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2. Bluman, G. W. and Kumei, S. 1989, *Symmetries and Differential Equations*, Springer, New York.
3. Soker, N. and Sarazin, C. L. 1988, *Cooling Flows in Clusters and Galaxies*, A. C. Fabin (Ed.), Kluwer, Dordrecht, 367.
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