

$$3. \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{x^n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[x^n f(w) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right] + g(w).$$

This is a nonlinear equation of heat and mass transfer in the radial symmetric case (n = 1 corresponds to a plane problem and n = 2 to a spatial one).

 1° . Let f(w) and g(w) be defined by

$$f(w) = w\varphi'_w(w), \quad g(w) = a(n+1)w + 2a\frac{\varphi(w)}{\varphi'_w(w)},$$

where $\varphi(w)$ is an arbitrary function. In this case, there is a functional separable solution defined implicitly by

$$\varphi(w) = Ce^{2at} - \frac{1}{2}ax^2,$$

where C is an arbitrary constant.

 2° . Let f(w) and g(w) be defined as follows:

$$f(w) = a\varphi^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}\varphi'\int \varphi^{\frac{n+1}{2}}dw, \quad g(w) = b\frac{\varphi}{\varphi'},$$

where $\varphi = \varphi(w)$ is an arbitrary function. In this case, there is a functional separable solution defined implicitly by

$$\varphi(w) = \frac{bx^2}{Ce^{-bt} - 4a}.$$

 3° . Let f(w) and g(w) be defined in the formulas

$$f(w) = A \frac{V(z)}{V_z'(z)}, \quad g(w) = B \left[2z^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} V_z'(z) + (n+1)z^{-\frac{n+3}{2}} V(z) \right], \tag{1}$$

where V(z) is an arbitrary function of z, A and B are arbitrary constants ($AB \neq 0$), and the function z = z(w) is determined implicitly by

$$w = \int z^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} V_z'(z) dz + C_1; \tag{2}$$

 C_1 is arbitrary constant. Then, there is a functional separable solution of the form (2) where

$$z = -\frac{x^2}{4At + C_2} + 2Bt + \frac{BC_2}{2A},$$

and C_2 is an arbitrary constant.

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