# SOLUTIONS FOR A CLASS OF FIFTH-ORDER NONLINEAR PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEM

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## **Abstract**

In this paper, we use the generalized tanh method to obtain exact solutions for a class of fifth-order nonlinear systems. A particular case is given by the integrable Mikhailov-Novikov-Wang system (MNW). Periodic and solitons solutions are formally derived. The Mathematica is used.

#### 1. Introduction

The class of fifth-order systems that we consider reads

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \rho u_{xxxxx} + \gamma u u_{xxx} + \beta u_x u_{xx} + \alpha u^2 u_x - w_x = 0 \\ w_t + 6w u_{xxx} + 2u_{xx} w_x - 96w u u_x - 16w_x u^2 = 0, \end{cases}$$
 (1)

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where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\rho$  are arbitrary nonzero and real parameters, and u = u(x, t), w = w(x, t) are differentiable functions. Lots of forms of (1) can be constructed by changing the values of parameter. In the particular case  $\alpha = -80$ ,  $\beta = 50$ ,  $\gamma = 20$ ,  $\rho = -1$ , (1) reduces to the new Mikhailov-Novikov-Wang system ([8, 9, 10, 13, 15]) (MVW).

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xxxxx} - 20uu_{xxx} - 50u_x u_{xx} + 80u^2 u_x + w_x \\ w_t = -6wu_{xxx} - 2u_{xx}w_x + 96wuu_x + 16w_x u^2, \end{cases}$$
 (2)

which was derived by the authors in [13] using the symmetry approach. We refer to [13] for more details about this system. In the case that w(x, t) = 0 and  $\rho = 1$ , the system (1) reduces to fifth-order KdV equation [1, 4, 6, 14, 16]

$$u_t + u_{xxxxx} + \gamma u u_{xxx} + \beta u_x u_{xx} + \alpha u^2 u_x = 0. \tag{3}$$

This equation has been recently studied in [4, 6, 14, 16]. Some important particular cases of (3) are given by Lax, Sawada-Kotera, Kaup-Kupershdmit, and Ito equations [4, 6, 14, 16].

The searching of exact solutions of nonlinear partial differential equations is of great importance for many researches. A variety of powerful methods such as tanh method and generalized tanh method [1, 2, 7, 16], general projective Riccati equations method [11, 12, 17] and other methods (see for instance [3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 16]) have been developed in this direction. In this work, we will use the generalized tanh method [2, 6, 7] to construct periodic and solitons solutions to (1). This paper is organized as follows: In Section 1, we will review briefly the generalized tanh method. In Section 2, we give the mathematical framework to search exact solutions to (1). In Section 3, we obtain exact solutions to (1). Finally some conclusions are given.

# 2. The Generalized Tanh Method

The generalized tanh method can be summarized as follows. For a given nonlinear equation that does not explicitly involve independent variables

$$P(u, u_x, u_t, u_{xx}, u_{xt}, u_{tt}, \dots) = 0, (4)$$

we use the wave transformation

$$u(x, t) = v(\xi), \quad \xi = x + \lambda t,$$
 (5)

where  $\lambda$  is a constant.

Under the transformation (5), (4) reduces to ODE in the function  $v(\xi)$ 

$$P(v, v', v'', \dots) = 0.$$
 (6)

The next crucial step is to introduce a new variable  $\phi(\xi)$  which is a solution of the Riccati equation

$$\phi'(\xi) = \phi(\xi)^2 + k,\tag{7}$$

where k is a constant.

It is well-known that the solutions of the equation (7) are given by

$$\phi(\xi) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{\xi}, & k = 0, \\ \sqrt{k} \tan(\sqrt{k}\xi) & k > 0, \\ -\sqrt{k} \cot(\sqrt{k}\xi) & k > 0, \\ -\sqrt{-k} \tanh(\sqrt{-k}\xi) & k < 0, \\ -\sqrt{-k} \coth(\sqrt{-k}\xi) & k < 0. \end{cases}$$
(8)

We seek solutions to (6) in the form

$$\sum_{i=0}^{M} a_i \phi(\xi)^i, \tag{9}$$

where  $\phi(\xi)$  satisfies the Riccati Equation (7), and  $a_i$  are unknown constants. The integer M can be determined by balancing the highest derivative term with nonlinear terms in (6), before the  $a_i$  can be

computed. Substituting (9) along with (7) into (6) and collecting all terms with the same power  $\phi(\xi)^i$ , we get a polynomial in the variable  $\phi(\xi)$ . Equaling the coefficients of this polynomial to zero, we can obtain a system of algebraic equations, from which the constants  $a_i$ ,  $\lambda$  (i = 1, 2, ..., M) are obtained explicitly. Lastly, we find solutions for (4) in the original variables.

## 3. Exact Solutions to (1)

To search exact solutions of the system (1), we use the traveling wave transformation

$$\begin{cases} u(x, t) = v(\xi), \\ w(x, t) = w(\xi), \end{cases}$$

$$\xi = x + \lambda t.$$
(10)

Under the transformation (10), (1) reduces to following nonlinear ordinary differential equations system with constant coefficients

$$\begin{cases} \lambda v'(\xi) + \rho v^{(5)}(\xi) + \gamma v(\xi)v^{(3)}(\xi) + \beta v'(\xi)v''(\xi) + \alpha v^{2}(\xi)v'(\xi) - w'(\xi) = 0, \\ \lambda w'(\xi) + 6w(\xi)v'''(\xi) + 2v''(\xi)w'(\xi) - 96w(\xi)v(\xi)v'(\xi) - 16w'(\xi)v^{2}(\xi) = 0. \end{cases}$$
(11)

From the first equation in (11) we obtain

$$w'(\xi) = \lambda v'(\xi) + \rho v^{(5)}(\xi) + \gamma v(\xi)v^{(3)}(\xi) + \beta v'(\xi)v''(\xi) + \gamma v^{2}(\xi)v'(\xi), \tag{12}$$

which can be written as

$$\left(\lambda v(\xi) + \frac{\alpha}{3}v^{3}(\xi) + \frac{\beta - \gamma}{2}(v'(\xi))^{2} + \gamma v(\xi)v''(\xi) + \rho v^{(4)}(\xi) - w(\xi)\right)' = 0. \quad (13)$$

Integrating (13) once with respect to  $\xi$  we obtain

$$\lambda v(\xi) + \frac{\alpha}{3} v^{3}(\xi) + \frac{\beta - \gamma}{2} (v'(\xi))^{2} + \gamma v(\xi) v''(\xi) + \rho v^{(4)}(\xi) - w(\xi) = c, \quad (14)$$

where c is integration constant. We take c = 0. Due to (14)

$$w(\xi) = \lambda v(\xi) + \frac{\alpha}{3} v^{3}(\xi) + \frac{\beta - \gamma}{2} (v'(\xi))^{2} + \gamma v(\xi) v''(\xi) + \rho v^{(4)}(\xi).$$
 (15)

Substituting (15) and (12) in the second equation in (11) and after simplifications we obtain the following ordinary differential equation

$$\begin{cases} \lambda^{2}v'(\xi) + \lambda\rho v^{(5)} + \lambda(6+\gamma)v(\xi)v'''(\xi) + \lambda(\beta+2)v'(\xi)v''(\xi) + \lambda(\gamma-112)v^{2}(\xi)v'(\xi) \\ + 2\rho v''(\xi)v^{(5)}(\xi) + 8\gamma v(\xi)v''(\xi)v'''(\xi) + 2\beta v'(\xi)(v''(\xi))^{2} - 2(47\gamma + 8\beta)v^{2}(\xi)v'(\xi)v''(\xi) \\ - 16\rho v^{2}(\xi)v^{(5)} + 2(\alpha - 8\gamma)v^{3}(\xi)v'''(\xi) - 16(2\alpha + \gamma)v^{4}(\xi)v'(\xi) + 6\rho v'''(\xi)v^{(4)} \\ + 3(\beta - \gamma)(v'(\xi))^{2}v'''(\xi) - 96\rho v(\xi)v'(\xi)v^{(4)} - 48(\beta - \gamma)v(\xi)(v'(\xi))^{3} = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$(16)$$

According to the described above method, we seek solutions to (16) as

$$v(\xi) = a_0 + a_1 \phi(\xi) + a_2 (\phi(\xi))^2, \tag{17}$$

where  $\phi(\xi)$  satisfies (7). Substituting (17) into (16) and using (7) we obtain a polynomial in  $\phi(\xi)$ . Equaling the coefficients of this polynomial to zero, and solving the resulting algebraic system respect to unknowns variables k,  $\lambda$ ,  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  with aid the Mathematica we find the following sets of solutions:

$$\bullet a_1 = 0, \ a_2 = \frac{3}{4}, \ k = \sqrt{\lambda}, \ a_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}.$$

$$\bullet \ a_1 = 0, \ a_2 = \frac{3}{4}, \ k = -\sqrt{\lambda}, \ a_0 = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}.$$

Using (8) we obtain the following solutions to (16):

For  $\lambda > 0$ :

1. 
$$v_1(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \cot^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}\xi).$$

2. 
$$v_2(\xi) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \coth^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}\xi).$$

3. 
$$v_3(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \tan^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}\xi).$$

4. 
$$v_4(\xi) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \tanh^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}\xi).$$

Therefore by (10) and (15) the exact solutions to system (1) are given by:

For  $\lambda > 0$ :

1. 
$$u_1(x, t) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \cot^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)).$$

$$w_1(x, t) = \frac{\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}}{192}(-48 - \alpha + 9\csc^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)(\alpha + 16(1 + \gamma + 16\rho) + 3(\alpha + 8(\beta + 2\gamma + 80\rho))\cot^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)\csc^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)))))).$$
2.  $u_2(x, t) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \coth^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)).$ 

$$w_2(x, t) = \frac{\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}}{192}(48 + \alpha + 9\operatorname{sech}^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)(\alpha + 16(1 + \gamma + 16\rho) + 3(\alpha + 8(\beta + 2\gamma + 80\rho))\coth^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)\operatorname{csch}^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t))))).$$
3.  $u_3(x, t) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \tan^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)).$ 

$$w_3(x, t) = \frac{\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}}{192}(-48 - \alpha + 9\operatorname{sec}^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)(\alpha + 16(1 + \gamma + 16\rho) + 3(\alpha + 8(\beta + 2\gamma + 80\rho))\operatorname{sec}^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t) \tan^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)))))$$
4.  $u_4(x, t) = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\lambda} \tanh^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)).$ 

$$w_4(x, t) = \frac{\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}}{192}(48 + \alpha - 9\operatorname{sech}^2(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t))(\alpha + 16(1 + \gamma + 16\rho)) + 27(\alpha + 8(\beta + 2\gamma + 80\rho))\operatorname{sech}^4(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t)) - 27(\alpha + 8(\beta + 2\gamma + 80\rho))\operatorname{sech}^6(\lambda^{\frac{1}{4}}(x + \lambda t))).$$

## 4. Conclusions

In the previous sections, we have presented an analysis over a generalization of the MNW system. A large number of forms of the fifth-order system with exact solutions can be constructed. Exact solutions for some particular cases such that Mikhailov-Novikov-Wang system can be derived. The generalized tanh method provides a straightforward algorithm to compute particular periodic and solitons solutions for a large class of nonlinear systems.

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