

$$3. \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = L[u] + uf\left(t, \frac{u}{w}\right), \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = L[w] + wg\left(t, \frac{u}{w}\right).$$

Here, L is an arbitrary linear differential operator in the variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  (of any order in derivatives), whose coefficients can depend on the space variables.

Solution:

$$u = \varphi(t)\theta(x_1, \dots, x_n),$$
  
$$w = \psi(t)\theta(x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

where the functions  $\varphi = \varphi(t)$  and  $\psi = \psi(t)$  are determined by the nonlinear system of second-order ordinary differential equations

$$\varphi_{tt}'' = a\varphi + \varphi f(t, \varphi/\psi),$$
  
$$\psi_{tt}'' = a\psi + \psi g(t, \varphi/\psi),$$

a is an arbitrary constant, and the function  $\theta = \theta(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  satisfies the linear stationary equation

$$L[\theta] = a\theta.$$

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