

# One-dimensional periodic fractional Schrödinger equations with exponential critical growth

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## Abstract

In the present paper, we study the existence of nontrivial solutions of the following one-dimensional fractional Schrödinger equation  $(-\Delta)^{1/2}u + V(x)u = f(x, u)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $(-\Delta)^{1/2}$  stands for the  $1/2$ -Laplacian,  $V(x) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}, (0, +\infty))$ , and  $f(x, u): \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function with an exponential critical growth. Comparing with the existing works in the field of exponential-critical-growth fractional Schrödinger equations, we encounter some new challenges due to the weaker assumptions on the reaction term  $f$ . By using some sharp energy estimates, we present a detailed analysis of the energy level, which allows us to establish the existence of nontrivial solutions for a wider class of nonlinear terms. Furthermore, we use the non-Nehari manifold method to establish the existence of Nehari-type ground state solutions of the one-dimensional fractional Schrödinger equations.

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