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University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL 60607. *Travelling wave solutions of nonlinear
dispersive wave equations.*

Considered here is a class of nonlinear dispersive wave equations from fluid mechanics and written in non-dimensional form:

$$u_t + u_x - Lu_x + u^{p-1}u_x = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $u = u(x, t)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $t \geq 0$, $p \geq 2$ is an integer and L is a linear operator defined through its Fourier transform $\widehat{Lv}(\xi) = \alpha(\xi)\widehat{v}(\xi)$. I am interested in travelling wave solutions in frame $u(x, t) = u(x - ct)$ where $c > 1$ is wave propagation speed. The result is that if $\alpha(0) = 0$, $\alpha(-\xi) = \alpha(\xi) \geq 0$, α is monotone increasing on $[0, \infty)$, and there is an $s > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}$ such that $0 < \liminf_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} |\xi|^{-2s}\alpha(\xi) < \infty$, then (1) has solitary wave solutions $u \in H^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and periodic travelling wave solutions $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ with period l if $l > 0$ is chosen sufficiently large. (Received August 23, 2004)