

**SOLITARY WAVE SOLUTIONS  
OF NON-LINEAR PDEs  
USING A DIRECT METHOD  
AND MACSYMA**

Willy Hereman and Wuning Zhuang  
Colorado School of Mines  
Golden, CO 80401

ICIAM 91  
Washington, DC  
Tuesday, July 9, 1991  
11:00 am

## I. INTRODUCTION

- Hirota's Direct Method
  - allows to construct exact soliton solutions of
    - nonlinear evolution equations
    - wave equations
    - coupled systems
- Hirota condition
- Algorithm
- MACSYMA implementation
- Syntax of the Code
- Examples:
  - Korteweg-de Vries equation (KdV)
  - Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equation (KP)
  - Sawada-Kotera equation (SK)
- Single equation
- Couple system (two equations): work in progress

## II. HIROTA'S METHOD

Hirota's method requires:

- a clever change of dependent variable
- the introduction of a novel differential operator
- a perturbation expansion to solve the resulting bilinear equation

Korteweg-de Vries equation

$$u_t + 6uu_x + u_{3x} = 0$$

Substitute

$$u(x, t) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

Integrate with respect to  $x$

$$ff_{xt} - f_x f_t + ff_{4x} - 4f_x f_{3x} + 3f_{2x}^2 = 0$$

Write in *bilinear form*

$$B(f \cdot f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (D_x D_t + D_x^4)(f \cdot f) = 0$$

New operator

$$D_x^m D_t^n (f \cdot g) = (\partial x - \partial x')^m (\partial t - \partial t')^n f(x, t) g(x', t')|_{x'=x, t'=t}$$

Introduce a book keeping parameter  $\epsilon$

Take

$$f = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon^n f_n$$

Substitute  $f$  into the bilinear equation

Collect powers in  $\epsilon$

$$O(\epsilon^0) : B(1 \cdot 1) = 0$$

$$O(\epsilon^1) : B(1 \cdot f_1 + f_1 \cdot 1) = 0$$

$$O(\epsilon^2) : B(1 \cdot f_2 + f_1 \cdot f_1 + f_2 \cdot 1) = 0$$

$$O(\epsilon^3) : B(1 \cdot f_3 + f_1 \cdot f_2 + f_2 \cdot f_1 + f_3 \cdot 1) = 0$$

$$O(\epsilon^4) : B(1 \cdot f_4 + f_1 \cdot f_3 + f_2 \cdot f_2 + f_3 \cdot f_1 + f_4 \cdot 1) = 0$$

$$O(\epsilon^n) : B\left(\sum_{j=0}^n f_j \cdot f_{n-j}\right) = 0 \quad \text{with } f_0 = 1$$

If the original PDE admits a N-soliton solution  
then the expansion will truncate at level  $n = N$  provided

$$f_1 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \exp(\theta_i) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \exp(k_i x - \omega_i t + \delta_i) \quad (N = 3)$$

$k_i, \omega_i$  and  $\delta_i$  are constants

Dispersion law

$$\omega_i = k_i^3 \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

Terms generated by  $B(f_1, f_1)$  justify

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= a_{12} \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + a_{13} \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_3) + a_{23} \exp(\theta_2 + \theta_3) \\ &= a_{12} \exp[(k_1 + k_2)x - (\omega_1 + \omega_2)t + (\delta_1 + \delta_2)] \\ &\quad + a_{13} \exp[(k_1 + k_3)x - (\omega_1 + \omega_3)t + (\delta_1 + \delta_3)] \\ &\quad + a_{23} \exp[(k_2 + k_3)x - (\omega_2 + \omega_3)t + (\delta_2 + \delta_3)] \end{aligned}$$

Allows to calculate the constants  $a_{12}, a_{13}$  and  $a_{23}$

One obtains

$$a_{ij} = \frac{(k_i - k_j)^2}{(k_i + k_j)^2} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

$B(f_1 \cdot f_2 + f_2 \cdot f_1)$  motivates

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= b_{123} \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) \\ &= b_{123} \exp[(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)x - (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3)t + (\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3)] \end{aligned}$$

with

$$b_{123} = a_{12} a_{13} a_{23} = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2 (k_1 - k_3)^2 (k_2 - k_3)^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2 (k_1 + k_3)^2 (k_2 + k_3)^2}$$

Subsequently,  $f_i = 0$  for  $i > 3$

Set  $\epsilon = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 1 + \exp \theta_1 + \exp \theta_2 + \exp \theta_3 \\ &+ a_{12} \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + a_{13} \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_3) + a_{23} \exp(\theta_2 + \theta_3) \\ &+ b_{123} \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) \end{aligned}$$

### III. Hirota condition

Bilinear equation

$$P(D_x, D_t) f \cdot f = 0$$

$P$  is an arbitrary polynomial

If a bilinear form is available then the equation always has at least a two-soliton solution

- Single soliton solution

$$f = 1 + e^\theta , \quad \theta = kx - \omega t + \delta$$

$k, \omega$  and  $\delta$  are constants

$k$  and  $\omega$  satisfy

$$P(k, -\omega) = 0$$

- Two soliton solution

$$f = 1 + e^{\theta_1} + e^{\theta_2} + a_{12}e^{\theta_1+\theta_2}$$

$$\theta_i = k_i x - \omega_i t + \delta_i , \quad P(k_i, -\omega_i) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$a_{12} = - \frac{P(k_1 - k_2, -\omega_1 + \omega_2)}{P(k_1 + k_2, -\omega_1 - \omega_2)}$$

- For the general N-soliton solution

$$f = \sum_{\mu=0,1} \exp \left[ \sum_{i>j}^{(N)} A_{ij} \mu_i \mu_j + \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i \theta_i \right]$$

$$a_{ij} = \exp A_{ij} = - \frac{P(k_i - k_j, -\omega_i + \omega_j)}{P(k_i + k_j, -\omega_i - \omega_j)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S[P, n] &= \sum_{\sigma=\pm 1} P \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i k_{s_i}, - \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \omega_{s_i} \right) \\ &\times \prod_{i>j}^{(n)} (\sigma_i k_{s_i} - \sigma_j k_{s_j}, -\sigma_i \omega_{s_i} + \sigma_j \omega_{s_j}) \sigma_i \sigma_j = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 1, \dots, N . \quad s_i \in \{1, \dots, N\} , \quad k_i > k_j , \quad i > j$$

## IV. ALGORITHM FOR THE HIROTA METHOD

- Blocks (functions)

- Block 1: Dispersion law

$$B(1 \cdot f_1 + f_1 \cdot 1) = 0$$

- Block 2: Test the condition for the existence of a 3 soliton solution
  - Block 3: Test the condition for the existence of a 4 soliton solution
  - Block 4: Construct a  $N$ -soliton solution ( $N = 1, 2$ , or 3)
  - Block 5: Check the coefficients for the two soliton solution (polynomials)
  - Block 6: Check the coefficients for the three soliton solution
  - Block 7: Hirota operators  $Dx$ ,  $Dy$ ,  $Dt$ ,  $Dxt$
  - Block 8: Hirota method

- Main Program

Hirota(B,name,n,test\_for\_3soliton,  
check\_coefficients,test\_for\_4soliton)

$B(f, g)$ : Bilinear operator for the PDE

name: Name of the PDE

n: N-soliton solution

test\_for\_3soliton: True or false for the testing the  
Hirota conditions

check\_coefficients: True or false for checking  
the calculated coefficients of the 2 and 3 soliton solutions

test\_for\_4soliton: True or false for the testing of the  
Hirota conditions

## V. MACSYMA PROGRAM

The symbolic program calculates

- the one soliton solution
- checks conditions for a 3 or even a 4 soliton solution
- constructs the two and three soliton solutions
- recalculates  $a_{ij}$  based on the polynomial form  $P$
- verifies if  $b_{123} = a_{12}a_{13}a_{23}$

The user must

- select the value of  $N$
- provide the bilinear operator  $B$
- give a name for the PDE
- set true or false for ‘test\_for\_3soliton’, ‘check\_coefficients’ and ‘test\_for\_4soliton’

## VI. EXAMPLES AND TEST CASES

- Korteweg-de Vries equation

$$u_t + 6uu_x + u_{3x} = 0$$

One uses

$$u(x, t) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

and

$$B(f, g) := Dxt[1, 1](f, g) + Dx[4](f, g)$$

One obtains

$$\omega_i = k_i^3, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

and

$$a_{ij} = \frac{(k_i - k_j)^2}{(k_i + k_j)^2}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3 \quad i > j$$

$$b_{123} = a_{12}a_{13}a_{23}$$

- Kadomtsev-Petviashvili equation

$$(u_t + 6uu_x + u_{3x})_x + 3u_{2y} = 0$$

Here

$$u(x, t) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x, y, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$B(f, g) := Dxt[1, 1](f, g) + Dx[4](f, g) + 3Dy[2](f, g)$$

In this case  $\theta_i = k_i x + l_i y - \omega_i t$

$$\omega_i = \frac{3l_i^2 + k_i^4}{k_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

and

$$a_{ij} = \frac{(k_i k_j^2 - k_i^2 k_j - l_i k_j + l_j k_i)(k_i k_j^2 - k_i^2 k_j + l_i k_j - l_j k_i)}{(k_i k_j^2 + k_i^2 k_j + l_i k_j - l_j k_i)(k_i k_j^2 + k_i^2 k_j - l_i k_j + l_j k_i)}$$

$$b_{123} = a_{12}a_{13}a_{23}$$

- Sawada-Kotera equation

$$u_t + 45u^2 u_x + 15u_x u_{2x} + 15u u_{3x} + u_{5x} = 0$$

One uses

$$u(x, t) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

and

$$B(f, g) := Dxt[1, 1](f, g) + Dx[6](f, g)$$

Furthermore

$$\omega_i = k_i^5, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$a_{ij} = \frac{(k_i - k_j)^3 (k_i^3 + k_j^3)}{(k_i + k_j)^3 (k_i^3 - k_j^3)}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$b_{123} = a_{12}a_{13}a_{23}$$

## REFERENCES

- [1] R. Hirota, in: *Bäcklund Transformations, the Inverse Scattering Method, Solitons, and Their Applications*, Lecture Notes in Mathematics **515**, ed. R.M. Miura, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1976, pp. 40-68.
- [2] R. Hirota, in: *Solitons*, Topics in Physics **17**, eds. R.K. Bullough and P.J. Caudrey, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1980, pp. 157-76.
- [3] M.J. Ablowitz and H. Segur, *Solitons and the Inverse Scattering*, SIAM Studies in Applied Mathematics **4**, SIAM, Philadelphia, 1981.
- [4] P.G. Drazin and R.S. Johnson, *Solitons: an introduction*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1989.
- [5] J. Hietarinta, *A search for bilinear equations passing Hirota's three-soliton condition*, Parts I-IV, J. Math. Phys. **28**, 1732-42, 1987; *ibid.* 2094-101, 1987; *ibid.* 2586-92, 1987; *ibid.* **29** 628-35, 1988.

- [6] J. Hietarinta, in: *Partially Integrable Evolution Equations in Physics*, Proceedings of the Summer School for Theoretical Physics, Les Houches, France, March 21-28, 1989, eds: R. Conte and N. Boccara, Kluwer Academic Publishers, pp. 459-78, 1990.