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# Kamenev-Type Oscillation Criteria of Second-Order Nonlinear Dynamic Equations on Time Scales

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Using functions from some function classes and a generalized Riccati technique, we establish Kamenev-type oscillation criteria for second-order nonlinear dynamic equations on time scales of the form  $(p(t)\psi(x(t))k \circ x^\Delta(t))^\Delta + f(t, x(\sigma(t))) = 0$ . Two examples are included to show the significance of the results.

## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the second-order nonlinear dynamic equation

$$(p(t)\psi(x(t))k \circ x^\Delta(t))^\Delta + f(t, x(\sigma(t))) = 0 \quad (1)$$

on a time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ .

Throughout this paper, we will assume that

(C1)  $p \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, (0, \infty))$ ,

(C2)  $\psi \in C(\mathbb{R}, (0, \eta])$ , where  $\eta$  is a fixed positive constant,

(C3)  $k \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ , and there exist  $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2 > 0$  such that  $0 < \gamma_2 y k(y) \leq k^2(y) \leq \gamma_1 y k(y)$  for all  $y \neq 0$ ,

(C4)  $f \in C(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ .

Preliminaries about time scale calculus can be found in [1–3], and hence we omit them here. Note that for some typical time scales, we have the following properties, respectively:

(1)  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= \rho(t) = t, & f^\Delta(t) &= f'(t), \\ \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t &= \int_a^b f(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

(2)  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= t + 1, & \rho(t) &= t - 1, \\ f^\Delta(t) &= f(t + 1) - f(t), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = \sum_{k=a}^{b-1} f(k), \quad a \leq b,$$

(3)  $\mathbb{T} = h\mathbb{N}_+$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= t + h, & \rho(t) &= t - h, \\ f^\Delta(t) &= \frac{f(t + h) - f(t)}{h}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = \sum_{k=a/h}^{(b/h)-1} f(hk) h, \quad a \leq b;$$

(4)  $\mathbb{T} = \{2^n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= 2t, & \rho(t) &= \frac{t}{2}, & f^\Delta(t) &= \frac{f(2t) - f(t)}{t}, \\ \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t &= \sum_{k=\log_2 a}^{\log_2 b - 1} f(2^k) 2^k, & a &\leq b. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Without loss of generality, we assume throughout that  $\sup \mathbb{T} = \infty$  since we are interested in extending oscillation criteria for the typical time scales above.

*Definition 1.* A solution  $x$  of (1) is said to have a generalized zero at  $t^* \in \mathbb{T}$  if  $x(t^*)x(\sigma(t^*)) \leq 0$ , and it is said to be nonoscillatory on  $\mathbb{T}$  if there exists  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$  such that  $x(t)x(\sigma(t)) > 0$  for all  $t > t_0$ . Otherwise, it is oscillatory. Equation (1) is said to be oscillatory if all solutions of (1) are oscillatory.

The theory of time scales, which has recently received a lot of attention, was introduced by Stefan Hilger in his Ph.D. thesis [4] in 1988 in order to unify continuous and discrete analysis; see also [5]. In recent years, there has been much research activity concerning the oscillation and nonoscillation of solutions of dynamic equations on time scales; for example, see [1–28] and the references therein. In Došlý and Hilger [10], the authors considered the second-order dynamic equation

$$(p(t)x^\Delta(t))^\Delta + q(t)x(\sigma(t)) = 0, \quad (6)$$

and gave necessary and sufficient conditions for the oscillation of all solutions on unbounded time scales. In Del Medico and Kong [8, 9], the authors employed the following Riccati transformation

$$u(t) = \frac{p(t)x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)} \quad (7)$$

and gave sufficient conditions for Kamenev-type oscillation criteria of (6) on a measure chain.

In Wang [25], the author considered second-order nonlinear damped differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} & (a(t)\psi(x(t))k(x'(t)))' + p(t)k(x'(t)) \\ & + q(t)f(x(t)) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

used the following generalized Riccati transformations

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \phi(t)a(t) \left[ \frac{\psi(x(t))k(x'(t))}{f(x(t))} + R(t) \right], \quad t \geq t_0, \\ v(t) &= \phi(t)a(t) \left[ \frac{\psi(x(t))k(x'(t))}{x(t)} + R(t) \right], \quad t \geq t_0, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\phi \in C^1([t_0, \infty), \mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $R \in C([t_0, \infty), \mathbb{R})$ , and gave a new oscillation criteria of (8). In Huang and Wang [16], the authors considered second-order nonlinear dynamic equation on time scales

$$(p(t)x^\Delta(t))^\Delta + f(t, x(\sigma(t))) = 0. \quad (10)$$

By using a similar generalized Riccati transformation which is more general than (7)

$$u(t) = \frac{A(t)p(t)x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)} + B(t), \quad (11)$$

where  $A \in C_{rd}^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\})$ ,  $B \in C_{rd}^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , the authors extended the results in Del Medico and Kong [8, 9] and established some new Kamenev-type oscillation criteria.

In this paper, we will use functions in some function classes and a similar generalized Riccati transformation as (11) and was used in [25, 26] for nonlinear differential equations, and establish Kamenev-type oscillation criteria for (1) in Section 2. Finally, in Section 3, two examples are included to show the significance of the results.

For simplicity, throughout this paper, we denote  $(a, b) \cap \mathbb{T} = (a, b)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $[a, b)_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $(a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  are denoted similarly.

## 2. Kamenev-Type Criteria

In this section we establish Kamenev-type criteria for oscillation of (1). Our approach to oscillation problems of (1) is based largely on the application of the Riccati transformation. Now, we give the first lemma.

**Lemma 2.** Assume that (C1)–(C4) hold and that there exists a function  $q \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $uf(t, u) \geq q(t)u^2$ . Also, suppose that  $x(t)$  is a solution of (1) satisfies  $x(t) > 0$  for  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  with  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ . For  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , define

$$u(t) = A(t) \frac{p(t)\psi(x(t))k \circ x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)} + B(t), \quad (12)$$

where  $A \in C_{rd}^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\})$ ,  $B \in C_{rd}^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)A^\sigma > 0$  for  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Then,  $u(t)$  satisfies

$$\mu(t)u(t) - \mu(t)B(t) + \gamma_1\eta A(t)p(t) > 0, \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & u^\Delta(t) + \Phi_1(t) \\ & + \frac{[\gamma_1 A(t) - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)A^\sigma(t)]u^2(t)}{\gamma_1 A(t)(\mu(t)u(t) - \mu(t)B(t) + \gamma_1\eta A(t)p(t))} \\ & + \frac{-\Phi_0(t)u(t) + \gamma_2 A^\sigma(t)B^2(t)}{\gamma_1 A(t)(\mu(t)u(t) - \mu(t)B(t) + \gamma_1\eta A(t)p(t))} \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\Phi_0(t) = ((2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1)A^\sigma(t) + \gamma_1 A(t))B(t) + \gamma_1^2 \eta A^\Delta(t)A(t)p(t)$ ,  $\Phi_1(t) = A^\sigma(t)(q(t) - (B(t)/A(t))^\Delta)$ ,  $A^\sigma(t) = A(\sigma(t))$ .

*Proof.* By (C3), we see that  $x^\Delta$  and  $k \circ x^\Delta$  are both positive, both negative, or both zero. When  $x^\Delta > 0$ , which implies that  $k \circ x^\Delta > 0$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) \\ & \geq \mu \frac{A p \psi(x)(k \circ x^\Delta)^2}{x k \circ x^\Delta} + \gamma_2 A p \psi(x) \\ & \geq \gamma_2 \mu \frac{A p \psi(x) x^\Delta k \circ x^\Delta}{x k \circ x^\Delta} \\ & + \gamma_2 A p \psi(x) = \gamma_2 A p \psi(x) \frac{x^\sigma}{x} > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

When  $x^\Delta < 0$ , which implies that  $k \circ x^\Delta < 0$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) &\geq \mu \frac{A p \psi(x) (k \circ x^\Delta)^2}{x k \circ x^\Delta} + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) \\ &\geq \gamma_1 \mu \frac{A p \psi(x) x^\Delta k \circ x^\Delta}{x k \circ x^\Delta} + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) \\ &= \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) \frac{x^\sigma}{x} \geq \gamma_2 A p \psi(x) \frac{x^\sigma}{x} > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

When  $x^\Delta = 0$ , which implies that  $k \circ x^\Delta = 0$  and  $x = x^\sigma$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) &= \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) \geq \gamma_2 A p \psi(x) \\ &= \gamma_2 A p \psi(x) \frac{x^\sigma}{x} > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Hence, we always have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p &\geq \mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x) > 0, \\ \frac{x}{x^\sigma} &\geq \frac{\gamma_2 A p \psi(x)}{\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 A p \psi(x)} \geq \frac{\gamma_2 A p \psi(x)}{\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p}, \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

that is, (13) holds. Then, differentiating (12) and using (1), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} u^\Delta &= A^\Delta \left( \frac{p \psi(x) k \circ x^\Delta}{x} \right) + A^\sigma \left( \frac{p \psi(x) k \circ x^\Delta}{x} \right)^\Delta + B^\Delta \\ &= \frac{A^\Delta}{A} (u - B) \\ &\quad + A^\sigma \frac{(p \psi(x) k \circ x^\Delta)^\Delta x - p \psi(x) k \circ x^\Delta x^\Delta}{x x^\sigma} + B^\Delta \\ &= \frac{A^\Delta}{A} u + B^\Delta - \frac{A^\Delta}{A} B - A^\sigma \frac{f(t, x^\sigma)}{x^\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &- A^\sigma p \psi(x) \frac{k \circ x^\Delta x^\Delta}{x^2} \frac{x}{x^\sigma} \\ &\leq \frac{A^\Delta}{A} u + A^\sigma \left( \frac{B}{A} \right)^\Delta - A^\sigma q - A^\sigma p \psi(x) \frac{(k \circ x^\Delta)^2}{\gamma_1 x^2} \frac{x}{x^\sigma} \\ &\leq \frac{A^\Delta}{A} u - \Phi_1 - \frac{1}{\gamma_1} A^\sigma p \psi(x) \\ &\quad \times \frac{(u - B)^2}{A^2 p^2 \psi^2(x)} \frac{\gamma_2 A p \psi(x)}{\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p} \\ &= \frac{A^\Delta}{A} u - \Phi_1 - \frac{\gamma_2 A^\sigma}{\gamma_1 A} \frac{(u - B)^2}{\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p} \\ &= \frac{-[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 + \Phi_0 u - \gamma_2 A^\sigma B^2}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} - \Phi_1, \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

that is, (14) holds. Lemma 2 is proved.  $\square$

*Remark 3.* In Lemma 2, the condition  $\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma > 0$  ensures that the coefficient of  $u^2$  in (14) is always negative. The condition is obvious and easy to be fulfilled. For example, when  $A^\Delta(t) \leq 0$  for all  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , we have  $A^\sigma = A + \mu A^\Delta \leq A$ , by (C3), we see that  $\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma > 0$ , and when  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$ , the condition  $\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma > 0$  is also fulfilled.

Let  $D_0 = \{s \in \mathbb{T} : s \geq 0\}$  and  $D = \{(t, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2 : t \geq s \geq 0\}$ . For any function  $f(t, s): \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , denote by  $f_1^\Delta$  and  $f_2^\Delta$  the partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to  $t$  and  $s$ , respectively. For  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ , denote by  $L_{\text{loc}}(E)$  the space of functions which are integrable on any compact subset of  $E$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) &= \left\{ (A, B) : A(s) \in C_{rd}^1(D_0, \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. B(s) \in C_{rd}^1(D_0, \mathbb{R}), \gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma > 0, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \gamma_1 \eta A(s) p(s) \pm \mu(s) B(s) > 0, s \in D_0 \right\}, \\ \mathcal{H}^* &= \left\{ H(t, s) \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}_+) : H(t, t) = 0, \right. \\ &\quad \left. H(t, s) > 0, H_2^\Delta(t, s) \leq 0, t > s \geq 0 \right\}, \\ \mathcal{H}_* &= \left\{ H(t, s) \in C^1(D, \mathbb{R}_+) : H(t, t) = 0, \right. \\ &\quad \left. H(t, s) > 0, H_1^\Delta(t, s) \geq 0, t > s \geq 0 \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

These function classes will be used throughout this paper. Now, we are in a position to give our first theorem.

**Theorem 4.** Assume that (C1)–(C4) hold and that there exists a function  $q \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $u f(t, u) \geq q(t) u^2$ . Also, suppose that there exist  $(A, B) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  and  $H \in \mathcal{H}^*$  such that  $M_1(t, \cdot) \in L([0, \rho(t)]_{\mathbb{T}})$  and for any  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ ,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s)) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} M_1(t, s) \Delta s \right]$$

$$+ H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) (\gamma_1 \eta A(\rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) - \mu(\rho(t)) B(\rho(t))) \Big] = \infty, \quad (21)$$

where  $\Phi_1$  is defined as before, and

$$M_1(t, s) \triangleq \frac{\left\{ \gamma_1 H(t, s) A(s) B(s) + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H(t, \sigma(s)) A^\sigma(s) B(s) + \gamma_1^2 \eta A(s) p(s) (H(t, s) A(s))^{\Delta_s} \right\}^2}{\left\{ 4\gamma_1 A(s) \min \left\{ \left[ \gamma_1 H(t, s) A(s) - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H(t, \sigma(s)) A^\sigma(s) \right] \times \left[ \gamma_1 \eta A(s) p(s) - \mu(s) B(s) \right], \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \gamma_2 H(t, \sigma(s)) A^\sigma(s) \left[ \gamma_1 \eta A(s) p(s) + \mu(s) B(s) \right] \right\} \right\}}. \quad (22)$$

Then, (1) is oscillatory.

*Proof.* Assume that (1) is not oscillatory. Without loss of generality, we may assume there exists  $t_0 \in [0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that  $x(t) > 0$  for  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Let  $u(t)$  be defined by (12). Then, by Lemma 2, (13) and (14) hold.

For simplicity in the following, we let  $H_\sigma = H(t, \sigma(s))$ ,  $H = H(t, s)$ , and  $H_2^\Delta = H_2^\Delta(t, s)$  and omit the arguments in the integrals. For  $s \in \mathbb{T}$ ,

$$H_\sigma - H = H_2^\Delta \mu. \quad (23)$$

Since  $H_2^\Delta \leq 0$  on  $D$ , we see that  $H_\sigma \leq H$ . From  $\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma > 0$  and (C3), we have

$$\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma > \gamma_1 H_\sigma A - \gamma_1 H_\sigma A^\sigma = 0. \quad (24)$$

Multiplying (14), where  $t$  is replaced by  $s$ , by  $H_\sigma$  and integrating it with respect to  $s$  from  $t_0$  to  $t$  with  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $t \geq \sigma(t_0)$ , we obtain

$$\int_{t_0}^t H_\sigma \Phi_1 \Delta s \leq - \int_{t_0}^t \left( H_\sigma u^\Delta + H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{-\Phi_0 u + \gamma_2 A^\sigma B^2}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \right) \Delta s. \quad (25)$$

Noting that  $H(t, t) = 0$ , by the integration by parts formula, we have

$$\int_{t_0}^t H_\sigma \Phi_1 \Delta s \\ \leq H(t, t_0) u(t_0) \\ + \int_{t_0}^t \left( H_2^\Delta u \right. \\ \left. - H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 - \Phi_0 u + \gamma_2 A^\sigma B^2}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \right) \Delta s$$

$$\leq H(t, t_0) u(t_0) \\ + \int_{t_0}^t \left( H_2^\Delta u - H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 - \Phi_0 u}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \right) \Delta s \\ = H(t, t_0) u(t_0) + \int_{\rho(t)}^t H_2^\Delta u \Delta s \\ + \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} \left( H_2^\Delta u - H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 - \Phi_0 u}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \right) \Delta s. \quad (26)$$

Since  $H_2^\Delta \leq 0$  on  $D$ , from (13) we see that for  $t \geq \sigma(t_0)$ ,

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^t H_2^\Delta u \Delta s = H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) u(\rho(t)) \mu(\rho(t)) \\ \leq -H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) (\gamma_1 \eta A(\rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) - \mu(\rho(t)) B(\rho(t))). \quad (27)$$

For  $t \geq \sigma(t_0)$ ,  $s \in [t_0, \rho(t)]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $u(s) \leq 0$ , from (24), we have

$$H_2^\Delta u - H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 - \Phi_0 u}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \\ = - \frac{[\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma] u^2}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \\ + \frac{[\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta] u}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \\ = - \frac{\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} u^2 \\ + \frac{\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)} u \\ - \frac{\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)} \\ \times \frac{\mu u^2}{\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{\gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B) (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} u^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)} u \\
 &\leq -\frac{\gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)^2} u^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)} u \\
 &= -\frac{\gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)}{\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)^2} \\
 &\quad \times \left[ u - \frac{(\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B)}{2\gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)} \right. \\
 &\quad \quad \left. \times (\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta) \right]^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{(\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta)^2}{4\gamma_1 \gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma A (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)} \\
 &\leq (\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta)^2 \\
 &\quad \times (4\gamma_1 A \min \{(\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma) \\
 &\quad \quad \times (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B), \gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma \\
 &\quad \quad \times (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)\})^{-1} = M_1. \tag{28}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $t \geq \sigma(t_0)$ ,  $s \in [t_0, \rho(t)]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $u(s) > 0$ , from (24), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &H_2^\Delta u - H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 - \Phi_0 u}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \\
 &= (-[\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma] u^2 \\
 &\quad + [\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta] u) \\
 &\quad \times (\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p))^{-1} \\
 &= -\frac{\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \\
 &\quad \times \left[ u - \frac{\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta}{2(\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma)} \right]^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{(\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta)^2}{4\gamma_1 A (\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma) (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \\
 &\leq (\gamma_1 H A B + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H_\sigma A^\sigma B + \gamma_1^2 \eta A p (H A)^\Delta)^2 \\
 &\quad \times (4\gamma_1 A \min \{(\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma) \\
 &\quad \quad \times (\gamma_1 \eta A p - \mu B), \gamma_2 H_\sigma A^\sigma \\
 &\quad \quad \times (\gamma_1 \eta A p + \mu B)\})^{-1} = M_1. \tag{29}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all  $t \geq \sigma(t_0)$ ,  $s \in [t_0, \rho(t)]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , we have

$$H_2^\Delta u - H_\sigma \frac{[\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma] u^2 - \Phi_0 u}{\gamma_1 A (\mu u - \mu B + \gamma_1 \eta A p)} \leq M_1. \tag{30}$$

Then, from (26), (27), and (30), we obtain that for  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $t > \sigma(t_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{t_0}^t H_\sigma \Phi_1 \Delta s \leq H(t, t_0) u(t_0) \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} M_1 \Delta s - H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) \\
 &\quad \times (\gamma_1 \eta A(\rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) - \mu(\rho(t)) B(\rho(t))). \tag{31}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s)) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} M_1(t, s) \Delta s \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) (\gamma_1 \eta A(\rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mu(\rho(t)) B(\rho(t))) \right] \leq u(t_0) < \infty, \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts (21) and completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 5.* If we change the condition  $\gamma_1 A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) A^\sigma > 0$  in the definition of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  with a stronger one  $A^\Delta(t) \leq 0$ , (24) in the proof of Theorem 4 will be changed with

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\gamma_1 H A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A^\sigma \\
 &\quad \geq \gamma_1 H_\sigma A - (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) H_\sigma A = \gamma_2 H_\sigma A > 0, \tag{33}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, the definition of  $M_1$  can be simplified as

$$M_1(t, s) \triangleq \frac{\{\gamma_1 H(t, s) A(s) B(s) + (2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) H(t, \sigma(s)) A^\sigma(s) B(s) + \gamma_1^2 \eta A(s) p(s) (H(t, s) A(s))^{\Delta_s}\}^2}{4\gamma_1 \gamma_2 H(t, \sigma(s)) A(s) \min\{A(s) [\gamma_1 \eta A(s) p(s) - \mu(s) B(s)], A^\sigma(s) [\gamma_1 \eta A(s) p(s) + \mu(s) B(s)]\}}. \quad (34)$$

In the sequel, we define

$$\mathbb{T}_1 = \{s \in \mathbb{T} : s \text{ is right-dense}\}, \quad (35)$$

$$\mathbb{T}_2 = \{s \in \mathbb{T} : s \text{ is right-scattered}\}. \quad (36)$$

When  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1$ , by (C3), we see that  $k(y) = y$  and (1) is simplified as

$$(p(t) \psi(x(t)) x^\Delta(t))^\Delta + f(t, x(\sigma(t))) = 0. \quad (37)$$

Now, we have the following theorem, but we should note that this result does not apply to the case where all points in  $\mathbb{T}$  are right dense.

**Theorem 6.** Assume that (C1)–(C4) with  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1$  hold and that there exists a function  $q \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $uf(t, u) \geq q(t)u^2$ . Let  $(A, B) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ ,  $H \in \mathcal{H}_*$ ,  $M_2(\cdot, t) \in L_{loc}([\sigma(t), \infty)_{\mathbb{T}})$ , and  $\mathbb{T}_1, \mathbb{T}_2$  be defined by (35) and (36). Then, (37) is oscillatory provided there exists  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{T}_2$ ,  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ , such that for any  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ , one of the following holds

$$(i) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(t_n, t_0) = \infty \text{ and}$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N(t_n, t_0)} \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] = \infty, \quad (38)$$

$$(ii) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(t_n, t_0) = \infty \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N(t_n, t_0)} \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] = \infty, \quad (39)$$

$$(iii) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(t_n, t_0) < \infty \text{ and}$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] = \infty, \quad (40)$$

where  $N(t, s) = H(t, s)(\eta A(t)p(t) - \mu(t)B(t))/\mu(t)$ ,  $\Phi_1$  is defined as before, and

$$M_2(s, t) \triangleq \frac{\{H(s, t) A(s) B(s) + H(\sigma(s), t) A^\sigma(s) B(s) + \eta A(s) p(s) (H(s, t) A(s))^{\Delta_s}\}^2}{4H(s, t) A(s) \min\{A(s) [\eta A(s) p(s) - \mu(s) B(s)], A^\sigma(s) [\eta A(s) p(s) + \mu(s) B(s)]\}}. \quad (41)$$

*Proof.* Assume that (37) is not oscillatory. Without loss of generality, we may assume there exists  $t_0 \in [0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that  $x(t) > 0$  for  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Let  $u(t)$  be defined by (12) with  $k(y) = y$ . Then, by Lemma 2, (13) and (14) hold for  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1$ . So, we have

$$\mu(t) u(t) - \mu(t) B(t) + \eta A(t) p(t) > 0, \quad (13)'$$

$$u^\Delta(t) + \Phi_1(t) + \frac{A(t) u^2(t)}{A(t) (\mu(t) u(t) - \mu(t) B(t) + \eta A(t) p(t))} \leq 0, \quad (14)'$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{[(A^\sigma(t) + A(t)) B(t) + \eta A^\Delta(t) A(t) p(t)] u(t)}{A(t) (\mu(t) u(t) - \mu(t) B(t) + \eta A(t) p(t))} \\ & + \frac{A^\sigma(t) B^2(t)}{A(t) (\mu(t) u(t) - \mu(t) B(t) + \eta A(t) p(t))} \leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (14)'$$

where  $\Phi_1(t)$  and  $A^\sigma(t)$  are defined as in Lemma 2.

For simplicity in the following, we let  $H'_\sigma = H(\sigma(s), t_0)$ ,  $H' = H(s, t_0)$ , and  $H_1^\Delta = H_1^\Delta(s, t_0)$  and omit the arguments in the integrals. Multiplying (14)', where  $t$  is replaced by  $s$ , by  $H'_\sigma$  and integrating it with respect to  $s$

from  $t_0$  to  $t$  and then using the integration by parts formula, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{t_0}^t H'_\sigma \Phi_1 \Delta s \\
 & \leq - \int_{t_0}^t \left( H'_\sigma u^\Delta + H'_\sigma \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \times \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u + A^\sigma B^2}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \right) \Delta s \\
 & = -H(t, t_0) u(t) \\
 & \quad + \int_{t_0}^t \left( H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \times \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u + A^\sigma B^2}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \right) \Delta s \\
 & \leq -H(t, t_0) u(t) \\
 & \quad + \left( \int_{t_0}^{\sigma(t_0)} + \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^t \right) \\
 & \quad \left( H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \right) \Delta s.
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

For  $s \in [t_0, t]_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,

$$H'_\sigma - H_1^\Delta \mu = H'. \tag{43}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{t_0}^{\sigma(t_0)} \left( H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \right) \Delta s \\
 & = \mu(t_0) \left( H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \right) \Big|_{s=t_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & = \frac{[-AH'u^2 + (H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta)u] \mu}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \Big|_{s=t_0} \\
 & = \frac{(H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta)u \mu}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \Big|_{s=t_0} \\
 & \leq \left( \eta p(H'A)^\Delta + \frac{H'_\sigma A^\sigma B}{A} \right) \Big|_{s=t_0} \\
 & = \eta p(t_0) H_1^\Delta(t_0, t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) + \frac{H(\sigma(t_0), t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) B(t_0)}{A(t_0)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Furthermore, for  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $s \in [\sigma(t_0), t]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $u(s) \leq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \\
 & = \frac{-H'Au^2 + [H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \\
 & = -\frac{H'}{\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap} u^2 \\
 & \quad + \frac{H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)} u \\
 & \quad - \frac{H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)} \frac{\mu u^2}{\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap} \\
 & = -\frac{H'_\sigma A^\sigma (\eta Ap + \mu B)}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} u^2 \\
 & \quad + \frac{H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)} u \\
 & \leq -\frac{H'_\sigma A^\sigma (\eta Ap + \mu B)}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)^2} u^2 \\
 & \quad + \frac{H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)} u \\
 & = -\frac{H'_\sigma A^\sigma (\eta Ap + \mu B)}{A(\eta Ap - \mu B)^2} \\
 & \quad \times \left[ u - \frac{(\eta Ap - \mu B)(H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta)}{2H'_\sigma A^\sigma (\eta Ap + \mu B)} \right]^2
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{\left(H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta\right)^2}{4H'_\sigma A^\sigma A(\eta Ap + \mu B)} \\
& \leq \frac{\left(H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta\right)^2}{4H'A \min\{A(\eta Ap - \mu B), A^\sigma(\eta Ap + \mu B)\}} = M_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

For  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $s \in [\sigma(t_0), t]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $u(s) > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \\
& = -\frac{H'Au^2 + [H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \\
& = -\frac{H'}{\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap} \left[ u - \frac{H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta}{2H'A} \right]^2 \\
& \quad + \frac{\left(H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta\right)^2}{4H'A^2(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \\
& \leq \frac{\left(H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta\right)^2}{4H'A^2(\eta Ap - \mu B)} \\
& \leq \frac{\left(H'AB + H'_\sigma A^\sigma B + \eta Ap(H'A)^\Delta\right)^2}{4H'A \min\{A(\eta Ap - \mu B), A^\sigma(\eta Ap + \mu B)\}} = M_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Hence, for all  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $s \in [\sigma(t_0), t]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , we have

$$H_1^\Delta u - H'_\sigma \frac{Au^2 - [(A^\sigma + A)B + \eta A^\Delta Ap]u}{A(\mu u - \mu B + \eta Ap)} \leq M_2. \tag{47}$$

From (42), (44), and (47), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{t_0}^t H'_\sigma \Phi_1 \Delta s \leq -H(t, t_0)u(t) + \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^t M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \\
& + \left[ \eta p(t_0) H_1^\Delta(t_0, t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) + \frac{H(\sigma(t_0), t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) B(t_0)}{A(t_0)} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

For  $t \in \mathbb{T}_2$ , (13)' implies that

$$-H(t, t_0)u(t) \leq H(t, t_0) \frac{\eta A(t)p(t) - \mu(t)B(t)}{\mu(t)} = N(t, t_0). \tag{49}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{t_0}^t H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s \\
& \leq N(t, t_0) + \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^t M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \\
& \quad + \left[ \eta p(t_0) H_1^\Delta(t_0, t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{H(\sigma(t_0), t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) B(t_0)}{A(t_0)} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Assume that condition (i) holds. Let  $t = t_n$  in (50). Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{N(t_n, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] \\
& \leq 1 + \frac{1}{N(t_n, t_0)} \left[ \eta p(t_0) H_1^\Delta(t_0, t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{H(\sigma(t_0), t_0) A^\sigma(t_0) B(t_0)}{A(t_0)} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

Taking the lim sup as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N(t_n, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] < \infty,
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

which contradicts (38).

The conclusions with conditions (ii) and (iii) can be proved similarly. We omit the details. The proof is complete.  $\square$

When  $(A, B) = (1, 0)$ , Theorems 4 and 6 can be simplified as the following corollaries, respectively.

**Corollary 7.** Assume that (C1)–(C4) hold and that there exists a function  $q \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $uf(t, u) \geq q(t)u^2$ . Also, suppose that there exists  $H \in \mathcal{H}^*$  such that for any  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s)) q(s) \Delta s \right. \\
& \quad - \frac{\gamma_1^2 \eta}{4\gamma_2} \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} \frac{(H_2^\Delta(t, s))^2}{H(t, \sigma(s))} p(s) \Delta s \\
& \quad \left. + \gamma_1 \eta H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) \right] = \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Then, (1) is oscillatory.

**Corollary 8.** Assume that (C1)–(C4) with  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1$  hold and that there exists a function  $q \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$  such that



$uf(t, u) \geq q(t)u^2$ . Let  $H \in \mathcal{H}_*$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_1$  and  $\mathbb{T}_2$  be defined by (35) and (36). Then, (37) is oscillatory provided that there exists  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{T}_2$ ,  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ , such that for any  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ , one of the following holds

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H(t_n, t_0)p(t_n))/\mu(t_n) = \infty$  and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(t_n)}{H(t_n, t_0)p(t_n)} \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0)q(s) \Delta s - \frac{\eta}{4} \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} \frac{(H_1^\Delta(s, t_0))^2}{H(s, t_0)} p(s) \Delta s \right] = \infty, \tag{54}$$

(ii)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H(t_n, t_0)p(t_n))/\mu(t_n) = \infty$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(t_n)}{H(t_n, t_0)p(t_n)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0)q(s) \Delta s - \frac{\eta}{4} \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} \frac{(H_1^\Delta(s, t_0))^2}{H(s, t_0)} p(s) \Delta s \right] = \infty, \tag{55}$$

(iii)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H(t_n, t_0)p(t_n))/\mu(t_n) < \infty$  and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0)q(s) \Delta s - \frac{\eta}{4} \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} \frac{(H_1^\Delta(s, t_0))^2}{H(s, t_0)} p(s) \Delta s \right] = \infty. \tag{56}$$

*Remark 9.* When  $\psi(x) \equiv 1$  and  $k(y) = y$ , Theorems 4 and 6 reduce to [16, Theorems 2.1 and 2.2], respectively. When  $\psi(x) \equiv 1$ ,  $k(y) = y$ ,  $f(t, u) = q(t)u$ , and  $(A, B) = (1, 0)$ , Theorems 4 and 6 reduce to [8, Theorems 2.1 and 2.2], respectively.

### 3. Examples

In this section, we will show the application of our oscillation criteria in two examples. We first give an example to demonstrate Theorem 4 (or Corollary 7).

*Example 10.* Consider the equation

$$\left[ t(2 + \sin x(t)) \frac{x^\Delta(t) \left(1 + (x^\Delta(t))^2\right)}{2 + (x^\Delta(t))^2} \right]^\Delta + t^2(t^2 + 1)x(\sigma(t)) = 0, \tag{57}$$

where  $p(t) = t$ ,  $\psi(x(t)) = 2 + \sin x(t)$ ,  $k \circ x^\Delta(t) = (x^\Delta(t)(1 + (x^\Delta(t))^2))/(2 + (x^\Delta(t))^2)$ , and  $q(t) = t^2$ , so we have  $\gamma_1 = 1$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 1/2$ , and  $\eta = 3$ . Let  $(A, B) = (1, 0)$  and  $H(t, s) = (t - s)^2$ , we have

(1)  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s - \frac{\gamma_1^2 \eta}{4\gamma_2} \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} \frac{(H_2^\Delta(t, s))^2}{H(t, \sigma(s))} p(s) \Delta s + \gamma_1 \eta H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) \right] \\ &= \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(t - t_0)^2} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t (t - s)^2 s^2 ds - \frac{3}{2} \int_{t_0}^t s ds \right] = \infty, \tag{58} \end{aligned}$$

That is, (53) holds. By Corollary 7, we see that (57) is oscillatory;

(2)  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s - \frac{\gamma_1^2 \eta}{4\gamma_2} \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} \frac{(H_2^\Delta(t, s))^2}{H(t, \sigma(s))} p(s) \Delta s + \gamma_1 \eta H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) \right] \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n - l)^2} \times \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} (n - k - 1)^2 k^2 - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=l}^{n-2} \frac{(2n - 2k - 1)^2 k}{(n - k - 1)^2} - 3(n - 1) \right] \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-2} \frac{k^2}{(n - l)^2} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{27k}{2(n - l)^2} - \frac{3(n - 1)}{(n - l)^2} \right] = \infty, \tag{59} \end{aligned}$$

that is, (53) holds. By Corollary 7, we see that (57) is oscillatory;

(3)  $\mathbb{T} = h\mathbb{N}_0, h \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s)) q(s) \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{\gamma_1^2 \eta}{4\gamma_2} \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} \frac{(H_2^\Delta(t, s))^2}{H(t, \sigma(s))} p(s) \Delta s \\ & \quad \left. + \gamma_1 \eta H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) \right] \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(hn - hl)^2} \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} (hn - hk - h)^2 (hk)^2 h \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=l}^{n-2} \frac{(2hn - 2hk - h)^2 hk \cdot h}{(hn - hk - h)^2} \\ & \quad \left. - 3h(hn - h) \right] \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ h^3 \sum_{k=l}^{n-2} \frac{k^2}{(n-l)^2} - \sum_{k=l}^{n-2} \frac{27k}{2(n-l)^2} - \frac{3(n-1)}{(n-l)^2} \right] = \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

that is, (53) holds. By Corollary 7, we see that (57) is oscillatory;

(4)  $\mathbb{T} = \{2^n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t H(t, \sigma(s)) q(s) \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{\gamma_1^2 \eta}{4\gamma_2} \int_{t_0}^{\rho(t)} \frac{(H_2^\Delta(t, s))^2}{H(t, \sigma(s))} p(s) \Delta s \\ & \quad \left. + \gamma_1 \eta H_2^\Delta(t, \rho(t)) p(\rho(t)) \right] \\ &= \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(t - t_0)^2} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t (t - 2s)^2 s^2 \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{3}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t/2} \frac{(2t - 3s)^2 s}{(t - 2s)^2} \Delta s - 3 \cdot \frac{t}{2} \cdot \frac{t}{2} \right] \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2^n - 2^l)^2} \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} \left( (2^n - 2^{k+1})^2 2^{2k} \cdot 2^k \right) \right. \\ & \quad - \sum_{k=l}^{n-2} \frac{3 \cdot 2^k \cdot 2^k \cdot (2^{n+1} - 3 \cdot 2^k)^2}{2(2^n - 2^{k+1})^2} \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{3 \cdot 2^{2n}}{4} \right] = \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{61}$$

that is, (53) holds. By Corollary 7, we see that (57) is oscillatory.

The second example illustrates Theorem 6.

*Example 11.* Consider the equation

$$\left[ \frac{1}{t} \frac{2 + x^2(t)}{1 + x^2(t)} x^\Delta(t) \right]^\Delta + t(2 + \cos t)x(\sigma(t)) = 0, \tag{62}$$

where  $p(t) = 1/t, \psi(x(t)) = (2 + x^2(t))/(1 + x^2(t)), k \circ x^\Delta(t) = x^\Delta(t)$ , and  $q(t) = t$ , so we have  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1, \eta = 2$ . Let  $H(t, s) = (t - s)^2$ , we have

(1)  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{N}$ , let  $(A, B) = (s, 1/s)$ . When  $t_0 = l$  is sufficiently large, there exists  $t_n = n + l$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H(t_n, t_0) \frac{\eta A(t_n) p(t_n) - \mu(t_n) B(t_n)}{\mu(t_n)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(t_n - t_0)^2 (2t_n - 1)}{t_n} = \infty, \\ & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(t_n)}{H(t, t_0) (\eta A(t_n) p(t_n) - \mu(t_n) B(t_n))} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_n}{(t_n - t_0)^2 (2t_n - 1)} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} (s + 1 - t_0)^2 \frac{s^3(s + 1)^2 + 2s + 1}{s^2(s + 1)} \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_{t_0+1}^{t_n} \left( (s - t_0)^2 + (s - t_0 + 1)^2 \left( (s + 1)/s + 6s^2 + 6s + 2 \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times (4s(2s - 1)(s - t_0)^2)^{-1} \right) \Delta s \right] \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_n}{(t_n - t_0)^2 (2t_n - 1)} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{s^5}{2s^3} \Delta s - \int_{t_0+1}^{t_n} \frac{(s^2 + 2s^2 + 6s^2 + s^2)^2}{4s^2(s - t_0)^2} \Delta s \right] \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(n - l)^2 (2n - 1)} \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} \frac{k^2}{2} - 25 \sum_{k=l+1}^{n-1} \frac{k^2}{(k - l)^2} \right] = \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

that is, in Theorem 6, (i) and (38) hold. Then, (62) is oscillatory;

(2)  $\mathbb{T} = h\mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ , let  $(A, B) = (s, 1/h)$ . When  $t_0 = hl$  is sufficiently large, there exists  $t_n = h(n+l)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} H(t_n, t_0) \frac{\eta A(t_n) p(t_n) - \mu(t_n) B(t_n)}{\mu(t_n)} \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(t_n - t_0)^2}{h} = \infty, \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(t_n)}{H(t, t_0) (\eta A(t_n) p(t_n) - \mu(t_n) B(t_n))} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h}{(t_n - t_0)^2} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} (s+h-t_0)^2 \frac{s^3 + hs^2 + 1}{s} \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_{t_0+h}^{t_n} \left( \frac{(s-t_0)^2}{h} + \frac{((s+h)(s+h-t_0)^2)}{h} + 6s^2 + 6hs + 2h^2 \right) (4s^2(s-t_0)^2)^{-1} \Delta s \right] \\ &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h}{(t_n - t_0)^2} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} (s+h-t_0)^2 s^2 \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_{t_0+h}^{t_n} \frac{\left( \frac{s^3}{h} + \frac{2s^3}{h} + \frac{s^3}{h} \right)^2}{4s^2(s-t_0)^2} \Delta s \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h}{(hn-hl)^2} \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} (hk-hl+h)^2 (hk^2) h \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{4}{h} \sum_{k=l+1}^{n-1} \frac{(hk)^4}{(hk-hl)^2} \right] = \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{64}$$

that is, in Theorem 6, (ii) and (39) hold. Then, (62) is oscillatory;

(3)  $\mathbb{T} = \{2^n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ , let  $(A, B) = (1, 1/s^2)$ . When  $t_0 = 2^l$  is sufficiently large, there exists  $t_n = 2^{n+l}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} H(t_n, t_0) \frac{\eta A(t_n) p(t_n) - \mu(t_n) B(t_n)}{\mu(t_n)} \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(t_n - t_0)^2}{t_n^2} = 1 < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} H(\sigma(s), t_0) \Phi_1(s) \Delta s - \int_{\sigma(t_0)}^{t_n} M_2(s, t_0) \Delta s \right] \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} (2s-t_0)^2 \left( s + \frac{2s+1}{s^2(s+1)^2} \right) \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_{2t_0}^{t_n} s \left( \frac{(s-t_0)^2}{s^2} + \frac{(2s-t_0)^2}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} (3s-2t_0) \right)^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times (4(s-t_0)^2)^{-1} \Delta s \right] \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} (2s-t_0)^2 s \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_{2t_0}^{t_n} \frac{(1+4+6)^2 s}{4(s-t_0)^2} \Delta s \right] \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} (2^{k+1} - 2^l)^2 2^k \cdot 2^k \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{121}{4} \sum_{k=l+1}^{n-1} \frac{2^k \cdot 2^k}{(2^k - 2^l)^2} \right] = \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

that is, in Theorem 6, (iii) and (40) hold. Then, (62) is oscillatory.

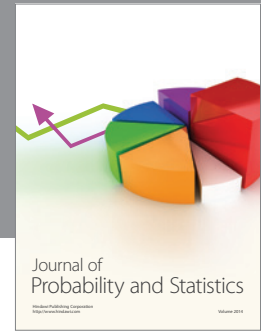
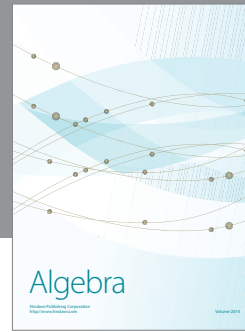
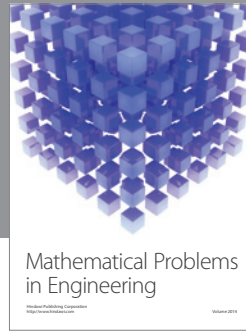
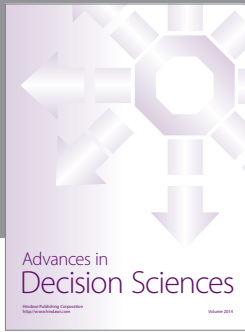
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