

# POHOZAEV-Type Identity for a Kind Of Fourth Order Elliptic Problem

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## Abstract:

In this paper, we establish the Pohozaev-type identity for a kind of fourth order elliptic problem, which has the biharmonic operator. We discuss the problem in a class of domains that are more general than star-shaped ones.

**Key Word:** Pohozaev-type identity; biharmonic operator.

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## I. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the following fourth order elliptic problem:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 u - c \Delta u = f(x, u), \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0, \text{ on } \partial \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Where  $\Delta^2 = \Delta(\Delta)$  is the biharmonic operator,  $c$  is a constant,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a domain with smooth boundary  $\partial \Omega$ ,  $\nu(x)$  denotes the outward normal to  $\partial \Omega$  at  $x$  and  $f(x, u) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

The Pohozaev identity was first introduced by S.I. Pohozaev in paper [1]. Many authors generalized the identity to more general equations under the conditions that  $\Omega$  is star-shaped. Others considered the case of domains more general than star-shaped ones in paper [2-6]. In this paper, we discuss a kind of fourth order elliptic problem, which has the biharmonic operator in a class of domains that are more general than star-shaped ones. We establish the Pohozaev-type identity of (1.1), which can play an important role in considering the existence of the solution.

## II. Important results And the Pohozaev identity

We need the following lemma, which is similar but also has some differences with paper [8].

### Lemma 2.1

Assume that  $V(x) = (V_1(x), \dots, V_n(x))$  is a linear vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f(x, u) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and satisfies  $F(x, t) = \int_0^t f(x, s) ds$  and  $F_1(x, t) = \langle V(x), F(x, t) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n V_i \frac{\partial F(x, t)}{\partial x_i}$ . If

$u \in W_0^{2,2}(\Omega) \cap C^5(\overline{\Omega})$  is a solution of (1.1), then

$$\int_{\Omega} F(x, u) \operatorname{div} V(x) dx + \int_{\Omega} F_1(u) dx = - \int_{\Omega} f(x, u) \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx \quad (2.1)$$

### Theorem 2.2

Suppose that  $V(x)$  is a linear vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the form

$$V(x) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $f(x, u) : R^n \times R \rightarrow R$  is continuous and satisfies  $F(x, t) = \int_0^t f(x, s) ds$

and  $F_1(x, t) = \langle V(x), F(x, t) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n V_i \frac{\partial F(x, t)}{\partial x_i}$ . If  $u \in W_0^{2,2}(\Omega) \cap C^5(\overline{\Omega})$  is a solution of (1.1), then

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} |\Delta u|^2 \langle V(x), \nu(x) \rangle ds = 4 \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - n \int_{\Omega} u f(x, u) dx + 2c \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx + 2n \int_{\Omega} F(x, u) dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} F_1(x, u) dx,$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$ ,  $div V(x) = n$  and  $\langle V(x), x \rangle = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2$ .

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx &= \int_{\Omega} u \Delta \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \sum_{i=1}^n V_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{i=1}^n V_i(x) \frac{\partial \Delta u}{\partial x_i} dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u V_i(x)) dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx - n \int_{\Omega} u \Delta u dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \langle V(x), \nabla(\Delta u) \rangle \Delta u dx &= \int_{\Omega} \Delta \langle V(x), \nabla(\Delta u) \rangle u dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n V_i(x) \frac{\partial \Delta u}{\partial x_i} \right) dx \\ &= 2 \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx + \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{j=1}^n V_j(x) \frac{\partial \Delta^2 u}{\partial x_j} dx \\ &= 2 \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - n \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - \int_{\Omega} \Delta^2 u \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \langle V(x), \nabla(\Delta u) \rangle \Delta u dx &= \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \sum_{i=1}^n V_i(x) \frac{\partial \Delta u}{\partial x_i} dx \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega} |\Delta u|^2 \langle V(x), \nu(x) \rangle ds - n \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - \int_{\Omega} \langle V(x), \nabla(\Delta u) \rangle \Delta u dx \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$2 \int_{\Omega} \Delta^2 u \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx = 4 \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - n \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} |\Delta u|^2 \langle V(x), \nu(x) \rangle ds.$$

Then by(2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f(x, u) \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx &= - \int_{\Omega} F(x, u) div V(x) dx - \int_{\Omega} F_1(x, u) dx \\ &= -n \int_{\Omega} F(x, u) dx - \int_{\Omega} F_1(x, u) dx, \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_{\Omega} f(x, u) \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx &= 2 \int_{\Omega} \Delta^2 u \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx - 2c \int_{\Omega} \Delta u \langle V(x), \nabla u \rangle dx \\ &= 4 \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - n \int_{\Omega} u f(x, u) dx + 2c \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} |\Delta u|^2 \langle V(x), \nu(x) \rangle ds \\ &= -2n \int_{\Omega} F(x, u) dx - 2 \int_{\Omega} F_1(x, u) dx \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} |\Delta u|^2 \langle V(x), \nu(x) \rangle ds = 4 \int_{\Omega} u \Delta^2 u dx - n \int_{\Omega} u f(x, u) dx + 2c \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \\ + 2n \int_{\Omega} F(x, u) dx + 2 \int_{\Omega} F_1(x, u) dx$$

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