

## GENERALIZED TRAVELING WAVE SOLUTIONS OF SHALLOW WATER WAVE EQUATION USING EXP( $-\Phi(\xi)$ )-EXPANSION METHOD

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### Abstract

In this paper, some generalized traveling wave solutions of nonlinear shallow water wave equation have been found by means of the  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method. Assigning some special values for the parameters, solitary wave solutions can be originated from the generalized solutions easily. The validity of this method is checked by the solutions of the equation. It is established that the  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method offers a further influential mathematical tool for constructing traveling wave solutions of nonlinear evolution equations in mathematical physics.

**Keywords:** Nonlinear evolution equations, wave solutions, wave equation

### Introduction

Nonlinear evolution equations are widely used as models to describe complex physical phenomena in various fields of sciences, especially in fluid mechanics, solid state physics, plasma physics, plasma wave and biology. One of the basic physical problems for those models is to obtain their travelling wave solutions. Particularly, various methods have been utilized to explore different kinds of solutions of physical models described by nonlinear partial differential equations (PDEs). However, in the recent years, a variety of effective analytical methods have been developed considerably to be used for nonlinear PDEs such as the homogeneous balance method (Wang *et al.*, 1996), the variational iteration method (He, 1999), the tanh-method (Zayed *et al.*, 2004),  $(G'/G)$ -expansion method (Islam *et al.*, 2013), modified simple equation method (Jawad *et al.*, 2010; Salam, 2012), the exp-function method (Bakir, 2008), and so on.

Recently, a new powerful technique called  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method (Khan *et al.*, 2013) has been developed for a reliable treatment of nonlinear wave equations. This method is straightforward, concise and capable of producing new applications. The organization of the paper is as follows: Firstly, a brief account of the  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method is given. Secondly, this method is applied to find exact traveling wave solutions of the equation. Thirdly, some graphs of the solutions are plotted and finally concluding remarks are presented.

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### Methodology

We consider a general nonlinear PDE in the form

$$P(u, u_t, u_x, u_{tt}, u_{xt}, u_{xx}, \dots) = 0, \quad (1)$$

The main steps of the  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method are given below:

**Step-1:** Using the transformation  $u(x,t) = u(\xi)$ , where  $\xi = x + \omega t$  ( $\omega = \text{const.}$ ), we can rewrite (1) as the following nonlinear ODE:

$$Q(u, \omega u', u', \omega^2 u'', \omega u'', \dots) = 0 \quad (2)$$

**Step-2:** We consider a solution of (2) of the form

$$u(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i (\exp(-\Phi(\xi)))^i, \quad (3)$$

where  $a_i$  are constants, the positive integer  $m$  can be determined by considering the homogeneous balance between the highest order derivatives and the nonlinear terms appearing in (2), and  $\Phi = \Phi(\xi)$  satisfies the equation:

$$\Phi'(\xi) = \exp(-\Phi(\xi)) + \mu \exp(\Phi(\xi)) + \lambda \quad (4)$$

Eq. (4) gives the following solutions:

(i) When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu > 0, \mu \neq 0$

$$\Phi(\xi) = \ln \left( \frac{-\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(\xi + E)\right) - \lambda}{2\mu} \right).$$

(ii) When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu < 0, \mu \neq 0$

$$\Phi(\xi) = \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(\xi + E)\right) - \lambda}{2\mu} \right).$$

(iii) When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu > 0, \mu = 0, \lambda \neq 0$

$$\Phi(\xi) = -\ln \left( \frac{\lambda}{\exp(\lambda(\xi + E)) - 1} \right).$$

(iv) When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu = 0, \mu \neq 0, \lambda \neq 0$

$$\Phi(\xi) = \ln \left( -\frac{2[\lambda(\xi + E) + 2]}{\lambda^2(\xi + E)} \right).$$

(v) When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu = 0, \mu = 0, \lambda = 0$

$$\Phi(\xi) = \ln(\xi + E).$$

**Step-3:** We substitute (3) into (2) and use (4) so that we get a polynomial of  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$  and from this polynomial we equate all the coefficients of same power of  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$  to zero. This procedure yields a system of algebraic equations from which we can find the constants  $a_m, a_{m-1}, \dots, a_0$  and  $\omega$ .

**Step-4:** Obtaining the constants from **Step-3**, and using the solutions of (4), we can construct the required travelling wave solutions of the nonlinear equation (1).

### Results and Discussions

*Application of the  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method*

The system of the shallow water wave equation (Dolapcia *et al.*, 2013) is:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + (uv)_x + v_{xxx} &= 0, \\ v_t + u_x + v v_x &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The transformation  $u(x, t) = u(\xi), \xi = x + \omega t$  reduces the system of (5) to

$$\begin{aligned} \omega u' + v u' + u v' + v^{(3)} &= 0, \\ \omega v' + u' + v v' &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Integrating once the second equation of (6), we get

$$u = -\left(\omega v + \frac{v^2}{2}\right) + C, \quad (7)$$

where C is an integrating constant.

Substituting (7) into the first equation of (6), we obtain

$$2v^{(3)}(\xi) - \left(6\omega v(\xi) + 3v(\xi)^2 + 2\omega^2 - 2C\right)v'(\xi) = 0 \quad (8)$$

Let us consider that (8) has the solution of the form

$$v(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i (\exp(-\Phi(\xi)))^i \quad (a_i = \text{const.}) \quad (9)$$

where  $\Phi = \Phi(\xi)$  satisfies the equation

$$\Phi'(\xi) = \exp(-\Phi(\xi)) + \mu \exp(\Phi(\xi)) + \lambda \quad (10)$$

Balancing the order of  $v^{(3)}$  and  $v^2 v'$  in (8), we have  $m = 1$ . So (9) takes the following form:

$$v(\xi) = a_1 \exp(-\Phi(\xi)) + a_0, \quad a_1 \neq 0 \quad (11)$$

where  $a_1, a_0$  are constants to be determined later.

Substituting (11) into (8) and collecting the coefficients of  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ , we obtain a system of algebraic equations for  $a_i$  and  $\omega$ .

$$e^{-4\Phi(\xi)} : 3a_1^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$e^{-3\Phi(\xi)} : -6a_1a_0 - 3a_1^2\lambda - 6\omega a_1 + 24\lambda = 0$$

$$e^{-2\Phi(\xi)} : -6\omega a_1\lambda - 6a_1\lambda a_0 - 6\omega a_0 - 3a_1^2\mu + 16\mu - 2\omega^2 + 14\lambda^2 - 3a_0^2 + 2C = 0$$

$$e^{-\Phi(\xi)} : 16\mu\lambda - 6\omega a_0\lambda - 6\omega a_1\mu - 6a_1a_0\mu - 3a_0^2\lambda + 2\lambda^3 - 2\omega^2\lambda + 2C\lambda = 0$$

$$e^0 : 4\mu^2 + 2\lambda^2\mu - 2\omega^2\mu - 3a_0^2\mu - 6\omega a_0\mu + 2C\mu = 0$$

Solving the algebraic equations above, yields:

$$\text{Set A: } a_1 = 2, a_0 = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C}, \omega = \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Set B: } a_1 = -2, a_0 = -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C}, \omega = \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} \quad (13)$$

Substituting (12) and (13) into (11), we get two set of solutions for the equation (8)

$$v_A(\xi) = 2\exp(-\Phi(\xi)) + \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C}$$

$$v_B(\xi) = -2\exp(-\Phi(\xi)) - \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C}, \text{ where } \xi = x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t$$

Using these above solutions for  $v(\xi)$  in (7), we can find  $u(\xi)$  easily. And finally, we use the solutions of (10), i.e.  $\Phi(\xi)$  to obtain the required solutions  $u(x, t)$  and  $v(x, t)$  of the system of equations (5). Solutions of (5) for various cases are discussed below:

**Case-1:** When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu > 0, \mu \neq 0$

$$v_{A,1}(x, t) = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} - \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) + \lambda}$$

$$u_{A,1}(x, t)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} \left[ \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} - \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) + \lambda} \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} - \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) + \lambda} \right]^2 + C$$

and

$$v_{B,1}(x,t) = -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} + \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) + \lambda}$$

$$u_{B,1}(x,t)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} + \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) + \lambda} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} + \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu} \tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) + \lambda} \right)^2 + C$$

**Case-2:** When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu < 0, \mu \neq 0$

$$v_{A,2}(x,t) = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} + \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) - \lambda}$$

$$u_{A,2}(x,t)$$

$$= -\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} \left( \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} + \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) - \lambda} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} + \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) - \lambda} \right)^2 + C$$

and

$$v_{B,2}(x,t) = -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} - \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) - \lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& u_{B,2}(x,t) \\
&= -\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} - \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) - \lambda} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} - \frac{4\mu}{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2} \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\mu - \lambda^2}}{2}(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4\mu - 2C} t + E)\right) - \lambda} \right)^2 + C
\end{aligned}$$

**Case-3:** When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu > 0, \mu = 0, \lambda \neq 0$

$$v_{A,3}(x,t) = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} + \frac{2\lambda}{e^{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} t + E)} - 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& u_{A,3}(x,t) = \\
& -\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} \left( \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} + \frac{2\lambda}{e^{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} t + E)} - 1} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} + \frac{2\lambda}{e^{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} t + E)} - 1} \right)^2 + C
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& v_{B,3}(x,t) = -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} - \frac{2\lambda}{e^{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} t + E)} - 1} \\
& u_{B,3}(x,t) = -\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} - \frac{2\lambda}{e^{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} t + E)} - 1} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} - \frac{2\lambda}{e^{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 2C} t + E)} - 1} \right)^2 + C
\end{aligned}$$

**Case-4:** When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu = 0, \mu \neq 0, \lambda \neq 0$

$$v_{A,4}(x,t) = \lambda \pm \sqrt{-2C} - \frac{\lambda^2(x \pm \sqrt{-2C} t + E)}{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{-2C} t + E) + 2}$$

$$u_{A,4}(x,t) = -\sqrt{-2C} \left( \lambda \pm \sqrt{-2C} - \frac{\lambda^2(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E)}{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E) + 2} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda \pm \sqrt{-2C} - \frac{\lambda^2(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E)}{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E) + 2} \right)^2 + C$$

and

$$v_{B,4}(x,t) = -\lambda \pm \sqrt{-2C} + \frac{\lambda^2(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E)}{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E) + 2} \\ u_{B,4}(x,t) = -\sqrt{-2C} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{-2C} + \frac{\lambda^2(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E)}{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E) + 2} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{2} \left( -\lambda \pm \sqrt{-2C} + \frac{\lambda^2(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E)}{\lambda(x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E) + 2} \right)^2 + C$$

**Case-5:** When  $\lambda^2 - 4\mu = 0, \mu = 0, \lambda = 0$

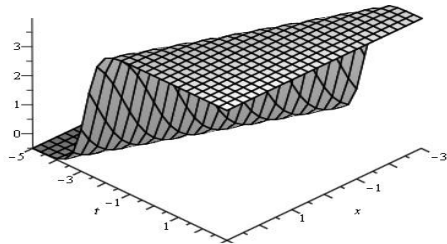
$$v_{A,5}(x,t) = \pm\sqrt{-2C} + \frac{1}{x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E} \\ u_{A,5}(x,t) = -\sqrt{-2C} \left( \pm\sqrt{-2C} + \frac{1}{x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{2} \left( \pm\sqrt{-2C} + \frac{1}{x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E} \right)^2 + C$$

and

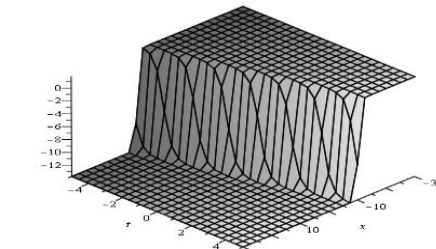
$$v_{B,5}(x,t) = \pm\sqrt{-2C} - \frac{1}{x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E} \\ u_{B,5}(x,t) = -\sqrt{-2C} \left( \pm\sqrt{-2C} - \frac{1}{x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E} \right) \\ - \frac{1}{2} \left( \pm\sqrt{-2C} - \frac{1}{x \pm \sqrt{-2C}t + E} \right)^2 + C$$

#### *Graphical representation*

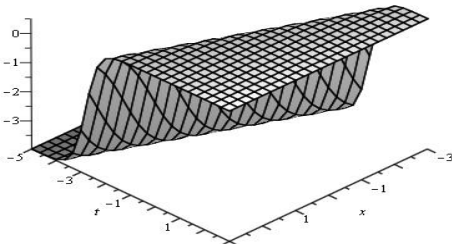
Here, we have sketched graphs of the solutions for the case-1 only, where we get various types of solution profiles: kink-type, singular etc. Fig.1 and Fig.2, Fig.5 and Fig.6 describe for positive values of  $a_0$  and  $\omega$  and the other four are for negative values of  $a_0$  and  $\omega$ . In the similar way, we can draw figures for the other solutions easily.



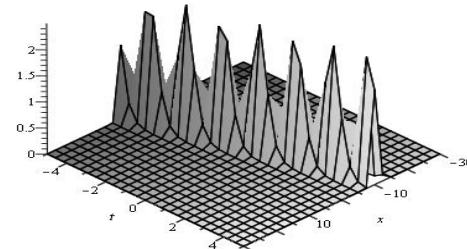
**Fig. 1:** Kink-type soliton profile of  $v_{A,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$ .



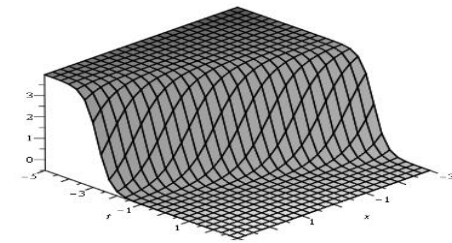
**Fig.2:** Kink-type soliton profile of  $u_{A,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$ .



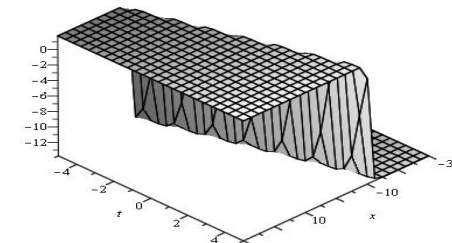
**Fig. 3:** Kink-type soliton profile of  $v_{A,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$



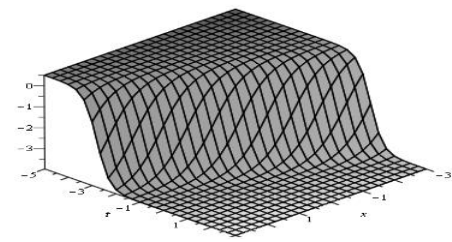
**Fig. 4:** Singular soliton profile of  $u_{A,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$



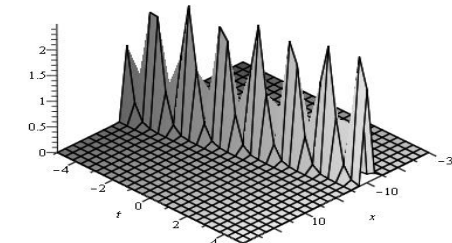
**Fig. 5:** Kink-type soliton profile of  $v_{B,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$



**Fig. 6:** Kink-type soliton profile of  $u_{B,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$



**Fig. 7:** Kink-type soliton profile of  $v_{B,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$



**Fig. 8:** Singular soliton profile of  $u_{B,1}(x,t)$  when  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 1, C = 1, E = 1$

**Conclusion**

These solutions may be important for explaining some practical physical phenomena which are modeled by this equation. It can be concluded that the  $\exp(-\Phi(\xi))$ -expansion method is a very powerful and efficient technique in finding exact solutions for wide



classes of nonlinear problems. Another possible merit is that the reliability of the method and the reduction in the size of computational domain give this method a wider applicability.

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