## Isolated initial singularities for the viscous Hamilton-Jacobi equation

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Here, we study the nonnegative solutions with a possible singularity at the point (x, t) = (0, 0) of the viscous Hamilton-Jacobi equation:

$$u_t - \Delta u + |\nabla u|^q = 0$$

in  $Q_{\Omega,T} = \Omega \times (0,T)$ , where q > 1,  $T \in (0,\infty]$ , and  $\Omega$  is a smooth bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . We show that if  $q \ge q^* = \frac{N+2}{N+1}$ , then the singularity is removable. In the case,  $1 < q < q^*$ , we prove the existence and uniqueness of a very singular solution for the Dirichlet problem, and the Cauchy problem without assumption at the infinity. This leads to a complete description of singular solutions.