

## THE CRITICAL MASS OF COMPRESSIBLE VISCOUS GAS-STARS

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**Abstract.** Let  $\gamma$  be the adiabatic index of self-gravitating, spherically symmetric motion of compressible viscous gas-star. When  $\gamma \in (1, 2]$ , we prove the existence of nonisentropic equilibrium. Furthermore, at the adiabatic index  $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$ , we found a family of particular solutions which corresponds to an expansive (contractive) gaseous star. Moreover, we find that there is a critical total mass  $M_0$ . If the total mass  $M$  of star is less than  $M_0$ , then the star expands infinitely. However, if  $M \geq M_0$ , then there is an "escape velocity"  $v_{er}$  associated with  $M$  and the initial configuration of the star. If  $v(0, r) \geq v_{er}$ , then the star will expand infinitely. If  $v(0, r) < v_{er}$ , then it will collapse after a finite time.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In studying the evolution of a gaseous star, which consists of spherically symmetric movements of self-gravitating viscous gas, we have the following equations

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} + \rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \rho v = 0,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{4\pi\rho}{r^2} \int_0^r \rho(t, \tau) \tau^2 d\tau = \nu \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} - \frac{2}{r^2} v \right\},$$

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial S}{\partial r} = 0,$$

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$$(1.4) \quad p = e^S \rho^\gamma,$$

where  $t \geq 0, r \geq 0$  (see, e.g., [10, 11, 12, 15]). Here, the unknown variable  $\rho$  is the density of the gas,  $v$  is the outward velocity, and  $S$  is entropy,  $p$  is the pressure,  $\gamma \in (1, 2]$  is the adiabatic exponent, and  $\nu$  is the viscosity coefficient.

The problem originates in Newtonian (non-relativistic) astrophysical theory. One of the main problems in studying (1.1)  $\sim$  (1.4) is the existence of temporarily global solution for a given set of initial data at  $t = 0$ . However, when  $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}, \nu = 0$ , Makino [9] found there is a family of particular solutions that tend toward the delta function after a finite time, i.e., a model for gravitational collapse of a gaseous star even in Newtonian theory. In [3], Fu and Lin studied the total mass  $M$  of these solutions and found that there is a critical total mass  $M_0$ . If  $M < M_0$ , then the star expands infinitely. However, if  $M \geq M_0$ , then there is an “escape velocity”,  $v_e r$ , associated with  $M$  and the initial configuration of the star. If the star expands at an initial velocity of  $v(0, r) \geq v_e r$ , then it will expand as in the case in which  $M < M_0$ . If the initial velocity  $v(0, r) < v_e r$ , then it will collapse in finite time. In [3, 9],  $\nu = 0$  and they considered  $S$  to be constant, i.e., the gas flow is isentropic. When  $\nu > 0$ , we can consider nonisentropic flow. In this paper, we extend the results in [3, 9] under some assumptions about  $S$  including the special case  $S \equiv \text{constant}$ .

The paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, we study the existence of a Ball-type stationary solution of (1.1)  $\sim$  (1.4) for  $\gamma \in (1, 2]$ . The definition of a Ball-type solution is given below. In Section 3 we study a family of special solutions of (1.1)  $\sim$  (1.4) for  $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$ , after which we compare the total mass of these solutions with the Ball-type solution, which yields a very interesting result.

## 2. STAR IN EQUILIBRIUM - STATIONARY SOLUTION

We seek a bounded stationary solution of the following form

$$(2.1) \quad \rho(t, r) = \left( \frac{q+1}{4\pi} \right)^{\frac{q}{q-1}} y^q(r),$$

$$(2.2) \quad v(t, r) = 0,$$

$$(2.3) \quad s(t, r) = (q+1)S(r),$$

where  $q = \frac{1}{\gamma-1}$  and  $S(r)$  is a given function that satisfies the following assumptions:

(S-1)  $S \in C^1(0, \infty)$  and is bounded;

(S-2)  $S$  is nondecreasing.

According to (2.1)  $\sim$  (2.3),  $y$  satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad e^{(q+1)S}(y' + yS') + \frac{1}{r^2} \int_0^r y^q \tau^2 d\tau = 0,$$

$$(2.5) \quad y'(0) + y(0)S'(0) = 0, \quad y(0) > 0.$$

It is easy to see that (2.4)  $\sim$  (2.5) is equivalent to

$$(2.6) \quad y(r) = e^{-(q+1)S} \left( y(0)e^{(q+1)S(0)} + \int_0^r qe^{(q+1)S} S' y d\tau - \int_0^r \tau \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{r}\right) y^q d\tau \right).$$

Using standard methods we obtain the following:

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $S$  satisfies (S-1), then for all  $y(0) > 0$ , there is an  $r_0$  dependent on  $S$  and  $y(0)$  such that (2.4)  $\sim$  (2.5) has a unique solution in  $C([0, r_0])$ , which is  $C^2$  in  $(0, r_0)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y_1 = e^{(q+1)S}y$ . Then  $y_1$  satisfies

$$(2.7) \quad y_1(r) = y_1(0) + \int_0^r qS'y_1 d\tau + \int_0^r \tau \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{r}\right) e^{-q(q+1)S} y_1^q d\tau.$$

Let us denote by  $Ty_1(r)$  the right-hand side of (2.7). Choosing  $M > y_1(0)$ , we consider the set of functions  $F = \{\eta \in C[0, r_0] : \sup_{0 \leq r \leq r_0} |\eta(r)| \leq M\}$ . Then there exists an  $r_0$  dependent on  $y_1(0)$ ,  $M$ ,  $S_m = \inf_{0 \leq r \leq \infty} S(r)$ ,  $S_M = \sup_{0 \leq r < \infty} S(r)$ , such that  $T$  is a contraction mapping with respect to the metric  $d(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \|\eta_1 - \eta_2\|_\infty$ . (2.6) then admits a unique solution in  $F$ , which is the fixed point of  $T$ . Since it is easy to deduce the estimate of  $r_0$ , we omit the computation here. The proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

If, in addition,  $S$  satisfies (S-2), from (2.4) we have  $y' < 0$  for  $r > 0$ . Let us continue  $y = y(r, y(0))$  to the right as long as possible.

Let  $\bar{R} = \sup\{\tilde{r} | y > 0 \text{ in } [0, \tilde{r}]\}$ . We need the following definition.

**Definition 2.2.** (i) If  $\bar{R} < \infty$ , then we say  $y$  is a Ball-type solution.  
(ii) If  $\bar{R} = \infty$ , then we say  $y$  is a ground-state solution.

A Ball-type solution means that we have a gaseous star of finite radius. In order to know when we have Ball-type or ground-state solution, we deduce the generalized Pohozaev identity. Let

$$x(r) = ye^S.$$

$x(r)$  then satisfies

$$(2.8) \quad (r^2 e^{qS} x')' + r^2 e^{-qS} x^q = 0,$$

$$(2.9) \quad x(0) = y(0)e^{S(0)}, \quad x'(0) = 0.$$

Let

$$(2.10) \quad g(r) = r^2 e^{qS},$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad h(r) = g \int_r^\infty g^{-1}(\tau) d\tau.$$

We then have the Pohozaev identity for (2.8)  $\sim$  (2.9).

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $x$  satisfy (2.8)  $\sim$  (2.9) and  $g, h$  be given as in (2.10) and (2.11). Then,*

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dr} \left\{ (gx')(hx' + x) + \frac{2gh}{q+1} e^{-2qS} x^{q+1} \right\} \\ &= \frac{2}{1+q} g e^{-2qS} \left( \frac{4h}{r} - \frac{3+q}{2} \right) x^{q+1}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By (2.8), (2.10) and (2.11), it is easy to see that  $x$  satisfies

$$(2.13) \quad (hx' + x)' + h e^{-2qS} x^q = 0.$$

By (2.8), (2.10), (2.11) and (2.13), we have (2.12). ■

**Remark 2.4.** Let  $H(r) = \frac{4h}{r} - \frac{3+q}{2}$ . Using a partial integration, we have

$$(2.14) \quad H(r) = \frac{5-q}{2} - 4r e^{qS} \int_r^\infty q\tau^{-1} S' e^{-qS} d\tau.$$

If  $S \equiv \text{constant}$ , then  $H(r) = \frac{5-q}{2}$ , and (2.12) reduces to the usual Pohozaev identity.

From (2.4), (2.5), **(S-1)** and **(S-2)**, it is easy to see that  $y$  is decreasing to zero as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  when  $y$  is a ground-state solution. We next give some asymptotic behavior of  $x$ , when  $y = e^{-S}x$  is a ground-state solution.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Assume  $S$  satisfies (S-1) and (S-2). If  $x$  is the ground-state solution of (2.8) and (2.9), then we have*

- (i)  $x(r) \geq c_1 r^{-1}, x' \leq c_2 r^{-2}$  for all sufficiently large  $r$ , where  $c_1 > 0, c_2 < 0$  are constants,
- (ii)  $x(r) \leq c_3(q) r^{\frac{-2}{q-1}}$  for all sufficiently large  $r$  if  $q > 1$ , and  $rx(r) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  if  $q = 3$ .

The constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3(q)$  are independent of  $r$ .

*Proof.* Since  $S$  is bounded and nondecreasing, according to the argument used in [14], Theorems 2.1, and 2.2, we have asymptotic behavior for  $x$  if  $x$  is the ground-state solution of (2.7) and (2.8).

By comparing the asymptotic behavior of  $x(r) \geq c_1 r^{-1}$ , if  $1 < q < 3, rx(r) \rightarrow \infty$  when  $q = 3$ , with  $x(r) \leq c_3(q) r^{\frac{-2}{q-1}}$ , we have an immediate contradiction. Thus,  $1 < q \leq 3$  and all solutions of (2.8)~(2.9) are Ball-type. The proof is complete. ■

Before we state the result for the full range of  $q$ , we make the following assumption:

**(S-3)**  $H(r) \geq 0$  for any  $r \geq 0$ .

Indeed, as  $1 < q < 5$ , if  $S' \geq 0$  and  $S(0) - S(\infty) \geq \ln(\frac{q+3}{8})^{\frac{1}{q}}$  then  $H(r) \geq 0$  for  $r \geq 0$ . We can now state the following:

**Proposition 2.6.** *If  $S$  satisfies (S-1) and (S-2), and if  $x$  is the solution of (2.8) ~ (2.9), then:*

- (i) if  $1 < q \leq 3$ , then  $\bar{R} < \infty$ ;
- (ii) if  $3 < q < 5$  and in addition,  $S$  satisfies (S-3), then  $\bar{R} < \infty$ ;
- (iii) if  $q \geq 5$ , then  $\bar{R} = \infty$ .

*Proof.* For  $3 < q < 5$ , since we have a Pohozaev identity and  $S$  satisfies (S-3), we can use the argument for Theorem 3.1 [14] and draw the appropriate conclusion.

For  $q \geq 5$ , if  $\bar{R} < \infty$ , then integrating (2.12) from 0 to  $\bar{R}$ , since  $S' \geq 0$ , therefore  $H(r) < 0$  and we have a contradiction. The proof is complete. ■

We can now state the following:

**Theorem 2.7.** *Assume  $S(r)$  satisfies (S-1) and (S-2), and let  $(\rho, v, S)_{(t,r)}$  be the solution given for (2.1) ~ (2.3).*

- (i) If  $\frac{4}{3} \leq \gamma < 2, (\rho, v, S)$  is a Ball-type solution.

- (ii) If  $\frac{6}{5} < \gamma < \frac{4}{3}$ , and  $S(r)$  satisfies **(S-3)**, then  $(\rho, v, S)$  is a Ball-type solution.
- (iii) If  $1 < \gamma < \frac{6}{5}$ , then  $(\rho, v, S)$  is a ground-state solution.

**Remark 2.8.** It is interesting to know the mass-radius diagram ( $M - R$  diagram) from [1]. The total mass  $M$  of a Ball-type solution is given by

$$M = 4\pi C_q \int_0^{\bar{R}} y^q r^2 dr < \infty,$$

where  $C_q = \left(\frac{q+1}{4\pi}\right)^{\frac{q}{q-1}}$ .

To understand the  $M - R$  diagram, it is useful to study the following two problems.

**Problem 1.** Given  $y(0) = \alpha > 0, M > 0$ , how many solutions of (2.4) and (2.5) are there?

**Problem 2.** Given  $y(0) = \alpha > 0, \bar{R} > 0$ , how many solutions of (2.4) and (2.5) are there?

In [7],  $S \equiv \text{constant}$ , we know the  $M - R$  diagram for  $1 < q \leq 3$  looks like the following Fig. 1

FIG. 1.

But in (2.2) and (2.3), when  $S \neq \text{constant}$ , the computation of  $\frac{dM}{d\alpha}$  in Problem 1 or  $\frac{d\bar{R}}{d\alpha}$  in Problem 2 is more difficult than the case in which  $S \equiv \text{constant}$ .

### 3. THE RELATION OF MASS AND EXPANDING OF STAR

In this section we shall study a particular solution for nonisentropic gas. Following [9], we adopt the following transformation to seek a particular class of solutions. Let

$$(3.1) \quad r = a(t)z,$$

$$(3.2) \quad \rho(t, r) = Aa^{-3}(t)y^3(z),$$

$$(3.3) \quad v(t, r) = \dot{a}(t)z \quad \text{and}$$

$$(3.4) \quad s(t, r) = 4S(z).$$

The positive  $r$  and  $\rho \geq 0$  require  $z > 0, y(z) \geq 0$  and  $a(t) > 0$ . It is easy to verify that (1.1)  $\sim$  (1.3) are satisfied by (3.1)  $\sim$  (3.4) and (1.2) becomes

$$(3.5) \quad a^2\ddot{a}z^3 + A^{\gamma-1}z^2e^{4S}a^{-3\gamma+4}y^{3\gamma-4}(3\gamma y' + 4S'y) + 4\pi A \int_0^z y^3\xi^2d\xi = 0.$$

Furthermore, if  $\gamma = \frac{4}{3}$  and we let  $A = \pi^{-3/2}$ , then (3.5) becomes

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{1}{4\pi A}a^2\ddot{a}z^3 + z^2e^{4S}(y' + S'y) + \int_0^z y^3\xi^2d\xi = 0.$$

Now, (3.6) can be solved by the method of separation of variables. Indeed, let

$$(3.7) \quad a^2\ddot{a}(t) = \frac{4}{3}\pi A\lambda.$$

Then (3.6) becomes

$$(3.8) \quad z^2e^{4S}(y' + yS') + \int_0^z \xi^2(y^3 + \lambda)d\xi = 0.$$

We consider the initial condition

$$(3.9) \quad y'(0) + y(0)S'(0) = 0, \quad y(0) > 0.$$

**Remark 3.1.** We denote the solution of (3.8) and (3.9) by  $y_\lambda(z) = y(z, \lambda, y(0))$ . As  $\lambda = 0$ , the equation for  $y_0(z)$  is the same as (2.1) and (2.2) for  $q = 3$ . Henceforth, we will omit the subscript  $\lambda$ , which causes no confusion.

(3.8) and (3.9) are equivalent to

$$(3.10) \quad y(z) = e^{-4S} \left\{ y(0)e^{4S(0)} + \int_0^r 3e^{4S}S'y d\xi - \int_0^z \xi \left( 1 - \frac{\xi}{z} \right) (y^3 + \lambda) d\xi \right\}.$$

Using standard methods as in Proposition 2.1, we have a local solution  $y(z)$  for (3.8) and (3.9) near  $z = 0$  if  $S$  satisfies **(S-1)**. We continue  $y(z)$  to the

right as long as possible. Furthermore, if  $S$  satisfies **(S-2)**, then  $y' < 0$  for  $r \geq 0$  as  $\lambda \geq 0$ . On the other hand,  $y'$  may change signs as  $\lambda < 0$ . In order to get more information about the solution  $y(z)$ , let

$$(3.11) \quad x = e^S y.$$

Differentiating (3.8) once, we obtain

$$(3.12) \quad (z^2 e^{3S} x')' + z^2 e^{-3S} x^3 + \lambda z^2 = 0,$$

$$(3.13) \quad x(0) = y(0)e^{S(0)}, \quad x'(0) = 0.$$

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $x(z)$  be the solution of (3.12)  $\sim$  (3.13). Let  $Z = Z(\lambda) = \sup\{z|x(z) > 0 \text{ in } (0, z)\}$ ,  $\varphi(z) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \lambda}$ . Assume  $S$  satisfies **(S-1)** and **(S-2)**. If  $x'(z) \leq 0$  in  $(0, Z)$ , then  $\varphi(z) < 0$  in  $(0, Z]$ .*

*Proof.* By (3.11), (3.12) and (3.13), it is easy to see that  $\varphi(z)$  satisfies

$$(3.14) \quad (z^2 e^{3S} \varphi')' + 3z^2 e^{-3S} x^2 \varphi + z^2 = 0$$

and

$$(3.15) \quad \varphi(0) = 0 = \varphi'(0).$$

Define

$$(3.16) \quad \varphi\lambda(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{3S} \varphi'^2 + \int_0^z (3e^{-3S} x^2 \varphi + 1) \varphi' d\xi.$$

By partial integration, we have

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi_\lambda(z) &= \frac{1}{2} e^{3S} \varphi'^2 + \varphi + \frac{3}{2} e^{-3S} x^2 \varphi^2 \\ &\quad + \int_0^z \frac{3}{2} \varphi^2 (3S' e^{-3S} x^2 - 2e^{-3S} x x') d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Then by (3.14), we have

$$(3.18) \quad \frac{d\varphi_\lambda}{dz} = - \left( \frac{2}{z} + \frac{3}{2} S' \right) e^{3S} \varphi'^2 \leq 0 \quad \text{for } z > 0.$$

Since  $\varphi_\lambda(0) = 0$ ,

$$(3.19) \quad \varphi_\lambda(z) < 0 \quad \text{in } (0, Z].$$



By (3.17), (3.19), **(S-2)** and our assumption that  $x'(z) \leq 0$ , we have  $\varphi(z) < 0$  in  $(0, Z]$ . ■

Observe that  $x(z, \lambda)$  is  $C^1$  in  $\lambda$ , and if  $x'(Z(\lambda)) \neq 0$ , then by the implicit function theorem  $Z(\lambda)$  is  $C^1$  in  $\lambda$ . If  $Z < \infty$ , we have

$$(3.20) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial z}(Z(\lambda), \lambda) \frac{dZ}{d\lambda} + \varphi(Z(\lambda), \lambda) = 0.$$

Hence, if  $x'(z) \leq 0$  in  $(0, Z)$ , then, by Lemma 3.2,  $\frac{dZ}{d\lambda} < 0$ . Thus it is important to know when  $x'(z)$  is nonpositive in  $(0, Z]$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Assume  $S$  satisfies **(S-1)** and **(S-2)**. If  $x(z)$  is the solution of (3.12) ~ (3.13), then there is  $\bar{\lambda} < 0$  such that for all  $\lambda > \bar{\lambda}$ , there exists  $Z = Z(\lambda) < \infty$  such that  $x(z) > 0$  in  $(0, Z)$ ,  $x(Z) = 0$  and  $x'(z) < 0$  in  $(0, Z]$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\lambda \geq 0$ , by (3.12) ~ (3.13)

$$(3.21) \quad z^2 e^{3S} x'(z) = - \int_0^z (\xi^2 e^{-3S} x^3 + \lambda \xi^2) d\xi.$$

Hence,

$$(3.22) \quad x'(z) < 0 \text{ for } z > 0, \quad \lambda \geq 0.$$

As  $\lambda = 0$ , the equation of (3.12) is the same as (2.8). Thus, by Proposition 2.6(i),  $Z(0) < \infty$ . Furthermore, as  $\lambda > 0$ , by (3.22) and Lemma 3.2, we have  $\varphi(Z) < 0$ . Hence,  $\frac{dZ}{d\lambda} < 0$  for  $\lambda > 0$ .

Since for  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $x'(z) < 0$  in  $(0, Z(0)]$ , therefore as  $\lambda < 0$  and  $|\lambda|$  is sufficiently small, we can use the argument of continued dependence on parameter  $\lambda$  to obtain  $Z(\lambda) < \infty$  such that  $x(z) > 0$  in  $(0, Z(\lambda))$ ,  $x'(z) < 0$  in  $(0, Z(\lambda))$ . We may choose  $\bar{\lambda}$  to be the smallest number that still allows this argument to hold. The proof is complete. ■

Indeed, if  $\lambda < 0$  and is small enough, then  $x(z) > 0$  for all  $z > 0$ . We state the result below.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Assume  $S$  satisfies **(S-1)** and **(S-2)**. If  $\lambda + \frac{1}{4}y^3(0) < 0$ , then every solution  $x(z)$  of (3.11) ~ (3.12) is positive for any  $z > 0$ .*

*Proof.* We define the energy function

$$(3.23) \quad E(z) = \frac{1}{2}e^{3S}x'^2 + \int_0^z (e^{-3S}x^3 + \lambda)x'd\xi + \lambda x(0) + \frac{1}{4}x^4(0)e^{-3S(0)}.$$

By partial integration, we have

$$(3.24) \quad E(z) = \frac{1}{2}e^{3S}x'^2 + \lambda x + \frac{1}{4}e^{-3S}x^4 + \int_0^z \frac{3}{4}e^{-3S}S'x^4 d\xi.$$

Differentiating (3.23) once, we obtain

$$(3.25) \quad \frac{dE}{dz} = -\left(\frac{2}{z} + \frac{3}{2}S'\right)e^{3S}x'^2 \leq 0.$$

If there is any  $Z(\lambda) < \infty$  such that  $x(Z(\lambda)) = 0$ , then by **(S-2)**, (3.23) and (3.24),  $0 < E(Z(\lambda)) \leq E(0)$ . Hence, if  $\lambda + \frac{1}{4}y^3(0) = \frac{E(0)}{x(0)} < 0$ , then we have a contradiction. The proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

The total mass  $M$  of solution  $(\rho, v, S)$  of (1.1)~(1.4) is given by

$$(3.26) \quad M = 4\pi \int_0^{R(t)} \rho(t, r)r^2 dr,$$

where  $R(t) \leq \infty$  is the first zero of  $\rho(t, r)$  at time  $t$ . For solutions of the form (3.1) ~ (3.4),  $M(\lambda)$  is dependent only on  $\lambda$  and  $y(0)$ , with

$$(3.27) \quad M(\lambda) = 4\pi A \int_0^{Z(\lambda)} y^3 \xi^2 d\xi.$$

By (3.11),

$$(3.28) \quad M(\lambda) = 4\pi A \int_0^{Z(\lambda)} e^{-3S}x^3 \xi^2 d\xi.$$

Thus,

$$(3.29) \quad \frac{dM}{d\lambda} = 4\pi A \int_0^{Z(\lambda)} 3e^{-3S}x^2 \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \lambda} \xi^2 d\xi$$

if  $Z(\lambda) < \infty$  and  $x(Z(\lambda)) = 0$ . By Lemmas 3.2, and 3.3, we have:

**Lemma 3.5.** *Assume  $S$  satisfies **(S-1)** and **(S-2)**, and let  $x(0)$  be fixed. Then there is a  $\bar{\lambda}$  dependent on  $x(0)$  such that for all  $\lambda > \bar{\lambda}$ ,*

$$(3.30) \quad \frac{dM}{d\lambda} < 0.$$

*Proof.* The result follows easily from Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3. The proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

By Lemma 3.5, we define

$$(3.31) \quad \bar{M} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}} M(\lambda).$$

On the other hand, for the equation (3.7), we consider the initial-value problem

$$(3.32) \quad a(0) = a_0 > 0, \quad \dot{a}(0) = a_1.$$

The solutions of (3.7) and (3.32) have been studied in [3, 9]. We merely review the results here.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $a(t)$  be the solution of (3.7) and (3.32). We then have the following results.*

- (I) *If  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $a(t) > 0$  for any  $t > 0$ , and  $a(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .*
- (II) *If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $a(t) = a_1 t + a_0$ .*
- (III) *If  $\lambda < 0$ , let*

$$(3.33) \quad a_1^*(\lambda) = \left( \frac{S\pi A}{3} |\lambda| a_0^{-1} \right)^{1/2}.$$

*If  $a_1 \geq a_1^*(\lambda)$ , then  $a(t) > 0$  for any  $t > 0$ , and  $a(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*If  $a_1 < a_1^*(\lambda)$ , then there is  $T < \infty$  such that  $a(t) > 0$  in  $(0, T)$ , and  $a(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow T^-$ .*

Denote by  $M_0 = M(0)$ . For any  $\lambda \in (\bar{\lambda}, \infty)$ ,  $a_0 > 0$ ,  $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the solutions of (3.1)  $\sim$  (3.4) are given by

$$(3.34) \quad \rho(t, r) = A a^{-3}(t) y^3 \left( \frac{r}{a(t)} \right),$$

$$(3.35) \quad v(t, r) = a^{-1}(t) \dot{a}(t) r \text{ and}$$

$$(3.36) \quad S(t, r) = S \left( \frac{r}{a(t)} \right),$$

with an initial velocity of

$$(3.37) \quad v(0, r; a_0, a_1) = a_0^{-1} a_1 r,$$

where  $a(t) \equiv a(t; a_0, a_1)$  and  $S$  is any given function satisfying **(S-1)** and **(S-2)**. Denote the escape velocity,  $v_e r$ , as

$$(3.38) \quad v_e \equiv v_e(\lambda, a_0) = \left( \frac{8\pi A}{3} |\lambda| a_0^{-1} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Combining the results of Proposition 3.6 and Lemma 3.5, we obtain the following main result.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Assume  $S$  satisfies (S-1), (S-2), and the total mass  $M \in (0, \bar{M})$ . Then a gaseous star of the form (3.1)  $\sim$  (3.4) is given by (3.33)  $\sim$  (3.35). Furthermore, we have:*

- (I) *If  $M < M_0$ , then the star will expand and the density eventually tends toward zero.*
- (II) *If  $M > M_0$ , and the initial velocity  $v(0, r) \geq v_e r$  for  $r \in (0, R_0)$ , where  $\rho(0, R_0) = 0$ , then the star behaves as in (I). On the other hand, if  $v(0, r) < v_e r$  for  $r \in (0, R_0)$ , then the star will collapse toward its center in a finite time.*
- (III) *If  $M = M_0$ , we have three cases:*
  - (i) *when  $a_1 > 0$ , the star behaves as in (I);*
  - (ii) *when  $a_1 < 0$ , the star collapses toward its center;*
  - (iii) *when  $a_1 = 0$ , the star is in equilibrium.*

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