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# $W^{2,2}$ INTERIOR REGULARITY FOR SOME CLASS OF ELLIPTIC ANISOTRPIC SINGULAR PERTUBATIONS PROBLEMS

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ABSTRACT. In this note we study the interior regularity of the asymptotic behavior of a linear elliptic anisotropic singular pertubations problem. We show the convergence of the seconde derivatives.

#### 1. Introduction

In this note we study the regularity of the asymptotic behavior of the following elliptic problem

$$\begin{cases}
-\operatorname{div}(A_{\epsilon}\nabla u_{\epsilon}) = f \\
u_{\epsilon} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega,
\end{cases}$$
(1)

where  $0 < \epsilon \le 1$ ,  $\Omega$  is bounded Lipschitz domain and  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ , we denote by  $x = (x_1, ..., x_N) = (X_1, X_2)$  the points in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  where

$$X_1 = (x_1, ..., x_q)$$
 and  $X_1 = (x_{q+1}, ..., x_N)$ ,

with this notation we set

$$abla = (\partial_{x_1}, ..., \partial_{x_N})^T = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{X_1} \\ \nabla_{X_2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\nabla_{X_1} = (\partial_{x_1},...,\partial_{x_q})^T$$
 and  $\nabla_{X_2} = (\partial_{x_{q+1}},...,\partial_{x_N})^T$ 

The diffusion matrix  $A_{\epsilon}$  is given by

$$A_{\epsilon} = (a_{ij}^{\epsilon}) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2 A_{11} & \epsilon A_{12} \\ \epsilon A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } A = (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{22}$  are  $q \times q$  and  $(N-q) \times (N-q)$  matrices. The coefficients  $a_{ij}^{\epsilon}$  are given by

$$a_{ij}^{\epsilon} = \begin{cases} \epsilon^{2} a_{ij} \text{ for } i, j \in \{1, .., q\} \\ a_{ij} \text{ for } i, j \in \{q+1, .., N\} \\ \epsilon a_{ij} \text{ for } i \in \{1, .., q\}, j \in \{q+1, .., N\} \\ \epsilon a_{ij}^{\epsilon} \text{ for } i \in \{q+1, .., N\}, j \in \{1, .., q\} \end{cases}$$

We assume  $A \in C^1(\Omega) \cap L^{\infty}(\Omega)$  and satisfies the ellipticity assumption

$$\exists \lambda > 0, \forall x \in \Omega, \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^{N} : A(x)\zeta \cdot \zeta \ge \lambda \left| \zeta \right|^{2}. \tag{2}$$

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Recall the first order pseudo Sobolev space introduced in [2]

$$V^{1,2} = \left\{ u \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \nabla_{X_2} u \in L^2(\Omega) \text{ and } u(X_1, \cdot) \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega_{X_1}) \text{ a.e } X_1 \in \Omega^1 \right\},$$

equipped with the norm

$$||u||_{1,2} = (||u||_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + ||\nabla_{X_2}u||_{L^2(\Omega)}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Here  $\Omega_{X_1} = \{X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{N-q} : (X_1, X_2) \in \Omega\}$  and  $\Omega^1 = P_1(\Omega)$  where  $P_1$  is the natural projector  $\mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^q$ .

We introduce the second order local pseudo Sobolev space

$$V_{loc}^{2,2} = \left\{ u \in V^{1,2} \mid \nabla_{X_2}^2 u \in L_{loc}^2(\Omega) \right\},$$

equipped with the family of norms  $\|\cdot\|_{2,2}^{\omega}$  given by

$$\|u\|_{2,2}^{\omega} = \left(\|u\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|\nabla_{X_{2}}u\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} + \|\nabla_{X_{2}}^{2}u\|_{L^{2}(\omega)}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \ \omega \subset\subset \Omega$$

where  $\nabla_{X_2}^2 u$  is the Hessian matrix of u taken in the  $X_2$  direction, the term  $\|\nabla_{X_2}^2 u\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2$  is given by

$$\left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 u \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 = \sum_{i,j=q+1}^N \left\| \partial_{ij}^2 u \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2.$$

We can show easily that  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$  is a Fréchet space (locally convex, metrizable and complete). We also define the following

$$\|\nabla_{X_1}^2 u\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^q \|\partial_{ij}^2 u\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2,$$

and

$$\left\| \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^q \sum_{j=q+1}^N \left\| \partial_{ij}^2 u \right\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2.$$

The formal passage to the limit gives the unperturbed problem

$$\begin{cases}
-\operatorname{div}(A_{22}\nabla u_0(X_1,\cdot) = f(X_1,\cdot) \\
u_0(X_1,\cdot) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_{X_1}, \text{ a.e } X_1 \in \Omega^1
\end{cases}$$
(3)

Since  $A \in C^1(\Omega)$  which satisfies (2) then it is well known by the elliptic regularity [5] that the unique  $W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$  weak solution of (1) belongs to  $W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$ . Similarly the unique  $W_0^{1,2}(\Omega_{X_1})$  weak solution  $u_0(X_1,\cdot)$  of (3) belongs to  $W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega_{X_1})$ . In [1] the authors have proved the convergences  $u_{\epsilon} \to u_0$  in  $V^{1,2}$  and  $\epsilon \nabla_{X_1} u_{\epsilon} \to 0$ 

In [1] the authors have proved the convergences  $u_{\epsilon} \to u_0$  in  $V^{1,2}$  and  $\epsilon \nabla_{X_1} u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  (see [4] for the  $L^p$  case). In this paper we deal with the convergences in the space  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$  introduced above. Let us give our main result.

**Theorem 1.** Assume that  $A \in L^{\infty}(\Omega) \cap C^1(\Omega)$  which satisfies (2), suppose that  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  then  $u_0 \in V_{loc}^{2,2}$  and  $u_{\epsilon} \to u_0$  in  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$  where  $u_{\epsilon} \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  and  $u_0$  are the unique weak solutions to (1) and (3) respectively, in addition the convergences  $\epsilon^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_{\epsilon} \to 0$ ,  $\epsilon \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  hold in  $L_{loc}^2(\Omega)$ .

The arguments are based on the Riesz-Fréchet-Kolmogorov compacity theorem in  $L^p$  spaces. We begin by a basic case, the Laplace equation, and we give the proof in the general case using standard elliptic equations techniques.

#### 2. The perturbed Laplace equation

Let us begin with some useful lemmas

**Lemma 1.** Let 
$$f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$$
, for every  $\epsilon \in (0,1]$  let  $u_{\epsilon} \in W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  such that 
$$-\epsilon^2 \Delta_{X_1} u_{\epsilon}(x) - \Delta_{X_2} u_{\epsilon}(x) = f(x) \text{ a.e } x \in \mathbb{R}^N$$
 (4)

then for every  $\epsilon \in (0,1]$  we have the bounds

$$\begin{split} & \left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_{\epsilon} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} & \leq & \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \,, \\ & \epsilon^2 \left\| \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_{\epsilon} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} & \leq & \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \,, \\ & \sqrt{2} \epsilon \left\| \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_{\epsilon} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} & \leq & \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \,. \end{split}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the Fourier transform on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$  defined as the extension, by density, of the Fourier transform defined on the Schwartz space  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  by

$$\mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{N}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(x)e^{-ix\cdot\xi} dx, \quad u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

where  $\cdot$  is the standard scalare product of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Applying  $\mathcal{F}$  on (4) we obtain

$$\left(\epsilon^2 \sum_{i=1}^q \xi_i^2 + \sum_{i=q+1}^N \xi_i^2\right) \mathcal{F}(u_{\epsilon})(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi),$$

then

$$\left(\epsilon^{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{q} \xi_{i}^{2} \xi_{j}^{2} + \sum_{i,j=q+1}^{N} \xi_{i}^{2} \xi_{j}^{2} + 2\epsilon^{2} \sum_{j=q+1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \xi_{i}^{2} \xi_{j}^{2}\right) |\mathcal{F}(u_{\epsilon})(\xi)|^{2} = |\mathcal{F}(f)(\xi)|^{2},$$
(5)

thus

$$\sum_{i,j=q+1}^{N} \xi_i^2 \xi_j^2 \left| \mathcal{F}(u_{\epsilon})(\xi) \right|^2 \le \left| \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) \right|^2,$$

hence

$$\sum_{i,j=q+1}^{N} \left| \mathcal{F}(\partial_{ij}^{2} u_{\epsilon})(\xi) \right|^{2} \leq \left| \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) \right|^{2},$$

then

$$\sum_{i,j=q+1}^{N} \left\| \mathcal{F}(\partial_{ij}^{2} u_{\epsilon}) \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})}^{2} \leq \left\| \mathcal{F}(f) \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})}^{2},$$

and the Parseval identity gives

$$\sum_{i,j=q+1}^{N} \|\partial_{ij}^{2} u_{\epsilon}\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})}^{2} \leq \|f\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})}^{2}.$$

Hence

$$\|\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_{\epsilon}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \le \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)}.$$

Similarly we obtain from (5) the bounds

$$\epsilon^2 \left\| \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_{\epsilon} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \le \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)}$$

$$\sqrt{2}\epsilon \left\| \nabla^2_{X_1 X_2} u_{\epsilon} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \le \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)}.$$

**Notation 1.** For any function  $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$  and  $h \in \mathbb{R}^N$  we denote  $\tau_h u(x) = u(x+h), x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and let  $(u_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  be a converging sequence in  $L^p(\Omega), 1 \leq p < \infty$  and let  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open, then for every  $\sigma > 0$  there exists  $0 < \delta < dist(\partial\Omega, \omega)$  such that

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^N, |h| \le \delta, \forall k \in \mathbb{N} : \|\tau_h u_k - u_k\|_{L^p(\omega)} \le \sigma$$

in other words we have  $\lim_{h\to 0} \sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \|\tau_h u_k - u_k\|_{L^p(\omega)} = 0.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open. For any function  $v \in L^p(\Omega)$ , extend v by 0 outside of  $\Omega$ , since the translation  $h \to \tau_h v$  is continuous from  $\mathbb{R}^N$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$  (see for instance [6]) then for every  $\sigma > 0$  there exists  $0 < \delta < dist(\partial\Omega, \omega)$  such that

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^N, |h| \le \delta : \|\tau_h v - v\|_{L^p(\omega)} \le \sigma. \tag{6}$$

We denote  $\lim u_k = u \in L^p(\Omega)$ , and let  $\sigma > 0$  then (6) shows that there exists  $0 < \delta < dist(\partial\Omega, \omega)$  such that

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^N, |h| \le \delta : \|\tau_h u - u\|_{L^p(\omega)} \le \frac{\sigma}{2}$$

By the triangular inequality and the invariance of the Lebesgue measure under translations we have for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $|h| \leq \delta$ 

$$\|\tau_h u_k - u_k\|_{L^p(\omega)} \le 2 \|u_k - u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} + \|\tau_h u - u\|_{L^p(\omega)}$$
(7)

Since  $u_k \to u$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  then there exists  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$\forall k \ge k_0 : \|u_k - u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \le \frac{\sigma}{4}.$$

Then from (7) we obtain

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^N, |h| \le \delta, \forall k \ge k_0 : \|\tau_h u_k - u_k\|_{L^p(\omega)} \le \sigma$$
(8)

Similarly (6) shows that for every  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., k_0 - 1\}$  there exists  $0 < \delta_k < dist(\partial\Omega, \omega)$  such that

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^N, |h| \le \delta_k : \|\tau_h u_k - u_k\|_{L^p(\omega)} \le \sigma, \ k \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., k_0 - 1\}$$
 (9)

Taking  $\delta' = \min_{k \in \{0,...,k_0-1\}} (\delta_k, \delta)$  and combining (8) and (9) we obtain

$$\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^N, |h| \leq \delta', \forall k \in \mathbb{N} : \|\tau_h u_k - u_k\|_{L^p(\omega)} \leq \sigma.$$

Now, suppose that A = Id be the identity matrix then (1) becomes

$$\begin{cases}
-\epsilon^2 \Delta_{X_1} u_{\epsilon} - \Delta_{X_2} u_{\epsilon} = f \\
u_{\epsilon} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega,
\end{cases}$$
(10)

Let  $(\epsilon_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  be sequence in (0,1] with  $\lim \epsilon_k = 0$  and let  $u_k = u_{\epsilon_k} \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  be the solution of (10) then we have the following

**Proposition 1.** 1) Let  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open then

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k^2 (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k) \|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k) \|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0.$$

2) The sequences  $(\nabla^2_{X_2}u_k)$ ,  $(\epsilon_k^2\nabla^2_{X_1}u_k)$ ,  $(\epsilon_k\nabla^2_{X_1X_2}u_k)$  are bounded in  $L^2_{loc}(\Omega)$  i.e. for every  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  there exists  $M \geq 0$  such that

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k\|_{L^2(\omega)}, \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k\|_{L^2(\omega)}, \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k\|_{L^2(\omega)} \le M.$$

*Proof.* 1) Let  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open, then one can choose  $\omega'$  open such that  $\omega \subset\subset \omega'\subset\subset \Omega$ , let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  with  $\rho = 1$  on  $\omega$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$  and  $Supp(\rho) \subset \omega'$ . Let  $0 < h < dist(\omega', \partial\Omega)$ , to make the notations less heavy we set  $U_k^h = \tau_h u_k - u_k$ , then  $U_k^h \in W^{2,2}(\omega')$ . Notice that translation and derivation commute then we have

$$-\epsilon_k^2 \Delta_{X_1} U_k^h(x) - \Delta_{X_2} U_k^h(x) = F^h(x), \text{ a.e } x \in \omega',$$

with  $F^h = \tau_h f - f$ . We set  $\mathcal{W}_k^h = \rho U_k^h$  then we get for a.e  $x \in \omega'$ 

$$-\epsilon_k^2 \Delta_{X_1} \mathcal{W}_k^h(x) - \Delta_{X_2} \mathcal{W}_k^h(x) = \rho(x) F^h(x) - 2\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1} \rho(x) \cdot \nabla_{X_1} U_k^h(x)$$
$$-2\nabla_{X_2} \rho(x) \cdot \nabla_{X_2} U_k^h(x) - U_k^h(x) (\epsilon_k^2 \Delta_{X_1} \rho(x) - \Delta_{X_2} \rho(x)).$$

Since  $U_k^h \in W^{2,2}(\omega')$  then  $\mathcal{W}_k^h \in W_0^{2,2}(\omega')$ , so we can extend  $\mathcal{W}_k^h$  by 0 outside of  $\omega'$  then  $\mathcal{W}_k^h \in W^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . The right hand side of the above equality is extended by 0 outside of  $\omega'$ , hence the equation is satisfied in the whole space, so by **Lemma 1** we get

$$\begin{split} \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} \mathcal{W}_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})} &\leq \left\| \rho F^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})} + 2\epsilon_{k}^{2} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}} \rho \cdot \nabla_{X_{1}} U_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})} \\ &+ 2 \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}} \rho \cdot \nabla_{X_{2}} U_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})} + \left\| U_{k}^{h} (\epsilon_{k}^{2} \Delta_{X_{1}} \rho - \Delta_{X_{2}} \rho) \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{N})}. \end{split}$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} U_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega)} &\leq \left\| F^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega')} + 2\epsilon_{k} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}} \rho \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \epsilon_{k} \nabla_{X_{1}} U_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega')} \\ &+ 2 \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}} \rho \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}} U_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega')} + \left\| (\epsilon_{k}^{2} \Delta_{X_{1}} \rho - \Delta_{X_{2}} \rho) \right\|_{\infty} \left\| U_{k}^{h} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega')}. \end{split}$$

Recall that  $u_k \to u$  in  $V^{1,2}$  and  $\epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} u_k \to 0$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$ , then by **Lemma 2** we have

$$\lim_{h\to 0} \sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \left\| \epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} U_k^h \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} = \lim_{h\to 0} \sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \left\| \epsilon_k (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1} u_k - \nabla_{X_1} u_k) \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} = 0,$$

and similarly we have

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\nabla_{X_2} U_k^h\|_{L^2(\omega')} = 0, \lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|F^h\|_{L^2(\omega')} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|U_k^h\|_{L^2(\omega')} = 0.$$

and hence

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} = \lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 U_k^h \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0.$$

Similarly we obtain

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \epsilon_k^2 (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k) \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0,$$

and

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k (\tau_h \nabla^2_{X_1 X_2} u_k - \nabla^2_{X_1 X_2} u_k) \|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0.$$

2) Following the same arguments, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \epsilon_k^2 \left\| \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} + \left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} + \sqrt{2} \epsilon_k \left\| \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \le \\
& 3 \left\| f \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} + 6 \epsilon_k \left\| \nabla_{X_1} \rho \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} \\
& + 6 \left\| \nabla_{X_2} \rho \right\|_{\infty} \left\| \nabla_{X_2} u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} + 3 \left\| \left( \epsilon_k^2 \Delta_{X_1} \rho - \Delta_{X_2} \rho \right) \right\|_{\infty} \left\| u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega')}.
\end{aligned}$$

The convergences  $u_k \to u$  in  $V^{1,2}$ ,  $\epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} u_k \to 0$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and boundedness of  $\rho$  and its derivatives show that the right hand side of the above inequality is uniformly bounded in k, i.e for some M > 0 independent of k

$$\epsilon_k^2 \|\nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k\|_{L^2(\omega)} + \|\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k\|_{L^2(\omega)} + \sqrt{2}\epsilon_k \|\nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k\|_{L^2(\omega)} \le M.$$

Now, we are ready to prove the following

**Theorem 2.** Let  $u_{\epsilon} \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  be the solution of (10) then  $u_{\epsilon} \to u_0$  strongly in  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$  where  $u_0 \in V_{loc}^{2,2}$  is the solution of the limit problem. In addition, we have

$$\epsilon^2 \nabla^2_{X_1} u_{\epsilon} \to 0 \text{ and } \epsilon \nabla^2_{X_1 X_2} u_{\epsilon} \to 0, \text{ strongly in } L^2_{loc}(\Omega).$$

Proof. Let  $u_0 \in V^{1,2}$  be the solution of the limit problem and let  $(u_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $u_k \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  be a subsequence of solutions to (10), then **Proposition 1** shows by the Riesz-Fréchet-Kolmogorov theorem ([3]) that the subset  $\left\{\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is relatively compact in  $L^2(\omega)$  for every  $\omega \subset \Omega$  open. Now, fix  $\omega \subset \Omega$  then there exists  $u_0^\omega \in L^2(\omega)$  and a subsequence still labeled  $(\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \to u_0^\omega$  in  $L^2(\omega)$  strongly. Since  $u_k \to u_0$  in  $L^2(\omega)$  and the second order differential operators  $\partial_{ij}^2$  are continuous on  $\mathcal{D}'(\omega)$  then  $u_0^\omega = \nabla_{X_2} u_0$  on  $\omega$ . Whence, since  $\omega$  is arbitrary we get  $\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_0 \in L_{loc}^2(\Omega)$ . Now, taking a countable covering  $(\omega_n)$  of  $\Omega$  with  $\omega_n \subset \Omega$  then by the diagonal process one can construct a subsequence still labeled  $(u_k)$  such that  $\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \to \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_0$  in  $L_{loc}^2(\Omega)$  strongly, combining this with  $u_k \to u_0$  in  $V^{1,2}$ , we get  $u_k \to u_0$  strongly in  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$ .

To prove the convergence of the whole sequence  $(u_{\epsilon})_{0<\epsilon\leq 1}$  we can reasoning by contradiction, so suppose that there exists  $\delta>0$  and a subsequence  $(\nabla^2_{X_2}u_k)$  such that  $d_{V_{loc}^{2,2}}(\nabla^2_{X_2}u_k,\nabla^2_{X_2}u_0)>\delta$ , here  $d_{V_{loc}^{2,2}}$  is the distance of the Fréchet space  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$ .

It follows by the first part of this proof that there exists a subsequence still labeled  $(\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k)$  such that  $d_{V_{loc}^{2,2}}(\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k, \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_0) \to 0$ , and the proof of the theorem is finished. Similarly we show that  $\epsilon^2 \nabla^2_{X_1} u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  and  $\epsilon \nabla^2_{X_1 X_2} u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  strongly in

#### 3. General elliptic problems

3.1. Proof of the main theorem. In this subsection we shall prove Theorem 1. Firstly, we suppose that the coefficients of A are constants then we have the following

**Proposition 2.** Suppose that the coefficients of A are constants and assume (2), let  $(u_{\epsilon})$  be a sequence of  $W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  such that  $-\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^{\epsilon} \partial_{ij}^2 u_{\epsilon} = f$ , with  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$ 

then we have the bounds

$$\lambda \|\nabla_{X_2}^2 u_{\epsilon}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)},$$

$$\lambda \epsilon^2 \|\nabla_{X_1}^2 u_{\epsilon}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)},$$

$$\sqrt{2}\lambda \epsilon \|\nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)}.$$

*Proof.* As in the proof of **Proposition 1** we use the Fourier transform and we obtain

$$\left(\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^{\epsilon} \xi_i \xi_j\right) \mathcal{F}(u_{\epsilon})(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi)$$

From the ellipticity assumption (2) we deduce

$$\lambda^{2} \left( \epsilon^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \xi_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i=q+1}^{N} \xi_{i}^{2} \right)^{2} \left| \mathcal{F}(u_{\epsilon})(\xi) \right|^{2} \leq \left| \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) \right|^{2}$$

Thus, as in proof of **Proposition 1**, we obtain the desired bounds.

Now, suppose that  $A \in L^{\infty}(\Omega) \cap C^{1}(\Omega)$  and assume (2), We denote  $u_{k} = u_{\epsilon_{k}} \in W_{0}^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  the solution to (1) with  $\epsilon_{k} \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ , then we have the

**Proposition 3.** Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$  fixed then there exists  $\omega_0 \subset \subset \Omega$  open with  $z_0 \in \omega_0$  such that the sequences  $(\nabla^2_{X_2} u_k)$ ,  $(\nabla^2_{X_1} u_k)$  and  $(\nabla^2_{X_1 X_2} u_k)$  are bounded in  $L^2(\omega_0)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $u_k \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  and  $A \in C^1(\Omega)$  then  $u_k$  satisfies for a.e  $x \in \Omega$ 

$$-\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k(x)\partial_{ij}^2 u_k(x) - \sum_{i,j} \partial_i a_{ij}^k(x)\partial_j u_k(x) = f(x), \tag{11}$$

where  $a_{ij}^k = a_{ij}^{\epsilon_k}$ . Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$  fixed, and let  $\theta > 0$  then using the continuity of the  $a_{ij}$  one can choose  $\omega_1 \subset\subset \Omega$ ,  $z_0 \in \omega_1$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in \omega_1} |a_{ij}(x) - a_{ij}(z_0)| \le \theta \text{ for every } i, j \in \{1, ..., N\}$$
 (12)

Let  $\omega_0 \subset\subset \omega_1$  open with  $z_0 \in \omega_0$  and let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  with  $\rho = 1$  on  $\omega_0$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$  and  $Supp(\rho) \subset \omega_1$ . We set  $U_k = \rho u_k$ , and we extend it by 0 on the outside of  $\omega_1$  then  $U_k \in W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . therefore we obtain

$$-\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k(z_0) \partial_{ij}^2 U_k(x) = \sum_{i,j} (a_{ij}^k(x) - a_{ij}^k(z_0)) \partial_{ij}^2 U_k(x) + g_k(x), \text{ for a.e } x \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

where  $g_k$  is given by

$$g_k(x) = \rho(x)f(x) + \rho(x)\sum_{i,j}\partial_i a_{ij}^k(x)\partial_j u_k(x)$$
(13)

$$-u_k(x)\sum_{i,j}a_{ij}^k(x)\partial_{ij}^2\rho(x) - \sum_{i,j}a_{ij}^k(x)\partial_i\rho(x)\partial_ju_k(x) - \sum_{i,j}a_{ij}^k(x)\partial_j\rho(x)\partial_iu_k(x)$$

Now applying **Proposition 2** to the above differential equality we get

$$\begin{split} \lambda \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \lambda \epsilon_{k}^{2} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \sqrt{2} \lambda \epsilon_{k} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1} X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \\ \leq 3 \left\| \sum_{i,j} (a_{ij}^{k}(x) - a_{ij}^{k}(z_{0})) \partial_{ij}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + 3 \left\| g \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \end{split}$$

Whence we use (12) we get

$$\begin{split} \lambda \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \lambda \epsilon_{k}^{2} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \sqrt{2} \lambda \epsilon_{k} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1} X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \\ \leq 3 \theta \epsilon_{k}^{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{q} \left\| \partial_{ij}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + 3 \theta \sum_{i,j=q+1}^{N} \left\| \partial_{ij}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \\ + 6 \theta \epsilon_{k} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{j=q+1}^{N} \left\| \partial_{ij}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + 3 \left\| g \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}, \end{split}$$

and thus we deduce by Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\lambda \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \lambda \epsilon_{k}^{2} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \sqrt{2} \lambda \epsilon_{k} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1} X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \\
\leq 3\theta (N - q) \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \epsilon_{k}^{2} 3\theta q \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \\
+ \epsilon_{k} 6(N - q) q \theta \left\| \nabla_{X_{1} X_{2}}^{2} U_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}^{2} + 3 \left\| g \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}$$

$$\begin{split} \left[\lambda - 3\theta(N-q)\right] \left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 U_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)} + \epsilon_k^2 \left[\lambda - 3\theta q\right] \left\| \nabla_{X_1}^2 U_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)} + \\ \epsilon_k \left[ \sqrt{2}\lambda - 6(N-q)q\theta \right] \left\| \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 U_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)} \leq 3 \left\| g_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)}, \end{split}$$

we can choose a priori  $\theta$  small enough such that

$$\min\left\{\left[\lambda - 3\theta(N - q)\right], \left[\lambda - 3\theta q\right], \left[\sqrt{2}\lambda - 6(N - q)q\theta\right]\right\} \ge \frac{\lambda}{2},\tag{14}$$

and then we deduce

$$\begin{split} \left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} u_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{0})} + \epsilon_{k}^{2} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}}^{2} u_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{0})} + \epsilon_{k} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1} X_{2}}^{2} u_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{0})} \\ &\leq \frac{6}{\lambda} \left\| g_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}. \end{split}$$

To finish the proof it suffices to show that the sequence  $(g_k)$  is bounded in  $L^2(\omega_1)$ . In fact  $\rho$  and its derivatives,  $a_{ij}$  and their first derivatives are bounded on  $\omega_1$ , moreover the sequences  $(\epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} u_k)$ ,  $(\nabla_{X_2} u_k)$  and  $(u_k)$  are bounded in  $L^2(\Omega)$ , then from (13) the boundedness of  $(g_k)$  in  $L^2(\omega_1)$  follows.

Corollary 1. The sequences  $(\nabla^2_{X_2}u_k)$ ,  $(\epsilon_k^2\nabla^2_{X_1}u_k)$ ,  $(\epsilon_k\nabla^2_{X_1X_2}u_k)$  are bounded in  $L^2_{loc}(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open, for every  $z_{\mu} \in \bar{\omega}$  there exists  $\omega_{\mu} \subset\subset \Omega$ ,  $z_{\mu} \in \omega_{\mu}$  which satisfies the affirmations of **Proposition 3** in  $L^{2}(\omega_{\mu})$ . Since  $\bar{\omega}$  is compact then one can extract a finit cover  $(\omega_{\mu_{m}})$ , then  $(\nabla^{2}_{X_{2}}u_{k})$ ,  $(\epsilon_{k}^{2}\nabla^{2}_{X_{1}}u_{k})$ ,  $(\epsilon_{k}\nabla^{2}_{X_{1}X_{2}}u_{k})$  are bounded in  $L^{2}(\omega)$  and the corollary follows.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$  then there exists  $\omega_0 \subset\subset \Omega$ ,  $z_0 \in \omega_0$  such that

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \|_{L^p(\omega_0)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k^2 (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k) \|_{L^p(\omega_0)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k) \|_{L^p(\omega_0)} = 0.$$

Proof. Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$  fixed and let  $\theta > 0$  then using the continuity of the  $a_{ij}$  one can choose  $\omega_1 \subset\subset \Omega$ ,  $z_0 \in \omega_1$  such that we have (12) with  $\theta$  chosen such that (14). Let  $\omega_0 \subset\subset \omega_1$ , with  $z_0 \in \omega_0$ , and let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  with  $\rho = 1$  on  $\omega_0$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ , and  $Supp(\rho) \subset \omega_1$ . Let  $0 < h < dist(\omega_1, \partial\Omega)$ , we set  $\mathcal{W}_k^h = \rho U_h^k$ , with  $U_k^h = (\tau_h u_k - u_k)$  and extend it by 0 on the outside of  $\omega_1$  then  $\mathcal{W}_k^h \in W^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , therefore using (11) we have for a.e  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ :

$$-\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k(z_0) \partial_{ij}^2 \mathcal{W}_k^h(x) = \sum_{i,j} (a_{ij}^k(x) - a_{ij}^k(z_0)) \partial_{ij}^2 \mathcal{W}_k^h(x) + G_k^h(x),$$

where

$$-G_k^h(x) = U_k^h \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k(x) \partial_{ij}^2 \rho + \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k(x) \partial_i \rho \partial_j U_k^h + \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^k(x) \partial_j \rho \partial_i U_k^h$$
(15)  
 
$$+ \rho \sum_{i,j} \left( a_{ij}^k(x) - \tau_h a_{ij}^k(x) \right) \tau_h \partial_{ij}^2 u_k(x) + \rho(x) \left( f(x) - \tau_h f(x) \right)$$
  
 
$$+ \rho \sum_{i,j} \left[ \partial_i a_{ij}^k(x) \partial_j u_k(x) - \partial_i \tau_h a_{ij}^k(x) \partial_j \tau_h u_k(x) \right].$$

Then, as in proof of **Proposition 3**, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \left\| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_0)} + \epsilon_k^2 \left\| \tau_h \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_0)} \\ + \epsilon_k \left\| \tau_h \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_0)} \le \frac{6}{\lambda} \left\| G_k^h \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)}. \end{split}$$

Now, to finish the proof we have to show that  $\lim_{h\to 0} \sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \|G_k^h\|_{L^2(\omega_1)} = 0$ . Using the boundedness of the  $a_{ij}$  and the boundedness of  $\rho$  and its derivatives on  $\omega_1$  we

get from (15)

$$\|G_{k}^{h}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} \leq M \|U_{k}^{h}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + M\epsilon_{k} \|\nabla_{X_{1}}U_{k}^{h}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}$$

$$+ M \|\nabla_{X_{2}}U_{k}^{h}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \|\tau_{h}f - f\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j} \|(a_{ij}^{k} - \tau_{h}a_{ij}^{k}) \tau_{h}\partial_{ij}^{2}u_{k}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j} \|\partial_{i}a_{ij}^{k}\partial_{j}u_{k} - \tau_{h}\partial_{i}a_{ij}^{k}\tau_{h}\partial_{j}u_{k}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})},$$

$$(16)$$

where M > 0 independent of h and k. Now, estimating the fifth term of the right hand side of the above inequality

$$\sum_{i,j} \left\| \left( a_{ij}^k - \tau_h a_{ij}^k \right) \tau_h \partial_{ij}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)} \le C_{q,N} \sup_{x \in \omega_1} \left| a_{ij}(x) - \tau_h a_{ij}(x) \right| \times \left( \left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1 + h)} + \epsilon_k^2 \left\| \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1 + h)} + \epsilon_k \left\| \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1 + h)} \right),$$

where  $C_{q,N} > 0$  is only depends in q and N.

For h small enough then it follows from Corollary 1 that the quantity

$$\left\| \nabla_{X_{2}}^{2} u_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1}+h)} + \epsilon_{k}^{2} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}}^{2} u_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1}+h)} + \epsilon_{k} \left\| \nabla_{X_{1}X_{2}}^{2} u_{k} \right\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1}+h)},$$

is uniformly bounded. Since the  $a_{ij}$  are uniformly continuous on every  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  then  $\lim_{h\to 0} \sup_{x\in\omega_1} |a_{ij}(x) - \tau_h a_{ij}(x)| = 0$  and hence

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{i,j} \| \left( a_{ij}^k - \tau_h a_{ij}^k \right) \tau_h \partial_{ij}^2 u_k \|_{L^2(\omega_1)} = 0. \tag{17}$$

Now, estimating the last term of (16)

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\partial_i a_{ij}^k \partial_j u_k - \tau_h \partial_i a_{ij}^k \tau_h \partial_j u_k \|_{L^2(\omega_1)} \leq \sum_{i,j} \|\partial_i a_{ij}^k \partial_j u_k - \tau_h \partial_i a_{ij}^k \partial_j u_k \|_{L^2(\omega_1)}$$
$$+ \sum_{i,j} \|\tau_h \partial_i a_{ij}^k \partial_j u_k - \partial_i \tau_h a_{ij}^k \tau_h \partial_j u_k \|_{L^2(\omega_1)},$$

and thus using boundedess of the first derivatives of the  $a_{ij}$  on  $\omega_1$  we get

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\partial_{i}a_{ij}^{k}\partial_{j}u_{k} - \partial_{i}\tau_{h}a_{ij}^{k}\partial_{j}\tau_{h}u_{k}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} 
\leq C'_{q,N} \sup |\partial_{i}a_{ij}(x) - \partial_{i}\tau_{h}a_{ij}(x)| \left(\epsilon_{k} \|\nabla_{X_{1}}u_{k}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \|\nabla_{X_{2}}u_{k}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}\right) 
+ M' \left(\epsilon_{k} \|\nabla_{X_{1}}U_{k}^{h}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})} + \|\nabla_{X_{2}}U_{k}^{h}\|_{L^{2}(\omega_{1})}\right),$$

where M' > 0 is independent of h and k. Now, since the  $\partial_i a_{ij}$  are uniformly continuous (recall that  $A \in C^1(\Omega)$ ) on every  $\omega \subset \subset \Omega$  then

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{x \in \omega_1} |\partial_i a_{ij}(x) - \tau_h \partial_i a_{ij}(x)| = 0,$$

and hence from the above inequality we get

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{i,j} \| \partial_i a_{ij}^k \partial_j u_k - \partial_i \tau_h a_{ij}^k \partial_j \tau_h u_k \|_{L^2(\omega_1)} = 0, \tag{18}$$

where we have used the convergence of  $(\nabla_{X_2}u_k)$ ,  $(\epsilon_k\nabla_{X_1}u_k)$  and **Lemma 2.** 

Passing to the limit in (16) by using (17), (18) and **Lemma 2** we deduce

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| G_k^h \right\|_{L^2(\omega_1)} = 0.$$

and the proposition follows.

Corollary 2. For every  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open we have

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \|_{L^p(\omega)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k^2 (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k) \|_{L^p(\omega)} = 0,$$

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \epsilon_k (\tau_h \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_k) \|_{L^p(\omega)} = 0.$$

*Proof.* Similar to proof of Corollary 1 where we use compacity of  $\bar{\omega}$  and Proposition 4.

Now, we are able to give the proof of the main theorem. Indeed the proof is similar to proof of **Theorem 2** where we use **Corollary 1** and **Corollary 2**. Let us give the proof of the convergence  $\epsilon^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  in  $L_{loc}^2(\Omega)$ . Fix  $\omega \subset \Omega$  open, and let  $u_k \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  be a sequence of solutions of (1) (  $\epsilon$  replaced by  $\epsilon_k \to 0$ ), then it follows from **Corollary 1** and **2** that the subset  $\left\{\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is relatively compact in  $L^2(\omega)$  then there exists  $v^\omega \in L^2(\omega)$  and a subsequence still labeled  $(\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k)$  such that  $\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k \to v^\omega$  in  $L^2(\omega)$ . Since  $\epsilon_k^2 u_k \to 0$  in  $L^2(\omega)$  then  $v^\omega = 0$ , since  $\nabla_{X_1}^2$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{D}'(\omega)$ . Hence by the diagonal process one can construct a sequence still labeled  $(\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k)$  such that  $\epsilon_k^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_k \to 0$  in  $L^2_{loc}(\Omega)$ . To prove the convergence of the whole sequence we can reasoning by contradiction as in proof of **Theorem 2** (recall that  $L^2_{loc}(\Omega)$  equipped with the family of semi norms  $\|\cdot\|_{L^2(\omega)}$  is a Fréchet space), and the proof of the main theorem is finished.

3.2.  $W_{loc}^{2,2}$  regularity for some class of semilinear problem. In this section we deal with the following semilinear elliptic problem

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(A_{\epsilon}\nabla u_{\epsilon}) = a(u_{\epsilon}) + f \\ u_{\epsilon} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases},$$

where  $a: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  a continuous nonincreasing real valued function which satisfies the growth condition

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : |a(x)| \le c \left(1 + |x|\right),\tag{19}$$

for some  $c \ge 0$ . This problem has been treated in [4] for  $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ , 1 , and the author have proved the convergences

$$\epsilon \nabla_{X_1} u_{\epsilon} \to 0, \ u_{\epsilon} \to u_0, \ \nabla_{X_2} u_{\epsilon} \to \nabla_{X_2} u_0 \ \text{in} \ L^p(\Omega),$$
 (20)

where  $u_0$  is the solution of the unperturbed problem.

Let  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and assume A as in **Theorem 1** then the unique  $W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$  weak solution  $u_{\epsilon}$  belongs to  $W_{loc}^{2,2}(\Omega)$  by the elliptic regularity. Following the same arguments exposed in the above section one can prove the theorem

**Theorem 3.** Under the above assumptions we have  $u_{\epsilon} \to u_0$  in  $V_{loc}^{2,2}$ ,  $\epsilon^2 \nabla_{X_1}^2 u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  and  $\epsilon \nabla_{X_1 X_2}^2 u_{\epsilon} \to 0$  strongly in  $L_{loc}^2(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* The arguments are similar, we only give the proof for the Laplacian case, so assume that A = Id. Let  $\omega \subset\subset \Omega$  open, then one can choose  $\omega'$  open such that  $\omega \subset\subset \omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ , let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  with  $\rho = 1$  on  $\omega$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$  and  $Supp(\rho) \subset \omega'$ . Let  $0 < h < dist(\partial \omega', \Omega)$ , we use the same notations so we set  $U_k^h = \tau_h u_k - u_k$ , then  $U_k^h \in W^{1,2}(\omega')$  and we have

$$-\epsilon_k^2 \Delta_{X_1} U_k^h(x) - \Delta_{X_2} U_k^h(x) = F^h(x) + \tau_h a(u)(x) - a(u)(x), \text{ a.e } x \in \omega',$$

with  $F^h = \tau_h f - f$ . We set  $\mathcal{W}_k^h = \rho U_k^h$  then we get as in **Proposition 1** 

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \le \left\| F^h \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} + M \left\| \epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} U_k^h \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} \\ & + \left\| \tau_h a(u_k) - a(u_k) \right\|_{L^2(\omega')} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ M \|\nabla_{X_2} U_k^h\|_{L^2(\omega')} + M \|U_k^h\|_{L^2(\omega')}.$$

We show easily using continuity of the function a and (19) that the Nemytskii operator a maps continuously  $L^2$  to  $L^2$ , therefore the convergence  $u_k \to u_0$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  gives  $a(u_k) \to a(u_0)$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$ , and hence

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| \tau_h a(u_k) - a(u_k) \|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0,$$

and finally the convergences (20) give

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \tau_h \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k - \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} = 0.$$

Similarly, using boundedess  $(u_k)$ ,  $(\epsilon_k \nabla_{X_1} u_k)$ ,  $(\nabla_{X_2} u_k)$  and  $a(u_k)$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$ , and boundedness of  $\rho$  and its derivatives we obtain

$$\left\| \nabla_{X_2}^2 u_k \right\|_{L^2(\omega)} \le M',$$

and we conclude as in proof of **Theorem 2**.

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