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Computation of the Exact Forms of Waves for a Set of Differential Equations Associated with the SEIR Model of Epidemics

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Abstract: We studied obtaining exact solutions to a set of equations related to the SEIR (Susceptible-Exposed-Infectious-Recovered) model of epidemic spread. These solutions may be used to model epidemic waves. We transformed the SEIR model into a differential equation that contained an exponential nonlinearity. This equation was then approximated by a set of differential equations which contained polynomial nonlinearities. We solved several equations from the set using the Simple Equations Method (SEsM). In doing so, we obtained many new exact solutions to the corresponding equations. Several of these solutions can describe the evolution of epidemic waves that affect a small percentage of individuals in the population. Such waves have frequently been observed in the COVID-19 pandemic in recent years. The discussion shows that SEsM is an effective methodology for computing exact solutions to nonlinear differential equations. The exact solutions obtained can help us to understand the evolution of various processes in the modeled systems. In the specific case of the SEIR model, some of the exact solutions can help us to better understand the evolution of the quantities connected to the epidemic waves.

Keywords: SEIR model of epidemics; nonlinear differential equations; exact solutions; Simple Equations Method (SEsM); Modified Method of Simplest Equation (MMSE); epidemic waves; COVID-19



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1. Introduction

In this article, we discuss the classic version of the SEIR model of spread of epidemics in a population. The spread of an epidemic is an example of a nonlinear process in a complex system. Such processes are frequently observed in nature and in society [1–8]. They are usually studied by the methodology of nonlinear time series analysis or by numerical simulations of models containing nonlinear differential or difference equations [9–12]. The exact analytical solutions to the model equations are very informative. These solutions allow us to understand the relationships among the characteristic parameters of the investigated system. In addition, the solutions may be used to test the correctness of corresponding computer programs.

Below, we reduce the classic SEIR model to a single nonlinear differential equation, which can be connected to a set of differential equations containing polynomial nonlinearities. Exact solutions to several of these equations are described, and a number of these are used to study epidemic waves. We obtain the solutions using the SEsM (Simple Equations Method) methodology [13]. This methodology is an example of the large field of research on methods for obtaining exact analytical solutions of nonlinear differential equations, which has roots in the Hopf–Cole transformation [14,15] and the inverse scattering transform method [16]. The study of the truncated Painleve expansions [17–21] led Kudryashov [22] to propose of the Method of Simplest Equation (MSE) [23–25]. MSE is connected to the

SEsM methodology [26–30]. Specific cases of SEsM are visible in our articles written many years ago [31,32]. In [33], we applied a specific case of SEsM called MMSE in order to obtain exact solutions of a model from the population dynamics [34]. The MMSE [35] applied the concept of balancing equations in order to fix the simplest equation. Then, the solution of the complicated equation was constructed as a power series of the solution to the used simplest equation [36,37]. MMSE led to results which were equivalent to the results of the MSE. The capacity of the MMSE was then extended in the direction of using more than one simple equation. Because of this, the name of the methodology was changed from MMSE to SEsM. SEsM based on two simple equations can be seen in [38]. Other specific cases of application of SEsM are presented in [26,30,39,40].

Below, we apply SEsM to the SEIR model of the spread of an epidemic in a population. One of the most basic such compartmental models [41–53] is the SIR model for the dynamics of an infectious disease in a population. This model considers individuals who are infected (I) and those who have recovered (R) with immunity. We previously studied the SIR model in [30]. With respect to the SIR model, the SEIR model has an additional group of individuals, namely, those who are exposed to the infection. Epidemic models can be applied to study other processes as well, such as the spread of ideas (for overviews, see [4,54]). An important recent application of epidemic models is in research on the spread of COVID-19 [55–68]. We proceed as follows: the methodology of SEsM is described briefly in Section 2; in Section 3, we derive a sequence of nonlinear differential equations connected to the SEIR model of epidemic spread and use SEsM to obtain exact solutions of these equations; and in Section 4, the applicability of the obtained solutions for describing the evolution of epidemic waves is discussed. Finally, we present our concluding remarks in Section 5.

2. Simple Equations Method (SEsM)

The full notation of SEsM is SEsM(n,m), where n denotes the number of solved equations and m denotes the number of simpler equations for which the solutions are used. The most commonly used version of SEsM to date is SEsM(1,1), in which a single complicated nonlinear differential equation is solved on the basis of known solutions to a single simpler differential equation. SEsM(1,1) is sometimes called the MMSE, and this specific case of SEsM has many applications [69–71].

The idea of SEsM is to transform the solved system of nonlinear differential equations

$$\mathcal{D}_i[f_{i1}(x, \dots, t), \dots, f_{in}(x, \dots, t)] = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{1}$$

(here, $\mathcal{D}_i[f_{i1}(x, \dots, t), \dots, f_{in}(x, \dots, t), \dots]$ depends on the functions $f_{i1}(x, \dots, t), \dots, f_{in}(x, \dots, t)$, and a number of their derivatives and functions f_{ij} can depend on several spatial coordinates) into

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_{ij}(\dots)E_{ij} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \pi_i. \tag{2}$$

The transformation is performed by the choice of f_{ij} as composite functions of known analytical solutions to simpler equations. Here, E_{ij} are functions of the time and the spatial variables, and the quantities b_{ij} are algebraic relationships among the parameters of Equation (1), the parameters of the solutions to the simpler equations, and the parameters of the solutions to (1); $b_{ij}(\dots)$ do not contain the time and the spatial coordinates, and π_i is a characteristic parameter for the i -th equation from (1). If we succeed in transforming (1) to (2), then we can write

$$b_{ij}(\dots) = 0, \tag{3}$$

and we obtain a system of nonlinear algebraic equations. Each of the nontrivial solutions to (3) leads to a solution to system (1).

The idea of SEsM is realized in four steps.

- Step 1: Transformation of the nonlinearities of (1).
In rare cases, this transformation leads to the removal of the nonlinearity. In this case, the solved nonlinear equation is transformed into a linear equation. In most cases, however, the nonlinearity of the equation remains after the transformation. For these cases:
 1. If the nonlinearities in (1) or in the transformed equations are polynomial, then there is no need for a transformation for these nonlinearities.
 2. If the nonlinearities in (1) are not polynomial, transformations can be used to turn them into polynomial nonlinearities or more treatable kinds of nonlinearities.

An example of an appropriate transformation is the transformation of Hopf and Cole, which transforms the (nonlinear) Burgers equation into the linear heat equation [14,15]. As we have already noted, such successful transformations are rare. Therefore, the goal is to convert the nonlinearity to polynomial nonlinearity. For the specific case of SEsM(1,1), two examples of such transformations are as follows: for the sine–Gordon equation $\rightarrow u(x, t) = 4 \tan^{-1}[F(x, t)]$; and for the Poisson–Boltzmann equation $\rightarrow u(x, t) = 4 \tanh^{-1}[F(x, t)]$ [31,32].

The exact forms of the transformations may remain unfixed at this step of SEsM. In this case, the forms must be determined at some point during Steps 2 and 3.

- Step 2: Construction of solutions to the transformed equations.
The idea of SEsM is to use composite functions of known solutions to simpler differential equations in order to construct the sought-after solutions. The presence of derivatives in the solved differential equations requires the use of the Faa di Bruno formula for the derivatives of the composite functions. Using composite functions, we can transform the solved equations into equations which are constructed by functions which are solutions to more simple equations. There is no need to fix the form of the composite function and the form of the solutions of the simpler equations at this step. However, it can be done; one example of a fixation for the needs of SEsM(1,n) is

$$F = \alpha + \sum_{i_1=1}^N \beta_{i_1} g_{i_1} + \sum_{i_1=1}^N \sum_{i_2=1}^N \gamma_{i_1, i_2} g_{i_1} g_{i_2} + \sum_{i_1=1}^N \cdots \sum_{i_N=1}^N \sigma_{i_1, \dots, i_N} g_{i_1} \cdots g_{i_N}. \tag{4}$$

In (4), g_{i_k} are functions that are solutions to more simple equations and $\alpha, \beta_{i_1}, \gamma_{i_1, i_2}, \sigma_{i_1, \dots, i_N} \dots$ are parameters. (4) contains the relationship used by Hirota [72] as a specific case.

- Step 3: Determine the form of the simpler equations with solutions that can be used to construct the desired solutions of (1).
The rule is as follows: choose the composite functions and the simple equations in such a way that we arrive at the relationships (2). In addition, we have to be sure that the relationships for b_{ij} contain more than one term. This requirement leads to more relationships among the parameters from the relationships for b_{ij} . These new relationships are denoted as balance equations.
- Step 4: Solution of (3).
Solve (3), which is a system of nonlinear algebraic relationships. Any nontrivial solution to (3) corresponds to a solution to (1)
For specific cases of applications of SEsM, see [26–30,33–38].

3. SEsM and Exact Analytical Solutions for a Sequence of Equations Connected to the SEIR Model of Epidemics

Below, we apply SEsM to obtain exact solutions to a sequence of nonlinear differential equations connected to a specific differential equation obtained from the SEIR model in epidemiology. Several of the discussed solutions are appropriate for describing epidemic waves caused by different diseases, including COVID-19. The rest of the obtained solutions are not appropriate for such a purpose.

The aforementioned nonlinear differential equation is obtained by realizing the idea of transforming the SEIR model with constant coefficients into a single differential equation. The idea was proposed by Kermack and McKendrick for the case of the SIR model [73]. This idea was further developed in [30], and a sequence of nonlinear differential equations was obtained. Then, SEsM(1,1) was used to obtain exact solutions of several of these equations. Below, we realize the same idea for the case of the SEIR model of epidemics.

The initial impetus for the SEIR model lay in the specific characteristics of certain diseases. Specifically, an additional class of individuals in addition to the three classes in the SIR model is necessary in modeling the evolution of the spread of these diseases. The individuals in this additional class are infected by the corresponding pathogen, but are not capable of passing infection to others during a latent period. For example, this kind of infection is connected to the spread of malaria. Malaria was extensively studied in the early 20th century [74]. In order to build an SIR-like model similar to [73], the new class of individuals, called exposed individuals, was introduced, leading to the SEIR model (for more mathematical models of malaria, see [75]).

The SEIR epidemic model has several versions [42,76–83]. Below, we consider the classic version of the SEIR model of epidemics in a population. The population is divided into four groups: susceptible individuals— S ; exposed individuals— E ; infected individuals— I ; and recovered individuals— R . The model equations for the time change in the numbers of individuals from the above three groups are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= -\frac{\tau}{N}SI \\ \frac{dE}{dt} &= \frac{\tau}{N}SI - \sigma E \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \sigma E - \rho I \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= \rho I. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

In (5), σ is the incubation rate, τ is the transmission rate, and ρ is the recovery rate. We assume constant values of these rates. From (5), we obtain the relationship

$$N = S + E + I + R. \tag{6}$$

N is the total population. We assume that N is a constant. (5) is reduced to a single equation for R ; the reduction is as follows. From the last equation of (5), we obtain

$$I = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{dt}. \tag{7}$$

Substitution of (7) in the first equation of (5) leads to

$$S = S(0) \exp\left\{-\frac{\tau}{\rho N}[R - R(0)]\right\}. \tag{8}$$

Here, $S(0)$ and $R(0)$ are the numbers of susceptible individuals and those recovered at time $t = 0$. The substitution of (6) and (8) in the last equation of (5) leads to the differential equation for R :

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \rho \left\{ N - E - R - S(0) \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{\rho N}(R - R(0))\right] \right\}. \tag{9}$$

Below, we assume $R(0) = 0$ (no recovered individuals at $t = 0$). Next, we reduce (9) to an equation for R . The reduction is as follows. We write (9) as

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \rho[N - E - R - S]. \tag{10}$$

(10) is differentiated with respect to t . The result is

$$\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} = \rho \left[-\frac{dS}{dt} - \frac{dE}{dt} - \frac{dR}{dt} \right]. \tag{11}$$

In (11), we substitute $\frac{dS}{dt}$ and $\frac{dE}{dt}$ by the corresponding relationships from the first two equations of (5). The result is a relationship which relates R and E . From this relationship, we obtain

$$E = \frac{1}{\rho\sigma} \frac{d^2R}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{dR}{dt}. \tag{12}$$

We substitute (12) in (9) and obtain

$$\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} + (\sigma + \rho) \frac{dR}{dt} = \rho\sigma \left\{ N - R - S(0) \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right] \right\}. \tag{13}$$

Below, we assume $\frac{\tau R}{\rho N} \ll 1$. This happens, for example, when $\tau > \rho$ and $R \ll N$. The last relationship indicates that there is an epidemic wave affecting a small percentage of the population. Here, $\exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right]$ can be written as a Taylor series

$$\exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right] = \sum_{j=0}^M \left(-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right)^j. \tag{14}$$

Although M has infinite value in the full Taylor series, we can truncate it at $M = 2, M = 3, \dots$, if $-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R$ is small enough. From (13), we obtain

$$\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} + (\sigma + \rho) \frac{dR}{dt} = \rho\sigma \left\{ N - R - S(0) \sum_{j=0}^M \left(-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right)^j \right\}, \quad M = 2, 3, \dots \tag{15}$$

We set

$$\epsilon = \sigma + \rho; \alpha_0 = \rho\sigma[N - S(0)]; \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{\tau\sigma S(0)}{N} - \rho\sigma; \quad \alpha_j = -(-1)^j \frac{\tau^j \sigma S(0)}{\rho^{j-1} N^j}, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots \tag{16}$$

Then, (15) becomes

$$\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{dt} = \sum_{j=0}^M \alpha_j R^j \tag{17}$$

The sequences of Equations (15) and (17) are the orders of approximation of (9) with respect to M .

The time t is the independent variable in (17). In general, the independent variable of a differential equation can be a combination of several spatial variables and time. Below, we use just such an independent variable, denoted as ζ . In this way, we are able to apply SEsM(1,1) to the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\zeta^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\zeta} = \sum_{j=0}^M \alpha_j R^j. \tag{18}$$

As simple equations, we use the differential equations of Bernoulli and Riccati.

We begin with the equation of Bernoulli:

$$\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^m, \quad m = 2, 3, \dots, \tag{19}$$

as a simple equation. The transformation $y = u^{1/(1-m)}$ reduces (19) to a linear equation. Using this, we can obtain the solution to the equation of Bernoulli:

$$y(\xi) = \left\{ \frac{p}{-q + Cp \exp[-(m-1)p\xi]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m-1}}. \tag{20}$$

In (20), C is a constant of integration.

We skip Step 1 of SEsM. No transformation is needed because the kind of nonlinearity in (18) is polynomial. In Step 2 of SEsM, we choose the composite function $R(y)$ to be of the kind

$$R(y) = \sum_{l=0}^L \beta_l y^l, \tag{21}$$

where $y(\xi)$ is the solution to (19) and $R(y)$ is the solution to (18). In Step 3 of SEsM, we have to obtain the balance equation; (19) and (21) fix the balance equation of (18) to

$$2(m-1) = L(M-1). \tag{22}$$

Then, a specific solution to (18) is

$$R(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^L \beta_l \left\{ \frac{p}{-q + Cp \exp\{-[L(M-1)/2]p\xi\}} \right\}^{\frac{2l}{L(M-1)}}. \tag{23}$$

Several of the parameters $\beta_l, p, q,$ and C are fixed during the Step 4 of SEsM.

A specific case exists for which we can obtain an interesting and important solution to the simple equation, namely, the case of $m = 2$. Then, we can use the equation of Riccati as a simple equation:

$$\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^2 + r, \tag{24}$$

where $p, q,$ and r are parameters. We know that a specific solution of (24) is

$$y(\xi) = -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh\left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2}\right], \tag{25}$$

where $\theta^2 = p^2 - 4rq > 0$ and C is a constant of integration. The specific solution (25) of (24) allows us to write the general solution to (24) as $y = -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh\left[\frac{\theta(\xi+C)}{2}\right] + \frac{D}{v}$, where D is a constant and $v(\xi)$ is the solution to the linear differential equation

$$\frac{dv}{d\xi} - \theta \tanh\left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2}\right]v = -qD. \tag{26}$$

The solution to (26) is

$$v = \cosh^2\left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2}\right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh\left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2}\right] \right\}, \tag{27}$$

where E_1 is a constant of integration. Thus, the general solution to (24) is

$$y(\xi) = -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh\left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2}\right] + \frac{D}{\cosh^2\left[\frac{\theta(\xi+C)}{2}\right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh\left[\frac{\theta(\xi+C)}{2}\right] \right\}}. \tag{28}$$

Next, we obtain several solutions of the kind in (18). We begin with $M = 2$. In this case, we have to solve the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0. \tag{29}$$

The balance equation is $L = 2(m - 1)$. We start with $m = 2$. In this case, we can use the equation of Riccati as the simple equation. We have $L = 2$, and the solution of (29) is of the kind $R = \beta_2 y^2 + \beta_1 y + \beta_0$, where y is the specific solution (25) or the general solution (28). The substitution of the last relationships in (29) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic equations in Equation (A1) (see Appendix A); (A1) has two solutions. The first solution to (A1) is (A2); thus, the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0, \tag{30}$$

where $\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2 \geq 0$ has the specific exact analytical solution

$$\begin{aligned} R(\xi) = & \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\}^2 + \\ & \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} + \\ & \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} + 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2} \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

with $\theta^2 = \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} > 0$, along with the more general solution

$$\begin{aligned} R(\xi) = & \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} + \\ & \frac{D}{\cosh^2 \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\}} \right\}^2 + \\ & \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} + \\ & \frac{D}{\cosh^2 \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\}} \right\} + \\ & \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} + 2\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2} \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

with $\theta^2 = \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} > 0$.

The second solution of (A1) is (A3). For this solution, we obtain the following solutions of the corresponding differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} - \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0, \tag{33}$$

where $\theta^2 = \frac{1}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} > 0$. The first solution is the specific analytical solution

$$R(\xi) = \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\}^2 + \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} + \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} - 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2}. \tag{34}$$

The second solution is the more general solution

$$R(\xi) = \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] + \frac{D}{\cosh^2 \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\}} \right\}^2 + \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] + \frac{D}{\cosh^2 \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\}} \right\} + \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} - 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2}. \tag{35}$$

Next, we consider the case of $M = 2, L = 4$. Here, $m = 3$. We must use the equation of Bernoulli as a simple equation. The equation of Bernoulli for this case is $\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^3$, and the solution to (29) is $R = \beta_4y^4 + \beta_3y^3 + \beta_2y^2 + \beta_1y + \beta_0$. The substitution of the last relationships in (29) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic equations in Equation (A4). One solution to (A4) is (A5). In this case, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2R^2 + \alpha_1R + \alpha_0, \tag{36}$$

has the specific exact analytical solution

$$R = \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}}}{-q + C \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \exp \left\{ -2 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \xi \right\}} \right\}^2 + \frac{4q\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}}}{-q + C \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \exp \left\{ -2 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \xi \right\}} \right\} - \frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2}. \tag{37}$$

The system of algebraic equations (A4) has three additional solutions. The first of these solutions is (A6). Then, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2R^2 + \alpha_1R + \alpha_0, \tag{38}$$

has the specific exact solution

$$R(\xi) = -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} + \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{-\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}}}{-q - C \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \exp\{2 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \xi\}} \right\}^2. \tag{39}$$

The second of the additional solutions is (A7). Then, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} - \frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0, \tag{40}$$

has the specific exact solution

$$R(\xi) = -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} - \frac{4q\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{-\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}}}{-q - C \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \exp\{2 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \xi\}} \right\} + \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{-\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}}}{-q - C \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \exp\{2 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \xi\}} \right\}^2. \tag{41}$$

The third of the additional solutions is (A8). Then, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} - \frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0, \tag{42}$$

has the specific exact solution

$$R(\xi) = -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} + \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}}}{-q + C \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \exp\{-2 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \xi\}} \right\}^2. \tag{43}$$

Next, we consider the case of $M = 2, L = 6$. In this case, $m = 4$. We have to solve the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0 \tag{44}$$

and the desired solution has the form $R(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^6 \beta_l y(\xi)^l$, where $y(\xi)$ is the solution of the Bernoulli equation $\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^4$, which is

$$y(x) = \left\{ \frac{p}{-q + Cp \exp[-3p\xi]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{3}}. \tag{45}$$

The use of SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of algebraic equations (A9). This system has four solutions. These solutions lead to equations and solutions which are identical to the equations and solutions for the case of $M = 2, L = 4, m = 3$. As an an example, the solution (A10) of (A9) leads to the solution (37) of the Equation (36).

Because of the above, we continue with a discussion of the case of $M = 3$. Here, we have to solve the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0. \tag{46}$$

For the case of a simple equation of the same kind as the Bernoulli equation, the balance equation for SEsM(1,1) is $m = L + 1$. Thus, the simple equation of Bernoulli is $\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^{L+1}$ and its solution is $y(\xi) = \left\{ \frac{p}{-q + Cp \exp[-Lp\xi]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{L}}$. The solution to (46) is of the kind $R(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^L \beta_l y(\xi)^L$.

We start with $L = 1$, meaning that $m = 2$. As we know, in this case we can use the equation of Riccati $\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^2 + r$ as the simple equation for SEsM(1,1). In this case, we can use the specific solution (25) and the general solution (28). In this case, SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic relationships (A11) One of the solutions to this system is (A12). Thus, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \frac{-2^{5/6} - 2^{1/3} \alpha_3 T_2^{2/3} - 2\alpha_2^2 + 6\alpha_1 \alpha_3}{4 \alpha_3 T_1^{1/3}} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0, \tag{47}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{\sqrt{\alpha_3}} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} + \frac{2^{5/6} 2^{5/6} \alpha_3 T_2^{2/3} + 2\sqrt{2} \alpha_2^2 - 6\sqrt{2} \alpha_1 \alpha_3 + 6 2^{2/3} p \alpha_3 T_1^{1/3} - 4\alpha_2 \sqrt{\alpha_3} 2^{1/6} T_1^{1/3}}{24 \alpha_3^{3/2} T_1^{1/3}} \tag{48}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^2 &= p^2 - 4rq = \\ &= p^2 - \frac{2^{2/3}}{24 \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3}} \left(12 2^{1/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} + 2 2^{2/3} \alpha_3 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_2^3 - 9 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^2 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \right. \\ & \quad 27 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^3 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_0 + 3^{3/2} 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{1/3} T_1^{1/2} - 4 2^{1/3} \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3^{3/2} T_2^{2/3} + \\ & \quad \left. 12 2^{1/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} + 4 \alpha_2^4 \alpha_3^{1/2} - 24 \alpha_2^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{3/2} + 36 \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3^{5/2} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

with (48) being based on the solution (25) to the equation of Riccati. Another specific solution is

$$R(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{\sqrt{\alpha_3}} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] + \frac{D}{\cosh^2 \left[\frac{\theta(\xi+C)}{2} \right] \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi+C)}{2} \right] \right\}} \right\} + \frac{2^{5/6} 2^{5/6} \alpha_3 T_2^{2/3} + 2\sqrt{2} \alpha_2^2 - 6\sqrt{2} \alpha_1 \alpha_3 + 6 2^{2/3} p \alpha_3 T_1^{1/3} - 4\alpha_2 \sqrt{\alpha_3} 2^{1/6} T_1^{1/3}}{24 \alpha_3^{3/2} T_1^{1/3}}. \tag{50}$$

with (50) being based on the general solution (28) to the equation of Riccati.

The second solution of system (A11) is (A13). Thus, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \frac{-2^{5/6} 2^{1/3} \alpha_3 T_2^{2/3} + 2\alpha_2^2 - 6\alpha_1 \alpha_3}{4 \alpha_3 T_1^{1/3}} \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_0, \tag{51}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{\sqrt{\alpha_3}} \left\{ \frac{p}{2q} + \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} - \frac{2^{5/6} 2^{5/6} \alpha_3 T^{2/3} + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2 - 6\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 6 2^{2/3} p\alpha_3 T^{1/3} + 4\alpha_2\sqrt{\alpha_3} 2^{1/6} T^{1/3}}{24\alpha_3^{3/2} T^{1/3}} \tag{52}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^2 &= p^2 - 4rq = \\ &= p^2 - \frac{2^{2/3}}{24\alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3}} \left(12 2^{1/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} - 2 2^{2/3} \alpha_3 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_2^3 + 9 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^2 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 - \right. \\ &\quad \left. 27 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^3 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_0 + 3^{3/2} 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{1/3} T_1^{1/2} - 4 2^{1/3} \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3^{3/2} T_2^{2/3} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 12 2^{1/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} + 4\alpha_2^4 \alpha_3^{1/2} - 24\alpha_2^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{3/2} + 36\alpha_1^2 \alpha_3^{5/2} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

The solution (52) leads to profiles which are appropriate for description of epidemic waves. The epidemic waves are connected to bell-shaped profile forms. These waves represent the number of infected individuals, and this number is proportional to $\frac{dR}{dt}$. Figure 1 shows several profiles of $\frac{dR}{dt}$ which are connected to (52). The characteristic bell-shaped form of the profile is evident.

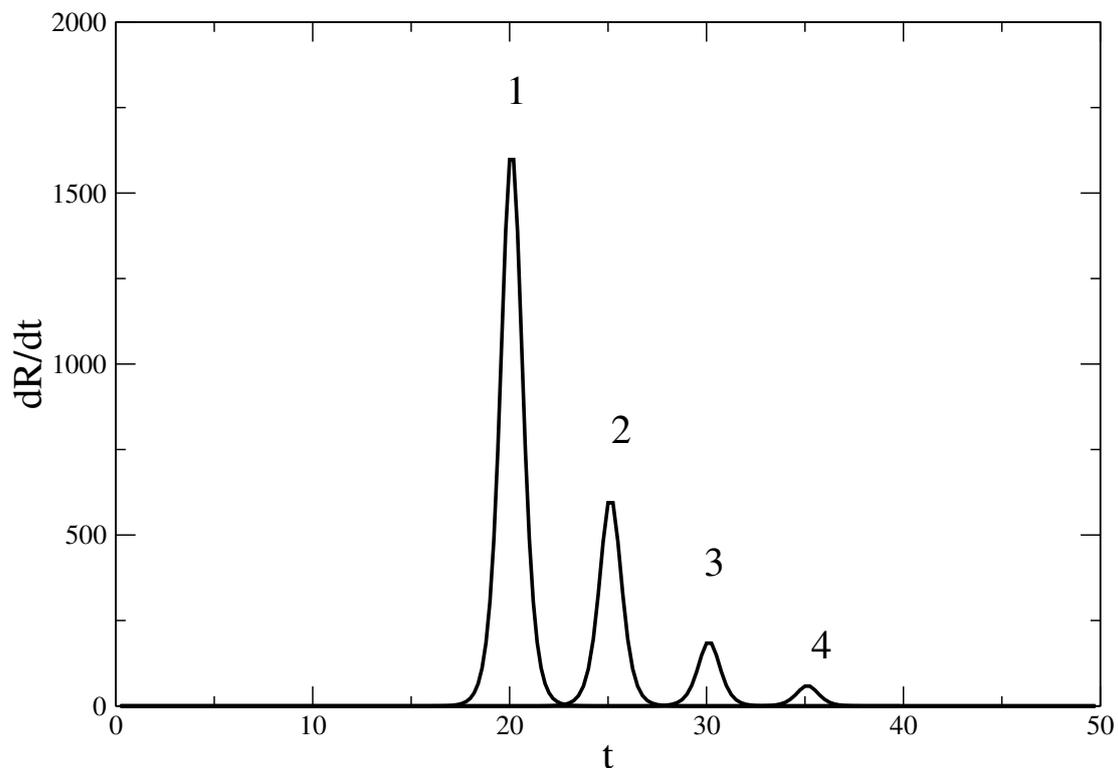


Figure 1. Influence of the parameters of the solution (52) on the profile of $\frac{dR}{dt}$. In this case, the coordinate ξ is the time t . The parameters of the profiles are as follows. Profile 1: $\alpha_0 = 10^{-8}$, $\alpha_1 = 10^{-7}$, $\alpha_2 = -2 \times 10^{-7}$, $\alpha_3 = 10^{-7}$, $p = 3$, $q = 7$, $C = -20$. Profile 2: $\alpha_0 = 10^{-6}$, $\alpha_1 = 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$, $\alpha_2 = -2 \times 10^{-6}$, $\alpha_3 = 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$, $p = 3$, $q = 7$, $C = -25$. Profile 3: $\alpha_0 = 10^{-5}$, $\alpha_1 = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$, $\alpha_2 = -2 \times 10^{-5}$, $\alpha_3 = 1.15 \times 10^{-5}$, $p = 3$, $q = 7$, $C = -30$. Profile 4: $\alpha_0 = 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$, $\alpha_1 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$, $\alpha_2 = -2.1 \times 10^{-4}$, $\alpha_3 = 1.15 \times 10^{-4}$, $p = 3$, $q = 7$, $C = -35$.

Above, we have seen that (52) is based on the solution (25) of the equation of Riccati. Another specific solution of (51) is

$$R(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{\sqrt{\alpha_3}} \left\{ \frac{p}{2q} + \frac{\theta}{2q} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] + \frac{D}{\cosh^2 \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right]} \left\{ E_1 - \frac{2qD}{\theta} \tanh \left[\frac{\theta(\xi + C)}{2} \right] \right\} \right\} - \frac{2^{5/6} \alpha_3 T^{2/3} + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2 - 6\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 6 \cdot 2^{2/3} p\alpha_3 T^{1/3} + 4\alpha_2\sqrt{\alpha_3} 2^{1/6} T^{1/3}}{24\alpha_3^{3/2} T^{1/3}}. \tag{54}$$

with (54) being based on the general solution (28) to the equation of Riccati.

System (A11) has two additional solutions, which the interested reader can easily obtain. We proceed to a solution obtained by using the equation of Bernoulli as a simple equation.

Next, we consider the case $L = 2$. From the balance equation $m = L + 1$ we have $m = 3$. The simple equation is the equation of Bernoulli $\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py + qy^3$. The solution to this equation is $y(\xi) = \left\{ \frac{p}{-q + Cp \exp[-2p\xi]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$. The solution of (46) is of the kind $R(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^2 \beta_l y(\xi)^L$. The application of SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic equations in (A14). This system has four solutions. The first solution is (A15). The corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon - 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon + 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_2^2}, \tag{55}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}} \left\{ \frac{\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3}}{-q + C \frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \exp\left[-\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \xi\right]} \right\} + \frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 - \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}} \tag{56}$$

The second solution of (A14) is (A16). Then, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R - \frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon + 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon - 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_2^2}, \tag{57}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}} \left\{ \frac{\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3}}{-q + C \frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \exp\left[-\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \xi\right]} \right\} - \frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 + \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}}. \tag{58}$$

Figure 2 shows several profiles of R connected to the solution (58). These profiles are appropriate for modeling processes that have a level of saturation; $\frac{dR}{dt}$ for these profiles decreases.

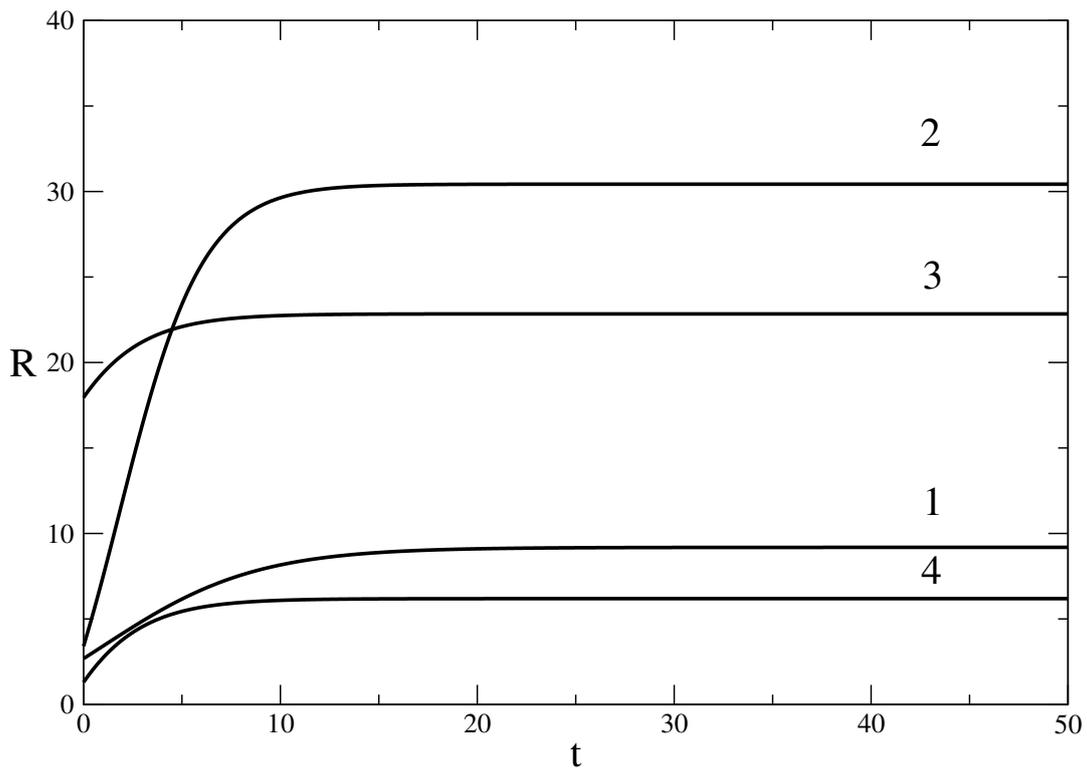


Figure 2. Influence of the parameters of the solution (58) on the profile R . In this case, the coordinate ζ is the time t . Profile1: $\alpha_1 = 10^{-3}, \alpha_2 = 10^{-2}, \alpha_3 = 10^{-3}, r = 0.5, q = -10^{-2}, C = 10^{-1}, \epsilon = 10^{-3}$. Profile2: $\alpha_1 = 10^{-3}, \alpha_2 = 10^{-2}, \alpha_3 = 10^{-4}, r = 0.5, q = -10^{-2}, C = 10^{-1}, \epsilon = 10^{-3}$. Profile3: $\alpha_1 = 10^{-3}, \alpha_2 = 10^{-2}, \alpha_3 = 4 \times 10^{-4}, r = 0.5, q = -10^{-2}, C = 10^{-1}, \epsilon = 10^{-3}$. Profile4: $\alpha_1 = 10^{-3}, \alpha_2 = 10^{-2}, \alpha_3 = 4 \times 10^{-4}, r = 0.5, q = -10^{-2}, C = 10^{-2}, \epsilon = 10^{-5}$.

The third solution of system (A14) is (A17). Thus, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\zeta^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\zeta} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R + \frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon + 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon + 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_3^2}, \tag{59}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\zeta) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}} \left\{ \frac{-\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3}}{-q - C \frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \exp\left[\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \zeta\right]}{\frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 - \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}}} \right\}. \tag{60}$$

The fourth solution of system (A15) is (A18). Thus, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\zeta^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\zeta} = \alpha_3 R^3 + \alpha_2 R^2 + \alpha_1 R - \frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon + 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon + 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_3^2}, \tag{61}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}} \left\{ \frac{-\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3+3\alpha_3\epsilon^2-2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3}}{-q - C \frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3+3\alpha_3\epsilon^2-2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \exp\left[\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3+3\alpha_3\epsilon^2-2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \xi\right]} \right\} + \frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 + \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}}. \tag{62}$$

Next, we consider the case of $M = 4$. In this case, we have to solve the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_4R^4 + \alpha_3R^3 + \alpha_2R^2 + \alpha_1R + \alpha_0. \tag{63}$$

For the case of a simple equation of the same kind as the equation of Bernoulli, the balance equation for SEsM(1,1) is $2(m - 1) = 3L$. Thus, the simple equation of Bernoulli is $\frac{dy}{d\xi} = py +$

$qy^{1+3L/2}$ and its solution is $y(\xi) = \left\{ \frac{p}{-q + Cp \exp[-\frac{3L}{2} p\xi]} \right\}^{\frac{2}{3L}}$. The solution of (46) is of the kind

$$R(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^L \beta_l y(\xi)^L.$$

We next consider the case of $L = 2$, for which $m = 4$. SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of Equation (A19), which has the following two solutions. The first solution is (A20); thus, the corresponding equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_4R^4 + \alpha_3R^3 + \frac{3\alpha_3^2}{8\alpha_4}R^2 - \frac{-49\alpha_3^3 + 160\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2}{784\alpha_4^2}R - \frac{\alpha_3(-49\alpha_3^3 + 640\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2)}{12544\alpha_4^3}, \tag{64}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = \beta_2 \left\{ \frac{-\frac{\epsilon}{7}}{-\frac{\beta_2(\alpha_4\beta_2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{10}} - C \frac{\epsilon}{7} \exp[3\frac{\epsilon}{7}\xi]} \right\}^{1/3} - \frac{\alpha_3}{4\alpha_4} \tag{65}$$

The second solution is (A21); thus, the equation

$$\frac{d^2R}{d\xi^2} + \epsilon \frac{dR}{d\xi} = \alpha_4R^4 + \alpha_3R^3 + \frac{3\alpha_3^2}{8\alpha_4}R^2 - \frac{-49\alpha_3^3 + 160\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2}{784\alpha_4^2}R - \frac{\alpha_3(-49\alpha_3^3 + 640\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2)}{12544\alpha_4^3}, \tag{66}$$

has the specific solution

$$R(\xi) = \beta_2 \left\{ \frac{-\frac{\epsilon}{7}}{\frac{\beta_2(\alpha_4\beta_2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{10}} - C \frac{\epsilon}{7} \exp[3\frac{\epsilon}{7}\xi]} \right\}^{1/3} - \frac{\alpha_3}{4\alpha_4} \tag{67}$$

We stop the description of the solutions here, as the list becomes long. Additional solutions are discussed elsewhere.

4. The Obtained Solutions to the Studied Set of Equations from the Point of View of Modeling Epidemic Waves

In the previous section, we obtained several exact solutions to equations that are connected to the SEIR model of epidemic spread. The solutions are of two classes: (i) solutions that can be used for modeling of epidemic spread, and (ii) solutions that are not appropriate for modeling epidemic spread. We begin by discussing the solutions that can be used for modeling the spread of epidemics.

Below, we consider the specific case when the general coordinate ζ is the time t . We obtain solutions to the number of recovered people $R(t)$ for the SEIR model. Then, we calculate the time evolution of infected people I by means of (7):

$$I = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{dt}.$$

The number of exposed and susceptible people is

$$E = \frac{1}{\rho\sigma} \frac{d^2R}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{dR}{dt},$$

$$S \approx S(0) \sum_{i=0}^M \left(-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right)^i.$$

In addition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= \sigma + \rho; \quad \alpha_0 = \rho\sigma[N - S(0)] \\ \alpha_1 &= \frac{\tau\sigma S(0)}{N} - \rho\sigma; \quad \alpha_j = (-1)^j \frac{\tau^j \sigma S(0)}{\rho^{j-1} N^j}, j = 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can calculate the relative growth rate

$$\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{I} \frac{dI}{dt}, \tag{68}$$

which can be written as

$$\sigma(t) = \rho(R_n - 1). \tag{69}$$

In (69),

$$R_n(t) = 1 + \frac{\sigma(t)}{\rho} \tag{70}$$

is the time-varying effective reproduction number. The notation R_n is used for the effective reproduction number in order to distinguish it from the number of recovered people, which is denoted by R ; (69) shows that there is an important value $R_n = 1$. For $R_n < 1$, we have $\sigma(t) < 0$, and the relative growth rate is negative. Then, dI/dt is negative; the number of infected individuals decreases, and the epidemic shrinks. For $R_n > 1$, we have $\sigma(t) > 0$, and the relative growth rate is positive. Thus, dI/dt is positive; the number of infected individuals increases, and the epidemic expands.

Note that our assumption for reducing the SEIR model to a sequence of equations is $\left(\frac{\tau R}{\rho N}\right)^{M+1} \ll 1$. This means that we can describe epidemic waves for which $R \ll N$. In other words, such epidemic waves affect a small percentage of the entire population. If the last condition is not true, we have to solve the SEIR model numerically. For the rest of this section, we assume that the assumption $\left(\frac{\tau R}{\rho N}\right)^{M+1} \ll 1$ holds.

The solutions obtained in the previous section can be classified as follows:

- I. Solutions that can be used to describe specific cases of the evolution of epidemic waves within the scope of the SEIR model.
- II. Solutions that can be used to describe specific cases of the part of the evolution of the epidemic wave or solutions that are not appropriate for the case of description of evolution of epidemic wave within the scope of the SEIR model.

The solutions in class I are the solutions generated by using the equation of Riccati as the simple equation in SEsM(1,1). Among these solutions are (31), (32), (34), (35), (48), (50), and (52). Below, we write the quantities corresponding to the SEIR model for one of these solutions, (31). This is the solution of Equation (30) which has a quadratic nonlinearity with respect to R . We note that $\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2 \geq 0$, meaning that we have the

requirement $S(0) \geq 4N/5$. We first consider the solution (31). The relationship for ϵ leads to a requirement for ρ :

$$\rho = \frac{5}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\tau^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} S(0)^{1/4}}{N^{1/2}} [5S(0) - 4N]^{1/4} - \sigma > 0. \tag{71}$$

where (71) is a necessary condition for existence of the waves (31) and (32). This condition reduces the probability of the waves occurring. The positive point is that the analytical relationship for the waves allows us to calculate and study the corresponding quantities for epidemics. Thus, we can gain better understanding of the processes. For example, on the basis of solution (31) we obtain a relationship for the behaviour over time of the number of infected

$$I = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{dt} = - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{24q \left[\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\tau^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} S(0)^{1/4}}{N^{1/2}} [5S(0) - 4N]^{1/4} - \sigma \right]} \left\{ \frac{12q^2}{\alpha_2} \left[-\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right] + \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \right\} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \tag{72}$$

Recall that C is an integration constant which is determined by the initial condition. The corresponding number of exposed is

$$E = \frac{1}{\sigma \left[\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\tau^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} S(0)^{1/4}}{N^{1/2}} [5S(0) - 4N]^{1/4} - \sigma \right]} \left\{ \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)}{32q\alpha_2} \operatorname{sech}^4 \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) + \left(\frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] - \frac{12q}{\alpha_2} \left\{ \frac{p}{2q} + \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right\} \right) \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{3/4}}{48\sqrt{6}q} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right) \right\} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{24q\sigma} \left\{ \frac{12q^2}{\alpha_2} \left[-\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right] + \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \right\} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \tag{73}$$

The number of susceptible persons is approximately

$$\begin{aligned}
 S \approx S(0) & \left\{ 1 - \frac{\tau}{\left[\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\tau^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} S(0)^{1/4}}{N^{1/2}} [5S(0) - 4N]^{1/4} - \sigma \right] N} \left\{ \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \right. \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right\}^2 + \right. \\
 \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] & \left. \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right\} + \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} + 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2} \right\} + \\
 & \frac{\tau^2}{\left[\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\tau^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} S(0)^{1/4}}{N^{1/2}} [5S(0) - 4N]^{1/4} - \sigma \right]^2 N^2} \left\{ \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right\}^2 + \right. \\
 \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] & \left. \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right\} + \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} + 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2} \right\} \left. \right\} \tag{74}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding relative growth rate is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma(t) = \frac{1}{I} \frac{dI}{dt} = & - \left\{ \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)}{48q} \operatorname{sech}^4 \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) + \right. \\
 \left(\frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] + \frac{12q}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right\} \right) & \left. \right\} \left(\right. \\
 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{3/4}}{48\sqrt{6}q} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] & \left. \right) \left. \right\} / \left\{ \right. \\
 \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{24q} \left\{ \frac{12q^2}{\alpha_2} \left[-\frac{p}{2q} - \right. \right. & \left. \left. \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right] \right\} + \\
 \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \left. \right\} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] & \left. \right\} \tag{75}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding effective reproduction number is

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_n(t) = & 1 - \left\{ \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)}{48q} \operatorname{sech}^4 \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) + \right. \\
 & \left. \left(\frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] + \frac{12q}{\alpha_2} \left\{ -\frac{p}{2q} - \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right\} \right) \right\} \left(\right. \\
 & \left. \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{3/4}}{48\sqrt{6}q} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \tanh \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}/(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right) \left. \right\} / \left\{ \right. \\
 & \left[\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\tau^{1/2}\sigma^{1/2}S(0)^{1/4}}{N^{1/2}} [5S(0) - 4N]^{1/4} - \sigma \right] \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{24q} \left\{ \frac{12q^2}{\alpha_2} \left[-\frac{p}{2q} - \right. \right. \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \left. \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}q} \tanh \left(\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right) \right] + \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \left. \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2} [\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}] \right\} \operatorname{sech}^2 \left[\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}(t+C)}{2\sqrt{6}} \right] \right] \right\} \quad (76)
 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding quantities for the SEIR model on the basis of the other solutions (32), (34), (35), (48), and (50) can be calculated in a similar manner as above.

We note that solution (32) contains (31) as specific case when the constant of integration $D = 0$. Thus, (32) can lead to the same profile as (31), meaning that (32) can be used for the description of epidemic waves within the scope of the SEIR model. In addition, solution (32) can produce more complicated profiles in comparison to solution (31), as D can be different from 0. One of these possible profiles is shown in Figure 3, along with the corresponding profile for its derivative. The profile from Figure 3a is different from the kink profile for the evolution of the number of recovered individuals, which is typical for an epidemic wave. The derivative of this profile shown in Figure 3b is different from the typical bell-shaped profile associated with the evolution of the number of infected individuals during an epidemic wave. Such profiles provided by (32) may not be suitable for the description of epidemic waves, though they may be useful for other applications of Equation (30).

Other solutions that are suitable for the study of a specific case of the evolution of epidemic waves from the point of view of the SEIR model are some of the ones based on the use of a simple equation of the Bernoulli kind in SEsM(1,1). Candidates for such solutions include (37), (39), (43), (41), (56), (58), (60), (62), (65), and (67). From these solutions, the suitable solutions are these which do not contain more than one relationship connecting the parameters α_i of the solved equations. Such solutions include (37), (39), (43), (41), (56), (58), (60), and (62). These solutions are constructed by functions with a shape that is similar to the shape of the logistic function in Figure 2. Because of this, they are suitable for modeling part of the epidemic wave. For instance, these solutions can model the declining part of the wave. As an example, we can consider the solution (58). For this solution, σ, ρ, τ and N are free parameters. The solution is realized for

$$S(0) = \frac{(T^{2/3} + 180\sigma\tau + 8\rho^2 + 16\sigma\rho + 8\sigma^2 + 2\sqrt{2}T^{1/3}\rho + 2\sqrt{2}T^{1/3}\sigma)^2}{400\tau\sigma T^{2/3}} N, \quad (77)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= T_1 T_2 \\
 T_1 &= 540\sqrt{2}\sigma\tau(\rho + \sigma) + 416\sqrt{2}(\sigma^3 + \rho^3) + 1248\sqrt{2}\sigma\rho(\sigma + \rho) \\
 T_2 &= 60[1440(\rho^4\sigma^2 + \rho^2\sigma^4 + \sigma^3\tau\rho^2) - 1620\sigma^3\tau^3 + 576(\sigma^5\rho + \rho^5\sigma) + \\
 & 96(\rho^6 + \sigma^6) + 1920\rho^3\sigma^3 - 108\sigma^3\tau^2\rho + 240(\sigma\tau\rho^4 + \sigma^5\tau) + \\
 & 960(\sigma^2\tau\rho^3 + \sigma^4\tau\rho) - 54(\sigma^2\tau^2\rho^2 + \sigma^4\tau^2)]^{1/2} \quad (78)
 \end{aligned}$$

We have the condition

$$\frac{(T^{2/3} + 180\sigma\tau + 8\rho^2 + 16\sigma\rho + 8\sigma^2 + 2\sqrt{2}T^{1/3}\rho + 2\sqrt{2}T^{1/3}\sigma)^2}{400\tau\sigma T^{2/3}} < 1. \tag{79}$$

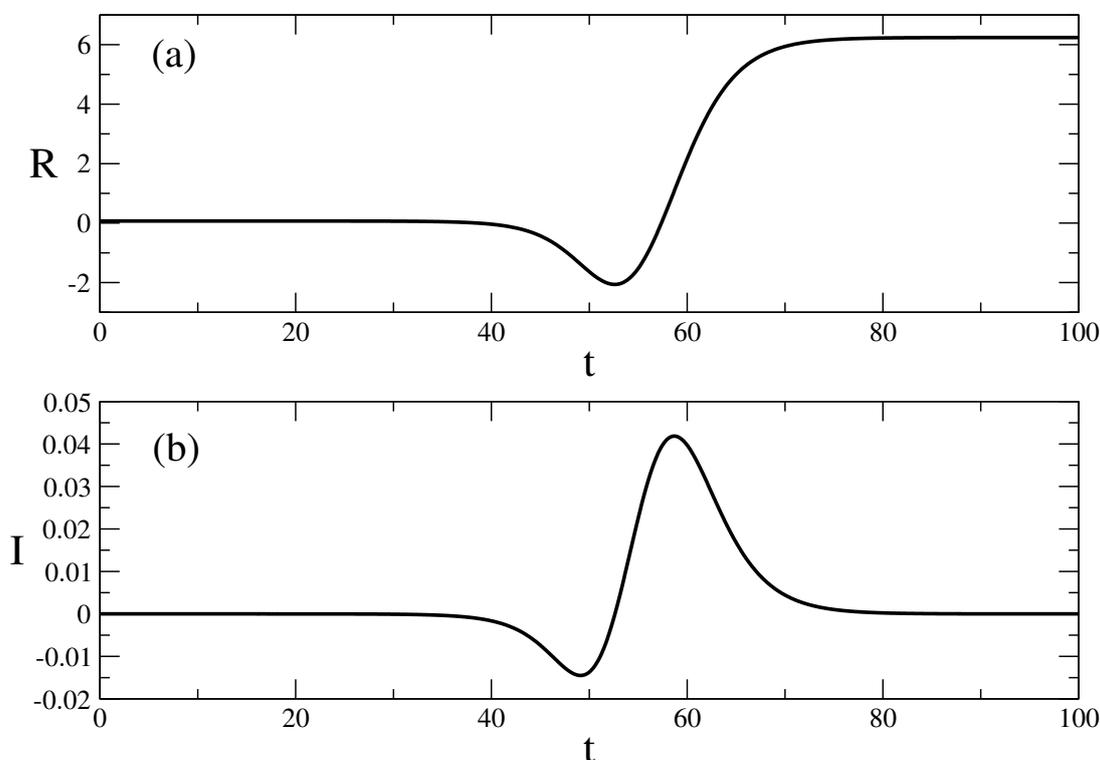


Figure 3. One possible profile provided by solution (32) of Equation (30). Figure (a): profile for the quantity R . Figure (b): Profile for the quantity I . The values of the parameters for the solution are $\alpha_0 = 0.1, \alpha_1 = 0.5, \alpha_2 = -0.1, p = 0.5, q = 0.01, C = -50, D = 4,$ and $E = 0.1$.

The last two solutions, (65) and (67), contain three relationships among the parameters α_i of the solved equation. Because of this, it is necessary to fix more parameters of the SEIR model. This very much limits the area of application of these two solutions for the purpose of describing part of the epidemic wave within the scope of the SEIR model. Thus, (65) and (67) are practically unsuitable for the description of epidemic waves.

5. Concluding Remarks

The main goal of this article is the application of the Simple Equations Method (SEsM) for computing exact solutions of nonlinear differential equations from a sequence of differential equations connected to the SEIR model of epidemic spread. We compute two kinds of exact solutions. The first kind of solution is based on the use of the Riccati equation as a simple equation. These solutions can describe specific cases of epidemic waves given the condition that the wave does not affect a large part of the corresponding population. This kind of solution can lead to profiles which are not suitable for description of epidemic waves, as shown in Figure 3. Such profiles can be useful for other possible applications of the corresponding equation, however.

The second kind of computed solutions are based on the use of the equation of Bernoulli as a simple equation. These solutions have profiles that are similar to those of the logistic function. Several of these solutions can describe specific cases of the evolution of epidemic waves within the scope of the SEIR model. Other solutions are not appropriate for modeling the evolution of epidemics. Note that the last solutions are exact solutions of

the corresponding nonlinear partial differential equations, and can find applications in the modeling of other phenomena.

The difference between the SIR and the SEIR models of epidemic spread is that an additional class of individuals is presented in the SEIR model, namely, the class of exposed individuals. Thus, the SEIR model accounts for the latent period during which the individuals in this additional class are infected by the pathogen but are not capable of passing infection to others. The presence of this additional class of individuals leads to changes in the equation for the evolution of the number of recovered persons. This equation is

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \rho \left\{ N - R - S(0) \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right] \right\}, \tag{80}$$

for the SIR model of epidemic spread [30], while for the SEIR model of epidemic spread the equation changes to (13)

$$\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} + (\sigma + \rho) \frac{dR}{dt} = \rho \sigma \left\{ N - R - S(0) \exp \left[-\frac{\tau}{\rho N} R \right] \right\}.$$

This change in the equation leads to different solutions and different behaviour of the evolution of the epidemic wave $I = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dR}{dt}$. Consequently, the evolution of the relative growth rate $\sigma = \frac{1}{I} \frac{dI}{dt}$ is different for the two models. The time behaviour of the effective reproduction number $R_n = 1 + \frac{\sigma}{\rho}$ changes as well.

Finally, we note that this study has shown SEsM to be a very useful methodology for computing exact analytical solutions of nonlinear differential equations. We have demonstrated that this methodology leads to numerous exact solutions to various equations, and that these solutions can be useful for modeling phenomena in various complex systems.

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Appendix A. Systems of Nonlinear Algebraic Equations and Their Solutions

The SEsM methodology leads to systems of nonlinear algebraic equations corresponding to solutions of the solved differential equations. Below, we list those systems and their solutions which have been used in the main text.

First, we consider the case of differential Equation (29). For the case of the values of the parameters $M = L = m = 2$, the system of nonlinear algebraic relations corresponding to (29) is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2(6q^2 - \alpha_2\beta_2) &= 0 \\ 2\epsilon\beta_2q - 2\alpha_2\beta_1\beta_2 + (2\beta_1q + 4\beta_2p)q + 6\beta_2qp &= 0 \\ -\alpha_1\beta_2 + \epsilon(\beta_1q + 2\beta_2p) - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) + (\beta_1p + 2\beta_2r)q + \\ &\quad (2\beta_1q + 4\beta_2p)p + 6\beta_2qr &= 0 \\ -\alpha_1\beta_1 + (\beta_1p + 2\beta_2r)p + (2\beta_1q + 4\beta_2p)r + \epsilon(\beta_1p + 2\beta_2r) - 2\alpha_2\beta_0\beta_1 &= 0 \\ (\beta_1p + 2\beta_2r)r - \alpha_1\beta_0 + \epsilon\beta_1r - \alpha_2\beta_0^2 - \alpha_0 &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{A1}$$

(A1) has two solutions The first solution to (A1) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_0 &= \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} + 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2}, \\
 \beta_1 &= \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2}[\sqrt{6}p + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}], \\
 \beta_2 &= \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2}, \\
 r &= \frac{6p^2 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{24q}, \\
 \epsilon &= \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}
 \end{aligned} \tag{A2}$$

The second solution of (A1) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_0 &= \frac{6p^2 - 2\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2} - 2p\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{4\alpha_2}, \\
 \beta_1 &= \frac{q\sqrt{6}}{\alpha_2}[\sqrt{6}p - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}], \\
 \beta_2 &= \frac{6q^2}{\alpha_2}, \\
 r &= \frac{6p^2 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{24q}, \\
 \epsilon &= -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A3}$$

Next, we consider the values of the parameters $M = 2, L = 4, m = 3$. In this case, the system of nonlinear algebraic equations corresponding to Equation (29) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_4(24q^2 - \alpha_2\beta_4) &= 0 \\
 \beta_3(15q^2 - 2\alpha_2\beta_4) &= 0 \\
 4\epsilon\beta_4q - \alpha_2(2\beta_2\beta_4 + \beta_3^2) + 8q(\beta_2q + 2\beta_4p) + 24\beta_4qp &= 0 \\
 3\epsilon\beta_3q + 3q(\beta_1q + 3\beta_3p) + 15\beta_3qp - 2\alpha_2(\beta_1\beta_4 + \beta_2\beta_3) &= 0 \\
 4\beta_2pq + 8p(\beta_2q + 2\beta_4p) - \alpha_1\beta_4 + 2\epsilon(\beta_2q + 2\beta_4p) - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_4 + 2\beta_1\beta_3 + \beta_2^2) &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_1\beta_3 + \beta_1pq + 3p(\beta_1q + 3\beta_3p) - 2\alpha_2(\beta_0\beta_3 + \beta_1\beta_2) + \epsilon(\beta_1q + 3\beta_3p) &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_1\beta_2 + 2\epsilon\beta_2p + 4\beta_2p^2 - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) &= 0 \\
 \epsilon\beta_1p + \beta_1p^2 - \alpha_1\beta_1 - 2\alpha_2\beta_0\beta_1 &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_2\beta_0^2 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1\beta_0 &= 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A4}$$

System (A4) has the following solutions. The first solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_4 &= \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \\
 \beta_3 &= 0 \\
 \beta_2 &= \frac{4q\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\alpha_2} \\
 \beta_1 &= 0 \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} \\
 p &= \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \\
 \epsilon &= \frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A5}$$

The second solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_4 &= \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \\
 \beta_3 &= 0 \\
 \beta_2 &= 0 \\
 \beta_1 &= 0 \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_1 + (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} \\
 p &= -\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \\
 \epsilon &= \frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A6}$$

The third solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_4 &= \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \\
 \beta_3 &= 0 \\
 \beta_2 &= -\frac{4q\sqrt{6}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\alpha_2} \\
 \beta_1 &= 0 \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} \\
 p &= -\frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \\
 \epsilon &= -\frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A7}$$

The fourth solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_4 &= \frac{24q^2}{\alpha_2} \\
 \beta_3 &= 0 \\
 \beta_2 &= 0 \\
 \beta_1 &= 0 \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2} \\
 p &= \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{6}} \\
 \epsilon &= -\frac{5(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{6}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{A8}$$

Next, we consider the case $M = 2, L = 6$. In this case, $m = 4$. We have to solve Equation (44). In this case, SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_6(54q^2 - \alpha_2\beta_6) &= 0 \\
 \beta_5(40q^2 - 2\alpha_2\beta_6) &= 0 \\
 28\beta_4q^2 - \alpha_2(2\beta_4\beta_6 + \beta_5^2) &= 0 \\
 6\epsilon\beta_6q + q(18\beta_3q + 36\beta_6p) + 54\beta_6pq - \alpha_2(2\beta_4\beta_5 + 2\beta_3\beta_6) &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_2(2\beta_2\beta_6 + 2\beta_3\beta_5 + \beta_4^2) + q(10\beta_2q + 25\beta_5p) + 5\beta_5q(8p + \epsilon) &= 0 \\
 2q(\beta_1q + 4\beta_4p) + 14\beta_4qp - \alpha_2(\beta_1\beta_6 + \beta_2\beta_5 + \beta_3\beta_4) + 2\epsilon\beta_4q &= 0 \\
 \epsilon(3\beta_3q + 6\beta_6p) - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_6 + 2\beta_1\beta_5 + 2\beta_2\beta_4 + \beta_3^2) - \alpha_1\beta_6 + \\
 9\beta_3pq + p(18\beta_3q + 36\beta_3p) &= 0 \\
 \epsilon(2\beta_2q + 5\beta_5p) + 4\beta_2pq + p(10\beta_2q + 25\beta_5p) - \\
 \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_5 + 2\beta_1\beta_4 + 2\beta_2\beta_3) - \alpha_1\beta_5 &= 0 \\
 \epsilon(\beta_1q + 4\beta_4p) - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_4 + 2\beta_1\beta_3 + \beta_2^2) + \beta_1pq + p(4\beta_1q + 16\beta_4p) - \alpha_1\beta_4 &= 0 \\
 3\epsilon\beta_3p + 9\beta_3p^2 - \alpha_1\beta_3 - \alpha_2(2\beta_1\beta_2 + 2\beta_0\beta_3) &= 0 \\
 4\beta_2p^2 - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) + 2\epsilon\beta_2p - \alpha_1\beta_2 &= 0 \\
 \beta_1(-\alpha_1 + p^2 + \epsilon p - 2\alpha_2\beta_0) &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_2\beta_0^2 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1\beta_0 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{A9}$$

A solution of this system is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_6 &= \frac{54q^2}{\alpha_2}; \beta_5 = \beta_4 = 0 \\
 \beta_3 &= \frac{6\sqrt{6}q}{\alpha_2}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}; \beta_2 = \beta_1 = 0 \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/2}}{2\alpha_2}; p = \frac{(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4}}{3\sqrt{6}} \\
 \epsilon &= \frac{5}{\sqrt{6}}(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2)^{1/4},
 \end{aligned} \tag{A10}$$

Next, we consider the case of $M = 3$. We have to solve Equation (46). First of all, we consider the case $L = 1, m = 2$. SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_1(2q^2 - \alpha_3\beta_1^2) &= 0 \\
 \beta_1(\epsilon q - 3\alpha_3\beta_0\beta_1 + 3pq - \alpha_2\beta_1) &= 0 \\
 \beta_1(p^2 + 2qr + \epsilon p - 3\alpha_3\beta_0^2 - 2\alpha_2\beta_0 - \alpha_1) &= 0 \\
 \epsilon\beta_1r - \alpha_1\beta_0 + \beta_1pr - \alpha_0 - \alpha_3\beta_0^3 - \alpha_2\beta_0^2 &= 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{A11}$$

One of the solutions to this system is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}q}{\sqrt{\alpha_3}} \\
 \beta_0 &= \frac{2^{5/6}2^{5/6}\alpha_3T^{2/3} + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2 - 6\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 62^{2/3}p\alpha_3T^{1/3} - 4\alpha_2\sqrt{\alpha_3}2^{1/6}T^{1/3}}{24\alpha_3^{3/2}T^{1/3}} \\
 r &= \frac{2^{2/3}}{96\alpha_3^{5/2}T_2^{2/3}q} \left(122^{1/3}\alpha_3^{5/2}T_2^{2/3} + 22^{2/3}\alpha_3T_2^{1/3}\alpha_2^3 - 92^{2/3}\alpha_3^2T_2^{1/3}\alpha_1\alpha_2 + 272^{2/3}\alpha_3^3T_2^{1/3}\alpha_0 + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. 3^{3/2}2^{2/3}\alpha_3^{5/2}T_2^{1/3}T_1^{1/2} - 42^{1/3}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{3/2}T_2^{2/3} + 122^{1/3}\alpha_3^{5/2}T_2^{2/3} + 4\alpha_2^4\alpha_3^{1/2} - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. 24\alpha_2^2\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2} + 36\alpha_1^2\alpha_3^{5/2} \right) \\
 \epsilon &= \frac{-2^{5/6} - 2^{1/3}\alpha_3T_2^{2/3} - 2\alpha_2^2 + 6\alpha_1\alpha_3}{4\alpha_3T^{1/3}},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{A12}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \frac{1}{\alpha_3^{3/2}} \left[2\alpha_2^3 - 9\alpha_3\alpha_1\alpha_2 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0 + 3\sqrt{3}\alpha_3 \left(-\alpha_2^2\alpha_1^2 + 4\alpha_1^3\alpha_3 + 4\alpha_2^3\alpha_0 - \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. 18\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1\alpha_0 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0^2 \right)^{1/2} \right] \\
 T_1 &= \frac{-\alpha_2^2\alpha_1^2 + 4\alpha_1^3\alpha_3 + 4\alpha_2^3\alpha_0 - 18\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1\alpha_0 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0^2}{\alpha_3} \\
 T_2 &= \frac{2\alpha_2^3 - 9\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0 + 3\sqrt{3}T_1^{1/2}\alpha_3^{3/2}}{\alpha_3^{3/2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The second solution of (A11) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_1 &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}q}{\sqrt{\alpha_3}} \\
 \beta_0 &= -2^{5/6} \frac{2^{5/6}\alpha_3 T^{2/3} + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2 - 6\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 6 \cdot 2^{2/3} p\alpha_3 T^{1/3} + 4\alpha_2\sqrt{\alpha_3} 2^{1/6} T^{1/3}}{24\alpha_3^{3/2} T^{1/3}} \\
 r &= \frac{2^{2/3}}{96\alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} q} \left(12 \cdot 2^{1/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} - 2 \cdot 2^{2/3} \alpha_3 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_2^3 + 9 \cdot 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^2 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 - 27 \cdot 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^3 T_2^{1/3} \alpha_0 + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. 3^{3/2} \cdot 2^{2/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{1/3} T_1^{1/2} - 4 \cdot 2^{1/3} \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3^{3/2} T_2^{2/3} + 12 \cdot 2^{1/3} \alpha_3^{5/2} T_2^{2/3} + 4\alpha_2^4 \alpha_3^{1/2} - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. 24\alpha_2^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_3^{3/2} + 36\alpha_1^2 \alpha_3^{5/2} \right) \\
 \epsilon &= \frac{-2^{5/6} \cdot 2^{1/3} \alpha_3 T_2^{2/3} + 2\alpha_2^2 - 6\alpha_1\alpha_3}{4 \alpha_3 T^{1/3}} \tag{A13}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \frac{1}{\alpha_3^{3/2}} \left[2\alpha_2^3 - 9\alpha_3\alpha_1\alpha_2 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0 - 3\sqrt{3}\alpha_3 \left(-\alpha_2^2\alpha_1^2 + 4\alpha_1^3\alpha_3 + 4\alpha_2^3\alpha_0 - \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. 18\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1\alpha_0 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0^2 \right)^{1/2} \right] \\
 T_1 &= \frac{-\alpha_2^2\alpha_1^2 + 4\alpha_1^3\alpha_3 + 4\alpha_2^3\alpha_0 - 18\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1\alpha_0 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0^2}{\alpha_3} \\
 T_2 &= -\frac{2\alpha_2^3 - 9\alpha_3\alpha_2\alpha_1 + 27\alpha_3^2\alpha_0 - 3\sqrt{3}T_1^{1/2}\alpha_3^{3/2}}{\alpha_3^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The following case is $L = 2, m = 3$. The application of SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of nonlinear algebraic equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_2(8q^2 - \alpha_3\beta_2^2) &= 0 \\
 3\beta_1(q^2 - \alpha_3\beta_2^2) &= 0 \\
 12\beta_2pq - \alpha_3[\beta_0\beta_2^2 + 2\beta_1^2\beta_2 + \beta_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)] + 2\epsilon\beta_2q - \alpha_2\beta_2^2 &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_3[4\beta_0\beta_1\beta_2 + \beta_1(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)] + \epsilon\beta_1q + 4\beta_1pq - 2\alpha_2\beta_1\beta_2 &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_1\beta_2 + 4\beta_2p^2 + 2\epsilon\beta_2p - \alpha_3[\beta_0(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) + 2\beta_1^2\beta_0 + \beta_2\beta_0^2] - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) &= 0 \\
 -3\alpha_3\beta_0^2\beta_1 + \beta_1p^2 + \epsilon\beta_1p - \alpha_1\beta_1 - 2\alpha_2\beta_0\beta_1 &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_2\beta_0^2 - \alpha_1\beta_0 - \alpha_3\beta_0^3 - \alpha_0 &= 0 \tag{A14}
 \end{aligned}$$

The first solution of (A14) is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2 &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}}; \quad \beta_1 = 0 \\ \beta_0 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 - \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}} \\ \alpha_0 &= \frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon - 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon + 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_3^2} \\ p &= \frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \end{aligned} \tag{A15}$$

The second solution of (A14) is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2 &= -\frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}}; \quad \beta_1 = 0 \\ \beta_0 &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 + \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}} \\ \alpha_0 &= -\frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon + 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon - 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_3^2} \\ p &= \frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \end{aligned} \tag{A16}$$

The third solution of the system (A14) is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2 &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}}; \quad \beta_1 = 0 \\ \beta_0 &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 - \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}} \\ \alpha_0 &= \frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon + 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon + 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_3^2} \\ p &= -\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \end{aligned} \tag{A17}$$

The fourth solution of (A14) is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2 &= -\frac{2\sqrt{2}q}{\alpha_3^{1/2}}; \quad \beta_1 = 0 \\ \beta_0 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2} + \epsilon\alpha_3 + \sqrt{2}\alpha_2\alpha_3^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}} \\ \alpha_0 &= -\frac{-3\sqrt{2}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^{1/2}\epsilon + 2\alpha_2^3 + 9\sqrt{2}\alpha_1\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon + 9\alpha_1\alpha_3\alpha_2 + 2\sqrt{2}\alpha_3^{3/2}\epsilon^3}{27\alpha_3^2} \\ p &= -\frac{[-\alpha_3(6\alpha_1\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_3\epsilon^2 - 2\alpha_2^2)]^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{3}\alpha_3} \end{aligned} \tag{A18}$$

Next, we consider the case $M = 4, L = 2, m = 4$. SEsM(1,1) leads to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_2(10q^2 - \alpha_4\beta_2^3) &= 0 \\
 4\beta_1(q^2 - \alpha_4\beta_2^3) &= 0 \\
 \beta_2^2\{-\alpha_3\beta_2 - \alpha_4[2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) + 4\beta_1^2]\} &= 0 \\
 \beta_2\{14pq + 2\epsilon q - 3\alpha_3\beta_1\beta_2 - \alpha_4[4\beta_0\beta_1\beta_2 + 4(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)\beta_1]\} &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_4[2\beta_0^2\beta_2^2 + 8\beta_0\beta_1^2\beta_2 + (2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)^2] - \alpha_3[\beta_0\beta_2^2 + 2\beta_1^2\beta_2 + \beta_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)] + & \\
 \epsilon\beta_1q + 5\beta_1pq - \alpha_2\beta_2^2 &= 0 \\
 -2\alpha_2\beta_1\beta_2 - \alpha_3[4\beta_0\beta_1\beta_2 + \beta_1(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)] - \alpha_4[4\beta_0^2\beta_1\beta_2 + 4\beta_0\beta_1(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2)] &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_3[\beta_0(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) + 2\beta_1^2\beta_0 + \beta_2\beta_0^2] + 4\beta_2p^2 - \alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) - & \\
 \alpha_4[2\beta_0^2(2\beta_0\beta_2 + \beta_1^2) + 4\beta_0^2\beta_1^2] + 2\epsilon\beta_2p &= 0 \\
 \beta_1(-3\alpha_3\beta_0^2 - 2\alpha_2\beta_0 - 4\alpha_4\beta_0^3 - \alpha_1 + p^2 + \epsilon p) &= 0 \\
 -\alpha_2\beta_0^2 - \alpha_1\beta_0 - \alpha_3\beta_0^3 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_4\beta_0^4 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{A19}$$

(A19) has the following solutions. The first solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= -\frac{\epsilon}{7} \\
 q &= \frac{\beta_2(\alpha_4\beta_2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{10}} \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_3}{4\alpha_4} \\
 \beta_1 &= 0 \\
 \alpha_2 &= \frac{3\alpha_3^2}{8\alpha_4} \\
 \alpha_1 &= -\frac{-49\alpha_3^3 + 160\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2}{784\alpha_4^2} \\
 \alpha_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_3(-49\alpha_3^3 + 640\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2)}{12544\alpha_4^3}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A20}$$

The second solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= -\frac{\epsilon}{7} \\
 q &= -\frac{\beta_2(\alpha_4\beta_2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{10}} \\
 \beta_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_3}{4\alpha_4} \\
 \beta_1 &= 0 \\
 \alpha_2 &= \frac{3\alpha_3^2}{8\alpha_4} \\
 \alpha_1 &= -\frac{-49\alpha_3^3 + 160\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2}{784\alpha_4^2} \\
 \alpha_0 &= -\frac{\alpha_3(-49\alpha_3^3 + 640\epsilon^2\alpha_4^2)}{12544\alpha_4^3}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{A21}$$

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