

# LIOUVILLE THEOREMS FOR RADIAL SOLUTIONS OF SEMILINEAR ELLIPTIC EQUATIONS

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## Abstract

In this work we obtain some new Liouville theorems for positive, radially symmetric solutions of the equation

$$-\Delta u = f(u) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N$$

where  $f$  is a continuous function in  $[0, +\infty)$  which is positive in  $(0, \infty)$ . Our methods adapt to cover more general problems, where the nonlinearity is multiplied by some radially symmetric weights and/or the Laplacian is replaced by the  $p$ -Laplacian,  $1 < p < N$ . Some results for related elliptic systems are also obtained.

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