

# Similarity Reductions and New Exact Solutions for B-Family Equations

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**Abstract** In this paper, Lie-Group method is applied to the b-family equations which includes two important nonlinear partial differential equations Camassa--Holm (CH) equation and the Degasperis--Procesi (DP) equation. The complete Lie algebra of infinitesimal symmetries is established. Three nonequivalent sub-algebras of the complete Lie algebra are used to investigate similarity solutions and similarity reductions in the form of nonlinear ordinary equations (ODEs) for the b-family equations. The generalized He's Exp-Function method is used to drive exact solutions for the reduced nonlinear ODEs, some figures are given to show the properties of the solutions.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper we consider the following b-family of equations[1]

$$u_t - u_{xxx} + (b+1)uu_x = bu_x u_{xx} + uu_{xxx} \quad (1.1)$$

where b is a dimensionless constant. The quadratic terms in Eq. (1) represent the competition, or balance, in fluid convection between nonlinear transport and amplification due to b-dimensional stretching[2-3]. On the other hand, in a recent study of soliton equations, it was found that for any  $b \neq -1$ , Eq. (1) was included in the family of shallow water equations at quadratic order accuracy that are asymptotically equivalent under Kodama transformations[4].

Degasperis and Procesi[5] showed that the family of equations (1) cannot be integrable unless  $b=2$  or  $b=3$  by using the method of asymptotic integrability. The previous two values of b are corresponding to two important equations the Camassa--Holm (CH) equation and the Degasperis--Procesi (DP) equation respectively.

The CH and the DP equations are bi-Hamiltonian and have an associated isospectral problem, therefore they are both formally integrable[6-9]. Moreover, both equations admit peaked solitary wave solutions and present similarities although they are truly different[10-13].

## 2. Solution of the Problem

Firstly, we shall derive the similarity solutions using the

Lie group method[14] under which Eq. (1.1) is invariant in the following steps:

1- Lie point symmetries

$$\begin{aligned} u^* &= u^*(x, t, u, \varepsilon), \\ x^* &= x^*(x, t, u, \varepsilon), \\ t^* &= t^*(x, t, u, \varepsilon). \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

With associated infinitesimal form

$$\begin{aligned} x^* &= x + \varepsilon \eta(x, t, u, \varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon^2), \\ t^* &= t + \varepsilon \zeta(x, t, u, \varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon^2), \\ u^* &= u + \varepsilon \varphi(x, t, u, \varepsilon) + o(\varepsilon^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

2- If we set

$$\Delta = u_t - u_{xxx} + (b+1)uu_x - bu_x u_{xx} - uu_{xxx} = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

Then the invariance condition

$$\Gamma^{(3)}(\Delta) = 0, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\Gamma^{(3)}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{(3)} &= V + \varphi_{[x]} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} + \varphi_{[t]} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} + \varphi_{[xx]} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{xx}} \\ &+ \varphi_{[xxx]} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{xxx}} + \varphi_{[xxt]} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{xxt}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$V = \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \quad (2.6)$$

The components

$$\varphi_{[x]}, \varphi_{[t]}, \varphi_{[xx]}, \varphi_{[xxx]}, \varphi_{[xxt]}, \dots \quad (2.7)$$

can be determined from the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{[s]} &= D_s \varphi - u_t D_s \zeta - u_x D_s \eta, \\ \varphi_{[sj]} &= D_j \varphi_{[s]} - u_{ts} D_j \zeta - u_{xs} D_j \eta. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Eq. (2.4) gives the following system of linear partial differential equations:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta_x &= \zeta_u = \eta_u = \varphi_{uu} = 0, \\
 \eta_{xx} - \varphi_{xu} &= 0, \\
 2\eta_x - \varphi_{xxu} &= 0, \\
 b\eta_x - b\zeta_t - b\varphi_u &= 0, \\
 (b+1)u\varphi_x + \varphi_t - \varphi_{txx} - u\varphi_{xxx} &= 0, \\
 -\varphi_{uu} + 2\eta_{tx} - b\varphi_x - 3u\eta_{xx} - 3u\varphi_{xu} &= 0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.9}$$

3- The general solution of Eqs. (2.9) provides following forms for the infinitesimal element  $\zeta, \eta$  and  $\varphi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta &= -c_1 t + c_2, \\
 \eta &= c_3, \\
 \varphi &= c_1 u,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.10}$$

where  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  are arbitrary constant.

4- In order to study the group theoretic structure, the vector field operator  $V$  is written as

$$V = V_1(c_1) + V_2(c_2) + V_3(c_3),
 \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_1 &= -t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial u}, \\
 V_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \\
 V_3 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.12}$$

It is easy to verify the vector fields are closed under the Lie bracket as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [V_1, V_1] &= [V_2, V_2] = [V_3, V_3] = [V_2, V_3] = [V_3, V_2] = 0 \\
 [V_1, V_2] &= -[V_2, V_1] = -V_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we can compute the adjoint representations of the vector fields

	$V_1$	$V_2$	$V_3$
$V_1$	$V_1$	$e^c V_2$	$e^c V_3$
$V_2$	$V_1 - \varepsilon V_2$	$V_2$	$V_3$
$V_3$	$V_1 - \varepsilon V_3$	$V_2$	$V_3$

From the previous adjoint representations we have the following three non-equivalent possibilities of sub-algebras of the Lie algebra

- (I)  $V_1 + V_3$ .
- (II)  $V_2 + V_3$ .
- (III)  $V_1$ .

Now we could determine the similarity variables and similarity reduction corresponding each vector field using the auxiliary equation

$$\frac{dt}{\zeta} = \frac{dx}{\eta} = \frac{du}{\varphi}
 \tag{2.13}$$

### 3. Similarity Reduction and Exact Solutions

In this section, the primary focus is on the reductions association with the vector fields (I-III) and attempt to some

exact solutions:

#### Vector field $V_1 + V_3$

For this vector field, on using the characteristic Eq. (2.13), the similarity variable and the form of similarity solution is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi(x, t) &= t \exp(x), \\
 u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{t} F(\xi).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.1}$$

On using these in Eq. (1.1), the reduced ODE is given

$$\begin{aligned}
 -F + \xi F' - 2\xi^2 F'' - \xi^3 F''' + b\xi FF' - \\
 b(\xi^3 F'F'' + \xi^2 F'^2) - 3\xi^2 FF'' - \xi^3 FF''' = 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.2}$$

where prime (') denotes the differentiation with respect to the variable  $\xi$ . On transforming the independent variable by the relation  $\xi = \exp(\tau)$  Eq. (3.2) becomes

$$-F + \dot{F} + \ddot{F} + (b+1)F\dot{F} - b\dot{F}\ddot{F} - \ddot{F}F = 0,
 \tag{3.3}$$

where dot denotes the differentiation with respect to variable  $\tau$ . In view of the generalized He's Exp-Function method [15], we assume that the solution of Eq. (3.3) can be expressed in the form

$$F(\tau) = \frac{a_{-c}[\varphi(\tau)^{-c}] + \dots + a_p[\varphi(\tau)^p]}{r_{-d}[\varphi(\tau)^{-d}] + \dots + r_q[\varphi(\tau)^q]}
 \tag{3.4}$$

where  $c, d, p$  and  $q$  are positive integers which are unknown to be further determined,  $a_n$  and  $r_m$  are unknown constants. In addition,  $\varphi(\tau)$  satisfies Riccati equation,

$$\varphi'(\tau) = A + B\varphi(\tau) + C\varphi^2(\tau).
 \tag{3.5}$$

In order to determine values of  $c$  and  $p$ , we balance the linear term of the highest order in Eq. (3.3), we have

$$\ddot{F} = \frac{a_1 \varphi^{-c-8d-3} + \dots + a_2 \varphi^{p+8q+3}}{r_1 \varphi^{-9d} + \dots + r_2 \varphi^{9q}},
 \tag{3.6}$$

$$\ddot{F}F = \frac{a_1 \varphi^{-2c-7d-3} + \dots + a_2 \varphi^{2p+7q+3}}{r_1 \varphi^{-9d} + \dots + r_2 \varphi^{9q}},
 \tag{3.7}$$

where  $a_i$  and  $r_i$  are determined coefficients only for simplicity. From balancing the lowest order and highest order of  $\varphi$  (3.6) and (3.7), we obtain

$$-c - 8d - 3 = -2c - 7d - 3
 \tag{3.8}$$

which leads to the limit

$$c = d
 \tag{3.9}$$

and

$$p + 8q + 3 = 2p + 7q + 3
 \tag{3.10}$$

which leads to the limit

$$p = q
 \tag{3.11}$$

For simplicity, we set  $p = c = 1$ , the trial function, Eq. (3.4), becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\tau) &= \frac{a_{-1}\varphi^{-1} + a_0 + a_1\varphi}{r_{-1}\varphi^{-1} + r_0 + r_1\varphi} \\
 &= \frac{a_{-1} + a_0\varphi + a_1\varphi^2}{r_{-1} + r_0\varphi + r_1\varphi^2}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.12}$$

Substituting Eq. (3.12) into Eq. (3.3), equating to zero the coefficients of all powers of  $\varphi(\tau)$  yields a set of algebraic equations for  $a_0, r_0, a_0, r_1, a_{-1}$  and  $r_{-1}$ . Solving the system of

algebraic equations with the aid of Maple, where  $A = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $B = 0$ ,  $C = \frac{1}{2}$  in Eq.(2.18), we obtain the following results:

$$r_0 = -r_1, a_0 = a_1, a_{-1} = r_{-1} = 0, b \text{ is arbitrary}$$

Substituting the results of case I into (3.12), the solutions of Eq.(1.1) can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 + \coth(\ln t + x) \pm \operatorname{csch}(\ln t + x)}{1 - \coth(\ln t + x) \mp \operatorname{csch}(\ln t + x)} \right], \\ u_2(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 \pm \operatorname{sech}(\ln t + x) + \tanh(\ln t + x)}{1 \pm \operatorname{sech}(\ln t + x) - \tanh(\ln t + x)} \right], \\ u_3(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 \pm i \operatorname{csch}(\ln t + x) + \coth(\ln t + x)}{1 \pm i \operatorname{csch}(\ln t + x) - \coth(\ln t + x)} \right], \\ u_4(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 + \tanh(\ln t + x) \pm i \operatorname{sech}(\ln t + x)}{1 - \tanh(\ln t + x) \mp i \operatorname{sech}(\ln t + x)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

where  $k = \frac{a_0}{r_0}$ .

### Vector field $V_2 + V_3$

For this generator the associated similarity variable and similarity solution are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(x,t) &= x - t, \\ u(x,t) &= F(\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

On using these in Eq. (1.1), the reduced ODE is given by

$$-F' + F'' + (b+1)FF' - bF'F'' - FF''' = 0. \quad (3.15)$$

Be using the ansatz (3.14), the solution of Eq. (1.1) can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x,t) &= a \exp(x-t), \text{ where } a = \frac{a_1}{r_0} \\ u_2(x,t) &= k \left[ \frac{1 + \coth(x-t) \pm \operatorname{csch}(x-t)}{1 - \coth(x-t) \mp \operatorname{csch}(x-t)} \right], \\ u_3(x,t) &= k \left[ \frac{1 \pm \operatorname{sech}(x-t) + \tanh(x-t)}{1 \pm \operatorname{sech}(x-t) - \tanh(x-t)} \right], \\ u_4(x,t) &= k \left[ \frac{1 \pm i \operatorname{csch}(x-t) + \coth(x-t)}{1 \pm i \operatorname{csch}(x-t) - \coth(x-t)} \right], \\ u_5(x,t) &= k \left[ \frac{1 + \tanh(x-t) \pm i \operatorname{sech}(x-t)}{1 - \tanh(x-t) \mp i \operatorname{sech}(x-t)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

where  $k = \frac{a_0}{r_0}$

### Vector field $V_1$

The generator (III) in the optimal system defines the similarity variable and similarity solution as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(x,t) &= x, \\ u(x,t) &= \frac{1}{t} F(\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

On using these in Eq. (1.1), the reduced ODE is given by

$$-F + F'' + (b+1)FF' - F' + F'' - FF''' = 0 \quad (3.18)$$

Using the ansatz (3.14), we have the following solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x,t) &= \frac{a}{t} \exp(x), \text{ where } a = \frac{a_1}{r_0} \\ u_2(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 \pm \operatorname{sech}(x) + \tanh(x)}{1 \pm \operatorname{sech}(x) - \tanh(x)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_3(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 + \tanh(x) \pm i \operatorname{sech}(x)}{1 - \tanh(x) \pm i \operatorname{sech}(x)} \right], \\ u_4(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 \pm i \operatorname{csch}(x) + \coth(x)}{1 \pm i \operatorname{csch}(x) - \coth(x)} \right], \\ u_5(x,t) &= \frac{k}{t} \left[ \frac{1 + \coth(x) \pm \operatorname{csch}(x)}{1 - \coth(x) \pm \operatorname{csch}(x)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

where  $k = \frac{a_0}{r_0}$

## 4. Conclusions

In summary, we have utilized this method to construct new exact solutions for b-family equations. In solutions (3.13) and (3.19) there is singularity at  $t=0$ , so we put  $t > 0$  in figures. All solutions have been obtained in this paper for the b-family equations are also solutions for the CH and DP equations because those solutions were not restricted with any value of b.

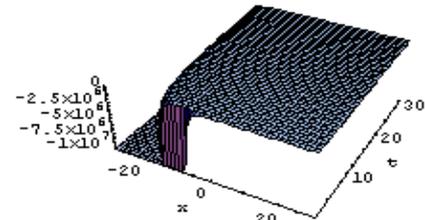


Figure 1. solution of  $u_1(x,t)$  in (26), where  $k=1$

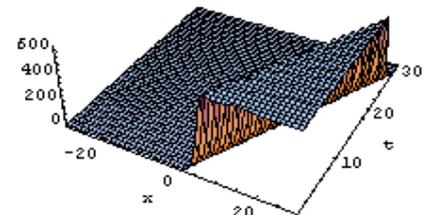


Figure 2. solution  $u_1(x,t)$  in (29), where  $k=1$

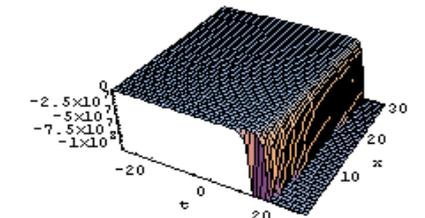


Figure 3. solution  $u_1(x,t)$  in (29), where  $k=1$

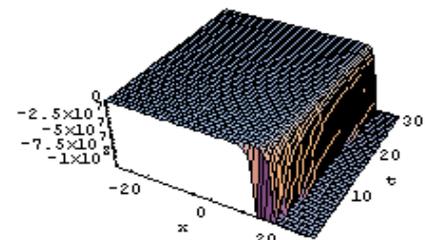


Figure 4. solution  $u_1(x,t)$  in (32), where  $k=1$

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