

# Numerical Optics Soliton Solution of the Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation Using the Modified Laplace Decomposition method

## ABSTRACT:

*In this paper, the Laplace decomposition method (LDM) and some modification are adopted to numerically investigate the optic soliton solution of the nonlinear complex Schrödinger equation (NLSE). The obtained results demonstrate the reliability and the efficiency of the considered method to numerically approximate such initial value problems (IVPs).*

*Keywords: Nonlinear Schrödinger equation, Laplace Transform, Adomian polynomials.*

## 1. Introduction

The nonlinear complex Schrödinger equation (NLSE) is an equation which models many physical phenomena such as nonlinear optics, water waves, plasma physics, ... etc. Particularly, the nonlinearity effects in an optic fiber including four-wave mixing, self-phase modulation, second harmonic generation, ... etc. are modeled by the NLSE [1], [2]. Moreover, the evolution of the envelope of modulated nonlinear water wave groups are essentially described by the NLSE. All these mentioned physical phenomena are eventually interpreted by the exact solutions for specified values of the NLSE's parameters. In this paper we consider the Nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLSE) of the form:

$$i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + P \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + Q \Psi |\Psi|^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $\Psi(x, t)$  is a complex-valued function of real variables  $(x, t)$ , and  $P, Q$  are nonzero real parameters. The NLSE (1) admits the optic soliton solution [3]:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{-2P\alpha^2}{Q}} \tanh(\alpha x - 2k\alpha t + \xi_0) e^{i(kx - P(2\alpha^2 + k^2)t + \eta_0)} \quad (2)$$

in which  $PQ < 0$  gives the de-focusing case,  $\alpha$  is a soliton velocity,  $P(2\alpha^2 + k^2)$  is a soliton wave number,  $k$  is a nonlinear frequency shift and  $\xi_0, \eta_0$  are arbitrary constants.

Last recent decades, the methods of decomposing have emerged as a powerful technique and as a subject of extensive analytical and numerical studies for large and general class of linear and nonlinear ordinary differential equations (ODE's) as well as partial differential equations (PDE's), fractional differential equations, algebraic, integro-differential, differential-delay equations [4]–[8]. More precisely, the Adomian decomposition method is knowingly efficient in solving initial-value or boundary value problems without unphysical restrictive assumptions such as linearization, perturbation and so forth. The method provides the solution in an infinite series that is proven to converge rapidly with elegant computable components [4]–[6]. In recent years a

large amount of research work concerning the developing of the ADM is investigated see for instance [9]–[14].

Laplace Decomposition Method (LDM) was introduced by Khuri [7], [8] and has been successfully utilized for obtaining solutions of differential equations [15]–[20]. The Powerfulness of this method is its consistency of Laplace transform and Adomian polynomials which guarantees an accelerative, rapid convergence of series solutions when compared with the ADM itself and therefore provides major progress [7], [21], [22]. The main numerical approach in this article is implementing the Laplace decomposition method to the NLSE (1) with some proposed modification, for this purpose the paper is organized to fully analyze the considered method in Section 2. Numerical results are obtained and plentifully discussed via tables, illustrations and concluding remarks in Section 3. Finally, in Section 4 a brief conclusion is given.

## 2. Methodology of the used Methods

### 2.1 LDM algorithm of the NLSE

In this section we begin with reducing the nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLSE) (1) into a system of coupled nonlinear equations involving the real and imaginary parts, by introducing the following transformation [7], [23] :

$$\Psi(x, t) = \psi_1(x, t) + i\psi_2(x, t) \quad (3)$$

where  $\psi_1(x, t)$  and  $\psi_2(x, t)$  are real-valued functions. Substituting (3) into (1) we obtain the following system of coupled real equations with an initial value problem (IVP), to take the following from:

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial t} + P \frac{\partial^2 \psi_2}{\partial x^2} + Q(\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2)\psi_2 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial t} - P \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} - Q(\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2)\psi_1 &= 0 \\ \begin{cases} \psi_1(x, 0) = F(x) \\ \psi_2(x, 0) = G(x) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Rewriting (4) in the following operator form:

$$\begin{aligned} L_t \psi_1 &= -(PL_{xx} \psi_2 + QN(\psi_1, \psi_2)) \\ L_t \psi_2 &= PL_{xx} \psi_1 + QM(\psi_1, \psi_2) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $L_t \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ ,  $L_{xx} \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$  are the linear differential operators, and  $N(\psi_1, \psi_2) = (\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2)\psi_2$ ,  $M(\psi_1, \psi_2) = (\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2)\psi_1$  symbolize the nonlinear operators.

Applying the Laplace Transform on both sides of the system in (6), and using the Laplace properties with the initial conditions, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(x, s) &= \frac{1}{s} F(x) - \frac{1}{s} [PL [L_{xx} \psi_2] + QL [N(\psi_1, \psi_2)]] \\ \psi_2(x, s) &= \frac{1}{s} G(x) + \frac{1}{s} [PL [L_{xx} \psi_1] + QL [M(\psi_1, \psi_2)]] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The method assumes that the unknown functions  $\psi_1(x, s)$ ,  $\psi_2(x, s)$  are expressed as infinite series in the form:

$$\psi_1(x, s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_{1,n}(x, s), \quad \psi_2(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_{2,n}(x, s) \quad (8)$$

And the nonlinear operators are expressed in terms of an infinite series of the well-known Adomian polynomials (see for example [4], [24]) given by:

$$\begin{aligned} N(\psi_1, \psi_2) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} \left[ N \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i \psi_{1i}, \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i \psi_{2i} \right) \right] \right) \\ M(\psi_1, \psi_2) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} \left[ M \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i \psi_{1i}, \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i \psi_{2i} \right) \right] \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Listing below a few components of Adomian polynomials:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \psi_{1,0}^2 \psi_{2,0} + \psi_{2,0}^3, \\ A_1 &= 2\psi_{1,0} \psi_{1,1} \psi_{2,0} + \psi_{1,0}^2 \psi_{2,1} + 3\psi_{2,0}^2 \psi_{2,1}, \\ A_2 &= \psi_{1,1}^2 \psi_{2,0} + 2\psi_{1,0} \psi_{1,2} \psi_{2,0} + 2\psi_{1,0} \psi_{1,1} \psi_{2,1} + 3\psi_{2,0} \psi_{2,1}^2 + \psi_{1,0}^2 \psi_{2,2} + 3\psi_{2,0}^2 \psi_{2,2}, \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= \psi_{1,0}^3 + \psi_{1,0} \psi_{2,0}^2, \\ B_1 &= 3\psi_{1,0}^2 \psi_{1,1} + \psi_{1,1} \psi_{2,0}^2 + 2\psi_{1,0} \psi_{2,0} \psi_{2,1}, \\ B_2 &= 3\psi_{1,0} \psi_{1,1}^2 + 3\psi_{1,0}^2 \psi_{1,2} + \psi_{1,2} \psi_{2,0}^2 + 2\psi_{1,1} \psi_{2,0} \psi_{2,1} + \psi_{1,0} \psi_{2,1}^2 + 2\psi_{1,0} \psi_{2,0} \psi_{2,2}, \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Using (8) and (9) into (7), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_{1,n}(x, s) &= \frac{1}{s} F(x) - \frac{1}{s} \left[ PL \left[ L_{xx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_{2,n} \right] + QL \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \right] \right] \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_{2,n}(x, s) &= \frac{1}{s} G(x) + \frac{1}{s} \left[ PL \left[ L_{xx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_{1,n} \right] + QL \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \right] \right] \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

According to (for example [4], [7], [8]), comparing both sides of (12) by applying the inverse Laplace transform, we obtain the subsequent components to take the following recursive relation:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{1,0}(x, 0) &= F(x) \\ \psi_{2,0}(x, 0) &= G(x) \\ \psi_{1,n+1}(x, t) &= -L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \left[ PL [L_{xx} \psi_{2,n}] + QL [A_n] \right] \right] \\ \psi_{2,n+1}(x, t) &= L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \left[ PL [L_{xx} \psi_{1,n}] + QL [B_n] \right] \right], \quad n \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Obviously, the practical solution will be the  $n$ -term approximations of the infinite series (8). Thus the solution of (3) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi(x, t) &= (\psi_{1,0} + \psi_{1,1} + \psi_{1,2} + \dots) + i(\psi_{2,0} + \psi_{2,1} + \psi_{2,2} + \dots) \\
&= \left[ R \cos(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) - Rt \left( 2P\alpha \operatorname{sech}(\alpha x + \xi_0)^2 (k \cos(kx + \eta_0) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \alpha \sin(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sin(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) \left( -k^2 P + QR^2 \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0)^2 \right) + \dots \right] \\
&\quad + i \left[ R \sin(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) + Rt \left( -2P\alpha \operatorname{sech}(\alpha x + \xi_0)^2 (k \sin(kx + \eta_0) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \alpha \cos(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \cos(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) \left( -k^2 P + QR^2 \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0)^2 \right) + \dots \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

$$\text{where } R = \sqrt{-2 \frac{P\alpha^2}{Q}}.$$

## 2.2 The Modified Laplace decomposition method (LDM) algorithm of the NLSE

The methodology of the LDM is implemented to the NLSE itself (1), along with Wazwaz modification [11], [12] in which the zero components are split into two parts. According to it once we rewrite (1) in operator form, we proceed as follows:

$$\Psi(x, s) = \frac{1}{s} \Psi(x, 0) + i \left( \frac{P}{s} L[L_{xx} \Psi] + \frac{Q}{s} L[N(\Psi)] \right) \tag{15}$$

Where the nonlinear operator  $N(\Psi) = \Psi |\Psi|^2$  is decomposed using Adomian polynomials [24] into infinite series:

$$N(\Psi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} \left[ N \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i \Psi_i \right) \right] \tag{16}$$

Here we may view the few first Adomian polynomials as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
A_0 &= \Psi_0 \bar{\Psi}_0 \\
A_1 &= \Psi_1 \bar{\Psi}_0 + \Psi_0 \bar{\Psi}_1 \\
A_2 &= \Psi_2 \bar{\Psi}_0 + \Psi_1 \bar{\Psi}_1 + \Psi_0 \bar{\Psi}_2 \\
A_3 &= \Psi_3 \bar{\Psi}_0 + \Psi_2 \bar{\Psi}_1 + \Psi_1 \bar{\Psi}_2 + \Psi_0 \bar{\Psi}_3 \\
A_4 &= \Psi_4 \bar{\Psi}_0 + \Psi_3 \bar{\Psi}_1 + \Psi_2 \bar{\Psi}_2 + \Psi_1 \bar{\Psi}_3 + \Psi_0 \bar{\Psi}_4 \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Now, using (15), (16) and that the decomposition of the series  $\Psi(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Psi_n(x, t)$ , we obtain:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Psi_n(x, s) = \frac{1}{s} \Psi(x, 0) + i \left( \frac{P}{s} L \left[ L_{xx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Psi_n \right] + \frac{Q}{s} L \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \right] \right) \quad (18)$$

Identifying the recursive relation by comparing both sides of (18), then applying the inverse Laplace transform with its properties and using the given initial conditions we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_0(x, t) &= F_1(x, t) \\ \Psi_1(x, t) &= F_2(x, t) + iL^{-1} \left( \frac{P}{s} L [L_{xx} \Psi_0] + \frac{Q}{s} L [A_0] \right) \\ \Psi_{n+1}(x, t) &= iL^{-1} \left( \frac{P}{s} L [L_{xx} \Psi_n] + \frac{Q}{s} L [A_n] \right), n \geq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The approximation is successfully obtained as the truncated series decomposition is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x, t) &= \Psi_0(x, t) + \Psi_1(x, t) + \dots \\ &= iR \sin(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) + R \left( 2Pt\alpha \operatorname{sech}(\alpha x + \xi_0)^2 (-k \cos(kx + \eta_0) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \alpha \sin(kx + \eta_0) \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0) (\cos(kx + \eta_0) + k^2 Pt \sin(kx + \eta_0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - QR^2 t \sin(kx + \eta_0)^3 \tanh(\alpha x + \xi_0)^2) \right) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

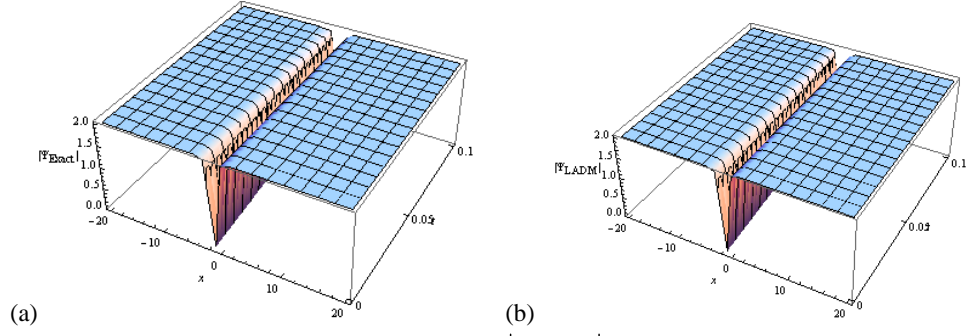
$$\text{where } R = \sqrt{-2 \frac{P\alpha^2}{Q}}.$$

### 3. Numerical results and discussion

In the present numerical computations and for the numerical study purposes, we will use the 3-term approximation (14), (20), due to the massive components of the series solution. We have assumed the involved parameters are given by  $k = P = 1$ ,  $Q = -1$ ,  $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\xi_0 = \eta_0 = 2$ , the interval of spatial coordinate  $x$  is  $[-20, 20]$  and maximum value of time is taken as  $t = 0.1$  sec.

#### 3.1 LDM results

The module of the exact solution  $|\Psi(x, t)|$  and the corresponding module of the numerical solution  $|\Psi_{LDM}(x, t)|$  with the help of three-term approximations of the decomposition series solution are shown in **Figure 1**. Although we have used a low-order approximation which is led to high accuracy without loss of generality, this is totally achieved in **Table 1** which exhibits the absolute errors  $|\Psi(x, t) - \Psi_{LDM}(x, t)|$  in constructions of the approximated  $\Psi_{LDM}(x, t)$ .



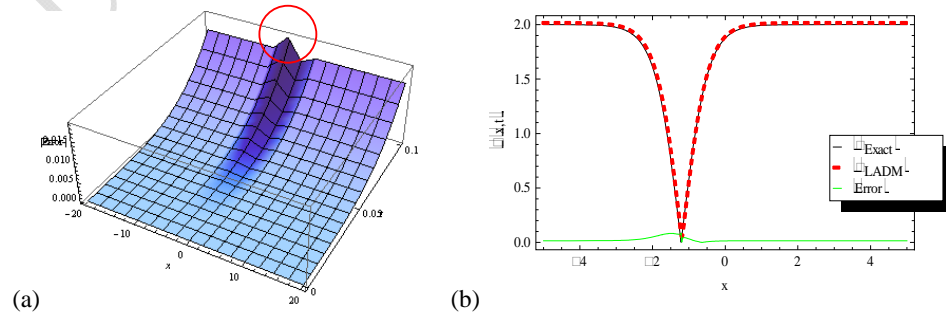
**Figure 1.** The plot of surface: (a) Exact module  $|\Psi(x,t)|$  of the equation (2). (b) Numerical module of LDM  $|\Psi_{LDM}(x,t)|$  of the equation (14).

**Table 1.** The Error Module  $|\Psi(x,t) - \Psi_{LDM}(x,t)|$

$x$	$t$			
	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.1
-20	$1.5987 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564
-15	$1.5543 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564
-10	$1.5321 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564
-5	$2.1538 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.6266 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5691 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015573
0	$3.0733 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.9236 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.4213 \times 10^{-6}$	0.01396
5	$1.5321 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564
10	$1.5765 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564
15	$1.5765 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564
20	$1.5543 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.5625 \times 10^{-6}$	0.015564

The calculated errors indicate a very good approximation with the actual solution by using three terms only and the error grows higher as the time value increases.

**Figure 1 (a)** illustrates the 3 dimensional absolute error module for values of time  $[0, 0.1]$  which its peak appears at  $t = 0.1$ . Whereas, **Figure 1(b)**, focuses on the peak of the surface where the absolute error module is seen at  $t = 0.1$  sec where it has been magnified when  $x \in [-5, 5]$ . The exact solution  $|\Psi(x,t)|$  of the equation (1), the numerical solution module  $|\Psi_{LDM}(x,t)|$  of the equation (14) and the absolute error of the module  $|\Psi(x,t) - \Psi_{LDM}(x,t)|$  are compiled in Table 2.



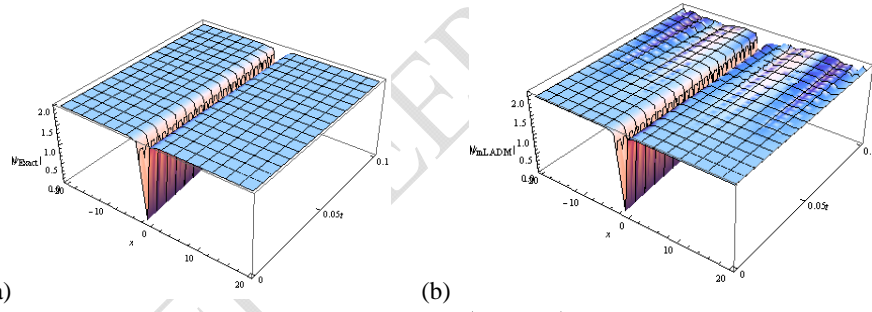
**Figure 2.** The plots of : (a) The error module  $|\Psi(x,t) - \Psi_{LDM}(x,t)|$ . (b) The peak of the Error Module Curve when  $t = 0.1$ .

**Table 2.** The numerical results of the exact module (1), approximated module (14) and the module error .

$x$	$ \Psi(x, t) $	$ \Psi_{LDM}(x, t) $	$ \Psi(x, t) - \Psi_{LDM}(x, t) $
-5	1.9999	2.0155	0.015573
-4	1.9985	2.0142	0.015705
-3	1.9746	1.9925	0.017932
-2	1.609	1.6589	0.049846
-1	0.58801	0.55563	0.032376
0	1.875	1.889	0.01396
1	1.9924	2.0079	0.015487
2	1.9995	2.0151	0.01556
3	2.	2.0155	0.015564
4	2.	2.0156	0.015564
5	2.	2.0156	0.015564

### 3.2 Modified LDM results

In this subsection the achieved approximations using modified LDM will be discussed. The interpretation of **Figure 3** indicates to the accuracy of modified LDM decreases considerably as the time interval extends which is certainly due to the complexity of the split and the massive components of the solution series (20) and the data results in **Table 3** of the absolute error  $|\Psi(x, t) - \Psi_{mLDM}(x, t)|$  module prove it.

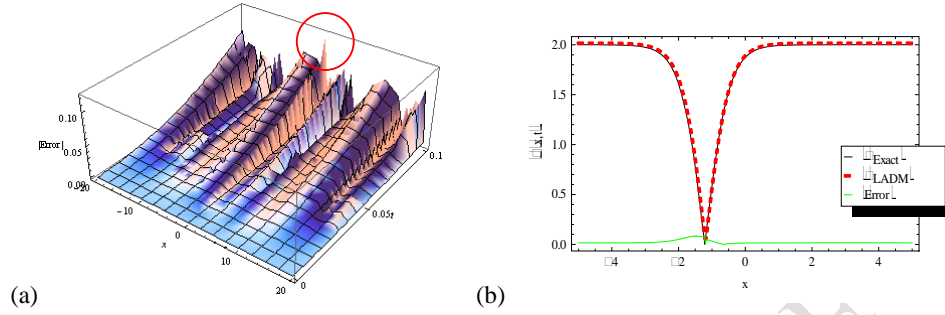


**Figure 3.** The plot of surface of: (a) Exact module  $|\Psi(x, t)|$  of the equation (2). (b) Numerical module of mLDM  $|\Psi_{mLDM}(x, t)|$  of the equation (20).

**Table 3.** The Error Module  $|\Psi(x, t) - \Psi_{mLDM}(x, t)|$

$x$	$t$			
	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.1
-20	$7.9802 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.9869 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00080531	0.085765
-15	$5.6377 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.6468 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00057374	0.066362
-10	$6.6538 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.6335 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00064101	0.020131
-5	$1.6119 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.6089 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00015788	0.012966
0	$3.9583 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.8355 \times 10^{-6}$	0.017336
5	$8.6222 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.6189 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00085836	0.080951
10	$7.5549 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.5638 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00076522	0.084397
15	$3.4809 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.4498 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00031235	0.017082
20	$1.0024 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.0022 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00010004	0.0097977

At the end, as a completion of our numerical study a representation of the peak of the error surface at time  $t = 0.1$  as a two dimensional graph where the approximation and the exact solution meet and diverse.



**Figure 4.** The plots of : (a) The error module  $|\Psi(x, t) - \Psi_{mLDM}(x, t)|$ . (b) The peak of the Error Module Curve when  $t = 0.1$ .

**Table 4.** The numerical results of the exact module (1), approximated module (20) and the module error .

$x$	$ \Psi(x, t) $	$ \Psi_{LDM}(x, t) $	$ \Psi(x, t) - \Psi_{LDM}(x, t) $
-5	1.9999	2.0129	0.012966
-4	1.9985	2.0526	0.05414
-3	1.9746	2.0165	0.04196
-2	1.609	1.7139	0.10489
-1	0.58801	0.79691	0.2089
0	1.875	1.8577	0.017336
1	1.9924	2.0136	0.021197
2	1.9995	2.0853	0.085782
3	2.	1.9495	0.050521
4	2.	2.04	0.039992
5	2.	2.081	0.080951



### Remark:

Obviously, any good numerical schemes should have satisfactory long time numerical behavior which is mostly accomplished by increasing the number of iterations which may be costly in time or try different split in the modified LDM. Despite some studies (see for example [19], [25]) have proposed different splits, more components of the decomposition series have to be calculated.

### 4. Conclusion

In this work, the LDM and modified version of it have been successfully implemented to approximate a optic soliton solution of the nonlinear complex Schrödinger equation (NLSE) with an initial value problem (IVP). A transformation has been presented so that a system of coupled real partial differential equations is obtained and to be numerically solved in order to approximate the NLSE solution. On the other hand, based on Wazwaz's modification [11] the solution of the NLSE is examined. The obtained results are investigated via illustrations and tables. Therefore, it is predictable, that the LDM is an effective technique to investigate numerical solutions of nonlinear complex problems. Additionally, the considered methods are converging very rapidly with fewer terms of the series solution.

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