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## Résumé

Dans ce travail, nous étudions un problème du type  $p$ —Laplacian de la forme :

$$-A_p u + m(x) |u|^{p-2} u = f(x, u) \text{ dans } \mathbb{R}^N. \quad (1)$$

Nous montrons l'existence et l'unicité d'une solution faible de (1) dans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , en utilisant le théorème de Browder.

Mots clés : l'opérateur  $p$ —Laplacien, solution faible, espace de Lebesgue-Sobolev, théorème de Browder.

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## Abstract

In This work, we study The  $p$ —Laplacian problem of The forme :

$$-A_p u + m(x) |u|^{p-2} u = f(x, u) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^N.$$

We establish the existence and uniqueness of a weak solution of the problem in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which involves the  $p$ —laplacian through the Browder Theorem.

Key Words :

$p$ —Laplacian operator, weak solution, Lebesgue-Sobolev space, Brawder Theorem.

# 1 Notation

$a.e$  : Almost everywhere.

$\mathbb{R}$  : Real field.

$\mathbb{R}^N$  : Euclidean space of dimension  $N$ , where  $N$  is a nonzero natural number.

$\blacktriangle$  : Open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\vec{\partial}$  : The gradient.

$\Delta$  : The Laplacian.

$\text{div}$  : The divergence.

$PDE$  : Partial differential equations.

$L^p(\blacktriangle)$  : The space of  $p$ -integrable functions.

$W^{1,p}(\blacktriangle)$  : Standard Sobolev space on  $\blacktriangle$  with exponent  $p$ .

$W_0^{1,p}(\blacktriangle)$  : of  $D(\blacktriangle)$  in  $W^{1,p}(\blacktriangle)$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{W^{1,p}(\blacktriangle)}$ .

$x$  : Vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

$CAR$  : Carathéodory.

## 2 Introduction

The study of nonlinear partial differential equations (PDEs) occupies a central position in modern mathematical analysis. Among these, equations involving the  $p$ -Laplacian operator defined for  $1 < p < \infty$  by :

$$\Delta_p u := \operatorname{div} \cdot |\operatorname{grad} u|^{p-2} \operatorname{grad} u$$

which represents a nonlinear generalization of the classical Laplace operator (when  $p = 2$ ). This operator is degenerate or singular, which introduces technical challenges in both the analytical and numerical treatment of related problems.

In this thesis, we investigate nonlinear elliptic problems of the form :

$$-\Delta_p u + m(x) |u|^{p-2} u = f(x, u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad (2)$$

posed in the entire Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , where  $N \geq 1$ ,  $m(x)$  is a positive function, and  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Carathéodory function satisfying appropriate growth and monotonicity conditions.

The problems arising from the  $p$ -Laplacian began in the first half of the 20th century when researchers observed that linear equations failed to accurately model certain physical phenomena characterized by nonlinear behavior. Nonlinear boundary value problems with  $p$ -Laplacian operator occur in a variety of physical phenomena, for instance, non-Newtonian fluids, reaction-diffusion problems, petroleum extraction, flow through porous media.

Due to the nonlinear nature of the  $p$ -Laplacian equation, its analysis requires a combination of advanced mathematical techniques. The most notable among them include :

- Functional analysis : Employing Sobolev spaces, particularly  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , to study solution properties.
- Variational methods : Reformulating the problem as an energy minimization (or maximization) problem, and applying calculus of variations to establish existence results.

- Sub and super-solution methods : Constructing bounding functions to guarantee existence via comparison principles.
- Nonlinear spectral analysis : Examining eigenvalue problems associated with the p-Laplacian.

In [9], the autor established the existence of weak solutions for the p-Laplacian problem with Dirichlet boundary condition

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p u = f(x, u) & \text{in } \mathbf{\blacktriangle} \\ u = 0 & \text{in } \partial \mathbf{\blacktriangle} \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{\blacktriangle}$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial \mathbf{\blacktriangle}$ , using critical point theory.

In [2], existence and uniqueness results were established for a nonlinear boundary value problem involving the weighted p-Laplacian operator in a bounded domain

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{a,p} u = f(x, u) & \text{in } \mathbf{\blacktriangle} \\ u = 0 & \text{in } \partial \mathbf{\blacktriangle}. \end{cases}$$

The proof relies on variational principles and the representation properties of the associated function spaces.

We study the problem (2) in more general setting than [9] where  $\mathbf{\blacktriangle}$  is a unbounded domain, and the functional setting is the standard Sobolev space  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . The unbounded nature of the domain leads to a loss of compactness, necessitating the application of the Browder theorem.

In the sequel, we recall some basic definition and notations, in chapter 2 we show the main results of this thesis.

# CHAPITRE 1

Preliminary

## 1 Lebesgues espaces $L^p(\Delta)$

Definition 1.1 Get  $(E, A, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , and  $f$  a measurable function. We say that

$$f \in L^p(\Delta) = L^p(E, A, \mu) \text{ if } \int_{\Delta} |f|^p d\mu < +\infty$$

the norm is defined as :

$$\|f\|_{L^p(\Delta)} = \left( \int_{\Delta} |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

For  $p = 1$ , then  $f$  is integrable.

Definition 1.2 Get  $(E, A, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ .

For  $f \in L^p_{\mathbb{R}}(E, A, \mu)$ . we define  $\|f\|_p = \|f\|_p$  if  $f \in L^p$ . We also recall that

$$L^p = \{ g \in L^p; g = f \text{ almost everywhere} \}$$

the space  $L^\infty(\mathbf{A})$  is defined as :

$$L^\infty(\mathbf{A}) = \{ f : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ measurable, } \exists C > 0 \text{ such that } |f(x)| \leq C \text{ a.e on } \mathbf{A} \}$$

with the norm :

$$\|f\|_\infty = \inf\{C; |f(x)| \leq C \text{ a.e on } \mathbf{A}\}$$

Theorem 1.1 (Frisher–Riez)

the space  $L^p(\mathbf{A})$  is a Banach space if  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ .

Proof. For  $p = +\infty$ , let  $(f_n)_n$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^\infty$ . Let  $h \geq 1$ ,  $\exists N_k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|f_m - f_n\|_{L^\infty} < \frac{1}{h} \quad \forall m, n \geq N_k$$

$\exists E_k$  negligible.

$$|f_m(x) - f_n(x)| < \frac{1}{h} \quad \forall m, n \geq N_k, \forall x \in \mathbf{A} \setminus E_k$$

we assume that  $E = \cup_k E_k$  ( $E$  negligible). Therefore :

$$|f_m(x) - f_n(x)| < \frac{1}{h}, \forall m, n \geq N_k, \forall x \in \mathbf{A} \setminus E$$

The sequence  $(f_n(x))_n$  is Cauchy in  $(\mathbb{R})$  who is complete. Then if  $m \rightarrow +\infty$  We have

$$|f(x) - f_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{h} \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{A} \setminus E \quad \forall n \geq N_k$$

Thus

$$\|f - f_n\|_\infty < \frac{1}{h} \quad \forall n \geq N_k$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_\infty &= \|f - f_n + f_n\|_\infty \\ &\leq \|f - f_n\|_\infty + \|f_n\|_\infty \\ &\leq \|f_n\|_\infty + \frac{1}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f \in L^\infty$  and

$$\|f - f_n\|_\infty \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$$

hence

$$f_n \rightarrow f \in L^\infty$$

$L^\infty$  is a Banach. Let's suppose that  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ .

Let  $(f_n)_n$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p$ . We extract a subsequence of  $f$  such that

$$\forall n_k \geq n_{k-1} : \|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_{L^p} \leq \frac{1}{2^k}, \quad \forall n, m \geq n_k$$

We define

$$\begin{aligned} g_n(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^n |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \|f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)\|_{L^p} \end{aligned}$$

$g$  is increasing and

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_n\|_{L^p} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^k} \leq \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}^{n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &\leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(g_n) \in L^p$ .

$$g_n \rightarrow g \quad \text{et } g \in L^p$$

On the other hand  $6m, n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)| + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)| \\ &\leq g(x) - g_{n-1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - f_n\|_{L^p} &\leq \|g - g_{n-1}\|_{L^p} \quad n \rightarrow +\infty \\ \|f - f_n\|_{L^p} &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the sequence  $(f_n)$  converges to  $f$ . Thus,  $L^p$  is a Banach space. ■

Theorem 1.2 (i) For  $p = 2$ ; the space  $L^2(\blacktriangle)$  is a Hilbert space for the inner product.

$$(f, g)_{L^2(\blacktriangle)} = \int_{\blacktriangle} f(x).g(x)dx.$$

(ii) For  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,  $(L_p, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is separable.

Lemma 1.1 (Minkowski's inequality) :

Get  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ ,  $f, g \in L^p(\blacktriangle)$ , then  $(f + g) \in L^p$  and

$$\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$$

Lemma 1.2 (Hölder inequality) :

Get  $1 \leq p, q \leq +\infty$ , with  $p, q$  are conjugate (i.e.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ). If  $f \in L^p(\blacktriangle)$  and

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$g \in L^q(\Omega)$ , then

$$\int_{\Omega} |f \cdot g| \, dx \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |f|^p \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\Omega} |g|^q \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q$$

the case  $p = q = 2$  gives the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |f \cdot g| \, dx \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |f|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{\Omega} |g|^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Remark 1.1 For  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ , the dual of  $L^p(\Omega)$  is  $L^q(\Omega)$ .

## 2 The Sobolev spaces $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$

In this section, we introduce the definition of the Sobolev space  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  and we establish some basic properties.

### 2.1 Definitions and properties

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open,  $p \in [1, +\infty)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The Sobolev space  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is defined by :

$$W^{m,p}(\Omega) = \{ u \in L^p(\Omega) : D^\alpha u \in L^p(\Omega), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n; |\alpha| \leq m \},$$

where  $D u$  denotes the weak derivative.

The space  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is equipped with the following norm.

$$\|u\|_{W^{m,p}(\Omega)} = \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < +\infty, \\ \max_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} & \text{if } p = +\infty. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.1  $W^{m,p}(\Delta)$  is a Banach space.

Proof. Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $W^{m,p}(\Delta)$ , this means that

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall s, q \in \mathbb{N}, (s \geq n_0 \text{ and } q \geq n_0) \Rightarrow \|u_s - u_q\|_{W^{m,p}(\Delta)} < \epsilon.$$

Therefore

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall s, q \in \mathbb{N}, (s \geq n_0 \text{ and } q \geq n_0) \Rightarrow \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha (u_s - u_q)\|_{L^p(\Delta)}^p < \epsilon^p.$$

Then

$$(s \geq n_0 \text{ et } q \geq n_0) \Rightarrow \|D^\alpha (u_s - u_q)\|_{L^p(\Delta)} < \epsilon, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m.$$

From this we deduce that  $(D^\alpha u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(\Delta)$ , for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m$ .

Since  $L^p(\Delta)$  is complete, we get

$$\exists v \in L^p(\Delta) \text{ such that } D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow v, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m.$$

In particular,

$$u_n \rightarrow v_0 \text{ in } L^p(\Delta) \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

To show that

$$v = D^\alpha v_0, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m,$$

From the embedding of  $L^p(\Delta)$  into  $L^1_{loc}(\Delta)$  and the Hölder inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{u_n}(\phi) - T_u(\phi)| &\leq \int_{\Delta} |u_n(x) - u(x)| |\phi'(x)| dx \\ &\leq \|\phi'\|_q \|u_n - u\|_p, \phi' \in D(\Delta), \end{aligned}$$

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where  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ . Hence  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m$

$$T_{D^{\alpha}u_n}(\cdot) \rightarrow T_{u_n}(\cdot), \quad \forall \alpha \in D(\Delta), \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

since

$$D T_{u_n} = T_{D^{\alpha}u_n},$$

by the uniqueness of the limit in  $D(\Delta)$ , we can conclude that

$$T_{u_n}(\cdot) = D T_{u_n} = (-1)^{|\alpha|} T_{u_n}(D^{\alpha} \cdot).$$

This proves that

$$D u \in L^p(\Delta), \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, |\alpha| \leq m \Rightarrow v \in W^{m,p}(\Delta).$$

Hence  $W^{m,p}(\Delta)$  is a complete space. ■

### 3 Basic Definition and properties of Sobolev Spaces $W^{1,p}(\Delta)$

Let  $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^N$  be an open set and let  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ .

Definition 3.1 *the space  $W^{1,p}(\Delta)$  defined by*

$$W^{1,p}(\Delta) = \left\{ u \in L^p(\Delta); \exists g_1, g_2, \dots, g_N \in L^p(\Delta); \text{ such that } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = g_i, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad g_i \in C_c^{\infty}(\Delta) \right\}$$

we write :

$$H^1(\Delta) = W^{1,2}(\Delta)$$

For  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Delta)$ , we write :

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = g_i, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{grad } u = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_N} \right) = \text{grad } u.$$

*the spaces  $W^{1,p}(\Delta)$  is equipped with the norm :*

$$\|u\|_{W^{1,p}(\Delta)} = \|u\|_{L^p} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L^p},$$

*or we write the equivalent norm by :*

$$\|u\|_{L^p} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L^p}^p \Bigg|^{\frac{1}{p}}; \text{ if } 1 \leq p < +\infty.$$

*For  $p = 2$ .  $H^1(\Delta) = W^{1,2}(\Delta)$  is a Hilbert space with the inner product :*

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{H^1} = \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{L^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}$$

*the associated norm defined by :*

$$\|u\|_{H^1} = \|u\|_{L^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L^2}^2 \Bigg|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is an equivalent norm.

**Proposition 3.1** *1. the space  $W^{1,p}(\Delta)$  is a reflexive Banach space for  $1 < p \leq +\infty$ , Separable if  $1 < p < +\infty$ .*

*2. the space  $H^1(\Delta)$  is a separable Hilbert space.*

**Proposition 3.2 (product Derivative) :**

*If  $u, v \in W^{1,p}(\Delta) \cap L^\infty(\Delta)$  with  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ . then  $uv \in W^{1,p}(\Delta) \cap L^\infty(\Delta)$  and :*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(uv) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} v + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

**Corollary 3.1 ( Poincaré Inequality ) :** *Suppose that  $\Delta$  is a bounded open set.*

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then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|u\|_{L^p} \leq C \|\partial u\|_{L^p} \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Delta) \quad (1 \leq p < +\infty)$$

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### 4.1 Continuous embedding

Definition 4.1 Get  $\Delta$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that  $\Delta$  verifies the  $m$ -extension property if there exists a continuous linear operator :

$$P : W^{m,p}(\Delta) \rightarrow W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

satisfies

1.  $P(u)|_{\Delta} = u, \forall u \in W^{m,p}(\Delta)$
2. For any

$$0 \leq h \leq m, \forall k > 0, \|Pu\|_{W^{h,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C_k \|u\|_{W^{h,p}(\Delta)}$$

Theorem 4.1 Get  $I = ]a, b[ \subset \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that :

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(I)} \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}(I)} \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(I), \quad \forall 1 \leq p < +\infty$$

Otherwise  $W^{1,p}(I) \subset L^\infty(I)$  with continuous embedding.

Theorem 4.2 Get  $\Delta$  be a non-empty open of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  possessing the  $m$ -extension property,  $p \in [1, +\infty)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . then the space  $D(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is dense in  $W^{m,p}(\Delta)$  i.e.

$$\forall u \in W^{m,p}(\Delta), \exists (u_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in D(\mathbb{R}^n), u = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (u_k \chi_{\Delta}).$$

## 4.2 Compact embedding

Definition 4.2 *Gompact injection from  $X$  into  $Y$  means that the unit ball of  $X$  is relatively compact in  $Y$ , i.e., the closure of  $\overline{B_E(0, 1)}$  is compact in  $Y$ .*

Lemma 4.1 *Get  $\Delta$  be a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  then the embedding  $W^{1,p}(\Delta) \hookrightarrow L^q(\Delta)$  is compact for every  $p \geq 1$  if  $q < p^*$ .*

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If  $\Delta$  has dimension 1, then  $W^{1,p}(\Delta) \subset L^\infty(\Delta)$  with continuous embedding. For dimensions  $N \geq 2$ , this inclusion holds only when  $p > N$ ; for  $p \leq N$ , there exist functions in  $W^{1,p}$  that fail to belong to  $L^\infty$ .

However, a fundamental result due to Sobolev asserts that, if  $1 \leq p < N$  then  $W^{1,p}(\Delta) \subset L^{p^*}(\Delta)$  with continuous injection, where  $p^* \in ]p, +\infty[$ .

Case where  $\Delta = \mathbb{R}^N$

Theorem 5.1 (*Sobolev, Garliardo, Nirenberg*)

Let  $1 \leq p < N$ , then

$$W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^{p^*}(\mathbb{R}^N) \quad \text{where } \frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N}$$

and there exists a constant  $C = C(p, N)$  such that

$$\|u\|_{L^{p^*}} \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^p}, \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

Corollary 5.1 *Get  $1 \leq p < N$ . then*

$$W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad \forall q \in [p, p^*]$$

Corollary 5.2 (*the case where the limit  $p = N$* )

$$W^{1,N}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N) \quad \forall q \in [N, +\infty[$$

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with continuous injection.

Theorem 5.2 (Morrey) : Get  $p > N$ , then  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$  with continuous injection.

Corollary 5.3 Get  $m \geq 1$  be an integer and  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ . We have :

Exponent $p$	Embedding	Exponent $q$
$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} > 0$	$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)$	$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N}$
$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} = 0$	$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)$	$q \in [p, +\infty[$
$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} < 0$	$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$	$q = +\infty$

With continuous embedding.

## 6 Fréchet Differentiability :

Let  $\mathcal{J} : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping between two Banach spaces. We say that  $\mathcal{J}$  is Fréchet differentiable at a point  $u \in X$

if there exists a bounded linear operator  $D\mathcal{J}(u) : X \rightarrow Y$  such that :

$$\lim_{\|k\|_X \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\mathcal{J}(u+k) - \mathcal{J}(u) - D\mathcal{J}(u)(k)\|_Y}{\|k\|_X} = 0$$

This means that

$$\mathcal{J}(u+k) \approx \mathcal{J}(u) + D\mathcal{J}(u)(k)$$

For small perturbations  $k$ , and the approximation error tends to zero.

### 6.1 In the context of p-Laplacian problems :

Definition 6.1 (Associated Nonlinear Operator)

the nonlinear operator  $A$  is defined weakly as :

$$\langle A(u), v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx$$

## 7 Monotone operators :

Lemma 7.1 (*Minty is trick*). Get  $X$  be a Banach space, and let  $A : X \rightarrow X^*$  be a hemi-continuous, monotone operator. fhen :

(i) fhe operator  $A$  is maximally monotone, meaning that if, for a given  $u \in X$  and  $b \in X^*$ , the inequality

$$\langle b - Au, u - v \rangle_E \geq 0$$

holds for any  $v \in X$ , then  $Au = b$

(ii)  $A$  satisfies condition (M), i.e., from

$$u_n \sim u \text{ in } X \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$Au_n \sim b \text{ in } X^* \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle_E \leq \langle b, u \rangle_E$$

it folloms that  $Au = b$

(iii) From

$$\begin{aligned} u_n \sim u \text{ in } X \quad \text{and} \quad Au_n \rightarrow b \text{ in } X^* \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \\ u_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } X \quad \text{and} \quad Au_n \sim b \text{ in } X^* \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \end{aligned}$$

it folloms that  $Au = b$ .

Lemma 7.2 (*Principles of Gonvergence*). Get  $X$  be a Banach space. fhen :

(i) If  $x_n \sim x$  meakly in  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then there exists a constant  $s$  such that  $\|x_n\|_E \leq s$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(ii) If  $x_n \sim x$  in  $X$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $X^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\langle f_n, x_n \rangle_E \rightarrow \langle f, x \rangle_E$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(iii) If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  and  $f_n \sim f$  in  $X^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\langle f_n, x_n \rangle_E \rightarrow \langle f, x \rangle_E$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(iv) If  $X$  is re exive and the sequence  $(x_n)$  is bounded, and if all meakly convergent subsequences of  $(x_n)$  converge to the same limit  $x$ , then the entire sequence  $(x_n)$  converges meakly to  $x$ .

Definition 7.1 Get  $X$  be a Banach space, and let

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$A : X \rightarrow X^*$  be an operator. Then,  $A$  is defined as follows.

(i)  $A$  is monotone if for all  $u, v \in X$ , we have

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle_E \geq 0$$

(ii)  $A$  is strictly monotone if for all  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \neq v$ , we have

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle_E > 0$$

(iii)  $A$  is strongly monotone operator if there exists a constant  $s > 0$  such that for all

$u, v \in X$  we have

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle_E \geq s \|u - v\|_E^2$$

(iv)  $A$  is coercive if

$$\lim \langle Au, u \rangle_E = \infty \text{ as } \|u\|_E \rightarrow \infty$$

Remark 7.1 (i) if  $A$  is strongly monotone  $\Rightarrow A$  is strictly monotone  $\Rightarrow A$  is monotone.

(ii) If  $A$  is strongly monotone, then  $A$  is also coercive.

In fact, we have :

$$\langle Au, u \rangle_E = \langle Au - A(0), u \rangle_E + \langle A(0), u \rangle_E \geq s \|u\|_E^2 - \|A(0)\|_E \cdot \|u\|_E$$

and

$$\langle Au, u \rangle_E \geq s \|u\|_E - \|A(0)\|_E \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } \|u\|_E \rightarrow \infty.$$

Example 7.1 (i) For the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as

$g(u) = |u|^{p-2} u$  for  $u \neq 0$ , and  $g(u) = 0$  for  $u = 0$ , we have :

(a) For  $p > 1$ ,  $g$  is strictly monotone.

(b) For  $p \geq 2$ ,  $\langle g(u) - g(v), u - v \rangle_E \geq s \|u - v\|^p$ .

(s) For  $p = 2$ ,  $g$  is strongly monotone.

Definition 7.2 Get  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach space, and let  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator.  
then :

(i)  $A$  is completely continuous if :

$$u_n \sim u \text{ in } X \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Au_n \rightarrow Au \text{ in } Y \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(ii)  $A$  is demicontinuous if :

$$u_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } X \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Au_n \sim Au \text{ in } Y \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(iii)  $A$  is hemicontinuous if  $Y = X^*$  and for all  $u, v, u \in X$ , the function :

$$t \rightarrow \langle A(u + tv), u \rangle_E$$

is continuous in the interval  $[0, 1]$

(iv)  $A$  is bounded if  $A$  maps bounded sets in  $X$  into bounded sets in  $Y$ .

(v)  $A$  is locally bounded if for each  $u \in X$ , there exists  $\delta(u) > 0$  and a constant  $h(u)$ . such that for all  $v \in X$  with

$$\|u - v\|_E \leq \delta(u),$$

we have :

$$\|Av\| \leq h(u).$$

Remark 7.2 the following implications hold

(i)  $A$  is compact  $\Rightarrow A$  is continuous  $\Rightarrow A$  is demicontinuous  $\Rightarrow A$  is hemicontinuous.

(ii)  $A$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow A$  is locally bounded.

We now establish several immediate consequences of the preceding definitions.

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Lemma 7.3 Get  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space, and let  $A : X \rightarrow X^*$  be an operator then :

- (i) If  $A$  is demicontinuous, then  $A$  is locally bounded.
- (ii) If  $A$  is monotone, then  $A$  is locally bounded.
- (iii) If  $A$  is monotone and hemicontinuous, then  $A$  is demicontinuous.

Proof. ad(iii) : Proof by contradiction : suppose  $A$  is not locally bounded. Then, there exists  $u \in X$  and a sequence  $(u_n) \subseteq X$  such that  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\|Au_n\|_E \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let us define

$a_n := (1 + \|Au_n\|_E \|u_n - u\|_E)^{-1}$ . The monotonicity of  $A$  yields that for all  $v \in X$ , we have :

$$0 \leq \langle Au_n - Av, u_n - v \rangle_E = \langle Au_n - Av, (u_n - u) + (u - v) \rangle_E$$

with the above notation, this is equivalent to :

$$\begin{aligned} a_n \langle Au_n, v - u \rangle_E &\leq a_n \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle_E - \langle Av, u_n - v \rangle_E \\ &\leq a_n \|Au_n\|_E \|u_n - u\|_E + \|Av\|_E \|u_n\|_E + \|v\|_E \leq 1 + s(v, u) \end{aligned}$$

where we used  $a_n \leq 1$  and the boundedness of the sequence  $(u_n)$ . If we replace  $v$  with  $2u - v$  in this calculation, we also get  $-a_n \langle Au_n, v - u \rangle_E \leq 1 + s(v, u)$ . since  $v$  can be any point in  $X$ ,  $u := v - u$  is an arbitrary point in  $X$ , and we obtain for all  $u \in X$  :

$$\sup | \langle a_n Au_n, u \rangle_E | \leq s(u, u) < \infty$$

The continuous linear operators  $a_n Au_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are bounded by the above calculation.

The principle of uniform boundedness yields :

$$\sup \|a_n Au_n\|_E \leq s(u)$$

From this and the definition of  $a_n$ , we get :

$$\|Au_n\|_E \leq \frac{s(u)}{a_n} = s(u) (1 + \|Au_n\|_E \|u_n - u\|).$$

Since  $\|u_n - u\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  :

$$s(u) \|u_n - u\|_E < \frac{1}{2}$$

and we obtain :

$$\|Au_n\|_E \leq 2s(u)$$

This, the sequence  $\|Au_n\|_E$  is bounded, which contradicts the assumption  $\|Au_n\|_E \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,

the claim holds.

ad(iv) : Let  $(u_n) \subseteq X$  be a sequence with  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . since  $A$  is monotone, implication (iii) implies that  $A$  is

locally bounded, and thus,  $(Au_n)$  is bounded.

Due to the reflexivity of  $X$ , there exists a subsequence  $(u_{n_k})$  and an element  $b \in X^*$  such that  $Au_{n_k} \rightharpoonup b$  in  $X^*$  as

$k \rightarrow \infty$ . According to lemma 0, 2(iii), we have  $Au = b$  ie,  $Au_{n_k} \rightharpoonup Au$  in  $X^*$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . But every weakly convergent

subsequence of  $(Au_n)$  converges weakly to  $Au$ , as otherwise there would be a subsequence with

$Au_{n_l} \rightharpoonup s \neq b$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$  in  $X^*$ . Lemma02(iii) would imply  $Au = s$ , which contradicts  $Au = b$ , Thus, lemma02(iv)

provides that the entire sequence  $(Au_n)$  converges weakly to  $b = Au$ , ie,  $A$  is demicontinuous. ■

**Theorem 7.1** *Get  $X$  be a reflexive real Banach space. Moreover, let  $A : X \rightarrow X^*$  be an operator which is : bounded, demicontinuous, coercive, and monotone on the space  $X$ . then, the equation  $A(u) = f$  has at least one solution  $u \in X$  for each  $f \in X^*$ . If moreover,  $A$  is strictly monotone operator, then the equation ( p) has*

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precisely one solution  $u \in X$  for every  $f \in X^*$ .

## 8 The Nemyckii Operator :

We define the Nemyckii operator by :

$$(Su)(x) := f(x, u(x));$$

where  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)^T$ ,  $u : G \subset \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , with adomain  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ . Regarding the function  $f : G \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we make the following assumptions :

(i) carathéodory condition :  $f(\cdot; \eta) : x \rightarrow f(x, \eta)$  is measurable on  $G$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f(x; \cdot) : \eta \rightarrow f(x, \eta)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for almost all  $x \in G$ .

(ii) Growth condition :

$$|f(x, \eta)| \leq |a(x)| + b|\eta_i|^{p_i}$$

, where  $b > 0$  is a constant,  $a \in L^q(G)$ ,  $1 \leq q < \infty$ , and  $p_i \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

## CHAPITRE 2

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# Existence And Uniqueness Of Weak Solution For p-Laplacian Problem In $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

### 1 Introduction :

In this chapter, we focus on a class of nonlinear elliptic partial differential equations involving the p-Laplacian operator . These equations have attracted considerable attention in recent decades due to their theoretical richness and wide applicability in various scientific and engineering fields.

In this work, we consider the following nonlinear elliptic problems :

$$-\Delta_p u + m(x) |u|^{p-2} u = f(x, u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N \tag{2.1}$$

posed in the entire Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , where  $N \geq 1$ ,  $m(x)$  is a positive function, and  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Carathéodory function satisfying appropriate growth and monotonicity conditions.

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## 2 Hypothesis :

We make the following assumptions.

( $m_0$ )  $m \in C(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R})$  and  $0 < m(x) < +\infty$

Let  $r = \frac{p}{p^* - (q+1)}$  and  $p^* = \frac{Np}{N-p}$ . There exist  $a \in L^{(p)^r}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  and  $b \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L^r(\mathbb{R}^N)$  such that :

( $f_1$ ) The function  $f$  satisfies

$$|f(x, s)| \leq a(x) + b(x) |s|^p$$

where

$$1 < q \leq p - 1$$

( $f_2$ )  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a carathéodory (CAR) function which is decreasing with respect to the second variable, i.e.,

$$f(x, s_1) \leq f(x, s_2)$$

for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}, s_1 \geq s_2$ .

The goal of this paper is to prove the following result :

**Theorem 2.1** *Assume that ( $m_0$ ) holds and  $f \in CAR(\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R})$  satisfies ( $f_1$ ) and ( $f_2$ ). Then the problem (P) has a unique weak solution.*

We begin by the definition of the weak solution of problème (2.1).

**Definition 2.1** *We say that  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  is a weak solution of problem (2.1) if*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\partial u|^{p-2} \partial u \partial v dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} m(x) |u|^{p-2} u v dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x, u) v dx$$

for all  $v \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

For simplicity let  $X = W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . According to condition  $(m_0)$ , we can introduce a norm defined as follows

$$\|u\| = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla u|^p dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} m(x) |u|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Definition 2.2 Get  $K$  be a Banach space. An operator  $A : K \rightarrow K$  verifies

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq 0 \tag{2.2}$$

for any  $u, v \in K$  is called a monotone operator. An operator  $A$  is called strictly monotone if for  $u \neq v$  the strict inequality holds in ((1)). An operator  $A$  is called strongly monotone if there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq C \|u - v\|^2$$

for any  $u, v \in K$ .

We define the operator  $A : X \rightarrow X^*$  by

$$A := I - \mathfrak{J}$$

where the operators  $I$  and  $\mathfrak{J}$  are defined from  $X$  into  $X^*$  as

$$\langle I(u), v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \nabla v dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} m(x) |u|^{p-2} uv dx$$

and

$$\langle \mathfrak{J}(u), v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x, u) v dx$$

for all  $u, v \in X$ .

By Definition 2.1, the main tool in searching the weak solutions of (2.1) is to find  $u \in X$  which satisfies the operator equation  $Au = 0$ .

### 3 Proof of The Main Result

In order to proof the Main result to apply Browder Theorem we split several lemma.

We denote by  $C$  and  $C_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$  the general positive constants which are the exact values may change from line to line.

Lemma 3.1 *If  $(f_1), (f_2)$  hold, then the operator  $A$  is bounded.*

Proof. To prove that  $A$  is bounded. We know that the functional.

$$W(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{1}{p} (|\delta u|^p + m(x) |u|^p) dx$$

is of class  $C^1$  (sf. [5]) and  $I$  is the derivative operator of  $W$  in the weak sense, so it yields  $I$  is bounded and continuous. Let  $u \in X$ , such that  $\|u\| < K$ .

By defing the norm of  $\mathcal{J}(u)$  in the dual space  $X^*$  and using Hölder's inequality, we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{J}(x, u)\|_E = \sup_{\|v\|=1} |\langle \mathcal{J}(x, u), v \rangle|$$

then

$$\langle \mathcal{J}(u), v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x, u)v(x) dx$$

It follows from  $(f_1)$  that we have

$$|f(x, s)| \leq a(x) + b(x) |s|^q$$

$$|\langle \mathcal{J}(u), v \rangle| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} a(x) |v(x)| dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} b(x) |u(x)^q| |v(x)| dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \| \mathcal{J}(x, u) \|_E &\leq \sup_{\|v\|_E=1} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} a(x) |v(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \\ &\leq \sup_{\|v\|_E=1} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} a(x) |v(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} b(x) |v(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-q}} dx \right)^{\frac{p-q}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

Apply the Hölder's inequality to the first term

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} b(x) |u(x)|^q |v(x)| dx \leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} b(x) |v(x)|^{\frac{p}{p-q}} dx \right)^{\frac{p-q}{p}}$$

Since  $r = \frac{p}{p-q-1}$

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} b(x)^r dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} < \infty$$

Then we get

$$\| \mathcal{J}(x, u) \|_E \leq C_3 \|a\|_{(p)} + C_4 \|b\|_r \|u\|^q.$$

Since  $|u| \leq K$ , we obtain :

$$\| \mathcal{J}(x, u) \|_E \leq C_3 \|a\|_{(p)} + C_4 K^q \|b\|_r$$

Since both  $I$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  are bounded, therefore  $A = I - \mathcal{J}$  is bounded as well. ■

Lemma 3.2 *If  $(f_1), (f_2)$  hold, then the operator  $A$  is continuous.*

Proof. It is well known that the functional

$$W(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{1}{p} (|\partial u|^p + m(x)|u|^p) dx$$

is of class  $C^1$ . Since  $I$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $W$  hence  $I$  is continuous. Now we check that  $\mathcal{J}$  is completely continuous that is, if  $u_n \rightharpoonup u$  then  $\mathcal{J}(u_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(u)$  and

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it is well be done. Let  $u_n$  is weakly convergent yo  $u$  in  $X$  so  $u_n$  is bounded in  $X$ . Set

$$B_k = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^N : |x| < h \},$$

we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f(x, u_n) - f(x, u)) v dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} (f(x, u_n) - f(x, u)) v dx + \int_{B_h} (f(x, u_n) - f(x, u)) v dx \rightarrow 0$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_k$ , For all  $v \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} a(x)|v| dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |v|^p dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |a|^{(p)'} dx \\ &\leq C \|v\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |a|^{(p)'} dx \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} b(x)|u|^q |v| dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |u|^p dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} (b(x)|v|)^{p-q} dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |u|^p dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |v|^p dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} b^r dx \\ &\leq C \|u\|^q \|v\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} b(x)^r dx \end{aligned}$$

According to previous inequalities we have,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} (f(x, u_n) - f(x, u)) v dx \leq C \|v\| \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |b(x)|^{\frac{1}{q}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \|v\| \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} |a(x)|^{(p)^*} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{(p)^*}}$$

we have  $|b|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h)}$  and  $|a(x)|_{(p)^*}$  converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . which yields that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_h} (f(x, u_n) - f(x, u)) v dx \rightarrow 0$$

for  $h$  sufficiently large. Next we proof that for  $h$  sufficiently large. The sequence  $(u_n)$  is weakly convergent to  $u$  in  $X$  then  $(u_n)$  is bounded in  $X$ . so  $(\chi_{B_h} u_n)$  is bounded in  $X$ . we can deduce that  $(\chi_{B_h} u_n) \rightarrow (\chi_{B_h} u)$  in  $L^q(B_k)$  for all  $1 \leq q < p^*$  there exist a subsquence  $u_n$  and and  $k \in L^q(B_k)$  such that

$u_n \rightarrow u$  and  $|u_n| \leq k$  it follows that

$$f(x, u_n) \rightarrow f(x, u) \text{ a.e. in } B_k$$

So  $\mathcal{J}$  is completely continuous and then  $\mathcal{J}$  is continuous.

$$\int_{B_h} f(x, u_n) v dx \rightarrow \int_{B_h} f(x, u) v dx$$

So  $\mathcal{J}$  is completely continuous and then  $\mathcal{J}$  is continuous. ■

**Lemma 3.3** *If  $(M_0), (f_1), (f_2)$  hold, then the operator  $A$  is Monotone.*

*Proof.* We prove that  $A$  is monotone. We recall the following inequality for  $p \geq 2$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$  (see [4])

$$|y|^p \geq |x|^p + p |x|^{p-2} x(y - x) + \frac{|y - x|^p}{2^{p-1} - 1} \tag{2.3}$$

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Let

$$\begin{aligned} \langle I(u) - I(v), u - v \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\partial u|^{p-2} \partial u dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\partial v|^{p-2} \partial v (\partial u - \partial v) dx + \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} m(x)(|u|^{p-2}u - |v|^{p-2}v)(u - v) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Applying The inequality (2.3), we obtain

$$\langle I(u) - I(v), u - v \rangle \geq \frac{2}{p^{2p-1} - 1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\partial u - \partial v|^p dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} m(x)|u - v|^p dx = C_p \|u - v\|^p. \quad (2.4)$$

Therefore,  $A$  is strongly monotone. (see e.g. [7]). Further, since  $f$  is decreasing with respect to the second variable,

$$\langle \psi(u) - \psi(v), u - v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f(x, u) - f(x, v))(u - v) dx \leq 0$$

It follows that  $A$  is strongly monotone. ■

Lemma 3.4 *If  $(M)$ ,  $(f_1)$ ,  $(f_2)$  hold, then the operator  $A$  is coercive.*

Proof. We prove that  $A$  is a coercive operator. We have

$$\frac{1}{\|u\|} \langle Au, u \rangle = \frac{1}{\|u\|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (|\partial u|^p + m(x)|u|^p) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x, u) u dx$$

·The first integral represents the energy terms related to the differential operator  $A$ .

·The second integral involves a nonlinear term from the from the function  $f(x, u)$ .

Using  $(f_1)$  we have,

$$f(x, u) \leq a(x) |u| + b(x) |u|^q$$

and by the Holder inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \geq \frac{1}{\|u\|} \left( 4\|u\|^2 - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (a(x)|u| + b(x)|u|^q) dx \right) \|u\| \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\|u\|} \left( \|u\|^2 - C \|u\|_p^q \|u\| - C_2^{q+1} \|u\|^q \|u\|_r \right) . \end{aligned}$$

which yields the coercivity of  $A$  for  $1 < q < p - 1$ . In the case when  $q = p - 1$ , since  $X \hookrightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$  with continuous

embedding, then by a similar argument to that used in [1],  $A$  is coercive. ■

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.**

From the previous Lemma, the assumptions of Theorem 3 are fulfilled. Therefore, problem (2.1) has a weak solution. For the uniqueness of weak solution for problem (2.1), suppose that  $u$  and  $v$  be a weak solutions of (2.1) such that  $u \neq v$ . By (2.4) it follows that

$$0 = \langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq C_p \|u - v\|^p \geq 0$$

Then  $u = v$  and the proof now is completed .

This solution cannot be trivial provided that we suppose  $f(x, 0) \neq 0$ , because in this case  $A(0) \neq 0$ .

## 4 Conclusion

In this dissertation, we studied a nonlinear differential equation involving the  $p$ -Laplacian operator in unbounded domain ( $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{R}^N$ ).

After presenting the necessary theoretical of Lebesgue-Sobolev spaces, we were able to prove the existence and uniqueness of a weak solution to the studied equation. Due to the unboundedness of the domain. This absence of compactness require an analytical tools such as Browder's theorem.

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