

## UPPER AND LOWER SOLUTIONS METHOD FOR HIGHER ORDER DISCRETE BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS

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*Abstract.* We shall offer sufficient conditions on the function  $f(i, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})$ , so that the higher order discrete boundary value problem

$$(BVP) \begin{cases} (E) \Delta^n u(i-1) + f(i, u(i), \Delta u(i), \dots, \Delta^{n-2} u(i)) = 0 \text{ for } i \in [1, T+1] \text{ and } n \geq 2, \\ (BC) \begin{cases} \Delta^m u(0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq m \leq n-3, \\ \alpha \Delta^{n-2} u(0) - \beta \Delta^{n-1} u(0) = 0, \\ \gamma \Delta^{n-2} u(T+1) + \delta \Delta^{n-1} u(T+1) = 0, \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

has at least one solution.

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