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We study the solitary wave solutions of the following system of nonlinear Schrödinger equations,

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta U_j + U_j = \mu U_j^3 + \beta U_j \sum_{k \neq j} U_k^2, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ U_j > 0 \text{ in } \Omega, U_j = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega, & j = 1, \dots, N. \end{cases}$$

Here  $\mu > 0$  and  $\beta < 0$  are constants;  $\Omega$  is a smooth and bounded (or unbounded if  $\Omega$  is radially symmetric) domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \leq 3$ .

Using a Lusternik-Schnirelmann type theory and a  $Z_N$ -index, we prove the existence of multiple  $Z_N$ -orbits of solutions on different energy levels. The parameter  $\beta$  plays an important role in this process, and its value is used to estimate the number of solution orbits. (Received September 20, 2011)