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# Corrigendum to "*Existence and exponential decay for a nonlinear wave equation with nonlocal boundary conditions of $2N$ -point type*"

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**Abstract**

This note presents corrections to our paper<sup>1</sup>.

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**CORRIGENDUM TO THE PROOF OF THEOREM 4.1**

In this section, we present corrections to Proof of Theorem 4.1 related to Lemma 4.3 in<sup>1</sup> (pp. 16), by the fact that Lemma 4.3 is wrong with the functional  $I(t)$  defined by (74) of<sup>1</sup>.

We first give corrections to the functionals  $E(t)$ ,  $J(t)$ ,  $I(t)$  as in (74), (75) below. Next, we present corrections to the proof of Theorem 4.1 related to Lemma 4.3.

Let  $k, \bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $k > 0$  and  $0 < \bar{\lambda} < \lambda$ . Consider  $g(t) = 2\bar{\lambda}e^{-2kt}$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) and  $(g * u')(t) = \int_0^t g(t-s) \|u'(s)\|^2 ds$ , with  $u \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+; L^2)$ .

We construct the following Lyapunov functional

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = E(t) + \delta\psi(t), \quad (73)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (g * u')(t) + \frac{1}{2} \|u(t)\|_a^2 - \frac{1}{p} \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \right) [(g * u')(t) + \|u(t)\|_a^2] + \frac{1}{p} I(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + J(t), \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J(t) &= \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \right) [(g * u')(t) + \|u(t)\|_a^2] + \frac{1}{p} I(t), \\ I(t) &= I(u(t)) = (g * u')(t) + \|u(t)\|_a^2 - \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p, \\ \psi(t) &= \langle u(t), u'(t) \rangle + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|u(t)\|^2 + \frac{\lambda_0}{2} u^2(0, t) + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} u^2(1, t), \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

where  $\delta > 0$  is chosen later.

Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** Assume that  $(A_1^\infty) - (A_3^\infty)$  hold. Let  $I(0) > 0$  and the initial energy  $E(0)$  satisfy

$$\gamma^* = \frac{C_p^p}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_1^p}} R_*^{p-2} < 1, \quad (76)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_*^2 &= \frac{2pr}{p-2} \left( E(0) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_0} \int_0^\infty \rho(s) ds \right), \\ \varepsilon_0 &= \min\{\lambda, \frac{1}{4}\mu_*\}, \quad r = \exp \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0 \bar{\alpha}_1} \frac{2p}{p-2} \sum_{i=0}^1 \|\bar{H}_i\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)}^2 \right], \\ \bar{H}_0(t) &= |\bar{h}_0(t)| + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |\bar{h}_{0i}(t)|, \quad \bar{H}_1(t) = |\bar{h}_1(t)| + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |\bar{h}_{1i}(t)|, \\ \rho(t) &= \|F(t)\|^2 + g_0^2(t) + g_1^2(t), \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

and  $C_p$  is a constant satisfying the inequality  $\|v\| \leq C_p \|v\|_{H^1}$ , for all  $v \in H^1$ .

Then, for  $\bar{\lambda}_0^2, \bar{\lambda}_1^2, \|\bar{H}_0\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}, \|\bar{H}_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}$  sufficiently small, there exist positive constants  $C, \gamma$  such that

$$E(t) \leq C \exp(-\gamma t), \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.*

First, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 4.2.** Suppose that the assumptions of Theorem 4.1 hold. Then,  $E(t)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &\leq - \left( \lambda - \bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 \right) \|u'(t)\|^2 - k(g * u')(t) - \left( \frac{1}{2}\mu_* - \varepsilon_1 \right) \left( |u'(0, t)|^2 + |u'(1, t)|^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1 \bar{\alpha}_1} \sum_{i=0}^1 \bar{H}_i^2(t) \|u(t)\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} \rho(t), \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

for all  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ . *Proof of Lemma 4.2.* Multiplying (1) by  $u'(x, t)$  and integrating over  $[0, 1]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= - (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \|u'(t)\|^2 - k(g * u')(t) \\ &\quad - \left[ \lambda_0 |u'(0, t)|^2 + \lambda_1 |u'(1, t)|^2 + (\bar{\lambda}_0 + \bar{\lambda}_1) u'(0, t) u'(1, t) \right] - \bar{a}_0(t; u(t), u'(t)) \\ &\quad - \bar{a}_1(t; u(t), u'(t)) - g_0(t) u'(0, t) - g_1(t) u'(1, t) + \langle F(t), u'(t) \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_0(t; u, v) &= \left( \bar{h}_0(t) u(1) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \bar{h}_{0i}(t) u(\eta_i) \right) v(0), \\ \bar{a}_1(t; u, v) &= \left( \bar{h}_1(t) u(0) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \bar{h}_{1i}(t) u(\theta_i) \right) v(1), \text{ for all } u, v \in H^1, 0 \leq t \leq T. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\lambda_0 |u'(0, t)|^2 + \lambda_1 |u'(1, t)|^2 + (\bar{\lambda}_0 + \bar{\lambda}_1) u'(0, t) u'(1, t) \geq \frac{1}{2} \mu_* \left[ |u'(0, t)|^2 + |u'(1, t)|^2 \right].$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
-\bar{a}_0(t; u(t), u'(t)) &= -\left(\bar{h}_0(t)u(1, t) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \bar{h}_{0i}(t)u(\eta_i(t), t)\right) u'(0, t) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 |u'(0, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1 \bar{\alpha}_1} \bar{H}_0^2(t) \|u(t)\|_a^2; \\
-\bar{a}_1(t; u(t), u'(t)) &= -\left(\bar{h}_1(t)u(0, t) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \bar{h}_{1i}(t)u(\theta_i(t), t)\right) u'(1, t) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 |u'(1, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1 \bar{\alpha}_1} \bar{H}_1^2(t) \|u(t)\|_a^2; \\
-g_0(t)u'(0, t) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 |u'(0, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} g_0^2(t); \\
-g_1(t)u'(1, t) &\leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 |u'(1, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} g_1^2(t); \\
\langle F(t), u'(t) \rangle &\leq \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 \|u'(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} \|F(t)\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{80}$$

Combining (79), (80), it is clear that (78) holds. Lemma 4.2 is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** Suppose that the assumptions of Theorem 4.1 hold. Then,  $I(t) > 0, \forall t \geq 0$ .

*Proof of Lemma 4.3.* By the continuity of  $I(t)$  and  $I(0) > 0$ , there exists  $T_1 > 0$  such that

$$I(t) > 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_1], \tag{81}$$

this implies

$$J(t) = \frac{p-2}{2p} [(g * u')(t) + \|u(t)\|_a^2] + \frac{1}{p} I(t) \geq \frac{p-2}{2p} \|u(t)\|_a^2, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_1]. \tag{82}$$

It follows from (81), (82) that

$$\|u(t)\|_a^2 \leq \frac{2p}{p-2} J(t) \leq \frac{2p}{p-2} E(t), \quad \forall t \in [0, T_1]. \tag{83}$$

Combining (78), (83) with  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_0 \equiv \min\{\lambda, \frac{1}{4}\mu_*\}$  and using Gronwall's inequality we have

$$\|u(t)\|_a^2 \leq \frac{2p}{p-2} E(t) \leq \frac{2pr}{p-2} \left( E(0) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_0} \int_0^t \rho(s) ds \right) \equiv R_*^2, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_1], \tag{84}$$

where  $r$  as in (77).

Hence, it follows from (76), (84) that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p &\leq C_p^p \|u(t)\|_{H^1}^p \leq C_p^p \left( \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \right)^{p/2} \\
&= \frac{C_p^p}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_1^p}} \|u(t)\|_a^{p-2} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \leq \gamma^* \|u(t)\|_a^2, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_1].
\end{aligned} \tag{85}$$

Therefore  $I(t) \geq (g * u')(t) + (1 - \gamma^*) \|u(t)\|_a^2 \geq 0, \forall t \in [0, T_1]$ .

Now, we put  $T_* = \sup \{T > 0 : I(u(t)) > 0, \forall t \in [0, T]\}$ . If  $T_* < +\infty$  then, by the continuity of  $I(t)$ , we have  $I(T_*) \geq 0$ .

If  $I(T_*) > 0$ , by the same arguments as in the above part we can deduce that there exists  $T'_* > T_*$  such that  $I(t) > 0, \forall t \in [0, T'_*]$ . We obtain a contradiction to the definition of  $T_*$ .

If  $I(T_*) = 0$ , it follows that

$$0 = I(T_*) \geq (g * u')(T_*) + (1 - \gamma^*) \|u(T_*)\|_a^2 \geq 0.$$

Therefore

$$u(T_*) = (g * u')(T_*) = 0.$$

By the fact that the function  $s \mapsto g(T_* - s) \|u'(s)\|^2$  is continuous on  $[0, T_*]$  and  $g(T_* - s) > 0, \forall s \in [0, T_*]$ , we have

$$(g * u)(T_*) = \int_0^{T_*} g(T_* - s) \|u'(s)\|^2 ds = 0,$$

it follows that  $\|u'(s)\| = 0, \forall s \in [0, T_*]$ , it means that  $u$  is a constant function on  $[0, T_*]$ . Then,  $u(0) = u(T_*) = 0$ . It leads to  $I(0) = 0$ . We get in contradiction with  $I(0) > 0$ .

Consequently,  $T_* = +\infty$ , i.e.  $I(t) > 0, \forall t \geq 0$ . Lemma 4.3 is proved completely.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4.** Suppose that the assumptions of Theorem 4.1 hold. Then, there exist positive constants  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  such that

$$\beta_1 E(t) \leq \mathcal{L}(t) \leq \beta_2 E(t), \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad (86)$$

for  $\delta$  is small enough.

*Proof of Lemma 4.4.* It is obviously that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(t) &\leq \frac{1+\delta}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) [(g * u')(t) + \|u(t)\|_a^2] + \frac{1}{p} I(t) \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{2} [1 + \lambda + 2(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)] \|u(t)\|_{H^1}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1+\delta}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) (g * u')(t) + \frac{1}{p} I(t) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) + \frac{\delta}{2\bar{\alpha}_1} [1 + \lambda + 2(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)] \right\} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \\ &= (1+\delta) \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) (g * u')(t) + \frac{1}{p} I(t) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{\delta}{2\bar{\alpha}_1 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right)} [1 + \lambda + 2(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)] \right\} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \\ &\leq \beta_2 E(t), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_2 = 1 + \delta + \frac{\delta p}{\bar{\alpha}_1(p-2)} [1 + \lambda + 2(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)]$ .

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(t) &\geq \frac{1}{2} \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) [(g * u')(t) + \|u(t)\|_a^2] + \frac{1}{p} I(t) + \delta \langle u(t), u'(t) \rangle \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2}\right) \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) (g * u')(t) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\delta}{2\bar{\alpha}_1}\right) \|u(t)\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{p} I(t) - \frac{\delta}{2\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} (1-\delta) \|u'(t)\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) (g * u')(t) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\delta p}{(p-2)\bar{\alpha}_1}\right) \|u(t)\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{p} I(t) \\ &\geq \beta_1 E(t), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta_1 = \min \left\{ 1 - \delta, 1 - \frac{\delta p}{(p-2)\bar{\alpha}_1} \right\} > 0$ , and  $\delta$  is small enough such that  $0 < \delta < \min \{ 1; (1 - \frac{2}{p})\bar{\alpha}_1 \}$ . Lemma 4.4 is proved completely.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5.** Suppose that the assumptions of Theorem 4.1 hold. Then,  $\psi(t)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(t) &\leq \|u'(t)\|^2 + (g * u')(t) - \frac{1}{2} I(t) + \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} \left( |u'(0, t)|^2 + |u'(1, t)|^2 \right) \\ &\quad - \left\{ \frac{1-\gamma^*}{2} - \frac{2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \left[ \varepsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_2} (\bar{\lambda}_0^2 + \bar{\lambda}_1^2) + \sum_{i=0}^1 \|\bar{H}_i\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} \right] \right\} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} \rho(t), \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

for all  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ .

*Proof of Lemma 4.5.* By multiplying (1) by  $u(x, t)$  and integrating over  $[0, 1]$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\psi'(t) &= \|u'(t)\|^2 + \|u(t)\|_{L^p}^p - \|u(t)\|_a^2 - \bar{a}_0(t; u(t), u(t)) - \bar{a}_1(t; u(t), u(t)) \\ &\quad - \bar{\lambda}_0 u'(1, t)u(0, t) - \bar{\lambda}_1 u'(0, t)u(1, t) - g_0(t)u(0, t) - g_1(t)u(1, t) + \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle \\ &= \|u'(t)\|^2 + (g * u')(t) - \frac{1}{2}I(t) - \frac{1}{2}I(t) \\ &\quad - \bar{a}_0(t; u(t), u(t)) - \bar{a}_1(t; u(t), u(t)) - \bar{\lambda}_0 u'(1, t)u(0, t) - \bar{\lambda}_1 u'(0, t)u(1, t) \\ &\quad - g_0(t)u(0, t) - g_1(t)u(1, t) + \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle.\end{aligned}\tag{88}$$

We have the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}I(t) &\geq (1 - \gamma^*) \|u(t)\|_a^2; \\ \bar{\alpha}_1 \|u(t)\|_{H^1}^2 &\leq \|u(t)\|_a^2 \leq \bar{\alpha}_2 \|u(t)\|_{H^1}^2; \\ -\bar{a}_0(t; u(t), u(t)) &\leq 2\bar{H}_0(t) \|u(t)\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \frac{2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \|\bar{H}_0\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|u(t)\|_a^2; \\ -\bar{a}_1(t; u(t), u(t)) &\leq 2\bar{H}_1(t) \|u(t)\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \frac{2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \|\bar{H}_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|u(t)\|_a^2.\end{aligned}\tag{89}$$

On the other hand, for  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned}-\bar{\lambda}_0 u'(1, t)u(0, t) &\leq |\bar{\lambda}_0| \sqrt{2} |u'(1, t)| \|u(t)\|_{H^1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} |u'(1, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} \bar{\lambda}_0^2 \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2; \\ -\bar{\lambda}_1 u'(0, t)u(1, t) &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} |u'(0, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} \bar{\lambda}_1^2 \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2; \\ -g_0(t)u(0, t) &\leq \sqrt{2} |g_0(t)| \|u(t)\|_{H^1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} g_0^2(t); \\ -g_1(t)u(1, t) &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} g_1^2(t); \\ \langle F(t), u(t) \rangle &\leq \|F(t)\| \|u(t)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \|u(t)\|_a^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon_2} \|F(t)\|^2.\end{aligned}\tag{90}$$

Combining (88)-(90), it follows that (87) holds. Lemma 4.5 is proved.  $\square$

Now, we use the results obtained in Lemmas 4.2-4.5 to prove the following decay of the solution of (1)-(4).

It follows from (73)-(76), (78) and (87), that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}'(t) &\leq -\left(\lambda - \bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 - \delta\right) \|u'(t)\|^2 - (k - \delta)(g * u')(t) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2}\mu_* - \varepsilon_1 - \frac{\delta\varepsilon_2}{2}\right) \left[|u'(0, t)|^2 + |u'(1, t)|^2\right] \\ &\quad - \left\{\delta \left[\frac{1 - \gamma^*}{2} - \frac{2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \left(\varepsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_2} (\bar{\lambda}_0^2 + \bar{\lambda}_1^2) + \sum_{i=0}^1 \|\bar{H}_i\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}\right)\right] \right. \\ &\quad \quad \left. - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1 \bar{\alpha}_1} \sum_{i=0}^1 \|\bar{H}_i\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}^2\right\} \|u(t)\|_a^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{\delta}{2} I(t) + \left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} + \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon_2}\right) \rho(t),\end{aligned}\tag{91}$$

for all  $\delta, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$ . Next, we shall choose  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \delta$  with the following growth properties as follows

$$\begin{cases} 0 < \frac{\varepsilon_1}{2} < \lambda - \bar{\lambda}, 0 < \varepsilon_1 < \frac{1}{2}\mu_*; \\ 0 < \frac{\delta\varepsilon_2}{2} < \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} < \frac{1}{2}\mu_* - \varepsilon_1; \frac{2\varepsilon_2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} < \frac{1 - \gamma^*}{2}; \\ \text{and } 0 < \delta < \min \left\{ 1; k; \left(1 - \frac{2}{p}\right)\bar{\alpha}_1; \lambda - \bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_1 \right\}.\end{cases}$$

Then, if  $\bar{\lambda}_0^2, \bar{\lambda}_1^2, \|\bar{H}_0\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}, \|\bar{H}_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}$  are sufficiently small, such that

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1 \bar{\alpha}_1} \sum_{i=0}^1 \|\bar{H}_i\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)}^2 < \delta \left[ \frac{1-\gamma^*}{2} - \frac{2}{\bar{\alpha}_1} \left( \varepsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_2} (\bar{\lambda}_0^2 + \bar{\lambda}_1^2) + \sum_{i=0}^1 \|\bar{H}_i\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} \right) \right], \quad (92)$$

we deduce from (86), (91) and (92) that there exists a positive constant  $\gamma < \rho_2$  such that

$$\mathcal{L}'(t) \leq -\gamma \mathcal{L}(t) + \left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_1} + \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon_2} \right) \rho_1 e^{-\rho_2 t}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (93)$$

Combining (86) and (93), Theorem 4.1 is complete.  $\square$

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