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Infinitely Many Solutions for a Discrete Fourth Order Boundary Value Problem

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Abstract: By using variational methods and critical point theory, the authors obtain criteria for the existence of infinitely many solutions to the fourth order discrete boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^4 u(t-2) - \alpha \Delta^2 u(t-1) + \beta u(t) = \lambda f(t, u(t)), \quad t \in [1, T]_{\mathbb{Z}}, \\ u(0) = \Delta u(-1) = \Delta^2 u(T) = 0, \ \Delta^3 u(T-1) - \alpha \Delta u(T) = \mu g(u(T+1)), \end{cases}$$

where $T \geq 2$ is an integer, $[1, T]_{\mathbb{Z}} = \{1, 2, ..., T\}$, $\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ are parameters, $f \in C([1, T]_{\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, and $g \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$. Several consequences of their main theorems are also presented. One example is included to show the applicability of the results.

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