



Existence and Non-existence of Solutions for a (p, q) -Laplacian Steklov System

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we study the existence and non-existence of weak solutions to the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p u = \Delta_q v = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \lambda m |u|^{p-2} u - \varepsilon [(\alpha + 1) |u|^{\alpha-1} u |v|^{\beta+1} - f] & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ |\nabla v|^{q-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \lambda n |v|^{q-2} v - \varepsilon [(\beta + 1) |v|^{\beta-1} v |u|^{\alpha+1} - g] & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^N ($N \geq 2$) with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, $\Delta_p u = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$ is the p -Laplacian, $\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu}$ is the outer normal derivative, $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$, m, n, f and g are the functions that satisfies some conditions.

Key Words: Steklov system, weights, nonlinear boundary conditions, (p, q) -Laplacian, eigenvalue problem.

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1. Introduction

Consider the system with nonlinear boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p u = \Delta_q v = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \lambda m |u|^{p-2} u - \varepsilon [(\alpha + 1) |u|^{\alpha-1} u |v|^{\beta+1} - f] & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ |\nabla v|^{q-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \lambda n |v|^{q-2} v - \varepsilon [(\beta + 1) |v|^{\beta-1} v |u|^{\alpha+1} - g] & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^N ($N \geq 2$), with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, $1 < p < +\infty$, $1 < q < +\infty$, $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ and suppose the following conditions:
 $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$ such that $\frac{\alpha+1}{p} + \frac{\beta+1}{q} = 1$ and

$$f \in L^r(\partial\Omega), \quad r = \frac{p\bar{p}}{p\bar{p} - \bar{p} + 1}, \quad \frac{N-1}{p-1} < \bar{p} < \infty \text{ if } p < N \text{ and } \bar{p} \geq 1 \text{ if } p \geq N,$$

$$g \in L^{\bar{r}}(\partial\Omega), \quad \bar{r} = \frac{q\bar{q}}{q\bar{q} - \bar{q} + 1}, \quad \frac{N-1}{q-1} < \bar{q} < \infty \text{ if } q < N \text{ and } \bar{q} \geq 1 \text{ if } q \geq N.$$

$$M_{\bar{p}} = \{m \in L^{\bar{p}}(\partial\Omega), m^+ \not\equiv 0, \int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma < 0\},$$

$$M_{\bar{q}} = \{m \in L^{\bar{q}}(\partial\Omega), m^+ \not\equiv 0, \int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma < 0\},$$

$\Delta_p u = \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$ is the p -Laplacian. The operator Δ_p turns up in many mathematical setting: e.g., non-newtonien fluids, reaction-diffusion problems, porous media, astronomy, etc. (see for example [4]).

Many publications, such as [6,8], discuss quasilinear elliptic systems involving p -Laplacian operators and show the existence and multiplicity of solutions. The authors in [6] studied the existence of solutions for

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_p u = F_u(x, u, v) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ -\Delta_q v = F_v(x, u, v) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = v = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where p, q are real numbers larger than 1.

In [1,5], the authors studied a Dirichlet problem involving critical exponents. The author, in [9], has been interested to the system involving $(p(x), q(x))$ -laplacian with Dirichlet conditions, which generalize and improve the result of [1].

Existence results for nonlinear elliptic systems when the nonlinear term appears as a source in the equation complemented with Dirichlet boundary conditions have been studied by various authors; we cite the works [6,10,11].

For the nonlinear boundary condition, the authors in [7] proved the existence of nontrivial solutions of the quasi-linear elliptic system.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p u = |u|^{p-2}u, \quad \Delta_q v = |v|^{q-2}v & \text{in } \Omega, \\ |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = F_u(x, u, v), |\nabla v|^{q-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = F_v(x, u, v) & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where (F_u, F_v) is the gradient of some positive potential $F : \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

The (p, q) harmonic case for the Steklov system has been studied in [2].

In the present paper, we are interested at the existence and non-existence of (p, q) -harmonic solutions, $(u, v) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega)$, for a Steklov system (1.1).

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, which has a preliminary character, we collect some results relative to the following Steklov problem (2.1). In section 3, we study the existence and non-existence solutions for our system (1.1). Our proofs are based on variational arguments.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we collect some results relative to the Steklov eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \lambda m(x) |u|^{p-2} u & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where the weight m is assumed to lie in $M_{\bar{p}} = \{m \in L^{\bar{p}}(\partial\Omega), m^+ \not\equiv 0, \int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma < 0\}$.

O. Torné in [12] showed, by using infinite dimensional Ljusternik-Schnirelman theory, that the problem (2.1) admits a sequence of eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_k(m, p) = \inf_{C \in \Gamma_k} \sup_{x \in C} \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx,$$

where

$$\Gamma_k = \{C \subset S; C \text{ is symmetric, compact and } \gamma(C) \geq K\},$$

with

$$S = \{u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega); \frac{1}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma = 1\} \text{ and } \gamma(C) \text{ is the Krasnoselski genus of } C.$$

Let $\lambda_1(m, p) = \inf\{\frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx; u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \text{ and } \frac{1}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma = 1\}$.

This author also showed that if $\int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma < 0$, then $\lambda_1(m, p) > 0$.

In [3], A. Anane et al have also proved that there exists an increasing unbounded sequence of positive eigenvalues for the problem (2.1) but by applying an other deformation lemma.

In [3] the authors showed the following result.

Theorem 2.1. *1. If $m, m_0 \in M_{\bar{p}}$, then we have*

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1} := \frac{1}{\lambda_1(m, p)} = \sup_{u \in A} \frac{1}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma,$$

where

$$A = \{u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega); \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx = 1\}.$$

2. If $m \leqneq m_0$, then $\lambda_1(m_0, p) < \lambda_1(m, p)$.

3. Existence and nonexistence of solutions for a Steklov system

In this section, where $\varepsilon = 1$, we show that the problem (1.1), admits at least a nontrivial solution under some conditions on the positive number λ , we also show the non-existence results for nontrivial solutions of the system (1.1) in the case $\varepsilon = 0$. The following theorem is the main result in this paper.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $m \in M_{\bar{p}}$, $n \in M_{\bar{q}}$ and $0 < \lambda < \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$. Then*

1. *If $\varepsilon = 1$, the system (1.1) admits at least a solution for any f, g .*
2. *If $\varepsilon = 0$, the system (1.1) has no non-trivial solutions.*

Consider the space $W = W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega)$ equipped with the norm

$$\|w\| = \|u\|_{1,p} + \|v\|_{1,q}, \text{ for } w = (u, v) \in W,$$

where

$$\|u\|_{1,p} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} |u|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and

$$\|v\|_{1,q} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

We say that $(u, v) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega)$ is a weak solution of (1.1) if :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \nabla \varphi dx &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda m |u|^{p-2} u \varphi d\sigma - \varepsilon [(\alpha + 1) \int_{\partial\Omega} |u|^{\alpha-1} u |v|^{\beta+1} \varphi d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f \varphi d\sigma], \\ \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{q-2} \nabla v \nabla \psi dx &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda n |v|^{q-2} v \psi d\sigma - \varepsilon [(\beta + 1) \int_{\partial\Omega} |v|^{\beta-1} v |u|^{\alpha+1} \psi d\sigma + \int_{\partial\Omega} g \psi d\sigma]. \end{aligned}$$

for all $(\varphi, \psi) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega)$, where $d\sigma$ is the $N - 1$ dimensional Hausdroff measure.

The energy functional corresponding to the system (1.1) is the functional Φ_{ε} such that $\Phi_{\varepsilon} : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\varepsilon}(u, v) &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx - \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma + \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx - \frac{\lambda}{q} \int_{\partial\Omega} n |v|^q d\sigma \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \left[\int_{\partial\Omega} |u|^{\alpha+1} |v|^{\beta+1} d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v d\sigma \right]. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the critical points of the energy functional Φ_{ε} are the weak solutions of the system (1.1). To prove the Theorem (3.1), we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.2. *If $\varepsilon = 1$, $m \in M_{\bar{p}}$ and $n \in M_{\bar{q}}$, then the functional $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is coercive for, $0 < \lambda < \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$.*

Proof. Suppose by contradiction that $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is not coercive. Then there exist a sequence $w_n \in W$ and $c \geq 0$ with $w_n = (u_n, v_n)$ such that $\|w_n\| \rightarrow +\infty$ and $|\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}(w_n)| \leq c$.

The condition $|\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}(w_n)| \leq c$ implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n|^p dx - \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u_n|^p d\sigma + \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_n|^q dx - \frac{\lambda}{q} \int_{\partial\Omega} n |v_n|^q d\sigma \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega} |u_n|^{\alpha+1} |v_n|^{\beta+1} d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \leq c. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} |u_n|^{\alpha+1} |v_n|^{\beta+1} d\sigma \geq 0,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n|^p dx - \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u_n|^p d\sigma + \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_n|^q dx - \frac{\lambda}{q} \int_{\partial\Omega} n |v_n|^q d\sigma \\ - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \leq c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n|^p dx - \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u_n|^p d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \leq c, \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_n|^q dx - \frac{\lambda}{q} \int_{\partial\Omega} n |v_n|^q d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \leq c. \quad (3.2)$$

As $0 < \lambda < \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$, then we have

$$\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_1(m, p)}\right) \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n|^p dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \leq c,$$

and

$$\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_1(n, q)}\right) \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_n|^q dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \leq c.$$

Put $\tilde{u}_n = \frac{u_n}{\|w_n\|}$ and $\tilde{v}_n = \frac{v_n}{\|w_n\|}$, dividing by $\|w_n\|^p$ and $\|w_n\|^q$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_1(m, p)}\right) \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{u}_n|^p dx - \frac{1}{\|w_n\|^p} \left(\int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma + \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \right) \leq \frac{c}{\|w_n\|^p}, \\ \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_1(n, q)}\right) \frac{1}{q} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{v}_n|^q dx - \frac{1}{\|w_n\|^q} \left(\int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} g v_n d\sigma \right) \leq \frac{c}{\|w_n\|^q}. \end{aligned}$$

Since \tilde{u}_n is bounded, for a further subsequence still denoted \tilde{u}_n , $\tilde{u}_n \rightharpoonup \tilde{u}$ weakly in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ and $\tilde{u}_n \rightarrow \tilde{u}$ strongly in $L^p(\Omega)$. On the other hand, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{u}|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} |\tilde{u}|^p dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{u}_n|^p dx + \int_{\Omega} |\tilde{u}_n|^p dx \right).$$

Passing to the limit, we obtain $\frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \tilde{u}|^p dx = 0$. Thus $\tilde{u} = cst = c_1$ and $\|\tilde{u}_n\|_{1,p} \rightarrow \|\tilde{u}\|_{1,p}$. Since $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ is uniformly convex and reflexive, $\tilde{u}_n \rightarrow cst = c_1$ strongly in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$. By a similar argument, we show that $\tilde{v}_n \rightarrow cst = c_2$ strongly in $W^{1,q}(\Omega)$.

Dividing (3.1) and (3.2) respectively by $\|w_n\|^p$ and $\|w_n\|^q$ and passing to the limit, we obtain

$$-\frac{\lambda |c_1|^p}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma \leq 0$$

and

$$-\frac{\lambda |c_2|^q}{q} \int_{\partial\Omega} n d\sigma \leq 0.$$

Since $\int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma < 0$ and $\int_{\partial\Omega} n d\sigma < 0$, then $c_1 = c_2 = 0$. Consequently $\|\tilde{w}_n\| \rightarrow 0$, where $\tilde{w}_n = (\tilde{u}_n, \tilde{v}_n)$. This contradicts $\|\tilde{w}_n\| = 1$. Finally, $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is coercive. \square

Lemma 3.3. *If $m \in M_{\bar{p}}$ and $n \in M_{\bar{q}}$, then the energy functional $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is a weakly lower semicontinuous.*

Proof. It suffices to see that the trace mapping $W \rightarrow L^{\frac{pp}{p-1}}(\partial\Omega) \times L^{\frac{qq}{q-1}}(\partial\Omega)$ is compact. Indeed, if we have $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega) \subset L^{\frac{pp}{p-1}}(\partial\Omega) \times L^{\frac{qq}{q-1}}(\partial\Omega)$ with compact injection, then for any bounded part in W , it is relatively compact in $L^{\frac{pp}{p-1}}(\partial\Omega) \times L^{\frac{qq}{q-1}}(\partial\Omega)$.

Let (u_n, v_n) be a bounded sequence in W , it means that u_n is bounded in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ and v_n is bounded in $W^{1,q}(\Omega)$. For the subsequences, there exists $(u, v) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega)$ such that $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ weakly in $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$, strongly in $L^p(\Omega)$ and $L^{\frac{pp}{p-1}}(\partial\Omega)$ and $v_n \rightharpoonup v$ weakly in $W^{1,q}(\Omega)$, strongly in $L^q(\Omega)$ and $L^{\frac{qq}{q-1}}(\partial\Omega)$. Thus

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n|^p dx$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx - \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m|u|^p d\sigma + \int_{\partial\Omega} |u|^{\alpha+1}|v|^{\beta+1} d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u d\sigma \leq \\ & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n|^p dx - \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_{\partial\Omega} m|u_n|^p d\sigma + \int_{\partial\Omega} |u_n|^{\alpha+1}|v_n|^{\beta+1} d\sigma - \int_{\partial\Omega} f u_n d\sigma \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We have the same result, if we replace u_n by v_n . This implies that

$$\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}(u, v) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{\varepsilon=1}(u_n, v_n),$$

consequently $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is weakly lower semi-continuous. \square

Proof of Theorem 3.1. 1. By Lemma 3.2, $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is coercive and by Lemma 3.3 $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is weakly lower semicontinuous. Furthermore $\Phi_{\varepsilon=1}$ is continuously differentiable. Thus the proof is complete by using the minimum principle.

2. For $\varepsilon = 0$, the system (1.1) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_p u = \Delta_q v = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ |\nabla u|^{p-2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \lambda m |u|^{p-2} u & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ |\nabla v|^{q-2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \lambda n |v|^{q-2} v & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

Affirm that if $0 < \lambda < \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$, then the system (3.3) has no non-trivial solution. Indeed, suppose, by contradiction, that the system (3.3) have a non-trivial solution (u, v) such that $u \neq 0$ or $v \neq 0$. Then, we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u \nabla \varphi dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda m |u|^{p-2} u \varphi d\sigma,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^{q-2} \nabla v \nabla \psi dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda n |v|^{q-2} v \psi d\sigma.$$

For all $(\varphi, \psi) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \times W^{1,q}(\Omega)$. Thus for $\varphi = u$ and $\psi = v$, we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx = \lambda \int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx = \lambda \int_{\partial\Omega} n |v|^q d\sigma.$$

So, we distinguish two cases:

1. If $\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx = 0$, then $u = cst$ and $v = cst$. So, we have $0 = \lambda |cst|^p \int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma$ and $0 = \lambda |cst|^q \int_{\partial\Omega} n d\sigma$. Since $\int_{\partial\Omega} m d\sigma < 0$ and $\int_{\partial\Omega} n d\sigma < 0$, $u = v = 0$. This contradicts the fact that $u \neq 0$ or $v \neq 0$.
2. If $\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx > 0$ or $\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx > 0$, then

$$0 < \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx}{\int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma} = \lambda \quad \text{or} \quad 0 < \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx}{\int_{\partial\Omega} n |v|^q d\sigma} = \lambda.$$

Thus

$$\lambda_1(m, p) \leq \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx}{\int_{\partial\Omega} m |u|^p d\sigma} = \lambda \text{ or } \lambda_1(n, q) \leq \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^q dx}{\int_{\partial\Omega} n |v|^q d\sigma} = \lambda.$$

So

$$\lambda_1(m, p) \leq \lambda \text{ or } \lambda_1(n, q) \leq \lambda.$$

It follows that

$$\inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q)) \leq \lambda.$$

This contradicts our assumption. □

Corollary 3.4. 1. For $\varepsilon = 1$, let $m, m_0 \in M_{\bar{p}}$ and $n, n_0 \in M_{\bar{q}}$, if $m \leqneq m_0$, $n \leqneq n_0$ on $\partial\Omega$ and $\lambda = \lambda_1(m_0, p) = \lambda_1(n_0, q)$, then the system (1.1) admits at least a solution for any f, g .

2. For $\varepsilon = 0$, let $m \in M_{\bar{p}}$, $n \in M_{\bar{q}}$, if $0 < \lambda \leq \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q)) < \sup(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$, then the system (1.1) has no non-trivial solution $(u, v) \in W$ in the sense that $u \neq 0$ and $v \neq 0$.

3. For $\varepsilon = 0$, let $m \in M_{\bar{p}}$, $n \in M_{\bar{q}}$, if $\lambda = \lambda_1(m, p) = \lambda_1(n, q)$, then the system (1.1) has infinitely many solutions.

Proof. 1. Let $m, m_0 \in M_{\bar{p}}$, $n, n_0 \in M_{\bar{q}}$, by Theorem 2.1, if $m \leqneq m_0$ and $n \leqneq n_0$, then $\lambda = \lambda_1(m_0, p) < \lambda_1(m, p)$, and $\lambda = \lambda_1(n_0, q) < \lambda_1(n, q)$ this implies that $\lambda < \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$. According to Theorem 3.1 the proof is complete.

2. • if $0 < \lambda < \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$, we use the Theorem 2.1.

- If $0 < \lambda = \inf(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q)) < \sup(\lambda_1(m, p), \lambda_1(n, q))$, then we have two cases. First case: if $\lambda = \lambda_1(m, p) < \lambda_1(n, q)$, the non-trivial solutions are of the form $(\alpha\varphi_1(m, p), 0)$, where $\varphi_1(m, p)$ is an eigenfunction of system (2.1) associated to $\lambda_1(m, p)$. Second case: if $\lambda = \lambda_1(n, q) < \lambda_1(m, p)$, the non-trivial solutions are of the form $(0, \beta\varphi_1(n, q))$, where $\varphi_1(n, q)$ is an eigenfunction of system (2.1) (with q and n instead p and m) of associated to $\lambda_1(n, q)$.

3. We use the simplicity of the first eigenvalue $\lambda_1(k, r)$ of the system (2.1), where $k \equiv m$ and $r = p$ or $k \equiv n$ and $r = q$. □

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