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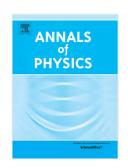
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Abstract: The existence and stability of fundamental, dipole and tripole solitons are investigated in

parity-time symmetric potential with competing gain and loss. The competing parameter decide both

the width of potential and loss or gain region. All these solitons exist in the potential with a suitable

width. It is easy to form a fundamental soliton when increased the parameter k. While to form a

dipole and tripole soliton, the valure of k should locate in some region. These solitons are unstable

for a larger power while may be stable for a relatively small one. The effects of competing gain or

loss profile on the stability of these solitons are investigated with a linear stability analysis

corroborated by a beam propagation method.

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1. Introduction

Recently, Bender et al. investigated non-Hermitian Hamiltonians and found that many of them have

entirely real spectrum provided that have the so-called Parity-Time (PT) symmetry property^[1]. A

necessary condition for the Hamiltonians to be PT symmetry is that the potential function

 $V_{PT}(X) = V(X) + iW(X)$ should satisfy the condition $V_{PT}^{*}(X) = V_{PT}^{*}(-X)^{[2-4]}$. In optics the complex

refractive index plays the role of a PT symmetric potential such that V(X) is an even function of

position and W(X) is an odd function. Since then, propagation of optical beam in complex

nonlinear media featuring the PT symmetry has drawn considerable attention [5-18]. Spatial solitons

would form when the optical beams diffraction is balanced by the nonlinearity or optical potentials.

Solitons may exhibit two regions: one region soliton propagate stably where the other soliton

propagate unstably. Lots of investigation on the existence of various types of solitons in PT

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