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Once you admit that the mass of a nonrelativistic quantum particle may vary with its position (which may correspond, say, to its motion in an external field in a crystal, etc), you may immediately generalize the standard methods of solving Schroedinger equation. The authors picked up the Lie-algebraic approach (with Hamiltonians interpreted as Casimir operators) and showed how one may construct exact solutions in single dimension using representation theory and algebra so(2,1). Their conclusions parallel the well known constant-mass classification scheme. Slightly beyond this framework, a supersymmetry-related remark is added on the existence of the so called intertwining relationship between the two different "partner" Hamiltonians.