



Existence of renormalized solution for nonlinear elliptic boundary value problem without Δ_2 -condition

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Abstract

In this paper we will prove in Musielak–Orlicz spaces, the existence of renormalized solution for nonlinear elliptic equations of Leray–Lions type, in the case where the Musielak–Orlicz function φ doesn't satisfy the Δ_2 condition while the right hand side f belongs to $W^{-1}E_\psi(\Omega)$.

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1 Introduction and basic assumptions

This work deals with existence of solutions for strongly nonlinear boundary value problem whose model is:

$$\begin{cases} A(u) - \operatorname{div} \Phi(u) + g(x, u, \nabla u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u \equiv 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where Ω be a bounded domain of \mathbb{R}^N , $N \geq 2$, $A(u) = -\operatorname{div} a(x, u, \nabla u)$ be a Leray–Lions operator defined from the space $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ into its dual $W^{-1} L_\psi(\Omega)$, and $\Phi \in C^0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^N)$. where a is a function satisfying the following conditions :

$$a(x, s, \xi) : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \text{ is a Carathéodory function.} \quad (1.2)$$

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There exist two Musielak–Orlicz functions φ and γ such that $\gamma \prec \varphi$, a positive function $d(\cdot) \in E_\psi(\Omega)$ and positive constants k_1, k_2 and k_3 such that for a.e. $x \in \Omega$ and for all $s \in \mathbb{R}, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$

$$|a(x, s, \xi)| \leq k_1 (d(x) + \psi_x^{-1} \gamma(x, k_2 |s|)) + \psi_x^{-1} \varphi(x, k_3 |\xi|); \tag{1.3}$$

$$(a(x, s, \xi) - a(x, s, \xi')) (\xi - \xi') > 0; \tag{1.4}$$

$$a(x, s, \xi) \cdot \xi \geq \alpha \varphi(x, |\xi|). \tag{1.5}$$

Furthermore, let $g(x, s, \xi) : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Carathéodory function such that for a.e. $x \in \Omega$ and for all $s \in \mathbb{R}, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N$, satisfying the following conditions

$$|g(x, s, \xi)| \leq c(x) + b(|s|)\varphi(x, |\xi|); \tag{1.6}$$

$$g(x, s, \xi) s \geq 0; \tag{1.7}$$

where $b : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a continuous positive function which belongs to $L^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ and $c(\cdot) \in L^1(\Omega)$ The right-hand side of (1.1) and $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ are assumed to satisfy

$$f \in W^{-1}E_\psi(\Omega); \tag{1.8}$$

$$\Phi \in C^0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^N). \tag{1.9}$$

Note that no growth hypothesis is assumed on the function Φ , which implies that the term $-\text{div } \Phi(u)$ may be meaningless, even as a distribution.

Several researches deals with the existence solutions of elliptic and parabolic problems under various assumptions and in different contexts (see [1–10,13–20,24–28,35,37,39,40] for more details), indeed we can't recite all examples; we will just choose some of them, So we mention that:

the problem (1.1) was treated by Boccardo (see [23]) in the case $g \equiv 0$ and for p such that $2 - 1/N < p < N$ where he proved the existence and regularity of an entropy solution u that is $u \in W_0^{1,q}(\Omega)$, $q < \tilde{p} = \frac{(p-1)N}{N-1}$, $T_k(u) \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, $\forall k > 0$. The same problem have been studied by Diperna and lions in [26] where they introduced the idea of renormalized solutions.

In the framework of variable exponent Sobolev spaces in [12] have proved the existence result of solutions for the problem 1.1 without sign condition involving nonstandard growth.

In the setting of Musielak spaces and in variational case, the existence of a weak solution for the problem (1.1) was treated by Ahmed Oubeid, Benkirane and Sidi El Vally in [11] where $\text{div } \Phi \equiv 0$.

Our purpose in this paper is to show the existence of renormalized solutions for problem (1.1) in Musielak Orlicz spaces in the case where the Musielak–Orlicz function φ doesn't satisfy the Δ_2 condition, while the right-hand side belongs to $W^{-1}E_\psi(\Omega)$, $\Phi \in C^0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^N)$. and a nonlinearity $g(x, s, \xi)$ having natural growth with respect to the gradient.

The paper is organized as follows: In Sect. 2, we give some preliminaries and background. Section 3 is devoted to some technical lemmas which can be used to our result. In the final Sect. 4, we state our main result and give the prove of an existence solution.

2 Some preliminaries and background

Here we give some definitions and properties that concern Musielak–Orlicz spaces (see [34]).

Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , a Musielak–Orlicz function φ is a real-valued function defined in $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+$ such that

- (a) $\varphi(x, t)$ is an N-function i.e. convex, nondecreasing, continuous, $\varphi(x, 0) = 0, \varphi(x, t) > 0$ for all $t > 0$ and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \Omega} \frac{\varphi(x, t)}{t} = 0, \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{x \in \Omega} \frac{\varphi(x, t)}{t} = 0$$

- (b) $\varphi(x, t)$ is a measurable function for all $t \geq 0$.

Now, let $\varphi_x(t) = \varphi(x, t)$ and let φ_x^{-1} be the non-negative reciprocal function with respect to t , i.e the function that satisfies

$$\varphi_x^{-1}(\varphi(x, t)) = \varphi(x, \varphi_x^{-1}(t)) = t$$

The Musielak–Orlicz function φ is said to satisfy the Δ_2 -condition if for some $k > 0$, and a non negative function h , integrable in Ω , we have

$$\varphi(x, 2t) \leq k\varphi(x, t) + h(x) \text{ for all } x \in \Omega \text{ and } t \geq 0. \tag{2.1}$$

When (2.1) holds only for $t \geq t_0 > 0$, then φ is said to satisfy the Δ_2 -condition near infinity. Let φ and γ be two Musielak–Orlicz functions, we say that φ dominate γ and we write $\gamma < \varphi$, near infinity (resp. globally) if there exist two positive constants c and t_0 such that for almost all $x \in \Omega$

$\gamma(x, t) \leq \varphi(x, ct)$ for all $t \geq t_0$, (resp. for all $t \geq 0$ i.e. $t_0 = 0$) We say that γ grows essentially less rapidly than φ at 0 (resp. near infinity) and we write $\gamma \ll \varphi$ if for every positive constant c we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\sup_{x \in \Omega} \frac{\gamma(x, ct)}{\varphi(x, t)} \right) = 0, \quad \left(\text{resp. } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sup_{x \in \Omega} \frac{\gamma(x, ct)}{\varphi(x, t)} \right) = 0 \right)$$

Remark 2.1 (see [29]) If $\gamma < \varphi$ near infinity such that γ is locally integrable on Ω , then $\forall c > 0$ there exists a nonnegative integrable function h such that

$$\gamma(x, t) \leq \varphi(x, ct) + h(x), \text{ for all } t \geq 0 \text{ and for a. e. } x \in \Omega.$$

For a Musielak–Orlicz function φ and a measurable function $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we define the functional

$$\rho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) = \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |u(x)|) dx$$

The set $K_{\varphi}(\Omega) = \{u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} / \rho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) < \infty\}$ is called the Musielak–Orlicz class (or generalized Orlicz class). The Musielak–Orlicz space (the generalized Orlicz spaces) $L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$ is the vector space generated by $K_{\varphi}(\Omega)$, that is, $L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$ is the smallest linear space containing the set $K_{\varphi}(\Omega)$. Equivalently

$$L_{\varphi}(\Omega) = \left\{ u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} / \rho_{\varphi, \Omega} \left(\frac{u}{\lambda} \right) < \infty, \text{ for some } \lambda > 0 \right\}$$

For a Musielak–Orlicz function φ we put: $\psi(x, s) = \sup_{t > 0} \{st - \varphi(x, t)\}$, ψ is the Musielak–Orlicz function complementary to φ (or conjugate of φ) in the sens of Young with respect to the variable s In the space $L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$ we define the following two norms:

$$\|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 / \int_{\Omega} \varphi \left(x, \frac{|u(x)|}{\lambda} \right) dx \leq 1 \right\}$$

which is called the Luxemburg norm and the so-called Orlicz norm by:

$$\| \|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} = \sup_{\|v\|_{\psi} \leq 1} \int_{\Omega} |u(x)v(x)| dx$$

where ψ is the Musielak Orlicz function complementary to φ . These two norms are equivalent (see [34])

The closure in $L_\varphi(\Omega)$ of the bounded measurable functions with compact support in $\bar{\Omega}$ is denoted by $E_\varphi(\Omega)$. It is a separable space (see [34], Theorem 7.10).

We say that sequence of functions $u_n \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$ is modular convergent to $u \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$ if there exists a constant $\lambda > 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_{\varphi, \Omega} \left(\frac{u_n - u}{\lambda} \right) = 0.$$

For any fixed nonnegative integer m we define

$$W^m L_\varphi(\Omega) = \{u \in L_\varphi(\Omega) : \forall |\alpha| \leq m, D^\alpha u \in L_\varphi(\Omega)\}$$

and

$$W^m E_\varphi(\Omega) = \{u \in E_\varphi(\Omega) : \forall |\alpha| \leq m, D^\alpha u \in E_\varphi(\Omega)\}$$

where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ with nonnegative integers α_i , $|\alpha| = |\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|$ and $D^\alpha u$ denote the distributional derivatives. The space $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ is called the Musielak Orlicz Sobolev space.

Let

$$\bar{\rho}_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \rho_{\varphi, \Omega}(D^\alpha u) \text{ and } \|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega}^m = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \bar{\rho}_{\varphi, \Omega} \left(\frac{u}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

for $u \in W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$. These functionals are a convex modular and a norm on $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$, respectively, and the pair $(W^m L_\varphi(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{\varphi, \Omega}^m)$ is a Banach space if φ satisfies the following condition (see [34]):

$$\text{there exist a constant } c_0 > 0 \text{ such that } \inf_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x, 1) \geq c_0 \tag{2.2}$$

The space $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ will always be identified to a subspace of the product $\prod_{|\alpha| \leq m} L_\varphi(\Omega) = \Pi L_\varphi$, this subspace is $\sigma(\Pi L_\varphi, \Pi E_\psi)$ closed.

The space $W_0^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ is defined as the $\sigma(\Pi L_\varphi, \Pi E_\psi)$ closure of $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ in $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$. and the space $W_0^m E_\varphi(\Omega)$ as the (norm) closure of the Schwartz space $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ in $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$.

Let $W_0^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ be the $\sigma(\Pi L_\varphi, \Pi E_\psi)$ closure of $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ in $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ The following spaces of distributions will also be used:

$$W^{-m} L_\psi(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in D'(\Omega); f = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^\alpha f_\alpha \text{ with } f_\alpha \in L_\psi(\Omega) \right\}$$

and

$$W^{-m} E_\psi(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in D'(\Omega); f = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^\alpha f_\alpha \text{ with } f_\alpha \in E_\psi(\Omega) \right\}$$

We say that a sequence of functions $u_n \in W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ is modular convergent to $u \in W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ if there exists a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\rho}_{\varphi, \Omega} \left(\frac{u_n - u}{k} \right) = 0$$

For φ and her complementary function ψ , the following inequality is called the Young inequality (see [34]):

$$ts \leq \varphi(x, t) + \psi(x, s), \quad \forall t, s \geq 0, x \in \Omega \tag{2.3}$$

This inequality implies that

$$\|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq \rho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) + 1 \tag{2.4}$$

In $L_\varphi(\Omega)$ we have the relation between the norm and the modular

$$\|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq \rho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) \text{ if } \|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} > 1 \tag{2.5}$$

$$\|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \geq \rho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) \text{ if } \|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq 1 \tag{2.6}$$

For two complementary Musielak Orlicz functions φ and ψ , let $u \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$ and $v \in L_\psi(\Omega)$, then we have the Holder inequality (see [34]):

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} u(x)v(x)dx \right| \leq \|u\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \|v\|_{\psi, \Omega} \tag{2.7}$$

We will use the following technical lemmas.

3 Some technical lemmas

Lemma 3.1 [19] *Let Ω be a bounded Lipschitz domain in \mathbb{R}^N and let φ and ψ be two complementary Musielak–Orlicz functions which satisfy the following conditions:*

- (i) *There exist a constant $c > 0$ such that $\inf_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x, 1) \geq c$.*
- (ii) *There exist a constant $A > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in \Omega$ with $|x - y| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ we have*

$$\frac{\varphi(x, t)}{\varphi(y, t)} \leq t^{\left(\frac{A}{\log\left(\frac{1}{|x-y|}\right)}\right)}, \quad \forall t \geq 1 \tag{3.1}$$

- (iii)

$$\text{If } D \subset \Omega \text{ is a bounded measurable set, then } \int_D \varphi(x, 1)dx < \infty \tag{3.2}$$

- (iv) *There exist a constant $C > 0$ such that $\psi(x, 1) \leq C$ a.e in Ω .*

Under this assumptions, $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ is dense in $L_\varphi(\Omega)$ with respect to the modular topology, $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ is dense in $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ for the modular convergence and $\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Omega})$ is dense in $W^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ the modular convergence.

Consequently, the action of a distribution S in $W^{-1} L_\psi(\Omega)$ on an element u of $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ is well defined. It will be denoted by $\langle S, u \rangle$.

Lemma 3.2 [36] *Let $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be uniformly Lipschitzian, with $F(0) = 0$. Let φ be a Musielak–Orlicz function and let $u \in W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$. Then $F(u) \in W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ Moreover, if the set D of discontinuity points of F' is finite, we have*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} F(u) = \begin{cases} F'(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} & \text{a.e in } \{x \in \Omega : u(x) \in D\} \\ 0 & \text{a.e in } \{x \in \Omega : u(x) \notin D\} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 3.3 [29] (Poincare’s inequality) *Let φ a Musielak Orlicz function which satisfies the assumptions of lemma 3.1, suppose that $\varphi(x, t)$ decreases with respect of one of coordinate of x Then, that exists a constant $c > 0$ depends only of Ω such that*

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |u(x)|)dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, c|\nabla u(x)|)dx, \quad \forall u \in W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$$

Lemma 3.4 [19] *Suppose that Ω satisfies the segment property and let $u \in W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$. Then, there exists a sequence $(u_n) \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ such that*

$$u_n \rightarrow u \text{ for modular convergence in } W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$$

Furthermore, if $u \in W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ then $\|u_n\|_{\infty} \leq (N + 1)\|u\|_{\infty}$.

Lemma 3.5 *Let $(f_n), f \in L^1(\Omega)$ such that*

- (i) $f_n \geq 0$ a.e in Ω
- (ii) $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e in Ω
- (iii) $\int_{\Omega} f_n(x)dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f(x)dx$ then $f_n \rightarrow f$ strongly in $L^1(\Omega)$

Lemma 3.6 [20] *If a sequence $g_n \in L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$ converges in measure to a measurable function g and if g_n remains bounded in $L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$, then $g \in L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$ and $g_n \rightarrow g$ for $\sigma(\Pi L_{\varphi}, \Pi E_{\psi})$*

Lemma 3.7 (Jensen inequality) [38] *Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a convex function and $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is function measurable, then*

$$\varphi \left(\int_{\Omega} g d\mu \right) \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi \circ g d\mu.$$

Lemma 3.8 (The Nemytskii Operator) [29] *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^N with finite measure and let φ and ψ be two Musielak Orlicz functions. Let $f : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ be a Carathody function such that for a.e. $x \in \Omega$ and all $s \in \mathbb{R}^p$:*

$$|f(x, s)| \leq c(x) + k_1 \psi_x^{-1} \varphi(x, k_2 |s|)$$

where k_1 and k_2 are real positives constants and $c(\cdot) \in E_{\psi}(\Omega)$ Then the Nemytskii Operator N_f defined by $N_f(u)(x) = f(x, u(x))$ is continuous from

$$\mathcal{P} \left(E_M(\Omega), \frac{1}{k_2} \right)^P = \prod \left\{ u \in L_M(\Omega) : d(u, E_M(\Omega)) < \frac{1}{k_2} \right\}$$

into $(L_{\psi}(\Omega))^q$ for the modular convergence.

Furthermore if $c(\cdot) \in E_{\gamma}(\Omega)$ and $\gamma \ll \psi$ then N_f is strongly continuous from $\mathcal{P} \left(E_M(\Omega), \frac{1}{k_2} \right)^P$ to $(E_{\gamma}(\Omega))^q$

Lemma 3.9 *Let Ω be a bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^N with the segment property. If $u \in (W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega))^N$ then $\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} u \, dx = 0$.*

Proof of lemma 3.9 The proof of this lemma is based on [[30], Lemma 3.2]

4 Main result

We consider the following boundary value problem

$$(\mathcal{P}) \begin{cases} A(u) - \operatorname{div} \Phi(u) + g(\cdot, u, \nabla u) = f \in W^{-1}E_\psi(\Omega), & \text{in } \Omega \\ u \equiv 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Let us define

$$\mathcal{T}_0^{1,\varphi}(\Omega) = \{u \text{ measurable such that } T_k(u) \in W_0^1L_\varphi(\Omega), \forall k > 0\}.$$

As in [21] we define the following notion of renormalized solution, which gives a meaning to a possible solution of (P)

Definition 4.1 Assume that (1.2)–(1.4), (1.6) hold true. A function u is a renormalized solution of the problem (P) if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \in \mathcal{T}_0^{1,\varphi}(\Omega), g(\cdot, u, \nabla u) \in L^1(\Omega), g(\cdot, u, \nabla u)u \in L^1(\Omega) \\ \int_\Omega a(x, u, \nabla u)h(u)\nabla v dx + \int_\Omega a(x, u, \nabla u)h'(u)\nabla uv dx \\ \quad + \int_\Omega \Phi(u)h(u)\nabla v dx + \int_\Omega \Phi(u)h'(u)\nabla uv dx \\ \quad + \int_\Omega g(x, u, \nabla u)h(u)v dx = \int_\Omega fh(u)v dx \end{array} \right. \tag{4.1}$$

for all $h \in W^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ such that h' has a compact support in \mathbb{R} , and for all $v \in W_0^1L_\varphi(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$.

The weaker problem (4.1) is obtained by using the test function $h(u)v$ where $h \in W^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$, and $v \in W_0^1L_\varphi(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$ in (P).

Remark 1 Let us note that in (4.1) every term is meaningful in the distributional sense.

Theorem 4.1 Under assumptions (1.2)–(1.4),(1.6) there exists at least a renormalized solution u in the sense of definition 4.1 of problem (P).

Let us introduce the truncate operator. For a given constant $k > 0$, we define the function $T_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

$$T_k(s) = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } |s| \leq k, \\ k \frac{s}{|s|} & \text{if } |s| > k. \end{cases}$$

4.1 Proof of Theorem 4.1

4.1.1 Approximate problem and a priori estimate

We use an idea contained in [37] (Theorem 1.1), based on the approximation of the original problem and a priori estimate. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence in $W^{-1}E_\psi(\Omega) \cap L^1(\Omega)$ such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^1(\Omega)$ with $\|f_n\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1$, $\phi_n(s) = \phi(T_n(s))$ and $g_n(x, s, \xi) = T_n(g(x, s, \xi))$. The following approximate problem

$$(P_n) \begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a(\cdot, u_n, \nabla u_n)) + g_n(\cdot, u_n, \nabla u_n) = f_n + \operatorname{div}(\Phi_n(u_n)) & \text{in } D'(\Omega) \\ u_n = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

has a solution u_n in $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$.

Now Choosing u_n as a function test in problem (P_n) , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx + \int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n dx = \langle f, u_n \rangle \tag{4.2}$$

By posing

$$\tilde{\Phi}_n(t) = \int_0^t \Phi_n(\tau) d\tau$$

we obtain

$$\tilde{\Phi}_n(0) = 0.$$

As each component of $\tilde{\Phi}_n$ is uniformly Lipschitzian, and according to [[32], Lemma 2], it follows that the function $\tilde{\Phi}_n(u_n)$ belongs to $(W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega))^N$.

therefore by using Lemma 3.9

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\tilde{\Phi}_n(u_n)) dx = 0$$

According to (1.7) and using Young’s inequality, we have

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \right| \leq C_1 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\nabla T_k(u_n)|) dx. \tag{4.3}$$

which together with (1.5) gives

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\nabla T_k(u_n)|) dx \leq C_2 \tag{4.4}$$

Poincare inequality (see Lemma 3.3) implies that

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi\left(x, \frac{|T_k(u_n)|}{c}\right) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\nabla T_k(u_n)|) dx \leq c_2 k \tag{4.5}$$

On the other hand we have

$$\int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n dx \leq C_3 \tag{4.6}$$

so it follows that $(T_k(u_n))_n$ and $(\nabla T_k(u_n))_n$ are bounded in $L_\varphi(\Omega)$, Thus

$$(T_k(u_n))_n \text{ is bounded in } W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega),$$

there exists some $v_k \in W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} T_k(u_n) \rightharpoonup v_k & \text{weakly in } W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega) \text{ for } \sigma(\Pi L_\varphi, \Pi E_\psi) \\ T_k(u_n) \rightarrow v_k & \text{strongly in } E_\psi(\Omega). \end{cases} \tag{4.7}$$

Now one suppose that exists a function φ satisfies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(t)}{t} = \infty$ and $\varphi(t) \leq \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x, t)$ Let $k > 0$ large enough, by using (4.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(k) \operatorname{meas}\{|u_n| > k\} &= \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} \varphi(|T_k(u_n)|) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} \varphi(x, |T_k(u_n)|) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |T_k(u_n)|) dx \\ &\leq c_3 k \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\text{meas} \{|u_n| > k\} \leq \frac{c_3 k}{\varphi(k)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

For every $\lambda > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{meas} \{|u_n - u_m| > \lambda\} \leq \lambda &\leq \text{meas} \{|u_n| > k\} + \text{meas} \{|u_m| > k\} \\ &+ \text{meas} \{|T_k(u_n) - T_k(u_m)| > \lambda\} \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

then, by using (4.5) one suppose that $(T_k(u_n))_n$ is a Cauchy sequence in measure in Ω , Let $\varepsilon > 0$, then by (4.8) there exists some $k = k(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$\text{meas} \{|u_n - u_m| > \lambda\} < \varepsilon, \quad \text{for all } n, m \geq h_0(k(\varepsilon), \lambda)$$

which means that $(u_n)_n$ is a Cauchy sequence in measure in Ω , thus converge almost every where to u .

Consequently

$$\begin{cases} u_n \rightharpoonup u \text{ weakly in } W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega) \text{ for } \sigma (\Pi L_\varphi, \Pi E_\psi) \\ u_n \rightarrow u \text{ strongly in } E_\psi(\Omega). \end{cases} \tag{4.9}$$

4.1.2

In this step we shall show the boundedness of $(a(\cdot, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)))_n$ in $(L_\psi(\Omega))^N$

Let $\vartheta \in E_\varphi(\Omega)^N$ such that $\|\vartheta\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq 1$, the hypothesis (1.4) gives We have

$$\int_\Omega \left[a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right) \right] \left[\nabla T_k(u_n) - \frac{\vartheta}{k_3} \right] dx > 0$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_\Omega \frac{1}{k_3} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \vartheta dx \\ &\leq \int_\Omega a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \\ &\quad - \int_\Omega a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right) \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right) dx \\ &\leq c_2 k - \int_\Omega a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right) \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{k_3} \int_\Omega a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right) \vartheta dx \end{aligned}$$

By using Young’s inequality in the last two terms of the last side and (4.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \vartheta dx \leq c_2 k k_3 \\ & + 3k_1(1+k_3) \int_{\Omega} \psi\left(x, \frac{\left|a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right)\right|}{3k_1}\right) dx \\ & + 3k_1 k_3 \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\nabla T_k(u_n)|) dx + 3k_1 \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\vartheta|) dx \\ & \leq c_2 k k_3 + 3k_1 k_3 c_2 k + 3k_1 \\ & + 3k_1(1+k_3) \int_{\Omega} \psi\left(x, \frac{\left|a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right)\right|}{3k_1}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using (1.3) and the convexity of ψ we get

$$\psi\left(x, \frac{\left|a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right)\right|}{3k_1}\right) \leq \frac{1}{3} (\psi(x, d(x)) + \gamma(x, k_2 |T_k(u_n)|) + \varphi(x, |\vartheta|)).$$

Thanks to “Remark 2.1” there exists $h \in L^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\gamma(x, k_2 |T_k(u_n)|) \leq \gamma(x, k_2 k) \leq \varphi(x, 1) + h(x);$$

then by integrating over Ω we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \psi\left(x, \frac{\left|a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \frac{\vartheta}{k_3}\right)\right|}{3k_1}\right) dx \leq \frac{1}{3} \left(\int_{\Omega} \psi(x, d(x)) dx + \int_{\Omega} h(x) dx \right. \\ & \left. + \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, 1) dx + \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\vartheta|) dx \right) \leq c_k, \end{aligned}$$

where c_k is a constant depending on k . So,

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \vartheta dx \leq c_k, \quad \forall \vartheta \in (E_{\varphi}(\Omega))^N \quad \text{with } \|\vartheta\|_{\varphi, \Omega} = 1$$

and thus $\|a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n))\|_{\psi, \Omega} \leq c_k$, which implies that,

$$(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)))_n \text{ is bounded in } L_{\psi}(\Omega)^N. \tag{4.10}$$

4.1.3

Let us show that :

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{(m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1)} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx = 0$$

Defining

$$\theta_m(r) = T_{m+1}(r) - T_m(r) \quad \text{For any } m \geq 1,$$

in view of [[32], Lemma2] one get $\theta_m(u_n) \in W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$.

Now let us taking $\theta_m(u_n)$ as a test function in (P_n) we have

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla \theta_m(u_n) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \nabla \theta_m(u_n) dx + \int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \theta_m(u_n) dx = \int_{\Omega} f_n \theta_m(u_n) dx$$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \Phi_n(t) \chi_{\{|s \in \mathbb{R}, m \leq |s| \leq m+1\}}(t) \\ \tilde{\phi}(t) &= \int_0^t \phi(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

hence $\tilde{\phi}(u_n) \in (W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega))^N$ (by Lemma 3.2). We obtain, by Lemma 3.9,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \nabla \theta_m(u_n) dx &= \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \chi_{\{|s \in \mathbb{R}, m \leq |s| \leq m+1\}}(u_n) \nabla u_n dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \phi(u_n) \nabla u_n dx = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\tilde{\phi}(u_n)) dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using the sign condition (1.7) we have $g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \theta_m(u_n) \geq 0$ a.e. in Ω , and knowing that $\nabla \theta_m(u_n) = \nabla u_n \chi_{\{|m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}}$ a.e. in Ω , we get

$$\int_{\{|m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \nabla u_n dx \leq \langle f, \theta_m(u_n) \rangle.$$

It is not difficult to see that

$$\|\nabla \theta_m(u_n)\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq \|\nabla u_n\|_{\varphi, \Omega}.$$

then in view of (4.4) and (4.9) it follows that

$$\theta_m(u_n) \rightharpoonup \theta_m(u) \text{ weakly in } W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega) \text{ for } \sigma(\Pi L_\varphi(\Omega), \Pi E_\varphi(\Omega))$$

Therefore, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \leq \langle f, \theta_m(u) \rangle$$

as $\theta_m(u) \rightarrow 0$ weakly in $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega,)$ for $\sigma(\Pi L_\varphi(\Omega), \Pi E_\varphi(\Omega))$ one obtain

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \langle f, \theta_m(u) \rangle = 0$$

By (1.5), we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx = 0 \tag{4.11}$$

4.1.4

In this subsection we pose $\phi(s) = s e^{\lambda s^2}$ where $\lambda = \left(\frac{b(k)}{2\alpha}\right)^2$. it is easy to get,

$$\text{for all } s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \phi'(s) - \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} |\phi(s)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \tag{4.12}$$

For $m \geq k$, defining

$$\psi_m(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |s| \leq m \\ m + 1 - |s| & \text{if } m \leq |s| \leq m + 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |s| \geq m + 1 \end{cases}$$

Let $\{v_j\}_j \subset D(\Omega)$ be a sequence such that $v_j \rightarrow u$ in $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ for the modular convergence and a.e. in Ω . And let us define the functions

$$\theta_n^j = T_k(u_n) - T_k(v_j), \theta^j = T_k(u) - T_k(v_j) \text{ and } z_{n,m}^j = \phi(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n).$$

Using $z_{n,m}^j \in W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ as a test function in (P_n) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla z_{n,m}^j dx \\ & + \int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \psi'_m(u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - T_k(v_j)) dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla \phi(T_k(u_n) - T_k(v_j)) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) z_{n,m}^j dx = \int_{\Omega} f z_{n,m}^j dx \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

From now on, we denote by $\epsilon_i(n, j), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, various sequences of real numbers which tend to zero as n and $j \rightarrow \infty$, i.e.,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \epsilon_i(n, j) = 0$$

by using (4.7) one has $z_{n,m}^j \rightarrow \phi(\theta^j) \psi_m(u)$ weakly in $L^\infty(\Omega)$ for $\sigma^*(L^\infty, L^1)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ which give

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} f z_{n,m}^j dx = \int_{\Omega} f \phi(\theta^j) \psi_m(u) dx$$

and $\phi(\theta^j) \rightarrow 0$ weakly in $L^\infty(\Omega)$ for $\sigma(L^\infty, L^1)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} f \phi(\theta^j) \psi_m(u) dx = 0$$

Therefore, by denoting

$$\int_{\Omega} f z_{n,m}^j dx = \epsilon_0(n, j),$$

the divergence lemma implies that

$$\int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \psi'_m(u_n) \phi(T_k(u_n) - T_k(v_j)) dx = 0.$$

The third term in the left-hand side of (4.13) can be written as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla \phi(T_k(u_n) - T_k(v_j)) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ & = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \end{aligned}$$

Applying the divergence lemma we have,

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx = 0.$$

By (4.7) one obtain

$$\Phi_n(u_n) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) \rightarrow \Phi(u) \phi'(\theta^j) \psi_m(u) \text{ a.e. in } \Omega \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

now, we can verify that

$$\left\| \Phi_n(u_n) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) \right\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq \psi(x, c_m \phi'(2k)) |\Omega| + 1$$

with $c_m = \max_{|t| \leq m+1} \Phi(t)$.

Thanks to [[33], Theorem 14.6], we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx = \int_{\Omega} \Phi(u) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta^j) \psi_m(u) dx$$

Using the modular convergence of the sequence $\{v_j\}_j$, it follows that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx = \int_{\Omega} \Phi(u) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \psi_m(u) dx$$

Then, thanks to Lemma 3.9 we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi(u) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \psi_m(u) dx = 0$$

Therefore, we denote

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla \phi(T_k(u_n) - T_k(v_j)) \psi_m(u_n) dx = \epsilon_1(n, j).$$

since $g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) z_{nm}^j \geq 0$ on the set $\{|u_n| > k\}$ and $\psi_m(u_n) = 1$ on the set $\{|u_n| \leq k\}$, by according to 4.13 we get

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla z_{nm}^j dx + \int_{\{|u_n| \leq k\}} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(\theta_n^j) dx \leq \epsilon_2(n, j) \tag{4.14}$$

For the first term of the left-hand side of (4.14) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla z_{n,m}^j dx &= \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) \\ &\quad - \nabla T_k(v_j)) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \phi(\theta_n^j) \psi'_m(u_n) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j)) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \phi(\theta_n^j) \psi'_m(u_n) dx \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla z_{nm}^j dx \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \right) \\
 & \quad \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \\
 &+ \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \\
 &- \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_j^s} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \\
 &- \int_{[|u_n| > k]} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\
 &+ \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi'_m(u_n) dx \tag{4.15}
 \end{aligned}$$

let us define $x_j^s, s > 0$, and the characteristic function of the subset $\Omega_j^s = \{x \in \Omega : |\nabla T_k(v_j)| \leq s\}$.

By fixing m and s , we will pass to the limit in n and in j in the second, third, fourth and fifth term on the right hand side of (4.15).

For the second term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \\
 & \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \phi'(\theta^j) \right) dx \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow +\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

thanks to 3.8, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \rightarrow \\
 & a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \phi'(\theta^j) \text{ strongly in } (E_{\varphi}(\Omega))^N \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

and by (4.4)

$$\nabla T_k(u_n) \rightharpoonup \nabla T_k(u) \text{ weakly in } (L_{\varphi}(\Omega))^N$$

Let us define χ^s the characteristic function of the subset

$$\Omega^s = \{x \in \Omega : |\nabla T_k(u)| \leq s\}$$

As $\nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \rightarrow \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s$ strongly in $(E_{\varphi}(\Omega))^N$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \phi'(\theta^j) dx \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty$$

thus,

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx = \epsilon_3(n, j) \tag{4.16}$$

For third term estimation of (4.15) . It's it is clear that by (1.5) one can verify that $a(x, s, 0) = 0$ for almost every $x \in \Omega$ and for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

Thus, from (4.10) we have that

$$(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)))_n \text{ is bounded in } (L_\varphi(\Omega))^N \text{ for all } k \geq 0.$$

Therefore, there exist a subsequence still indexed by n and a function l_k in $(L_\varphi(\Omega))^N$ such that

$$a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \rightharpoonup l_k \text{ weakly in } (L_\varphi(\Omega))^N \text{ for } \sigma(\Pi L_\psi, \Pi E_\varphi).$$

Then, by using the fact that $\nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_j^s} \in (E_\varphi(\Omega))^N$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_j^s} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \\ & \rightarrow \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_j^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta^j) dx \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The modular convergence of $\{v_j\}$ give

$$- \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_j} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta^j) dx \rightarrow - \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty$$

Consequently

$$- \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_j^{*s}} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx = - \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx + \epsilon_4(n, j) \tag{4.17}$$

For the fourth term, we remark that $\psi_m(u_n) = 0$ on the subset $\{|u_n| \geq m + 1\}$, then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ & = - \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} a(x, T_{m+1}(u_n), \nabla T_{m+1}(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \end{aligned}$$

By using the same procedure as above we have

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} a(x, T_{m+1}(u_n), \nabla T_{m+1}(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx \\ & = - \int_{\{|u| > k\}} l_{m+1} \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \psi_m(u) dx + \epsilon_5(n, j) \end{aligned}$$

By observing that $\nabla T_k(u) = 0$ on the subset $\{|u| > k\}$, we can write

$$- \int_{\{|u_n| > k\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \phi'(\theta_n^j) \psi_m(u_n) dx = \epsilon_5(n, j) \tag{4.18}$$

For the last term of (4.15) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \phi(\theta_n^j) \psi'_m(u_n) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \phi(\theta_n^j) \psi'_m(u_n) dx \right| \\ &\leq \phi(2k) \int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \end{aligned}$$

By taking $T_1(u_n - T_m(u_n)) \in W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ as test in (P_n) one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx + \int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \\ &+ \int_{\{|u_x| \geq m\}} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) T_1(u_n - T_m(u_n)) dx = \langle f, T_1(u_n - T_m(u_n)) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

by according to Lemma 3.9, we get

$$\int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx = 0$$

Since $g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) T_1(u_n - T_m(u_n)) \geq 0$ on the subset $\{|u_n| \geq m\}$, we have

$$\int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \leq \langle f, T_1(u_n - T_m(u_n)) \rangle$$

By observing f as $f = -\operatorname{div} F$, where $F \in (E_\varphi(\Omega))^N$, and applying Young's inequality, we get

$$\int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx \leq \alpha \int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx$$

which implies that

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \phi(\theta_n^j) \psi'_m(u_n) dx \right| \leq \alpha \phi(2k) \int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx \tag{4.19}$$

thinks to (4.15), (4.17), (4.18) and 4.19 we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla z_{n,m}^j dx \\ & \geq \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) x_j^s\right) \right) (\nabla T_k(u_n) \\ & \quad - \nabla T_k(v_j) x_j^s) \phi'(\theta_n^j) dx \tag{4.20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\alpha \phi(2k) \int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx \\ & - \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx + e_6(n, j) \tag{4.21} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we turn to the second term on the left-hand side of (4.15) and by using the hypothesis (1.6) one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\{|u_n| \leq k\}} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(\theta_n^j) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\{|u_x| \leq k\}} g_n(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \phi(\theta_n^j) dx \right| \\ &\leq b(k) \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\nabla T_k(u_n)|) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx + b(k) \int_{\Omega} c(x) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx \\ &\leq \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} a_n(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx + \epsilon_7(n, j) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\{|u_k| \leq k\}} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(\theta_n^j) dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \right) (\nabla T_k(u_n) \\ &\quad - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx \\ &\quad + \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx \\ &\quad + \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} a_n(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx + \epsilon_7(n, j) \end{aligned} \tag{4.22}$$

Using the same procedure as above we get

$$\frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx = \epsilon_8(n, j)$$

and

$$\frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} a_n(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx = \epsilon_9(n, j).$$

thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\{|u_n| \leq k\}} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \phi(\theta_n^j) dx \right| \leq \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \right) \\ &\quad \times (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) |\phi(\theta_n^j)| dx + \epsilon_{10}(n, j) \end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

By combining (4.14),(4.20) and (4.23) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \right) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) \\ &\quad \times \left(\phi'(\theta_n^j) - \frac{b(k)}{\alpha} |\phi(\theta_n^j)| \right) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx + \alpha \phi(2k) \psi \left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha} |F| \right) dx + \epsilon_{11}(n, j) \end{aligned}$$

thinks to (4.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s\right) \right) \\
 & \quad \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) \rho(x) dx \\
 & \leq 2 \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx + 2\alpha\phi(2k) \\
 & \quad \int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx + \epsilon_{11}(n, j)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.24}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s) \right) \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s \right) dx \\
 & = \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s\right) \right) \\
 & \quad \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) dx \\
 & + \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s - \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s \right) dx \\
 & - \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s \right) dx \\
 & + \int_{\Omega} a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s\right) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

We will pass to the limit in n and then in j in the last three terms of the right-hand side of the above equality.

using the same procedure as is done in (4.15) and (4.22), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s - \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s \right) dx = \epsilon_{12}(n, j) \\
 & \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s \right) dx = \epsilon_{13}(n, j) \\
 & \int_{\Omega} a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s\right) \cdot \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) dx = \epsilon_{14}(n, j)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.25}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s) \right) \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s \right) dx \\
 & = \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s\right) \right) \\
 & \quad \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s \right) dx + \epsilon_{15}(n, j)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.26}$$

Let $r \leq s$. Thanks to (1.4), (4.24) and (4.26) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega^r} (a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)) \, dx \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega^s} (a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)) \, dx \\
 &= \int_{\Omega^s} (a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)\chi^s)) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)\chi^s) \, dx \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u)\chi^s)) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)\chi^s) \, dx \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \left(a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a\left(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j)\chi_j^s\right) \right) \\
 &\quad \left(\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j)\chi_j^s \right) \, dx + \epsilon_{15}(n, j)
 \end{aligned}$$

by passing to the limit in n and then in j one has,

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int (a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))) (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)) \, dx \\
 &\leq 2 \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \, dx + 2\alpha\phi(2k) \int_{\{m \leq |u| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) \, dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $s \rightarrow +\infty$ and $m \rightarrow +\infty$, using the fact that $l_k \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \in L^1(\Omega)$, $|F| \in (E_\varphi(\Omega))^N$, $|\Omega \setminus \Omega^s| \rightarrow 0$ and $|\{m \leq |u| \leq m+1\}| \rightarrow 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\Omega^r} (a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) - a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u))) \\
 &\quad \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)) \, dx \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to [31] there exists a subsequence of $\{u_n\}$ still indexed by n such that

$$\nabla u_n \rightarrow \nabla u \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega \tag{4.27}$$

Thus, by taking account that (4.7), (4.9) and (4.10) we can apply [[33], Theorem 14.6] to obtain $a(x, u, \nabla u) \in (L_\varphi(\Omega))^N$ and

$$a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightharpoonup a(x, u, \nabla u) \text{ weakly in } (L_\varphi(\Omega))^N \text{ for } \sigma(L_\varphi(\Omega), \Pi E_\psi(\Omega)). \tag{4.28}$$

4.1.5

Now, we shall prove that

for every $k > 0$, $T_k(u_n) \rightarrow T_k(u)$ in $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$ for the modular convergence

From inequality (4.24), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s dx \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(v_j) x_j^s) \cdot (\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s) dx \\ &+ 2\alpha\phi(2k) \int_{\{m \leq |u_k| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx \\ &+ 2 \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx + \epsilon_{11}(n, j). \end{aligned}$$

thinks to (4.25), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s dx + 2\alpha\phi(2k) \\ &\int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx \\ &+ 2 \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx + \epsilon_{17}(n, j). \end{aligned}$$

the passage to the limit to the limit in n on both sides of this inequality and using (4.28) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(v_j) \chi_j^s dx + 2\alpha\phi(2k) \\ &\int_{\{m \leq |u| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx \\ &+ 2 \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx. \end{aligned}$$

and by passing to the limit in j we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \chi^s dx + 2\alpha\phi(2k) \\ &\int_{\{m \leq |u| \leq m+1\}} \psi\left(x, \frac{2}{\alpha}|F|\right) dx \\ &+ 2 \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega^s} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let s and m → ∞, we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx$$

Now, thanks to (1.5),(4.4),(4.27) and applying Fatou’s lemma, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx$$

thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) dx = \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) dx$$

In view of Lemma 3.5, we deduce that for every $k > 0$

$$a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) \rightarrow a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \quad \text{strongly in } L^1(\Omega) \tag{4.29}$$

by vertu of hypothesis (1.5) and using the convexity of φ we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi\left(x, \frac{|\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)|}{2}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\alpha} a(x, T_k(u_n), \nabla T_k(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u_n) + \frac{1}{2\alpha} a(x, T_k(u), \nabla T_k(u)) \cdot \nabla T_k(u) \end{aligned}$$

By applying Vitali’s theorem we obtain

$$\lim_{|\varepsilon| \rightarrow 0} \sup_n \int_E \varphi\left(x, \frac{|\nabla T_k(u_n) - \nabla T_k(u)|}{2}\right) dx = 0$$

Consequently, for every $k > 0$

$$T_k(u_n) \rightarrow T_k(u) \quad \text{in } W_0^1 L_{\varphi}(\Omega).$$

for the modular convergence.

4.1.6

We shall show that

$$g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightarrow g(x, u, \nabla u) \quad \text{in } L^1(\Omega) \tag{4.30}$$

From (4.9) and (4.27) we have

$$g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightarrow g(x, u, \nabla u) \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega \tag{4.31}$$

Let E be a measurable subset of Ω and let $m > 0$. by taking account of (1.5) and (1.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E |g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n)| dx &= \int_{E \cap \{|u_k| \leq m\}} |g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n)| dx \\ &+ \int_{E \cap \{|u_n| > m\}} |g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n)| dx \\ &\leq b(m) \int_E c(x) dx + b(m) \int_E a(x, T_m(u_n), \nabla T_m(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_m(u_n) dx \\ &+ \frac{1}{m} \int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n dx \end{aligned}$$

By (1.7) and (4.6) it follows that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) u_n dx = 0$$

By using (4.29) the sequence

$$\{a(x, T_m(u_n), \nabla T_m(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_m(u_n)\}_n \text{ is equi-integrable,}$$

Consequently

$$\lim_{|E| \rightarrow 0} \sup_n \int_E a(x, T_m(u_n), \nabla T_m(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_m(u_n) dx = 0$$

This proves that $g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n)$ is equi-integrable.

Therefore, Vitali’s theorem allows us to get

$$g(x, u, \nabla u) \in L^1(\Omega),$$

and

$$g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \rightarrow g(x, u, \nabla u) \text{ strongly in } L^1(\Omega). \tag{4.32}$$

4.1.7

In this subsection we prove that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{m \leq |u| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot \nabla u dx = 0 \tag{4.33}$$

for any $m \geq 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx &= \int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot (\nabla T_{m+1}(u_n) - \nabla T_m(u_n)) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_{m+1}(u_n), \nabla T_{m+1}(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_{m+1}(u_n) dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_m(u_n), \nabla T_m(u_n)) \cdot \nabla T_m(u_n) dx \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to (4.29) and passing to the limit as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ for fixed $m \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{m \leq |u_n| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n dx &= \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_{m+1}(u), \nabla T_{m+1}(u)) \cdot \nabla T_{m+1}(u) dx - \int_{\Omega} a(x, T_m(u), \nabla T_m(u)) \cdot \nabla T_m(u) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot (\nabla T_{m+1}(u) - \nabla T_m(u)) dx \\ &= \int_{\{m \leq |u| \leq m+1\}} a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot \nabla u dx. \end{aligned}$$

according to (4.11), we can pass to the limit as $m \rightarrow +\infty$ in order to have (4.33).

4.1.8

Finally, in this step thanks to (4.29) and Lemma 3.5, one has

$$a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \rightarrow a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot \nabla u \text{ strongly in } L^1(\Omega) \tag{4.34}$$

Let $h \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $\varrho \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$. we choose $h(u_n)\varrho$ as a test function in (P_n) we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n h'(u_n) \varrho dx + \int_{\Omega} \rho(x) a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla \varrho h(u_n) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_n(u_n) \cdot \nabla (h(u_n)\varrho) dx + \int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) h(u_n) \varrho dx = \langle f, h(u_n)\varrho \rangle \tag{4.35}$$

Now, we can pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ in each term of equality (4.35). since h and h' have a compact support on \mathbb{R} , there exists a real number $v > 0$, such that $\text{supp } h \subset [-v, v]$ and $\text{supp } h' \subset [-v, v]$. For $n > v$, we can have

$$\Phi_n(t)h(t) = \Phi(T_v(t))h(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_n(t)h'(t) = \Phi(T_v(t))h'(t)$$

Moreover,

$$\text{the functions } \Phi h \text{ and } \Phi h' \text{ belong to } (C^0(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}))^N.$$

Now we can see that the sequence $\{h(u_n)\varrho\}_n$ is bounded in $W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega)$. Indeed, let $c' > 0$ be a positive constant such that $\|h(u_n)\nabla\varrho\|_\infty \leq c'$ and $\|h'(u_n)\varrho\|_\infty \leq c'$. Thanks to (3.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \varphi\left(x, \frac{|\nabla(h(u_n)\varrho)|}{2c'}\right) dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi\left(x, \frac{|h(u_n)\nabla\varrho| + |h'(u_n)\varrho|\|\nabla u_n\|}{2c'}\right) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, 1) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |\nabla T_M(u_n)|) dx \\ &\leq c \end{aligned}$$

Which jointly with (4.9) it follows that

$$h(u_n)\varrho \rightarrow h(u)\varrho \text{ weakly in } W_0^1 L_\varphi(\Omega) \text{ for } \sigma(\Pi L_\varphi, \Pi E_\psi). \tag{4.36}$$

Which give

$$\langle f, h(u_n)\varrho \rangle \rightarrow \langle f, h(u)\varrho \rangle.$$

Let E be a measurable subset of Ω . we pose $c_v = \max_{|t|\leq v} \Phi(t)$. And denoting by $\|v\|_{\varphi, \Omega}$ the Orlicz norm of a function $v \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$. We thinking to the strengthened Hölder inequality with both Orlicz and Luxemburg norms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(T_v(u_n))\chi_E\|_{\psi, \Omega} &= \sup_{\|v\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq 1} \left| \int_E \Phi(T_v(u_n)) v dx \right| \\ &\leq c_v \sup_{\|v\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq 1} \|\chi_E\|_{\psi, \Omega} \|v\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \\ &\leq c_v |E| \varphi^{-1}\left(x, \frac{1}{|E|}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{|E| \rightarrow 0} \sup_n \|\Phi(T_v(u_n))\chi_E\|_{(\psi, \Omega)} = 0$$

Then, in view of (4.9) and by applying [[33], Lemma 11.2], we get

$$\Phi(T_v(u_n)) \rightarrow \Phi(T_v(u)) \text{ strongly in } (E_\psi(\Omega))^N$$

which together with (4.36) allow us to pass to the limit in the third term of (4.35) to obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi(T_v(u_n)) \cdot \nabla(h(u_n)\varrho) dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \Phi(T_v(u)) \cdot \nabla(h(u)\varrho) dx$$

Observing that

$$|a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n h'(u_n)\varrho| \leq c' a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n$$

Therefore, thanks to (4.34) and applying Vitali’s theorem, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla u_n h'(u_n)\varrho dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot \nabla u h'(u)\varrho dx$$

Concerning the second term of (4.35) using the same procedure as above we obtain

$$h(u_n)\nabla\varrho \rightarrow h(u)\nabla\varrho \text{ strongly in } (E_{\varphi}(\Omega))^N$$

which jointly with (4.28) implies that

$$\int_{\Omega} a(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) \cdot \nabla\varrho h(u_n) dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot \nabla\varrho h(u) dx$$

Remark that $h(u_n)\varrho \rightarrow h(u)\varrho$ weakly in $L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ for $\sigma^*(L^{\infty}, L^1)$ with (4.30) we can pass to the limit in the Fourth term of (4.35) in order to have

$$\int_{\Omega} g_n(x, u_n, \nabla u_n) h(u_n)\varrho dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} g(x, u, \nabla u) h(u)\varrho dx$$

Finally, we can pass to the limit in each term of (4.35) so as to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} a(x, u, \nabla u) \cdot [\nabla\varphi h(u) + h'(u)\varrho\nabla u] dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi(u)h'(u)\varrho \cdot \nabla u dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \Phi(u)h(u) \cdot \nabla\varrho dx + \int_{\Omega} g(x, u, \nabla u)h(u)\varrho dx = \langle f, h(u)\varrho \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all $h \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R})$ and for all $\varrho \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$. Thus, as well (1.7),(4.6) and (4.31) we apply Fatou’s lemma to get $g(x, u, \nabla u)u \in L^1(\Omega)$.

Consequently, thanks to (4.9),(4.28),(4.32),(4.33), the function u is a renormalized solution of problem (P) .

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