# On approximation of the solutions of quasi-linear elliptic equations in R<sup>n</sup>

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### Introduction

Let P=P(D) be an elliptic differential operator of order 2m with constant coefficients  $\left(D=\left(-i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, ..., -i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)\right)$  and Q=Q(x, D) a differential operator of order 2m with smooth coefficients which vanish for |x| > a.

For any domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and any integer  $k \ge 0$  denote by  $H^k(\Omega)$  the Hilbert space of functions u with the norm

$$||u||_{H^k(\Omega)} = \left\{\sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \int |D^{\alpha} u|^2 dx\right\}^{1/2}$$

(Sobolev space);  $L^2(\Omega) = H^0(\Omega)$ . Further denote by  $H^k_{loc}(\Omega)$  the set of functions u satisfying the condition:  $\varphi u \in H^k(\Omega)$  for arbitrary infinitely differentiable function  $\varphi$  which is equal to zero out of a compact subset of  $\Omega$ .

In [1] the elliptic equation

$$Au \equiv (P+Q)u = f \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbb{R}^n$$

has been considered when  $P(\xi) \neq 0$  for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . It has been proved that if for any  $f \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (i.e.  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , f(x) = 0 if |x| > a) there exists a solution u of the equation (0.1) which tends to zero at infinity then the solution is unique. Furthermore, by use of methods of [2] it is easy to show that for this solution the estimation

$$\|u\|_{H^{2m}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq c_1 \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

holds. ( $c_1$  is a constant which does not depend on f.) In [1] there have been formulated conditions on the differential operators  $B_i(x, D)$  which guarantee that for sufficiently

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large  $\rho > 0$  the boundary value problem in  $B_{\rho} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| < \rho\}$ 

$$Au_{\rho} = f \quad \text{in} \quad B_{\rho}$$

(0.4) 
$$B_j(x, D)u_q = 0$$
 on  $S_q, j = 1, ..., m$ 

 $(S_q = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = \varrho\})$  has a unique solution  $u_q$  in the Sobolev space  $H^{2m}(B_q)$  and an estimation of the form

(0.5) 
$$\|u - u_{\varrho}\|_{H^{2m}(B_{\varrho})} \leq c_2 \|f\|_{L^2_{\varrho}(\mathbb{R}^n)} e^{-c_3 \varrho}$$

holds, where  $c_2$ ,  $c_3$  are positive constants which do not depend on f and  $\rho$ .

In [3] similar results are proved when  $P(\xi) \neq 0$  for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  but P(0)=0 and (0.3), (0.4) is the Dirichlet problem, i.e.  $B_j(x, D) = \frac{\partial^j}{\partial v^j}$  where v is the normal vector to  $S_q$ . Then instead of (0.2) and (0.5) the following estimations are valid: for any compact  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ 

(0.6)  $\|u\|_{H^{2m}(K)} \leq c_1(K) \|f\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ and (0.7)  $\|u - u_{\ell}\|_{H^{2m}(K)} \leq c_2(K)g(\varrho) \|f\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)},$ 

where  $c_1(K)$ ,  $c_2(K)$  are constants which do not depend on f and  $\rho$ ,  $\lim_{\rho \to +\infty} g(\rho) = 0$ . Under certain conditions estimations of the form (0.2), resp.

$$(0.8) ||u - u_{\rho}||_{H^{2m}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq g(\varrho) ||f||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

can be shown where  $\lim_{\rho \to +\infty} g(\rho) = 0$ .

In this paper it will be supposed that the differential operators P and Q satisfy the above mentioned conditions of works [1], resp. [3] such that estimations of the form (0.6), (0.7), resp. (0.2), (0.8) hold. Our aim is to consider a quasi-linear elliptic equation of the form

$$(0.9) \qquad Au+g(x, u, \dots, D^{\beta}u, \dots) = f \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbf{R}^{n}$$

where  $|\beta| \leq 2m-1$  and to prove the existence of a solution of (0.9). Moreover, we are going to prove an estimation of type (0.7), resp. (0.8) for the quasi-linear equation (0.9).

In [4]—[8] there are proved existence theorems on quasi-linear and nonlinear elliptic equations in unbounded domains. These results, however, cannot be applied to the equation (0.9) in the case P(0)=0.

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# 1. Existence of solutions

Theorem 1. Suppose that for any  $f \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  there exists a unique solution u of (0.1) and for this solution the estimation (0.6) holds. Let  $g: \mathbb{R}^{n+N} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function (N denotes the number of multiindices  $\beta$  such that  $|\beta| \leq 2m-1$ ) satisfying the conditions:

(1.1) 
$$g(x, u, ..., u_{\beta}, ...) = 0$$
 if  $|x| > a$ ;

(1.2) 
$$\lim_{|(u,\ldots,u_{\beta},\ldots)|\to\infty}\frac{g(x,u,\ldots,u_{\beta},\ldots)}{|(u,\ldots,u_{\beta},\ldots)|}=0 \quad uniformly \ in \ x;$$

(1.3) the first partial dervatives of g are continuous and bounded.

Then for any  $f \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  equation (0.9) has at least one solution  $u \in H^{2m}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , vanishing at infinity.

Proof. Denote by  $A^{-1}f$  the unique solution of (0.1) which vanishes at infinity. Function u is the solution of (0.9) (vanishing at infinity) if and only if v=Au is a solution of the equation

$$(1.4) v+G(v)=f$$

in  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  where the operator G is defined by

$$G(v) = g(x, A^{-1}v, ..., D^{\beta}A^{-1}v, ...).$$

We shall first prove that G is a continuous and compact (nonlinear) operator in the Hilbert space  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By use of the mean value theorem and condition (1.3) we have the estimation

$$|G(v) - G(v^*)| \le c_1[|A^{-1}(v - v^*)| + \dots + |D^{\beta}A^{-1}(v - v^*)| + \dots]$$

 $(c_1 \text{ denotes a constant})$  and thus

(1.5) 
$$\left\{\int_{B_a} |G(v) - G(v^*)|^2\right\}^{1/2} \leq$$

$$\leq c_1 \left[ \left\{ \int_{B_a} |A^{-1}(v-v^*)|^2 \right\}^{1/2} + \ldots + \left\{ \int_{B_a} |D^{\beta} A^{-1}(v-v^*)|^2 \right\}^{1/2} + \ldots \right] \leq c_2 \|v-v^*\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

because in virtue of (0.6)  $A^{-1}$ :  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n) \to H^{2m}(B_a)$  is a bounded linear operator. Since  $A^{-1}$  is a bounded linear operator and by (1.2)

$$|g(x, u, ..., u_{\beta}, ...)| \leq c_3 |(u, ..., u_{\beta}, ...)|$$

 $(c_3 \text{ denotes a constant})$ , thus

$$\|G(v)\|_{L^{2}(B_{a})} \leq c_{4} \|A^{-1}v\|_{H^{2m}(B_{a})} \leq c_{5} \|v\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}.$$

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Hence by use of condition (1.1) we find that for any  $v \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $G(v) \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and thus by (1.5)  $G: L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a continuous operator.

From conditions (1.1)—(1.3) it follows that for any  $v \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$ 

(1.6) 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} G(v) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_j} (x, A^{-1}v, ..., D^{\beta}A^{-1}v, ...) + \\ + \sum_{|\beta| \leq 2m-1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial u_{\beta}} (x, A^{-1}v, ..., D^{\beta}A^{-1}v, ...) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (D^{\beta}A^{-1}v)$$

and  $G(v) \in H_a^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (i.e.  $G(v) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and G(v) = 0 for |x| > a). From (1.6) it is also clear that G maps bounded subsets of  $L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into bounded subsets of  $H_a^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Hence  $G: L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a compact operator.

Now we shall prove the equality

(1.7) 
$$\lim_{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}\to\infty}\frac{\|G(v)\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}=0.$$

Denote  $A^{-1}v$  by u then

(1.8) 
$$\frac{\|G(v)\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}} = \frac{\|g(x, u, \dots, D^\beta u, \dots)\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|u\|_{H^{2m}(B_a)}} \cdot \frac{\|u\|_{H^{2m}(B_a)}}{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}.$$

In virtue of the boundedness of  $A^{-1}$  the second factor on the right hand side is bounded. Moreover,  $||u||_{H^{2m}(B_a)} \to \infty$  as  $||v||_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)} \to \infty$  since v = A(u) and  $A: H^{2m}(B_a) \to A^2(B_a)$  is a bounded linear operator. Thus to prove (1.7) we have only to show that

(1.9) 
$$\lim_{\|u\|_{H^{2m}(B_{a})}\to\infty}\frac{\|g(x, u, ..., D^{\beta}u, ...)\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}}{\|u\|_{H^{2m}(B_{a})}}=0.$$

For any positive number b > 0

(1.10) 
$$\int_{B_{a}} |g(x, u(x), ..., D^{\beta}u(x), ...)|^{2} dx =$$
$$= \int_{|(u(x), ..., D^{\beta}u(x), ...)| > b} |g(x, u(x), ..., D^{\beta}u(x), ...)|^{2} dx +$$
$$+ \int_{|(u(x), ..., D^{\beta}u(x), ...)| \le b} |g(x, u(x), ..., D^{\beta}u(x), ...)|^{2} dx.$$

By (1.2) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  the number b > 0 can be chosen such that

$$|g(x, u(x), \ldots, D^{\beta}u(x), \ldots)| \leq \varepsilon |(u(x), \ldots, D^{\beta}u(x), \ldots)|.$$

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Thus

(1.11) 
$$\int_{|(u(x),...,D^{\beta}u(x),...)|>b} |g(x,u(x),...,D^{\beta}u(x),...)|^2 dx \leq \varepsilon^2 \int_{B_a} |(u(x),...,D^{\beta}u(x),...)|^2 dx \leq \varepsilon^2 ||u||^2_{H^{2m}(B_a)}.$$

For a fixed b>0 the second term on the right in (1.10) is bounded because g is continuous and  $|x| \leq a$ ,  $|(u(x), ..., D^{\beta}u(x), ...)| \leq b$ . Therefore from (1.10), (1.11) we have (1.9) and equality (1.7) is proved.

Since  $G: L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a continuous compact operator satisfying (1.7), thus by use of Schauder's fixed point theorem we can prove that the equation (1.4) has at least one solution  $v \in L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for any  $f \in L_a^2(\mathbb{R})$ . By (1.7) we can choose a number  $\varrho_0 > 0$  such that

$$\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)} > \varrho_0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \frac{\|G(v)\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Set F(v)=f-G(v). Then the operator F is bounded in  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , i.e.

 $\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \varrho_0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \|F(v)\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \varrho_1,$ 

since G is bounded in  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $\varrho$  denote the number max  $\{\varrho_0, \varrho_1, 2 \| f \|\}$ . Then F maps the sphere  $\{v \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n): \|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \varrho\}$  into itself, because  $\|F(v)\| \leq \varrho_1 \leq \varrho$ if  $\|v\| \leq \varrho_0$  and

$$\|F(v)\| \leq \|f\| + \|G(v)\| \leq \varrho/2 + \|v\|/2 \leq \varrho \quad \text{if} \quad \varrho_0 \leq \|v\| \leq \varrho.$$

Moreover, F is a continuous and compact operator, hence by Schauder's fixed point theorem F has at least one fixed point. Thus equation (1.4) has at least one solution  $v \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and then the function  $u = A^{-1}v \in H^{2m}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a solution of (0.1), vanishing at infinity.

Consider now the following boundary value problem in  $B_{\rho}$ :

(1.12) 
$$Au_{\varrho} + g(x, u_{\varrho}, ..., D^{\beta}u_{\varrho}, ...) = f \text{ in } B_{\varrho},$$

(1.13) 
$$B_j(x, D)u_q = 0$$
 on  $S_q, j = 1, ..., m$ .

Theorem 2. Assume that the conditions of Theorem 1 are fulfilled. Further suppose that if  $\varrho \ge \varrho_0$  then for any  $f \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the problem (0.3), (0.4) has a unique solution  $u_\varrho \in H^{2m}(B_\varrho)$  and the estimation (0.7) holds. Then for any  $\varrho \ge \varrho_0$  and  $f \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the problem (1.12), (1.13) has at least one solution  $u_\varrho \in H^{2m}(B_\varrho)$ .

Proof. Denote by  $A_q^{-1}f$  the unique solution  $u_q \in H^{2m}(B_q)$  of the problem (0.3), (0.4). If  $v_q \in L^2_q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a solution of

(1.14) 
$$v_{\varrho} + g(x, A_{\varrho}^{-1}v_{\varrho}, ..., D^{\beta}A_{\varrho}^{-1}v_{\varrho}, ...) = f$$

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then  $u_e = A_e^{-1} v_e \in H^{2m}(B_e)$  is a solution of (1.12), (1.13). Define an operator  $G_e$  by the formula

$$G_{\varrho}(v_{\varrho}) = g(x, A_{\varrho}^{-1}v_{\varrho}, \ldots, D^{\beta}A_{\varrho}^{-1}v_{\varrho}, \ldots).$$

Then  $G_{a}: L^{2}_{a}(\mathbf{R}^{n}) \rightarrow L^{2}_{a}(\mathbf{R}^{n})$  is a continuous and compact operator and

(1.15) 
$$\lim_{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}\to\infty}\frac{\|G_\varrho(v)\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|v\|_{L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)}}=0 \quad \text{uniformly for } \varrho \ge \varrho_0.$$

This statement can be verified by means analogous to those used before in proving Theorem 1. We want only to show the proof of (1.15). Since

$$A_{\varrho}^{-1}v = (A_{\varrho}^{-1} - A^{-1})v + A^{-1}v,$$

thus by estimations (0.6) and (0.7)  $A_{\varrho}^{-1}$ :  $L_{a}^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \rightarrow H^{2m}(B_{a})$  is a bounded linear operator and  $||A_{\varrho}^{-1}||$  is uniformly bounded for  $\varrho \ge \varrho_{0}$ :

(1.16) 
$$\frac{\|A_{\varrho}^{-1}v\|_{H^{2m}(B_{\varrho})}}{\|v\|_{L^{2}_{\varrho}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}} \leq c_{1}$$

for any  $v \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\varrho \ge \varrho_0$ . Further

(1.17) 
$$||A_{\varrho}^{-1}v||_{H^{2m}(B_{\varrho})} \to \infty$$
 uniformly for  $\varrho \ge \varrho_0$  as  $||v||_{L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \to \infty$ ,

since  $v = A(A_e^{-1}v)$  and  $A: H^{2m}(B_a) \rightarrow L^2(B_a)$  is a bounded linear operator which does not depend on  $\varrho$ . The equality

$$\frac{\|G_{\varrho}(v)\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}}{\|v\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}} = \frac{\|g(x, A_{\varrho}^{-1}v, \dots, D^{\beta}A_{\varrho}^{-1}v, \dots)\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}}{\|A_{\varrho}^{-1}v\|_{H^{2m}(B_{a})}} \cdot \frac{\|A_{\varrho}^{-1}v\|_{H^{2m}(B_{a})}}{\|v\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}}$$

and (1.9), (1.16), (1.17) imply (1.15).

Thus by use of Schauder's fixed point theorem we find that there exists a solution  $v_e$  of (1.14) (see the proof of Theorem 1), hence  $u_e = A_e^{-1} v_e \in H^{2m}(B_e)$  is a solution of (1.12), (1.13).

#### 2. Theorem on approximation

Theorem 3. Suppose that all conditions of Theorem 2 are fulfilled. Let  $(\varrho_j)$  be any sequence of numbers  $\varrho_j \ge \varrho_0$  such that  $\lim_{j \to \infty} \varrho_j = +\infty$  and let  $u_{\varrho_j}$  be a solution of (1.12), (1.13) for  $\varrho = \varrho_j$ . Then the sequence  $(\varrho_j)$  has a subsequence  $(\varrho_j^*)$  such that for any compact  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (2.1)  $\lim_{i \to \infty} \|u_{\varrho_j^*} - u^*\|_{H^{2m}(K)} = 0$ 

holds where  $u^* \in H^{2m}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a solution of (0.9) vanishing at infinity.

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If the solution u of equation (0.9) is unique then for the solutions  $u_0$  of (1.12), (1.13)

(2.2) 
$$\lim_{e \to \infty} \|u_e - u\|_{H^{2m}(K)} = 0$$

holds with arbitrary compact  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If estimations (0.2), (0.8) are valid, too, then

(2.3) 
$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \|u_{e_j^*} - u^*\|_{H^{2m}(B_{e_j^*})}$$

resp. (in the case of unicity)

(2.4) 
$$\lim_{\varrho \to \infty} \|u_{\varrho} - u\|_{H^{2m}(B_{\varrho})} = 0$$

hold.

Proof. The solutions  $v_{e} \in L_{a}^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  of the equation (1.14) constitute a bounded set in the Hilbert space  $L_{a}^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$ . If it were not true then there would exist a sequence  $(v_{q'_{a}})$  of solutions of (1.14) such that

(2.5) 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \|v_{e'_{1}}\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbf{R}^{n})} = +\infty.$$

From (1.14) it is clear that

(2.6) 
$$\frac{v_{e'_{j}}}{\|v_{e'_{j}}\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}} + \frac{G_{e'_{j}}(v_{e'_{j}})}{\|v_{e'_{j}}\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}} = \frac{f}{\|v_{e'_{j}}\|_{L^{2}_{a}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}}.$$

By (2.5) and (1.15) the term on the right and the second term on the left in (2.6) tend to the zero of  $L_a^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as  $j \to \infty$ . The norm of the first term on the left equals one, thus from (2.6) we have a contradiction.

From the boundedness of the solutions  $v_q$  of (1.14) and from (1.16) it follows the boundedness of the functions  $u_q = A_q^{-1} v_q$  in  $H^{2m}(B_q)$ .

Consider any sequence of numbers  $\varrho_j \ge \varrho_0$  such that  $\lim_{j \to \infty} \varrho_j = +\infty$ . The sequence  $(u_{\varrho_j})$  of solutions of (1.12), (1.13) with  $\varrho = \varrho_j$  is bounded in the norm of  $H^{2m}(B_a)$ . Hence  $(u_{\varrho_j})$  has a subsequence  $(u_{\varrho_j^*}) = (u'_j)$  which tends to a function  $u_0 \in H^{2m-1}(B_a)$  in the norm of  $H^{2m-1}(B_a)$ :

(2.7) 
$$\lim_{j\to\infty} \|u_j'-u_0\|_{H^{2m-1}(B_{\alpha})} = 0.$$

In view of (1.3) and the mean value theorem it is clear that

$$|g(x, u'_{j}, ..., D^{\beta}u'_{j}, ...) - g(x, u_{0}, ..., D^{\beta}u_{0}, ...)| \leq \leq c_{1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq 2m-1} |D^{\beta}u'_{j} - D^{\beta}u_{0}|$$

 $(c_1 \text{ denotes a constant})$ . Thus

(2.8) 
$$\lim_{j\to\infty}\int_{B_a} |g(x,u'_j,\ldots,D^{\beta}u'_j,\ldots)-g(x,u_0,\ldots,D^{\beta}u_0,\ldots)|^2 dx = 0.$$

Consider the functions  $v'_i = Au'_i$ . Then

(2.9) 
$$v'_j + g(x, u'_j, ..., D^{\beta}u'_j, ...) = f$$

since the functions  $u'_j$  are solutions of the problem (1.12), (1.13) for  $\varrho = \varrho_j^*$ . Equalities (2.8), (2.9) imply that the sequence  $(v'_j)$  tends to a function  $v^* \in L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in the norm of  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

(2.10) 
$$v^* + g(x, u_0, ..., D^{\beta}u_0, ...) = f.$$

We shall prove that for any compact  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ 

(2.11) 
$$\lim_{j\to\infty} \|u_j' - A^{-1}v^*\|_{H^{2m}(K)} = 0.$$

Since  $u'_{j} = A_{e_{j}^{*}}^{-1} v'_{j}$ , thus (2.12)

$$\|u'_{j}-A^{-1}v^{*}\|_{H^{2m}(K)} \leq \|A_{\varrho_{j}^{*}}^{-1}v'_{j}-A^{-1}v'_{j}\|_{H^{2m}(K)} + \|A^{-1}(v'_{j}-v^{*})\|_{H^{2m}(K)}.$$

The sequence  $(v'_j)$  is bounded in  $L^2_a(\mathbb{R}^n)$  hence by (0.7) the first term on the right in (2.12) tends to zero as  $j \to \infty$ . Applying the estimation (0.6) to  $A^{-1}(v'_j - v^*)$  we find that the second term on the right in (2.12) tends to zero, too. Thus (2.12) implies (2.11).

From (2.11), (2.7) it follows that

(2.13) 
$$u_0 = A^{-1}v^*$$
 a. e. in  $B_a$ 

Denote  $A^{-1}v^*$  by  $u^*$  then  $u^*=u_0$  a.e. in  $B_a$ ,  $v^*=Au^*$  and by use of (2.10) we find that

 $Au^* + g(x, u^*, ..., D^{\beta}u^*, ...) = f$ , further  $u^*$  tends to zero at infinity. Equality (2.11) implies the estimation (2.1).

Equality (2.2) can be proved as follows. Assume that the solution u of (0.9) is unique but equality (2.2) is not valid. Then there exist a compact  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , a number  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and a sequence  $(u_{\tilde{q}_i}) = (\tilde{u}_j)$  such that  $\lim_{i \to \infty} \tilde{\varrho}_j = +\infty$  and

(2.14) 
$$\|\tilde{u}_j - u\|_{H^{2m}(K)} \ge \varepsilon_0, \quad j = 1, 2, ....$$

Then by use of the first part of the proof we have that  $(\tilde{u}_j)$  has a subsequence  $(\tilde{u}'_j)$  such that

(2.15) 
$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \|\tilde{u}'_j - \tilde{u}\|_{H^{2m}(K)} = 0$$

where  $\tilde{u}$  is a solution of (0.9), vanishing at infinity. Since the solution of (0.9) is unique, thus  $\tilde{u}=u$  and (2.14) is impossible because of (2.15).

If the estimations (0.2), (0.8) are valid, too, then it is easily seen that

$$\lim_{j\to\infty} \|u_j' - A^{-1}v^*\|_{H^{2m}(B_{\varrho_j^*})} = 0$$

(see the proof of (2.11)). This equality implies (2.3). (2.4) can be proved similarly if the solution of (0.9) is unique.

Remark. In [1] and [2] there are formulated sufficient conditions on P and Q which guarantee that the conditions in Theorem 2 and in Theorem 3 are fulfilled (see the introduction).

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