

# Comparison Principle of Very Weak Solutions for Nonhomogeneous Elliptic Equations

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**Abstract:** Under some suitable assumptions, a comparison principle of very weak solutions for quasi-linear elliptic equation  $-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u) = f(x, u)$  is given by using McShane extension theorem to construct the Lipschitz continuous test function, and the corresponding results of some homogeneous equations are generalized.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we study a comparison principle of very weak solutions to nonhomogeneous elliptic equation

$$-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u) = f(x, u). \quad (1.1)$$

In recent years, there exist many results of weak solutions for quasilinear elliptic equations. Gilbarg and Trudinger<sup>[1]</sup> established a comparison principle of classical solutions for second-order quasilinear elliptic equation. Tolksdorf<sup>[2]</sup> generalized the results of [1] and obtained a comparison principle of weak solutions for  $\sum_{j=1}^n A_j(x, u, \nabla u) - A(x, u, \nabla u) = 0$ . Damascelli<sup>[3]</sup> studied a comparison principle of weak solutions (in  $W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ ) for  $-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u) = g(x, u)$  by taking an appropriate test function. The right hand side of the equation (i.e. lower order term) in [1-3] satisfied non-increasing for  $u$ . The definition of very weak solutions for A-harmonic equation were given<sup>[4]</sup>, Iwaniec et al.<sup>[5]</sup> obtained the existence and local integrability of very weak solutions to the A-harmonic equation by using Hodge decomposition method. By Hodge decomposition method to construct a proper test function, the uniqueness of the very weak solutions of  $-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u) = f(x, u)$  is obtained under the condition of weak boundary value in [6]. More references about Hodge decomposition see [7-9].

Lewis<sup>[10]</sup> and ZHONG<sup>[11]</sup> studied the existence and uniqueness of very weak solutions for  $D^m A(x, D^m u) = 0$  and  $-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u) = \mu$  in Grand Sobolev space by using the method of maximal function to construct Lipschitz-type continuous test function. SHI<sup>[12]</sup>

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studied a comparison principle of very weak solutions to  $-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u) = 0$  by the similar method in [10-11]. ZHU<sup>[13]</sup> introduced a comparison principle of very weak solutions for  $-\operatorname{div}A(x, u, \nabla u) = f(x) + \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$  by constructing a suitable test function, and combining Hardy-Littlewood maximum function et al.

However, the comparison principle of very weak solutions to equation (1.1) has not been studied yet. Inspired by [6,11-12], we study a comparison principle of equation (1.1) by using McShane extension theorem to contract the Lipschitz continuous test function. Compared with the right hand side in [13], our  $f(x, u)$  in (1.1) is more general, the reason is that the right hand side of [13] is actually  $f(x)$  which is independent of  $u$ . In particular, owing to the appearance of  $f(x, u)$  in the proof, we apply Theorem 2.7 in [14] (i.e. Lemma 2.3 in this paper), Sobolev embedding theorem, Hölder’s and Young’s inequalities in order to estimate the integral term of  $f(x, u)$ . In this paper, we assume  $f(x, u)$  to be non-increasing for  $u$ , so that our result also holds in classical solution and weak solution cases.

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 2)$  be a bounded open subset,  $1 < p < \infty$ , the Carathéodory function  $A(x, \xi) : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^{nN} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(x, \xi) : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f(x, \xi)$  is non-increasing for  $\xi$ ,  $A(x, \xi)$  and  $f(x, \xi)$  satisfies:

$$\langle A(x, \xi_1) - A(x, \xi_2), \xi_1 - \xi_2 \rangle \geq \alpha(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)^{p-2} |\xi_1 - \xi_2|^2, \tag{1.2}$$

$$|A(x, \xi_1) - A(x, \xi_2)| \leq \beta(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)^{p-2} |\xi_1 - \xi_2|, \tag{1.3}$$

$$|f(x, \zeta_1) - f(x, \zeta_2)| \leq |\zeta_1 - \zeta_2|^{p-1}, \tag{1.4}$$

where  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\xi_i (i = 1, 2) \in \mathbb{R}^{nN}$ ,  $\zeta_i (i = 1, 2) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \infty$ .

**Remark 1** We know that  $f(x, u)$  is non-increasing for  $u$ , this condition and above (1.4) are not contradict, for example, when  $u > 0$ ,

$$f(x, u) = \begin{cases} u^p, & 0 < u < 1 \\ u^{1-p}, & u \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Definition1.1** A function  $u(x) \in W^{1,r}(\Omega)$ ,  $\max\{1, p-1\} < r < p$  is called a very weak solution to elliptic equation (1.1) if

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x, \nabla u), \nabla \phi \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(x, u), \phi \rangle dx \tag{1.5}$$

for all  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ .

## 2. Preliminary Lemmas and Main Result

In order to prove the main result, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1**<sup>[9]</sup> Let  $h \in W^{1,q}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ . Then there exists a set  $N \subset \mathbb{R}^n, |N| = 0$ , such that

$$|h(x) - h(y)| \leq c|x - y|(M(|Dh|)(x) + M(|Dh|)(y))$$

for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus N$ , where  $c = c(n) > 0$ ,  $Mh(x)$  is a Hardy-littlewood maximal function of  $h(x)$ .

Let  $h(x) \in W_0^{1,r}(\Omega), 1 < r < \infty$ , extending  $h(x) = 0$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so that  $h(x) = 0$  in  $C\Omega$ . For a real number  $\lambda > 0$ , we denote

$$\begin{aligned} F_\lambda &= \{x \in \Omega \setminus N : M(|Dh|)(x) \leq \lambda, |h(x)| \leq \lambda d(x, \partial\Omega)\} \\ &= \{x \in \Omega \setminus N : g(x) \leq \lambda\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(x) = \max\{M(|Dh|)(x), |h(x)|d^{-1}(x, \Omega)\}$ .

It is easy to prove that  $h|_{F_\lambda \cup C\Omega}$  is  $C\lambda$ -Lipschitz continuity, where the constant  $C = C(n) \geq 1$ . Applying McShane extension theorem, we get the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.2**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $h(x) \in W_0^{1,r}(\Omega)$ , for any given  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $F_\lambda$  was defined by Lemma 2.1, then there exists Lipschitz continuous function  $h_\lambda$  satisfying:

- (i)  $h_\lambda(x) = h(x)$  for every  $x \in F_\lambda$ ;
- (ii)  $|Dh_\lambda(x)| \leq C(n)\lambda$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ;
- (iii)  $h_\lambda(x) = 0$  where  $x \in C\Omega$ ;
- (iv)  $\|Dh_\lambda(x)\|_\infty = \|Dh(x)\|_\infty$  for a.e.  $x \in F_\lambda$ .

**Lemma 2.3**<sup>[14]</sup> Every function  $u: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of class  $C^{0,1}(U)$  belongs to  $W_{loc}^{1,\infty}(U)$  (where  $U$  is the open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).

Our main result is the following comparison principle:

**Theorem 2.1** Assume that the equation (1.1) satisfies (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4). There exists a constant  $0 < \varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0(n, p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) < 1$  such that solutions  $u_1, u_2 \in W^{1,r}(\Omega)$ , where  $r > p - \varepsilon_0$ , if  $u_1(x) \geq u_2(x)$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , then  $u_1(x) \geq u_2(x)$  on  $\Omega$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem

In the following proof, all the constants  $C$  may change from line to line.

**Proof** Let  $u_1, u_2 \in W^{1,r}(\Omega)$  are solutions of equation (1.1), and  $u_1 \geq u_2$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . We consider  $v(x) = \min\{0, u_1 - u_2\}$  and know that  $v(x) \in W_0^{1,r}(\Omega)$ . From Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, there exists  $v_\lambda$  as Lipschitz continuous extension of function  $v(x)$  on  $F_\lambda \cup C\Omega$ , and  $v_\lambda$  can be used as a test function in Definition 1.1 because it satisfied (i)-(iv) from Lemma 2.2. Next we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x, \nabla u), \nabla v_\lambda \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(x, u), v_\lambda \rangle dx.$$

Due to  $u_1, u_2$  are solutions of equation (1.1), we obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \langle A(x, \nabla u_1), \nabla v_\lambda \rangle dx &= \int_{\Omega} \langle f(x, u_1), v_\lambda \rangle dx, \\ \int_{\Omega} \langle A(x, \nabla u_2), \nabla v_\lambda \rangle dx &= \int_{\Omega} \langle f(x, u_2), v_\lambda \rangle dx. \end{aligned}$$

The above two formulas are subtracted,

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x, \nabla u_1) - A(x, \nabla u_2), \nabla v_\lambda \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(x, u_1) - f(x, u_2), v_\lambda \rangle dx.$$

Note that  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 = \{x \in \Omega : u_1(x) \geq u_2(x)\} \cup \{x \in \Omega : u_1(x) < u_2(x)\}$ . Theorem 2.1 is clearly in  $\Omega_1$ . In order to get our result, we only need to prove  $\Omega_2$  is empty, that is  $u_1(x) \geq u_2(x)$  on  $\Omega_2$ . There have

$$\int_{\Omega_2} \langle A(x, \nabla u_1) - A(x, \nabla u_2), \nabla v_\lambda \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega_2} \langle f(x, u_1) - f(x, u_2), v_\lambda \rangle dx. \quad (3.1)$$

Owing to Lemma 2.1, there have  $v_\lambda = v$  on  $F_\lambda$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{F_\lambda} \langle A(x, \nabla u_1) - A(x, \nabla u_2), \nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2 \rangle dx \\ &= - \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} \langle A(x, \nabla u_1) - A(x, \nabla u_2), \nabla v_\lambda \rangle dx + \int_{F_\lambda} \langle f(x, u_1) - f(x, u_2), u_1 - u_2 \rangle dx \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} \langle f(x, u_1) - f(x, u_2), v_\lambda \rangle dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq |I_1| + |I_2| + |I_3|. \tag{3.2}$$

We combined (1.2) to get the following estimate,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{F_\lambda} \langle A(x, \nabla u_1) - A(x, \nabla u_2), \nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2 \rangle dx \\ & \geq \alpha \int_{F_\lambda} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 dx. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

According to the condition (1.3) and (1.4), Lemma 2.2 and the Sobolev embedding theorem, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| & \leq C\beta\lambda \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2| dx, \\ |I_2| & \leq \int_{F_\lambda} |u_1 - u_2|^p dx \leq C \int_{F_\lambda} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

Next, by using Hölder's and Young's inequalities, the Sobolev embedding theorem, Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3| & \leq \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} |v_\lambda| dx \\ & \leq \left( \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |u_1 - u_2|^p dx \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |v_\lambda|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ & \leq C(\varepsilon') \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |u_1 - u_2|^p dx + \varepsilon' \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |v_\lambda|^p dx \\ & \leq C(\varepsilon')C \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p dx + \varepsilon' C \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |\nabla v_\lambda|^p dx \\ & \leq C(\varepsilon')C \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p dx + \varepsilon' C \lambda^{p-1} \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} \lambda dx, \end{aligned}$$

where from the third line to the fourth line, we apply Lemma 2.3, since  $v_\lambda \in C^{0,1}(\Omega)$ ,  $v_\lambda \in W_{loc}^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ , that is  $v_\lambda \in W_{loc}^{1,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 < p \leq +\infty$ .

Combing (3.3) and the estimates of  $|I_1|, |I_2|, |I_3|$ , there have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \int_{F_\lambda} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 dx \\ & \leq C\beta\lambda \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2| dx \\ & \quad + C \int_{F_\lambda} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p dx + C(\varepsilon')C \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p dx + \varepsilon' C \lambda^{p-1} \int_{\Omega_2 \setminus F_\lambda} \lambda dx. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Multiplying both sides of the above inequality by  $\lambda^{-1-\varepsilon}$  ( $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ) and integrating  $\lambda$  on  $(0, +\infty)$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\alpha}{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \leq \frac{C\beta}{1-\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2| g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \quad + \frac{C}{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx + \frac{C(\varepsilon')C}{-\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \quad + \frac{\varepsilon' C \lambda^{p-1}}{(1-\varepsilon)} \int_{\Omega_2} g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \leq \frac{C\beta}{1-\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2| g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{C(1 - C(\varepsilon'))}{\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx + \frac{\varepsilon' C \lambda^{p-1}}{(1 - \varepsilon)} \int_{\Omega_2} g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq \frac{C\beta}{1 - \varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2| g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx + \frac{\varepsilon' C}{(1 - \varepsilon)} \int_{\Omega_2} |g(x)|^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq |I_4| + |I_5|. \tag{3.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2** In (3.5), we need point out, since  $\varepsilon' < 1$  and  $C(\varepsilon') > 1$  are coefficients of Young’s inequality,  $C$  is a positive constant in Sobolev embedding theorem, then  $\frac{C(1-C(\varepsilon'))}{\varepsilon} < 0$  in the sixth line of (3.5). Meanwhile,  $\lambda^{p-1}$  can be merged into  $C$  because  $\lambda > 0$ .

Similar to [12], recalling the definition of  $g(x)$ , combing our test function, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |I_4| & = \frac{C\beta}{1 - \varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2| g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq \frac{C\beta}{1 - \varepsilon} \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-1} g(x)^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq \frac{C\beta}{1 - \varepsilon} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-\varepsilon}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} g(x)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{p-\varepsilon}} \\
 & \leq \frac{C\beta}{1 - \varepsilon} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-\varepsilon}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{p-\varepsilon}}. \tag{3.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

By using Hölder’s and Young’s inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |I_5| & = \frac{\varepsilon' C}{(1 - \varepsilon)} \int_{\Omega_2} |g(x)|^{1-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq \frac{\varepsilon' C}{(1 - \varepsilon)} \left( \varepsilon'' \int_{\Omega_2} |g(x)|^{p-\varepsilon} dx + C(\varepsilon'') |\Omega_2| \right) \\
 & \leq \frac{\varepsilon' C}{(1 - \varepsilon)} \left( \varepsilon'' \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx + C(\varepsilon'') |\Omega_2| \right), \tag{3.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon''$  and  $C(\varepsilon'')$  stand for the small and large constants respectively from Young’s inequality.

Similar to [12], We distinguish the proof into two cases:

**Case 1**  $p \geq 2$ . In this case, by using Hölder’s inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq C \left[ \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \right]^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{p}} \left[ \int_{\Omega_2} g(x)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon}{p}} \\
 & \leq C \left[ \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \right]^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{p}} \left[ \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon}{p}}. \tag{3.8}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is easy to implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq C \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^p g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \\
 & \leq C \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx. \tag{3.9}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.5), (3.6), (3.7),(3.8)and (3.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \leq \frac{C\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon} \left[ \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right]^{\frac{p-1}{p-\varepsilon}} \left[ \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right]^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{p-\varepsilon}} \\ & \quad + \frac{\varepsilon\varepsilon' C}{(1-\varepsilon)} \left( \varepsilon'' \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx + C(\varepsilon'')|\Omega_2| \right), \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

where the above inequality holds for all  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0 < 1$ , and C doesn't depend on  $\varepsilon$ . We let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , then we get  $u_1 = u_2$  a.e. in  $\Omega_2$  and Theorem 2.1 were proved.

**Case 2**  $1 < p < 2$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \\ & = \int_{\Omega_2} \left( (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 g(x)^{-\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2}} \\ & \quad \times (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{(p-\varepsilon)\frac{2-p}{2}} g(x)^{(p-\varepsilon)\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} dx \\ & \leq \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2}} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} g(x)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \\ & \leq \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2}} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \leq \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^2 g(x)^{-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2-\varepsilon}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Combining (3.5), (3.6), (3.7) and (3.11), there have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \\ & \leq \left[ C \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-1}{2-\varepsilon}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} |\nabla u_1 - \nabla u_2|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + C \left( \frac{\varepsilon\varepsilon'\varepsilon''}{1-\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}} + \left( \frac{\varepsilon\varepsilon' C(\varepsilon'')|\Omega_2|}{1-\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}} \right] \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{\Omega_2} (|\nabla u_1| + |\nabla u_2|)^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{p-\varepsilon}{2-\varepsilon}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Similar to Case 1, we let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , and Theorem 2.1 is proved.

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## 非齐次椭圆方程很弱解的比较原理

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**摘要:** 在一些适当的假设条件下, 通过McShane扩张定理构造Lipschitz连续检验函数, 本文得到了拟线性椭圆方程 $-\operatorname{div}A(x, \nabla u(x)) = f(x, u)$ 很弱解的比较原理, 推广了齐次方程的相关结果.

**关键词:** 很弱解; 比较原理; Lipschitz连续检验函数; McShane扩张定理