## EXPLORING MULTIPLE SOLUTIONS AND NUMERICAL APPROACHES FOR A SIXTH-ORDER BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM

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*Abstract.* We analyze the existence of multiple solutions for a sixth-order boundary value problem. Firstly, we introduce an operator that transforms the problem into a fixed-point problem and delineate its key properties. Subsequently, we investigate the existence of solutions in the functional space  $C^1[0,1]$ , employing the fixed-point theorem of Avery-Peterson. We then provide non-trivial examples and establish a theorem based on the Banach-Piccard theorem, motivating the definition of a numerical method based on the compression principle for the problem. Additionally, we discuss the utilization of nonlinear optimization methods for the problem and compare them with the classical method based on the contraction principle.

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