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# Exact Travelling Wave Solutions for Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky Equation by the First Integral Method

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## Abstract

In this paper, the first integral method is used to construct exact travelling wave solutions of Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky equation. The first integral method is algebraic direct method for obtaining exact solutions of nonlinear partial differential equations. This method can be applied to non-integrable equations as well as to integrable ones. This method is based on the theory of commutative algebra.

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## 1. Introduction

Nonlinear evolution equations (NLEEs) have been the subject of study in various branches of Mathematical-physical sciences such as physics, biology, and chemistry. The analytical solutions of such equations are of fundamental importance since a lot of mathematical physical models are described by NLEEs. Among the possible solutions to NLEEs, certain special form solutions may depend only on a single combination of variables such as travelling wave variables. In the literature, there is a wide variety of approaches to nonlinear problems for constructing traveling wave solutions, such as the Backlund transformation method [Miura (1978)], Hirota's direct

method [Hirota (1971)), (2004)], tanh-sech method [Ma (1993), Malfliet (1992), Khater et al. (2002), Wazwaz (2006)], extended tanh method [Ma and Fuchssteiner (1996), El-Wakil et al. (2007), Fan (2000), Wazwaz (2005)], hyperbolic function method [Xia and Zhang (2001)], sine-cosine method [Wazwaz (2004), Yusufoglu and Bekir (2006)], Jacobi elliptic function expansion [Inc and Ergut (2005)], F-expansion method [Zhang (2006)], and the transformed rational function method [Ma and Lee (2009)].

The first integral method was first proposed by Feng (2002), in solving Burgers-KdV equation which is based on the ring theory of commutative algebra. Recently, this useful method is widely used by many such as in [Feng and Wang (2002), Raslan (2008), Abbasbandy and Shirzadi (2010), Tascan et al. (2009) and by the reference therein].

Raslan (2008) proposed the first integral method to solve the Fisher equation. Abbasbandy and Shirzadi (2010) solved the modified Benjamin-Bona-Mahoney equation by using the first integral method. Tascan et al. (2009) used the first integral method to obtain the exact solutions of the modified Zakharov-Kuznetsov equation and ZK-MEW equation. The aim of this paper is to find exact solutions of the Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky equation [Wazwaz (2007)] by the first integral method.

## 2. First Integral Method

Consider the nonlinear partial differential equation in the form

$$F(u, u_x, u_y, u_t, u_{xx}, u_{xy}, ...) = 0, (1)$$

where u = u(x, y, t) is the solution of nonlinear partial differential equation (1). We use the transformations

$$u(x, y, t) = u(\xi), \qquad \xi = x + y - ct.$$
 (2)

This enables us to use the following changes:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(.) = -c \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(.), \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(.) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(.), \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(.) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(.), \qquad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(.) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2}(.), \dots$$
(3)

We use (3) to change the nonlinear partial differential equation (1) to nonlinear ordinary differential equation

$$G\left(u\left(\xi\right),\frac{\partial u\left(\xi\right)}{\partial\xi},\frac{\partial^{2}u\left(\xi\right)}{\partial\xi^{2}},\ldots\right)=0.$$
(4)

Next, we introduce a new independent variable

$$X(\xi) = u(\xi), \qquad Y = \frac{\partial u(\xi)}{\partial \xi}.$$
(5)

This leads to a system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{\partial X(\xi)}{\partial \xi} = Y(\xi),$$

$$\frac{\partial Y(\xi)}{\partial \xi} = F_1(X(\xi), Y(\xi)).$$
(6)

By the qualitative theory of ordinary differential equations [Ding and Li (1996)], if we can find the integrals to equation (6) under the same conditions, then the general solutions to equation (6) can be solved directly. However, in general, it is really difficult for us to realize this even for one first integral, because for a given plane autonomous system, there is no systematic theory that can tell us how to find its first integrals, nor is there a logical way for telling us what these first integrals are. We will apply the Division Theorem to obtain one first integral to equation (6) which reduces equation (4) to a first order integrable ordinary differential equation. An exact solution to equation (1) is then obtained by solving this equation.

Now, let us recall the Division Theorem:

#### **Division Theorem:**

Suppose that P(w,z) and Q(w,z) are polynomials in C(w,z), and P(w,z) is irreducible in C(w,z). If Q(w,z) vanishes at all zero points of P(w,z), then there exists a polynomial  $F_2(w,z)$  in C(w,z) such that  $Q(w,z) = P(w,z)F_2(w,z)$ .

### 3. Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky Equation

Konopelchenko and Dubrovsky (1984) presented the Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky (KD) equation

$$u_{t} - u_{xxx} - 6buu_{x} + \frac{3}{2}a^{2}u^{2}u_{x} - 3v_{y} + 3au_{x}v = 0,$$

$$u_{y} = v_{x},$$
(7)

where a and b are real parameters. Equation (7) is a new nonlinear integrable evolution equation on two spatial dimensions and one temporal. In Konopelchenko and Dubrovsky (1984), this equation was investigated by the inverse scattering transform method. The F-expansion method is used in Wang and Zhang (2005) to investigate the KD equation.

By making the transformations  $u(x, y, t) = u(\xi)$ ,  $v(x, y, t) = v(\xi)$ , and  $\xi = x + y - ct$ , equation (7) becomes

$$-cu' - u''' - 6buu' + \frac{3}{2}a^2u^2u' - 3v' + 3au'v = 0,$$

$$u' = v',$$
(8)

where by integrating the second equation we find:

$$u = v \,. \tag{9}$$

Substituting (9) into the first equation of (8) and integrating the resulting equation we obtain

$$u'' - \frac{a^2}{2}u^3 + 3(b - \frac{a}{2})u^2 + (c + 3)u = -R,$$
(10)

where R is an integration constant that is to be determined later.

Using (5) and (6), we can get

$$\dot{X}(\xi) = Y(\xi), \tag{11}$$

$$\dot{Y}(\xi) = \frac{a^2}{2} X^3(\xi) + 3(\frac{a}{2} - b) X^2(\xi) - (c+3) X(\xi) - R.$$
(12)

According to the first integral method, we suppose the  $X(\xi)$  and  $Y(\xi)$ , are the nontrivial solutions of (11) and (12) also

$$Q(X,Y) = \sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i(X)Y^i = 0,$$

is an irreducible polynomial in the complex domain C(X, Y), such that

$$Q(X(\xi),Y(\xi)) = \sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i (X(\xi))Y^i(\xi) = 0,$$
(13)

where  $a_i(X)$ , i = 0, 1, ..., N, are polynomials of X and  $a_N(X) \neq 0$ . Equation (13) is called the first integral to (11), (12). Due to the Division Theorem, there exists a polynomial g(X) + h(X)Y, in the complex domain C(X, Y), such that

$$\frac{dQ}{d\xi} = \frac{dQ}{dX} \cdot \frac{dX}{d\xi} + \frac{dQ}{dY} \cdot \frac{dY}{d\xi} = (g(X) + h(X)Y) \sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i(X)Y^i.$$
(14)

In this example, we take two different cases, assuming that N = 1, and N = 2, in (13).

Case A:

Suppose that N = 1, by comparing with the coefficients of  $Y^{i}$  (i = 2, 1, 0) of both sides of (14), we have

$$\dot{a}_1(X) = h(X)a_1(X),$$
(15)

$$\dot{a}_0(X) = g(X)a_1(X) + h(X)a_0(X), \tag{16}$$

$$a_{1}(X)\left[\frac{a^{2}}{2}X^{3}(\xi)+3(\frac{a}{2}-b)X^{2}(\xi)-(c+3)X(\xi)-R\right]=g(X)a_{0}(X).$$
(17)

We obtain that  $a_1(X)$ , is constant and h(X) = 0, take  $a_1(X) = 1$ , and balancing the degrees of g(X),  $a_1(X)$  and  $a_0(X)$ , we conclude that deg(g(X)) = 1, only.

Suppose that  $g(X) = A_1X + B_0$ , then we find  $a_0(X)$ .

$$a_0(X) = A_0 + B_0 X + \frac{1}{2} A_1 X^2, \qquad (18)$$

where  $A_0$  is arbitrary integration constant. Substituting  $a_0(X)$ ,  $a_1(X)$  and g(X) in the last equation in (17) and setting all the coefficients of X to be zero, then we obtain a system of nonlinear equations and by solving it, we obtain

$$A_{0} = -\frac{4a^{2} - 4ab + 4b^{2} + ca^{2}}{a^{3}}, \qquad A_{1} = a, \qquad B_{0} = \frac{a - 2b}{a},$$
(19)  

$$R = \frac{(a - 2b)(4a^{2} - 4ab + 4b^{2} + ca^{2})}{a^{4}}.$$
  

$$A_{0} = \frac{4a^{2} - 4ab + 4b^{2} + ca^{2}}{a^{3}}, \qquad A_{1} = -a, \qquad B_{0} = -\frac{a - 2b}{a},$$
(20)  

$$R = \frac{(a - 2b)(4a^{2} - 4ab + 4b^{2} + ca^{2})}{a^{4}}.$$

Using the conditions (19) in (13), we obtain

$$Y(\xi) = -\frac{a}{2}(X(\xi))^2 - \frac{(a-2b)}{a}X(\xi) + \frac{4a^2 - 4ab + 4b^2 + ca^2}{a^3}.$$
(21)

Combining (21) with (11), we obtain the exact solution to equation (10) and then the exact solution to Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky equation can be written as

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{(2b-a)}{a^2} + \frac{\sqrt{a^2(9+2c) + 12b(b-a)}}{a^2} \times \tanh[\frac{\sqrt{a^2(9+2c) + 12b(b-a)}}{2a}((x+y-ct) + \xi_0)],$$
(22)

where  $\xi_0$  is an arbitrary constant.

Similarly, in the case of (20), from (13), we obtain

$$Y(\xi) = \frac{a}{2} (X(\xi))^{2} + \frac{(a-2b)}{a} X(\xi) - \frac{4a^{2} - 4ab + 4b^{2} + ca^{2}}{a^{3}},$$
(23)

and then the exact solution of Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky equation can be written as

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{(2b-a)}{a^2} - \frac{\sqrt{a^2(9+2c) + 12b(b-a)}}{a^2}$$

$$\times \tanh[\frac{\sqrt{a^2(9+2c) + 12b(b-a)}}{2a}((x+y-ct) + \xi_0)],$$
(24)

where  $\xi_0$  is an arbitrary constant.

### Case B:

Suppose that N = 2, by equating with the coefficients of  $Y^{i}$  (i = 3, 2, 1, 0) of both sides of (14), we have

$$\dot{a}_2(X) = h(X)a_2(X),$$
 (25)

$$\dot{a}_1(X) = g(X)a_2(X) + h(X)a_1(X),$$
(26)

$$\dot{a}_{0}(X) = -2a_{2}(X)\left[\frac{a^{2}}{2}X^{3}(\xi) + 3(\frac{a}{2} - b)X^{2}(\xi) - (c+3)X(\xi) - R\right] + g(X)a_{1}(X) + h(X)a_{0}(X),$$
(27)

$$a_{1}(X)\left[\frac{a^{2}}{2}X^{3}(\xi)+3(\frac{a}{2}-b)X^{2}(\xi)-(c+3)X(\xi)-R\right]=g(X)a_{0}(X).$$
(28)

We obtain that  $a_2(X)$  is constant and h(X) = 0. Taking  $a_2(X) = 1$  and balancing the degrees g(X),  $a_2(X)$  and  $a_0(X)$ , we conclude that deg(g(X)) = 1, only. Suppose that  $g(X) = A_1X + B_0$ , then we find  $a_0(X)$ , and  $a_1(X)$  as

$$a_1(X) = A_0 + B_0 X + \frac{1}{2} A_1 X^2,$$
(29)

$$a_0(X) = d + (A_0B_0 + 2R)X + (\frac{B_0^2}{2} + \frac{A_1A_0}{2} + c + 3)X^2 + (\frac{A_1B_0}{2} + 2b - a)X^3 + (\frac{A_1^2}{8} - \frac{a^2}{4})X^4,$$
(30)

where *d* is arbitrary integration constant. Substituting  $a_0(X)$ ,  $a_1(X)$ ,  $a_2(X)$  and g(X), in the last equation in (28) and setting all the coefficients of *X* to be zero, then we obtain a system of nonlinear equations and by solving it with aid Maple, we obtain

$$R = -\frac{A_0(a-2b)}{2a}, A_1 = 2a, B_0 = \frac{2(a-2b)}{a}, d = \frac{A_0^2}{4}, c = -\frac{8a^2 - 8ab + 8b^2 + a^3A_0}{2a^2},$$
(30)

$$R = \frac{A_0(a-2b)}{2a}, A_1 = -2a, B_0 = -\frac{2(a-2b)}{a}, d = \frac{A_0^2}{4}, c = -\frac{8a^2 - 8ab + 8b^2 - a^3A_0}{2a^2},$$
(32)

where  $A_0$  is arbitrary constant.

Using the condition (31) into (13), we get

$$Y(\xi) = -\frac{a}{2}X^{2}(\xi) + \frac{(2b-a)}{a}X(\xi) - \frac{A_{0}}{2}.$$
(33)

Combining (33) with (11), we obtain the exact solution to equation (10) and the exact solution to Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky equation can be written as

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{2b - a}{a^2} - \frac{\sqrt{a^2(aA_0 - 1) + 4b(a - b)}}{a^2}$$

$$\times \tan\left[\frac{\sqrt{a^2(aA_0 - 1) + 4b(a - b)}}{2a}(x + y + (\frac{8a^2 - 8ab + 8b^2 + a^3A_0}{2a^2})t + \xi_0)\right],$$
(34)

where  $\xi_0$  is an arbitrary constant.

Similarly, in the case of (32), from (13), we obtain

$$Y(\xi) = \frac{a}{2} X^{2}(\xi) - \frac{(2b-a)}{a} X(\xi) - \frac{A_{0}}{2}.$$
(35)

Then, the exact solution to Konopelchenko-Dubrovsky equation can be written as:

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{2b - a}{a^2} - \frac{\sqrt{a^2(aA_0 + 1) + 4b(b - a)}}{a^2}$$

$$\times \tanh\left[\frac{\sqrt{a^2(aA_0 + 1) + 4b(b - a)}}{2a}(x + y + (\frac{8a^2 - 8ab + 8b^2 - a^3A_0}{2a^2})t + \xi_0)\right],$$
(36)

where  $\xi_0$  is an arbitrary constant.

In (36), if  $A_0 = \xi_0 = 0$ , we have

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{2b - a}{a^2} (1 - \tanh[\frac{2b - a}{2a}(x + y - (\frac{4(ab - a^2 - b^2)}{a^2})t)]).$$
(37)

### 4. Conclusion

The first integral method is applied successfully for solving the system of nonlinear partial differential equations. Thus, we deduce that the proposed method can be extended to solve many systems of nonlinear partial differential equations which are arising in the theory of solitons and other areas. The exact solution of the general system of nonlinear partial differential equations using the first integral method is still an open point of research.

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