{s^{1/2}} \right) + \widetilde{B}_{j,k}^l (y,s) \right| \le C$.

On the other hand, in the region $|y| \ge s^{1/2}$ *we have*

$$|B(q, y, s)| \le C |q|^p, \tag{64}$$

for some constant C where $\bar{p} = \min(p, 2)$.

Proof. See [24, proof of Lem. 5.9, p. 1646].

Lemma 3.16 (The quadratic term B(q, y, s)). For all $A \ge 1$, there exists $s_{13} \ge 1$ such that for all $s \ge s_{13}$, if $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$, then

(a) the projections of B(q, y, s) on h_n and on \tilde{h}_n , for $n \ge 3$ satisfy

$$|\tilde{P}_{n,M}(B(q, y, s))| + |P_{n,M}(B(q, y, s))| \le C \frac{A^n}{s^{\frac{n+2}{2}}};$$
(65)

(b) for n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 we have

$$|\tilde{P}_{n,M}(B(q, y, s))| + |P_{n,M}(B(q, y, s))| \le \frac{C \ln^2 s}{s^4}.$$
(66)

Proof. See [24, Lem. 5.10].

Sixth term: $R^*(\theta', y, s)$. In the following, we expand R^* as a power series of $\frac{1}{s}$ as $s \to \infty$, uniformly for $|y| \le s^{1/2}$.

Lemma 3.17 (Power series of R^* as $s \to \infty$). For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$R^*(\theta', y, s) = \prod_n(\theta', y, s) + \prod_n(\theta', y, s), \tag{67}$$

where

$$\Pi_{n}(\theta', y, s) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{s^{k+1}} P_{k}(y) - i \left(-\eta \frac{\ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s) \right) \left(\frac{a}{s} (1+i\delta) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e_{k} \frac{y^{2k}}{s^{k}} \right), \quad (68)$$

and

for all
$$|y| < s^{1/2}$$
, $|\widetilde{\Pi}_n(\theta', y, s)| \le C(1 + s|\theta'(s)|) \frac{(1 + |y|^{2n})}{s^{n+1}}$, (69)

where P_k is a polynomial of order 2k for all $k \ge 1$ and $e_k \in \mathbb{R}$.

In particular,

$$\sup_{|y| \le s^{1/2}} \left| R^*(\theta', y, s) - \sum_{k=0}^{1} \frac{1}{s^{k+1}} P_k(y) + i \left(-\eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta' \right) \right. \\ \left. \times \left[\kappa + \frac{(1+i\delta)}{s} \left(a - \frac{b\kappa y^2}{(p-1)^2} \right) \right] \right| \\ \left. \le C \left(\frac{1+|y|^4}{s^3} + C \left(\frac{\ln s}{s^2} + |\theta'| \right) \frac{y^4}{s^2} \right).$$
(70)

Proof. The proof is similar to [24, Lem. 5.11].

In the following, we introduce $F_j(R^*)(\theta, s)$ as the projection of the rest term $R^*(\theta', y, s)$ on the standard Hermite polynomial, introduced in Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 3.18 (Projection of R^* on the eigenfunction of \mathcal{L}). It holds that $F_j(R^*)(\theta', s) \equiv 0$ when j is odd, and $|F_j(R^*)(\theta', s)| \leq C \frac{1+s|\theta'(s)|}{s^{j/2+1}}$ when j is even and $j \geq 4$.

Proof. See [24, Lem. 5.12].

More precisely, we can describe the projection of R^* as follows:

Lemma 3.19 (Projection of R^* on the eigenfunctions \tilde{h} and h_n). Let us consider R^* defined as in the above, then the following hold:

- (i) For $j \ge 4$ which is even, then $\tilde{P}_j(R^*)(\theta', s)$ and $P_j(R^*)(\theta', s)$ are $O(\frac{1+s|\theta'|}{s^{j/2+1}})$.
- (ii) For all j odd we have $\tilde{P}_j(R^*)(\theta', s) = P_j(R^*)(\theta', s) = 0$.
- (iii) For j = 0 we have

$$\begin{split} P_{0,M}(R^*(\theta'(s),s)) &= \frac{R_{0,0}^*}{s} + \frac{R_{0,1}^*}{s^2} + \frac{R_{0,2}^*}{s^3} + \theta'(s) \Big(-\kappa + \frac{\Theta_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) \\ &+ \frac{\ln s}{s^2} \Big(\eta \kappa + \frac{T_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + \frac{1}{s^2} \Big(-\eta \kappa + \frac{T_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) \\ &+ O\Big(\frac{1}{s^4}\Big), \\ \tilde{P}_{0,M}(R^*(\theta'(s),s)) &= \frac{\tilde{R}_{0,0}^*}{s} + \frac{\tilde{R}_{0,1}^*}{s^2} + \frac{\tilde{R}_{0,2}^*}{s^3} + \theta'(s)\Big(\frac{\tilde{\Theta}_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) \\ &+ \frac{\ln s}{s^2}\Big(\frac{\tilde{T}_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + \frac{1}{s^2}\Big(\frac{\tilde{T}_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^4}\Big). \end{split}$$

(iv) For j = 2 we have

$$P_{2,M}(R^*(\theta'(s),s)) = \frac{R_{2,1}^*}{s} + \frac{R_{2,2}^*}{s^3} + \theta'(s) \Big(\frac{\Theta_{2,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) \\ + \frac{\ln s}{s^2} \Big(\frac{T_{2,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + \frac{1}{s^2} \Big(\frac{T_{2,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^4}\Big),$$

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{P}_{2,M}(R^*(\theta'(s),s)) &= \frac{\widetilde{R}_{2,1}^*}{s^2} + \frac{\widetilde{R}_{2,1}^*}{s^3} + \theta'(s) \Big(\frac{\widetilde{\Theta}_{2,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) \\ &+ \frac{\ln s}{s^2} \Big(\frac{\widetilde{T}_{2,0}^*}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + \frac{1}{s^2} \Big(\frac{\widetilde{T}_{2,0}^{**}}{s} + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^2}\Big)\Big) + O\Big(\frac{1}{s^4}\Big). \end{split}$$

where $R_{j,k}^*$, $\tilde{R}_{j,k}^*$, $\Theta_{j,k}^*$, $\tilde{\Theta}_{j,k}^*$ are constants, depending on p, δ , β only. For more details see Appendix C and equation (92).

(v) In particular, we choose

$$\begin{cases} a = \frac{2(1-\delta\beta)b}{(p-1)^2}, \\ \mu = -\frac{2\beta b}{(p-1)^2}(1+\delta^2), \\ b = \frac{(p-1)^2}{4(p-\delta^2 - (p+1)\delta\beta)}. \end{cases}$$
(71)

Then we have

$$R_{0,0}^* = \tilde{R}_{0,0}^* = \tilde{R}_{2,1}^* = 0.$$
(72)

Proof. For the details, we kindly refer readers to Appendix C.

Part 2: Proof of Proposition 3.9. In this part, we consider $A \ge 1$ and take *s* large enough that Part 1 is satisfied.

• Proof of item (i): We control $\theta'(s)$. From the projection of (18) on $h_0(y) = i$, we obtain

$$q'_{0} = c_{2}\tilde{q}_{2} + P_{0,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \frac{\eta\ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'\right)q\right) + P_{0,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) + P_{0,M}(B) + P_{0,M}(R^{*}(\theta'(s), s)),$$
(73)

where $c_2 = 2\beta(1 + \delta^2)$, as defined in Lemma 2.1. In addition to this, from the fact that $q_0 \equiv 0$ by the modulation, we also obtain

$$q'_0 \equiv 0.$$

Using the fact that $q \in V_A(s)$, given in Definition 3.1, together with Corollaries 3.1 and 3.4, Lemmas 3.10, 3.16 and 3.19, we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{0,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\delta,\beta}q) &= c_2 \tilde{q}_2 + O\left(\frac{1}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}\right), \\ P_{0,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \frac{\eta \log s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'\right)q\right) \\ &= -\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \frac{\eta \log s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\right)\{\delta q_0 + (1+\delta^2)\tilde{q}_0 + K_{0,2}q_2 + L_{0,2}\tilde{q}_2\} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P_{0,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q}) = C_{0,0}\frac{q_0}{s} + D_{0,0}\frac{\tilde{q}_0}{s} + C_{0,2}\frac{q_2}{s} + D_{0,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_2}{s} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right),$$

$$P_{0,M}(B(q)) = O\left(\frac{\ln^2 s}{s^4}\right),$$

$$P_{0,M}(R^*) = \left\{-\kappa + \frac{\Theta_{0,0}^*}{s} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right\} \theta'(s) + \frac{(R_{0,1}^* - \eta\kappa)}{s^2} + \frac{R_{0,2}^*}{s^3} + \frac{\eta\kappa\ln s}{s^2} + T_{0,1}^* \frac{\ln s}{s^3} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right),$$

$$\left|-\kappa\theta'(s) + c_2\tilde{q}_2 - \frac{\mu}{s}\{(1+\delta^2)\tilde{q}_0 + K_{0,2}q_2 + L_{0,2}\tilde{q}_2\} + D_{0,0}\frac{\tilde{q}_0}{s} + C_{0,2}\frac{q_2}{s} + D_{0,2}\frac{\tilde{q}_2}{s} + (\eta\kappa)\frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{(R_{0,1}^* - \eta\kappa)}{s^2} + \frac{(R_{0,2}^* - T_{0,0}^{**})}{s^3} + T_{0,0}^* \frac{\ln s}{s^3} + \frac{c_2\Theta_{0,0}^*\tilde{q}_2}{\kappa} + \frac{\Theta_{0,0}^*(R_{0,1}^* - \eta\kappa)}{\kappa}\frac{1}{s^3} + \frac{\Theta_{0,0}^*(\eta\kappa)\ln s}{\kappa s^3}\right| \leq C\frac{\ln^2 s}{s^4}.$$
(74)

In particular, we use again the fact that $q \in \mathcal{V}_A$,

$$\left|c_{2}\tilde{q}_{2}(s)+\frac{(R_{0,1}^{*}-\eta\kappa)}{s^{2}}+\frac{\eta\kappa\ln s}{s^{2}}\right|\leq\frac{A^{10}\ln^{2}s}{s^{3}},$$

which can be written

$$\left|\tilde{q}_2(s) - \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 \ln s}{s^2} - \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2}{s^2}\right| \le \frac{A^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^3},$$

where

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 = -\frac{\eta\kappa}{c_2}$$
 and $\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_2 = -\frac{(R_{0,1}^* - \eta\kappa)}{c_2}$

Thus, we obtain

$$|\theta'(s)| \le \frac{CA^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^3},\tag{75}$$

and

$$\left|-\kappa\theta'(s) + c_2\tilde{q}_2(s) + \frac{(R_{0,1}^* - \eta\kappa)}{s^2} + \frac{\eta\kappa\ln s}{s^2}\right| \le \frac{C\ln s}{s^3},$$
(76)

which concludes Proposition 3.9 (i).

• Proof of item (iii): Let us project equation (18) on \tilde{h}_2 . We get

$$\tilde{q}_{2}' = \tilde{P}_{2,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) + \tilde{P}_{2,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \frac{\eta \ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s)\right)q\right) + \tilde{P}_{2,M}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) + \tilde{P}_{2,M}(B(q)) + \tilde{P}_{2,M}(R^{*}(\theta'(s),s)).$$
(77)

We repeat the same process as for \tilde{q}_0 . Using the fact that $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$ for all $s \in [\tau, s_1]$, by Corollaries 3.1 and 3.4, and Lemmas 3.10, 3.16, 3.19, we obtain the following bounds for the terms on the right-hand side of (77):

$$\tilde{P}_{2,M}(\partial_s q) = \partial_s \tilde{q}_2,\tag{78}$$

$$|\tilde{P}_{2,M}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q)| \le \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}.$$
(79)

In particular, we also have the following expansion:

Terms coming from $\tilde{P}_{2,M}(-i(\frac{\mu}{s}-\frac{\eta\ln s}{s^2}+\frac{\eta}{s^2}+\theta'(s))q)$. We have

$$\widetilde{P}_{2,M}\left(-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s}-\frac{\eta\ln s}{s^2}+\frac{\eta}{s^2}+\theta'(s)\right)q\right)=-\frac{\mu}{s}(-q_2-\delta\widetilde{q}_2)+O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right).$$

Terms coming from $\tilde{P}_{2,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q})$. We have

$$\widetilde{P}_{2,M}(V_1q + V_2\bar{q}) = \frac{1}{s} \{ \widetilde{q}_0 \widetilde{D}_{2,0} + q_2 \widetilde{C}_{2,2} + \widetilde{q}_2 \widetilde{D}_{2,2} \} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right).$$

This yields

$$\widetilde{P}_{2}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) = \frac{D_{2,2}}{s}\widetilde{q}_{2} + \frac{1}{s^{3}}\{\widetilde{C}_{2,2}R_{2,1}^{*} - \widetilde{D}_{2,0}\widetilde{R}_{0,1}^{*}\} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^{4}}\right).$$

Terms coming from $\tilde{P}_{2,M}(B(q))$. We have

$$|\widetilde{P}_{2,M}(B)| \le \frac{C \ln^2 s}{s^4}.$$

Terms coming from $\tilde{P}_{2,M}(R^*)$. We have

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{P}_{2,M}(R^*) &= \widetilde{T}_{2,0}^* \frac{\ln s}{s^3} + \frac{(\widetilde{R}_{2,2}^* + \widetilde{T}_{2,0}^{**})}{s^3} + \frac{\theta'(s)\kappa}{s} \frac{-\delta b}{(p-1)^2} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right) \\ &= \widetilde{T}_{2,0}^* \frac{\ln s}{s^3} + \frac{(\widetilde{R}_{2,2}^* + \widetilde{T}_{2,0}^{**})}{s^3} + \left(c_2 \widetilde{q}_2(s) + \frac{(R_{0,1}^* - \eta\kappa)}{s^2} + \frac{\eta\kappa\ln s}{s^2}\right) \frac{-\delta b}{s(p-1)^2} \\ &+ O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right) \\ &= -\frac{c_2 \delta b}{(p-1)^2 s} \widetilde{q}_2 - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^2 s^3} R_{0,1}^* + \frac{\widetilde{R}_{2,2}^*}{s^3} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right). \end{split}$$

Note that we combined the facts given in (75) and (76), and μ , *b* and *a* are as given in (71). Finally, by adding these estimates, we obtain

$$\tilde{q}_{2}^{\prime} = \frac{\tilde{q}_{2}}{s} \left\{ \delta \mu + \tilde{D}_{2,2} - \frac{c_{2} \delta b}{(p-1)^{2}} \right\} + \frac{1}{s^{3}} \left\{ \mu R_{2,1}^{*} + \tilde{C}_{2,2} R_{2,1}^{*} - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^{*} + \tilde{R}_{2,2} - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^{2}} R_{0,1}^{*} \right\} + O\left(\frac{\ln^{2} s}{s^{4}}\right).$$
(80)

Let us remark that even though there exists the order $\frac{\ln s}{s^3}$ in the ODE of \tilde{q}_2 , it will be canceled when we add all terms in the ODE. From the explicit formulas of μ , b, c_2 and $\tilde{D}_{2,2}$, we can compute

$$\delta\mu + \tilde{D}_{2,2} - \frac{c_2\delta b}{(p-1)^2} = -2.$$

In addition to this, using the definition of \tilde{Q}_2 given as in (40), we establish that

$$\begin{split} \tilde{Q}'_2 &= -2\frac{\tilde{Q}_2}{s} + \frac{1}{s^3} \Big\{ -\tilde{A}_2 + \mu R^*_{2,1} + \tilde{C}_{2,2} R^*_{2,1} - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}^*_{0,1} + \tilde{R}_{2,2} - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^2} R^*_{0,1} \Big\} \\ &+ O\Big(\frac{\ln^2 s}{s^4}\Big). \end{split}$$

In fact, we now prove that there exists η such that the order $\frac{1}{s^3}$ is canceled. Indeed, we choose η such that

$$-\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2} + \mu R_{2,1}^{*} + \tilde{C}_{2,2}R_{2,1}^{*} - \tilde{D}_{2,0}\tilde{R}_{0,1}^{*} + \tilde{R}_{2,2} - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^{2}}R_{0,1}^{*} = 0.$$

Using the fact that

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 = -\frac{\eta\kappa}{c_2},$$

we derive

$$\eta = -\frac{c_2}{\kappa} \Big\{ \Big(-\frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^2} \Big) R_{0,1}^* + (\mu + \tilde{C}_{2,2}) R_{2,1}^* - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^* + \tilde{R}_{2,2} \Big\}.$$
(81)

The explicit formula for η will be given by equation (93) in Appendix C. Finally, we obtain the following ODE:

$$\tilde{Q}_2' = -\frac{2}{s}\tilde{Q}_2 + O\Big(\frac{A^8\ln s^2}{s^4}\Big),$$

which implies of Proposition 3.9 (iii).

For the other estimates, we kindly refer readers to [24, Prop. 4.6] and [10, Prop. 4.10], where they can be found. Therefore, we finish our proof here.

3.2.2. The infinite-dimensional part: q_{-} . The proof is similar to [24, Sect. 5.2]. So, we will sketch the main step and readers can find the details in [24]. Using the definition of the projection P_{-} , defined in (32), we apply it to equation (18):

$$P_{-}\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}\right) = P_{-}\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}\right) + P_{-}\left[-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta\frac{\ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s)\right)q\right] + P_{-}(V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q}) + P_{-}(B(q, y, s)) + P_{-}(R^{*}(\theta', y, s)).$$
(82)

In particular, we obtain the following:

First term: $\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}$. From (33), its projection is

$$P_{-}\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial s}\right) = \frac{\partial q_{-}}{\partial s}.$$

Second term: $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\beta,\delta}q$. From (18) we have

$$P_{-}(\mathcal{L}_{\beta,\delta}q) = \mathcal{L}_{\beta}q_{-} + P_{-}[(1+i\delta)\operatorname{Re} q_{-}].$$

Third term: $-i(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s))q$. Since P_- commutes with multiplication by *i*, we deduce that

$$P_{-}\left[-i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta\frac{\ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s)\right)q\right] = -i\left(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta\frac{\ln s}{s^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s)\right)q_{-}.$$

Fourth term: V_1q and $V_2\bar{q}$. We have

$$\left\|\frac{P_{-}(V_{1}q)}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}} \le \|V_{1}\|_{L^{\infty}} \left\|\frac{q_{-}}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}} + C\frac{A^{M}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}$$

and

$$\left\|\frac{V_2\bar{q}}{1+|y|^M}\right\|_{L^{\infty}} \le \|V_2\|_{L^{\infty}} \left\|\frac{q_-}{1+|y|^M}\right\|_{L^{\infty}} + C\frac{A^M}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}}$$

Fifth term: B(q, y, s). Using (20) we have the following estimate from Lemmas A.3 and 3.15:

$$\left\|\frac{P_{-}(B(q, y, s))}{1+|y|^{M+1}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}} \le C(M) \left[\left(\frac{A^{M+2}}{s^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^{\tilde{p}} + \frac{A^{5+(M+1)^{2}}}{s}\right] \frac{1}{s^{\frac{M+1}{2}}},$$
(83)

where $\bar{p} = \min(p, 2)$.

Sixth term: $R^*(\theta', y, s)$. Using the fact that $\theta'(s) \leq \frac{CA^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^4}$, the following holds:

$$\left\|\frac{P_{-}(R^{*}(\theta', y, s))}{1 + |y|^{M+1}}\right\| \le \frac{C}{s^{\frac{M+3}{2}}}$$

Using (82) and Duhamel's integral equation, we get for all $s \in [\tau, s_1]$,

$$\begin{aligned} q_{-}(s) &= e^{(s-\tau)\mathscr{L}_{\beta}}q_{-}(\tau) \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{(s-s')\mathscr{L}_{\beta}} P_{-}[(1+i\delta)\operatorname{Re} q_{-}] ds' \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{(s-s')\mathscr{L}_{\beta}} P_{-}\Big[-i\Big(\frac{\mu'}{s} - \frac{\eta \ln s'}{(s')^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s')\Big)q\Big] ds' \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{(s-s')\mathscr{L}_{\beta}} P_{-}\Big[V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q} + B(q, y, s') + R^{*}(\theta', y, s')\Big] ds'. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma A.2, we get

$$\begin{split} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(s)}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-\tau)} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(\tau)}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-s')} \sqrt{1+\delta^{2}} \left\| \frac{q_{-}}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} ds' \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-s')} \quad \left\| \frac{P_{-}\left[-i\left(\frac{\mu'}{s} - \frac{\eta \ln s'}{(s')^{2}} + \frac{\eta}{s^{2}} + \theta'(s')\right)q\right]}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} ds' \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-s')} \left\| \frac{P_{-}[V_{1}q + V_{2}\bar{q} + B(q, y, s') + R^{*}(\theta', y, s')]}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} ds'. \end{split}$$

By using the above estimates, we derive

$$\begin{split} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(s)}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-\tau)} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(\tau)}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-s')} \left(\sqrt{1+\delta^{2}} + \||V_{1}|+|V_{2}|\|_{L^{\infty}} \right) \left\| \frac{q_{-}}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} ds' \\ &+ C(M) \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{M+1}{2}(s-s')} \left[\frac{A^{(M+1)^{2}+5}}{(s')^{\frac{M+3}{2}}} + \frac{A^{(M+2)\bar{p}}}{(s')^{\frac{\bar{p}-1}{2}}} \frac{1}{(s')^{\frac{M+2}{2}}} + \frac{A^{M}}{(s')^{\frac{M+2}{2}}} \right] ds'. \end{split}$$

Since we have already fixed M in (30) such that

$$M \ge 4\left(\sqrt{1+\delta^2} + 1 + 2\max_{i=1,2,y\in\mathbb{R},s\ge 1} |V_i(y,s)|\right),\$$

using Gronwall's lemma, we deduce that

$$e^{\frac{M+1}{2}s} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(s)}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} \le e^{\frac{M+1}{4}(s-\tau)} e^{\frac{M+1}{2}\tau} \left\| \frac{q_{-}(\tau)}{1+|y|^{M+1}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} \\ + e^{\frac{M+1}{2}s} 2^{\frac{M+3}{4}} \left[\frac{A^{(M+1)^{2}+5}}{s^{\frac{M+3}{4}}} + \frac{A^{(M+2)\bar{p}}}{s^{\frac{\bar{p}-1}{2}}} \frac{1}{(s')^{\frac{M+2}{2}}} + \frac{A^{M}}{s^{\frac{M+2}{2}}} \right],$$

which concludes the proof of the last but one identity in Proposition 3.9 (iv).

3.2.3. The outer region: q_e . As a matter of fact, our shrinking set $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$ is similar to [24]. In particular, the estimate of q_e is exactly the same. For that reason, again we omit the detailed computation. Below we give the main idea; more details can be found in [24].

In fact, using that $q(s) \in \mathcal{V}_A(s)$ for all $s \in [\tau, s_1]$, and Proposition 3.9 (i), we derive the following rough estimates:

$$\|q(s)\|_{L^{\infty}(|y| \le 2Ks^{1/2})} \le C \frac{A^{M+1}}{s^{1/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad |\theta'(s)| \le \frac{CA^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^4}.$$
 (84)

In particular, using the definition of q_e , given as in (17), we have

$$\frac{\partial q_e}{\partial s} = \mathscr{L}_{\beta} q_e - \frac{1}{p-1} q_e + (1-\chi) e^{\frac{i\delta}{p-1}s} \{ L(q, \theta', y, s) + R^*(\theta', y, s) \}$$
$$- e^{\frac{i\delta}{p-1}s} q(s) \Big(\partial_s \chi + (1+i\beta) \Delta \chi + \frac{1}{2} y \cdot \nabla \chi \Big)$$
$$+ 2e^{\frac{i\delta}{p-1}s} (1+i\beta) \operatorname{div}(q(s) \nabla \chi). \tag{85}$$

In addition to this, we can write (85) under Duhamel's integral equation and take an L^{∞} estimate:

$$\begin{split} \|q_{e}(s)\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq e^{-\frac{s-r}{p-1}} \|q_{e}(\tau)\|_{L^{\infty}}, \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{s-s'}{p-1}} \left(\|(1-\chi)L(q,\theta',y,s')\|_{L^{\infty}} + \|(1-\chi)R^{*}(\theta',y,s')\|_{L^{\infty}} \right) ds' \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{s-s'}{p-1}} \left\| q(s') \left(\partial_{s}\chi + (1+i\beta)\Delta\chi + \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla\chi \right) \right\|_{L^{\infty}} ds' \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{s-s'}{p-1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-e^{-(s-s')}}} \|q(s')\nabla\chi\|_{L^{\infty}} ds'. \end{split}$$

Thanks to detailed computation given in of [24, Sect. 5.3], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|q_e(s)\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq e^{-\frac{s-\tau}{p-1}} \|q_e(\tau)\|_{L^{\infty}} \\ &+ \int_{\tau}^{s} e^{-\frac{s-s'}{p-1}} \Big(\frac{1}{2(p-1)} \|q_e(s')\|_{L^{\infty}} + C \frac{A^{M+1}}{\sqrt{s'}} \\ &+ C \frac{A^{M+1}}{s'} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-e^{-(s-s')}}} \Big) ds'. \end{aligned}$$

By using Gronwall's inequality, we derive

$$\|q_e(s)\|_{L^{\infty}} \le e^{-\frac{(s-\tau)}{2(p-1)}} \|q_e(\tau)\|_{L^{\infty}} + \frac{CA^{M+1}}{\tau^{\frac{1}{4}}} (s-\tau + \sqrt{s-\tau}).$$

which yields the proof of Proposition 3.9 (iv).

3.3. The case $\beta = 0$

Here we give an argument for the special case where $\beta = 0$. The main reasoning comes from Definition 3.1 for $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$, in particular (41). In particular, there is only one bound that becomes singular: $\tilde{A}_2 = -\frac{R_{0,1}^*}{c_2}$. Naturally, we change this bound to a new one:

$$|\tilde{Q}_2| = \left|\tilde{q}_2 - \left(\frac{\tilde{A}_2 \ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\tilde{B}_2}{s^2}\right)\right| \le \frac{A^{10} \ln^2 s}{s^3}$$

where \tilde{A}_2 is defined by (41) and \tilde{B}_2 can be chosen arbitrarily. In addition to this, we also denote the new shrinking set by $\mathcal{V}_A(s)$. In particular, Proposition 3.9 remains valid, except the ODEs for $\theta'(s)$ and \tilde{Q}_2 .

• For $\theta'(s)$: Repeating the process for the case $\beta \neq 0$, we derive

$$\left|\kappa\theta'(s) - \left(\frac{R_{0,1}^*}{s^2} + \frac{T_{0,1}^*\ln s}{s^2}\right)\right| \le \frac{C\ln s}{s^3}.$$

When $\beta = 0$, $R_{0,1}^* = 0$. However, the leading order $\frac{T_{0,1}^* \ln s}{s^2}$ will generate

$$\theta(s) \sim \frac{\theta_0 \ln s}{s}$$

This violates our purpose that

$$\theta(s) \ll \frac{\ln s}{s}$$

Hence, it imposes

$$\eta = 0.$$

Note that constants $T_{i,j}^*$, $\tilde{T}_{i,j}^* = 0$. Thus, we get

$$\left|\kappa\theta'(s) - \frac{R_{0,1}^*}{s^2}\right| \le \frac{C\ln s}{s^3}.$$
 (86)

It is sufficient to prove Proposition 3.9 (iii). Indeed, we take the projection of equation (18) on \tilde{h}_2 , as in equation (77). In particular, plugging (86) into

$$\tilde{P}_{2,M}(R^*) = \frac{\tilde{R}_{2,2}^*}{s^3} + \frac{\theta'(s)\kappa}{s} \frac{-\delta b}{(p-1)^2} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right),$$

we obtain

$$\widetilde{P}_{2,M}(R^*) = \frac{\widetilde{R}_{2,2}^*}{s^3} + \left(\frac{R_{0,1}^*}{s^2}\right) \frac{-\delta b}{s(p-1)^2} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right) \\ = \left(\widetilde{R}_{2,2}^* - \frac{\delta b R_{0,1}^*}{(p-1)^2}\right) \frac{1}{s^3} + O\left(\frac{\ln s}{s^4}\right).$$

Note that, when $\beta = 0$ we have

$$\delta\mu + \tilde{D}_{2,2} = -2$$

and

$$\tilde{T}_{2,2}^* - \frac{T_{0,1}^* \delta b}{(p-1)^2} = 0.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{split} \tilde{q}_2' &= -\frac{2\tilde{q}_2}{s} + \frac{1}{s^3} \Big\{ \mu R_{2,1}^* + \tilde{C}_{2,2} R_{2,1}^* - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^* + \tilde{R}_{2,2} - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^2} R_{0,1}^* \Big\} \\ &+ O\Big(\frac{\ln^2 s}{s^4}\Big). \end{split}$$

Using the decomposition $\tilde{Q}_2 = \tilde{q}_2 - (\frac{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2(\beta=0)\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_2(\beta=0)}{s^2})$, then \tilde{Q}_2 reads

$$\begin{split} \tilde{Q}_2 &= -\frac{2}{s} \tilde{Q}_2 + \left(-\tilde{A}_2 + \mu R_{2,1}^* + \tilde{C}_{2,2} R_{2,1}^* - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^* + \tilde{R}_{2,2} - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^2} R_{0,1}^* \right) \frac{1}{s^3} \\ &+ O\left(\frac{\ln^2 s}{s^4}\right). \end{split}$$

Note that it is not similar to the case $\beta \neq 0$; the role of η vanishes. The order $\frac{1}{s^3}$ is canceled by

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{2} = \mu R_{2,1}^{*} + \widetilde{C}_{2,2} R_{2,1}^{*} - \widetilde{D}_{2,0} \widetilde{R}_{0,1}^{*} + \widetilde{R}_{2,2} - \frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^{2}} R_{0,1}^{*}.$$
(87)

In particular, when $\beta = \delta = 0$ we can explicitly compute

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_2 = -\widetilde{C}_{2,2}R_{2,1}^* + \widetilde{R}_{2,2}^* = -\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)\frac{5\kappa}{8p} - \frac{5}{32}\kappa\frac{(5p-4)}{p^2} = -\frac{5\kappa(p-1)}{8p^2}.$$

This constant exactly matches the formal approach given by Velázquez, Galaktionov and Herrero [37].

A. Spectral properties of \mathcal{L}_{β}

In this appendix, we recall from [24, App. A] some properties associated to the operator \mathcal{L}_{β} , defined in (15). We recall that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta}v = (1+i\beta)\Delta v - \frac{1}{2}y \cdot \nabla v = \frac{1}{\rho_{\beta}}\operatorname{div}(\rho_{\beta}\nabla w),$$

where

$$\rho_{\beta}(y) = \frac{e^{-\frac{|y|^2}{4(1+i\beta)}}}{(4\pi(1+i\beta))^{N/2}}.$$

Moreover, the operator \mathcal{L}_{β} is self-adjoint with respect to the weight ρ_{β} in the sense that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(y) \mathcal{L}_{\beta} w(y) \rho_{\beta}(y) \, dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} w(y) \mathcal{L}_{\beta} u(y) \rho_{\beta}(y) \, dy.$$
(88)

In one space dimension (N = 1), the eigenfunctions f_n of \mathcal{L}_β are dilations of standard Hermite polynomials $H_n(y)$:

$$f_n(y) = H_n\left(\frac{y}{2\sqrt{1+i\beta}}\right), \text{ where } \mathcal{L}_\beta H_n = -\frac{n}{2}H_n$$

If $N \ge 2$, its eigenfunction $f_{\alpha}(y_1, \ldots, y_N)$, where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_N) \in \mathbb{N}^N$ is a multiindex, are given by

$$f_{\alpha}(y) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} f_{\alpha_i}(y_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} H_{\alpha_i}\left(\frac{y_i}{2\sqrt{1+i\beta}}\right).$$

The family f_{α} is orthogonal in the sense that for all α and $\xi \in \mathbb{N}^N$,

$$\int f_{\alpha} f_{\xi} \rho_{\beta} \, dy = \delta_{\alpha,\xi} \int f_{\alpha}^2 \rho_{\beta} \, dy.$$

The semigroup generated by \mathcal{L}_{β} is well defined and has the kernel

$$e^{s\mathcal{L}_{\beta}}(y,x) = \frac{1}{[4\pi(1+i\beta)(1-e^{-s})]^{N/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{|x-ye^{-\frac{s}{2}}|^2}{4(1+i\beta)(1-e^{-s})}\right].$$
 (89)

In the following, we give some properties associated to the kernel.

Lemma A.1.

(a) The semigroup associated to \mathcal{L}_{β} satisfies the maximum principle

 $\|e^{s\mathcal{L}_{\beta}}\varphi\|_{L^{\infty}} \leq \|\varphi\|_{L^{\infty}}.$

(b) Moreover, we have

$$\|e^{s\mathcal{X}_{\beta}}\operatorname{div}(\varphi)\|_{L^{\infty}} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{1-e^{-s}}}\|\varphi\|_{L^{\infty}},$$

where *C* only depends on β .

Proof.

- (a) The result directly follows from the definition of the semigroup given in (89).
- (b) Using integration by parts and (a), the conclusion follows.

Lemma A.2. There exists a constant C such that if ϕ satisfies

for all
$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$
, $|\phi(x)| \le (1 + |x|^{M+1})$,

then for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$|e^{s\mathcal{X}_{\beta}}P_{-}(\phi(y))| \leq Ce^{-\frac{M+1}{2}s}(1+|y|^{M+1}).$$

Proof. This also follows directly from the definition of the semigroup, through integration by parts; for a similar case see [4, pp. 556–558].

Moreover, we have the following useful lemma concerning P_{-} .

Lemma A.3. For all $k \ge 0$ we have

$$\left\|\frac{P_{-}(\phi)}{1+|y|^{M+k}}\right\|_{L^{\infty}} \le C \left\|\frac{\phi}{1+|y|^{M+k}}\right\|$$

Proof. Using (31) we have

$$|\phi_n| \leq C \left\| \frac{\phi}{1+|y|^{M+k}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}}.$$

Since for all $m \le M$, we have $|h_m(y)| \le C(1 + |y|^{m+k})$ and

$$|\phi| \le C \left\| \frac{\phi}{1+|y|^{M+k}} \right\|_{L^{\infty}} (1+|y|^{m+k}),$$

the result follows from definition (29) of ϕ .

B. Details of expansions of the potential terms: V_1 and V_2

In this section we aim to give expansions of V_1 and V_2 in order to give the conclusion of Lemma 3.14 (i) and some related constants. Indeed, we recall the definitions of V_1 and V_2 :

$$V_1(y,s) = (1+i\delta)\frac{p+1}{2} \Big(|\varphi|^{p-1} - \frac{1}{p-1} \Big),$$

$$V_2(y,s) = (1+i\delta)\frac{p-1}{2} \Big(|\varphi|^{p-3}\varphi^2 - \frac{1}{p-1} \Big),$$

where

$$\varphi(y,s) = \varphi_0(y,s) + \frac{(1+i\delta)a}{s} = \kappa \left(1 + \frac{b}{p-1} \frac{|y|^2}{s}\right)^{-\frac{1+i\delta}{p-1}} + \frac{(1+i\delta)a}{s}$$

and

$$a = \frac{2\kappa b(1-\delta\beta)}{(p-1)^2}.$$

Then, using Taylor expansion, we claim the following asymptotic behavior:

$$V_1(y,s) = \frac{1}{s}W_{1,1}(y) + \frac{1}{s^2}W_{1,2} + O\left(\frac{1+|y|^6}{s^3}\right)$$
(90)

and

$$V_2(y,s) = \frac{1}{s}W_{2,1}(y) + \frac{1}{s^2}W_{2,2}(y) + O\left(\frac{1+|y|^6}{s^3}\right),\tag{91}$$

where

$$\begin{split} W_{1,1}(y) &= (1+i\delta)\frac{(p+1)}{2}\frac{b}{(p-1)^2}(-y^2 + 2(1-\delta\beta)),\\ W_{1,2}(y) &= (1+i\delta)\frac{(p+1)}{2}\frac{b^2}{(p-1)^3}\left\{y^4 - \frac{(2(1-\delta\beta)(p-2+\delta^2))}{p-1}y^2 + \frac{(p-1)(1+\delta^2)(1-\delta\beta)^2 + (p-3)(1-\delta^2)(1-\delta\beta)^2}{p-1}\right\}\\ &= (1+i\delta)\frac{(p+1)}{2}\frac{b^2}{(p-1)^4}\left\{(p-1)y^4 - [2(1-\delta\beta)(p-2+\delta^2)]y^2 + 2(p-2+\delta^2)(1-\delta\beta)^2\right\}\end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} W_{2,1}(y) &= (1+i\delta) \frac{b}{2(p-1)^2} \{ (p-1+2i\delta)(-y^2+2(1-\delta\beta)) \}, \\ W_{2,2}(y) &= (1+i\delta) \frac{b^2}{2(p-1)^4} \{ (p-1+2i\delta)(p-1+i\delta)y^4 \\ &- (2(p-1)(p-2)+(2p-10)\delta^2+(8p-16)\delta i)(1-\delta\beta)y^2 \\ &+ (1-\delta\beta)^2 \Big[\frac{(p+1)(p-1)(1+i\delta)^2}{2} + (p+1)(p-3)(1+\delta^2) \\ &+ \frac{(p-3)(p-5)(1-i\delta)^2}{2} \Big] \Big\}. \end{split}$$

For the proofs of (90) and (91), we kindly refer readers to [10, Appendix B]. In addition to this, we aim to determine the constants given in Lemma 3.14 (ii):

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$$\tilde{D}_{4,2} = \tilde{P}_{4,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_2 + W_{2,1}\tilde{\tilde{h}}_2) = \frac{b(\delta^2 - p)}{(p-1)^2},$$

$$\begin{split} D_{2,2} &= P_{2,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_{2} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{2}) \\ &= -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} \{-24p\delta + 56\delta^{3} + 64\delta^{2}\beta + 32\delta + 24p\delta^{2}\beta + 40\delta^{4}\beta\}, \\ \tilde{L}_{2,4} &= \tilde{P}_{2,M}(i\tilde{h}_{4}) = 6\delta^{2}\beta - 12\delta - 6\beta, \\ D_{4,2} &= P_{4,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_{2} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{2}) = \frac{b}{(p-1)^{2}} \{-2\delta(1+\delta^{2})\}, \\ \tilde{D}_{2,0} &= \tilde{P}_{2,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_{0} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{0}) = -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} (2p-2\delta^{2}), \\ \tilde{L}_{0,2} &= \tilde{P}_{0,M}(i\tilde{h}_{2}) = -2\delta + \delta^{2}\beta - \beta, \\ \tilde{D}_{0,2} &= \tilde{P}_{0,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_{2} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{2}) \\ &= -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} \{-32\delta\beta - 12p\beta^{2} + 12\delta^{2}\beta^{2} - 16\delta^{2} + 16p - 4\delta^{4}\beta^{2} + 4p\delta^{2}\beta^{2} \\ &- 32p\delta\beta\}, \\ \tilde{C}_{2,2} &= \tilde{P}_{2,M}(W_{1,1}h_{2} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{2}) \\ &= -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} \{-14\delta^{2}\beta + 2p\beta - 12\beta\}, \\ \tilde{C}_{2,4} &= \tilde{P}_{2,M}(W_{1,1}h_{4} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{4}) \\ &= -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} \{96p\beta + 224\delta^{3}\beta^{2} - 288\delta^{2}\beta - 128p\delta\beta^{2} - 192\beta + 96\delta\beta^{2}\}, \\ \tilde{D}_{2,4} &= \tilde{P}_{2,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_{4} + W_{2,1}\tilde{h}_{4}) \\ &= -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} \{-96p\delta^{2}\beta^{2} - 168p\delta\beta + 96p - 528\delta\beta - 96\delta^{2} + 216\delta^{2}\beta^{2} \\ &- 168p\beta^{2} + 144\delta^{4}\beta^{2} - 360\delta^{3}\beta\}, \\ \tilde{F}_{2,2} &= \tilde{P}_{2,M}(W_{1,2}\tilde{h}_{2} + W_{2,2}\tilde{h}_{2}) \\ &= \frac{b^{2}}{2(p-1)^{4}} \{-240p + 276p^{2} - 312p\delta^{2} - 204\delta^{4} + (-288p - 552p^{2} + 696)\delta\beta \\ &+ (432 - 144p)\delta^{3}\beta + 144\delta^{5}\beta + (180p - 180p^{2})\beta^{2} \\ &+ (96p^{2} + 288p - 96)\delta^{2}\beta^{2} + (108 + 36p)\delta^{4}\beta^{2}\}, \\ D_{0,2} &= P_{0,M}(W_{1,1}\tilde{h}_{2} + W_{1,2}\tilde{\tilde{h}_{2}) \\ &= -\frac{b}{2(p-1)^{2}} \{32\delta + 24\delta^{5}\beta^{2} + 64\delta^{2}\beta + 48\delta^{3}\beta^{2} + 64\delta^{4}\beta + 32\delta^{3} + 24\delta\beta^{2} \\ &+ 96p\delta^{3}\beta^{2} + 96p\delta\beta^{2}\}. \end{split}$$

 $L_{0,2} = P_{0,M}(i\tilde{h}_2) = 4\delta\beta + 4\delta^3\beta.$

C. Details of expansions of $R^*(y, s, \theta'(s))$

Using the definition of φ , (18) and the fact that φ_0 satisfies (13), we see that R^* is defined as

$$R^* = \frac{(1+i\beta)}{s} \Delta_z \varphi_0(z) + \frac{1}{2s} z \cdot \nabla \varphi_0 + \frac{a}{s^2} (1+i\delta) - \frac{(1+i\delta)^2 a}{(p-1)s} + (1+i\delta) \Big(F\Big(\varphi_0(z) + \frac{a}{s}(1+i\delta)\Big) - F(\varphi_0(z)) \Big) - i\Big(\frac{\mu}{s} - \eta \frac{\ln s}{s^2} + \frac{\eta}{s^2} + \theta'(s)\Big) \Big(\varphi_0(z) + \frac{a}{s}(1+i\delta)\Big) = R_1^*(y,s) + \frac{\ln s}{s^2} T_1 + \frac{1}{s^2} T_2 + \theta'(s)\Theta(y,s),$$

where $F(w) = |w|^{p-1}w$, $\Theta(y, s) = -i(\varphi_0(y, s) + \frac{a(1+i\delta)}{s})$, $T_1^* = -\eta\Theta$ and $T^{**} = \eta\Theta$.

Expansion of $R_1^*(y, s)$ in terms of h_j and \tilde{h}_j

As a matter of fact, we can expand R_1^* in a series of $\frac{1}{s^j}$ as

$$R_1^*(y,s) = \frac{1}{s}\mathcal{R}_0(y) + \frac{1}{s^2}\mathcal{R}_1(y) + \frac{1}{s^3}\mathcal{R}_2(y) + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}(y,s),$$

where $\widetilde{\mathcal{R}}$ satisfies

$$|\tilde{\mathcal{R}}(y,s)| \le \frac{C(1+|y|^6)}{s^4},$$

which implies that

$$|P_{j,M}(\widetilde{\mathcal{R}})| + |\widetilde{P}_{j,M}(\widetilde{\mathcal{R}})| \le \frac{C}{s^4}$$

In addition to this, we can write $\mathcal{R}_j(y)$ in the basis generated by h_k , and \tilde{h}_k as

$$\mathcal{R}_j(y) = \sum_{k=0}^j (R_{j,k}^* h_k + \tilde{R}_{j,k}^* \tilde{h}_k).$$

Repeating the method given in [10, Sect. D], we can find explicit formulas for the constants $R_{i,j}^*$ and $\tilde{R}_{i,j}^*$. Here we give only the results:

$$\begin{split} R_{0,0}^* &= -\kappa \Big(\mu + \frac{2b\beta(1+\delta^2)}{(p-1)^2} \Big), \\ \tilde{R}_{0,0}^* &= a - \frac{2\kappa b(1-\delta\beta)}{(p-1)^2}, \\ \tilde{R}_{2,1}^* &= \frac{4\kappa (p+(p+1)\delta\beta - \delta^2)b^2}{(p-1)^4} - \frac{\kappa b}{(p-1)^2}, \\ R_{2,1}^* &= \frac{2\kappa b^2(\delta + 3p\beta + 3p\delta^2\beta - \beta + \delta^3 + \delta^4\beta)}{(p-1)^4} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{R}_{0,1}^{*} &= \frac{2\kappa b^{2}}{(p-1)^{4}} (3\delta^{3}\beta + (2p\beta^{2} + 6\beta^{2} - 5)\delta^{2} + (-7\beta - 10p\beta)\delta + 5p - 3p\beta^{2} + \beta^{2}), \\ R_{0,1}^{*} &= -\frac{4\beta\kappa b^{2}}{(p-1)^{4}} (2\delta^{4} + \beta\delta^{3} + 3p\delta^{2} + \beta\delta + 3p - 2), \\ \widetilde{R}_{2,2}^{*} &= \frac{6\kappa b^{2}}{(p-1)^{4}} \{\delta^{3}\beta - 2\delta^{2} - (2p+1)\delta\beta + 2p\} \\ &\quad -\frac{2\kappa b^{3}}{(p-1)^{6}} \{3\beta^{2}\delta^{6} - 12\beta\delta^{5} + (9 - 12\beta^{2} - 6p\beta^{2})\delta^{4} + (42p\beta + 42\beta)\delta^{3} \\ &\quad + (70p\beta^{2} + 19p^{2}\beta^{2} - 78p - 6\beta^{2})\delta^{2} \\ &\quad + (-98p^{2}\beta + 36\beta - 74p\beta)\delta - 20p + 49p^{2} + 18p\beta^{2} - 30p^{2}\beta^{2}\}. \end{split}$$

We do not need to formulate constants other than these.

Expansion of $\theta'(s)\Theta(y)$

We introduce

$$\Theta(y,s) = -i\Big(\varphi_0(y,s) + \frac{a(1+i\delta)}{\sqrt{s}}\Big),$$

where φ_0 and *a* are defined as in (12) and (11), respectively. Using Taylor expansion we write

$$\Theta(y,s) = -i\kappa + \kappa(\delta-i)\frac{y^2}{s}\frac{b}{(p-1)^2} + a(\delta-i)\frac{1}{s}$$
$$+ \kappa(1-i\beta)\delta(p+1)\frac{y^4}{s^2}\frac{b^2}{2(p-1)^4} + \widetilde{\Theta}(y,s),$$

where $\tilde{\Theta}(y, s)$ satisfies

$$|\widetilde{\Theta}(y,s)| \le \frac{C(1+|y|^6)}{s^3},$$

which yields

$$|P_{j,M}(\widetilde{\Theta})| + |\widetilde{P}_{j,M}(\widetilde{\Theta})| \le \frac{C}{s^3}$$

and

$$-i\kappa + \kappa(\delta - i)\frac{y^2}{s}\frac{b}{(p-1)^2} + a(\delta - i)\frac{1}{s} + \kappa(1 - i\beta)\delta(p+1)\frac{y^4}{s^2}\frac{b^2}{2(p-1)^4}$$
$$= \left(-\kappa + \frac{\Theta_{0,0}^*}{s}\right)h_0 + \frac{\widetilde{\Theta}_{0,0}^*}{s}\widetilde{h}_0 + \frac{\Theta_{2,0}^*}{s}h_2 + \frac{\widetilde{\Theta}_{2,0}^*}{s}\widetilde{h}_2 + +O\left(\frac{1+|y|^4}{s^2}\right).$$
(92)

In addition to this, we can calculate these constants and we obtain

$$\Theta_{0,0}^* = 4(1+\delta^2)\delta\beta \frac{\kappa b}{(p-1)^2},$$

$$\tilde{\Theta}_{0,0}^* = -\beta(1+\delta^2)\frac{\kappa b}{(p-1)^2},$$

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Theta}_{2,0}^* &= -\delta \frac{\kappa b}{(p-1)^2}, \\ \Theta_{2,0}^* &= (1+\delta^2) \frac{\kappa b}{(p-1)^2}, \\ \widetilde{\Theta}_{2,1}^* &= -3\delta(p+1)(-\beta^2+\beta\delta-2) \frac{\kappa b^2}{(p-1)^4}. \end{split}$$

In particular, we also have the following expansions of $T^* = -\eta \Theta$ and $T^{**} = \eta \Theta$:

$$T^* = \left(\eta\kappa + \frac{T^*_{0,0}}{s}\right)h_0 + \frac{\tilde{T}^*_{0,0}}{s}\tilde{h}_0 + \frac{T^*_{2,0}}{s}h_2 + \frac{\tilde{T}^*_{2,0}}{s}\tilde{h}_2 + O\left(\frac{1+|y|^4}{s^2}\right),$$

$$T^{**} = \left(-\eta\kappa + \frac{T^*_{0,0}}{s}\right)h_0 + \frac{\tilde{T}^*_{0,0}}{s}\tilde{h}_0 + \frac{T^*_{2,0}}{s}h_2 + \frac{\tilde{T}^*_{2,0}}{s}\tilde{h}_2 + O\left(\frac{1+|y|^4}{s^2}\right),$$

where

$$(T_{i,j}^*, \tilde{T}_{i,j}^*) = -\eta(\Theta_{i,j}^*, \tilde{\Theta}_{i,j}^*) \text{ and } T_{i,j}^{**}, \tilde{T}_{i,j}^{**} = \eta(\Theta_{i,j}^*, \tilde{\Theta}_{i,j}^*).$$

Finally, we aim to give the explicit form of η here: indeed, we have the following formula from (81):

$$\eta = -\frac{c_2}{\kappa} \Big\{ \Big(-\frac{\delta b}{(p-1)^2} \Big) R_{0,1}^* + (\mu + \tilde{C}_{2,2}) R_{2,1}^* - \tilde{D}_{2,0} \tilde{R}_{0,1}^* + \tilde{R}_{2,2} \Big\}.$$

Using the formulas for the constants in η , we obtain

$$\eta = -\frac{\beta(1+\delta^2)}{8(p-(p+1)\delta\beta-\delta^2)^3} \times \{\delta^6\beta^2 + 3\delta^5\beta + (3\beta^2p+10)\delta^4 + (5\beta+18p\beta)\delta^3 + (2\beta^2p^2+7\beta^2+10p+\beta^2p)\delta^2 + (-18\beta+18p\beta+20p^2\beta)\delta + 10p-2\beta^2+12\beta^2p^2-2\beta^2p-10p^2\}.$$
(93)

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