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Abstract. The Cauchy problem for parabolic equations with quadratic nonlinearity is studied. We investigate the existence of global-in-time solutions and their large-time behavior assuming some scaling property of the equation as well as of the norm of the Banach space in which the solutions are constructed.

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We study the Cauchy problem for the parabolic equation

$$u_t = \Delta u + \mathbf{B}(u, u)$$

supplemented by the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x).$$

Here $u = u(x, t)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $t \in [0, T)$ for some $T \in (0, \infty]$. We assume that the nonlinear term $\mathbf{B}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is defined by a bilinear form acting on $u(x, t)$ with respect to x only. This nonlinearity will also be assumed to satisfy a scaling property. To set it up, first given $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we define the rescaled function $f_\lambda(x) = f(\lambda x)$ for each $\lambda > 0$. We extend this definition for all $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ in the standard way.

Definition 1. The bilinear form $\mathbf{B}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is said to have the scaling order equal to $b \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$$\mathbf{B}(f_\lambda, g_\lambda) = \lambda^b \left(\mathbf{B}(f, g) \right)_\lambda$$

for any $\lambda > 0$ and all $f, g \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for which the both sides make sense.

Our main requirement is that *the bilinear form $\mathbf{B}(\cdot, \cdot)$ has the scaling order equal to $b < 2$.*

Now suppose we are able to construct local-in-time solutions in $C([0, T); E)$, where the Banach space E consists of tempered distributions. Assume, moreover, that the equation is invariant under some scaling transformations of the

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independent and dependent variables. We show that these two assumptions combined with a scaling property of $\|\cdot\|_E$ allow us to obtain global-in-time solutions for suitably small initial data. To get such results we introduce a new Banach space of distributions which, roughly speaking, is a homogeneous Besov type space modeled on E . This approach allows us to get solutions for initial data less regular than those from E . In this abstract setting, we also study large-time behavior of constructed solutions. We find a simple condition (in terms of decay properties of the heat semigroup) which guarantees that solutions have the same asymptotic behavior as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

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