

## Symbolic Computation and Construction of Soliton-Like Solutions to the (2+1)-Dimensional Breaking Soliton Equation\*

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**Abstract** Based on the computerized symbolic system *Maple*, a new generalized expansion method of Riccati equation for constructing non-travelling wave and coefficient functions' soliton-like solutions is presented by a new general ansatz. Making use of the method, we consider the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation,  $u_t + bu_{xxy} + 4buv_x + 4bu_xv = 0$ ,  $u_y = v_x$ , and obtain rich new families of the exact solutions of the breaking soliton equation, including the non-travelling wave and constant function soliton-like solutions, singular soliton-like solutions, and triangular function solutions.

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### 1 Introduction

In recent years, much attention has been paid on the study of (2+1)-dimensional soliton systems particularly after the advent of dromions which are exponentially localized in the structures driven by some straight-line ghost solitons unearthed by Boiti and his co-workers<sup>[1]</sup> and Forkas and Santini.<sup>[2]</sup> Some significant models such as the Kadomtsev–Petviashvili (KP) equation,<sup>[3]</sup> Davey–Stewartson (DS) equation,<sup>[4,5]</sup> Nizhnik–Noviko–Vesselov (NNV) equation,<sup>[6,7]</sup> the asymmetric NNV (ANNV) equation,<sup>[6,8]</sup> and breaking soliton equation,<sup>[9,10]</sup> etc. have also been established in nonlinear physics.

To find some exact physically significant coherent soliton solutions (which are localized in all directions) in (2+1) dimensions is much more difficult than in (1+1) dimensions. Recently, two kinds of “variable separating” procedures have been established for some types of (2+1)-dimensional integrable models (see Refs. [5], [7], [8], and [10]–[13]). The second type of variable separation method had been established for some types of (2+1)-dimensional integrable model like the DS equation,<sup>[5]</sup> NNV and ANNV equations,<sup>[7,8]</sup> and some special types of exact solutions of these equations can be obtained by selecting the arbitrary functions appropriately.

In this paper, we would present a new method named generalized expansion method of Riccati equation, which is mainly stemmed from the tanh method,<sup>[14,15]</sup> extended tanh-function method,<sup>[16–21]</sup> modified extended tanh-function method,<sup>[22]</sup> and generalized hyperbolic-function

method,<sup>[23]</sup> and use it to consider the soliton-like solutions for the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation,<sup>[9,10]</sup>

$$u_t + bu_{xxy} + 4buv_x + 4bu_xv = 0, \quad u_y = v_x. \quad (1)$$

Equations (1) describes the (2+1)-dimensional interaction of a Riemann wave propagating along the  $y$ -axis with a long wave along the  $x$ -axis, and it seems to have been generated.<sup>[24]</sup> Recently, by use of a variable separation approach, Ruan<sup>[10]</sup> studied the coherent structures of Eq. (1) and obtained some special types of the dromion solutions, lumps, ring solutions, curved solitons, and breathers by selecting the arbitrary functions appropriately.

In this paper, using our method, we obtain rich new families of the exact solutions of the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation, including the non-travelling wave and constant function soliton-like solutions, singular soliton-like solutions, triangular function solutions.

The plan of this paper is as follows. In Sec. 2, we describe briefly the generalized expansion method of Riccati equation. In Sec. 3, we apply the method to (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation and bring out rich soliton-like solutions. Conclusions will be presented finally.

### 2 Generalized Expansion Method of Riccati Equation

Let us simply describe the generalized expansion method of Riccati equation.

For a given system of nonlinear evolution equations (NEES) in three variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(u, v, u_t, v_t, u_x, v_x, u_y, v_y, u_{xx}, v_{xx}, u_{xt}, v_{xt}, u_{xy}, v_{xy}, u_{yt}, v_{yt}, \dots) &= 0, \\ E_2(u, v, u_t, v_t, u_x, v_x, u_y, v_y, u_{xx}, v_{xx}, u_{xt}, v_{xt}, u_{xy}, v_{xy}, u_{yt}, v_{yt}, \dots) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

we seek the following formal solutions of the given system by the new more general ansatz,

$$u(x, y, t) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m [a_i \phi^i(\xi) + b_i \phi^{i-1}(\xi) \sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)} + k_i \phi^{-i}(\xi)],$$

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$$v(x, y, t) = A_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n [A_j \phi^j(\xi) + B_j \phi^{j-1}(\xi) \sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)} + K_j \phi^{-j}(\xi)], \quad (3)$$

where  $m, n$  are integers to be determined by balancing the highest order derivative terms with the nonlinear terms in Eq. (2),  $R$  is a real constant, while  $a_0 = a_0(x, y, t)$ ,  $A_0 = A_0(x, y, t)$ ,  $a_i = g_i(x, y, t)$ ,  $b_i = b_i(x, y, t)$ ,  $k_i = k_i(x, y, t)$ ,  $A_j = A_j(x, y, t)$ ,  $B_j = B_j(x, y, t)$ ,  $K_j = K_j(x, y, t)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, n$ ), and  $\xi = \xi(x, y, t)$  are all differentiable functions, and  $\phi(\xi)$  satisfies

$$\frac{d\phi(\xi)}{d\xi} = R + \phi^2(\xi). \quad (4)$$

It is easy to see that the ansatz (3) is more general than the ansatz in the generalized hyperbolic-function method,<sup>[23]</sup> tanh method,<sup>[14,15]</sup> extended tanh-function method,<sup>[16–21]</sup> modified extended tanh-function method.<sup>[22]</sup> Firstly, compared with the tanh method, extended tanh-function, as well as the modified extended tanh-function method, the restriction on  $\xi(x, y, t)$  as merely a linear function  $x, y, t$  and the restriction on the coefficients  $a_i, b_i, k_i, A_j, B_j, K_j$  ( $i = 0, \dots, m; j = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $\xi$  as constants are removed. Secondly, compared with the generalized hyperbolic-function method, we can not only recover the exact solutions for a given NEEs which are the superposition of different powers of the sech  $\xi$  function, tanh  $\xi$  function or their combinations, but also we can, with no extra efforts, find other new and more general types of solutions, such as singular soliton-like solutions, coth-type solutions, triangular periodic-like solutions, tan-type solutions, and these formal functions' combination, even rational solutions, *et al.* More importantly, we add terms  $k_i \phi^{-i}(\xi)$  in new ansatz (3), so more types of solutions would be expected for some equations.

There exist the following steps to be considered further:

**Step 1** Determining the values of  $m$  and  $n$  of system (3) by respectively balancing the highest-order partial derivative terms and the nonlinear terms in system (2).

**Step 2** Substituting Eqs. (3) along with Eq. (4) into Eq. (2), multiplying the most simplifying common denominator in the obtained system, setting the coefficients of  $\phi^r(\xi)(\sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)})^s$  ( $r = 0, 1, \dots; s = 0, 1$ ). (**Note** here  $\phi^r(\xi)$  denotes  $r$  power of  $\phi(\xi)$  and  $(\sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)})^s$  denotes  $s$  power of  $\sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)}$ ) to zero, we obtain a

set of over-determined partial differential equations with regard to differential functions  $a_i, b_i, k_i, A_j, B_j, K_j$  ( $i = 0, \dots, m; j = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $\xi$ .

**Step 3** Solving the over-determined partial differential equations by use of the PDE tools package of *Maple*, we would end up with the explicit expressions for  $a_i, b_i, k_i, A_j, B_j, K_j$  ( $i = 0, \dots, m; j = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $\xi$ , or the constraints among them.

**Step 4** It is well known that the general solutions of Riccati equation (4) are

$$\phi(\xi) = \begin{cases} -\sqrt{-R} \tanh(\sqrt{-R}\xi), & R < 0, \\ -\sqrt{-R} \coth(\sqrt{-R}\xi), & R < 0, \\ \sqrt{R} \tan(\sqrt{R}\xi), & R > 0, \\ -\sqrt{R} \cot(\sqrt{R}\xi), & R > 0, \\ -1/\xi, & R = 0. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Thus according to Eqs. (3), (5) and the conclusions in **Step 3**, the soliton-like solutions of Eqs. (2) can be obtained.

For the generalization of the ansatz, naturally more complicated computation is expected than ever before. Even if the availability of computer symbolic systems like *Maple* or *Mathematica* allows us to perform the complicated and tedious algebraic calculation and differential calculation on a computer, in general, it is very difficult, sometime impossible, to solve the set of over-determined partial differential equations in **Step 3**. As the calculation goes on, in order to drastically simplify the work or make the work feasible, we often choose special function forms for  $a_i, b_i, k_i, A_j, B_j, K_j$  ( $i = 0, \dots, m; j = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $\xi$  on a trial-and-error basis.

### 3 The (2+1)-Dimensional Breaking Soliton Equation

In this section, by use the generalized expansion method of Riccati equation, we consider the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation, i.e., Eqs. (1).<sup>[9,10]</sup> By balancing the highest-order contributions from both the linear and nonlinear terms in Eqs. (1), we obtain  $m = 2, n = 2$  in Eq. (3). Therefore we assume the solutions of Eqs. (1) in the form

$$u(x, y, t) = a_0 + a_1 \phi(\xi) + a_2 \phi^2(\xi) + b_1 \sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)} + b_2 \phi(\xi) \sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)} + k_1 \phi^{-1}(\xi) + k_2 \phi^{-2}(\xi), \quad (6)$$

$$v(x, y, t) = A_0 + A_1 \phi(\xi) + A_2 \phi^2(\xi) + B_1 \sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)} + B_2 \phi(\xi) \sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)} + K_1 \phi^{-1}(\xi) + K_2 \phi^{-2}(\xi), \quad (7)$$

where  $a_i = a_i(y, t)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ),  $b_i = b_i(y, t)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $k_i = k_i(y, t)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $A_i = A_i(y, t)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ),  $B_i = B_i(y, t)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $K_i = K_i(y, t)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $\xi = xp + q$  ( $p$  is a constant and  $q = q(y, t)$ ) are all differential functions, and  $\phi(\xi)$  satisfies Eq. (4).

Substituting Eqs. (6) and (7) along with Eq. (4) into Eq. (1), multiplying  $\phi^5(\xi)\sqrt{R + \phi^2(\xi)}$  and  $\phi^3(\xi)$  in the first equation and the second equation, respectively, then setting the coefficients of  $\phi^s(\xi)(R + \phi^2(\xi))^{r/2}$  ( $r = 0, 1; s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) to zero in the obtained system of partial differential equation, we can deduce the following set of over-determined partial differentiable equations with respect to the unknown differentiable functions  $a_0, a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, k_1, k_2, A_0, A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, K_1, K_2$ , and  $q$  (**Note** in this paper,  $a_{iy} = \partial a_i(y, t)/\partial y$ , and so on.)

$$-4bpk_1A_0 - 4bpa_0K_1 - 4bpk_2A_1 + 4bpb_1B_2R^2 + 4bpa_2K_1R + 4bpb_2B_1R^2 + a_{0t} + 4bpa_1RA_0 + 4bpa_0A_1R$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+2bp^2k_{2y} - q_t k_1 + 4bpk_1 A_2 R + 2bp^2 q_y a_1 R^2 - 2bp^2 q_y k_1 R + 2bp^2 a_{2y} R^2 + q_t a_1 R - 4bpa_1 K_2 = 0, & (8) \\
 &q_y a_1 - pA_1 + a_{2y} = 0, & (9) \\
 &2pK_2 + k_{1y} - 2q_y k_2 = 0, & (10) \\
 &pK_1 R + k_{2y} - q_y k_1 R = 0, & (11) \\
 &-6bpR(pq_y k_1 R^2 - pk_{2y} R + 2K_1 k_2 + 2k_1 K_2) = 0, & (12) \\
 &-2pA_2 R + a_{1y} + 2q_y a_2 R = 0, & (13) \\
 &-12bpR(b_1 K_2 + B_1 k_2) = 0, & (14) \\
 &-pB_2 R + b_{1y} + q_y b_2 R = 0, & (15) \\
 &-2pB_2 + 2q_y b_2 = 0, & (16) \\
 &4bpb_1 A_0 R - 4bpk_2 B_1 - 4bpb_1 K_2 + 5bp^2 b_{2y} R^2 + 8bpb_1 A_2 R^2 + 8bpa_1 B_2 R^2 + 5bp^2 q_y b_1 R^2 \\
 &\quad + 8bpa_2 R^2 B_1 + q_t b_1 R + 8bpb_2 A_1 R^2 + b_{2t} R + 4bpb_2 K_1 R + 4bpk_1 B_2 R + 4bpa_0 B_1 R = 0, & (17) \\
 &6bp(pb_1 q_y + pb_{2y} + 2a_1 B_2 + 2B_1 a_2 + 2A_2 b_1 + 2A_1 b_2) = 0, & (18) \\
 &12bpa_1 B_1 R + b_{1t} + 3bp^2 b_{1y} R + 12bpb_2 A_2 R^2 + 33bp^2 q_y b_2 R^2 \\
 &\quad + 12bpb_2 A_0 R + 12bpb_1 A_1 R + 12bpa_0 B_2 R + 12bpa_2 B_2 R^2 + 3q_t b_2 R = 0, & (19) \\
 &-4bpR^2(B_1 k_1 + b_1 K_1 + K_2 b_2 + B_2 k_2) = 0, & (20) \\
 &R(5bp^2 q_y b_2 R^2 + 4bpa_1 B_1 R + q_t b_2 R + 4bpa_0 B_2 R + 4bpb_2 A_0 R \\
 &\quad + bp^2 b_{1y} R + 4bpb_1 A_1 R - 4bpb_2 K_2 + b_{1t} - 4bpk_2 B_2 - 4bpb_1 K_1 - 4bpk_1 B_1) = 0, & (21) \\
 &4bpa_0 B_1 + 4bpb_1 A_0 + q_t b_1 + 20bpa_1 B_2 R + 11bp^2 b_{2y} R + b_{2t} \\
 &\quad + 20bpa_2 B_1 R + 4bpb_2 K_1 + 20bpb_1 A_2 R + 4bpk_1 B_2 + 20bpb_2 A_1 R + 11bp^2 q_y b_1 R = 0, & (22) \\
 &8bpa_1 B_1 + 2bp^2 b_{1y} + 8bpb_2 A_0 + 28bpa_2 B_2 R + 52bp^2 q_y b_2 R + 8bpb_1 A_1 + 28bpb_2 A_2 R + 2q_t b_2 + 8bpa_0 B_2 = 0, & (23) \\
 &8bp(3b_2 q_y p + 2B_2 a_2 + 2A_2 b_2) = 0, & (24) \\
 &-4bpa_1 K_2 R - 8bp^2 q_y k_1 R^2 - q_t k_1 R - 12bpk_2 K_1 - 4bpa_0 K_1 R \\
 &\quad + 8bp^2 k_{2y} R + k_{2t} - 12bpk_1 K_2 - 4bpk_2 A_1 R - 4bpk_1 R A_0 = 0, & (25) \\
 &8bpb_1 B_1 R + 16bp^2 q_y a_2 R^2 + a_{1t} + 8bpa_0 A_2 R + 8bpb_2 B_2 R^2 + 8bpa_2 R A_0 + 8bpa_1 A_1 R + 2q_t a_2 R + 2bp^2 a_{1y} R = 0, & (26) \\
 &4bpa_2 K_1 + \text{diff}(a_2, t) + 12bpa_1 A_2 R + 4bpa_1 A_0 + 16bpb_1 B_2 R + 16bpb_2 B_1 R \\
 &\quad + 8bp^2 q_y a_1 R + 12bpa_2 A_1 R + 8bp^2 a_{2y} R + 4bpk_1 A_2 + 4bpa_0 A_1 + q_t a_1 = 0, & (27) \\
 &8bpb_1 B_1 + 24bpb_2 B_2 R + 8bpa_0 A_2 + 2q_t a_2 + 16bpa_2 A_2 R + 2bp^2 a_{1y} + 8bpa_1 A_1 + 40bp^2 q_y a_2 R + 8bpa_2 A_0 = 0, & (28) \\
 &6bp(pa_{2y} + pq_y a_1 + 2B_1 b_2 + 2B_2 b_1 + 2A_1 a_2 + 2a_1 A_2) = 0, & (29) \\
 &\quad - 8bpa_0 K_2 R - 8bpk_2 R A_0 - 40bp^2 q_y k_2 R^2 - 8bpk_1 K_1 R - 2q_t k_2 R + 2bp^2 k_{1y} R^2 - 16bpk_2 K_2 = 0, & (30) \\
 &2bp^2 k_{1y} R - 16bp^2 q_y k_2 R - 8bpk_2 A_0 - 8bpk_1 K_1 - 2q_t k_2 - 8bpa_0 K_2 + k_{1t} = 0, & (31) \\
 &-8bpR^2(b_1 K_2 + B_1 k_2) = 0, & (32) \\
 &8bp(3q_y a_2 p + 2a_2 A_2 + 2B_2 b_2) = 0, & (33) \\
 &-8bpk_2 R(3q_y R^2 p + 2K_2) = 0, & (34) \\
 &a_{0y} - q_y k_1 + q_y a_1 R - pA_1 R + pK_1 = 0, & (35) \\
 &-2pA_2 + 2q_y a_2 = 0, & (36) \\
 &-2R(q_y k_2 - pK_2) = 0, & (37) \\
 &-pB_1 + b_{2y} + q_y b_1 = 0. & (38)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the powerful PDE tools package of **Maple**, solving the set of partial differential equations (8) ~ (38), we can obtain the following results. (**Note** in the rest of this paper,  $q(y, t)$  denotes arbitrary function with respect to  $y, t$ , and  $C_1, C_2$  are arbitrary constants).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Case 1} \quad &a_1 = b_1 = k_1 = k_2 = b_2 = A_1 = B_1 = B_2 = K_1 = K_2 = 0, \\
 &a_0 = -2Rp^2, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{2}p^2, \quad A_0 = -\frac{q_t}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{2}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). & (39)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Case 2} \quad a_1 = b_1 = b_2 = k_1 = k_2 = A_1 = B_1 = B_2 = K_1 = K_2 = 0,$$

$$a_0 = -\frac{11}{10}Rp^2, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{2}p^2, \quad A_0 = -\frac{18bp^2q_yR + 5qt}{20bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{2}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (40)$$

**Case 3**  $a_1 = b_1 = b_2 = k_1 = k_2 = A_1 = B_1 = B_2 = K_1 = K_2 = 0,$

$$a_0 = C_1, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{2}p^2, \quad A_0 = -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{2}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (41)$$

**Case 4**  $a_1 = a_2 = b_1 = b_2 = k_1 = A_1 = A_2 = B_1 = B_2 = K_1 = 0,$

$$a_0 = C_1, \quad k_2 = -\frac{3}{2}p^2R^2, \quad A_0 = -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp}, \quad K_2 = -\frac{3}{2}q_yR^2p, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (42)$$

**Case 5**  $a_1 = b_1 = k_1 = k_2 = A_1 = B_1 = K_1 = K_2 = 0, \quad a_0 = -\frac{5}{4}Rp^2, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{4}p^2, \quad b_2 = \frac{3}{4}p^2,$

$$A_0 = -\frac{qt}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad B_2 = \frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (43)$$

**Case 6**  $a_1 = b_1 = k_1 = k_2 = A_1 = B_1 = K_1 = K_2 = 0, \quad a_0 = -\frac{5}{4}Rp^2, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{4}p^2, \quad b_2 = -\frac{3}{4}p^2,$

$$A_0 = -\frac{qt}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad B_2 = -\frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (44)$$

**Case 7**  $a_1 = b_1 = k_1 = k_2 = A_1 = B_1 = K_1 = K_2 = 0, \quad a_0 = C_2, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{4}p^2, \quad b_2 = \frac{3}{4}p^2,$

$$A_0 = -\frac{5bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_2q_y}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad B_2 = \frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (45)$$

**Case 8**  $a_1 = b_1 = k_1 = k_2 = A_1 = B_1 = K_1 = K_2 = 0, \quad a_0 = C_1, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{4}p^2, \quad b_2 = -\frac{3}{4}p^2,$

$$A_0 = -\frac{5bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad B_2 = -\frac{3}{4}pq_y, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (46)$$

**Case 9**  $a_1 = b_1 = b_2 = k_1 = A_1 = B_1 = B_2 = K_1 = 0, \quad a_0 = C_1, \quad a_2 = -\frac{3}{2}p^2, \quad k_2 = -\frac{3}{2}p^2R^2,$

$$A_0 = -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp}, \quad A_2 = -\frac{3}{2}pq_y, \quad K_2 = -\frac{3}{2}q_yR^2p, \quad q = q(y, t). \quad (47)$$

From Eqs. (5) ~ (7) and (39) ~ (47), we can obtain the following solutions for the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation.

**Type 1** From Case 1, we can obtain the following solutions:

$$u_{11} = -2Rp^2 + \frac{3}{2}p^2R \tanh^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad v_{11} = -\frac{qt}{4bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \tanh^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R < 0, \quad (48)$$

$$u_{12} = -2Rp^2 + \frac{3}{2}p^2R \coth^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad v_{12} = -\frac{qt}{4bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \coth^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R < 0, \quad (49)$$

$$u_{13} = -2Rp^2 - \frac{3}{2}p^2R \tan^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad v_{13} = -\frac{qt}{4bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \tan^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R > 0, \quad (50)$$

$$u_{14} = -2Rp^2 - \frac{3}{2}p^2R \cot^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad v_{14} = -\frac{qt}{4bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \cot^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R > 0. \quad (51)$$

**Type 2** From Case 2, we can obtain the following solutions:

$$u_{21} = -\frac{11}{10}Rp^2 + \frac{3}{2}p^2R \tanh^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))],$$

$$v_{21} = -\frac{18bp^2q_yR + 5qt}{20bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \tanh^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R < 0, \quad (52)$$

$$u_{22} = -\frac{11}{10}Rp^2 + \frac{3}{2}p^2R \coth^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))],$$

$$v_{22} = -\frac{18bp^2q_yR + 5qt}{20bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \coth^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R < 0, \quad (53)$$

$$u_{23} = -\frac{11}{10}Rp^2 - \frac{3}{2}p^2R \tan^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))],$$

$$v_{23} = -\frac{18bp^2q_yR + 5qt}{20bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \tan^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R > 0, \quad (54)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{24} &= -\frac{11}{10}Rp^2 - \frac{3}{2}p^2R \cot^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \\
 v_{24} &= -\frac{18bp^2q_yR + 5qt}{20bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \cot^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R > 0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{55}$$

**Type 3** From Cases 3 and 4, we can obtain the following solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{21} &= C_1 + \frac{3}{2}p^2R \tanh^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \\
 v_{21} &= -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \tanh^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R < 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{56}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{22} &= C_1 + \frac{3}{2}p^2R \coth^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \\
 v_{22} &= -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \coth^2[\sqrt{-R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R < 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{57}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{23} &= C_1 - \frac{3}{2}p^2R \tan^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \\
 v_{23} &= -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \tan^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R > 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{58}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{24} &= C_1 - \frac{3}{2}p^2R \cot^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \\
 v_{24} &= -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR \cot^2[\sqrt{R}(xp + q(y, t))], \quad R > 0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{59}$$

**Type 4** From Cases 5 and 6, we can obtain the following solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{41} &= -\frac{5}{4}Rp^2 + \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\tanh^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm i \tanh(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{sech}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \\
 v_{41} &= -\frac{qt}{4bp} + \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\tanh^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm i \tanh(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{sech}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \quad R < 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{60}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{42} &= -\frac{5}{4}Rp^2 + \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\coth^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm \coth(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{csch}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \\
 v_{42} &= -\frac{qt}{4bp} + \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\coth^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm \coth(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{csch}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \quad R < 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{61}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{43} &= -\frac{5}{4}Rp^2 - \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\tan^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \tan(\sqrt{R}\xi) \operatorname{sec}(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \\
 v_{43} &= -\frac{qt}{4bp} - \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\tan^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \tan(\sqrt{R}\xi) \operatorname{sec}(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \quad R > 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{62}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{44} &= -\frac{5}{4}Rp^2 - \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\cot^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \cot(\sqrt{R}\xi) \operatorname{csc}(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \\
 v_{44} &= -\frac{qt}{4bp} - \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\cot^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \cot(\sqrt{R}\xi) \operatorname{csc}(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \quad R > 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{63}$$

where  $\xi = xp + q(y, t)$ .

**Type 5** From Cases 7 and 8, we can obtain the following solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{51} &= C_2 + \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\tanh^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm i \tanh(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{sech}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \\
 v_{51} &= -\frac{5bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_2q_y}{4bp} + \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\tanh^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm i \tanh(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{sech}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \quad R < 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{64}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{52} &= C_2 + \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\coth^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm \coth(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{csch}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \\
 v_{52} &= -\frac{5bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_2q_y}{4bp} - \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\coth^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm \coth(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \operatorname{csch}(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \quad R < 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{65}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{53} &= C_2 - \frac{3}{4}p^2R [\tan^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \tan(\sqrt{R}\xi) \operatorname{sec}(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \\
 v_{53} &= -\frac{5bp^2q_yR + qt + 4bC_2q_y}{4bp} - \frac{3}{4}pq_yR [\tan^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \tan(\sqrt{R}\xi) \operatorname{sec}(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \quad R > 0,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{66}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{54} &= C_2 - \frac{3}{4}p^2R[\cot^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \cot(\sqrt{R}\xi)\csc(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \\
v_{54} &= -\frac{5bp^2q_yR + q_t + 4bC_2q_y}{4bp} - \frac{3}{4}pq_yR[\cot^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \cot(\sqrt{R}\xi)\csc(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \quad R > 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

where  $\xi = xp + q(y, t)$ . When setting  $C_2 = C_1$  in the above solutions, we can obtain another set of solutions for Eq. (1).

**Type 6** From Case 9, we can obtain the following solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{61} &= C_1 + \frac{3}{2}p^2[\tanh^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm \coth^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \\
v_{61} &= -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + q_t + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp} + \frac{3}{2}pq_yR[\tanh^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi) \pm \coth^2(\sqrt{-R}\xi)], \quad R < 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{62} &= C_1 - \frac{3}{2}p^2[\tan^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \cot^2(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \\
v_{62} &= -\frac{8bp^2q_yR + q_t + 4bC_1q_y}{4bp} - \frac{3}{2}pq_yR[\tan^2(\sqrt{R}\xi) \pm \cot^2(\sqrt{R}\xi)], \quad R < 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

where  $\xi = xp + q(y, t)$ .

#### 4 Conclusions

In summary, based on the computerized symbolic computation, by introducing a new more general ansatz than the ansatz in the extended tanh-function method, modified extended tanh-function method, and generalized hyperbolic-function method, we have proposed a generalized expansion method of Riccati equation for searching for exact solutions of NEEs and implemented in computerized symbolic system *Maple*. Making use of our method and with the aid of *Maple*, we study the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation and obtain new families of the exact solutions. In our obtained exact solutions the restriction on  $\xi(x, y, t)$  as merely a linear function  $x, y, t$  and the restriction on the coefficients  $a_i, b_i, k_i, A_j, B_j, K_j$  ( $i = 0, \dots, m; j = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $\xi$  as constants are removed, and with no extra efforts, the singular solitonic solution and triangular function solutions could be obtained. To make the work feasible, how to choose the forms for  $a_i, b_i, k_i, A_j, B_j, K_j$  ( $i = 0, \dots, m; j = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $\xi$  in the ansatz would be the key step in the computation of our method. The method proposed in this paper for the (2+1)-dimensional breaking soliton equation may be extended to find exact soliton-like solutions of other NEEs.

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