



# ***N*-soliton solutions for the combined KdV–CDG equation and the KdV–Lax equation**

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## ABSTRACT

The Hirota–Ito approach presented in [R. Hirota, M. Ito, Resonance of solitons in one dimension, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 52(3) (1983) 744–748] for extending fifth-order integrable equations with a nonvanishing boundary conditions to combined equations is used in this work. The generalized fifth-order Caudrey–Dodd–Gibbon (CDG) and Lax equations are extended to combined integrable equations. The Hirota’s bilinear method is used to derive multiple-soliton solutions for the extended KdV–CDG and KdV–Lax equations.

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## 1. Introduction

Hirota and Ito [1] investigated the resonance of solitons in one-dimensional space. Three significant conclusions were made in this work concerning two solitons at the resonant case, near the resonant case, and becoming singular solitons where  $\text{sech}^2$  profiles are transmitted with  $\text{cosech}^2$  profiles through interaction.

The generalized fifth-order KdV (fKdV) equation reads

$$u_t + au^2u_x + au_xu_{xx} + cuu_{3x} + u_{5x} = 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are arbitrary nonzero and real parameters, and  $u = u(x, t)$  is a sufficiently smooth function. The fifth-order KdV equation includes two dispersive terms  $u_{3x}$  and  $u_{5x}$ . A variety of the fKdV equations can be developed by changing the real values of the parameters  $a, b$ , and  $c$ . The most well-known fifth-order KdV equations that will be approached are the Sawada–Kotera (SK) equation, the Caudrey–Dodd–Gibbon equation [2], the Lax equation [3], the Kaup–Kupershmidt (KP) equation, and the Ito equation. The derivation of these fifth-order forms are derived from specific bilinear forms of the so-called Hirota’s  $D$ -operators. In this work, we will conduct our study on two of these equations, the Caudrey–Dodd–Gibbon equation (CDG) [2], and the Lax equation [3].

## 2. Caudrey–Dodd–Gibbon equation

The Caudrey–Dodd–Gibbon equation (CDG) [2] is given by

$$u_t + \frac{1}{5}\alpha^2u^2u_x + \alpha u_xu_{2x} + \alpha uu_{3x} + u_{5x} = 0, \quad (2)$$

with  $u(x, t)$  is a sufficiently often differentiable function. The CDG equation is completely integrable and therefore it admits multiple-soliton solutions and infinite number of conserved quantities. Moreover, the CDG Eq. (2) possesses the Painlevé property. Following [1], we consider the CDG equation with a nonvanishing boundary condition

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$$u|_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} = c, \quad (3)$$

where  $c$  is a constant.

The CDG Eq. (2) can be written as

$$u_t + b \left( \frac{1}{15} \alpha^2 u^3 + \alpha u u_{2x} + u_{4x} \right)_x = 0, \quad (4)$$

where  $b$  is a constant. Following the approach in [1], we replace  $u$  by  $u + c$  that will carry out (4) to

$$u_t + b \left( \frac{1}{15} \alpha^2 (u + c)^3 + \alpha (u + c) u_{2x} + u_{4x} \right)_x = 0, \quad (5)$$

so that

$$u_t + bc \alpha \left[ u_{2x} + \frac{1}{5} \alpha u^2 + \frac{1}{5} \alpha c u \right]_x + b \left[ \frac{1}{15} \alpha^2 u^3 + \alpha u u_{2x} + u_{4x} \right]_x = 0. \quad (6)$$

We next set

$$c = \frac{a}{b\alpha}, \quad (7)$$

and by using the Galilei transformation, to get rid of  $u_x$ , Eq. (6) becomes

$$u_t + a \left[ u_{2x} + \frac{1}{5} \alpha u^2 \right]_x + b \left[ \frac{1}{15} \alpha^2 u^3 + \alpha u u_{2x} + u_{4x} \right]_x = 0. \quad (8)$$

Eq. (8) will be reduced to the KdV equation [4] for  $b = 0$  and for the CDG Eq. (5) for  $a = 0$ . Moreover, Eq. (8) is completely integrable. It is our aim in this work to show that this equation exhibits  $N$ -soliton solutions. Eq. (8) has the bilinear form

$$D_x(D_t + aD_x^3 + bD_x^5)f \cdot f = 0, \quad (9)$$

where the customary definition of the Hirota's bilinear operators  $D$  is given by

$$D_t^n D_x^m a \cdot b = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \right)^n \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \right)^m a(x, t) b(x', t') |_{x' = x, t' = t}. \quad (10)$$

The solution  $u(x, t)$  is defined by

$$u(x, t) = R(\ln f)_{xx}, \quad (11)$$

where  $R$  is a parameter that will be determined. The auxiliary  $f(x, t)$  is given by the perturbation expansion

$$f(x, t) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon^n f_n(x, t), \quad (12)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a bookkeeping non-small parameter, and  $f_n(x, t)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  are unknown functions that will be determined by substituting the last equation into the bilinear form and solving the resulting equations by equating different powers of  $\epsilon$  to zero.

In what follows we briefly highlight the main features of the Hirota's bilinear method that will be used in this work [4–20]. We first substitute

$$u(x, t) = e^{kx - ct}, \quad (13)$$

into the linear terms of any equation under discussion to determine the dispersion relation between  $k$  and  $c$ . We then substitute the single soliton solution

$$u(x, t) = R(\ln f)_{xx} = R \frac{f f_{2x} - (f_x)^2}{f^2}, \quad (14)$$

into the equation under discussion, where the auxiliary function  $f$  is given by

$$f(x, t) = 1 + f_1(x, t) = 1 + e^{\theta_1}, \quad (15)$$

where

$$\theta_i = k_i x - c_i t, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad (16)$$

and by solving the resulting equation, we determine the numerical value for  $R$  [21–30]. The steps are summarized by

(i) For dispersion relation, we use

$$u(x, t) = e^{\theta_i}, \quad \theta_i = k_i x - c_i t. \quad (17)$$

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