

Corrigendum: Quasiconvex Elastodynamics: Weak-Strong Uniqueness for Measure-Valued Solutions

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A Gårding-type Inequality for Quasiconvex Functions

We correct a gap in the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [6]. Specifically, the proof results in the constant C_1 being dependent on t_0 in a way that cannot be controlled. In turn, this implies that the constant C_1 in Proposition 4.3 also depends on t_0 . Therefore, the constant C in the first floating inequality below (4.28) is time dependent. This prevents the use of Grönwall's inequality, which would conclude the proof of Theorem 4.1. In this corrigendum, we re-prove Theorem 5.1 ensuring that the constants involved are time independent. In doing so, we follow a strategy developed by Kristensen and Campos Cordero (see [1] and also Campos Cordero and Koumatos [2]). We also point out that in [3] the crucial inequality (0.5) in the proof of Theorem 5.1 below has been obtained with a different proof.

We denote by

$$\mathcal{F}_K := \{H \in W^{1,\infty}(\bar{Q}, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) : \|H\|_{W^{1,\infty}} \leq K\},$$

noting that there exists a $K > 0$ such that the strong solution $\bar{F}(t, \cdot) \in \mathcal{F}_K$ for all times. We write $C(f, K)$ for a positive constant that depends only on the L^∞ bounds of a function f or any of its derivatives in a ball determined by K . Next, for $f : \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we define the function $G_f : \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \times \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$(0.1) \quad G_f(z, \xi) := f(z + \xi) - f(z) - Df(z) : \xi = \int_0^1 (1-s) D^2 f(z + s\xi) \xi : \xi \, ds.$$

We recall that the function $W \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ in [6] is required to be strongly quasiconvex with constant c_0 , p -coercive with p -growth. Note that in the notation of [6], $G_W(\bar{F}(t, x), \xi) = G(t, x, \xi)$. We require a few preliminary results.

LEMMA 0.1. *Let $W \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, strongly quasiconvex with constant c_0 , p -coercive with p -growth. There exists a constant $c_2 = c_2(W, K)$ such that the*

function

$$\widetilde{W}(\xi) := W(\xi) - c_2|V(\xi)|^2$$

is p -coercive and satisfies the following:

(a) There exists $C = C(\widetilde{W}, K)$ such that for all $z \in \overline{B(0, K)}$, $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

$$|G_{\widetilde{W}}(z, \xi_1) - G_{\widetilde{W}}(z, \xi_2)| \leq C(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| + |\xi_1|^{p-1} + |\xi_2|^{p-1})|\xi_1 - \xi_2|.$$

(b) \widetilde{W} is strongly quasiconvex with constant $c_0/2$ at all $\xi \in \overline{B(0, K)}$, i.e.,

$$\int_Q \widetilde{W}(\xi + \nabla\varphi) - \widetilde{W}(\xi) \geq \frac{c_0}{2} \int_Q |V(\nabla\varphi)|^2 \quad \forall |\xi| \leq K, \forall \varphi \in W^{1,p}(Q).$$

(c) For all $\xi \in \overline{B(0, K)}$ and all $Q' \subset Q$ it holds that

$$(0.2) \quad \int_{Q'} D^2 \widetilde{W}(\xi) \nabla\varphi : \nabla\varphi \geq c_0 \int_{Q'} |\nabla\varphi|^2 \quad \forall \varphi \in W_0^{1,p}(Q').$$

PROOF. For (a) see [2, lemma 4.4]. Part (b) follows by applying (a) to the strongly convex $f(\xi) = |V(\xi)|^2$ in place of \widetilde{W} and (c) by viewing quasiconvexity as a minimality condition and considering the second variation. \square

The following result is inspired by Dafermos [4, lemma 4.3].

PROPOSITION 0.2. *There exists $c_1 = c_1(W, K) > 0$ such that for any $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$*

$$\int_Q D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla\varphi : \nabla\varphi \geq \frac{c_0}{2} \int_Q |\nabla\varphi|^2 - c_1 \int_Q |\varphi|^2 \quad \forall \varphi \in W^{1,2}(Q).$$

PROOF. Fix $\delta > 0$ and a finite cover $\{Q_i\} \subset Q$, $Q_i = Q_i(x_i, r_i)$, such that

$$|D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x)) - D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x_i))| \leq c_0 \delta (1 - \delta)^2.$$

Since $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and $\widetilde{W} \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, the cover can be chosen uniformly for $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$. Next, choose a partition of unity $\{\rho_i\}$ subordinate to the cover $\{Q_i\}$ such that $\text{supp } \rho_i \subset Q_i$ and $\sum_i \rho_i^2 = 1$. Given $\varphi \in W^{1,2}(Q)$, we find that for all $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$,

$$(0.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_Q D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla\varphi : \nabla\varphi \\ &= \sum_i \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x_i)) \nabla\varphi : \nabla\varphi \\ &+ \sum_i \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 [D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x)) - D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x_i))] \nabla\varphi : \nabla\varphi \\ &\geq \sum_i \int_{Q_i} D^2 \widetilde{W}(H(x_i)) (\rho_i \nabla\varphi) : (\rho_i \nabla\varphi) - c_0 \delta (1 - \delta)^2 \int_Q |\nabla\varphi|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\rho_i \nabla \varphi = \nabla(\rho_i \varphi) - \varphi \otimes \nabla \rho_i$ with $\rho_i \varphi \in W_0^{1,2}(Q_i)$ and $|H(x_i)| \leq K$. Then, by (0.2) and Young's inequality, we infer that

$$(0.4) \quad \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0(1 - \delta) \int_{Q_i} |\nabla(\rho_i \varphi)|^2 - C \int_{Q_i} |\varphi|^2,$$

where $C = C(\tilde{W}, K, \delta)$. Through Young's inequality we also find that

$$\int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x_i)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0(1 - \delta)^2 \int_{Q_i} \rho_i^2 |\nabla \varphi|^2 - C(\delta) \int_{Q_i} |\varphi|^2,$$

where $C(\delta)$ also depends on $\|\nabla \rho_i\|_\infty$, in turn depending only on δ and W . Then, after summing up, (0.3) results in

$$\int_Q D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla \varphi : \nabla \varphi \geq c_0(1 - \delta)^3 \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^2 - C(\delta) \int_Q |\varphi|^2.$$

To conclude the proof, fix $\delta = 1 - 2^{-1/3}$ and rename $C = C(W, K) =: c_1$. \square

We next present a proposition that is used repeatedly.

PROPOSITION 0.3. *Let $(H_k) \subset \mathcal{F}_K$, $(h_k) \subset W^{1,p}(Q)$, $(a_k) \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that $a_k^{-1} V(h_k) \rightarrow 0$ strongly in $L^2(Q)$ and $(a_k^{-1} V(\nabla h_k))$ is bounded in $L^2(Q)$. Then,*

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_0}{4} a_k^{-2} \int_Q |\nabla h_k|^2 \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k^{-2} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k(x), \nabla h_k).$$

PROOF. The proof is identical to [2, prop. 4.6], noting that there is no dependence on the lower-order terms (h_k) and no assumptions on (h_k) are required. \square

Lastly, we present a decomposition lemma whose proof can be found in [1].

PROPOSITION 0.4. *Let $\psi_k \rightharpoonup \psi$ in $H_0^1(Q)$. Suppose that $(\eta_k) \subset (0, 1]$ and $(\eta_k \psi_k)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. Then there exist $g_k \in C_c^\infty(Q)$ and $b_k \in H^1(Q)$ such that*

- (a) $\psi_k = \psi + g_k + b_k$;
- (b) $g_k, b_k \rightharpoonup 0$ in $W^{1,2}(Q)$ and $\eta_k g_k, \eta_k b_k \rightharpoonup 0$ in $W^{1,p}(Q)$;
- (c) $\nabla b_k \rightarrow 0$ in measure;
- (d) $(|\nabla g_k|^2)$ and $(|\eta_k \nabla g_k|^p)$ are equi-integrable.

We immediately infer Theorem 5.1 in [6].

PROOF OF THEOREM 5.1 IN [6]. We show that constants $C_0 = C_0(W, K)$ and $C_1 = C_1(W, K)$ exist such that for all $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and all $\varphi \in W^{1,p}(Q) \cap H_0^1(Q)$,

$$(0.5) \quad \int_Q |V(\nabla \varphi)|^2 dx \leq C_1 \int_Q G_W(H(x), \nabla \varphi) dx + C_0 \int_Q |V(\varphi)|^2 dx.$$

Then, choose $H = \bar{F}(t_0, \cdot) = \nabla \bar{y}(t_0, \cdot) \in \mathcal{F}_K$ for some $K > 0$ uniform in t_0 , and $\varphi = z^k(t, \cdot) - \bar{y}(t_0, \cdot)$ where z_k is constructed in Lemma 5.6 in [6]. Next, integrate

in time and take the limit $k \rightarrow \infty$, using the equi-integrability of $(|\nabla z^k|^p)$ and that (∇z^k) generates $(v_{t_0,x}^F)_{x \in Q}$, to conclude the proof of Theorem 5.1, i.e., that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q \langle v_{t_0,x}^F, |V(\xi - \bar{F}(t_0, x))|^2 \rangle dx \\ & \leq C_1 \int_Q \langle v_{t_0,x}, G_W(\bar{F}(t_0, x), \xi - \bar{F}(t_0, x)) \rangle dx \\ & \quad + C_0 \int_Q |V(y(t_0, x) - \bar{y}(t_0, x))|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

In order to show (0.5), by Proposition 0.5 below, there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that

$$(0.6) \quad \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H(x), \nabla \varphi) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi|^2 \geq 0$$

whenever $\|\varphi\|_{L^p(Q)} < \varepsilon_0$. Then, by the definition of \tilde{W} and the strong convexity of $f(\xi) = |V(\xi)|^2$, (0.6) says that whenever $\|\varphi\|_{L^p(Q)} < \varepsilon_0$,

$$C(K) \int_Q |V(\nabla \varphi)|^2 \leq C(K) \int_Q G_f(H, \nabla \varphi) \leq \int_Q G_W(H, \nabla \varphi) + \frac{c_1}{2} |V(\varphi)|^2.$$

Then, we can conclude (0.5) as for $\|\varphi\|_{L^p} \geq \varepsilon_0$, by the coercivity of W and Young's inequality, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q G_W(H(x), \nabla \varphi) \\ (0.7) \quad & \geq \int_Q c |H + \nabla \varphi|^p - C(W, K) - C(\delta) |DW(H)|^q - \delta |\nabla \varphi|^p \\ & \geq -C(W, K) + \tilde{c} \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^p \geq -\frac{C(W, K)}{\varepsilon_0^p} \int_Q |\varphi|^p + \tilde{c} \int_Q |\nabla \varphi|^p, \end{aligned}$$

for δ small enough. This concludes the proof after noting that $\|V(\nabla \varphi)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 1 + 2\|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^p}^p$ and that, by Poincaré's inequality, $\varepsilon_0^p \leq C\|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^p}^p$. \square

We are thus left to prove the proposition below, which is the core of the argument.

PROPOSITION 0.5. *There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for all $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$ and all $\varphi \in W^{1,p}(Q) \cap H_0^1(Q)$ with $\|\varphi\|_{L^p(Q)} < \varepsilon_0$, it holds that*

$$(0.8) \quad \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H(x), \nabla \varphi) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi|^2 \geq 0.$$

PROOF. To prove (0.8), we proceed by contradiction. Suppose (0.8) is false. Then we can find $(H_k) \subset \mathcal{F}_K$, $H \in \mathcal{F}_K$, and $(\varphi_k) \subset W^{1,p}(Q) \cap H_0^1(Q)$ such that $\|\varphi_k\|_{L^p(Q)} \rightarrow 0$, $H_k \xrightarrow{*} H$ in $W^{1,\infty}(Q)$, and

$$(0.9) \quad \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k(x), \nabla \varphi_k(x)) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi_k(x)|^2 < 0.$$

Step 1. We show that $\varphi_k \rightarrow 0$ in $W^{1,p}(Q)$ and that

$$(0.10) \quad \sup_k \frac{\beta_k^p}{\alpha_k^2} =: \Lambda < \infty \quad \text{where } \alpha_k = \|\nabla\varphi_k\|_{L^2(Q)}, \beta_k = \|\nabla\varphi_k\|_{L^p(Q)}.$$

By (0.9), after using the p -coercivity of \tilde{W} and Young's inequality, we find that $(\nabla\varphi_k)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. We may thus apply Proposition 0.3 with $a_k = 1$ and $h_k = \varphi_k$ to find that, by (0.9),

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_0}{4} \int_Q |V(\nabla\varphi_k)|^2 \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \nabla\varphi_k) \leq 0,$$

and $\varphi_k \rightarrow 0$ in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. Regarding (0.10), the p -coercivity of \tilde{W} implies that

$$(0.11) \quad \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H(x), \nabla\varphi_k) \geq d \int_Q |\nabla\varphi_k|^p - c \int_Q |\nabla\varphi_k|^2,$$

as discussed in [5, S.3.2], where $d = d(\tilde{W}, K)$, $c = c(\tilde{W}, K)$. Then (0.10) follows after dividing by α_k^2 and noting (0.9).

Step 2. Let $\psi_k := \alpha_k^{-1}\varphi_k$. Since $\|\nabla\psi_k\|_{L^2(Q)} = 1$ and $\psi_k \in H_0^1(Q)$, we find that $\psi_k \rightharpoonup \psi$ in $W^{1,2}(Q)$. Moreover, setting $\eta_k = \frac{\alpha_k}{\beta_k} \in (0, 1]$, we have that $(\eta_k\psi_k)$ is bounded in $W^{1,p}(Q)$. We may thus decompose ψ_k to find $g_k \in C_c^\infty(Q)$, $b_k \in H^1(Q)$ as in Proposition 0.4. Write

$$(0.12) \quad f_k(x) = \alpha_k^{-2} [G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla\psi_k) - G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla b_k)]$$

and note that, since $\alpha_k\psi_k = \varphi_k$, by (0.9),

$$(0.13) \quad \int_Q f_k(x) + \alpha_k^{-2} G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla b_k) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\psi_k|^2 < 0.$$

Apply Proposition 0.3 to the term $\alpha_k^{-2} G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla b_k)$ with $a_k = \alpha_k$ and $h_k = \alpha_k b_k$. By using Step 1 we get

$$(0.14) \quad \frac{c_1}{2} \int_Q |\psi|^2 + \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q f_k(x) \leq 0.$$

Step 3. Let $\nu = (\nu_x)_{x \in Q}$ be the $W^{1,2}$ gradient Young measure generated by the sequence ψ_k and recall that $H_k \rightarrow H$ in $C^0(Q)$. We show that

$$(0.15) \quad \frac{1}{2} \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q f_k(x).$$

In particular, in conjunction with (0.14), we infer that

$$(0.16) \quad \frac{1}{2} \int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \xi : \xi \rangle \leq 0.$$

To prove (0.15) we show the equi-integrability of (f_k) defined in (0.12). Indeed, by Lemma 0.1 (a) and for a constant $C = C(\tilde{W}, K)$, Young's inequality gives

$$|f_k| \leq C(|\nabla\psi_k| + |\nabla b_k| + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla\psi_k|^{p-1} + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla b_k|^{p-1}) |\nabla\psi_k - \nabla b_k|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \delta C(|\nabla\psi_k|^2 + |\nabla b_k|^2) + C(\delta)|\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^2 \\ &\quad + \delta C(\alpha_k^{p-2}|\nabla\psi_k|^p + \alpha_k^{p-2}|\nabla b_k|^p) + C(\delta)\alpha_k^{p-2}|\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^p, \end{aligned}$$

recalling that, by Proposition 0.4, $\nabla\psi_k - \nabla b_k = \nabla(\psi + g_k)$. However, by Proposition 0.4, ψ_k and b_k are bounded in $W^{1,2}(Q)$, whereas $(|\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^2)$ is equi-integrable. Similarly, since $\alpha_k^{p-2} = \Lambda\eta_k^p$ we infer that $\alpha_k^{p-2}|\nabla\psi_k|^p$ and $\alpha_k^{p-2}|\nabla b_k|^p$ are bounded, whereas $\alpha_k^{p-2}|\nabla(\psi + g_k)|^p$ is equi-integrable. Hence, (f_k) is also equi-integrable and for $\varepsilon > 0$ fixed, we can find m_ε such that

$$(0.17) \quad \int_Q f_k > -\varepsilon + \int_{\{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\} \cap \{|\nabla b_k| < m\}} f_k \quad \forall m \geq m_\varepsilon.$$

This follows as $\nabla b_k \rightarrow 0$ in measure and $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup_k \{|\nabla\psi_k| > r\} = 0$. Also, since $\int_Q \langle \nu_x, |\xi|^2 \rangle < \infty$, we may assume that for all $m \geq m_\varepsilon$,

$$(0.18) \quad \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2\tilde{W}(H)\xi : \xi \rangle = \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2\tilde{W}(H)\xi : \xi \chi_{B(0,m)}(\xi) \rangle + \varepsilon,$$

where χ_A denotes the indicator function of a set $A \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$. Since $B(0, m)$ is open, for all $x \in Q$ the function $\xi \mapsto D^2\tilde{W}(H(x))\xi : \xi \chi_{B(0,m)}(\xi)$ is lower semicontinuous and, as $(\nabla\psi_k)$ generates $(\nu_x)_{x \in Q}$ and $H_k \rightarrow H$ in $C^0(Q)$, we deduce that

$$(0.19) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2\tilde{W}(H)\xi : \xi \chi_{B(0,m)}(\xi) \rangle \\ &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\}} D^2\tilde{W}(H)\nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\}} D^2\tilde{W}(H_k)\nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (0.19) with (0.18), we now infer that for all $m \geq m_\varepsilon$

$$(0.20) \quad \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2\tilde{W}(H)\xi : \xi \rangle \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\}} D^2\tilde{W}(H_k)\nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k + \varepsilon.$$

To conclude the proof, we next claim that

$$(0.21) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\}} D^2\tilde{W}(H_k)\nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\} \cap \{|\nabla b_k| < m\}} f_k. \end{aligned}$$

Before proving (0.21), note that in conjunction with (0.20) and (0.17) it says that

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_Q \langle \nu_x, D^2\tilde{W}(H(x))\xi : \xi \rangle \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q f_k + \frac{3\varepsilon}{2}.$$

By taking $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, (0.15) follows. To prove (0.21), set $A_k := \{|\nabla\psi_k| < m\}$ and $B_k := \{|\nabla b_k| < m\}$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} & \chi_{A_k \cap B_k} f_k \\ &= \chi_{A_k \cap B_k} \int_0^1 (1-s) [D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k + s\alpha_k \nabla\psi_k) - D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k)] \nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k \, ds \\ & \quad + \chi_{A_k} \frac{1}{2} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k - \chi_{A_k} \frac{1}{2} D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k) \nabla\psi_k : \nabla\psi_k (1 - \chi_{B_k}) \\ & \quad - \chi_{A_k \cap B_k} \int_0^1 (1-s) D^2 \tilde{W}(H_k + s\alpha_k \nabla b_k) \nabla b_k : \nabla b_k \, ds \\ &=: I_1^k + I_2^k + I_3^k + I_4^k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it suffices to show that $I_i^k \rightarrow 0$ for $i = 1, 3, 4$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$, which follows by dominated convergence as $\alpha_k \rightarrow 0$, $H_k \rightarrow H$ in $C^0(Q)$, and $\nabla b_k \rightarrow 0$ in measure.

Step 4. We show how (0.16) combined with Proposition 0.2 leads to a contradiction. By (0.2), the function $\xi \mapsto D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x))\xi : \xi$ is quasiconvex for each $x \in Q$. Since $(\nu_x)_{x \in Q}$ is a gradient Young measure, Jensen's inequality implies

$$\int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x)) \nabla\psi : \nabla\psi \leq \int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + \langle \nu_x, D^2 \tilde{W}(H(x))\xi : \xi \rangle \leq 0$$

by (0.16), after adding $c_1 |\psi|^2$ and integrating over Q . However, by Proposition 0.2,

$$\int_Q c_1 |\psi|^2 + D^2 \tilde{W}(\bar{F}(x)) \nabla\psi : \nabla\psi \geq \frac{c_0}{2} \int_Q |\nabla\psi|^2 \quad \forall \psi \in W^{1,2}(Q),$$

i.e., $\nabla\psi = 0$ and, since $\psi \in H_0^1(Q)$, $\psi = 0$. We may thus apply Proposition 0.3 with $a_k = \alpha_k$ and $h_k = \alpha_k \psi_k$, recalling Step 1 to infer that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{c_0}{4} &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_0}{4} \int_Q |\nabla\psi_k|^2 + \alpha_k^{p-2} |\nabla\psi_k|^p \\ &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k^{-2} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \alpha_k \nabla\psi_k) \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k^{-2} \int_Q G_{\tilde{W}}(H_k, \nabla\varphi_k) + \frac{c_1}{2} |\varphi_k|^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

by (0.9) as $\alpha_k^{-1} \varphi_k = \psi_k \rightarrow 0$. This contradiction concludes the proof. \square

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