# NEW PERIODIC SOLITARY-WAVE SOLUTIONS TO THE (3+1)-DIMENSIONAL KADOMTSEV-PETVIASHVILI EQUATION

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**Abstract-** By the extended homoclinic test technique, explicit solutions of the (3+1)-dimensional Kadomtsev-Petviashvili(KP) equation are obtained. These solutions include doubly periodic wave solutions, doubly soliton solutions and periodic solitary-wave solutions. It is shown that the extended homoclinic test technique is a straightforward and powerful mathematical tool for solving nonlinear evolution equation.

Keywords- Extended homoclinic test, Doubly periodic, Soliton, Periodic solitary wave

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Recently many effective and powerful methods have been proposed to solve nonlinear evolution equations, such as the inverse scattering transform [1], the tanh function method [2], the homogeneous balance method [3], the auxiliary function method [4], the Exp-function method [5-8] and so on.

Very recently, a new technique called "extended homoclinic test technique" was proposed [9] and has been applied to seek periodic solitary wave solutions of integrable equations [10,11]. In this work, we apply the technique to the (3+1)-dimensional KP equation. New exact solutions including doubly periodic wave solutions, doubly soliton solutions and periodic solitary-wave solutions are obtained.

### 2. PROCEDURES FOR SOLVING THE (3+1)D KP EQUATION

The (3+1)-dimensional Kadomtsev-Petviashvili(KP) equation reads as [12]:

$$u_{xt} + 6u_x^2 + 6uu_{xx} - u_{xxxx} - u_{yy} - u_{zz} = 0.$$
 (1)

By using Painlevé analysis we suppose

$$\mathbf{u} = (21\mathrm{nF})_{xx},\tag{2}$$

where F(x, y, z, t) is an unknown real function.

Substituting (2) into (1), we have a Hirota bilinear equation:

$$(D_x D_t - D_x^4 - D_y^2 - D_z^2) F \cdot F = 0.$$
 (3)

Then, by introducing different ansätz test function F(x, y, z, t) to Eq. (3), we can obtain a series of exact solutions to the (3+1)D KP equation (1).

(1) Suppose that the test function F(x, y, z, t) has the following ansätz:

$$F(x, y, z, t) = b_1 e^{-p(x+ky+lz-\omega t)} + b_2 \cos[q(x+ky+lz+\omega t)] + b_3 e^{p(x+ky+lz-\omega t)},$$
 (4)

where  $b_1, b_2, b_3, p, q, k, l$  and  $\omega$  are constants to be determined later.

On substituting (4) into (3), equating all the coefficients of different powers of  $e^{ip(x+ky+lz-\omega t)}$  (i=-1,0,1) to zero yields a set of algebraic equations. Solving the resulting equations, simultaneously, we get

$$k^2 + l^2 = 2(q^2 - p^2), \quad \omega = p^2 + q^2, \quad b_1 = -\frac{b_2^2 q^2}{4b_2 p^2}.$$
 (5)

Case (I). When  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b$ , p = iP, we have  $q = \pm 2P$ ,  $k^2 + l^2 = 10P^2$ ,  $\omega = 3P^2$ . Therefore, we get a doubly periodic wave solution,

$$u_1(x, y, z, t) = -\frac{2P^2(8 + \cos[3P(x + ky + lz + P^2t)] + 9\cos[P(x + ky + lz + 9P^2t)])}{\left(2\cos[P(x + ky + lz - 3P^2t)] + \cos[2P(x + ky + lz + 3P^2t)]\right)^2}$$

where b, P, k, l are arbitrary real constants.

Case (II). When  $b_1 = \mp b_2 = -b_3 = -b$ , p = P, we have  $q = \pm 2P$ ,  $k^2 + l^2 = 6P^2$ ,  $\omega = 5P^2$ . Therefore, we obtain a periodic solitary-wave solution,

$$u_{2,3}(x,y,z,t) = \frac{4P^{2}[-4 \pm 4\cosh(\xi)\sin(\eta) \mp 3\sinh(\xi)\cos(\eta)]}{[2\sinh(\xi) \pm \cos(\eta)]^{2}},$$
 (6)

where  $\xi = P(x + ky + lz - 5P^2t)$ ,  $\eta = 2P(x + ky + lz - 5P^2t)$  and  $k^2 + l^2 = 6P^2$ .

(2) Let the test function F(x, y, z, t) be

$$F = b_1 e^{-p(x + ky + lz - \omega t)} + b_2 \cos[q(x + ky + lz)] + b_3 e^{p(x + ky + lz - \omega t)},$$

where  $b_1,b_2,b_3,p,q,k,l$  and  $\omega$  are constants to be determined. By using a similar procedures to derive (5), we obtain

$$k^2 + l^2 = -3p^2 + q^2$$
,  $\omega = 2(p^2 + q^2)$ ,  $b_1 = -\frac{q^2b_2^2}{4p^2b_3}$ .

(i). Choosing  $b_1 = b_3 = b$  and p = iP, q = P, we get  $k^2 + l^2 = 2P^2, \omega = 0, b_2 = \pm 2b$ . Thus, a triangle function solution to equation (1) is given as

$$u_4 = -2P^2 \sec^2[P(x + ky + lz)].$$

(ii). Choosing  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b$  and p = iP, we have  $k^2 + l^2 = 7P^2$ ,  $q = \pm 2P$ ,  $\omega = 6P^2$ . Therefore we get a doubly periodic wave solution,

$$u_5 = -\frac{2P^2 \left[8 + \cos[3P(x + ky + lz - 2P^2t)] + 9\cos[P(x + ky + lz + 6P^2t)]\right]}{\left[2\cos[P(x + ky + lz - 6P^2t)] + \cos[2P(x + ky + lz)]\right]^2}.$$

(iii). When  $b_1 = b_2 = -b_3 = -b$  and p = P, we have  $k^2 + l^2 = P^2$ ,  $q = \pm 2P$ ,  $\omega = 10P^2$ . Then, we obtain periodic solitary-wave solutions,

$$u_{6,7}(x,y,z,t) = \frac{4P^{2}[-4 \pm 4\cosh(\xi)\sin(\eta) \mp 3\sinh(\xi)\cos(\eta)}{[2\sinh(\xi) \pm \cos(\eta)]^{2}},$$

where  $\xi = P(x + ky + lz - 10P^2t), \eta = 2P(x + ky + lz)$  and P is an arbitrary constant.

(3) We now suppose that the test function F(x, y, z, t) has the following ansätz:

$$F = b_1 e^{-p(x+ky-\omega t)} + b_2 \cos[q(x+lz+\lambda t)] + b_3 e^{p(x+ky-\omega t)},$$

where  $b_1,b_2,b_3,p,q,k,l,\omega$  and  $\lambda$  are constants to be determined. By using a similar procedures to derive (5), we get

$$\omega = \frac{-k^2p^2 + l^2q^2}{p^2 + q^2} + 3p^2 - q^2, \ \lambda = \frac{-k^2p^2 + l^2q^2}{p^2 + q^2} + 3q^2 - p^2, \tag{7}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{q^2[(k^2 + l^2)p^2 - 3(p^2 + q^2)^2]b_2^2}{4p^2[(k^2 + l^2) + 3(p^2 + q^2)^2]b_3}.$$

By choosing  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b$ , we have three types of solutions to Eq. (1).

Type (i). Choosing p = iP, q = Q satisfies  $Q^2 > \frac{4}{3}P^2$ , we have

$$k^2 + l^2 = \frac{(P^2 - Q^2)^2 (3Q^2 - 4P^2)}{P^2 Q^2},$$

$$\xi = P(x + ky - \omega t), \quad \eta = Q(x + lz + \lambda t).$$
 (8)

Consequently, we obtain a doubly periodic wave solution,

$$u_{8}(x, y, z, t) = -\frac{8P^{2} + 2Q^{2} + 4(P^{2} + Q^{2})\cos(\xi)\cos(\eta) + 8PQ\sin(\xi)\sin(\eta)}{[2\cos(\xi) + \cos(\eta)]^{2}},$$
 (9)

where  $\eta$ ,  $\xi$  are given by (8) and  $\omega$ ,  $\lambda$  are given by (7).

Solution expressed by (9) is a doubly periodic wave solution with different period about different spatiotemporal variable (x, y, t) and (x, z, t), respectively.

Type (ii). Choosing p = P, q = iQ satisfies  $P^2 > 3/4Q^2$ .

Then from solution (9) we have a doubly soliton solution,

$$u_{9}(x,y,z,t) = \frac{8P^{2} + 2Q^{2} + 4(P^{2} + Q^{2})\cosh(\xi)\cosh(\eta) - 8PQ\sinh(\xi)\sinh(\eta)}{\left[2\cosh(\xi) + \cosh(\eta)\right]^{2}}.$$
 (10)

where  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$  are given by (8) and  $k^2 + l^2 = \frac{(P^2 - Q^2)^2 (4P^2 - 3Q^2)}{P^2 Q^2}$ ; P, Q are real constants.

Type (iii). Choosing p=iP, q=iQ, then from solution (9) we have a periodic solitary-wave solution,

$$u_{10}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{-8P^2 + 2Q^2 - 4(P^2 - Q^2)\cos(\xi)\cosh(\eta) + 8PQ\sin(\xi)\sinh(\eta)}{[2\cos(\xi) + \cosh(\eta)]^2},$$
 (11)

where  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$  are given by (8) and  $k^2 + l^2 = \frac{(P^2 + Q^2)^2 (4P^2 + 3Q^2)}{P^2 Q^2}$ ; P,Q are real constants.

(4) Finally, we suppose that the test function F(x,y,z,t) has the following ansätz:

$$F = b_1 e^{-p(x+ky-\omega t)} + b_2 \cos[q(x+ky+lz+\omega t)] + b_3 e^{p(x+ky-\omega t)},$$

where  $b_1,b_2,b_3,p,q,k,l$  and  $\omega$  are constants to be determined. By using a similar procedures to derive (5), we get

$$k^{2} = 2(q^{2} - p^{2}), \omega = p^{2} + q^{2} + \frac{q^{2}l^{2}}{p^{2} + q^{2}}, b_{1} = \frac{q^{2}[p^{2}l^{2} - 3(p^{2} + q^{2})^{2}]b_{2}^{2}}{4p^{2}[q^{2}l^{2} + 3(p^{2} + q^{2})^{2}]b_{3}}.$$
 (12)

Choosing  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b$  (b is an arbitrary constant), then (12) is reduced to

$$k^{2} = 2(q^{2} - p^{2}), l^{2} = -\frac{(p^{2} + q^{2})^{2}(4p^{2} + q^{2})}{p^{2}q^{2}}, \omega = -\frac{(p^{2} + q^{2})(3p^{2} + q^{2})}{p^{2}}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$p = iP, q = Q, Q^{2} > 4P^{2},$$
 
$$k^{2} = 2(P^{2} + Q^{2}), l^{2} = \frac{(P^{2} + Q^{2})^{2}(4P^{2} - Q^{2})}{P^{2}Q^{2}}, \omega = \frac{(P^{2} - Q^{2})(3P^{2} - Q^{2})}{P^{2}}$$

and

$$p=iP, q=iQ, Q^2>P^2,$$
 
$$k^2=2(P^2-Q^2), l^2=\frac{(P^2+Q^2)^2(4P^2+Q^2)}{P^2Q^2}, \omega=\frac{(P^2+Q^2)(3P^2+Q^2)}{P^2} \ .$$

Consequently, we obtain the following solutions,

$$u_{11}(x,y,z,t) = -\frac{8P^2 + 2Q^2 + 4(P^2 + Q^2)\cos(\xi)\cos(\eta) + 8PQ\sin(\xi)\sin(\eta)}{\left[2\cos(\xi) + \cos(\eta)\right]^2},$$

$$u_{12}(x,y,z,t) = \frac{-8P^2 + 2Q^2 - 4(P^2 - Q^2)\cos(\varsigma)\cosh(\tau) + 8PQ\sin(\varsigma)\sinh(\tau)}{\left[2\cos(\varsigma) + \cosh(\tau)\right]^2},$$

where

$$\begin{split} & \xi = P[x + 2(P^2 + Q^2)y - \frac{(P^2 - Q^2)(3P^2 - Q^2)}{P^2}t], \\ & \eta = Q[x + 2(P^2 + Q^2)y + \frac{(P^2 + Q^2)^2(4P^2 - Q^2)}{P^2Q^2}z + \frac{(P^2 - Q^2)(3P^2 - Q^2)}{P^2}t], \\ & \varsigma = P[x + 2(P^2 - Q^2)y - \frac{(P^2 + Q^2)(3P^2 + Q^2)}{P^2}t], \\ & \tau = Q[x + 2(P^2 - Q^2)y + \frac{(P^2 + Q^2)^2(4P^2 + Q^2)}{P^2Q^2}z + \frac{(P^2 + Q^2)(3P^2 + Q^2)}{P^2}t]. \end{split}$$

and P,Q are arbitrary real constants.

#### 3. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the extended homoclinic test technique is applied to solve the (3+1)-dimensional Kadomtsev-Petviashvili(KP) equation. As a result, explicit solutions including doubly periodic wave solutions, doubly soliton wave solutions and periodic solitary-wave solutions are obtained, these solutions enrich the structures of exact solutions.

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