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Wave stability on one-dimensional non-linear lattices CHIA-CHEN CHANG, Department of Physics, The Pennsylvania State University, GERALD D. MAHAN, Department of Physics, The Pennsylvania State University — We report the results of our stability analysis of exact travling wave solutions for two non-linear mono-atomic lattices in one dimension. One lattice has nearest-neighbor potential energy contains quadratic and quartic terms (Fermi-Pasta-Ulam model). The other lattice has potential energy which goes as cosh(q), a generalization of the Toda lattice. These exact traveling wave solutions have wave lengths that are commensurate with the lattice constant. It is found that on the quadratic-quartic lattice, the traveling wave solutions are unstable. For the cosh(q) lattice, on the other hand, the solutions are stable.

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