

Existence and Uniqueness Result for Boundary Value Problems Involving Capillarity Problems

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Abstract: In this paper, we study a nonlinear boundary value problem (bvp) which generalizes capillarity problem. An existence and uniqueness result is obtained using the knowledge of range for nonlinear operator. Ours extends the result in [12].

I. Introduction

A research on the existence and uniqueness result for certain nonlinear boundary value problems of capillarity problem has a close relationship with practical problems. Some significant work has been done on this, see Wei et al [1, 5, 2, 4, 3, 7, 10, 6]. In 1995, Wei and He [2] used a perturbation result of ranges for m -accretive mappings in Calvert and Gupta [1] to obtain a sufficient condition so that the zero boundary value problem, [1.1].

$$-\nabla_p u + g(x, u(x)) = f(x), a.e \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$-\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0, a.e \text{ in } \Gamma,$$

has solutions in $L^p(\Omega)$, where $2 \leq p < +\infty$. In 2008, as a summary of the work done in [5, 2, 4, 3, 7, 10, 6], Wei et al used some new technique to work for the following problem with so-called generalized p -Laplacian operator:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}[(c(x) + |\Delta u|^2)^{(p-2)/2} \Delta u] + \epsilon / |u|^{q-2} u + g(x, u(x)) &= f(x), a.e \text{ in } \Omega \\ -\nu(c(x) + |\Delta u|^2)^{\frac{(p-2)}{2}} \Delta u &\in \beta_x(u(x)), a.e \text{ in } \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq c(x) \in L^p(\Omega)$, ϵ is a non-negative constant and ν denotes the exterior normal derivatives of Γ . It was shown (7) that (1.2) has solutions in $L^p(\Omega)$ under some conditions where $2N/(N+1) < p \leq s < +\infty$, $1 \leq q < +\infty$ if $p \geq N$,

and $1 \leq q \leq N_p/(N-p)$ if $p < N$, for $N \geq 1$. In Chen and Luo [8], the authors studied the eigenvalue problem for the following generalized capillarity equations.

$$(1.3) \quad -\operatorname{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\Delta u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\Delta u|^{2p}}} \right) |\Delta u|^{(p-2)} \Delta u \right] = \lambda (|u|^{q-2} u + |u|^{r-2} u), \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$u = 0, a.e. \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

In their paper [10], Wei et al, borrowed the ideas dealing with the nonlinear elliptic boundary value problem with the generalized p -Laplacian operator to study the nonlinear generalized Capillarity equations with Neumann boundary conditions. They used the perturbation results of ranges for m -accretive mappings in [1] again to study.

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right] + \lambda (|u|^{q-2} u + |u|^{r-2} u) + g(x, u(x)) &= f(x), a.e. \text{ in } \Omega \\ -\left\langle \nu, \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right\rangle &\in \beta_x(u(x)), a.e \text{ on } \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

Motivated by [10, 12], we study the following boundary value problem:

$$(1.5) \quad -\operatorname{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right] + \lambda \left(|u|^{q_1-2} u + |u|^{q_2-2} u + \dots + |u|^{q_m-2} u \right) + g(x, u(x), \nabla u(x)) = f(x), \text{ a.e. in } \Omega$$

$$-\left\langle \nu \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right\rangle \in \beta_x(u(x)), \text{ a.e. in } \Gamma$$

This equation generalized the Capillarity problem considered in [10]. We replaced the nonlinear term $g(x, u(x))$ by the term $g(x, u(x), \nabla u(x))$ which is rather general. In this paper, we will use some perturbation results of the ranges for maximal monotone operators by Pascali and Shurlan [10] to prove that (1.5) has a unique solution in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ and later show that this unique solution is the zero of a suitably defined maximal monotone operator.

II. Preliminaries

We now list some basic knowledge we need. Let X be a real Banach space with a strictly convex dual space X^* . Using “ \hookrightarrow ” and “w-lim” to denote strong and weak convergence respectively. For any subset G of X , let $\operatorname{int}G$ denote its interior and \bar{G} its closure. Let “ $X \hookrightarrow Y$ ” denote that space X is embedded compactly in space Y and “ $X \hookrightarrow Y$ ” denote that space X is embedded continuously in space Y . A mapping, $T: D(T) = X \rightarrow X^*$ is said to be hemi continuous on X if $w\text{-}\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} T(x + ty) = Tx$, for any $x, y \in X$. Let J denote the duality mapping from X into 2^{X^*} , defined by

$$(2.1) \quad f(x) = f \in X^* : (x, f) = \|x\| \|f\|, \|f\| = \|x\|, x \in X$$

where (\dots) denotes the generalized duality pairing between X and X^* . Let $A: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ be a given multi-valued mapping. A is boundedly-inversely compact if for any pair of bounded subsets G and G' of X , the subset $G \cap A^{-1}(G')$ is relatively compact in X .

The mapping $A: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is said to be accretive if $((v_1 - v_2), J(u_1 - u_2)) \geq 0$, for any $u_i \in D(A)$ and $v_i \in Au_i; i = 1, 2$.

The accretive mapping A is said to be m -accretive if $R(1 + \mu A) = X$, for some $\mu > 0$.

Let $B: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ be a given multi-valued mapping, the graph of B , $G(B)$ is defined by $G(B) = \{(u, w) \mid u \in D(B), w \in Bu\}$. $B: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is said to be monotone [11] if $G(B)$ is a monotone subset of $X \times X^*$ in the sense that

$$(2.2) \quad (u_1 - u_2, w_1 - w_2) \geq 0, \text{ for any } [u_i, w_i] \in G(B); i = 1, 2.$$

The monotone operator B is said to be maximal monotone if $G(B)$ is maximal among all monotone subsets of $X \times X^*$ in the sense of inclusion the mapping B is said to be strictly monotone if the equality in (2.2) implies that $u_1 = u_2$. The mapping B is said to be coercive if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} ((x_n, x_n^*) / \|x_n\|) = +\infty \text{ for all } [x_n, x_n^*] \in G(B) \text{ such that } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_n\| = +\infty.$$

Definition 2.1. The duality mapping $J: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is said to be satisfying condition (1) if there exists a function $\eta: X \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ such that

$$(2.3) \quad \|Ju - Jv\| \leq \eta(u - v), \text{ for all } u, v \in X.$$

Definition 2.2. Let $A: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ be an accretive mapping and $J: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ be a duality mapping. We say that A satisfies condition (*) if, for any $f \in R(A)$ and $a \in D(A)$ and $a \in D(A)$, there exists a constant $C(a, f)$ such that

$$(2.4) \quad (v - f, J(u - a)) \geq C(a, f), \text{ for any } u \in D(A), v \in Au.$$

Lemma 2.3. (Li and Guo) Let Ω be a bounded conical domain in R^N . Then we have the following results;

- (1) If $mp > N$ then $W^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C_B(\Omega)$; if $mp < N$ and $q = Np / (N - mp)$, then $W^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^q(\Omega)$; if $mp = N$, and $p > 1$, then for $1 \leq q < +\infty$, $W^{m,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^q(\Omega)$

(2) If $mp > N$ then $W^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C_B(\Omega)$; if $0 < mp \leq N$ and $q_0 = Np/(N - mp)$, then $W^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^q(\Omega), 1 \leq q < q_0$;

Lemma 2.4. (Pascali and Sburlan [11]) if $B: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is an everywhere defined, monotone and hemi continuous operator, then B is maximal monotone.

Lemma 2.5. (Pascali and Sburlan [11]) if $B: X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$ is maximal monotone and coercive, then $R(B) = X^*$

Lemma 2.6. (Pascali and Sburlan [11]) if $\Phi: X \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ is a proper, convex and lower semi continuous function, then $\partial\Phi$ is maximal monotone from X to X^* .

Lemma 2.7. [11]. If B_1 and B_2 are two maximal monotone operators in X such that $(\text{int } D(B_1)) \cap D(B_2) \neq \emptyset$, then $B_1 + B_2$ is maximal monotone.

Lemma 2.8. (Calvert and Gupta [1]). Let $X = L^p(\Omega)$ and Ω be a bounded in \mathbb{R}^N . For $2 \leq p < +\infty$, the duality mapping $J_p: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{p'}(\Omega)$ defined by $J_p u = |u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u$, for $u \in L^p(\Omega)$, satisfies condition (2.4); for $2N/(N + 1) < p \leq 2$ and $N \geq 1$, the duality mapping $J_p: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{p'}(\Omega)$ defined by $J_p u = |u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u$, for $u \in L^p(\Omega)$, satisfies condition (2.4), where $(1/p) + (1/p') = 1$

III. Main Result

3.1 Notations and Assumptions of (1.5). We assume in this paper, that $2N/(N + 1) < p < +\infty, 1 \leq q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m < +\infty$ if $p \geq N$, and $1 \leq q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m \leq Np/(N - p)$ if $p < N$, where $N \geq 1$. We use $\|\cdot\|_{p'}, \|\cdot\|_{q_1}, \|\cdot\|_{q_2}, \dots, \|\cdot\|_{q_m}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{1,p,\Omega}$ to denote the norms in $L^p(\Omega), L^{q_1}(\Omega), L^{q_2}(\Omega), \dots, L^{q_m}(\Omega)$ and $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ respectively. Let $(1/p) + (1/p') = 1, (1/q_1) + (1/q_1') = 1, (1/q_2) + (1/q_2') = 1, \dots, (1/q_m) + (1/q_m') = 1$

In (1.5), Ω is a bounded conical domain of a Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^N with its boundary $\Gamma \in C^1$, (c.f. [4]).

Let $|\cdot|$ denote the Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^N , $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ the Euclidean inner-product and ν the exterior normal derivative of Γ . λ is a nonnegative constant.

Lemma 3.1 Defining the mapping $B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}: W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow (W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u) &= \int_{\Omega} \left\langle \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u, \nabla u \right\rangle dx \\ &+ \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{q_1-2} u(x) \nu(x) dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{q_2-2} u(x) \nu(x) dx \\ &+ \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^{q_m-2} u(x) \nu(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

for any $u, \nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$. Then B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} is everywhere defined, strictly monotone, hemi continuous and coercive.

The proof of the above lemma will be done in four steps.

Proof. Step 1: B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} is everywhere defined.

From lemma 2.3, we know that $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C_B(\Omega)$, when $p > N$. Also, $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q_1}(\Omega), W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q_2}(\Omega), \dots, W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{q_m}(\Omega)$, when $p \leq N$.

Thus, for all $u, \nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega), \|\nu\|_{q_1} \leq k_1 \|\nu\|_{1,p,\Omega}, \|\nu\|_{q_2} \leq k_2 \|\nu\|_{1,p,\Omega}, \dots, \|\nu\|_{q_m} \leq k_m \|\nu\|_{1,p,\Omega}$

where k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m are positive constants.

For $u, \nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, we have

$$\left| (\nu, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u) \right| \leq 2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p-1} |\nabla \nu| dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mu|^{q_1-1} |\nu| dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mu|^{q_2-1} |\nu| dx + \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\mu|^{q_m-1} |\nu| dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2\|\nabla u\|_p^{p/p'}\|\nabla v\|_p + \lambda\|v\|_{q_1}\|u\|_{q_1}^{q_1/q_1'} + \lambda\|v\|_{q_2}\|u\|_{q_2}^{q_2/q_2'} + \dots + \lambda\|v\|_{q_m}\|u\|_{q_m}^{q_m/q_m'} \\ &\leq 2\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}^{p/p'}\|v\|_{1,p,\Omega} + k'_1\lambda\|v\|_{1,p,\Omega}\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}^{q_1/q_1'} + k'_2\lambda\|v\|_{1,p,\Omega}\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}^{q_2/q_2'} \\ &\quad + \dots + k'_m\lambda\|v\|_{1,p,\Omega}\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}^{q_m/q_m'} \end{aligned}$$

Where k'_1, k'_2, \dots, k'_m are positive constants. Thus $B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m}$ is everywhere defined.

Step 2: $B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m}$ is strictly monotone

For $u, v \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|(u - v, B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m} u - B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m} v)| \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left\langle \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u - \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla v|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla v|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla v|^{p-2} \nabla v, \nabla u - \nabla v \right\rangle dx \\ &+ \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_1-2} u - |v|^{q_1-2} v)(u-v) dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_2-2} u - |v|^{q_2-2} v)(u-v) dx \\ &+ \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_m-2} u - |v|^{q_m-2} v)(u-v) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla u|^p - \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \nabla u \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \nabla v + \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla v|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla v|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla v|^p \right\} dx \\ &+ \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_m-2} u - |v|^{q_m-2} v)(u-v) dx \\ &\geq \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla u|^{p-1} - \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla v|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla v|^{2p}}}\right) |\nabla v|^{p-1} \right\} (|\nabla u| - |\nabla v|) dx \\ &+ \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_1-1} - |v|^{q_1-1})(|u| - |v|) dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_2-1} - |v|^{q_2-1})(|u| - |v|) dx \\ &+ \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} (|u|^{q_m-1} - |v|^{q_m-1})(|u| - |v|) dx \end{aligned}$$

If we let $h(t) = \left(1 + \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}\right) t^{(p-1)/p}$, for $t \geq 0$. Then

$$(3.1) \quad h'(t) = \frac{t^{(p-1)/p}}{(1+t^2)^{3/2}} + t^{-(1/p)} \left(1 + \frac{t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}\right) \frac{p-1}{p} \geq 0,$$

Since $t \geq 0$. And, $h'(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$. Then $h(t)$ is strictly monotone. Thus we can say that

$B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m}$ is strictly monotone

Step 3: $B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m}$ is hemi continuous

Need to show here that, for any

$$u, v, w \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \text{ and } t \in [0, 1], (w, B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m}(u + tv) - B_{p, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m} u) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

By Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |(w, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}(u + t\nu) - B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u)| \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |(w, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}(u + t\nu) - B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u)| \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u + t\nabla \nu|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u + t\nabla \nu|^{2p}}} \right)^p |\nabla u + t\nabla \nu|^{p-2} (\nabla u - t\nabla \nu) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right)^p |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \right) | \nabla w| dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |u + t\nu|^{q_1} \\
 &\quad + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} |u + t\nu|^{q_2-2} (u + t\nu) - |u|^{q_2-2} |w| dx + \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} is hemi continuous

Step 4: B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} is coercive

For $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, Lemma 2.4 implies that $\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega} \rightarrow \infty$ is equivalent to

$\|u - (1/\text{meas}(\Omega)) \int_{\Omega} u dx\|_{1,p,\Omega} \rightarrow \infty$ and hence we have the following result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(u, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u)}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} &= \frac{\int_{\Omega} \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u|^p dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} + \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_1} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} \\
 &\quad + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_2} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} + \dots + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_m} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} \\
 &= \frac{\int_{\Omega} \left(|\nabla u|^p + \sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}} \right) dx - \int_{\Omega} \left(\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}} \right) dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} \\
 &\quad + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_1} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_2} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} + \dots + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_m} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} \\
 &\geq \frac{2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx - \int_{\Omega} \left(1/\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u|^{2p}} \right) dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_1} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} \\
 &\quad + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_2} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} + \dots + \lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_m} dx}{\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}} \rightarrow +\infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

as $\|u\|_{1,p,\Omega} \rightarrow +\infty$, which implies that B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} is coercive

This completes the proof.

Definition 3.2. Define a mapping $A_p: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow 2^{L^p(\Omega)}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(A_p) &= \{u \in L^p(\Omega) \mid \text{there exist an } f \in L^p(\Omega), \text{ such that } f \in B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u + \partial\Phi_p(u)\} \\
 &\quad \text{for } u \in D(A_p), \text{ let } A_p u = \{f \in L^p(\Omega), \text{ such that } f \in B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u + \partial\Phi_p(u)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3.3.: The mapping

$A_p: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow 2^{L^p(\Omega)}$ is m -accretive.

Proof. (1) A_p is accretive

(a) Case 1:

If $p \geq 2$, the duality mapping $J_p: L^p(\Omega)$ is defined by $J_p u = |u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u$ for

$u \in L^p(\Omega)$. It then suffices to prove that for any $u_i \in D(A_p)$ and $v_i \in A_p u_i, i = 1, 2$,

$$(v_1 - v_2, J_p(u_1 - u_2)) \geq 0$$

To do this, we are left to prove that both

$$\left(|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p}, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_1 - B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_2 \right) \geq 0,$$

$$\left(|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p}, \partial\Phi_p(u_1) - \partial\Phi_p(u_2) \right) \geq 0,$$

are available.

Now, take for a constant $k > 0$, $X_k: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $X_k(t) = |t| \wedge k \vee (-k)^{p-1} \text{sgn } t$ | Then X_k is monotone, Lipschitz with $X_k(0) = 0$ and X_k is continuous except at finitely many points on \mathbb{R} .

This gives that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p}, \partial\Phi_p(u_1) - \partial\Phi_p(u_2) \right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \left(|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p} (X_k(u_1 - u_2), \partial\Phi_p(u_1) - \partial\Phi_p(u_2)) \right) \\ &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$G = \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\Omega} \left\langle \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u_1|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u_1|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u_1|^{p-2} \nabla u_1 - \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u_2|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u_2|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u_2|^{p-2} \nabla u_2, \nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2 \right\rangle \\ & \times X'_k(u_1 - u_2) dx + \lambda \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p} \int_{\Omega} \left(|u_1|^{q_1-2} u_1 - |u_2|^{q_1-2} u_2 \right) |u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) dx \\ & + \lambda \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p} \int_{\Omega} \left(|u_1|^{q_2-2} u_1 - |u_2|^{q_2-2} u_2 \right) |u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) dx \\ & + \dots + \lambda \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p} \int_{\Omega} \left(|u_1|^{q_m-2} u_1 - |u_2|^{q_m-2} u_2 \right) |u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) dx \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G = \left(|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \text{sgn}(u_1 - u_2) \|u_1 - u_2\|_p^{2-p}, B_{p,q_1,q_1,\dots,q_m} u_1 - B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_2 \right)$$

The last inequality is available since X_k is monotone and $X_k(0) = 0$

(b) Case 2

If $2N/(N+1) < p < 2$, the duality mapping $J_p: L_p(\Omega) \rightarrow L_{p'}(\Omega)$ is defined by

$$J_p(u) = |u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u,$$

for $u \in L^p(\Omega)$. It then suffices to prove that for any $u_i \in D(A_p)$ and $v_i \in A_p u_i, i = 1, 2$

$$(v_1 - v_2, J_p(u_1 - u_2)) \geq 0$$

To do this, we define the function $X_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$(3.2) \quad X_n(t) = \begin{cases} |t|^{p-1} \text{sgn } t, & \text{if } |t| \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{p-2} t, & \text{if } |t| \leq \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$$

Then X_n is monotone, Lipschitz with $X_n(0) = 0$ and X'_n is continuous except at finitely many points on R . So $(X_n(u_1 - u_2), \partial\Phi_p(u_1) - \partial\Phi_p(u_2)) \geq 0$.

Then, for $u_i \in D(A_p)$ and $v_i \in A_p u_{i,i} = 1, 2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (v_1 - v_2, J_p(u_1 - u_2)) &= (|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \operatorname{sgn}(u_1 - u_2), B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_1 - B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_2) \\ &\quad + (|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \operatorname{sgn}(u_1 - u_2), \partial\Phi_p(u_1) - \partial\Phi_p(u_2)) \\ &= (|u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} \operatorname{sgn}(u_1 - u_2), B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_1 - B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u_2) \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n(u_1 - u_2), \partial\Phi_p(u_1) - \partial\Phi_p(u_2)) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2 $R(I + \mu A_p) = L^p(\Omega)$, for every $\mu > 0$.

We first define mapping $l_p : W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow (W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*$ by $l_p u = u$ and $(v, I_p u)_{(W^{1,p}(\Omega))^* \times (W^{1,p}(\Omega) - (v,u)v(\Omega))} = (v, u)$ for $u, v \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^p(\Omega)}$ denotes the inner product of $L^p(\Omega)$. The l_p is maximal monotone [7].

Secondly, for any $\mu > 0$, let the mapping $T_\mu : W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow 2^{(W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*}$ be defined by

$$T_\mu u = I_p u + \mu B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u \mu \partial\Phi_p(u),$$

for $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$. Then similar to that in [7], by lemmas 2.4, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.5 we see that T_μ is maximal monotone and coercive, so that $R(T_\mu) = (W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*$, for any $\mu > 0$

Therefore, for any $f \in L^p(\Omega)$, there exists $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, such that

$$(3.3) \quad f = T_\mu u = u + \mu B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u \mu \partial\Phi_p(u)$$

From the definition of A_p , it follows that $R(I + \mu A_p) = L^p(\Omega)$, for all $\mu > 0$. This completes the proof.

Lemma 3.4. The mapping $A_p : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow 2L^p(\Omega)$, has a compact resolvent for $2N/(N + 1) < p < 2$ and $N \geq 1$.

Proof. Since A_p is m -accretive, we need to show that if $u + \mu A_p u = f$ ($\mu > 0$) and if $\{f\}$ is bounded in $L^p(\Omega)$, then $\{u\}$ is relatively compact in $L^p(\Omega)$. Now defined functions $X_n, \zeta_n : R \rightarrow R$ by

$$X_n(t) = \begin{cases} |t|^{p-1} \operatorname{sgn} t, & \text{if } |t| \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{p-2} t, & \text{if } |t| \leq \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$$

$$\zeta_n(t) = \begin{cases} |t|^{2-(2/p)} \operatorname{sgn} t, & \text{if } |t| \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1-(2/p)} t, & \text{if } |t| \leq \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$$

Noticing that $X'_n(t) = (p-1) \times (p'/2)^p \times (\zeta'_n(t))^p$, for $|t| \geq 1/n$, where $(1/p) + 1/p' = 1$ and $X_n(t) = (\zeta_n(t))^p$, for $|t| \leq 1/n$. We know that $(X_n(u), \partial\Phi_p(u)) \geq 0$ for $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ since X_n is monotone, Lipschitz with $X_n(0) = 0$ and X'_n is continuous except at finitely many points on R .

$$\begin{aligned} (|u|^{p-1} \operatorname{sgn} u, A_p u) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n(u), A_p u) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n(u), B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|}^{2p}} \right) |\nabla u|^p X'_n(u) dx + \lambda_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_1-2} u X_n(u) dx \\ &\quad + \lambda_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_2-2} u X_n(u) dx + \dots + \lambda_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_m-2} u X_n(u) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\omega} |\nabla u|^p X'n(u) dx \\ &\geq \text{const.} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad}(\zeta(u))|^p dx \\ &\geq \text{const.} \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad}(|u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{sgn } u)|^p dx \end{aligned}$$

From $f = u + \mu A_p u$, we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_p \left\| |u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{Sgn } u \right\|_{p^{2/2(p-1)}'} &\geq (|u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u, f) = (|u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u, u) + \mu (|u|^{p-1} \text{sgn } u, A_p u) \\ &\geq \left\| |u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{Sgn } u \right\|_{p^{2/2(p-1)}'}^{p^{2/2(p-1)'}} + \mu \cdot \text{const.} \left\| |\text{grad} |u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{Sgn } u \right\|_p^p \end{aligned}$$

Which gives that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| |u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{Sgn } u \right\|_p^{p^{2/2(p-1)}} &\leq \left\| |u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{Sgn } u \right\|_{p^{2/2(p-1)}'}^{p^{2/2(p-1)'}} \|f\|_p \\ &\leq \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

in view of the fact that $p < \frac{p^2}{2(p-1)}$ when $2N(N+1) < p < 2$ for $N \geq 1$. Again we have that,

$$\left\| |\text{grad}(|u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{sgn } u)| \right\|_p \leq \text{const.}$$

Hence, $\{f\}$ bounded in $L^p(\Omega)$ implies that $\{|u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{sgn } u\}$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$

We notice that $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{p^2/2(p-1)}(\Omega)$ when $N \geq 2$ and $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C_B(\Omega)$ when $N = 1$ by lemma (3.1), therefore $\{|u|^{2-(2/p)} \text{sgn } u\}$ is relatively compact in $L^{p^2/2(p-1)}(\Omega)$. This gives that $\{u\}$ is relatively compact in $L^p(\Omega)$ since the Nemytskii mapping $u \in L^{p^2/2(p-1)}(\Omega) \rightarrow |u|^{p^{2/2(p-1)}} \text{sgn } u \in L^p(\Omega)$ is continuous.

This completes the proof.

Remark 3.5. Since $\Phi_p(u+a) = \Phi_p(u)$, for any $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ and $\alpha \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, we have $f \in A_p u$ implies that $f = B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}$ in the sense of distributions.

Proposition 3.6. For $f \in L^p(\Omega)$, if there exists $u \in L^p(\Omega)$ such that $f \in A_p u$, then u is the unique solution of (1.7).

Proof. First we show that

$$- \text{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right] + \lambda (|u|^{q_1-2} u + |u|^{q_2-2} u + \dots + |u|^{q_m-2} u) = f(x), \text{ a.e. } x \text{ in } \Omega \quad \text{is}$$

available.

$f \in A_p u$ implies that $f = B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u + \partial \Phi_p(u)$. For all $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, by remark (3.12), we have;

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi, f) &= (\varphi, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u + \partial \Phi_p(u)) \\ &= (\varphi, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u) = \int_{\Omega} \left\langle \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u|^{(p-2)} \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \right\rangle dx \\ &\quad + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_1-2} u \varphi dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_2-2} u \varphi dx + \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_m-2} u \varphi dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\Omega} -\operatorname{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right] \varphi dx \\
 &+ \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_1-2} u \varphi dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_2-2} u \varphi dx + \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q_m-2} u \varphi dx
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that (3.25) is true.

Secondly, we show that

$$(3.4) \quad - \left\langle \nu, \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u, \right\rangle \in \beta_x(u(x)), \text{ a.e } x \in \Gamma$$

This will be proved under the condition that $|\beta_x(u)| \leq a|u|^{p'/p'} + b(x)$, where $b(x) \in L^p(\Gamma)$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

From (3.25), $f \in A_p u$ implies that

$$f(x) = -\operatorname{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right] + \lambda |u|^{q_1-2} u + \lambda |u|^{q_2-2} u + \dots + \lambda |u|^{q_m-2} u \in L^p(\Omega).$$

Using Green's Formula, we have that for any $\nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Gamma} \left\langle \nu, \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u, \right\rangle \nu|_{\Gamma} d\Gamma(x) \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \left[\left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u \right] \nu d(x) \\
 &+ \int_{\Omega} \left\langle \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u, \nabla \nu \right\rangle d(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$- \left\langle \nu, \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u, \right\rangle \in W^{(1/p)'}(\Gamma) = (W^{1/p,p}(\Gamma))^*,$$

where $W^{1/p,p}(\Gamma)$ is the space of traces of $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$. Let the mapping $B : L^p(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^p(\Gamma)$ be defined by $Bu = g(x)$, for any $u \in L^p(\Gamma)$, where $g(x) = \beta_x(u(x))$ a.e. on Γ . Clearly, $B = \partial\psi$ where

$$\psi(u) = \int_{\Gamma} \varphi_x(u(x)) d\Gamma(x)$$

is a proper, convex and lower-semi continuous function on $L^p(\Gamma)$

Now define the mapping $K: W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Gamma)$ by

$$K(\nu) = \nu/\Gamma \text{ for any } \nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

Then

$$K^*BK : W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow (W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*$$

is maximal monotone since both K, B are continuous. Finally, for any $u, \nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, we have

$$\psi(K\nu) - \psi(Ku) = \int_{\Gamma} [\varphi_x(\nu/\Gamma(x)) - \varphi_x(u/\Gamma(x))] d\Gamma(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \int_{\Gamma} \beta_x(u|\Gamma(x)(\nu|\Gamma(x))-u|\Gamma(x))d\Gamma(x) \\ &= (BKu, K\nu - Ku) = (K^*BKu, \nu - u). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get that $K^*BK \subset \partial\Phi_p$ and so $K^*BK = \partial\Phi_p$. Therefore, we have that

$$-\left\langle \nu \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\sqrt{1+|\nabla u|^{2p}}} \right) \|\nabla u\|^{(p-2)} \nabla u, \right\rangle \in \beta_x(u(x)), \text{ a.e } \Gamma$$

Next we show that u is unique.

If $f \in A_p u$ and $f \in A_p \nu$, where $u, \nu \in D(A_p)$ then

$$(3.5) \quad 0 \leq (u - \nu, B_{p,q1,q2,\dots,qm} u - B_{p,q1,q2,\dots,qm} \nu)$$

$$(3.6) \quad = (u - \nu, \partial\Phi_p(\nu) - \partial\Phi_p(u)) \leq 0$$

$B_{p,q1,q2,\dots,qm}$ being strictly monotone and $\partial\Phi_p$ maximal monotone, implies that $u(x) = \nu(x)$. This completes the proof.

Remark 3.7. If $B_x = 0$ for any $x \in \Gamma$ then $\partial\Phi_p(u) \equiv 0$, for all $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$.

Proposition 3.8. If $B_x \equiv 0$ for any $x \in \Gamma$ then $\{f \in L^p(\Omega) \mid \int_{\Omega} f dx = 0\} \subset R(A_p)$.

Proof. In view of lemmas 2.4, 2.5 and 3.1 we note that $R(B_{p,q1,q2,\dots,qm}) = (W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*$. Note also that for any

$f \in L^p(\omega)$ with $\int_{\Omega} f dx = 0$, the linear function $u \in W^{1,p}(\omega) \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f u dx$ is an element of $(W^{1,p}(\Omega))^*$.

So there exists a $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ such that

$$+ \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q1-2} u dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{q2-2} u dx + \dots + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |u|^{qm-2} u dx$$

for any $\nu \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$. Therefore, $f = A_p u$ in view of Remark 3.12. This completes the proof.

Definition 3.9. (see [1, 7]). For $t \in R_t, x \in \Gamma$, let $B_x^0(t) \in B_x(t)$ be the element with least absolute value if $\beta_x(t) \neq 0$ and $\beta_x^0(t) = \pm\infty$, where $t > 0$ or $t < 0$ respectively, in case $B_x(t) = \emptyset$. finally, let $\beta_x(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \beta_x^0(t)$ (in the extended sense) for $x \in \Gamma$. $\beta_x(t)$ define measurable functions on Γ , in view of our assumptions on β_x .

Proposition 3.10. Let $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ such that

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{\Gamma} \beta_{-(x)} d\Gamma(x) < \int_{\Omega} f dx < \int_{\Omega} \beta_{+(x)} d\Gamma(x)$$

Then $f \in \text{Int}R(A_p)$

Proof. Let $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ and satisfy (3.31), by proposition 3.5, there exists $u_n \in L^p(\Omega)$ such that, for each $n \geq 1, f = (1/\nu)u_n + A_p u_n$. In the same reason as that in [1], we only need to prove that $\|u_n\|_p < \text{const}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Indeed suppose to the contrary that $1 \leq \|u_n\|_p \rightarrow \infty$. Let $\nu_n = \frac{u_n}{\|u_n\|_p}$. Let $\psi : R \rightarrow R$ be defined

by $\psi(t) = |t| = |t|^p, \partial\psi : R \rightarrow R$ be its sub differential and for $\mu > 0, \partial\psi_{\mu} : R \rightarrow R$ denote the Yosida approximation of $\partial\psi$. Let $\theta_{\mu} : R \rightarrow R$ denote the indefinite integral of $[(\partial\psi\mu)]^{1/p}$ with $\theta_{\mu}(0) = 0$ so that $(\theta'_{\mu})^p = (\partial\psi_{\mu})$. In view of [1] we have

$$(3.8) \quad (\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), \partial\Phi(u_n)) \geq \int_\Gamma \beta_x \left((1 + \mu\partial\psi)^{-1}(u_n / \Gamma(x)) \right) x \partial\psi_\mu(v_n / \Gamma(x)) d\Gamma(x) \geq 0.$$

Now multiplying the equation $f = (1/n)u_n + A_p u_n$ by $\partial\psi_\mu(u_n)$, we get that

$$(3.9) \quad (\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), f) = \left(\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), \frac{1}{n}u_n \right) + (\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u_n) + (\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), \partial\phi_p(\mu_n)).$$

Since $\partial\psi_\mu(0) = 0$, it follows that $(\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), u_n) \geq 0$. Also we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m}u_n) \\ &= \int_\Omega \left\langle \left(1 + \frac{|\nabla u_n|^p}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla u_n|^{2p}}} \right) |\nabla u_n|^{(p-2)} \nabla u_n, \nabla v_n \right\rangle (\partial\psi_\mu)'(v_n) dx \\ & \quad + \lambda \int_\Omega |u_n|^{q_1-2} \partial\psi_\mu(v_n) dx + \lambda \int_\Omega |u_n|^{q_2-2} \partial\psi_\mu(v_n) dx \\ & \quad + \dots + \lambda \int_\Omega |u_n|^{q_m-2} \partial\psi_\mu(v_n) dx \geq \int_\Omega \frac{|\nabla u|^p}{\|u_n\|_p} (\partial\psi_\mu)'(v_n) dx \\ &= \|u_n\|_p^{p-1} \int_\Omega |grad(\theta_\mu(v_n))|^p dx \end{aligned}$$

Then we get from (3.33) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_n\|_p^{p-1} \int_\Omega |grad(\theta_\mu(v_n))|^p dx + \int_\Gamma \beta_x \left((1 + \mu\partial\psi)^{-1}(u_n / \Gamma(x)) \right) x \partial\psi_\mu(v_n / \Gamma(x)) d\Gamma(x) \\ & \leq (\partial\psi_\mu(v_n), f) \end{aligned}$$

since $|\partial\psi_\mu(t)| \leq |\partial\psi(t)|$ for any $t \in \mathfrak{R}$ and $\mu > 0$, we see from $\|v_n\|_p = 1$, that $\|\partial\psi_\mu(v_n)\|_p \leq c$ for

$\mu > 0$ where c is a constant which does not depend on n or μ and $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{p'}\right) = 1$. From (3.36), we have that

$$(3.10) \quad \int_\Omega |grad(\theta_\mu(v_n))|^p dx \leq \frac{c}{\|u_n\|_p^{p-1}}$$

for $\mu > 0, n \geq 1$. Now, we know that $(\theta'_\mu)^p = (\partial\psi_\mu)^p \rightarrow (\partial\psi)^p$, as $\mu \rightarrow 0$ a.e. on \mathfrak{R} . Letting $\mu \rightarrow 0$ we see from Fatou's lemma and (3.37) that

$$(3.11) \quad \int_\Omega \left| grad \left(|v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \text{sgn } v_n \right) \right|^p dx \leq \frac{c}{\|u_n\|_p^{p-1}}$$

From (3.38), we know that $|v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \text{sgn } v_n \rightarrow k$ (a constant) in $L^p(\Omega)$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

Next, we show that $k \neq 0$ is in $L^p(\Omega)$ from two aspects:

(1) If $p \geq 2$, since

$$\left\| |v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \text{sgn } v_n \right\|_p^p = \|v_n\|_{2p-2}^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \geq \|v_n\|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} = 1$$

it follows that $k \neq 0$ in $L^p(\Omega)$

(2) If

$$2N/(N+1) < p < 2, \left\| |v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n \right\|_p = \|v_n\|_{2p-2}^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \geq \|v_n\|_p^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} = 1$$

Then $\left(|v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n \right)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$. By lemma (1.3) $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C_B(\Omega)$ when $N = 1$ and

$W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^{p^{2/2(p-1)}}(\Omega)$ when $N \geq 2$. So $\left(|v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n \right)$ is relatively compact in $L^{p^{2/2(p-1)}}(\Omega)$.

Then there exists a subsequence of $\left(|v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n \right)$, satisfying

$\left(|v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n \right) \rightarrow g$ in $L^{p^{2/2(p-1)}}(\Omega)$. Noticing that $p \leq p^2/2(p-1)$ when $2N/(N+1) < p < 2$, it

follows that $k = g$ almost everywhere on Ω .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|v_n\|_p^p = \int_{\Omega} \left| |v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n \right|^{p^{2/2(p-1)} dx} \\ &\leq \operatorname{const} \int_{\Omega} \left| |v_n|^{2-\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)} \operatorname{sgn} v_n - g \right|^{p^{2/2(p-1)} dx} \\ &\quad + \operatorname{const} \|g\|_{p^{2/2(p-1)}}^{p^{2/2(p-1)}} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $g \neq 0$ in $L^p(\Omega)$ and then $k \neq 0$ in $L^p(\Omega)$. Assume, now, $k > 0$, we see from (3.36) that

$$\int_{\Gamma} \beta_x \left((1 + \mu \partial \psi)^{-1} (u_n / \Gamma(x)) \times \partial \psi_{\mu} (v_n | \Gamma(x)) \right) d\Gamma(x) \leq (\partial \psi_{\mu})(v_n), f$$

Choosing a subsequence so that $u_n / \Gamma(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ a.e. on Γ , we see letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$ so that

$$\int_{\Gamma} B(x) d\Gamma(x) \leq \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx \text{ which is a contradiction.}$$

Thus $f \in \operatorname{int} R(A_p)$.

This completes the proof.

Proposition 3.11. $A_p + B_1: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega)$ is m -accretive and has a compact resolvent.

Proof. Using a theorem in Corduneanu, we know that $A_p + B_1: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega)$ is m -accretive. To show that

$A_p + B_1: L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega)$ has a compact resolvent, we only need to prove that if $w \in A_p u + B_1 u$ with (w) being bounded in $L^p(\Omega)$, then (u) is relatively compact in $L^p(\Omega)$.

Now, we discuss it from it from two aspects.

(1) If $p \geq 2$, since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx &\leq (u, B_{p,q_1,q_2,\dots,q_m} u) \\ &= (u, A_p u) - (u, \partial \Phi p(u)) \\ &\leq (u, A_p u) + (u, B_1 u) = (u, w) \leq \|u\|_p \|w\|_p \leq \operatorname{const}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that (u) is bounded in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ where $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{p'}\right) = 1$ Then (u) is relatively compact in $L^p(\Omega)$

since $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^p(\Omega)$

(2) If $2N/(N+1) < p < 2$, since $\omega \in A_p u + B_1 u$ with (ω) and (u) being bounded in $L^p(\Omega)$, we have $w-B_1 u \in A_p u$ with $w-B_1 u$ and u being bounded in $L^p(\Omega)$ which gives that u is relatively compact in $L^p(\Omega)$ since A_p is m -accretive by proposition (3.8) and has a compact resolvent by lemma (2.9)

This completes the proof.

Theorem: Let $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ be such that

$$\int_{\Gamma} \beta - (x) d\Gamma(x) + \int_{\Omega} g - (x) dx < \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx < \int_{\Gamma} \beta + (x) d\Gamma(x) + \int_{\Omega} g + (x) dx$$

Then, (1.4) has a unique solution in $L^p(\Omega)$, where $2N/(N+1) < p < +\infty$ and $N \geq 1$

Proof. We want to use theorem (1.9) to finish our proof. From the propositions we use see that all of the conditions in theorem (1.9) are satisfied. It suffices to show that $f \in \text{int}[R(A_p) + R(B_1)]$ which ensure that $f \in R(A_p + B_1 + B_2)$. Thus proposition (2.11) tells us that

(1.4) has a unique solution $L^p(\Omega)$.

Using the similar methods as those in [2,4,7], by dividing it into two cases and using propositions (2.13) and (2.15) respectively, we know that $f \in \text{int}[R(A_p) + R(B_1)]$. This completes the proof.

Remark: Compared to the work done in [1.7], not only the existence of the solution of (1.4) is obtained but also the uniqueness of the solution is obtained. Furthermore, our work extended the work of [12].

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