# Location of the asymptotic profile for one-dimensional chemotaxis system

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### 1 Introduction

We consider the Cauchy problem for a one-dimensional model system of chemotaxis

(P) 
$$\begin{cases} u_t = au_{xx} - (uv_x)_x, & (t, x) \in \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ v_t = bv_{xx} - v + u, & (t, x) \in \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^1 \\ (u, v)(0, x) = (u_0, v_0)(x), & x \in \mathbf{R}^1 \end{cases}$$
  $(a, b > 0 : \text{constants}).$ 

Our interest is in the asymptotic profile of solutions (u, v) as  $t \to \infty$  when bounded solutions exist in the sense that

(1.1) 
$$\sup_{t>0} (\|u(t,\cdot)\|_{L^q} + \|v(t,\cdot)\|_{L^q}) < +\infty \ (q=1,\infty).$$

By Nagai, Shukuinn and Umesako [2] and Nagai and Yamada [3], it has been showed that the bounded solution to (P) in  $\mathbb{R}^N$   $(N \ge 1)$  with a = b = 1 satisfies

(1.2) 
$$\sup_{t>2} d(t;p) \| (u - M_0 G, v - M_0 G)(t,\cdot) \|_{L^p} < +\infty, \quad M_0 = \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} u_0(x) \, dx$$

with 
$$d(t;p) = \begin{cases} t^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})+\frac{1}{2}}(\log t)^{-1} & (N=1) \\ t^{\frac{N}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})+\frac{1}{2}} & (N \ge 2), \end{cases}$$
 where  $G(t,x) = (4\pi t)^{-1/2} \exp{(-|x|^2/4t)}$ .

Kato [1] has recently improved (1.2) for N=1 as that the "logarithmic tail" in d(t;p) can be deleted even for a,b>0, not necessarily a=b=1. More precisely, the second term of the asymptotics is given. If W(t,x) is defined by the solution to

(1.3) 
$$W_{t} = W_{xx} - \frac{M_{0}^{2}}{2a} (G^{2}(a+t,x))_{xx}, W(0,x) = -\left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^{1}} xu_{0}(x) dx + \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{1}} (uv_{x})(t,x) dx dt\right) \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x),$$

then it satisfies

(1.4) 
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} t^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})+\frac{1}{2}} \|u(t,\cdot) - M_0 G(at,\cdot) - W(at,\cdot)\|_{L^p} = 0$$

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with  $||W(t,\cdot)||_{L^p} \leq CM_0^2(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $||W(t,\cdot)||_{L^\infty} \geq CM_0^2(1+t)^{-1}$ ,  $t\geq 2$ . The same estimate on v also holds. In the result, the logarithmic tail in (1.2) is deleted.

Here and after, let a = 1, b > 0 without loss of generality.

In this note we want to discuss the profile of solutions from the following point of view. The results above mentioned, of course, show that  $M_0G(t,x)$  is an asymptotic profile of both u and v. However, we take the location of the profile into consideration. For example, when discrete statistical data are distributed by the Gauss distribution, the data are approximated by

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$
 ( $\mu$ : mean,  $\sigma$ : standard deviation).

Here, the choice of both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  is important. Suggested by this, we propose an asymptotic profile with the location  $\mu_{\infty}$ 

$$(1.5) M_0 G(t+1, x-\mu_\infty), \mu_\infty = \frac{1}{M_0} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty x u_0(x) \, dx + \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty (u v_x)(t, x) \, dx \, dt \right\}.$$

Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** Let N = 1, and suppose that  $u_0, v_0, v_{0x} \in L^1 \cap \mathcal{B}$  with

(1.6) 
$$(1+|x|^2)u_0(x) \in L_x^1 \text{ with } M_0 = \int_{\mathbf{R}^1} u_0(x) \, dx \neq 0.$$

Then the bounded solution (u, v) to (P) satisfies for  $1 \le p \le \infty$  and  $t \ge 0$ 

(1.7) 
$$||u(t,\cdot) - M_0 G(t+1,\cdot -\mu_{\infty}) + W_1(t,\cdot;\mu_{\infty})||_{L^p}$$

$$\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} (\log(2+t))^2,$$

where  $\mu_{\infty}$  by (1.5) is well-defined and the second term  $W_1$  of asymptotics is given by

$$(1.8) W_1(t, x; \mu_{\infty}) = \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(t - s, \cdot - y) M_0^2(GG_x)_x(s + 1, y - \mu_{\infty}) \, dy \, ds.$$

The same estimate on v as (1.7) also holds. Moreover,  $W_1$  is estimated from above and below:

(1.9) 
$$||W_1(t,\cdot;\mu_{\infty})||_{L^p} \le CM_0^2 (1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t \ge 0, \\ ||W_1(t,\cdot;\mu_{\infty})||_{L^p} \ge C^{-1}M_0^2 t^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t \ge t_0 > 0.$$

In Theorem 1.1 we apply (1.8)-(1.9) to (1.7) and have the following behaviors from above and below.

**Corollary 1** Under the assumptions in Theorem 1.1, for  $1 \le p \le \infty$  there hold that

$$||u(t,\cdot)-M_0G(t+1,\cdot-\mu_\infty),v(t,\cdot)-M_0G(t+1,\cdot-\mu_\infty)||_{L^p}\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ , and that, for  $t \geq t_1 > 0$ 

$$||u(t,\cdot)-M_0G(t+1,\cdot-\mu_\infty),v(t,\cdot)-M_0G(t+1,\cdot-\mu_\infty)||_{L^p}\geq C^{-1}M_0^2t^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

## 2 Location of the profile

Integrating (P)<sub>1</sub>(first equation of (P)) over  $(0, t) \times \mathbf{R}^1$ , we have

(2.1) 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t,x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_0(x) \, dx = M_0.$$

For v, by integration of  $(P)_2$ ,

(2.2) 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(t,x) \, dx = e^{-t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v_0(x) \, dx + M_0(1 - e^{-t}) \to M_0 \, (t \to \infty).$$

Hence, taking the location into consideration, we define the profile by

(2.3) 
$$\phi(t,x) := M_0 G(t+1, x-\mu(t)),$$

and choose  $\mu(t)$  as  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x} (u - \phi)(t, y) dy dx = 0$ . Since  $\phi$  satisfies

(2.4) 
$$\partial_t \phi = \phi_{xx} - \frac{d\mu}{dt}(t) \cdot \phi_x(t, x),$$

 $u - \phi$  does

(2.5) 
$$\partial_t(u-\phi) = (u-\phi)_{xx} + \mu'(t)\phi_x - (uv_x)_x.$$

By (2.1) we can integrate (2.5) in x twice to get

(2.6) 
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x} (u - \phi)(t, y) \, dy \, dx = M_0 \mu'(t) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u v_x)(t, x) \, dx,$$

and hence

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x} (u - \phi)(t, y) \, dy \, dx 
(2.7) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x} (u_0(y) - \phi(0, y)) \, dy \, dx + M_0(\mu(t) - \mu(0)) - \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (uv_x)(s, x) \, dx \, ds 
= -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x u_0(x) \, dx + M_0 \mu(t) - \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (uv_x)(s, x) \, dx ds,$$

because

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \phi(0, x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot M_0 G(1, x - \mu(0)) \, dx = M_0 \mu_0, \ \mu_0 = \mu(0).$$

We now define  $\mu(t)$  by

(2.8) 
$$\mu(t) = \frac{1}{M_0} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x u_0(x) \, dx + \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u v_x)(s, x) \, dx \, ds \right\}.$$

Therefore, we can define

(2.9) 
$$U(t,x) := \int_{-\infty}^{x} \int_{-\infty}^{y} (u-\phi)(t,z) \, dz \, dy \quad \text{or} \quad u = \phi + U_{xx},$$

which satisfies

(2.10) 
$$\begin{cases} U_t = U_{xx} + \int_{-\infty}^x \left[\mu'(t)\phi(t,y) - (uv_x)(t,y)\right] dy \\ U(0,x) := U_0(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y \left(u_0(z) - M_0G(1,z-\mu_0)\right) dz dy. \end{cases}$$

To show Theorem 1.1, we need to estimate

(2.11) 
$$(u - \phi)(t, x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_{xx}(t, x - y) U_0(y) \, dy + \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_{xx}(t - s, x - y) \int_{-\infty}^y [\mu'(s)\phi(s, z) - (uv_x)(s, z)] \, dz \, dy \, ds.$$

Here we note that  $U_0 \in L^1 \cap \mathcal{B}$  by (1.6) and that

(2.12) 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\mu'(t)\phi(t,z) - (uv_x)(t,z)] dz = 0.$$

## 3 Proof of Theorem 1.1

We only sketch the proof, whose details are given in [4]. Known estimates on the solution (u, v) to (P) in Nagai and Yamada [3] and Kato [1] are the followings.

**Lemma 3.1** For  $1 \le p \le \infty$  and  $t \ge 0$ , the bounded solution (u, v) to (P) satisfies

$$(3.1) ||u(t,\cdot) - M_0 G(t+1,\cdot), v(t,\cdot) - M_0 G(t+1,\cdot)||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$(3.2) ||v_x(t,\cdot) - M_0 G_x(t+1,\cdot)||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} \log(2+t),$$

(3.3) 
$$||(u-v)(t,\cdot)||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1}\log(2+t).$$

By (3.1)-(3.3) we have the properties of  $\mu(t)$ .

**Lemma 3.2** The location  $\mu(t)$  by (2.8) satisfies for  $t \geq 0$ 

$$|\mu'(t)| \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}\log(2+t),$$

which implies that  $\mu(\infty) = \mu_{\infty}$  is well-defined, and

(3.5) 
$$|\mu(t) - \mu_{\infty}| \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \log(2+t).$$

*Proof.* By (3.1)-(3.2), (3.4) follows from

$$|\mu'(t)| \leq \frac{1}{M_0} (\|(u - M_0 G)(t)\|_{L^1} \|v_x(t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|M_0 G(t)\|_{L^1} \|(v_x - M_0 G_x)(t)\|_{L^\infty})$$
  
$$\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \log(2+t).$$

Hence (3.5) follows easily.

By the mean value theorem we have

$$\|\phi(t,\cdot) - M_0 G(t+1,\cdot-\mu_\infty)\|_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} \log(2+t)$$

and

$$||W_1(t,\cdot;\mu_{\infty}) - W_1(t,\cdot;0)||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1}.$$

Hence, to show (1.7), it is enough to prove the following proposition, which is a main estimate in this note. The same estimate on v is derived by (3.3).

Proposition 3.1 Under the conditions in Theorem 1.1 it holds

$$||u(t,\cdot) - \phi(t,\cdot) + W_1(t,\cdot;0)||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1}(\log(2+t))^2.$$

*Proof.* By (2.11) and (1.8)

$$(u - \phi)(t, x) + W_1(t, x; 0)$$

$$= \int G_{xx}(t, x - y)U_0(y) dy + \int_0^t \int G_{xx}(t - s, x - y) \times \int_{-\infty}^y [\mu'(s)\phi(s, z) - (uv_x)(s, z) + M_0^2(GG_x)(s + 1, z)] dz dy ds$$

$$=: I_0 + I_1.$$

By  $U_0 \in L^1 \cap \mathcal{B}$  it is easy to see that

$$||I_0||_{L^p} \le C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ . For  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $||I_1||_{L^p} \leq C$  easily. For  $t \geq 1$  we set

$$I_1 = \int_0^{t/2} + \int_{t/2}^t =: I_{11} + I_{12}.$$

By (1.6) we note that

$$||u(t,\cdot)||_{L^{1,1}} \le C(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad ||u(t,\cdot) - M_0G(t+1,\cdot)||_{L^{1,1}} \le C,$$

where  $L^{p,m} = \{ f \in L^p; ||f||_{L^{p,m}} := ||(1+|\cdot|)^m f||_{L^p} < +\infty \}$  (These are shown by applying the method in [2]). Therefore, by (2.12) and (3.8)

$$\begin{split} \|I_{11}\|_{L^{p}} &\leq C \int_{0}^{t/2} (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} \| \int_{-\infty}^{x} \{\mu'(s)\phi(s,z) \\ &- [(u-M_{0}G)v_{x}+M_{0}G(v_{x}-M_{0}G_{x})](s,z)\} \, dz\|_{L^{1}_{x}} \, ds \\ &\leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} \int_{0}^{t/2} [\|\mu'(s)\|\|G(s,\cdot-\mu(s))\|_{L^{1,1}} + \|(u-M_{0}G)(s)\|_{L^{1,1}} \|v_{x}(s)\|_{L^{\infty}} \\ &+ \|G(s)\|_{L^{1,1}} \|(v_{x}-M_{0}G_{x})(s)\|_{L^{\infty}}] \, ds \\ &\leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} \int_{0}^{t/2} [(1+s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \log{(2+s)} \cdot (1+s)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &+ (1+s)^{-1} + (1+s)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1+s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \log{(2+s)}] \, ds \\ &\leq C t^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} (\log{(2+t)})^{2}. \end{split}$$

Here, we have denoted  $||u(s,y)-M_0G(s+1,y)||_{L^p_y}=||(u-M_0G)(s)||_{L^p}$  etc. for simplicity. For  $I_{12}$ , by the integral by parts,

$$I_{12} = \int_{t/2}^{t} \int G(t-s, x-y) \mu'(s) M_0 G_x(s+1, y-\mu(s)) \, dy \, ds$$

$$+ \int_{t/2}^{t} \int G_x(t-s, x-y) [(u-M_0 G)v_x + M_0 G(v_x - M_0 G_x)](s,y) \, dy \, ds$$

$$=: I_{12}^{1} + I_{12}^{2},$$

Each part is estimated as follow:

$$||I_{12}^{1}||_{L^{p}} \leq C \int_{t/2}^{t} (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})} |\mu'(s)| ||G_{x}(s)||_{L^{1}} ds$$

$$\leq C \int_{t/2}^{t} (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})} (1+s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \log(2+s) \cdot (1+s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds$$

$$\leq C(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-1} \log(2+t),$$

$$||I_{12}^{2}||_{L^{1}} \leq C \int_{t/2}^{t} ||G_{x}(t-s)||_{L^{1}} (||(u-M_{0}G)(s)||_{L^{1}} ||v_{x}(s)||_{L^{\infty}} + ||G(s)||_{L^{1}} ||(v_{x}-M_{0}G_{x})(s)||_{L^{\infty}}) ds$$

$$\leq C \int_{t/2}^{t} (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (1+s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \log (2+s) ds$$

$$\leq C(1+t)^{-1} \log (2+t)$$

and

$$||I_{12}^{2}||_{L^{\infty}} \leq C \int_{t/2}^{t} ||G_{x}(t-s)||_{L^{2}} (||(u-M_{0}G)(s)||_{L^{2}} ||v_{x}(s)||_{L^{\infty}} + ||G(s)||_{L^{2}} ||(v_{x}-M_{0}G_{x})(s)||_{L^{\infty}}) ds$$

$$\leq C \int_{t/2}^{t} (t-s)^{-\frac{1}{4}} (1+s)^{-\frac{7}{4}} \log (2+s) ds$$

$$\leq C (1+t)^{-1} \log (2+t).$$

Combining all estimates, we obtain (3.6).

Completion of the proof of Theorem 1.1. We show (1.9). By an elementary calculation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(t-s, x-y)G^2(s+1, y) \, dy = \frac{G(t-\frac{s-1}{2}, x)}{\sqrt{8\pi(s+1)}}.$$

Hence, when  $\mu_{\infty} = 0$ ,

(3.9) 
$$W_1(t,x;0) = \frac{M_0^2}{2} \int_0^t \frac{G_{xx}(t-\frac{s-1}{2},x)}{\sqrt{8\pi(s+1)}} ds.$$

Similar representation to (3.9) is found in [1]. We craim, for  $t \ge t_0 > 0$ ,

(3.10) 
$$\int_0^{\sqrt{(t+1)/2}} \left| \int_0^t \frac{G_{xx}(t-\frac{s-1}{2},x)}{\sqrt{s+1}} ds \right| dx \ge c(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

and, when  $0 \le x \le \sqrt{(t+1)/2}$ 

(3.11) 
$$\left| \int_0^t \frac{G_{xx}(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, x)}{\sqrt{s+1}} ds \right| \ge c(t+1)^{-1}.$$

In fact, since  $G_x(t,x) = -\frac{x}{2t}G(t,x)$  and  $G_{xx}(t,x) = \frac{1}{2t}(\frac{x^2}{2t} - 1)G(t,x)$ ,

$$-G_{xx}(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, x) \ge \frac{G(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, x)}{4(t - \frac{s-1}{2})} > 0, \text{ for } 0 \le x \le \sqrt{(t+1)/2}.$$

Hence,

the left-hand side in (3.10)

$$\geq c \int_{0}^{\sqrt{(t+1)/2}} \int_{0}^{t} \frac{-G_{xx}(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, x)}{\sqrt{s+1}} ds dx = c \int_{0}^{t} \frac{-G_{x}(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, \sqrt{\frac{t+1}{2}})}{\sqrt{s+1}} ds$$

$$\geq c(t+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{0}^{t} (s+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (t - \frac{s-1}{2})^{-\frac{3}{2}} ds$$

$$\geq c(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t \geq t_{0},$$

and

$$\geq c \int_0^t \frac{G(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, x)}{\sqrt{s+1}(t - \frac{s-1}{2})} ds \geq c \int_0^t \frac{G(t - \frac{s-1}{2}, \sqrt{\frac{t+1}{2}})}{\sqrt{s+1}(t - \frac{s-1}{2})} ds$$

$$\geq c \int_0^t (s+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (t - \frac{s-1}{2})^{-\frac{3}{2}} ds$$

$$\geq c(t+1)^{-1}, \quad t \geq t_0.$$

By (3.10) and (3.11), for  $1 \le p < \infty$ ,

$$||W_{1}(t,\cdot;0)||_{L^{p}} \geq \left(\int_{0}^{\sqrt{(t+1)/2}} \left| \int_{0}^{t} \frac{G_{xx}(t-\frac{s-1}{2},x)}{\sqrt{s+1}} ds \right|^{p} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\geq c \left(\int_{0}^{\sqrt{(t+1)/2}} (t+1)^{-(p-1)} \int_{0}^{t} \frac{-G_{xx}(t-\frac{s-1}{2},x)}{\sqrt{s+1}} ds dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\geq c(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t \geq t_{0}.$$

When  $p = \infty$ , it is easy to show

$$||W_1(t,\cdot;0)||_{L^{\infty}} \ge |W_1(t,0;0)| \ge c(t+1)^{-1}, \quad t \ge t_0.$$

When  $\mu_{\infty} \neq 0$ ,  $W_1(t, x; \mu_{\infty}) = W_1(t, x; 0) + (W_1(t, x; \mu_{\infty}) - W_1(t, x; 0))$  and  $W_1(t, x; \mu_{\infty}) - W_1(t, x; 0)$  decays faster by (3.6). Hence the estimate from below in (1.9) holds. The estimate from above is obtained easier by (3.9), which completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

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