



Blow up of Nonlinear Hyperbolic Equation with Variable Damping and Source Terms

S. Abdelhadi* and I. Hamchi

Laboratory of PDE and Applications, Department of Mathematics, University of Batna 2, Algeria.

Received: November 14, 2024; Revised: June 23, 2025

Abstract: In this work, we consider a nonlinear hyperbolic equation with variable damping and source terms. Our aim is to prove that the solution with negative initial energy blows up in finite time.

Keywords: *hyperbolic equation; damping term; source term; variable exponents; blow up.*

Mathematics Subject Classification (2020): 35B40, 37D30, 37K58, 46E35.

1 Introduction

In this work, we consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + u_t |u_t|^{m(\cdot)-2} = u |u|^{p(\cdot)-2} & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(0) = u_0 \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (P)$$

where $T > 0$, Ω is a bounded domain of \mathbb{R}^n ($n \in \mathbb{N}^*$) with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. $A = A(x, t)$ is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix with real coefficients. The exponents $m(\cdot)$ and $p(\cdot)$ are given measurable functions on Ω .

When $A = \text{Identity}$, the bibliography of works concerning problems of existence and nonexistence of global solution is truly long. **In the case of constant damping and source terms**, Ball [3] in 1977, considered the wave equation with source term and proved the blow up of solution when the energy of the initial data is negative. Haraux and Zuazua [8] in 1988, proved that the damping term of polynomial or arbitrary growth

* Corresponding author: <mailto:s.abdelhadi@univ-batna2.dz>