# Explicit Traveling Wave Solutions and Their Dynamical Behaviors for the Coupled Higgs Field Equation* 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we focus on the traveling wave solutions of the coupled Higgs field equation from the perspective of dynamical systems. Through the phase portraits, in addition to periodic wave solutions and solitary wave solutions, we also obtain explicit periodic singular wave solutions, singular wave solutions and kink wave solutions, which were not found in the previous works. The dynamical behavior of these solutions and their internal relations are revealed through asymptotic analysis. The results will help supplement the study of field equation.


Keywords Coupled Higgs field equation, Traveling wave solutions, Kink wave solutions.

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## 1. Introduction

The classical Higgs equation [16]

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{t t}-u_{x x}-\beta u+\gamma|u|^{2} u=0 \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

has important applications in particle physics, field theory and electromagnetic waves [4]. Equation (1.1) is attributed to the classical $\phi_{4}$ field theory in physics of elementary particles and fields. As a generalized form of equation (1.1), the coupled Higgs field equation

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
u_{t t}-u_{x x}-\beta u+\gamma|u|^{2} u-2 u v=0  \tag{1.2}\\
v_{t t}+v_{x x}-\gamma\left(|u|^{2}\right)_{x x}=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

has attracted considerate attention [1,4-8,13-15,18,24,25]. Equation (1.2) describes a system of conserved scalar nucleons interacting with neutral scalar mesons in particle physics. Here, the function $v=v(x, t)$ indicates a real scalar meson field,

[^0]and $u=u(x, t)$ stands for a complex scalar nucleon field. The subscripts $t, x$ of $u$ and $v$ denote appropriate partial derivatives with respect to the time and space variables.

There have been many works on the solutions of equation (1.2) from various aspects. Tajiri [13] derived the $N$-soliton solution of equation (1.2) exploiting Hirota bilinear method. Later, by Hirota bilinear method, Hu et al., [6] looked for homoclinic solution of equation (1.2). The authors in [4,14,24] obtained the bright soliton, periodic wave and doubly periodic wave solutions of equation (1.2). Zha et al., $[8,25]$ studied the first-order rogue wave solution of equation (1.2). Hon and Fan [5] used an algebraic method to construct solitary wave solutions, Jacobi periodic wave solutions and a range of other solutions of physical interest. Wazwaz and his co-author $[15,18]$ obtained a variety of exact periodic waves and solitary wave solutions of equation (1.2). Jabbri et al., [7] combined He's semi-inverse and (G'/G)expansion methods to construct the exact solutions of equation (1.2). Ali et al., [1] found a variety of solitary wave solutions by using rational $\exp (-\varphi(\eta))$-expansion method.

Despite the success of these attempts in understanding solutions of equation (1.2), we note that the above works did not find kink waves of equation (1.2), and the dynamical behavior of the solutions and their internal relations are not so clear. Therefore, we intend to study equation (1.2) from the viewpoint of geometry. More precisely, we exploit qualitative theory of differential equations and bifurcation method of dynamical systems [2, 3, 9-12, 17, 19-23, 26] to study the traveling wave solutions of equation (1.2) and to reveal their dynamical behavior and inside relations. Through analyzing the phase portrait, in addition to periodic wave solutions and solitary wave solutions, we also obtain explicit periodic singular wave solutions, singular wave solutions and kink wave solutions, which were not found in the above works. The dynamical behavior of these solutions and their internal relations are uncovered through asymptotic analysis.

## 2. Qualitative analysis and phase portraits

To study the traveling wave solutions of equation (1.2), assume

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x, t)=e^{i \eta} \varphi(\xi), v(x, t)=\phi(\xi), \eta=p x+r t, \xi=k x+d t \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\varphi(\xi)$ and $\phi(\xi)$ are real functions, and $p, r, k$ and $d$ are real constants.
Substituting (2.1) into equation (1.2), we have

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\left(d^{2}-k^{2}\right) \varphi^{\prime \prime}-\left(r^{2}-p^{2}+\beta\right) \varphi+\gamma \varphi^{3}-2 \varphi \phi=0  \tag{2.2}\\
\left(d^{2}+k^{2}\right) \phi^{\prime \prime}-\gamma k^{2}\left(\varphi^{2}\right)^{\prime \prime}=0 \\
r d=k p
\end{array}\right.
$$

Integrating the second equation of (2.2) twice and letting the first integral constant be zero, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi=\frac{\gamma k^{2} \varphi^{2}}{d^{2}+k^{2}}+g \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $g$ is an integral constant.

Substituting (2.3) into the first equation of (2.2), we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi^{\prime \prime}-n \varphi-m \varphi^{3}=0 \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $m=-\frac{\gamma}{d^{2}+k^{2}}$, and $n=\frac{r^{2}-p^{2}+\beta+2 g}{d^{2}-k^{2}}$ with $d^{2} \neq k^{2}$.
Letting $\varphi^{\prime}=y$, we obtain the following planar system

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y  \tag{2.5}\\
\frac{d y}{d \xi}=m \varphi^{3}+n \varphi
\end{array}\right.
$$

Obviously, the above system (2.5) is a Hamiltonian system with Hamiltonian function

$$
\begin{equation*}
H(\varphi, y)=y^{2}-\frac{1}{2} m \varphi^{4}-n \varphi^{2} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

To investigate phase portraits of (2.5), set

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(\varphi)=m \varphi^{3}+n \varphi \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Obviously, when $m n \geq 0(m \neq 0), f(\varphi)$ has only one zero $\varphi_{0}=0$. When $m n<0, f(\varphi)$ has three zeros,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{-}=-\sqrt{-\frac{n}{m}}, \varphi_{0}=0, \text { and } \varphi_{+}=\sqrt{-\frac{n}{m}} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $(\varphi, 0)$ is one of the singular points of system (2.5), then the characteristic values of the linearized system of system (2.5) at the singular point $(\varphi, 0)$ are

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{ \pm}= \pm \sqrt{f^{\prime}(\varphi)} \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

According to the qualitative theory of dynamical systems, we obtain the phase portraits of system (2.5) in Figure 1.

## 3. Traveling wave solutions of equation (1.2), and their dynamical behavior and internal relations

To state conveniently, set

$$
\begin{equation*}
h^{*}=\left|H\left(\varphi_{+}, 0\right)\right|=\left|H\left(\varphi_{-}, 0\right)\right|=\frac{n^{2}}{2|m|} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, we have the following results.
Proposition 1. For the cases when $m>0$ and $n<0$, we have
(i) when $h=h^{*}$, system (2.5) has a pair of kink (anti-kink) wave solutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{1}(\xi)= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{n}{m}} \tanh \sqrt{-\frac{n}{2}} \xi \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and two singular wave solutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{2}(\xi)= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{n}{m}} \operatorname{coth} \sqrt{-\frac{n}{2}} \xi \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 1. The phase portraits of system (2.5) when (a) $m>0, n \geq 0$; (b) $m<0, n>0$; (c) $m<0, n \leq 0$; (d) $m>0, n<0$
(ii) when $h=0$, system (2.5) has four periodic singular wave solutions

$$
\begin{align*}
& \varphi_{3}(\xi)= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}} \csc \sqrt{-n} \xi  \tag{3.4}\\
& \varphi_{4}(\xi)= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}} \sec \sqrt{-n} \xi \tag{3.5}
\end{align*}
$$

(iii) when $0<h<h^{*}$, system (2.5) has a family of periodic singular wave solutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{5}(\xi)= \pm \frac{\alpha_{2}}{\operatorname{sn}\left(\alpha_{2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{m}}{2}} \xi, \frac{\alpha_{1}}{\alpha_{2}}\right)} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and a family of periodic wave solutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{6}(\xi)= \pm \alpha_{1} \operatorname{sn}\left(\alpha_{2} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \xi, \frac{\alpha_{1}}{\alpha_{2}}\right) \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\alpha_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{-n-\sqrt{n^{2}-2 m h}}{m}}, \alpha_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{-n+\sqrt{n^{2}-2 m h}}{m}}$, and $0<h<h^{*}$.
Additionally, we have the limit forms,
(1) when $h \rightarrow h^{*}-0$, the periodic wave solutions $\varphi_{6}(\xi)$ in (3.7) converge to the pair of kink (antikink) wave solutions $\varphi_{1}(\xi)$ in (3.2), and the periodic singular wave solutions $\varphi_{5}(\xi)$ in (3.6) converge to the singular wave solutions $\varphi_{2}(\xi)$ in (3.3) respectively;
(2) when $h \rightarrow 0+0$, the periodic singular wave solutions $\varphi_{5}(\xi)$ in (3.6) converge to the singular wave solutions $\varphi_{3}(\xi)$ in (3.4) respectively.

Proof. When $m>0$ and $n<0$, we consider the following three types of orbits of system (2.5) in Figure 1(d).
(i) Two heteroclinic orbits $\Gamma_{1}$ and $\Gamma_{2}$ connected at saddles $\left(\varphi_{-}, 0\right)$, and $\left(\varphi_{+}, 0\right)$ can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
y= \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{\left(\varphi-\varphi_{-}\right)^{2}\left(\varphi-\varphi_{+}\right)^{2}} \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (3.8) into $\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y$ and integrating them along the heteroclinic orbits $\Gamma_{1}$ and $\Gamma_{2}$, it follows that

$$
\begin{align*}
\int_{0}^{\varphi} \frac{1}{\left(s-\varphi_{-}\right)\left(\varphi_{+}-s\right)} d s & = \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s  \tag{3.9}\\
\int_{\varphi}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\left(s-\varphi_{-}\right)\left(s-\varphi_{+}\right)} d s & = \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.10}
\end{align*}
$$

Completing the above integrals, we obtain (3.2) and (3.3) respectively.
(ii) The two special orbits $\Gamma_{3}$ and $\Gamma_{4}$, which have the same Hamiltonian with that of the center point $(0,0)$, can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
y= \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \varphi \sqrt{\left(\varphi-\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)\left(\varphi+\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)} \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (3.11) into $\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y$ and integrating them along the two orbits $\Gamma_{3}$ and $\Gamma_{4}$, it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\varphi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s \sqrt{\left(s-\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)\left(s+\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)}} d s= \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Completing the above integrals, we obtain (3.4).
Further, note that if $\varphi=\varphi(\xi)$ is a solution of system (2.5), then $\varphi=\varphi(\xi+\gamma)$ is also a solution of system (2.5). Specially, taking $\gamma=\frac{\pi}{2}$, we obtain another two periodic singular solutions (3.5).
(iii) The three orbits $\Gamma_{5}, \Gamma_{6}$ and $\Gamma_{7}$ passing the points $\left(-\alpha_{2}, 0\right),\left(-\alpha_{1}, 0\right),\left(\alpha_{1}, 0\right)$ and $\left(\alpha_{2}, 0\right)$ can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
y= \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{\left(\alpha_{1}^{2}-\varphi^{2}\right)\left(\alpha_{2}^{2}-\varphi^{2}\right)} \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (3.13) into $\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y$ and integrating them along $\Gamma_{5}, \Gamma_{6}$, and $\Gamma_{7}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\varphi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\alpha_{1}^{2}-s^{2}\right)\left(\alpha_{2}^{2}-s^{2}\right)}} d s= \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{0}^{\varphi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\alpha_{1}^{2}-s^{2}\right)\left(\alpha_{2}^{2}-s^{2}\right)}} d s= \pm \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Completing the above integrals, we obtain (3.6) and (3.7). Additionally, the limit forms follow easily.

Proposition 2. For the cases when $m<0$ and $n>0$, we have
(i) when $h=0$, system (2.5) has two symmetric solitary wave solutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{7}(\xi)= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}} \operatorname{sech} \sqrt{n} \xi \tag{3.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

(ii) when $0<h<h^{*}$, system (2.5) has two families of periodic wave solutions

$$
\begin{align*}
\varphi_{8}(\xi) & =\frac{-\alpha_{1}\left(\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}\right)+\alpha\left(\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{2}\right)\left(\operatorname{sn}\left(\omega \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \xi, \rho\right)\right)^{2}}{\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+\left(\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{2}\right)\left(\operatorname{sn}\left(\omega \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \xi, \rho\right)\right)^{2}}  \tag{3.17}\\
\varphi_{9}(\xi) & =\frac{\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+\left(\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{2}\right)\left(\operatorname{sn}\left(\omega \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \xi, \rho\right)\right)^{2}}{\alpha_{1}\left(\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}\right)-\alpha_{1}\left(\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{2}\right)\left(\operatorname{sn}\left(\omega \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \xi, \rho\right)\right)^{2}} \tag{3.18}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\omega=\frac{\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}}{2}$ and $\rho=\frac{\alpha_{1}-\alpha_{2}}{\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}}$.
(iii) when $h<0$, system (2.5) has one family of periodic wave solutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{10}(\xi)=-\alpha_{1} c n\left(\sqrt{\sqrt{n^{2}-2 m h}} \xi, \alpha_{1} \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2 \sqrt{n^{2}-2 m h}}}\right) . \tag{3.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Additionally, we have the limit forms,
(1) when $h \rightarrow 0-0$, the periodic wave solutions $\varphi_{10}(\xi)$ in (3.19) converge to the symmetric solitary wave solutions $\varphi_{7}(\xi)$ in (3.16) respectively;
(2) when $h \rightarrow 0+0$, the periodic wave solutions $\varphi_{8}(\xi)$ in (3.17) and $\varphi_{9}(\xi)$ in (3.18) converge to the symmetric solitary wave solutions $\varphi_{7}(\xi)$ in (3.16) respectively.

Proof. When $m<0$ and $n>0$, we consider the following two types of orbits of system (2.5) in Figure 1(b).
(i) The two symmetric homoclinic orbits $\Gamma_{8}$ and $\Gamma_{9}$ connected at the saddle $(0,0)$ can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
y= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \varphi \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}-\varphi\right)\left(\varphi+\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)} \tag{3.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (3.20) into $\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y$ and integrating them along the two homoclinic orbits $\Gamma_{8}$ and $\Gamma_{9}$, it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}}^{\varphi} \frac{1}{s \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}-s\right)\left(s+\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)}} d s= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\varphi}^{\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}} \frac{1}{s \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}-s\right)\left(s+\sqrt{-\frac{2 n}{m}}\right)}} d s= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

Completing the above integrals, we obtain (3.16).
(ii) The two families of periodic orbits $\Gamma_{10}$ and $\Gamma_{11}$ can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
y= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{\left(\varphi^{2}-\alpha_{1}^{2}\right)\left(\alpha_{2}^{2}-\varphi^{2}\right)} \tag{3.23}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (3.23) into $\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y$ and integrating them along $\Gamma_{10}$ and $\Gamma_{11}$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\int_{-\alpha_{2}}^{\varphi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(s^{2}-\alpha_{1}^{2}\right)\left(\alpha_{2}^{2}-s^{2}\right)}} d s & = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s  \tag{3.24}\\
\int_{\varphi}^{\alpha_{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(s^{2}-\alpha_{1}^{2}\right)\left(\alpha_{2}^{2}-s^{2}\right)}} d s & = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.25}
\end{align*}
$$

Completing the above integrals, we obtain (3.17) and (3.18).
The family of periodic orbit $\Gamma_{12}$ can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
y= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{\left(\alpha_{1}-\varphi\right)\left(\varphi+\alpha_{1}\right)\left(\varphi-c_{1}\right)\left(\varphi-c_{1}^{*}\right)} \tag{3.26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c_{1}=i \sqrt{\frac{n-\sqrt{n^{2}-2 m h}}{m}}, c_{1}^{*}=-i \sqrt{\frac{n-\sqrt{n^{2}-2 m h}}{m}}$ and $h>0$.
Substituting (3.26) into $\frac{d \varphi}{d \xi}=y$ and integrating them along the orbit $\Gamma_{12}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\alpha_{1}}^{\varphi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\alpha_{1}-s\right)\left(s+\alpha_{1}\right)\left(s-c_{1}\right)\left(s-c_{1}^{*}\right)}} d s= \pm \sqrt{-\frac{m}{2}} \int_{0}^{\xi} d s \tag{3.27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Completing the above integrals, we obtain (3.19).
Additionally, it is easy to obtain the limit forms.

To illustrate the limit forms, taking $\beta=-18, \gamma=-10, p=4, r=2, k=1, d=$ $2, g=3$, which indicate that $m=2, n=-8$ and $h^{*}=16$, we present the process of the periodic wave solution $\varphi_{6}(\xi)$ tending to the kink wave solution $\varphi_{1}(\xi)$, when $h \rightarrow h^{*}-0$ graphically in Figure 2. Additionally, the corresponding graphs of $v(\xi)=\frac{\gamma k^{2}}{d^{2}+k^{2}} \varphi^{2}(\xi)+g$ are given in Figure 3.
Remark 3.1. From $v(\xi)=\frac{\gamma k^{2}}{d^{2}+k^{2}} \varphi^{2}(\xi)+g$, note that if $\varphi(\xi)$ is a periodic wave solution with period $T$, then $v(\xi)$ is a periodic wave solution with period $\frac{T}{2}$. Besides, if $\varphi(\xi)$ is a kink (anti-kink) wave solution, then $v(\xi)$ is a solitary wave solution.

Based on (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, we immediately have the following theorems for equation (1.2).
Theorem 3.1. When $m>0$ and $n<0$, equation (1.2) has the exact solutions in the form of $u(x, t)=e^{i(p x+r t)} \varphi(\xi)$ and $v(x, t)=\frac{\gamma k^{2}}{d^{2}+k^{2}} \varphi^{2}(\xi)+g$ with $r d=k p$, $\xi=k x+d t$ and $\varphi(\xi)=\varphi_{i}(\xi)$, for $i=1, \cdots, 6$.


Figure 2. The process of the periodic wave solution $\varphi_{6}(\xi)$ tending to kink wave solution $\varphi_{1}(\xi)$ as $h \rightarrow h^{*}-0$ by taking (a) $h=15$; (b) $h=15.9$; (c) $h=15.999$; (d) $h=15.99999$; (e) $h=16$


Figure 3. The graphs of $v(\xi)=\frac{\gamma k^{2}}{d^{2}+k^{2}} \varphi^{2}(\xi)+g$ corresponding to $\varphi(\xi)$ in Figure 2

Theorem 3.2. When $m<0$ and $n>0$, equation (1.2) has the exact solutions in the form of $u(x, t)=e^{i(p x+r t)} \varphi(\xi)$ and $v(x, t)=\frac{\gamma k^{2}}{d^{2}+k^{2}} \varphi^{2}(\xi)+g$ with $r d=k p$, $\xi=k x+d t$ and $\varphi(\xi)=\varphi_{i}(\xi)$, for $i=7, \cdots, 10$.

## 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we study the traveling wave solutions of equation (1.2) from the perspective of dynamical systems. In addition to traditional periodic wave solutions and solitary wave solutions, we also obtain explicit periodic singular wave solutions, singular wave solutions and kink wave solutions, which were not found in the previous works. We reveal the dynamical behavior of these solutions and their inside relations through asymptotic analysis.

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