

A CONCAVE–CONVEX QUASILINEAR ELLIPTIC PROBLEM SUBJECT TO A NONLINEAR BOUNDARY CONDITION

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Abstract. This paper deals with the existence of a positive solution to the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p u + u^{p-1} = u^{r-1}, & x \in \Omega, \\ |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \lambda u^{q-1}, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is a bounded domain, ν designates the unit outward normal to $\partial\Omega$, Δ_p is the p -Laplacian operator, $1 < q < p < r \leqslant p^*$, $p^* = Np/(N-p)$ if $p < N$, $p^* = \infty$ otherwise, while $\lambda > 0$. Our main result states the existence of $\Lambda > 0$ so that positive solutions are only possible when $0 < \lambda \leqslant \Lambda$ while the existence of a *minimal* positive solution is ensured in that range.

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