

On a Modified Variational Iteration Method for the Analytical Solution of Korteweg-de-Vries Equation

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Abstract

In this paper, a new analytical technique known as Modified Variational Iteration Method (MVIM) for the solution of Korteweg-de-Vries equation is presented. Numerical examples are tested to illustrate the efficiency, reliability and pertinent feature of the proposed method.

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1.0 Introduction

The main objective of this paper is to present a numerical solution of Korteweg-De Vries equation (KdV);

$$u_t(x, t) + au(x, t)u_x(x, t) + u_{xxx}(x, t) = 0 \quad (1.0)$$

Subject to the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad (1.1)$$

The KdV equation arises in the study of shallow water waves. In particular, the KdV equation is used to describe long waves travelling in canals. KdV equation satisfied the property that the nonlinear term uu_x and the dispersion u_{xxx} balance each other thereby generating wave solutions which propagate maintaining same form throughout. The term soliton was coined by Zabusky and Kruskal to describe this solitary wave, solution of the KdV equation [1,2,3].

The development of numerical techniques for obtaining approximate solutions of partial differential equations has very much increased in the last decades. Recently, the Wavelet-Petrov-Galerkin was employed by Jairo Villegas and Jorge [4] to find the solution of KdV equation

The variational iteration method was proposed by J.H He [5,6]. In this paper a Modified Variational Iteration Method proposed by Olayiwola [7-9] to the solution of nonlinear KdV equation is presented.

2.0 Modified Variational Iteration Method (MVIM)

To illustrate the basic concept of the MVIM, we consider the following general nonlinear partial differential equation:

$$Lu(x, t) + Ru(x, t) + Nu(x, t) = g(x, t) \quad (1.2)$$

where L is a linear time derivative operator, R is a linear operator which has partial derivative with respect to x, N is a nonlinear operator and g is an inhomogeneous term. According to MVIM, we can construct a correct functional as follows:

$$u_0(x, t) = u(x, 0) + g_i(x)t^i \quad (1.3)$$

$$u_{n+1}(x, t) = u_n(x, t) + \int_0^t \lambda [Lu_n + R\tilde{u}_n + N\tilde{u}_n - g] d\tau \quad (1.4)$$

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where $g_i(x)$ can be evaluated by substituting $u(x,0)$ in (1.3) and at limit $t = 0, i \leq 2 \dots$

λ is a Lagrange multiplier which can be identified optimally via variational iteration method. The subscript n denote the n th approximation, \tilde{u}_n is considered as a restricted variation i.e, $\delta\tilde{u}_n = 0$.

3.0 MVIM for the Solution of KdV Equation

The analytical solution of the equation of the form (1.0) is presented.

$$u_t(x,t) + au(x,t)u_x(x,t) + u_{xxx}(x,t) = 0 \tag{1.5}$$

Applying MVIM in (1.5)

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + \int_0^t (u_{n,\tau}(x,\tau) + au_n(x,\tau)u_{n,x}(x,\tau) + u_{n,xxx}(x,\tau))d\tau \tag{1.6}$$

Making (1.6) stationary, this yields the following stationary condition

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + u\lambda - \tilde{u}\lambda' + \int \tilde{u}\lambda''d\tau \tag{1.7}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_{n+1}}{\partial u_n} = 1 + \lambda|_{\tau=t} = 0 \tag{1.8}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_{n+1}}{\partial \tilde{u}_n} = -\lambda|_{\tau=t} \tag{1.9}$$

Solving (1.8-1.9) yields

$$\lambda(t, \tau) = -1 \tag{2.0}$$

4.0 Numerical Examples

Example 1:- Consider nonlinear KdV equation $u_t(x,t) + 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0, u(x,0)=x$.

Applying (1.3), (1.4), (1.7) we obtain

$$g_1 = x - 6xt \tag{2.1}$$

$$u_1 = u_0 + \left(\int_0^t -(u_{0,\tau}(x,\tau) + 6u_0(x,\tau)u_{0,x}(x,\tau) + u_{0,xxx}(x,\tau))d\tau \right) \tag{2.2}$$

$$u_1 = x - 6xt + 36xt^2 - 216xt^3 \tag{2.3}$$

$$u_2 = x - 6xt + 36xt^2 - 216xt^3 + 1296xt^4 \tag{2.4}$$

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$$u_n = x(1 - 6t + 36t^2 - 216t^3 + 1296t^4 + \dots + ..) = \frac{x}{1 + 6t} \tag{2.5}$$

Example 2:- Consider $u_t(x,t) - 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0, u(x,0) = \frac{2}{x^2}$.

Applying (1.3), (1.4), (1.7) we have

$$g_1 = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

$$u_1 = u_0 + \left(\int_0^t -(u_{0,\tau}(x,\tau) - 6u_0(x,\tau)u_{0,x}(x,\tau) + u_{0,xxx}(x,\tau))d\tau \right) \tag{2.7}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{2}{x^2} \tag{2.8}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{2}{x^2} \tag{2.9}$$

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$$u_n = \frac{2}{x^2} \tag{3.0}$$

MVIM admits that

$$u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \alpha} u_n \tag{3.1}$$

Which gives the exact solution

$$u = \frac{2}{x^2} \tag{3.2}$$

Example 3:- Consider $u_t(x, t) - 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0$, $u(x, 0) = \frac{x-2}{12}$.

$$g_1 = \frac{x-2}{24} \tag{3.3}$$

$$u_1 = u_0 + \left(\int_0^t -(u_{0,\tau}(x, \tau) - 6u_0(x, \tau)u_{0,x}(x, \tau) + u_{0,xxx}(x, \tau)) d\tau \right) \tag{3.4}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{x}{12} - \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{x}{24} - \frac{1}{12}\right)t + \left(\frac{x}{48} - \frac{1}{24}\right)t^2 + \left(\frac{x}{96} - \frac{1}{48}\right)t^3 \tag{3.5}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{x}{12} - \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{x}{24} - \frac{1}{12}\right)t + \left(\frac{x}{48} - \frac{1}{24}\right)t^2 + \left(\frac{x}{96} - \frac{1}{48}\right)t^3 + \left(\frac{x}{192} - \frac{1}{96}\right)t^4 \tag{3.6}$$

$$u_n = \frac{1}{6}(x-2)(2-t)^{-1} \tag{3.7}$$

MVIM admits that

$$u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \alpha} u_n \tag{3.8}$$

Which gives the exact solution

$$u = \frac{1}{6} \frac{(x-2)}{(2-t)} \tag{3.9}$$

Numerical Example 4:- Consider $u_t(x, t) - 6uu_x + u_{xx} = 0$, $u(x, 0) = \frac{x-4}{18}$.

Using the method, we obtain

$$g_1 = \frac{x-4}{54} \tag{4.0}$$

$$u_1 = u_0 + \left(\int_0^t -(u_{0,\tau}(x, \tau) - 6u_0(x, \tau)u_{0,x}(x, \tau) + u_{0,xx}(x, \tau)) d\tau \right) \tag{4.1}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{x}{18} - \frac{2}{9} + \left(\frac{x}{54} - \frac{2}{27}\right)t + \left(\frac{x}{162} - \frac{2}{81}\right)t^2 + \left(\frac{x}{486} - \frac{2}{243}\right)t^3 \tag{4.2}$$

This converges to

$$u = \frac{1}{6} \frac{(x-4)}{(3-t)} \tag{4.3}$$

4.0 Conclusion

We have successfully applied the Modified Variational Iteration method to some nonlinear partial differential equations of KdV class. It is observed that the method produces the analytical solution rapidly. The method is elegant and can be further applied to the general KdV equation.

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