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**Abstract.** In this work, the extended tanh method is used to construct wave solutions for the Davey–Stewartson equations. The extended tanh method is a powerful solution method for obtaining different kind solutions of nonlinear evolution equations. This method can be applied to nonintegrable equations as well as to integrable ones.

## 1. Introduction

Integrable equations are quite interesting and a lot of their properties such as integrability, exact solutions are well studied in 1+1 dimensions [1-3], in 2+1 dimensions [4-10]. Two well-known examples of integrable equations in two space dimensions, which arise as higher dimensional generalizations the nonlinear Schrodinger (NLS) equation, is the classical Davey-Stewartson (DS) [11]. The solutions for the DS equation were studied in various aspects previously. The bifurcation method was used to study the exact traveling wave solutions of the generalized DS equations [12], explode-decay dromions through Hirota method was found in [13], the extended Weierstrass transformation method was applied in [14], approximate analytical solutions for the fractional DS equations using the variational iteration method were found in [15], the rational expansion method was used to construct periodic and solitary wave solutions of the DS equations [16].

In this paper, we study the (3+1)-dimensional Davey-Stewartson equations as

$$i\psi_t + \psi_{xx} + \alpha_1\psi_{yy} + \psi_{zz} - \alpha_2|\psi|^2\psi - \psi w = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$w_{xx} + \beta_1w_{yy} + w_{zz} - \beta_2(|\psi|^2)_{yy} = 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $\psi$  is complex while  $w$  is real,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  are nonzero real constants. Lie symmetry algebra of the (3+1)-dimensional DS system (1)-(2) was studied in [17] and multiple scales asymptotic expansion method was applied in [18].

The main focus of the present work is to study equations (1)-(2) by extended tanh method that is considered to be the most effective and direct algebraic method for solving nonlinear equations [19-22].

Our paper is organized as follows: in Section II, we consider the (3+1)-dimensional DS equations and obtain traveling wave solutions through the extended tanh method. Sect. III gives out the summary of this paper.



## 2. Traveling wave solutions

In this part, we construct exact traveling wave solutions of the (3+1)-dimensional DS using the extended tanh method [19]. For applying this method, we ought to reduce the system (1)-(2) to system of ordinary differential equation. We use the transformation

$$\psi(x, y, z, t) = e^{i(ax+by+sz+dt)}\Psi(x, y, z, t), \quad (3)$$

where  $a, b, s, d$  are constants,  $\Psi(x, y, z, t)$  is real valued function, then the system (1)-(2) reduced to following system of differential equations

$$\Psi(-d - a^2 - \alpha_1 b^2 - s^2) + \Psi_{xx} + \alpha_1 \Psi_{yy} + \Psi_{zz} - \alpha_2 \Psi^3 - \Psi w = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\Psi_t + 2a\Psi_x + 2b\Psi_y + 2s\Psi_z = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$w_{xx} + \beta_1 w_{yy} + w_{zz} - \beta_2 (\Psi^2)_{yy} = 0. \quad (6)$$

Substituting wave transformation

$$\Psi(x, y, z, t) = \Psi(\xi) = \Psi(x + y + z - ct), \quad (7)$$

$$w(x, y, z, t) = W(\xi) = W(x + y + z - ct), \quad (8)$$

into system (4)-(6), we obtain that

$$\Psi(-d - a^2 - \alpha_1 b^2 - s^2) + \Psi''(2 + \alpha_1) - \alpha_2 \Psi^3 - \Psi W = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\Psi'(-c + 2a + 2b + 2s) = 0, \quad (10)$$

$$W''(2 + \beta_1) - \beta_2 (\Psi^2)'' = 0. \quad (11)$$

From equation (10) we can obtain that

$$c = 2(a + b + s). \quad (12)$$

Integration twice equation (11) with respect to  $\xi$  and taking integration constants are zero for simplicity, we find

$$W = \frac{\beta_2 \Psi^2}{2 + \beta_1}. \quad (13)$$

By substituting equation (13) into the equation (9), we obtain following ordinary differential equation

$$\Psi(-d - a^2 - \alpha_1 b^2 - s^2)(2 + \beta_1) + \Psi''(2 + \alpha_1)(2 + \beta_1) - \alpha_2 \Psi^3(2 + \beta_1) - \beta_2 \Psi^3 = 0, \quad (14)$$

where prime denotes the derivation with respect to  $\xi$ . The extended tanh method consists of using the new independent variable  $Y = \tanh(\mu\xi)$ , that leads to the following changes of variable:

$$\frac{d\Psi}{d\xi} = \mu(1 - Y^2) \frac{d\Psi}{dY}, \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{d^2\Psi}{d\xi^2} = -2\mu^2 Y(1 - Y^2) \frac{d\Psi}{dY} + \mu^2(1 - Y^2)^2 \frac{d^2\Psi}{dY^2}, \quad (16)$$

where  $\mu$  is the wave number,  $\xi = x + y + z - ct$ . Assume that the solution is expressed in the form

$$\Psi(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i Y^i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i Y^{-i}, \quad (17)$$

where the parameters  $m$  can be found from (14) by balancing the nonlinear term  $\Psi^3$ , that has the exponent  $3m$ , with the highest order derivative  $\Psi''$ , that has the exponent  $m + 2$ , in (14) yields  $3m = m + 2$  that gives  $m = 1$ . Then the extended tanh method admits the use of the finite expansion for

$$\Psi(\xi) = a_0 + a_1 Y + \frac{b_1}{Y}. \quad (18)$$

Coefficients  $a_0, a_1, b_1, \mu$  are to be determined. Substituting (18) into (14) and equating expressions at  $Y^{-3}, Y^{-2}, Y^{-1}, Y^0, Y^1, Y^2, Y^3$  to zero we have the following system of equations:

$$-a_1^3 \alpha_2 \beta_1 + 2a_1 \alpha_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 - 2a_1^3 \alpha_2 - a_1^3 \beta_2 + 4a_1 \alpha_1 \mu^2 + 4a_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 + 8a_1 \mu^2 = 0, \quad (19)$$

$$-3a_0 a_1^2 \alpha_2 \beta_1 - 6a_0 a_1^2 \alpha_2 - 3a_0 a_1^2 \beta_2 = 0, \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -3a_0^2 a_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 - 3a_1^2 \alpha_2 b_1 \beta_1 - a_1 \alpha_1 b^2 \beta_1 - 2a_1 \alpha_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 - a^2 a_1 \beta_1 - 6a_0^2 a_1 \alpha_2 - \\ & -3a_0^2 a_1 \beta_2 - 6a_1^2 \alpha_2 b_1 - 3a_1^2 b_1 \beta_2 - 2a_1 \alpha_1 b^2 - 4a_1 \alpha_1 \mu^2 - 4a_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 - \\ & -a_1 \beta_1 s^2 - 2a^2 a_1 - a_1 \beta_1 d - 8a_1 \mu^2 - 2a_1 s^2 - 2a_1 d = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -a_0^3 \alpha_2 \beta_1 - 6a_0 a_1 b_1 \alpha_2 \beta_1 - a_0 \alpha_1 b^2 \beta_1 - a_0 a^2 \beta_1 - 2a_0^3 \alpha_2 - a_0^3 \beta_2 - 12a_0 a_1 b_1 \alpha_2 - \\ & -6a_0 a_1 b_1 \beta_2 - 2a_0 \alpha_1 b^2 - a_0 s^2 \beta_1 - 2a_0 a^2 - a_0 d \beta_1 - 2a_0 s^2 - 2a_0 d = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -3a_0^2 \alpha_2 b_1 \beta_1 - 3a_1 \alpha_2 b_1^2 \beta_1 - \alpha_1 b^2 b_1 \beta_1 - 2\alpha_1 b_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 - a^2 b_1 \beta_1 - \\ & -6a_0^2 \alpha_2 b_1 - 3a_0^2 b_1 \beta_2 - 6a_1 \alpha_2 b_1^2 - 3a_1 b_1^2 \beta_2 - 2\alpha_1 b^2 b_1 - 4\alpha_1 b_1^2 \mu^2 - \\ & -4b_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 - b_1 \beta_1 s^2 - 2a^2 b_1 - b_1 \beta_1 d - 8b_1 \mu^2 - 2b_1 s^2 - 2b_1 d = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$-3a_0 \alpha_2 b_1^2 \beta_1 - 6a_0 \alpha_2 b_1^2 - 3a_0 b_1^2 \beta_2 = 0, \quad (24)$$

$$2\alpha_1 b_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 - \alpha_2 b_1^3 \beta_1 + 4\alpha_1 b_1 \mu^2 - 2\alpha_2 b_1^3 - b_1^3 \beta_2 + 4b_1 \beta_1 \mu^2 + 8b_1 \mu^2 = 0. \quad (25)$$

Solving system (19)-(25) with the aid of Maple, we obtain the following results:

*Case 1:*

$$a_0 = 0, \quad a_1 = 0, \quad c = 2(a + b + s), \quad (26)$$

$$b_1 = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}}, \quad \mu = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{2\alpha_1 + 4}}. \quad (27)$$

*Case 2:*

$$a_0 = 0, \quad b_1 = 0, \quad c = 2(a + b + s), \quad (28)$$

$$a_1 = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}}, \quad \mu = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{2\alpha_1 + 4}}. \quad (29)$$

*Case 3:*

$$a_0 = 0, \quad c = 2(a + b + s), \quad a_1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + 2\beta_2}}, \quad (30)$$

$$b_1 = \mp \frac{1}{2} \frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} (\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2)}, \quad \mu = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{4\alpha_1 + 8}}. \quad (31)$$

Case 4:

$$a_0 = 0, \quad c = 2(a + b + s), \quad a_1 = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{4\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + 4\beta_2}}, \quad (32)$$

$$b_1 = \mp \frac{1}{4} \frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{-\sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} (\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2)}, \quad \mu = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{8\alpha_1 + 16}}. \quad (33)$$

Corresponding expressions for  $\psi(x, y, z, t), w(x, y, z, t)$  are

$$\psi(x, y, z, t) = e^{i(ax+by+dt+sz)}(a_0 + a_1 \tanh(\mu\xi) + b_1 \coth(\mu\xi)), \quad (34)$$

$$w(x, y, z, t) = \frac{\beta_2}{2 + b_1}(a_0 + a_1 \tanh(\mu\xi) + b_1 \coth(\mu\xi))^2, \quad (35)$$

where  $\xi = x + y + z - ct$ .

Finally, we substitute results (26)-(33) into (34)-(35) and obtain new traveling wave solutions for (3+1)-dimensional DS system (1)-(2) in the following forms

$$\psi_1(x, y, z, t) = \pm e^{i(ax+by+dt+sz)} \left( \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} \coth\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{2\alpha_1 + 4}} \xi\right) \right),$$

$$w_1(x, y, z, t) = \pm \frac{\beta_2}{2 + b_1} \left( \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} \coth\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{2\alpha_1 + 4}} \xi\right) \right)^2,$$

$$\psi_2(x, y, z, t) = \pm e^{i(ax+by+dt+sz)} \left( \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} \tanh\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{2\alpha_1 + 4}} \xi\right) \right),$$

$$w_2(x, y, z, t) = \pm \frac{\beta_2}{2 + b_1} \left( \sqrt{-\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} \tanh\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{2\alpha_1 + 4}} \xi\right) \right)^2,$$

$$\psi_3(x, y, z, t) = e^{i(ax+by+dt+sz)} \left( \pm \sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} \tanh\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{4\alpha_1 + 8}} \xi\right) \mp \right.$$

$$\left. \mp \frac{1}{2} \frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} (\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2)} \coth\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{4\alpha_1 + 8}} \xi\right) \right),$$

$$w_3(x, y, z, t) = \frac{\beta_2}{2 + b_1} \left( \pm \sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + 2\beta_2}} \tanh\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{4\alpha_1 + 8}} \xi\right) \mp \right.$$

$$\left. \mp \frac{1}{2} \frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{\sqrt{\frac{(d + a^2 + \alpha_1 b^2 + s^2)(2 + \beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2}} (\alpha_2(\beta_1 + 2) + \beta_2)} \coth\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1 b^2 + a^2 + s^2 + d}{4\alpha_1 + 8}} \xi\right) \right)^2,$$

$$\psi_4(x, y, z, t) = e^{i(ax+by+dt+sz)} \left( \pm \sqrt{-\frac{(d+a^2+\alpha_1 b^2+s^2)(2+\beta_1)}{4\alpha_2(\beta_1+2)+\beta_2}} \tanh\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2+a^2+s^2+d}{8\alpha_1+16}} \xi\right) \mp \frac{1}{4} \frac{(d+a^2+\alpha_1 b^2+s^2)(2+\beta_1)}{-\sqrt{\frac{(d+a^2+\alpha_1 b^2+s^2)(2+\beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1+2)+\beta_2}} (\alpha_2(\beta_1+2)+\beta_2)} \coth\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2+a^2+s^2+d}{8\alpha_1+16}} \xi\right) \right),$$

$$w_4(x, y, z, t) = \frac{\beta_2}{2+b_1} \left( \pm \sqrt{-\frac{(d+a^2+\alpha_1 b^2+s^2)(2+\beta_1)}{4\alpha_2(\beta_1+2)+\beta_2}} \tanh\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2+a^2+s^2+d}{8\alpha_1+16}} \xi\right) \mp \frac{1}{4} \frac{(d+a^2+\alpha_1 b^2+s^2)(2+\beta_1)}{-\sqrt{\frac{(d+a^2+\alpha_1 b^2+s^2)(2+\beta_1)}{2\alpha_2(\beta_1+2)+\beta_2}} (\alpha_2(\beta_1+2)+\beta_2)} \coth\left(\pm \sqrt{-\frac{\alpha_1 b^2+a^2+s^2+d}{8\alpha_1+16}} \xi\right) \right)^2,$$

where  $\xi = x + y + z - 2(a + b + s)t$ .

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper, the extended tanh method which is direct, standard and computerizable, has been successfully applied to find traveling wave solutions of the (3+1)-dimensional Davey-Stewartson equations. The tedious computations associated with the algebraic calculations are facilitated using symbolic computation software such as Maple.

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