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1.  $a \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + b \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 = c.$

For  $a = b$ , this is a [differential equation of light rays](#).

1°. Complete integral:

$$w = C_1 x + C_2 y + C_3, \quad \text{where} \quad aC_1^2 + bC_2^2 = c,$$

$C_1$  and  $C_3$  are arbitrary constants.

2°. An alternative form of the complete integral:

$$\frac{w^2}{c} = \frac{(x - C_1)^2}{a} + \frac{(y - C_2)^2}{b},$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary constants.

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