

## ON A CLASS OF LERAY-LIONS TYPE PROBLEM IN MUSIELAK-ORLICZ-SOBOLEV SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we show the existence of weak solutions to a class of Leray-Lions type problem under Dirichlet boundary conditions in the framework of Musielak-Orlicz-Sobolev spaces. The proof of the main result is constructed by utilizing the topological degree for a class of demicontinuous operators of  $(S_+)$ -type.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of nonlinear differential equations in modular spaces is of great interest in several fields and very active in many mathematical physics models, such as the modeling of continuum mechanics, elastic mechanics [36], non-Newtonian fluids [23], image restoration [5], theory of potential [26] and electrorheological fluids [25]. Different directions of development have been initiated in the context of existence theory and when studying the general form of nonlinear partial differential equations, it is important to find an appropriate functional space corresponding to their solutions. For example, the  $p$ -Laplacian equations correspond to the classical Sobolev space setting [29], the  $p(z)$ -Laplacian equations correspond to the generalized Sobolev space [1, 9, 11, 8, 34, 10], the Leray-Lions equations studied in various space settings [30, 32, 19].

In this paper we consider Musielak-Orlicz-Sobolev spaces, which provide the framework for a variety of different function spaces, including classical (weighted) Lebesgue, anisotropic, Orlicz and the generalized Sobolev spaces. For further information, the reader is referred to the articles [27, 33, 17].