

Analytical solution of Burgers-like equation

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Abstract

In this paper we determine optimal system for one-dimensional Burgers-like equation,

$$c_t = [V(c)c]_x + [D(c)c_x]_x$$

Lie group analysis is used to obtain invariant vector fields of one-dimensional Burgers-like equation. These invariant vector fields forms the Lie algebra. Certain choice of invariant vector field defines the transformation to convert the equation into a solvable partial differential equation. With help of adjoint representation table one-dimensional optimal system is obtained.

Key words: invariant vector fields, optimal system of Lie subalgebras.

I. Introduction

Due to effect of gravity upon the particles, if they are heavier than the surrounding fluid the resulting motion is called sedimentation⁴. The concentration profile in the dilute limit $c(x,t)$ obeys a Burgers-like equation¹,

$$c_t = [V(c)c]_x + [D(c)c_x]_x \quad (1)$$

Where, $V(c)$ and $D(c)$ represent the Stokes velocity and gradient diffusivity modified by the presence of other particles. According to Batchelor calculations², in dilute limit $c \ll 1$, $V(c)$ is linear in c and gradient diffusivity $D(c)$ can be taken as constant. So the equation (1)

becomes,

$$c_t = (2ac + b)c_x + \beta c_{xx} \quad (2)$$

In this paper we present solutions of equation (2). Since equation is non-linear, it is not possible to list all the solutions and therefore the one-dimensional optimal system is determined. The construction of one-dimensional optimal system gives the set of vector fields. These vector fields generate non-equivalent solutions. The paper is organized as follows. In section II basic definitions and theorems on Lie group theory are presented. Section III is devoted to determine invariant vector fields. These invariant vector fields are used in section IV to determine certain analytical solutions of

equation (2). In section V, adjoint representation table is constructed and is used to determine one-dimensional optimal system. Conclusions are given at the end.

II. Preliminaries:

In this section we state the basic definitions and theorems on symmetry group and Lie algebra³.

i) *The General Prolongation formula:* Let

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \phi_\alpha(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^\alpha}$$

be a vector field defined on an open subset $M \subset X \times U$. The n^{th} prolongation of v is the vector field

$$pr^{(n)}v = v + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \sum_j \phi_\alpha^j(x, u^{(n)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j^\alpha} \quad (3)$$

defined on the corresponding jet space $M^{(n)} \subset X \times U^{(n)}$, the second summation being over all multi-indices $j = (j_1, j_2, j_3, \dots, j_k)$, with $1 \leq j_k \leq p$, $1 \leq k \leq n$. The coefficient functions ϕ_α^j of $pr^{(n)}v$ are given by the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\alpha^j(x, u^{(n)}) &= D_j \left(\phi_\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i u_i^\alpha \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i u_{j,i}^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where, } u_i^\alpha = \frac{\partial u^\alpha}{\partial x^i} \text{ and } u_{j,i}^\alpha = \frac{\partial u_j^\alpha}{\partial x^i}.$$

ii) *Theorem 1:* Suppose

$$\Delta_\vartheta(x, u^{(n)}) = 0, \vartheta = 1, \dots, l,$$

is a system of differential equations of maximal rank defined over $M \subset X \times U$. If G is a local group of transformations acting on M , and

$$pr^{(n)}v[\Delta_\vartheta(x, u^{(n)})] = 0,$$

$$\vartheta = 1, \dots, l, \text{ whenever } \Delta_\vartheta(x, u^{(n)}) = 0,$$

for every infinitesimal generator v of G , then G is a symmetry group of the system.

III. Invariant vector fields:

In this section we determine invariant vector fields for equation (2). On applying theorem 1 and general prolongation formula (3), we determine the symmetry group of equation (2). Suppose the symmetry group of equation (2) is generated by vector field,

$$v = \tau(t, x, c) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \xi(t, x, c) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} +$$

$$\phi(t, x, c) \frac{\partial}{\partial c}$$

On applying the second prolongation of vector field on equation (2) we get,

$$\phi^t - (2ac + b)\phi^x - 2ac_x\phi - \beta\phi^{xx} = 0 \quad (5)$$

where,

$$\phi^t = \phi_t - \xi_t c_x + (\phi_c - \tau_t)c_t - \xi_c c_x c_t - \tau_c c_t^2$$

$$\phi^x = \phi_x + (\phi_c - \xi_x)c_x - \tau_x c_t - \xi_c c_x^2 - \tau_c c_x c_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{xx} &= \phi_{xx} + (2\phi_{xc} - \xi_{xx})c_x - \tau_{xx}c_t \\ &+ (\phi_{cc} - 2\xi_{xc})c_x^2 \\ &- 2\tau_{xc}c_x c_t - \xi_{cc}c_x^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\tau_{cc}c_x^2c_t + (\phi_c - 2\xi_x)c_{xx} \\
& -2\tau_xc_{xt} - 3\xi_cc_xc_{xx} - \tau_cc_tc_{xx} \\
& -2\tau_cc_xc_{xt}
\end{aligned}$$

The generators τ, ξ, ϕ are functions of t, x, c and are independent of partial derivatives of c with respect to t and x . On substituting the expression for $\phi^t, \phi^x, \phi^{xx}$ in equation (5) and on equating the coefficients of equal powers of partial derivatives of c w.r.t. x and t we get the following system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau_x &= \tau_c = 0, \xi_c = 0 \\
2\xi_x - \tau_t &= 0 \\
\beta\phi_{cc} &= 0 \\
-\xi_t + (2ac + b)(\xi_x - \tau_t) - 2a\phi - \\
\beta(2\phi_{xc} - \xi_{xx}) &= 0 \\
\phi_t - (2ac + b)\phi_x - \beta\phi_{xx} &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

On simultaneous evaluation of above system of equations we get,

$$\tau = C_1 + tC_4 + t^2C_5.$$

$$\xi = C_2 + tC_3 + \frac{1}{2}xC_4 + txC_5.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi = & -\frac{1}{2a}C_3 - \left(\frac{1}{2}c + \frac{b}{4a}\right)C_4 + \left(-tc - \right. \\
& \left. \frac{1}{2a}x - \frac{b}{2a}t\right)C_5.
\end{aligned}$$

where C_1, C_2, \dots, C_5 are arbitrary constants. With respect to each constant C_i we get an invariant vector field. Thus the Lie algebra is generated by the following five vector fields.

$$v_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$v_3 = t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2a} \frac{\partial}{\partial c}$$

$$v_4 = t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}c - \frac{b}{4a}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial c}$$

$$v_5 = t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + tx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(-tc - \frac{1}{2a}x - \frac{b}{2a}t\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial c}$$

The commutation relations between vector fields are given by the following table 1.

The entry in row i and column j representing

$[v_i, v_j]$ and is defined as

$$[v_i, v_j] = v_i v_j - v_j v_i \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 5.$$

Table 1. Commutator table for 5 parameter Lie algebra

$[v_i, v_j]$	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	v_5
v_1	0	0	v_2	v_1	$2v_1$
v_2	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}v_2$	v_3
v_3	$-v_2$	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}v_3$	0
v_4	$-v_1$	$-\frac{1}{2}v_2$	$-\frac{1}{2}v_3$	0	v_5
v_5	$-2v_4$	$-v_3$	0	$-v_5$	0

Since the set of invariant vector fields forms a linear space any linear combination of these vectors is also an invariant vector field. In section IV we determine solutions of equation (2) by using invariant vector fields v_5 and $v_1 + v_5$.

IV. Analytical solution:

In this section we determine some solutions of equation (2). To determine the analytic solution of equation (2) vector field v_5 is used to define new independent and dependent variables. Correspond to vector field v_5 we get the characteristic equation

$$\frac{dt}{t^2} = \frac{dx}{tx} = \frac{dc}{(-tc - \frac{1}{2a}x - \frac{b}{2a}t)} = \frac{d\tau}{1}$$

From above characteristic equation define new variables $\tau = -\frac{1}{t}$, $\theta = \frac{x}{t}$ and

$\mu = \frac{b}{2a}t + \frac{1}{2a}x + tc$. We treat μ as new dependent variable. Since, τ and θ are functions of x and t we treat τ and θ as new independent variables. With this choice of new variables equation (2) becomes,

$$\mu_\tau = 2a\mu\mu_\theta + \beta\mu_{\theta\theta} \quad (6)$$

Equation (6) is a standard one-dimensional Burgers equation. Here, we use First integral method¹ to find analytical solution of equation (6). We use transformation

$$\mu(\theta, \tau) = f(\eta), \text{ where } \eta = \theta - \beta\tau \quad (7)$$

Then by using chain rule,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}(\cdot) &= -\beta \frac{d}{d\eta}(\cdot), \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\cdot) = \frac{d}{d\eta}(\cdot), \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}(\cdot) \\ &= \frac{d^2}{d\eta^2}(\cdot), \dots \dots \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

With the representation given in equation (7) equation (6) gets converted in to an ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 f}{d\eta^2} = -\frac{df}{d\eta} - \frac{2a}{\beta} f \frac{df}{d\eta} \quad (9)$$

We define new independent variables as

$$X(\eta) = f(\eta), Y(\eta) = f_\eta(\eta) \quad (10)$$

this leads to a system of ordinary differential equations,

$$X_\eta = Y$$

and

$$Y_\eta = -Y - \frac{2a}{\beta} X Y$$

In the phase plane we get

$$\frac{dY}{dX} = -\left(1 + \frac{2a}{\beta} X\right)$$

By integrating above equation, we get

$$Y = \frac{dX}{d\eta} = -\left(1 + \frac{a}{\beta} X\right)X + k_1,$$

where k_1 is integrating constant.

On integrating above differential equation, we get

$$X = -\frac{\beta}{2a} + K \coth \left[\frac{Ka}{\beta} (\eta - k_2) \right],$$

where k_2 is integrating constant and

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\beta^2}{a^2} + 4 \frac{k_1 \beta}{a}}.$$

But $X = \mu$ and $c = -\frac{b}{2a} - \frac{x}{2at} + \frac{\mu}{t}$

therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} c = & -\frac{b}{2a} - \frac{1}{t} \left\{ \frac{x + \beta}{2a} - K \coth \left[\left(\frac{Ka}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{x + \beta}{t} \right. \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left. - k_2 \right) \right] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

which is analytical solution of equation (2).

The solution (11) obtained from vector field v_5 is defined for $t > 0$. Non-singular solution of equation (2) is obtained from vector field $v_1 + v_5$. The characteristic equation corresponding to the vector field $v_1 + v_5$ is

$$\frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \frac{dx}{tx} = \frac{dc}{(-tc - \frac{1}{2a}x - \frac{b}{2a}t)} = \frac{d\tau}{1}$$

From the above characteristic equation define new independent variables τ and θ as $\tau = \tan^{-1}t$ and $\theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}$. And the new dependent variable denoted by μ is defined as

$$\mu = t + \frac{(1+t^2)(2ac+b)}{x}$$

with this choice of new variables, equation (2) becomes

$$\mu_\tau = 1 + \mu(\mu + \theta \mu_\theta) + \frac{\beta}{\theta}(2\mu_\theta + \theta \mu_{\theta\theta}) \quad (12)$$

Equation (12) is purely non-linear and different functional forms will provides different solutions to equation (12). In this section we report two different solutions.

Suppose, $\mu + \theta \mu_\theta = k(\tau)$

$$\text{then } \mu = k(\tau) + \frac{1}{\theta} k_1(\tau) \quad (13)$$

Since $(\mu + \theta \mu_\theta)_\theta = 0$, equation (12) becomes

$$\mu_\tau = 1 + \mu k(\tau) \quad (14)$$

From equation (13) and (14) we get,

$$k'(\tau) + \frac{1}{\theta} k_1'(\tau)$$

$$= 1 + \left[k(\tau) + \frac{1}{\theta} k_1(\tau) \right] k(\tau)$$

On equating the coefficients of equal powers of θ we get $k(\tau)$ and $k_1(\tau)$ as follows

$$k(\tau) = \tan(\tau + c_1) \text{ and}$$

$$k_1(\tau) = c_2 \sec(\tau + c_1)$$

Where, c_1 and c_2 are constants of integration.

Thus from equation (13) we get

$$\mu = \tan(\tau + c_1) + \frac{1}{\theta} c_2 \sec(\tau + c_1)$$

Since $c = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{x}{1+t^2} (\mu - t) \right] - \frac{b}{2a}$ we have

$$c = \frac{-b}{2a} + \frac{c_2 + x \sin c_1}{2a(\cos c_1 - t \sin c_1)} \quad (15)$$

Another solution of equation (12) can be obtained by assuming that

$$\mu = \frac{f_1(\tau)}{\theta^2} + f_2(\tau) \quad (16)$$

Since equation (16) is solution of equation (12), we get

$$\frac{f_1'(\tau)}{\theta^2} + f_2'(\tau) = 1 + f_2^2(\tau) - \frac{f_1^2(\tau)}{\theta^4} + 2\beta \frac{f_1(\tau)}{\theta^4}$$

On equating the coefficients of equal powers of θ we get $f_1(\tau)$ and $f_2(\tau)$ as follows

$$f_1(\tau) = 2\beta \text{ and } f_2(\tau) = \tan(\tau + c_3)$$

where c_3 is constant of integration.

Thus from equation (16) we get

$$\mu = \frac{2\beta}{\theta^2} + \tan(\tau + c_1)$$

Since $c = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{x}{1+t^2} (\mu - t) \right] - \frac{b}{2a}$ we have

$$c = \frac{1}{2a} \left(\frac{2\beta}{x} + \frac{x \tan c_1}{1 - t \tan c_1} \right) - \frac{b}{2a}.$$

V. One dimensional optimal system:

In section IV we have seen that there are many solutions available for equation (2) and it necessary to classify all solutions into different categories. This classification is achieved by constructing one dimensional optimal system. The problem of finding an optimal system of subgroups is equivalent to that of finding an optimal system of subalgebras. For one-dimensional subalgebra this classification is essentially the same as the problem of classifying the orbits of the adjoint representation. From the commutator table we obtain the adjoint representation table 2. To compute adjoint representation we use the Lie series

$$Ad(\exp(\varepsilon w))w_0 = w_0 - \varepsilon[w, w_0] + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2}[w, [w, w_0]] - \dots$$

Table 2. Adjoint representation of Lie subalgebra of dimension 5

Ad	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	v_5
v_1	v_1	v_2	v_3 $-\varepsilon v_2$	v_4 $-\varepsilon v_1$	v_5 $-2\varepsilon v_4$ $+\varepsilon^2 v_1$
v_2	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4 $-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon v_2$	v_5 $-\varepsilon v_3$
v_3	v_1 $+\varepsilon v_2$	v_2	v_3	v_4 $+\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon v_3$	v_5
v_4	$\varepsilon^2 v_1$	$e^{\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon} v_2$	$e^{-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon} v_3$	v_4	$e^{-\varepsilon} v_5$
v_5	v_1 $+2\varepsilon v_4$ $+\varepsilon^2 v_5$	v_2 $+\varepsilon v_3$	v_3	v_4 $+\varepsilon v_5$	v_5

For finding one-dimensional optimal system, we consider

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 + a_4 v_4 + a_5 v_5$$

Suppose $a_5 \neq 0$ without loss of generality let $a_5 = 1$. If we act on such a v by $Ad(\exp(a_3 v_2))$, then we can make the coefficient of v_3 vanish and we get

$$\begin{aligned} v' &= Ad(\exp(a_3 v_2))v \\ &= a_1' v_1 + a_2' v_2 + a_4' v_4 + v_5 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients a_1', a_2', a_4' are functions of a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 . Next we act on v' by $Ad\left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}a_4' v_1\right)\right)$ to cancel the coefficient of v_4 , leading to

$$\begin{aligned} v'' &= Ad\left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}a_4' v_1\right)\right)v' \\ &= a_1'' v_1 + a_2'' v_2 + v_5 \end{aligned}$$

For certain a_1'', a_2'' depending on a_1', a_2', a_4' .

Next we act on v'' by $Ad\left(\exp\left(\frac{-a_2''}{a_1''} v_3\right)\right)$ to eliminate the coefficient v_2 , leading to

$$v''' = Ad\left(\exp\left(\frac{-a_2''}{a_1''} v_3\right)\right)v'' = a_1''' v_1 + v_5$$

For certain a_1''' depending on a_1'', a_2'' . we can further act on v''' by $d(\exp(\varepsilon v_4))$. This has the net effect of scaling the coefficients of v_1 and v_5

$$v'''' = Ad(\exp(\varepsilon v_4))v''' = a_1''' e^{2\varepsilon} v_1 + v_5$$

We can make the coefficient of v_1 either or $+1, -1$ or 0 . Then one-dimensional subalgebras

spanned by a general vector field v with $a_5 \neq 0$ is equivalent to an algebra spanned by $\{v_1 + v_5, -v_1 + v_1 + v_5, +v_5\}$.

The remaining one-dimensional subalgebras are spanned by vectors of the form

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 + v_4$$

If we act on such a v by $Ad(\exp(a_1 v_1))$, we can make the coefficient of v_1 vanish and we get

$$v' = Ad(\exp(a_1 v_1))v = a_2' v_2 + a_3' v_3 + v_4$$

For certain a_2', a_3' depending on a_1, a_2, a_3 . Next we act on v' by $Ad(\exp(2a_2' v_2))$ to cancel the coefficient v_2 , leading to

$$v'' = Ad(\exp(2a_2' v_2))v' = a_3'' v_3 + v_4$$

For certain a_3'' depending on a_2', a_3' . Next we act on v'' by $Ad(\exp(-2a_3'' v_3))$ to cancel the coefficient v_3 , leading to

$$v''' = Ad(\exp(-2a_3'' v_3))v'' = v_4$$

Every one-dimensional subalgebra generated by v with $a_5 = 0, a_4 \neq 0$ is equivalent to the algebra spanned by $\{v_4\}$.

Similarly with $a_5 = a_4 = 0, a_3 \neq 0$ and $a_3 = 1$, we get

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3$$

If we act on such a v by $Ad(\exp(a_2 v_1))$, we can make the coefficient of v_2 vanish

$$v' = Ad(\exp(a_2 v_1))v = a_1' v_1 + v_3$$

For certain a_1' depending on a_1, a_2 . We can

further act on v' by $Ad(\exp(\varepsilon v_4))$. this operation has the net effect of scaling the coefficients of v_1 and v_3

$$v'' = Ad(\exp(\varepsilon v_4))v' = v_1' e^{\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon} v_1 + v_3$$

We can make the coefficient of v_1 either $+1, -1$ or 0 . Then one-dimensional subalgebras generated by v with $a_5 = a_4 = 0, a_3 \neq 0$ is equivalent to an algebra spanned by $\{v_1 + v_3, -v_1 + v_3, v_3\}$.

The remaining one-dimensional subalgebras are spanned by vectors of the above form with $a_5 = a_4 = a_3 = 0, a_2 \neq 0$ and $a_2 = 1$, v becomes,

$$v = a_1 v_1 + a_2$$

If we act on such a v by $Ad(\exp(-\frac{1}{a_1} v_3))$ then the coefficient of v_2 vanish:

$$v' = Ad(\exp(-\frac{1}{a_1} v_3))v = a_1' v_1$$

Every one-dimensional subalgebra generated by v with $a_5 = a_4 = a_3 = 0, a_2 \neq 0$ is equivalent to the algebra spanned by $\{v_1\}$.

Thus the optimal system of one-dimensional subalgebras are spanned by

$$(a_1) \quad v_5 = t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + tx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(-tc - \frac{1}{2a} x - \frac{b}{2a} t\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial c}$$

$$(a_2) \quad v_1 + v_5 = (1 + t^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + tx \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left(-tc - \frac{1}{2a}x - \frac{b}{2a}t \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \\
(a_3) \quad -v_1 + v_5 &= (-1 + t^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + tx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\
& + \left(-tc - \frac{1}{2a}x - \frac{b}{2a}t \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \\
(b) \quad v_4 &= t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}c - \frac{b}{4a} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \\
(c_1) \quad v_3 &= t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2a} \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \\
(c_2) \quad v_1 + v_3 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2a} \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \\
(c_3) \quad -v_1 + v_3 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2a} \frac{\partial}{\partial c} \\
(d) \quad v_1 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}
\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

The symmetry algebra of Burger-like equation (2) is spanned by five vector fields. The solutions of equation (2) are translation

invariant in time as well as in space coordinates. A singular solution of equation (2) is obtained from vector field. Two solutions are obtained by using a linear combination of two vector fields and first integral method. Optimal system consisting of eight one-dimensional subalgebras is obtained. The generators of there subalgebras are listed at the end.

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