Uniqueness of Renormalized Solutions in a T-set for the L^1 -data Problem and the Link between Various Formulations

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ABSTRACT. We prove the uniqueness of the so-called renormalized solution in an appropriate T-set for the problem $Au + a(u) = \mu \in L^1(\Omega)$, where A is an operator satisfying Leray-Lions type conditions.

Introduction

This paper deals essentially with the uniqueness of the solution u of the equation:

(1)
$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(\hat{a}(x, u, Du)) + \mathbf{a}(u) = \mu & \text{in } L^{1}(\Omega), \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

Many authors solve this equation under various hypotheses on \hat{a} and \mathbf{a} , and mainly they consider a solution satisfying (1) in the sense of distribution. For such results see, for instance, [BS], [BG], [Ra1], [Ra2],... and the references therein.

Unfortunately, as pointed out by Serrin [S], the solution of such an equation is (in general) not unique. For this, he constructed a function u not identically zero and coefficients a_{ij} being bounded and not continuous, satisfying the following linear equation:

$$\operatorname{div}(A(x)Du) = 0$$

with A a matrix whose components are a_{ij} . The formulation is taken in the sense of distribution. The function u is in $W_0^{1,1}(\Omega)$ and not in $W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$. Later, Brézis and Strauss showed that the semi-linear equation:

$$\label{eq:local_local_local} \left\{ \begin{aligned} Lu + \mathbf{a}(u) &= \mu & \text{ in } L^1(\Omega), \\ u & \text{ in } W_0^{1,1}(\Omega), \end{aligned} \right.$$