# Approximate Analytical Solution of ZK-BBM Equation 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we handle ZK-BBM equation and to obtain its approximate analytical solutions, we use the homotopy analysis method (HAM), whose solution includes an auxiliary parameter $\hbar$. This parameter provides a suitable way for setting and controlling the convergence region of solution series. So we investigate a suitable choice of the auxiliary parameter in the model problem.


Keywords: Homotopy analysis method; Approximate analytical solution; ZK-BBM equation

## 1 Introduction

Mathematical modeling of many physical events in various fields of physics and engineering generally lead to nonlinear ordinary or partial differential equations. As it is well known that searching and finding exact and numerical solutions of these equations are very important in applied mathematics. The HAM which is a powerful tool for investigating the approximate solutions of nonlinear evolution equations (NLEEs) was first proposed by Liao [1,2] . Differently from perturbation techniques, the HAM is not restricted to any small physical parameters in the considered equation. For this reason, the HAM can overcome the preceding restrictions and limitations of perturbation techniques so that it provides us a powerful tool to analyze nonlinear problems[3]. Many authors have been applying this method successfully to solve several nonlinear problems arising in science and engineering[1-18] and the references therein. In this paper, we apply the HAM to the ZK-BBM equation.

## 2 Fundamentals of the HAM

In the manuscript, HAM has been applied to the treated problem.Let us consider the following differential equation to give fundamentals of the method,

$$
\mathscr{N}[u(x, t)]=0
$$

where $\mathscr{N}$ is a nonlinear operator, $x$ and $t$ denote independent variables, $u(x, t)$ is an unknown function.

Using generalization of the HAM, Liao [1,2] has formulated zero-order deformation equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
(1-p) \mathscr{L}\left[\phi(x, t ; p)-u_{0}(x, t)\right]=p \hbar \mathscr{N}[\phi(x, t ; p)] \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p \in[0,1]$ is the embedding parameter, $\hbar \neq 0$ is an auxiliary parameter, $\mathscr{L}$ is an auxiliary linear operator, $u_{0}(x, t)$ is an initial guess of $u(x, t), \phi(x, t ; p)$ is an unknown function, respectively. Obviously, we have great freedom to choose auxiliary things in HAM. If we choose $p=0$ and $p=1$ then we obtain

$$
\phi(x, t ; 0)=u_{0}(x, t), \phi(x, t ; 1)=u(x, t)
$$

respectively. So, as the embedding parameter $p$ increases from 0 to 1 , the solutions $\phi(x, t ; p)$ differ from the initial value $u_{0}(x, t)$ to the solution $u(x, t)$. If $\phi(x, t ; p)$ is expanded in Taylor series with respect to the embedding parameter $p$, we get

$$
\phi(x, t ; p)=u_{0}(x, t)+\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_{m}(x, t) p^{m}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{m}(x, t)=\left.\frac{1}{m!} \frac{\partial^{m} \phi(x, t ; p)}{\partial p^{m}}\right|_{p=0} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the auxiliary linear operator, the initial guess and the auxiliary parameter $\hbar$ are chosen in a suitable way, the series which are denoted above, converges at $p=1$, and we have

$$
u(x, t)=u_{0}(x, t)+\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_{m}(x, t)
$$

[^0]which must be one of the solutions of the original nonlinear equation, as proved by Liao [2,5]. According to (2), the governing equation can be reduced from the zero-order deformation equation (1). Define the vector
$$
\mathbf{u}_{n}=\left\{u_{0}(x, t), u_{1}(x, t), \ldots, u_{n}(x, t)\right\} .
$$

If we differentiate Eq. (1) $m$ times with respect to the embedding parameter $p$ and then get $p=0$ and divide by $m!$, we obtain the $m$ th-order deformation equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathscr{L}\left[u_{m}(x, t)-\chi_{m} u_{m-1}(x, t)\right]=\hbar R_{m}\left(\mathbf{u}_{m-1}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
R_{m}\left(\mathbf{u}_{m-1}\right)=\left.\frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1} \mathscr{N}[\phi(x, t ; p)]}{\partial p^{m-1}}\right|_{p=0}
$$

and

$$
\chi_{m}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, m \leq 1 \\
1, m>1
\end{array}\right.
$$

Finally, we emphasize that $u_{m}(x, t)$ for $m \geq 1$ is governed by the Eq. (3) with the boundary condition which comes from problem. It can be easily solved using symbolic computation software such as Mathematica.

## 3 Application of the HAM

We first consider the ZK-BBM equation [19] in the following form

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{t}+u_{x}+a\left(u^{2}\right)_{x}+b\left(u_{x t}+u_{y y}\right)_{x}=0 \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

with initial condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x, y, 0)=\frac{1-c}{2 a}\left(1-3 \tanh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 b}}(x+y)\right)\right) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this paper, $a, b$ and $c$ are going to be taken as $1,1 / 2$ and -1 , respectively for all calculations. To search the series solution of Eq. (4) with initial condition (5), the linear operator is chosen

$$
\mathscr{L}[\phi(x, y, t ; p)]=\frac{\partial \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial t}
$$

with the property

$$
\mathscr{L}[c]=0
$$

where $c$ is constant. From Eq. (4), we define a nonlinear operator as

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathscr{N}[\phi(x, y, t ; p)]= & \frac{\partial \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial x} \\
& +2 \phi(x, y, t ; p) \frac{\partial \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial x} \\
& +\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^{3} \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial x^{2} \partial t}+\frac{\partial^{3} \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial y^{2} \partial x}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

So, the zero-order deformation equation is constructed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
(1-p) \mathscr{L}\left[\phi(x, y, t ; p)-u_{0}(x, y, t)\right]=p \hbar \mathscr{N}[\phi(x, y, t ; p)] . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Obviously, if we choose $p=0$ and $p=1$ then we get

$$
\phi(x, y, t ; 0)=u_{0}(x, y, t)=u(x, y, 0), \phi(x, y, t ; 1)=u(x, y, t)
$$

respectively. Thus, as the embedding parameter $p$ increases from 0 to 1 , the solutions $\phi(x, y, t ; p)$ vary from the initial value $u_{0}(x, y, t)$ to the solution $u(x, y, t)$. If we expand $\phi(x, t ; p)$ in Taylor series with respect to the embedding parameter $p$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(x, y, t ; p)=u_{0}(x, y, t)+\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_{m}(x, y, t) p^{m} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{m}(x, y, t)=\left.\frac{1}{m!} \frac{\partial^{m} \phi(x, y, t ; p)}{\partial p^{m}}\right|_{p=0} . \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the auxiliary linear operator, the initial guess and the auxiliary parameter $\hbar$ are chosen in a suitable way, the series which are denoted above, converges at $p=1$, and one has

$$
u(x, y, t)=u_{0}(x, y, t)+\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_{m}(x, y, t)
$$

which must be one of the solutions of the original nonlinear equation, as proved by Liao $[2,5]$. The $m$ th-order deformation equation is obtained by differentiating Eq. (6) $m$ times with respect to the embedding parameter $p$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathscr{L}\left[u_{m}(x, y, t)-\chi_{m} u_{m-1}(x, y, t)\right]=\hbar R_{m}\left(\mathbf{u}_{m-1}\right) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
R_{m}\left(\mathbf{u}_{m-1}\right)= & \frac{\partial u_{m-1}}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial u_{m-1}}{\partial x}+2 \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} u_{n} \frac{\partial u_{m-1-n}}{\partial x} \\
& +\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{m-1}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\partial u_{k}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u_{n-k}}{\partial x}\right) \frac{\partial u_{m-1-n}}{\partial t} \\
& +\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{m-1}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\partial u_{k}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u_{n-k}}{\partial y}\right) \frac{\partial u_{m-1-n}}{\partial x} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The solution of the $m$ th-order deformation Eq. (9) for $m \geq 1$ leads to

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{m}(x, y, t)=\chi_{m} u_{m-1}(x, y, t)+\hbar \mathscr{L}^{-1}\left[R_{m}\left(\mathbf{u}_{m-1}\right)\right] . \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

By using Eq.(10) with initial condition given by (5) we successively obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& u_{0}(x, y, t)=1-3 \tanh (x+y)^{2} \\
& u_{1}(x, y, t)=6 \hbar t \operatorname{sech}(x+y)^{2} \tanh (x+y) \\
& u_{2}(x, y, t)=\frac{3}{2} \hbar t \operatorname{sech}(x+y)^{5} \\
& \times(-3 \hbar t \cosh (x+y)+\hbar t \cosh (3(x+y)) \\
& +(1-21 \hbar) \sinh (x+y)+(1+3 \hbar) \sinh (3(x+y)))
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\vdots
$$

Therefore, we can write the series solutions expressed by HAM in the following form

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x, y, t)=u_{0}(x, y, t)+u_{1}(x, y, t)+u_{2}(x, y, t)+\ldots \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

To show the efficiency of the method, the HAM solutions of ZK-BBM equation given by Eq. (4) are compared with the exact solutions [19]

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x, y, t)=\frac{1-c}{2 a}\left(1-3 \tanh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 b}}(x+y-c t)\right)\right) . \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that auxiliary parameter $\hbar$ which our HAM solution series contains, provides us with a simply way to arrange and control the convergence of the solution series. To obtain an suitable range for $\hbar$, we consider the so-called $\hbar$-curve to choose a proper value of $\hbar$ which provides that the solution series is convergent, as pointed by Liao [2], by discovering the valid region of $\hbar$ which corresponds to the line segments nearly parallel to the horizontal axis.


Fig. 1: The $\hbar$-curve of 5th-order approximate solution obtained by the HAM.

In Fig.1, we present the $\hbar$-curve of $u(0,0,0.1)$ given by 5 th-order HAM solution (11). From the figure we can see that the valid range of $\hbar$ is approximately $-0.2 \leq \hbar \leq 0.2$.

Fig. 2 shows the numerical solutions of $u(x, y, t)$ at $x=0.5$ and $y=1$ during $0 \leq t \leq 1$ for $\hbar=-0.1,-0.5$, -0.7 and -0.9 obtained by 5th-order HAM and


Fig. 2: The results obtained by the HAM for various $\hbar$ by 5th-order approximate solution, in comparison with the exact solution at $x=0.5$ and $y=1$.
analytical solutions, respectively. Between $t=0$ and $t=1$, it can be seen obviously from this figure that the choice of $\hbar=-0.1$ is a suitable value.

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we apply the HAM successfully to obtain approximate analytical solution of ZK-BBM equation. We also see that the HAM solution of the problem converges very rapidly to the exact one by choosing a suitable auxiliary parameter $\hbar$. Consequently, as it is seen that the HAM is a powerful and efficient technique for finding the approximate analytical solution of ZK-BBM equation and also many other nonlinear evolution equations which arise in science and engineering.

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