Dynamics of $\phi^4$ Kinks by Using Adomian Decomposition Method

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Abstract This paper studies nonlinear waves in the presence of weak external perturbation. Dynamical behavior of $\phi^4$ kink is examined. Adomian decomposition method is employed to study the kink-impurity interaction. As a result, an analytical approximate solution is derived. Then some of the first terms of the series solution are considered to show the kink behavior in the presence of impurity.

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1. Introduction

Nonlinear problems are of interest to physicists and other scientists because most systems are inherently nonlinear in nature. It is well known that investigation of the wave propagation through inhomogeneous and disordered media plays an important role in the study of nonlinear physical phenomena. To gain a deeper understanding of the behavior of nonlinear excitations in disordered systems, one has to investigate the interactions of soliton with separate localized inhomogeneities (impurities) [1]. An external potential can be added to the equation of motion as perturbative terms [1]. The interaction of solitary waves with spatial inhomogeneous is of considerable importance for physical applications. Impurities and/or defects are present even in the purest of material samples and their effect on the motion of solitary waves must be considered when the dynamics of such solutions are important in the problem at hand [2,3].

As is well-known, when waves scatter on a potential they can be partly reflected and partly transmitted. For the fields of soliton solutions the situation is more complicated as soliton can’t split and thus must either bounce, pass through or become trapped inside the potential. This dynamics is very sensitive to the value of all the parameters of the model and to the initial conditions as well [1,4].

In this paper we study Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM) [5,6,7,8] for investigating the effect of impurity on the motion of solitary-wave solutions on the nonlinear $\phi^4$ equation. We illustrate the method by examining the motion of soliton solution in the presence of Delta function $\delta(x)$ as an impurity [1].

2. $\phi^4$ Theory

The model we consider is $\phi^4$ theory in (1 + 1) dimensions. This model is a nonlinear, Lorentz invariant, scalar field theory which is not integrable. In this paper an analytical model for the interaction of $\phi^4$ field with an external potential is presented. The general form of the action in an arbitrary metric is

$$I = \int \mathcal{L} \left( \phi, \partial \phi \right) \sqrt{-g} \, d^m x \, dt.$$ (1)

Where $g$ is the determinant of the metric $g^{\mu \nu}(x)$ [4]. Energy density of the field-potential can be found by varying both the field and the metric [1,3,4]. For the Lagrangian of the form

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \, \partial^\mu \phi - U(\phi),$$ (2)

With the potential

$$U(\phi) = \tilde{\lambda}(x)(\phi^2 - 1)^2,$$ (3)

where $\tilde{\lambda}(x) = \lambda_0 + \lambda(x)$. This potential parameter has a constant value $\lambda_0$ in the region where the soliton is located and far away from the position of the soliton $U$ is zero as $\phi \sim 0$. After varying the action, the equation of motion is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + 4 \lambda(x) \phi (\phi^2 - 1) = 0.$$ (4)

The kink solutions of the non-perturbative $\phi^4$ equation is defined by

$$\phi(x,t) = \pm \tanh \left( \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda_0}{1 - \nu^2}} x - x_0 - vt \right)$$ (5)

3. Adomian Decomposition Method

In this paper ADM is used as approximate analytical method for solving nonlinear equation (4). It is known that the Adomian decomposition method is a powerful and effective method for solving a wide class of linear and nonlinear differential (ODEs and PDEs) and integral equations [3,8,9]. The Adomian decomposition method was first proposed by G. Adomian in 1980. In general,
applying the ADM (and its improvements), we construct an approximate analytic solution as an infinite series, which may converge to an exact solution. We consider exact solutions and truncated series solutions for numerical calculations, visualizations, and comparisons. For the nonlinear PDEs, the idea of the Adomian decomposition method consists in decomposition of the unknown function \( u(x, t) \) of an equation into an infinite series

\[
u(x, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} u_i(x, t).
\]

Where the component \( u_i(x, t) \) are determined recursively.

The nonlinear term \( N(u) \) is represented as an infinite series of \( A_i \) which is called Adomian polynomials

\[
N(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i(u_0, u_1, \ldots, u).
\]

There exist several schemes for calculating Adomian polynomials. Here the following scheme considered for calculation of Adomian polynomials for the nonlinear term

\[
A_i = \frac{1}{i!} \left[ \frac{d^i}{d\lambda^i} N \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k u_k \right) \right]_{\lambda = 0}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \ldots
\]

In an operator form equation (4) becomes

\[
L_t(\phi) - L_x(\phi) + N(\phi) = 0,
\]

where \( L_t(\phi) \), \( L_x \), and \( F \) are defined by

\[
L_t(\phi) = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}; \quad L_x = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}; \quad N = 4 \lambda(x) \phi(\phi^2 - 1).
\]

The inverse operator \( L_t^{-1} \) is defined by

\[
L_t^{-1} = \int_0^t \int_0^t \cdots dt_0\cdots dt_i.
\]

Applying \( L_t^{-1} \) to both sides of equation (9) and using initial conditions we obtain

\[
\phi(x, t) - \phi(x, 0) - t\phi_t(x, 0) = L_t^{-1} L_x(\phi) - L_t^{-1} (N).
\]

Substituting

\[
\phi(x, t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} u_i(x, t),
\]

and the nonlinear term by

\[
4\tilde{\lambda}(x) \phi(\phi^2 - 1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n.
\]

into equation (12) gives the recursive relations

\[
\phi_0 = \phi(x, 0) + t \phi_t(x, 0),
\]

\[
\phi_{k+1} = L_t^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right) - L_t^{-1} (A_k).
\]

The initial conditions are

\[
\phi(x, 0) = \tanh \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{2}}} (x - x_0) \right),
\]

\[
\phi_1(x, 0) = -\frac{\sqrt{2} \phi}{\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{2}}} \left[ 1 - \tanh^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{2}}} (x - x_0) \right) \right].
\]

Figure 1 shows single soliton solution at \( t = 0 \). The first few components are given by

\[
\phi_1 = \int_0^t \int_0^t \cdots dt_0\cdots dt_i.
\]

\[
\phi_2 = \int_0^t \int_0^t \cdots dt_0\cdots dt_i.
\]

Figure 2, and Figure 3 show soliton - impurity interaction with \( v = 0.6057 \) and \( v = 0.0057 \) respectively.
4. Conclusion

We have studied the $\phi^4$ kink scattering by an impurity. Adomian decomposition method (ADM) employed directly in the treatment of this model to drive a series of approximations to the solution. The Dirac Delta function was considered as an impurity and kink–impurity interaction was investigated analytically. The analytic approximation to the solution provide us the ability to study physical properties of the problem easily. The computational program with MAPLE enable us to have a series term easily and there is no need to do that much computations.

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