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# Exp-function method using modified Riemann-Liouville derivative for Burger's equations of fractional-order

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# ABSTRACT

This paper shows the combination of an efficient transformation and Exp-function method, to construct generalized solitary wave solutions of the nonlinear Burger's equations of fractional-order. Computational work and subsequent numerical results re-confirm the efficiency of the proposed algorithm. It is observed that the suggested scheme is highly reliable and may be extended to other nonlinear differential equations of fractional order.

*Keywords:* Burger's equations, fractional calculus, exp-function method, modified Riemann-Liouville derivative

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The subject of factional calculus<sup>1,2</sup> is a rapidly growing field of research, at the interface between chaos, probability, differential equations, and mathematical physics. In recent years, nonlinear fractional differential Equations (NFDEs) have gained much interest due to the exact description of nonlinear phenomena of many real-time problems. Fractional calculus is also considered as a novel topic.<sup>3,4</sup> it has recently gained considerable popularity and importance. Fractional calculus has been the subject of specialized conferences, workshops and treatises or so, mainly due to its demonstrated applications in numerous and diverse fields of science and engineering. Some of the present-day applications of fractional models<sup>5-8</sup> include fluid flow, solute transport or dynamical processes in self-similar and porous structures, diffusive transport akin to diffusion, material viscoelastic theory, electromagnetic theory, dynamics of earthquakes, control theory of dynamical systems, optics and signal processing, biosciences, economics, geology, astrophysics, probability and statistics, chemical physics, and so on. As a consequence, there has been an intensive development of the theory of fractional differential equations.<sup>1–8</sup> Recently, He and Wu,<sup>9</sup> developed a very efficient technique called Exp-function method, for solving various nonlinear physical problems. The literature reveals that Exp-function method has been applied to a wide range of differential equations and is highly reliable. The Exp-function method has been extremely useful for diversified nonlinear problems of physical nature and has the potential to cope with the versatility of the complex nonlinearities of the problems. Subsequent works have shown the complete reliability and efficiency of this algorithm. He et al.<sup>10-11</sup> used this scheme to find periodic solutions of evolution equations; Mohyud-Din<sup>12-15</sup> extended the same for nonlinear physical problems, including higher-order BVPs; Oziz<sup>16</sup> tried this novel approach for Fisher's equation; Wu et al.<sup>17,18</sup> for the extension of solitary, periodic and compacton-like solutions; Yusufoglu<sup>19</sup> for MBBN equations; Zhang<sup>20</sup> for high-dimensional nonlinear evolutions; Zhu<sup>21,22</sup> for the Hybrid-Lattice system and discrete m KdV lattice; Kudryashov<sup>23</sup> for exact soliton solutions of the generalized evolution equation of wave dynamics; Momani<sup>24</sup> for an explicit and numerical solutions of the fractional KdV equation.

The motivation for this paper is the development of an efficient combination comprising an efficient transformation, Exp-function method using Jumarie's derivative approach,<sup>25–28</sup> and its subsequent application to construct generalized solitary wave solutions of the nonlinear Burger's Equations of fractional-order.<sup>29–30</sup> It is worth mentioning that Ebaid <sup>31</sup> proved that c = d and p = q are the only relations that can be obtained by applying exp-function method to any nonlinear ordinary differential equation. It is to be noted that fractional Burger's equations<sup>32–36</sup> describe the physical processes of unidirectional propagation of weakly nonlinear acoustic waves through a gas-filled pipe. The fractional derivative results from the memory effect of the wall friction through the boundary layer. The same form can be found in other systems such as shallow-water waves and waves in bubbly liquids. Generally, a boundary layer will give rise to memory effects in the form of this fractional derivative. Moreover, such equations are of utmost importance in mathematical physics and engineering sciences. Hence these appear quite often in a number of scientific models, including fluid mechanics, astrophysics, solid state physics, plasma physics, chemical kinematics, chemical chemistry, optical fiber and geochemistry.<sup>11,13,34–38</sup>

**Theorem 1.1:**<sup>31</sup> Suppose that  $u^{(r)}$  and  $u^{\gamma}$  are the highest order linear term and the highest order nonlinear term of a nonlinear ODE, respectively, where r and  $\gamma$  are both positive integers. Then the balancing procedure using the Exp-function ansatz;  $U(\eta) = \frac{\sum_{n=-c}^{d} a_n \exp(n\eta)}{\sum_{m=-p}^{d} b_m \exp(m\eta)}$ , leads to c = d and p = q,  $\forall r, s, \Omega, \lambda \ge 1$ .

**Theorem 1.2:**<sup>31</sup> Suppose that  $u^{(r)}$  and  $u^{(s)}u^k$  are the highest order linear term and the highest order nonlinear term of a nonlinear ODE, respectively, where r, s and  $\Omega$  are all positive integers. Then the balancing procedure using the Exp-function ansatz leads to c = d and p = q,  $\forall r, s, k \ge 1$ .

**Theorem 1.3:**<sup>31</sup> Suppose that  $u^{(r)}$  and  $(u^{(s)})^{\Omega}$  are the highest order linear term and the highest order nonlinear term of a nonlinear ODE, respectively, where r, s and  $\Omega$  are all positive integers. Then the balancing procedure using the Exp-function ansatz leads to c = d and p = q,  $\forall r, s \ge 1$ ,  $\forall \Omega \ge 2$ .

**Theorem 1.4.**<sup>31</sup> Suppose that  $u^{(r)}$  and  $(u^{(s)})^{\Omega}u^{\lambda}$  are the highest order linear term and the highest order nonlinear term of a nonlinear ODE, respectively, where  $r, s, \Omega$  and  $\lambda$  are all positive integers. Then the balancing procedure using the Exp-function ansatz leads to c = d and p = q,  $\forall r, s, \Omega, \lambda \ge 1$ .

### 2. JUMARIE'S FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVE

Jumarie's fractional derivative is a mondified Riemann-Liouville derivative defined as;

$$D_t^{\alpha}f(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{-\alpha-1} (f(t) - f(0)) dt, \alpha \le 0, \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x (x-t)^{-\alpha} (f(t) - f(0)) dt, 0 \le \alpha \le 1 \\ \left[ f^{\alpha-n}(x)^n \right]^n, n \le \alpha \le n+1, n \ge 1 \end{array} \right\}$$
(1)

Where  $f : R \rightarrow R, x \rightarrow f(x)$  denotes a continuous (but not necessarily differentiable) function. Some useful formulas and results of Jumarie's modified Riemann–Liouville derivative are summarised in the references<sup>25–28</sup>.

$$D_x^{\alpha}c = 0, \alpha \ge 0, c = \text{constant}$$
 (2)

$$D_{x}^{\alpha}[cf(x)] = cD_{x}^{\alpha}f(x)\alpha \ge 0, \ c = \text{constant}$$
(3)

$$D_{\chi}^{\alpha} \chi^{\beta} = \frac{\Gamma(1+\beta)}{\Gamma(1+\beta-\alpha)} \chi^{\beta-\alpha}, \beta \ge \alpha \ge 0.$$
(4)

$$D_x^{\alpha}[f(x)g(x)] = \left[D_x^{\alpha}f(x)g(x) + f(x)\left[D_x^{\alpha}g(x)\right]\right].$$
(5)

$$D_{x}^{\alpha}f(x(t)) = f_{x}'(x).x^{\alpha}(t).$$
(6)

# 3. EXP-FUNCTION METHOD<sup>11,14,38,39</sup>

We consider the general nonlinear FPDE of the type

$$P(u, u_t, u_x, u_x u_{xx}, \dots, D_t^{\alpha} u, D_x^{\alpha} u, D_x^{\alpha} u, \dots) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{0} < \alpha \le \mathbf{1},$$

$$(7)$$

where  $D_t^{\alpha}u, D_x^{\alpha}u, D_x^{\alpha}u$  are the modified Riemann-Liouville derivative of u with respect to t, x, xx respectively.

Using a transformation<sup>39</sup>

$$\eta = kx + my + \frac{\omega t^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} + \eta_0, \quad k, \omega, m, \eta_0 \text{ are all constants with } k, \omega, \neq 0$$
(8)

we can rewrite equation (7) in the following nonlinear ODE;

$$Q(u, u', u'', u^{'''}, u^{iv}) = 0,$$
(9)

where the prime denotes derivative with respect to  $\eta$ .

According to Exp-function method, we assume that the wave solution can be expressed in the following form

$$u(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \frac{\sum_{n=c}^{d} a_n \exp[n\boldsymbol{\eta}]}{\sum_{m=p}^{d} b_m \exp[m\boldsymbol{\eta}]}$$
(10)

where p, q, c and d are positive integers which are known to be further determined,  $a_n$  and  $b_m$  are unknown constants. We can rewrite Eq. (4) in the following equivalent form

$$u(\eta) = \frac{a_c \exp(c\eta) + \ldots + a_{-d} \exp(-d\eta)}{b_p \exp(p\eta) + \ldots + b_{-q} \exp(-q\eta)}.$$
(11)

This equivalent formulation plays an important and fundamental part for finding the analytic solution of problems. To determine the value of c and p by using<sup>31</sup>,

$$p = c, q = d. \tag{12}$$

#### 4. NUMERICAL APPLICATIONS

In this section, we apply Exp-function method to construct generalized solitary solutions for Burger's Equations of fractional-order. The numerical results are very encouraging.

EXAMPLE 4.1: Consider the following Burger's Equation of fractional order

$$D_t^{\alpha} u + u u_x = u_{xx}, \quad 0 < \alpha \le 1.$$
(13)

Using (8) equation (13) can be converted to an ordinary differential equation

$$\omega u' + k u u' = k^2 u'', \tag{14}$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ . The solution of the equation (13) can be expressed in the form, equation (11). To determine the value of *c* and *p*, by using<sup>31</sup>,

$$p = c, q = d. \tag{15}$$

**CASE 4.1.I:** We can freely choose the values of *c* and *d*, but we will illustrate that the final solution does not strongly depend upon the choice of values of *c* and *d*. For simplicity, we set p = c = 1 and q = d = 1 equation (11) reduces to

$$u(\eta) = \frac{a_1 \exp[\eta] + a_0 + a_{-1} \exp[-\eta]}{b_1 \exp[\eta] + a_0 + b_{-1} \exp[-\eta]}.$$
(16)

Substituting equation (16) into equation (14), we have

$$\frac{1}{A} \begin{bmatrix} c_4 \exp(4\eta) = c_3 \exp(3\eta) + c_2 \exp(2\eta) + c_1 \exp(\eta) + c_0 + c_{-1} \exp(-\eta) + c_{-2} \exp(-2\eta) \\ + c_{-3} \exp(-3\eta) + c_{-4} \exp(-4\eta) \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad (17)$$

where  $A = (b_1 \exp(\eta) + b_0 + b_{-1} \exp(-\eta))^4$ ,  $c_i$  are constants obtained by Maple 16. Equating the coefficients of  $\exp(n\eta)$  to be zero, we obtain

$$\left\{c_{-4} = 0, c_{-3} = 0, c_{-2} = 0, c_{-1} = 0, c_0 = 0, c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, c_3 = 0, c_4 = 0\right\}.$$
 (18)

Solution of (12) will yield

$$\left\{a_{-1} = \frac{a_1 b_{-1}}{b_1}, a_0 = \frac{a_1 b_0}{b_1}, a_1 = a_1, b_{-1} = b_{-1}, b_0 = b_0, b_1 = b_1\right\}.$$
 (19)

We, therefore, obtained the following generalized solitary solution u(x, t) of equation (13) (Figure 4.1)

$$\left\{\frac{\frac{b_{-1}(2k^{2}-\omega)e^{-\frac{kk+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}}{k} - \frac{b_{1}(2k^{2}+\omega)e^{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}{k}}{k}}{b_{-1}e^{-\frac{kk+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}} + b_{1}e^{\frac{kk+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}}\right\}.$$
(20)

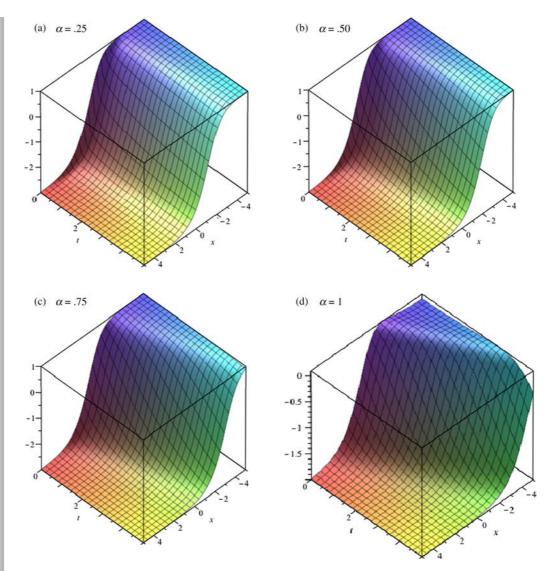


Figure 4.1. (a), (b), (c) and (d). Soliton solutions of equation (13) for  $a_0 = b_1 = b_{-1} = \omega = 1$  and k = 1.

CASE 4.1.II: If p = c = 2 and q = d = 1, then trial solution equation (13) reduces to

$$u(\eta) = \frac{a_2 \exp[2\eta] + a_1 \exp[\eta] + a_0 + a_{-1} \exp[-\eta]}{b_2 \exp[2\eta] + b_1 \exp[\eta] + b_0 + b_{-1} \exp[-\eta]}.$$
(21)

Proceeding as before, we obtain

$$\left\{a_{-1} = \frac{a_1 b_{-1}}{b_1}, a_0 = \frac{a_1 b_0}{b_1}, a_1 = a_1, b_{-1} = b_{-1}, b_0 = b_0, b_1 = b_1\right\}.$$
 (22)

Hence we get the generalized solitary wave solution of Equation (13) for  $\alpha = 1$  as follows

$$\left\{\frac{\frac{b_{-1}(2k^{2}-\omega)e^{-(xk+\omega t)}}{k} - \frac{b_{1}(2k^{2}+\omega)e^{xk+\omega t}}{k}}{b_{-1}e^{-(xk+\omega t)} + b_{1}e^{xk+\omega t}}\right\}.$$
(23)

In both cases, for different choices of *c*, *p*, *d* and *q*, we get the same soliton solutions, which clearly illustrates that the final solution does not strongly depend upon these parameters.

EXAMPLE 4.2: Consider the following Burger's equation of fractional order

$$D_t^{\alpha} u + \beta u_{xx} + 2\beta u u_x + \delta (u_x + u_y) = 0, \quad 0 < \alpha \le 1.$$
(24)

Using (8) equation (24) can be converted to an ordinary differential equation

$$\omega u' + \beta k^2 u'' + 2\beta u u' + \delta(k+m)u' = 0, \qquad (25)$$

where the prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ . The solution of the equation (24) can be expressed in the form, equation (11). To determine the value of *c* and *p*, by using<sup>31</sup>,

$$p = c, q = d. \tag{26}$$

**CASE 4.2.I:** We can freely choose the values of *c* and *d*, but we illustrate that the final solution does not strongly depend upon the choice of values of *c* and *d*. For simplicity, we set p = c = 1 and q = d = 1 equation (11) reduces to

$$u(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \frac{a_1 \exp[\boldsymbol{\eta}] + a_0 + a_{-1} \exp[-\boldsymbol{\eta}]}{b_1 \exp[\boldsymbol{\eta}] + a_0 + b_{-1} \exp[-\boldsymbol{\eta}]}.$$
(27)

Substituting equation (27) into equation (25), we have

$$\frac{1}{A} \begin{bmatrix} c_4 \exp(4\eta) = c_3 \exp(3\eta) + c_2 \exp(2\eta) + c_1 \exp(\eta) + c_0 + c_{-1} \exp(-\eta) + c_{-2} \exp(-2\eta) \\ + c_{-3} \exp(-3\eta) + c_{-4} \exp(-4\eta) \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad (28)$$

where  $A = (b_1 \exp(\eta) + b_0 + b_{-1} \exp(-\eta))^4$ ,  $c_i$  are constants obtained by Maple 16. Equating the coefficients of  $\exp(n\eta)$  to be zero, we obtain

$$\left\{c_{-4} = 0, c_{-3} = 0, c_{-2} = 0, c_{-1} = 0, c_{0} = 0, c_{1} = 0, c_{2} = 0, c_{3} = 0, c_{4} = 0\right\}.$$
 (29)

Solution of (29) will yield

$$\left\{\begin{array}{l}
a_{0} = \mathbf{0}, a_{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{b_{-1}(\omega + 2\beta k^{2} + \delta k + \delta m)}{\beta k}, \\
a_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{b_{1}(-\omega + 2\beta k^{2} - \delta k - \delta m)}{\beta k}, b_{0} = \mathbf{0}, \\
a_{1} = a_{1}, b_{-1} = b_{-1}, b_{1} = b_{1}
\end{array}\right\}.$$
(30)

We, therefore, obtained the following generalized solitary solution u(x, t) of equation (24) (Figure 4.2)

$$\left\{\frac{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{b_{-1}(\omega+2\beta k^{2}+\delta k+\delta m)}{\beta k}e^{-\frac{\lambda k+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}+\frac{1}{2}\frac{b_{1}(-\omega+2\beta k^{2}-\delta k-\delta m)}{\beta k}e^{\frac{\lambda k+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}}{b_{-1}e^{-\frac{\lambda k+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}+b_{1}e^{\frac{\lambda k+\omega l^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}}}\right\}$$
(31)

CASE 4.2.II: If p = c = 2 and q = d = 1, then trial solution equation (24) reduces to

$$u(\eta) = \frac{a_2 \exp[2\eta] + a_1 \exp[\eta] + a_0 + a_{-1} \exp[-\eta]}{b_2 \exp[2\eta] + b_1 \exp[\eta] + b_0 + b_{-1} \exp[-\eta]}.$$
(32)

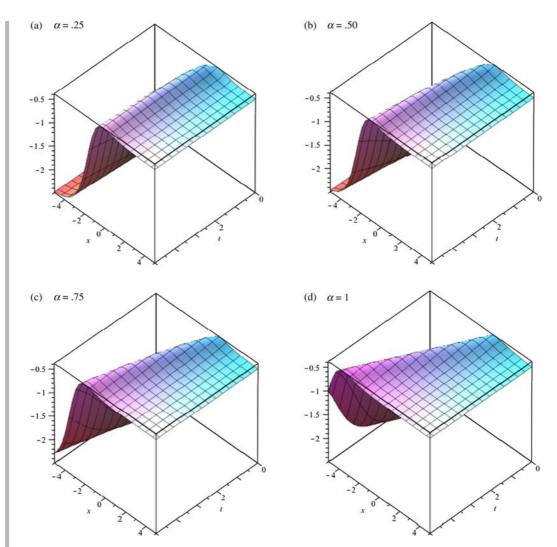


Figure 4.2. (a), (b), (c) and (d). Soliton solutions of equation (24) for  $b_1 = b_{-1} = \omega = \beta = \delta = m = 1$  and k = 1.

Proceeding as before, we obtain

$$\left\{\begin{array}{l}
a_{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{b_{-1}(\omega+2\beta k^{2}+\delta k+\delta m)}{\beta k}, \\
a_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{b_{1}(-\omega+2\beta k^{2}-\delta k-\delta m)}{\beta k}, \\
a_{0} = \mathbf{0}, a_{1} = a_{1}, b_{-1} = b_{-1}, b_{0} = \mathbf{0}, b_{1} = b_{1}\end{array}\right\}.$$
(33)

Hence we get the generalized solitary wave solution of equation (24) for  $\alpha = 1$  as follows

$$\left\{\frac{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{b_{-1}(\omega+2\beta k^{2}+\delta k+\delta m)}{\beta k}e^{-(xk+\omega t)}+\frac{1}{2}\frac{b_{1}(-\omega+2\beta k^{2}-\delta k-\delta m)}{\beta k}e^{xk+\omega t}}{b_{-1}e^{-(xk+\omega t)}+b_{1}e^{xk+\omega t}}\right\}$$
(34)

In both cases, for different choices of *c*, *p*, *d* and *q*, and, we get the same soliton solutions which clearly illustrates that final solution does not strongly depends upon these parameters.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we applied Exp-function method to construct generalized solitary solutions of the nonlinear fractional order Burger's equations. It is observed that the Exp-function method is very convenient to apply, and is very useful for finding solutions to a wide class of nonlinear problems.

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