

Existence of weak solutions for a class of nonuniformly nonlinear elliptic equations in unbounded domains

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Abstract: The goal of this paper is to study the existence of non-trivial weak solutions for the nonuniformly nonlinear elliptic equation $-\operatorname{div}(h(x) \nabla u) + q(x)u = f(x, u)$ in an unbounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ ($N \geq 3$), where $h(x) \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$. The solutions will be obtained in a subspace of the Sobolev space $H^1_0(\Omega)$ and the proofs rely essentially on a variation of the Mountain pass theorem in [D.M. Duc, Nonlinear singular elliptic equations, J. London. Math. Soc. 40 (2) (1989) 420-440]. © 2008 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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