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Danny Arrigo* (darrigo@mail.uca.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035, and Fred Hickling (fredh@mail.uca.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035. On the determining equations for the nonclassical reductions of the heat and Burgers' equation.

The determining equations for the nonclassical reductions of the heat and Burgers' equations are considered. It will be shown that both systems belong to a Burger equation hierarchy. Each system can be written in terms of the same matrix Burgers' equation that is linearizable via a matrix Hopf-Cole transformation. In essence, both systems can be solved simultaneously. Their respective solutions will then be given in a very compact form. (Received September 15, 2000)