Ex 1:

Consider the following non-linear problem modeling the radiative heat transfer:

$$\begin{cases}
-\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\
u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_0 \\
\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + k|u|^3 u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_N
\end{cases}$$

With the help of the Green's formula:

$$\int_{\Omega} \Delta u \cdot v = -\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v$$

So, for all $v \in V = \{u \in H^1 : u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_0\}$, we can have the variational formulation of this system:

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} -\Delta u \cdot v &= \int_{\Omega} f v \\ \Leftrightarrow & \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v - \int_{\Gamma_0} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot v - \int_{\Gamma_N} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot v = \int_{\Omega} f v \\ \Leftrightarrow & \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v - \int_{\Gamma_N} k |u|^3 u \cdot v = \int_{\Omega} f v \end{split}$$

Ex 2:

Consider the functional:

$$J(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^{2} dx + \frac{k}{5} \int_{\Gamma_{N}} |u|^{5} d\sigma - \int_{\Omega} f u dx = J_{1}(u) + J_{2}(u) - J_{3}(u)$$

$$J_{1}(u+h) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla (u+h)|^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^{2} + 2\nabla u \cdot \nabla h + |\nabla h|^{2})$$

$$= J_{1}(u) + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla h + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla h|^{2}$$

$$J_{2}(u+h) = \frac{k}{5} \int_{\Gamma_{N}} |u+h|^{5} = \frac{k}{5} \int_{\Gamma_{N}} |u|^{5} + 5|u^{4}h| + |u^{3}h^{2}| + O(h^{3})$$

$$= J_{2}(u) + k \int_{\Gamma_{N}} |u^{4}h| + 2k \int_{\Gamma_{N}} |u^{3}h^{2}| + O(h^{3})$$

$$J_{3}(u+h) = \int_{\Omega} f u + \int_{\Omega} f h = J_{3}(u) + \int_{\Omega} f h$$

Then we can have the derivative of J:

$$< J'(u), h>_{H_1} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + k \int_{\Gamma_{\mathbb{N}}} |u^4 h| - \int_{\Omega} f h$$

Which is the same as the variational formulation found at the previous question Then we have:

$$J(u+h) = J(u) + J'(u)(h) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla h|^2 + k \int_{\Gamma_N} 2|u^3h^2| + 2|u^2h^3| + |u|h^4| + \frac{1}{5}|h^5|$$

where the rest of the term is positive, so the functional *J* is strictly convex.

And when u tends to infinity, J also tends to infinity, so if a minimizer exists it is unique.