

The Neumann Problem for Nonlocal Nonlinear Diffusion Equations

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We are interested in nonlocal diffusion models of the form

$$P_{\gamma}^J(z_0) \begin{cases} z_t(t, x) = \int_{\Omega} J(x-y)(u(t, y) - u(t, x)) dy, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ z(t, x) \in \gamma(u(t, x)), & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ z(0, x) = z_0(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Here Ω is a bounded domain, $z_0 \in L^1(\Omega)$, γ is a maximal monotone graph in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $0 \in \gamma(0)$, and $J : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a nonnegative continuous radial function with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} J(r) dr = 1$ and $0 \in \text{int}[\text{supp}(J)]$.

This is a nonlocal diffusion problem analogous with the usual Laplacian with Neumann boundary conditions. We prove existence and uniqueness of solutions with initial conditions in $L^1(\Omega)$. Moreover, when γ is a continuous function we find the asymptotic behaviour of the solutions, they converge as $t \rightarrow \infty$ to the mean value of the initial condition.