

Existence result for nonuniformly degenerate semilinear elliptic systems in \mathbb{R}^N

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Abstract: We study the existence of solutions for a class of nonuniformly degenerate elliptic systems in \mathbb{R}^N , $N \geq 3$, of the form $-\operatorname{div}(h_1(x) \nabla u) + a(x)u = f(x, u, v)$ in \mathbb{R}^N $-\operatorname{div}(h_2(x) \nabla v) + b(x)v = g(x, u, v)$ in \mathbb{R}^N where $h_i \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, $h_i(x) \geq 0$ with $0 < h_i(x) \leq C|x|^{-\alpha}$ with $0 < \alpha < 2$ and $0 < C < 1$, $i = 1, 2$. The proofs rely essentially on a variant of the Mountain pass theorem (D. M. Duc, Nonlinear singular elliptic equations, J. Lond. Math. Soc. 40(2) (1989), 420-440) combined with the Caffarelli-Kohn-Nirenberg inequality (First order interpolation inequalities with weights, Composito Math. 53 (1984), 259-275). © 2009 Glasgow Mathematical Journal Trust.

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