



DECAY RATES FOR THE WAVE EQUATION IN AN UNBOUNDED DOMAIN WITH FINITE MEASURE AND INTERNAL-BOUNDARY DAMPING

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Abstract. In this paper we prove a stability result for the wave equation defined in an unbounded domain with finite measure $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n \geq 3$, with boundary $\partial\Omega = \partial\Omega_N \cup \partial\Omega_D$ satisfying $\overline{\partial\Omega_N} \cap \overline{\partial\Omega_D} \neq \emptyset$. On $\partial\Omega_D$ we consider the homogeneous Dirichlet

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boundary condition and on $\partial\Omega_N$ we consider the Neumann boundary condition with a dissipative term. The different types of boundary conditions leads to solutions with lack of regularity. To overcome this difficulty we use a decomposition result due to Bey, Lohéac and Moussaoui [6]. Together with the boundary dissipative term, we consider a nonlinear interior damping which is effective in the exterior of an open ball B_R while the boundary dissipative term acts on $\partial\Omega_N \cap B_r$, with $r > R$. In Cavalcanti *et al.* [7], the results are established when the interior damping is effective in an open ball B_R , here we relinquish this hypothesis.