

Local renormalized solution of anisotropic elliptic equation with variable exponents in nonlinearities in \mathbb{R}^n

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M. F. Bidaut-Veron [Bid03] introduced the concept of a local renormalized solution for the following equation with the p -Laplacian, absorption, and a Radon measure μ :

$$-\Delta_p u + |u|^{p_0-2} u = \mu, \quad p \in (1, n), \quad 0 < p-1 < p_0. \quad (1)$$

In particular, M. F. Bidaut-Veron proved the existence of a local renormalized solution in \mathbb{R}^n of the equation (1) with $\mu \in L_{1,\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

In the present work, the concept of local renormalized solution is adapted to the anisotropic elliptic equation of the second order with variable growth exponents and locally integrable function f :

$$-\text{div } a(x, \nabla u) + b(x, u, \nabla u) = f, \quad \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (2)$$

Denote $C^+(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{p \in C(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid 1 < \bar{p} \leq \hat{p} < +\infty\}$, where $\bar{p} = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(x)$ and $\hat{p} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(x)$. Denote $\vec{p}(\cdot) = (p_1(\cdot), p_2(\cdot), \dots, p_n(\cdot)) \in (C^+(\mathbb{R}^n))^n$, $\vec{p}(\cdot) = (p_0(\cdot), \vec{p}(\cdot)) \in (C^+(\mathbb{R}^n))^{n+1}$ and

$$p_+(x) = \max_{i=1,n} p_i(x), \quad p_-(x) = \min_{i=1,n} p_i(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Assumption P. We assume that functions

$$a(x, s) = (a_1(x, s), \dots, a_n(x, s)) : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad b(x, s_0, s) : \mathbb{R}^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

included in the equation (2) are Carathéodory functions. Assume that there exist nonnegative functions $\Phi_i \in L_{p'_i(\cdot),\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and positive numbers \hat{a}, \bar{a} such that for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the following inequalities hold:

$$|a_i(x, s)| \leq \hat{a} \left(P(x, s)^{1/p'_i(x)} + \Phi_i(x) \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n;$$

$$(a(x, s) - a(x, t)) \cdot (s - t) > 0, \quad s \neq t;$$

$$a(x, s) \cdot s \geq \bar{a} P(x, s).$$

Hereinafter, we use the notation $p'_i(\cdot) = p_i(\cdot)/(p_i(\cdot) - 1)$, $P(x, s) = \sum_{i=1}^n |s_i|^{p_i(x)}$, $s \cdot t = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i t_i$, $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$, $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$.

In addition, let there exist a nonnegative function $\Phi_0 \in L_{1,\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, a continuous nonnegative function $\widehat{b}: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, and a positive number \bar{b} such that for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and all $s_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the following inequalities hold:

$$|b(x, s_0, s)| \leq \widehat{b}(|s_0|) (\Phi_0(x) + P(x, s));$$

$$b(x, s_0, s) s_0 \geq \bar{b} |s_0|^{p_0(x)+1}, \quad p_+(\cdot) - 1 < p_0(\cdot).$$

Here we assume that

$$\underline{p}(x) = n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1/p_i(x) \right)^{-1} < n, \quad \underline{p}^*(x) = \frac{n \underline{p}(x)}{n - \underline{p}(x)}.$$

Denote $q_0(\cdot) = \underline{p}^*(\cdot)/\bar{p}'_-$, $\bar{p}'_- = \bar{p}_-/(\bar{p}_- - 1)$, let the following additional assumption be satisfied:

$$p_+(\cdot) - 1 < q_0(\cdot),$$

which is possible provided that $p_+(\cdot) < \underline{p}^*(\cdot)$.

In an anisotropic Sobolev space with variable exponents, the existence and regularity of a local renormalized solution of equation (1) is established, and it is proved that the solution is sign-constant.

Theorem 1. *Let $f \in L_{1,\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and Assumption P be satisfied. Then there exists a local renormalized solution u of the equation (2). If $f \geq 0$ for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $u \geq 0$ for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.*

In [BD07], conditions on the exponents $p_i(\cdot)$, $i = 0, \dots, n$, sufficient for the uniqueness of a local weak solution of the anisotropic equation (1) were found. For a local renormalized solution without additional restrictions on the growth of the solution at infinity, the uniqueness is not known.

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