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$$7. \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + f(w).$$

**Nonlinear Klein–Gordon equation.**

1°. Suppose  $w = w(x, t)$  is a solution of the nonlinear Klein–Gordon equation. Then the functions

$$w_1 = w(\pm x + C_1, \pm t + C_2),$$
$$w_2 = w(x \cosh \beta + t \sinh \beta, t \cosh \beta + x \sinh \beta),$$

where  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $\beta$  are arbitrary constants, are also solutions of the equation (the plus or minus signs in  $w_1$  are chosen arbitrarily).

2°. Traveling-wave solution in implicit form:

$$\int \left[ C_1 + \frac{2}{\lambda^2 - k^2} \int f(w) dw \right]^{-1/2} dw = kx + \lambda t + C_2,$$

where  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $k$ , and  $\lambda$  are arbitrary constants.

3°. Functional separable solution:

$$w = w(\xi), \quad \xi = \frac{1}{4}(t + C_1)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(x + C_2)^2,$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary constants, and the function  $w = w(\xi)$  is determined by the ordinary differential equation  $\xi w''_{\xi\xi} + w'_\xi - f(w) = 0$ .

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