

# **Solitary and traveling wave solutions for the Davey–Stewartson equation using the Jacobi elliptic function expansion method**

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#### **Abstract**

In our paper we modify the Jacobi elliptic function expansion method to obtain solutions to the Davey–Stewartson system of equations. Two categories of nonsingular solutions are obtained for both traveling and solitary waves and both with and without chirp. In both cases there is an arbitrary term in the mean fow feld, meaning one can obtain solutions for arbitrary forms of the mean fow feld.

**Keywords** Davey–Stewartson equation · Jacobi elliptic function · Expansion method

# **1 Introduction**

The Davey–Stewartson (DS) system of nonlinear partial diferential equations, henceforth abbreviated as the DS system, was frst introduced in fuid dynamics for the study of the evolution of three-dimensional wave packets in water of fnite depth (Davey and Stewartson [1974\)](#page-8-0). It has since found application in numerous areas of physics, most notably nonlinear-optics (Newell and Moloney [1992\)](#page-8-1) as well as related felds such as the study of Bose–Einstein condensates (Huang [2005](#page-8-2)) and the study of electro-magnetic (EM) waves in ferromagnets (Leblond [1999](#page-8-3)). A surprising property of the DS system is that it is one of the few multidimensional systems whose inverse scattering transform is known (Sung [1994a,](#page-8-4) [b,](#page-8-5) [c,](#page-8-6) [1995\)](#page-8-7). Of considerable interest is also the fact that rogue waves have been shown to exist in DS systems (Ohta and Yang [2012](#page-8-8), [2013](#page-8-9)).

Various techniques have been put forth to obtain solutions to the DS system. The earliest attempt was given in Anker and Freeman ([1978\)](#page-8-10) where the Zakharov–Shabat scheme ([1974\)](#page-9-0) was used to obtain one- and two-soliton solutions, as well as model some basic properties of interaction of multiple solitons. In Hieraninta and Hirota ([1990\)](#page-8-11) the Hirota

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method (Hieraninta [1997](#page-8-12)) was used to construct a multi-dromion solution. Various other methods have been used to fnd new solutions to the DS system: the variable separation method (Lou and Lu [1996](#page-8-13); Lou [2002;](#page-8-14) Wang and Huang [2010](#page-8-15)), the *G*� ∕*G* method (Ebadi and Biswas [2011\)](#page-8-16), the frst integral method (Jafari [2012\)](#page-8-17) as well as many others (Deng and Qin [2006](#page-8-18); Wazwaz [2008;](#page-8-19) Tian and Gao [1997](#page-8-20); Yildirm [2012\)](#page-9-1). Of particular interest for this paper is the work done by Yan [\(2003](#page-8-21)) in which Jacobi elliptic functions (JEFs) were used to construct solutions to a system of equations resembling the DS system. In the paper, a basic expansion of the solution in terms of the twelve JEFs was used and solutions were obtained in the form of the frst order polynomial (of the JEFs) for the basic wave, while the two auxiliary waves were represented with a second order polynomial.

Recently, work was done to fnd solutions using the JEF expansion method for various forms of the Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (NLSE) (Zhong [2008;](#page-9-2) Belić [2008;](#page-8-22) Petrović [2009\)](#page-8-23) and the Gross–Pitaevskii equation (GPE) ([2010,](#page-8-24) [2011\)](#page-8-25). These forms use distributed coefficients which allow the use of dispersion (Eiermann  $2003$ ) and diffraction management (Eisenberg [2000\)](#page-8-27). The solutions obtained in Zhong [\(2008](#page-9-2)), Belić ([2008\)](#page-8-22) and Petrović ([2009,](#page-8-23) [2010,](#page-8-24) [2011](#page-8-25)) were found to have either absolute modulational stability or modulational stability under difraction/dispersion management (Petrović [2015,](#page-8-28) [2011\)](#page-8-25).

The form of the solutions of JEF expansion method is well suited when all the nonlinearity in the problem is solely dependant on amplitude. In the DS system we have two felds: the wave-amplitude feld which is complex and the mean-feld which is real. As will be shown, it emerges from the DS system that for the matching conditions to work it is natural to consider the mean-fow feld to be second order with respect to the wave-amplitude feld. Therefore the DS system is highly suitable for the JEF expansion method. In this paper we will apply the JEF expansion method and the ideas developed in Belić ([2008\)](#page-8-22) to solving the DS system.

#### **2 Method**

The Davey–Stewartson (DS) system of equations has the following general form:

$$
iu_{t} + \frac{\beta(t)}{2}(ru_{xx} + su_{yy}) + \chi(t)|u|^{2}u + \alpha(t)un = 0,
$$
\n(1)

$$
n_{xx} + qn_{yy} + \delta (|u|^2)_{xx} = 0,
$$
 (2)

where  $u$  is the wave-amplitude field (WAF),  $n$  is the mean-flow field (MFF),  $t$  is time,  $x$  and *y* are transverse variables, indices are partial derivatives,  $\beta(t)$  is the diffraction coefficient,  $\chi(t)$  is the strength of nonlinearity,  $\alpha(t)$  is the coupling function and *r*, *s*, *q* and  $\delta$  are nonzero real parameters. As in Belić ([2008\)](#page-8-22), we propose the following solution for the WAF:

<span id="page-1-2"></span><span id="page-1-1"></span><span id="page-1-0"></span>
$$
u = Ae^{iB},\tag{3}
$$

where *A* and *B* are real functions of *x*, *y* and *t* denoting the amplitude and the phase of the solution. Following Belić [\(2008](#page-8-22)) and Petrović [\(2009](#page-8-23)) we assume the following forms for *A* and *B*:

$$
A = f_1(t)F(\theta) + f_0(t) + f_{-1}(t)F(\theta)^{-1},
$$
\n(4)

$$
\theta = k(t)x + l(t)y + \omega(t),\tag{5}
$$

$$
B = a(t)(x2/r + y2/s) + b(t)(x + y) + e(t),
$$
\n(6)

where  $F$  is a JEF satisfying the differential equation:

<span id="page-2-9"></span>
$$
\left(\frac{dF}{d\theta}\right)^2 = c_0 + c_2 F^2 + c_4 F^4.
$$
\n(7)

Here,  $c_0$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_4$  are coefficients which depend on the choice of the JEF and *M*, the parameter of the JEF. We will assume that at most one of  $c_0$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_4$  is 0. For the MFF we take the following form to ensure matching conditions for the top-order terms with respect to *F*:

$$
n = g_2(t)F(\theta)^2 + g_1(t)F(\theta) + g_0(t) + g_{-1}(t)F(\theta)^{-1} + g_{-2}(t)F(\theta)^{-2}.
$$
 (8)

We cannot have all of  $g_2$ ,  $g_1$ ,  $g_{-1}$ ,  $g_{-2}$  be zero as *n* would have no dependence on the transverse spatial coordinates and Eq. ([2\)](#page-1-0) would be trivially satisfed.

Plugging in Eqs.  $(4)$  $(4)$ – $(8)$  $(8)$  into Eqs.  $(1)$  $(1)$  $(1)$ – $(2)$  $(2)$  we obtain the following equations for parameters  $k$ ,  $l$ ,  $f_i$  ( $i = 1, 0, -1$ ),  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $\omega$ :

$$
f_{it} + 2a\beta f_i = 0, \ i = 1, 0, -1,
$$
\n(9)

<span id="page-2-2"></span><span id="page-2-0"></span>
$$
k_t + 2a\beta k = 0,\t\t(10)
$$

<span id="page-2-8"></span>
$$
l_t + 2a\beta l = 0,\t\t(11)
$$

$$
\omega_t + \beta b(rk + ls) = 0,\t(12)
$$

$$
a_t + 2a^2 \beta = 0,\t\t(13)
$$

<span id="page-2-7"></span><span id="page-2-6"></span><span id="page-2-5"></span><span id="page-2-4"></span><span id="page-2-3"></span>
$$
b_t + 2a\beta b = 0.\t\t(14)
$$

We also obtain the following set of integrability conditions:

$$
k^2(2\delta f_0 f_i + g_i) + g_i l^2 q = 0, \ i = \pm 1,
$$
\n(15)

$$
k^2(\delta f_i^2 + g_{2i}) + g_{2i}l^2 q = 0, \ i = \pm 1,
$$
\n(16)

<span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
3\chi f_i^2 f_0 + \alpha f_i g_i + \alpha f_0 g_{2i} = 0, \ i = \pm 1,
$$
\n(17)

$$
\chi f_i^3 + \alpha f_i g_{2i} + \beta c_{2+2i} (rk^2 + sl^2) = 0, \ i = \pm 1.
$$
 (18)

and the following equations for parameter *e*:

$$
f_0\left(-e_t - \frac{b^2\beta}{2}(1+s) + \chi f_0^2 + 6\chi f_1 f_{-1}\right) + \alpha(f_0 g_0 + f_1 g_{-1} + f_{-1} g_1) = 0,\tag{19}
$$

$$
f_i\left(-e_t - \frac{b^2\beta}{2}(1+s) + 3\chi f_0^2 + 3\chi f_1 f_{-1} + \frac{\beta c_2}{2}(k^2r + l^2s)\right) + \alpha(f_i g_0 + f_0 g_i + f_{-i} g_{2i}) = 0, \ i = \pm 1.
$$
\n(20)

We note that while the general set-up is similar to that of Belić [\(2008](#page-8-22)), there are several key diferences. First, due to the presence of the MFF, we obtain four pairs of integrability conditions instead of one, albeit with several new parameters to work with. Note that the function  $g_0$  only appears in the equations for  $e$ . Second, the presence of the MFF in Eq. ([1](#page-1-2)) affects Eqs.  $(19)$ – $(20)$ . In particular, one can no longer trivially discard Eq.  $(19)$  $(19)$  $(19)$  by assuming  $f_0 = 0$ . We shall see that the obtained constraints on the parameters are quite different from those in Belić [\(2008](#page-8-22)).

## **3 Results**

We now proceed to solve Eqs.  $(9)$  $(9)$  $(9)$ – $(20)$  $(20)$ . Solving Eqs.  $(9)$ – $(14)$  $(14)$  we obtain:

<span id="page-3-0"></span>
$$
f_i = f_{i0}p, \ i = 1, 0, -1,
$$
\n(21)

$$
k = k_0 p,\tag{22}
$$

$$
l = l_0 p,\tag{23}
$$

$$
a = a_0 p,\tag{24}
$$

$$
b = b_0 p,\tag{25}
$$

$$
\omega = \omega_0 - b(k_0 + l_0 s) p \int_0^t \beta(t) dt,
$$
\n(26)

Where  $p$  is the chirp function given by:

$$
p = \frac{1}{1 + 2a_0 \int_0^t \beta(t)dt}.
$$
\n(27)

We now distinguish between two cases:  $f_0 \neq 0$  and  $f_0 = 0$ .

### **3.1** Case  $f_0 \neq 0$

We first cover the most general case, i.e. the case when  $f_0$  is non-zero. First we assume that *f*<sub>1</sub> and *f*<sub>−1</sub> are also non-zero. We also assume  $k_0^2 + qt_0^2 \neq 0$ , as from assuming otherwise it quickly follows that  $f_1, f_{-1} = 0$ . Solving Eqs. ([15\)](#page-2-4)–[\(16\)](#page-2-5), we obtain the following equations:

$$
g_i = 2\epsilon f_0 f_i, \ i = \pm 1,\tag{28}
$$

<span id="page-3-2"></span><span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
g_{2i} = \epsilon f_i^2, \ i = \pm 1,
$$
\n(29)

where the parameter  $\epsilon$  is given by the formula:

$$
\epsilon = -\frac{\delta k_0^2}{k_0^2 + q l_0^2}.\tag{30}
$$

Equations  $(28)$ – $(29)$  $(29)$  $(29)$  coincide with Eq. (14) in Ebadi and Biswas ([2011\)](#page-8-16) for  $n = 2$  in the special case of  $f_0 = f_{-1} = 0$ . Plugging the results in Eqs. ([17](#page-2-6)) we obtain a matching condition:

<span id="page-4-1"></span><span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\chi = -\epsilon \alpha. \tag{31}
$$

Finally, plugging in this condition into Eqs. [\(18\)](#page-2-7), one obtains the constraint:

$$
rk_0^2 + sl_0^2 = 0. \tag{32}
$$

This constraint doesn't occur in the previous systems studied in Belić ([2008\)](#page-8-22) and Petrović  $(2010)$  $(2010)$ . Given these conditions one obtains that Eqs.  $(19)$ – $(20)$  are automatically matched with each other, i.e. equivalent. A surprising result emerges in that there are no constraints on function  $g_0(t)$ . In other words, for every form of  $g_0(t)$  one can find a form for the free term of the phase  $e(t)$  for which give us a solution to the DS system. Thus, we truly obtain a wide range of solutions and the ability to study many diferent forms of the DS system of equations. It is also worth noting that unlike in Belić ([2008\)](#page-8-22) the nonlinearity  $\chi$  as an integrability condition no longer has to follow the form of *f* and that there is no longer any imposed relationship between  $f_{10}$  and  $f_{-10}$ . Additionally, since  $\chi$  is free to be of arbitrary form, there is no longer a simple formula for *e*, but *e* is highly dependent on the choice of  $\chi$  and  $g_0$ .

Assuming  $f_{-1} = 0$  and  $f_1 \neq 0$  one obtains:

$$
g_1 = 2\epsilon f_0 f_1, \ i = \pm 1,\tag{33}
$$

$$
g_2 = \epsilon f_1^2, \ i = \pm 1,\tag{34}
$$

$$
g_{-1} = g_{-2} = 0,\t\t(35)
$$

$$
c_4(rk_0^2 + s l_0^2) = 0.
$$
\n(36)

Similarly, assuming  $f_1 = 0$  and  $f_{-1} \neq 0$  one obtains:

$$
g_{-1} = 2\epsilon f_0 f_{-1}, \ i = \pm 1,\tag{37}
$$

$$
g_{-2} = \epsilon f_{-1}^2, \ i = \pm 1,\tag{38}
$$

$$
g_1 = g_2 = 0,\t(39)
$$

$$
c_0(rk_0^2 + s l_0^2) = 0.\t\t(40)
$$

In both cases, Eq.  $(31)$  $(31)$  $(31)$  holds and  $g_0(t)$  is arbitrary.

#### **3.2** Case  $f_0 = 0$

We now assume  $f_0 = 0$  and, without loss of generality,  $f_1 \neq 0$ . As in the previous section  $k_0^2 + q l_0^2 \neq 0$ . From Eqs. [\(15\)](#page-2-4)–[\(16](#page-2-5)), we obtain:

$$
g_i = 0, \ i = \pm 1,\tag{41}
$$

$$
g_{2i} = \epsilon f_i^2, \ i = \pm 1. \tag{42}
$$

It follows that Eqs. [\(17\)](#page-2-6) are automatically satisfed. In order for Eqs. ([18](#page-2-7)) to be satisfed we must either have Eqs.  $(31)$  $(31)$  $(31)$ – $(32)$  or:

$$
f_{-1} = \eta \sqrt{\frac{c_0}{c_4}} f_1, \ \eta = 0, \pm 1,
$$
\n(43)

$$
\chi = -\alpha \epsilon - \frac{\beta c_4 (k^2 + l^2 s)}{f_1^2}.
$$
\n(44)

We note that for the special case of  $\alpha = 0$ , coinciding with the system in Belić [\(2008](#page-8-22)), we obtain the matching condition from Belić ([2008\)](#page-8-22). Finally, given these conditions, Eq. ([19](#page-2-1)) is trivially satisfed, while Eq. [\(20\)](#page-3-0) are automatically matched with each other. In this case, we no longer have the constraint given in Eq.  $(32)$  $(32)$  $(32)$ .

## **4 Solutions**

We now analyze the obtained solutions. We note that the condition [\(32\)](#page-4-1) largely restricts us to *r* and *s* being the opposite sign. By default we take  $F =$  dn which is the most convenient function as both it and its inverse are free from singularities, though one can obtain similar solutions in many cases with other choices for *F*. We note that for all cases where  $g_0 = 0$  we have that *n* is qualitatively similar to  $|u|^2$  and therefore only  $|u|^2$ will be shown.

We take  $M = 0.97$ , describing so-called traveling wave solutions. In Fig. [1a](#page-6-0) we see the most basic form of the solution for  $|u|^2$ . Since *k* and *l* are of equal sign they cancel<br>ant in 12 logitud to no time dependence in 0 in the change of chine. In Fig. 1b we get out in [12](#page-2-8) leading to no time dependence in  $\theta$  in the absence of chirp. In Fig. [1](#page-6-0)b we see the results when  $k_0$  and  $l_0$  are of opposite sign. For  $M = 1$ , a solitary wave solutions is obtained as shown in Fig. [1](#page-6-0)c. In Fig. [1d](#page-6-0)–f we see the efects of chirp on our solutions. We note the loss of periodicity in the traveling wave solutions and the stretching efect present in Fig. [1](#page-6-0)d away from the center, whereas in Fig. [1](#page-6-0)e this pattern is shifted away from the center. We also note the oscillation in amplitude in all three cases, especially in Fig. [1f](#page-6-0), where the solution corresponds to a breather solitary wave.

In Fig. [2](#page-6-1) we see the efects of combining several terms in the solution. We see the inverse function dominate in Fig. [2](#page-6-1)a with respect to Fig. [1a](#page-6-0). The presence of  $f_{00} = 1$ shifts the function upward in the regime without chirp.

Finally in Fig. [3](#page-7-0) we only cover cases not applicable under Case 1, i.e. we see the solutions for  $r = s = 1$  which was inadmissable under Case 1. In Fig. [3a](#page-7-0) we take  $\eta = 0$ , in Fig. [3b](#page-7-0)  $\eta = 1$ , while in Fig. [3](#page-7-0)c we look at dark soliton solutions by taking  $F = \text{sn}$ .



<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Fig. 1** (Color online) Solitary and traveling wave solutions for  $F =$  dn as functions of time. Intensity  $|u|^2$  for  $a_0 = 0$  (**a–c**) and  $a_0 = 0.2$  (**d–f**) are presented as a function of  $k_0x + l_0y$  and *t* for  $p = -3$ ,<br> $l_0(x) = l_0$  are  $Q_0^*$  and a d  $M = 0.07$ ,  $l_0 = 1$  and  $p = 1$  and  $q = 0$ ,  $l_0 = 1$ ,  $l_0 = 1$ ,  $l_0 = 0$  $\beta(z) = \beta_0 \cos \Omega t$  and **a**, **d** *M* = 0.97, *l*<sub>0</sub> = 1 **b**, **e** *M* = 0.97, *l*<sub>0</sub> = −1 and **c**, **f** *M* = 1, *l*<sub>0</sub> = −1. Coefficients:  $b_0 = 0, e_0 = 0, k_0 = 1, \omega_0 = 0, \beta_0 = 1, f_{10} = 1, f_{00} = f_{-10} = 0, r = 1, s = -1, q = 1$  and  $\delta = -1$ 



<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Fig. 2** (Color online) Traveling wave solutions as functions of time. The parameters are the same as in Fig. [1b](#page-6-0) except  $a_0 = 0.2$  in (**d**–**f**) and **a**, **d**  $f_{10} = f_{-10} = 1$ ,  $f_{00} = 0$  **b**, **e**  $f_{10} = f_{00} = 1$ ,  $f_{-10} = 0$  and **c**, **f**  $f_{10} = f_{-10} = f_{00} = 1$ 

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<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Fig. 3** (Color online) Traveling wave solutions as functions of time for Case 2. The parameters are the same as in Fig. [1](#page-6-0)b except  $s = 1$ ,  $a_0 = 0.2$  in (**d**–**f**) and **a**, **d**  $\eta = 0$ , **b**, **e**  $\eta = 1$  and **c**, **f**  $\eta = 0$  and  $F = \text{sn}$ 

In all of these solutions, the novelty comes from the presence of chirp. The previous papers dealing with solutions using expansion methods or related methods, such as Refs. Ebadi and Biswas  $(2011)$  $(2011)$  $(2011)$ , Jafari  $(2012)$ , Yildirm  $(2012)$  and Yan  $(2003)$  $(2003)$  all utilize a linear dependence of the phase on the transverse variables. In addition, we have demonstrated that any function satisfying Eq. ([7\)](#page-2-9) can be used to construct solutions to the DS system of equations.

In all these solutions we've set  $g_0 = 0$ . However, you can add an arbitrary function of time to  $g_0$  and as a consequence to *n*. The only restriction is that there is no dependence on the transverse variable. Thus, a large range of possible forms for *n* is possible.

# **5 Conclusion**

To sum up, we analyzed the Davey–Stewartson system and obtained large new classes of solitary and traveling wave solutions using the JEF expansion method. We obtained large classes of new solutions, both solitary and traveling wave solutions and both with and without chirp. Since the DS system appears in many areas of physics, there is a good possibility of practical application for these solutions.

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