

# Multiple solutions for a class of quasilinear elliptic equations of $p(x)$ -Laplacian type with nonlinear boundary conditions

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**Abstract:** Using variational methods we study the non-existence and multiplicity of non-negative solutions for a class of quasilinear elliptic equations of  $p(x)$ -Laplacian type with nonlinear boundary conditions of the form  $-\text{Div}(|u|^{p(x)-2}u) + |u|^{p(x)-2}u = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $|u|^{p(x)-2}u \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \lambda g(x,u)$  on  $\partial\Omega$  where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary,  $n$  is the outer unit normal to  $\partial\Omega$  and  $\lambda$  is a parameter. Furthermore, we want to emphasize that  $g: \partial\Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function that may or may not satisfy the Ambrosetti-Rabinowitz-type condition. © 2010 Royal Society of Edinburgh.

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