

**CORRIGENDUM TO “A PRIORI BOUNDS FOR WEAK  
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In this corrigendum we correct a lemma concerning the geometric convergence of sequences of numbers which was used in [2] as Lemma 2.1. As a consequence the statement in the main result changes a bit and the corresponding proof needs some minor different arguments to be fitted.

(a) First, we replace Theorem 1.1 in [2] by the following one:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let the assumptions in (H) be satisfied. Then there exist positive constants  $\alpha = \alpha(p, q_0, q_1)$  and  $C = C(p, q_0, q_1, a_3, a_4, a_5, b_0, b_1, b_2, c_0, c_1, N, \Omega)$  such that the following assertions hold.*

(i) *If  $u \in W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is a weak subsolution of (1.1), then both  $\text{ess sup}_\Omega u$  and  $\text{ess sup}_\Gamma u$  are bounded from above by*

$$C \left[ 1 + \int_\Omega u_+^{q_0(x)} dx + \int_\Gamma u_+^{q_1(x)} d\sigma \right]^\alpha.$$

(ii) *If  $u \in W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is a weak supersolution of (1.1), then both  $\text{ess inf}_\Omega u$  and  $\text{ess inf}_\Gamma u$  are bounded from below by*

$$-C \left[ 1 + \int_\Omega (-u)_+^{q_0(x)} dx + \int_\Gamma (-u)_+^{q_1(x)} d\sigma \right]^\alpha.$$

(b) Next, we replace Corollary 1.2 in [2] by the following one:

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let the assumptions (H) be satisfied and let  $u \in W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  be a weak solution of (1.1). Then  $u \in L^\infty(\Omega), L^\infty(\Gamma)$  and the estimates in (i) and (ii) from Theorem 1.1 are valid.*

(c) Replace reference [32] on page 868, line 5 from bottom by the new reference [1].

(d) Now, we replace Lemma 2.1 in [2] by the following one:

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\{Y_n\}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , be a sequence of positive numbers, satisfying the recursion inequality*

$$Y_{n+1} \leq Kb^n (Y_n^{1+\delta_1} + Y_n^{1+\delta_2}), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

for some  $b > 1$ ,  $K > 0$  and  $\delta_2 \geq \delta_1 > 0$ . If

$$Y_0 \leq \min \left( 1, (2K)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1^2}} \right)$$

or

$$Y_0 \leq \min \left( (2K)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1^2}}, (2K)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_2}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1 \delta_2} - \frac{\delta_2 - \delta_1}{\delta_2^2}} \right),$$

then  $Y_n \leq 1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Moreover,

$$Y_n \leq \min \left( 1, (2K)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1^2}} b^{-\frac{n}{\delta_1}} \right), \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0,$$

where  $n_0$  is the smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  satisfying  $Y_n \leq 1$ . In particular,  $Y_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We note that Lemma 2.1 stated in [2] would have been correct if  $K > 1$  instead of  $K > 0$ . However, we need in our treatment such a result for arbitrary positive  $K$ .

Now, at two places in the proof of Theorem 1.1, we need some minor changes.

(e) At the beginning of page 872 in [2] we add the following paragraph:

“Here,  $(p_i^-)^*$  and  $(p_i^-)_*$  are defined by, for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,

$$(p_i^-)^* = \begin{cases} \frac{N(p_i^-)}{N-(p_i^-)} & \text{if } (p_i^-) < N, \\ q_0^+ + 1 & \text{if } (p_i^-) \geq N, \end{cases} \quad (p_i^-)_* = \begin{cases} \frac{(N-1)(p_i^-)}{N-(p_i^-)} & \text{if } (p_i^-) < N, \\ q_1^+ + 1 & \text{if } (p_i^-) \geq N, \end{cases}$$

where  $q_0^+ = \max_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} q_0(x)$  and  $q_1^+ = \max_{x \in \Gamma} q_1(x)$  (see Section 2).”

(f) Replace the paragraph on page 876 from formula (3.23) until line 4 from bottom by the following paragraph:

“

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0 &= \int_{\Omega} (u - k)_+^{q_0(x)} dx + \int_{\Gamma} (u - k)_+^{q_1(x)} d\sigma \\ &\leq \min \left[ \left( \frac{16K}{k^{q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1^2}}, \left( \frac{16K}{k^{q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_2}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1 \delta_2} - \frac{\delta_2 - \delta_1}{\delta_2^2}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Relation (3.23) is clearly satisfied if

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} u_+^{q_0(x)} dx + \int_{\Gamma} u_+^{q_1(x)} d\sigma \\ &\leq \min \left[ \left( \frac{16K}{k^{q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1^2}}, \left( \frac{16K}{k^{q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\delta_2}} b^{-\frac{1}{\delta_1 \delta_2} - \frac{\delta_2 - \delta_1}{\delta_2^2}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

Hence, if we choose  $k$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \left( 1 + (16K)^{\frac{1}{q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}} b^{\frac{1}{\delta_1 q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})} + \frac{\delta_2 - \delta_1}{\delta_2 q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \int_{\Omega} u_+^{q_0(x)} dx + \int_{\Gamma} u_+^{q_1(x)} d\sigma \right)^{\frac{\delta_2}{q_0^- (1-\hat{\eta})}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

then (3.24) and in particular (3.23) are satisfied. Since  $k_n \rightarrow 2k$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\Omega} u \leq 2k \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\Gamma} u \leq 2k$$

with  $k$  given in (3.25). ”

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