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**Paul F Bracken\*** (bracken@panam.edu), 1201 W University Dr, Edinburg, TX 78539. *Some Methods for Generating Explicit Solutions to the Generalized KDV Equation and an Associated Hierarchy.*

The Korteweg-de Vries equation is reviewed and some methods are introduced which can produce solutions with particular properties. The method of symmetry reduction is applied to the generalized Korteweg-de Vries equation and several classes of invariant solutions are obtained. Polynomial, trigonometric and elliptic function solutions can be calculated. It is shown that this generalized equation can be reduced to a first order equation under a particular second order differential constraint which resembles a Schrödinger equation. It is shown that the compatibility condition derived from a pair of linear equations in two independent variables leads to a specific class of generalized KDV equation as well as an associated hierarchy of related nonlinear equations. (Received September 08, 2006)