

## A BREZIS–NIRENBERG TYPE THEOREM ON LOCAL MINIMIZERS FOR $p(x)$ –KIRCHHOFF DIRICHLET PROBLEMS AND APPLICATIONS

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*Abstract.* This paper deals with a class of  $p(x)$ -Kirchhoff Dirichlet problems possessing a variational structure which corresponds to the variational functional  $E$  defined on  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$ . We prove a Brezis-Nirenberg type theorem which asserts that every local minimizer of  $E$  in the  $C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  topology is also a local minimizer of  $E$  in the  $W_0^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$  topology. Some applications of this theorem are given.

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