# Regarding rational exponential and hyperbolic functions solutions of conformable time-fractional Phi-four equation

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#### Abstract

In this study, we actually want to explore the time-fractional Phi-four equation via two methods, the  $\exp_a$  function method and the hyperbolic function method. We transform a fractional order differential equation into an ordinary differential equation using a wave transformation and the fractional derivative in conformable form. Then, the resulting equation has successfully been explored for new explicit exact solutions. The procured solutions are simply showed the effectiveness and plainness of the projected methods.

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#### 1 Introduction

A large number of physical prototypes has been expressed via nonlinear evolution equations in physical and natural sciences. These prototypes are discussed through different types of solutions of corresponding nonlinear PDEs. The exact solutions have always been a particular importance among the researchers in many fields of nonlinear sciences. To avoid the cumbersome calculations, a number of symbolic computation packages are available that facilitate to inaugurate new exact solutions to nonlinear evolution equations. Various methods have been presented and implemented to search exact solutions in different research articles such as: the ansatz [1–5], modified simple equation [6, 7], the extended

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trial equation [8,9], sine-cosine approach [10], the first integral [11,12],  $(\frac{G'}{G})$ -expansion [13], sine-Gordon expansion [14,15], the new extended direct algebraic method [16] and generalized projective Riccati equation method [17]. Furthermore, some other excellent works like various forms of the Kudryashov method [18–20], a modified form of Kudryashov and functional variable methods [21–23] have been done by different researchers. In [24–28], the auxiliary equation, the extended tanh-function, the improved  $tan(\frac{\phi(\eta)}{2})$ -expansion methods and the exp function approach have been explored for discrete and fractional order PDEs as well. In particular, Ali and Hassan, Hosseini et al., Zayed and Al-Nowehy all have utilized the  $exp_a$  function method in [29], [30], [31] and [32] respectively. The hyperbolic function method is one of the most useful approach to procure exact solutions of nonlinear partial differential equations, for example one can study, Xie et al. [33], Bai [34] and Hosseini et al. [35]. The study of fractional calculus has been given in [36–39].

The Klein–Gordon equation have an important role in mathematical physics, particle and nuclear physics, particularly in condensed matter physics [40–42]. The Phi-four equation is a special form of the Klein-Gordon equation that prototypes the interaction of kink and anti-kink solitary waves in particle physics [43]. This paper aims to scrutinize the new explicit exact solutions for the time-fractional Phi-four equation [44,45] that may read as

$$D_t^{2\gamma} - u_{xx} + m^2 u + \delta u^3 = 0, \ \delta > 0, 0 < \gamma \le 1, \tag{1}$$

here m and  $\delta$  are reals. We employ the  $exp_a$  function approach [29, 30, 32] and the hyperbolic function approach [33–35] via traveling wave transformation with the conformable derivative.

The scheme of this paper is as follows: Section 2 presents a brief description of the  $exp_a$  and the hyperbolic functions methods. Section 3 illustrate how to utilize these methods for producing new exact solutions of time-fractional Phi-four equation. The latter part presents the results of the current study graphically.

We recall the conformable derivative with some of its properties [38].

**Defination 1** Suppose  $h: \mathbb{R}_{>0} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Then, for all t > 0,

$$D_t^{\alpha}(p(t)) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{p(t + \varepsilon t^{1-\alpha}) - p(t)}{\varepsilon}$$

is known as  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha \le 1$  order conformable fractional derivative of p. The followings are some useful properties:

$$D_t^{\alpha}(a \ p + b \ g) = aD_t^{\alpha}(p) + bD_t^{\alpha}(g)$$
, for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$D_t^{\alpha}(p \ g) = p \ D_t^{\alpha}(g) + g \ D_t^{\alpha}(p)$$

Let  $p: \mathbb{R}_{>0} \to \mathbb{R}$  be an  $\alpha$ -differentiable function, g be a differentiable function defined in the range of p.

$$D_t^{\alpha}(p \circ g(t)) = t^{1-\alpha} g'(t) p'(g(t)).$$

On the top of that, the following rules hold.

$$D_t^{\alpha}(t^h) = h \ t^{h-\alpha}$$
, for all  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ 

 $D_t^{\alpha}(\delta) = 0$ , where  $\delta$  is constant.

$$D_t^{\alpha}(p/g) = \frac{gD_t^{\alpha}(p) - pD_t^{\alpha}(g)}{g^2}.$$

Conjointly, if p is differentiable, then  $D_t^{\alpha}(p(t)) = t^{1-\alpha} \frac{dp(t)}{dt}$ .

### 2 Description of Methods

The present subsection provides a brief explanation for two reliable techniques in engendering new exact solutions to nonlinear conformable time-fractional Phi-four equation. For this purpose, suppose that we have a nonlinear conformable time FDE that can be presented in the form

$$F(u, D_t^{\gamma} u, D_x u, D_{tt}^{2\gamma} u, D_{xx} u, \dots) = 0$$
(2)

The FDE (2) can be changed into the following nonlinear ODE of integer order

$$\wp(U, U', U'', ...,) = 0 \tag{3}$$

with the use of following wave transformation

$$u(x,t) = U(\xi), \xi = kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma},\tag{4}$$

where  $\wp$  is a polynomial in  $U(\xi)$  and its total derivatives with  $'=d/d\xi$  while k and l are nonzero arbitrary constants.

#### 2.1 The $exp_a$ function approach

Let us try to search a non-trivial solution for (3) in the following form [29–32]

$$U(\xi) = \frac{A_0 + A_1 a^{\xi} + \dots + A_N a^{N\xi}}{B_0 + B_1 a^{\xi} + \dots + B_N a^{N\xi}}$$
 (5)

where  $A_i$  and  $B_i$ , for  $(0 \le i \le N)$ , are found later and N is a free positive constant. Replacing the Eq.(5) in the nonlinear Eq.(3), yields

$$\wp(a^{\xi}) = q_0 + q_1 a^{\xi} + \dots + q_{\tau} a^{\tau \xi} = 0$$
(6)

Setting  $l_i(0 \le i \le \tau)$  in (5) to be zero, results give a set of nonlinear equations as follows:

$$q_i = 0, \quad i = 0, ..., \tau$$
 (7)

by solving the generated set (7), we acquire non-trivial solutions of the nonlinear PDE (2).

#### 2.2 The hyperbolic function approach

Let us try to search a non-trivial solution to the Eq. (3) in the following form [33–35,46]

$$U(\eta) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sinh^{i-1}(\rho) [B_i \sinh(\rho) + A_i \cosh(\rho)]$$
(8)

where  $\rho$  is some specific functions. By calculating the positive integer N, setting the Eq. (8) in Eq. (3), and comparing coefficients, we will find a set of nonlinear equations whose solution, finally provides explicit exact solutions of the Eq.(2). It is worth mentioning that using the separation of variables techniques on  $\frac{d\rho}{d\eta} = \sinh(\rho)$ , we find  $\sinh(\rho) = \pm \operatorname{csch}(\eta)$ ,  $\cosh(\rho) = -\coth(\eta)$  and  $\sinh(\rho) = \pm i \operatorname{sech}(\eta)$ ,  $\cosh(\rho) = -\tanh(\eta)$ . Accordingly, the solution (7) can be rewritten as

$$U(\eta) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\pm \operatorname{csch})^{i-1}(\eta) [\pm B_i \operatorname{csch}(\eta) - A_i \operatorname{coth}(\eta)],$$

and

$$U(\eta) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\pm i \operatorname{sech})^{i-1}(\eta) [\pm i B_i \operatorname{sech}(\eta) - A_i \tanh(\eta)].$$

Likewise, it is obvious that from  $\frac{dw}{d\eta} = \cosh(\rho)$ , we find  $\sinh(\rho) = -\cot(\eta)$ ,  $\cosh(\rho) = \pm \csc(\eta)$  and  $\sinh(\rho) = \tan(\eta)$ ,  $\cosh(\rho) = \pm \sec(\eta)$ . Accordingly, the solution (7) can be rewritten as

$$U(\eta) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (-\cot)^{i-1}(\eta) [-B_i \cot(\eta) \pm A_i \csc(\eta)],$$

and

$$U(\eta) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\tan^{i-1})(\eta) [B_i \tan(\eta) \pm A_i \sec(\eta)].$$

## 3 Application to time-fractional phi-four equation

In this section, the following form of time-fractional phi-four equation [44,45] is going to be considered for solution via  $exp_a$  method. Using the transformation (4) in (1), we get

$$(l^2 - k^2)U'' + m^2U + \delta U^3 = 0; \delta > 0.$$
(9)

Through balancing the terms U'' and  $U^3$ , we select N=1, the nontrivial solution (5) reduces to:

$$U(\xi) = \frac{a_1 a^{\xi} + a_0}{b_1 a^{\xi} + b_0}, \quad a \neq 1$$
 (10)

By setting the above solution in (9) and equating factors of each power of  $a^{\xi}$  in the resulting equation, we reach a set of nonlinear algebraic equations. which its solution yields the following new explicit exact solutions to (1).

$$Set - 1: a_{0} = -\frac{ib_{0}m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, a_{1} = \frac{ib_{1}m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, b_{0} = b_{0}, b_{1} = b_{1}, k = k, l = \mp \frac{\sqrt{k^{2}\log^{2}(a) + 2m^{2}}}{\log(a)}$$

$$u_{1}(x,t) = -\frac{im\left(b_{0} - b_{1}a^{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}}\right)}{\sqrt{\delta}\left(b_{1}a^{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}} + b_{0}\right)}$$
(11)

$$Set - 2: a_{0} = \frac{ib_{0}m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, a_{1} = -\frac{ib_{1}m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, b_{0} = b_{0}, b_{=}b_{1}, k = k, l = \mp \frac{\sqrt{k^{2}\log^{2}(a) + 2m^{2}}}{\log(a)}$$

$$u_{2}(x,t) = \frac{im\left(b_{0} - b_{1}a^{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}}\right)}{\sqrt{\delta}\left(b_{1}a^{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}} + b_{0}\right)}$$
(12)

In particular if we put a = e in  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  appear in (11), then we can obtain the following hyperbolic function solutions.

$$u_1^T(\xi) = -\frac{im\left(-b_1\sinh(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}) - b_1\cosh(\xi) + b_0\right)}{\sqrt{\gamma}\left(b_1\sinh(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}) + b_1\cosh(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}) + b_0\right)}$$
$$u_2^T(\xi) = \frac{im\left(-b_1\sinh(\xi) - b_1\cosh(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}) + b_0\right)}{\sqrt{\gamma}\left(b_1\sinh(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}) + b_1\cosh(\xi) + b_0\right)}$$

We now again consider the Eq. (9) to solve by utilizing the hyperbolic function approach. **Case-1:**  $\frac{d\rho}{d\xi} = \sinh(\rho)$  Through homogenous balancing principle, the terms U'' and  $U^3$  gives N=1 and the non-trivial solution (8) becomes

$$u(\xi) = B_1 \sinh(\rho) + A_1 \cosh(\rho) + A_0 \tag{13}$$

By setting the above non-trivial solution in (9) and equating the coefficients to zero in the resultant equation, we reach a set of nonlinear algebraic equations. which its solution yields the following new explicit exact solutions of (1).

$$Set - 1: A_0 = 0, A_1 = -\frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_1 = \frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \mp \sqrt{k^2 + 2m^2}$$

$$Set - 2: A_0 = 0, A_1 = \frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_1 = -\frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \mp \sqrt{k^2 + 2m^2}$$

$$u(\xi) = \mp \frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}} \tanh\left(\frac{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}}{2}\right)$$
(14)

$$Set - 3: A_0 = 0, A_1 = -\frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_1 = -\frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \mp \sqrt{k^2 + 2m^2}$$

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$$u(\xi) = \mp \frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}} \coth\left(\frac{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}}{2}\right). \tag{15}$$

Some more hyperbolic function solutions of Equ.(1) can be written as

$$Set - 5: A_{0} = 0, A_{1} = 0, B_{1} = \pm m \sqrt{\frac{2}{\delta}}, k = k, l = \pm \sqrt{k^{2} - m^{2}}$$

$$u(\xi) = \pm m \sqrt{\frac{2}{\delta}} \operatorname{csch}(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma})$$

$$Set - 6: A_{0} = 0, A_{1} = \pm \frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_{1} = 0, k = k, l = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2k^{2} + m^{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$u(\xi) = \pm \frac{im}{\sqrt{\delta}} \operatorname{coth}(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma})$$
(17)

Case-2:  $\frac{d\rho}{d\xi} = \cosh(\rho)$  and for N = 1, we procured the following new exact trigonometric wave solutions

$$Set - 1: A_0 = 0, A_1 = -\frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_1 = -\frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \mp \sqrt{k^2 - 2m^2}$$

$$Set - 2: A_0 = 0, A_1 = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_1 = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \mp \sqrt{k^2 - 2m^2}$$

$$u_{1,2}(\xi) = \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}} \tan\left(\frac{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}}{2}\right)$$
(18)

$$Set - 3: A_0 = 0, A_1 = -\frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, B_1 = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \mp \sqrt{k^2 - 2m^2}$$

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$$u_{3,4}(\xi) = \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}} \cot\left(\frac{kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma}}{2}\right)$$
(19)

The following are some more trigonometric function solutions for Equ. (1).

$$Set - 5: A_0 = 0, A_1 = 0, B_1 = \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}}, k = k, l = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2k^2 - m^2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$u_{5,6}(\xi) = \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta}} \cot(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma})$$

$$Set - 6: A_0 = 0, A_1 = \pm im\sqrt{\frac{2}{\delta}}, B_1 = 0, k = k, l = \pm \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$$

$$u_{7,8}(\xi) = \pm im\sqrt{\frac{2}{\delta}} \csc(kx - l\frac{t^{\gamma}}{\gamma})$$
(21)

# 3.1 Numerical simulation for solutions of time-fractional Phi-four equation

The obtained solutions of Eq.(1) are graphed here for different  $\gamma$ -values corresponding to  $m = \frac{1}{2}, \delta = 2$ , and k = 1.

Case-I: The figures 1(a)-1(d) and 2(a)-2(d) reveal the two solutions given in (14) and (15) for  $\gamma = 0.5, 0.75, 1$  and t = 0 respectively.

Case-II: The figures 3(a)-3(d) and 4(a)-4(d) present two solutions given in (18) and (19) for  $\gamma = 0.5, 0.75, 1$  and t = 0 respectively.

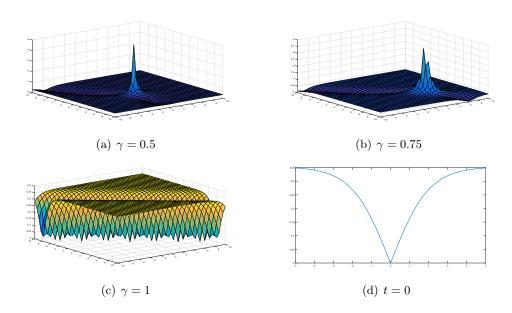


Figure 1: Solitary wave profile of  $u_{1,2}$  appears in Eq.(14)

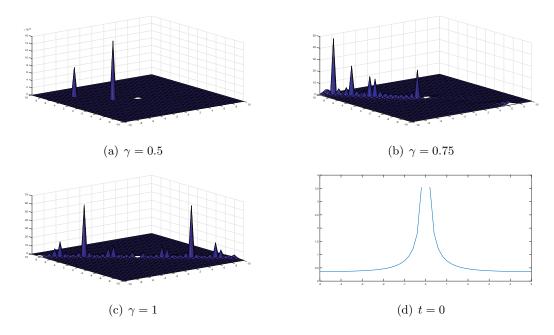


Figure 2: Solitary wave profile of  $u_{3,4}$  appears in Eq.(15)

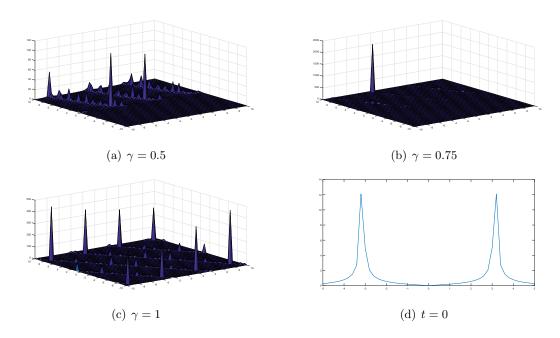


Figure 3: Solitary wave profile of  $u_{1,2}$  appears in Eq.18

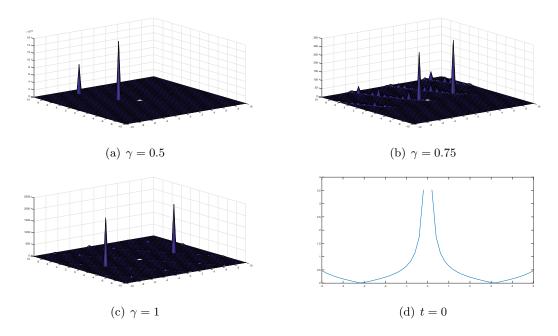


Figure 4: Solitary wave profile of  $u_{3,4}$  appears in Eq.19

#### 4 Conclusion

We have succeeded to explore two novel analytical approaches in finding many new exact solutions of time-fractional Phi-four equation. In other words, we utilized the  $\exp_a$  function method and the hyperbolic function method to construct the new explicit exact solutions of time-fractional Phi-four equation with the aid of MATHEMATICA. After comparing our findings with those appear in existing literature, we are confident that our solutions are new and the proposed methods are more efficient. Furthermore, the graphical representations of some solutions for particular parameters have been left for the reader.

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