# A PERTURBATIVE ANALYSIS OF NONLINEAR CUBIC-QUINTIC DUFFING OSCILLATORS 

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#### Abstract

Duffing oscillators comprise one of the canonical examples of Hamilton systems. The presence of a quintic term makes the cubic-quintic Duffing oscillator more complex and interesting to study. In this paper, the homotopy analysis method (HAM) is used to obtain the analytical solution for the nonlinear cubic-quintic Duffing oscillators. The HAM helps to obtain the frequency $\omega$ in the form of approximation series of a convergence control parameter $\hbar$. The valid region of $\hbar$ is determined by plotting the $\omega-\hbar$ curve and afterwards we compared the obtained results with the exact solutions.


Key words: homotopy analysis method, homotopy-Padé technique, oscillator.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Duffing equation is used to model the conservative double-well oscillators, which can occur, for example, in magneto-elastic mechanical systems [1]. These systems can be presented in the following form

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2} u}{\mathrm{~d} t^{2}}+\alpha u(t)+\beta u^{3}(t)+\gamma u^{5}(t)=0,  \tag{1}\\
u(0)=B, \quad u^{\prime}(0)=0,
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $B$ is the amplitude of the oscillator. Under the initial conditions mentioned above the nonlinear cubic-quintic Duffing oscillator has the exact frequency [2]:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \omega_{\varepsilon}=\frac{\pi \sqrt{\alpha+\beta \frac{B^{2}}{2}+\gamma \frac{B^{4}}{4}}}{\int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left(1+M \sin ^{2}(t)+N \sin ^{4}(t)\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \mathrm{~d} t},  \tag{2}\\
& M=\frac{3 \beta B^{2}+2 \gamma B^{4}}{6 \alpha+3 \beta B^{2}+2 \gamma B^{4}}, \\
& N=\frac{2 \gamma B^{4}}{6 \alpha+3 \beta B^{2}+2 \gamma B^{4}} .
\end{align*}
$$

Eq. (1) describes an oscillator with an unknown frequency $\omega$. Under the transformations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau=\omega t, \quad u(t)=B U(\tau), \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

the original Eq. (1) becomes

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\omega^{2} \frac{\mathrm{~d}^{2} U}{\mathrm{~d} \tau^{2}}+\alpha U(\tau)+B^{2} \beta U^{3}(\tau)+B^{4} \gamma U^{5}(\tau)=0  \tag{4}\\
U(0)=1, \quad U^{\prime}(0)=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

In the present paper, we use the homotopy analysis method (HAM) to obtain the periodic solutions of the nonlinear cubic-quintic Duffing oscillators. It is to be noted that Liao [3] employed the basic ideas of the homotopy to overcome the restrictions of traditional techniques [4-18] namely the HAM. Notice that the HAM contains an auxiliary parameter $\hbar$ which provides a convenient way to control the convergence region and the rate of approximation series. Liao investigated the influence of $\hbar$ on the convergence of solution series by means of $\hbar$-curves [3].

## 2. APPLICATION OF HOMOTOPY ANALYSIS METHOD

The periodic solution of $U(\tau)$ with the frequency $\omega$ can be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
U(\tau)=\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{m} \cos (m \tau) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c_{m}$ are coefficients. It is convenient to choose

$$
\begin{equation*}
U_{0}(\tau)=\cos \tau \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

as the initial guess of $U(\tau)$. Let $\omega_{0}$ denotes the initial guess of $\omega$, then we choose the auxiliary linear operator

$$
\begin{equation*}
L[\varphi(\tau ; q)]=\omega_{0}^{2}\left[\frac{\mathrm{~d}^{2} \varphi(\tau ; q)}{\mathrm{d} \tau^{2}}+\varphi(\tau ; q)\right], \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

with the property

$$
\begin{equation*}
L\left[C_{1} \cos \tau+C_{2} \sin \tau\right]=0 \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ are coefficients. We define a nonlinear operator

$$
\begin{equation*}
N[\varphi(\tau ; q), \Omega(q)]=\Omega^{2}(q) \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2} \varphi(\tau ; q)}{\mathrm{d} \tau^{2}}+\alpha \varphi(\tau ; q)+B^{2} \beta \varphi^{3}(\tau ; q)+B^{4} \gamma \varphi^{5}(\tau ; q) . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $\hbar$ denotes a nonzero auxiliary parameter and $H(\tau)$ a nonzero auxiliary function. Then, we construct the zero-order deformation equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
(1-q) L[\varphi(\tau ; q)]=q \hbar H(\tau) N[\varphi(\tau ; q), \Omega(q)], \quad q \in[0,1] \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi(0, q)=1,\left.\quad \frac{\partial \varphi(\tau ; q)}{\partial \tau}\right|_{\tau=0}=0 . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

When $q \in[0,1]$, the solution $\varphi(\tau ; q)$ varies from $U_{0}(\tau)$ to $U(\tau)$ so does $\Omega(q)$ from $\omega_{0}$ to $\omega$. The Taylor's series with respect to $q$ can be constructed for $\varphi(\tau ; q)$ and $\Omega(q)$ and if these two series are convergent at $q=1$, we have:

$$
\begin{equation*}
U(\tau)=U_{0}(\tau)+\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} U_{j}(\tau), \quad \omega=\omega_{0}+\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \omega_{j} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
U_{m}(\tau)=\left.\frac{\partial^{m} \varphi(\tau ; q)}{m!\partial q^{m}}\right|_{q=0} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{m}=\left.\frac{\partial^{m} \Omega(q)}{m!\partial q^{m}}\right|_{q=0} . \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Differentiating the zero-order deformation Eq. (10) and Eq. (11) $m$ times with respect to embedding parameter $q$ and then dividing them by $m$ ! and finally setting $q=0$, we have the so-called $m$ th order deformation equation

$$
\begin{gather*}
L\left[U_{m}(\tau)-\chi_{m} U_{m-1}(\tau)\right]=\hbar R_{m}\left(U_{0}, \omega_{0}, \ldots, U_{m-1}, \omega_{m-1}\right),  \tag{15}\\
U_{m}(0)=0, \quad U_{m}^{\prime}(0)=0, \quad m \geq 1, \tag{16}
\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{m}\left(U_{0}, \omega_{0}, \ldots, U_{m-1}, \omega_{m-1}\right)=\left.\frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\varphi(\tau ; q), \Omega(q)]}{(m-1)!\partial q^{m-1}}\right|_{q=0} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that $U_{m}, \omega_{m-1}$ are all unknown, but we have only Eq. (15) for $U_{m}$, thus an additional algebraic equation is required for determining $\omega_{m-1}$. It is found that the right-hand side of the $m^{\text {th }}$ order deformation Eq. (15) is expressed by

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{m}\left(U_{0}, \omega_{0}, \ldots, U_{m-1}, \omega_{m-1}\right)=\sum_{k=0}^{\psi(m)} c_{m, k}\left(\omega_{m-1}\right) \cos ((2 k+1) \tau), \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c_{m, k}$ is a coefficient and $\psi(m)$ is a positive integer dependent on order $m$.
If $R_{m}\left(U_{0}, \omega_{0}, \ldots, U_{m-1}, \omega_{m-1}\right)$ contains the term $\cos \tau$ then the solution of Eq. (15) involves the socalled secular term $\tau \cos \tau$ that this disobeys the rules of solutions expression, thus coefficient $c_{m, 0}$ must be enforced to be zero. This provides with the additional algebraic equation for determining $\omega_{m-1}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{m, 0}\left(\omega_{m-1}\right)=0 . \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Consequently, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
U_{m}(\tau)=\chi_{m} U_{m-1}(\tau)+\frac{\hbar}{\omega_{0}^{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{\psi(m)} \frac{c_{m, j}\left(\omega_{m-1}\right)}{1-(2 j+1)^{2}} \cos [(2 j+1) \tau]+C_{1} \cos \tau+C_{2} \sin \tau \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C_{1}, C_{2}$ are two coefficients and to be determined by conditions $U_{m}(0)=0$ and $U_{m}^{\prime}(0)=0$.
Thus the $N$ th order approximation can be given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
U(\tau)=U_{0}(\tau)+\sum_{j=0}^{N} U_{j}(\tau) \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega=\omega_{0}+\sum_{j=0}^{N} \omega_{j} . \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 3. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

For given $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=1$ the amplitude $\omega_{m-1}$ can be determined by the analytic approach mentioned above. For $m=1,2$ we have:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\omega_{0}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{10 B^{4}+12 B^{2}+16}},  \tag{23}\\
\omega_{1}=\frac{1}{96} \frac{B^{2} \hbar\left(48+100 B^{2}+65 B^{6}+96 B^{4}\right)}{\sqrt{10 B^{4}+12 B^{2}+16}\left(5 B^{4}+6 B^{2}+8\right)} .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Note. The obtained results contain the auxiliary parameter $\hbar$. It is found that convergence regions of the approximation series are dependent upon $\hbar$ [3]. For example, consider cases $B=0.1,0.15$. We plotted the $\omega-\hbar$ curve to determine the so-called valid region of $\hbar$, as shown in Fig. 1. Obviously, the valid regions of $\hbar$ for $B=0.1,0.15$ are $-4<\hbar<4$ and $-3.5<\hbar<3.5$, respectively, for instance for $B=0.1$ we have the result $\omega=1.003733$ as shown in Table 1.

Also, we consider cases $B=1,1.1$. We plotted the $\omega-\hbar$ curve to determine the so-called valid region of $\hbar$ as shown in Fig. 2. It is shown that the valid regions of $\hbar$ for $B=1,1.1$ are $-1<\hbar<0.9$ and $-0.9<\hbar<0.8$, respectively. Furthermore for $B=1$, we have result $\omega=1.538669$ as shown in Table 1. In Table 2, we compared the $14^{\text {th }}$ order approximations of HAM with the exact solutions.

Table 1
Approximation of $\omega$ for $B=0.1,1$ and comparison with exact frequency $\omega_{e}$

| $M$ | $B=0.1\left(\omega_{e}=1.003770\right)$ | $B=1\left(\omega_{e}=1.523590\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | 1.003753 | 1.538663 |
| 8 | 1.003728 | 1.538669 |
| 9 | 1.003733 | 1.538669 |
| 10 | 1.003732 | 1.538695 |
| 11 | 1.003733 | 1.538669 |
| 12 | 1.003733 | 1.538669 |
| 13 | 1.003733 | 1.538669 |
| 14 | 1.003733 | 1.538669 |

Table 2
Comparison of the $14{ }^{\text {th }}$-order approximations of HAM with the exact solutions

| $B$ | HAM | Exact | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.3 | 1.035516 | 1.035540 | $2.32 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| 0.5 | 1.107092 | 1.106540 | $4.99 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| 3 | 7.636706 | 7.268630 | $5.06 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 5 | 20.256660 | 19.181500 | $5.60 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 8 | 51.078098 | 48.294600 | $5.75 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 10 | 79.536112 | 75.177400 | $5.79 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 20 | 316.703160 | 299.223000 | $5.84 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| 50 | 1976.897968 | 1867.570000 | $5.85 \times 10^{-2}$ |



Fig. 1 - The $\omega-\hbar$ curve for $B=0.1,0.15$.
Fig. 2 - The $\omega-\hbar$ curve for $B=1,1.1$.

### 3.1. Square residual error

We obtained the constant $\hbar$ using the least square method. In theory, at the $M$ th-order of approximation, we can define the exact square residual error

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta_{M}(\hbar)=\int_{D}\left(N\left(\sum_{k=0}^{M} U_{k}(\tau), \sum_{k=0}^{M} \omega_{k}\right)\right)^{2} d \tau \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

Clearly, the more rapidly $\Delta_{M}(\hbar)$ decreases to zero, the faster the approximation series converges.


Fig. 3 - The $\Delta_{10}(\hbar)-\hbar$ curve for $B=0.1$.


Fig. 4 - The $\Delta_{10}(\hbar)-\hbar$ curve for $B=1$.

Remark 1. The curve of $\Delta_{10}(\hbar)$ versus $\hbar$ at $B=0.1$ is shown in Fig. 3, which indicates that the optimal values of $\hbar$ is about -1.5.

Remark 2.The curve of $\Delta_{10}(\hbar)$ versus $\hbar$ at $B=1$ is shown in Fig. 4, which indicates that the optimal values of $\hbar$ is about -0.78 .

## 4. HOMOTOPY-PADÉ TECHNIQUE

The Padé technique is widely applied to enlarge the convergence region and convergence rate of given series. The so-called homotopy-Padé technique was suggested by means of combining the Padé technique with HAM.

For a given series

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{k}(q)=\sum_{j=0}^{k} \omega_{j} q^{j}, \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

the corresponding $[n, m]$ Padé approximate is expressed by

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{n+m}(q)=\frac{C_{n, m}(q)}{D_{n, m}(q)}=\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n} c_{j} q^{j}}{1+\sum_{j=1}^{m} d_{j} q^{j}}, \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c_{j}, d_{j}$ can be determined by solving the linear system:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\omega_{i}+\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \omega_{j} d_{i-j}=c_{i}, \quad i=0,1,2, \ldots, n,  \tag{27}\\
\omega_{i}+\sum_{j=i-m}^{i-1} \omega_{j} d_{i-j}=0, \quad i=n+1, \ldots, n+m .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Setting $q=1$ provides the $[n, m]$ homotopy-Padé approximation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega^{[n, m]}=S_{n+m}(1)=\sum_{j=0}^{n+m} \omega_{j}=\frac{C_{n, m}(1)}{D_{n, m}(1)}=\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n} c_{j}}{1+\sum_{j=1}^{m} d_{j}}, \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

which accelerate the convergence rate of solution series of HAM. We have applied the homotopy-Padé technique to accelerate the convergence rate of $M$ th-order approximations of HAM. In Table 3 we compared the approximations of homotopy-Padé technique with exact solutions.

Table 3
Comparison the exact solution with approximation of homotopy-Padé technique

|  | $B=0.1$ | $B=0.3$ | $B=1$ | $B=3$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\omega^{[1,1]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00037 | 1.00482 | 1.01757 | 1.01842 |
| $\omega^{[2,2]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00015 | 1.00326 | 1.01317 | 1.01674 |
| $\omega^{[3,3]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00011 | 1.00232 | 1.01219 | 1.01655 |
| $\omega^{[4,4]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00013 | 1.00236 | 1.01087 | 1.01638 |
| $\omega^{[5,5]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00010 | 1.00219 | 1.01058 | 1.01550 |
| $\omega^{[6,6]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00010 | 1.00168 | 1.00876 | 1.01537 |
| $\omega^{[7,7]} / \omega_{e}$ | 1.00010 | 1.00143 | 1.00781 | 1.01531 |

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the HAM is presented to calculate the frequency and the solution of the nonlinear cubicquintic Duffing oscillators. According to obtained results, the HAM and homotopy-Padé technique could give efficient frequency approximations for the nonlinear cubic-quintic Duffing oscillators. It is worth mentioning that nonlinear cubic-quintic oscillator models arise in many areas of nonlinear science, e.g., in the study of optical solitons [19]-[20]; thus in nonlinear optics the cubic-quintic Ginzburg-Landau partial differential equation is a generic nonlinear dynamical model describing optical soliton propagation in laser cavities, see, for example, Ref. [21].

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