

Symmetry Reductions, Exact Solutions and Conservation Laws of the (3 + 1)-dimensional Nonlinear Evolution Equation

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Abstract. Using the modified CK's direct method, we build the relationship between new solutions and old ones and the (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation. Based on the invariant group theory, Lie symmetries of the (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation are obtained. In addition, applying the given Lie symmetry, we obtain the similarity reduction and new exact solutions. At last, we give the conservation laws of the (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation.

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1. Introduction

Nonlinear partial differential equations (NPDEs) are widely used to describe complex phenomena in several aspects of physics as well as other natural and applied sciences. One of the most important tasks in the study of NPDEs is to construct exact solutions. In order to find the exact solutions of NPDEs, the study of symmetry is very important in the area, especially in integrable system for the existence of symmetries in infinity. However, it is simple to obtain symmetry groups by using the modified CK's direct method^[1-3]. And one can build the relationship between new solutions and old ones to a lot of nonlinear partial differential equations.

We consider the following (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation in this paper

$$3u_{xz} - (2u_t + u_{xxx} - auu_x - buu_y)_y + c(u_x \partial_x^{-1} u_y)_x = 0, \quad (1)$$

Where a, b and c are constants, where $a + b + c \neq 0$. For $a = 2, b = 0$ and $c = 2$, Eq.(1) reduces to the model solved in [4,5]. In Ref.[4], the (3+1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation is decomposed into systems of solvable ordinary differential equations with the help of the (1+1)-dimensional AKNS equation. In Ref.[5], the perturbation technique and the Wronskian determinant of solutions were used to determine the N-soliton solutions for the reduced equation. In Ref.[6], the Hirota's bilinear method is applied to determine the necessary conditions for the complete integrability of this equation. Multiple soliton solutions are established to confirm the compatibility structure. Multiple singular soliton solutions are also derived.

The paper is organized as follows, In section 2, for $c = 0$, the relationship between new solutions and old ones to the Eq. (1) is obtained by using modified CK direct method. In section 3, using the given Lie symmetry, we obtain the similarity reduction and new exact solutions. In section 4, using the given symmetry, we also get the corresponding conservation laws of the (3 + 1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation.

2. Symmetry Groups for the nonlinear evolution equation

When $c = 0$, a and b are arbitrary constants, the equation (1) becomes

$$3u_{xz} - (2u_t + u_{xxx} - auu_x - buu_y)_y = 0, \quad (2)$$

Now we look for the following symmetry groups for Eq.(2),

$$u = W(x, y, z, t, U(\xi, \phi, \mu, \tau)),$$

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However, it can be proved that seeking the symmetry groups in a simple form

$$u = \alpha + \beta U(\xi, \phi, \mu, \tau), \quad (3)$$

is sufficient.

where $\alpha = \alpha(x, y, z, t), \beta = \beta(x, y, z, t), \xi = \xi(x, y, z, t), \phi = \phi(x, y, z, t)$, $\mu = \mu(x, y, z, t)$ and $\tau = \tau(x, y, z, t)$ are functions to be determined by requiring $U(\xi, \phi, \mu, \tau)$ to satisfy $u = u(x, y, z, t)$ under the transformation

$$\{u, x, y, z, t\} \rightarrow \{U, \xi, \phi, \mu, \tau\}.$$

Substituting Eq.(3) into Eq.(2) and restrict $\{U, \xi, \phi, \mu, \tau\}$ to satisfy

$$3U_{\xi\mu} - (2U_{\tau} + U_{\xi\xi\xi} - aUU_{\xi} - bUU_{\phi})_{\phi} = 0, \quad (5)$$

Let the coefficients of the polynomial be zero, we have a set of differential equations with respect to U . Solving these equations, one can reach

$$\xi = c_1 x + F_1(t), \phi = c_1 y + \frac{bF_1(t)}{a}, \mu = c_1^3 z + c_3, \tau = c_1^3 t + c_2, \alpha = \frac{2F_{1t}}{ac_1}, \beta = c_1^2, \quad (6)$$

where c_1, c_2, c_3 are arbitrary constants, $F_1(t)$ is an arbitrary function of t .

For the general Lie point symmetry group of Eq.(2), we have the following theorem

Theorem 1. If $U(x, y, z, t)$ is the solution to Eq.(2), then so does $u(x, y, z, t)$, which is expressed by

$$u(x, y, z, t) = \frac{2F_{1t}}{ac_1} + c_1^2 U(\xi, \phi, \mu, \tau), \quad (7)$$

The function ξ, ϕ, μ and τ are determined by Eq.(6).

Applying Theorem 1, we can get new exact solutions for Eq.(2) from the new known solutions. To see the relation between the symmetry groups expressed by Theorem 1 and Lie point symmetry group obtained by the standard Lie group approach, we set

$$c_1 = 1 + \varepsilon C_1, c_2 = \varepsilon C_2, c_3 = \varepsilon C_3, F_1(t) = f_1 \varepsilon(t), \quad (8)$$

where ε is an infinitesimal parameter, $f_1(t)$ is an arbitrary function of t . Then Eq.(7) can be written as

$$u = U + \varepsilon \delta(U), \quad (9)$$

where

$$\delta = (C_1 x + f_1(t))u_x + (C_1 y + \frac{bf_1(t)}{a})u_y + (3C_1 z + C_3)u_z + (3C_1 t + C_2)u_t + 2C_1 u + \frac{2f_{1t}}{a}. \quad (10)$$

As $U(x, y, z, t)$ is a solution of the Eq.(2) under the condition of Theorem 1, we can replace U with u in Eq.(10) to get the corresponding Lie symmetry of the Eq. (2), and then the equivalent vector expression of the symmetry is

$$V = (C_1 x + f_1(t))\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (C_1 y + \frac{bf_1(t)}{a})\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (3C_1 z + C_3)\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + (3C_1 t + C_2)\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - (2C_1 u + \frac{2f_{1t}}{a})\frac{\partial}{\partial u},$$

which is exactly the same as that obtained by the standard Lie group approach^[7].

3. Similarity Reduction and New Exact Solution for nonlinear Evolution Equation

In this section, we will discuss the reduction and solutions of Eq. (2) for the cases of Theorem. First, we look for invariants ξ_1, η_1, τ_1 and $\theta(\xi_1, \eta_1, \tau_1)$. To do this, one must solve the following characteristic equations,

$$\frac{dx}{C_1 x + f_1(t)} = \frac{dy}{C_1 y + \frac{bf_1(t)}{a}} = \frac{dz}{3C_1 z + C_3} = \frac{dt}{3C_1 t + C_2} = \frac{du}{-(2C_1 u + \frac{2f_{1t}}{a})}, \quad (11)$$

Solving Eq.(11), and one can obtain

$$u = \frac{\theta(\xi_1, \eta_1, \tau_1) - \int \frac{2f_{1t}}{a(3c_1 t + c_2)^{1/3}} dt}{(3c_1 t + c_2)^{2/3}}, \quad (12)$$