

Corrigendum

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We essentially use Lemma 2.1 which is proved in [1]. Accordingly, the set Ω must be “a bounded *domain* in \mathbb{R}^N ($N \geq 2$) with boundary $\partial\Omega$ of class C^2 ”, instead of “an *open bounded set* in \mathbb{R}^N with boundary $\partial\Omega$ of class C^2 ”. This change does not affect the validity of the results stated in the paper. But, it affects the proof of Lemma 3.1. In this view, the only necessary modification is the following.

Proof of Lemma 3.1. It suffices to show that $u \geq 0$ in Ω . From (2.2), (3.4) and the integration by parts formula it follows

$$-\int_{\Omega} \frac{\nabla u \cdot \nabla v}{\sqrt{1 - |\nabla u|^2}} = \int_{\Omega} \mu(x)|u|^{q-1}uv - \lambda \int_{\Omega} \bar{g}(x, u)v, \quad (1)$$

for all $v \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ with $v|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$. We denote

$$\mathcal{O} := \{x \in \Omega : u(x) < 0\}, \quad u^- := \min\{0, u\}, \quad \mathcal{O}' := \{x \in \mathcal{O} : |\nabla u^-(x)| > 0\}.$$

From [2, Theorem A.1] we have $u^- \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$ and $\nabla u^- = \nabla u$ in \mathcal{O} , $\nabla u^- = 0_{\mathbb{R}^N}$ in $\Omega \setminus \mathcal{O}$. So, taking $v = u^-$ in (1) and using hypothesis (H), it follows

$$-\int_{\mathcal{O}} \frac{|\nabla u^-|^2}{\sqrt{1 - |\nabla u^-|^2}} = \int_{\mathcal{O}} \mu(x)|u^-|^{q+1} \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

If $\text{meas } \mathcal{O}' > 0$, then from (2) we get the contradiction

$$0 > -\int_{\mathcal{O}'} \frac{|\nabla u^-|^2}{\sqrt{1 - |\nabla u^-|^2}} \geq 0.$$

Consequently, $\text{meas } \mathcal{O}' = 0$ and, as $\nabla u^- = 0_{\mathbb{R}^N}$ in $\Omega \setminus \mathcal{O}$, we get that $\nabla u^- = 0_{\mathbb{R}^N}$ a.e. on Ω . As Ω is a domain, we infer that $u^- = \text{const.}$, hence $u^- \equiv 0$ in Ω . This means $u \geq 0$ in Ω . \square

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