

GLOBAL EXISTENCE AND NONEXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS FOR COUPLED NONLINEAR WAVE EQUATIONS WITH DAMPING AND SOURCE TERMS

YAOJUN YE

ABSTRACT. The initial-boundary value problem for a class of nonlinear higher-order wave equations system with a damping and source terms in bounded domain is studied. We prove the existence of global solutions. Meanwhile, under the condition of the positive initial energy, it is showed that the solutions blow up in the finite time and the lifespan estimate of solutions is also given.

1. Introduction

In this paper, we are concerned with the following initial-boundary value problem for the systems of higher-order nonlinear hyperbolic equations:

$$(1.1) \quad u_{tt} + A_1 u + a|u_t|^{r_1-2} u_t = g_1(u, v), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$(1.2) \quad v_{tt} + A_2 v + a|v_t|^{r_2-2} v_t = g_2(u, v), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$(1.3) \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \in H_0^{m_1}(\Omega), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) \in L^2(\Omega), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$(1.4) \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x) \in H_0^{m_2}(\Omega), \quad v_t(x, 0) = v_1(x) \in L^2(\Omega), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{\partial^i}{\partial \nu^i} u(x, t) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m_1 - 1, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$(1.6) \quad \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \nu^j} v(x, t) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m_2 - 1, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t \geq 0,$$

Received October 11, 2013.

2010 *Mathematics Subject Classification.* 35G50, 35L55, 35L05.

Key words and phrases. systems of nonlinear wave equations, damping and source terms, global solutions, blow-up, lifespan of solutions.

This Research was supported by National Natural Science Foundation of China (No. 61273016), The Natural Science Foundation of Zhejiang Province (No.Y6100016), The Middle-aged and Young Leader in Zhejiang University of Science and Technology(2008-2012) and Interdisciplinary Pre-research Project of Zhejiang University of Science and Technology (2010-2012).

where $A_i = (-\Delta)^{m_i}$, $m_i \geq 1$ ($i = 1, 2$) are natural numbers, $a > 0$ and $r_i \geq 2$ ($i = 1, 2$) are real numbers, Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ so that the divergence theorem can be applied, ν is unit outward normal on $\partial\Omega$, and $\frac{\partial^i u}{\partial \nu^i}$ denotes the i -order normal derivation of u . $g_i(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i = 1, 2$) are given functions to be determined later.

For the initial-boundary value problem of a single higher-order nonlinear hyperbolic equation

$$(1.6) \quad u_{tt} + (-\Delta)^m u + a|u_t|^{r-2}u_t = b|u|^{p-2}u, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0,$$

$$(1.7) \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$(1.8) \quad \frac{\partial^i u}{\partial \nu^i} = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t \geq 0.$$

As for $a = 0$, P. Brenner and W. Von Wahl [4] proved the existence and uniqueness of classical solutions to (1.6)-(1.8) in Hilbert space. H. Pecher [9] investigated the existence and uniqueness of Cauchy problem for the equation (1.6) by using the potential well method due to L. Payne and D. H. Sattinger [8] and D. H. Sattinger [11]. Meanwhile, B. X. Wang [13] showed that the scattering operators map a band in H^s into H^s if the nonlinearities have critical or subcritical powers in H^s . C. X. Miao [7] obtained the scattering theory at low energy using time-space estimates and nonlinear estimates, and he also gave the global existence and uniqueness of solutions under the condition of low energy.

Quite recently, Y. J. Ye [15] dealt with the existence and asymptotic behavior of global solutions for (1.6)-(1.8). In [2], A. B. Aliev and B. H. Lichaei consider the Cauchy problem of the equation (1.6), and they found the existence and nonexistence criteria of global solutions using the $L^p - L^q$ estimate for the corresponding linear problem and also established the asymptotic behavior of solutions and their derivatives as $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

In the case of $m_i = 1$ ($i = 1, 2$), (1.1)-(1.5) becomes the initial-boundary value problem of the system of wave equations. K. Agre and M. A. Rammaha [3] studied the following system of wave equations:

$$(1.9) \quad u_{tt} - \Delta u + a|u_t|^{r_1-2}u_t = g_1(u, v), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$(1.10) \quad v_{tt} - \Delta v + a|v_t|^{r_2-2}v_t = g_2(u, v), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$(1.11) \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$(1.12) \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad v_t(x, 0) = v_1(x), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

$$(1.13) \quad u(x, t) = v(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t \geq 0.$$

They prove, under some restrictions on the parameters and initial data, several results on local existence and global existence of a weak solution. Meanwhile, they also showed that any weak solution with negative initial energy blows up

in finite time. Later, B. Said-Houari [10] investigates the blow-up property of solution for the problem (1.9)-(1.13) provided that the initial data are large enough and the initial energy is positive. This result extends a previous result in [3] to a large class of initial data.

For $m_i > 1$ ($i = 1, 2$), A. B. Aliev and A. A. Kazimov [1] consider the Cauchy problem of equations (1.1) and (1.2). They obtain the existence and uniqueness of weak global solutions through the use of $L^p - L^q$ type estimate for the corresponding linear parts and also established the uniform decay rates of solutions and their derivatives.

Motivated by the above researches, in this paper, we prove the global existence of the problem (1.1)-(1.5) under the condition $p \leq \frac{1}{2} \min\{r_1, r_2\}$, where p is refer to (2.1). Meanwhile, for the positive initial energy and $p > \frac{1}{2} \max\{r_1, r_2\}$, we give the blow-up result and obtain the lifespan estimates of solutions.

We adopt the usual notations and convention. Let $H^m(\Omega)$ denote the Sobolev space with the usual scalar products and norm. Moreover, $H_0^m(\Omega)$ denotes the closure in $H^m(\Omega)$ of $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$. For simplicity of notations, hereafter we denote by $\|\cdot\|_s$ the Lebesgue space $L^s(\Omega)$ norm and $\|\cdot\|$ denotes $L^2(\Omega)$ norm, we write equivalent norm $\|D^m \cdot\|$ instead of $H_0^m(\Omega)$ norm $\|\cdot\|_{H_0^m(\Omega)}$, where D denotes the gradient operator, that is $Du = \nabla u = (\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n})$, and $D^m u = \Delta^j u$ if $m = 2j$ and $D^m u = D\Delta^j u$ if $m = 2j + 1$. In addition, C_i ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$) denote various positive constants which depend on the known constants and may be different at each appearance.

This paper is organized as follows: In the next section, we give some preliminaries. In Section 3, we study the existence of global solutions for problem (1.1)-(1.5). The Section 4 is devote to the study of the blow-up result.

2. Preliminaries

Concerning the functions $g_1(u, v)$ and $g_2(u, v)$, we assume that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} g_1(u, v) &= b_1|u + v|^{2(p-1)}(u + v) + b_2|u|^{p-2}u|v|^p, \\ g_2(u, v) &= b_1|u + v|^{2(p-1)}(u + v) + b_2|v|^{p-2}v|u|^p, \end{aligned}$$

where $b_1, b_2 > 0$ and $p > 1$ are constants.

It easy to see that

$$(2.2) \quad ug_1(u, v) + vg_2(u, v) = 2pG(u, v), \quad \forall (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

where

$$(2.3) \quad G(u, v) = \frac{b_1}{2p}|u + v|^{2p} + \frac{b_2}{p}|uv|^p.$$

Moreover, a quick computation will show that there exist two positive constants C_0 and C_1 such that the following inequality holds (see [10])

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{C_0}{2p}(|u|^{2p} + |v|^{2p}) \leq G(u, v) \leq \frac{C_1}{2p}(|u|^{2p} + |v|^{2p}).$$

Now, we define the following energy function associated with a solution $[u, v]$ of the problem (1.1)-(1.5):

$$(2.5) \quad E(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\|u_t(t)\|^2 + \|v_t(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2) - \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx$$

for $[u, v] \in H_0^{m_1}(\Omega) \times H_0^{m_2}(\Omega)$, and

$$(2.6) \quad E(0) = \frac{1}{2}(\|u_1\|^2 + \|v_1\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u_0\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v_0\|^2) - \int_{\Omega} G(u_0, v_0)dx$$

is the initial total energy.

In order to prove our main result, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. *Let s be a number with $2 \leq s < +\infty$ if $n \leq 2m$ and $2 \leq s \leq \frac{2n}{n-2m}$ if $n > 2m$. Then there is a constant C depending on Ω and s such that*

$$\|u\|_s \leq C\|(-\Delta)^{\frac{m}{2}}u\|, \quad \forall u \in H_0^m(\Omega).$$

Lemma 2.2 (Young inequality). *Let X, Y and ε be positive constants and $s, \tau \geq 1, \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{\tau} = 1$. Then one has the inequality*

$$XY \leq \frac{\varepsilon^s X^s}{s} + \frac{Y^\tau}{\tau \varepsilon^\tau}.$$

Lemma 2.3. *Let $[u, v]$ be a solution to the problem (1.1)-(1.5). Then $E(t)$ is a non-increasing function for $t > 0$ and*

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{d}{dt}E(t) = -a(\|u_t\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \|v_t\|_{r_2}^{r_2}) \leq 0.$$

Multiplying equation (1.1) by u_t and (1.2) by v_t , and integrating over $\Omega \times [0, t]$. Then, adding them together, and integrating by parts, we get

$$(2.8) \quad E(t) - E(0) = -a \int_0^t (\|u_t(s)\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \|v_t(s)\|_{r_2}^{r_2})ds$$

for $t \geq 0$.

Being the primitive of an integrable function, $E(t)$ is absolutely continuous and equality (2.7) is satisfied.

The local existence and uniqueness of solutions for the problem (1.1)-(1.5) can be obtained by a similar way as done in [3, 5, 14]. The result reads as follows.

Theorem 2.1 (Local existence). *Supposed that*

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &1 < p < +\infty, \quad n \leq 2 \min(m_1, m_2), \\ &1 < p \leq \min\left(\frac{n}{n-2m_1}, \frac{n}{n-2m_2}\right), \quad n > 2 \max(m_1, m_2), \end{aligned}$$

and $[u_0, v_0] \in H_0^{m_1}(\Omega) \times H_0^{m_2}(\Omega), [u_1, v_1] \in L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$. Then there exists $T > 0$ such that the problem (1.1)-(1.5) has a unique local solution $[u(t), v(t)]$ which satisfies

$$[u, v] \in C([0, T]; H_0^{m_1}(\Omega) \times H_0^{m_2}(\Omega)),$$

$$u_t \in C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^{r_1}(\Omega \times [0, T]),$$

$$v_t \in C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^{r_2}(\Omega \times [0, T]).$$

Moreover, at least one of the following statements holds true:

- (1) $\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v\|^2 \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow T^-$;
- (2) $T = +\infty$.

3. Global solutions

The following theorem shows that the solution obtained in Theorem 2.1 is a global solution if $p \leq \frac{1}{2} \min\{r_1, r_2\}$.

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that (2.1)-(2.4) and (2.9) hold and $p \leq \frac{1}{2} \min\{r_1, r_2\}$. Then the local solutions $[u(t), v(t)]$ furnished in Theorem 2.1 are global solutions and T may be taken arbitrarily large.*

Proof. Let $[u, v]$ be a weak solution to the initial-boundary value problem (1.1)-(1.5) defined on $[0, T]$ as furnished by Theorem 2.1. We define

$$(3.1) \quad E_1(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\|u_t(t)\|^2 + \|v_t(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v\|^2),$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad E_2(t) = E(t) + 2 \int_{\Omega} G(u(t), v(t))dx,$$

where $E(t)$ is defined by (2.5). Then we easily see from (3.1) and (3.2) that

$$(3.3) \quad E_1(t) \leq E_2(t).$$

Our aim is to prove the following inequality holds for all $t \in [0, T]$.

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{1}{2}(\|u_t(t)\|^2 + \|v_t(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}u\|^2) + \int_{\Omega} G(u(t), v(t))dx + a \int_0^t (\|u_t(s)\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \|v_t(s)\|_{r_2}^{r_2}) \leq C_T,$$

where C_T depends on $\|D^{m_1}u_0\|, \|D^{m_2}v_0\|, \|u_1\|, \|v_1\|$ and $T > 0$ is arbitrary. We have from (2.4), Lemma 2.1, (3.1) and (3.3) that

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{C_0}{2p}(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}) \leq \int_{\Omega} G(u, v) \leq \frac{C_1}{2p}(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}) \\ & \leq \frac{B^{2p}C_1}{2p}(\|D^{m_1}u\|^{2p} + \|D^{m_2}v\|^{2p}) \leq C_2E_1(t)^p \leq C_2E_2(t)^p, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_2 = \frac{2^{p-1}B^{2p}C_1}{p}$ and $B = \max(B_1, B_2)$, and B_i ($i = 1, 2$) is the optimal Sobolev's constant from $H_0^{m_i}(\Omega)$ ($i = 1, 2$) to $L^{2p}(\Omega)$.

By (3.2), we see that

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{C_0}{2p}(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}) \leq \int_{\Omega} G(u, v) \leq E_2(t).$$

Put $Q_t = \Omega \times [0, t]$, then it yields from the energy identity (2.8) that

$$(3.7) \quad E_2(t) + a \int_0^t (\|u_t(s)\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \|v_t(s)\|_{r_2}^{r_2}) ds = E_2(0) + 2 \int_{Q_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} G(u(s), v(s)) dx ds.$$

In order to estimate the last term in (3.7), we set

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11} &:= \{(x, s) \in Q_t : |u(x, s)| \geq 1, |v(x, s)| \geq 1\}, \\ Q_{12} &:= \{(x, s) \in Q_t : |u(x, s)| \geq 1, |v(x, s)| \leq 1\}, \\ Q_{21} &:= \{(x, s) \in Q_t : |u(x, s)| \leq 1, |v(x, s)| \geq 1\}, \\ Q_{22} &:= \{(x, s) \in Q_t : |u(x, s)| \leq 1, |v(x, s)| \leq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.1) and (2.3) we conclude that

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| 2 \int_{Q_t} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} G(u(s), v(s)) dx ds \right| \\ &= 2 \left| \int_{Q_t} \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} u_t(s) + \frac{\partial G}{\partial v} v_t(s) dx ds \right| \\ &\leq 2 \int_{Q_t} \left(\left| \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} \right| |u_t(s)| + \left| \frac{\partial G}{\partial v} \right| |v_t(s)| \right) dx ds \leq C_3(I(t) + J(t)), \end{aligned}$$

where $C_3 = 2 \max\{2^{2(p-1)}b_1, b_2\}$ and

$$(3.9) \quad I(t) = \int_{Q_t} (|u|^{2p-1} + |v|^{2p-1} + |u|^{p-1}|v|^p) |u_t| dx ds,$$

$$(3.10) \quad J(t) = \int_{Q_t} (|u|^{2p-1} + |v|^{2p-1} + |v|^{p-1}|u|^p) |v_t| dx ds.$$

In order to estimate $I(t)$ and $J(t)$, we write

$$(3.11) \quad I(t) = I_{11} + I_{12} + I_{21} + I_{22}, \quad J(t) = J_{11} + J_{12} + J_{21} + J_{22},$$

where

$$(3.12) \quad I_{ij} = \int_{Q_{ij}} (|u|^{2p-1} + |v|^{2p-1} + |u|^{p-1}|v|^p) |u_t| dx ds, \quad i, j = 1, 2,$$

$$(3.13) \quad J_{ij} = \int_{Q_{ij}} (|u|^{2p-1} + |v|^{2p-1} + |v|^{p-1}|u|^p) |v_t| dx ds, \quad i, j = 1, 2.$$

We estimate $I_{11}(t)$ as follows: By noting $|u|, |v| \geq 1$ on Q_{11} , the first two terms in $I_{11}(t)$ are estimated in the same way. From $p \leq \frac{r_1}{2}$, we see that $\eta = \frac{r_1 - 2p}{r_1} \geq 0$

and $(\eta + 2p - 1)\frac{r_1}{r_1 - 1} = 2p$. We have from Lemma 2.2 and (3.6) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.14) \quad \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)| |v(s)|^{2p-1} dx ds &= \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)| |v(s)|^{\eta+2p-1} |v(s)|^{-\eta} dx ds \\
 &\leq \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)| |v(s)|^{\eta+2p-1} dx ds \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + C_\varepsilon \int_{Q_{11}} |v(s)|^{2p} dx ds \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + C_4 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ will be determined later and $C_4 = \frac{2pC_\varepsilon}{C_0}$. Similarly, we have

$$(3.15) \quad \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)| |u(s)|^{2p-1} dx ds \leq \varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + C_4 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds.$$

For the last term in I_{11} , we get from Lemma 2.2 and (3.6) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.16) \quad \int_{Q_{11}} |u|^{p-1} |v| |u_t| dx ds &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_{11}} |v|^{2p} dx ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_{11}} |u|^{2(p-1)} |u_t|^2 dx ds \\
 &\leq \frac{p}{C_0} \int_0^t E_2(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_t} |u|^{2(p-1)} |u_t|^2 dx ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\theta = \frac{2(r_1 - 2p)}{r_1}$, then we have from $p \leq \frac{r_1}{2}$ that $\theta \geq 0$ and $(\theta + 2p - 2)\frac{r_1}{r_1 - 2} = 2p$. Therefore, we obtain from Lemma 2.2 and (3.6) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.17) \quad &\frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)|^2 |u(s)|^{2p-2} dx ds \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)|^2 |u(s)|^{\theta+2p-2} |u(s)|^{-\theta} dx ds \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)|^2 |u(s)|^{\theta+2p-2} dx ds \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \int_{Q_{11}} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + C_\varepsilon \int_{Q_{11}} |u(s)|^{2p} dx ds \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + C_5 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have from (3.14)-(3.17) that

$$(3.18) \quad I_{11}(t) \leq 3\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + C_6 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds,$$

where $C_6 = 2C_4 + C_5 + \frac{p}{C_0}$. Similarly, we obtain

$$(3.19) \quad J_{11}(t) \leq 3\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |v_t(s)|^{r_2} dx ds + C_6 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds,$$

For $I_{12}(t)$, by noting that $|u| \geq 1$ and $|v| \leq 1$ on Q_{12} , we have from Lemma 2.2 and (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.20) \quad I_{12}(t) &\leq \int_{Q_{12}} (1 + |u|^{2p-1} + |u|^{p-1})|u_t| dx ds \\
 &\leq \delta|Q_t| + C_\delta \int_{Q_{12}} |u_t(s)|^2 dx ds + 2 \int_{Q_{12}} |u(s)|^{2p-1} |u_t(s)| dx ds \\
 &\leq \delta|Q_t| + 2C_\delta \int_0^t E_2(s) ds + 2 \int_{Q_{12}} |u(s)|^{2p-1} |u_t(s)| dx ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $|Q_t|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of Q_t .

We conclude from (3.15) and (3.20) that

$$(3.21) \quad I_{12}(t) \leq \delta|Q_t| + 2(C_4 + C_\delta) \int_0^t E_2(s) ds + 2\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds.$$

Likewise, we easily get

$$(3.22) \quad J_{12}(t) \leq \delta|Q_t| + 2(C_4 + C_\delta) \int_0^t E_2(s) ds + 2\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |v_t(s)|^{r_2} dx ds.$$

Using the same way in (3.21) and (3.22), we have

$$(3.23) \quad I_{21}(t) \leq \delta|Q_t| + 2(C_4 + C_\delta) \int_0^t E_2(s) ds + 2\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds,$$

$$(3.24) \quad J_{21}(t) \leq \delta|Q_t| + 2(C_4 + C_\delta) \int_0^t E_2(s) ds + 2\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |v_t(s)|^{r_2} dx ds.$$

For $I_{22}(t)$, we get from (3.3) and Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.25) \quad I_{22}(t) &\leq 3 \int_{Q_{22}} |u_t(s)| dx ds \\
 &\leq \delta|Q_t| + C_\delta \int_{Q_{22}} |u_t(s)|^2 dx ds \leq \delta|Q_t| + C_\delta \int_0^t E_2(s) ds
 \end{aligned}$$

for some $\delta > 0$. Similarly, we have

$$(3.26) \quad J_{22}(t) \leq \delta|Q_t| + C_\delta \int_{Q_{22}} |v_t(s)|^2 dx ds \leq \delta|Q_t| + C_\delta \int_0^t E_2(s) ds.$$

Combining (3.18)-(3.19), (3.21)-(3.22) and (3.23)-(3.26), we have

$$(3.27) \quad I(t) + J(t) \leq 6\delta|Q_t| + 7\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |u_t(s)|^{r_1} dx ds + 7\varepsilon \int_{Q_t} |v_t(s)|^{r_2} dx ds + C_7 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds,$$

where $C_7 = 2(C_6 + 4C_4 + 5C_\delta)$.

Choosing $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough such that $\varepsilon < \frac{a}{7C_3}$, we have from (3.7), (3.8) and (3.27) that

$$(3.28) \quad E_2(t) + (a - 7C_3\varepsilon) \int_0^t (\|u_t(s)\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \|v_t(s)\|_{r_2}^{r_2}) ds = E_2(0) + C_8|Q_t| + C_9 \int_0^t E_2(s) ds,$$

where $C_8 = 6C_3\delta > 0$ and $C_9 = C_3C_7 > 0$.

It follows from Gronwall inequality and (3.28) that

$$(3.29) \quad E_2(t) \leq (E_2(0) + C_8|Q_t|)e^{C_9t}.$$

We have from (3.28) and (3.29) that

$$(3.30) \quad E_2(t) + (a - 7C_3\varepsilon) \int_0^t (\|u_t(s)\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \|v_t(s)\|_{r_2}^{r_2}) ds \leq (E_2(0) + C_8|Q_T|)e^{C_9T}$$

for all $0 < t \leq T$, where T is arbitrary. Thus, (3.4) follows from (3.2) and (3.30). By standard continuation argument, the local solutions $[u(t), v(t)]$ obtained in Theorem 2.1 are global. This finishes the proof of Theorem 3.1. \square

4. The result of blow-up

By Minkowski's inequality, Lemma 2.1 and (2.9), we get that

$$(4.1) \quad \|u + v\|_{2p}^2 \leq 2(\|u\|_{2p}^2 + \|v\|_{2p}^2) \leq 2B^2(\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2).$$

Also, we have from Hölder inequality, Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 that

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|u(t)v(t)\|_p &\leq \|u(t)\|_{2p} \cdot \|v(t)\|_{2p} \leq \frac{1}{2}(\|u(t)\|_{2p}^2 + \|v(t)\|_{2p}^2) \\ &\leq \frac{B^2}{2}(\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2). \end{aligned}$$

We get from (2.3), (4.1) and (4.2) that

$$(4.3) \quad \int_{\Omega} G(u, v) dx \leq \frac{C_{10}B^{2p}}{p}(\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2)^p,$$

where $C_{10} = 2^{p-1}b_1 + \frac{b_2}{2^p}$.

Note that we have from (2.5) that

$$(4.4) \quad E(t) \geq \frac{1}{2}(\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2) - \int_{\Omega} G(u, v) dx.$$

It follows from (4.3) and (4.4) that

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} E(t) &\geq \frac{1}{2}(\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2) \\ &\quad - \frac{C_{10}B^{2p}}{p}(\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2)^p \\ &= Q(\sqrt{\|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 - \frac{C_{10}B^{2p}}{p}\lambda^{2p}.$$

Therefore, we get that

$$Q'(\lambda) = \lambda - 2C_{10}B^{2p}\lambda^{2p-1}, \quad Q''(\lambda) = 1 - 2(2p - 1)C_{10}B^{2p}\lambda^{2(p-1)}.$$

Let $Q'(\lambda) = 0$, which implies that $\lambda_1 = (\frac{1}{2C_{10}B^{2p}})^{\frac{1}{2(p-1)}}$. As $\lambda = \lambda_1$, an elementary calculation shows that $Q''(\lambda) = -2p < 0$. Thus, $Q(\lambda)$ has the maximum at λ_1 and the maximum value is

$$(4.6) \quad d = Q(\lambda_1) = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2C_2B^{2p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}\right) \lambda_1^2.$$

Applying the idea of E. Vitillaro [12], we have the following lemma.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $[u, v]$ be a solution of (1.1)-(1.5). Assume that (2.9) holds. If $0 < E(0) < d$ and $\|D^{m_1}u_0\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v_0\|^2 > \lambda_1^2$, then there exists $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$ such that*

$$(4.7) \quad \|D^{m_1}u(t)\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v(t)\|^2 \geq \lambda_2^2$$

and

$$(4.8) \quad \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx \geq \frac{C_{10}B^{2p}}{p}\lambda_2^{2p}$$

for $t \geq 0$.

The detail proof of Lemma 4.1 see [10].

Theorem 4.1. *Assume that (2.9) holds and that $p > \frac{1}{2} \max\{r_1, r_2\}$. If $[u_0, v_0] \in H_0^{m_1}(\Omega) \times H_0^{m_2}(\Omega)$, $[u_1, v_1] \in L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$, then any solution of (1.1)-(1.5) with initial data satisfying $0 < E(0) < d$ and $\|D^{m_1}u_0\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v_0\|^2 > \lambda_1^2$ blows up at a finite time.*

Proof. Let

$$(4.9) \quad H(t) = d - E(t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

We see from (2.7) in Lemma 2.3 that $H'(t) \geq 0$. Thus we obtain from (2.5) and (4.9) that

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} &0 < H(0) \leq H(t) \\ &= d - \frac{1}{2}(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v\|^2) + \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain from (4.6) and (4.7) that

$$d - \frac{1}{2}(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|D^{m_1}u\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v\|^2) < d - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1^2 = -\frac{1}{2p}\lambda_1^2 < 0.$$

Therefore, we have from (4.10) that

$$(4.11) \quad 0 < H(0) \leq H(t) \leq \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx.$$

Now, we define $L(t)$ as follows.

$$(4.12) \quad L(t) = H(t)^{1-\alpha} + \delta \int_{\Omega} (uu_t + vv_t)dx, \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

for δ small to be chosen later and

$$(4.13) \quad 0 < \alpha \leq \left\{ \frac{p-1}{2p}, \frac{2p-r_1}{2p(r_1-1)}, \frac{2p-r_2}{2p(r_2-1)} \right\}.$$

By differentiating both sides of (4.13) on t , we get from (1.1) and (1.2) that

$$(4.14) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) &= (1-\alpha)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + \delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) \\ &\quad - \delta(\|D^{m_1}u\|^2 + \|D^{m_2}v\|^2) + 2p\delta \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx \\ &\quad - a\delta \int_{\Omega} (|u_t|^{r_1-2}u_tu + |v_t|^{r_2-2}v_tv)dx. \end{aligned}$$

By exploiting (2.5) and (4.9), the equation (4.14) takes the following form

$$(4.15) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) &= (1-\alpha)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + 2\delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) \\ &\quad + 2\delta H(t) - 2\delta d + 2\delta(p-1) \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx \\ &\quad - a\delta \int_{\Omega} (|u_t|^{r_1-2}u_tu + |v_t|^{r_2-2}v_tv)dx. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain from (4.8) and (4.15) that

$$(4.16) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) &\geq (1-\alpha)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + 2\delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) + 2\delta H(t) \\ &\quad + C_{11}\delta \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx - a\delta \int_{\Omega} (|u_t|^{r_1-2}u_tu + |v_t|^{r_2-2}v_tv)dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{11} = 2(p-1 - \frac{dp}{C_{10}(B\lambda_2)^{2p}})$. By (4.6) and $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$, we see that $C_{11} > 0$. We get from Lemma 2.2 that

$$(4.17) \quad a \left| \int_{\Omega} |u_t|^{r_1-2}u_tu dx \right| \leq \frac{\sigma_1^{r_1}}{r_1} \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} + \frac{r_1-1}{r_1} \sigma_1^{-r_1/(r_1-1)} \|u_t\|_{r_1}^{r_1}, \quad \forall \sigma_1 > 0,$$

and

$$(4.18) \quad a \left| \int_{\Omega} |v_t|^{r_2-2}v_tv dx \right| \leq \frac{\sigma_2^{r_2}}{r_2} \|v\|_{r_2}^{r_2} + \frac{r_2-1}{r_2} \sigma_2^{-r_2/(r_2-1)} \|v_t\|_{r_2}^{r_2}, \quad \forall \sigma_2 > 0.$$

It follows from (4.16)-(4.18) that

$$(4.19) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) &\geq (1-\alpha)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + 2\delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) + 2\delta H(t) \\ &\quad + C_{11}\delta \int_{\Omega} G(u, v)dx - \delta \frac{\sigma_1^{r_1}}{r_1} \|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} - \delta \frac{r_1-1}{r_1} \sigma_1^{-r_1/(r_1-1)} \|u_t\|_{r_1}^{r_1} \\ &\quad - \delta \frac{\sigma_2^{r_2}}{r_2} \|v\|_{r_2}^{r_2} - \delta \frac{r_2-1}{r_2} \sigma_2^{-r_2/(r_2-1)} \|v_t\|_{r_2}^{r_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing σ_1 and σ_2 such that

$$(4.20) \quad \sigma_1^{-r_1/(r_1-1)} = \Pi_1 H(t)^{-\alpha}, \quad \sigma_2^{-r_2/(r_2-1)} = \Pi_2 H(t)^{-\alpha},$$

where Π_1 and Π_2 are large constants to be fixed latter. Hence, we have from (2.4), (4.19) and (4.20) that

$$(4.21) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) \geq & (1 - \alpha - \Pi\delta)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + 2\delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) + 2\delta H(t) \\ & + C_{12}\delta(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}) - \frac{\delta}{r_1}\Pi_1^{-(r_1-1)}H(t)^{\alpha(r_1-1)}\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} \\ & - \frac{\delta}{r_2}\Pi_2^{-(r_2-1)}H(t)^{\alpha(r_2-1)}\|v\|_{r_2}^{r_2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Pi = (r_1 - 1)/r_1\Pi_1 + (r_2 - 1)/r_2\Pi_2$ and $C_{12} = \frac{C_{11}C_0}{2p}$ is a positive constant. By $p > \frac{1}{2} \max\{r_1, r_2\}$, we obtain from (2.4) and (4.11) that

$$(4.22) \quad H(t)^{\alpha(r_1-1)}\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} \leq C_{13}(\|u\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_1-1)+r_1} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_1-1)}\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1}),$$

and

$$(4.23) \quad H(t)^{\alpha(r_2-1)}\|v\|_{r_2}^{r_2} \leq C_{13}(\|v\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_2-1)+r_2} + \|u\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_2-1)}\|v\|_{r_2}^{r_2}).$$

From (4.13) and the following algebraic inequality

$$(4.24) \quad z^\mu \leq z + 1 \leq (1 + \frac{1}{k})(z + k), \quad \forall z \geq 0, \quad 0 < \mu \leq 1, \quad k \geq 0,$$

we have

$$(4.25) \quad \|u\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_1-1)+r_1} \leq \beta(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(0)) \leq \beta(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t)),$$

where $\beta = 1 + 1/H(0)$. Similarly,

$$(4.26) \quad \|v\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_2-1)+r_2} \leq \beta(\|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t)).$$

Also, using the inequality $(X + Y)^s \leq C(X^s + Y^s)$, $X, Y \geq 0$, $s > 0$, we conclude from (4.13) and (4.24) that

$$(4.27) \quad \|v\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_1-1)}\|u\|_{r_1}^{r_1} \leq C_{14}(\|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|u\|_{r_1}^{2p}) \leq C_{15}(\|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|u\|_{2p}^{2p}),$$

$$(4.28) \quad \|u\|_{2p}^{2\alpha p(r_2-1)}\|v\|_{r_2}^{r_2} \leq C_{14}(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{r_2}^{2p}) \leq C_{15}(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}).$$

Combining (4.21)-(4.28), we get

$$(4.29) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) \geq & (1 - \alpha - \Pi\delta)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + 2\delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) + 2\delta H(t) \\ & + \delta(C_{12} - C_{16}\Pi_1^{-(r_1-1)} - C_{17}\Pi_2^{-(r_2-1)})(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}) \\ & + \delta(2 - C_{18}\Pi_1^{-(r_1-1)} - C_{19}\Pi_2^{-(r_2-1)})H(t). \end{aligned}$$

For large values of Π_1 and Π_2 , there exist positive constants Θ_1 and Θ_2 such that (4.29) becomes

$$(4.30) \quad \begin{aligned} L'(t) \geq & (1 - \alpha - \Pi\delta)H(t)^{-\alpha}H'(t) + 2\delta(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) \\ & + \delta\Theta_1(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p}) + \delta\Theta_2H(t). \end{aligned}$$

Once Π_1 and Π_2 are fixed, we pick δ small enough such that $1 - \alpha - \Pi\delta \geq 0$ and

$$L(0) = H(0)^{1-\alpha} + \delta \int_{\Omega} (u_0 u_1 + v_0 v_1) dx > 0.$$

Then, we have from (4.30) that

$$(4.31) \quad L'(t) \geq C_{20}\delta[\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t)].$$

Therefore, $L(t)$ is a nondecreasing function for $t \geq 0$, then we obtain that $L(t) \geq L(0) > 0$ for $t \geq 0$.

Since $0 < \alpha < 1$, it is evident that $\frac{1}{1-\alpha} > 1$. We deduce from (4.12) that

$$(4.32) \quad L(t)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \leq C_{21} \left[H(t) + \left(\int_{\Omega} (uu_t + vv_t) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \right].$$

On the other hand, for $p > 1$, we have from Hölder inequality and Lemma 2.2 that

$$(4.33) \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\int_{\Omega} (uu_t + vv_t) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} &\leq C_{22} \left(\|u_t\|^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \|u\|_{2p}^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} + \|v_t\|^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \|v\|_{2p}^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\ &\leq C_{23} \left(\|u\|_{2p}^{\frac{\rho}{1-\alpha}} + \|v\|_{2p}^{\frac{\rho}{1-\alpha}} + \|u_t\|^{\frac{\nu}{1-\alpha}} + \|v_t\|^{\frac{\nu}{1-\alpha}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{1}{\nu} = 1$. We take $\nu = 2(1 - \alpha)$, then $\frac{\rho}{1-\alpha} = \frac{2}{1-2\alpha}$. It follows from (4.13) and (4.24) that

$$(4.34) \quad \|u\|_{2p}^{\frac{\rho}{1-\alpha}} = \|u\|_{2p}^{\frac{2}{1-2\alpha}} \leq \beta(\|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t)),$$

and

$$(4.35) \quad \|v\|_{2p}^{\frac{\rho}{1-\alpha}} = \|v\|_{2p}^{\frac{2}{1-2\alpha}} \leq \beta(\|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t)).$$

We obtain from (4.33)-(4.35) that

$$(4.36) \quad \left(\int_{\Omega} (uu_t + vv_t) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \leq C_{24}[\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t)].$$

Combining (4.32) and (4.36), we find that

$$(4.37) \quad L(t)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \leq C_{25} \left[\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 + \|u\|_{2p}^{2p} + \|v\|_{2p}^{2p} + H(t) \right].$$

We have from (4.31) and (4.37) that

$$(4.38) \quad L'(t) \geq C_{26}L(t)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where $C_{26} = \frac{C_{20}\delta}{C_{25}}$. Integrating both sides of (4.38) over $[0, t]$ yields that

$$(4.39) \quad L(t) \geq \left(L(0)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} - \frac{C_{26}\alpha}{1-\alpha} t \right)^{-\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}}.$$

Noting that $L(0) > 0$, then there exists $T^* = T_{\max} = \frac{(1-\alpha)L(0)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}{C_{26\alpha}}$ such that $L(t) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $t \rightarrow T^*$. Namely, the solutions of the problem (1.1)-(1.5) blow up in finite time. \square

References

- [1] A. B. Aliev and A. A. Kazimov, *Existence, non-existence and asymptotic behavior of global solutions to the Cauchy problem for systems of semilinear hyperbolic equations with damping terms*, Nonlinear Analysis TMA **75** (2012), no. 1, 91–102.
- [2] A. B. Aliev and B. H. Lichaei, *Existence and non-existence of global solutions of the Cauchy problem for higher order semilinear pseudo-hyperbolic equations*, Nonlinear Anal. **72** (2010), no. 7-8, 3275–3288.
- [3] K. Agre and M. A. Rammaha, *Systems of nonlinear wave equations with damping and source terms*, Differential Integral Equations **19** (2006), no. 11, 1235–1270.
- [4] P. Brenner and W. Von Wahl, *Global classical solutions of nonlinear wave equations*, Math. Z. **176** (1981), no. 1, 87–121.
- [5] H. J. Gao and T. F. Ma, *Global solutions for a nonlinear wave equation with the P-Laplacian operator*, Electron. J. Qual. Theory Differ. Equ. **1999** (1999), no. 11, 1–13.
- [6] S. A. Messaoudi and B. Said-Houari, *Global nonexistence of positive initial energy solutions of a system of nonlinear viscoelastic wave equations with damping and source terms*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **365** (2010), no. 1, 277–287.
- [7] C. X. Miao, *Time-space estimates and scattering at low energy for higher-order wave equations*, Acta Math. Sinica **38** (1995), no. 5 708–717.
- [8] L. E. Payne and D. H. Sattinger, *Saddle points and instability of nonlinear hyperbolic equations*, Israel J. Math. **22** (1975), no. 3-4, 273–303.
- [9] H. Pecher, *Die existenz regulärer Lösungen für Cauchy- und anfangs-randwertprobleme nichtlinearer Wellengleichungen*, Math. Z. **140** (1974), 263–279.
- [10] B. Said-Houari, *Global nonexistence of positive initial-energy solutions of a system of nonlinear wave equations with damping and source terms*, Differential Integral Equations **23** (2010), no. 1-2, 79–92.
- [11] D. H. Sattinger, *On global solution of nonlinear hyperbolic equations*, Arch. Rational Mech. Anal. **30** (1968), 148–172.
- [12] E. Vitillaro, *Global nonexistence theorems for a class of evolution equations with dissipation*, Arch. Ration. Mech. Anal. **149** (1999), no. 2, 155–182.
- [13] B. X. Wang, *Nonlinear scattering theory for a class of wave equations in H^s* , J. Math. Anal. Appl. **296** (2004), no. 1, 74–96.
- [14] Z. J. Yang and G. W. Chen, *Global existence of solutions for quasi-linear wave equations with viscous damping*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **285** (2003), no. 2, 604–618.
- [15] Y. J. Ye, *Existence and asymptotic behavior of global solutions for a class of nonlinear higher-order wave equation*, J. Inequal. Appl. **2010** (2010), 1–14.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
 ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
 HANGZHOU 310023, P. R. CHINA
 E-mail address: yjye2013@163.com