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Analytical and Numerical Description of Some Nonlinear Evolution Equations

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, the exp-function method is used to obtain generalized travelling wave solutions of a Nonlinear Evolution Equation of variable coefficients. It is shown that the Exp-function method, with the help of symbolic computation, provides a straightforward and powerful mathematical tool to solve such equations arises in mathematical physics.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The investigation of exact solutions of Nonlinear Evolution Equations (NLEEs) plays an important role in the study of nonlinear physical phenomena. The importance of obtaining the exact solutions of these nonlinear equations, if available, will facilitate the verification of numerical solvers and aids in the stability analysis of solutions. In the past several decades, many effective methods for obtaining exact solutions of NLEEs have been presented, such as the tanh-function method [1,2] extended tanh method [3,4], F-expansion method [5,6], sine-cosine method [7,8] Jacobian elliptic function method [9,10] homotopy perturbation method [11,12], variational iteration method [13,14], Adomian method [15,16] and so on.

Recently, He and Wu [17] proposed Exp-function method, to obtain generalized solitary solutions and periodic solutions whose applications are found in literature [18-20, 22] for solving nonlinear evolution equations arising in physical sciences. The solution procedure of this method is very simple and can easily be extended to other kinds of nonlinear evolution equations.

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The present paper deals with the solution of the following Nonlinear Evolution Equation with variable coefficient with the help of Exp-function method:

$$u_t - u_{xx} + \alpha(t) u u_x = \beta(t) u(1 - u) \tag{1}$$

Where are arbitrary functions of t. When is a arbitrary constant, equation (1) converted into Fisher equation:

$$u_t - u_{xx} = \beta u(1 - u), \tag{2}$$

Exact solution of equation (2) was found by Ablowitz and Zeppetella in [21] at $C_0 = \pm \frac{5}{\sqrt{6}}$.

When $\beta(t) = 0, \alpha(t)$ is a arbitrary constant then equation (1) turns to Burgers equation

$$u_t - u_{xx} + \alpha u u_x = 0 \tag{3}$$

which is used to describe the spread of sound wave in the medium with viscidity and heat exchange. The Burgers equations with variable coefficient can also be used to describe the cylindrical and spherical wave propagation in models such as over fall, traffic flow and some other.

2. ANALYTICAL SOLUTION

In order to obtain the solution of equation (1), we consider the transformation

$$u = u(\xi) \quad , \quad \xi = kx + \int \tau(t)\, dt \tag{4}$$

Where *k* is a constant, *τ (t)* is an integrable function of *t,* to be determined later, then equation (1) becomes an ordinary differential equation

$$\tau(t) u' + k\alpha(t) u u' - k^2 u'' - \beta(t) u(1-u) = 0 \tag{5}$$

Where prime denotes the differential with respect to ξ.

We used the Exp-function method, for the solution of equation (5), which is very simple and straightforward; it is based on the assumption that traveling wave solutions can be expressed in the following form [17]:

$$u(\xi) = \frac{\sum_{n=-c}^{d} a_n \exp(n\xi)}{\sum_{n=-p}^{q} b_m \exp(m\xi)} = \frac{a_{-c} e^{-c\xi} + \ldots + a_d e^{d\xi}}{b_{-p} e^{-p\xi} + \ldots + b_q e^{q\xi}} \tag{6}$$

Where *c, d, p* and *q* are positive integers which are unknown, to be further determined, a_n and b_m are unknown constants.

In order to determine values of *d* and *q,* we balance the linear term of highest order in equation (5) with the highest order nonlinear term, and the linear term of lowest order in equation (5) with the lowest order nonlinear term, respectively. By simple calculation, we have

$$u^{''}(\xi)=\frac{h_1\exp\left[\left(d+3q\right)\xi\right]+...}{h_2\exp\left[4q\xi\right]+...} \tag{7}$$

and $$u(\xi)u^{'}(\xi)=\frac{h_3\exp\left[\left(2d+q\right)\xi\right]\ +\ ...}{h_4\exp\left[3q\xi\right]\ +\ ...}=\frac{h_3\exp\left[\left(2d+2q\right)\xi\right]\ +\ ...}{h_4\exp\left[4q\xi\right]\ +\ ...} \tag{8}$$

Where h_i are the determined coefficient, taken only for simplicity. Balancing highest order of Exp- function in equation (7) and (8) we have d+3q=2d+2q so d=q (9)

Similarly to determine values of *c* and *p*, we balance the linear term of lowest order in equation (5)

$$u^{''}(\xi)=\frac{...+s_1\exp\left[-\left(c+3p\right)\xi\right]}{...+s_2\exp\left[-4p\xi\right]} \tag{10}$$

and $$u(\xi)u^{'}(\xi)=\frac{s_3\exp\left[-\left(2c+p\right)\xi\right]\ +\ ...}{...+s_4\exp\left[-3q\xi\right]}=\frac{...+s_3\exp\left[-\left(2c+2p\right)\xi\right]}{...+s_4\exp\left[-4p\xi\right]} \tag{11}$$

Where s_i are determined coefficient, taken only for simplicity. Balancing highest order of Exp- function in Eq. (10) and (11).
we have,

$$c+3p=2c+2p\ ;\ c=p \tag{12}$$

We can freely choose the values of *c* and *d,* but the final solution does not strongly depend upon the choice of values of *c* and *d* [19]. For simplicity, we set $b_1 = 1$, $p = c = 1$ and $d = q = 1$ equation (6) becomes

$$u(\xi)=\frac{a_1e^{\xi}+a_0+a_{-1}e^{-\xi}}{e^{\xi}+b_0+b_{-1}e^{-\xi}} \tag{13}$$

Substituting equation (13) into (5) we have

$$\frac{1}{A}\left[C_3e^{3\xi}+C_2e^{2\xi}+C_1e^{\xi}+C_0+C_{-1}e^{-\xi}+C_{-2}e^{-2\xi}+C_{-3}e^{-3\xi}\right]=0 \tag{14}$$

and

$$A=\left(exp\ \left(\xi\right)\ +\ b_0+b_{-1}exp\left(-\xi\right)\right)^3$$

$$C_3=-a_1\beta\left(t\right)\ +\ a^2{}_1\beta\left(t\right)$$

$$C_2=-2a_1b_0\beta\left(t\right)-ka_1a_0\alpha\left(t\right)+a^2{}_1b_0\beta\left(t\right)+a_1b_0\tau\left(t\right)+ka^2{}_1b_0\alpha\left(t\right)-a_0\tau\left(t\right)-a_0\beta\left(t\right)+k^2a_1b_0$$
$$-k^2a_0+2a_1a_0\beta\left(t\right)$$

$$C_1=a^2{}_0\beta\left(t\right)-2ka_1a_{-1}\alpha\left(t\right)-a_0b_0\tau\left(t\right)+2a_0a_1b_0\beta\left(t\right)-k^2a_1b_0^{\,2}-ka_0^2\alpha\left(t\right)+2ka^2{}_1b_{-1}\alpha\left(t\right)-$$
$$a_{-1}\beta\left(t\right)-2a_{-1}\tau\left(t\right)+a_1b^2{}_0\tau\ \left(t\right)-2\ a_0b_0\beta\left(t\right)+2\ a_1a_{-1}\beta\left(t\right)+k^2a_0-a_1b^2{}_0\beta\left(t\right)-4\ k^2a_{-1}$$
$$+2a_1b_{-1}\tau\left(t\right)+4k^2a_1b_{-1}-2a_1b_{-1}\beta\left(t\right)+a_1^2b_{-1}\beta\left(t\right)+\ ka_0a_1b_0\alpha\left(t\right)$$

$$C_0 = 6k^2 a_0 b_{-1} + 2a_0 a_{-1}\beta(t) - 2a_1 b_0 b_{-1}\beta(t) - 2a_{-1} b_0 \beta(t) - 3a_{-1} b_0 \tau(t) - 3k^2 a_{-1} b_0 + 3a_1 b_0 b_{-1}\tau(t) - 3k^2 a_1 b_0 b_{-1} + 2a_1 a_2 b_0 \beta(t) + 2a_1 a_0 b_{-1}\beta(t) - 3ka_0 a_{-1}\alpha(t) + 3ka_1 a_0 b_{-1}\alpha(t) - 2a_0 b_{-1}\beta(t) - a_0 b^2{}_0 \beta(t) + a^2{}_0 b_0 \beta(t)$$

$$C_{-3} = a^2{}_{-1} b_{-1}\beta(t) - a_{-1} b_{-1}^2 \beta(t)$$

$$C_{-2} = -2a_{-1} b_0 b_{-1}\beta(t) - k^2 a_0 b^2{}_{-1} - a_0 b^2{}_{-1}\beta(t) - ka^2{}_{-1} b_0 \alpha(t) + a_{-1}^2 b_0 \beta(t) + k^2 a_{-1} b_0 b_{-1} + a_0 b_{-1}^2 \tau(t) + ka_2 a_0 b_{-1}\alpha(t) - a_{-1} b_0 b_{-1}\tau(t) + 2a_{-1} a_0 b_2 \beta(t)$$

$$C_{-1} = -2ka_{-1}^2\alpha(t) - a_1 b_{-1}^2 \beta(t) + a_2{}^2 \beta(t) + a^2{}_0 b_{-1}\beta(t) + 2ka_{-1} a_1 b_{-1}\alpha(t) + 2a_1 b^2{}_{-1}\tau(t) - a_{-1} b_0^2 \tau(t) + 2a_0 a_{-1} b_0 \beta(t) - a_{-1} b_0^2 \beta(t) + k^2 a_0 b_{-1} b_0 + 2a_{-1} a_1 b_{-1}\beta(t) - 2a_0 b_{-1} b_0 \beta(t) - 4k^2 a_1 b_{-1}^2 + a_0 b_{-1} b_0 \tau(t) - 2a_{-1} b_{-1}\beta(t) - ka_0 a_{-1} b_0 \alpha(t) - 2a_{-1} b_{-1}\tau(t) - k^2 a_{-1} b^2{}_0 + 4k^2 a_{-1} b_{-1} + ka_0^2 b_{-1}\alpha(t)$$

Equating to zero the coefficients of all powers of e^{ξ} yields a set of algebraic equations for $a_0, a_1, a_{-1}, b_{-1}, b_0, k, \alpha(t), \beta(t), \tau(t)$. Solving the system of equations we obtain

Case-1

$$a_0 = a_{0,}\ a_0 = 0,\ a_{-1} = a_0 b_{0,}\ b_0 = b_0,\ b_{-1} = 0,\ \tau(t) = -k^2 - \beta(t),\ \alpha(t) = \frac{\beta(t)}{k} \quad (15)$$

Case-2

$$a_0 = 0\ \ a_1 = 1,\ a_{-1} = 0,\ b_0 = 0,\ b_{-1} = b_1, \tau(t) = 2k^2 + \frac{\beta(t)}{2}, \alpha(t) = -4k \quad (16)$$

Case-3

$$a_0 = \frac{b_0 + \sqrt{b_0{}^2 - 4b_{-1}}}{2}\ \ a_1 = 0,\ a_{-1} = b_{-1,} b_0 = b_0,\ b_{-1} = b_{-1}, \tau(t) = -k^2 - \beta(t), \alpha(t) = 2k \quad (17)$$

Case-4

$$a_1 = 1,\ a_{-1} = 0,\ b_0 = b_0,\ b_{-1} = b_{-1}, \tau(t) = k^2 + \beta(t),\ \alpha(t) = -2k \quad (18)$$

Case-5

$$a_0 = a_{0,} a_1 = 1,\ a_{-1} = -b_0{}^2 + a_0 b_{0,}\ b_0 = b_0,\ b_{-1} = 0, \tau(t) = -k^2, \alpha(t) = \frac{\beta(t)}{k} \quad (19)$$

Case-6

$$a_0 = a_{0,}\ a_1 = 1,\ a_{-1} = 0,\ b_0 = b_0,,\ b_{-1} = b_{-1}$$

$$\tau(t) = \frac{k^2\left(12\sqrt{2b_{-1}}\mathrm{a}_0{}^4 + 7\sqrt{2}\, b_{-1}{}^{5/2} + 40\sqrt{2}\, b_{-1}{}^{5/2}\mathrm{a}_0{}^2 + 45\mathrm{a}_0{}^3 b_{-1} + 2\mathrm{a}_0{}^5 + 37\mathrm{a}_0\right)}{10\sqrt{2}\mathrm{a}_0{}^2 b_{-1}^{3/2} + \sqrt{2} b_{-1}^{5/2} + 6\sqrt{2b_{-1}}\mathrm{a}_0{}^4 + 2\mathrm{a}_0{}^5 + 7\mathrm{a}_0 b_{-1}^2 + 15\mathrm{a}_0{}^3 b_{-1}}$$

$$\alpha(\mathrm{t}) = -2\mathrm{k},\ \beta(\mathrm{t}) = \frac{6k^2\left(2a_0 b_{-1}{}^{3/2}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2b_{-1}}\mathrm{a}_0^3 + 3a_0\right)}{4\sqrt{2b_{-1}}\mathrm{a}_0^3 + 3\sqrt{2}a_0 b_{-1}{}^{3/2} + 7a_0^2 b_{-1} + 2\mathrm{a}_0^4 + b_{-1}{}^2} \quad (20)$$

Substituting equation (15) to (20) into (13) yields

$$u_1(x,t)=\frac{a_0+a_0b_0\exp\left[-kx+\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]}{\exp\left[kx-\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]+b_0} \tag{21}$$

$$u_2(x,t)=\frac{\exp\left[kx+\int(2k^2+\frac{\beta(t)}{2})dt\right]}{\exp\left[kx+\int(2k^2+\frac{\beta(t)}{2})dt\right]+b_{-1}\exp\left[-kx-\int(2k^2+\frac{\beta(t)}{2})dt\right]} \tag{22}$$

$$u_3(x,t)=\frac{\frac{b_0+\sqrt{b_0^{\,2}-4b_{-1}}}{2}+b_{-1}\exp\left[-kx+\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]}{\exp\left[kx-\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]+b_0+b_{-1}\exp\left[-kx-\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]} \tag{23}$$

$$u_4(x,t)=\frac{\exp\left[kx+\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]+\frac{b_0-\sqrt{b_0^{\,2}-4b_{-1}}}{2}}{\exp\left[kx+\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]+b_0+b_{-1}\exp\left[-kx-\int(k^2+\beta(t))dt\right]} \tag{24}$$

$$u_5(x,t)=\frac{\exp\left(kx-k^2t\right)+a_0+(b_0^2+a_0b_0)\exp\left(-kx+k^2t\right)}{\exp\left(kx-k^2t\right)+b_0} \tag{25}$$

$$u_6(x,t)=\frac{\exp\left(kx+\int\tau\ (\mathrm{t})\mathrm{dt}\ \right)+a_0}{\exp\left(kx+\int\tau\ (\mathrm{t})\mathrm{dt}\ \right)-\sqrt{2b_{-1}}+b_{-1}\exp\left(-kx-\int\tau\ (\mathrm{t})\mathrm{dt}\ \right)} \tag{26}$$

Where $\tau(t)=\dfrac{k^2\left(12\sqrt{2b_{-1}}\mathrm{a}_0^{\,4}+7\sqrt{2}\,b_{-1}^{\,5/2}+40\sqrt{2}\,b_{-1}^{\,5/2}\mathrm{a}_0^{\,2}+45\,\mathrm{a}_0^{\,3}\,b_{-1}+2\mathrm{a}_0^{\,5}+37\mathrm{a}_0\right)}{10\sqrt{2}\mathrm{a}_0^{\,2}b_{-1}^{3/2}+\sqrt{2}b_{-1}^{5/2}+6\sqrt{2b_{-1}}\mathrm{a}_0^{\,4}+2\mathrm{a}_0^{\,5}+7\mathrm{a}_0b_{-1}^2+15\mathrm{a}_0^{\,3}b_{-1}}$

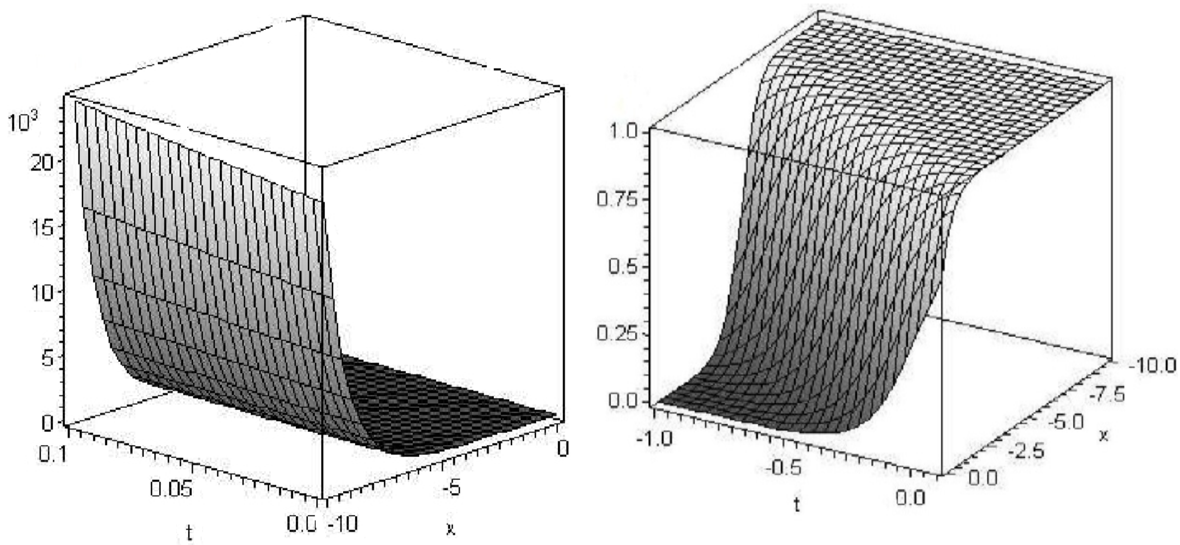
3. NUMERICAL ILLUSTRATION

(1) If we take $b_0=0$ we have

$$\mathrm{u}_{11}(\mathrm{x,t})=a_0\exp\left(-kx+\int(k^2+\beta\ (\mathrm{t}))\mathrm{dt}\ \right) \tag{27}$$

(2) If we take $\alpha(t)=a$ is a constant $b_{-1}=1$ and $\beta(t)=\dfrac{2ac-a^2}{4}$ in equation (22) where *c* is a constant then we have

$$\mathrm{u}_{21}(\mathrm{x,t})=\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\tanh\left[\frac{a}{4}(x-ct)\right] \tag{28}$$



(a) (b)

Fig. 1. (a) Solution of Eq. (27) with a_0 = 1, k = 1 and β (t) = t. (b) Solution of Eq. (28) with a = 4, c = 5

(3) If we take $b_0 = 4,\ b_{-1} = 1$ and *k =1* in equation (23) we have

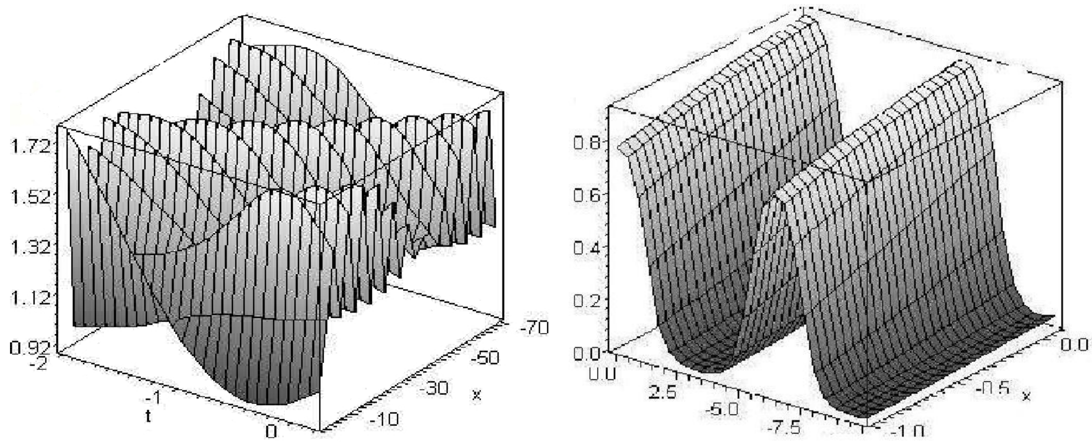
$$u_{31}(x,t)=\frac{-1+\left(2+2\sqrt{3}\right)\cos ec\left[x-\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]+\coth\left[x-\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]}{4\cos ec\left[x-\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]+2\coth\left[x-\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]} \qquad (29)$$

(4) If we take $b_0 = 0,\ b_{-1} = -5$ and *k =1* in equation (24) we get

$$u_{41}(x,t)=\frac{\cosh\left[x+\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]+\sinh\left[x+\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]-\sqrt{5}}{-4\cosh\left[x+\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]+6\sinh\left[x+\int(1+\beta\ (t))dt\right]} \qquad (30)$$

(5) If we take $b_0 = 2\ a_0 = 3/2$ in equation (25) we have

$$u_{51}(x,t)=\frac{2\tanh\left(kx-k^2t\right)+\frac{3}{2}\sec\left(kx-k^2t\right)}{1+\tanh\left(kx-k^2t\right)+2\sec\left(kx-k^2t\right)} \qquad (31)$$

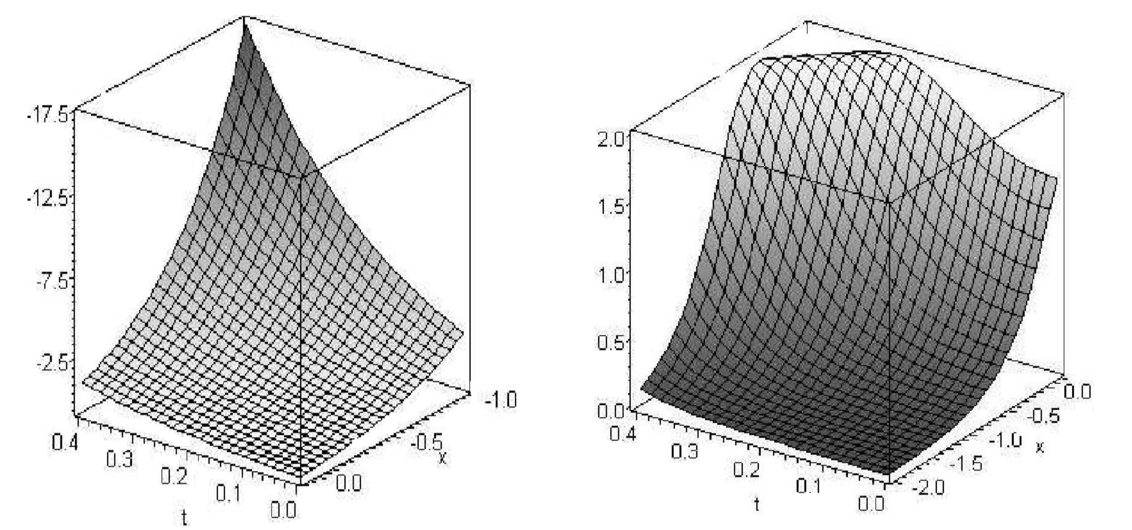


(a) (b)

Fig. 2. (a) Solution of Eq. (29) with $\beta(t) = \cos t$ (b) Solution of Eq. (30) with $\beta(t) = -1 + 3\sin t$

(6) If $a_0=0$ in equation (26) we have

$$u_{61}(x,t) = \frac{\exp\left(kx + 7k^2 t\right)}{\exp\left(kx + 7k^2 t\right) - \sqrt{2b_{-1}} + b_{-1}\exp\left(-kx - 7k^2 t\right)} \tag{32}$$



(b)

(a) (b)

Fig. 3. (a) Solution of Eq. (31) with k=2. (b) Solution of Eq. (32) with k=1 and b_{-1} =2.

4. CONCLUSION

The Nonlinear Evolution equation with variable coefficients is investigated by Exp-function method [17]. The generalized travelling wave solutions of this equation are obtained with the help of symbolic computation. From these results, we can see that the Exp-function method is one of the most effective methods to obtain exact solutions.

Finally, it is worthwhile to mention that the Exp-function method can also be extended to other nonlinear evolution equations with variable coefficients, such as the mKdV equation, the (3 +1)-dimensional Burgers equation, the generalized Zakharov-Kuznetsov equation and so on. The Exp-function method is a promising and powerful new method for nonlinear evolution equations.

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