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***Eigenvalues of the  $p$ -Laplacian in  $R^N$  with indefinite weight***

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**Abstract:** We consider the nonlinear eigenvalue problem

$$-div(|\nabla u|^{p-2}\nabla u) = \lambda g(x)|u|^{p-2}u$$

in  $R^N$  with  $p > 1$ . A condition on indefinite weight function  $g$  is given so that the problem has a sequence of eigenvalues tending to infinity with decaying eigenfunctions in  $W^{1,p}(R^N)$ . A nonexistence result is also given for the case  $p \geq N$ .

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