

Quasilinear elliptic problems with natural growth in the gradient and superlinear nonlinearities

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For a continuous function $g \geq 0$ on $(0, +\infty)$ (which may be singular at zero), we confront a quasilinear elliptic differential operator with natural growth in ∇u with a superlinear nonlinearity. The model case is the study of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + g(u)|\nabla u|^2 &= \lambda(1+u)^p && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

where f is given either by $f(x, u) = \lambda u^p + f_0(x)$ ($f_0 \not\equiv 0$), or by $f(x, u) = \lambda(1+u)^p$. The range of values of the parameter λ for which the associated homogeneous Dirichlet boundary value problem admits positive solutions depends on the behavior of g and on the exponent p . This is joint work with José Carmona and Pedro J. Martínez-Aparicio.