The exterior Dirichlet problems of Monge–Ampère equations in dimension two

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Abstract

In this paper, we study the Monge–Ampère equations \( \det D^2 u = f \) in dimension two with \( f \) being a perturbation of \( f_0 \) at infinity. First, we obtain the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of radial solutions with prescribed asymptotic behavior at infinity to Monge–Ampère equations outside a unit ball. Then, using the Perron method, we get the existence of viscosity solutions with prescribed asymptotic behavior at infinity to Monge–Ampère equations outside a bounded domain.

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1 Introduction

A classical theorem for Monge–Ampère equation states that any classical convex solution of

\[
\det D^2 u = 1 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n
\]

must be a quadratic polynomial which was obtained by Jörgens [1] for \( n = 2 \), Calabi [2] for \( n \leq 5 \), and Pogorelov [3] for \( n \geq 2 \). For \( n = 2 \), the classical solution is either convex or concave, so the result is true without the convex hypothesis.

Cheng and Yau [4] later gave a simpler and more analytical proof of the Jörgens–Calabi–Pogorelov theorem along the lines of affine geometry. Caffarelli [5] extended this result to viscosity solutions. Jost and Xin [6] gave another proof of the theorem. On the other hand, it was proved by Trudinger and Wang [7] that if \( D \) is an open convex subset in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( u \) is a convex \( C^2 \) solution to \( \det D^2 u = 1 \) in \( D \) with \( \lim_{x \to \partial D} u(x) = \infty \), then \( D = \mathbb{R}^n \).

In 2003, the Jörgens–Calabi–Pogorelov theorem was extended to exterior domains for \( n \geq 2 \) by Caffarelli and Li [8]. They proved that any convex viscosity solution to \( \det D^2 u = 1 \) in an exterior domain must be a quadratic polynomial at infinity for \( n \geq 3 \) and be the sum of a quadratic polynomial and a logarithmic term at infinity for \( n = 2 \). That is, for \( n \geq 3 \), there exists a symmetric positive definite matrix \( A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \), \( \hat{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n \), \( \hat{c} \in \mathbb{R} \) such that

\[
\limsup_{|x| \to \infty} |x|^{n-2} \left| u(x) - \left( \frac{1}{2} x^T Ax + \hat{b} \cdot x + \hat{c} \right) \right| < \infty; \quad (1.1)
\]
and for $n = 2$, there exists a symmetric positive definite matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, $\hat{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\hat{c}, \hat{d} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\limsup_{|x| \to \infty} |x| \left| u(x) - \left( \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + \hat{b} \cdot x + \hat{d} \ln \sqrt{x^T A x} + \hat{c} \right) \right| < \infty.$$  

(1.2)

For $n = 2$, similar problems were studied by Ferrer, Martinez, and Milán [9, 10] applying the complex variable method. We can also refer to Delanoë [11]. Later, in [12], Caffarelli and Li also extended the Jörgens–Calabi–Pogorelov theorem to $\det D^2 u = f$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with $f$ being a periodic positive function and obtained that any classical convex solution must be the sum of a quadratic polynomial and a periodic function. In 2015, Bao, Li, and Zhang [13] extended the Jörgens–Calabi–Pogorelov theorem to $\det D^2 u = f$ in the exterior domain for $n \geq 2$ with $f$ being a perturbation of 1 at infinity.

The converse problem is whether the exterior Dirichlet problem has a unique solution with the prescribed asymptotic behavior. This problem was resolved, and the existence of solutions to the exterior Dirichlet problem of $\det D^2 u = 1$ was established in [8] for $n \geq 3$ through the Perron method. More specifically, assume that $D$ is a strictly convex and bounded domain with smooth boundary in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\phi \in C^2(\partial D)$, then for any symmetric positive definite matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\hat{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there exists a constant $c_1 = c_1(n, D, \phi, \hat{b}, A)$ such that, for any $\hat{c} > c_1$, the exterior Dirichlet problem

$$\begin{cases}
\det D^2 u = 1 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \hat{D}, \\
\quad u = \phi & \text{on } \partial \hat{D}
\end{cases}$$  

(1.3)

has a unique solution $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \hat{D}) \cap C^0(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \hat{D})$ satisfying the asymptotic behavior (1.1).

For $n = 2$, the existence of solutions to the exterior Dirichlet problem was established by Bao and Li [14]. More precisely, for any symmetric positive definite matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, $\hat{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, there exists a constant $d^* = d^*(D, \phi, \hat{b}, A)$ such that, for any $\hat{d} > d^*$, the exterior Dirichlet problem (1.3) has a unique solution $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \hat{D}) \cap C^0(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \hat{D})$ satisfying

$$O(|x|^{-2}) \leq u(x) - \left( \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + \hat{b} \cdot x + \hat{d} \ln \sqrt{x^T A x} + c(\hat{d}) \right) \leq M_d + O(|x|^{-2}), \quad |x| \to \infty$$

with $M_d, c(\hat{d})$ being functions of $\hat{d}$. Bao, Li, and Zhang [13] established the existence of exterior solutions to $\det D^2 u = f$ with $f$ being a perturbation of 1 at infinity for $n \geq 2$. More existence results for $n = 2$ can be found in [15, 16]. In [15], global solutions and exterior solutions for Monge–Ampère equation were obtained through the new ideas in contrast to [13]. And in [16], Bao, Xiong, and Zhou proved the existence of entire solutions of Monge–Ampère equations with asymptotic behaviors employing the different method from the constructions of sub- and super- solutions. However, the existence of solutions to $\det D^2 u = f$ in the exterior domain with $f$ being a perturbation of $f_0(|x|)$ at infinity for $n \geq 3$ was obtained by Ju and Bao [17].

The constants $\hat{c}$ and $\hat{d}$ in (1.1) and (1.2) play important roles in the existence and nonexistence of solutions to the exterior Dirichlet problem. Wang and Bao [18] studied the constants $\hat{c}$ and $\hat{d}$ among the radially symmetric solutions. They proved that, for $n \geq 3$, there exists a unique convex radial solution $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \hat{B}_1(0)) \cap C^0(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \hat{B}_1(0))$ satisfying

$$\det D^2 u = 1 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \hat{B}_1(0),$$  

(1.4)
\( u = \hat{a} \) on \( \partial B_1(0) \),

\[ u = \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 + \hat{c} + O(|x|^{-2}) \quad \text{as} \ |x| \to \infty, \] (1.5)

if and only if \( \hat{c} \geq C^* = \hat{a} - \frac{1}{4} + \int_1^\infty s((1-s^{-n}) \frac{3}{2} - 1) \, ds \); for \( n = 2 \), there exists a uniquely radial symmetric solution \( u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_1(0)) \) satisfying (1.4), (1.5), and

\[ u = \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 + \frac{\hat{d}}{2} \ln |x| + \hat{c} + O(|x|^{-2}) \quad \text{as} \ |x| \to \infty, \]

if and only if \( \hat{d} \geq -1 \) and \( \hat{c} = \hat{a} + \frac{\hat{d}}{4} + \frac{\hat{d}}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} [(1 + \hat{d})^{1/2} + \hat{d} \ln(1 + (1 + \hat{d})^{1/2})] \). Recently, Li and Lu [19] characterized the existence and nonexistence of solutions in terms of the asymptotic behavior to the exterior Dirichlet problem with the right-hand side being 1 or the perturbation of 1 at infinity for \( n \geq 3 \).

In this paper, we study the Monge–Ampère equation with the right-hand side being \( f_0(|x|) \) at infinity for \( n = 2 \). Because of the appearance of the logarithmic term, it seems more difficult than the case of \( n = 3 \). Assume that \( f \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^2) \). Let \( \beta > 2b > 0 \) and

\[ f(x) = f_0(|x|) + O(|x|^{-\beta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \] (1.6)

where \( f_0 \in C^0([0, +\infty)) \) is positive and radially symmetric in \( x \), and for some constant \( \alpha \),

\[ f_0(|x|) = O(|x|^{\alpha}), \quad |x| \to \infty. \] (1.7)

Suppose that

\[ \delta = \min \left\{-2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} + \beta, 2 + \frac{3}{2} \alpha\right\} > 0. \] (1.8)

Consider the Dirichlet problem outside a unit ball

\[ \det D^2 u = f \quad \text{in} \ \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_1(0), \] (1.9)
\[ u = b \quad \text{on} \ \partial B_1(0). \] (1.10)

Our first main result is the following.

**Theorem 1.1** Suppose that \( f \) satisfies (1.6) and \( f \) is radially symmetric, that is, \( f(x) = f(|x|) \). Let (1.8) hold. Then the exterior Dirichlet problem (1.9) and (1.10) has a unique convex radial solution \( u \in C^4(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_1) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \overline{B}_1) \) satisfying, as \( |x| \to \infty \),

\[ u(x) = \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2} \int_1^{|x|} \left( \int_0^{|x|} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^\frac{1}{2} \, ds + \int_1^{|x|} \left( \int_0^{|x|} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^\frac{1}{2} \, ds + \tilde{d} + O(|x|^{-\delta}) \] (1.11)

if and only if \( \tilde{\tau} \geq \tilde{\tau}_0 \) and \( \tilde{d} = h(\tilde{\tau}) \), where

\[ \tilde{\tau}_0 := \int_1^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt - \int_0^1 2tf_0(t) \, dt \] (1.12)
and

\[ h(\tilde{\tau}) = b - \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^t 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \]

\[ + \int_1^\infty \left( \int_0^t 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\tau} - \int_0^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_0^t 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] ds. \]

**Remark 1.2** Let \( F_0(x) \) denote the second term in (1.11), that is,

\[ F_0(x) = \int_0^{|x|} \left( \int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds, \]

then \( F_0 \) satisfies

\[ \det D^2 F_0 = f_0 \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}. \]

**Remark 1.3** For \( n \geq 3 \), the necessary and sufficient conditions of the existence of solutions with prescribed asymptotic behavior at infinity to (1.9) and (1.10) are obtained in the author’s another manuscript which is submitted.

If \( f \equiv 1 \), the solution can be integrated. But if \( f \) is general, the solution cannot be integrated directly. By extracting the corresponding quadratic polynomial and logarithmic term, we obtain the asymptotic behavior at infinity. Moreover, our approach is enough to establish the existence of solutions of the exterior Dirichlet problem. So, in the following, by constructing the sub- and super-solutions, we apply the Perron method to get the existence of solutions with prescribed asymptotic behavior at infinity to the exterior Dirichlet problem. First let us recall the definition of viscosity solutions, we can also refer to [8]. Let \( O \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \) be a domain, \( g \in C^0(O) \) be positive, and \( \Phi \in C^0(\partial O) \).

**Definition 1.4** ([8]) Suppose that \( u \in C^0(O) \) is locally convex. We say that \( u \) is a viscosity sub-solution (supersolution) of

\[ \det D^2 u = g \quad \text{in} \quad O \tag{1.13} \]

if, for any point \( \hat{x} \in O \) and any convex function \( \psi \in C^2(O) \), whenever

\[ u(x) - \psi(x) \leq (\geq) u(\hat{x}) - \psi(\hat{x}), \]

we must have

\[ \det D^2 \psi(\hat{x}) \geq (\leq) g(\hat{x}). \]

\( u \in C^0(O) \) is a viscosity solution of (1.13) if it is both a viscosity sub-solution and supersolution of (1.13).
Definition 1.5 ([8]) We say that \( u \in C^0(\Omega) \) is a viscosity subsolution (supersolution) of (1.13) with the boundary condition \( u = \Phi \) on \( \partial \Omega \) if \( u \) is a viscosity subsolution (supersolution) of (1.13), and \( u \leq (\geq) \Phi \) on \( \partial \Omega \).

Then \( u \in C^0(\Omega) \) is a viscosity solution of (1.13) with the boundary condition \( u = \Phi \) on \( \partial \Omega \) if it is a viscosity solution of (1.13) and \( u = \Phi \) on \( \partial \Omega \).

Then we consider the exterior Dirichlet problem

\[
\det D^2 u = f \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega, \tag{1.14}
\]
\[
u = \varphi \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega, \tag{1.15}
\]

where \( \Omega \) is a bounded domain in \( \mathbb{R}^2, f \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^2) \) and \( \varphi \in C^2(\partial \Omega) \). Note that here \( f \) is not necessarily radially symmetric.

Let \( f(|x|), \overline{f}(|x|) \) be two positive continuous functions in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) satisfying

\[
\overline{f}(|x|) \geq f(x) \geq f(|x|), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \tag{1.16}
\]

and

\[
\overline{f}(|x|) = f_0(|x|) + O(|x|^{-\beta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \quad \text{and} \quad f_0 \text{ is the same as (1.7).}
\]

The following is the second main result.

Theorem 1.6 Let \( \Omega \) be a strictly convex and bounded domain in \( \mathbb{R}^2, 0 \in \Omega, \partial \Omega \subset C^2, \) and \( \varphi \in C^2(\partial \Omega) \). Suppose that \( f \) satisfies (1.6) and (1.8) holds. Then, for any \( \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^2 \), there exists a constant \( \lambda^* = \lambda^*(b, \varphi, \lambda, \Omega, \alpha, \beta) \) such that, for any \( \lambda > \lambda^* \), there exists a unique viscosity solution \( u \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega) \) to the Dirichlet problem (1.14), (1.15) which satisfies

\[
O(|x|^{-\alpha}) \leq u(x) - \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \tilde{b} \cdot x + \tilde{d} \right) \leq \Lambda(\lambda) \cdot O(|x|^{-\alpha}), \quad |x| \to \infty,
\]

where

\[
m(x) = \int_{a_1}^{\lambda x} \left( \int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \, ds,
\]
\[
n(x) = \int_{a_1}^{\lambda x} \left( \int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \, ds,
\]

and \( a_1 := \min \{ a : \Omega \subset B_a \}, B_r = B_a(0) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| < a \}, \tilde{d} \) is a function of \( \lambda, \) and

\[
\Lambda(\lambda) = \operatorname{osc}_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \max_{\partial \Omega} \int_{|x|}^{a_1} \left( \int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt - \int_s^\infty 2tf_0(t) \, dt + \lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds
\]
\[
+ \int_{a_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda - \int_s^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda - \int_0^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \, ds. \tag{1.17}
\]
Remark 1.7 If $\Omega$ is a ball, $\varphi = \text{constant}$, and $f \equiv f_\lambda$, then $\Lambda(\lambda) = 0$.

Finally, we would like to mention the blow-up solutions and asymptotic behavior of fully nonlinear equations and Monge–Ampère equations. In [20], the existence, asymptotic boundary estimates, and uniqueness of large solutions to fully nonlinear equations were studied, and in [21], the sharp conditions and asymptotic behavior of boundary blow-up solutions to the Monge–Ampère equation were studied.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we prove Theorem 1.1. Theorem 1.6 is proved in Sect. 3.

2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

Proof of Theorem 1.1 Let $u(x) = u(r) = u(|x|)$ be the radial solution to (1.9). By a direct calculation, we have

$$\det D^2 u = u'' \frac{u'}{r} = f(r), \quad r > 1.$$ 

Hence

$$\left((u')^2\right)' = 2rf(r), \quad r > 1.$$ 

Then integrating the above equality from 1 to $r$ on both sides twice, we have

$$u(r) = u(1) + \int_1^r \left((u')^2 + \int_1^t 2tf'(t) dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds.$$ 

Let $\tau = (u'(1))^2$, and

$$\tilde{\tau} = \int_1^{\infty} 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt + \tau - \int_0^1 2tf_0(t) dt.$$ 

Then the exterior problem (1.9) and (1.10) has the radial solution

$$u(x) = b + \int_1^{|x|} \left(\tau + \int_1^t 2tf'(t) dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds.$$ 

(2.1)
It is clear that (2.1) is a radial solution of (1.9) and (1.10) which satisfies (1.11).

where

\[ \bar{\tau} \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} t f(t) \, dt \]

On the other hand, if \[ \bar{\tau} \geq \bar{\tau}_0 \], then

\[
-1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} tf_0(t) \, dt \right] + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} tf_0(t) \, dt \right] \, ds
\]

\[
= b + \int_{1}^{\infty} \left( \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{\tau} - \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf(t) - f_0(t) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \, ds
\]

\[
- \int_{1}^{\infty} \left( \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds + b
\]

\[
+ \int_{1}^{\infty} \left( \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{\tau} - \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf(t) - f_0(t) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \, ds
\]

\[
- \int_{1}^{\infty} \left( \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \geq \bar{\tau}_0.
\]

Then \( \bar{\tau} \geq \bar{\tau}_0 \), where \( \bar{\tau}_0 \) is the same as (1.12).

From (1.8), we know that \( \alpha + 2 > 0 \). Due to (1.6) and (1.7), we have

\[
\int_{|x|}^{\infty} \left( \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{\tau} - \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf(t) - f_0(t) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \, ds
\]

\[
- \int_{|x|}^{\infty} \left( \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds
\]

\[
= O(|x|^{-\frac{1}{2}+\delta}) + O(|x|^{-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{3}{4}})
\]

\[
= O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \quad (2.3)
\]

where \( \delta > 0 \) is the same as (1.8).

On the other hand, if \( \bar{\tau} \geq \bar{\tau}_0 \), then

\[
1 + \frac{\bar{\tau} - \int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf(t) - f_0(t) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{\infty} 2tf_0(t) \, dt} \geq 0.
\]

It is clear that (2.1) is a radial solution of (1.9) and (1.10) which satisfies (1.11).

If \( u_1 \) and \( u_2 \) all satisfy (1.9), (1.10), and (1.11), by the comparison principle, we know that \( u_1 \equiv u_2 \) and obtain the uniqueness. Then we complete the proof of Theorem 1.1. \( \square \)
Let
\[
\inf_{s\in[0,\infty)} \int_s^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt \geq \bar{\tau}_0 = \int_1^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt - \int_0^1 2tf_0(t) dt. \tag{2.4}
\]

Set
\[
g(\bar{\tau}, s) = \left(1 + \frac{\bar{\tau} - \int_s^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt}{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt}.
\]

Then
\[
\frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\tau}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt}{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt} \left[\left(1 + \frac{\bar{\tau} - \int_s^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt}{\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1\right].
\]

Since \(\bar{\tau} \geq \bar{\tau}_0\), by (1.6) and (1.7), the infinite integral \(\int_1^\infty (\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\tau}} ds\) is convergent uniformly for \(\bar{\tau}\). So, for \(h(\bar{\tau})\) in Theorem 1.1,
\[
h'(\bar{\tau}) = \int_1^\infty \left(\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{\tau}} ds.
\]

Let
\[
\bar{\tau}^* = \bar{\tau}^*(s) = \int_s^\infty 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt.
\]

By (2.4), then \(\bar{\tau}^* \geq \bar{\tau}_0\). So \(h(\bar{\tau})\) has the maximum in \(\bar{\tau} = \bar{\tau}^*\) and \(d = h(\bar{\tau}) \leq h(\bar{\tau}^*)\), where
\[
h(\bar{\tau}^*) = b - \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds - \int_1^\infty \frac{\int_0^s 2t(f(t) - f_0(t)) dt}{2(\int_0^s 2tf_0(t) dt)^{\frac{1}{2}}} ds.
\]

Hence we have the following Corollary 2.1.

**Corollary 2.1** Let (2.4) hold. Then the exterior Dirichlet problem (1.9) and (1.10) has a convex radial solution \(u \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_1) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_1)\) satisfying (1.11) if and only if \(\bar{\tau} \geq \bar{\tau}_0\) or \(d \leq h(\bar{\tau}^*)\).

If \(f = f_0 \equiv 1\), Theorem 1.1 corresponds to the results in [18]. In fact, by (2.2), we know that
\[
u(x) = \frac{\bar{\tau}}{2} \int_1^{[|x|]} \left(\int_0^s 2t dt\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds + \int_0^{[|x|]} \left(\int_0^s 2t dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds - \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^s 2t dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds
\]
\[
+ b + \int_1^\infty \left(\int_0^s 2t dt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\left(1 + \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\int_0^s 2tdt}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\int_0^s 2tdt}\right] ds
\]
\[
- \int_{[|x|]}^\infty \left(\int_0^s 2tdt\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\left(1 + \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\int_0^s 2tdt}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\int_0^s 2tdt}\right] ds
\]
\[
\tilde{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \ln |x| + \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 - \frac{1}{2} b + \int_1^{\infty} s \left( \frac{1 + \tilde{\tau}}{s^2} - 1 - \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2s^2} \right) ds
\]

Since
\[
\int s \left( \frac{1 + \tilde{\tau}}{s^2} - 1 - \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2s^2} \right) ds = \frac{1}{2} s \left( s^2 + \tilde{\tau} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2} \ln s + C \quad (C \text{ is any constant}),
\]
and
\[
\frac{1}{2} s \left( s^2 + \tilde{\tau} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} s^2 + \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{4} + O(s^{-2}), \quad s \to +\infty,
\]
then, as \( |x| \to \infty \),
\[
u(x) = \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2} \ln |x| + \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 + b + \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{4} + \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} (1 + \tilde{\tau})^{1/2}
\]
\[
- \frac{\tilde{\tau}}{2} \ln (1 + (1 + \tilde{\tau})^{1/2}) + O(|x|^{-2}), \quad (2.5)
\]
where \( \tilde{\tau} = \tau - 1 \). Then (2.5) corresponds to the results in [18]. In fact, in [18], \( f \equiv 1 \), (2.1) can be integrated, and then the asymptotic behavior is obtained. But here we cannot integrate (2.1), and so the asymptotic behavior is more complicated.

3 Proof of Theorem 1.6

**Proof of Theorem 1.6** By a translation, without loss of generality, we assume that \( \tilde{b} = 0 \). Let \( a_1 := \min(a : \Omega \subset B_a) \). Choose \( a_2 > a_1 \). Let
\[
C_0 = \max_{\partial B_2} f(x) > 0.
\]
By Lemma 3.1 in [13], for any \( \xi \in \partial \Omega \), there exists a function \( w_\xi(x) \) such that
\[
det D^2 w_\xi = C_0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2,
\]
and \( w_\xi(\xi) = \psi(\xi), \, w_\xi(x) < \psi(x) \) on \( \partial \Omega \setminus \{\xi\} \).

Set
\[
w(x) = \sup_{\xi \in \partial \Omega} w_\xi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2.
\]
Then, in the viscosity sense,
\[
det D^2 w \geq C_0 \geq f(x), \quad x \in B_{a_2},
\]
and
\[ w(x) = \varphi(x), \quad x \in \partial \Omega. \]  

(3.1)

For some constant \( \lambda_1 \geq 0 \), let
\[ u_{\lambda_1}(x) = \min_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \int_{a_1}^{x} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2\bar{f}(t) \, dt + \lambda_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \]

where \( \bar{f} \) is the same as (1.16). Then
\[ \det D^2 u_{\lambda_1} = \bar{f}(|x|), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}. \]

Furthermore, similar to (2.2), we have
\[ u_{\lambda_1}(x) = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1}{2} \int_{a_1}^{x} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds + \min_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \int_{a_1}^{x} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \]
\[ + \int_{a_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \int_{a_1}^{\infty} 2t\bar{f}(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \]
\[ - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right] \, ds \]
\[ - \int_{a_1}^{x} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \int_{a_1}^{\infty} 2t\bar{f}(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \]
\[ - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right] \, ds, \]

where
\[ \tilde{\lambda}_1 = \tilde{\lambda}_1(\lambda_1) = \int_{a_1}^{\infty} 2t(\bar{f}(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt + \lambda_1 - \int_{0}^{1} 2f_0(t) \, dt, \quad \lambda_1 \geq 0. \]

In addition, similar to (2.3),
\[ \int_{a_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \int_{a_1}^{\infty} 2t\bar{f}(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \]
\[ - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right] \, ds \]
\[ = O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \]

where \( \delta \) is the same as (1.8). Let
\[ \nu_1(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = \min_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \int_{a_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \int_{a_1}^{\infty} 2t\bar{f}(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \]
\[ - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1}{\int_{0}^{s} 2f_0(t) \, dt} \right] \, ds. \]  

(3.2)
As a result,
\[ u_{\lambda_1}(x) = \frac{\lambda_1}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \nu_1(\lambda_1) + O(|x|^{-1}), \quad |x| \to \infty. \]

Clearly,
\[ u_{\lambda_1} \leq \min_{\partial \Omega} \varphi \leq \varphi \text{ on } \partial \Omega. \quad (3.3) \]

We can choose \( \lambda_{1}^* > 0 \) fixed such that, for \( \lambda_1 > \lambda_1^* \),
\[ u_{\lambda_1} = \min_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \left( \int_{1}^{s} 2t f(t) \, dt + \lambda_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \]
\[ > w(x), \quad x \in \partial \Omega. \quad (3.4) \]

For \( \lambda_2 \geq 0 \), let
\[ u_{\lambda_2}(x) = \max_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \max_{|x|} \int_{0}^{s} \left( \int_{1}^{s} 2t f(t) \, dt + \lambda_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \]
\[ + \int_{a_1}^{|x|} \left( \int_{1}^{s} 2t f(t) \, dt + \lambda_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \]
where \( f \) is the same as (1.16). Then
\[ \det D^2 u_{\lambda_2} = f(|x|), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}. \]

Similar to (2.2), we get that
\[ u_{\lambda_2}(x) = \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \int_{a_1}^{|x|} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds + \int_{a_1}^{|x|} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \]
\[ + \max_{\partial \Omega} \varphi + \max_{|x|} \int_{a_1}^{s} \left( \int_{1}^{s} 2t f(t) \, dt + \lambda_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds \]
\[ + \int_{a_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_2 - \int_{0}^{s} 2t (f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \]
\[ - \left. 1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right] \, ds \]
\[ - \int_{a_1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_2 - \int_{0}^{s} 2t (f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt}{\int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \]
\[ - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{s} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right] \, ds, \]
where
\[ \tilde{\lambda}_2 = \tilde{\lambda}_2(\lambda_2) = \int_{1}^{\infty} 2t (f(t) - f_0(t)) \, dt + \lambda_2 - \int_{0}^{1} 2t f_0(t) \, dt, \quad \lambda_2 \geq 0, \]
and

\[
\int_{|x|}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\hat{\lambda}_2 - \int_0^{s_2} 2t f(t) - f_0(t) \, dt}{\int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\lambda}_2}{\int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt} \right] \, ds = O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty,
\]

where \( \delta \) is the same as \((1.8)\). Let

\[
v_2(\tilde{\lambda}_2) = \max_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_1} \varphi + \max_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_1} \left( \int_{|x|}^{s_1} 2t f(t) \, dt + \tilde{\lambda}_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds + \int_{|x|}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\hat{\lambda}_2 - \int_0^{s_2} 2t f(t) - f_0(t) \, dt}{\int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\lambda}_2}{\int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt} \right] \, ds.
\] (3.5)

As a result,

\[
\overline{u}_{\lambda_2}(x) = \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_2}{2} m(x) + n(x) + v_2(\tilde{\lambda}_2) + O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty.
\]

In addition,

\[
\overline{u}_{\lambda_2}(x) \geq \varphi + \int_{|x|}^{s_1} \left( \int_1^{s_2} 2t f(t) \, dt + \tilde{\lambda}_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds + \int_{|x|}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^{s_2} 2t f_0(t) \, dt + \tilde{\lambda}_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds = \varphi(x), \quad x \in \partial \Omega.
\] (3.6)

We can choose \( \lambda_2^* > 0 \) such that, for \( \lambda_2 > \lambda_2^* \),

\[
\overline{u}_{\lambda_2}(x) = \max_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_1} \varphi + \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \left( \int_1^{s_2} 2t f(t) \, dt + \tilde{\lambda}_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \, ds > w(x), \quad x \in \partial B_{a_2}.
\]

So, by the comparison principle, we can know that

\[
w \leq \overline{u}_{\lambda_2} \quad \text{in } B_{a_2} \setminus \Omega.
\] (3.7)

Choose \( \lambda^* > \max(\tilde{\lambda}_1(\lambda_1^*), \tilde{\lambda}_2(\lambda_2^*)) \) large. Then, for any \( \lambda > \lambda^* \), we can choose appropriate constants \( \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \) such that

\[
\tilde{\lambda}_1(\lambda_1) = \tilde{\lambda}_2(\lambda_2) = \lambda.
\]

And thus

\[
v_1(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = v_1(\lambda), \quad v_2(\tilde{\lambda}_2) = v_2(\lambda).
\]
Therefore
\[ u_{\lambda_1}(x) = \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \nu_1(\lambda) + O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \]
\[ \overline{u}_{\lambda_2}(x) = \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \nu_2(\lambda) + O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty. \]

Since \( \bar{f}(t) - f_0(t) \geq \underline{f}(t) - f_0(t) \), then by (3.2) and (3.5), we can deduce
\[ \nu_1(\lambda) \leq \nu_2(\lambda). \]

From the comparison principle, we have that
\[ u_{\lambda_1} \leq u_{\lambda_2} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega_1. \] (3.8)

Let \( \tilde{d} = \nu_1(\lambda) \), then
\[ u_{\lambda_1}(x) = \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \tilde{d} + O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \]
\[ \overline{u}_{\lambda_2}(x) = \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \tilde{d} + \nu_2(\lambda) - \tilde{d} + O(|x|^{-\delta}) 
\quad = \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \tilde{d} + \Lambda(\lambda) + O(|x|^{-\delta}), \quad |x| \to \infty, \] (3.10)

where \( \Lambda(\lambda) \) is the same as (1.17). Define
\[ u(x) = \begin{cases} 
\max\{w(x), u_{\lambda_1}(x)\}, & x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega_1, \\
u_{\lambda_1}(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B_{a_2}. 
\end{cases} \]

Then \( u \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega) \) satisfies
\[ \det D^2 u \geq f \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\Omega}, \]
and by (3.1) and (3.3),
\[ u = w = \phi \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega. \] (3.11)

By (3.7) and (3.8),
\[ u \leq \overline{u}_{\lambda_2} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega. \]

Let \( S_{\tilde{d}} \) denote the set of subsolutions \( \nu \) to the Dirichlet problem (1.14), (1.15) satisfying
\[ \nu(x) \leq \overline{u}_{\lambda_2}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega. \]

Then \( u \in S_{\tilde{d}} \). Define
\[ u(x) = \sup\{\nu(x) : \nu \in S_{\tilde{d}}\}. \]
So
\[ u(x) \leq u(x) \leq \overline{u}_{\omega_2}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega. \]

Thus, by (3.9) and (3.10), we know that
\[ O(|x|^{-d}) \leq u(x) - \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} m(x) + n(x) + \tilde{d} \right) \leq \Lambda(\lambda) + O(|x|^{-d}), \quad |x| \to \infty. \]

Moreover, \( u \) is a viscosity subsolution of (1.14). By (3.11), for any \( x_0 \in \partial \Omega \),
\[ \liminf_{x \to x_0} u(x) \geq \varphi(x_0). \quad (3.12) \]

On the other hand,
\[ \limsup_{x \to x_0} u(x) \leq \varphi(x_0). \]

Indeed, for some \( R > 0 \), let \( \Omega \subset B_R(0) \), we consider
\[
\begin{aligned}
\Delta v^+ &= 0 \quad \text{in } B_R(0) \setminus \overline{\Omega}, \\
v^+ &= \varphi \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega, \\
v^+ &= u \quad \text{on } \partial B_R(0).
\end{aligned}
\]

Then by the comparison principle for any \( v \in S_\varphi \), \( v \leq v^+ \) in \( B_R(0) \setminus \Omega \), so \( u \leq v^+ \) in \( B_R(0) \setminus \Omega \), and then
\[ \limsup_{x \to x_0} u(x) \leq v^+(x_0) = \varphi(x_0), \quad x_0 \in \partial \Omega. \]

Combining with (3.12), we deduce that
\[ u = \varphi \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega. \]

In the following, we prove that \( u \) is a viscosity solution of (1.14).
For any \( \hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \), choose \( B_\epsilon(\hat{x}) := \{ x : |x - \hat{x}| \leq \epsilon \} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \overline{\Omega} \). Consider the Dirichlet problem
\[
\begin{aligned}
\det D^2 \hat{u} &= f \quad \text{in } B_\epsilon(\hat{x}), \\
\hat{u} &= u \quad \text{on } \partial B_\epsilon(\hat{x}).
\end{aligned}
\]

By virtue of the comparison principle, we know
\[ u \leq \hat{u} \leq \overline{u}_{\omega_2} \quad \text{in } B_\epsilon(\hat{x}). \quad (3.13) \]

Let
\[
\hat{\omega}(x) = \begin{cases} 
\hat{u}(x) & \text{in } B_\epsilon(\hat{x}), \\
u(x) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (\Omega \cup B_\epsilon(\hat{x})).
\end{cases}
\]
Then \( \det D^2 \hat{w} \geq f \) in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \backslash \overline{\Omega} \) and \( \hat{w}(x) \leq \pi_2(x), \ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \backslash \Omega \). Therefore \( \hat{w} \in S_{\hat{\Delta}} \). And then \( u(x) \geq \hat{w}(x), \ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \backslash \Omega \). Especially,

\[
u(x) \geq \hat{u}(x) = \hat{u}(x), \quad x \in B(\hat{x}).
\]

So, by (3.13), we can get

\[
u(x) = \hat{u}(x), \quad x \in B(\hat{x}).
\]

Since \( \hat{x} \) is arbitrary, we know that \( \nu \) is a solution of (1.14).

The uniqueness can be obtained by the comparison principle for viscosity solutions. Theorem 1.6 is proved. \( \square \)

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