

$$10. \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + u^n f\left(\frac{u}{w}\right), \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = b \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + w^n g\left(\frac{u}{w}\right).$$

For $f(z) = kz^{-m}$ and $g(z) = -kz^{n-m}$, the system describes a chemical reaction of order n (order n-m in the component u and order m in the component w).

1°. Self-similar solution:

$$u = (C_1 t + C_2)^{\frac{1}{1-n}} y(\xi), \quad w = (C_1 t + C_2)^{\frac{1}{1-n}} z(\xi), \quad \xi = \frac{x + C_3}{\sqrt{C_1 t + C_2}},$$

where C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 are arbitrary constants, and the functions $y = y(\xi)$ and $z = z(\xi)$ are determined by the system of ordinary differential equations

$$ay_{\xi\xi}'' + \frac{1}{2}C_1\xi y_{\xi}' + \frac{C_1}{n-1}y + y^n f\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) = 0,$$

$$bz_{\xi\xi}'' + \frac{1}{2}C_1\xi z_{\xi}' + \frac{C_1}{n-1}z + z^n g\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) = 0.$$

 2° . Solution with b = a:

$$u(x, t) = k\theta(x, t), \quad w(x, t) = \theta(x, t),$$

where k is a root of the algebraic (transcendental) equation

$$k^{n-1}f(k) = g(k),$$

and the function $\theta = \theta(x, t)$ satisfies the heat equation with power-law nonlinearity

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = a \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + g(k)\theta^n.$$

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