



# Infinitely many large energy solutions of nonlinear Schrödinger-Maxwell system

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**Abstract:** This paper deals with the existence of infinitely many large energy solutions for nonlinear Schrödinger-Maxwell system

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We use the Fountain theorem under Cerami conditions 2.2 to find infinitely many large solutions for  $p \in (2,6)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+ - \left(\frac{4}{7}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper we are concerned with the existence of infinitely many large energy solutions for the nonlinear Schrödinger-Maxwell system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + V(x)u + \lambda\phi u = |u|^{p-1}u & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \\ -\Delta\phi = u^2 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3, \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+ - \left(\frac{4}{7}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$  is a parameter,  $V \in C(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$  which is satisfied in some suitable conditions and  $p \in (2,6)$ . In the classical model, the interaction of a charge particle with an electromagnetic field can be described by the nonlinear Schrödinger-Maxwell's equations (see for examples [6, 9] and the references therein for more details on the physical aspects).

More precisely, we use the Fountain theorem under Cerami conditions 2.2 to find infinitely many large solutions for  $p \in (2,6)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+ - \left(\frac{4}{7}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$  which is different from obtained results in [1,6]. If we consider  $V(x) = 1$ , then the system 1.1 reduced to the following system

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + u + \lambda\phi u = |u|^{p-1}u & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \\ -\Delta\phi = u^2 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3, \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

which considered by Jiang et. al, [15], of course in homogeneous case. The problem of finding infinitely many large solutions is a vary classical problem. There is an extensive literature concerning the existence of infinitely many large energy solutions of a plethora of problems via the symmetric Mountain Pass theorem and Fountain theorem [4, 7, 10]. But, the existence of solutions for problem 1.1 has been discussed under different ranges of p, for examples [11, 3] for  $p \in [3,5)$ , 5 for  $p \in (2,5)$  and [1, 2, 17] for  $p \in (1,5)$ . In particular case, with  $V(x) = 1$  and  $p \in (2,5)$ , Ambrosetti and Ruiz have proved that the system 1.2 has infinitely many solutions for all  $\lambda > 0$  [1]. Here, we will show infinitely many large energy solutions for 1.1, where  $V \in C(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$  and  $p \in (2,6)$ , via the Fountain theorem under cerami condition. In recent years, for the potential  $V$ , many authors assumed (see for examples [19,18]).

$V^*) V \in C(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$  and  $V(x) \geq M_0 > 0$  and there exists some  $M > 0$  such that  $\Omega_M := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid V(x) \leq M\}$  is nonempty and has finite Lebesgue measure.

We consider the more general case and weaken the condition of  $V^*$ . We assume

$V_1^*) V \in C(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$  and there exists some  $M > 0$  such that the set  $\Omega_M := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid V(x) \leq M\}$  is nonempty and has finite Lebesgue measure. Also we suppose that there exists a constant  $\theta \geq 1$  such that

$$\theta f_\lambda(u) \geq f_\lambda(tu) \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in [0,1]$ , where  $f_\lambda(u) = \left(1 - \frac{4}{\lambda(p+1)}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^{p+1} dx - \|u\|_E^2$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+ - \left(\frac{4}{7}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$ . The assumption  $V_1^*$  implies that the potential  $V$  is not periodic and changes sign.

## 2. Main results

Here, we express Cerami condition which was established by G. Cerami in [12]. To approach the main result, we need the following critical point theorem.

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose that functional  $I$  is  $C^1$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if any sequence  $\{u_n\}$  satisfies in  $I(u_n) \rightarrow c$  and  $(1 + \|u_n\|)I'(u_n) \rightarrow 0$  has a convergence subsequence, we say the  $I$  is said to Cerami condition at the level  $c$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** (Fountain theorem under Cerami condition) Let  $X$  be a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and let  $X_j$  be a sequence of subspace of  $X$  with  $\dim X_j < \infty$  for any  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Further,  $X = \overline{\bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{N}} X_j}$ , the closure of the direct sum of all  $X_j$ . Set  $W_k = \bigoplus_{j=0}^k X_j$ ,  $Z_k = \bigoplus_{j=k}^\infty X_j$ .

Consider an even functional  $I \in C^1(X, \mathbb{R})$ , that is  $I(-u) = I(u)$  for any  $u \in X$ . Suppose that for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $\rho_k > r_k > 0$  such that

$$I_1) a_k := \max_{u \in W_k, \|u\| = \rho_k} I(u) \leq 0,$$

$$I_2) b_k := \inf_{u \in Z_k, \|u\| = r_k} I(u) \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$I_3)$  the Cerami condition holds at any level  $c > 0$ . Then the functional  $I$  has an unbounded sequence of critical values.

Now, our main result is the following:

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $V_1^*$ , and assumption 1.3 satisfies. Then the system 1.1 has infinitely many solutions  $\{(u_k, \phi_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \times D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  satisfying

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (|\nabla_{u_k}|^2 + V(x)u_k^2) dx - \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla_{\phi_k}|^2 dx + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_k u_k^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} |u|^{p+1} dx \rightarrow +\infty,$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 3. Some auxiliary results and notations

In this section we give some notations and definitions on the function product space. We set

$$H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) := \{u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3) \mid \nabla_u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)\}, \quad (3.1)$$

endowed with the norm

$$\|u\|_{H^1} := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla_u|^2 + u^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3.2)$$

and we consider the function space

$$D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^3) := \{u \in L^{2^*}(\mathbb{R}^3) \mid \nabla u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)\} \quad (3.3)$$

with the norm

$$\|u\|_{D^{1,2}} := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $2^* = \frac{2n}{n-2} = 6$ . Now, we consider the function space

$$E := \left\{ u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \mid \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 + u^2 dx < \infty \right\}.$$

Then  $E$  is a Hilbert space [20] with the inner product

$$(u, v)_E := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\nabla u \nabla v + V(x)uv) dx \quad (3.5)$$

and  $\|u\|_E := (u, u)_E^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** [19] *If  $V_1^*$  holds. Then  $E \hookrightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^2)$  is continuous for  $p \in [2, 2^*]$  and  $E \hookrightarrow L_{loc}^p(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^2)$  is compact for  $p \in [2, 2^*)$ .*

**Remark 3.2.** *The system 1.1 is the Euler-Lagrange equations of the functional  $J_\lambda: E \times D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by*

$$J_\lambda(u, \phi) := \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla \phi|^2 dx + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi u^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^{p+1} dx \quad (3.6)$$

*The functional  $J_\lambda \in C^1(E \times D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^3), \mathbb{R})$  and its critical points are the solutions of system 1.1. It is easy to know that  $J_\lambda$  exhibits a strong indefiniteness, namely it is unbounded both from below and from above on infinitely dimensional subspaces. This indefiniteness can be removed using the reduction method described in [9]. We recall this method. For any  $u \in E$ , the Lax-Milgram theorem [14] implies there exists a unique  $\phi_u \in D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that*

$$-\Delta \phi_u = u^2$$

*in a weak sense. We can write an integral expression for  $\phi_u$  in the form:*

$$\phi_u = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{u(y)^2}{|x-y|} dy, \quad (3.7)$$

*for any  $u \in E$ .*

**Lemma 3.3.** [13] *for any  $u \in E$*

$$i. \quad \|\phi_u\|_{D^{1,2}} \leq M_1 \|u\|_{L^{\frac{12}{5}}}^2, \text{ where } M_1 \text{ is positive constant which does not depend}$$

*on  $u$ . In particular, there exists a positive constant  $M_2$  such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_u u^2 dx \leq M_2 \|u\|_E^4; \quad (3.8)$$

$$ii. \quad \phi_u \geq 0.$$

According to the Lemma 3.3, we define the functional  $I_\lambda: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$I_\lambda(u) := J_\lambda(u, \phi_u).$$

**Remark 3.4.** Using the relation  $-\Delta\phi_u = u^2$  and integration by parts, we can obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla\phi_u|^2 dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_u u^2 dx.$$

Then, we can consider the functional 3.6 as following

$$I_\lambda(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_u u^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^{p+1} dx. \quad (3.9)$$

It well-known that  $I$  is  $C^1$ -functional with derivative given by

$$\langle I'_\lambda(u), u \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} [\nabla_u \nabla_v + V(x)uv + \phi_u uv - |u|^{p-1}uv] dx \quad (3.10)$$

Now, using the proposition 2.3 in [16] we can consider the following proposition for our functional  $J_\lambda$ :

**Proposition 3.5.** The following statements are equivalent:

- i)  $(u, \phi) \in E \times D^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is a critical point  $J_\lambda$  i.e.  $(u, \phi)$  is a solution of problem 1.1;
- ii)  $u$  is a critical point of  $I_\lambda$  and  $\phi_u = \phi$ .

*Proof.* It follows using the remark 3.2 and theorem 2.3 in [9].

#### 4. Proof of main theorem

We take an orthogonal basis  $\{e_j\}$  of product space  $X := E$  and we define  $W_k := \text{span}\{e_j\}_{j=1,\dots,k}$ ,  $Z_k := W_k^\perp$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** [13] for any  $p \in [2, 2^*)$   $\beta_k := \sup_{u \in Z_k, \|u\|=1} \|u\|_{L^p} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, we prove that the functional  $I_\lambda: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the Cerami condition.

**Proposition 4.2.** Under the assumption 1.3, the functional  $I_\lambda(u)$  satisfies the Cerami condition at any positive level.

*Proof.* We suppose that  $\{u_n\}$  is the Cerami sequence, that is for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$$I_\lambda(u_n) = \frac{1}{2} \|u_n\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{u_n} u_n^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx \rightarrow c \quad (4.1)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$(1 + \|u_n\|_E) I'_\lambda(u_n) \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.2)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . From relations 4.1 and 4.2 for  $n$  large enough,

$$1 + c \geq I_\lambda(u_n) - \frac{\lambda}{4} \langle I'_\lambda(u_n), u_n \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \|u_n\|_E^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{u_n} u_n^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx - \frac{\lambda}{4} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\nabla_{u_n} \nabla_{u_n} + V(x)u_n^2 + \phi_{u_n} u_n^2 - |u_n|^{p-1}u_n^2) dx \right].$$

Then,

$$1 + c \geq \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{4}\right) \|u_n\|_E^2 - \left(\frac{1}{p+1} - \frac{\lambda}{4}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx. \quad (4.3)$$

We show that  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded sequence. Otherwise, there exists a subsequence of  $\{u_n\}$  satisfying  $\|u_n\|_E \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then we consider  $\omega_n = \frac{u_n}{\|u_n\|_E} \in E$ , so the sequence  $\omega_n$  is bounded. Up to a subsequence, for some  $\omega \in E$ ,

$$\omega_n \rightharpoonup \omega$$

in  $E$ ,

$$\omega_n \rightarrow \omega \text{ in } L^t(\mathbb{R}^3) \forall t \in [2, 2^*)$$

and

$$\omega_n(x) \rightarrow \omega(x) \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{R}^3. \quad (4.4)$$

Now, we consider two cases. In first case suppose that  $\omega \neq 0$  in  $E$ . Dividing by  $\|u_n\|_E^2$  in both sides of relation 4.1 and by lemma 3.3 we can get

$$\frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|u_n|^{p+1}}{|u_n|^2} dx = 1 + \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{u_n} u_n^2 dx}{\|u_n\|_E^2} + \mathcal{O}(\|u_n\|_E^2) \leq M_3 < \infty \quad (4.5)$$

where  $M_3$  is a positive constant. We consider,

$$\Omega := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \omega(x) \neq 0\},$$

then for all  $x \in \Omega$  and  $p \in (2, \infty)$

$$\frac{|u_n|^{p+1}}{\|u_n\|_E^2} = \frac{|u_n|^{p+1}}{|u_n|^2} \omega_n(x)^2 \rightarrow +\infty \quad (4.6)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $meas(\Omega) > 0$ , using Fatou's lemma,

$$\frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|u_n|^{p+1}}{\|u_n\|_E^2} dx \rightarrow +\infty \quad (4.7)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This is contradiction with relation 4.5. In second case, suppose that  $\omega(x) = 0$ , then we define a sequence,  $t_n \in \mathbb{R}$  as

$$I_\lambda(t_n u_n) = \max_{t \in [0,1]} I_\lambda(t u_n).$$

For any positive  $m$ , we set  $\bar{\omega}_n = \sqrt{4m} \frac{u_n}{\|u_n\|_E} = \sqrt{4m} \omega_n$ . Hence, by relation 4.5 and for  $n$  large enough,

$$\begin{aligned} I_\lambda(t_n u_n) &\geq I_\lambda(\bar{\omega}_n) = \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{\omega}_n\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{\bar{\omega}_n} \bar{\omega}_n^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\bar{\omega}_n|^{p+1} dx \\ &= 2m + \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{\bar{\omega}_n} \bar{\omega}_n^2 dx - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\bar{\omega}_n|^{p+1} dx \geq m. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_\lambda(t_n u_n) = +\infty$  by relation 4.8. Since  $I_\lambda(0) = 0$  and  $I_\lambda(u_n) \rightarrow c$  then for  $t_n \in (0,1)$  and  $n$  large enough, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\nabla_{t_n u_n} \nabla_{t_n u_n} + V(x) t_n u_n t_n u_n + \phi_{t_n u_n} t_n u_n t_n u_n - |t_n u_n|^{p-1} t_n u_n t_n u_n) dx &= \langle I'_\lambda(t_n u_n), t_n u_n \rangle \\ &= t_n \frac{d}{dt} |_{t=t_n} I_\lambda(t u_n) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by assumption 1.3,

$$\begin{aligned} I_\lambda(u_n) - \frac{\lambda}{4} \langle I'_\lambda(u_n), u_n \rangle &= \frac{2-\lambda}{4} \|u_n\|_E^2 - \frac{4-\lambda(p+1)}{4(p+1)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx = \\ \frac{1}{2} \|u_n\|_E^2 - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx - \frac{\lambda}{4} \|u_n\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \|u_n\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \left[ 1 - \frac{4}{\lambda(p+1)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p+1} dx - \|u_n\|_E^2 \right] &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \|u_n\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} f_\lambda(u_n) \geq \frac{1}{2\theta} \|t_n u_n\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4\theta} f_\lambda(t_n u_n) &= \\ \frac{1}{\theta} I_\lambda(t_n u_n) - \frac{\lambda}{4\theta} \langle I'_\lambda(t_n u_n), t_n u_n \rangle \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This contradicts relation 4.3. Therefore,  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded sequence. Assume that  $u_n \rightharpoonup u$  in  $E$ . By lemma 3.1  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $L^t(\mathbb{R}^3)$  for any  $t \in [2, 2^*)$ . By relation 3.10,

$$\|u_n - u\|_E^2 = \langle I'_\lambda(u_n) - I'_\lambda(u), u_n - u \rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u_n|^{p-1} - |u|^{p-1} (u_n - u) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\phi_{u_n} u_n - \phi_u u) (u_n - u) dx.$$

By the Höder inequality, Sobolev inequality and lemma 3.3

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{u_n} u_n (u_n - u) dx \right| &\leq \|\phi_{u_n} u_n\|_{L^2} \|u_n - u\|_{L^2} \leq \|\phi_{u_n}\|_{L^6} \|u_n\|_{L^3} \|u_n - u\|_{L^2} \\ M_4 \|\phi_{u_n}\|_{D^{1,2}} \|u_n\|_{L^3} \|u_n - u\|_{L^2} &\leq M_2 M_4 \|u_n\|_{L^{\frac{12}{5}}}^2 \|u_n\|_{L^3} \|u_n - u\|_{L^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_4$  is a positive constant. Again using  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $L^t(\mathbb{R}^3)$  for any  $t \in [2, 2^*)$ , we obtain that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{u_n} u_n (u_n - u) dx \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_{u_n} u (u_n - u) dx \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\phi_{u_n} u_n - \phi_u u) (u_n - u) dx \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\|u_n - u\|_E \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore,  $I_\lambda(u)$  satisfies Cerami condition.

*Proof of theorem 2.3.* From proposition 4.2.  $I_\lambda(u)$  satisfies Cerami condition. Next, we show that  $I_\lambda(u)$  satisfies the rest conditions of theorem 2.2. First of all, we prove that  $I_\lambda(u)$  satisfies  $I_1$ . Since  $p \in (2,6)$ , so  $\lim_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|u|^{p+1}}{|u|^2} = +\infty$ . Then for any  $K > 0$  there exist  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $|u| \geq \delta$ ,

$$|u|^{p+1} \geq \frac{\lambda}{4} K |u|^2. \quad (4.9)$$

Hence,

$$I_\lambda(u) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda M_2}{4} \|u\|_E^4 - \frac{\lambda K}{4(p+1)} \|u\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Since, norms on finite dimension spaces  $W_k$  are equivalent,

$$I_\lambda(u) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 + \frac{\lambda M_2}{4} \|u\|_E^4 - \frac{\lambda K M_5}{4(p+1)} \|u\|_E^2,$$

where  $M_5$  is a constant. Since

$$\frac{\lambda M_2}{4} - \frac{\lambda K M_5}{4(p+1)} < 0$$

when  $K$  is large enough, it follows that

$$a_k := \max_{u \in W_k, \|u\| = \rho_k} I_\lambda(u) \leq 0$$

for some  $\rho_k > 0$  large enough. Using the lemma 3.3 and 3.1 we show that  $I_\lambda(u)$  satisfies in condition  $I_2$ . By definition of  $I_\lambda$ ,

$$I_\lambda(u) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 - \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^{p+1} dx \geq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 - \frac{1}{p+1} \|u\|_{L^p}^p \geq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_E^2 - \frac{\beta_k^p}{p+1} \|u\|_E^p,$$

where  $\beta_k$  is defined in lemma 4.1. defining  $r_k := \left(\frac{p\beta_k^p}{p+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2-p}}$ , implies that

$$b_k := \inf_{u \in Z_k, \|u\|_E = r_k} I_\lambda(u) \geq \inf_{u \in Z_k, \|u\|_E} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{EW}^2 - \frac{\beta_k^p p}{p+1} \|u\|_E^p \right) \geq \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \right) \left( \frac{p\beta_k^p}{p+1} \right)^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \rightarrow +\infty$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Using 2.2 completes the proof.

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