

# Symmetry Analysis of Differential Equations and their Applications: Recent Case Studies

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# Differential equations

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In recent years (See e.g, [1]),

- many researchers are interested in the the study of Differential Equations (DEs).
- using DEs is emerging as an area of substantial activity across many applications.
- there exists inquisition on well-defined method to systematically solve fractional differential equations.
- developing numerical or analytical solutions for these fractional mathematical models are crucial issues.

# Solution of partial differential equations

- There exists no well-defined method to systematically solve Fractional Partial Differential Equations (FPDEs).
- To deal with FPDEs, efforts have been made to develop techniques such as (See e.g, [2])
  - sine-cosine method;
  - variational iteration method;
  - homotopy perturbation method;
  - Jacobi elliptic function method;
  - first integral method;
  - tanh function and extended tanh function methods;
  - simplest equation method;
  - exponential function method;
  - Weierstrass elliptic function expansion method;
  - $G'/G$ -expansion method.

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# Symmetry analysis

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The symmetry analysis as applied to differential equations

- transforms solutions into solutions while leaving the set of all solutions invariant.
- can be used to obtain new solutions from known ones.
- can be used to classify equations into equivalence classes according to their symmetry groups.
- can be used to obtain exact analytic solutions that are invariant under some group invariant solutions.

# Lie group

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Lie group analysis is one of the systematic symmetry techniques

- which applies Lie group theory to differential equations.
- which has received considerable attention in the literature (See e.g, [3, 4])
- is a most powerful tool which gives a systematic way of determining transformations that can:
  - map equations from nonlinear form to linear forms;
  - transform systems of equations to a set that is more amenable to analyze.

# Peculiarities of this present study

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This presentation will focus on

- unveiling the Lie group analysis method in an explicit way;
- demonstration of the applications of Lie group analysis method to systematically solve FPDEs;
- illustration of Lie group analysis method with selected recent case studies.

## Example 1 on using variational iteration method

Consider the nonlinear second-order pantograph equation

$$\begin{aligned}y''(x) - 8y\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + xy'(x) &= 2, \\y(0) &= 0, \\y'(0) &= 0.\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

**Solution:** Taking the Sumudu Transform (ST) of (2.1) gives (See e.g., [5])

$$\frac{Y(u)}{u^2} - \frac{y(0)}{u^2} - \frac{y'(0)}{u} = S \left[ 8y\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - xy'(x) + 2 \right].\tag{2.2}$$

Since  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ , equation (2.2) gives

$$\frac{Y(u)}{u^2} = S \left[ 8y\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - xy'(x) + 2 \right].\tag{2.3}$$



## 👉 Example 1 (Continues)

The variational iteration formula is given by

$$Y_{n+1}(u) = Y_n(u) + \varphi(u) \left( \frac{Y_n(u)}{u^2} - S \left[ 8y_n \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) - xy_n'(x) + 2 \right] \right). \quad (2.4)$$

The Lagrange multiplier is obtained as

$$\varphi(u) = -u^2. \quad (2.5)$$

Taking the inverse-Sumudu transform gives the exact solution after second iteration as  $y(x) = x^2$ .

## 👉 Example 2 on using variational iteration method

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Consider the first order nonlinear delay differential equation of pantograph type

$$y'(x) - 2xy^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 0, \quad y(0) = 1. \quad (2.6)$$

- Take the ST of (2.6).
- Generate the variational iteration formula.
- Obtain the Lagrange multiplier.

## Iterations for Example 2

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$$y_1(x) = S^{-1} \left[ -u \left( \frac{-1}{u} \right) \right] = S^{-1}[1] = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(x) &= y_1(x) + S^{-1} \left[ u \left( S \left[ 2xy_1^4 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right] \right) \right] \\ &= 1 + x^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3(x) &= y_1(x) + S^{-1} \left[ u \left( S \left[ 2xy_2^4 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right] \right) \right] \\ &= 1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}y_4(x) &= y_1(x) + S^{-1} \left[ u \left( S \left[ 2xy_3^4 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right] \right) \right] \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x^2 + \frac{1}{2!} (x^2)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (x^2)^3 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{1}{i!} (x^2)^i.\end{aligned}$$

$$y_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i!} (x^2)^i, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

which tends to  $e^{x^2}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- The exact solution is known to be  $y(x) = e^{x^2}$ .

## Fractional derivative

Given a Riemann-Liouville (RL) fractional integral operator of order  $\alpha \in [n - 1, n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha$  derivative of  $f(t)$  is given as:

- RL fractional derivative:

$$D_t^\alpha f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau, & 0 < \alpha < 1, \\ (f^n(t))^{\alpha-n}. \end{cases}$$

- Caputo fractional derivative:

$$D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f^n(\tau) d\tau, 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

## ☞ Properties of RL fractional derivative

- Here are some of the properties of RL derivative.

$$(i) D_t^\alpha t^\gamma = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma+1)}{\Gamma(\gamma+1-\alpha)} t^{\gamma-\alpha}, \gamma > 0.$$

$$(ii) D_t^\alpha [f(t)g(t)] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} D_t^n f(t) D_t^{n-\alpha} g(t), \text{ where}$$
$$\binom{\alpha}{k} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+1-n)}.$$

$$(iii) D_t^\alpha [f(g(t))] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{U_n}{n!} \frac{d^n f(z)}{dz^n} \Big|_{z=g(t)}, \text{ where}$$

$$U_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} g^k(t) \partial_t^\alpha (g^{n-k}(t)).$$

# ☞ Time-fractional generalized Burgers equation

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Consider the time-fractional generalized Burgers equation [6]

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha u}{\partial t^\alpha} = uu_x + u_{xx}, \quad (3.1)$$

where in the sense of RL fractional derivative,

- $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $x$  is space coordinate,  $t$  is time,
- $u(x, t)$  is unknown function, and
- $\frac{\partial^\alpha u}{\partial t^\alpha}$  is the time-fractional derivative of the function  $u(x, t)$ .

# Exact solution of time-fractional generalized Burgers equation

- To apply the Lie group analysis method for the construction of exact solution of

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha u}{\partial t^\alpha} = uu_x + u_{xx}, \quad (3.2)$$

- the following function is introduced

$$U(\eta) = A\eta^k,$$

- where  $\eta = xt^{-a}$ ,  $a = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ ,
- parameters  $A$  and  $k$  are arbitrary real constants [1].



## Computation

- Follow the outline in the work of Costa et al. [7] to compute

$$\frac{\partial^\beta u}{\partial t^\beta} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\beta} s^{-a} U(xs^{-a}) ds. \quad (3.3)$$

- Consider the case  $\tau = \frac{s}{t}$ , then (3.3) become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^\beta u}{\partial t^\beta} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^t (1-\tau)^{-\beta} t^{1-a-\beta} \tau^{-a} U(\eta\tau^{-a}) d\tau \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ t^{1-a-\beta} \left( F_\beta^{-a,a} U \right) (\eta) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\left( F_\beta^{-a,a} U \right) (\eta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^t (1-\tau)^{-\beta} \tau^{-a} U(\eta\tau^{-a}) d\tau$ .

## Computation

- Recall that from  $\eta = xt^{-a}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{d}{d\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = -a\eta t^{-1} \frac{d}{d\eta}.$$

- Therefore we have that

$$\frac{\partial^\beta u}{\partial t^\beta} = t^{-a-\beta} \left[ \left( 1 - a - \beta - a\eta \frac{d}{d\eta} \right) \left( F_\beta^{-a,a} U \right) (\eta) \right] \quad (3.5)$$

- Substitute (3.5) into

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha u}{\partial t^\alpha} = uu_x + u_{xx}, \quad (3.6)$$

to obtain

$$\left[ \left( 1 - a - \beta - a\eta \frac{d}{d\eta} \right) \left( F_\beta^{-a,a} U \right) (\eta) \right] = UU_\eta + U_{\eta\eta}.$$

## Computation

- Follow the outline in the work of Costa et al. [7] to calculate the operator  $(F_{\beta}^{-a,a}U)(\eta^k)$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(F_{\beta}^{-a,a}U)(\eta^k) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^t (1-\tau)^{-\beta} \eta^k \tau^{-a(1+k)} d\tau \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1-a(1+k))}{\Gamma(2-a(1+k)-\beta)} A \eta^k.\end{aligned}\quad (3.7)$$

- Setting  $\beta = \alpha$ ,  $a = \frac{\alpha}{2}$  and using (3.7) makes  $\left[ \left( 1 - a - \beta - a\eta \frac{d}{d\eta} \right) (F_{\beta}^{-a,a}U)(\eta) \right] = UU_{\eta} + U_{\eta\eta}$ .

to become

$$\frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(2-2\alpha)} A \eta^k = A^2 k \eta^{2k-1} + A k(k-1) \eta^{k-2}. \quad (3.8)$$

## Exact solution

- To have the exact solution,

$$\frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(2-2\alpha)} A \eta^k = A^2 k \eta^{2k-1} + A k(k-1) \eta^{k-2}, \quad (3.9)$$

- must be invariant with respect to the similarity variable  $\eta$ .
- When  $k = 1$ , it is obtained that

$$A = \frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(2-2\alpha)}, \quad (3.10)$$

such that the exact solution of

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha u}{\partial t^\alpha} = uu_x + u_{xx}, \quad (3.11)$$

is given as

$$u(x, t) = \frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(2-2\alpha)} \frac{x}{t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}. \quad (3.12)$$

## Exact solution of noninteger order derivatives

- Using Lie group analysis method, exact solution of time-fractional generalized Burgers equation

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha u}{\partial t^\alpha} = uu_x + u_{xx}, \quad (3.13)$$

- is obtained as

$$u(x, t) = \frac{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)}{\Gamma(2 - 2\alpha)} \frac{x}{t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}. \quad (3.14)$$

- Observe that the obtained exact solution
  - is valid for  $t > 0$  and  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ;
  - is called a very singular solution or dipole solution;
  - shows clearly that a change in noninteger order derivative value will affect the solution behavior in a fundamental way;
  - suggests that the noninteger order derivative can be used

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