New Exact Solutions of Rational Expansion method for the Variable Coefficient Nonlinear Equation with Forced Term

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Abstract—With the aid of symbolic computation system Maple, several new kinds of generalized exact solutions for the variable coefficient combined KdV equation and Chaffee-Infante equation with forced term are obtained by using a new generalize Riccati equation rational expansion method. This approach can also be applied to other variable coefficient nonlinear evolution equations.

Index Terms—forced term, generalized Riccati equation rational expansion method, solitary-wave-like solutions, variable coefficient combined KdV equation.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the nonlinear science, many important phenomena in various fields can be described by the nonlinear evolution equations (NLEEs). Searching for exact solutions of NLEEs plays an important and significant role in the study on the dynamics of those phenomena[1-14]. Recently, much attention has been paid to the variable-coefficient nonlinear equations which can describe many nonlinear phenomena more realistically than their constant-coefficient ones. Many powerful methods are presented to obtain the exact solutions of nonlinear evolution equation, such as Variational method, truncation expansion method, the homogeneous balance method, Bäcklund transformation method, F - expansion method, the method of separation of variables, Jacobi elliptic function method, deformation mapping method and so on[8-14].

In this paper, by use of the generalized Riccati equation, we propose a new algebraic method to construct some new exact solutions of the KdV equation and Chaffee-Infante equation with variable coefficients. Including many kinds of solitary-wave-like solutions and like-periodical solutions, many solutions are new.

The rest of paper is arranged as follows. In section 2, we briefly describe our method—the new Riccati equation rational expansion method. In section 3, we apply the new method to the KdV equation and Chaffee-Infante equation with variable coefficients. Finally, in section 4, some conclusions are given.

II. SUMMARY OF THE GENERALIZED RICCATI EQUATION RATIONAL EXPANSION METHOD

In the following we would like to outline the main content of our method.

For the given nonlinear evolution system with some physical fields \( u_i(x,t) \) in two variables \( x, t \),
\[
\nabla_i \left( u_i, u_{ix}, u_{ax}, u_{iux}, u_{iuxx}, u_{iuxxx}, \Lambda \right) = 0
\]
by using the wave transformation \( u_i(x,t) = U_i(\xi) \),
\[
\xi = x + \lambda t ,
\]
where \( \lambda \) is a constant to be determined later. Then the nonlinear partial differential (2) is reduced to a nonlinear ordinary differential equation (ODE):
\[
\Delta \left( U_i, U'_i, U''_i, \Lambda \right) = 0 ,
\]
where \( \Delta = \frac{d}{d\xi} \).

We introduce a new ansäta in terms of finite rational formal expansion in the following forms:
\[
U_i = a_{i0} + \sum_j^{m_i} a_{ij} \psi^j(\xi)
\]
(3)
where
\[
a_{i0} = a_{i0}(t), a_{ij} = a_{ij}(t) (i = 1, 2, \Lambda ; j = 1, 2, \Lambda, m_i)
\]
are functions of \( t \) to be determined later. \( \xi = \xi(x,t) \) are arbitrary functions with \( x \) and \( t \), \( \mu \) are constants to be determined later. The parameter \( m_i \) can be found by balancing the highest order derivative term and the nonlinear terms in (1) or (2):

(i) If \( m_i \) is a positive integer then go on :

(ii) If \( m_i \) is a fraction or a negative integer, we make the transformation \( u(\xi) = v^m(\xi) \) then determine \( m_i \) again.

Where the new variable \( \psi = \psi(\xi) \) satisfies the generalized Riccati equation as following:
\[
\psi'' - (h_1 + h_2 \psi^2)' = \frac{d\psi}{d\xi} \left( h_1 + h_2 \psi^2 \right) = 0
\]
(4)
where \( \psi'' \) are arbitrary real numbers, behind the same.

Substitute (3) into (4) along with (2), then set all coefficients of \( \psi'' (\xi) (i = 1, 2, \Lambda) \) of the resulting system’s numerator to be zero to get an over-determined system of nonlinear algebraic equations with respect to \( k(t), l(t), a_{i0}(t), a_{ij}(t) (i = 1, 2, \Lambda ; j = 1, 2, \Lambda, m_i) \)}
and \( \mu \). Solving the over-determined system of nonlinear algebraic equations by use of Maple, we would end up with the explicit expressions for \( k(t), l(t), a_{i0}(t), a_{j0}(t) \) \((i = 1, 2, \Lambda ; j = 1, 2, \Lambda m_i) \) and \( \mu \).

With the aid of Maple, we obtain the general solutions of (4) which are now listed as following:

1) when \( h_i h_2 > 0 \)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \tan\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(5)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \cot\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(6)

2) when \( h_i h_2 < 0 \)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \tanh\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(7)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \coth\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(8)

3) when \( h_1 = 0 \) and \( h_2 \neq 0 \)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{1}{h_2 \xi + c},
\]

(9)

where \( \xi = k(t)x + l(t) \), and \( c, c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \) are arbitrary constants.

**Remark 1** As is well known, there exist the following relationship:

\[
\cos(2\xi) = 2\cos^2(\xi) - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2(\xi),
\]

\[
\sin(2\xi) = 2\sin(\xi)\cos(\xi),
\]

\[
cosh(2\xi) = 2\cosh^2(\xi) - 1 = 2\sinh^2(\xi) + 1,
\]

\[
\sinh(2\xi) = 2\sinh(\xi)\cosh(\xi).
\]

So (5) and (6) can be listed as:

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{h_i h_2}}{h_2} \csc\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right) \pm \cot\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(10)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{h_i h_2}}{h_2} \sec\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right) \pm \tan\left(\sqrt[4]{h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(11)

where (7) and (8) can also be listed as:

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \coth\left(\sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right) \pm \csc\left(\sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(12)

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \cot\left(\sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right) \pm \sec\left(\sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2} \xi + c_1\right),
\]

(13)

**Remark 2** By use of the Euler formula, (5) and (6) can also be listed as exp functions:

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{h_i h_2}}{h_2} \left(1 - i e^{2\xi \sqrt[4]{h_i h_2}}\right)
\]

(14)

while (7) and (8) be listed as:

\[
\psi(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{-h_i h_2}}{h_2} \left(1 + c e^{2\xi \sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2}}\right),
\]

(15)

### III. NEW EXACT SOLUTIONS OF RATIONAL EXPANSION FOR THE VARIABLE COEFFICIENT NONLINEAR EQUATION WITH FORCED TERM

#### A. Some new exact solutions of the Chaffee-Infante equation with variable coefficients

Considering the Chaffee-Infante equation with variable coefficients:

\[
u_t - u_{xx} = \alpha(t) u(1 - u^2)
\]

(16)

\( \alpha(t) \) is arbitrary function of \( t \) to be determined later.

By balancing the highest order partial derivative term and the nonlinear term in (16), we get the value of \( m, n = 1 \). According to the proposed method, we expand the solution of (16) in the form

\[
u(u) = a_0(t) + a_1(t) \psi(\xi) + \mu \psi(\xi)^2
\]

(17)

With the aid of Maple, substituting (17) along with (4) into (16), then we get the following results:

\[
k(t) = C_0, a_0(t) = 0, l(t) = -2\mu C_0^2 h_i t + C_1,
\]

\[
a_1(t) = C_2 e^{\alpha(t)}, \mu^2 = -\frac{h_i}{h_2}.
\]

(18)

where \( C_0, C_1, C_2 \) are arbitrary constants. \( \alpha(t) \) satisfy constraint relation as follow:

\[-2 h_i^2 C_0^2 + 2 h_i^2 C_1^2 + \alpha(t) C_2^2 \left(e^{\alpha(t)}\right)^2 = 0
\]

(19)

From (17) , (18) , (19) and (5)-(15), we obtain the following solitonlike solutions for (16):

\[
u' = C_2 \sqrt{-h_i h_2} e^{\alpha(t)} \tanh(\sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2} (k x + l) + c_1)
\]

\[
u'' = C_2 \sqrt{-h_i h_2} e^{\alpha(t)} \coth(\sqrt[4]{-h_i h_2} (k x + l) + c_1)
\]

(20)
we obtain the following index function form solutions for (16):

\[ u'_i = \frac{C_i}{h_i} \left[ \frac{e^{\frac{2}{3}i k x (x+l)} + c_i e^{\frac{4}{3}(i k x + l/3)}}{h_i} \right] + \frac{c_i}{h_i} \left[ \frac{e^{\frac{2}{3}i k x (x+l)} - a_i e^{\frac{4}{3}(i k x + l/3)}}{h_i} \right] \]

where \( k(t) = C_0 \), \( L(t) = -2 \mu C_0^{-2} \mu^4 t + C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8, C_1, c_2 \) are arbitrary constants, and \( \alpha(t) \) satisfy constraint relation Eq.(19).

B. Some new exact solutions of the KdV equation with variable coefficients

Considering the combined KdV equation with variable coefficients:

\[ u_t + \alpha(t) u u_x + m(t) u^2 u_x + \beta(t) u_{xxx} = R(t) \]  

(20)

\( \alpha(t), m(t), \beta(t), R(t) \) are arbitrary functions of \( t \) to be determined later.

When \( R(t) = 0, \alpha(t), m(t), \beta(t) \) are constants, it turns to combined KdV equation. This equation is complex of the KdV and mKdV equations.

By balancing the highest order partial derivative term and the nonlinear term in (20), we get the value of \( m, m = 1 \). According to the proposed method, we expand the solution of (20) in the form

\[ u(\xi) = a_0(t) + a_1(t) \psi(\xi) + \frac{1}{1 + \mu \psi(\xi)} \]

(21)

where \( a_{i0} = a_{i0}(t), a_{i1} = a_{i1}(t)(i = 1, 2, \Lambda; j = 1, 2, \Lambda, m_i) \), \( \xi = x - t + l(t) \), \( \mu \) is constant, \( \psi(\xi) \) satisfies Eq. (4).

With the aid of Maple, substituting (21) along with (4) into (20), Then we get the following results:

\[ k(t) = C_0, \quad a_0(t) = 0, \quad \mu = \frac{h_2}{3h_1} \]

\( \beta(t) = \beta(t), \alpha(t) = \alpha(t), \)

\[ l(t) = \int -2C_0^{-3} \beta a_1 h_2 \mu^2 h_1^2 - 6C_0^{-3} \beta a_1 \mu^2 h_1^2 + R dt + C_1 \]

\[ a_1(t) = \int \frac{4R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} dt + C_2 \]

(22)

where \( C_0, C_1, C_2 \) are arbitrary constants, \( a_1(t), R(t), \beta(t) \) satisfy constraint relation as follow:

\[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + a_1^2 h_1 C_0 - 2RM - 12 \beta M a_1 h_2 C_0^{-1} \mu^2 h_1 + h_2 = 0 \]

(23)

From (21), (22), (23) and (5)-(15), we obtain the following solutions for (20):

1) From (21)-(23), when \( h_1, h_2 > 0 \),

(a) From (5), (6) and (10), (11), we obtain the following triangle kind of periodic solutions of the variable coefficient KdV equations

\[ u_n = \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \tan \left( \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right) + c_1 \]  

\[ u_n = \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \cot \left( \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right) + c_1 \]

(b) From Eq.(14), we obtain the following index function form solutions of the variable coefficient KdV equations.

\[ u_5 = \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \cos \left( \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right) + c_1 \]

\[ u_5 = \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \sin \left( \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right) + c_1 \]

where

\[ l(t) = \int -2C_0^{-3} \beta a_1 h_2 \mu^2 h_1^2 - 6C_0^{-3} \beta a_1 \mu^2 h_1^2 + R dt + C_1 \]

(23)

2) From Eq.(21)-(22), when \( h_1, h_2 < 0 \),

(a) From (7), (8) and (12), (13), we obtain the following solitonlike solutions of the variable coefficient KdV equations

\[ u_n = \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \tanh \left( \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right) + c_1 \]  

\[ u_n = \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \coth \left( \frac{2R \mu \mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3 \mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right) + c_1 \]
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(b) From Eq.(15), we obtain the following index function form solutions of the variable coefficient KdV equations.

\[
\begin{align*}
&u_{10} = \sqrt{h_1 h_2} \left( \frac{4R\mu^2 h_1 - h_2}{3\mu^2 h_1 - h_2} \right)^{1/3} (1 + c_0 e^{2(k_{11}+i\xi)l})^{-1/3} \\
&k(t) = C_0, \\
l(t) = \int \left[ \frac{-2C_0^3 \beta_2 h_1 h_2^2 - 6C_0^3 \beta_2 h_1 h_3}{a_i h_1} + R \right] dt + C_1,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( k(t) = C_0 \), \( l(t) = \int \left[ \frac{-2C_0^3 \beta_2 h_1 h_2^2 - 6C_0^3 \beta_2 h_1 h_3}{a_i h_1} + R \right] dt + C_1 \), \( c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, C_1, C_2 \) are arbitrary constants, and \( a_i(t), R(t), \beta(t) \) satisfy constraint relation Eq.(23).

Remark 3 Generalization: i) If we set the parameters \( h_1 \) and \( h_2 \) in (4) to different values, the ansatz in the tanh-function method [7], extended tanh-function method [8], generalized hyperbolic-function method [9], Riccati equation rational expansion method [10], the Riccati equation rational expansion method [11] and the generalized Riccati equation rational expansion method [12] can all be recovered. That is to say, the ansâta proposed here, is more generalized. ii) In comparison to the constant-coefficient KdV equations in the document [3-10], we remove some limitations for example \( a_i(i = 1,2, \ldots, m) \) are constants and \( \xi \) is linear function etc in the variable coefficient KdV equations. That is to say, it is more general in this paper.

Remark 4 Feasibility: In this paper, we reduce the restriction of unknowns, nature will increase the calculation complexity. We can detect complex tedious calculation by computer symbol system, but sometimes it is difficult, or even impossible. Therefore, for the unknown function we have to try to some special function to get the solution of differential equation.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In summary, based on the new Riccati equation rational expansion method, many generalized exact solutions of the variable coefficient combined KdV equation and Chaffee-Infante equation with forced term have been derived. More importantly, our method is powerful to find new solutions to various kinds of nonlinear evolution equations. We believe that this method should play an important role for finding exact solutions in the mathematical physics.

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