

ASYMPTOTIC ANALYSIS FOR A REACTION DIFFUSION EQUATION  
WITH A LOCALIZED NONLINEAR SOURCE TERM AND  
HOMOGENEOUS BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study a numerical approximation for the following localized nonlinear reaction-diffusion equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) = u_{xx}(x, t) + f(u(a_0, t)), & (x, t) \in (-1, 1) \times (0, T), \\ u(-1, t) = 0, \quad u_x(1, t) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \geq 0, & x \in [-1, 1], \end{cases}$$

where  $f(s)$  is a positive, increasing,  $c^2$  convex function for the nonnegative values of  $s$ ,  $\int_c^{+\infty} \frac{ds}{f(s)} < +\infty$  for  $c > 0$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $u_0 \in C^2([-1, 1])$ ,  $u_0(-1) = 0$ ,  $u_0'(1) = 0$ .

We find some conditions under which the solution of a discrete form of the above problem blows up in a finite time and estimate its discrete blow-up time. We also prove the convergence of the numerical blow-up time to the theoretical one. Finally, we give some numerical results to illustrate our analysis.

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