

A computer-assisted existence and multiplicity proof for travelling waves in a nonlinearly supported beam

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For a nonlinear beam equation with exponential nonlinearity, we prove existence of at least 36 travelling wave solutions for the specific wave speed $c = 1.3$. This complements known existence results of *one* solution for *varying* c [1,2,3]. Our proof makes heavy use of computer assistance: Starting from numerical approximations, we use a fixed point argument to prove existence of solutions "close to" the computed approximations.

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