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# Kamenev-Type Oscillation Criteria for the Second-Order Nonlinear Dynamic Equations with Damping on Time Scales

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The oscillation of solutions of the second-order nonlinear dynamic equation  $(r(t)(x^\Delta(t)))^\Delta + p(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma + f(t, x(g(t))) = 0$ , with damping on an arbitrary time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ , is investigated. The generalized Riccati transformation is applied for the study of the Kamenev-type oscillation criteria for this nonlinear dynamic equation. Several new sufficient conditions for oscillatory solutions of this equation are obtained.

## 1. Introduction

Much recent attention has been given to dynamic equations on time scales, or measure chains, and we refer the reader to the landmark paper of Hilger [1] for a comprehensive treatment of the subject. Since then, several authors have expounded on various aspects of this new theory; see the survey paper by Agarwal et al. [2]. A book on the subject of time scales by Bohner and Peterson [3] also summarizes and organizes much of the time scale calculus.

A time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  is an arbitrary nonempty closed subset of the real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ . The forward and the backward jump operators on any time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  are defined by  $\sigma(t) := \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t\}$ ,  $\rho(t) := \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t\}$ . A point  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $t > \inf \mathbb{T}$ , is said to be left-dense if  $\rho(t) = t$ , right dense if  $t < \sup \mathbb{T}$  and  $\sigma(t) = t$ , left scattered if  $\rho(t) < t$ , and right scattered if  $\sigma(t) > t$ . The graininess function  $\mu$  for a time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  is defined by  $\mu(t) := \sigma(t) - t$ . For a function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the (delta) derivative is defined by

$$f^\Delta(t) = \frac{f(\sigma(t)) - f(t)}{\sigma(t) - t}, \quad (1.1)$$

if  $f$  is continuous at  $t$  and  $t$  is right scattered. If  $t$  is not right scattered, then the derivative is

defined by

$$f^\Delta(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{f(\sigma(t)) - f(s)}{\sigma(t) - s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s}, \quad (1.2)$$

provided this limit exists. A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be right-dense continuous if it is right continuous at each right-dense point and there exists a finite left limit at all left-dense points, and  $f$  is said to be differentiable if its derivative exists. A useful formula dealing with the time scale is that

$$f^\sigma = f(\sigma(t)) = f(t) + \mu(t)f^\Delta(t). \quad (1.3)$$

We will make use of the following product and quotient rules for the derivative of the product  $fg$  and the quotient  $f/g$  (where  $gg^\sigma \neq 0$ ) of two differentiable functions  $f$  and  $g$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)^\Delta &= f^\Delta g + f^\sigma g^\Delta = f g^\Delta + f^\Delta g^\sigma, \\ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)^\Delta &= \frac{f^\Delta g - f g^\Delta}{g g^\sigma}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

The integration by parts formula is

$$\int_a^b f^\Delta(t)g(t)\Delta t = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b f^\sigma(t)g^\Delta(t)\Delta(t). \quad (1.5)$$

The function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *rd*-continuous if it is continuous at the right-dense points and if the left-sided limits exist in left-dense points. We denote the set of all  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which are *rd*-continuous and regressive by  $\mathfrak{R}$ . If  $p \in \mathfrak{R}$ , then we can define the exponential function by

$$e_p(t, s) = \exp\left(\int_s^t \xi_{\mu(\tau)}(p(\tau))\Delta\tau\right) \quad (1.6)$$

for  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{T}^k$ , where  $\xi_h(z)$  is the cylinder transformation, which is defined by

$$\xi_h(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\log(1 + hz)}{h}, & h \neq 0, \\ z, & h = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

Alternately, for  $p \in \mathfrak{R}$  one can define the exponential function  $e_p(\cdot, t_0)$ , to be the unique solution of the IVP  $x^\Delta(t) = p(t)x(t)$  with  $x(t_0) = 1$ .

The various-type oscillation and nonoscillation criteria for solutions of ordinary and partial differential equations have been studied extensively in a large cycle of works (see [4–31]).

In [27], the authors have considered second-order nonlinear neutral dynamic equation

$$\left(r(t)\left((y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau))^\Delta\right)^\gamma\right)^\Delta + f(t, y(t - \delta)) = 0 \tag{1.8}$$

on a time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ . They have assumed that  $\gamma > 0$  is a quotient of odd positive integers,  $\tau$  and  $\delta$  positive constants such that the delay functions  $\tau(t) = t - \tau < t$  and  $\delta(t) = t - \delta < t$  satisfy  $\tau(t)$  and  $\delta(t) : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $r(t)$  and  $p(t)$  real-valued positive functions defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  and also they have supposed that

(H1)  $\int_{t_0}^\infty (1/r(t))^{1/\gamma} \Delta t = \infty, 0 \leq p(t) < 1,$

(H2)  $f(t, u) : \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous such that  $uf(t, u) > 0$  for all  $u \neq 0$  and there exists a nonnegative function  $q(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  such that  $|f(t, u)| \geq q(t)|u^\gamma|$

and were concerned with oscillation properties of (1.8). In [28], Saker has considered second-order nonlinear neutral delay dynamic equation

$$\left(r(t)\left((y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau))^\Delta\right)^\gamma\right)^\Delta + f(t, y(t - \delta)) = 0, \tag{1.9}$$

when  $\gamma \geq 1$  is an odd positive integer with  $r(t)$  and  $p(t)$  real-valued positive functions defined on  $\mathbb{T}$ . The author also has improved some well-known oscillation results for second-order neutral delay difference equations. Agarwal et al. [29] have considered the second-order perturbed dynamic equation

$$\left(r(t)\left(x^\Delta\right)^\gamma\right)^\Delta + F(t, x(t)) = G\left(t, x(t), x^\Delta(t)\right), \tag{1.10}$$

where  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}$  is odd and they have interested in asymptotic behavior of solutions of (1.10). Saker et al. [30] have studied the second-order damped dynamic equation with damping

$$\left(a(t)x^\Delta(t)\right)^\Delta + p(t)x^{\Delta^\sigma}(t) + q(t)(fox^\sigma) = 0, \tag{1.11}$$

when  $a(t)$ ,  $p(t)$ , and  $q(t)$  are positive real-valued  $rd$ -continuous functions and they have proved that if  $\int_{t_0}^\infty (e_{-p/r}(t, t_0)/r(t)) \Delta t = \infty$  and  $\int_{t_0}^\infty (e_{-p/r}(t, t_0)/r(t)) \Delta t < \infty$ , then every solution of (1.11) is oscillatory.

In the present paper, we consider the second order nonlinear dynamic equation

$$\left(r(t)\left(x^\Delta(t)\right)^\gamma\right)^\Delta + p(t)\left(x^\Delta(t)\right)^\gamma + f(t, x(g(t))) = 0, \tag{1.12}$$

where  $p, r$  are real-valued, nonnegative, and right-dense continuous function on a time scale  $\mathbb{T} \subset \mathbb{R}$ , with  $\sup \mathbb{T} = \infty$  and  $\gamma$  is a quotient of odd positive integers. We assume that  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is a nondecreasing function and such that  $g(t) \geq t$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = \infty$ . The function  $f \in C(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  is assumed to satisfy  $uf(t, u) > 0$ , for  $u \neq 0$  and there exists a positive

$rd$ -continuous function  $q$  defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  such that  $|f(t, u)/u^r| \geq q(t)$  for  $u \neq 0$ . Throughout this paper we assume that

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{e_{-p/r}(t, t_0)}{r(t)} \right)^{1/r} \Delta t = \infty. \quad (A^*)$$

Since we are interested in the oscillatory of solutions near infinity, we assume that  $\sup \mathbb{T} = \infty$  and define the time scale interval  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  by  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}} := [t_0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{T}$ . The oscillation of solutions of the second-order nonlinear dynamic equation (1.12) with damping on an arbitrary time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  is investigated. The generalized Riccati transformation is applied for the study of the Kamenev-type oscillation criteria for this nonlinear dynamic differential equation. Several new sufficient conditions for oscillatory solutions of this equation are obtained.

A solution  $x(t)$  of (1.12) is said to be oscillatory if it is neither eventually positive nor eventually negative, otherwise it is nonoscillatory.

## 2. Preliminary Results

**Lemma 2.1.** *Assume that the condition (A\*) is satisfied and (1.12) has a positive solution  $x(t)$  on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Then there exists a sufficiently large  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that*

$$\left( r(t) \left( x^{\Delta}(t) \right)^r \right)^{\Delta} < 0, x^{\Delta}(t) > 0 \quad \text{for } t \in [t_1, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}. \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* Let  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)$  such that  $x(g(t)) > 0$  on  $[t_1, \infty)$ . Since  $x(t)$  is positive nonoscillatory solution of (1.12) we can assume that  $x^{\Delta}(t) < 0$  for all large  $t$ . Then without loss of generality we take  $x^{\Delta}(t) < 0$  for all  $t \geq t_2 \geq t_1$ . From (1.12) it follows that

$$\left( r(t) \left( x^{\Delta}(t) \right)^r \right)^{\Delta} + p(t) \left( x^{\Delta}(t) \right)^r = -f(t, x(g(t))) < 0 \quad (2.2)$$

and so

$$\left( r(t) \left( x^{\Delta}(t) \right)^r \right)^{\Delta} + p(t) \left( x^{\Delta}(t) \right)^r < 0. \quad (2.3)$$

Define  $y(t) = -r(t)(x^{\Delta}(t))^r$ . Hence

$$y^{\Delta}(t) + \frac{p(t)}{r(t)} y(t) > 0, \quad (2.4)$$

and it implies that

$$y(t) > y(t_2) e_{-p/r}(\cdot, t_2). \quad (2.5)$$

Then

$$-r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^{\gamma} > -r(t_2)(x^\Delta(t_2))^{\gamma} e_{-p/r}(\cdot, t_2), \tag{2.6}$$

and therefore

$$x^\Delta(t) \leq r^{1/\gamma}(t_2)(x^\Delta(t_2)) \left( \frac{e_{-p/r}(\cdot, t_2)}{r(t)} \right)^{1/\gamma}. \tag{2.7}$$

Next an integration for  $t > t_3 \geq t_2$  and by (A\*) gives

$$x(t) \leq x(t_3) + r^{1/\gamma}(t_2)(x^\Delta(t_2)) \int_{t_3}^t \left( \frac{e_{-p/r}(s, t_2)}{r(s)} \right)^{1/\gamma} \Delta s \longrightarrow -\infty \text{ as } t \longrightarrow \infty \tag{2.8}$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $x^\Delta(t)$  is not negative for all large  $t$  and so  $x^\Delta(t) > 0$  for all  $t \geq t_1$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

We now define

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(t) &:= \left( \frac{1}{r(t)} \int_t^\infty q(s) \Delta s \right)^{(1-\gamma)/\gamma} \\ \alpha_2(t, u) &:= \left( r^{1/\gamma}(t) \int_u^t \frac{\Delta s}{r^{1/\gamma}(s)} \right)^{\gamma-1} \\ \alpha(t) &:= \begin{cases} \alpha_1(t), & 0 < \gamma \leq 1, \\ \alpha_2(t, t_1), & \gamma \geq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Assume that (A\*) holds and (1.12) has a positive solution  $x(t)$  on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Then there exists a sufficiently large  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that if  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$  for  $t \geq t_1$  one has*

$$\left( \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \geq \alpha_1(t). \tag{2.10}$$

Whereas, if  $\gamma \geq 1$ , one has

$$\left( \frac{x(t)}{x^\Delta(t)} \right)^{\gamma-1} \geq \alpha_2(t, t_1) \text{ for } t \geq t_1. \tag{2.11}$$

*Proof.* As in the proof of Lemma 2.1, there is a sufficiently large  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that

$$x(t) > 0, \quad x^\Delta(t) > 0, \quad \left( r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^{\gamma} \right)^\Delta < 0, \text{ for } t \geq t_1. \tag{2.12}$$

From (1.12) and (2.12) it follows that

$$\left(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^Y\right)^\Delta + p(t)(x^\Delta(t))^Y = -f(t, x(g(t))) < 0, \quad (2.13)$$

and so

$$\left(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^Y\right)^\Delta < -f(t, x(g(t))). \quad (2.14)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^Y &\geq \int_t^\infty f(s, x(g(s)))\Delta s \geq \int_t^\infty q(s)x^Y(g(s))\Delta s \\ &\geq x^Y(g(t)) \int_t^\infty q(s)\Delta s \geq (x^\sigma(t))^Y \int_t^\infty q(s)\Delta s. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Next, when  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ , we get

$$\left(\frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)}\right)^{1-\gamma} \geq \alpha_1(t) \quad \text{for } t \geq t_1. \quad (2.16)$$

Finally, since  $r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^Y$  is decreasing on  $[t_1, \infty)_\mathbb{T}$  for  $\gamma \geq 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &\geq x(t) - x(t_1) = \int_{t_1}^t \frac{\left(r(s)(x^\Delta(s))^Y\right)^{1/\gamma}}{r^{1/\gamma}(s)} \Delta s \\ &\geq \left(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^Y\right)^{1/\gamma} \int_{t_1}^t \frac{1}{r^{1/\gamma}(s)} \Delta s, \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

and we obtain

$$\left(\frac{x(t)}{x^\Delta(t)}\right)^{\gamma-1} \geq \alpha_2(t, t_1) \quad \text{for } t \geq t_1. \quad (2.18)$$

□

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that  $(A^*)$  holds and there exist a function  $\phi(t)$  such that  $r(t)\phi(t)$  is a  $\Delta$ -differentiable function and a positive real rd-functions  $\Delta$ -differentiable function  $z(t)$  such that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ \Psi(s) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{r(s)(v(s))^2}{\gamma z(s)\alpha(s)} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(t) &= -z(t) \left( q(s) - (r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta + \frac{\gamma\alpha(t)}{r(t)} \left( p(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma + ((r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma)^2 \right) \right), \\ \nu(t) &= z^\Delta(t) - \frac{\gamma z(t)\alpha(t)}{r(t)} (p(t) - 2(r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory.

*Proof.* Suppose to the contrary that  $x(t)$  is a nonoscillatory solution of (1.12). Without loss of generality, there is a  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , sufficiently large, so that  $x(t)$  satisfies the conclusions of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Define the function  $w(t)$  by Riccati substitution

$$w(t) = z(t)r(t) \left( \left( \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)} \right)^\gamma + \phi(t) \right), \quad t \geq t_1. \tag{3.3}$$

Then  $w(t)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} w^\Delta(t) &= \left( \frac{z(t)}{x^\gamma(t)} \right) (r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\Delta + \left( \frac{z(t)}{x^\gamma(t)} \right)^\Delta (r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\sigma \\ &\quad + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta + z^\Delta(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma, \\ w^\Delta(t) &= \left( \frac{z(t)}{x^\gamma(t)} \right) (r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\Delta + \left( \frac{z^\Delta(t)x^\gamma(t) - z(t)(x^\gamma(t))^\Delta}{x^\gamma(t)(x^\gamma(t))^\sigma} \right) (r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\sigma \\ &\quad + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta + z^\Delta(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

From (1.12) and the definition of  $w(t)$  for  $t \geq t_1$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} w^\Delta(t) &= \left( \frac{z(t)}{x^\gamma(t)} \right) \left( -p(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma - f(t, x(g(t))) \right) + z^\Delta(t) \frac{(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\sigma}{(x^\gamma(t))^\sigma} \\ &\quad - z(t) \frac{(x^\gamma(t))^\Delta (r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\sigma}{x^\gamma(t)(x^\gamma(t))^\sigma} + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta + z^\Delta(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Using the fact that  $f(t, x(g(t))) \geq q(t)x^\gamma(g(t))$  and  $x(t)$  is an increasing function, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} w^\Delta(t) &\leq -z(t)q(t) - z(t)p(t) \frac{(x^\gamma(t))^\Delta}{x^\gamma(t)} + z^\Delta(t) \left( \left( \frac{r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma}{x^\gamma(t)} \right)^\sigma + (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma \right) \\ &\quad - z(t) \frac{(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma}{x^\gamma(t)} \left( \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma \right) + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Now we consider the following two cases:  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$  and  $\gamma > 1$ .

In the first case  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ . Using the Pötzsche chain rule (see, [3]), we obtain

$$(x^\gamma(t))^\Delta = \gamma \int_0^1 [x(t) + h\mu(t)x^\Delta(t)]^{\gamma-1} dh x^\Delta(t) \geq \gamma(x^\sigma(t))^{\gamma-1} x^\Delta(t). \quad (3.7)$$

Using (3.7) in (3.6) for  $t \geq t_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} w^\Delta(t) &\leq -z(t)q(t) - \gamma z(t)p(t) \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)} \left(\frac{x^\sigma(t)}{x(t)}\right)^\gamma + z^\Delta(t) \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} \\ &\quad - \gamma z(t) \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)} \left(\frac{x^\sigma(t)}{x(t)}\right)^\gamma \left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma\right) + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

By Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, for  $t \geq t_1$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)} &= \frac{1}{r(t)} \frac{r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma}{(x^\gamma(t))^\sigma} \left(\frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)}\right)^{1-\gamma} \geq \frac{\alpha_1(t)}{r(t)} \frac{(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\sigma}{(x^\gamma(t))^\sigma}, \\ \frac{x^\sigma(t)}{x(t)} &\geq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

In the view of (3.8), and (3.9) we get

$$\begin{aligned} w^\Delta(t) &\leq -z(t)q(t) + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta - \gamma z(t)p(t) \frac{\alpha_1(t)}{r(t)} \left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma\right) \\ &\quad + z^\Delta(t) \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t) \frac{\alpha_1(t)}{r(t)} \left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma\right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

In the second case  $\gamma > 1$ . Applying the Pötzsche chain rule (see, [3]), we obtain

$$(x^\gamma(t))^\Delta = \gamma \int_0^1 [x(t) + h\mu(t)x^\Delta(t)]^{\gamma-1} dh x^\Delta(t) \geq \gamma(x(t))^{\gamma-1} x^\Delta(t). \quad (3.11)$$

In the view of (3.11), (3.6) yields

$$\begin{aligned} w^\Delta(t) &\leq -z(t)q(t) + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta - \gamma z(t)p(t) \frac{(x(t))^{\gamma-1}}{x^\gamma(t)} x^\Delta(t) \\ &\quad + z^\Delta(t) \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t) \frac{(x(t))^{\gamma-1}}{x^\gamma(t)} x^\Delta(t) \left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

By Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we have that

$$\frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)} = \frac{1}{r(t)} \frac{r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma}{x^\gamma(t)} \left(\frac{x(t)}{x^\Delta(t)}\right)^{\gamma-1} \geq \frac{\alpha_2(t, t_1)}{r(t)} \frac{(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)^\sigma}{(x^\gamma(t))^\sigma}. \quad (3.13)$$

By (3.13), (3.12), and then using the definition of  $w(t)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 w^\Delta(t) &\leq -z(t)q(t) + z(t)(r(t)\phi(t))^\Delta - \gamma z(t)p(t) \frac{\alpha_2(t, t_1)}{r(t)} \left( \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma \right) \\
 &\quad + z^\Delta(t) \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t) \frac{\alpha_2(t, t_1)}{r(t)} \left( \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - (r(t)\phi(t))^\sigma \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.14}$$

Using (3.10), (3.14), and the definitions of  $\Psi(t)$ ,  $\nu(t)$ , and  $\alpha(t)$  for  $\gamma > 0$ , we get

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -\Psi(t) + \nu(t) \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t) \frac{\alpha(t)}{r(t)} \frac{(w^\sigma(t))^2}{(z^\sigma(t))^2}.
 \tag{3.15}$$

Then, we can write

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -\Psi(t) + \frac{r(t)(\nu(t))^2}{4\gamma z(t)\alpha(t)} - \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\gamma z(t)\alpha(t)}{r(t)}} \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{r(t)}{\gamma z(t)\alpha(t)}} \nu(t) \right]^2,
 \tag{3.16}$$

and so, we get

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq - \left[ \Psi(t) - \frac{r(t)(\nu(t))^2}{4\gamma z(t)\alpha(t)} \right].
 \tag{3.17}$$

Integrating (3.17) with respect to  $s$  from  $t_1$  to  $t$ , we get

$$w(t) - w(t_1) \leq - \int_{t_1}^t \left[ \Psi(s) - \frac{r(s)(\nu(s))^2}{4\gamma z(s)\alpha(s)} \right] \Delta s,
 \tag{3.18}$$

and this implies that

$$\int_{t_1}^t \left[ \Psi(s) - \frac{r(s)(\nu(s))^2}{4\gamma z(s)\alpha(s)} \right] \Delta s \leq |w(t_1)|
 \tag{3.19}$$

which contradicts to assumption (3.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Assume that (A\*) holds. If*

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ q(s) + \frac{\gamma \alpha(s) p^2(s)}{4r(s)} \right] \Delta s = \infty,
 \tag{3.20}$$

*then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory.*

*Example 3.3.* Consider the nonlinear dynamic equation

$$\left(t^{-\gamma}(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma\right)^\Delta + \frac{1}{2}t^{-1-\gamma}(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma + \frac{1}{t^{1/\gamma}}x^\gamma(g(t)) = 0, \quad t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}, \quad \mathbb{T} = 2^{\mathbb{N}}, \quad (3.21)$$

where  $\gamma \geq 1$  is the quotient of the odd positive integers. We have that  $p(t) = (1/2)(t^{-1-\gamma})$ ,  $q(t) = 1/t^{1/\gamma}$  and  $r(t) = t^{-\gamma}$ . If  $\mathbb{T} = 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , then  $\sigma(t) = 2t$  and  $e_{-1/\sigma(t)}(t, t_0) = t_0/t$ . So we get  $e_{-p/r}(t, t_0) = t_0/t$ . It is clear that  $(A^*)$  holds. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_0}^t \left(\frac{e_{-p/r}(\cdot, t_0)}{r(s)}\right)^{1/\gamma} \Delta s &= (t_0)^{1/\gamma} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{s^{(1/\gamma)-1}} \Delta s = \infty, \\ \alpha_2(t, t_0) &= \left((r(t))^{1/\gamma} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\Delta s}{(r(s))^{1/\gamma}}\right)^{\gamma-1} = t^{1/(\gamma-1)} \left(\int_{t_0}^t \frac{\Delta s}{s^{-1}}\right)^{\gamma-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

and then

$$\int_{t_0}^t \frac{\Delta s}{s^{-1}} = \infty \quad (3.23)$$

and so we can find  $t_* \geq t_1$  such that  $\int_{t_0}^t \Delta s/r^{1/\gamma} \geq 1$  for  $t \geq t_*$ . Then we can see from Corollary 3.2 that it follows that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ \frac{1}{s^{1/\gamma}} + \frac{\gamma \alpha(s)(p(s))^2}{4r(s)} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.24)$$

and therefore every solution of (3.21) is oscillatory.

Now, let us introduce the class of functions  $\mathfrak{R}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{D}_0 \equiv \{(t, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2 : t > s \geq t_0\}$  and  $\mathbb{D} \equiv \{(t, s) \in \mathbb{T}^2 : t \geq s \geq t_0\}$ . The function  $H \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R})$  has the following properties:

$$H(t, t) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0, \quad H(t, s) > 0, \quad \text{on } \mathbb{D}_0, \quad (3.25)$$

and  $H$  has a continuous  $\Delta$ -partial derivative  $H_s^\Delta(t, s)$  on  $\mathbb{D}_0$  with respect to the second variable. ( $H$  is  $rd$ -continuous function if  $H$  is  $rd$ -continuous function in  $t$  and  $s$ .)

**Theorem 3.4.** *Assume that the conditions of Lemma 2.1 are satisfied. Furthermore, suppose that there exist functions  $H, H_s^\Delta \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R})$  such that (3.25) holds and there exist a function  $\phi(t)$  with  $r(t)\phi(t)$  a  $\Delta$ -differentiable function and a positive  $\Delta$ -differentiable function  $z(t)$  such that*

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_1)} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H(t, s)\Psi(s) - \frac{r(s)}{4\gamma H(t, s)z(s)\alpha(s)} \varphi^2(t, s) \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.26)$$

where  $\varphi(t, s) = [H_s^\Delta(t, s) + H(t, s)v(s)]$ . Then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that (1.12) has a nonoscillatory solution on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Then without loss of generality, there is a sufficiently large  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that  $x(t)$  satisfies the conclusions of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Consider the generalized Riccati substitution

$$w(t) = z(t)r(t)\left(\left(\frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)}\right)^\gamma + \phi(t)\right). \tag{3.27}$$

We proceed as Theorem 3.1 and from (3.15) it follows that

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -\Psi(t) + \nu(t)\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t)\frac{\alpha(t)}{r(t)}\frac{(w^\sigma(t))^2}{(z^\sigma(t))^2}. \tag{3.28}$$

Multiplying both sides of (3.28) by  $H(t, s)$  and integrating with respect to  $s$  from  $t_1$  to  $t$  ( $t \geq t_1$ ), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\Psi(s)\Delta(s) &\leq -\int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)w^\Delta(s) + \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\nu(s)\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}\Delta s \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^t \gamma H(t, s)z(s)\frac{\alpha(s)}{r(s)}\frac{(w^\sigma(s))^2}{(z^\sigma(s))^2}\Delta s. \end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

Integrating by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\Psi(s)\Delta(s) &\leq H(t, t_1)w(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t H_s^\Delta(t, s)w^\sigma(s)\Delta s + \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\nu(s)\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}\Delta s \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^t \gamma H(t, s)z(s)\frac{\alpha(s)}{r(s)}\frac{(w^\sigma(s))^2}{(z^\sigma(s))^2}\Delta s, \\ \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\Psi(s)\Delta(s) &\leq H(t, t_1)w(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H_s^\Delta(t, s) + H(t, s)\nu(s) \right] \frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}\Delta s \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^t \gamma H(t, s)z(s)\frac{\alpha(s)}{r(s)}\frac{(w^\sigma(s))^2}{(z^\sigma(s))^2}\Delta s. \end{aligned} \tag{3.30}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\Psi(s)\Delta(s) &\leq H(t, t_1)w(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \varphi(t, s)\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}\Delta s \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^t \gamma H(t, s)z(s)\frac{\alpha(s)}{r(s)}\frac{(w^\sigma(s))^2}{(z^\sigma(s))^2}\Delta s, \end{aligned} \tag{3.31}$$

where

$$\varphi(t, s) = \left[ H_s^\Delta(t, s) + H(t, s)\nu(s) \right]. \tag{3.32}$$

Then we can write

$$\int_{t_1}^t H(t,s)\Psi(s)\Delta(s) \leq H(t,t_1)w(t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t \frac{r(s)\varphi^2(t,s)}{4\gamma H(t,s)z(s)\alpha(s)}\Delta s - \int_{t_1}^t \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\gamma H(t,s)z(s)\alpha(s)}{r(s)} \frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{r(s)}{\gamma H(t,s)z(s)\alpha(s)}} \varphi(t,s) \right]^2 \Delta s. \quad (3.33)$$

Hence

$$\int_{t_1}^t H(t,s)\Psi(s) - \frac{r(s)\varphi^2(t,s)}{4\gamma H(t,s)z(s)\alpha(s)}\Delta s \leq H(t,t_1)w(t_1) \quad (3.34)$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t,t_1)} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H(t,s)\Psi(s) - \frac{r(s)\varphi^2(t,s)}{4\gamma H(t,s)z(s)\alpha(s)} \right] \Delta s \leq w(t_1)$$

which contradicts with assumption (3.26). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.4.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** Assume that  $(A^*)$  holds. Furthermore, suppose that there exist functions  $H, H_s^\Delta$ , and  $h \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R})$  such that (3.25) holds and there exist a function  $\phi(t)$  such that  $r(t)\phi(t)$  is a  $\Delta$ -differentiable function and a positive  $\Delta$ -differentiable function  $z(t)$  such that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t,t_1)} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H(t,s)\Psi(s) - \frac{h^2(s)(z^\sigma(s))^2 r(s)}{4\gamma z(s)\alpha(s)} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.35)$$

where  $\Psi(t)$  is as defined in Theorem 3.1 and  $H_s^\Delta = -h(t,s)\sqrt{H(t,s)} - H(t,s)v(t)/z^\sigma(t)$ . Then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Assume that  $(A^*)$  holds and there exists a  $\Delta$ -differentiable positive function  $z(t)$  such that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ z(s)q(s) - \frac{r(s)\xi^{\gamma+1}(s)}{(\gamma+1)^{\gamma+1}z^\gamma(s)} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.36)$$

where

$$\xi(t) = z^\Delta(t) - \frac{z(t)p(t)}{r(t)}. \quad (3.37)$$

Then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory.

*Proof.* Suppose that (1.12) has a nonoscillatory solution on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Then without loss of generality, there is a sufficiently large  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$  such that  $x(t)$  satisfies the conclusions of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Consider the generalized Riccati substitution

$$w(t) = z(t)r(t)\left(\frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)}\right)^\gamma. \tag{3.38}$$

From (3.6) it follows that

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -z(t)q(t) - z(t)p(t)\frac{(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma}{x^\gamma(t)} + z^\Delta(t)\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - z(t)\frac{(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma}{x^\gamma(t)}\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)}. \tag{3.39}$$

In the same manner as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we get

$$(x^\gamma(t))^\Delta \geq \begin{cases} \gamma(x^\sigma(t))^{\gamma-1}x^\Delta, & 0 < \gamma \leq 1 \\ \gamma(x(t))^{\gamma-1}x^\Delta, & \gamma > 1. \end{cases} \tag{3.40}$$

If  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ , then we have that

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -z(t)q(t) + \left[ z^\Delta(t) - \frac{z(t)p(t)}{r(t)} \right] \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t) \frac{(x^\sigma(t))^\gamma}{x^\gamma(t)} \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)} \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)}, \tag{3.41}$$

whereas, if  $\gamma > 1$ , we have that

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -z(t)q(t) + \left[ z^\Delta(t) - \frac{z(t)p(t)}{r(t)} \right] \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \gamma z(t) \frac{x^\sigma(t)}{x(t)} \frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x^\sigma(t)} \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)}. \tag{3.42}$$

Using the fact that  $x(t)$  is increasing and  $(r(t)(x^\Delta(t))^\gamma)$  is decreasing on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , we get

$$x^\sigma(t) \geq x(t), \quad x^\Delta(t) \geq \left(\frac{r^\sigma(t)}{r(t)}\right)^{1/\gamma} (x^\Delta(t))^\sigma. \tag{3.43}$$

Using (3.41), (3.42), and (3.43), we obtain

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -z(t)q(t) + \xi(t)\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - z(t)\frac{\gamma}{r^{1/\gamma}(t)}\left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)}\right)^\lambda, \tag{3.44}$$

where  $\lambda = (\gamma + 1)/\gamma$ . Define  $A > 0$  and  $B > 0$  by

$$A^\lambda = \frac{\gamma z(t)(w^\sigma(t))^\lambda}{(z^\sigma(t))^\lambda r^{1/\gamma}(t)}, \quad B^{\lambda-1} = \frac{r^{1/(\gamma+1)}(t)\xi(t)}{\lambda \gamma^{1/\lambda} z^{1/\lambda}(t)}. \tag{3.45}$$

Then using the inequality (see [32])

$$\lambda AB^{\lambda-1} - A^\lambda \leq (\lambda - 1)B^\lambda, \quad (3.46)$$

we obtain

$$\xi(t) \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - z(t) \frac{\gamma}{r^{1/\gamma}(t)} \left( \frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} \right)^\lambda \leq \frac{r(t)\xi^{\gamma+1}(t)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1} z^\gamma(t)}. \quad (3.47)$$

From this last inequality and (3.44) it follows that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ z(s)q(s) - \frac{r(s)\xi^{\gamma+1}(s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1} z^\gamma(s)} \right] \Delta s \leq w(t_1) \quad (3.48)$$

which contradicts with the assumption (3.36). Theorem 3.6 is proved.  $\square$

*Example 3.7.* Consider the second-order equation

$$\left( t^\gamma \left( x^\Delta(t) \right)^\gamma \right)^\Delta + \frac{1}{t^2} \left( x^\Delta(t) \right)^\gamma + \frac{1}{t} x^\gamma(g(t)) = 0, \quad (3.49)$$

where  $\gamma = 1/3 \leq 1$ ,  $r(t) = t^{1/3}$ ,  $q(t) = 1/t$ ,  $t \geq t_0 = 2$ . Then it follows that

$$e_{-p/r}(t, 2) \geq 1 - \int_2^t \frac{p(s)}{r(s)} \Delta s = 1 - \int_2^t s^{-7/3} \Delta s > \frac{1}{2} \quad (3.50)$$

for  $t \geq 2$ , and so

$$\int_2^t \left( \frac{1}{r(s)} e_{-p/r}(s, 2) \right)^{1/\gamma} \Delta s \geq \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^3 \int_2^t \frac{1}{s} \Delta s \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.51)$$

Hence  $(A^*)$  is satisfied. Now let  $z(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 2$ . Then

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \left[ z(s)q(s) - \frac{r(s)\xi^{\gamma+1}(s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1} z^\gamma(s)} \right] \Delta s = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \left[ \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s^{-25/9}}{(4/3)^{4/3}} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.52)$$

and so (3.36) is satisfied as well. Hence by Theorem 3.6, we have that (3.49) is oscillatory.

**Theorem 3.8.** Assume that the conditions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Furthermore, suppose that there exist functions  $H, H_s^\Delta \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R})$  such that (3.25) holds and there exists a positive real rd-functions  $\Delta$ -differentiable function  $z(t)$  such that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_1)} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H(t, s)z(s)q(s) - \frac{C^{\gamma+1}(t, s)r(s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1} z^\gamma(s)(H(t, s))^\gamma} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.53)$$

where  $C(t, s) = H_s^\Delta z^\sigma(s) + H(t, s)\xi(t)$  and  $\xi(t) = z^\Delta(t) - z(t)(p(t)/r(t))$ . Then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory on  $[t_0, \infty)_\mathbb{T}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that (1.12) has a nonoscillatory solution on  $[t_0, \infty)_\mathbb{T}$ . Then without loss of generality, there is a sufficiently large  $t_1 \in [t_0, \infty)_\mathbb{T}$  such that  $x(t)$  satisfies the conclusions of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 on  $[t_0, \infty)_\mathbb{T}$ . Consider the generalized Riccati substitution

$$w(t) = z(t)r(t)\left(\frac{x^\Delta(t)}{x(t)}\right)^\gamma. \tag{3.54}$$

By Theorem 3.6 and inequality (3.44)

$$w^\Delta(t) \leq -z(t)q(t) + \xi(t)\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - z(t)\frac{\gamma}{r^{1/\gamma}(t)}\left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)}\right)^\lambda, \tag{3.55}$$

where  $\lambda = (\gamma + 1)/\gamma$ . Multiplying both sides of (3.55) with  $H(t, s)$  and integrating with respect to  $s$  from  $t_1$  to  $t$  ( $t \geq t_1$ ), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)z(s)q(s)\Delta s &\leq -\int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)w^\Delta(s)\Delta(s) + \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)\xi(s)\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)} \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)z(s)\frac{\gamma}{r^{1/\gamma}(s)}\left(\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}\right)^\lambda \Delta s. \end{aligned} \tag{3.56}$$

Integrating by parts and using (3.25), we obtain

$$\int_{t_1}^t H(t, s)z(s)q(s)\Delta s \leq H(t, t_1)w(t_1) \int_{t_1}^t C(t, s)\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)} - \int_{t_1}^t \frac{\gamma H(t, s)z(s)}{r^{1/\gamma}(s)}\left(\frac{w^\sigma(s)}{z^\sigma(s)}\right)^\lambda \Delta s. \tag{3.57}$$

Define  $A > 0$  and  $B > 0$  by

$$A^\lambda = \frac{\gamma H(t, s)z(t)(w^\sigma(t))^\lambda}{(z^\sigma(t))^\lambda r^{1/\gamma}(t)}, \quad B^{\lambda-1} = \frac{r^{1/(\gamma+1)}(t)C(t, s)}{\lambda(\gamma H(t, s)z(s))^{1/\lambda}}. \tag{3.58}$$

Using the inequality (see [32])

$$\lambda AB^{\lambda-1} - A^\lambda \leq (\lambda - 1)B^\lambda, \tag{3.59}$$

we get

$$C(t, s)\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)} - \frac{\gamma H(t, s)z(t)}{r^{1/\gamma}(t)}\left(\frac{w^\sigma(t)}{z^\sigma(t)}\right)^\lambda \leq \frac{r(t)C^{\gamma+1}(t, s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1}H^\gamma(t, s)z^\gamma(t)}. \tag{3.60}$$

From this last inequality and (3.55) it follows that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_1)} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H(t, s)z(s)q(s) - \frac{r(s)C^{\gamma+1}(t, s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1}H^\gamma(t, s)z^\gamma(t)} \right] \Delta s \leq \omega(t_1) \quad (3.61)$$

which contradicts with the assumption (3.53). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.8.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.9.** *Assume that all conditions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Furthermore, suppose that there exist functions  $H, H_s^\Delta$ , and  $h \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{R})$  such that (3.25) holds and there exists a positive  $\Delta$ -differentiable function  $z(t)$  such that*

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_1)} \int_{t_1}^t \left[ H(t, s)z(s)q(s) - \frac{(-h(t, s))^{\gamma+1}r(s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1}z^\gamma(s)} \right] \Delta s = \infty, \quad (3.62)$$

where  $H_s^\Delta + H(t, s)\xi(t)/z^\sigma(s) = -h(t, s)(H(t, s))^{\gamma/(\gamma+1)}/z^\sigma(t)$ . Then every solution of (1.12) is oscillatory on  $[t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ .

*Example 3.10.* Consider the second-order dynamic equation

$$\left( t^\gamma \left( x^\Delta(t) \right)^\gamma \right)^\Delta + \frac{1}{t^2} \left( x^\Delta(t) \right)^\gamma + \frac{1}{t} x^\gamma(g(t)) = 0, \quad (3.63)$$

where  $t \in [t_0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $t_1 \geq t_0 = 2$ ,  $\gamma = 5/3 \geq 1$ ,  $q(t) = 1/t$ . It is easy to check that  $(A^*)$  holds. For  $z(t) = 1$  and  $H(t, s) = (t - s)^2$ , it immediately follows that

$$h(t, s) = \left\{ (t - s) - (t - s)^2 + (t - \sigma(s)) \right\} (t - s)^{2\gamma/(\gamma+1)} \quad (3.64)$$

and so  $-h(t, s) = 0$ . Hence,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, 2)} \int_2^t \left[ H(t, s)z(s)q(s) - \frac{(-h(t, s))^{\gamma+1}r(s)}{(\gamma + 1)^{\gamma+1}z^\gamma(s)} \right] \Delta s = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^2} \int_2^t \frac{1}{s} (t - s)^2 \Delta s = \infty. \quad (3.65)$$

Therefore by Corollary 3.9, every solution of (3.63) is oscillatory.

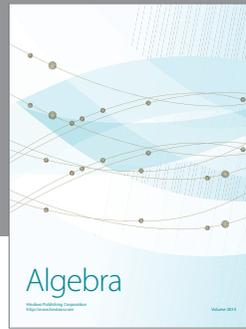
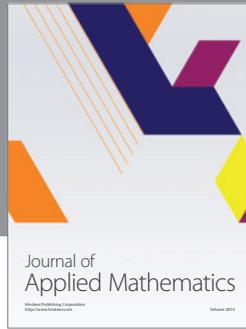
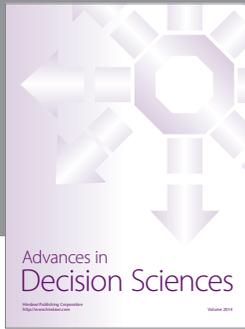
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