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# Numerical Solution for Kawahara Equation by Using Spectral Methods

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## Abstract

Some nonlinear wave equations are more difficult to investigate mathematically, as no general analytical method for their solutions exists. The Exponential Time Differencing (ETD) technique requires minimum stages to obtain the required accuracy, which suggests an efficient technique relating to computational duration that ensures remarkable stability characteristics upon resolving nonlinear wave equations. This article solves the diagonal example of Kawahara equation via the ETD Runge-Kutta 4 technique. Implementation of this technique is proposed by short Matlab programs.

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## 1. Introduction

A number of time-dependent partial differential equations (PDEs) are found to merge nonlinear and linear expressions of low and higher orders respectively. The spatial and temporal high order approximations can be applied suitably to find accurate numerical solutions of such problem. A lucid development of the Exact

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Linear Part (ELP) techniques of any order was given by Cox and Matthews [1]. This refers much to the Exponential Time Differencing (ETD) methods [2-3]. Since then Tokman [4] expressed these formulas which direct to the group relating to exponential propagation methods called Exponential Propagation Iterative (EPI) techniques. In order to make better the ETD schemes, Wright [5] deliberated on these schemes and thus reforming the solution in integral form of a nonlinear autonomous system of ODEs to an extension in terms of matrix and vector functions products.

The basic procedure of ETD schemes is to integrate linear terms of the differential equation (DE) exactly, while estimating the nonlinear parts via a polynomial to be accurately integrated. Exceptionally a comparable technique is implemented by Lawson [6] and is now applied to the Integrating Factor (IF) techniques. Following in manner of IF techniques [7-9] the two ODE parts are multiplied via a suitable IF, upon which we acquired a DE with, modified variables as such the linear term is exactly resolved.

The ETD schemes are used widespread to unravel stiff systems. Furthermore in [10-11], they contrasted numerous fourth-order techniques which include ETD techniques and related consequences. They found preeminent option with regards to ETD Runge-Kutta 4 (ETDRK4) technique in resolving a range of one-dimensional diffusion-type problems. A wide-ranging utilization of the ETD methods was carried out in accordance with connected work in simulations of stiff problems [12]. In Aziz *et al.* [13-14] the ETDRK4 method was used to solve the diagonal case of Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation with Fourier transformation and to implement by the integration factor method. Other papers on this subject include [15-22].

The present article is arranged as ensued: In part 1, we introduce the issue. In part 2, we demonstrate the background of the study which is related to a diagonal example. In part 3, we accomplish an implementation correlated to diagonal case of Kawahara equation, alongside Fast Fourier Transform (FFT). For part 4, a brief conclusion is given.

## 2. Background of the study

### 2.1. A diagonal example: Burgers' equation

In this section, we intend to show a diagonal example, which is solved via spectral method [17]. The Burgers' equation is given as

$$u_t - ju_{xx} + uu_x = 0 \quad x \in [0,1], \quad t \in [0,1] \tag{1}$$

with the initial and Dirichlet boundary conditions imposed by means of

$$u(x, 0) = (\sin(2\pi x))^2 (1 - x)^{\frac{3}{2}} \tag{2}$$

where  $\nu = 500$ ,  $j = 0.0003$  (in lieu of viscous Burgers' equation) and  $\mu = 0$  (in place of inviscid Burgers' equation),  $r = 0.03$ .

To solve the equations (1) and (2), we compose

$$u_t - ju_{xx} + \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2\right)_x = 0. \tag{3}$$

The use of Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) in (3) gives

$$\hat{u}_t + jk^2\hat{u} + \frac{1}{2}ik\widehat{u^2} = 0 \tag{4}$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Multiplying (4) by  $e^{jk^2t}$ , then

$$e^{jk^2t}\hat{u}_t + e^{jk^2t}jk^2\hat{u} + \frac{1}{2}ik e^{jk^2t}\widehat{u^2} = 0. \tag{5}$$

Choosing the following substitution

$$\hat{U} = e^{jk^2t}\hat{u} \tag{6}$$

$$\text{with} \quad \hat{U}_t = jk^2 e^{jk^2t}\hat{u} + e^{jk^2t}\hat{u}_t, \tag{7}$$

and replacing (7) in (5), we have

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