# A self–similar solution and the tanh–function method for the kinetic Carleman system

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**Abstract.** In this article, we consider the one–dimensional kinetic system of Carleman equations. The Carleman system is the kinetic Boltzmann equation. This system describes a monatomic rarefied gas consisting of two groups of particles. One particle from the first group, interacting with a particle of the first group, transforms into two particles of the second group. Similarly, two particles of the second group, interacting with themselves, transform into two particles of the first group, respectively. We found traveling wave solutions by using the tanh–function method for nonlinear partial differential system. The results of the work can be useful for mathematical modeling in various fields of science and technology: kinetic theory of gases, gas dynamics, autocatalysis. The obtained exact solutions are new.

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### 1 Introduction

We consider the one-dimensional Carleman system [1, 16, 20, 21, 23]

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x u = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (w^2 - u^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ t > 0,$$
  
$$\partial_t w - \partial_x w = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} (w^2 - u^2).$$
 (1)

Here u = u(x,t), w = w(x,t) are the densities of two groups of particles with velocities  $c = 1, -1, \varepsilon$  is the Knudsen parameter from the kinetic theory of gases. The Carleman system is a non-integrable system, i.e. the Painlevé test is not applicable [22]. Despite this, we will look for a solution for all values u(x,t), w(x,t).

There are many known methods that allow to find exact solutions of PDEs such as the tanh-function method [8, 9], the extended tanh-function method [11], the Exp-function method [7,12], the sine-cosine method [9,10], Jacobi Elliptic function expansion method [13] et al. As noted in [7], the Exp-function method is more efficient and gives more different solutions than the tanh-function method. Few works were devoted to finding solutions for the Carleman system. In [3], the spacetime Carleman system with Riemann-Liouville derivative is investigated and the exact solutions are obtained via the generalized Bernoulli Sub-ODE method. The

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asymptotic stability of the stationary solution of the kinetic models was proved in the works [16, 20, 21, 25]. In [15], Golse found the self-similar solutions of the onedimentional Broadwell model. In [23], Ilyin found the stationary solution of (1). Nonstationary solutions of the Boltzmann models are found in [4–6, 17–19, 24]. In this article, we will seek, for the first time, new exact solutions of (1) by using the tanh-function method, the extended tanh-function method.

### 2 A self–similar solution of the kinetic Carleman model

We look for a self-similar solution of the system of equations (1) in the form [2, 18]:

$$u(x,t) = x^m U(\xi), w(x,t) = x^n W(\xi), \xi = tx^{-k}$$

System (1) is scale invariant under

$$x = C\overline{x}, t = C^k \overline{t}, u = C^m \overline{u}, w = C^n \overline{w}, C > 0.$$

As a result, we obtain a reduction

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{x}U(\xi), w(x,t) = \frac{1}{x}W(\xi), \xi = \frac{t}{x}.$$
(2)

Substituting (2) into our original system, we obtain a system of ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{1}{x}U_{\xi}'\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}U - U_{\xi}'\frac{t}{x^2}\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\frac{1}{x^2}W^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}U^2),$$

$$\frac{1}{x}W_{\xi}'\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}W + \frac{1}{x}W_{\xi}'\frac{t}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\frac{1}{x^2}W^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}U^2).$$
(3)

Hence

$$(1 - \xi)U'_{\xi} = U + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W^2 - U^2),$$
  
(1 + \xi)W'\_{\xi} = -W - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W^2 - U^2). (4)

Let us perform the Painlevé test [14] for system (4). Then we look for a solution in the form  $\sim$ 

$$U = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} U_j \varphi^{j-p}, W = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_j \varphi^{j-\beta},$$

where  $U_j = U_j(\xi), W_j = V_j(\xi)$ . We find the leading terms for j = 0:

$$-(1-\xi)U_0\varphi' = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W_0^2 - U_0^2),$$
  
$$-(1+\xi)W_0\varphi' = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W_0^2 - U_0^2).$$

Then

$$U_0 = \frac{\varepsilon(1+\xi)^2(1-\xi)}{4\xi}\varphi', W_0 = -\frac{\varepsilon(1+\xi)(1-\xi)^2}{4\xi}\varphi'.$$

It follows that there are two resonances, r = -1 and r = 1. We have the truncated solution

$$U = U_0 \varphi^{-1} + U_1, W = W_0 \varphi^{-1} + W_1.$$
(5)

Substituting (5) into the system (1) and collecting terms with the same powers of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \varphi^{-2}\Big(-(1-\xi)\varphi'U_0 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W_0^2 - U_0^2)\Big) \\ +\varphi^0\Big((1-\xi)U_1' - U_1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W_1^2 - U_1^2)\Big) \\ +\varphi^{-1}\Big((1-\xi)U_0' - U_0 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(2W_0W_1 - 2U_0U_1)\Big) &= 0, \\ \varphi^{-2}\Big(-(1+\xi)\varphi'W_0 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W_0^2 - U_0^2)\Big) \\ +\varphi^0\Big((1+\xi)W_1' + W_1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W_1^2 - U_1^2)\Big) \\ +\varphi^{-1}\Big((1+\xi)W_0' + W_0 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(2W_0W_1 - 2U_0U_1)\Big) &= 0. \end{split}$$

From here we obtain at the resonance r = 1 the equations

$$(1-\xi)U_0' - U_0 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(2W_0W_1 - 2U_0U_1) = 0, (6)$$

$$(1+\xi)W_0' + W_0 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(2W_0W_1 - 2U_0U_1) = 0.$$
<sup>(7)</sup>

The compatibility condition holds for the resonance r = 1, since the two relations for r = 1 coincide. Hence, the system (4) passes the Painlevé test. Note that  $U_1 = W_1 = 0$  is the trivial solution of (1). Substituting into one from these equations (6)–(7) yields

$$(1+3\xi^2)\varphi' + \varphi''\xi(\xi^2 - 1) = 0.$$
 (8)

The solution of (8) has the form

$$\varphi(\xi) = -\frac{C_1}{2(\xi^2 - 1)} + C_2,\tag{9}$$

where  $C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  are constants of integration. By means of (9), the system solution is written in the form

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{x} \frac{\varepsilon C_1}{4(1-\xi)} \left( -\frac{C_1}{2(\xi^2 - 1)} + C_2 \right)^{-1}, \xi = \frac{t}{x},$$
(10)

$$w(x,t) = -\frac{1}{x} \frac{\varepsilon C_1}{4(1+\xi)} \left( -\frac{C_1}{2(\xi^2 - 1)} + C_2 \right)^{-1}.$$
 (11)

The solutions (10) and (11) are represented in Fig. 1–2. These solutions become infinite when  $x = 0, t = \pm x$ .



Figure 1. Figure of u(x,t) for  $C_1 = -10, \varepsilon = 0.01, C_2 = 0.01, -10 < x < 10, 1 < t < 5$  in (10)



Figure 2. Figure of w(x,t) for  $C_1 = -10, \varepsilon = 1, C_2 = 10, -10 < x < 10, 0 < t < 6$  in (11)

### 3 The tanh-method for the Carleman system

We seek a solution in the following transformations

$$u = U(\xi), w = W(\xi), \xi = x - ct$$

In this case we have

$$U'(1-c) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W^2 - U^2),$$
  
- W'(1+c) =  $-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}(W^2 - U^2).$  (12)

The tanh method admits the use of finite series

$$U(\xi) = S(Y) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m Y^m, W(\xi) = \bar{S}(Y) = \sum_{m=0}^{M_1} b_m Y^m,$$
(13)

where  $Y = \tanh(\mu\xi)$ , M and  $M_1$  are positive integers. Substituting (13) into (12) yields

$$\mu(1-c)(1-Y^2)\frac{dS}{dY} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\bar{S}^2 - S^2),$$
  
$$-\mu(1+c)(1-Y^2)\frac{d\bar{S}}{dY} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\bar{S}^2 - S^2).$$
 (14)

After substitution of Eq. (13) into Eq. (14), we balance the highest powers of Y. Then we have

$$2 + M - 1 = 2M_1 = 2M,$$
  
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so that  $M = M_1 = 1$ . We get the truncated expansion

$$S(Y) = a_0 + a_1 Y, \bar{S}(Y) = b_0 + b_1 Y.$$
(15)

Substituting (15) into (14) and collecting the coefficients of Y, we have

$$-\mu a_{1} + \mu c a_{1} + \frac{a_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{b_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$

$$2a_{0}a_{1} - 2b_{0}b_{1} = 0,$$

$$\mu a_{1} - \mu c a_{1} + \frac{a_{0}^{2}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{b_{0}^{2}}{\varepsilon} = 0$$
(16)

and

$$\mu b_1 + \mu c b_1 - \frac{a_1^2}{\varepsilon} + \frac{b_1^2}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$
  

$$-2a_0 a_1 + 2b_0 b_1 = 0,$$
  

$$-\mu b_1 - \mu c b_1 - \frac{a_0^2}{\varepsilon} + \frac{b_0^2}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$
(17)

Solving algebraic equations system with the aid of the Mathematica Package, we have the following solutions:

Case 1.  $a_0 = -b_0, a_1 = b_1 = 0, b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Case 2.  $a_0 = b_0, a_1 = b_1 = 0, b_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Case 3.

$$a_0 = \mu \frac{(c-1)^2 (1+c)\varepsilon}{4c}, b_0 = -\mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^2 \varepsilon}{4c},$$
  
$$b_1 = \mu \frac{(c-1)^2 (1+c)\varepsilon}{4c}, a_1 = -\mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^2 \varepsilon}{4c}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Case 4.

$$a_{0} = -\mu \frac{(c-1)^{2}(1+c)\varepsilon}{4c}, b_{0} = \mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^{2}\varepsilon}{4c},$$
  
$$b_{1} = \mu \frac{(c-1)^{2}(1+c)\varepsilon}{4c}, a_{1} = -\mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^{2}\varepsilon}{4c}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

For case 3 the solutions have the form

$$u(x,t) = \mu \frac{(c-1)^2 (1+c)\varepsilon}{4c} - \mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^2 \varepsilon}{4c} \tanh(\mu(x-ct)), \quad (18)$$

$$w(x,t) = -\mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^2 \varepsilon}{4c} + \mu \frac{(c-1)^2 (1+c)\varepsilon}{4c} \tanh(\mu(x-ct)).$$
(19)

For case 4 we have the solutions

$$u(x,t) = -\mu \frac{(c-1)^2 (1+c)\varepsilon}{4c} - \mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^2 \varepsilon}{4c} \tanh(\mu(x-ct)),$$
  
$$w(x,t) = \mu \frac{(c-1)(1+c)^2 \varepsilon}{4c} + \mu \frac{(c-1)^2 (1+c)\varepsilon}{4c} \tanh(\mu(x-ct)).$$

The solutions (18) and (19) are represented in Fig. 3–4.

## 4 The extended tanh–function method

The extended tanh method admits the use of finite series

$$U(\xi) = S(Y) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m Y^m + \sum_{l=1}^{L} b_l Y^{-l},$$
  

$$W(\xi) = \bar{S}(Y) = \sum_{p=0}^{P} c_p Y^p + \sum_{d=1}^{D} f_d Y^{-d},$$
(20)

where M, L, N, D are nonnegative integers. Substituting (20) into (14) and balancing the highest, lowest powers of Y, we obtain

$$2 + M - 1 = 2P = 2M,$$
  
 $2 + P - 1 = 2P = 2M$   
 $-L - 1 = -2D = -2L,$ 

and

$$-D - 1 = -2D = -2L$$
,  
so that  $M = P = N = D = 1$ . Then we seek a solution of (12) in the form

$$U(\xi) = S(Y) = a_0 + a_1 Y + b_1 Y^{-1},$$
  

$$W(\xi) = \bar{S}(Y) = c_0 + c_1 Y + f_1 Y^{-1}.$$
(21)

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Figure 3. Figure of u(x,t) for  $c = -3, \varepsilon = 0.1, \mu = 3, -10 < x < 5, 0 < t < 5$  in (18)



Figure 4. Figure of w(x,t) for  $c=-3, \varepsilon=0.1, \mu=3, -10 < x < 5, 0 < t < 5$  in (19)

Substituting (21) into (14) and collecting the coefficients of Y, we have

$$-\mu a_{1} + \mu c a_{1} + \frac{a_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{c_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$

$$2a_{0}a_{1} - 2c_{0}c_{1} = 0,$$

$$2a_{0}b_{1} - 2c_{0}f_{1} = 0,$$

$$-\mu b_{1} + \mu c b_{1} + \frac{b_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{f_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$

$$\frac{a_{0}^{2}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{c_{0}^{2}}{\varepsilon} + \frac{2a_{1}b_{1}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{2c_{1}f_{1}}{\varepsilon} + \mu a_{1} + \mu b_{1} - \mu c a_{1} - \mu c b_{1} = 0$$
(22)

and

$$\mu c_{1} + \mu c c_{1} - \frac{a_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} + \frac{c_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$
  

$$- 2a_{0}a_{1} + 2c_{0}c_{1} = 0,$$
  

$$- 2a_{0}b_{1} + 2c_{0}f_{1} = 0,$$
  

$$\mu f_{1} + \mu c f_{1} - \frac{b_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} + \frac{f_{1}^{2}}{\varepsilon} = 0,$$
  

$$- \frac{a_{0}^{2}}{\varepsilon} + \frac{c_{0}^{2}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{2a_{1}b_{1}}{\varepsilon} + \frac{2c_{1}f_{1}}{\varepsilon} - \mu c_{1} - \mu f_{1} - \mu c c_{1} - \mu c f_{1} = 0.$$
  
(23)

We obtain solutions:

Case 1.

$$c_0 = -\frac{(1+c)f_1}{c-1}, a_0 = f_1, a_1 = 0,$$
  
$$b_1 = -\frac{(1+c)f_1}{c-1}, c_1 = 0, \mu = \frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}.$$

Case 2.

$$c_0 = \frac{(1+c)f_1}{c-1}, a_0 = -f_1, a_1 = 0,$$
  
$$b_1 = -\frac{(1+c)f_1}{c-1}, c_1 = 0, \mu = \frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}.$$

Case 3.

$$c_0 = \frac{2(c+1)f_1}{c-1}, a_0 = -2f_1, a_1 = -\frac{(c+1)f_1}{c-1},$$
  
$$b_1 = -\frac{(c+1)f_1}{c-1}, c_1 = f_1, \mu = \frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}.$$

Case 4.

$$c_0 = -\frac{2(c+1)f_1}{c-1}, a_0 = 2f_1, a_1 = -\frac{(c+1)f_1}{c-1},$$
  
$$b_1 = -\frac{(c+1)f_1}{c-1}, c_1 = f_1, \mu = \frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}.$$

Here  $f_1$  is any real number for cases 1–4. For case 1 we have

$$u(x,t) = f_1 - \frac{(1+c)f_1}{c-1} \coth(\frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}(x-ct)),$$
(24)

$$w(x,t) = -\frac{(1+c)f_1}{c-1} + f_1 \coth(\frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}(x-ct)).$$
 (25)

For case 3 we have







Figure 6. Figure of 
$$w(x,t)$$
 for  $c = -3, f_1 = 2, \varepsilon = 1, -10 < x < 10, 0 < t < 5$  in (25)

$$u(x,t) = -2f_1 - \frac{(c+1)f_1}{c-1} \tanh(\frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}(x-ct)) - \frac{(c+1)f_1}{c-1} \coth(\frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}(x-ct)),$$
(26)

$$w(x,t) = \frac{2(c+1)f_1}{c-1} + f_1 \tanh(\frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}(x-ct)) + f_1 \coth(\frac{4cf_1}{(c-1)^2(1+c)\varepsilon}(x-ct)).$$
(27)

The solutions (24)–(27) are represented in Fig. 5–8.



Figure 7. Figure of u(x, t) for  $c = 3, f_1 = 2, \varepsilon = 0.001, -10 < x < 10, 0 < t < 10$  in (26)



Figure 8. Figure of w(x,t) for  $c = 3, f_1 = 2, \varepsilon = 0.001, -10 < x < 10, 0 < t < 10$  in (27)

### 5 Conclusion

In this work, we have found the exact travelling wave solutions of the kinetic Carleman system by using the tanh–function method, the extended tanh–function method. All of the above solutions have been verified using the Mathematica package.

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