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# Mathematical methods for a reliable treatment of the (2+1)-dimensional Zoomeron equation

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## Abstract

**Purpose:** This paper investigates an analytical solution to a physical model called (2 + 1)-dimensional Zoomeron equation.

**Methods:** The solutions of Zoomeron are obtained using direct methods such as the extended tanh, the exponential function and the  $\text{sech}^p - \tanh^p$  function methods.

**Results:** Several soliton solutions are obtained using the proposed methods.

**Conclusions:** The obtained solutions are new, and each has its own structure.

**Keywords:** Wave variables, Extended tanh method, Exponential function method,  $\text{sech}^p$ - $\tanh^p$  method, Zoomeron equation

## Background

It is well known that many models in mathematics and physics are described by nonlinear partial differential equations (NPDEs). The theory of solitons, 'the most important side in applications to NPDEs', has contributed to understanding many experiments in mathematical physics. Thus, it is of interest to evaluate new solutions of these equations. A problem of real interest for applications consists in constructing explicit traveling wave solutions of an incognito evolution equation that is called Zoomeron equation:

$$\left(\frac{u_{xy}}{u}\right)_{tt} - \left(\frac{u_{xy}}{u}\right)_{xx} + 2(u^2)_{xt} = 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $u(x, y, t)$  is the amplitude of the relevant wave mode. In the literature, there are a few articles about this equation. We only know that this equation was introduced by Calogero and Degasperis [1]. Recently, Reza [2] obtained periodic and soliton solutions to Zoomeron equation by means of  $G'/G$  method.

Recently, the powerful direct methods, tanh [3] and exponential function methods [4], have been developed to find special solutions of nonlinear equation. Our aim in this paper is to present tanh, exponential function

and  $\text{sech}^p$ - $\tanh^p$  methods to Equation 1. In what follows, we highlight the main features of the proposed methods where more details and examples can be found in [3,5-7].

## Results and discussion

In this section, we solve the (2+1)-dimensional Zoomeron equation

$$\left(\frac{u_{xy}}{u}\right)_{tt} - \left(\frac{u_{xy}}{u}\right)_{xx} + 2(u^2)_{xt} = 0. \quad (2)$$

First, by means of the extended tanh method (Figure 1), we use the wave variable  $\zeta = x + cy - wt$  that transforms Equation 2 into the ODE:

$$c(1 - w^2)u'' - 2wu^3 + Ru = 0, \quad (3)$$

where  $R$  is the integration constant.

Balancing the linear term  $u^{(2)}$  and the nonlinear term  $u^3$  gives  $M + 2 = 3M$ , and thus,  $M = 1$ . The tanh method allows us to use the finite expansion:

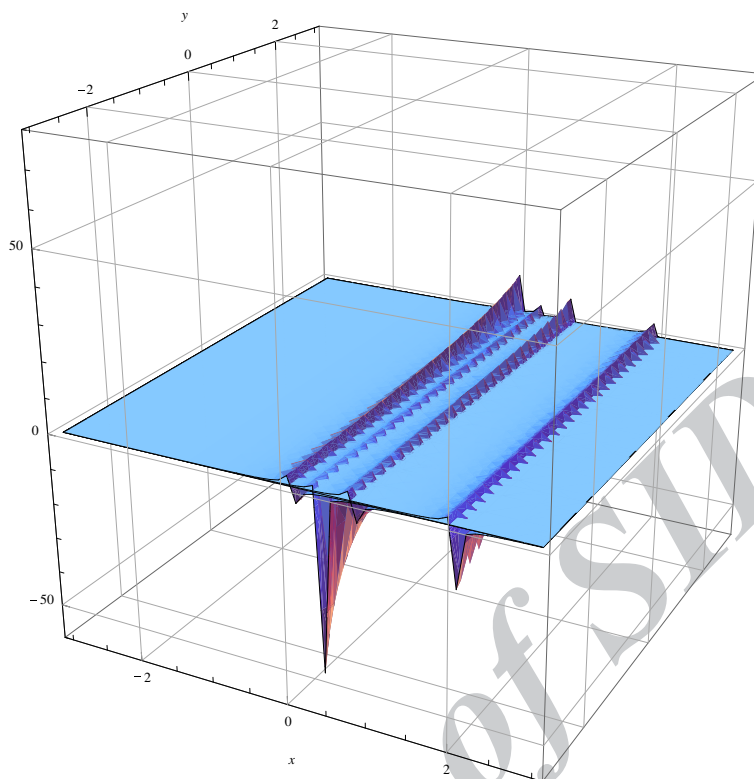
$$u(x, t) = S(Y) = a_{-1}Y^{-1} + a_0 + a_1Y, \quad (4)$$

where  $Y = \tanh(\mu\zeta)$ . Substituting Equation 4 in Equation 3 yields

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= B^2w + c(-1 + w^2)\mu^2 \\ 0 &= R - 6BCw + 2c(-1 + w^2)\mu^2 \\ 0 &= R - 6BCw + 2c(-1 + w^2)\mu^2 \\ 0 &= C^2w + c(-1 + w^2)\mu^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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**Figure 1** Propagations of the solution of Zoomeron equation. Propagations vary over  $t = 0.01, 0.1, 0.2$  and  $0.5$ , where  $R = 1, w = 4$  and  $\mu = 1$  using the extended tanh method.

Solving the above system, we get the following:

$$C = -B = \mp \frac{\sqrt{R}}{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{w}} ; c = -\frac{R}{8(-1+w^2)\mu^2} ; A = 0, \quad (6)$$

where  $R, w$  and  $\mu$  are free parameters with  $R > 0, w > 0, w \neq 1$  and  $\mu \neq 0$ . Therefore, the solution of Equation 2 is given by the following:

$$u(x, y, t) = \mp \frac{\sqrt{R}}{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{w}} \coth \left( x + \frac{R}{8(-1+w^2)\mu^2} y - wt \right) \pm \frac{\sqrt{R}}{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{w}} \tanh \left( x + \frac{R}{8(-1+w^2)\mu^2} y - wt \right). \quad (7)$$

Second, by means of the exponential method (Figure 2), we substitute Equation 24 in Equation 3 to obtain the following algebraic system:

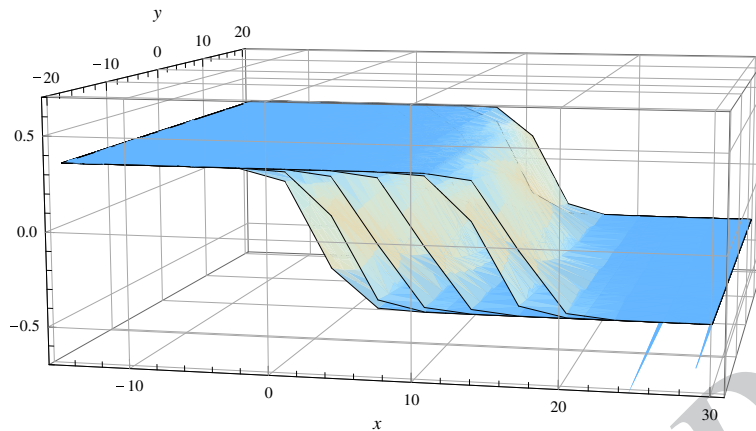
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A_3^2 R - 2w \\ 0 &= -A_5^2 R + 2A_2^2 w \\ 0 &= A_3 A_4 (2R + c(-1+w^2)\mu^2) \\ &\quad + A_1 (-6w + A_3^2 (R - c(-1+w^2)\mu^2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A_4^2 R + 2A_3 A_5 R - 6A_1^2 w + A_4^2 c \mu^2 - 4A_3 A_5 c \mu^2 \\ &\quad - A_4^2 c w^2 \mu^2 + 4A_3 A_5 c w^2 \mu^2 + A_1 A_3 A_4 (2R \\ &\quad + c(-1+w^2)\mu^2) + A_2 (-6w + A_3^2 (R - 4c(-1 \\ &\quad + w^2)\mu^2)) \\ 0 &= -2A_1^3 w + A_4 A_5 (2R - 3c(-1+w^2)\mu^2) \\ &\quad + A_2 (-12A_1 w + A_3 A_4 (2R - 3c(-1+w^2)\mu^2)) \\ &\quad + A_1 (A_4^2 R + 2A_3 A_5 (R + 3c(-1+w^2)\mu^2)) \\ 0 &= -6A_2^2 w + A_5 (A_5 (R - 4c(-1+w^2)\mu^2) \\ &\quad + A_1 A_4 (2R + c(-1+w^2)\mu^2)) + A_2 (-6A_1^2 w \\ &\quad + A_4^2 (R - c(-1+w^2)\mu^2) + 2A_3 A_5 (R + 2c(-1 \\ &\quad + w^2)\mu^2)) \\ 0 &= -6A_1 A_2^2 w + A_1 A_5^2 (R - c(-1+w^2)\mu^2) \\ &\quad + A_2 A_4 A_5 (2R + c(-1+w^2)\mu^2). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Solving the above system yields the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \mp \sqrt{\frac{R \left( A_4^2 - 4\sqrt{2} A_5 \sqrt{\frac{w}{R}} \right)}{2w}}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{A_5 \sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{2w}}, \\ A_3 &= \frac{\sqrt{2w}}{\sqrt{R}}, \quad c = -\frac{2R}{\mu^2 (w^2 - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

(9)



**Figure 2** Propagations of the solution of Zoomeron equation. Propagations vary over  $t = 0.1, 0.5, 0.9, 1.9, 2.9$  and  $3.5$ , where  $w = 4, \mu = 1, A_4 = 4, A_5 = \sqrt{2}$  and  $R = 1$  using exponential method.

From Equation 9, we conclude that a solution of Zoomeron equation exists if the following conditions on the parameters are satisfied:

$$w > 0, \quad w \neq 1, \quad \mu \neq 0, \quad R > 0, \quad A_4^2 - 4\sqrt{2}A_5\sqrt{\frac{w}{R}} > 0. \quad (10)$$

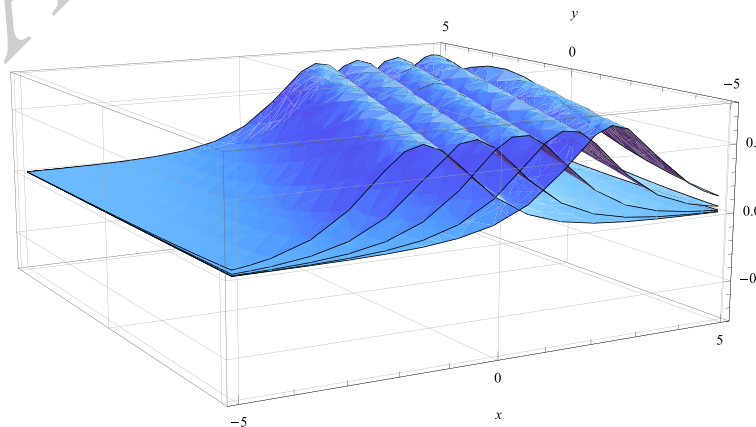
Therefore, the solution is given by the following:

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{e^{-\mu(x + \frac{2R}{\mu^2(w^2-1)}y - wt)} + \sqrt{\frac{R(A_4^2 - 4\sqrt{2}A_5\sqrt{\frac{w}{R}})}{2w}} - \frac{A_5\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{2w}} e^{\mu(x + \frac{2R}{\mu^2(w^2-1)}y - wt)}}{\frac{\sqrt{2w}}{\sqrt{R}} e^{-\mu(x + \frac{2R}{\mu^2(w^2-1)}y - wt)} + A_4 + A_5 e^{\mu(x + \frac{2R}{\mu^2(w^2-1)}y - wt)}}, \quad (11)$$

where  $R, w, A_4, A_5$  and  $\mu$  are free parameters being chosen and satisfying conditions given in Equation 10.

Third, we substitute ansatz 25 in Equation 3 to get the following (Figure 3):

$$0 = (-Acq\mu^2 - Acq^2\mu^2 + Acqw^2\mu^2 + Acq^2w^2\mu^2) \cosh(z\mu)^{-2-q} - 2A^3w \cosh(z\mu)^{-3q} + (AR + Acq^2 - Acq^2w^2\mu^2) \cosh(z\mu)^{-q}. \quad (12)$$



**Figure 3** Propagations of the solution of Zoomeron equation. Propagations vary over  $t = 0.1, 0.6, 1.1, 1.6$  and  $2.1$ , where  $R = 1, w = 2$  and  $\mu = 1$  using  $\cosh^q$ -ansatz.

By equating the exponents and the coefficients of each pair of the cosh function, we obtain the following algebraic system:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -2 - q + 3q \\ 0 &= -Acq\mu^2 - Acq^2\mu^2 + Acqw^2\mu^2 \\ &\quad + Acq^2w^2\mu^2 - 2A^3w \\ 0 &= AR + Acq^2 - Acq^2w^2\mu^2. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Solving the above system yields the following:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= 1 \\ A &= \mp \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{w}} \\ c &= \frac{R}{(w^2 - 1)\mu^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Therefore, the solution of Zoomeron equation is

$$u(x, y, t) = \mp \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{w}} \operatorname{sech} \left( \mu \left( x - \frac{R}{(w^2 - 1)\mu^2} y - wt \right) \right), \tag{15}$$

provided that  $w > 0$ ,  $w \neq 1$  and  $\mu \neq 0$ .

Finally, we substitute ansatz 26 in Equation 3 to get the following (Figure 4):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (-Acq\mu^2 + Acq^2\mu^2 + Acqw^2\mu^2 \\ &\quad - Acq^2w^2\mu^2) \tanh(z\mu)^{-2+q} \\ &\quad + (AR - 2Acq^2\mu^2 + 2Acq^2w^2\mu^2) \tanh(z\mu)^q \\ &\quad - 2A^3w \tanh(z\mu)^{3q} \\ &\quad + (Acq\mu^2 + Acq^2\mu^2 - Acqw^2\mu^2 \\ &\quad - Acq^2w^2\mu^2) \tanh(z\mu)^{2+q}. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

By equating the exponents and the coefficients of each pair of the tanh function, we obtain the following algebraic system:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -2 + q - 3q \\ 0 &= -Acq\mu^2 + Acq^2\mu^2 + Acqw^2\mu^2 - 2A^3w \\ 0 &= AR - 2Acq^2\mu^2 + 2Acq^2w^2\mu^2. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Solving the above system yields the following:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= -1 \\ A &= \mp \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{2w}} \\ c &= -\frac{R}{2(w^2 - 1)\mu^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

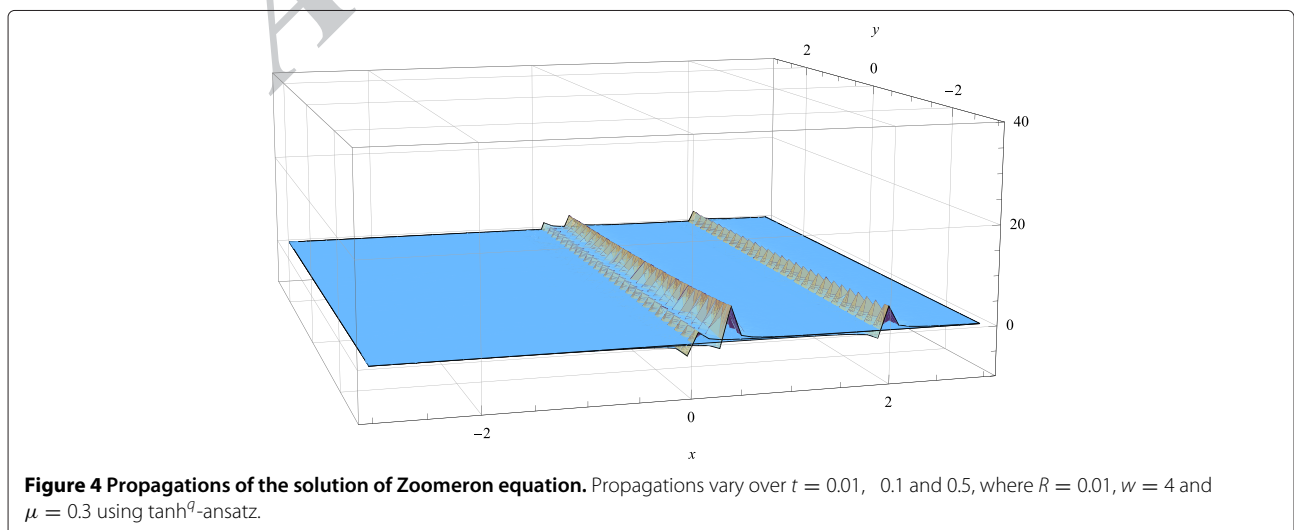
Therefore, the solution of Zoomeron equation is

$$u(x, y, t) = \mp \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{2w}} \operatorname{coth} \left( \mu \left( x + \frac{R}{2(w^2 - 1)\mu^2} y - wt \right) \right), \tag{19}$$

provided that  $w > 0$ ,  $w \neq 1$  and  $\mu \neq 0$ .

### Conclusion

In this paper, a physical model called (2 + 1)-dimensional Zoomeron equation is discussed. Mathematical methods such as the extended tanh, the exponential function and the  $\operatorname{sech}^p - \tanh^p$  function methods are used for analytical treatment of this model. By means of these methods, we have the advantage of reducing the nonlinear problem to a system of algebraic equations that can be solved by any computerized packages. The proposed methods are straightforward, concise and effective, and can be applied to many nonlinear equations arise in applied sciences.



## Methods

In this section, we will highlight briefly the main steps of each of the three methods that will be used in this paper. We first unite the independent variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $t$  into one wave variable  $\zeta = x - cy - wt$  to convert the PDE

$$P(u, u_t, u_x, u_{xy}, u_{xyt}, \dots) \quad (20)$$

into an ODE

$$Q(u, -cu', u', -wu'', cwu''', \dots). \quad (21)$$

Equation 21 is then integrated as long as all terms contain derivatives.

### The extended tanh method

The extended tanh technique is based on the assumption that the traveling wave solutions can be expressed in terms of the tanh function [8,9]. We therefore introduce a new independent variable

$$Y = \tanh(\mu\zeta). \quad (22)$$

Then, the solution can be proposed a finite power series in  $Y$  in the form:

$$u(\mu\zeta) = S(Y) = \sum_{i=-M}^M a_i Y^i, \quad (23)$$

limiting them to solitary and shock wave profiles. The parameter  $M$  is a positive integer, in most cases, that will be determined using a balance procedure, whereby comparing the behavior of  $Y^i$  in the highest derivative against its counterpart within the nonlinear terms. With  $M$  determined, we collect all coefficients of powers of  $Y$  in the resulting equation where these coefficients have to vanish; hence, the coefficients  $a_i$  can be determined.

### The exponential method

Using the wave variable  $\zeta = x - cy - wt$ , the exponential method admits the use of the ansatz

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{e^{-\mu\zeta} + A_1 + A_2 e^{\mu\zeta}}{A_3 e^{-\mu\zeta} + A_4 + A_5 e^{\mu\zeta}}, \quad (24)$$

where  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, \mu, w$  and  $c$  are parameters that will be determined by collecting all coefficients of powers of  $e^{\mu\zeta}$  in the resulting equation where these coefficients have to vanish.

### Solitary ansatz in terms of $\cosh^p$ and $\tanh^p$

The solitary wave ansatz in terms of  $\cosh^p$  is assumed as Equation 25 (see [7,10,11]).

$$u(x, t) = \frac{A}{\cosh^q(\mu\zeta)}. \quad (25)$$

The solitary wave ansatz in terms of  $\tanh^p$  is assumed as Equation 26 (see [7,10]).

$$u(x, t) = A \tanh^q(\mu\zeta). \quad (26)$$

The unknown index  $q$  as well as  $A$  and  $\mu$  is to be determined during the course of derivation of the solution of Equation 21.

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The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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MA introduced and carried out the last two methods, while KA handled the first method in this paper. Both authors participated in equal manner the rest of the paper. Also, the authors have verified and approved the final draft of this paper. Both authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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