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An integral inequality involving second order derivatives is derived. A most important consequence of this inequality is that the Dirichlet form

$$D(u,u)=\int_{D^{i},k}\sum_{a_{ik}}a_{ik}D_{i}^{2}uD_{k}^{2}ar{u}=q|\,u\,|^{2}dx\geqq0$$
 ,

for functions q(x) which are positive and "not too large" in a sense which will be made precise later and for functions u(x) with compact support contained in D. Some examples are given and an application is made to an existence theorem for a fourth order uniformly elliptic P.D.E.

An earlier paper by the author [1] contains some similar results for inequalities involving first derivatives. The following definitions and notations will be used throughout the paper. Let

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
.

Let D be an open domain in R^n which may be unbounded. Let $C^{\infty}(D)$ denote the set of infinitely differentiable complex valued functions on D and let $C^{\infty}_{0}(D)$ denote the subset of $C^{\infty}(D)$ consisting of functions with compact support contained in D. Let

$$||u||_q=\left(\int_D\sum\limits_{i=1}^n|D_i^2u|^2+|q|u|^2dx
ight)^{\!1/2}$$
, where $D_i^2u=rac{\partial^2u}{\partial x_i^2}$

and q is either equal to 1 or to one of the positive functions to be defined later. Let $H_q(D)$ be the completion of $\{u \in C^{\infty}(D): ||u||_q < \infty\}$ with respect to $||u||_q$ and let $\mathring{H}_q(D)$ be the completion of $C^{\infty}_0(D)$ with respect to $||u||_q$. The functions u in $H_q(D)$ or $\mathring{H}_q(D)$ have strong L_2 second derivatives which we will denote by the same symbol as for the oridinary derivative. So that

$$\lim_{n o \infty} \int_D |D_i^2 u - D_i^2 u_n|^2 dx = 0$$

where $\{u_n\}$ is any sequence of elements in $C^{\infty}(D)$ such that $||u-u_n||_q \to 0$. All coefficient functions considered will be real valued. The variable functions u may be complex valued. There do not seem to be any analogues of the basic results with complex valued coefficients.

Theorem 1. Suppose that the boundary of D is smooth enough

to apply Gauss' Theorem. Let $a_{ik} \in C^1(D)$ and (a_{ik}) be symmetric positive definite. Let $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C^1(D), q_k = (f_k + D_k)f_k$ and suppose that $\sum_i a_{ik}q_i \leq 0$, for every $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then, for any $u \in C^1(D)$,

$$egin{aligned} & \int_D \sum_{i,k} a_{ik} D_i^2 u D_k^2 ar{u} - (f_i + D_i)^2 (a_{ik} q_k) \mid u \mid^2 dx \ & \geq \int_{\dot{D}} \sum_{i,k} \left[a_{ik} q_i D_k \mid u \mid^2 - (D_k (a_{ik} q_i) + 2 a_{ik} q_i f_k) \mid u \mid^2
ight] oldsymbol{
u}_k ds \end{aligned}$$

where ν_k is the k^{th} component of the normal and the integral on the integral on the right is assumed to exist. Equality holds if and only if $D_i^2u = q_iu$ and $D_iu = f_iu$, for every i.

Proof. We shall require two integrations by parts.

$$egin{aligned} \int_{D} &a_{ik}q_{i}(uD_{k}^{2}ar{u}\,+\,ar{u}D_{k}^{2}u)dx \ &= -\int_{D}[a_{ik}q_{i}D_{k}u\,+\,uD_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i})]D_{k}ar{u} \ &+ [a_{ik}q_{i}D_{k}ar{u}\,+\,ar{u}D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i})]D_{k}udx \ &+ \int_{\dot{D}}a_{ik}q_{i}(ar{u}D_{k}u\,+\,uD_{k}ar{u})oldsymbol{
u}_{k}ds \ &= \int_{D}D_{k}^{2}(a_{ik}q_{i})\,|\,u\,|^{2} - 2a_{ik}q_{i}\,|\,D_{k}u\,|^{2}\,dx \ &+ \int_{\dot{D}}[a_{ik}q_{i}D_{k}\,|\,u\,|^{2} - D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i})\,|\,u\,|^{2}]oldsymbol{
u}_{k}ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{split} -\int_{D} & a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k}(\overline{u}D_{k}u + uD_{k}\overline{u})dx \\ &= \int_{D} D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k}) \mid u\mid^{2}dx - \int_{D} a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k} \mid u\mid^{2}\nu_{k}ds \;. \\ &\sum_{i,k} a_{ik}(D_{i}^{2}u - q_{i}u)(D_{k}^{2}\overline{u} - q_{k}\overline{u}) - 2\sum_{i} a_{ik}q_{i}\sum_{k} \mid D_{k}u - f_{k}u\mid^{2} \geq 0 \\ &\int_{D} \sum_{i,k} a_{ik}D_{i}^{2}uD_{k}^{2}\overline{u} - (f_{i} + D_{i})^{2}a_{ik}q_{k} \mid u\mid^{2}dx \\ & \geq \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} - (f_{i} + D_{i})^{2}a_{ik}q_{k} \mid u\mid^{2} + a_{ik}q_{i}(uD_{k}^{2}\overline{u} + \overline{u}D_{k}^{2}u) - a_{ik}q_{i}q_{k} \mid u\mid^{2} \\ & + 2a_{ik}q_{i}(\mid D_{k}u\mid^{2} - f_{k}uD_{k}\overline{u} - f_{k}\overline{u}D_{k}u + f_{k}^{2}\mid u\mid^{2})dx \\ & = \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} - \left[a_{ik}f_{i}^{2}q_{k} + f_{i}D_{i}(a_{ik}q_{k}) + D_{i}(a_{ik}f_{i}q_{k}) + D_{i}^{2}(a_{ik}q_{k})\right] \mid u\mid^{2} \\ & + \left[D_{k}^{2}(a_{ik}q_{i}) - a_{ik}q_{i}q_{k} + 2D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k}) + 2a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k}^{2}\right] \mid u\mid^{2} \\ & - 2a_{ik}q_{i}\mid D_{k}u\mid^{2} + 2a_{ik}q_{i}\mid D_{k}u\mid^{2}dx \end{split}$$

$$egin{aligned} &+\sum_{\dot{D}}\sum_{i,k}\left[a_{ik}q_{i}D_{k}\mid u\mid^{2}-D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i})\mid u\mid^{2}-2a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k}\mid u\mid^{2}
ight]\!
u_{k}ds \ &=\int_{D}\sum_{i,k}\left[a_{ik}q_{i}(f_{k}^{2}-q_{k})-f_{i}D_{i}(a_{ik}q_{k})+D_{i}(a_{ik}f_{i}q_{k})
ight]\mid u\mid^{2}dx \ &+\int_{\dot{D}}\left[\cdot\cdot\cdot
ight]\!ds \ &=\int_{D}\sum_{i,k}\left[-a_{ik}q_{i}D_{k}f_{k}-f_{k}D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i})+D_{k}(a_{ik}f_{k}q_{i})
ight]\mid u\mid^{2}dx \ &+\int_{\dot{D}}\left[\cdot\cdot\cdot
ight]\!ds \ &=\int_{\dot{D}}\left[a_{ik}q_{i}D_{k}\mid u\mid^{2}-D_{k}(a_{ik}q_{i})\mid u\mid^{2}-2a_{ik}q_{i}f_{k}\mid u\mid^{2}\right]\!
u_{k}ds \ , \end{aligned}$$

which was to be shown.

(1) We will reserve the notation q(x) for a positive function of of the form $q(x) = \sum_{i,k} (f_i + D_i)^2 a_{ik} q_k$.

COROLLARY 1. Suppose that D is any open set. If $a_{ik}(x)$ is uniformly bounded in D, then

$$\int_D \sum_{i,k} a_{ik} D_i^2 u D_k^2 \overline{u} - q \mid u \mid^2 \! dx \geqq 0$$
 ,

for every $u \in \mathring{H}_q(D)$ and equality holds if and only if $D_i^2u = q_iu$ and $D_iu = f_iu$ almost everywhere, for each i.

Proof. It is easy to obtain the inequality for functions in $C_0^{\infty}(D)$ by integrating around a sphere containing the support of u. The result for $u \in \mathring{H}_q(D)$ can then be obtained by showing that

$$\int_{\scriptscriptstyle D} a_{ik} D_i^2 u_{\scriptscriptstyle m} D_k^2 \overline{u}_{\scriptscriptstyle m} dx \xrightarrow{\quad m \quad} \int_{\scriptscriptstyle D} a_{ik} D_i^2 u D_k^2 \overline{u} dx$$

which follows easily from Cauchy's inequality.

COROLLARY 2. If (a_{ik}) is only positive semidefinite, the same inequality holds but the conditions for equality are not necessarily the same. If $a_{ik} = 1$, the conditions are

$$\sum_i (D_i^2 u - q_i u) = 0$$
 and $D_i u = f_i u$.

EXAMPLE 1. Corollary 2 can be used to obtain inequalities whenever a solution u_1 of a plate problem

$$\Delta \Delta u - pu = 0 \quad \text{in } D$$
 $u = 0$
 $\Delta u = 0$
on \dot{D}

is known. Here $\Delta u = \sum_k D_k^2 u$ and $\Delta \Delta u = \sum_{i,k} D_i^2 D_k^2 u$. Suppose that $u_1 > 0$ in D and let $f_k = (D_k u_1)/u_1$. We must show that

$$\sum_{k} (f_k + D_k) f_k = \sum_{k} \frac{D_k^2 u_1}{u_1} \leq 0$$
.

For this it suffices to show that $\sum_k D_k^2 u_1 \leq 0$. If $\sum_i D_i^2 v = p u_1 \geq 0$ and v = 0 on \dot{D} , then $v \leq 0$ by the maximum principle. Set $v = \sum_k D_k^2 u_1$, then v satisfies the problem and hence $\sum_k D_k^2 u_1 \leq 0$ in D. Calculate

$$\sum_{i,k} (f_i + D_i)^2 (f_k + D_k) f_k = \sum_{i,k} \frac{D_i^2 D_k^2 u_1}{u_1} = p$$
 .

So

$$\int_D \sum_{i,k} D_i^2 u D_k^2 \overline{u} - p |u|^2 dx \geqq 0$$
, for $u \in C_0^\infty(D)$.

In particular, for $p = \lambda q$, where λ is the first eigenvalue of the plate problem and u_1 is the corresponding eigenfunction, the inequality becomes Rayleigh's characterization of the first eigenvalue. In this case, the conditions for equality become $u = ku_1$.

EXAMPLE 2. Suppose $n \geq 5$, then

$$\int_D \sum_{i,k} D_i^2 u D_k^2 ar u \, - \, rac{n^2 (n-4)^2}{16} \Bigl(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \Bigr)^{\!-1} \! | \, u \, |^2 dx \geqq 0$$
 ,

for every $u \in \mathring{H}_q$. To apply Corollary 1, let $f_k = (a/s)x_k$, where $s = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$, then

$$q_{\scriptscriptstyle k}=rac{a(a-2)}{s^2}\,x_{\scriptscriptstyle k}^2+rac{a}{s}$$
 , $rac{\sum_{k=1}^n q_{\scriptscriptstyle k}=rac{a(a+(n-2))}{s}\leqq 0}{s}\leqq 0$ if $2-n\leqq a<0$

(the other possibility leads to nothing of interest). Calculate,

$$q = \frac{1}{s^2}a(a-2)[a-(4-n)][a-(2-n)].$$

Then q > 0, if a < 0, a - 2 > 0, and $a \ge 4 - n$. If we choose a = (4 - n)/2, then q is maximal and equal to $(n^2(n - 4)^2)/16$.

It is unfortunate that the preceding example is only good for dimensions larger than five. The following inequality, though unappealing, does yield an example for every dimension. THEOREM 2. Let $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C^1(D)$ and suppose that

$$\sum_{i,k} D_i f_i \, |\, \hat{\xi}_k \, |^2 + (D_k f_i + D_i f_k + f_i f_k) \hat{\xi}_i \bar{\xi}_k \le 0$$

for every vector $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$. Then

$$egin{aligned} \int_D \sum_{i,k} D_i^2 u D_k^2 ar{u} &- [D_k^2 D_i f_i + 3 f_k D_k D_i f_i + f_i D_k^2 f_i \ &+ 2 f_k^2 D_i f_i + 4 f_i f_k D_k f_i + (D_k f_i)^2 + (D_k f_i) (D_i f_k) \ &+ (D_k f_k) (D_i f_i) + f_i^2 f_k^2] |u|^2 \, dx \ &\geqq \int_D \sum_{i,k} [2 \operatorname{Re} D_i (f_i u) D_k ar{u} - f_i \, |D_k u|^2 \ &- (D_k D_i f_i + 2 f_k D_i f_i + f_i D_k f_i \ &+ f_i D_i f_k + f_i^2 f_k) |u|^2]
u_k ds \; . \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ll} (2) & \sum\limits_{i,k} [D_i^2 u - D_i(f_i u)] [D_k^2 \overline{u} - D_k(f_k \overline{u})] - D_i f_i \, | \, D_k u - f_k u \, |^2 \\ & - (D_k f_i + D_i f_k + f_i f_k) (D_i u - f_i u)) D_k \overline{u} - f_k \overline{u}) \geq 0 \end{array}$$

when expanded the first term in (2) contains the following two terms which we integrate by parts:

$$-D_i(f_iu)D_k^2\bar{u}-D_i(f_i\bar{u})D_k^2u$$
 and $D_i(f_iu)D_k(f_k\bar{u})$.

Notice that the order of summation has been changed in the first term.

$$\begin{split} &-\int_{D}D_{i}(f_{i}u)D_{k}^{2}\overline{u}\,+\,D_{i}(f_{i}\overline{u})D_{k}^{2}udx\\ &=\int_{D}D_{k}D_{i}(f_{i}u)D_{k}\overline{u}\,+\,D_{k}D_{i}(f_{i}\overline{u})D_{k}udx\\ &-\int_{\dot{D}}[D_{i}(f_{i}u)D_{k}\overline{u}\,+\,D_{i}(f_{i}\overline{u})D_{k}u]\nu_{k}ds\\ &=\int_{D}(uD_{k}D_{i}f_{i}\,+\,D_{i}f_{i}D_{k}u\,+\,D_{k}f_{i}D_{i}u\,+\,f_{i}D_{k}D_{i}u)D_{k}\overline{u}\\ &+\,(\overline{u}D_{k}D_{i}f_{i}\,+\,D_{i}f_{i}D_{k}\overline{u}\,+\,D_{k}f_{i}D_{i}\overline{u}\,+\,f_{i}D_{k}D_{i}\overline{u})D_{k}u\\ &-\int_{\dot{D}}[\cdots]\nu_{k}ds\\ &=\int_{D}D_{k}D_{i}f_{i}D_{k}\,|\,u\,|^{2}\,+\,f_{i}D_{i}\,|\,D_{k}u\,|^{2}\,+\,2D_{i}f_{i}\,|\,D_{k}u\,|^{2}\\ &+\,D_{k}f_{i}D_{i}uD_{k}\overline{u}\,+\,D_{k}f_{i}D_{i}\overline{u}D_{k}udx\\ &-\int_{\dot{D}}[\cdots]\nu_{k}ds \end{split}$$

$$egin{aligned} egin{aligned} egin{aligned} &= \int_{D} - (D_{k}^{2}D_{i}f_{i}) \mid u \mid^{2} + \left(D_{i}f_{i}
ight) \mid D_{k}u \mid^{2} \ &+ D_{k}f_{i}D_{i}uD_{k}\overline{u} + D_{k}f_{i}D_{i}\overline{u}D_{k}udx \ &+ \int_{z} [-2\operatorname{Re}D_{i}(f_{i}u)D_{k}\overline{u} + D_{k}D_{i}f_{i} \mid u \mid^{2} + f_{i} \mid D_{k}u \mid^{2}]
u_{k}ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} D_{i}(f_{i}u) D_{k}(f_{k}\overline{u}) dx \\ &= \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} \left(D_{i}f_{i} \right) (D_{k}f_{k}) \mid u \mid^{2} + f_{k}(D_{i}f_{i}) (uD_{k}\overline{u} + \overline{u}D_{k}u) \\ &+ f_{i}f_{k}(D_{i}u) (D_{k}\overline{u}) dx \\ &= \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} \left(D_{i}f_{i} \right) (D_{k}f_{k}) \mid u \mid^{2} - D_{k}[f_{k}(D_{i}f_{i})] \mid u \mid^{2} + f_{i}f_{k}(D_{i}u) (D_{k}\overline{u}) dx \\ &+ \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} f_{k}(D_{i}f_{i}) \mid u \mid^{2} \nu_{k} ds \end{split}$$

$$(4) \quad = \int \sum_{i,k} - f_{k}(D_{k}D_{i}f_{i}) \mid u \mid^{2} + f_{i}f_{k}(D_{i}u) (D_{k}\overline{u}) dx \\ &+ \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} f_{k}(D_{i}f_{i}) \mid u \mid^{2} \nu_{k} ds \; . \end{split}$$

The second term in (2) contains

$$egin{align} \int_{D}f_{k}D_{i}f_{i}(uD_{k}ar{u}\,+\,ar{u}D_{k}u)dx \ &=\,-\!\int_{D}[(D_{k}f_{k})(D_{i}f_{i})\,+\,f_{k}D_{k}D_{i}f_{i}]\,|\,u\,|^{2}\,dx \ &+\,\int_{D}f_{k}D_{i}f_{i}\,|\,u\,|^{2}
u_{k}ds\;. \end{split}$$

The third term in (2) contains

$$\begin{split} \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} (D_k f_i + D_i f_k + f_i f_k) (f_i u D_k \overline{u} + f_k \overline{u} D_i u) dx \\ &= \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} f_i (D_k f_i + D_i f_k + f_i f_k) D_k \mid u \mid^2 dx \\ &= - \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} D_k (f_i D_k f_i + f_i D_i f_k + f_i^2 f_k) \mid u \mid^2 dx \\ &+ \int_{D} \sum_{i,k} f_i (D_k f_i + D_i f_k + f_i f_k) \mid u \mid^2 \nu_k ds \;. \end{split}$$

Expanding (2) and making use of (3), (4), (5) and (6), one can obtain the advertised result.

COROLLARY. Suppose that f_i is a function of x_i alone. Then

$$egin{aligned} \int_D \sum_{i,k} D_i^2 u D_k^2 ar{u} & - \sum_i \left[D_i^3 f_i + 4 f_i D_i^2 f_i + 4 f_i^2 D_i f_i + 2 (D_i f_i)^2
ight] \mid u \mid^2 \ & - \sum_{i,k} \left[2 f_k^2 D_i f_i + (D_k f_k) (D_i f_i) + f_i^2 f_k^2
ight] \mid u \mid^2 dx \ & \geqq 0, \; for \; every \; u \in \mathring{H}_q \end{aligned}$$

where q is the coefficient of $|u|^2$.

Example 3. Let $f_i = a/x_i$. Then

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i,k} D_i f_i \, |\, \xi_k \, |^2 \, + \, (D_k f_i \, + \, D_i f_k \, + \, f_i f_k) \xi_i \bar{\xi}_k \\ &= \sum_{i,k} - \frac{a}{x_i^2} |\, \xi_k \, |^2 \, + \, \frac{a^2}{x_i x_k} \xi_i \bar{\xi}_k \, + \, \sum_i - \frac{2a}{x_i^2} \, |\, \xi_i \, |^2 \\ &= a^2 \sum_{i,k} \frac{\xi_i \bar{\xi}_k}{x_i x_k} - a \sum_i \frac{1}{x_i^2} \sum_i |\, \xi_i \, |^2 - 2a \sum_i \frac{|\, \xi_i \, |^2}{x_i^2} \\ &\leq (a^2 - a) \sum_i |\, \xi_i \, |^2 \sum_i \frac{1}{x_i^2} - 2a \sum_i \frac{|\, \xi_i \, |^2}{x_i^2} \, \, . \end{split}$$

Let $a = 1 + \varepsilon$, $\varepsilon > 0$. The right side will be negative when

$$arepsilon \sum_i |\xi_i|^2 \sum_i rac{1}{x_i^2} \leq 2 \sum_i rac{|\xi_i|^2}{x_i^2}$$
 .

Take $\lambda_i = (|\xi_i|^2)/(\sum_i |\xi_i|^2)$, then $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$ and the inequality becomes

$$rac{arepsilon}{2} \sum_i rac{1}{x_i^2} \leqq \sum_i \lambda_i rac{1}{x_i^2}$$
 .

It is always possible to choose an ε so that this inequality holds provided D is bounded and bounded away from the origin. For let $0 < m \le x_i^2 \le M$, then

$$\sum_i \lambda_i rac{1}{x_i^2} \geqq rac{1}{M}$$
 and $\sum_i rac{1}{x_i^2} \leqq rac{n}{m}$.

Take $\varepsilon/2 \leq (m/nM)$ and the inequality holds.

Let us compute q using the formula in the corollary.

$$egin{aligned} q &= \sum_i rac{-6a + 8a^2 - 4a^3 + 2a^2}{x_i^4} + \sum_{i,k} rac{-2a^3 + a^2 + a^4}{x_i^2 x_k^2} \ &= \sum_i rac{(-4a^3 + 10a^2 - 6a)}{x_i^4} + a^2 (a-1)^2 \sum_{i,k} rac{1}{x_i^2 x_k^2} \ &= (a^4 - 6a^3 + 11a^2 - 6a) \sum_i rac{1}{x_i^4} + a^2 (a-1)^2 \sum_{i
eq k} rac{1}{x_i^2 x_k^2} \ &= a(a-1)(a-2)(a-3) \sum_i rac{1}{x_i^4} + a^2 (a-1)^2 \sum_{i
eq k} rac{1}{x_i^2 x_k^2} \ . \end{aligned}$$

Taking $a = 1 + \varepsilon$

$$q = arepsilon (1+arepsilon)(1-arepsilon)(2-arepsilon) \sum_i rac{1}{x_i^4} + arepsilon^2 (1+arepsilon)^2 \sum_{i
eq k} rac{1}{x_i^2 x_k^2}$$

which is positive for $\varepsilon < 1$ or for $\varepsilon > 2$.

Theorem 3. A fourth order existence theorem.

Let q(x) be a function of the special form (1) and let p(x) be a continuously differentiable function such that $0 < p(x) \le (1 - \varepsilon)q(x)$, where $\varepsilon > 0$ and fixed. Let $\int_D q^{-1} |f|^2 dx < \infty$, $g \in H_q$ and let $Au = \sum_{i,k} D_i^2(a_{ik}D_k^2u) - pu$ be a uniformly elliptic operator. That is, a_{ik} is positive definite and there exist positive constants M and λ such that

$$|a_{ik}(x)| \leq M$$
 and $\lambda \sum_{i} |\xi_{i}|^{2} \leq \sum_{i \neq k} a_{ik}(x) \xi_{i} \overline{\xi}_{k}$,

for any $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$ and all x in D. Then the Dirichlet problem

$$egin{array}{ll} Au = f & in \ D \ & u = g \ & \sum_i D_i^2 u = \sum_i D_i^2 g \end{array}
ight\} egin{array}{ll} on \ \dot{D} \end{array}$$

has a unique weak solution.

Proof. We must show that there is a function $u \in H_q$ such that $u - g \in \mathring{H}_q$ and $(u, A\varphi) = (f, \varphi)$, for every φ in C_0^{∞} . Set $u_0 = u - g$ and consider the equivalent problem of finding $u_0 \in \mathring{H}_q$ such that $(u_0, A\varphi) = (f, \varphi) - (g, A\varphi)$. Let

$$egin{align} B(u,\,v) &= \int_D \sum\limits_{i,k} a_{ik} D_i^2 u D_k^2 ar v - p u ar v dx \ &= \int_D \sum\limits_{i,k} u D_i^2 (a_{ik} D_k^2 ar v - p u ar v dx \ &= (u,\,Av), \quad ext{for} \quad u,\,v \in C_0^{\,\circ} \;. \end{align}$$

We will show that there exist c_1 , $c_2 > 0$ such that

$$egin{aligned} |B(u,\,v)| & \leq C_1 \, ||\, u \, ||_q \, ||\, v \, ||_q & ext{and} & B(u,\,u) \geq C_2 \, ||\, u \, ||_q^2 \ . \ & B(u,\,u) = \int_D \sum\limits_{i,k} a_{ik} D_i u D_k ar u - p \, |\, u \, |^2 \, dx \ & \geq \int_D \sum\limits_{i,k} a_{ik} D_i u D_k ar u - q \, |\, u \, |^2 \, dx + arepsilon \int_D q \, |\, u \, |^2 \, dx \ . \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 1, both integrals are positive and hence

$$egin{align} \Big(1+rac{2}{arepsilon}\Big)B(u,\,u)&\geqq\int_{D}\sum a_{ik}D_{i}uD_{k}ar{u}\,+\,q\mid u\mid^{2}dx\ &\geqq\int_{D}\lambda\sum_{i}\mid D_{i}u\mid^{2}\,+\,q\mid u\mid^{2}dx\ &\geqq\operatorname{const}\mid\mid u\mid\mid_{q}^{2}. \end{gathered}$$

The positivity of B(u, u) implies that $|B(u, v)|^2 \leq B(u, u) \cdot B(v, v)$ so that we need only show that $B(u, u) \leq \text{const } ||u||_{\sigma}^2$.

$$egin{align} B(u,\,u) & \leq M\!\!\int_D \sum_{i,k} |\,D_i u D_k ar u\,| \,+\,p\,|\,u\,|^2\,dx \ & \leq \int_D \sum_{i,k} rac{1}{2} (|\,D_i u\,|^2 + |\,D_k u\,|^2) \,+\,p\,|\,u\,|^2\,dx \ & \leq M n\!\!\int_D \sum_i |\,D_i u\,|^2 \,+\,p\,|\,u\,|^2\,dx = M n\,||\,u\,||_q^2 \;. \end{split}$$

Now extend B(u, v) to all of \mathring{H}_q by continuity. We can now apply the Lax-Milgram Theorem which guarantees that any bounded linear functional $F(\varphi)$ on \mathring{H}_q can be represented as $\overline{B(u_0, \varphi)}$ for some $u_0 \in \mathring{H}_q$. Take $F(\varphi) = \overline{(f, \varphi) - B(g, \varphi)}$. Then

$$egin{align} \mid Farphi \mid & = \left(\int_{\scriptscriptstyle D} q^{\scriptscriptstyle -1} \mid f \mid^2\!dx
ight)^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2} \!\! \left(\int_{\scriptscriptstyle D} q \mid arphi \mid^2\!dx
ight)^{\scriptscriptstyle 1/2} \ & + \left. c_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} \mid\mid arphi \mid\mid_{\scriptscriptstyle q} \mid\mid g \mid\mid_{\scriptscriptstyle q} \leq {
m const} \mid\mid arphi \mid\mid_{\scriptscriptstyle q}. \end{aligned}$$

So $B(u_0, \varphi) = (f, \varphi) - B(g, \varphi)$ as was to be shown. To obtain the uniqueness result, let Au = 0, $u \in \mathring{H}_q$, then

$$0 = (u, Au) = B(u, u) \ge C_2 ||u||_q^2$$
. $\therefore u = 0$ a.e.

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