

## ALMOST-PERIODIC HOMOGENIZATION OF ELLIPTIC PROBLEMS IN NON-SMOOTH DOMAINS

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**ABSTRACT.** We consider a family of second-order elliptic operators  $\{\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon\}$  in divergence form with rapidly oscillating and almost-periodic coefficients in Lipschitz domains. By using the compactness method, we show that the uniform  $W^{1,p}$  estimate of second-order elliptic systems holds for  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$ ; the ranges are sharp for  $n = 2$  or  $n = 3$ . In the scalar case we obtain that the  $W^{1,p}$  estimate holds for  $\frac{3}{2} - \delta < p < 3 + \delta$  if  $n \geq 3$ , and  $\frac{4}{3} - \delta < p < 4 + \delta$  if  $n = 2$ ; the ranges of  $p$  are sharp.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper investigates a family of second-order elliptic operators with rapidly oscillating and almost-periodic coefficients,

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right] = -\operatorname{div} \left[ A \left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right) \nabla \right].$$

Suppose that the coefficient matrix  $A(y) = a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(y)$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n, 1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq m$ ) is real and bounded measurable. Here and thereafter we will suppose that  $\|A\|_\infty \leq \mu^{-1}$  and  $A$  is elliptic, i.e.,

$$(1.2) \quad \mu |\xi|^2 \leq a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(y) \xi_i^\alpha \xi_j^\beta \text{ for } \xi = (\xi_i^\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^{nm}, \ y \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $\mu > 0$ .

We shall be interested in the quantitative homogenization of second-order elliptic systems with bounded measurable coefficients that are almost-periodic in the sense of H. Bohr, which means that  $A$  is the uniform limit of a sequence of trigonometric polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\operatorname{Trig}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denote the set of all trigonometric polynomials. The closure of the set  $\operatorname{Trig}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with respect to the  $L^\infty$ -norm is called the Bohr space of almost-periodic functions. A useful equivalent description of the almost-periodic functions is given as follows. Let  $A$  be bounded and continuous in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $A$  is almost-periodic in the sense of Bohr if and only if

$$(1.3) \quad \limsup_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \inf_{\substack{z \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ |z| \leq R}} \|A(\cdot + y) - A(\cdot + z)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 0.$$

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Set

$$(1.4) \quad \rho(R) := \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \inf_{\substack{z \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ |z| \leq R}} \|A(\cdot + y) - A(\cdot + z)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Notice that  $\rho(R) = 0$  if  $A$  is periodic.

In this paper we study uniform  $W^{1,p}$  estimates on Lipschitz domain for second-order elliptic systems with almost-periodic coefficients subject to the Dirichlet boundary condition. Suppose that  $F \in L^p(\Omega)$  and  $g \in B^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)$ , where  $B^{\alpha,p}$  denotes the Besov space, and  $B^{-1/p,p}(\partial\Omega)$  is defined to mean the dual of Besov space  $B^{1/p,p'}(\partial\Omega)$  on  $\partial\Omega$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be a weak solution of the Dirichlet problem,

$$(D)_p \quad \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon) = \operatorname{div} F \text{ in } \Omega \quad \text{and} \quad u_\varepsilon = g \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that  $\Omega$  is a bounded Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Assume that  $A$  is continuous, symmetric (i.e.,  $A = A^*$ ), and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3) and*

$$(1.5) \quad \rho(R) \leq C[\log R]^{-N}$$

*for some  $N > 5/2$  and any  $R \geq 2$ . Let  $u_\varepsilon \in H^1(\Omega)$  be a weak solution of  $(D)_p$  with  $F \in L^p(\Omega)$ ,  $g \in B^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)$ , where  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$ . Then*

$$(1.6) \quad \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C \left\{ \|F\|_{L^p(\Omega)} + \|g\|_{B^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)} \right\},$$

*where constants  $\delta, C > 0$  are independent of  $\varepsilon$ .*

The next theorem is concerned with the scalar case ( $m = 1$ ). The ranges of  $p$  are sharp.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $m = 1$ . Suppose that  $\Omega$  is a bounded Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Assume that  $A$  is continuous, symmetric (i.e.,  $A = A^*$ ), and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3) and*

$$(1.7) \quad \rho(R) \leq C[\log R]^{-N}$$

*for some  $N > 5/2$  and any  $R \geq 2$ . Let  $u_\varepsilon \in H^1(\Omega)$  be a weak solution of  $(D)_p$  with  $F \in L^p(\Omega)$  and  $g \in B^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)$ , where  $\frac{3}{2} - \delta < p < 3 + \delta$  if  $n \geq 3$ , and  $\frac{4}{3} - \delta < p < 4 + \delta$  if  $n = 2$ . Then*

$$(1.8) \quad \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C \left\{ \|F\|_{L^p(\Omega)} + \|g\|_{B^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)} \right\},$$

*where constants  $\delta, C > 0$  are independent of  $\varepsilon$ .*

Uniform regularity estimates play an essential role in the study of the convergence problems in homogenization. We refer the reader to [16], [1], [17], and [9]. In periodic setting, the uniform  $W^{1,p}$  estimate (1.6) with  $1 < p < \infty$  for the Dirichlet boundary problem  $(D)_p$  on  $C^{1,\alpha}$  domain was obtained in [2] under the assumption that  $A$  is Hölder continuous,

$$(1.9) \quad |A(x) - A(y)| \leq C|x - y|^\gamma \text{ for any } \gamma \in (0, 1].$$

The non-tangential maximal function estimates and Lipschitz estimates were also obtained there via an elegant three-step compactness argument. In [11] Kenig and Shen solved the  $L^2$  Dirichlet, Neumann, and Regularity problems in Lipschitz

domain for elliptic systems with periodic, symmetric and Hölder continuous coefficients by the method of layer potentials. Using this result, the non-tangential maximal function estimates, boundary Lipschitz estimates, and uniform  $W^{1,p}$  estimate (1.6) of the Neumann problem were established by C. Kenig, F. Lin, and Z. Shen in [10] for  $1 < p < \infty$  in  $C^{1,\alpha}$  domain. The symmetric condition on  $A$  was removed in [1] later by using a convergence rate method. In the case of second-order elliptic systems subject to Dirichlet boundary conditions in Lipschitz domains, in a recent paper [5], the authors were able to show that the uniform  $W^{1,p}$  estimate (1.6) holds on Lipschitz domains for  $|\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}| < \frac{1}{2n} + \delta$  under the assumption that  $A^* = A$  is periodic and satisfies (1.9). Similar results for the linear elasticity problem are also proved in [5] by a different approach. In the case of scalar equation ( $m = 1$ ) on Lipschitz domain, the  $W^{1,p}$  estimate (1.8) for the elliptic homogenization problem  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = \operatorname{div} F$  in  $\Omega$  was proved in [15] for  $\frac{4}{3} - \varepsilon < p < 4 + \varepsilon$  if  $n = 2$  and for  $\frac{3}{2} - \varepsilon < p < 3 + \varepsilon$  if  $n \geq 3$ ; and the ranges of  $p$  are sharp.

The study of elliptic homogenization with almost periodic coefficients started from S. M. Kozlov ([12]) and G. C. Papanicolaou and S. R. S. Varadhan [13]. In contrast to the periodic setting, it was proved in [12] that one of the main difficulties in the almost-periodic setting was caused by the lack of the solvability of the corrector equation. Precisely, let  $P_j^\beta = y_j(0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$  with 1 in the  $\beta^{th}$  position, the corrector equation

$$(1.10) \quad \mathcal{L}_1(\chi_j^\beta) = -\mathcal{L}_1(P_j^\beta) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n,$$

which corresponds to the homogenization problem  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = 0$  may not be solvable directly, unless under some extra assumptions. In [16], by introducing the auxiliary approximate corrector equation

$$(1.11) \quad \mathcal{L}_1(\chi_{T,j}^\beta) + T^{-2}\chi_{T,j}^\beta = -\mathcal{L}_1(P_j^\beta) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n,$$

the uniform Hölder estimates and convergence rates of elliptic systems with rapidly oscillating almost-periodic coefficients were established by Shen on  $C^{1,\alpha}$  domain. Moreover, in a recent paper [1], Armstrong and Shen prove the full boundary Lipschitz estimates for second-order elliptic systems with almost-periodic and Hölder continuous coefficients, the boundary  $W^{1,p}$  estimates were also obtained there in  $C^{1,\alpha}$  domains for  $1 < p < \infty$ . For almost periodic operators with complex coefficients, the interior Hölder estimate was obtained in [3] by using the compactness argument.

Our approach is to reduce the  $W^{1,p}$  estimate to a weak reverse Hölder inequality via a real-variable argument. However, in the almost-periodic setting, if  $u_\varepsilon$  is a weak solution to  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = 0$  in  $\Omega$  and  $u_\varepsilon = g$  n.t. on  $\partial\Omega$  with  $A$  satisfying (1.3), due to the lack of the Rellich estimate

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} |(\nabla u_\varepsilon)^*|^2 \leq C \int_{\partial\Omega} |\nabla_{\tan} u_\varepsilon|^2,$$

the method used in [10] or [5] is not applicable. To overcome this difficulty, for some  $N > 5/2$  and any  $R \geq 2$ , under some growth assumption on  $\rho(R)$ ,

$$\rho(R) \leq C[\log R]^{-N},$$

follow the method in [15], let  $u_\varepsilon$  be a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = 0$  in  $Z_{2r}$  and  $u_\varepsilon = 0$  on  $S_{2r}$ , we instead seek the following decay estimate:

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_{|x'| < r} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x' + s))|^{p_n} dx' ds \\ & \leq C \left(\frac{t}{r}\right)^{p_n + \alpha_0} \int_0^{2r} \int_{|x'| < 2r} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x' + s))|^{p_n} dx' ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} < \frac{t}{r} < 1$  and  $p_n = \frac{2n}{n-1}$ . Notice that

$$(1.13) \quad u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u_0 \text{ strongly in } L^2(\Omega),$$

$$(1.14) \quad \nabla u_\varepsilon \rightarrow \nabla u_0 \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Omega),$$

as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we then have the homogenization result (see Theorem 2.1 or [8]),

$$(1.15) \quad A(x/\varepsilon) \nabla u_\varepsilon \rightarrow \hat{A} \nabla u_0 \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Omega),$$

where  $\hat{A}$  is a constant matrix and  $-\operatorname{div}(\hat{A} \nabla u_0) = F_0$ . This, together with (1.12), by using the compactness argument, will yield the desired weak reverse Hölder inequality, and thus the  $W^{1,p}$  estimates.

Let  $\psi$  be a Lipschitz mapping  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $r > 0$ . Set

$$(1.16) \quad Z_r = \{(x', x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x'| < r \text{ and } \psi(x') < x_n < \psi(x') + (M + 10n)r\},$$

$$(1.17) \quad S_r = \{(x', \psi(x')) \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x'| < r\},$$

denote the Lipschitz cylinder and its surface.

## 2. ALMOST-PERIODIC HOMOGENIZATION

In this section we introduce some preliminaries of the homogenization theory of elliptic systems with almost-periodic coefficients. A detailed presentation may be found in [8].

A function  $f(x) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is called almost-periodic in the sense of Bezikovich if there is a sequence of trigonometric polynomials converging to  $f$  in the Bezikovich norm

$$(2.1) \quad \|f\|_{B^2} = \limsup_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_{B(0,R)} |f|^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The space of such functions is denoted by  $B^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . For any  $f$  with finite Bezikovich norm, define its mean value  $\langle f \rangle$  by

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\varepsilon^{-1}x) \phi(x) = \langle f \rangle \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x) \text{ for any } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

A function  $f = f_i^\alpha \in \operatorname{Trig}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $1 \leq \alpha \leq m$ ) is called potential if there exists  $g = g^\alpha \in \operatorname{Trig}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $f = \nabla g$ ,  $g \in H^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . A function  $f = f_i^\alpha \in \operatorname{Trig}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is said to be solenoidal if  $\operatorname{div} f = 0$ . Let

$$(2.3) \quad V_{\text{pot}}^2 = \text{the closure of } \{f \text{ is potential, } \langle f \rangle = 0\},$$

$$(2.4) \quad V_{\text{sol}}^2 = \text{the closure of } \{f \text{ is solenoidal, } \langle f \rangle = 0\}.$$

Then

$$(2.5) \quad B^2(\mathbb{R}^n) = V_{\text{pot}}^2 \oplus V_{\text{sol}}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^{nm}.$$

It follows from the Lax-Milgram theorem and the ellipticity condition (1.2), there exists a unique  $\psi_{\ell j}^{\gamma\beta} \in V_{\text{pot}}^2$  such that for any  $\phi = (\phi_i^\alpha) \in V_{\text{pot}}^2$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad \langle a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \phi_i^\alpha \rangle + \langle a_{ik}^{\alpha\gamma} \psi_{kj}^{\gamma\beta} \phi_i^\alpha \rangle = 0.$$

Also, denote  $\hat{A} = (\hat{a}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})$  by

$$(2.7) \quad \hat{A} = \langle a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \rangle + \langle a_{ik}^{\alpha\gamma} \psi_{kj}^{\gamma\beta} \rangle.$$

Then

$$(2.8) \quad \mu|\xi|^2 \leq \hat{a}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi_i^\alpha \xi_j^\beta \leq \tilde{\mu}|\xi|^2 \text{ for any } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^{nm},$$

where  $\tilde{\mu}$  depends only on  $m, n$ , and  $\mu$ . Let  $A^*$  denote the adjoint of  $A$ ; then it is known that  $\hat{A}^* = (\hat{A})^*$ .

The next theorem shows that  $\mathcal{L}_0 = -\text{div}(\hat{A}\nabla)$  is the homogenized operator of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain and  $F_0 \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$ . Assume that  $A(y)$  is continuous and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3). Let  $u_k$  be a weak solution of  $-\text{div}(A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k) = F_k$  in  $\Omega$ . Suppose that  $u_k \rightarrow u_0$  strongly in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\nabla u_k \rightarrow \nabla u_0$  weakly in  $L^2(\Omega)$  as  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  as well as  $F_k \rightarrow F_0$  strongly in  $H^{-1}(\Omega)$ . Then  $A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k \rightarrow \hat{A}\nabla u_0$  weakly in  $L^2(\Omega)$  with  $u_0 \in H^1(\Omega)$  is a weak solution of  $-\text{div}(\hat{A}\nabla u_0) = F_0$ .*

*Proof.* We use Tartar's test function method to prove it. If  $A_k$  is independent of  $k$ , this is also a classical result in the theory of homogenization. See [8] for the scalar case ( $m = 1$ ). The proof for the case  $m > 1$  is the same and we give a proof here for the sake of completeness.

Denote  $p_k = A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k$  and assume  $p_k \rightarrow p_0$  weakly in  $L^2(\Omega)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Set  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  and let  $\chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k)$  be the approximate correctors for the adjoint matrix  $(A_k)^*$ . We then have

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle F_k, (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\psi \rangle_{H^{-1}(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)} \\ &= \int_\Omega A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k \cdot \nabla \{(P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\psi\} \\ &= \int_\Omega A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k \cdot \nabla (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\psi \\ &+ \int_\Omega A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k \cdot (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\nabla \psi. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from integration by parts we obtain

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_\Omega A_k(x/\varepsilon_k)\nabla u_k \cdot \nabla (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\psi \\ &= - \int_\Omega u_k \cdot (A_k)^*(x/\varepsilon_k) \cdot \nabla (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))(\nabla \psi) \\ &- \int_\Omega u_k \cdot (A_k)^* \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_{k,j}}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k)\psi, \end{aligned}$$

where the approximate corrector equation (1.11) with  $T_k = \varepsilon_k^{-1/2}$

$$(2.11) \quad \operatorname{div}\{(A_k)^*(x/\varepsilon_k) \cdot \nabla(P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\} = -\varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k)$$

was used in (2.10).

By (2.9)-(2.10) we obtain that

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle F_k, (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))\psi \rangle_{H^{-1}(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)} \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} u_k \cdot (A_k)^*(x/\varepsilon_k) \cdot \nabla(P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k))(\nabla\psi) \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega} u_k \cdot (A_k)^* \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k) \psi \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} A_k(x/\varepsilon_k) \nabla u_k \cdot (P_j^\beta + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{k*\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k)) \nabla \psi. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k}(x/\varepsilon_k) \rightarrow 0$  weakly in  $W^{1,2}(\Omega)$  and

$$a_{ik}^{\alpha\gamma}(x/\varepsilon_k) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \{x_j \delta^{\gamma\beta} + \varepsilon_k \chi_{T_k,j}^{\gamma\beta}(x/\varepsilon_k)\} \rightarrow \hat{a}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$$

weakly in  $L^2(\Omega)$  (see [18]). Using this and taking weak limits on both sides of (2.12), we have that the l.h.s. of (2.9) converges to  $\langle F_0, P_j^\beta \psi \rangle$  and the r.h.s. converges to  $\int_{\Omega} \hat{a}_{ji}^{\beta\alpha} \frac{\partial u_0^\alpha}{\partial x_i} \psi + \int_{\Omega} p_0 P_j^\beta (\nabla \psi)$ , where the fact  $(\hat{A})^* = \hat{A}^*$  was used.

Next, we take  $P_j^\beta \psi$  as the test function to have

$$(2.13) \quad \langle F_k, P_j^\beta \psi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} p_k \nabla(P_j^\beta \psi).$$

Let  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . We have

$$(2.14) \quad \langle F_0, P_j^\beta \psi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} p_0 \nabla P_j^\beta \psi + \int_{\Omega} p_0 P_j^\beta (\nabla \psi).$$

In view of the arbitrariness of  $\psi$ , compare with (2.12) and we obtain that  $p_0 = \hat{A} \nabla u_0$ .  $\square$

### 3. A SUFFICIENT CONDITION AND PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1 AND THEOREM 1.2

It was proved in [14] (see also [4], [5]) that the weak reverse Hölder inequality implies the  $W^{1,p}$  estimates for second-order elliptic systems with bounded, measurable coefficients, as follows.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $p > 2$ . Let  $\mathcal{L} = \operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla)$  with  $A$  satisfying (1.2). Let  $v \in H^1(Z_{2r})$  be a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}(v) = 0$  in  $Z_{2r}$  and  $v = 0$  on  $S_{2r}$ . Assume that the weak reverse Hölder inequality*

$$(3.1) \quad \left( \int_{Z_r} |\nabla v|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C_0 \left( \int_{Z_{2r}} |\nabla v|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

*holds. Let  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  be a solution of  $(D)_2$  with  $F \in L^p(\Omega)$ . Then  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  and*

$$(3.2) \quad \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C \|F\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

*with constant  $C > 0$  depending only on  $n, p, \mu, C_0$ , and the Lipschitz character of  $\Omega$ .*

The following theorem is concerned with the interior  $W^{1,p}$  estimate.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f \in L^p(2B)$  for some  $2 < p < \infty$  and  $\rho(R)$  be defined as (1.4). Suppose that  $u_\varepsilon \in H^1(2B)$  is a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon) = \operatorname{div} F$  in  $2B$  for some ball  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Assume that  $A$  is continuous and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3) with

$$(3.3) \quad \rho(R) \leq C[\log R]^{-N}$$

for some  $N > 5/2$  and any  $R \geq 2$ . Then we have

$$(3.4) \quad \left\{ \int_B |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^p \right\}^{1/p} \leq C \left\{ \left( \int_{2B} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left( \int_{2B} |F|^p \right)^{1/p} \right\},$$

where  $C$  depends only on  $p, \mu$ .

*Proof.* See [1]. □

We have the following reverse Hardy type estimate.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $u_\varepsilon \in H^1(Z_{3r})$  be a solution to  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon) = 0$  in  $Z_{3r}$  and  $u_\varepsilon = 0$  on  $S_{3r}$ . Let  $A$  satisfy the same assumptions as in Theorem 3.2. Then for any  $p > 1$ ,

$$(3.5) \quad \int_0^{cr} \int_{|x'| < r} |\nabla u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^p dx' ds \leq C \int_0^{2cr} \int_{|x'| < 2r} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^p dx' ds,$$

where  $c = 10\sqrt{n}$  and  $C > 0$  are independent on  $\varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* Set  $\rho(x) = \operatorname{dist}(x, \partial Z_{4r})$ . It follows from Theorem 3.2 that we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{B(x, c\rho(x))} |\nabla u_\varepsilon(y)|^p dy &\leq C \rho(x)^{n-p} \left( \int_{B(x, 2c\rho(x))} |u_\varepsilon(y)|^2 dy \right)^{p/2} \\ &\leq C \rho(x)^{n-p} \left( \int_{B(x, 2c\rho(x))} |u_\varepsilon(y)|^p dy \right) \\ &\leq C \int_{B(x, 2c\rho(x))} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(y)}{\rho(y)} \right|^p dy, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the Cacciopoli's inequality in the first inequality and Hölder's inequality in the second one. Next we multiply both sides of (3.6) by  $\rho(x)^{-n}$  and then integrate on  $Z_r$ . The proof is similar to that of Lemma 3.2 in [15] and thus omitted. □

To utilize the compactness argument, we need to recall the regularity result for second-order elliptic systems and equations with constant coefficients.

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain. Let  $u$  be a weak solution of  $Lu = 0$  in  $Z_{2r}$  and  $u = 0$  on  $S_{2r}$ , where  $L = -\operatorname{div}(A\nabla)$  with  $A$  is a constant matrix and  $A = A^*$ . Then

- 1) if  $m > 1$ , then (3.1) holds for  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p = p_n < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$ ;
- 2) if  $m = 1$ , then (3.1) holds for  $\frac{3}{2} - \delta < p = p_n < 3 + \delta$  if  $n \geq 3$  ( $\frac{4}{3} - \delta < p = p_2 < 4 + \delta$  if  $n = 2$ ); the ranges of  $p$  are sharp.

*Proof.* See [7]. □

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $L = -\operatorname{div}(A\nabla)$  and let  $A$  be a constant matrix with  $A = A^*$ . Suppose that  $u_0 \in W^{1,2}(Z_{3/2})$ ,  $L(u_0) = 0$  in  $Z_{3/2}$  and  $u_0 = 0$  on  $S_{3/2}$ . Let  $p_n$  be the same as in Lemma 3.4. Then*

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_{|x'| < 1} |u_0(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \\ & \leq C t^{p_n+2\sigma} \int_0^{3/2} \int_{|x'| < \frac{3}{2}} |u_0(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \end{aligned}$$

for any  $0 < t < 1$ , where  $C, \sigma > 0$  depending only on  $n, m, \mu$ , and  $M$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Lemma 3.4 by taking  $p = p_n = \frac{2n}{n-1}$ . See [5].  $\square$

Next, we prove a homogenization result on a sequence of domains.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $A_k(y)$  be a sequence of matrices and  $\{\psi_k\}$  a sequence of Lipschitz functions. Suppose that  $A_k$  are symmetric, continuous, and satisfy (1.2) and (1.3). Assume that*

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(A_k(\frac{x}{\varepsilon_k})\nabla u_{\varepsilon_k}) = 0 & \text{in } Z_r(\psi_k), \\ u_{\varepsilon_k} = 0 & \text{on } S_r(\psi_k), \end{cases}$$

where  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  and

$$(3.9) \quad \|u_{\varepsilon_k}\|_{H^1(Z_r(\psi_k))} \leq C.$$

Then there exist subsequences of  $\{\psi_k\}$  and  $\{u_{\varepsilon_k}\}$ , which we still denote by the same notation, and a Lipschitz function  $\psi$ ,  $u \in L^2(Z_r(\psi))$ , and a constant matrix  $\hat{A}$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{cases} \psi_k \rightarrow \psi & \text{in } \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x'| < 5\}, \\ u_{\varepsilon_k}(x', x_n - \psi_k(x')) \rightarrow u(x', x_n - \psi(x')) & \text{strongly in } L^2(E_r), \end{cases}$$

where  $E_r = \{(x', x_n) : |x'| < r \text{ and } 0 < x_n < 10(M+1)r\}$ , and  $u$  is a solution of

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\hat{A}\nabla u) = 0 & \text{in } Z_r(\psi), \\ u = 0 & \text{on } S_r(\psi). \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We first note that (3.10) follows from (3.9) by the Arzelá-Ascoli theorem. To show (3.11), we let

$$v_{\varepsilon_k}(x', x_n) = u_{\varepsilon_k}(x', x_n + \psi_k(x')).$$

Note that  $\|v_{\varepsilon_k}\|_{W^{1,2}(E_r)} \leq C$ , by passing to a subsequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\varepsilon_k} & \rightarrow v \text{ strongly in } L^2(E_r), \\ \nabla v_{\varepsilon_k} & \rightarrow \nabla v \text{ weakly in } L^2(E_r). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Theorem 2.1 that  $u$  is a weak solution of  $\operatorname{div}(\hat{A}\nabla u) = 0$  in  $Z_r(\psi)$ . Finally, set

$$u_{\varepsilon_k} = v_{\varepsilon_k}(x', x_n - \psi_k(x')) \quad \text{and} \quad u = v(x', x_n - \psi(x')).$$

Then  $u = 0$  on  $S_r(\psi)$  follows from the fact that  $v_{\varepsilon_k} \rightarrow v$  weakly in  $H^1(Z_r(0))$  and  $v_{\varepsilon_k} = 0$  on  $S_r(0)$ .  $\square$



**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $u_\varepsilon \in W^{1,2}(Z_3)$  be a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon) = 0$  in  $Z_3$  and  $u_\varepsilon = 0$  on  $S_3$ . Suppose that  $A$  is continuous, symmetric, and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3). Then there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ , depending only on  $n$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $M$ , such that for any  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ ,*

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^{t_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + t)|^{p_n} dx' dt \\ & \leq t_0^{p_n + \sigma} \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + t)|^{p_n} dx' dt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < t_0 < 1/2$  and  $c = (M + 10n)$ .

*Proof.* We will prove the lemma by contradiction. For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote

$$\begin{aligned} Z_r^k &= \{(x', x_n) : |x'| < r \text{ and } \psi_k(x') < x_n < \psi_k(x') + (M + 10n)r\}, \\ S_r^k &= \{(x', x_n) : |x'| < r \text{ and } x_n = \psi_k(x')\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\nabla \psi_k\|_\infty \leq M$  and  $\psi_k(0) = 0$ . Suppose that (3.12) is not true; then there exist  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$ ,  $\{\mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon_k}^{(k)}\}$ ,  $\{\psi_k\}$ , and  $\{u_{\varepsilon_k}\}$  as well as a sequence of uniformly almost-periodic operators  $\{A_k\}$  satisfying (1.2) and such that  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon_k}^{(k)}(u_{\varepsilon_k}) = -\operatorname{div}\left(A_k\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon_k}\right)\nabla u_{\varepsilon_k}\right) = 0 \quad \text{in } Z_3^k \text{ and } u_{\varepsilon_k} = 0 \quad \text{on } S_3^k,$$

$$(3.13) \quad \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_{\varepsilon_k}(x', \psi_k(x') + t)|^{p_n} dx' dt = 1,$$

and

$$(3.14) \quad \int_0^{t_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} |u_{\varepsilon_k}(x', \psi_k(x') + t)|^{p_n} dx' dt > t_0^{p_n + \sigma}.$$

Let

$$(3.15) \quad b_{ij}^{\alpha\beta,k} = \langle a_{ij}^{\alpha\beta,k} \rangle + \langle a_{i\ell}^{\alpha\gamma,k} \psi_{\ell j}^{\gamma\beta} \rangle,$$

where  $\psi_{\ell j}^{\gamma\beta} \in V_{\text{pot}}^2$  and  $b_{ij}^{\alpha\beta,k}$  are bounded. Hence, by passing to a subsequence, we may suppose that

$$(3.16) \quad b_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_{ij}^{\alpha\beta,k}$$

exists for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq m$ . Thus we have

$$(3.17) \quad \mu|\xi|^2 \leq b_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \xi_i^\alpha \xi_j^\beta \leq \tilde{\mu}|\xi|^2$$

for any  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^{nm}$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  depends only on  $m, n$ , and  $\mu$  (see, e.g., [8]).

Let  $v_{\varepsilon_k}(x', t) = u_{\varepsilon_k}(x', \psi_k(x') + t)$  and  $E_r$  be defined as in Lemma 3.6. Note that by Cacciopoli's inequality and (3.13),  $\{v_{\varepsilon_k}\}$  is uniformly bounded in  $W^{1,2}(E_2)$ . Thus,  $v_{\varepsilon_k} \rightarrow v_0$  weakly in  $W^{1,2}(E_2)$  and strongly in  $L^{p_n}(E_2)$  due to the compact embedding. In view of (3.13) and (3.14) we obtain

$$(3.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^2 \int_{|x'| < 2} |v_0(x', t)|^{p_n} dx' dt \leq 1, \\ & \int_0^{t_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} |v_0(x', t)|^{p_n} dx' dt \geq t_0^{p_n + \sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, let  $u_0(x', x_n) = v_0(x', x_n - \psi_0(x'))$ . Then  $u_0 \in W^{1,2}(\tilde{Z}_2)$  and  $u_0 = 0$  on  $\tilde{S}_2$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Z}_r &= \{(x', t) : |x'| < r \text{ and } \psi_0(x') < t < \psi_0(x') + (M + 10n)r\}, \\ \tilde{S}_r &= \{(x', \psi_0(x')) : |x'| < r\}.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $L = -\operatorname{div}(\bar{A}\nabla)$ , where  $\bar{A} = (b_{ij}^{\alpha\beta})$ . It follows from Lemma 3.6 that  $L(u_0) = 0$  in  $Z_2$ . In view of Lemma 3.5 and (3.18) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(3.19) \quad & \int_0^{t_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} |u_0(x', \psi_0(x') + t)|^{p_n} dx' dt \\ & \leq C_0 t_0^{p_n+2\sigma} \int_0^2 \int_{|x'| < 2} |u_0(x', \psi_0(x') + t)|^{p_n} dx' dt \\ & \leq (1/2) t_0^{p_n+\sigma},\end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the second inequality in (3.18). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8.** *Let  $u_\varepsilon \in W^{1,2}(Z_3)$  be a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon) = 0$  in  $Z_3$  and  $u_\varepsilon = 0$  on  $S_3$ . Suppose that  $A$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  are the same as Lemma 3.7. There exist positive constants  $\delta$  and  $C$ , depending only on  $n, \mu$ , and  $M$ , such that for  $(\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0) < t < 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}(3.20) \quad & \int_0^t \int_{|x'| < 1} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \\ & \leq C t^{p_n+\delta} \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds.\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Lemma 3.8 follows from Lemma 3.7 by rescaling and iteration argument. See [15, pp. 2294-2295] for more details.  $\square$

Next we give part of the proof of Theorem 1.1 in the case of  $g = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Suppose that  $\Omega$  is a bounded Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $F \in L^p(\Omega)$ , where  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$ . Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be a weak solution to  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = \operatorname{div} F$  in  $\Omega$  and  $u_\varepsilon = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Assume that  $A$  is continuous, symmetric, and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3) and*

$$\rho(R) \leq C[\log R]^{-N}$$

*for some  $N > 5/2$  and any  $R \geq 2$ . Then*

$$(3.21) \quad \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C \|F\|_{L^p(\Omega)},$$

*where constants  $\delta, C > 0$  are independent of  $\varepsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may assume  $r = 1$ . It suffices to prove the weak reverse Hölder inequality (3.1) for  $2 < p < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$  and the ranges  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < 2$  will be obtained by a duality argument. If  $\varepsilon \geq \varepsilon_0/4$ , estimate (3.1) follows from the standard regularity estimate of second-order elliptic systems with variable coefficients (see [6]).

Hence we suppose that  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0/4$ . For  $2^{-j_0-1} \leq \varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 \leq 2^{-j_0}$ , we decompose

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^c \int_{|x'| < 1} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 (3.22) \quad &= \left\{ \int_0^{\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} + \sum_{j=1}^{j_0} \int_{2^{j-1}\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0}^{2^j\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_{2^{j_0}\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0}^c \int_{|x'| < 1} \right\} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds, \\
 &= I + II + III.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$(3.23) \quad III \leq C \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.24) \quad II &\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{j_0} \left( 2^{j-1} \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^{-p_n} \left( 2^j \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^{p_n+\delta} \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 &\leq C \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

where (3.20) was used in the first inequality.

To estimate  $I$ , we claim that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.25) \quad & \int_0^{\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 &\leq C \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume (3.25) for a moment; then it is easy to see that  $I$  is handled by (3.25), that is,

$$(3.26) \quad I \leq C \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds.$$

Therefore, we have shown that

$$(3.27) \quad \int_0^1 \int_{|x'| < 1} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds \leq C \int_{Z_3} |u_\varepsilon(x)|^{p_n} dx.$$

In view of Lemma 3.3 and Sobolev imbedding, this implies that

$$(3.28) \quad \int_{Z_1} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{p_n} dx \leq C \int_{Z_3} |u_\varepsilon|^{p_n} dx \leq C \left\{ \int_{Z_3} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 dx \right\}^{p_n/2}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Next, it remains to show that the claim (3.25) holds. Observe that  $v(x) = u_\varepsilon(\varepsilon x)$  is a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_1(v) = 0$ . Thus by Hardy's inequality and the boundary

Hölder estimate we obtain that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^{1/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 1/\varepsilon_0} \left| \frac{v(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 & \leq C \int_0^{2/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 2/\varepsilon_0} |\nabla v(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 (3.29) \quad & \leq C \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^{n - \frac{n}{2} p_n} \left\{ \int_0^{2/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 2/\varepsilon_0} |\nabla v(x', \psi(x') + s)|^2 dx' ds \right\}^{p_n/2} \\
 & \leq C \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^{n - \frac{n}{2} p_n - p_n - n + \frac{n}{2} p_n} \int_0^{2/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 2/\varepsilon_0} |v(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 & = C \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^{-p_n} \int_0^{2/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 2/\varepsilon_0} |v(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the weak reverse Hölder inequality and Cacciopoli's inequality in the second and third estimates. A scaling argument yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^{\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < \varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 (3.30) \quad & \leq \frac{C}{(\varepsilon)^{p_n}} \int_0^{c\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 2\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

By covering  $S_1$  with surface balls of radius  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0$ , we can deduce from (3.30) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^{\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 1} \left| \frac{u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)}{s} \right|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 (3.31) \quad & \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon^{p_n}} \int_0^{c\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0} \int_{|x'| < 2} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds \\
 & \leq C \int_0^{3c} \int_{|x'| < 3} |u_\varepsilon(x', \psi(x') + s)|^{p_n} dx' ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 3.8 in the last inequality. Thus we finish the claim of (3.25).

In the last, it remains to show the ranges  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < 2$ . To do this, suppose that  $u_\varepsilon, v_\varepsilon \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$  satisfy  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = \operatorname{div} F$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon^* v_\varepsilon = \operatorname{div} g$  for some  $F, g \in L^2(\Omega)$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon^* = -\operatorname{div}(A^* \nabla) = \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon$  since  $A$  is symmetric. Thus we obtain

$$(3.32) \quad \int_\Omega F \cdot \nabla v_\varepsilon = \int_\Omega g \cdot \nabla u_\varepsilon.$$

By duality, the above weak formulation implies that if  $\|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C\|F\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$  holds for  $2 < p < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$ , then we have  $\|\nabla v_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C\|g\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$  for any  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < 2$ . Hence we complete the proof.  $\square$

The next theorem is concerned with the case of  $g \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** *Suppose  $\Omega$  is a bounded Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $g \in B^{1-\frac{1}{p}, p}(\partial\Omega)$ , where  $\frac{2n}{n+1} - \delta < p < \frac{2n}{n-1} + \delta$ . Assume that  $A$  is continuous, symmetric, and satisfies (1.2) and (1.3) and*

$$(3.33) \quad \rho(R) \leq C[\log R]^{-N}$$

for some  $N > 5/2$  and any  $R \geq 2$ . Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be a weak solution to  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = 0$  in  $\Omega$  and  $u_\varepsilon = g$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then

$$(3.34) \quad \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C \|g\|_{B^{1-1/p,p}(\partial\Omega)},$$

where constants  $\delta, C > 0$  are independent of  $\varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* The proof could be reduced to the case  $g = 0$ . Since  $g \in B^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)$ , it follows from the trace theorem, that there exists  $G \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  such that  $G = g$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Moreover, we have

$$(3.35) \quad \|G\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega)} \leq C \|g\|_{B^{1-1/p,p}(\partial\Omega)}.$$

Hence we may reduce the general case to the case  $G = 0$  by considering the function  $u_\varepsilon - G$ . Then the desired estimate (3.34) follows from Lemma 3.9 directly.  $\square$

We are in a position to give the proof of Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Let  $v_\varepsilon$  be a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon v_\varepsilon = 0$  in  $\Omega$  and  $v_\varepsilon = g$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Let  $w_\varepsilon$  be a weak solution of  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon w_\varepsilon = \operatorname{div} F$  in  $\Omega$  and  $w_\varepsilon = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Also, by setting  $u_\varepsilon = v_\varepsilon + w_\varepsilon$ , it follows from Theorems 3.9 and 3.10, we get (1.6), thus complete the proof.  $\square$

By a similar manner as that of Theorem 1.1, we give the proof of Theorem 1.2.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* The proof of Theorem 1.2 almost follows from the same argument as Theorem 1.1. In view of Lemma 3.4, together with the duality argument, yields (1.8).  $\square$

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