

# Existence of Periodic Solutions for Second Order Hamiltonian Systems with Asymptotically Linear Conditions

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**Abstract** This paper considers a class of asymptotically linear nonautonomous second order Hamiltonian Systems. Using Saddle Point Theorem, the existence result is obtained, which extends some previously known results.

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## 1 Introduction and main results

Let us consider the following second order Hamiltonian systems

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{u}(t) + \nabla_u F(t, u(t)) = 0, \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{R}, \\ u(0) - u(T) = \dot{u}(0) - \dot{u}(T) = 0, \quad T > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $F(t, u) = -K(t, u) + W(t, u)$  and  $K, W \in C^2(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$  with conditions that  $K(t + T, u) = K(t, u)$  and  $W(t + T, u) = W(t, u)$  hold for all  $t$  and  $u$ .

In recent decades, the existence results for system (1) are obtained via minimax methods in critical point theory, such as papers [3]-[10],[12]-[20] and their references therein. For example, under the assumption that  $K(t, x) \equiv 0$ , papers [5] and [18] considered the case that  $W(t, x)$  satisfies subquadratic potential condition. Under the assumption that  $K(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}(B(t)x, x)$ , where  $B(t)$  is a  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix function, continuous and  $T$ -periodic, papers [13] and [19] considered the case that  $W(t, x)$  satisfies superquadratic potential condition. Different from above papers [5, 13, 18, 19], papers [14] and [20] considered the case that  $\nabla W(t, x)$  satisfies an asymptotically linear condition. And the multiplicity of periodic solutions for system (1) with symmetric assumption for  $W(t, x)$  was proved in paper [6]. If  $K(t, x)$  is not a quadratic form, there are also some results, such as papers [3], [14], [20], etc. Paper [20]

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obtained an existence result, if  $K(t, x)$  satisfies the “pinching” condition, that is,  $q_1|x|^2 \leq K(t, x) \leq q_2|x|^2$ , where constants  $q_1, q_2 > 0$ . In the sequence, paper [14] generalized the result in paper [20] replacing the “pinching” condition by (K1) and (K2), that is,

(K1) there exist constants  $d_1 > 0$  and  $\gamma \in (1, 2]$  such that

$$K(t, \mathbf{0}) = 0 \text{ and } K(t, x) \geq d_1|x|^\gamma, \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n,$$

(K2)  $(\nabla K(t, x), x) \leq 2K(t, x)$ ,  $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n$ .

In this paper, we continue to discuss the case that  $\nabla W(t, x)$  satisfies an asymptotically linear condition. Different from paper [14], we replace conditions (K1) and (K2) by

(K1\*) there exist a constant  $d > 0$  and a function  $f_1 \in L^1([0, T], \mathbf{R})$  such that

$$K(t, x) \geq -d|x|^2 + f_1(t), \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbf{R}^n,$$

(K2\*) there exists a constant  $L_1 > 0$  such that

$$(\nabla K(t, x), x) \leq 2K(t, x), \quad t \in [0, T] \text{ and } |x| \geq L_1.$$

Then we obtain the following existence result.

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that function  $K$  satisfies (K1\*), (K2\*) and function  $W$  satisfies*

(W1) *there exist a constant  $0 < a < \frac{6-dT^2}{T^2}$  and a function  $f_2 \in L^1([0, T], \mathbf{R})$  such that*

$$W(t, x) \leq a|x|^2 + f_2(t), \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}^n \text{ and } t \in [0, T],$$

(W2)  $(\nabla W(t, x), x) - 2W(t, x) \rightarrow +\infty$  uniformly for  $t \in [0, T]$  as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  
in addition, functions  $K$  and  $W$  also satisfy the following conditions (F1) and (F2),

(F1) *there exists a constant  $L_3 > 0$ , for every  $c \geq L_3$ ,*

$$\max_{|x|=c} K(t, x) < \min_{|x|=c} W(t, x) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T],$$

(F2) *there exists a constant  $L_4 > 0$  such that  $\nabla F(t, x) \neq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $|x| \leq L_4$  and*

$$\int_0^T F(t, x) dt > \int_0^T [f_2(t) - f_1(t)] dt \text{ for all } t \in [0, T] \text{ and } |x| > L_4.$$

*Then system (1) possesses a nontrivial  $T$ -periodic solution.*

Here, we state three aspects which illustrate that Theorem 1 is different from [[14], Theorem 1.1]. Firstly, paper [14] used Mountain Pass Lemma, however, we use Saddle Point Theorem. Secondly, conditions (K1\*) and (K2\*) generalize the conditions (K1) and (K2) respectively. For example, set  $K(t, x) = \frac{1}{2}(B(t)x, x)$ ,

where  $B(t)$  is a  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix function, continuous and  $T$ -periodic, then  $K(t, x)$  satisfies (K1\*) and (K2\*), however, does not always satisfy (K1), unless  $B(t)$  is positive definite for all  $t$ . Thirdly, paper [14] supposed that  $\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow 0} \frac{W(t, x)}{|x|^2} < d_1$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . However, the limit condition at origin of  $W(t, x)$  has been got rid of in our Theorem 1.1.

Functions satisfying Theorem 1 do really exist, but may not be covered by [[14], Theorem 1.1] (see Example 3.1 in Section 3).

## 2 Proof of Theorem 1

Set  $H_T^1 = \left\{ u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n \mid u \text{ is absolutely continuous, } u(0) = u(T) \text{ and } \dot{u} \in L^2([0, T], \mathbf{R}^n) \right\}$ , then  $H_T^1$  is a Hilbert space with the norm defined by

$$\|u\| = \left[ \int_0^T (|\dot{u}(t)|^2 + |u(t)|^2) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (2)$$

Define a functional

$$\varphi(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |\dot{u}(t)|^2 dt + \int_0^T K(t, u(t)) dt - \int_0^T W(t, u(t)) dt, \quad \forall u \in H_T^1. \quad (3)$$

The Book [10] tells us that  $K$  and  $W \in C^1(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$  implies that the functional  $\varphi$  is continuously differentiable in  $H_T^1$ . Moreover, for every  $u, v$  in  $H_T^1$ , one has

$$\langle \varphi'(u), v \rangle = \int_0^T (\dot{u}(t), \dot{v}(t)) dt + \int_0^T (\nabla K(t, u(t)), v(t)) dt - \int_0^T (\nabla W(t, u(t)), v(t)) dt, \quad (4)$$

if  $u \in H_T^1$  is a solution of the corresponding Euler-Lagrange equation  $\varphi'(u) = 0$ , then  $u(t)$  satisfies the system (1).

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose that  $W(t, x)$  satisfies (W2) and  $K(t, x)$  satisfies (K2\*), then there exists a constant  $M > 0$  large enough such that*

$$W(t, x) \geq \frac{|x|^2}{M^2} \cdot \min_{|x|=M} W(t, x), \quad \text{if } |x| \geq M \text{ and } t \in [0, T], \quad (5)$$

$$K(t, x) \leq \frac{|x|^2}{M^2} \cdot \max_{|x|=M} K(t, x), \quad \text{if } |x| \geq M \text{ and } t \in [0, T]. \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* For every fixed  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and  $t \in [0, T]$ , set functions  $f(s) = W(t, sx)$  and  $g(s) = f'(s)s - 2f(s)$ . By (W2), there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$g(s) \geq 0 \text{ as } s \geq \frac{M}{|x|} \text{ and all } t \in [0, T].$$

Solving the ordinary differential equation  $f'(s)s - 2f(s) - g(s) = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(s) &= \exp\left(\int_{\frac{M}{|x|}}^s \frac{2}{t} dt\right) \cdot \left[\int_{\frac{M}{|x|}}^s \frac{g(t)}{t} \exp\left(-\int_{\frac{M}{|x|}}^t \frac{2}{r} dr\right) dt + f\left(\frac{M}{|x|}\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{s^2|x|^2}{M^2} f\left(\frac{M}{|x|}\right) + s^2 \int_{\frac{M}{|x|}}^s \frac{g(t)}{t^3} dt \\ &\geq \frac{s^2|x|^2}{M^2} f\left(\frac{M}{|x|}\right). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$W(t, sx) \geq \frac{s^2|x|^2}{M^2} \cdot W\left(t, \frac{Mx}{|x|}\right) \geq \frac{s^2|x|^2}{M^2} \cdot \min_{|x|=M} W(t, x), \quad \forall s \geq \frac{M}{|x|} \text{ and } t \in [0, T],$$

which implies that (5) holds. Similar to the above process for  $K(t, x)$ , we have that (6) holds.  $\square$

Recall the (C) condition (see definition in paper [2]), that is, a sequence  $\{u_m\} \subset H_T^1$  has a convergent sequence, if  $\{\varphi(u_m)\}$  is bounded and  $\|\varphi'(u_m)\|(1 + \|u_m\|) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Lemma 2.** (see paper [9]) Suppose that  $E$  is a Lebesgue measurable subset of  $\mathbf{R}$  with  $\text{meas}(E) < +\infty$  (“meas” denotes the Lebesgue measure) and  $f_n(t)$  is a sequence of Lebesgue measurable functions such that  $f_n(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  for a.e.  $t \in E$ . Then there exists, for every  $\delta > 0$ , a subset  $E_\delta$  with  $\text{meas}(E \setminus E_\delta) < \delta$  such that  $f_n(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  uniformly for all  $t \in E_\delta$ .

**Lemma 3.** If the function  $K$  satisfies (K1\*) and (K2\*), the function  $W$  satisfies (W1) and (W2), then the functional  $\varphi$  satisfies the (C) condition.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_m\}$  be a (C)-sequence in  $H_T^1$ , that is,

$$\sup_{m \in \mathbf{N}^*} \{|\varphi(u_m)|\} < +\infty \text{ and } (1 + \|u_m\|)\|\varphi'(u_m)\| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Then, there exists a constant  $M_0 > 0$  such that

$$|\varphi(u_m)| \leq M_0, \quad (1 + \|u_m\|)\|\varphi'(u_m)\| \leq M_0 \text{ for all } m \in \mathbf{N}^*.$$

Firstly, we will show that  $\{u_m\}$  is bounded.

Arguing in an indirect way, we may suppose that  $\|u_{m_k}\| \rightarrow +\infty$ , as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , we still denote  $\{u_{m_k}\}$  by  $\{u_m\}$ .

Set  $z_m = \frac{u_m}{\|u_m\|}$ , then  $\|z_m\| = 1$ , so there exists a  $z \in H_T^1$  such that  $z_m \rightarrow z$  in  $H_T^1$ , then  $\|z\| \leq 1$ . By Sobolev’s Imbedding Theorem, we have  $z_m \rightarrow z$  in  $C([0, T], \mathbf{R}^n)$  as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$ .

The following discussion is divided into two cases.

**Case 1.**  $z \not\equiv 0$ . Set  $E := \{t \in [0, T] : |z(t)| > 0\}$ , then  $meas(E) > 0$  ( $meas$  denotes the Lebesgue measure). By Lemma 2 and  $\|u_m\| \rightarrow +\infty$ , there exists a set  $E_\delta \subset E$  with  $meas(E_\delta) > 0$  such that

$$|u_m(t)| = \|u_m\| \cdot |z_m(t)| \rightarrow +\infty \text{ uniformly for all } t \in E_\delta \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (7)$$

For every fixed  $m \in \mathbf{N}^*$  and  $\lambda > \max\{L_1, M\}$ , from (K2\*), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T [2K(t, u_m(t)) - (\nabla K(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t))] dt \\ &= \int_{\{t \in [0, T] : |u_m(t)| > \lambda\}} [2K(t, u_m(t)) - (\nabla K(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t))] dt \\ & \quad + \int_{\{t \in [0, T] : |u_m(t)| \leq \lambda\}} [2K(t, u_m(t)) - (\nabla K(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t))] dt \\ &\geq \int_{\{t \in [0, T] : |u_m(t)| \leq \lambda\}} [2K(t, u_m(t)) - (\nabla K(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t))] dt \\ &\geq -M_1, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where

$$M_1 = T \cdot \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ \max_{|x| \leq \lambda} \{2|K(t, x)| + |\nabla K(t, x)| \cdot |x|, 2|W(t, x)| + |\nabla W(t, x)| \cdot |x|\} \right\}.$$

Set  $E_\delta^c = [0, T] \setminus E_\delta$ . Similar to (8), by (W2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{E_\delta^c} [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt \\ &\geq \int_{E_\delta^c \cap \{t \in [0, T] : |u_m(t)| \leq \lambda\}} [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt \geq -M_1. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

By (W2) and (7), we have

$$\int_{E_\delta} [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt \rightarrow +\infty, \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (10)$$

By (3), (4), (8), (9) and (10), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
3M_0 &\geq 2\varphi(u_m) - \langle \varphi'(u_m), u_m \rangle \\
&= \int_0^T [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt \\
&\quad + \int_0^T [2K(t, u_m(t)) - (\nabla K(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t))] dt \\
&= \int_{E_\delta} [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt \\
&\quad + \int_{E_\delta^c} [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt \\
&\quad + \int_0^T [2K(t, u_m(t)) - (\nabla K(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t))] dt \\
&\geq \int_{E_\delta} [(\nabla W(t, u_m(t)), u_m(t)) - 2W(t, u_m(t))] dt - 2M_1 \\
&\rightarrow +\infty, \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty,
\end{aligned}$$

which yields a contradiction.

**Case 2.**  $z \equiv \mathbf{0}$ . By (2) and (3), we have

$$\int_0^T W(t, u_m(t)) dt - \int_0^T K(t, u_m(t)) dt = \frac{1}{2} \|u_m\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_m(t)|^2 dt - \varphi(u_m).$$

Divided by  $\|u_m\|^2$  on both sides, then we have

$$\int_0^T \frac{W(t, u_m(t)) - K(t, u_m(t))}{\|u_m\|^2} dt \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (11)$$

By (W1), (K1\*), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^T \frac{W(t, u_m(t)) - K(t, u_m(t))}{\|u_m\|^2} dt &\leq \int_0^T \frac{(a+d)|u_m(t)|^2}{\|u_m(t)\|^2} dt + \frac{\int_0^T (f_2(t) - f_1(t)) dt}{\|u_m\|^2} \\
&\leq (a+d)T \|z_m\|_\infty^2 + \frac{M_2}{\|u_m\|^2} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty,
\end{aligned}$$

which contradicts to (11). Hence,  $\{u_m\}$  is bounded in  $H_T^1$ .

In a similar way to Proposition 4.3 in book [10], there exists  $u \in H_T^1$  such

that  $u_m \rightharpoonup u$  in  $H_T^1$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |\dot{u}_m(t) - \dot{u}(t)|^2 dt &= \langle \varphi'(u_m) - \varphi'(u), u_m - u \rangle \\ &\quad - \int_0^T (\nabla K(t, u_m) - \nabla K(t, u), u_m - u) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T (\nabla W(t, u_m) - \nabla W(t, u), u_m - u) dt \\ &\rightarrow 0, \text{ as } m \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\|\dot{u}_m - \dot{u}\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$ . So we have  $u_m \rightarrow u$  in  $H_T^1$ . Hence  $\varphi$  satisfies (C) condition.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** (Saddle Point Theorem, see book [11]) Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real Banach space with  $\mathcal{H} = V \oplus X$ , where  $V \neq \{0\}$  is finite dimensional. Suppose that  $\varphi \in C^1(\mathcal{H}, \mathbf{R})$  satisfies (PS) condition and

(i) there is a constant  $\alpha$  and a bounded neighborhood  $D$  of  $0$  in  $V$  such that  $\varphi|_{\partial D} \leq \alpha$  and

(ii) there is a constant  $\beta > \alpha$  such that  $\varphi|_X \geq \beta$ .

Then  $\varphi$  possesses a critical value  $c \geq \beta$  which can be characterized as

$$c = \inf_{h \in \tau} \max_{u \in \bar{D}} \varphi(h(u)), \text{ where } \tau = \{h \in C(\bar{D}, \mathcal{H}) | h = \text{id on } \partial D\}.$$

**Remark 1.** As shown in paper [1], a deformation lemma can be proved with condition (C) replacing the usual (PS) condition, and it turns out that Lemma 4 holds under condition (C).

Set  $\tilde{u}(t) = u(t) - \bar{u}$  with  $\bar{u} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(t) dt$ , then book [10] tells us that  $H_T^1 = \tilde{H}_T^1 \oplus \mathbf{R}^n$ , where  $\tilde{H}_T^1 := \{u \in H_T^1 | \bar{u} = 0\}$ . Page 9 of book [10] tells us

$$\|\tilde{u}\|_\infty^2 \leq \frac{T}{12} \int_0^T |\dot{u}(t)|^2 dt, \quad \forall u \in \tilde{H}_T^1. \quad (\text{Sobolev's inequality}) \quad (12)$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Lemma 3 tells us that  $\varphi$  satisfies (C) condition. So, it needs only to check (i) and (ii) in Lemma 4.

**Step 1.** Set  $V = \mathbf{R}^n$ . We claim that (i) in Lemma 4 holds. In fact, by Lemma 1 and (F1), for fixed  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$  with  $|x_0| = 1$ , if  $s \geq \max\{M, L_3\}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(sx_0) &= \int_0^T K(t, sx_0) dt - \int_0^T W(t, sx_0) dt \\ &\leq \frac{s^2}{M^2} \int_0^T \left[ \max_{|x|=M} K(t, x) - \min_{|x|=M} W(t, x) \right] dt \\ &\leq \frac{s^2 T}{M^2} \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ \max_{|x|=M} K(t, x) - \min_{|x|=M} W(t, x) \right\} \\ &\rightarrow -\infty, \text{ as } s \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that there exist constant  $r > 0$  large enough and constant  $\alpha := \int_0^T [f_1(t) - f_2(t)]dt - 1$  such that  $\varphi|_{\partial B_r(0) \cap V} \leq \alpha$ .

**Step 2.** Set  $X = \tilde{H}_T^1$ . We claim that (ii) in Lemma 4 holds. In fact, by (K1\*), (W1) and (12), for  $u \in \tilde{H}_T^1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |\dot{u}(t)|^2 dt + \int_0^T K(t, u) dt - \int_0^T W(t, u) dt \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |\dot{u}(t)|^2 dt - (d+a) \int_0^T |u(t)|^2 dt + \int_0^T (f_1(t) - f_2(t)) dt \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(d+a)T^2}{12} \right) \int_0^T |\dot{u}(t)|^2 dt + \int_0^T (f_1(t) - f_2(t)) dt \\ &\geq \int_0^T (f_1(t) - f_2(t)) dt, \quad \forall u \in \tilde{H}_T^1, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that there exists a constant  $\beta := \int_0^T (f_1(t) - f_2(t)) dt$  such that  $\varphi|_X \geq \beta$ .

So Lemma 4 tells us that  $\varphi$  possesses a critical value  $c \geq \beta$ , which can be characterized as  $c = \inf_{h \in \tau} \max_{u \in \bar{D}} \varphi(h(u))$ , where  $\tau = \{h \in C(\bar{D}, \mathcal{H}) | h = \text{id on } \partial D\}$ .

We suppose that  $\varphi(u) = c$  and  $\varphi'(u) = 0$ , then we know that  $u$  satisfies  $\int_0^T (\dot{u} \cdot \dot{h} - \nabla F(t, u) \cdot h) dt = 0$  for  $\forall h \in H_T^1$ .

Similarly to the proof in page 96 of book [8], under the assumption of  $K, W \in C^2(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$ , the weak solution of system (1) is classical solution.

**Step 3.** By (F2), the above  $u$  is a nontrivial solution.

This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3 Example

Now, we give an example to illustrate an application of the Theorem 1 and the difference between the Theorem 1 and [[14], Theorem 1.1].

**Example 3.1** Set  $T = 1$ , define  $K, W : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  with  $K(t, x) =$

$$\frac{\sin^2(\pi t)}{5} (B(t)x, x), \text{ where } B(t) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (-1)^{n+1} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n} \quad \text{and}$$

$$W(t, x) = \frac{1 + \sin^2(\pi t)}{4} |x|^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\ln(10^{10} + |x|^2)} \right]$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Then functions  $K, W \in C^2(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$  hold and are 1-periodic with respect to the variable  $t$ .

Obviously,  $K(t, x)$  satisfies (K1\*) with  $d \equiv \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $f_1(t) \equiv 0$  and (K2\*). For  $W(t, x)$ , set  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f_2(t) \equiv 0$ , then  $a + d < 6$ , so (W1) holds. In addition,



$(\nabla W(t, x), x) - 2W(t, x) = \frac{(1+\sin^2(\pi t))|x|^4}{2\ln^2(10^{10}+|x|^2)(10^{10}+|x|^2)} \Rightarrow +\infty$ , as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$ , so (W2) holds. Lastly, for any  $c \in \mathbf{R}_+$  large enough, we have

$$\max_{|x|=c} K(t, x) \leq \frac{1}{5}c^2 < \min_{|x|=c} W(t, x),$$

and  $\int_0^T F(t, x)dt > \int_0^T [f_2(t) - f_1(t)]dt$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Hence, (F1) and (F2) hold. Hence, system (1) possesses a nontrivial 1-periodic solution for above functions  $K$  and  $W$ .

However, above  $K(t, x)$  and  $W(t, x)$  can't be covered by [[14], Theorem 1.1], because  $K(t, x)$  does not satisfy (K1) and  $W(t, x)$  does not satisfy the condition that  $\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow 0} \frac{W(t, x)}{|x|^2} < d_1$  (where  $d_1$  appears in (K1)).

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