

Dynamical behavior of analytical soliton solutions, bifurcation analysis, and quasi-periodic solution to the (2+1)-dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky (KD) system

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Abstract

Nonlinear evolution equations (NLEEs) are extensively used to establish the elementary propositions of natural circumstances. In this work, we study the Konopelchenko– Dubrovsky (KD) equation which depicts non-linear waves in mathematical physics with weak dispersion. The considered model is investigated using the combination of generalized exponential rational function (GERF) method and dynamical system method. The GERF method is utilized to generate closed-form invariant solutions to the (2+1)-dimensional KD model in terms of trigonometric, hyperbolic, and exponential forms with the assistance of symbolic computations. Moreover, 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour graphics are displayed to depict the behavior of obtained solitary wave solutions. The model is observed to have multiple soliton profiles, kinkwave profiles, and periodic oscillating nonlinear waves. These generated solutions have never been published in the literature. All the newly generated soliton solutions are checked by putting them back into the associated system with the soft computation via Wolfram Mathematica. Moreover, the system is converted into a planer dynamical system using a certain transformation and the analysis of bifurcation is examined. Furthermore, the quasi-periodic solution is investigated numerically for the perturbed

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system by inserting definite periodic forces into the considered model. With regard to the parameter of the perturbed model, two-dimensional and three-dimensional phase portraits are plotted.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Aims and scope

Nonlinear evolution equations (NLEEs) have extensive significance in the area of applied mathematics and physics. Finding the exact solutions for NLEE is an essential task as NLEE describes numerous phenomenon in nonlinear dynamics, engineering, optical fibre, plasma physics, fluid mechanics, natural sciences, biomedical applications etc. A large number of researchers and mathematicians have developed various effective techniques for computing exact solutions of NLPDEs (nonlinear partial differential equations), for instance, tanh function method [\[1\]](#page-27-0), Hirota's bilinear method [\[2](#page-27-1), [3\]](#page-27-2), the Jacobi elliptic function expansion method [\[4](#page-27-3)], Kudryashov method [\[5\]](#page-27-4), the $\frac{G'}{G}$ -expansion method [\[6](#page-27-5)], Darboux transformation method [\[7\]](#page-28-0), the Backlund transformation method $[8]$, the inverse scattering method $[9]$, Lie-symmetry analysis $[10]$ $[10]$, multiple exp-function method, and many others. Among these techniques, GERF method [\[11](#page-28-4)[–14\]](#page-28-5) is very effective, robust and straightforward approach for finding the abundant exact soliton-form solutions of various NLPDEs.

1.2 Historical background

Konopelchenko and Dubrovsky [\[15\]](#page-28-6) derived (2+1)-dimensional KD (Konopelchenko– Dubrovsky) equation in 1984.

They derived some nonlinear equations in $(2+1)$ -dimensions (x, y, t) for one dependent variable $u(x, y, t)$ which can be represented as commutativity condition [L, T] = $LT - TL = 0$. The differential operator *L* is of the form

$$
L = V_N(x, y, t)\partial_x^N + V_{N-1}(x, y, t)\partial_x^{N-1} + \dots V_1(x, y, t)\partial_x + V_0(x, y, t) + \partial_y,
$$

where $\partial_x \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \partial_y \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, V_0(x, y, t), ..., V_N(x, y, t)$ are scalar functions. The operator *T* is explicitly defined. They have also shown that the obtained equations are the twodimensional generalization of the well-known Gardner equation, the Sawada-Kotera, the Kaup-Kupershmidt and the Harry Dim equations. Accordingly they derived the following (2+1)-dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky (KD) model

$$
u_y = v_x,
$$

$$
u_t - u_{xxx} - 6buu_x + \frac{3}{2}a^2u^2u_x - 3v_y + 3au_xv = 0,
$$
 (1)

where *u* and *v* are the differentiable functions with respect to *x*, *y* and *t* variables. Here, *a* and *b* are arbitrary constants. It is generalization of other well known equations as follows:

- If $a = 0$, [\(1\)](#page-1-0) reduces into the well-known Kadomtsev–Petviashvili(KP) equation.
- If $b = 0$, it turns into the modified KP equation.
- If $u_y = 0$, the second row of Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0) reduces into the Gardner equation, the combination of KdV and modified KdV.

1.3 Literature survey

Many reseachers have used some productive techniques to investigate the exact analytical solutions of the KD system. In 2014 Kumar et. al [\[16](#page-28-7)] used Lie symmetry analysis with particular choices of the functions of *t* as well as travelling wave hypothesis to extract solutions to KD equations. Motivated by their work in 2018 Kumar and Tiwari [\[17](#page-28-8)] obtain exact solutions of the KD system by using similarity transformation method with arbitary choice of functions. The bifurcation theory method of planar dynamical systems is efficiently applied by Tian-lan He [\[18](#page-28-9)] in 2008 to find the bounded traveling wave solutions of the $(2 + 1)$ dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky equations. In 2019 Alfalqi et al. [\[19](#page-28-10)] applied the modified simplest equation method and B-spline method to KD-equation. Recently, Khater et al. [\[20](#page-28-11)] implement modified auxiliary equation technique to this system to find analytical traveling wave solutions. Ren et al. [\[21](#page-28-12)] in 2016 obtained the non-local symmetries for the KD equation with the truncated Painleve method and the Mobius conformal invariant form. By applying the modified extended direct algebraic method, Seadawy et. al. [\[22\]](#page-28-13) in 2019 constructed some exact traveling wave solutions in the terms of Jacobi elliptic function, Weierstrass elliptic function solutions, new elliptic and so on. Song et. al. [\[23\]](#page-28-14) obtained exact solutions of the equation by applying extended Riccati equation rational expansion method.

1.4 Motivation

Motivated by the rich literature available on KD system, in this research article, we investigated the $(2 + 1)$ -dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky (KD) model [\(1\)](#page-1-0) using two techniques, GERF (generalized exponential rational function) technique and dynamical system method. To best of our knowledge considered system had not been taken into consideration by these techniques. This motivated us to apply one of the effective methods available in the literature to construct abundant exact analytical closed-form solutions for the system [\(1\)](#page-1-0).

Moreover the dynamics of NLPDEs grants us to understand and predict the acceptable structures of the associated complex nonlinear systems. A soliton or solitary wave is the particle-like object with the finite energy and amplitude, which save its form during propagation and restore it after the collision with another solitons. Nowadays, as a consequence, it is a very hot subject matter to derive the exact closed form solutions of NLPDEs. The soliton-form solutions of such type of NLPDEs are extensively favorable in the various areas such as nonlinear sciences, mathematical physics, plasma physics, applied mathematics, engineering, applied sciences and nonlinear dynamics. Also in

recent years, the investigation of differential equations through the bifurcation analysis has become an important topic in the field of research. Bifurcation is a rapid quantitative shift in the model with a gentle change in the values of parameters. The exploration of the dynamics of nonlinear periodic forms is a significant part for the investigation of the physical propositions in detail. For example, the occurrence of homoclinic orbits, smooth heteroclinic orbits and periodic orbits for travelling wave models describes the periodic wave solutions, oscillatory travelling wave solutions, smooth kink wave solutions and smooth solitary solutions for considered PDEs, respectively. One can refer to [\[24](#page-28-15)[–28](#page-29-0)] for the study of recent work in this field.

1.5 Structure of the paper

The strategy of this article is organised as follows: Sect. [2](#page-3-0) deals with the introduction and methodology of GERF approach is presented. In Sect. [3,](#page-4-0) we find exact travelling wave solution of KD equations. This section also includes some particular 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour graphics which provide more explanation to the behavior of these generated solutions. Graphically, periodic-solitonic structures, kink-wave structures, and the interaction of multi-soliton and kink wave solution have been observed for some soliton solutions. Section [4](#page-19-0) deals with the bifurcation analysis of the dynamical system of Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0), and relative phase portraits are plotted for the considered system. Section [5](#page-24-0) is related to the investigation of quasi-periodic solution for the perturbed system by inserting perturbation term to the associated model [\(1\)](#page-1-0). Finally, the conclusion is given at the end.

2 Methodology of GERF method

This GERF method was introduced by Ghanbari and Inc [\[11](#page-28-4)]. We will provide an explanation of GERF technique step-wise in this section:

• Let us consider the system of two nonlinear PDEs including three variables *x*, *y* and *t* given as

$$
\mathcal{M}(u, v, u_x, u_y, u_t, v_x, v_y, v_t, u_{xx}, u_{xt}v_x, u_{yx}...)=0.
$$

$$
\mathcal{N}(u, v, u_x, u_y, u_t, v_x, v_y, v_t, u_{xx}, u_{xt}v_x, u_{yx}...)=0.
$$
 (2)

here $u(x, y, t) = U(\xi)$ and $v(x, y, t) = V(\xi)$ are the wave transformations where $\xi = \alpha x + \beta y - \mu t$ is used to obtain a system of ODEs (ordinary differential equations) which further provides an ordinary differential as

$$
W(U, U', U'', ...)=0,
$$
\n(3)

where $U = U(\xi)$, $U' = \frac{dU}{d\xi}$ and α , β and μ are constants, to be calculated later.

• Assume that the solitary wave solution of (3) can be represented as

$$
U(\xi) = R_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{M} R_k \Psi(\xi)^k + \sum_{k=1}^{M} S_i \Psi(\xi)^{-k},
$$
 (4)

where

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \frac{r_1 e^{s_1 \xi} + r_2 e^{s_2 \xi}}{r_3 e^{s_3 \xi} + r_4 e^{s_4 \xi}},\tag{5}
$$

and r_i , s_i ($1 \le i \le 4$), R_0 , R_k and S_k ($1 \le k \le M$) are constants to be calculated and *M* (a positive integer) is evaluated by homogeneous balancing method.

• Substituting (4) into (3) plugging with (5) and arranging all the terms yields

$$
\mathfrak{A}(e^{s_1\xi}, e^{s_2\xi}, e^{s_3\xi}, e^{s_4\xi}, \dots) = 0. \tag{6}
$$

Equalizing the coefficients of $\mathfrak A$ to zero, yields a set of algebraic equations.

- With the assistance of Mathematica, we find the values of the coefficients R_0, R_k , S_k , α , β and μ by solving above mentioned algebraic equations.
- Inserting all these values into [\(4\)](#page-4-1) we get the solution of determining Eq. [\(3\)](#page-3-1). Accordingly we can get other function and hence we achieve some new solitary wave solutions of (2) .

3 GERF method—applications

In this section, we apply the GERF technique to construct the exact closed-form solutions of (2+1)-dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky (KD) model [\(1\)](#page-1-0).

3.1 GERF method for the (2+1)-D Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky(KD) model

Making use of wave transformation $u(x, y, t) = U(\xi)$ and $v(x, y, t) = V(\xi)$ where $\xi = \alpha x + \beta y - \mu t$ in Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0), we obtain the following system of ODEs

$$
\beta U'(\xi) = \alpha V'(\xi)
$$

\n
$$
\frac{3}{2} a^2 \alpha U(\xi)^2 U'(\xi) + 3a \alpha V(\xi) U'(\xi) - 6\alpha b U(\xi) U'(\xi) - \mu U'(\xi)
$$

\n
$$
- \alpha^3 U^{(3)}(\xi) - 3\beta V'(\xi) = 0.44
$$
\n(7)

Integrating the first equation we find,

$$
\beta U(\xi) = \alpha V(\xi) \tag{8}
$$

Putting it into the second equation of [\(7\)](#page-4-3) and integrating the resulting equation, and neglecting the constant of integration, the following ODE is obtained as

$$
\alpha^3 U''(\xi) - \frac{a^2}{2} \alpha U(\xi)^3 + \frac{3}{2} (2\alpha b - a\beta) U(\xi)^2 + \left(\frac{3\beta^2}{\alpha} + \mu\right) U(\xi) = 0. \quad (9)
$$

Using balancing principle on terms $U^{(3)}$ and U'' of the Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we get $M + 2 = 3M$ which yields $M = 1$. Employing $M = 1$ in [\(4\)](#page-4-1), we obtain the trial solution given as

$$
U(\xi) = R_0 + R_1 \Psi(\xi) + \frac{S_1}{\Psi(\xi)}.
$$
\n(10)

By using Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1) into [\(9\)](#page-5-0) and according to the step of GERF method, the following cases are considered for finding the exact solitary wave solutions of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) with the assistance of Mathematica.

Family 1: For $[r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4] = [1, -3, -1, 1]$ and $[s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [1, -1, 1, -1]$, Eq. [\(5\)](#page-4-2) yields

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \coth(\xi) - 2. \tag{11}
$$

With the assistance of soft computation via Mathematica, we solve algebraic equation for obtaining the values of parameters and hence following set of solutions can be achieved.

Solution set 1.1:

$$
R_0 = -\frac{6\alpha}{a}, \ \ R_1 = -\frac{2\alpha}{a}, \ \ S_1 = 0, \ \ \beta = \frac{2(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = -\frac{4(4a^2\alpha^3 + 6a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

Substituting the values of above known-constant parameters into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1) and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{2\alpha \left(\coth(\xi) - 2\right)}{a} - \frac{6\alpha}{a}.\tag{12}
$$

Hence, from Eq. [\(8\)](#page-4-4), we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = -\frac{2\beta (\coth(\xi) - 2)}{a} - \frac{6\beta}{a}.
$$
 (13)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) = -\frac{2\alpha \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(4a^2\alpha^3 + 6a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)}{a} - \frac{6\alpha}{a}
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = -\frac{4 (a\alpha^2 + \alpha b) \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t (4a^2 \alpha^3 + 6a\alpha^2 b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x \right) - 2\right)}{a^2} - \frac{12 (a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a^2}.
$$
\n(14)

Solution set 1.2:

$$
R_0 = \frac{2\alpha}{a}, \quad R_1 = 0, \quad S_1 = \frac{6\alpha}{a}, \quad \beta = \frac{2(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = -\frac{4(4a^2\alpha^3 + 6a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

Substituting the values of above known-constants into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1) and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = \frac{6\alpha}{a(\coth(\xi) - 2)} + \frac{2\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (15)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{6\beta}{a(\coth(\xi) - 2)} + \frac{2\beta}{a}.
$$
 (16)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) = \frac{6\alpha}{a \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(4a^2\alpha^3 + 6a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)} + \frac{2\alpha}{a}
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = \frac{12\left(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b\right)}{a^2 \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(4a^2\alpha^3 + 6a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)} + \frac{4\left(a\alpha^2 + \alpha b\right)}{a^2}.
$$
 (17)

Solution set 1.3:

$$
R_0 = \frac{8\alpha}{a}, \ \ R_1 = \frac{2\alpha}{a}, \ \ S_1 = \frac{6\alpha}{a}, \ \ \beta = -\frac{2(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = -\frac{4(13a^2\alpha^3 - 12a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

Substituting the values of known-constants mentioned above into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1) and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the value for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = \frac{2\alpha(\coth(\xi) - 2)}{a} + \frac{6\alpha}{a(\coth(\xi) - 2)} + \frac{8\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (18)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{2\beta(\coth(\xi) - 2)}{a} + \frac{6\beta}{a(\coth(\xi) - 2)} + \frac{8\beta}{a}.
$$
 (19)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) = \frac{8\alpha}{a} + \frac{2\alpha \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(13a^2\alpha^3 - 12a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} - \frac{2y(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)}{\alpha}
$$

+
$$
\frac{6\alpha}{a \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(13a^2\alpha^3 - 12a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} - \frac{2y(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)}
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = -\frac{16(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a^2}
$$

-
$$
\frac{4(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)\left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(13a^2\alpha^3 - 12a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} - \frac{2y(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)}{a^2}
$$

-
$$
\frac{12(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a^2 \left(\coth\left(\frac{4t(13a^2\alpha^3 - 12a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} - \frac{2y(2a\alpha^2 - \alpha b)}{a} + \alpha x\right) - 2\right)}.
$$
(20)

Family 2: For $[r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4] = [-5i, 5i, 6, 6]$ and $[s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [3i, -3i, 0, 0],$ Eq. [\(5\)](#page-4-2) yields

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \frac{5}{6}\sin(3\xi). \tag{21}
$$

With the assistance of soft computation via Mathematica, we solve algebraic equation for obtaining the values of parameters and hence following set of solutions can be achieved.

Solution set 2.1:

$$
R_0 = -\frac{3\sqrt{2}\alpha}{a}, \quad R_1 = 0, \quad S_1 = -\frac{5\alpha}{a}, \quad \beta = \frac{3\sqrt{2}a\alpha^2 + 2\alpha b}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = -\frac{12\left(6a^2\alpha^3 + 3\sqrt{2}a\alpha^2b + \alpha b^2\right)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (21) into Eq. (10) , and plugging it with Eq. (9) , we obtain the value for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{6\alpha \csc(3\xi)}{a} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (22)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = -\frac{6\beta \csc(3\xi)}{a} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}\beta}{a}.
$$
 (23)

Accordingly, the solution of Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) =
$$

\n
$$
6\alpha \csc \left(3\left(\frac{12t\left(6a^2\alpha^3 + 3\sqrt{2}a\alpha^2b + \alpha b^2\right)}{a^2} + \frac{y\left(3\sqrt{2}a\alpha^2 + 2\alpha b\right)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)
$$

\n
$$
v(x, y, t) =
$$

$$
-\frac{3\alpha \left(3\sqrt{2}a\alpha +2b\right) \left(2\csc\left(\frac{3\alpha \left(72\alpha ^2a^2t+a^2x+3\sqrt{2}\alpha a\left(\alpha y+12bt\right)+2b\left(\alpha y+6bt\right)}{a^2}\right)+\sqrt{2}\right)}{a^2}.
$$
\n(24)

Solution set 2.2:

$$
R_1 = 0, \quad S_1 = -\frac{5R_0}{3\sqrt{2}}, \quad \alpha = -\frac{aR_0}{3\sqrt{2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{6} \left(\sqrt{2}a^2 R_0^2 - 2\sqrt{2}bR_0 \right),
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{2\left(\sqrt{2}a^4 R_0^3 - 3\sqrt{2}a^2 bR_0^2 + 3\sqrt{2}b^2 R_0\right)}{3a}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (21) into Eq. (10) , and plugging it with Eq. (9) , we obtain the value for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = R_0 - \sqrt{2}R_0 \csc(3\xi). \tag{25}
$$

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{\beta R_0 \left(1 - \sqrt{2}\csc(3\xi)\right)}{\alpha}.
$$
 (26)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) =
$$

\n
$$
R_0 \left(\sqrt{2} \csc \left(\frac{R_0 \left(a^2 R_0 \left(4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt \right) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt) \right)}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) + 1 \right)
$$

\n
$$
v(x, y, t) =
$$

\n
$$
R_0 \left(2b - a^2 R_0 \right) \left(\sqrt{2} \csc \left(\frac{R_0 \left(a^2 R_0 \left(4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt \right) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt) \right)}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) + 1 \right)
$$

\n
$$
a \left(\frac{R_0 \left(4a^2 R_0 \left(4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt \right) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt) \right)}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) + 1 \right)
$$
\n
$$
(27)
$$

Family 3: For $[r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4] = [1, 0, 1, 1]$ and $[s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [1, 0, 1, 0]$, Eq. [\(5\)](#page-4-2) yields

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\xi}}.\tag{28}
$$

With the assistance of soft computation via Mathematica, we solve algebraic equation for obtaining the values of parameters and hence following set of solutions can be achieved.

Solution set 3.1:

$$
R_0 = \frac{2b - 2\sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta}}{a^2}, \quad R_1 = \frac{2(\sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta} - b)}{a^2},
$$

\n
$$
S_1 = 0, \quad \alpha = \frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta}}{a},
$$

\n
$$
\mu = \frac{4((b^2 - a^2\beta)^{3/2} - b^3)}{a^3}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants described above and expression (28) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{2\left(\sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta} - b\right)}{a^2\left(e^{\xi} + 1\right)}.
$$
 (29)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{2\beta \left(b - \sqrt{b^2 - a^2 \beta}\right)}{a^2 \alpha \left(e^{\xi} + 1\right)}.
$$
\n(30)

Accordingly, the solution of Eq. (1) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) = -\frac{2(\sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta} - b)e^{\frac{4t((b^2 - a^2\beta)^{3/2} - b^3)}{a^3}}}{a^2 \left(e^{\frac{x(b - \sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta})}{a} + \beta y} + e^{\frac{4t((b^2 - a^2\beta)^{3/2} - b^3)}{a^3}}\right)}
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = \frac{2\beta}{a\left(\exp\left(\frac{x(b - \sqrt{b^2 - a^2\beta})}{a} - \frac{4t((b^2 - a^2\beta)^{3/2} - b^3)}{a^3} + \beta y\right) + 1\right)}.
$$
(31)

Solution set 3.2:

$$
R_0 = \frac{2\alpha}{a}, \quad R_1 = -\frac{2\alpha}{a}, \quad S_1 = 0, \quad \beta = \frac{2\alpha b - a\alpha^2}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = -\frac{4(a^2\alpha^3 - 3a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (28) into Eq. (10) , and plugging it with Eq. (9) , we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = \frac{2\alpha}{a} - \frac{2\alpha e^{\xi}}{a\left(e^{\xi} + 1\right)}.\tag{32}
$$

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{2\beta}{a} - \frac{2\beta e^{\xi}}{a\left(e^{\xi} + 1\right)}.\tag{33}
$$

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) = \frac{2\alpha}{a} - \frac{2\alpha \exp\left(\frac{4t(a^2\alpha^3 - 3a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{y(2\alpha b - a\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)}{a\left(\exp\left(\frac{4t(a^2\alpha^3 - 3a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{y(2\alpha b - a\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right) + 1\right)}
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = \frac{2(2\alpha b - a\alpha^2)}{a^2}
$$

$$
-\frac{2(2\alpha b - a\alpha^2) \exp\left(\frac{4t(a^2\alpha^3 - 3a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{y(2\alpha b - a\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)}{a^2\left(\exp\left(\frac{4t(a^2\alpha^3 - 3a\alpha^2b + 3\alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{y(2\alpha b - a\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right) + 1\right)}.
$$
(34)

Solution set 3.3:

$$
R_1 = -R_0, \quad S_1 = 0, \quad \alpha = -\frac{1}{2} (aR_0), \quad \beta = \frac{1}{4} R_0 \left(a^2 R_0 - 4b \right),
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{R_0 \left(a^4 R_0^2 - 6a^2 b R_0 + 12b^2 \right)}{2a}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (28) into Eq. (10) , and plugging it with Eq. (9) , we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = R_0 - \frac{R_0 e^{\xi}}{e^{\xi} + 1}.
$$
 (35)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{\beta R_0}{\alpha e^{\xi} + \alpha}.
$$
\n(36)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) = R_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{R_0(a^2R_0(2a^2R_0t - ay - 12bt) + 2a^2x + 4b(ay + 6bt))}{4a}\right) + 1} \right)
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = -\frac{M_0(a^2M_0 - 4b)}{2a\left(\exp\left(\frac{R_0(a^2R_0(-2a^2R_0t + ay + 12bt) - 2(a^2x + 2b(ay + 6bt))}{4a}\right) + 1\right)}.
$$
(37)

Family 4: For $[r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4] = [-2i, -2i, 5, -5]$ and $[s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [3i, -3i,$ $3i, -3i$], Eq. [\(5\)](#page-4-2) yields

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \frac{2}{5} \cot(3\xi). \tag{38}
$$

With the assistance of soft computation via Mathematica, we solve algebraic equation for obtaining the values of parameters and hence following set of solutions can be achieved.

Solution set 4.1:

$$
R_0 = -\frac{12i\alpha}{a}, \ \ R_1 = \frac{15\alpha}{a}, \ \ S_1 = -\frac{12\alpha}{5a}, \ \ \beta = \frac{2(\alpha b + 6i a\alpha^2)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{12(48a^2\alpha^3 - 12i a\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants described above and expression (38) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{6\alpha \tan(3\xi)}{a} + \frac{6\alpha \cot(3\xi)}{a} - \frac{12i\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (39)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = -\frac{6\beta \tan(3\xi)}{a} + \frac{6\beta \cot(3\xi)}{a} - \frac{12i\beta}{a}.
$$
 (40)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) =
$$

$$
-\frac{12i\alpha}{a} - \frac{6\alpha \tan \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(48a^2\alpha^3 - 12ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a}
$$

$$
+\frac{6\alpha \cot \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(48a^2\alpha^3 - 12ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a}
$$

+
$$
\frac{24i(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)}{a^2}
$$

-
$$
\frac{12(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)\tan \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(48a^2\alpha^3 - 12ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a^2}
$$

+
$$
\frac{12(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)\cot \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(48a^2\alpha^3 - 12ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b + 6ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a^2}.
$$
(41)

Solution set 4.2:

$$
R_0 = -\frac{6i\alpha}{a}, \ \ R_1 = 0, \ \ S_1 = -\frac{12\alpha}{5a}, \ \ \beta = \frac{2(\alpha b + 3i a\alpha^2)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{12(12a^2\alpha^3 - 6ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (38) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{6\alpha \tan(3\xi)}{a} - \frac{6i\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (42)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = -\frac{6\beta \tan(3\xi)}{a} - \frac{6i\beta}{a}.
$$
\n(43)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) =
$$

\n
$$
6\alpha \tan \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(12a^2\alpha^3 - 6ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b + 3ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a} - \frac{6i\alpha}{a}
$$

\n
$$
v(x, y, t) =
$$

\n
$$
-\frac{12(\alpha b + 3ia\alpha^2)\tan \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(12a^2\alpha^3 - 6ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b + 3ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a^2}
$$

\n
$$
-\frac{12i(\alpha b + 3ia\alpha^2)}{a^2}.
$$
\n(44)

Solution set 4.3:

$$
R_0 = \frac{6i\alpha}{a}, \ \ R_1 = \frac{15\alpha}{a}, \ \ S_1 = 0, \ \ \beta = \frac{2(\alpha b - 3ia\alpha^2)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{12(12a^2\alpha^3 + 6ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants described above and expression (38) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = \frac{6\alpha \cot(3\xi)}{a} + \frac{6i\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (45)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{6\beta \cot(3\xi)}{a} + \frac{6i\beta}{a}.
$$
 (46)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{6\alpha \cot \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(12a^2\alpha^3 + 6ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b - 3ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a} + \frac{6i\alpha}{a}
$$
\n
$$
v(x, y, t)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{12(\alpha b - 3ia\alpha^2) \cot \left(3\left(-\frac{12t(12a^2\alpha^3 + 6ia\alpha^2b - \alpha b^2)}{a^2} + \frac{2y(\alpha b - 3ia\alpha^2)}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a^2}
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{12i(\alpha b - 3ia\alpha^2)}{a^2}.
$$
\n(47)

Family 5: For $[r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4] = [1, 1, 1, 1]$ and $[s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 0, 0]$, Eq. [\(5\)](#page-4-2) yields

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \cosh\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right). \tag{48}
$$

With the assistance of soft computation via Mathematica, we solve algebraic equation for obtaining the values of parameters and hence following set of solutions can be achieved.

Solution set 5.1:

$$
R_0=-\frac{3i\alpha}{\sqrt{2}a}, R_1=0, S_1=-\frac{3i\alpha}{a}, \beta=\frac{2\alpha b}{a}+\frac{3i\alpha^2}{\sqrt{2}},
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{6\alpha \left(3a^2\alpha^2 - 3i\sqrt{2}a\alpha b - 2b^2\right)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (48) into Eq. (10) , and plugging it with Eq. (9) , we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{3i\alpha \text{sech}\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right)}{a} - \frac{3i\alpha}{\sqrt{2}a}.
$$
 (49)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = -\frac{3i\beta \text{sech}\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right)}{a} - \frac{3i\beta}{\sqrt{2}a}.
$$
 (50)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t) =
$$
\n
$$
3i\alpha \left(\sqrt{2} + 2\mathrm{sech}\left(\frac{3\alpha \left(-36\alpha^2 a^2 t + 2a^2 x + 3\sqrt{2}i\alpha a(a y + 12b t) + 4b(a y + 6b t)}{4a^2}\right)\right)}{2a}
$$
\n
$$
v(x, y, t)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{3\alpha \left(3\sqrt{2}a\alpha - 4ib\right) \left(\sqrt{2} + 2\mathrm{sech}\left(\frac{3\alpha \left(-36\alpha^2 a^2 t + 2a^2 x + 3\sqrt{2}i\alpha a(a y + 12b t) + 4b(a y + 6b t)}{4a^2}\right)\right)}{4a^2}\right)}{4a^2}.
$$
\n(51)

$$
(51)
$$

Solution set 5.2:

$$
R_0 = 0
$$
, $R_1 = 0$, $S_1 = \frac{3i\alpha}{a}$, $\beta = \frac{2\alpha b}{a}$, $\mu = -\frac{3(3a^2\alpha^3 + 16\alpha b^2)}{4a^2}$.

We substitute the values of known-constants described above and expression (58) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = \frac{3i\alpha \text{sech}\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right)}{a}.
$$
 (52)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{3i\beta \text{sech}\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right)}{a}.
$$
\n(53)

$$
u(x, y, t) = \frac{3i\alpha \text{sech}\left(\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3t(3a^2\alpha^3 + 16\alpha b^2)}{4a^2} + \frac{2\alpha by}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a}
$$

$$
v(x, y, t) = \frac{6i\alpha b \text{sech}\left(\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3t(3a^2\alpha^3 + 16\alpha b^2)}{4a^2} + \frac{2\alpha by}{a} + \alpha x\right)\right)}{a^2}.
$$
(54)

Solution set 5.3:

$$
R_1 = 0, \quad S_1 = -\sqrt{2}R_0, \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{3}i\left(2\sqrt{2}bR_0 - \sqrt{2}a^2R_0^2\right),
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{4i\left(\sqrt{2}a^4R_0^3 - 3\sqrt{2}a^2bR_0^2 + 3\sqrt{2}b^2R_0\right)}{3a},
$$

$$
\alpha = -\frac{1}{3}i\sqrt{2}aR_0.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression (58) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = R_0 - \sqrt{2}R_0 \operatorname{sech}\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right). \tag{55}
$$

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{\beta M_0 \left(1 - \sqrt{2} \text{sech}\left(\frac{3\xi}{2}\right)\right)}{\alpha}.
$$
 (56)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t)
$$

= $R_0 \left(1 - \sqrt{2} \sec \left(\frac{R_0 (a^2 R_0 (4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt))}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) \right)$

$$
v(x, y, t)
$$

= $\frac{R_0 (a^2 R_0 - 2b) \left(\sqrt{2} \sec \left(\frac{R_0 (a^2 R_0 (4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt))}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) - 1 \right)}{a}.$ (57)

Family 6: For $[r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4] = \left[\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}, 2, 2\right]$ and $[s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4] = [4, -4, 0, 0]$, Eq. [\(5\)](#page-4-2) yields

$$
\Psi(\xi) = \frac{5}{4}\sinh(4\xi). \tag{58}
$$

With the assistance of soft computation via Mathematica, we solve algebraic equation for obtaining the values of parameters and hence following set of solutions can be achieved.

Solution set 6.1:

$$
R_0 = -\frac{4i\sqrt{2}\alpha}{a}, \quad R_1 = 0, \quad S_1 = -\frac{10\alpha}{a}, \quad \beta = \frac{2\alpha\left(b + 2\sqrt{2}ia\alpha\right)}{a},
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{4\alpha\left(32a^2\alpha^2 - 12i\sqrt{2}a\alpha b - 3b^2\right)}{a^2}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants mentioned above and expression [\(58\)](#page-16-0) into Eq. [\(10\)](#page-5-1), and plugging it with Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0), we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = -\frac{8\alpha \text{csch}(4\xi)}{a} - \frac{4i\sqrt{2}\alpha}{a}.
$$
 (59)

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = -\frac{8\beta \operatorname{csch}(4\xi)}{a} - \frac{4i\sqrt{2}\beta}{a}.
$$
 (60)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t)
$$
\n
$$
-8\alpha \text{csch}\left(\frac{4\alpha\left(-128\alpha^2 a^2 t + a^2 x + 4\sqrt{2} i\alpha a (a y + 12 b t) + 2b (a y + 6 b t)}{a^2}\right) - 4\sqrt{2} i\alpha}{a}
$$
\n
$$
v(x, y, t)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{8\alpha\left(2\sqrt{2}a\alpha - ib\right)\left(\sqrt{2} - 2i\text{csch}\left(\frac{4\alpha\left(-128\alpha^2 a^2 t + a^2 x + 4\sqrt{2} i\alpha a (a y + 12 b t) + 2b (a y + 6 b t)}{a^2}\right)\right)}{a^2}\right)}{a^2}.
$$
\n
$$
(61)
$$

Solution set 6.2:

$$
R_1 = 0
$$
, $S_1 = -\frac{5iR_0}{2\sqrt{2}}$, $\beta = -\frac{1}{8}i\left(2\sqrt{2}bR_0 - \sqrt{2}a^2R_0^2\right)$,

$$
\mu = \frac{i\left(\sqrt{2}a^4R_0^3 - 3\sqrt{2}a^2bR_0^2 + 3\sqrt{2}b^2R_0\right)}{2a},
$$

$$
\alpha = -\frac{iaR_0}{4\sqrt{2}}.
$$

We substitute the values of known-constants described above and expression (58) into Eq. (10) , and plugging it with eq. (9) , we obtain the expression for *U* as

$$
U(\xi) = R_0 - i\sqrt{2}R_0 \text{csch}(4\xi). \tag{62}
$$

Hence, from Eq. (8) , we obtain the expression for *V* as

$$
V(\xi) = \frac{\beta R_0 \left(1 - i\sqrt{2}\text{csch}(4\xi)\right)}{\alpha}.
$$
 (63)

Accordingly, the solution of [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is obtained as

$$
u(x, y, t)
$$

= $R_0 \left(\sqrt{2} \csc \left(\frac{R_0 \left(a^2 R_0 \left(4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt \right) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt) \right)}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) + 1 \right)$

$$
v(x, y, t)
$$

= $\frac{R_0 (2b - a^2 R_0) \left(\sqrt{2} \csc \left(\frac{R_0 (a^2 R_0 (4a^2 R_0 t - ay - 12bt) + a^2 x + 2b(ay + 6bt))}{\sqrt{2}a} \right) + 1 \right)}{a}.$ (64)

3.2 Results and discussion

The (2+1)-dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky (KD) model delivers new forms of exact solutions in terms of exponential, trigonometric, and hyperbolic functions, including tanh, coth, sech, csch, tan, cot, and their combinations. These solutions include periodic-wave solutions, kink waves, combinations of kink and multi solitons, periodic lumps and periodic solitons. In this section, we discuss physical interpretations of the obtained solutions via GERFM approach and numerical simulations by choosing different values of the involving parameters.

Figure [1](#page-18-0) depicts 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour shapes for the solution [\(14\)](#page-6-0) corresponding to the values $\alpha = 0.188$, $a = 2$, $b = -0.195$ with −90 ≤ *x* ≤ 90, −300 ≤ *y* ≤ 300. [1\(](#page-18-0)a) represents interaction of kink waves and multi soliton wave profile. [1\(](#page-18-0)b) shows wave propagation at different time.

Figure [2](#page-19-1) illustrates depicts 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour shapes for the solution [\(24\)](#page-8-0) corresponding to the values $\alpha = 0.108$, $a = 1$, $b = 0.2$ with $-20 \le x \le 20, -30 \le y \le 30$ at time $t = 0.1$. In Fig. [2b](#page-19-1) hyperbolic form wave

Fig. 1 Wave propogation structures for solution (14)

solution is depicted at different time while in [2\(](#page-19-1)c) contour shape has been plotted for $-50 \le x \le 50, -50 \le y \le 50.$

Figure [3](#page-20-0) represents 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour shapes for solution [\(34\)](#page-10-0) corresponding to the values $\alpha = 2.5$, $a = 1$, $b = 4.59$ with $-2 < x < 2, -3 < y < 3$ at time $t = 0.01$. It is observed from the investigation of [3a](#page-20-0) that the obtained solution [\(34\)](#page-10-0) behaves like kink wave. Moreover, by 2D plot it is observed that the wave is shifted towards the negative x -axis as we change time.

Figure [4](#page-21-0) depicts traveling periodic solitonic wave profile for solution [\(41\)](#page-12-0) where 3D plots are shown for real, imaginary and absolute values corresponding to the values $\alpha = 0.1, \ \alpha = 1.2, \ b = 0.358 \text{ with } -20 \le x \le 20, \ -30 \le y \le 0 \text{ at time } t = 5.$

Figure [5](#page-21-1) depicts 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour shapes for absolute value of the solution [\(44\)](#page-12-1) corresponding to the values $\alpha = 0.108$, $a = 1.2$, $b = 0.357$ with $-20 \le x \le 20, -30 \le y \le 30$ at time $t = 0.5$. We observed by [5a](#page-21-1) that solution [\(44\)](#page-12-1) represents periodic wave solitonic structure and in [5c](#page-21-1) their contour shapes has been recorded. By wave propagation in [5b](#page-21-1) it is observed that there is change in the amplitude of the wave with the change in the time.

Figure [6](#page-22-0) illustrates 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour shapes for abso-lute value of the solution [\(51\)](#page-14-0) corresponding to the values $\alpha = 0.259$, $a = 1.23$, $b =$ 0.32 with $-50 \le x \le 50, -50 \le y \le 50$ at time $t = 0.1$. It is observed that [6\(](#page-22-0)a) shows periodic soliton wave profile. Moreover, it is observed by wave propagation in $6(b)$ $6(b)$ that with the increase in time the amplitude of the solitary wave decreases towards origin.

Figure [7](#page-22-1) shows 3D, 2D combined line graph and their contour shapes for absolute value of the solution [\(61\)](#page-16-1) corresponding to the values $\alpha = 0.18$, $a = 1$, $b = 0.35$

Fig. 2 Wave propagation structures for solution [\(24\)](#page-8-0)

with $-50 \le x \le 40, -30 \le y \le 30$ at time $t = 0.3$. It is observed that [7a](#page-22-1) shows periodic multi-soliton wave structure. Moreover, it is observed by wave propagation in [7b](#page-22-1) that with the increase in time the amplitude and width of the solitary wave changes.

4 Bifurcation analysis

We explore the new dynamics of KD system (1) , in this section, by utilizing the concepts of bifurcation theory.

After simplification, Eq. [\(9\)](#page-5-0) can be rewritten in the following form of planar dynamical system as

$$
\frac{dU}{d\xi} = P,
$$

\n
$$
\frac{dP}{d\xi} = A_1 U^3 - A_2 U^2 - A_3 U,
$$
\n(65)

where $A_1 = \frac{a^2}{2\alpha^2}$, $A_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ $\left(\frac{2b}{\alpha^2} - \frac{a\beta}{\alpha^3}\right)$ and $A_3 = \frac{3\beta^2}{\alpha^4} + \frac{\mu}{\alpha^3}$.

The three equilibrium points for the above system of differential equations are computed as $(0, 0)$, $(U_1, 0)$ and $(U_2, 0)$ on U-axis, where

$$
U_1 = \frac{1}{2A_1} \left(A_2 + \sqrt{\delta} \right), \ U_2 = \frac{1}{2A_1} \left(A_2 - \sqrt{\delta} \right).
$$

Fig. 3 Wave propagation structures for solution [\(34\)](#page-10-0)

and $\delta = A_2^2 + 4A_1A_3$.

Let $M(U_i, 0)$ is the coefficient matrix of the linearized system of (65) at equilibrium point $(U_i, 0)$; *J* and *T* be the determinant and trace of the matrix *M*, respectively. Here,

$$
J = -(3A_1U^2 - 2A_2U - A_3)
$$
 and
 $T = 0$.

By using the theory of planar dynamical system [\[29](#page-29-1)], we can discuss following definitions for the critical points (*Ui*, 0).

- (1) When $J < 0$, then $(U_i, 0)$ is a saddle point.
- (2) When $J > 0$ and $T^2 4J \ge 0$, then $(U_i, 0)$ is a node; which is stable if $T < 0$ and unstable if $T > 0$.
- (3) When $J > 0$, $T^2 4J < 0$ and $T \neq 0$, then $(U_i, 0)$ is a focus; which is stable if $T < 0$ and unstable if $T > 0$.
- (4) When $J > 0$ and $T = 0$, then $(U_i, 0)$ is a center.
- (5) When $J = 0$ and Poincare index of $(U_i, 0)$ is zero, then it is called the zero point.

For different choices of parameters *A*1, *A*² and *A*3, various cases in detail are explained as:

*Case 1 A*₁ > 0, *A*₂ > 0, and *A*₃ > 0: Fig. [8a](#page-23-0) exhibits the phase portrait for the values of parameters considered as $A_1 = 1$, $A_2 = 1$, $A_3 = 1$. For this case, we have three equilibrium points where $(0, 0)$ is center point whereas $(U_1, 0)$ and $(U_2, 0)$ are

Fig. 4 Wave propagation structures for solution [\(41\)](#page-12-0)

Fig. 5 Wave propagation structures for solution [\(44\)](#page-12-1)

Fig. 6 Wave propagation structures for solution [\(51\)](#page-14-0)

Fig. 7 Wave propagation structures for solution [\(61\)](#page-16-1)

saddle points. Here, presence of nonlinear periodic trajectory and nonlinear homoclinic trajectory ensure the occurrence of closed-form solutions of the KD Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0). *Case 2 A*₁ > 0, *A*₂ > 0, and *A*₃ < 0: Fig. [8b](#page-23-0) explains the phase portrait for the values of parameters given as $A_1 = 1$, $A_2 = 1$, $A_3 = -1$. For this case, we have only one

Fig. 8 Phase portraits

real equilibrium point, trivial equilibrium point $(0, 0)$, which is a saddle point. Here, it has been observed that the closed form trajectories are not obtained.

*Case 3 A*₁ > 0, A_2 < 0, and A_3 > 0: Fig. [8c](#page-23-0) describes the phase portrait for the values of parameters given by $A_1 = 1$, $A_2 = -1$, $A_3 = 1$. For this case, we have three equilibrium points, where $(0, 0)$ is a center point whereas $(U_1, 0)$ and $(U_2, 0)$ are saddle points. In this case also, the presence of nonlinear homoclinic trajectory and nonlinear periodic trajectory ensure the occurrence of closed form solutions of the KD Eq. (1) .

*Case 4 A*₁ > 0, A_2 < 0, and A_3 < 0: Fig. [8d](#page-23-0) exhibits the phase portrait for the parameter values $A_1 = 1$, $A_2 = -1$, $A_3 = -1$. For this case, we have only one equilibrium points namely (0, 0) which is a saddle point. Here, closed form trajectories are not obtained.

*Case 5 A*₁ < 0, $A_2 > 0$, and $A_3 > 0$: Fig. [9a](#page-24-1) describes the phase portrait for the values of parameters $A_1 = -1$, $A_2 = 1$, $A_3 = 1$. For this case, we have obtained only one real equilibrium point, namely $(0, 0)$ which is a center point. For this case, presence of non-linear periodic trajectories ensures the existence of closed form solutions.

*Case 6 A*₁ < 0, A_2 > 0, and A_3 < 0: Fig. [9b](#page-24-1) exhibits the phase portrait for the parameter values $A_1 = -1$, $A_2 = 1$, $A_3 = -1$. For this case, we have three equilibrium points, where $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point whereas $(U_1, 0)$ and $(U_2, 0)$ are center

Fig. 9 Phase portraits

points. Here, the presence of nonlinear periodic trajectory and nonlinear homoclinic trajectory ensure the occurrence of closed form solutions of the KD Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0).

*Case 7 A*₁ < 0, A_2 < 0, and A_3 > 0: Fig. [9c](#page-24-1) describes the phase portrait for the values of parameters $A_1 = -1$, $A_2 = -1$, $A_3 = 1$. For this case, we have obtained only one real equilibrium point namely $(0, 0)$ which is a center point. For this case also, presence of non-linear periodic trajectories ensures the existence of closed for solutions.

*Case 8 A*₁ < 0, A_2 < 0, and A_3 < 0: Fig. [9d](#page-24-1) explains the phase portrait for the parameter values $A_1 = -1$, $A_2 = -1$, $A_3 = -1$. For this case, we have three equilibrium points where $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point whereas $(U_1, 0)$ and $(U_2, 0)$ are center points. Here, the presence of nonlinear periodic trajectory and nonlinear homoclinic trajectory insure the occurrence of closed form solutions of the KD Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0).

5 Quasi-periodic solution

The exploration of different dynamics of the perturbed system of the main system [\(1\)](#page-1-0) by adding perturbation term $\rho_1 \cos(\sigma \eta)$ is investigated in this section. Thus, equation

(a) $2D$ –Phase portraits with perturbation term

– (b) 3*D*–Phase portraits with perturbation term

Fig. 10 For $A_1 = -0.1$, $A_2 = 1.056$, $A_3 = 8.12$, $\rho_1 = -0.8$ and $\sigma = \pi$, 2-D and 3-D phase portraits of the perturbed system [\(66\)](#page-25-0)

Fig. 11 For $A_1 = -1$, $A_2 = -1.056$, $A_3 = 8.12$, $\rho_1 = -0.8$ and $\sigma = \pi$, 2-D and 3-D phase portraits of the perturbed system [\(66\)](#page-25-0)

[\(7\)](#page-4-3) with the addition of perturbation term becomes

$$
\frac{dU}{d\xi} = P,
$$

\n
$$
\frac{dP}{d\xi} = A_1 U^3 - A_2 U^2 - A_3 U + \rho_1 \cos(\sigma \eta),
$$
\n(66)

where ρ_1 is constant representing the intensity of the perturbed term and σ represents the frequency. To analyze the chaotic and periodic behavior of system [\(7\)](#page-4-3) with the existence of a perturbation term, we will fix the influence of force and frequency of disruption and retain the physical parameters of the system under observation.

Figure [6](#page-22-0) exhibits the 2-D and 3-D phase portraits of the perturbed model [\(66\)](#page-25-0) for *A*₁ = −0.1, *A*₂ = 1.05[6](#page-22-0), *A*₃ = 8.12, ρ ₁ = −0.8 and σ = π . Figure 6 depicts the 2-D and 3-D phase portraits for the perturbed system [\(66\)](#page-25-0) for $A_1 = -1$, $A_2 = -1.056$, $A_3 = 8.12$, $\rho_1 = -0.8$ and $\sigma = \pi$. Figure [6](#page-22-0) describes the 2-D and 3-D phase portraits

Fig. 12 For $A_1 = -0.93$, $A_2 = -1.056$, $A_3 = -2.5$, $\rho_1 = -0.8$ and $\sigma = \pi$, 2-D and 3-D phase portraits of the perturbed system [\(66\)](#page-25-0)

for the perturbed system [\(66\)](#page-25-0) for $A_1 = -0.93$, $A_2 = -1.056$, $A_3 = -2.5$, $\rho_1 = -0.8$ and $\sigma = \pi$.

6 Novelty and comparison

In this section, we have briefly compared our attained exact traveling wave solutions in the form of periodic-solitons, kink-wave profiles, the interaction of multi-soliton and kink-wave solutions, and other types of solitonic structures with the work carried out by the reseachers [\[20](#page-28-11), [22](#page-28-13), [23](#page-28-14)] and concludes the following:

- In [\[23](#page-28-14)], Song et. al. obtained exact solutions of the equation by applying extended Riccati equation rational expansion method.
- We exhibit the dynamics of solitary wave profiles of some soliton solutions in three dimensional, two dimensional and contour graphics by selecting appropriate values for the parameters a, b, α, β and μ , and hence we believe that the evolutionary profile dynamics of generated exact closed-form solutions are very impressive and advantageous for physical phenomena see Figs. [1,](#page-18-0) [2,](#page-19-1) [3,](#page-20-0) [4,](#page-21-0) [5,](#page-21-1) [6,](#page-22-0) [7.](#page-22-1)
- We have used generalized exponential rational function method, through which we have obtained various soliton solutions in more generalized form than the earlier published articles [\[23](#page-28-14)]. The solutions which we have generated are in the form of exponential, trigonometric and hyperbolic functions along with their combinations involving tanh, coth, tan, cot, sec and cosec functions.
- Also, the quasi-periodic solution is investigated for the perturbed system by including definite forces to the considered model. Moreover, and two-dimensional and three-dimensional phase portraits are also plotted for the perturbed system which is not recorded in the [\[18\]](#page-28-9).
- Moreover, we have observed the chaotic and periodic attractors for the perturbed system which is not shown in [\[18\]](#page-28-9) see Figs. [10,](#page-25-1) [11,](#page-25-2) [12.](#page-26-0)

7 Conclusion

In summary, we investigated the (2+1)-dimensional Konopelchenko–Dubrovsky (KD) model and constructed numerous exact closed-form solutions using GERF (generalized exponential rational function) approach with soft symbolic computations via Mathematica. The established soliton solutions exhibit that the KD Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0) admits abundant exact closed-form solutions having arbitrary constant parameters. The findings depict rich dynamical formations of the generated closed-form solutions in the forms of multi-solitons, kink-wave profiles, the interaction of multi-soliton and kink-wave solutions, and periodic solitons in Figs. [1,](#page-18-0) [2,](#page-19-1) [3,](#page-20-0) [4,](#page-21-0) [5,](#page-21-1) [6,](#page-22-0) [7.](#page-22-1) The obtained solutions will be beneficial in the theory of solitons, nonlinear dynamics, fluid mechanics, applied physics, optic fiber, natural sciences, physics, and many other areas. The technique we have used is one of the powerful techniques for obtaining the exact analytical solutions of NLPDEs as this GERF method constructs an extensive scale of established solitary wave solutions to the associated system. This method is very effective, trustworthy, and efficient. Moreover, the dynamics of KD Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-0) is also examined by using the bifurcation analysis in which we have found various equilibrium points, and different types of phase portraits have been discussed, see Figs. [8](#page-23-0) and [9.](#page-24-1) Furthermore, we numerically studied the existence of quasi-periodic solutions for the perturbed model, which is obtained after inserting the periodic forces to the considered KD system [\(1\)](#page-1-0). Also, 2*D* and 3*D* phase portraits shown by Figs. [10,](#page-25-1) [11,](#page-25-2) [12](#page-26-0) for the perturbed system were also plotted.

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Declarations

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