

# Soliton Solutions of a Nonlinear Fractional Sasa-Satsuma Equation in Monomode Optical Fibers

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**Abstract:** This article is devoted to retrieving soliton solutions of a nonlinear Sasa-Satsuma equation governing the propagation of short light pulses in the monomode optical fibers using the effect of conformable fractional transformation. The Integrability is carried out by incorporating two versatile integration gadgets namely the first integral method and the generalized projective Riccati equation method. The resulting solutions include bright, dark, singular, periodic as well as rational solitons along with their existence criteria. Furthermore, the fractional behavior of the solutions is investigated comprehensively using graphs.

**Keywords:** Nonlinear Sasa-Satsuma equation, Conformable time fractional derivative, First integral method, Generalized projective Riccati equation method, Optical solitons

## 1 Introduction

The propagation of nonlinear waves in optical waveguide has recently grabbed the researchers' interest [1–4]. In dielectric fibers, the dynamic balance between optical Kerr effect and dispersion leads to the generation of optical soliton. The dispersion of the fiber material is used to control the bit rate of transmission. The only factor responsible for the drop of pulse quality is the fiber loss, for details see [5–10].

In optical fibers, solitons have gained much concentration because of their robust nature and powerful applications in all long-distance and optical communications [11–15]. The propagation of optical solitons in a monomode fiber has been explored as the nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLSE) [16]. However, the propagation of ultrashort

pulses in high-bit-rate transmission systems has been described by some higher order linear and nonlinear effects [11], in which the following nonlinear Sasa-Satsuma equation in monomode fibers is of great interest [17–21]:

$$q_x = i(aq_{tt} + b|q|^2q) + cq_{ttt} + d(|q|^2q)_t + e(|q|^2)_t q, \quad (1)$$

where  $q$  is the complex valued function and the coefficients of  $a, b, c, d$  and  $e$  are group velocity dispersion, Kerr effect, third-order dispersion, self-steepening and stimulated Raman scattering, respectively.

Nowadays, fractional calculus is one of the most flourishing areas of mathematical analysis along with fractional operators, such as Caputo, Grunwald-Letnikov

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and Riemann-Liouville [22]-[24]. These operators have also been used in hydraulics of dams, waves in liquids and gases, temperature field problem in oil strata, signal processing and diffusion problems [25]-[27]. Conformable time fractional derivative occupied the worthy place in fractional calculus. It was first introduced by khalil et al. [28] in 2014 and developed by Abdeljawad et al. [29] in 2015.

Nonlinear partial differential equations (NPDEs) have been found in the fields of engineering and physics. Exact solutions of NPDEs play an important role in understanding the universe, and there are many direct approaches to exact solutions (see, e.g., [30-32]). The transformed rational function method [31] unifies many existing approaches for constructing traveling wave solutions, which include the tanh function method [33-35], the Jacobi elliptic function method [36-39], the homogeneous balance method [40], the F-expansion method [41], the sub-ODE method [42], the exp function method [43], the unified method [44-46], the  $(G'/G)$  expansion method [47], and the generalized unified method [48-50].

The first integral method (FIM) [51], which was first proposed in 2002, is a powerful tool for computing exact traveling wave solutions [52, 53]. For autonomous planar system, FIM gives polynomial first integrals.

Numerous solitary wave solutions of NPDEs [54] can be expressed as a polynomial in two elementary functions that satisfy a projective Riccati system [55]. Recently, Yan [56] has developed Conte's method and presented a generalization of the projective Riccati system, which is known as a generalized projective Riccati equation method (GPREM).

The present paper aims to construct soliton solutions for the following conformable time fractional Sasa-Satsuma equation in monomode optical fibers using FIM and GPREM:

$$q_x = i \left( a D_t^{2\gamma}(q) + b |q|^2 q \right) + c D_t^{3\gamma}(q) + d D_t^\gamma(|q|^2 q) + e D_t^\gamma(|q|^2) q, \quad (2)$$

where  $D_t$  is the conformable time fractional operator.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section Two, we describe the conformable fractional derivative. In Section Three, we apply a traveling wave transformation to our proposed model and extract soliton solutions of Eq. (2) via FIM and GPREM. In Section Four, the physical appearance of the results is addressed.

## 2 Conformable fractional derivative

**Definition 2.1** Given a function  $V : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then the conformable fractional derivative of  $V$  of order  $\gamma$  is defined as [28]

$$D_t^\gamma V(t) = \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow 0} \frac{V(t + \sigma t^{1-\gamma}) - V(t)}{\sigma}, \quad \forall t > 0, \gamma \in (0, 1]. \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 2.1** [28] Let  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ , and  $U, V$  be  $\gamma$ -differentiable at a point  $t > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 1. D_t^\gamma(\alpha U + \beta V) &= \alpha D_t^\gamma(U) + \beta D_t^\gamma(V), \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}. \\ 2. D_t^\gamma(t^\gamma) &= \gamma t^{\gamma-1}, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}. \\ 3. D_t^\gamma(UV) &= U D_t^\gamma(V) + V D_t^\gamma(U). \\ 4. D_t^\gamma\left(\frac{U}{V}\right) &= \frac{V D_t^\gamma(U) - U D_t^\gamma(V)}{V^2}. \end{aligned}$$

## 3 Traveling wave solutions

We take the traveling wave transformation

$$q(x, t) = U(\xi) \exp(i\phi), \quad (4)$$

where

$$\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}, \quad \phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta.$$

Applying the above-mentioned transformation to Eq. (2) and separating its real and imaginary parts, we get

$$-c\lambda^3 U''' - (3d\lambda + 2e\lambda)U^2 U' + (2a\lambda\omega + 3c\lambda\omega^2 - 1)U' = 0, \quad (5)$$

and

$$(a\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda^2)U'' + (b + d\omega)U^3 - (a\omega^2 + c\omega^3 + k)U = 0. \quad (6)$$

Integrating Eq. (5) w. r. t.  $\xi$ ,

$$-c\lambda^3 U'' - (3d\lambda + 2e\lambda)U^3 + (2a\lambda\omega + 3c\lambda\omega^2 - 1)U = 0. \quad (7)$$

From Eq. (6) and Eq. (7), we have

$$\frac{-c\lambda}{a\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda^2} = \frac{2a\lambda\omega + 3c\lambda\omega^2 - 1}{-(a\omega^2 + c\omega^3 + k)}, \quad (8)$$

It follows from Eq. (8) that

$$k = \frac{2c\lambda a\omega^2 - c^2\lambda\omega^3 + 2a^2\lambda\omega + 6a\lambda\omega c + 9c^2\lambda\omega^2}{c\lambda} - \frac{a + 3c}{c\lambda}. \quad (9)$$

Substituting Eq. (9) into Eq. (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(a\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda^2)U'' - (a\omega^2 + c\omega^3 \\ &+ \frac{2c\lambda a\omega^2 - c^2\lambda\omega^3 + 2a^2\lambda\omega + 6a\lambda\omega c + 9c^2\lambda\omega^2}{c\lambda} \\ &- \frac{a + 3c}{c\lambda})U + (b + d\omega)U^3 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

### 3.1 Applying FIM

In order to solve Eq. (10) with the help of first integral method, we rewrite Eq. (10) in the following form

$$AU'' - BU + CU^3 = 0, \quad (11)$$

where

$$A = a\lambda^2 + 3c\lambda^2,$$

$$B = \frac{2c\lambda aw^2 - c^2\lambda w^3 + 2a^2\lambda w + 6a\lambda wc + 9c^2\lambda w^2}{c\lambda} - \frac{a+3c}{c\lambda} + a\omega^2 + c\omega^3,$$

$$C = b + d\omega. \tag{12}$$

Let

$$\psi(\xi) = U(\xi), \quad \varphi(\xi) = U'(\xi). \tag{13}$$

From Eq. (11) and Eq. (13), we have

$$\psi'(\xi) = \varphi(\xi), \quad \varphi'(\xi) = \frac{B}{A}\psi - \frac{C}{A}\psi^3. \tag{14}$$

According to the FIM, we suppose that  $\psi(\xi)$  and  $\varphi(\xi)$  are nontrivial solutions of Eq. (14) and  $Q(\psi, \varphi) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(\psi) \varphi^i(\xi)$  is an irreducible polynomial in the complex domain  $C[\psi, \varphi]$ , such that

$$Q(\psi, \varphi) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(\psi) \varphi^i(\xi) = 0, \tag{15}$$

where  $a_i(\psi)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) are polynomials in  $\psi$  and  $a_m(\psi) \neq 0$ . According to the Division Theorem, there exists a polynomial  $[g(\psi) + h(\psi)\varphi(\xi)]$  in  $C[\psi, \varphi]$  such that

$$\frac{dQ}{d\xi} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \psi} \frac{d\psi}{d\xi} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \varphi} \frac{d\varphi}{d\xi} = [g(\psi) + h(\psi)\varphi(\xi)] \times \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(\psi) \varphi^i(\xi). \tag{16}$$

Here, we will take the case for  $m = 2$ . For this purpose we will substitute Eq. (14) into Eq. (16), which provides a polynomial in  $\varphi^i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ ) whose coefficients yield a set of algebraic equations

$$\varphi^3 : \frac{da_2(\psi)}{d\psi} = h(\psi)a_2(\psi), \tag{17}$$

$$\varphi^2 : \frac{da_1(\psi)}{d\psi} = g(\psi)a_2(\psi) + h(\psi)a_1(\psi), \tag{18}$$

$$\varphi^1 : \frac{da_0(\psi)}{d\psi} + 2a_2(\psi) \left( \frac{B\psi}{A} - \frac{C\psi^3}{A} \right) = g(\psi)a_1(\psi) + h(\psi)a_0(\psi), \tag{19}$$

$$\varphi^0 : g(\psi)a_0(\psi) = a_1(\psi) \left( \frac{B\psi}{A} - \frac{C(\psi)^3}{A} \right). \tag{20}$$

Since  $a_i(\psi)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) are polynomials, from Eq. (17) we deduce that  $a_2(\psi)$  is a constant and  $h(\psi) = 0$ . For simplicity we take  $a_2(\psi) = 1$ . Balancing the degrees of  $g(\psi)$ ,  $a_1(\psi)$  and  $a_0(\psi)$ , we conclude that  $\deg(g(\psi)) = 1$ . Suppose that

$$g(\psi) = A_1\psi + A_0. \tag{21}$$

From Eq. (18) and Eq. (21), we get

$$a_1(\psi) = \frac{1}{2}A_1\psi^2 + A_0\psi + B_0, \tag{22}$$

and substituting Eq. (21) and Eq. (22) into Eq. (19) and integrating it w. r. t.  $\xi$ ,  $\psi(\xi)$  lead to

$$a_0(\psi) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{C}{A} + \frac{1}{8} A_1^2 \right) \psi^4 + \frac{1}{2} A_0 A_1 \psi^3 + \left( -\frac{B}{A} + \frac{1}{2} A_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} A_1 B_0 \right) \psi^2 + A_0 B_0 \psi + l, \tag{23}$$

where  $l$  is a constant of integration. Substituting Eqs. (21)-(23) into Eq. (20) yields a polynomial in terms of  $\psi^i(\xi)$ . Equating the coefficients of the polynomial to zero provides a set of algebraic equations

$$\psi^5 : A_1^3 A + 8CA_1 = 0, \tag{24}$$

$$\psi^4 : 12CA_0 + 5A_1^2 AA_0 = 0, \tag{25}$$

$$\psi^3 : 8A_0^2 A_1 A + 4AA_1^2 B_0 - 12BA_1 + 8B_0 C = 0, \tag{26}$$

$$\psi^2 : -16BA_0 + 12AA_1 B_0 A_0 + 4AA_0^3 = 0, \tag{27}$$

$$\psi^1 : 8A_0^2 B_0 A + 8lAA_1 - 8B_0 B = 0, \tag{28}$$

$$\psi^0 : lA_0 = 0. \tag{29}$$

Solving the system (24)-(29), we have

$$A_1 = 2\sqrt{-\frac{2C}{A}}, \quad A_0 = 0, \quad B_0 = -\frac{B\sqrt{-\frac{2C}{A}}}{C},$$

$$l = -\frac{B^2}{2AC}, \tag{30}$$

where  $\frac{C}{A} < 0$ , which leads to the condition

$$(b + d\omega) < \lambda^2 (a + 3c). \tag{31}$$

Using Eq. (30) in Eqs. (22) and (23), we have

$$a_0(\psi) = -\frac{C}{2A}\psi^4 + \frac{B}{A}\psi^2 - \frac{B^2}{2AC}, \tag{32}$$

$$a_1(\psi) = \sqrt{-\frac{2C}{A}}\psi^2 - \frac{B}{C}\sqrt{-\frac{2C}{A}}. \tag{33}$$

From Eq. (15), Eq. (32) and Eq. (33), we have

$$U'(\xi) = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-\frac{2C}{A}}U^2(\xi) + \frac{B}{2C}\sqrt{-\frac{2C}{A}}. \tag{34}$$

Solving Eq. (34), we have the following optical dark soliton solution of Eq. (2):

$$q_1(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{B}{C}} \tanh \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2BC}}{C} \sqrt{-\frac{C}{A}} \left( x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + R_0 \right) \right] \times \tag{35}$$

where  $R_0$  is a constant of integration.

### 3.2 Applying GPREM

In order to solve Eq. (10) with the help of GPREM, a solution of Eq. (10) is taken as [57]

$$U(\xi) = a_0 + \sum_{j=0}^N \mu^{j-1}(\xi) (a_j \mu(\xi) + b_j \nu(\xi)). \tag{36}$$

In Eq. (10), the homogeneous balance principle gives  $N = 1$ . It follows from Eq. (36) that

$$U(\xi) = a_0 + a_1 \mu(\xi) + b_1 v(\xi), \quad (37)$$

where  $\mu(\xi)$  and  $v(\xi)$  satisfy the projective Riccati system (PRS)

$$\begin{cases} \mu'(\xi) = \varepsilon \mu(\xi) v(\xi), \\ v'(\xi) = \varepsilon v^2(\xi) - m \mu(\xi) + R, \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

and a first integral of PRS is given by

$$v^2(\xi) = -\varepsilon \left( R - 2m\mu(\xi) + \frac{m^2 - 1}{R} \mu^2(\xi) \right). \quad (39)$$

Substituting Eqs. (37), (38) and (39) in Eq. (10) provides a polynomial in  $(\mu^i(\xi), v^j(\xi))$  whose coefficients, being equal to zero, yield a set of algebraic equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^3: & -\frac{6\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c^2 a_1 (m^2 - 1)}{R} + c\lambda b a_1^3 + c\lambda d \omega a_1^3 \\ & - \frac{2\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c a a_1 (m^2 - 1)}{R} - \frac{3c\lambda b a_1 b_1^2 \varepsilon (m^2 - 1)}{R} \\ & - \frac{3c\lambda d \omega a_1 b_1^2 \varepsilon (m^2 - 1)}{R} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^2: & 12 \lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c^2 a_1 m - \lambda^3 \varepsilon c a a_1 m + 4 \lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c a a_1 m \\ & + 6c\lambda b a_1 b_1^2 \varepsilon m - \frac{3c\lambda b a_0 b_1^2 \varepsilon (m^2 - 1)}{R} \\ & + 3c\lambda (b a_0 a_1^2 + d \omega a_0 a_1^2 + 2d \omega a_1 b_1^2 \varepsilon m) \\ & - \frac{3c\lambda d \omega a_0 b_1^2 \varepsilon (m^2 - 1)}{R} - 3\lambda^3 \varepsilon c^2 a_1 m = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu: & 3 \lambda^3 \varepsilon c^2 a_1 R - 3c\lambda a \omega^2 a_1 - 2a^2 \lambda \omega a_1 + a a_1 \\ & - 6\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c^2 a_1 R - 3c\lambda b a_1 b_1^2 \varepsilon R - 2\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c a a_1 R \\ & + 3c a_1 + \lambda^3 \varepsilon c a a_1 R + 6c\lambda b a_0 b_1^2 \varepsilon m + 3c\lambda b a_0^2 a_1 \\ & - 3c\lambda d \omega a_1 b_1^2 \varepsilon R + 3c\lambda d \omega a_0^2 a_1 - 6a\lambda \omega c a_1 \\ & + 6c\lambda d \omega a_0 b_1^2 \varepsilon m - 9c^2 \lambda \omega^2 a_1 = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^2 v: & 3 c\lambda b a_1^2 b_1 - \frac{6\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c^2 b_1 (m^2 - 1)}{R} + 3c\lambda d \omega a_1^2 b_1 \\ & - \frac{c\lambda d \omega b_1^3 \varepsilon (m^2 - 1)}{R} - \frac{2\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c a b_1 (m^2 - 1)}{R} \\ & - \frac{c\lambda b b_1^3 \varepsilon (m^2 - 1)}{R} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu v: & 4 \lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c a b_1 m + 6c\lambda b a_0 a_1 b_1 + 2c\lambda d \omega b_1^3 \varepsilon m \\ & + 2c\lambda b b_1^3 \varepsilon m - 9\lambda^3 \varepsilon c^2 b_1 m - 3\lambda^3 \varepsilon c a b_1 m \\ & + 12\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c^2 b_1 m + 6c\lambda d \omega a_0 a_1 b_1 = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v: & -c\lambda b b_1^3 \varepsilon R + 3c\lambda d \omega a_0^2 b_1 + a b_1 - 6\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c^2 b_1 R \\ & - 3c\lambda a \omega^2 b_1 - 2a^2 \lambda \omega b_1 + 6\lambda^3 \varepsilon c^2 b_1 R \\ & - 2\lambda^3 \varepsilon^3 c a b_1 R - 9c^2 \lambda \omega^2 b_1 + 3c b_1 - c\lambda d \omega b_1^3 \varepsilon R \\ & - 6a\lambda \omega c b_1 + 3c\lambda b a_0^2 b_1 + 2\lambda^3 \varepsilon c a b_1 R = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Const. :} & 2 \lambda \omega^2 a_0 + c\lambda b a_0^3 - 3c\lambda a \omega^2 a_0 + 3c a_0 \\ & - 6a\lambda \omega c a_0 - 3c\lambda b a_0 b_1^2 \varepsilon R + a a_0 \\ & - 3c\lambda d \omega a_0 b_1^2 \varepsilon R + c\lambda d \omega a_0^3 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Solving the system (40)-(46) with the aid of Maple software, we obtain the subsequent cases.

**Case 1.**

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1}{\lambda^3 \varepsilon c}, \quad \lambda = \lambda, \quad m = 0, \quad a_0 = 0, \\ a_1 &= 0, \quad b_1 = \sqrt{-\frac{6c+2a}{b+d}} \varepsilon \lambda, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

**Case 2.**

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 2 \frac{2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1}{\lambda^3 \varepsilon c}, \quad \lambda = \lambda, \quad m = 1, \quad a_0 = 0, \\ a_1 &= 0, \quad b_1 = \sqrt{\frac{-4\varepsilon^2 a + 9c + 3a - 12\varepsilon^2 c}{2d\omega + 2b}} \lambda, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

**Case 3.**

$$\begin{aligned} R &= -\frac{2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1}{c(-1 + 2\varepsilon^2) \lambda^3 \varepsilon}, \quad m = 0, \quad b_1 = 0, \\ a_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon^4 \lambda^4 (4\lambda \varepsilon^2 c a + 12\lambda \varepsilon^2 c^2 - 2c\lambda a - 6c^2 \lambda)}{2a\lambda(\omega b + \omega^2 d) - b - d\omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 (b + \omega d)}}, \\ a_0 &= 0, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Using Eqs. (47)-(49), we obtain the subsequent families of soliton solutions of Eq. (2).

*Family 1.* Optical dark and singular soliton solutions

$$\begin{aligned} q_2(x, t) &= \sqrt{-\frac{(6c+2a)(2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1)}{2c\lambda}} \\ &\times \tanh \left( \sqrt{-\frac{2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1}{2\lambda^3 c}} \xi \right) \times e^{i\phi}, \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_3(x, t) &= \sqrt{-\frac{(6c+2a)(2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1)}{2c\lambda}} \\ &\times \coth \left( \sqrt{-\frac{2a\lambda \omega + 3c\lambda \omega^2 - 1}{2\lambda^3 c}} \xi \right) \times e^{i\phi}, \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

where  $\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}$  and  $\phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta$ .

Family 2. Optical periodic wave solutions

$$q_4(x,t) = \sqrt{-\frac{(6c+2a)(2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1)}{2c\lambda}} \times \tan\left(\sqrt{\frac{2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1}{2\lambda^3c}}\xi\right) \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{54}$$

$$q_5(x,t) = -\sqrt{-\frac{(6c+2a)(2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1)}{2c\lambda}} \times \cot\left(\sqrt{\frac{2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1}{2\lambda^3c}}\xi\right) \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{55}$$

where  $\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}$  and  $\phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta$ .

Family 3. Optical soliton solutions

$$q_6(x,t) = \sqrt{-\frac{(4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1)(4a-9c-3a+12c)}{\lambda c(2d\omega+2b)}} \times \frac{\tanh\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)}{\operatorname{sech}\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)+1} \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{58}$$

$$q_7(x,t) = \sqrt{-\frac{(4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1)(4a-9c-3a+12c)}{\lambda c(2d\omega+2b)}} \times \frac{\operatorname{coth}\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)}{\operatorname{csch}\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)+1} \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{59}$$

where  $\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}$  and  $\phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta$ .

Family 4. Optical periodic wave solutions

$$q_8(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{(4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1)(4a-9c-3a+12c)}{\lambda c(2d\omega+2b)}} \times \frac{\tan\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)}{\sec\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)+1} \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{60}$$

$$q_9(x,t) = -\sqrt{\frac{(4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1)(4a-9c-3a+12c)}{\lambda c(2d\omega+2b)}} \times \frac{\cot\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)}{\csc\left(\sqrt{\frac{4a\lambda\omega+6c\lambda\omega^2-1}{\lambda^3c}}\xi\right)+1} \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{61}$$

where  $\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}$  and  $\phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta$ .

Family 5. Optical bright and formal soliton solutions

$$q_{10}(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2(4a+12c-2a-6c)(2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1)}{(2a\lambda\omega(b+\omega d)-b-d\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2(b+\omega d))}} \times \operatorname{sech}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1}{c\lambda^3}}\xi\right) \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{66}$$

$$q_{11}(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2(4a+12c-2a-6c)(2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1)}{(2a\lambda\omega(b+\omega d)-b-d\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2(b+\omega d))}} \times \operatorname{csch}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1}{c\lambda^3}}\xi\right) \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{67}$$

where  $\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}$  and  $\phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta$ .

Family 6. Optical periodic wave solutions

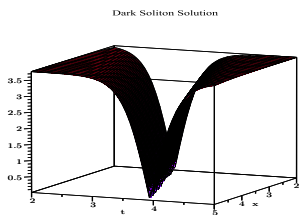
$$q_{12}(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2(-4a-12c+2a+6c)(2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1)}{(2a\lambda\omega(b+\omega d)-b-d\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2(b+\omega d))}} \times \sec\left(\sqrt{-\frac{2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1}{c\lambda^3}}\xi\right) \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{68}$$

$$q_{13}(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2(-4a-12c+2a+6c\lambda)(2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1)}{(2a\lambda\omega(b+\omega d)-b-d\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2(b+\omega d))}} \times \csc\left(\sqrt{-\frac{2a\lambda\omega+3c\lambda\omega^2-1}{c\lambda^3}}\xi\right) \times e^{i\phi}, \tag{69}$$

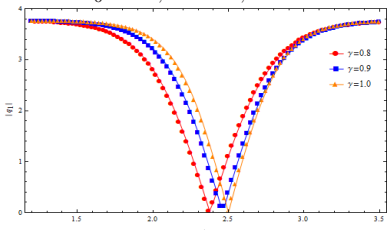
where  $\xi = x - \lambda \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma}$  and  $\phi = kx + \omega \frac{t^\gamma}{\gamma} + \theta$ .

## 4 Results and Discussion

In this section, the physical aspects of the obtained solutions will be discussed by means of graphical 3D and 2D representations. Fig.1(a) shows the intensity of the dark soliton solution in Eq. (35) obtained by FIM with parameters  $a = 0.9, b = -0.9, c = -0.1, \lambda = 4, \omega = 1.5, \gamma = 0.8, R_0 = 10, d = 0.1, \theta = 1$  and Fig.1(b) represents the conformable fractional effects of the solution Eq. (35) at  $x = 0$  with the same choice of parameters as in Fig.1(a). In Fig.1(b) various curves are reported against the fractional parametric values 0.8, 0.9, 1.0. The intensity relation of dark soliton obtained by GPREM in Eq. (50) is depicted in Fig.2(a) with parameters  $a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 4, \omega = 3, \gamma = 1, \varepsilon = -1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1$  and the analysis of fractional parameter is carried out with the help of Fig.2(b) for the same choice of parameters as in Fig.2(a).

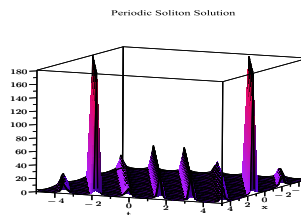


(a)  $|q_1|, a = 0.9, b = -0.9, c = -0.1, \lambda = 4, \omega = 1.5, \gamma = 0.8, R_0 = 10, d = 0.1, \theta = 1.$

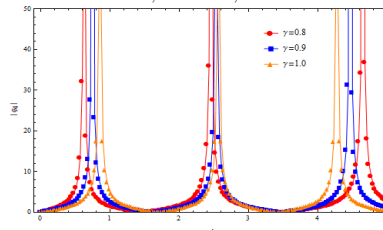


(b)  $|q_1|, a = 0.9, b = -0.9, c = -0.1, \lambda = 4, \omega = 1.5, R_0 = 10, d = 0.1, \theta = 1, x = 0.$

**Fig. 1:** 3D and 2D graphical representation of dark soliton solution obtained by FIM.



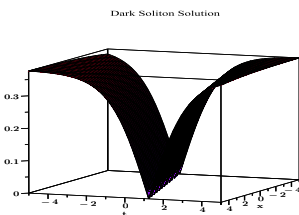
(a)  $|q_4|, a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 2, \omega = 3.5, \gamma = 1, \varepsilon = 1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1.$



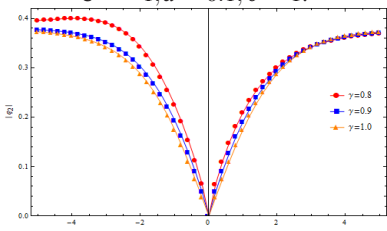
(b)  $|q_4|, a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 2, \omega = 3.5, \varepsilon = 1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1, x = 0.$

**Fig. 3:** 3D and 2D graphical representation of periodic soliton solution obtained by GPREM.

The intensity profiles of periodic, traveling wave and bright solutions obtained by GPREM given in Eqs. (54), (58), (62), (66) and (70) are shown Fig.3(a), Fig.4(a), Fig.5(a), Fig.6(a) and Fig.7(a) respectively and the effects of conformable fractional parameter on these solutions with  $x = 0$  is highlighted through Fig.3(b), Fig.4(b), Fig.5(b), Fig.6(b) and Fig.7(b).

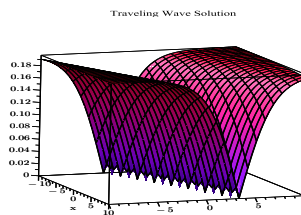


(a)  $|q_2|, a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 4, \omega = 3, \gamma = 1, \varepsilon = -1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1.$

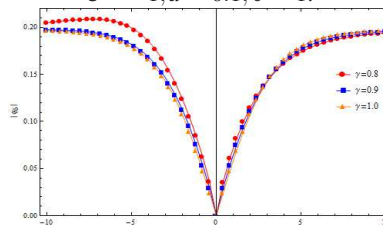


(b)  $|q_2|, a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 4, \omega = 3, \varepsilon = -1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1, x = 0.$

**Fig. 2:** 3D and 2D graphical representation of dark soliton solution obtained by GPREM.

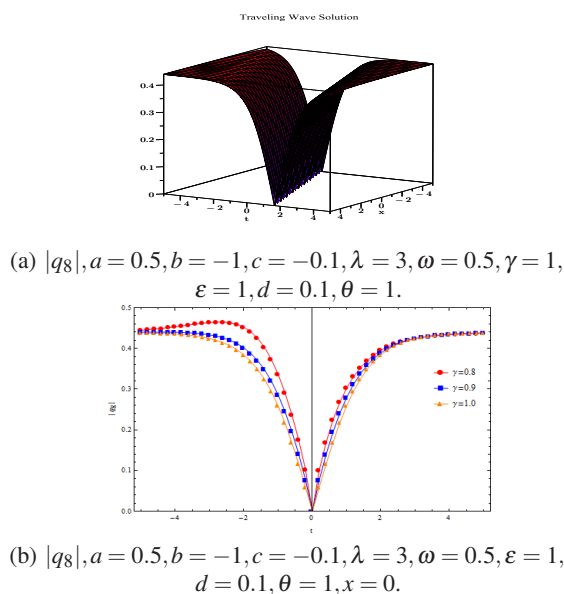


(a)  $|q_6|, a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 3, \omega = 0.4, \gamma = 1, \varepsilon = -1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1.$

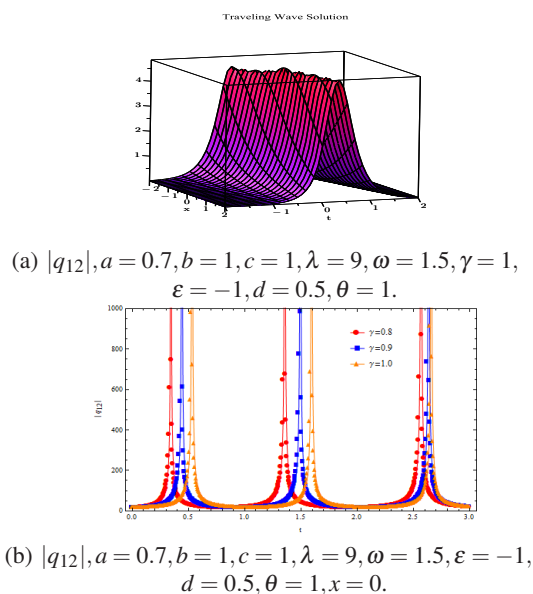


(b)  $|q_6|, a = 0.5, b = -1, c = -0.1, \lambda = 3, \omega = 0.4, \varepsilon = -1, d = 0.1, \theta = 1, x = 0.$

**Fig. 4:** 3D and 2D graphical representation of traveling wave solution obtained by GPREM.



**Fig. 5:** 3D and 2D graphical representation of traveling wave solution obtained by GPREM.



**Fig. 7:** 3D and 2D graphical representation of periodic soliton solution obtained by GPREM.

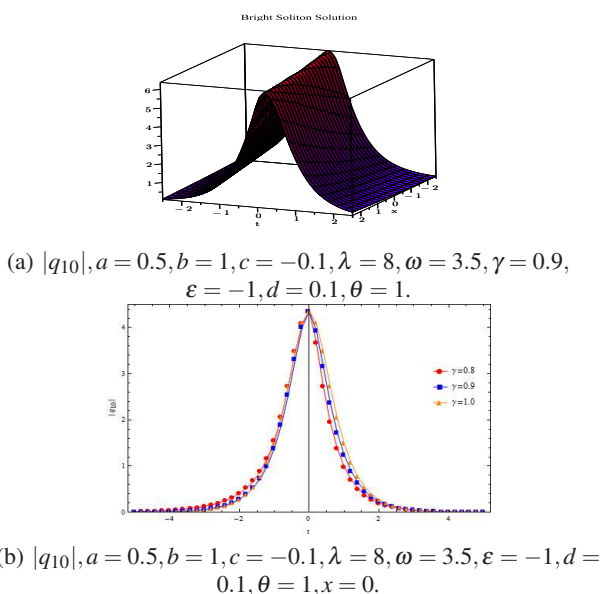
**Remark.** By thoroughly looking at the literature, our findings are all novel and not previously published.

### 5 Conclusion

A conformable fractional nonlinear Sasa-Satsuma equation governing the propagation of short light pulses in the monomode optical fibers was investigated using FIM and GPREM. FIM was utilized to extract dark soliton solutions and GPREM provides dark, singular, and periodic soliton solutions. Those physical features of the resulting solutions were studied by their graphical portraits. The conformable time fractional effect on the dispersion was also analyzed. It is expected that the results of this paper would be useful in the empirical application of fiber optics.

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