



# On: New optical soliton solutions for nonlinear complex fractional Schrödinger equation via new auxiliary equation method and novel (G'/G)-expansion method

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**Abstract.** A comment on an article by Khater *et al* published in *Pramana – J. Phys.* **90**: 59 (2018) is presented here. We represent two quotes on the article, the two quotes about the space-dependent fractional Schrödinger equation type and about one of the constants used by the authors.

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The most significant equation in the fractional quantum-mechanics found by Laskin is the fractional Schrödinger equation which takes the following formula in space form [1–8]:

$$\psi_t(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H}_\alpha \psi(\mathbf{r}, t). \quad (1)$$

With the Hamiltonian operator:

$$\hat{H}_\alpha = V(\mathbf{r}) + D_\alpha(-\hbar^2 \Delta)^{\alpha/2}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\psi_t(\mathbf{r}, t)$  represents the partial derivative of the wave function with respect to time,  $\alpha$  is the space-fractional parameter and  $D_\alpha$  represents a scale parameter.

The results obtained by Khater *et al* [9] are interesting, leading to a new representation of solitary waves but we need to comment on two points in this work.

Both the comments are about eq. (1.1) in [9] which takes the following form in their article:

$$i\hbar\psi_t = D_\alpha(-\hbar^2 \Delta)^{\alpha/2} \psi + V\psi. \quad (3)$$

The first and the most important thing which we comment on, is the type of space-dependent fractional Schrödinger equation (eq. (1.1) in [9] and the third equation in this comment). This class of equations is a type of linear equations [3, 5–7, 10–15]. The fractional index in this equation corresponds to the order of derivative and so eq. (1.1) is a linear equation and Khater *et al* [9],

in their work, state that the equation is nonlinear which is incorrect.

The second thing which we comment on in the same work is the Planck constant in the same equation. The constant appeared in this equation is the reduced Planck constant, not the Planck constant as in refs [1–4, 7, 13, 16] as we stated in this article (eqs (1) and (2)) but Khater *et al* [9] stated that this constant is the Planck constant and they used the symbol  $h$ .

The studies in Banerjee *et al* [16], Tala-Tebue *et al* [17], Xie *et al* [18], Zayed *et al* [19], Feng *et al* [20], Mylonas *et al* [21], Wu and Jiang [22], represent solutions leading to the solitary waves from nonlinear Schrödinger equation, and the studies in Ma and Lee [23] and Ma *et al* [24] represent solutions to the nonlinear equation with the transformed rational function method and the multiple exp-function method. It is very clear that the errors observed in the type of equation and Planck constant in ref. [9] are not present in the aforementioned references.

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