

# ON COMPENSATED COMPACTNESS FOR NONLINEAR ELLIPTIC PROBLEMS IN PERFORATED DOMAINS

## ПРО КОМПЕНСОВАНУ КОМПАКТНІСТЬ ДЛЯ НЕЛІНІЙНИХ ЕЛІПТИЧНИХ ЗАДАЧ У ПЕРФОРОВАНИХ ОБЛАСТЯХ

We consider a sequence of Dirichlet problems for a nonlinear divergent operator  $A: W_m^1(\Omega_s) \rightarrow [W_m^1(\Omega_s)]^*$  in a sequence of perforated domains  $\Omega_s \subset \Omega$ . Under the condition on the local capacity of a set  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_s$ , we prove the following principle of the compensated compactness:  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \langle Ar_s, z_s \rangle = 0$ , where  $r_s(x)$  and  $z_s(x)$  are sequences weakly converging in  $W_m^1(\Omega)$  and such that  $r_s(x)$  is analogous to a corrector for homogenization problem,  $z_s(x)$  is an arbitrary sequence from  $\dot{W}_m^1(\Omega_s)$  whose weak limit is equal to zero.

Розглядається послідовність задач Діріхле для нелінійного дивергентного еліптичного оператора  $A: W_m^1(\Omega_s) \rightarrow [W_m^1(\Omega_s)]^*$  в послідовності перфорованих областей  $\Omega_s \subset \Omega$ . За умови на локальну ємність множини  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_s$  доведено такий принцип компенсованої компактності:  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \langle Ar_s, z_s \rangle = 0$ , де  $r_s(x)$ ,  $z_s(x)$  — слабо збіжні в  $W_m^1(\Omega)$  послідовності такі, що  $r_s(x)$  — аналог коректора для задачі усереднення,  $z_s(x)$  — довільна послідовність в  $\dot{W}_m^1(\Omega_s)$ , слабка границя якої дорівнює нулю.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open set in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $R^n$  and let  $\Omega_s \subset \Omega$ ,  $s = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a sequence of subdomains. In  $\Omega_s$  we consider a nonlinear elliptic boundary-value problem

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d}{dx_j} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f_j(x), \quad x \in \Omega_s, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(x) = f(x), \quad x \in \partial\Omega_s. \quad (1.2)$$

The asymptotic behaviour of solutions of such type problem for  $s \rightarrow \infty$  was studied in papers [1–3], monographs [4, 5] and in papers of another authors (see [6–9] and references in [1]) for nonlinear equations satisfying strong monotonicity assumptions.

A new monotonicity approach for the study of the asymptotic behaviour of solutions of the problem (1.1), (1.2) for the equations (1.1) satisfying weak monotonicity condition was developed in the paper [10]. In this paper we assumed that  $C_m$  — capacity of the part of the holes  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_s$ ,  $s = 1, 2, \dots$ , in small cubes is estimated by Lebesgue measure of the cubes. This approach was based on new Convergence Theorem that is analogous to well known compensated compactness principle [11, 12] for linear equations with periodic coefficients.

The aim of this paper is to establish analogous Convergence Theorem under very weak assumptions on the sets  $\Omega_s$  that are coincided with corresponding conditions in [1]. Our main hypothesis is the following condition  $B_1$  where  $K(x, r)$  denotes the closed cube at centre  $x$  and side  $2r$ , and  $C_m(F)$  is the  $m$  — capacity of a closed set  $F \subset \Omega$  with respect to a fixed bounded open set  $\Omega_0$  such that  $\Omega \subset \Omega_0$ ,  $\rho(\partial\Omega_0, \Omega) \geq 1$ , where  $\rho(\partial\Omega_0, \Omega)$  is the distance from  $\partial\Omega_0$  to  $\Omega$ .

**Condition  $B_1$ .** There exist a non-negative bounded measure  $\nu(B)$ , defined for

every Borel set  $B \subset \Omega$ , and a sequence  $\rho_s > 0$ , tending to zero as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  such that the inequality

$$C_m(K(x, r) \setminus \Omega_s) \leq v(K(x, r + \rho_s))$$

holds for every  $x \in \Omega$  and for every  $r \geq \rho_s$  with  $K(x, r + \rho_s) \subset \Omega$ .

We take the attention of the reader that the Convergence Theorem of this paper gives us a possibility to make principal modification in the construction of the corrector in the paper [1]. In the paper [1] the definition of the subdivision of the domain and consequently the construction of the asymptotic expansion was connected with the sequence of solutions  $u_s(x)$  of the problem (1.1), (1.2). Using the Convergence Theorem of this paper we can construct corresponding subdivision and the asymptotic expansion without the connection with  $u_s(x)$ .

Using the Convergence Theorem of this paper we are able to analyse the asymptotic behaviour of solutions of the problem (1.1), (1.2) with weak monotonicity assumption for  $a_j(x, p)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , in the sequence of domains  $\Omega_s$  satisfying the condition  $B_1$ . This result will be published in forthcoming paper of the author.

**2. Statement of the main result.** We assume that the functions  $a_j(x, p)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , are defined for  $x \in R^n$ ,  $p \in R^n$ , and satisfy the following conditions:

**Condition  $A_1$ .** The functions  $a_j(x, p)$  are continuous in  $p$  for almost all  $x \in R^n$  and measurable in  $x$  for all  $p \in R^n$ .

**Condition  $A_2$ .** There exist positive constants  $v_1, v_2$  and  $m \in [2, n)$  such that for  $x \in R^n$ ,  $p, q \in R^n$  the inequalities

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x, p) p_j \geq v_1 |p|^m, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n [a_j(x, p) - a_j(x, q)] (p_j - q_j) \geq 0, \quad (2.2)$$

$$|a_j(x, p)| \leq v_2 |p|^{m-1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad (2.3)$$

hold.

**Remark 2.1.** The inequality (2.2) means the weak monotonicity assumption for the equation (1.1). The strong monotonicity condition from [1–10] is the following inequality

$$\sum_{j=1}^n [a_j(x, p) - a_j(x, q)] (p_j - q_j) \geq v_1 |p - q|^m.$$

**Remark 2.2.** We can replace in right-hand sides of inequalities (2.1), (2.3)  $|p|^m$ ,  $|p|^{m-1}$  by  $(1 + |p|)^{m-2} |p|^2$ ,  $(1 + |p|)^{m-1} |p|$  respectively.

Our main assumption on the sequence  $\Omega_s$  is condition  $B_1$  which was formulated in the introduction in terms of the  $m$ -capacity  $C_m(F)$ . For every compact set  $F$  contained in  $\Omega_0$  the  $m$ -capacity  $C_m(F)$  of  $F$  with respect  $\Omega_0$  is defined by equality

$$C_m(F) = \inf \int_{\Omega_0} \left| \frac{\partial \varphi(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx, \quad (2.4)$$

where the infimum is taken over all functions  $\varphi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_0)$  which satisfy the equality  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $x \in F$ .

For the proof of the Convergence Theorem we need also the following additional assumption on the measure  $v$ .

**Condition B<sub>2</sub>.** There exists an increasing continuous function  $\omega(\rho)$ , such that

$$v(K(x, \rho) \cap \Omega) \leq \omega(\rho) \quad (2.5)$$

for arbitrary  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\rho > 0$  and

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\omega(\rho)}{\rho^{n-m+1}} d\rho < +\infty. \quad (2.6)$$

**Remark 2.3.** It is simple to check (see [1]) that the condition (2.6) implies

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{\omega(\rho)}{\rho^{n-m}} = 0.$$

**Remark 2.4.** We can assume that for an arbitrary Borel set  $B \subset \Omega$  an inequality  $v(B) \geq \text{meas } B$  holds where  $\text{meas } B$  is the Lebesgue measure of  $B$ . For this it is sufficient to change the measure  $v$  on the measure  $\tilde{v}$  such that  $\tilde{v}(B) = v(B) + \text{meas } B$ .

Let us fix a function  $\psi(x)$  of class  $C_0^\infty(\Omega_0)$  equal to 1 on  $\bar{\Omega}$ . A crucial role in this paper belongs to special auxiliary function  $v(x, F, q)$  that is defined as a maximal solution of a boundary-value problem

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega_0 \setminus F, \quad (2.7)$$

$$v(x) = q\psi(x), \quad x \in \partial(\Omega_0 \setminus F). \quad (2.8)$$

Here  $F$  is an arbitrary closed subset of  $\Omega$ ,  $q$  is an arbitrary real number. The solvability of the problem (2.7), (2.8) in  $W_m^1(\Omega_0 \setminus F)$  is followed easy from the theory of monotone operators. In the paper [13] it is proved the existence of such solution  $\bar{v}(x)$  of the problem (2.7), (2.8) that  $v(x) \leq \bar{v}(x)$  for an arbitrary solution  $v(x)$  of this problem. The function  $\bar{v}(x)$  is called the maximal solution of the problem (2.7), (2.8). We extend  $v(x, F, q)$  to  $R^n$  by setting  $v(x, F, q) = q$  in  $F$  and  $v(x, F, q) = 0$  outside  $\Omega_0$ .

Let us introduce a special decomposition of the domain  $\Omega$  depending on a sequence  $\lambda_s$ . Let  $t_s$  be a solution of the equation

$$t_s^{n+1} \left( \frac{\omega(t_s)}{t_s^{n-m}} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}} = \rho_s^{n+1}, \quad (2.9)$$

where  $\rho_s$  is the sequence from the condition B<sub>1</sub>.

We define  $\lambda_s$  to be the odd integer number which satisfies an inequality

$$\lambda_s \leq \frac{t_s}{\rho_s} < \lambda_s + 2. \quad (2.10)$$

It is easy to check following properties of  $\lambda_s$ :

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_s = +\infty, \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_s \rho_s = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

(see Lemma 4.1 [1]).

For a given point  $x_0^{(s)} \in K(0, \lambda_s \rho_s)$  we consider the cubic lattice composed of the points  $x_\alpha^{(s)} = x_0^{(s)} + 2\lambda_s \rho_s \alpha$ , where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  is a multi-index with integer coordinates and we denote

$$F_s = \bigcup_{\alpha} \left\{ K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, \lambda_s \rho_s) \setminus K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 6)\rho_s) \right\}, \quad (2.12)$$

where the union is taken over all possible multi-indices  $\alpha$  with integer coordinates.

From Lemma 4.2 in [1] it is followed that there exists a point  $x_0^{(s)} \in K(0, \lambda_s \rho_s)$  such that

$$v(F_s \cap \Omega) \leq \frac{7n}{\lambda_s} v(\Omega). \quad (2.13)$$

The domain  $\Omega$  will be decomposed

$$\Omega = \left\{ \bigcup_{\alpha \in I_s} K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, \lambda_s \rho_s) \right\} \cup U_s, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $I_s$  is the set of all multi-indices  $\alpha$  such that  $K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, 2\lambda_s \rho_s) \subset \Omega$  and  $U_s$  is the complement in  $\Omega$  of the set  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I_s} K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, \lambda_s \rho_s)$ .

Moreover we introduce the notations

$$K_s(\alpha) = K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, \lambda_s \rho_s), \quad K'_s(\alpha) = K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 2)\rho_s). \quad (2.15)$$

Let us define the function

$$v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q) = v(x, K'_s(\alpha) \setminus \Omega_s, q), \quad (2.16)$$

where  $v(x, F, q)$  is the solution of the problem (2.7), (2.8) which was introduced above.

We define new sequence  $\mu_s$  by the equality

$$\mu_s = \max \left\{ \lambda_s^n \left[ \frac{\omega(\lambda_s \rho_s)}{(\lambda_s \rho_s)^{n-m}} \right]^{\frac{1}{m-1}}, \lambda_s \rho_s \right\}. \quad (2.17)$$

We have from the Lemma 4.1 [1]

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mu_s = 0. \quad (2.18)$$

Denote by  $L_p(\Omega, v)$  the space of functions  $v(x)$  defined on  $\Omega$  measurable with respect to measure  $v$  and such that

$$\|v\|_{L_p(\Omega, v)}^p = \int_{\Omega} |v(x)|^p dv < \infty.$$

Let  $q_s(x)$  be an arbitrary sequence in  $L_m(\Omega, v)$  that converges strongly in  $L_m(\Omega, v)$  to some function  $q_0(x)$  and we denote

$$q_\alpha^{(s)} = \frac{1}{v(K_s(\alpha))} \int_{K_s(\alpha)} q_s(x) dv. \quad (2.19)$$

We introduce subsets  $I'_s, I''_s$  of multi-indices  $\alpha$ :

$$I'_s = \{\alpha \in I_s : |q_\alpha^{(s)}| > 2\mu_s\}, \quad I''_s = \{\alpha \in I_s : |q_\alpha^{(s)}| \leq 2\mu_s\}. \quad (2.20)$$

Define the functions

$$\bar{v}_\alpha^{(s)}(x) = v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, \bar{q}_\alpha^{(s)}), \quad (2.21)$$

where

$$\bar{q}_\alpha^{(s)} = q_\alpha^{(s)}, \quad \text{for } \alpha \in I'_s, \quad \bar{q}_\alpha^{(s)} = 2\mu_s \quad \text{for } \alpha \in I''_s. \quad (2.22)$$

For an arbitrary function  $g(x)$  we denote its positive part by  $[g(x)]_+ = \max\{g(x), 0\}$ . We define the cut-off functions  $\varphi_\alpha^{(s)}(x)$  by the equality

$$\varphi_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x) = \frac{2}{\mu_{\alpha}^{(s)}} \min \left\{ \left[ \left| \bar{v}_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x) \right| - \frac{\mu_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{2} \right]_+, \frac{\mu_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{2} \right\}, \quad (2.23)$$

where

$$\mu_{\alpha}^{(s)} = \mu_s \max \{1, |q_{\alpha}^{(s)}|\}. \quad (2.24)$$

Let us construct the following sequence which is fundamental in the analysis of asymptotic behavior of solutions of the problem (1.1), (1.2)

$$r_s(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in I_s} v_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x, q_{\alpha}^{(s)}) \varphi_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x). \quad (2.25)$$

Remark that  $r_s(x)$  is analogous to the corrector which was constructed in [1–5]. In particular  $r_s(x)$  is analogous to principal term  $r_s^{(3)}(x)$  of asymptotic expansion of the sequence of solutions in [1].

Our main result is the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1 (Convergence Theorem).** Assume that conditions  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  are satisfied and let  $q_s(x)$  be some sequence converging strongly in  $L_m(\Omega, \nu)$ . Let

$z_s(x)$  be an arbitrary sequence of functions such that  $z_s(x) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_m^1(\Omega_s)$  and  $z_s(x)$  converges weakly to zero in  $W_m^1(\Omega)$ ,  $z_s(x) = 0$  on  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_s$ . Then the following equality

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial r_s(x)}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial z_s(x)}{\partial x_j} dx = 0 \quad (2.26)$$

holds.

**Remark 2.5.** We take the attention of the reader that in conditions of the Theorem 2.1 the sequence  $r_s(x)$  converges in  $W_m^1(\Omega)$  only weakly (see Lemma 4.3 below) and this convergence is not strong.

**3. Estimates for potentials.** In this section we formulate some integral and pointwise estimates for the potential function  $v(x, F, q)$  introduced in Section 2 as solution of the problem (2.7), (2.8).

Let us fix a compact set  $F$  contained in  $\Omega$  and let  $v(x, q) = v(x, F, q)$ . For  $0 < \mu \leq |q|$  we define the set

$$E(\mu) = \{x \in \Omega_0 : |v(x, q)| \leq \mu\}. \quad (3.1)$$

We shall assume that conditions  $A_1, A_2$  are satisfied. We shall use integral and pointwise estimates for  $v(x, q)$  that are proved in [1] (lemmas 2.1 and 2.5 respectively).

There exists a constant  $K_1$  depending only on  $\nu_1, \nu_2, n, m$  such that the estimate

$$\int_{E(\mu)} \left| \frac{\partial v(x, q)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq K_1 \mu |q|^{m-1} \quad (3.2)$$

holds for every  $q \in R^1$  and for every  $\mu$  with  $0 < \mu \leq |q|$ .

It is easy to see that the inequality  $0 \leq \frac{1}{q} v(x, q) \leq 1$  holds for every  $q \neq 0$ . So we

obtain an estimate of the norm of the function  $v(x, q)$  in  $\overset{\circ}{W}_m^1(\Omega_s)$  if we put  $\mu = |q|$  in (3.2).

Assume that  $K(x_0, 2r) \subset \Omega_0$  and set  $F$  is contained in a cube  $K(x_0, r)$ . Then there exists a constant  $K_2$  depending only on  $\nu_1, \nu_2, n, m$  such that the following estimate

$$|v(x, q)| \leq K_2 |q| \left[ \frac{r}{\rho(x, K(x_0, r))} \right]^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{C_m(F)}{r^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \quad (3.3)$$

holds for  $x \in K(x_0, 2r) \setminus K(x_0, r)$ , where  $\rho(x, K(x_0, r))$  is the distance from the point  $x$  to the cube  $K(x_0, r)$ .

Let us introduce auxiliary function  $w(x, q, F)$  as a solution of following boundary-value problem

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right|^{m-2} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} \right\} = 0, \quad x \in K(x_0, 2r) \setminus F, \quad (3.4)$$

$$w(x) = q\varphi(x), \quad x \in \partial[K(x_0, 2r) \setminus F], \quad (3.5)$$

where  $q \in R^1$ ,  $F$  is a closed subset of  $K(x_0, r)$  and  $\varphi(x)$  is a function of class  $C_0^\infty(K(x_0, 2r))$  equal to one in  $K(x_0, r)$ . Extend  $w(x, q, F)$  on  $F$  by the equality  $w(x, q, F) = q$  for  $x \in F$ .

This function  $w(x, q, F)$  satisfies estimates analogous to estimates (3.2), (3.3).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\lambda$  be some number from the interval  $(3/2, 2)$ . Then there exists a constant  $K_3$  depending only on  $m, n, \lambda$  such that the estimate*

$$\left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right| \leq \frac{K_3 |q|}{r} \left\{ \frac{C_m(F)}{r^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \quad \text{for } x \in K(x_0, \lambda r) \setminus K\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}r\right) \quad (3.6)$$

holds, where  $w(x)$  is the solution of the problem (3.4), (3.5).

Proof is analogous to the proof of the Theorem 5 in [13].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $w(x)$  be the solution of the problem (3.4), (3.5). Then there exist positive constants  $\alpha, K_4$  depending only on  $n, m$  such that the estimate*

$$|w(x)| \leq K_4 |q| \left[ \frac{\rho(x, \partial K(x_0, 2r))}{r} \right]^\alpha \left\{ \frac{C_m(F)}{r^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \quad (3.7)$$

holds for  $x \in K(x_0, 2r) \setminus K\left(x_0, \frac{3}{2}r\right)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x'$  be an arbitrary point on the boundary of  $K(x_0, 2r)$  and denote  $M' = \max \left\{ |w(x)| : x \in B\left(x', \frac{r}{2}\right) \right\}$ , where  $B(x_0, \rho)$  is a ball at centre  $x_0$  and radius  $\rho$ . Using Moser method for the proof of Hölder continuity of  $w(x, q, F)$  (see for example [14], Chapter IX, §5) we obtain the estimate

$$|w(x) - w(x')| \leq C_1 \left( \frac{|x - x'|}{r} \right)^\alpha M' \quad \text{for } x \in B\left(x', \frac{r}{2}\right) \quad (3.8)$$

with constants  $\alpha, C_1$  depending only on  $n, m$ .

Now the inequality (3.7) is followed from (3.8) and the analog of the estimate (3.3) for  $w(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $w(x)$  be the solution of the problem (3.4), (3.5) and let  $\gamma$  be some number from the interval  $(1, 2)$ . Then there exists a constant  $K_5$  depending only on  $n, m, \gamma$  such that the inequality*

$$\min \{ |w(x)| : x \in \partial K(x_0, \gamma r) \} \geq K_5 |q| \left\{ \frac{C_m(F)}{r^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \quad (3.9)$$

holds.

**Proof.** It suffices to consider the case  $q > 0$ . Define  $r_j = \gamma r + j(2-\gamma)r/5$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , and functions  $\psi_1(x), \psi_2(x) \in C_0^\infty(K(x_0, 2r))$  such that  $\psi_1(x) = 1$  for  $x \in K(x_0, r_3)$ ,  $\psi_1(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin K(x_0, r_3)$ ,  $\psi_2(x) = 1$  for  $x \in K(x_0, r_3) \setminus K(x_0, r_2)$  and  $\psi_2(x) = 0$  for  $x \in K(x_0, r_1)$  or  $x \notin K(x_0, r_4)$ . We can assume that

$$\left| \frac{\partial \psi_k(x)}{\partial x} \right| \leq C_2 \frac{1}{r}, \quad k = 1, 2.$$

Constants  $C_j$  in the proof of the proof of Theorem 3.3 depend only on  $n, m, \gamma$ .

We substitute in the integral identity

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right|^{m-2} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} dx = 0, \quad \varphi(x) \in \mathring{W}_m^1(K(x_0, 2r) \setminus F) \quad (3.10)$$

a test function  $\varphi(x) = [q - w(x)] \psi_1^m(x)$ . Using Holder inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m \psi_1^m(x) dx \leq C_3 \frac{q}{r} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left| \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right|^{m-1} dx \leq \\ & \leq C_3 \frac{q}{r} \left\{ \int_{\mathcal{D}} w^{\sigma m}(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \left\{ \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m [w(x)]^{-\sigma m/(m-1)} dx \right\}^{\frac{m-1}{m}} \leq \\ & \leq C_4 q [M(r_2)]^\sigma r^{(n-m)/m} \left\{ \int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m [w(x)]^{-\sigma m/(m-1)} \psi_2^m(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{m-1}{m}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = K(x_0, r_3) \setminus K(x_0, r_2)$ ,  $\sigma = \frac{m-1}{2m}$ ,

$$M(\rho) = \max \{ w(x) : x \in \partial K(x_0, \rho) \}. \quad (3.12)$$

Using the Harnack inequality for the equation (3.4) (see [15]) we have  $\min \{ w(x) : x \in K(x_0, r_4) \setminus K(x_0, r_1) \} > 0$ . Substitute in the identity (3.10) new test function  $\varphi(x) = w^{1-\sigma m/(m-1)}(x) \psi_2^m(x)$  and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m [w(x)]^{-\sigma m/(m-1)} \psi_2^m(x) dx \leq \\ & \leq C_5 \frac{1}{r} \int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right|^{m-1} [w(x)]^{1-\sigma m/(m-1)} \psi_2^{m-1}(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Estimating the last integral by Young inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial w(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m [w(x)]^{-\sigma m/(m-1)} \psi_2^m(x) dx \leq \\ & \leq C_6 \frac{1}{r^m} \int_{K(x_0, r_4) \setminus K(x_0, r_1)} [w(x)]^{m-\sigma m/(m-1)} dx \leq C_7 [M(r_1)]^{m-\sigma m/(m-1)} r^{n-m}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

From inequalities (3.11), (3.13) we obtain the estimate

$$\int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial(w\Psi_1)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq C_8 [M(r_1)]^m r^{n-m} + C_8 q [M(r_1)]^{m-1} r^{n-m} \leq C_9 q [M(r_1)]^{m-1} r^{n-m}. \quad (3.14)$$

By the definition of the capacity we have the following estimate for the integral on the left-hand side of (3.14)

$$\int_{K(x_0, 2r)} \left| \frac{\partial(w\Psi_1)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \geq q^m C_m(F). \quad (3.15)$$

The inequalities (3.14), (3.15) imply the estimate

$$M(r_1) \geq C_{10} q \left\{ \frac{C_m(F)}{r^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}}. \quad (3.16)$$

From the Harnack inequality [15] and (3.16) we have the estimate

$$\min \{w(x) : x \in \partial K(x_0, r_1)\} \geq C_{11} M(r_1) \geq C_{12} q \left\{ \frac{C_m(F)}{r^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$$

and the proof of the Theorem 3.2 is completed.

Denote

$$\tau(r) = \int_0^r \frac{\omega(\rho)}{\rho^{n-m+1}} d\rho + \frac{\omega(r)}{r^{n-m}}, \quad (3.17)$$

where  $\omega(\rho)$  is the function introduced in the condition  $B_2$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Assume that conditions  $B_1, B_2$  are satisfied. Then there exists a constant  $K_6$  depending only on  $n, m$  such that the inequality*

$$\int_{K(x_0, r)} \frac{dv_y}{|x-y|^{n-m}} \leq K_6 \tau(r) \quad (3.18)$$

holds for  $x \in K(x_0, 2r)$ , where  $K(x_0, 2r)$  is an arbitrary cub satisfying an inclusion  $K(x_0, 2r) \subset \Omega$ .

**Proof.** Denote  $\omega(r, \rho) = \omega(\min(r, \rho))$ . From the properties of the function  $\omega$  we have

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} v(K(x_0, r) \cap \Omega \cap B(x, \rho)) \leq \omega(r, \rho).$$

Using the Theorem 6.1 of [16] we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{K(x_0, r)} \frac{dv_y}{|x-y|^{n-m}} &\leq C_{13} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega(r, \rho)}{\rho^{n-m+1}} d\rho = \\ &= C_{13} \left\{ \int_0^r \frac{\omega(\rho)}{\rho^{n-m+1}} d\rho + \frac{\omega(r)}{n-m} \frac{1}{r^{n-m}} \right\} \leq C_{13} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n-m} \right) \tau(r) \end{aligned}$$

that gives us the estimate (3.18).

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $v$  be the measure introduced in the condition  $B_1$  and assume that condition  $B_2$  is satisfied. Then for any function  $u(x) \in W_m^1(K(x_0, 2r))$  and any cub  $K(x_0, 2r) \subset \Omega$  the inequality*



$$\int_{K(x_0, 2r) \setminus K(x_0, r)} |u(x) - u_{v,r}|^m dx \leq K_7 \tau(r) \frac{r^n}{v(K(x_0, r))} \int_{K(x_0, r)} \left| \frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \quad (3.19)$$

holds with a constant  $K_7$  depending only on  $n, m$ . Here

$$u_{v,r} = \frac{1}{v(K(x_0, r))} \int_{K(x_0, r)} u(x) dv. \quad (3.20)$$

**Proof.** Remark that from the conditions  $B_1, B_2$  and from the Theorems of § 8.6, 8.8 in [17] it is followed the compact embedding

$$W_m^1(K(x_0, 2r)) \subset L_m(K(x_0, 2r), v) \quad \text{for } K(x_0, 2r) \subset \Omega. \quad (3.21)$$

Consequently the integral in (3.20) is well defined and it suffices to prove the estimate (3.19) for  $u(x) \in C^1(K(x_0, 2r))$ .

Let  $x \in K(x_0, 2r) \setminus K(x_0, r)$ ,  $y \in K(x_0, r)$  be such points that

$$\frac{x - x_0}{|x - x_0|} = \frac{y - y_0}{|y - y_0|} = \omega.$$

Using an equality

$$u(x) - u(y) = \int_{|y-y_0|}^{|x-x_0|} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x_0 + \omega t) dt$$

and a straight-forward computation we obtain

$$|u(x) - u_{v,r}| \leq \frac{1}{v(K(x_0, r))} \int_{K(x_0, r)} |y - x_0|^{1-n/m} dv_y \left\{ \int_0^{|x-x_0|} \left| \frac{\partial u(x_0 + \omega t)}{\partial t} \right|^m t^{n-1} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}. \quad (3.22)$$

Evaluate the first integral on the right-hand side of (3.22) by using Holder inequality and the estimate (3.18) and we obtain

$$\int_{K(x_0, r)} |y - x_0|^{1-n/m} dv_y \leq C_{14} [v(K(x_0, r))]^{(m-1)/m} \tau^{1/m}(r). \quad (3.23)$$

Representing the integral on the left-hand side of (3.19) in spherical coordinates centered at  $x_0$  with respect to variables

$$\omega = \frac{x - x_0}{|x - x_0|} \in S(0, 1), \quad \rho = |x - x_0| \in [\rho_1(\omega), \rho_2(\omega)]$$

we have from (3.22), (3.23)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{K(x_0, 2r) \setminus K(x_0, r)} |u(x) - u_{v,r}|^m dx &= \int_{S(0,1)} \int_{\rho_1(\omega)}^{\rho_2(\omega)} |u(x_0 + \rho\omega) - u_{v,r}|^m \rho^{n-1} d\rho d\omega \leq \\ &\leq C_{15} [v(K(x_0, r))]^{-1} \tau(r) r^n \int_{S(0,1)} \int_{\rho_1(\omega)}^{\rho_2(\omega)} \left| \frac{\partial u(x_0 + t\omega)}{\partial t} \right|^m t^{n-1} dt d\omega = \\ &= C_{15} \frac{r^n}{v(K(x_0, r))} \tau(r) \int_{K(x_0, r)} \left| \frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

The proof of the Lemma 3.2 is completed.

**4. Proof of the Convergence Theorem.** Denote by  $G_\alpha^{(s)}$  the support of the function  $\varphi_\alpha^{(s)}(x)$ . In this section we shall use the notation  $C_j$ ,  $j = 17, 18, \dots$ , for constants which depend only on  $n, m, \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu(\Omega)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Assume that conditions  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  are satisfied. Then there exists an integer  $s_1$  such that the inclusion*

$$G_\alpha^{(s)} \subset K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 1)\rho_s) \quad \text{for } \alpha \in I_s \quad (4.1)$$

holds for  $s \geq s_1$ .

*Proof.* Using the pointwise estimate (3.8) and the conditions  $B_1, B_2$  we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{v}_\alpha^{(s)}(x)| &\leq C_{16} \max \{ |q_\alpha^{(s)}|, 2\mu_s \} \lambda_s^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{C_m(K'_s(\alpha) \setminus \Omega_s)}{(\lambda_s \rho_s)^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \leq \\ &\leq C_{17} \max \{ |q_\alpha^{(s)}|, 2\mu_s \} \lambda_s^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{\omega(\lambda_s \rho_s)}{(\lambda_s \rho_s)^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

for  $x \in \partial K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 1)\rho_s)$ . By the maximum principle the same inequality holds for every  $x \notin K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 1)\rho_s)$ . From (2.11), (2.18), (2.17) we have the inequality

$$C_{17} \lambda_s^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{\omega(\lambda_s \rho_s)}{(\lambda_s \rho_s)^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} \leq \frac{C_{17}}{\lambda_s} \mu_s \leq \frac{\mu_s}{2}$$

for sufficiently large  $s$ . Consequently from (4.2), (2.24) we have

$$\left[ |\bar{v}_\alpha^{(s)}(x)| - \frac{\mu_\alpha^{(s)}}{2} \right]_+ = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 1)\rho_s) \quad (4.3)$$

which implies (4.1).

**Lemma 4.2.** *Assume that conditions  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  are satisfied. Then the inequality*

$$\text{meas } G_\alpha^{(s)} \leq C_{18} (\lambda_s \rho_s)^m \mu_s^{1-m} \nu(K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 1)\rho_s)) \quad (4.4)$$

holds.

*Proof.* We introduce an auxiliary function

$$\bar{\varphi}_\alpha^{(s)}(x) = \frac{4}{\mu_\alpha^{(s)}} \min \left\{ \left[ |\bar{v}_\alpha^{(s)}(x)| - \frac{\mu_\alpha^{(s)}}{4} \right]_+, \frac{\mu_\alpha^{(s)}}{4} \right\}.$$

As in the proof of the Lemma 4.1 we can prove that  $\bar{\varphi}_\alpha^{(s)}(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin K_s(\alpha)$  and  $s$  large enough. Using Poincaré's inequality, the estimate (3.2) and the condition  $B_1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{K_s(\alpha)} |\bar{\varphi}_\alpha^{(s)}(x)|^m dx &\leq C_{19} (\lambda_s \rho_s)^m \int_{K_s(\alpha)} \left| \frac{\partial \bar{\varphi}_\alpha^{(s)}(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq \\ &\leq C_{20} \mu_s^{1-m} (\lambda_s \rho_s)^m \nu(K(x_\alpha^{(s)}, (\lambda_s - 1)\rho_s)). \end{aligned}$$

Observing that  $\bar{\varphi}_\alpha^{(s)}(x) = 1$  for  $x \in G_\alpha^{(s)}$  we obtain the estimate (4.4) from the last inequality.

**Lemma 4.3.** Assume that conditions  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  are satisfied and let  $q_s(x)$  be an arbitrary sequence that converges strongly in  $L_m(\Omega, \nu)$ . Then the sequence  $r_s(x)$  defined by the equality (2.25) converges strongly to zero in  $W_p^1(\Omega)$  for any  $p < m$  and converges weakly in  $W_m^1(\Omega)$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* We can assume that  $s \geq s_1$ , where  $s_1$  is defined in Lemma 4.1. Then from the inclusion (4.1) we have

$$G_\alpha^{(s)} \cap G_\beta^{(s)} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq \beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in I_s. \quad (4.5)$$

Let us estimate the norm of the gradient of  $r_s(x)$  in  $L_m(\Omega)$  for  $s$  large enough such that  $\mu_s \leq 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial r_s(x)}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_m(\Omega)}^m &\leq C_{21} \sum_{\alpha \in I_s} \int_{G_\alpha^{(s)}} \left| \frac{\partial v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})}{\partial x} \right|^m dx + \\ &+ C_{21} \sum_{\alpha \in I_s} [\mu_\alpha^{(s)}]^{-m} \int_{\bar{E}_\alpha^{(s)}} |v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})|^m \left| \frac{\partial v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, \bar{q}_\alpha^{(s)})}{\partial x} \right|^m dx, \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

where  $\bar{E}_\alpha^{(s)} = \left\{ x \in \Omega_0 : \frac{\mu_\alpha^{(s)}}{2} < |v_\alpha^{(s)}(x)| < \mu_\alpha^{(s)} \right\}$ .

We evaluate the first summand on the right-hand side of (4.6) by using the inequality (3.2) and the condition  $B_1$ :

$$\sum_{\alpha \in I_s} \int_{G_\alpha^{(s)}} \left| \frac{\partial v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq C_{22} \sum_{\alpha \in I_s} |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^m \nu(K_s(\alpha)). \quad (4.7)$$

From the Holder inequality we have

$$|q_\alpha^{(s)}| = \frac{1}{\nu(K_s(\alpha))} \left| \int_{K_s(\alpha)} q_s(x) d\nu \right| \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{\nu(K_s(\alpha))} \int_{K_s(\alpha)} |q_s(x)|^m d\nu \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad (4.8)$$

and we estimate the sum on the right-hand side of the inequality (4.7)

$$\sum_{\alpha \in I_s} |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^m \nu(K_s(\alpha)) \leq \int_{\Omega} |q_s(x)|^m d\nu. \quad (4.9)$$

Remarking that the inequality

$$|v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})| \leq 2\mu_s \quad \text{for } \alpha \in I_s'' \quad (4.10)$$

holds we can evaluate the second summand on the right-hand side of (4.6) analogously to (4.7), (4.9) and we obtain the estimate

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial r_s(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq C_{23} \int_{\Omega} |q_s(x)|^m d\nu. \quad (4.11)$$

Remarking that the function  $r_s(x)$  vanishes outside  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I_s} G_\alpha^{(s)}$  and using the Holder inequality we get

$$\left\| \frac{\partial r_s(x)}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_p(\Omega)} \leq \left\| \frac{\partial r_s(x)}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_m(\Omega)} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in I_s} \text{meas } G_\alpha^{(s)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{m}} \quad \text{for } 1 < p < m. \quad (4.12)$$

The second factor on the right-hand side of last inequality tends to zero by (4.4), (2.17), (2.18). This completes the proof of the Lemma.

**Lemma 4.4.** *Assume that conditions of the Lemma 4.3 are satisfied. Then the sequence*

$$r_s''(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in I_s''} v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)}) \varphi_\alpha^{(s)}(x) \quad (4.13)$$

converges strongly to zero in  $W_m^1(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* Analogously to the proof of the Lemma 4.3 we have the estimate

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial r_s''(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq C_{24} \sum_{\alpha \in I_s''} |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^m v(K_s(\alpha))$$

and the right-hand side of the last inequality tends to zero by the definition of  $I_s''$  and (2.18). The proof of the Lemma is completed.

Let  $\zeta_s$  be an arbitrary sequence of real numbers satisfying an equality

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \zeta_s = 0. \quad (4.14)$$

Let us define the subsets  $I'_{1,s}$ ,  $I'_{2,s}$  of multi-indices  $\alpha$  by the equalities

$$I'_{1,s} = \left\{ \alpha \in I'_s : \zeta_s |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^{m-1} \leq 1 \right\}, \quad I'_{2,s} = \left\{ \alpha \in I'_s : \zeta_s |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^{m-1} > 1 \right\}$$

and denote

$$r'_{i,s}(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{i,s}} v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)}) \varphi_\alpha^{(s)}(x), \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (4.15)$$

**Lemma 4.5.** *Assume that conditions of the Lemma 4.3 are satisfied and let  $\zeta_s$  be an arbitrary sequence satisfying the condition (4.14). Then the sequence  $r'_{2,s}(x)$  defined by (4.15) converges strongly to zero in  $W_m^1(\Omega)$ .*

*Proof.* Denote  $Q_s = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I'_{2,s}} K_s(\alpha)$ . From the inequality

$$\zeta_s^{-m/m-1} v(Q_s) \leq \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{2,s}} |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^m v(K_s(\alpha))$$

and (4.8) we have

$$v(Q_s) \leq \zeta_s^{m/m-1} \int_{\Omega} |q_s(x)|^m dv. \quad (4.16)$$

Analogously to the proof of the inequality (4.11) we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial r'_{2,s}(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \leq C_{25} \int_{Q_s} |q_s(x)|^m dv$$

and the convergence of the right-hand side of last inequality to zero is followed from (4.14), (4.16) and the assumption on the sequence  $q_s(x)$ . The proof of the Lemma is completed.

**Proof of the Theorem 2.1.** Define the sequence  $\zeta_s$  by the equality

$$\zeta_s = \max \left\{ \|z_s(x)\|_{L_m(\Omega, \nu)}^{1/2}, \lambda_s \rho_s, [\tau(\lambda_s \rho_s)]^{1/2m} \right\}, \quad (4.17)$$

where  $z_s(x)$  is the sequence introduced in the Theorem 1.1. This sequence  $\zeta_s$  satis-

fies the condition (4.14) and let  $r'_{1,s}(x)$ ,  $r'_{2,s}(x)$  be sequences defined by the equality (4.15) for considered choice of  $\zeta_s$ .

Using the condition  $A_2$ , Lemmas 4.1, 4.3, 4.5 and assumptions on  $z_s(x)$  we obtain

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} \left\{ a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial r_s(x)}{\partial x} \right) - a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial r'_{1,s}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \right\} \frac{\partial z_s(x)}{\partial x_j} dx = 0 \quad (4.18)$$

and it is sufficient to study the behaviour of the term

$$J_s = \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\Omega} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial r'_{1,s}(x)}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial z_s(x)}{\partial x_j} dx. \quad (4.19)$$

Denote

$$\delta_{\alpha}^{(s)} = K_5 \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) \left\{ \frac{C_m(K'_s(\alpha) \setminus \Omega_s)}{[\lambda_s \rho_s]^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}}, \quad (4.20)$$

where the constant  $K_5 \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$  is defined in the Lemma 3.2.

Define a function

$$\zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x) = \frac{2}{\delta_{\alpha}^{(s)}} \min \left\{ \left[ w_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x, K'_s(\alpha) \setminus \Omega_s, 1) - \frac{\delta_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{2} \right]_{+}; \frac{\delta_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{2} \right\}, \quad (4.21)$$

where  $w_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x, F, q)$  is the solution of the problem (3.4), (3.5) with  $x_0 = x_{\alpha}^{(s)}$ ,  $r = \lambda_s \rho_s$ . The cub  $K'_s(\alpha)$  in (4.20) is defined by (2.15).

Using the estimates (3.7), (3.9) and the choice of  $\delta_{\alpha}^{(s)}$  we have

$$\zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x) \equiv 1 \quad \text{for } x \in K \left( x_{\alpha}^{(s)}, \frac{3}{2} \lambda_s \rho_s \right), \quad (4.22)$$

$$\zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x) \equiv 0 \quad \text{for } x \in K \left( x_{\alpha}^{(s)}, 2 \lambda_s \rho_s \right) \setminus K \left( x_{\alpha}^{(s)}, \gamma \lambda_s \rho_s \right), \quad (4.23)$$

with some number  $\gamma$  depending only on  $n, m$ .

We rewrite  $J_s$  in the form

$$J_s = \sum_{i=1}^5 J_s^{(i)}, \quad (4.24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_s^{(1)} &= \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} \left[ a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v_{\alpha}^{(s)} \varphi_{\alpha}^{(s)}) \right) - a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right) \right] \frac{\partial z_s(x)}{\partial x_j} dx, \\ J_s^{(2)} &= \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [\zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)} z_s(x)] dx, \\ J_s^{(3)} &= \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right) (1 - \zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} z_s(x) dx, \\ J_s^{(4)} &= - \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial \zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x)}{\partial x_j} \cdot [z_s(x) - z_s(\alpha)] dx, \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

$$J_s^{(5)} = - \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \sum_{j=1}^n z_s(\alpha) \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v_\alpha^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial \zeta_\alpha^{(s)}}{\partial x_j} dx,$$

where

$$z_s(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\text{meas}(K_s(\alpha))} \int_{K_s(\alpha)} z_s(x) dx,$$

$$v_\alpha^{(s)} = v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)}), \quad \tilde{K}_s(\alpha) = K(x_\alpha^{(s)}; 2\lambda_s \rho_s).$$

Define a set

$$E_\alpha^{(s)}(\mu) = \left\{ x \in \tilde{K}_s(\alpha) : |v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})| \leq \mu \right\}.$$

The function  $\varphi_\alpha^{(s)}(x)$  is equal to one if  $|v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})| \geq \mu_\alpha^{(s)}$ ,  $\alpha \in I'_s$ . Using (2.3) and Holder inequality we obtain the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & |J_s^{(1)}| \leq \\ & \leq C_{26} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \int_{E_\alpha^{(s)}(\mu_\alpha^{(s)})} \left[ \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v_\alpha^{(s)} \varphi_\alpha^{(s)}) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial v_\alpha^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right]^{\frac{m-1}{m}} \times \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial z_s(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

We estimate the second factor on the right-hand side of (4.26) by using inequalities (3.2), (4.8). We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \int_{E_\alpha^{(s)}(\mu_\alpha^{(s)})} \left[ \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v_\alpha^{(s)} \varphi_\alpha^{(s)}) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial v_\alpha^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right]^m \leq \\ & \leq C_{27} \mu_s \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} |q_\alpha^{(s)}|^m \nu(K_s(\alpha)) \leq C_{27} \mu_s \int_{\Omega} |q_s(x)|^m dx \end{aligned}$$

and the right-hand side of the last inequality tends to zero as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ . Taking into account the assumption on  $z_s(x)$  we obtain

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} J_s^{(1)} = 0. \quad (4.27)$$

In the same way as for  $J_s^{(1)}$  we obtain the equality

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} J_s^{(3)} = 0. \quad (4.28)$$

The equality

$$J_s^{(2)} = 0 \quad (4.29)$$

is followed from the definition of the functions  $v_\alpha^{(s)}(x, q_\alpha^{(s)})$  and from the properties of  $\zeta_\alpha^{(s)}(x)$ ,  $z_s(x)$ .

In order to estimate  $J_s^{(4)}$  we remark that from the Theorem 3.1 the inequality

$$\left| \frac{\partial \zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x)}{\partial x} \right| \leq \frac{C_{28}}{\lambda_s \rho_s} \quad (4.30)$$

holds for  $\alpha \in I'_{1,s}$ . Using the condition  $A_2$  and Holder inequality we obtain the estimate

$$|J_s^{(4)}| \leq C_{29} \frac{1}{\lambda_s \rho_s} \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} \left\{ \int_{\mathcal{D}_s(\alpha)} \left| \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right\}^{\frac{m-1}{m}} \left\{ \int_{\mathcal{D}_s(\alpha)} |z_s(x) - z_s(\alpha)|^m dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}, \quad (4.31)$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_s(\alpha)$  is the support of the function  $\left| \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x)}{\partial x} \right|$ .

We estimate integrals with  $v_{\alpha}^{(s)}$  in (4.31) by using the estimate (3.2) and integral with  $z_s(x)$  by using the Lemma 3.2. We obtain

$$|J_s^{(4)}| \leq C_{30} [\tau(\lambda_s \rho_s)]^{1/m} \sum_{\alpha \in I'_{1,s}} |q_{\alpha}^{(s)}|^{m-1} [v(K_s(\alpha))]^{(m-1)/m} \left\{ \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} \left| \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}. \quad (4.32)$$

Estimating the right-hand side of (4.32) by Holder inequality we get

$$J_s^{(4)} \leq C_{31} [\tau(\lambda_s \rho_s)]^{1/m} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} |q_s(x)|^m d\nu \right\}^{\frac{m-1}{m}} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}. \quad (4.33)$$

Taking into account that  $\tau(r)$  tends to zero as  $r \rightarrow 0$  we get from (4.33)

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} J_s^{(4)} = 0. \quad (4.34)$$

Let us consider the behaviour of  $J_s^{(5)}$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ . Remarking that the support of  $\left| \frac{\partial \zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x)}{\partial x} \right|$  is contained in  $K(x_{\alpha}^{(s)}, \gamma \lambda_s \rho_s) \setminus K(x_{\alpha}^{(s)}, \frac{3}{2} \lambda_s \rho_s)$  and using the inequality (3.2) we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{\tilde{K}_s(\alpha)} a_j \left( x, \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}^{(s)}}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial \zeta_{\alpha}^{(s)}(x)}{\partial x_j} dx \right| \leq \\ & \leq C_{32} \frac{|q_{\alpha}^{(s)}|^{m-1}}{\delta_{\alpha}^{(s)}} \left\{ \frac{C_m(K'_s(\alpha) \setminus \Omega_s)}{[\lambda_s \rho_s]^{n-m}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}} v(K_s(\alpha)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.35)$$

From the Hölder inequality and the Lemma 3.2 we have the estimate

$$\left| z_s(\alpha) - \frac{1}{v(K_s(\alpha))} \int_{K_s(\alpha)} z_s(x) d\nu \right| \leq C_{33} \left\{ \tau(\lambda_s \rho_s) \frac{1}{v(K_s(\alpha))} \int_{K_s(\alpha)} \left| \frac{\partial z_s(x)}{\partial x} \right|^m dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}.$$

Using Remark 2.4 and the inequality  $|q_{\alpha}^{(s)}|^{m-1} \leq \frac{1}{\zeta_s}$  for  $\alpha \in I'_{1,s}$  we obtain from (4.35), (4.17) and the last inequality

$$|J_s^{(5)}| \leq C_{34} \|z_s\|_{L_m(\Omega, \nu)}^{1/2} + C_{34} \tau(\lambda_s \rho_s) \left\| \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial x} \right\|_{L_m(\Omega)}. \quad (4.36)$$

From compactness of embedding  $W_m^1(\Omega) \subset L_m(\Omega, \nu)$  and (4.36) following equality

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} J_s^{(5)} = 0. \quad (4.37)$$

holds. Now the equality (1.26) is followed from (4.18), (4.19), (4.24), (4.27)–(4.29), (4.34), (4.37) and the proof of the Theorem 1.1 is completed.

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