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$$5. \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = a \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + b \sinh(\lambda w).$$

Sinh-Gordon equation. It arises in some areas of physics.

1°. Traveling-wave solutions:

$$w(x, t) = \pm \frac{2}{\lambda} \ln \left[\tan \frac{b\lambda(kx + \mu t + \theta_0)}{2\sqrt{b\lambda(\mu^2 - ak^2)}} \right],$$
$$w(x, t) = \pm \frac{4}{\lambda} \operatorname{arctanh} \left[\exp \frac{b\lambda(kx + \mu t + \theta_0)}{\sqrt{b\lambda(\mu^2 - ak^2)}} \right],$$

where k , μ , and θ_0 are arbitrary constants. It is assumed that $b\lambda(\mu^2 - ak^2) > 0$ in both formulas.

2°. Functional separable solution:

$$w(x, t) = \frac{4}{\lambda} \operatorname{arctanh} [f(t)g(x)], \quad \operatorname{arctanh} z = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+z}{1-z},$$

where the functions $f = f(t)$ and $g = g(x)$ are determined by the first-order autonomous ordinary differential equations

$$(f'_t)^2 = Af^4 + Bf^2 + C, \quad a(g'_x)^2 = Cg^4 + (B - b\lambda)g^2 + A,$$

where A , B , and C are arbitrary constants.

3°. For other exact solutions of the sinh-Gordon equation, see the [nonlinear Klein–Gordon equation](#) with $f(w) = b \sinh(\lambda w)$.

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