Approximate Solutions for Some Nonlinear Evolutions Equations By Using The Reduced Differential Transform Method

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Abstract

In this paper, the reduced differential transform method (RDTM) is applied to various nonlinear evolution equations, Korteweg–de Vries Burgers' (KdVB) equation, Drinefel’d–Sokolov–Wilson equations, coupled Burgers equations and modified Boussinesq equation. Approximate solutions obtained by the RDTM are compared with the exact solutions. The present results are in good agreement with the exact solutions. Comparisons show that the RDTM is capable of solving effectively a large number of nonlinear evolution equations with high accuracy.

Keywords: Reduced Differential Transform Method (RDTM), Korteweg–de Vries Burgers' (KdVB) equation, Drinefel’d–Sokolov–Wilson equations, coupled Burgers equations and modified Boussinesq equation.

1 Introduction

Nonlinear evolution equations (NLEEs) are widely used to describe many important phenomena and dynamic processes in physics, mechanics, chemistry, biology, etc. The investigation of exact solutions of NLEEs plays an important role in the study of nonlinear physical phenomena. There has been a great amount of activity aiming to find methods for solutions of NLEEs. Recently many new approaches to NLEEs have been proposed, for example, the variational iteration method [1-3], the homotopy perturbation method [3-6], various tanh function
methods [7-11], the F-expansion method [12-13], the sine–cosine method [14-17], Hirota method [18,19], Jacobi elliptic function method [20-22], homogeneous balance method [23-24], the \((G'/G)\)-expansion method [25-27] and the exp-function method [28-31].

Keskin in [32] introduced a reduced form of differential transform method (DTM) as reduced differential transform method (RDTM) and applied to approximate some PDEs and fractional PDEs [33-34]. Abazari and Ganji [35] extended RDTM to study the partial differential equation with proportional delay in \(t\) and shrinking in \(x\), and shown that as a special advantage of RDTM rather than DTM. The reduced differential transform recursive equations produce exactly all the Poisson series coefficients of solutions, whereas the differential transform recursive equations produce exactly all the Taylor series coefficients of solutions.

In this paper, we applied the RDTM to various nonlinear evolution equations and compared the obtained results with the exact solution. The main advantage of the RDTM is the fact that it provides its user with an analytical approximation, in many cases an exact solution. The solution procedure of the RDTM is simpler than traditional DTM, and the amount of computation required in RDTM is much less than traditional DTM.

### 2 Reduced Differential Transform Method (RDTM)

Consider a function of two variables \(u(x,t)\) and suppose that it can be represented as a product of two single-variable functions, i.e., \(u(x,t) = f(x)g(t)\). Based on the properties of one-dimensional differential transform, the function \(u(x,t)\) can be represented as follows:

\[
    u(x,t) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} F(i)x^{i} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G(j)t^{j} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_{k}(x) \cdot t^{k}
\]

where \(U_{k}(x)\) is called \(t\)-dimensional spectrum function \(u(x,t)\).

The basic definitions of reduced differential transform method [32-34] are introduced as follows:

**Definition 2.1.** If a function \(u(x,t)\) is analytic and differentiated continuously with respect to time \(t\) and space \(x\) in the domain of interest then let

\[
    U_{k}(x) = \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{k}}{\partial t^{k}} u(x,t) \right]_{t=0}, \quad k \geq 0, k \in N
\]

where the \(t\)-dimensional spectrum function \(U_{k}(x)\) is the transformed function and \(u(x,t)\) is the original function.
Definition 2.2. The differential inverse transform of $U_k(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_k(x) t^k$$

From Eq.(2) and Eq.(3), we get

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^k \left[ \frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k} u(x,t) \right]_{t=0}$$

The following theorems that can be deduced from Eqs.(2-4) are given below:

Theorem 2.1. If $f(x,t) = ag(x,t) \pm bh(x,t)$, then

$$F_k(x) = aG_{k}(x) \pm bH_{k}(x), where \ a \ and \ b \ are \ constant.$$ 

Theorem 2.2. If $f(x,t) = x^n t^j$, then $F_k(x) = x^n \delta(k-j)$ where $\delta(j) = \begin{cases} 1, & j = 0 \\ 0, & j \neq 0 \end{cases}$.

Theorem 2.3. If $f(x,t) = x^n t^j g(x,t)$, then $F_k(x) = x^n G_{k-n}(x)$

Theorem 2.4. If $f(x,t) = g(x,t) \cdot h(x,t)$, then $F_k(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} G_i(x) \cdot H_{k-i}(x)$

Theorem 2.5. If $f(x,t) = g_1(x,t) \cdot g_2(x,t) \cdot L \cdot g_{n-1}(x,t) \cdot g_n(x,t)$, then

$$F_k(x) = \sum_{k_1 \leq k} \sum_{k_2} \sum_{k_3} \sum_{k_4} G_{1,k_1}(x) \cdot G_{2,k_2-k_1}(x) \cdot L \cdot G_{n-1,k_3-k_2}(x) \cdot G_{n,k_4-k_3}(x)$$

Theorem 2.6. If $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} g(x,t)$, then $F_k(x) = \frac{(k+n)!}{k!} G_{k+n}(x)$

Theorem 2.7. If $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} g(x,t)$, then $F_k(x) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} G_k(x)$

Theorem 2.8. If $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial x^n \partial t^m} g(x,t)$, then $F_k(x) = \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial x^n \partial t^m} G_{k+m}(x)$

3 Solution of The Nonlinear Evolution Equations By The RDTM

In this section, the RDTM is used to find approximate solutions of some nonlinear evolution equations, namely, Korteweg–de Vries Burgers' (KdVB) equations, Drinefel’d–Sokolov–Wilson equations, coupled Burgers equations and modified Boussinesq equation.
3.1 RDTM for Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) and Korteweg-de Vries-Burgers (KdVB) Equations

Let us first consider the KdVB equation has the form

\[ u_t + \varepsilon uu_x - vu_{xx} + \mu u_{xxx} = 0, \]  

where \( \varepsilon, v \) and \( \mu \) are constants. We will investigate the two cases, the first one is the KdV equation (in case of \( v = 0 \)) and the second one is the KdVB (in case of \( \varepsilon = 1 \)).

**Case 1.** We consider the KdV equation in Eq.(5) for \( \varepsilon = 6, v = 0 \) and \( \mu = 1 \)

\[ u_t + 6uu_x + u_{xxx} = 0, \]  

subject to the initial condition;

\[ u(x,0) = \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right), \]  

The exact solution of this problem is

\[ u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} (x-t) \right), \]  

Applying the above theorems we obtain following recurrence relation for the KdV equation.

\[ (k+1)U_{k+1}(x) = -6 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{k} U_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-i}(x) - \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} U_k(x) \]  

Using Eq.(2), the initial condition given in Eq. (7) can be transformed as,

\[ U_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right), \]  

Substituting Eq.(10) into Eq.(9) and by straightforward iterative steps, we get the following \( U_k(x) \) (for \( k=0,1,2,\ldots,n \)) values.

\[ U_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right), \]

\[ U_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \sec h \left( \frac{x}{2} \right), \]

\[ U_2(x) = \frac{1}{8} \left[ 2 \sec h^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) - 3 \sec h^4 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right] \]  

\[ U_3(x) = \frac{1}{12} \left[ \tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \left[ \sec h^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) - 3 \sec h^4 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right] \right] \]

\[ \vdots \]
and so on, in the same manner, the rest of components can be obtained using MAPLE.

Using the inverse transformation Eq.(3), we get the approximate solution as,

\[
\ddot{u}(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \sec h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) t \\
+ \left(\frac{1}{8} \left\{ 2 \sec h^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 3 \sec h'\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\} \right) t' \\
+ \left(\frac{1}{12} \left\{ \tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \left[ \sec h^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 3 \sec h'\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right] \right\} \right) t' + \ldots
\]

The behavior of the approximate solution obtained by RDTM with the exact solution (Eq.(8)) for different values of times is shown in Fig.1. The comparison shows that the two solutions obtained are in excellent agreement.

![Graphs showing approximate and exact solutions](image)

**Fig. 1.** (a) The approximate solution \( \ddot{u}(x,t) \) obtained by RDTM with different values of time. (b) The exact solution \( u(x,t) \) with different values of time.

**Case 2.** Now, we consider the KdVB equation in Eq.(5) for \( \varepsilon = 1 \)

\[
u_t + uu_x - v u_{xx} + \mu u_{xxx} = 0,
\]

subject to the initial condition:

\[
u(x,0) = -\frac{6v^2}{25\mu} \left[ 1 + \tan h\gamma - \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2\gamma \right]
\]

where \( \gamma = \frac{v_x}{10\mu} \).

The exact solution of this problem is
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\[ u(x,t) = -\frac{6v^2}{25\mu} \left[ 1 + \tan h \left( \frac{v}{2\mu} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \left( \frac{v}{2\mu} \right) \right] \]  

(15)

where \( \xi = \frac{v}{10\mu} \left( x + \frac{6v^2}{25\mu} t \right) \).

According to the above theorems, we have the following recurrence relation for the KdVB equation:

\[ (k+1)U_{k+1}(x) = v \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_k(x) - \sum_{l=0}^{k} U_l(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-l}(x) - \mu \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} U_k(x) \]  

(16)

From Eq.(2), the initial condition given in Eq. (14) can be transformed at \( t = 0 \) as

\[ U_0(x) = -\frac{6v^2}{25\mu} \left[ 1 + \tan h \gamma - \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \gamma \right] \]  

(17)

Substituting Eqs.(17) into Eq.(16), we get the following \( U_k(x) \) (for \( k=0,1,2,\ldots,n \)) values.

\[ U_0(x) = \frac{6v^2}{25\mu} \left( 1 + \tanh \gamma - \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \gamma \right) \]

\[ U_1(x) = \frac{18v^5}{3125\mu^2} \left( (1 + \tanh \gamma) \cdot \sec h^2 \gamma \right) \]

\[ U_2(x) = \frac{27v^8}{390625\mu^3} \left( (2 + 2\tanh \gamma - 3\sec h^2 \gamma) \cdot \sec h^2 \gamma \right) \]

\[ U_3(x) = -\frac{54v^{11}}{48828125\mu^4} \left( (2 + 2\tanh \gamma - 6\tanh \gamma \sec h^2 \gamma - 3\sec h^2 \gamma) \cdot \sec h^2 \gamma \right) \]

\[ \vdots \]

where \( \gamma = \frac{vx}{10\mu} \).

Using the inverse transformation Eq.(3), we get the approximate solution as,

\[ \tilde{u}(x,t) = -\frac{6v^2}{25\mu} \left( 1 + \tanh \gamma - \frac{1}{2} \sec h^2 \gamma \right) - \frac{18v^5}{3125\mu^2} \left( (1 + \tanh \gamma) \cdot \sec h^2 \gamma \right) t \]

\[ + \frac{27v^8}{390625\mu^3} \left( (2 + 2\tanh \gamma - 3\sec h^2 \gamma) \cdot \sec h^2 \gamma \right) t^3 \]

\[ - \frac{54v^{11}}{48828125\mu^4} \left( (2 + 2\tanh \gamma - 6\tanh \gamma \sec h^2 \gamma - 3\sec h^2 \gamma) \cdot \sec h^2 \gamma \right) t^3 + \ldots \]  

(19)

The behavior of the approximate solution with the exact solution (Eq.(15)) for different values of times is shown in Fig.2.
3.2 RDTM for Drinefel’d–Sokolov–Wilson Equations

In this section, we consider the Drinefel’d–Sokolov–Wilson equations

\[ u_t + pvv_x = 0 \tag{20} \]

\[ v_t +qv_{xx} + ruv_x + suv_x = 0 \tag{21} \]

where \( p, q, r, \) and \( s \) are arbitrary constants. For \( p = q = r = 1 \) the initial conditions of \( u(x, t) \) and \( v(x, t) \) are given by

\[ u(x,0) = 2\sec h^2 x, \quad v(x,0) = 2\sec h x \tag{22} \]

and the exact solutions are

\[ u(x,t) = 2\sec h^2 (x-t), \quad v(x,t) = 2\sec h (x-t) \tag{23} \]

Using above theorems we get following recurrence relations;

\[ (k+1)U_{k+1}(x) = -p \sum_{l=0}^{k} V_l(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V_{k-l}(x) \tag{24} \]

\[ (k+1)V_{k+1}(x) = -q \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} U_k(x) - r \sum_{l=0}^{k} U_l(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V_{k-l}(x) - s \sum_{l=0}^{k} V_l(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-l}(x) \tag{25} \]

From Eq.(2), the initial condition given in Eq. (22) can be transformed as

\[ U_0(x) = 2\sec h^2 x, \quad V_0(x) = 2\sec h x \tag{26} \]
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Substituting Eqs.(26) into Eqs.(24-25), we get the following $U_k(x)$ and $V_k(x)$ (for $k=0,1,2,...,n$) values.

$$U_o(x) = 2 \sec h^2 x,$$
$$V_o(x) = 2 \sec h x,$$
$$U_1(x) = 4 h^3 x \cdot \tan h x,$$
$$V_1(x) = 2 h x \cdot \tan h x,$$
$$U_2(x) = 4 h^3 x - 6 \sec h^3 x,$$
$$V_2(x) = \sec h^3 x - 2 \sec h^3 x,$$
$$U_3(x) = \frac{8}{3} h^4 x \cdot \tan h x \cdot (\cosh^2 x - 3),$$
$$V_3(x) = \frac{1}{3} h^3 x \cdot \tan h x \cdot (\cosh^2 x - 6),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

(27)

Then, using the inverse transformation Eq.(3), we obtain approximate solution as,

$$\tilde{u}(x,t) = 2 \sec h^2 x + \left( 4 h^3 x \cdot \tan h x \right) t + \left( 4 h^3 x - 6 \sec h^3 x \right) t^2 + \left( \frac{8}{3} h^4 x \cdot \tan h x \cdot (\cosh^2 x - 3) \right) t^3 + \ldots$$

(28)

$$\tilde{v}(x,t) = 2 h x + \left( 2 h x \cdot \tan h x \right) t + \left( \sec h^3 x - 2 \sec h^3 x \right) t^2 + \left( \frac{1}{3} h^3 x \cdot \tan h x \cdot (\cosh^2 x - 6) \right) t^3 + \ldots$$

(29)

The graphical behavior of the approximate solutions obtained by RDTM with the exact solutions (Eqs.(26)) for different values of times is shown in Fig.3.
3.3 RDTM for coupled Burgers Equations

Now, we will consider the system of Burgers’ equations in the operator form

\[ u_t - u_{xx} - 2uu_x + (uv)_x = 0, \tag{30} \]
\[ v_t - v_{xx} - 2vv_x + (uv)_x = 0, \tag{31} \]

subject to the initial conditions

\[ u(x,0) = \sin(x), \quad v(x,0) = \sin(x), \tag{32} \]

The exact solutions of this system are

\[ u(x,t) = e^{-t} \sin(x), \quad v(x,t) = e^{-t} \sin(x), \tag{33} \]

According to the above theorems, we have the following recurrence relation for the system of Burgers’ equations:

\[ (k + 1)U_{k+1}(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} U_k(x) + 2 \sum_{l=0}^{k} U_l(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_{k-l}(x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{k} U_l(x)V_{k-l}(x) \right) \tag{34} \]
\[ (k + 1)V_{k+1}(x) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} V_k(x) + 2 \sum_{l=0}^{k} V_l(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V_{k-l}(x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{k} U_l(x)V_{k-l}(x) \right) \tag{35} \]

From Eq.(2), the initial condition given in Eq. (32) can be transformed as;

\[ U_0(x) = \sin x, \quad V_0(x) = \sin x \tag{36} \]
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Substituting Eqs.(36) into Eqs.(34-35) and by straightforward iterative steps, we get the following $U_k(x)$ and $V_k(x)$ (for $k=0,1,2,...,n$) values.

\[
U_0(x) = V_0(x) = \sin x, \quad U_1(x) = V_1(x) = -\sin x \\
U_2(x) = V_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin x, \quad U_3(x) = V_3(x) = -\frac{1}{6} \sin x \\
U_4(x) = V_4(x) = \frac{1}{24} \sin x...
\]

Then, using the inverse transformation Eq.(3), we get approximate solution as,

\[
\tilde{u}(x,t) = \sin x - t \sin x + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sin x - \frac{1}{6} t^3 \sin x \\
+ \frac{1}{24} t^4 \sin x - \frac{1}{120} t^5 \sin x + ... \\
= (1 - t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 - \frac{1}{6} t^3 + \frac{1}{24} t^4 - \frac{1}{120} t^5 + ... ) \sin x \\
\tilde{v}(x,t) = \sin x - t \sin x + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sin x - \frac{1}{6} t^3 \sin x \\
+ \frac{1}{24} t^4 \sin x - \frac{1}{120} t^5 \sin x + ... \\
= (1 - t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 - \frac{1}{6} t^3 + \frac{1}{24} t^4 - \frac{1}{120} t^5 + ... ) \sin x
\]

which are Taylor series of Eqs.(34).

3.4 RDTM for Modified Boussinesq Equation

Finally, we consider the following general equation

\[
u_{tt} + \alpha u_{xx} + \beta u_{xxxx} + \gamma (u^n)_{xx} = 0
\]

(40)

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ and $n$ are constants.
This equation is called the high-order modified Boussinesq equation with the damping term $u_{xx}$. It appears in several domains of mathematics and physics.

Now, we will consider the cubic modified Boussinesq equation ($\alpha=1, \beta=2/9, \gamma=-1$ and $n=3$)

\[
u_{tt} + u_{xx} + \frac{2}{9} u_{xxxx} - (u^3)_{xx} = 0
\]

(41)

with initial conditions
\[ u(x,0) = 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right), \quad u_t(x,0) = -3\sec^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) \]  
\[ (k + 1)(k + 2)U_{k+2}(x) = -(k + 1)\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}U_{k+1}(x) - \frac{2}{9}\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4}U_k(x) \]
\[ + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\left(\sum_{r=0}^{k-1} U_r(x)U_{i-r}(x)U_{k-r}(x)\right) \]  
From Eq.(2), the initial conditions given in Eq. (42) can be transformed as
\[ U_0(x) = 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right), \quad U_1(x) = -3\sec^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) \]  
Substituting Eqs.(45) into Eq.(44) and by straightforward iterative steps, we get the following \( U_k(x) \) (for \( k=0,1,2,...,n \)) values.
\[ U_0(x) = 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right), \quad U_1(x) = -3\sec^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right), \]
\[ U_2(x) = -9\tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\text{sech}^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right), \]
\[ U_3(x) = \sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\left[-18 + 27\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\right], \]
\[ U_4(x) = \tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\left[-27 + 81\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\right],... \]
Then, using the inverse transformation Eq.(3), we get the approximate solution as,
\[ \tilde{u}(x,t) = 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) - 3\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)t - 9\tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\text{sech}^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)t^2 \]
\[ + \sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\left[-18 + 27\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\right]t^3 \]
\[ + \tanh\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\left[-27 + 81\sec h^2\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)\right]t^4 + ... \]  
(47)
The behavior of the approximate solution with the exact solutions (Eq.(43)) for different values of times is shown in Fig.4.

Fig. 4. (a) The approximate solution $\tilde{u}(x,t)$ obtained by RDTM with different values of time. (b) The exact solution $u(x,t)$ with different values of time.

4 Conclusion

In this paper, the reduced transform method (RDTM) has been successfully applied to nonlinear evolution equations. The approximate solutions of Korteweg–de Vries Burgers’ (KdVB) equation, Drinfel’d–Sokolov–Wilson equations, coupled Burgers equations and modified Boussinesq equation are obtained. The approximate solutions obtained are in good agreement with the known exact solutions. The results show that the RDTM is an efficient approach for the solution of such type of nonlinear equations. The main advantage of the RDTM is to provide the user an analytical approximation to the solution, in many cases, an exact solution, in a rapidly convergent sequence with elegantly computed terms. The solution procedure of the RDTM is simple than other existing techniques.

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