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Infinitely many solutions for class of Neumann quasilinear elliptic systems

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Abstract

We investigate the existence of infinitely many weak solutions for a class of Neumann quasilinear elliptic systems driven by a (p_1, \dots, p_n) -Laplacian operator. The technical approach is fully based on a recent three critical points theorem.

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this article is to establish the existence of infinitely many weak solutions for the following Neumann quasilinear elliptic system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{p_i} u_i + a_i(x)|u_i|^{p_i-2}u = \lambda F_{t_i}(x, u_1, \dots, u_n) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ ($N \geq 1$) is a non-empty bounded open set with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, $p_i > N$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\Delta_{p_i} u_i = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u_i|^{p_i-2} \nabla u_i)$ is the p_i -Laplacian operator, $a_i \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ with $\operatorname{ess\,inf}_\Omega a_i > 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\lambda > 0$, and $F: \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function such that the mapping $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow F(x, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$ is in C^1 in \mathbb{R}^n for all $x \in \Omega$, F_{t_i} is continuous in $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $F(x, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$ for all $x \in \Omega$ and ν is the outward unit normal to $\partial\Omega$. Here, F_{t_i} denotes the partial derivative of F with respect to t_i .

Precisely, under appropriate hypotheses on the behavior of the nonlinear term F at infinity, the existence of an interval Λ such that, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, the system (1) admits a sequence of pairwise distinct weak solutions is proved; (see Theorem 3.1). We use a variational argument due to Ricceri which provides certain alternatives in order to find sequences of distinct critical points of parameter-dependent functionals. We emphasize that no symmetry assumption is required on the nonlinear term F (thus, the symmetry version of the Mountain Pass theorem cannot be applied). Instead of such a symmetry, we assume a suitable oscillatory behavior at infinity on the function F .

We recall that a weak solution of the system (1) is any $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in W^{1,p_1}(\Omega) \times \dots \times W^{1,p_n}(\Omega)$, such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\nabla u_i(x)|^{p_i-2} \nabla u_i(x) \nabla v_i(x) + a_i(x) |u_i(x)|^{p_i-2} u_i(x) v_i(x) \right) dx - \lambda \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n F_{u_i}(x, u_1(x), \dots, u_n(x)) v_i(x) dx = 0$$

for all $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in W^{1,p_1}(\Omega) \times \dots \times W^{1,p_n}(\Omega)$.

For a discussion about the existence of infinitely many solutions for differential equations, using Ricceri’s variational principle [1] and its variants [2,3] we refer the reader to the articles [4-16].

For other basic definitions and notations we refer the reader to the articles [17-22]. Here, our motivation comes from the recent article [8]. We point out that strategy of the proof of the main result and Example 3.1 are strictly related to the results and example contained in [8].

2 Preliminaries

Our main tool to ensure the existence of infinitely many classical solutions for Dirichlet quasilinear two-point boundary value systems is the celebrated Ricceri’s variational principle [[1], Theorem 2.5] that we now recall as follows:

Theorem 2.1. *Let X be a reflexive real Banach space, let $\Phi, \Psi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two Gâteaux differentiable functionals such that Φ is sequentially weakly lower semicontinuous, strongly continuous, and coercive and Ψ is sequentially weakly upper semicontinuous. For every $r > \inf_X \Phi$, let us put*

$$\varphi(r) := \inf_{u \in \Phi^{-1}(]-\infty, r])} \frac{\sup_{v \in \Phi^{-1}(]-\infty, r])} \Psi(v) - \Psi(u)}{r - \Phi(u)}$$

and

$$\gamma := \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(r), \quad \delta := \liminf_{r \rightarrow (\inf_X \Phi)^+} \varphi(r).$$

Then, one has

(a) for every $r > \inf_X \Phi$ and every $\lambda \in]0, \frac{1}{\varphi(r)}[$, the restriction of the functional $I_\lambda = \Phi - \lambda\Psi$ to $\Phi^{-1}(]-\infty, r])$ admits a global minimum, which is a critical point (local minimum) of I_λ in X .

(b) If $\gamma < +\infty$ then, for each $\lambda \in]0, \frac{1}{\gamma}[$, the following alternative holds:

either

(b₁) I_λ possesses a global minimum,

or

(b₂) there is a sequence $\{u_n\}$ of critical points (local minima) of I_λ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Phi(u_n) = +\infty.$$

(c) If $\delta < +\infty$ then, for each $\lambda \in]0, \frac{1}{\delta}[$, the following alternative holds:

either

- (c₁) there is a global minimum of Φ which is a local minimum of I_λ ,
 or
 (c₂) there is a sequence $\{u_n\}$ of pairwise distinct critical points (local minima) of I_λ that converges weakly to a global minimum of Φ .

We let X be the Cartesian product of n Sobolev spaces $W^{1,p_1}(\Omega)$, $W^{1,p_2}(\Omega)$, ... and $W^{1,p_n}(\Omega)$, i.e., $X = \prod_{i=1}^n W^{1,p_i}(\Omega)$, equipped with the norm

$$\|(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)\| = \sum_{i=1}^n \|u_i\|_{p_i},$$

where

$$\|u_i\|_{p_i} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_i(x)|^{p_i} + a_i(x)|u_i(x)|^{p_i} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p_i}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \tag{2}$$

$$C = \max \left\{ \sup_{u_i \in W^{1,p_i}(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\sup_{x \in \Omega} |u(x)|^{p_i}}{\|u_i\|_{p_i}^{p_i}}; \quad i = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Since $p_i > N$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, one has $C < +\infty$. In addition, if Ω is convex, it is known [23] that

$$\sup_{u_i \in W^{1,p_i}(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\sup_{x \in \Omega} |u_i(x)|}{\|u_i\|_{p_i}} \leq 2^{\frac{p_i-1}{p_i}} \max \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\|a_i\|_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_i}}; \frac{\text{diam}(\Omega)}{N^{p_i}} \left(\frac{p_i-1}{p_i-N} m(\Omega) \right)^{\frac{p_i-1}{p_i}} \frac{\|a_i\|_\infty}{\|a_i\|_1} \right\}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$, where $\|\cdot\|_1 = \int_{\Omega} |\cdot(x)| dx$, $\|\cdot\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in \Omega} |\cdot(x)|$ and $m(\Omega)$ is the Lebesgue measure of the set Ω , and equality occurs when Ω is a ball.

In the sequel, let $\underline{p} = \min\{p_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

For all $\gamma > 0$ we define

$$K(\gamma) = \left\{ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sum_{i=1}^n |t_i| \leq \gamma \right\}. \tag{3}$$

3 Main results

We state our main result as follows:

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that*

(A1)

$$\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi^{\underline{p}}} < \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{p_i} \right)^{\underline{p}} \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}}$$

where $K(\xi) = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) | \sum_{i=1}^n |t_i| \leq \xi\}$ (see (3)).

Then, for each

$$\lambda \in \Lambda := \left[\frac{\limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|}{p_i}}}{\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi^p}} \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}} \right)^p} \right]$$

the system (1) has an unbounded sequence of weak solutions in X .

Proof. Define the functionals $\Phi, \Psi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for each $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in X$, as follows

$$\Phi(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|u_i\|_{p_i}^{p_i}}{p_i}$$

and

$$\Psi(u) = \int_{\Omega} F(x, u_1(x), \dots, u_n(x)) dx.$$

It is well known that Ψ is a Gâteaux differentiable functional and sequentially weakly lower semicontinuous whose Gâteaux derivative at the point $u \in X$ is the functional $\Psi'(u) \in X^*$, given by

$$\Psi'(u)(v) = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n F_{u_i}(x, u_1(x), \dots, u_n(x)) v_i(x) dx$$

for every $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in X$, and $\Psi': X \rightarrow X^*$ is a compact operator. Moreover, Φ is a sequentially weakly lower semicontinuous and Gâteaux differentiable functional whose Gâteaux derivative at the point $u \in X$ is the functional $\Phi'(u) \in X^*$, given by

$$\Phi'(u_1, \dots, u_n)(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\nabla u_i(x)|^{p_i-2} \nabla u_i(x) \nabla v_i(x) + a_i(x) |u_i(x)|^{p_i-2} u_i(x) v_i(x) \right) dx$$

for every $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in X$. Furthermore, $(\Phi')^{-1}: X^* \rightarrow X$ exists and is continuous.

Put $I_{\lambda} = \Phi - \lambda \Psi$. Clearly, the weak solutions of the system (1) are exactly the solutions of the equation $I'_{\lambda}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = 0$. Now, we want to show that

$$\gamma < +\infty.$$

Let $\{\xi_m\}$ be a real sequence such that $\xi_m \rightarrow +\infty$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi_m)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi_m^p} \\ &= \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi^p}. \end{aligned}$$

Put $r_m = \frac{\xi_m^p}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}} \right)^p}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Since

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega} |u_i(x)|^{p_i} \leq C \|u_i\|_{p_i}^{p_i}$$

for each $u_i \in W^{1,p_i}(\Omega)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|u_i(x)|^{p_i}}{p_i} \leq C \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|u_i\|_{p_i}^{p_i}}{p_i}. \tag{4}$$

for each $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in X$. This, for each $r > 0$, together with (4), ensures that

$$\Phi^{-1}([-\infty, r]) \subseteq \left\{ u \in X; \sup_{i=1}^n \frac{|u_i(x)|^{p_i}}{p_i} \leq Cr \text{ for each } x \in \Omega \right\}.$$

Hence, an easy computation shows that $\sum_{i=1}^n |u_i| \leq \xi_m$ whenever $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \Phi^{-1}([-\infty, r_m])$. Hence, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r_m) &= \inf_{u \in \Phi^{-1}([-\infty, r_m])} \frac{(\sup_{v \in \Phi^{-1}([-\infty, r_m])} \Psi(v)) - \Phi(u)}{r_m - \Phi(u)} \\ &\leq \frac{\sup_{v \in \Phi^{-1}([-\infty, r_m])} \Psi(v)}{r_m} \\ &\leq \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi_m)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\frac{\xi_m^p}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}}\right)^p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since from Assumption (A1) one has

$$\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi^p} < \infty,$$

we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(r_m) \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}}\right)^p \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi^p} < +\infty. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Assumption (A1) along with (5), implies

$$\Lambda \subseteq \left] 0, \frac{1}{\gamma} \right[.$$

Fix $\lambda \in \Lambda$. The inequality (5) concludes that the condition (b) of Theorem 2.1 can be applied and either I_{λ} has a global minimum or there exists a sequence $\{u_m\}$ where $u_m = (u_{1,m}, \dots, u_{n,m})$ of weak solutions of the system (1) such that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|(u_{1,m}, \dots, u_{n,m})\| = +\infty$.

Now fix $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and let us verify that the functional I_{λ} is unbounded from below. Arguing as in [8], consider n positive real sequences $\{d_{i,m}\}_{i=1}^n$ such that

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n d_{i,m}^2} \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, d_{1,m}, \dots, d_{n,m}) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i}}{p_i}} = \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}}. \tag{6}$$

For all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ define $w_m(x) = (d_{1,m}, \dots, d_{n,m})$. For any fixed $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $w_m \in X$ and, in particular, one has

$$\Phi(w_m) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i} \|a_i\|_1}{p_i}.$$

Then, for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$I_\lambda(w_m) = \Phi(w_m) - \lambda \Psi(w_m) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i} \|a_i\|_1}{p_i} - \lambda \int_{\Omega} F(x, d_{1,m}, \dots, d_{n,m}) dx.$$

Now, if

$$\limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}} < \infty,$$

we fix $\epsilon \in \left[\frac{1}{\lambda \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}}}, 1 \right]$. From (6) there exists τ_ϵ such that

$$> \epsilon \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i} \|a_i\|_1}{p_i} \right) \quad \forall m > \tau_\epsilon,$$

therefore

$$I_\lambda(w_m) \leq \left(1 - \lambda \epsilon \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i} \|a_i\|_1}{p_i} \quad \forall m > \tau_\epsilon,$$

and by the choice of ϵ , one has

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} [\Phi(w_m) - \lambda \Psi(w_m)] = -\infty.$$

If

$$\limsup_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}} = \infty,$$

let us consider $K > \frac{1}{\lambda}$. From (6) there exists τ_K such that

$$\int_{\Omega} F(x, d_{1,m}, \dots, d_{n,m}) dx > K \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i} \|a_i\|_1}{p_i} \quad \forall m > \tau_K,$$

therefore

$$I_\lambda(w_m) \leq (1 - \lambda K) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d_{i,m}^{p_i} \|a_i\|_1}{p_i} \quad \forall m > \tau_K,$$

and by the choice of K , one has

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} [\Phi(w_m) - \lambda \Psi(w_m)] = -\infty.$$

Hence, our claim is proved. Since all assumptions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied, the functional I_λ admits a sequence $\{u_m = (u_{1m}, \dots, u_{nm})\} \subset X$ of critical points such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|(u_{1m}, \dots, u_{nm})\| = +\infty,$$

and we have the conclusion. \square

Here, we give a consequence of Theorem 3.1.

Corollary 3.2. *Assume that*

$$(A2) \quad \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\xi^{\frac{p}{p_i}}} < \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}} \right)^p;$$

$$(A3) \quad \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} F(x, t_1, \dots, t_n) dx}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}} > 1.$$

Then, the system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{p_i} u_i + a_i(x) |u_i|^{p_i-2} u_i = F_{u_i}(x, u_1, \dots, u_n) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \end{cases}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$, has an unbounded sequence of classical solutions in X .

Now, we want to present the analogous version of the main result (Theorem 3.1) in the autonomous case.

Theorem 3.3. *Assume that*

(A4)

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(t_1, \dots, t_n)}{\xi^{\frac{p}{p_i}}} \\ & < \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}} \right)^p \limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{F(t_1, \dots, t_n)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}} \end{aligned}$$

where $K(\xi) = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mid \sum_{i=1}^n |t_i| \leq \xi\}$ (see (3)).

Then, for each

$$\lambda \in \Lambda := \left[\frac{1}{\limsup_{\substack{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow \infty \\ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|a_i\|_1 |t_i|^{p_i}}{p_i}}, \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i C)^{\frac{1}{p_i}} \right)^p}{\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sup_{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in K(\xi)} F(t_1, \dots, t_n)}{\xi^{\frac{p}{p_i}}}} \right]$$

the system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{p_i} u_i + a_i(x) |u_i|^{p_i-2} u_i = \lambda F_{u_i}(u_1, \dots, u_n) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

has an unbounded sequence of weak solutions in X .

Proof. Set $F(x, u_1, \dots, u_n) = F(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ for all $x \in \Omega$ and $(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. The conclusion follows from Theorem 3.1. \square

Remark 3.1. We observe in Theorem 3.1 we can replace $\zeta \rightarrow +\infty$ and $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow (+\infty, \dots, +\infty)$ with $\zeta \rightarrow 0^+$ $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow (0^+, \dots, 0^+)$, respectively, that by the same way as in the proof of Theorem 3.1 but using conclusion (c) of Theorem 2.1 instead of (b), the system (1) has a sequence of weak solutions, which strongly converges to 0 in X .

Finally, we give an example to illustrate the result.

Example 3.1. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a non-empty bounded open set with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ and consider the increasing sequence of positive real numbers given by

$$a_n := 2, \quad a_{n+1} := n! \left(\frac{5}{4} + 2 \right)$$

for every $n \geq 1$. Define the function

$$F(t_1, t_2) = \begin{cases} (a_{n+1})^5 e^{-\frac{1}{1 - [(t_1 - a_{n+1})^2 + (t_2 - a_{n+1})^2]}} & (t_1, t_2) \in \bigcup_{n \geq 1} B((a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}), 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where $B((a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}), 1)$ be the open unit ball of center (a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}) . We observe that the function F is non-negative, $F(0, 0) = 0$, and $F \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$. We will denote by f and g , respectively, the partial derivative of F respect to t_1 and t_2 . For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the restriction F on $B((a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}), 1)$ attains its maximum in (a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}) and $F(a_{n+1}, a_{n+1}) = (a_{n+1})^5$,

then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{F(a_{n+1}, a_{n+1})}{\frac{a_{n+1}^3}{3} + \frac{a_{n+1}^4}{4}} = +\infty$$

So

$$\limsup_{(t_1, t_2) \rightarrow (+\infty, +\infty)} \frac{F(t_1, t_2)}{\frac{|t_1|^3}{3} + \frac{|t_2|^4}{4}} = +\infty$$

On the other by setting $y_n = a_{n+1} - 1$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, one has

$$\sup_{(t_1, t_2) \in K(y_n)} F(t_1, t_2) = a_n^5 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sup_{(t_1, t_2) \in K(y_n)} F(t_1, t_2)}{(a_{n+1} - 1)^3} = 0,$$

and hence

$$\liminf_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sup_{(t_1, t_2) \in K(\xi)} F(t_1, t_2)}{\xi^3} = 0.$$

Finally

$$0 = \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sup_{(t_1, t_2) \in K(\xi)} F(t_1, t_2)}{\xi^3} < \left((3C) \frac{1}{3} + (4C) \frac{1}{4} \right) \limsup_{(t_1, t_2) \rightarrow (+\infty, +\infty)_{(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}} \frac{F(t_1, t_2)}{\frac{|t_1|^3}{3} + \frac{|t_2|^4}{4}} = +\infty.$$

So, since all assumptions of Theorem 3.3 is applicable to the system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_3 u + |u| u = \lambda f(u, v) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ -\Delta_4 v + |v|^2 g = \lambda g(u, v) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \end{cases}$$

for every $\lambda \in [0, +\infty[$.

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