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$$3. \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - w(1-w)(a-w).$$

FitzHugh–Nagumo equation. This equation arises in genetics, biology, and heat and mass transfer.
Solutions:

$$w(x, t) = \frac{A \exp(z_1) + aB \exp(z_2)}{A \exp(z_1) + B \exp(z_2) + C},$$
$$z_1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} x + \left(\frac{1}{2} - a\right)t, \quad z_2 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} ax + a\left(\frac{1}{2}a - 1\right)t,$$

where A , B , and C are arbitrary constants.

See also: [Newell–Whitehead equation](#) (a special case of the Fitzhugh–Nagumo equation).

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