

A DIRECT COLE-HOPF TRANSFORMATION OF A GENERALIZED BURGERS EQUATION WITH VARIABLE VISCOSITY TO SECOND ORDER LINEAR ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

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Abstract: Invariant solutions of a generalized Burgers equation with variable viscosity are obtained by non-classical Lie group method. To the best of our knowledge we are first to report the linearization of the generalized Burgers equation with variable viscosity.

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Introduction: The Burgers equation for $u(x, t)$ is [1]

$$u_t + u u_x = \frac{1}{2} u_{xx} \tag{1}$$

Hopf [2] and Cole [3] have shown that the second order nonlinear "partial differential equation (PDE)" (1) may be directly transformed to the second order linear PDE

$$\phi_t = \frac{\delta}{2} \phi_{xx} \tag{2}$$

through the Cole-Hopf transformation

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\phi(x, t)} \frac{\partial \phi(x, t)}{\partial x} \tag{3}$$

New nonlinear parabolic and hyperbolic equations for $u(x, t)$ were generated from their respective counterparts, viz.,

$$\phi_t + b \phi_x + c \phi + f = \epsilon a \phi_{xx} \tag{4}$$

$$\phi_t + b \phi_x + c \phi + f = \epsilon a \phi_{xt} \tag{5}$$

where a, b, c, f are functions of x, t , and ϵ is a parameter, by Sachdev [4] from the more general Cole-Hopf transformations in the form

$$F(u) = k(x, t)(\log \phi)_x \tag{6}$$

Nimmo and Crighton [5] have derived Bäcklund transformations between two nonlinear parabolic equations of the form

$$u_t - u_{xx} + H(t, x, u, u_x) = 0 \tag{7}$$

And concluded that besides the Burgers equation [1] its inhomogeneous version, viz.,

$$u_t + u u_x + a(x, t) = \frac{\delta}{2} u_{xx} \tag{8}$$

is also linearisable.

Kumei and Bluman [6] have devised a method to determine necessary and sufficient conditions under which a system of nonlinear equations with $n \geq 2$ independent variables and $m \geq 1$ dependent variables may be linearized. Their work contained an algorithm to explicitly construct an invertible mapping μ , if exists, between the systems of nonlinear and linear PDEs.

Bluman [7] presented an algorithm which maps linear partial differential equations (PDEs) with variable coefficients to linear PDEs with constant coefficients. Later, Sachdev and Mayil Vaganan [8], using Clairin's method (Clairin [9,10] as detailed in Lamb [11,12]), derived generalised Bäcklund transformations involving derivatives upto any finite order for linear parabolic and hyperbolic PDEs with variable

coefficients.

Kawamoto [13] derived certain nonlinear evolution equations reducible to the Painlevé equations by applying Lie's Classical Method (Bluman and Anco [14] and Olver [15]). Later, Sachdev and B. Mayil Vaganan [16] derived several mappings between the solutions of nonlinear evolution equations like the modified Burgers equation, the cylindrical K-dV equation etc.

In this paper, we extend the work of Mayil Vaganan and Senthilkumaran [17]; Indeed, we shall carry out the following:

- Self-similar solution form is identified for the GBE $u_t + u^{n-1}u_x = \frac{1}{n} t^{\frac{2}{n}-1}u_{xx}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ (9) in order to reduce it to an ODE (Note that the PDEs (9) and (1) are identical when $n = 2$)
- Derive the following Cole-Hopf transformation to (9):

$$u(x, t) = R t^{-\frac{1}{n}} \left[\frac{1}{\phi(z)} \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz} \right]^{1/(n-1)}, \tag{10}$$

$$z = xt^{-\frac{1}{n}}, R = \left[\frac{1}{1-n} \right]^{1/(n-1)}$$

Using (10), we transform (9) directly (unlike in the work of Mayil Vaganan and Senthilkumaran [17]) to the following first order linear "ordinary differential equation (ODE)" for $\phi(z)$:

$$\phi'(z) + (n-1)z\phi(z) = 0, \tag{11}$$

$$\phi(z) = \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz}$$

Three Steps Transformation of (9) to Linear Equation:

We shall now transform the GBE (9) directly to a second order linear ODE (11) through Cole-Hopf transformation. For, we seek solutions of (9) in the form

$$u(x, t) = t^A f(z), z(x, t) = x t^B \tag{12}$$

where A and B are to be determined. Substitution of (12) into the GBE (9) results in the nonlinear second order ODE

$$f'' - n f^{n-1} f' + z f' + f = 0 \tag{13}$$

provided that $A = B = -1/n$. Equations in (12) are rewritten as

$$u(x, t) = t^{-1/n} f(z) \tag{14}$$

$$z(x, t) = x t^{-1/n} \tag{15}$$

It is easily verified that the equation (13) may be put as the derivative of the following Bernoulli's equation, viz., as a "first integral"

$$\frac{d}{dz}[f' - f^n + zf] = 0 \tag{16}$$

Equation (16) translates into the fact that the Bernoulli's equation

$$f' - f^n + zf = 0 \tag{17}$$

is, indeed, a "first integral" of the f-equation (13). In doing so, the constant of integration is set equal to zero.

As expected, the Bernoulli's equation (17) may be linearized to the Lagrange's equation

$$H' - (n - 1)zH + n - 1 = 0 \tag{18}$$

Via the transformation

$$H(z) = [f(z)]^{1-n} \tag{19}$$

Surprisingly the transformation

$$H(z) = [f(z)]^{-(1-n)} \tag{20}$$

which, in a sense, is an "inverse" to (19) replaces the n-Bernoulli's equation (17) by a 2-Bernoulli's equation

$$H' - (n - 1)H^2 + (n - 1)zH = 0 \tag{21}$$

The transformation(20) changes the f-equation (13) to an Euler- Painlevé transcendent

$$H H'' - \frac{(n - 2)}{(n - 1)} H'^2 - n H^2 H' + (n - 1)H^2 + z H H' = 0 \tag{22}$$

Interestingly, there is both the "linear" and "nonlinear" first integrals for the Euler- Painlevé Transcendent (22), namely, the Lagrange's equation (18) and the Riccati equation (21).

It is remarkable that both the two different transformations (19) and (20) transform the f-equation (13) to the "same" Euler- Painlevé equation (22).

It is a well known fact that a Riccati equation (2-Bernoulli's equation) can be linearized to a second order ODE. Indeed, the transformation

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1-n} \frac{1}{\phi(z)} \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz} \tag{23}$$

linearize the Riccati equation (21) to the first order linear ODE for $\phi(z)$:

$$\phi'(z) + (n - 1)z \phi(z) = 0, \phi(z) = \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz} \tag{24}$$

We now summarize:

- Transformed the GBE with power law viscosity (9), using the similarity transformation (14) - (15)

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to the second order nonlinear ODE (13) .

- Equation (13) is directly integrated to yield a first integral (17) which is a Bernoulli's equation
- The intermediate integral (17) is transformed to the Riccati equation (21) via the nonlinear transformation (20)
- Riccati equation (21) is transformed via the Cole-Hopf transformation (23) to the second order linear ODE (24) for $\phi(z)$.

Direct Transformation of (9) to the Same Linear Equation (24): Inserting for H(z) from (23) into the nonlinear transformation (20) yields

$$[f(z)]^{n-1} = \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{1}{\phi(z)} \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz} \tag{25}$$

Or

$$f(z) = \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{1/(n-1)} \left[\frac{1}{\phi(z)} \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz}\right]^{1/(n-1)} \tag{26}$$

If we replace for f(z) from (26) in (14)-(15), the

$$u(x, t) = R t^{-\frac{1}{n}} \left[\frac{1}{\phi(z)} \frac{d\phi(z)}{dz}\right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \tag{27}$$

$$z(x, t) = x t^{-\frac{1}{n}} \tag{28}$$

where we used

$$R = \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{1/(n-1)} \tag{29}$$

Now inserting from (27) and (28), the GBE (9) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-R}{n} t^{-1} z \phi^{-\frac{1}{n-1}} (\phi')^{\frac{1}{n-1}} + \frac{R^n}{n} t^{-1} \phi^{-n/(n-1)} (\phi')^{n/(n-1)} \\ = \frac{R}{n} t^{-1} \left(\frac{-1}{n-1} \phi^{-n/(n-1)} (\phi')^{n/(n-1)} + \frac{1}{n-1} \phi^{(2-n)/(n-1)} \phi''\right) \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

It is interesting to note from (29) that

$$R^{n-1} = \left[\left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{1/(n-1)}\right]^{n-1} = \frac{1}{1-n} \tag{31}$$

In view of (31), the second term on the LHS coincides with the first term on the RHS (30), and we thus have

$$\frac{-R}{n} t^{-1} z \phi^{-1/(n-1)} (\phi')^{1/(n-1)} = \frac{R}{n} t^{-1} \frac{1}{n-1} \phi^{-\frac{1}{n-1}} (\phi')^{\frac{2-n}{n-1}} \phi'' \tag{32}$$

Which simplifies to the second order linear equation (24).

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